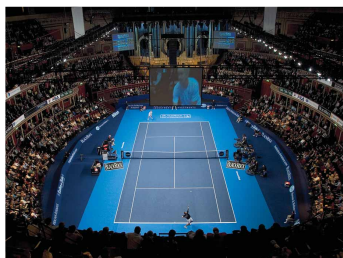




# HERITAGE TOURING

2017 UPDATE



## ATP Champions Tennis at the Royal Albert Hall

The London Charterhouse,

The New Postal Museum and Mail Rail

Kensington Palace - Diana: Her Fashion Story and Victoria Revealed

From The Cavendish Hotel St James's

**2 - 4 December 2017 (2 nights)**

The ATP Champions Tennis at the Royal Albert Hall bring together some of the biggest stars and legendary players of the game going head-to-head in the intimate surroundings of one of the world's most iconic venues. There are two matches per session, one competitive singles match and one entertaining doubles match – the player line-up obviously not known at this stage but can include any of the game's greatest names from McEnroe, Becker, Edberg, Ivanisevic or Henman. Your top priced seats are in the front choir with a great view across the length of the court.

**SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER** Arrive and check into your rooms at the luxury 4 star Cavendish Hotel, St James's in the heart of London's Mayfair and convenient both for West End theatre and perhaps some early Christmas shopping. Your rooms will be ready from 3 pm. There will then be a transfer by taxi to the Royal Albert Hall at 4 pm in order to enjoy a two course pre-tennis supper in the hall restaurant before taking your seats by 6 pm for the tennis, play finishes at 9 pm when there will be a transfer back to the hotel.

**SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER** The London Charterhouse - A morning visit to the museum and a guided tour. Originally founded as a monastery in the 14th century, the Charterhouse has survived the centuries as a private home, a school and as alms-houses. The visit includes the Master's Court, Great Hall and Chamber. Lunch can be purchased in their small café.

In the afternoon a visit to The Postal Museum and Mail Rail – a brand new museum opening in mid-2017 bringing together five centuries of communications history. Interactive galleries and extraordinary collections reveal the fascinating story of Britain's postal heritage plus a chance to ride on the subterranean Mail Rail. On a specially made train you will journey back in time through the original tunnels and station platforms under Mount Pleasant, which have been hidden from view for 75 years and were a vital artery in Britain's communication network.

**MONDAY 4 DECEMBER** Check out of the hotel, leaving your luggage with the concierge, taxi for optional morning visit with timed entry to Kensington Palace for the latest exhibitions *Diana: Her Fashion Story* and *Victoria Revealed* together with the State Apartments. Make your own way back to the hotel for departure – luggage can be left at Kensington Palace during the visit.

**Price per person: £460 or £475 (with KP)**

**Single supplement: £60 per night**  
(Double rooms for sole occupancy)

**Non-refundable deposit £150 pp**

Tour includes:

- ❖ 2 nights' Cavendish Hotel with full English breakfast (superior rooms where double occupancy)
- ❖ Early evening supper at The Royal Albert Hall
- ❖ Entries and tours as stated
- ❖ Taxi transfers and Heritage Touring representative

# The Gardens at Highgrove

Misarden Park, Cerney House and  
Througham Court



From the Queens Hotel Cheltenham MGallery by Sofitel  
**28 - 30 June 2017 (2 nights)**

The Prince of Wales has transformed **Highgrove** into one of England's most inspired and innovative gardens. Year on year the garden continues to evolve with much to enjoy and admire; from the specimen trees in the arboretum, to the wild flower meadow or the series of interlinked gardens that weave magically around the house. The gardens at Highgrove should be at their best in June as are the other outstanding Cotswolds gardens forming part of this tour.

**WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE** Stay for two nights at the four star **Queens Hotel Cheltenham** in the heart of this elegant Regency town.

**THURSDAY 29 JUNE** Travel by coach to **Highgrove** for the morning garden tour which lasts around two hours and is led by a knowledgeable garden guide. At the end there will be time to find lunch in the Orchard Room. Continue then to the gardens at **Cerney House**. This romantic secret garden in the Cotswolds combines the best of the formal aspects of a traditional country house garden with a gloriously organic approach. Afternoon tea before returning to Cheltenham.

**Price per person: £459**

**Single supplement: £60 per night**  
*(Double rooms for sole occupancy)*

**Non-refundable deposit £150 pp**

Tour includes:

2 nights' Queens Hotel with dinner, accommodation and breakfast, welcome drink. Garden entries and exclusive tours. Refreshments as listed. Coaching and Heritage Touring Representative.

**FRIDAY 30 JUNE** Check out of the hotel before visiting two gardens outside Cheltenham. **Misarden Park** where the superb gardens, with lovely views over the rolling Cotswolds Hills, include a walled garden, topiary, shrubs and herbaceous borders. Then a short drive to **Througham Court**. A garden in two styles: an Arts & Crafts garden created in 1930 by the Cotswold architect, Norman Jewson and more contemporary areas recently created by the owner Dr Christine Facer Hoffman with designs inspired by the numbers and patterns in nature. Return to hotel or station in Cheltenham around 1.45 pm for departure.

# New Year's Eve - The Cavendish Hotel, St James's

Dinner in the Cavendish and watch the Fireworks  
The London New Year's Day Parade



**31 December 2017 - 2 January 2018 (2 nights)**

Enjoy a New Year's luxury break at the Cavendish Hotel, St James's with a New Year's Eve dinner and spectacular views from the hotel across Westminster and the London Eye to view the Thames Fireworks. Watch the famous London **New Year's Day Parade** with covered grandstand seats on Piccadilly.

**Price per person: £449**

**Single supplement: £65 per night**

**Non-refundable deposit £150 pp**

Tour includes:

2 nights - Cavendish Hotel with full English breakfast (superior room where double occupancy). Welcome reception and 4 course dinner on New Year's Eve. Parade seats.

**SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER** A drinks reception before New Year's Eve dinner in the Cavendish restaurant. The fireworks are (weather permitting) clearly visible from the upper floors of the Westminster view rooms or from the hotel landings.

**MONDAY 1 JANUARY** All the roads surrounding the hotel are closed during the day. Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before **The New Year's Day Parade** at midday lasting about 3 hours. The tour price also includes an entry for one of the following on the morning of 1st January: **Churchill's War Rooms, Queens Gallery Buckingham Palace or Household Cavalry Museum** all within walking distance of the hotel.

**TUESDAY 2 JANUARY** Check out of your rooms before 11 am.



## Private lunch at the Royal Yacht Squadron Cowes and Osborne House

Historic Winchester - Winchester College and Hospital of St Cross  
Tour and lunch at Avington Park, Dinner Rick Stein Winchester  
Bombay Sapphire Distillery at Laverstoke Mill

From the Mercure Wessex Hotel Winchester  
**3 - 6 October 2017 (3 nights)**

Enjoy Hampshire's secrets and some exclusive places to visit whilst staying for three nights at the 4 star Mercure Wessex Hotel in the heart of Winchester adjacent to the Cathedral.

**TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER** Check into the hotel, perhaps visit Winchester Cathedral with its special exhibition to celebrate Jane Austen 200 or attend choral evensong at 5.30 pm. Welcome drink followed by dinner in the hotel.

**WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER** A visit to "England's oldest and most perfect medieval alms-house", the **Hospital of St Cross**, founded by Henry of Blois, Bishop of Winchester together with the beautiful Norman church. Continue from Winchester to **Avington Park**. A guided tour of the state rooms of this historic Georgian mansion surrounded by parkland in an idyllic location beside the River Itchen. After lunch a visit to **Laverstoke Mill**. The 300 year old paper mill has been renovated into a distillery that showcases the beauty and industrial heritage of the site. The tour unveils skill and artistry behind every drop of **Bombay Sapphire** (the distinctive gin with the blue bottle!) finishing with a special cocktail before returning to Winchester. An early dinner at the recently opened Rick Stein Restaurant.

**THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER** Depart for Southampton to cross by ferry to the Isle of Wight to enjoy a private lunch at the **Royal Yacht Squadron**. The visit starts with a tour to see part of the Castle, originally built in 1539 as one of Henry VIII forts and hear the unique history of the RYS within the sailing world. Founded in 1815, past and present members include kings, princes and prime ministers to mention a few. The Squadron took up residence in Cowes Castle in 1855 and hosts the most prestigious racing events, from the America's Cup first held here in 1851 to Cowes Week. Lunch will be served in the Pavilion overlooking the entrance to Cowes Harbour.

Then an afternoon visit to **Osborne House**. Bought by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert in 1845 as a family residence and where Queen Victoria spent much of her time after Albert died and since her death little has changed at Osborne with many of the royal couple's possessions, photographs and paintings still in place. Return by ferry to Southampton and the hotel. You are free this evening to dine independently or join up with others to explore some of the many local restaurants.

**FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER** Check out of your rooms before walking over to **Winchester College** for a guided tour of the mediaeval heart of the College. The college founded in 1382 is believed to be the oldest continuously running school in the country.



**Price per person: £580**

**Single supplement: £45 per night (£135)**

**Non-refundable deposit £150 pp**

Tour includes:

- ❖ 3 nights' accommodation, breakfast and welcome drink.
- ❖ One dinner at the hotel. One dinner at Rick Stein.
- ❖ Two course lunch RYS and light lunch Avington Park
- ❖ Tours, entries and refreshments where stated
- ❖ Coaching and Heritage Touring representative

# Cumbria and the Northern Lake District

Historic houses, castles, gardens and boat excursions on the lakes

From the Macdonald Leeming House Hotel, Ullswater  
**4 - 8 September 2017 (4 nights)**



An opportunity to enjoy the wonderful landscape of the Northern Lake District, visiting historic houses and gardens including **Hutton in the Forest**, **Dalmain**, **Lowther Castle**, **Mirehouse**, **Brantwood**, **Blackwell**, **Rydale Mount** and the gardens at **Askham Hall**. Boat cruises on **Derwentwater**, **Ullswater** and **Coniston Water** and scenic routes viewing the stunning Cumbrian hills and lakes. The 4 star **Macdonald Leeming House Hotel** has an award winning restaurant, extensive gardens and woodland that overlook the shores of Ullswater.

**MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER** Coach transfer from Penrith Station 2.45pm to hotel, visiting **Dalemain House** and its wonderful gardens en-route – if coming by car meet here or the hotel.

**TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER** Travelling along Ullswater, over the **Kirkston Pass** down into Ambleside and **Rydale Mount**, home of William Wordsworth. Then north along Derwentwater before a light lunch and a visit to **Mirehouse**, an interesting family house with links to Tennyson and Wordsworth. An afternoon cruise on **Derwentwater**.

**WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER** Again over Kirkston Pass to Coniston to board the **Coniston Launch** and cruise the northern part of the lake – where Donald Campbell broke four world records with Bluebird K7 and the setting for Arthur Ransome's book *Swallows and Amazons*. Disembark at **Brantwood**, home of John Ruskin, one of the most influential writers and social reformers of the 19th century. Lunch in the small restaurant.

Afternoon **Blackwell House** – a house with the atmosphere of an intimate family home and stunning views over Lake Windermere with fine work created by leading Arts and Crafts designers

**THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER** A visit to the gardens at **Askham Hall** with colourful terraces, a lovely kitchen garden and herbaceous borders. **Lowther Castle** where there has been a transformation of this imposing castle ruin; Dan Pearson created an overall master plan for the gardens to give a mixture of revelation, restoration and design for the future. Finally an afternoon boat cruise on **Ullswater**.

**FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER** Morning visit to **Hutton-in-the Forest**, an historic house with grounds containing an array of terraces, topiary and a superb walled garden. Refreshments will be provided before continuing to Penrith Station for 12.45.

**Price per person: £775**

**Single supplement: £108 (£27 per night)**  
*(Double rooms for sole occupancy)*

**Non-refundable deposit £150 pp**

Tour includes:

- ❖ 4 nights' accommodation, dinner and breakfast, lunch/elevenses x 2
- ❖ All entries, tickets, boat cruises and tours as stated
- ❖ Coaching and transfers
- ❖ Heritage Touring representative

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[www.heritagetouring.co.uk](http://www.heritagetouring.co.uk) email: [tours@heritagetouring.co.uk](mailto:tours@heritagetouring.co.uk) Tel: **01794 342249**

Availability on the following tours:

**Staffordshire Potteries and Cheshire Halls:** 11 - 14 September 2017

**Literary Festival: Chalke Valley History Festival:** 30 June - 3 July 2017

**The Sport of Kings - Newmarket:** 27 - 29 June 2017

2018: We are already holding registered interest and priority booking for the following. Let us know if you would like to be included:

**Welsh National Opera Cardiff: Tosca and Don Giovanni:** 21 - 23 February 2018

**Italian Gardens and Ninfa:** 7 - 11 May 2018

**Guernsey, Sark and Herms:** 17 - 22 June 2018

**Brittany Gardens Tour:** June 2018