



HERITAGE TOURING

2018



Exclusive tours staying in 4/5 star hotels. Each itinerary includes welcome reception, dinner bed and breakfast, entry fees, professional guide and executive coaching (unless stated otherwise in tour details). You are asked to make your own travel arrangements and join each break at the hotel concerned.



The Belmond British Pullman Cornish Weekend

Penlee Gallery, St Ives and Tate St Ives or
Eden and the Lost Gardens of Heligan or
Cornish Gardens - Trelissick and Trewithen -
with lunch at Idle Rocks St Mawes

27 - 29 April 2018
(2 nights)

Rick Stein's Seafood Restaurant at Padstow and Prideaux Place or
Lunch at Jamie Oliver's Fifteen Restaurant and Trewice

Step on board the Belmond British Pullman and travel back into the heyday of great train journeys. Departing London Victoria on Friday 27 April, enjoy superb dining and one of the above tour options whilst staying in Cornwall's 4 star luxury hotels, then return to London on Sunday evening. **The Royal Duchy Hotel** with an unrivalled position on Falmouth's seafront. **Budock Veon** is surrounded by extensive gardens that run down to the Helford River and the luxury **Carlyon Bay Hotel** sited on a clifftop location near Par.

Eden and Heligan (Royal Duchy Hotel Falmouth) A guided tour in the Lost Gardens of Heligan and afternoon exploring the vast global garden of the innovative Eden Project.

Royal Duchy Hotel: Double/twin room

Eden/Heligan: **£1110 pp**

Cornish Gardens: **£1135 pp**

Sea-view supplement: **£60 pp**

Single supplement: **£60** per room

Budock Veon: St Ives/Penlee

Double/twin/single room standard: **£1160 pp**

Carlyon Bay: Inland Double/Twin room/Single

Rick Stein: **£1190 pp**

Jamie Oliver: **£1160 pp**

Seaview supplement: **£35 pp**

Non-refundable deposit: **£175 pp**

Tour includes:

- ✦ Return travel on the British Pullman on the outward journey Brunch with Bellini and a three course lunch with wine and champagne. On the Sunday return journey five course lunch with champagne and wine
- ✦ 2 nights' dinner, accommodation, welcome drink and breakfast in your chosen hotel. Entries and lunch where stated in the itinerary. Professional guide and executive coaching

Train times: 09.30 departure Friday

Return Sunday – arrival London Victoria

20.45 (Exact timings will be confirmed)

Trelissick and Trewithen – lunch Idle Rocks (Royal Duchy Hotel Falmouth) Enjoy two of Cornwall's historic gardens renowned for camellias, rhododendrons and magnolias which are at their peak in April. The Idle Rocks Hotel has a superb restaurant with fabulous harbour views in the small Cornish village of St Mawes.

Fifteen Cornwall and Trewice: (Carlyon Bay Hotel – St Austell) Visit Trewice, a Elizabethan manor house and a Cornish gem. Then to Watergate Bay where Jamie Oliver's restaurant *Fifteen Cornwall* enjoys a panoramic view down onto one of Cornwall's great surfing beaches. A three course set menu lunch at this award winning restaurant focusing on traditional Italian dishes.

Rick Stein and Prideaux Place: (Carlyon Bay Hotel – St Austell) A morning visit and guided tour of Prideaux Place, a Tudor manor house that overlooks the fishing village of Padstow. Then enjoy a three course lunch at Rick Stein's Seafood Restaurant located on the quayside in Padstow.

South West Cornwall's Artistic Legacy Penlee Gallery, St Ives and Tate St Ives: (Budock Veon Hotel) Visit the little Italianate villa in Penzance, the Penlee Gallery, with its many paintings of the Newlyn School, followed by a light seafood lunch at the Godolphin Arms with its panoramic views of St Michael's Mount. Continue to the seaside town of St Ives, with its stunning coastal views and home to Tate St Ives and the Barbara Hepworth Museum.



Chantilly - Les Journées des Plantes - The French Chelsea

Private French Gardens in Picardy and the Somme
Staying in the historic city of Amiens

Mercure Amiens Cathédrale Hotel (3 nights) and at
Chilston Park Hotel, Lenham, Kent (1 night)

Thursday 17 May - Monday 21 May 2018



Join this tour at the Chilston Park Hotel on **Thursday 17 May**, staying one night with dinner to enable an early start on Friday for the Dover/Calais ferry crossing. Cars can be left at the hotel – nearest train station is Lenham.

FRIDAY 18 MAY From Calais there will be a stop to visit **Abbaye de Valloires** where the gardens, designed by Gilles Clément, have superb flowering shrubs. Lunch can be found at the café before continuing to Amiens. The 4 star Mercure Cathedral Hotel is in the city centre, adjacent to the historic cathedral which can be visited in the late afternoon and also perhaps the Jardin des Plantes d'Amiens Dinner in a local restaurant.

SATURDAY 19 MAY Courson – **Les Journées des Plantes** in the glorious surroundings of the **Domaine de Chantilly** north of Paris. This unique plant fair, with over 200 nurserymen, gardeners and professionals displaying superb plants with many unusual and new varieties from all over France. Plenty of space in the coach for transporting your purchases back home! Take a break from the show to visit the superb **Chateau de Chantilly**, a jewel in the crown of France's cultural heritage, housing treasures from the collection of Prince Henri d'Orleans Duke of Aumale. Adjacent are the magnificent 18th century **Great Stables**, built for Louis-Henri de Bourbon, 7th Prince of Condé, and the largest in Europe – a veritable horses' palace with inside the **Museum of the Horse**. Return to Amiens for dinner in a local restaurant.

Price per person: £745

Single supplement: £40 per night
(4 nights)

(Double rooms for sole occupancy)

Non-refundable deposit £150 pp

Tour includes:

- ❖ 4 nights 4* hotel accommodation and breakfast (1 x Kent 3 x France)
- ❖ Dinner x 3, Lunch x 2
- ❖ Entry to all gardens and flower show
- ❖ Executive coaching and Dover/Calais ferry – Eurotunnel crossing
- ❖ Heritage Touring Representative

Please note a valid UK passport is required for this tour. Travel insurance essential

SUNDAY 20 MAY Heading north from Amiens to visit **Le Jardin de Marie-Ange**, a two acre garden well known for its diverse collection of plants. Continue to **Jardin de Sericourt** in Picardy; this remarkable garden plays with form and flow to create surprising spaces and enchanting rooms with bold architectural topiary. Lunch will be provided. A visit to **Jardins de Maizicourt**, a superb garden surrounding a small 18th century chateau, created over the years by the owner Catherine Guévenoux with terraces, allees, topiary, potager, orchard, an orangery and beautiful specimen shrubs and trees. Return to Amiens – dine independently.

MONDAY 21 MAY Depart for Calais. En-route a visit to the lovely garden, **Jardin des Lianes**, where the owners have a passion for collecting unusual trees, shrubs and perennials, mainly chosen for their foliage, scent and colour. Lunch in an Auberge in the village, before continuing to the Eurotunnel. The coach intends to be at Ashford Station for 3.45 pm and Chilston Park 4.15 pm.



Opéra de Lille - Nabucco

Lille Art and History

Palais des Beaux-Arts,

Château de Beloeil, Louvre-Lens

Travel by Eurostar from London or Ebbsfleet

Stay at The Carlton Hotel Lille (4*)

5 - 7 June 2018 (2 nights)



Travel by Eurostar to enjoy a night at the opera and visit some of the art galleries in and around Lille, staying at the 4 star **Carlton Hotel**, a beautiful 19th century building in the style of Louis XV situated next to the Bourse and Grand Place and surrounded by beautiful Flemish style buildings.

The Lille Opera House is a remarkable building, built in 1907/13 and designed in the neoclassical style by the architect Louis-Marie Cordonnier. **Verdi's Nabucco** with its rousing soaring score is the operatic equivalent of a Hollywood biblical epic and of course well-loved for 'Va, pensiero – *The Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves*'. The production is sung in Italian with the choirs of the Opera de Lille and Dijon.

The **Palais des Beaux-Arts** is a splendid Belle Époque building dating from the late 1890s, with a suitably illustrious art collection, including Rubens, van Dyck, Picasso, Redon, Corot and Delacroix, a wonderful decorative arts collection and superb sculpture galleries. A visit to **Louvre-Lens**, annex to the Louvre in Paris; this very modern state of the art building houses exhibits on loan from the Louvre and there will also be a "behind the scenes" tour. The special exhibition is *The Empire of Roses – 19th century Persian Works of Art* with more than 400 paintings, drawings, jewels, enamels, carpets, traditional costumes, photographs and ceremonial weapons.

Just into Belgium, **Château de Beloeil** is the stately home of the Princes de Ligne, formerly a medieval fortress but over centuries transformed into a country home. The château lies in the centre of a magnificent Baroque garden designed in 1664. Despite a fire in 1900 the magnificent library of 20,000 rare volumes and the art collection were saved and are now in the current house. A tour of the Chateau after which a little train can transport you around the large landscaped garden.

Price per person: £617

Single supplement: £55 per night

(Double rooms for sole occupancy)

Non-refundable deposit £175 pp

Tour includes:

- ❖ Eurostar return standard class fare
- ❖ 2 nights Carlton Hotel Lille with breakfast, one dinner and lunch
- ❖ All entries and tours and top price opera tickets
- ❖ Coaching and Heritage Touring representative

TUESDAY 5 JUNE Eurostar departs St Pancras at **12.58** (Ebbsfleet **13.15**) Arrive Lille **15.30**, transfer to the Carlton Hotel. A short guided walk in the centre of Lille before dinner in a local restaurant.

WEDNESDAY 6 JUNE Travel to small town of Tournai before visiting the **Chateau de Beloeil** – guided tour of the chateau, two course lunch with wine before visiting the **Palais des Beaux Arts** in the afternoon. Dine independently or join others before the 8 pm performance of *Nabucco*.

THURSDAY 7 JUNE Check out of the hotel for the visit to Louvre Lens, returning to Lille to catch the **15.36** Eurostar back to London arriving **16.05** St Pancras (Ebbsfleet **15.45**).



The RHS Malvern Spring Festival

Private Gardens in Worcestershire

Morton Hall, Perrycroft, Spetchley Park, White Cottage

Tour of Madresfield Court

From the Stanbrook Abbey Hotel, nr Worcester
9 - 12 May 2018 (3 nights)



Stanbrook Abbey Hotel dates back to the early 16th century, a former monastery adapted by the renowned architect Augustus Pugin. There are dramatic stone cloisters, gothic stained-glass windows and the former chapel located in the heart of this country house.

As connoisseurs of garden shows we feel that the **Malvern Spring Garden Show** is in a league of its own. With the stunning backdrop of the Malvern Hills it is undoubtedly the finest and friendliest show, offering inspirational and creative ideas or equally somewhere to relax and enjoy the Floral Marquee, showcasing over 100 leading special nurseries, or the specialist food and drink hall and some fantastic shopping opportunities. Thursday is the first day which is normally much quieter and only for RHS members, professionals and press.

The private garden visits include: **Morton Hall**, one of Worcestershire's best kept secrets. Perched atop an escarpment with breath taking views, hidden behind a tall hedge, lies a unique garden of outstanding beauty. **Perrycroft**, a ten acre garden and woodland on the slopes of the Malvern Hills with magnificent views. **Spetchley Park**, a plantsman's paradise featuring many rare trees, shrubs and plants. **White Cottage**, a two acre garden with large herbaceous and shrub borders, island beds, stream and bog area and a spring meadow with hundreds of snakes head fritillaries.

Finally **Madresfield Court**. A guided tour of what is essentially a private home and quite different from the extravagant film set of Castle Howard; this is the real Brideshead. For generations home to the Lygon family and the Earls Beauchamp, Evelyn Waugh spent many months staying here and writing his novels in the old Nursery. Many of the characteristics of the house and family were reproduced in Brideshead Revisited. Architecturally of medieval origins with Elizabethan and Victorian additions, girdled by a moat and with an exceptional Arts and Craft decorated chapel and lovely landscaped gardens.

Price per person: £615

Single supplement: £40 per night (£120)
(Double rooms for sole occupancy)

Non-refundable deposit £150 pp

Tour includes:

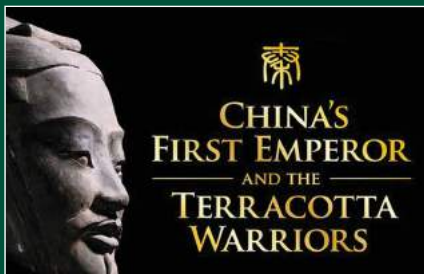
- ❖ 3 nights' accommodation, dinner and breakfast at Stanbrook Abbey
- ❖ Tickets for RHS Malvern Show
- ❖ All garden entries and refreshments as stated
- ❖ Light lunch on Friday
- ❖ Coaching and Heritage Touring Representative

WEDNESDAY 9 MAY Check into the Stanbrook Abbey Hotel before welcome drink and dinner.

THURSDAY 10 MAY Prompt departure to ensure maximum time at the show before continuing mid-afternoon to nearby Perrycroft.

FRIDAY 11 MAY Special early opening to see the gardens at Spetchley Park. Late elevenses/early lunch (one course) in the Old Laundry Tearooms. Continue to White Cottage to see the garden with refreshments. Then to nearby Morton Hall for a guided tour of these superb gardens.

SATURDAY 12 MAY Check out of the hotel and depart by coach or follow by car for Madresfield Court. Afterwards the coach will drop at hotel or Worcester Shrub Hill station (13.45)



China's First Emperor and the Terracotta Warriors Exhibition

Liverpool Museums and Albert Docks

Sail the River Weaver aboard 'The Danny'

Emma Bridgewater Potteries Tour
and Stoke Potteries Museum

Combermere Abbey and Tatton Park

From the Rookery Hall Hotel,
near Nantwich (4*)

**Monday 21 May to
Friday 25 May 2018
(4 nights)**

A day in Liverpool with timed entry tickets for the **Liverpool Terracotta Warrior Exhibition**. Spanning almost 1,000 years of Chinese history this exhibition will be showcasing incredible finds from one of the world's greatest archaeological discoveries. Ten terracotta warriors are on loan from China and items never before seen in the UK will transform the **Liverpool World Museum**. The vibrant heart of Liverpool's historic waterfront is the Albert Dock, home to three impressive museums – The Museum of Liverpool, Tate Liverpool and the Maritime Museum; the choice is yours and time permitting there will be a short visit to Liverpool Cathedral.

Emma Bridgewater Factory offers an inspiring and enlightening tour of their atmospheric Victorian premises in the heart of the Stoke-on-Trent Potteries. The tour of the building shows the process of a lump of clay transformed into the company's familiar shapes and patterns. **Stoke Potteries Museum** has the world's greatest collection of Staffordshire ceramics, items from the **Staffordshire Hoard** and the Spitfire gallery.

Enjoy a cruise down the beautiful River Weaver in Cheshire aboard the newly restored **Daniel Adamson Steam Boat**, a remarkable survivor from the steam age; a small but incredibly powerful canal tug, built to tow long strings of barges laden with goods from the inland towns of Cheshire and the Potteries to the great seaport of Liverpool.

A guided tour before the public opening hours at **Tatton Park**. This impressive Neo-Classical mansion, with fifty acres of wonderful gardens, was designed by Samuel and Lewis Wyatt and provides an appropriate setting for the Egerton family's commissioned Gillows furniture and lavish collection of art, books and ceramics. Then to **Combermere Abbey**, originally a Cistercian Monastery dating from 1133, then re-modelled as a country house in 1820 in the neo-Gothic style. There will be a guided tour of the recently completed award winning restoration of the property.

Stay for four nights at the 4 star luxury **Rookery Hall Hotel**, near **Nantwich**, an elegant Victorian mansion with extensive spa facilities including an indoor pool and award winning restaurant.

MONDAY 21 MAY Check into the hotel before welcome drink and dinner. **TUESDAY 22 MAY** The day will be spent in Liverpool. **WEDNESDAY 23 MAY** Private tour of Tatton Park, time to enjoy the gardens and find lunch in their restaurant before boarding Daniel Adamson for an afternoon on the River Weaver. **THURSDAY 24 MAY** Tour of Emma Bridgewater factory, Stoke Potteries Museum where lunch can be purchased and afternoon tour at Combermere Abbey. **FRIDAY 25 MAY** Check out of the hotel for departure.

Price per person: £698*

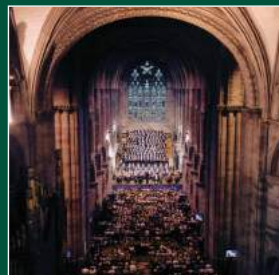
Single supplement: £40 per night (£160)
(Doubles rooms for sole occupancy)

Non-refundable deposit £150 pp

Tour includes:

- ❖ 4 nights' hotel accommodation, breakfast and dinner
- ❖ Entry tickets, tours and river cruise as stated
- ❖ Coaching and Heritage Touring representative

**National Trust members deduct £10*



Three Choirs Festival Hereford

31 July - 3 August or 1 - 3 August 2018

Cathedral Choral Concerts and Hampton Court Castle

From the Green Dragon Hotel Hereford

As ever the Three Choirs Festival remains the highpoint of any choral festival year and everybody's favourite. This year it is the turn of Hereford Cathedral and we are offering two options so that you can enjoy up to four cathedral concerts **over two or three nights**. Staying at the Green Dragon Hotel in Hereford a comfortable coaching inn, perhaps not of a similar standard to other hotels we normally use, but it could not be in a more ideal location adjacent to the cathedral and in the heart of the Festival.

The Hereford Cathedral Concerts: **Tuesday 31st July Monteverdi Vespers** (1610) with Three Cathedral Choirs. **Wednesday 1st August Bruckner Te Deum and Mendelssohn Lobgesang Op.52** with Three Choirs Festival Chorus and Philharmonia Orchestra. **Thursday 2nd August (afternoon)** National Youth Orchestra of Wales with Carlo Rizzi conductor. Programme to still be advised. **Thursday 2nd August (evening) A Parry Centenary Tribute Parry Blest Pair of Sirens, Parry Symphony No 5 (Symphonic Fantasia '1912') Parry Invocation to Music** Three Choirs Festival Chorus and Philharmonia Orchestra Sir Andrew Davis conductor.

If you choose to arrive on **TUESDAY 31ST JULY** for the Monteverdi Vespers concert – (dinner will be included in the Festival Dining Hall) thereby staying 3 nights and enjoying the full programme you will have a free day on Wednesday perhaps to attend the Choral Evensong at 3.30 pm or relax in Hereford and perhaps independently book other festival lectures or recitals.

3 nights – starting 31st July: £645

(4 concerts)

2 nights – starting 1st Aug: £535

(3 concerts)

Non-refundable deposit: £175 pp

Single supplement: £15 per night

Tour includes:

- ❖ All cathedral concerts as listed – top price tickets Hotel accommodation and breakfast – dinner in two local restaurants or Festival School Hall (31st)
- ❖ Entry and tour Hampton Court
- ❖ Coaching and Heritage Touring Representative

Should you choose to arrive on **WEDNESDAY 1ST AUGUST** staying the 2 nights, check into the hotel early afternoon so that you can walk over to the cathedral for the Choral Evensong (3.30 pm) before meeting for a welcome drink in the hotel and pre-concert dinner in a local restaurant. The evening cathedral concert – *Bruckner and Mendelssohn*.

THURSDAY 2ND AUGUST There will be short morning excursion by coach to visit **Hampton Court Castle** – the gardens are renowned and there will be a 40 minute tour of the castle before returning in time for the afternoon *National Youth Orchestra of Wales* – early dinner in a local restaurant before the evening concert *A Parry Centenary*.

FRIDAY 3RD AUGUST check out of the hotel. A full festival programme will be sent to you so if you decided there is anything else you wish to enjoy you can book direct.

Scotland's Great Gardens and Castles Fife and Angus

From Murrayshall House Hotel Perth

9 - 13 July 2018 (4 nights)

There are a few places remaining on Scotland's Kingdom of Fife tour. An itinerary of exceptional gardens and castles including **Balcarres, Kinross House, Teasses, Earlshall Castle, Kellie Castle, Willowhill, Wemyss Castle and Kemback**. Travelling north to Angus, a tour of **Glamis Castle** and gardens at **The House of Pitmuies** and **The Gallery Garden**. Please contact the office for availability – full details on the website.



Gardens of Shropshire and the Welsh Borders

Hodnet Hall, Wollerton Old Hall,
Dingle, Windy Ridge
Powis Castle, Dower House Morville,
Bryngwyn Hall
David Austin's Garden and Nursery

Staying at Mercure Albrighton Hall Hotel, near Shrewsbury (4*)
11 - 14 June 2018
(3 nights)

Discover stunning gardens in Shropshire and around Welshpool including visits to the historic gardens at **Powis Castle**, **Hodnet Hall**, and **Bryngwyn Hall**. The superb gardens at **Wollerton Old Hall** and Katherine Swift's intriguing garden at the **Dower House** at **Morville Hall**. A private visit to **Windy Ridge**, a smaller garden cleverly designed with exotic and unusual plants. Two famous and specialist nurseries, **David Austin's Roses** and **Dingle Nurseries**, each with their own fantastic gardens and tempting plants to buy.

Staying at the four star Mercure Albrighton Hall Hotel and Spa, with extensive leisure facilities and an award winning two-rossette restaurant.

MONDAY 11 JUNE Check into the hotel before a welcome drink and dinner.

TUESDAY 12 JUNE Depart for **David Austin**, one the most renowned breeders of English Roses; 700 varieties are planted in the specially created garden. Refreshments followed by a guided tour. Then the **Dower House, Morville**, with a garden designed by historian Dr Katherine Swift, showing the history of English gardening in the style of different historical periods. Then to the lovely garden at **Windy Ridge**, where every corner is full of plant interest and the challenge of gardening at 700ft above sea-level. Lunch (included) at a local pub.

WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE The **Dingle Nurseries Garden** established by Roy and Barbie Joseph to showcase some of the nursery's numerous plants and shrubs. A fascinating garden, with small paths and steps, in a dramatic valley with connecting small lakes. Continuing to **Bryngwyn Hall** where Lady Linlithgow will talk about the house and a tour of the garden before a buffet lunch. Afternoon visit to **Powis Castle**, a medieval castle perched on a rock above the world famous garden with its Italianate terraces, original lead statues, orangery and aviary. The gardens are on different levels, affording stunning views of the surrounding countryside. The Castle has one of Wales' finest collections of paintings and furniture and numerous treasures from India displayed in the Clive Museum.

Price per person: £577

Single supplement: £22 per night (£66)
(Doubles rooms for sole occupancy)

Non-refundable deposit £150 pp

Tour includes:

- ❖ 3 nights' accommodation, dinner and breakfast and 3 lunches
- ❖ All garden entries and tours
- ❖ Coaching and Heritage Touring Guide

THURSDAY 14TH JUNE Check out of the hotel before visiting **Hodnet Hall**. The Herber-Percy family have lived at Hodnet since the 11th century but the serious development of sixty acres of gardens began in 1921. Renowned forest trees, formal gardens, woodland walks, flowering shrubs and a superb daisy chain of ornamental pools and lakes. Then to **Wollerton Old Hall Garden**, a four acre plantsman's garden developed around a 16th century house with exuberant borders, huge emphasis on colour and form and many rare and unusual plants. A light lunch will be provided before returning to the hotel and station.



English National Ballet at the London Coliseum

Tchaikovsky - Sleeping Beauty,
Tour of Queen's House Greenwich
Behind the Scenes - Her Majesty's Theatre,
The Haymarket

Monet & Architecture
at the National Gallery



The Cavendish Hotel, St James's
15 - 17 June 2018 (2 nights)

Sleeping Beauty, performed by the English National Ballet, reawakens the magic of the world's favourite fairy tale in an enchanted world of castles and curses, forests and fairies. Visually stunning, this gorgeously classical production features Tchaikovsky's ravishing score played live by English National Ballet Philharmonic. Top priced stalls at the London Coliseum for Friday evening performance – central rows L and M.

On Saturday, a tour of Her Majesty's Theatre in the Haymarket, home for the last 32 years to the *Phantom of the Opera*. Since 1705 there have been four theatres on the site, the current building dating from 1897 was erected by the famous Actor-Manager Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree to house his spectacular productions of Shakespeare and literary adaptations. The tour will look at the architecture and history of the building, auditorium, under-stage, fly floor and rehearsal room. A short break to find refreshments before continuing to Greenwich with time to purchase lunch before visiting the Queen's House for a guided tour of the highlights of the collection. Inigo Jones's architectural masterpiece has recently reopened, with 22 spectacular rooms filled with 400 years of great works of art. Return late afternoon to Westminster by Thames Clipper. The evening is free to book additional theatres or dine in the many restaurants near the hotel.

Sunday morning, check out of the hotel before walking to the National Gallery. Timed tickets* will be reserved for the major exhibition *Monet & Architecture*, featuring exceptional loans from public and private collections around the world. Seventy paintings spanning Claude Monet's long career will be on view from his compositions of villages and picturesque settings, through his exploration of the modern city, and ending with his monumental series of works portraying Rouen Cathedral.

The 4 star luxury **Cavendish Hotel** is in the heart of London's West End and ideally placed for access to theatres, exhibitions and perhaps a little shopping.

FRIDAY 15 JUNE Taxis depart at 6.30 pm for the London Coliseum and the 7.30 performance of *Sleeping Beauty*. Reservations for pre-theatre dining can be made or you may prefer to try other local options. Taxi will return to the hotel.

SATURDAY 16 JUNE Walk the short distance to Her Majesty's Theatre for the morning tour. At midday depart by coach to Greenwich. Break for lunch before meeting at the Queen's House for a 2.30 tour. Return from Greenwich to Westminster by boat.

SUNDAY 17 JUNE Check out of the hotel before walking to the National Gallery for your timed entry to the exhibition.

Price per person: £489

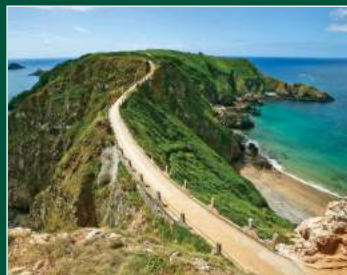
Single supplement: £60 per night
(Doubles rooms for sole occupancy)

Non-refundable deposit £150 pp

Tour includes:

- ❖ 2 nights' hotel accommodation and full English breakfast, coaching and taxis where stated
- ❖ Tours, stalls seat for ballet and tickets for other timed entries
- ❖ Heritage Touring representative

**exact time will be confirmed when tickets are available to reserve*



Guernsey and the Islands of Sark and Herm

Gardens, Cultural Heritage and Coastal Splendour

Staying St Pierre Park Hotel, St Peter Port (4*)
17 - 22 June 2018 (5 nights)



With glorious scenery, sublime climate and a quieter way of life Guernsey offers a unique blend of Britishness with a taste of France. Stay at the luxury **St Pierre Park Hotel** with excellent dining and leisure facilities just outside St Peter Port. **SUNDAY 17TH JUNE** Independent travel to Guernsey and check into the hotel.

MONDAY 18 JUNE Visit **Candie Gardens** and the **Guernsey Museum and Art Gallery**. The gardens have panoramic views over St Peter Port and nearby islands. Late morning depart by boat to the tiny **Island of Herm**. Explore on foot this pleasant and peaceful island and enjoy a late lunch in the restaurants near the port before returning by ferry.

TUESDAY 19 JUNE **La Petite Vallée**, a well-established garden with a wide range of exotic and traditional planting on terraces and around streams and ponds. Continue to visit **Sausmarez Manor**. Home of the **Seigneurs de Sausmarez**, the house contains Oriental, French and English furniture. The **Subtropical Garden** and **Sculpture Art Park** have paths that meander through lush and exotic foliage of tree palms, ferns and bamboos. An afternoon visit to **Castle Carnet**. This impressive castle guards the approaches to St Peter Port's harbour and has five fascinating museums telling the story of Guernsey's military and maritime history.

WEDNESDAY 20 JUNE **The Island of Sark**: Depart by boat for the fifty minute crossing to the island of Sark. On arrival a tractor and then horse-drawn carriage take you up the hill to the centre of the island to visit the exceptional walled gardens of **La Seigneurie**. The gardens are at this peak with a profusion of roses and other tender and exotic plants thriving in their own micro-climate. There is a small café restaurant adjacent to the gardens for lunch. A leisurely afternoon before making your way down to the harbour for the return ferry.

Price per person: £840

Single supplement: £33 per day (£165)
(Doubles rooms for sole occupancy)

Non-refundable deposit £150 pp

Tour includes:

- ❖ 5 nights – 4 *St Pierre Park Hotel with breakfast
- ❖ 4 nights dining in the hotel, 1 lunch at a restaurant
- ❖ All entries, boats, coaching and tours during the tour
- ❖ Heritage Touring Representative

THURSDAY 21 JUNE Grange Court: This large town garden in St Peter Port is immaculately maintained with a rose garden, folly and mixed borders set around rolling lawns. A panoramic tour along the west coast of the island before lunch at *The Auberge*, a restaurant defined by its cliff top perch and views of neighbouring islands. Finally, the **Guernsey Clematis Nursery**. A private opening of this renowned nursery, a world leader in producing new and young plants owned by RHS gold medal winner Raymond Evison, who hosts this special tour demonstrating the practical and breeding developments of new clematis.

FRIDAY 22 JUNE Check out of the hotel and depending on your flights spend time in St Peter Port or join others for a taxi to the airport.



Hampton Court Flower Show - Gala Preview Evening

Garden visits to Dunsborough Park and Loseley Park

RHS Wisley and Heathside

Staying at the Woodlands Park Hotel, Cobham
1 - 3 July 2018 (2 nights)



A wonderful opportunity to see the world's largest flower show at **Hampton Court** in comfort and style and a relaxed crowd-free atmosphere. The **Gala Preview** is one of the gardening world's best-kept secrets and a perfect way to enjoy a summer's evening. There will also be visits to the magnificent restored gardens at **Dunsborough Park**, **Loseley Park**, **RHS Wisley** and **Heathside**, whilst staying at the four star historic Woodlands Park Hotel, part of the luxury country house *HandPicked* hotel group.

SUNDAY 1 JULY Arrive at the hotel in time for a welcome drink before dinner. Woodlands Park Hotel was originally commissioned by English industrialist William Bryant, son of the founder of the match company Bryant and May. Built in 1885, the house was a modern marvel and one of the first in the UK to have electric light. Over a century on, the house remains as impressive as ever.

MONDAY 2 JULY A private visit to Heathside in Cobham, a smaller plantsman's garden which has featured in a number of television programmes. Then to Loseley Park to enjoy the 2.5 acre walled garden divided into 'rooms' each with its own unique planting scheme, including the rose garden with over 1000 old-fashioned roses, a white garden and herb garden. A light lunch will be included before returning to the hotel early afternoon.

Depart for **Hampton Court** for early entry at 5 pm to the Gala Evening. Enjoy all the splendours of the world's largest annual flower show before it opens to the general public with tempting opportunities to purchase plants. **Hampton Court Palace Flower Show** is renowned for its spectacular combination of the traditional and modern, both in garden design and in its magnificent floral marquees. Thousands of flowers, plants and show gardens will be on display. Enjoy a picnic before a spectacular fireworks display along the Long Water, illuminating the Grand Canal and the architectural splendour of this historic royal palace. Return to hotel afterwards.

Price per person: £558

Single supplement: £80

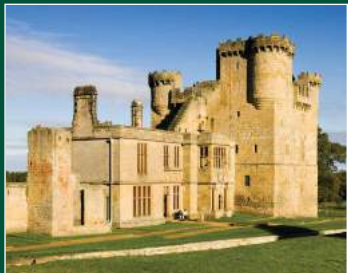
(Doubles rooms for sole occupancy)

Non-refundable deposit £150 pp

Tour includes:

- ❖ 2 nights accommodation and breakfast, welcome reception and one dinner, light lunch and evening picnic
- ❖ Hampton Court Gala Evening tickets and gala programme
- ❖ All garden entries, coaching and Heritage Touring representative

TUESDAY 3 JULY Check out of your rooms before visiting **Dunsborough Park** – these extensive walled gardens were redesigned by Penelope Hobhouse and Rupert Golby. Victorian glasshouses, a palm house, white garden, and the restoration continued with the replanting of an atmospheric water garden. Then to the absolutely magnificent gardens at **RHS Wisley** – a horticultural heaven, a large and diverse garden with both formal and informal planting overflowing with new designs and inspiration. Return to Cobham station or hotel at 2.30 pm.



Northumberland Magic

Castles, Gardens, Heritage and the Farne Islands

Chillingham, Bamburgh, Belsay Hall

Alnwick Castle Gardens and Cragside

Kirkharle, Capheaton Hall,

Woodhorn Colliery and Pitman Painters

Staying at the Macdonald
Linden Hall Hotel

**10 - 14 September
2018 (4 nights)**

A tour to include historic castles, houses and gardens together with stunning coastal scenery and a look back on Northumberland's industrial history. Staying at the 4 star **Macdonald Linden Hall Hotel** near Morpeth.

MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER Arrive and check into the hotel before welcome drink and dinner.

TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER Morning visit to **Chillingham Castle**. Steeped in history it has a bewitching charm and a possibly slightly eccentric, eclectic collection within its medieval and Jacobean walls. Then **Bamburgh Castle**, sited on its rocky plateau dominating the Northumberland coastline, described as the finest castle in England. It was the passion of Lord Armstrong, engineer and industrialist, who in the 1890s began its renovation and refurbishment. Afternoon boat trip from Seahouses around the Farne Islands to view sea birds and grey seal colonies. (Weather permitting).

WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER Kirkharle Lake and Courtyard. Birthplace of landscape architect Capability Brown; view an exhibition on Brown's life and work, housed within a farm courtyard converted to house craftsmen's workshops, then walk around the serpentine lake recently constructed according to plans drawn up by him. Continue to **Capheaton Hall**, a baroque masterpiece with extensive gardens and wonderful parkland views, built in 1668 by Robert Trollope for Sir John Swinburne and enlarged around 1800 but still retaining its charming original features. Lunch will be served in the house. In the afternoon **Belsay Castle, Hall and Gardens**. A fine medieval castle and hall with the fantastic Pillar Hall, an architectural masterpiece inspired by the temples of ancient Greece. The gardens have terraces, herbaceous borders and a unique Quarry Garden, a fantasy of ravines, pinnacles and exotic plants.

THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER Alnwick Castle Gardens. The inspiration of the Duchess of Northumberland, this is one of the most exciting, new, ever evolving, contemporary gardens. A garden for gardeners with a design that looks to the future. Discover the Grand Cascade, Poison Garden, Treehouse and other ornamental gardens. Afternoon visit to **Cragside**, home of the first Lord Armstrong. The house is crammed with ingenious gadgets and the first in the world to be lit electrically. This Victorian innovator and industrialist transformed a bare hillside into a riot of exotica and the garden is of breath-taking drama whatever the season.

Price per person: £735

National Trust Members: £710

Single supplement: £40 per night (£160)
(Doubles rooms for sole occupancy)

Non-refundable deposit £150 pp

Tour includes:

- ❖ 4 nights in the hotel with breakfast and dinner. 1 lunch
- ❖ All entries, tours and executive coaching
- ❖ Heritage Touring Representative

FRIDAY 14 SEPTEMBER Check out of the hotel. Coach departs for Newcastle Station to arrive at 1 pm, en-route visiting **Woodhorn Colliery and Museum**. The original colliery buildings, together with a stunning new building, are home to **The Ashington Group Collection** – a unique collection of paintings by the artists more affectionately known as the **Pitmen Painters**.



The Glorious Gardens of North Yorkshire

Mount St John, Littlethorpe Manor, Havoc Hall
Newby Hall, RHS Harlow Carr, The Manor House,
Sutton Park and Yorke House

Staying at The Wood Hall Hotel and Spa, Wetherby
2 - 6 July 2018 (4 nights)



The south side of the North Yorkshire Moors provides an exciting itinerary discovering the fabulous gardens that border the moors. The 4 star luxury Wood Hall Hotel and Spa is ideally placed in a stunning location, The garden visits include **Newby Hall**, featuring one of Europe's longest double herbaceous borders and the chance to visit the house with its exquisite 18th century Robert Adam interiors. Also near Ripon, **Littlethorpe Manor**, with exceptional gardens designed and developed by Head Gardener, Eddie Harland – 4 acres of formal gardens and lawns around the house surrounded by extensive parkland and lake. **Havoc Hall**, a superb garden with exceptional design, colour and plant interest in yet another lovely setting. **The Manor House**, home of George Smith, internationally-famous flower arranger and horticulturalist, and Brian Withill, with a 3 acre garden sub-divided by mellow walls with many surprises as each area is colour themed featuring herbaceous perennials, especially hostas and ferns.

An exclusive visit to **Mount St John**, one of Yorkshire's most private gardens belonging to a passionate gardener, Mr Chris Blundell, who with the help of garden designer Tom Stuart Smith created this stunning garden overlooking the Vale of York, planted with ornamental trees, shrubs and thousands of perennials and including a walled garden, cut flower garden, kitchen garden and an adjoining valley garden with superb planting and wonderful shrubs. **Harlow Carr**, the RHS's own superb garden of the north, a fabulous garden and a showcase of horticultural excellence.

Sutton Park has wonderful Georgian architecture and is filled with beautiful furniture and paintings. It overlooks magnificent parkland, lovely herbaceous borders and terraces. **Yorke House** is an award-winning flower arranger's English country garden in the heart of Nidderdale, full of colour themed borders, streams and ponds with stunning waterside plantings.

£730 (4 nights departing Friday 6th)

£645 (3 nights departing after touring on Thursday 5th)

Single supplement: £40 per night

Non-refundable deposit £150 pp

Tour includes:

- ❖ 4 nights' dinner, accommodation and full English breakfast – two lunches.
- ❖ All entries and guided tours
- ❖ Executive coaching and professional tour manager

MONDAY 2 JULY Arrive at the Wood Hall Hotel before welcome drink followed by dinner.

TUESDAY 3 JULY Depart by coach for Yorke House, then continue to Newby Hall where lunch can be purchased in their restaurant. Returning to the hotel via Harlow Carr.

WEDNESDAY 4 JULY Morning visit to The Manor House, lunch and tour at Sutton Park and finishing the day at Havoc Hall.

THURSDAY 5 JULY Morning visit to Mount St John with guided tour followed by lunch in the Carpenters Arms. In the afternoon, a tour of the gardens at Littlethorpe Manor – returning to the hotel around 5.30 pm.

FRIDAY 6 JULY Please check out of your rooms by 11 am. Taxi can be organised to return to the station.



Heritage Touring Booking Form

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Title _____

First Name _____

Surname _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Tel _____

Mobile _____

Names of other members of your party		
Title	Name	Surname

Tour Date _____

Theme _____

If you wish to book more than one tour please add details on a separate sheet

Room Requirements	No of Rooms (non-smoking and en-suite)
Double Bedded	
Twin Bedded	
Single (double room for sole occupancy)	
Extra Nights Required	Date(s)

Please tick this box if you have any disabilities or dietary requirements that we should be aware of or which could affect your comfort during your tour. Use a separate sheet if necessary

PAYMENT: To confirm your booking a non-refundable deposit is payable per person per tour, the amount due is shown on the tour cost. The deposit and final balance can be paid by BACS, card (we prefer a debit card) or cheque.

Your signature confirms you have read and understood on behalf of yourself and members of your party the Heritage Touring terms and conditions. If your card details are supplied the deposit will be taken from your debit or credit card and you further agree that outstanding balance can be taken **automatically** from your card **8 weeks** prior to the tour, unless you inform us otherwise.

We strongly recommend that you take out your own holiday insurance to cover cancellation charges and other eventualities.

Heritage Touring terms and conditions are also on our website.

Please tick the method of payment
Visa or Mastercard only, Cheques payable to Heritage Touring Ltd.
BACS payment - contact the office for our bank details and these will also be on your confirmation invoice

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1 Booking Arrangements

You are asked to book direct with us on the booking form enclosed. Heritage Touring reserves the right to increase or decrease the tour cost prior to final contracts with the client. When confirming your reservation, you are asked to pay a deposit. When a confirmation is dispatched it is at this time that a binding contract with Heritage Touring comes into existence. Payment of the balance is due no later than 8 weeks prior to departure. Bookings made within 8 weeks of departure require full payment. Any balance due that is not received by us within the timescale may result in the travel arrangements being liable to cancellation by Heritage Touring.

2 Cancellation by the Client

Cancellations must be made in writing. The effective date for cancellation is the date when we receive a written notice - the cancellation charge is applicable as follows:

- Tours cancelled 56 days or more before departure – Loss of deposit only
- 28 to 55 days before departure – 50% of tour costs but not less than the deposit:
- 14 to 27 days before departure – 90% of tour costs:
- 0 to 13 days before departure – 100% of tour costs:

3 Amendment and Cancellation by Heritage Touring

- (a) Holidays and tours featured in this publication are subject to availability at the time of booking. A minimum number of guests are required for all tours, in the event of insufficient bookings being made and a holiday or tour being cancelled as a result, you will be notified at least 30 days beforehand and all monies refunded to you. No further liability will arise for Heritage Touring once the monies have been refunded.
- (b) Our holidays and tours are planned many months in advance and details are often unclear at the planning stage; further, tours may be changed, or not able to be conducted, due in whole or part to circumstances beyond our control. For example, and without limitation, such circumstances include war or threat of war, riots, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial disputes, transportation difficulties, natural or nuclear disaster, fire or adverse weather conditions, insolvency of suppliers or other unusual or unanticipated circumstances which neither Heritage Touring nor our suppliers can control. Should this happen you will be notified as soon as reasonably practicable and Heritage Touring will, at our discretion, endeavor to offer you an alternative within the spirit of the tour's theme where possible. However, should this not prove possible for any reason, you will not be entitled to any refund of monies you had paid. In no circumstances will Heritage Touring have any liability for any losses suffered by you as a result of this.
- (c) Currency surcharge - when booking a holiday with us in Europe please see notes attached to your invoice reference possible future fluctuations in exchange rate.

4 Complaints

You must take up any complaints with the relevant supplier and our local representative at the time. Problems should be able to be rectified there and then. If you still remain dissatisfied, any complaint must be made in writing to us within 28 days of your return.

5 Conditions of Carriage

This offer is the sole responsibility of the tour operator. It is not issued on behalf of, and does not commit any independent organization/carriers whose services are used.

6 Packages

Under the terms of the "Package Travel, Package Tours Regulations 1992" a package exists if you book two or more different components with us, e.g. travel plus accommodation. Heritage Touring, in accordance with legislation and to provide you with financial security, operate a client trust account. We operate Travel Regulation Insolvency Protection so that all client bookings with Heritage Touring Ltd are insured for the initial deposit and subsequent balance of all money paid to us, including repatriation if required. This policy is for cancellation or curtailment of the declared tour arrangements arising solely from the unlikely event of the financial failure of Heritage Touring Ltd. This insurance has been arranged by Towergate Chapman Stevens Ltd through Zurich Insurance PLC.

7 Our liability

Subject to Clauses 1 to 6 of these Terms and Conditions

- (a) We accept responsibility, other than for personal injury, should any part of the holiday arrangement which you book with us not be supplied as described and not be of a reasonable standard.
- (b) We accept responsibility where you suffer death or personal injuries as the result of an activity forming part of the holiday arrangements you book with us only to the extent that Heritage Touring is legally liable for such death or injury.
- (c) Our acceptances of liability and obligation to pay compensation pursuant of clauses (a) and (b) above are strictly limited pursuant to all applicable laws.
- (d) If any client suffers death, injury or illness arising out of activity which does not form part of the inclusive holiday arrangements or excursion arranged through us, and providing we are legally liable, we may at our discretion offer advice and guidance to help you in resolving any claim you may have against a third party, providing we are advised of the incident within 90 days of the occurrence. Where legal action is contemplated our authority must be obtained prior to commencement of proceedings and be subject to you undertaking to assign costs recovered or any benefits received to ourselves. Our costs in respect of the above on behalf of you and your party shall not exceed £500 in total. The contract and all matters arising from it are governed by English Law and subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales. Heritage Touring is the Trading Name of Heritage Touring Ltd.

8 Delays

We cannot accept any liability for any delays in travel arrangements in the UK or to and from the UK where cancellation or delay is caused by adverse weather conditions, the action of port authorities, air controllers, mechanical breakdown, strike, industrial action or otherwise. In certain cases you may be able to claim from your travel insurance policy.

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Somerset and Devon

Montacute House, Forde Abbey and Dunster Castle
Steam on the West Somerset Railway
Ugbrooke House, Cothelstone Manor
and Bickham House

From the Castle Hotel, Taunton

17 - 20 September 2018 (3 nights)

Enjoy and discover some exceptional houses and gardens whilst staying at the luxury, historic Castle Hotel in Taunton. Travel the longest heritage railway in Britain – 20 miles through stunning Somerset countryside between the Quantock Hills and Exmoor to the coast, a true country branch line of the old Great Western Railway. (A steam train is scheduled to run on this day barring unforeseen circumstances).

MONDAY 17 SEPTEMBER Check into the Castle Hotel before welcome drink and dinner.

TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER Depart by coach to visit **Forde Abbey**. A fascinating combination of mediaeval monastery and unique family home tucked away in the Dorset countryside with 30 acres of world famous gardens and massive all year round interest. A private tour before opening to the public – time for the gardens and early lunch in their café. Continue to **Montacute House**, a masterpiece of Elizabethan Renaissance architecture, built to impress by a wealthy lawyer and member of Elizabeth I's Parliament. With its towering walls of glass, glow of ham stone and its surrounding gardens, it is a place of beauty. The Long Gallery is the longest of its kind in England, measuring over 52 metres and hung with over 60 Tudor and Elizabethan portraits.

WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER Join the train at **Bishops Lydeard** for the 1 ½ hour journey to Dunster. There the coach will again meet and transfer up to the castle. Dramatically sited **Dunster Castle** was a feudal stronghold, then remodelled in 1870s to create a splendid Victorian country house with breath-taking views over Exmoor and the Bristol Channel. Beautiful terraced gardens with sub-tropical plants and rare shrubs, impressive interiors and lavish Victorian decoration. Return to Truro, stopping for a visit to **Cothelstone Manor**. This late-Elizabethan manor house is very much a family home, steeped in a very turbulent past history from the Civil War to the Monmouth Rebellion, and set in idyllic countryside in the foothills of the Quantocks. Private tour with the owners followed by afternoon tea.

Price per person: £659

National Trust Member: £637

Single Supplement: £20

Non-refundable deposit £150 pp

Tour includes:

- ❖ Three nights' hotel accommodation, dinner and breakfast. One lunch.
- ❖ Tours, entries, tickets and coaching
- ❖ Heritage Touring representative



THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER Check out of your rooms before departing by coach to visit the lovely gardens at Bickham House with lots of late summer interest, mature trees and water gardens. Then to Ugbrooke House for a private visit. This 18th century house by Robert Adam with later additions has beautiful scenery and a 'Capability' Brown landscaped park. Originally the home of one of Charles II's ministers whose pioneering collection of Dutch paintings are on view, as is the rich marble Catholic chapel. Lunch included in the Orangery before returning to Taunton station/hotel for 2.30.

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