



HERITAGE  
TOURING  
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# HERITAGE TOURING

2020



Exclusive and special interest tours staying in luxury hotels with dinner, accommodation and breakfast included. You are asked to make your own travel arrangements to join at the hotel. The tour cost also includes entry fees, tickets, tours and lectures, coaching, Heritage Touring representative and any additional meals as set out in the tour details.



# The Belmond British Pullman Cornish Weekend

Penlee Gallery, St Ives and Tate St Ives or Eden and the Lost Gardens of Heligan or Trelissick Garden and the Cornwall Maritime Museum - with lunch at Idle Rocks St Mawes. Rick Stein's Seafood Restaurant at Padstow and Prideaux Place or Trevibban Vineyard and Lanhydrock House

24 - 26  
April  
2020  
(2 nights)

Travel back into the heyday of great train journeys on the **Belmond British Pullman** departing from London Victoria for Cornwall on Friday 24 April. Enjoy luxury dining, various tour options and 4 star luxury hotels before returning to London on Sunday evening. The **Royal Duchy Hotel** with an unrivalled position on Falmouth's seafront. **Budock Vean** is surrounded by extensive gardens that run down to the Helford River and the **Carlyon Bay Hotel** sited on a cliff top location near St Austell.

**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.

**Trelissick Gardens, National Maritime Museum Cornwall, lunch Idle Rocks (Royal Duchy Hotel Falmouth).** A morning visit to Trelissick, a beautiful Cornish spring garden and a superb collection of tender and exotic plants.

**Royal Duchy Hotel:** Double/twin room

Eden/Heligan: **£1200 pp**

Trelissick/St Mawes: **£1250 pp**

Sea-view supplement: **£70 pp**

Single supplement: **£60 pp**

**Budock Vean:** St Ives/Penlee

Double/twin/single standard: **£1250 pp**

**Carlyon Bay:** Inland double/twin room

Rick Stein: **£1280 pp**

Trevibban: **£1260 pp**

Sea-view supplement: **£80 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 20.30*

*(Exact timings will be confirmed).*

The Idle Rocks Hotel at St Mawes has an renowned restaurant with fabulous harbour views. Enjoy a three course set lunch menu followed by an afternoon in Falmouth visiting National Maritime Museum.

**Trevibban Vineyard and Lanhydrock (Carlyon Bay Hotel St Austell).** Tucked away down a Cornish lane is the working vineyard at Trevibban Mill. On Saturday morning a tour of the vineyard and winery with a tasting of eight different wines and an early light lunch, fresh DaBara bread, hummus, charcuterie, olives and cheese followed by dessert and coffee, while enjoying beautiful views across the valley. Afternoon visit to Lanhydrock House. A majestic late Victorian country house where the historic spring gardens will be at their peak filled with flowering rhododendrons, camellias, azaleas and magnolias.

**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 Vean 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.





# The Royal Institution and Faraday Museum

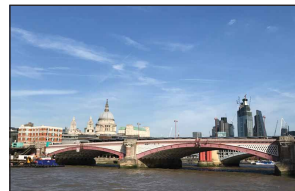
Mozart's *Requiem* by Candlelight - St Martin in the Fields

Architecture Boat Tour on the Central Thames\*

Shakespeare's Globe Theatre and Spencer House

Staying at The Cavendish Hotel St James's

**13 - 15 March 2020 (2 nights)**



**FRIDAY 13 MARCH** Check into The Cavendish Hotel, St James's. Your rooms should be ready by 3 pm. Meet in reception at 3.30 for the ten minute walk to Albemarle Street for a tour of **The Royal Institution Collections and Heritage Department**. Led by an expert member of the department, tours cover elements of the history and architecture of the building as well as telling the stories behind some of the **Faraday Museum** displays and various aspects of the Royal Institution's activities, past and present. If available you will see the historic lecture theatre where the Christmas Lectures are recorded.

The evening concert - **Brandenburg Festival Chorus** and **Brandenburg Sinfonia** performing Mozart's **Requiem by Candlelight** in **St Martin in the Fields**. (Programme also includes: Mozart – *Salzburg Symphony No 1*, *Marriage of Figaro Divertimento* and Barber – *Adagio for Strings*).

**SATURDAY 14 MARCH** A morning visit to **Shakespeare's Globe Theatre** for a guided tour of the auditorium. The expert guides vividly recreate the stories of the 1599 Globe and the reconstruction process in the 1990s, followed by a demonstration on a recreated 17th century printing press the method used for printing Shakespeare's plays. A transfer by coach over the Thames to **Two Temple Place**, known for many years as Astor House and one of London's architectural gems.

Departing from Crown Pier this unique riverside tour offers a fresh perspective on London's emerging and established skyline and a glimpse into the past, whilst looking at iconic landmarks that make London so architecturally diverse. Led by a specialist guide whose in-depth knowledge guarantees a deep insight and fascinating commentary. The 2 ½ hour tour first ventures upriver to Nine Elms, taking in Battersea Power

Station, the new American Embassy and the studio of Norman Foster, designer of the Gherkin and the Millennium Bridge. Then heading downriver Portcullis House, Somerset House and Renzo Piano's Shard, The boat has excellent viewing both on deck and below and only booked for capacity for the inside covered deck in case of rain. \*Please note: The intention is for Thames Central tour but a proviso it may go East as tides dependent – equally very interesting.

**SUNDAY 15 MARCH** Check of the hotel before a morning tour of **Spencer House**. Recognised as one of the most ambitious aristocratic town houses ever built in London and is the city's only great eighteenth-century private palace to survive intact. This magnificent aristocratic palace has regained the full splendour of its late eighteenth-century appearance after a painstaking ten-year restoration undertaken by RIT Capital Partners plc, under the Chairmanship of Lord Rothschild.

**Price per person: £520**

**Single supplement: £65 per night**  
(Double rooms for sole occupancy)

**Non-refundable deposit: £175 pp**

Tour includes:

- ❖ 2 nights Cavendish Hotel with full English breakfast, welcome drink
- ❖ All entries, tours, concert and boat tickets
- ❖ Coaching and Heritage Touring representative

*Special rates available if you require additional nights at the Cavendish.*



# The Royal Windsor Horse Show Pageant Celebrating the Edwardian Era

Thames boat cruise with lunch from Windsor - Marlow

Evening Choral Service - St George's Chapel Windsor Castle

Staying Macdonald Berystede Hotel, nr Ascot  
**16 - 18 May 2020 (2 nights)**

The Royal Windsor Horse Show's backdrop of a floodlit Windsor Castle is a stunning location for equestrian theatrical spectacles. The Pageant will be an equine and musical feast of entertainment with a cast of artists, dancers, 500 participants and more than 400 horses. The 90 minute evening spectacular describes the highlights of the Edwardian period through music, military and equestrian displays.

The Edwardian era, whilst a short one, had many landmark moments, whether it was the arrival of the motorcar, the popularity of horse racing, the final age of Empire, the Boer war or the stirring music. As the story unfolds visitors will enjoy displays from The King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery, The Household Cavalry, Massed Pipes and Drums, Indian Dohl Drummers, Ascot Racing Scenes, The Garde Republicaine from France, The Oman Royal Cavalry, Vintage Cars and scenes from Balmoral and Sandringham. The Proms started in 1895 and a Proms Scene will include music from the era which remains a part of our national heritage today.

Your top price seat for The Pageant is in the covered Queen's Stand offering excellent views of the performance. The Windsor Enclosure offers a bar and bistro area serving meals, light treats and evening drinks.

**Price per person: £558**

**Single supplement: £55 per night (£110)**

*(Double rooms for sole occupancy)*

**Non-refundable deposit: £175 pp**

Tour includes:

- ❖ 2 night's hotel accommodation with full English breakfast buffet lunch and a dinner
- ❖ Top price tickets for the Pageant and entry to the Windsor Horse Show
- ❖ Boat excursion and lunch
- ❖ Coaching and Heritage Touring representative

*Nearest Station: Ascot. There is parking at the hotel.*

*If you require only the Saturday night we can adjust the price accordingly. Must be stated when booking.*

**SATURDAY 16 MAY** Your hotel is the 4 star Macdonald Berystede Hotel close to Ascot with landscaped gardens and spa facilities. There will be a very late buffet lunch before leaving at 5 pm so that you have time to explore the horse show, numerous retail outlets surrounding the arena or view the remaining jumping classes before taking your own seats in the stands by 8.30 pm – the pageant will finish at 10.15 and the coach returns to the hotel.

**SUNDAY 17 MAY** A leisurely upstream 3 ½ hour boat cruise on the River Thames during which a ploughman's lunch will be served. Leaving **Windsor** with lovely castle views, Bray alongside the magnificent riverside mansions, passing beneath Maidenhead's historic road bridge and Brunel's masterpiece - the Sounding Arch which carries the GWR line. Travelling onwards, through the famous Boulton's Lock, to cruise the beautiful Cliveden reach, the setting of the Profumo affair and on through Cookham and Bourne End to **Marlow**. A short break in Marlow, before the coach will meet you to return to Windsor in time to attend choral evensong at **St George's Chapel Windsor Castle** with both men and boy's choirs. Return to the hotel for dinner. **Monday 18 May** Check out of your rooms for departure.



# The RHS Chatsworth Flower Show

Chatsworth House and  
Derbyshire's Hall Gardens

Haddon Hall, Thornbridge Hall,  
Culland Hall, Cascades Garden  
and the Burrows Gardens

Staying at the Old Hall Hotel, Buxton

**9 - 12 June 2020 (3 nights)**



In Derbyshire's stunning Peak District the RHS Chatsworth Flower Show has a style and content unlike other show events. Set in the dramatic grounds of **Chatsworth House**, home to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, a delightful mix of gardening inspiration, spectacular summer colour and tempting plants within a magnificent setting. Your member's tickets will be purchased to attend the first day, when the numbers are reduced and will also include entry to Chatsworth House where you can see magnificent displays of art, furniture, sculptures and paintings housed in ornately decorated rooms.

Staying in **Buxton** in the heart of the Peak District, for three nights in the historic **Old Hall Hotel** next to the opera house and the Pavilion Gardens. From here together with a day spent at Chatsworth there will also be two days visiting some superb Derbyshire gardens. Arrive **TUESDAY 9 JUNE** before a welcome drink and dinner – check in is from 2.30 pm – in the afternoon take the opportunity to visit the Pavilion Gardens adjacent to the hotel.

**WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE** The gardens today include: **Cascades Gardens**. Inspired by Japanese gardens, this idyllic four-acre haven has a spectacular natural landscape of cliffs, streams, waterfalls and woodland, a series of garden rooms with vibrant and unusual perennials. **Thornbridge Hall** where the 12 acres of quintessentially English gardens, originally created to produce a vision of '1000 shades of green', and are a perfect example of Victorian engineering to manipulate the landscape into a series of garden rooms. A light lunch will be included. **Haddon Hall**, one of England's finest medieval manors with a grand Tudor hall and Elizabethan terraced gardens which have been replanted recently by the award winning garden designer Arne Maynard.

**Price per person: £645**

**Single supplement: £28 per night (£84)**

*(Double rooms for sole occupancy)*

**Non-refundable deposit: £175 pp**

Tour includes:

- ❖ 3 nights' accommodation, dinner and breakfast
- ❖ Lunch at Thornbridge, all garden entries
- ❖ Member's tickets and Chatsworth House
- ❖ Executive coaching and Heritage Touring representative

**THURSDAY 11 JUNE** A day at the **RHS Chatsworth Show** and Chatsworth House. Departing early and approaching from the west normally ensures easy access. The show opens 10 am and the house at mid-day. There is a plant crèche for initial purchases and of course the coach will have plenty of space for storing plants.

**FRIDAY 12 JUNE** The final morning a private visit to **Culland Hall** an exceptional 4 acre garden, beautifully designed and planted over the last thirty years in wonderful rolling landscape. Then to nearby **Burrows Garden**. An outstanding five acre garden with immaculate lawns setting off a variety of 'garden rooms' with exotic rare plants and trees, mixing with old favourites. Light refreshments before the coach will return to Buxton for the hotel and the station by 2.30 pm.





# The English National Ballet - Royal Albert Hall

*Swan Lake* “in the round” - Tchaikovsky  
 Guildhall Art Gallery and  
 London’s Roman Amphitheatre  
 The Museum of London Docklands  
 and Emirates Aviation Experience

From the Cavendish Hotel, St James’s  
**19 - 21 June 2020 (2 nights)**



Derek Deane’s critically-acclaimed outstanding production of *Swan Lake* caused a sensation at its premiere in 1997. True love triumphs over evil in this epic ballet, set to Tchaikovsky’s glorious score, brought to life by the **English National Ballet**. The Royal Albert Hall is transformed into a magical lake with sixty ballerina swans flocking across the arena floor. Top priced stall seats for this beautiful in-the-round production.

**FRIDAY 19 JUNE** Check into the **Cavendish Hotel, St James**, a luxury 4 star hotel in the centre of Mayfair with a wonderful location for galleries, museums and shopping. Welcome drink and pre-theatre two course dinner included. Transfer to the **Royal Albert Hall** for the evening performance of **Swan Lake**.

**SATURDAY 20 JUNE** Tour of the **Guildhall Art Gallery**. The City of London Corporation’s magnificent art collection is essentially a portrait of the City and the riches of its art collectors with works ranging from Pre-Raphaelites to depictions of London’s colourful past. Step into the ruins of **London’s Roman Amphitheatre**. Lost for centuries, the original circular walls were rediscovered by archaeologists working in 1988. Continue to the **Museum of London Docklands** on the Isle of Dogs in East London. This 200 year old sugar warehouse reveals the history of the capital and growth of the Docklands as a port through stories of trade, migration and commerce from Roman settlement to the more recent development of Canary Wharf. Lunch can be purchased in their café or restaurant.

**Price per person: £580**

**Single supplement: £62 per night**  
*(Double rooms for sole occupancy)*

**Non-refundable deposit: £175 pp**

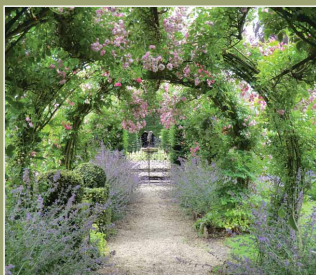
Tour includes:

- ❖ 2 nights Cavendish hotel superior rooms, with full English breakfast, welcome drink and two course pre-theatre dinner
- ❖ Top price seats for *Swan Lake*
- ❖ All entries, tours, boat and air line tickets
- ❖ Coaching and Heritage Touring Representative

*Special rates available if you require additional nights at the Cavendish.*

Short drive to the Royal Docks to board the **Emirates Air Line** to glide over the Thames to North Greenwich. This ten minute journey offers spectacular views of the Docklands and the City of London. Conveniently located next to the air line the **Emirates Aviation Experience** offers a chance to have an insight into the world of modern commercial aviation including the inner workings of a real Rolls-Royce Trent 900 engine. Return to Westminster from North Greenwich by **Thames Clipper** – a wonderful forty minutes river journey up the Thames. Taxi back to the hotel.

**SUNDAY 21 JUNE** Check out of your rooms at the hotel. **TBC** A morning tour of the **Travellers Club, 106 Pall Mall**. The club, founded in 1819 by the then Foreign Secretary and the Duke of Wellington, was intended to provide a meeting place for gentlemen who had travelled abroad. If the Travellers Club is unavailable due to corporate event a tour of Apsley House will be offered instead.



# Magical Private Gardens of the Cotswolds

Staying at the Ettington Park Hotel,  
near Stratford on Avon  
**15 - 18 June 2020 (3 nights)**



A new Cotswolds garden tour that includes exclusive visits to some superb gardens. Stay at the **Ettington Park Hotel**, a luxury four star country house hotel, a spectacular Neo-Gothic mansion with the ruins of a romantic church in its extensive grounds.

**Ablington Manor** is a tranquil four-acre garden surrounding the historic manor house. There are herbaceous borders, a small walled garden with rose pergolas, a woodland garden and unusual yew topiary. **Eastleach House**, a large quintessential English garden beautifully designed with outstanding plants and inspirational colour. Lovely vistas, walled and rill gardens, herbaceous borders, yew and box hedges, formal herb garden and topiary. **Kiftsgate**, a dream garden perched on the edge of the Cotswolds reflecting gardening through the 20th century. Three generations of lady gardeners have designed, planted and sustained this garden. The upper gardens are planted to give harmonious colour schemes, whilst the sheltered lower gardens recreate the atmosphere of warmer countries and with of course the giant Kiftsgate rose.

**Wychwood Manor**. The 1920's house with Arts and Crafts style gardens have been recently restored by Julian and Isabel Bannerman - a strong framework of walls, hornbeam hedging and yew topiary is enhanced and softened by roses under planted with lavender and euphorbia. **Asthall Manor**, six acres of dramatic planting surround the lovely manor house. The gardens a beguiling mix of traditional and contemporary and this year will again host "on form", the only exhibition in the country dedicated exclusively to stone sculpture.

**Westwell Manor** is an inspirational garden, the creation of the late landscape designer Anthea Gibson, with numerous garden rooms and superb planting.

**Admington Hall**. A lovely garden with an established structure of innovative planning and planting. Walled garden, wild flower meadows and extensive topiary.

**Morton Hall** sited on the crest of a steep embankment with fabulous views, the eight acres of garden and park combine historic and new features. Superb herbaceous borders, a striking potager, woodland rockery and an elegant Japanese Garden. A unique garden of outstanding beauty and a vast collection of plants.

**Price per person: £689**

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

**Non-refundable deposit: £150 pp**

Tour includes:

- ✦ 3 nights' accommodation, dinner and breakfast
- ✦ 1 lunch and refreshments where stated
- ✦ Garden entries, coaching and Heritage Touring representative

*Car parking available at hotel, taxi from station Stratford on Avon or bus drops at end of drive.*

**MONDAY 15 JUNE** Check into Ettington Park Hotel.

**TUESDAY 16 JUNE** Ablington Manor, Eastleach House. Refreshments at Ablington and a late lunch stop in Burford before continuing to Kiftsgate.

**WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE** Wychwood Manor, Asthall Manor for garden and sculpture exhibition. Lunch is available to purchase. Afternoon visit to Westwell Manor.

**THURSDAY 18 JUNE** A garden visit to Admington Hall before continuing to Morton Hall (light lunch included). Stratford Station for 2.30 then to hotel.



# SS Shieldhall - Sailing from Southampton to Poole

Russell-Cotes Art Gallery & Museum,  
Kingston Lacy, Knoll Gardens,  
and Bucklers Hard  
and the Beaulieu River

Staying in the heart of the New Forest,  
Rhinefield House Hotel

**16 - 19 August 2020**



The Steamship Shieldhall is the largest working steam ship in Britain. A member of the National Historic Fleet she serves as a sea going tribute to Britain's maritime heritage. As a passenger you can experience the golden age of steam on a trip to Poole from Southampton Docks. Steam through Southampton Water, The Needles, Hengistbury Head and Poole Harbour, passing Brownsea Island and Sandbanks before berthing at Poole Quay. Visit the impressive engine room with its original steam engines at work and the bridge, with its traditional instruments and gleaming brass work or walk the teak decks, relax in the Saloon and enjoy a range of refreshments, hot and cold during the six hour voyage.

Stay for three nights at the four star **Rhinefield House Hotel** near Brockenhurst, a magnificent historic country mansion set in landscaped gardens within the heart of the **New Forest**. Check into the hotel on **SUNDAY 16 AUGUST** before a welcome drink and dinner.

**MONDAY 17 AUGUST** Journey to Southampton to join **SS Shieldhall** for the 10am departure. Arrive at Poole 4 pm where the coach will meet and return to the hotel.

**TUESDAY 18 AUGUST** Bournemouth for a tour of **The Russell-Cotes Art Gallery**. This fascinating historic house was home of two Victorian collectors and travel enthusiasts, Sir Merton and Lady Annie Russell-Cotes. This splendid seaside villa on a cliff-top overlooking the sea is filled with beautiful objects from their travels across the world, a remarkable collection of British paintings, sculpture, furniture and ceramics.

**Price per person: £660**

**Single supplement: £65 per night**  
(Double rooms for sole occupancy)

**Non-refundable deposit: £175 pp**

Tour includes:

- ❖ Three nights Rhinefield House Hotel with full English breakfast and dinner
- ❖ Entries, tickets and boat cruises
- ❖ Coaching and Heritage Touring Representative

*Nearest Station: Brockenhurst  
(frequent mainline trains to London)*

Continue into Dorset to visit **Kingston Lacy** an elegant 17th century Italian inspired mansion, the residence of the powerful Bankes family who surrounded themselves with fine art and sculpture resulting in an internationally acclaimed art collection. The Egyptian Room houses the largest private collection of Egyptian artefacts in the UK. Returning to the hotel, crossing over the forest, stopping en route at **Knoll Gardens**. A peak time to see the abundance of ornamental grasses and flowering perennials which merge almost seamlessly across its 4-acre garden with spectacular effect.

**WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST** Check out of your rooms before a visit to **Bucklers Hard**, the picturesque village, maritime museum, shipwrights' workshop and beautiful river views. There will be a thirty minute boat trip which wends its way along the Beaulieu River, accompanied by commentary revealing the history and wildlife that inhabits the river. Refreshments can be purchased before returning to Brockenhurst Station for 2pm for those catching the train and then the hotel.





# North Yorkshire and County Durham

Discover gardens, historic houses and the North Yorkshire Moors

Staying at The Crathorne Park Hotel, near Yarm  
12 - 16 July 2020 (4 nights)



The North Yorkshire Moors with its magnificent scenery provide a wonderful setting to discover the fabulous gardens that border them with visits to some superb new walled gardens, the rejuvenation of Bishops Auckland and the historic houses at Kiplin Hall and Sion Hill House.

**SUNDAY 12 JULY** Check into the 4 star **Crathorne Hall Hotel**, a luxury hotel blending historic grandeur with modern-day luxury surrounded by extensive private grounds just on the edge of the Yorkshire Moors.

**MONDAY 13 JULY** A guided tour of **Sion Hill Hall**. An Arts and Crafts inspired house beautifully furnished with a fine collection of antiques and works of art and five acres of lovingly restored gardens. Then to Helmsley, visit the **Helmsley Walled Garden** which has developed over the years and has spectacular double herbaceous borders and a range of themed garden rooms. (Lunch can be purchased in Helmsley). Afternoon **Sleightholme Dale Lodge**. A hillside garden in a moorland setting filled with colour and exuberance. Return to the hotel over the moors.

**TUESDAY 14 JULY** **Middleton Lodge** is a country hotel where the walled garden has been restored and designed by Tom Stuart Smith, now matured and filled with fruit, herbs and vegetables and wonderful flowing herbaceous borders. Then Richmond to visit the magical small garden at **Millgate** beautifully designed and planted with views down to the River Swale. **Eggleston House Gardens**. The walled garden specialises in rare and unusual species with emphasis on plants that thrive in the northern dales. (Light lunch included). Afternoon **Kiplin Hall and Gardens**. A Jacobean country house furnished as a comfortable

Victorian home with eclectic mix of furniture and paintings. The gardens are being restored to their former beauty in this lovely lake setting.

**Price per person: £755 4 nights**

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

**Non-refundable deposit: £175 pp**

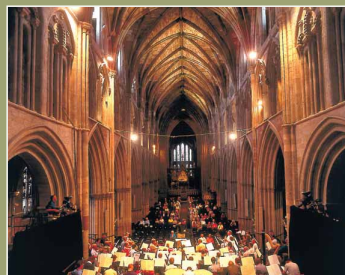
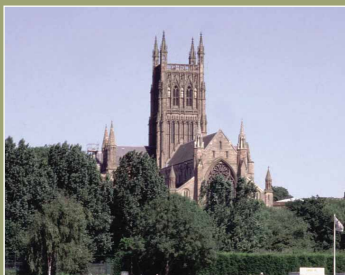
Tour includes:

- ✦ 4 nights dinner, accommodation and breakfast
- ✦ 2 light lunches, welcome drink
- ✦ All garden entries, tours and coaching
- ✦ Heritage Touring representative

**3 night option departing after tour Wednesday £675.**

**WEDNESDAY 15 JULY** County Durham - **Thornton Hall**. This plantsman's garden has fabulous planting with an array of colours and fragrances, roses, vegetables, large wildlife pond. Then to **Bishops Auckland** to see the recently restored castle with a light lunch in their new tea rooms and to view the restoration that is taking place in the huge walled garden below. Finally, the walled garden designed by Alastair Baldwin at **Wynyard Hall**. Over 3,000 David Austin roses, magnificent planting and an interesting selection of trees and shrubs, the Edible Garden is filled with home-grown produce and there is an Italian-inspired Marquee Garden.

**THURSDAY 16 JULY** Finally a visit to **Mount Grace Priory** a wonderfully preserved Carthusian priory with gardens recently redesigned in the Arts and Crafts style by garden designer Chris Beardshaw. Finish Northallerton Station for 13.08 train departure.



# Three Choirs Festival - Worcester Cathedral

Five Cathedral Concerts  
and Choral Evensong

From The Abbey Hotel Great Malvern  
**30 July - 2nd August 2020 (3 nights)**

**The Three Choirs Festival** this year takes place in Worcester and there are five superb concerts to enjoy with top class tickets performed in the iconic setting of Worcester Cathedral. This tour allows some time in Worcester itself so that you can enjoy the atmosphere surrounding the Festival, perhaps listen to a rehearsal in the Cathedral and with some optional additional extras to fill your days. The hotel is the four star Abbey Hotel Great Malvern with views over the Vale of Evesham and the Malvern Hills and a short distance from Worcester.

**THURSDAY 30 JULY** Check into the hotel. There will be welcome drink and early dinner before departure by coach for Worcester. The programme for this evening's cathedral concert is Beethoven *Egmont Overture*, Howells *Cello Concerto* and Elgar *Symphony No 3*.

**FRIDAY 31 JULY** A leisurely start before setting off for Worcester. Visit the Great Malvern Priory or the Malvern Museums adjacent to the hotel in the morning. Lunch can be purchased in Worcester before the afternoon concert. **The Three Cathedral Choirs of Gloucester, Hereford and Worcester:** will perform Bach's *Magnificat* and Buxtehude *Membra Jesu Nostri*.

An early three course dinner will be in an Italian restaurant adjacent to the cathedral before the evening cathedral concert. The performance includes the American composer **John Adams'** electrifying *Short Ride in a Fast Machine*. Fly into space with *The Pleiades*, the work of Latvian composer **Eriks Ešēvalds**, one of the most sought-after composers today and in the forefront of contemporary choral work. Followed by a major commission by **Gabriel Jackson** - one of Britain's rising stars and a celebrated composer on the choral music scene, his music is performed by choirs all over the world.

**SATURDAY 1 AUGUST** In the morning a cathedral concert given by **National Youth Choir of Great Britain** performing Tallis' *Spem in Alium* and music by **Mathias, Roxanna Panufnik, Eriks Ešēvalds** and **John Casken**.

Your afternoon is free in Worcester – there are three options all adjacent to the Cathedral to discover. **The Tudor House Museum** - a beautiful 16th century building full of unique features and fascinating stories. **Grey Friar's Home (NT)** - a medieval merchant's house and lovely walled garden. The **Museum of Royal Worcester**, located in the Royal Worcester porcelain factory's former site – recently transformed and reopened to huge acclaim. A variety of items displayed in wonderful colours and light, presenting the biggest and best collection of Worcester porcelain in the world. There may be a rehearsal in the cathedral which you can attend and late afternoon choral evensong.

Early three course dinner in a nearby French restaurant. The evening cathedral concert is John Ireland's *A London Overture*, Beethoven *Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage*, Vaughan Williams *Songs of Travel* and Walton *Belshazzar's Feast*.

**SUNDAY 2 AUGUST** Check out of the hotel and perhaps time to enjoy Malvern.

**Price per person: £780**

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

**Non-refundable deposit: £175 pp**

Tour includes:

- ❖ 3 nights' accommodation, breakfast and welcome drink, one dinner in the hotel
- ❖ Two restaurant dinners Worcester
- ❖ Top price tickets for five concerts and one entry to Worcester Museums
- ❖ Transfers by coach to and from Worcester and professional guide

Free Car parking is available at the hotel – nearest station Great Malvern but Worcester only short taxi ride.



# The Isle of Wight

In the footsteps of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert

Private lunch at The Royal Yacht Squadron, Cowes

Lakeside Park Hotel nr Wootton Bridge  
**14 - 17 September 2020 (3 nights)**

Discover superb coastal scenery, a wealth of history and enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the island that meant so much to Queen Victoria. Staying at the new **Lakeside Park Hotel** (4\*) with lakeview rooms, in an area of outstanding natural beauty near Wootton Bridge. The modern hotel has extensive spa facilities and a restaurant overlooking the tidal lake.

**MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER** Meet mid-day at Southampton train station or Red Funnel Ferry terminal. Ferry departs at 1 pm ensuring that you reach **Osborne House** with time to discover Victoria's much loved family home, the walled kitchen gardens and Swiss Cottage. Continue the short distance to Lakeside Park Hotel. Welcome drink before dinner.

**TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER** First visit **St Mildred's Church Whippingham**, redesigned by Prince Albert and rebuilt in a style considered to be more suitable for the royal family. Continue to Cowes for an exclusive private lunch at the **Royal Yacht Squadron** starting with a tour of the Castle and hear the unique history of the RYS within the sailing world. Lunch will be served in a room overlooking the entrance to Cowes Harbour. Afternoon visit to **Carrisbrooke Castle**. This historic romantic castle has been an Elizabethan artillery fortress, a king's prison and a royal summer residence. Meet the donkeys, visit a fascinating museum and see the Castle's Edwardian garden.

**WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER** Visit **Ventnor Botanic Garden** with a wonderful collection of subtropical and exotic plants thriving in the mild climate and sheltered setting. Then continue along the coastal **Military Road** to Freshwater Bay and Dimbola Lodge. **Dimbola** was the home of the celebrated Victorian photographer Julia

Margaret Cameron. It is now a museum and gallery dedicated to her life and work. Light lunch in their café included followed by a guided tour of **Farringford**, the home of Alfred Lord Tennyson Poet Laureate from 1856 until his death in 1892. Now in private hands the property has undergone extensive restoration and re-opens as a historic house. Return to the hotel with possible en route stop in Yarmouth.

**THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER** Check out of the hotel then a tour of **Quarr Abbey**. A Benedictine monastery set in beautiful surroundings just a few minutes from the hotel. A chance to visit their cafe and farm shop before continuing to East Cowes for the Classic Boat Museum and to then board the ferry back to Southampton arriving at 2.30 – the coach will drop at the station for 2.45 pm.

**Price per person: £755**

**Single supplement: £65 per night (3 nights)**  
*(Double rooms for sole occupancy)*

**Non-refundable deposit: £175 pp**  
**English Heritage Members less £20**

Tour includes:

- ❖ 3 nights' accommodation, breakfast and dinner
- ❖ Lunch at RYS and light lunch Dimbola
- ❖ All entries and tours as stated
- ❖ Coaching, ferry crossing and Heritage Touring Guide



# 2020 and Future Tours

Some tours that appear currently on our website and are not featured properly in this brochure are fully booked by our clients who had expressed an early interest. Do please enquire in case we have cancellations or you would like priority for another year. These include:-

## A Taste of Calvados - Normandy's 'Côte Fleurie', Gardens and Châteaux of Normandy Calvados

Starting with 28 June (Buxted Park Hotel, Uckfield 1 night)  
29 June - 3rd July 2020 Hotel Mercure Trouville sur Mer (4 nights)

An opportunity to discover some superb Normandy gardens around the Calvados region – including Jardins de Castillon-Plantbessin, Les Jardins du Domaine Albizia, Château de Brecy, Pays d'Auge, Château de Boutemont and others. Relax and enjoy some Normandy hospitality and stay in a hotel five minutes from the beach and in the centre of the picturesque fishing port and seaside town of Trouville.



## South West Scotland

The Gardens of Dumfriesshire and Galloway,  
Garden of Cosmic Speculation  
Logan Botanic, Castle Kennedy, Threave  
Corsock, Craichlaw, Glenwhan, Drumlanrig Castle,  
Dalswinton

Staying at the Cally Palace Hotel, Gatehouse of Fleet  
18 - 22 May 2020 (4 nights)

Stay in the heart of Galloway and discover a wealth of stunning gardens. Castle Kennedy, Logan Botanical Garden and Glenwhan that are nurtured by the mild climate and warmth of the Gulf Stream on the Rhins of Galloway peninsula stretching north and south of Stranraer. The Garden of Cosmic Speculation, one of the world's most significant contemporary sculpture gardens at Portrack created by the late landscape architect Charles Jencks. The beautiful woodland gardens at Corsock and Dalswinton and lovely gardens at Craichlaw and Threave. A guided tour of Drumlanrig Castle with its iconic art collection and priceless furniture.



## Autumn/Winter Tours 2020

We intend to offer another tour from Buxted Park Hotel Sussex to include **Glyndebourne Touring Opera** in **12 – 15 October** – their programme and dates still to be confirmed but with a different itinerary so well worth considering for a third time!

**Tours from the Cavendish Hotel** in London are being planned for the later part of the year - to include special visits, theatre or musicals – as always these cannot be finalised so far in advance but will definitely include New Year's Eve.

As soon as the return part of the non-stop through Eurostar train is confirmed from **Amsterdam to London** there will be a tour by train to Amsterdam. (At the moment outward journey is fine but the return requires a change in Brussels).

## The Gardens of Ninfa, Historic and Private Italian Gardens near Rome -

now in its seventh year. Advance date - register now: 3 - 7 May 2021

Gardens visits will include: The Villa d'Este in Tivoli, a superb illustration of the Renaissance period with fountains, waterfalls and terraces. Villa Lante, on a smaller scale and more intimate but perfectly proportioned. Bomarzo a strange bewitching treasure trove of massive garden monsters and statues. One of the most beautiful gardens in the world - The Gardens of Ninfa near Lazio south of Rome, a garden of sublime romantic beauty where time seems to stand still, roses, jasmine, wisteria ramble and climb through the ancient medieval ruins of the city of Ninfa. Nearby a very private garden - Torrecchia – designed by Dan Pearson, on a hill top within the ruins a small medieval village. Giardini della Landriana - divided into "rooms", a hillside of roses, lavender, box, formal and colour themed, lakes, citrus and olive groves. Moutan Botanic Centre - home to the world's largest collection of tree and herbaceous peonies. Valleranello Rose Garden a beautiful rose garden south of Rome. The Villa Tuscolana Park Hotel is sited on top of one of the hills of Rome, overlooking the town of Frascati – an extraordinary location with amazing views.



## Heritage Touring Office

From 2 – 23 January the Heritage Touring office is open but functioning from New York so all emails, telephone calls (same cost as ringing UK) will be carry on as normal, postal mail will be opened but please a short delay on confirmation of hard copy paperwork which will be dealt with when I return. The wonders of technology! As always if you have friends who would like to receive our brochure or you would like additional brochures to give to friends we would be delighted to help.



# Heritage Touring Booking Form

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☐ 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, credit or 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.

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)

<b>Please tick the method of payment</b>	
Visa or Mastercard only, Cheques payable to <b>Heritage Touring Ltd.</b>	
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# *Terms and Conditions*

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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, endeavour 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.

**Brochure Mailings:** If you do not already receive our brochures on a regular basis, or who have friends who would like to receive copies in the future, please use the booking form to send us your contact details.



# Gardens of Herefordshire

Brockhampton Cottage, Grendon Court,  
The Laskett

Brobury House, Stockton Bury,  
Hampton Court Castle

Birtsmorton Court,  
Little Malvern Court

Very limited  
availability



Staying at the Abbey Hotel, Great Malvern  
**22 - 25 June 2020 (3 nights)**

Within the stunning landscape, rolling hills, orchards and proper English farmland - Herefordshire also has some exceptional gardens. This tour includes visits to gardens some rarely open and others where garden designers and leading influential horticulturalists have lovingly created truly memorable and unique gardens. Stay for three nights in **The Abbey Hotel**, a 4-star hotel in Great Malvern with landscaped gardens and spectacular views over the Vale of Evesham and the Malvern Hills. Arrive and check into the hotel on **Monday 22nd June** before welcome drink and dinner.

**TUESDAY 23 JUNE** First a visit to **Brobury House**. Set above the banks of the River Wye this immaculate garden is superb from the terraced Victorian gardens, wonderful specimen trees, bog garden to the formal water features. Then to **Stockton Bury**. A sheltered 4-acre garden with fantastic colour and interest. Extensive collection of plants, many rare and unusual set amongst medieval buildings. Lunch will be provided in their café. On the return to Malvern a late afternoon visit to **Hampton Court Castle** gardens - twelve acres of award winning gardens with an exceptional walled garden enclosing flowing herbaceous borders, avenues, island pavilions and canals.

**WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE** The first garden is **Brockhampton Cottage** a beautiful hilltop garden south of Hereford overlooking miles of unspoilt countryside created by the owners Peter Clay and designer Tom Stuart-Smith. A woodland garden and superb wild flower meadows, Perry pear orchard and in valley below, lake, stream and arboretum. Following on to nearby **Grendon Court** a contemporary garden designed by Tom Stuart-Smith. Planted on two levels, a clever collection of mass-planted perennials and grasses of different heights, textures and colour give all-year round interest. A light lunch is kindly provided by the owner. The afternoon visit is to **The Laskett** one of the largest private formal gardens to be created in England since 1945. Over almost four decades the historian, Sir Roy Strong transformed a field into a series of stunning garden rooms, vistas, ascents and descents.

**THURSDAY 25 JUNE** Check out of the hotel before garden visits to **Birtsmorton Court**. A stunning garden surrounding a medieval moated manor house that includes a white garden surrounded on all sides by old topiary, and potager. **Little Malvern Court**, a former Benedictine Priory and home to the same family for nearly 500 years. The gardens were transformation in the 1980's by the owner and garden designer Arabella Lennox-Boyd. The coach will drop at Malvern Station by 1.30 and the hotel for departure.

**Price per person: £619 per person**

**Single supplement: £40 per night (£120)**

*(Double rooms for sole occupancy)*

**Non-refundable deposit: £150 pp**

**Tour includes:**

- ❖ 3 nights' hotel accommodation, breakfast and dinner
- ❖ 2 lunches, refreshments where stated and welcome drink
- ❖ All garden entries and tours
- ❖ Coaching and Heritage Touring Representative

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