

# CHELSEA & GARDENS OF ENGLAND

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18 - 29 MAY

# 2026

Come with us to an England up to its knees in spring blossom, carpets of bluebells and wildflowers. Our tour includes the Cornish Coast, Oxford, Cotswolds, Bath and London. It's a mix of heavenly gardens with special tickets to Opening Day at the Chelsea Flower Show.

*Corham Ross*



Lost Gardens of Heligan



Palladian Bridge, Bath



Hestercombe Gardens



## DAY 1 | MON 18 MAY

### London

Check into your hotel and meet up with your Tour Leader, Colin Barlow, for an optional afternoon walk down Sloane Street for 'Chelsea in Bloom'. Welcome Dinner at our hotel.

*Pestana Chelsea Bridge Hotel*

## DAY 2 | TUE 19 MAY

### Chelsea Flower Show

Special tickets for Opening Day at the Chelsea Flower Show. Enjoy multimillion dollar show gardens and the smaller artisan gardens. Browse flower exhibits in the Great Pavilion and treat yourself in the shopping avenue! Late afternoon transfer to your hotel. Evening free.

*Pestana Chelsea Bridge Hotel*

## DAY 3 | WED 20 MAY

### West Green

West Green House, Hampshire is the gorgeous Opera Garden of Australian expat Marylyn Abbott. The garden pays homage to its 18th-century origins with Marylyn's sense of fun and exquisite planting scheme. Lunch in her greenhouse before we travel on to Oxford. Check into Hotel Randolph in the city centre, for the next four nights. Watch out for Morse in the Morse Bar! Dinner is included.

*Randolph Hotel, Oxford*

## DAY 4 | THU 21 MAY

### The Cotswolds

Travel into the Cotswolds today to visit two grand gardens! Kiftsgate Court in its magnificent setting on the top of the Cotswold escarpment, is one of the most romantic gardens in Britain. Meet owner Anne Chambers, whose mother Dianyn Binny and grandmother, Heather Muir created the garden. Lunch is included here before we go next door to Hidcote, Lawrence Johnson's influential Arts and

(D) Crafts garden, made between the two World Wars.

*Randolph Hotel, Oxford*

## DAY 5 | FRI 22 MAY

### Sudeley Castle

Sudeley Castle, a romantic ruin on the edge of the Cotswolds, surrounded by an extraordinary suite of gardens. Pettifers is next, the garden of the late Gina Price. Her genius is enduring in sumptuous colour themed borders. Afternoon tea in Gina's garden will be unforgettable. Travel to Oxford with the evening free.

*Randolph Hotel, Oxford*

## DAY 6 | SAT 23 MAY

### Waterperry Gardens

Morning visit to Waterperry, an exciting complex of gardens, the legacy of a horticultural college for women, run by the redoubtable Beatrix Havergal. Gardeners are keeping faith to its origins. Guided stroll around Oxford this afternoon to learn its fascinating history. Option to attend evensong at Christ Church Cathedral.

*Randolph Hotel, Oxford*

## DAY 7 | SUN 24 MAY

### Oxford to Cornwall

Travel through Somerset into Devon to Hestercombe Garden for lunch. It's a remarkable example of the collaboration between British architect Sir Edwin Lutyens and Gertrude Jekyll. Travel on to Cornwall, check in to your hotel for the next three nights.

*The Cornwall Hotel, Spa and Estate*

## DAY 8 | MON 25 MAY

### Lost Gardens of Heligan

Discover The Lost Gardens of Heligan, asleep for 70 years under a blanket of ivy, bramble and rampant laurel. It's the largest garden restoration project in Europe. To Caerhays this afternoon, a castle by the sea

in Cornwall, a treasure trove of magnolia, camellia and rhododendron.

*The Cornwall Hotel, Spa and Estate*

## DAY 9 | TUE 26 MAY

### Eden Project

The revolutionary Eden Project is monumental with an area under glass the size of 30 football fields. Here plants of different climatic zones grow in environmentally controlled spaces. Lanhydrock House stands in its magnificent estate above the River Fowey with a splendid suite of gardens.

*The Cornwall Hotel, Spa and Estate*

## DAY 10 | WED 27 MAY

### Cornwall to Bath

Head through Somerset and North Devon to RHS Garden Rosemoor in Great Torrington. Rosemoor has been developed as a sophisticated series of garden spaces. Travel on to Bath. Check into your city centre hotel for 2 nights.

*Apex City Of Bath Hotel*

## DAY 11 | THU 28 MAY

### Bath

First stop is Claverton Manor, home to the American Museum. Next is 18th C. Prior Park Garden, set in a lush green sweeping valley with panoramic views of Bath and exquisite Palladian Bridge. Royal Crescent is next, with its fine sweep of Georgian terraces. Last stop is Parade Gardens overlooking Pulteney Bridge and Weir. Meet up in our hotel this evening for a Farewell Dinner.

*Apex City Of Bath Hotel*

## DAY 12 | FRI 29 MAY

### Bath to London

Morning visit to Iford Manor, built by Harold Peto above the River Frome. It's a gem, highly structured and well planted. Tour ends at Heathrow this afternoon.

## Details

- ✓ Tour escorted by Colin Barlow
- ✓ Air-conditioned motorcoach
- ✓ Deluxe accommodation - 11 nights
- ✓ Breakfast daily (B), 5 Lunches (L) and 6 Dinners (D)
- ✓ Entrance fees to all gardens & sightseeing including Opening day at RHS Chelsea Flower Show, West Green, Hidcote Manor, Kiftsgate, Sudeley Castle, Pettifers, Waterperry, Hestercombe, Lost Gardens of Heligan, Caerhays, Eden Project, Lanhydrock, RHS Rosemoor, American Museum and Garden, Parade Gardens and Iford Manor.

## Price

- ✓ Twin Share land only \$12,995 pp
- ✓ Single Supplement \$2,895
- ✓ All prices in Australian dollars. Prices based on minimum 15 passengers.
- ✓ Refer to Ross Tours standard terms and conditions.

## Discounts

- ✓ Earlybird \$300 Pay by 19/12/25
- ✓ Previous Traveller \$100
- ✓ Garden Clinic Member \$50



## Linked Tours

Scandinavia: 1 - 13 June 2026  
Iceland: 18 - 26 June 2026

## Tour leader



Colin Barlow

Colin is a popular Ross Tour Leader. His passion for horticulture fuels his love of travelling. He is a great communicator; radio, television and magazines.



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