

GARDENS OF SCOTLAND & N ENGLAND

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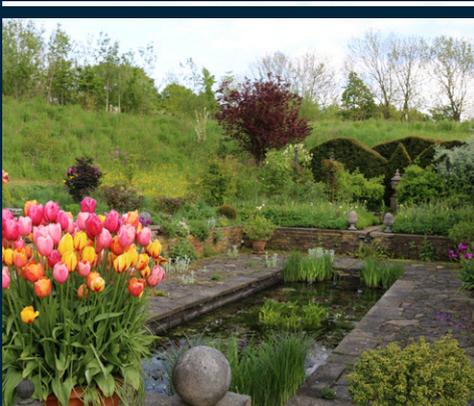


2026

1 - 13 JULY

A tour of public and private, grand and intimate, walled and wooded gardens and stately homes in Northern England and Scotland. High summer brings exuberant borders, a flourish of roses and spectacular weather for sightseeing.

Colin Ross



RHS Harlow Carr



Drummond Castle



Gresgarth Hall

DAY 1 | WED 1 JUL

Manchester

Check into our hotel in Manchester and meet your fellow travellers at our Welcome Dinner tonight.

Kimpton Clocktower Hotel, Manchester

DAY 2 | THU 2 JUL

Manchester to Chester

Morning visit to The Bridgewater Garden, one of the most exciting public garden projects undertaken anywhere in the world. Guided by renowned landscape architect Tom Stuart-Smith, it is a showpiece of horticultural excellence. Travel on to Chester with the afternoon free to wander through this ancient Roman town. Maybe take a walk along the circular ancient old Roman Walls to get a bird's eye view of this historic city.

The Chester Grosvenor

DAY 3 | FRI 3 JUL

Stoke on Trent to Wedgewood

Trentham Gardens in Stoke-on-Trent, surround a lake landscape by Capability Brown. Move forward 250 years to the great garden restoration of the last 50 years. The World of Wedgewood this afternoon to understand the history of the famous Stoke "potteries".

The Chester Grosvenor

DAY 4 | SAT 4 JUL

Chatsworth

We are heading to Chatsworth in the bucolic Peak District. This 105-acre garden is the product of nearly 500 years of careful cultivation, where the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire are preserving its layers of history. Continue to York, check in to your hotel in the city centre, next to York Minster.

The Grand York

(D) DAY 5 | SUN 5 JUL

Castle Howard

Castle Howard today... remember Brideshead! Vanbrugh's grand masterpiece set in the beautiful Howardian Hills. We'll explore the gardens and see the Mausoleum, the Pyramid, Temple of the Four Winds and the New River bridge. Afternoon at leisure to explore York.

The Grand York

DAY 6 | MON 6 JUL

RHS Harlow Carr

Visit RHS Harlow Carr, a gem of a garden that pushes the boundaries of design. Stroll through flower borders, woodland and Scented Garden. Spend time this afternoon in the charming Victorian spa town of Harrogate.

The Grand York

DAY 7 | TUE 7 JUL

York to Lake District

To the Lakes District and the garden of Arabella Lennox-Boyd, Gresgarth Hall, a blueprint for design, proportion and plantsmanship. Then the unique topiary gardens of Levens Hall. Check into our hotel on Lake Windermere for 2 nights.

The Belsfield House

DAY 8 | WED 8 JUL

Lake Windermere

Visit Beatrix Potter's 17thC. farmhouse "Hill Top", a time capsule of her life. The garden is lovingly maintained, faithful to her design, with all her favourite plants. Option this afternoon to cruise Lake Windermere.

The Belsfield House

DAY 9 | THU 9 JUL

Lake Windermere - Edinburgh

To Scotland today with a stop at Dumfries House, headquarters of The King's

(B) Foundation. The estate spans more than 2,000 acres of beautiful woodland and gardens including a 10 acres arboretum and The Queen Elizabeth Walled Garden. Travel to Edinburgh for the next 4 nights. Check in to your hotel, that dates to 1900, part of the North Bridge linking the Old Town to the city centre.

Hilton Edinburgh Carlton

DAY 10 | FRI 10 JUL

Broadwoodside

Morning visit of an inspiring contemporary garden with exquisite enclosed courtyards and garden rooms. Afternoon city tour of Edinburgh.

Hilton Edinburgh Carlton

DAY 11 | SAT 11 JUL

Drummond Castle

To Perthshire and Drummond Castle, one of Scotland's finest gardens. It's breathtaking with the best view from the terrace; worth the climb! Kilbryde Castle next with its informal, woodland and wild gardens.

Hilton Edinburgh Carlton

DAY 12 | SUN 12 JUL

Royal Botanic Gardens

A day around Edinburgh to visit a lovely cool climate garden with colourful borders and a collection of old garden roses. Enjoy the afternoon at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, home to a garden of Scottish heathers and the Queen Mother Memorial Garden. Farewell Dinner this evening.

Hilton Edinburgh Carlton

DAY 13 | MON 13 JUL

End of tour

Tour ends this morning after breakfast.

Details

- ✓ Tour escorted by Colin Barlow
- ✓ Deluxe accommodation - 12 nights
- ✓ Breakfast daily (B), 2 Lunches (L) and 5 Dinners (D)
- ✓ Entrance fees to all gardens and sightseeing incl. RHS Bridgewater, Trentham Estate, World of Wedgwood, Chatsworth House, Castle Howard, RHS Harlow Carr, Gresgarth Hall & Gardens, Levens Hall, Hill Top, Dumfries House, Broadwoodside Garden, Drummond Castle, Kilbryde Castle, Inveresk Lodge Garden, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh.

Price

- ✓ Twin Share land only \$13,995 pp
- ✓ Single Supplement \$3,595
- ✓ All prices in Australian dollars. Prices based on minimum 15 passengers.
- ✓ Refer to Ross Tours standard terms and conditions.

Discounts

- ✓ Earlybird \$250 pay by 20/2/26
- ✓ Previous Traveller \$100
- ✓ Garden Clinic Member \$50



Linked Tours

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. And his love of all things British makes for an unforgettable experience.



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