

# GARDENS OF SCOTLAND & N. ENGLAND

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1 - 13 JULY

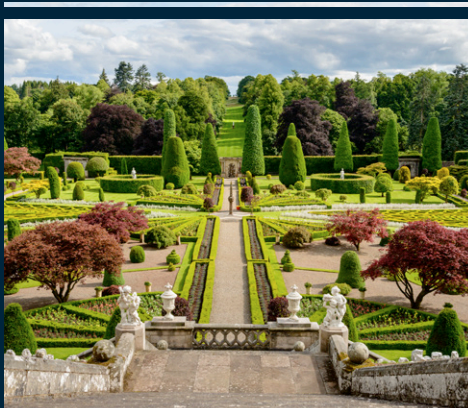
2026

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 in Dumfries at Drumlanrig Castle. Don't miss the Victorian

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glasshouses and Heather House. 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.

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- ✓ 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, Drumlanrig Castle, 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. Colin has a deep love of Japanese garden design.



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