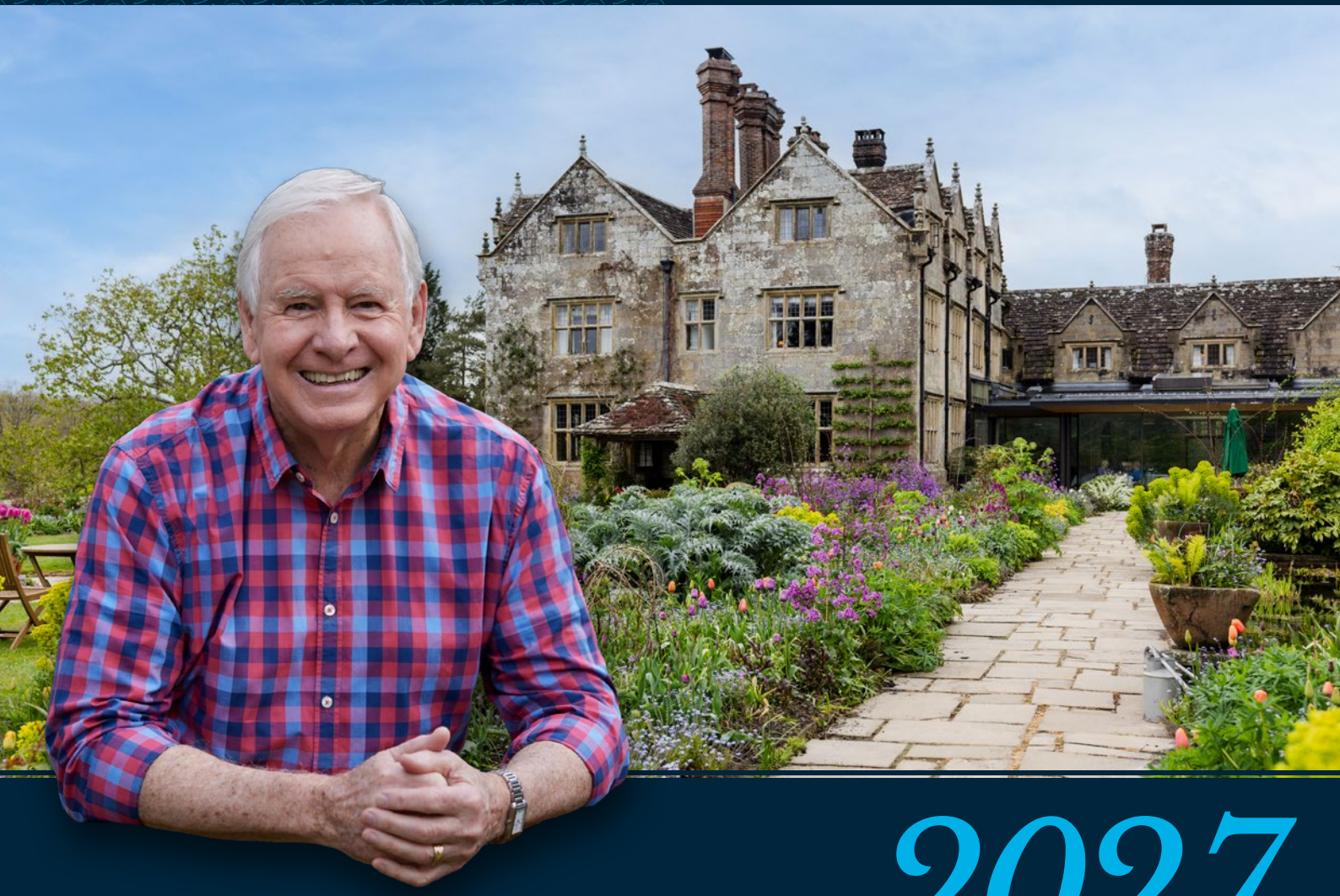
ENGLAND
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2027

10 - 19 MAY

Discover England's greatest gardens, from romantic Sissinghurst and exuberant Great Dixter to magnificent Gravetye Manor. It's a mix of historic country estate gardens with exclusive tickets to Opening Day at the Chelsea Flower Show.

Graham Ross AM



RHS Chelsea Flower Show



Sissinghurst



Great Dixter

Itinerary

DAY 1 | MON 10 MAY (D)

London

Check-in to your hotel in Richmond, London. Meet your tour leader Colin Barlow and fellow travellers for our Welcome Dinner this evening.

Petersham Hotel, Richmond, London

DAY 2 | TUE 11 MAY (B/L)

Gravetye Manor

Leave London this morning to visit the magnificent **Gravetye Manor**, the former home of celebrated Victorian gardener William Robinson, who revolutionised English gardening with his naturalistic planting style. Enjoy a guided tour of the beautifully restored gardens, renowned for their colourful herbaceous borders, wildflower meadows and impressive kitchen garden. Afterwards, enjoy an exceptional lunch at the manor's Michelin-starred restaurant, where seasonal produce harvested from the estate's own kitchen garden takes centre stage.

Check-in to your stylish boutique hotel in the heart of Royal Tunbridge Wells, just steps from the historic Pantiles.

One Warwick Park, Royal Tunbridge Wells

DAY 3 | WED 12 MAY (B/D)

Sissinghurst & Great Dixter

Discover two of England's most celebrated gardens today. Visit **Sissinghurst Castle Garden**, created by Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson, renowned for its romantic garden rooms and famous White Garden.

Continue to **Great Dixter**, the former home of Christopher Lloyd, where bold planting combinations, exuberant borders and innovative garden design continue to inspire gardeners worldwide.

One Warwick Park, Royal Tunbridge Wells

DAY 4 | THU 13 MAY (B/D)

Beth Chatto's Garden

Depart Tunbridge Wells this morning and travel north into East Anglia to visit the renowned **Beth Chatto's Garden** in Essex. Created by the pioneering plantswoman Beth Chatto, this remarkable garden demonstrates her philosophy of choosing the right plant for the right place. Explore the celebrated Gravel Garden, designed to thrive without irrigation, along with beautiful water gardens and woodland plantings. Continue to the historic university city of Cambridge, where we visit **Cambridge University Botanic Garden**. Established in 1846, this magnificent 40-acre garden is home to over 8,000 plant species from around the world, with impressive glasshouses, herbaceous borders and beautifully landscaped grounds. Check-in to your hotel for the next four nights.

Hilton Cambridge City Centre

DAY 5 | FRI 14 MAY (B/L)

Hatfield House Gardens

Visit **Anglesey Abbey**, famous for its magnificent gardens, impressive tree collection and landscaped parkland. Continue to historic **Hatfield House**, childhood home of Queen Elizabeth I, where beautifully restored formal gardens, colourful herbaceous borders and elegant topiary complement one of England's finest Jacobean houses, surrounded by centuries of royal history.

Hilton Cambridge City Centre

DAY 6 | SAT 15 MAY (B)

Wimpole Hall

Wimpole Hall is Cambridgeshire's grandest mansion, surrounded by sweeping parkland landscaped by Capability Brown, formal gardens and a beautifully restored Victorian walled kitchen garden. In the afternoon, visit **Audley End House & Gardens**, one of England's finest Jacobean mansions, where elegant gardens, ornamental lakes and a productive kitchen garden reflect centuries of horticultural history.

Hilton Cambridge City Centre

DAY 7 | SUN 16 MAY (B/D)

East Ruston Old Vicarage Garden

Two remarkable East Anglian gardens today. **East Ruston Old Vicarage Garden**, renowned for its imaginative garden rooms, exotic plantings and colourful borders. **Helmingham Hall Gardens**, where magnificent walled gardens, vibrant herbaceous borders and ancient parkland surround a beautiful moated Tudor hall, home to roaming deer.

Hilton Cambridge City Centre

DAY 8 | MON 17 MAY (B/L)

Capel Manor Gardens

Travel from Cambridge to London, visiting **Capel Manor Gardens** with its themed gardens, colourful borders and contemporary designs. Check-in to your Mayfair hotel before an optional afternoon stroll along Sloane Street to admire the spectacular floral displays of **Chelsea in Bloom**.

The May Fair Hotel, London

DAY 9 | TUE 18 MAY (B/D)

Chelsea Flower Show

Experience Opening Day at the **RHS Chelsea Flower Show**, enjoying exclusive access before public crowds arrive. Discover spectacular show gardens, meet designers and admire magnificent displays in the Great Pavilion. Enjoy a Pimm's before returning to your hotel for a special Farewell Dinner.

The May Fair Hotel, London

DAY 10 | WED 19 MAY (B)

End of Tour

Your tour ends after breakfast.

Details

- Tour escorted by Colin Barlow
- Air-conditioned motorcoach
- Deluxe accommodation - 9 nights
- Breakfast daily (B), 3 Lunches (L) and 5 Dinners (D)
- Entrance fees to all gardens & sightseeing including Gravetye Manor, Sissinghurst, Great Dixter, Beth Chatto Gardens, Cambridge University Botanic Gardens, Anglesey Abbey, Hatfield House, Wimpole Hall, Audley House, East Ruston Old Vicarage, Helmingham Gardens, Capel Manor Gardens and Opening Day tickets to the RHS Chelsea Flower Show.

Price

Twin Share land only	$11,995 pp
Single Supplement	$2,595

- All prices in Australian dollars. Prices based on minimum 15 passengers.
- Refer to Ross Tours standard terms and conditions.

Discounts

Earlybird	$300 Pay by 4/12/26
Previous Traveller	$100
Garden Clinic Member	$50

Linked Tours

Portugal & Madeira: 26 April - 9 May
Scenic Gardens of Ireland: 31 May - 14 June

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 with years on radio, television and in magazines.