



PERSONALLY ESCORTED UK AND PARIS GARDEN TOUR

Departing From Newcastle 18 May 2012

Join this **tailor made tour** of the wonderful gardens of the UK and Paris with Margaret and Carol from Poppy's Garden Centre.

Visit the best gardens in and around London including the famous Chelsea Flower Show. Visit Kew Gardens, Sissinghurst Castle Gardens and Stowe Gardens, plus more, during the 3 days of sightseeing. There is also plenty of free time to enjoy the sights of London or take in a show.

After spending time in London we head on the Eurostar to Paris and tour the amazing Chateau de Versailles and Monet's Gardens.

A highlight of the tour will be a visit to Chateau Vaux-le-Vicomte for dinner, followed by a walk through the gardens which are lit by over 2,000 candles.

Don't miss out on this amazing tour! For more details contact Karen Jarvie at our Warners Bay office on 4947 3655.



INCLUDES: Return coach transfers from Poppys Garden Centre • Return economy class air travel with Emirates Airlines • All airport and ticket taxes • Airport arrival transfer in London and departure transfer in Paris • 8 nights 4 star accommodation in London with breakfast daily • 3 nights 4 star accommodation in Paris with breakfast daily • Full day tour to Kew Gardens, Sissinghurst Castle Gardens in Kent • Full day tour to Great Dixter Gardens and Chartwell • Admission to Chelsea Flower Show • Full day tour to Waddesdon Manor & Stowe Gardens • First class travel on the Eurostar from London to Paris • Full day tour to Chateau de Versailles • Full day tour to Giverny visiting Monet's Gardens and Arboretum d'Harcourt • Dinner at Chateau Vaux-le-Vicomte

14 NIGHTS FROM \$7245* per person twin share

* See conditions on page 2



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YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1, Saturday 19 May:

Arrive from your flight into London Heathrow International Airport. We'll be met at Heathrow by a professional guide who will escort us, via Private 25 Seater Coach to our London hotel, and assist with check-in.

London is one of the world's most popular cities. People have flocked to the city for tourism and business alike for over two thousand years. Today London has the greatest concentration of major attractions in Britain, boasts four World Heritage Sites, and is renowned throughout the world for its shops, museums, parks and cosmopolitan life.

Day 2, Sunday 20 May:

A guide and coach are provided for our full day excursion to Kew Gardens in Richmond, and Sissinghurst Castle Gardens in Kent.

A Local Coach will transfer us to our full day excursion into Kent. Kew Gardens is a World Heritage Site located in 121 hectares of stunning vistas and seven magnificent glasshouses set in beautiful landscape beside the River Thames, between Richmond and Kew in southwest London. This once-Royal residence represents early 250 years of historical gardens. It is home to a remarkable collection of over 30,000 types of plants from all over the world that range from the beautiful to the peculiar. The gardens provide opportunities for public enjoyment and enrichment and the behind-the-scenes scientific work helps maintain the environment for future generations. We enjoy a guided tour of these beautiful royal gardens.

We then visit Sissinghurst Castle Garden, one of the world's most celebrated gardens. The reaction of Vita Sackville-West and her husband Sir Harold Nicolson, Sissinghurst enjoys an intimate setting in the grounds of an Elizabethan mansion. It is a sophisticated garden where rare plants are neighbours to traditional cottage garden flowers in romantic little compartments filled with colourful floral displays. **B**

Day 3, Monday 21 May:

Enjoy a full day excursion with a Guide to Great Dixter Gardens and Chartwell Gardens.

Enjoy a visit to Chartwell, the family home of Sir Winston from 1924 until his death. The rooms and garden remain much as he left them, with pictures, maps and personal mementoes strongly evoking the career and wide-ranging interests of this great statesman. The beautiful terraced gardens give superb views and contain the lakes Sir Winston dug, the water garden where he fed his fish, and his garden studio in which many of his paintings are displayed.

We visit Great Dixter, a Tudor house with famous twentieth century Arts and Crafts garden. Great Dixter was bought in 1910 by Lathaniel Lloyd, author of books on brickwork and topiary, and was restored by Edwin Lutyens. Lathaniel designed the framework of the garden and it has been planted with great flair by his son, Christopher Lloyd, author of many good books on plants and planting. **B**

Day 4, Tuesday 22 May:

Full day at leisure to explore London on your own. **B**

Day 5, Wednesday 23 May:

Visit the Chelsea Flower Show. Included is membership to the Royal Horticultural Society and entrance to the Chelsea Flower Show. A local coach will be provided for the return transfers. **B**

Day 6, Thursday 24 May:

A local coach and guide are provided for a full day excursion visiting Waddesdon Manor and Stowe Gardens.

Admission to Waddesdon Gardens, built by the Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild to entertain his guests and display his vast collection of art treasures. These include one of the finest collections of French 18th century decorative arts in the world. Waddesdon also has one of the finest Victorian gardens in Britain, renowned for its seasonal displays. The scale, grandeur and beauty of Stowe has inspired writers, philosophers, artists, politicians and members of the public from the 18th century to the present day. One of the most remarkable creations of Georgian England, Stowe was created by a family once so powerful they were richer than the king. Since the National Trust acquired the gardens in the late 1980s, an ambitious programme of restoration has ensured that over 40 temples and monuments remain, gracing an inspiring backdrop of lakes and valleys with an endless variety of walks and trails, a delight to explore at any time of year. **B**

Day 7, Friday 25 May:

Full day at leisure. **B**

Day 8, Saturday 26 May:

A local coach one way transfer by coach to St Pancras International Station.

First Class tickets are provided for the Euro star London to Paris Gare du Nord (3:15 hrs).

In Paris we meet our coach and guide and transfer to our hotel. Paris is a captivating city with bustling street life, cosmopolitan cafés and some of the most spectacular buildings and monuments in Europe. The city exudes style and there is an exciting, romantic buzz in the air. This evening a Local coach transfer to Chateau Vaux-le-Vicomte for a Candlelight Dinner. This is a most spectacular event which will fit in with the theme of the tour. The evening begins with a visit of the carriage museum, retracing horse-drawn transport from Roman chariots to the beginning of the 20th century. Enjoy dinner in the "L'Ecureuil" restaurant in the converted stable block. At sunset, visit the Chateau (audio-guide supplied) and gardens which are lit by 2,000 candles. Classical music played in the garden adds a special touch to an unforgettable moment. **B,D**

Day 9, Sunday 27 May:

A local coach and English Speaking guide are provided for a full day sightseeing tour to the Chateau de Versailles.

In Versailles, visit the palace, the magnificent monument to the extravagance of the French monarchy during the 17th century. Built by Louis XIV, the Sun King, Versailles became the home of the French royalty during that period,

UPGRADES AND BOOKING OPTIONS

Single supplement: \$1,660.

UPGRADE to Business Class: price on request.

OPTIONAL EXTRA

Extensions in UK or Europe: Price on application.

Stopover in Dubai: Price on application.

and eventually grew to represent all that was hated about the monarchy in the build up to the revolution in 1789. Your tour includes a walk around the fabulous state apartments which feature many superb works of art. Afterwards set off to explore the gardens and musical fountains. The paths stretch in several directions. Whichever you choose, you will be able to admire the Garden's many masterpieces. Keen gardeners and anyone with time to spare can penetrate the most secret places in the garden. **B**

Day 10, Monday 28 May:

A Local coach provided for a full day excursion to Giverny.

Located in the village of Giverny, home to the Impressionist artist Claude Monet, for the first time visitors can admire the Nymphaeas masterpieces in the very village where they were created and go from the reality of the motif to its pictorial portrayal by the master of Giverny on the same day. The exhibition focuses on Monet's double creation work. A keen gardener, Monet skillfully landscaped his garden which then became a motif for his paintings. He "invented" the landscape he was going to paint.

We enjoy a visit to the Claude Monet Foundation in Giverny, admiring the gardens in particular. When Monet and his family settled in Giverny in 1883 the piece of land sloping gently down from the house to the road was planted with an orchard and enclosed by high stone walls. A central alley bordered with pines separated it into two parts. Monet had the pines cut down, keeping only the two yews closest to the house to please Alice. From this, Monet made a garden full of perspectives, symmetries and colours.

We then take a short drive to Arboretum at Harcourt. The Arboretum d'Harcourt (11 hectares) is a historic arboretum located on the grounds of the 14th century Château d'Harcourt in Harcourt, Eure, Haute-Normandie, France. The arboretum is one of the oldest in France, dating to 1802 when Louis-Gervais Delamare acquired the castle and its grounds. He introduced pine cultivation on 200 hectares. After his death in 1827 the arboretum was bequeathed to the Société Royale d'Agriculture, which in 1833 charged botanist François André Michaux to establish the arboretum. In 1852 North American species were planted, followed from 1855-1860 by those of Europe and Asia. Since 1999 the arboretum has been the property of the Conseil Général de l'Eure, and today contains more than 3,000 woody plants representing about 470 species. The chateau's grounds also contain a 230-acre (0.93 km²) forest of native and exotic species, with walking paths. **B**

Day 11, Tuesday 29 May:

Full day at leisure in Paris. **B**

Day 12, Wednesday 30 May:

Local coach transfer to Paris airport early evening in time for your flight back to Sydney. **B**

Day 14, Friday 1 June:

Arrive into Sydney early this morning and travel back coach back to Poppy's Garden Centre.

Tour extensions:

If you wish to extend your time in the UK or Europe, this can be arranged. We can also assist if you wish to include a stopover in Dubai on the way home.

Meal key:

B Breakfast **D** Dinner

BOOKING CONDITIONS

Security Deposit: A non-refundable & non-transferable deposit of \$1,750 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. It is advisable to take out travel insurance at this time.

Tour Price: Tour prices are per person, based on two persons sharing a room. The tour price featured is subject to a minimum number of passengers. Should minimum numbers not be met, surcharges may apply. Please note the escort will travel subject to a minimum of 15 passengers.

All prices are based on the rates (including foreign exchange rates) known at the time of printing & expected to be in effect at the time of departure.

Prices are subject to increase without notice if such rates change prior to departure.

Single Accommodation: A limited number of single rooms are available at the single supplement rate. The single supplement for this tour is \$1,660.00. Paying the single supplement ensures your own room.

Payment of Tour Price: The total tour price must be paid no later than Monday 13 February 2012 to confirm bookings. It is the sole responsibility of the passengers to pay the tour price on the due date.

Payment Options: Payment can be made by credit card, EFTPOS, cash, cheque or direct deposit. If payment is made by credit card a surcharge will apply.

Airfare Conditions: Airfares included in this package are based on Emirates Airlines & are subject to group fare conditions. Should minimum group numbers not be reached, airfares are subject to increase. Air taxes & government surcharges quoted are correct at time of printing & are subject to change at any time without notice.

Tour fare does not include: passports, laundry, telephone, mini bar, alcohol, beverage & food not on the regular menu (these extra items will be billed to you before leaving each hotel or restaurant); optional excursions, travel insurance, excess baggage fees, all other items of a personal nature.

Itinerary: Itinerary is subject to change at any time due to unforeseen circumstances. The hotels listed are intended to be used, however, if a change becomes necessary for any reason, the accommodation substituted will be equivalent in standard to the hotel advised. Every effort is made to reserve twin-bedded rooms. It may occasionally happen that an accommodation provides some double bedded rooms instead. These rooms will be allocated to couples where possible.

Travel Insurance: Your holiday safety & enjoyment is important to us & we support the Australian Government's recommendation that all people travelling take out travel insurance.

Visas & Passports: A valid national passport is needed for this tour & please ensure that you have at least six months validity after your scheduled return home. Also check that your airline tickets are in exactly the same name as your passport.

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Travel Advisory: Please refer to www.dfat.gov.au for Australian passport holders to get the latest & complete information.

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