



HIGHGROVE AND GARDENS OF SCOTLAND

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Escorted by Tim Jackson

04 Aug	Tue	<p>Arrive Edinburgh and transfer directly into the city centre 4 nights accommodation in Edinburgh, Carlton Hotel</p> <p>Welcome Reception and Dinner at the hotel</p>
05 Aug	Wed	<p>Morning visit to the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh We have reciprocal arrangements with The Friends of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh. This garden was founded as a physic garden in the 17th century and is now a centre for plant science and education.</p> <p>Afternoon visit to Little Sparta, Ian Hamilton Finlay's greatest work of art. This garden is a life work of Ian's and has many interesting features. Evening at leisure</p>
06 Aug	Thu	<p>Full day Garden of Cosmic Speculation The garden of Charles Jenck's, designed around the philosophical principles and the universe. A very unusual and truly unique garden experience.</p> <p>Evening at leisure</p>
07 Aug	Fri	<p>Full day Inwood Garden, Shepherd House and Inveresk Lodge These three gardens have been open in the Yellow Book of Open Gardens. Inwood Garden is a small garden started in 1984 by Lindsay and Irvine Morrison. An acre of imaginative plantings. Shepherd House in Inveresk is the home of Charles and Ann Fraser who have lived here since 1957 and say the garden is still evolving. It is one of only two Scottish gardens featured in Rosemary Verey's book 'Secret Gardens'. This pretty garden reveals itself slowly and Ann plants flowers that she loves to paint. Inveresk Lodge is a National Trust of Scotland's beautiful hillside garden in Musselburgh. This is a secluded woodland garden.</p> <p>Evening at leisure</p>
08 Aug	Sat	<p>Depart Edinburgh Visit Alnwick Garden This is the home of the Duchess of Northumberland, who visited us earlier this year to promote this garden. Jane has been instrumental in securing funding to realise a garden of huge proportions and exciting innovation. It has brought a huge influx of visitors to this usually quiet part of England.</p>

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		Continue to Helmsley for 2 nights at the Black Swan Hotel Hotel dinner
09 Aug	Sun	Morning Newby Hall A grand home in Yorkshire built between 1691-1695 for Sir Edward Blackett with the gardens laid out not long after. The present owners, Robin and Jane Compton have restored the garden completely and it houses the National Collection of Cornus Afternoon Scampston Garden, the family home lovingly restored by the Legards. The garden is made up of three separate areas - The Walled Garden, the Traditional Garden and the Park, designed by Capability Brown. Evening at leisure
10 Aug	Mon	Depart Helmsley for Fakenham, Norfolk Visit Pensthorpe Millennium Garden Pensthorpe is home to an incredible tapestry of beautiful gardens and the Millennium Garden designed by Piet Oudolf is at its peak in mid August. The Wave Garden designed by Julie Toll is included within the garden. Continue to Bury St Edmunds 2 nights at The Angel Hotel including dinner on the first evening
11 Aug	Tue	Morning Betto Chatto Garden, Colchester This garden begun by Beth and her husband in 1960, an informal garden and nursery with amazing plants combining gravel and bog gardens. Afternoon RHS Hyde Hall, Chelmsford Unforgettable in any season - an oasis of calm and serenity Return to Bury St Edmunds Evening at leisure
12 Aug	Wed	Depart Bury St Edmunds for the Cotswolds Afternoon visit to Kiftsgate Court - Interconnecting gardens created by three generations of women gardeners. Heather Muir started it, followed by her daughter Dian Binny handed down to her daughter Anne Chambers. Something out at every moment of the year! Continue to Malmesbury for 4 nights at The Old Bell Hotel Hotel dinner
13 Aug	Thu	Full day Highgrove (date tbc) See Highgrove in its high summer apparel and enjoy this unique and totally private garden of Prince Charles Westbonbirt arboretum is not to be missed. The history and the remarkable trees. Evening at leisure



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14 Aug	Fri	<p>Full day Bourton House Garden and Hidcote The house was built in 1598 by Sir Nicholas Overbury. This garden was first opened to the public in 1987. It won the 2007 Historic Houses Association Garden of the Year award.</p> <p>The twisting lanes of the Cotswold countryside lead to one of the most inventive and influential gardens of the 20th century. Hidcote Manor Garden, with its structure of outdoor 'rooms', linked by vistas and furnished with all sorts of topiary, recalls both the English garden style and the European connections of its creator Major Lawrence Johnston.</p> <p>Evening at leisure</p>
15 Aug	Sat	<p>Full day Jekka's Herb Garden - This organic nursery is an acre of production nursery where over 600 varieties are grown. Meet Jekka, winner of over 61 RHS gold medals since 1993</p> <p>Throughham Court - the garden of Dr. Christine Facer a modern country garden developed since 2000. A design based on contemporary scientific facts and the universe!!!!</p> <p>Evening at leisure</p>
16 Aug	Sun	<p>Depart Malmesbury Visit to RHS Gardens Wisley, a must for every plant lover. A teaching garden of the RHS and home to a spectacular new Glasshouse and lunch stop en route to London 3 nights London, Rembrandt Hotel</p> <p>Evening at leisure</p>
17 Aug	Mon	<p>Morning Museum of Garden History - near Lambeth Palace this secluded museum sits in an historical garden and with a new director is giving more access to some hitherto private collections of garden tools among other things & Petersham Nurseries lunch Afternoon visit to the Linnaea Society, home to Bank's collections and have a guided tour to the vaults. Free afternoon or optional visit to Barnes Wetland Centre</p> <p>Evening at leisure</p>
18 Aug	Tue	<p>Full day Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, enjoy a guided tour of this outstanding Botanic Garden and then enjoy time to do the tree top walk, visit Shirley Sherwood's gallery or just sit on the grass (one way coach, own return)</p> <p>Evening Farewell Reception and Dinner in London</p>
19 Aug	Wed	Transfer to LHR for departure flight



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NB: The itinerary is subject to alteration. This will depend on access to private gardens being confirmed at a date closer to departure.

Tourprice: AUD 8990.00 per person – twin share
Single Supplement: AUD 2150.00
Deposit required: AUD 1200

Tour Inclusions:

Accommodation for a total of 15 nights at hotels as listed sharing twin-bedded rooms with private facilities.

Meals

Full Scottish/English breakfast daily
Welcome reception and dinner with Wine, Edinburgh hotel
1 hotel dinner Helmsley
1 hotel dinner Bury St Edmunds
1 hotel dinner Malmesbury
Lunch at Petersham Nurseries
Visit to Linnaean Society in London
Farewell Reception and Dinner with Wine at the Reform Club in London

Transportation in a luxury coach with driver, all entrance fees and portorage for one piece of luggage throughout. Tipping for drivers, guides and waiters at included meals.

Services of a professional guide is included for the following garden visits :

Half day visit Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
Half day visit to Little Sparta
Full day Garden of Cosmic Speculation
Full day Inwood Garden, Shepherd House and Inveresk Lodge
Half day Garden Museum London & Petersham Nurseries lunch

How to Book:

A deposit of \$1,200 per person is required. Please sign and complete all sections of the Booking Form and the Credit Card Authorisation Form (if paying by credit card). Cheques should be made payable to Mary Rossi Travel.

Then please mail to: Friends of the Gardens
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Upon receipt of your deposit Mary Rossi Travel will send you confirmation of your place on the tour.