

includes
**COTSWOLDS
VILLAGES &
GARDENS**

Keukenhof, Monet's Giverny European highlights and Chelsea

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**Amsterdam
Keukenhof tulips
Paris
Monet's Giverny
Versailles
French chateaux
London
The Cotswolds
Castles
Stately homes
Country roads
RHS Chelsea
Flower Show**



You are invited to join our small group escorted tour to visit the world famous Chelsea Flower Show (operating for over 100 years) and explore amazing gardens in England, The Netherlands and France.

Be there and judge for yourself which gardens should take away the prestigious awards at Chelsea.

We also visit well known gardens you may have dreamed of, including the stunning Keukenhof, Monet's Giverny, Versailles and Sissinghurst, plus others that are sure to surprise and delight.

This tour offers the opportunity to combine your interest in the history and culture of Europe with your passion for gardens. Our groups typically comprise a mix of solo travellers and couples. If you are by yourself - you are WILL NOT be travelling alone.

**the TOUR
COMPANY**

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**This small group
tour commences
MAY and is for
14 days, excluding
flights. Please refer
itinerary overleaf.**

RECOMMENDED POST TOUR EXTENSIONS:

- Additional nights accommodation
- Ireland tour
- Scotland tour
- Italy tour
- Mediterranean Sea or River cruise
- Stopover on the way home

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TOUR ITINERARY

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Day 1: Amsterdam

Today we have an Amsterdam orientation tour including canal cruise and transfer to our hotel for three nights. Welcome dinner (included) tonight. D

Day 2: Keukenhof

We spend the morning absorbing the majestic beauty of one of the world's finest bulb fields, Keukenhof Garden has 80 acres of winding paths, streams and ponds - a feast for the eyes - tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, other bulbs, flowering shrubs, trees, indoor exhibitions and themed gardens. B

Day 3: Amsterdam

This morning visit Hortus Botanicus, with heritage bulbs and plant species dating from 1595. B

Day 4: Paris

Transfer from Amsterdam to Paris and our hotel for the next four nights. This afternoon we have a Paris city highlights sight-seeing tour. B

Day 5: Paris

This morning we visit Monet's beautiful Garden of Giverny, Monet's home for more than 40 years. There are two parts to Monet's garden: a flower garden - Clos Normand in front of the house and the Japanese inspired water garden. In the water garden see the famous wisteria covered Japanese bridge, weeping willows and memorable water lilies. This afternoon we visit Louis XIV's magnificent Versailles Palace with its opulent decorations, grand outlooks, sweeping gardens and water features. B

Day 6: Chateaux and gardens

Today we visit two of France's grand gardens - Chateau Vaux-le-Vicomte and Fontainebleau. "The forerunner of Versailles", the Chateau Vaux-le-Vicomte was laid out in 1661 and includes a parterre, immaculate topiary and water features. Once the noblest garden in all France. B

Day 7: Paris

Today is free for you to further explore Paris. B

Day 8: Paris - London - Cotswolds

Transfer to Paris' Gare du Nord Railway Station to join the Eurostar. On arrival transfer by coach to our Cotswolds hotel for three nights. B

Day 9: Cotswold villages

This morning we board our coach for our excursion to the Cotswolds. Our sightseeing includes picturesque Cotswolds villages of honey-golden stone, Stow-on-the-Wold, Moreton-in-Marsh and Burford including a visit to an amazing garden centre. 2 night's accommodation. B

Day 10: Cotswold gardens

Today visit two of the Cotswolds' best known gardens Sudeley Castle and the Hidcote Manor Gardens. combining the simple beauty of an English country garden, the Cotswold countryside and history, Sudeley exhibits all in fabulous fashion. Then to Hidcote Manor Garden with its 'outdoor rooms', linked by vistas and topiary, reflecting both English garden and European styles. B

Day 11: Sissinghurst - London

We depart the Cotswolds for Sissinghurst, one of the world's most celebrated gardens, the creation of Vita Sackville-West. It is located in an intimate setting in the grounds of an Elizabethan mansion, with romantic little compartments filled with its displays. Continue to London for 3 night's . B

Day 12: London free day Sightseeing at leisure. B

Day 13: Chelsea Flower Show

Today we have a full day today at the Chelsea Flower Show, the world's most popular flower show. Farewell dinner (included) tonight. B,D

Day 14: London

Our tour concludes after breakfast. B