

Uplyme & Lyme Regis Horticultural Society

Gardens Of Kent & Sussex (4 Days)

Friday June 5th 2025 4 Days £419*

HIGHLIGHTS

Staying in a well located 3 * hotel with Bed, Breakfast and 3 course evening meal.
Services Of a Tour Manager and Driver throughout.
Visits to 6 of Kent's best gardens including West Dean Gardens, Sissinghurst Castle Gardens, Great Dixter, Great Comp Gardens, Borde Hill & Standen House.



About The Tour

Dazzling colours, seductive scents, superb seasonal shows – Kent & Sussex gardens are rightly world-renowned. With 180-plus to choose from, there's one to match your every mood. Excite or soothe your senses on a genuinely revitalising escape and pick up brilliant ideas for your own garden from celebrated designers across the ages. We have included 6 of the most popular Gardens in Kent & Sussex for you.

Itinerary

FRIDAY 05/06/26 - After pickups we head to West Dean Gardens, nestled at the foot of the South Downs, West Dean Gardens in West Sussex is one of the greatest restored gardens open to the public today. Visitors can explore a wide range of historic features on a gentle walk around the grounds. From surreal trees to the restored walled garden, West Dean Gardens proudly presents its rich creative and social heritage. Later we continue to our well located hotel, based near Gillingham, Kent, with time to relax before our 3 course evening meal.

SATURDAY 06/06/26 - After breakfast we rejoin the coach and head to Sissinghurst Castle Garden. Historic, poetic, iconic: a refuge dedicated to beauty. Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson fell in love with Sissinghurst Castle and created a world-renowned garden. In the afternoon we relocate to Great Dixter, A vibrant, daring, and immersive garden with a 15th century house restored by Sir Edwin Lutyens. Leading the way in ornamental gardening, gardening for biodiversity, and horticultural education. Created by the great gardener and garden writer Christopher Lloyd, OBE, VMH.

SUNDAY 07/06/26 - After breakfast we rejoin our coach and head to Great Comp Garden, Come and explore our tranquil garden space that effortlessly showcases 7 acres of beautiful and rare plants that unfold and flower as the seasons move and change. Home to an Italian Garden, romantic ruins, enchanting woodland walks, The Old Dairy Tearooms and [Dyson's Salvias](#), Great Comp Garden in Sevenoaks is a fantastic day out for garden lovers. In Spring Great Comp Garden erupts into bloom with swathes of Magnolias, Azaleas and Rhododendrons, under planted with large drifts of Hellebores and spring bulbs, while summer brings warmth and extravagance from one of the most comprehensive and exciting collections of Salvias in Europe. Ornamental grasses in great variety punctuate the colourful borders and combine beautifully with the myriad colours of late autumn. Later we make an afternoon visit to Borde Hill, a nationally important English country garden with magnificent views over the 383 acre Grade II* heritage listed Parkland. Planted with passion as a series of outdoor 'garden rooms', highlights include the Azalea Ring, tranquil Italian Garden and stunning Rose Garden. Time to enjoy everything this family-run Estate has to offer.

MONDAY 08/06/26 - Today, sadly our tour is coming to an end but on our way home we make a visit to Standen House & Gardens. Arts and Crafts family home with Morris & Co interiors, set in a beautiful hillside garden. Later we continue towards home ...





KING CHARLES HOTEL, KENT ***

The King Charles Hotel is located in the heart of Medway, just a 10-minute walk from Gillingham town centre and Rail Station. Free parking is also provided. 101 rooms at the King Charles have en suite bathrooms. All rooms have satellite TV, and hairdryers. Free wi-fi is available in all rooms and public areas. The King Charles's restaurant serves traditional meals with a large and varied menu. Dockside Outlet Centre offers shopping in a converted 19th-century building just a 5-minute drive away, Central London is an hour away by car, and Rochester Castle and Cathedral are both 10 minutes' drive from the King Charles Hotel and Southend is 46 miles away.

PRICE INCLUDES

3 nights stay at The Kings Charles Hotel with 3 course Dinner and Breakfast.
Executive Coach Travel
Services of a professional Driver and Tour Manager.
Visits to Gardens, as described

*** SINGLE SUPPLEMENT APPLIES TO ALL SINGLE TRAVELLERS + £45**
Single Travellers will be allocated either Single, Double or Twin Room at hotels discretion.
Note – These rooms are strictly subject to availability.

DISCOUNTS - NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERS - £34
HISTORIC HOUSES MEMBERS- £28

All discounts MUST be requested at the time of booking and members MUST ensure they have their valid membership card during the tour.

ACCESSIBILITY

We welcome everyone and do not discriminate against anyone travelling with us on any of our tours and our staff will be happy to help as much as possible. We do ask that you are able to board the coach unaided - this ensures that we can safely evacuate you, should the need arise. Before booking your holiday you should be sure that you and your party are both physically and mentally capable of completing the itinerary. Certain attractions used on some of our tours may have limited access which may make access more difficult for people with mobility issues. If you have any concerns we recommend that you should contact the visitor attraction directly to discuss your requirements. Our friendly and helpful office staff are always happy to try to help and chat to you about your needs. We do not operate wheelchair accessible vehicles but are happy to accept walking aids, wheelchairs and small mobility scooters as long as they are booked in with our office at the time of booking.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

In line with most other independent tour operators, our prices do not include personal travel insurance. We always recommend that you take out adequate travel insurance for any tour. However, it is not a requirement of booking for our UK tours. Valid travel insurance is required on all our European tours. You do not have to use the insurance provider recommended by us. We are delighted to advise we have now teamed up with a Hampshire Company offering exceptional value Travel Insurance, with no upper age limits and in many cases no health screening requirements. For a Quote Call 02392 419855 and Quote CRO2025 for the best price.

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