



Gardens of the North

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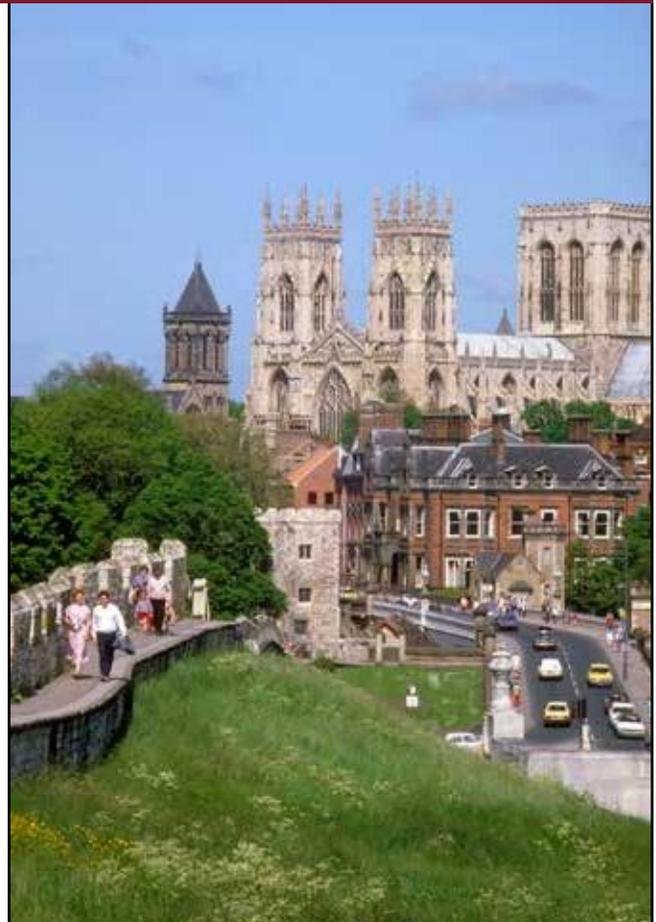
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Nowhere in the world is the passion for horticulture expressed more vividly than in Britain, where gardens have served as inspiration for painters, writers, and flower lovers for centuries. From great country estates to miniscule inner-city gardens, the British use their exceptionally long growing season to fullest advantage, and you can see the results on *The Gardens of the North*.

All too often, however, visitors limit themselves to the well-known gardens in the south, within easy striking distance of London. Magnificent as those those old favorites may be, there is a whole country full of keen gardeners living north of the capital. The gardens are just as wonderful and there are far fewer tourists!

On this adventure in the north, we'll visit gardens as diverse as York Gate, the one-acre creation of the Spencer family between 1951 and 1994, and Studley Royal, where the sprawling water gardens stretch for a mile up the valley of the River Skell. Many of the gardens we visit are also associated with stately homes, which themselves vary in size and style from the palatial (Chatsworth House and Castle Howard) to the more intimate (Old Wollerton or Peverall Hall).

This summer, join Marian St. Clair and other garden lovers for a stroll through *The Gardens of the North*. At a relaxed pace, with wonderful meals, first-class hotels, and a panorama of magnificent blooms unfolding before us, it's a quintessential celebration of the English garden.



The City of York



Haddon Hall

The cost of this itinerary, per person, double occupancy is:

Land only (no airfare included):	\$3940
Single supplement:	\$920

Airfares are available from most U.S. departure cities. Please call for details.

The following services are included:

- Hotels:** 9 nights accommodation in first-class hotels. All hotel taxes and service charges included.
- Coaching:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary.
- Meals:** Full breakfast daily, 4 dinners, 1 lunch.
- Guides:** Discover Europe tour director throughout; local guides at Levens Hall, Gresgarth, Arley Hall & Chatsworth.
- Expenses:** Portage of one large suitcase per person.
- Entrances:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary.





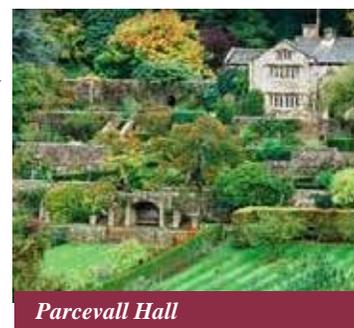
Thursday, June 18th. Evening departure from your chosen gateway. **Overnight: Plane**

Friday, June 19th. Your arrival at Manchester Airport will be met for the transfer to our nearby country house hotel. There will be free time to unpack and relax before we meet up for an afternoon visit to the stunning Wyatt mansion of Tatton Park. We'll enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel this evening. **(D)** **Overnight: Alderley Edge**

Saturday, June 20th. We begin the day with a drive into North Wales and a visit to the National Trust's Bodnant garden. One of the premier gardens in Wales, Bodnant was begun in 1875 by the Aberconway family and sits in a beautiful location on the river Conwy. We'll have plenty of time to explore the garden and to have lunch here before we head back towards England and the old Roman city of Chester. A brief walking tour will show us the medieval city walls and the Roman amphitheatre and we'll have time to shop along the "Rows" (covered Victorian arcades of shops). We'll return to our country hotel for a free evening. **(B)** **Overnight: Alderley Edge**

Sunday, June 21st. A day trip to the north today brings us first to Levens Hall in Cumbria, England's Lake District. Here we'll have a tour with the head gardener, Chris Crowder and enjoy lunch at the Bellingham Buttery. Returning south through Lancashire, we'll stop at Gresgarth Hall, the garden of garden designer Arabella Lennox-Boyd, who moved here in 1978. It is a riverside garden with terraces, herbaceous borders, a kitchen garden and bog garden. We'll return to the hotel where you will be free to wander into the village and sample the local pub for supper. **(B, L)** **Overnight: Alderley Edge**

Monday, June 22nd. Our first stop today will be nearby Arley Hall, where we'll have a private tour of the gardens with the Head Gardener (to be confirmed). The 12-acre gardens, some of the finest in Britain, include a double herbaceous border planted in 1846 (one of the earliest) and a superb avenue of holm oak. Heading towards Shrewsbury our next stop will be at Wol-lerton Old Hall, a 16th-century hall surrounded by wonderful gardens designed by John and Lesley Jenkins in 1984. Time permitting we will also stop today at Bridgemere Garden World, the largest garden centre in Britain with over 6 acres of display gardens. Dinner at the hotel this evening. **(B, D)** **Overnight: Alderley Edge**



Parcevall Hall

Tuesday, June 23rd. A short drive this morning through the glorious Peak District National Park, brings us to Chatsworth House, "The Palace of the Peaks." Chatsworth contains a boundless collection ranging from Old Master paintings to the geological specimens brought by the last Duke. Sumptuous baroque interiors and contemporary sculpture make this an animated tour, and the gardens are also abounding with modern sculpture with many works by Elizabeth Frink. After time to explore and have lunch we'll continue this afternoon to Haddon Hall, one of the best examples of a fortified medieval manor house in the country. We continue our journey north arriving at our hotel in the city of York in time for dinner. **(B, D)** **Overnight: York**

Wednesday, June 24th. A morning walking tour introduces this fascinating but compact city. We'll start at magnificent York Minster, walk down the Shambles, one of England's finest medieval streets, and visit the Jorvik Centre, traveling in "time cars" through a 9th-century Viking village. For lunch, you might want to try the nationally renowned tearoom of Betty's to sample Yorkshire specialties. The afternoon is free for independent explorations: shopping, a boat ride, evensong in the Minster. The evening is also free to try one of the many fine restaurants in the city. **(B)** **Overnight: York**

Thursday, June 25th. Today's excursion takes us through the heart of the Yorkshire Dales; our first stop will be Fountains Abbey, Britain's largest and most beautiful monastic ruin, set in the valley of the River Skell. We'll wander up the valley (weather cooperating) to enjoy the water gardens of Studley Royal. We continue this afternoon to Parcevall Hall Gardens, a hidden gem of a plantsman's garden, the life's work of Sir William Milner, comprising 24 acres of formal and woodland gardens. We round out the day with a visit to the small but lovely, York Gate garden just north of the city of Leeds before returning to York for a free evening. **(B)** **Overnight: York**



Castle Howard

Friday, June 26th. Heading northwest out of the city today our first visit is to Scampston Walled garden, a marvelous contemporary garden designed by the master Dutch plantsman, Piet Oudolf. Close by is Castle Howard where we will spend the remainder of the day. The house will look magnificent as we will be visiting on the first full day of their Flower Festival, where every room in the house is filled with stunning floral arrangements from the estates own gardens. We return to York where the evening is free. **(B)** **Overnight: York**

Saturday, June 27th. Leaving York, we drive a short distance west to Harewood House. Begun in 1759, Harewood is a masterpiece by the architects John Carr and Robert Adam with a fine example of an English landscape garden by Lancelot "Capability" Brown. We'll have time to explore the house and gardens and have lunch before we head back to our country hotel near Manchester Airport for a farewell dinner. **(B, D)** **Overnight: Alderley Edge**

Sunday, June 28th. Morning transfers to Manchester Airport for returning flights to the U.S. **(B)** **Overnight: Home**

Key to included meals: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner



Registration Form

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please type or print.
2. Make checks payable to DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.
3. Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on the reverse before signing.
4. Complete both sides of this form.
5. Detach the bottom section and mail it to Discover Europe, 95 Adams St, Keene, NH 03431, with your deposit of \$500 per person. Keep the top section for your records.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Passenger Details:

- i). Name(s). Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport.
- ii). Address. If you have a different summer address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet. Use 1 form for 2 people at the same address.
- iii). Passport Details. Having your passport details ahead of time enables Discover Europe to speed the check-in process at hotels and helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.
- iv). Dietary Requirements. Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.
- v). Health Information. It is very valuable for us to know ahead of time if you require any special assistance. Discover Europe tours are always paced for comfort, but inevitably there is also a certain amount of walking involved. Participants should have sufficient stamina to keep pace with the tour group and not cause delays. Please consult your physician if you are in any doubt as to your ability to participate fully.

2. Trip Details:

Please fill in the name of the trip you wish to register for, the departure date and your US departure airport (city).

3. Emergency Contact:

If you are an American citizen and Discover Europe is arranging your air transportation, we are required to provide the airline with an emergency contact. It has also proved very useful in the past for us to have this information.

4. Flight Information:

- a). If transatlantic flights are not already included as part of your tour package, Discover Europe will be very happy to book these for you. The fee for this service is \$25 per ticket.
- b). If you are arranging your own flights to join the tour, it is essential that Discover Europe has your complete flight information. Please make sure you give us the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked.

5. Rooming Requirements:

- Please tick the appropriate boxes. We will book non-smoking rooms (where available) unless otherwise requested.
- i). If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.
 - ii). A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please let us know your preference.

1. Passenger Details:

Passenger Name(s): 1. _____

2. _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: (_____) _____

Work/Mobile Telephone: (_____) _____

Date(s) of Birth: 1. _____ 2. _____

Passport Number: 1. _____ Expires: _____

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e-mail address: _____

Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Health Information: _____

2. Trip Details:

Itinerary Name: _____

Departure Date: _____

Departure Airport or City: _____

I would like to extend my trip to: _____

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
2. Instructions for filling out this form can be found overleaf.
3. Space on a tour is usually limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
4. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
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6. By registering for this tour, the applicant certifies that he or she is mentally and physically capable of full participation in this tour.
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PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

1. A deposit of \$500 per person must accompany the completed form.
2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure.

TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS:

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change - in fact we have not had to invoke this clause in the contract in 14 years of operation. However we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the year prior to trip departure.
2. Group size. Discover Europe tours are generally based on a group size between 5 and 15 participants, custom-designed or sponsored tour sizes can vary (see your trip organizer for details). Should we end up with less than the minimum number, you will be given the option of cancelling with full refund, paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.
3. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.

REFUND POLICY:

1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$200 per person cancellation penalty.
2. Participants who withdraw less than 90 days prior to the day of departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less the following cancellation penalties:
 - 90 - 61 days prior to departure: \$1000 per person
 - 60 - 31 days prior to departure: \$2000 per person
 - Less than 31 days prior to departure: No refund
3. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package
4. Travel insurance is NOT included in your tour package, Discover Europe Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase coverage for your upcoming trip. Information describing the services of a recommended travel insurance company will be included with your reservation confirmation package mailing.
5. All cancellation requests must be received in writing (mail or e-mail).
6. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence from the day of departure onwards (although certain situations may be covered under the trip interruption/travel delay insurance provided).

INCLUSIONS:

1. All inclusions on a particular Discover Europe tour are listed on the day-by-day itinerary.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): transportation to and from the participant's home to their chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to tour guides and tour bus drivers, items of a personal nature.

3. Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: (_____) _____

4. Flight Information:

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights: Yes No
Flight details (if self-arranged) _____

5. Rooming Requirements:

I will be sharing with: _____

We would like a double twin-bedded room

I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)

6. Permissions:

Discover Europe may use any photographs taken during the tour in promotional materials

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list

7. Signatures:

I have read and agree to the attached Terms & Conditions:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____