

GARDENS OF NORTHERN ENGLAND AND THE LAKE DISTRICT

June 10 - 21, 2027



AN EXCLUSIVE TOUR ESCORTED BY
C. COLSTON BURRELL &
ISABEL WRENCH



Join **Garden and Nature Tours with C. Colston Burrell**, local guide **Isabel Wrench** and **Friendship Tours** in Manchester, England to explore the gardens, castles and bucolic landscapes of western Britain. From the north coast of Wales, to England's scenic Lake District, this bucket-list trip offers exciting opportunities for exploration, discovery and enjoyment.



Meet Your Escort and Guide



C. Colston Burrell is a lifelong naturalist, plantsman, and gardener. He is principal of Native Landscape Design and Restoration, which specializes in blending nature and culture through artistic design. When Cole is not traveling, he is designing gardens for his clients, or tending his own 10-acre property designed to display the plants he loves while letting natural succession serve as head gardener. He shares his garden with birds, butterflies, and a wealth of amphibians.

Cole escorts garden and natural history tours throughout the United States and abroad. The New World tropics are a favorite destination. He has traveled in Costa Rica, Panama, Venezuela, Ecuador, and Argentina, as well as Europe and Japan.

Isabel Wrench is conversant in topics as diverse as garden design, British history, and ecology. An avid gardener, she tends her beautifully designed London garden with love and care.

Fluent in Spanish and Italian, Isabel is a Blue Badge Tourist Guide, the highest classification for professional guides in Britain. She says of herself, "I like to think of myself as very easygoing with a very relaxed approach to guiding."

Isabel grew up as a National Trust baby. Her parents were caretakers at several historic properties, including Stourhead. Her experience and unique perspective will enrich our trip. This is our 9th trip together, and Cole is so excited to be working with Isabel again. He knows that you will love her as much as he does!



WELCOME TO ENGLAND

The Lake District is arguably the most romantic region of England.

Join C. Colston Burrell and Isabel Wrench as we travel through northern Wales and the storied Lake District of England. We have arranged visits to private gardens and estates, National Trust properties, and cultural landmarks.

Stroll the paths of 23 diverse gardens and learn about history and horticulture from their head gardeners. Enjoy the personal gardens created by Beatrix Potter and Wordsworth that inspired their writings. Discover RHS Bridgewater, the newest garden in the RHS constellation. Go behind closed doors to explore the interiors of four spectacular homes - Penrhyn Castle, Levens Hall,Sizergh Castle, and Dalemain House.

Other stops on the itinerary include a tour of Crûg Farm Nursery with owners Bleddyn and Sue Wynn-Jones, as well as Castlerigg Stone Circle and Blackwell Arts and Crafts Center. Relax while cruising on Lake Windermere and enjoy a glass of wine and buffet dinner as the sun sets over the lake.

Join us for this unforgettable journey through the bucolic beauty of the Lake District, and the storied gardens of northern England and Wales.

"I wandered lonely as a Cloud
That floats on high o'er Vales and Hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden Daffodils;
Beside the Lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze."

W. Wordsworth

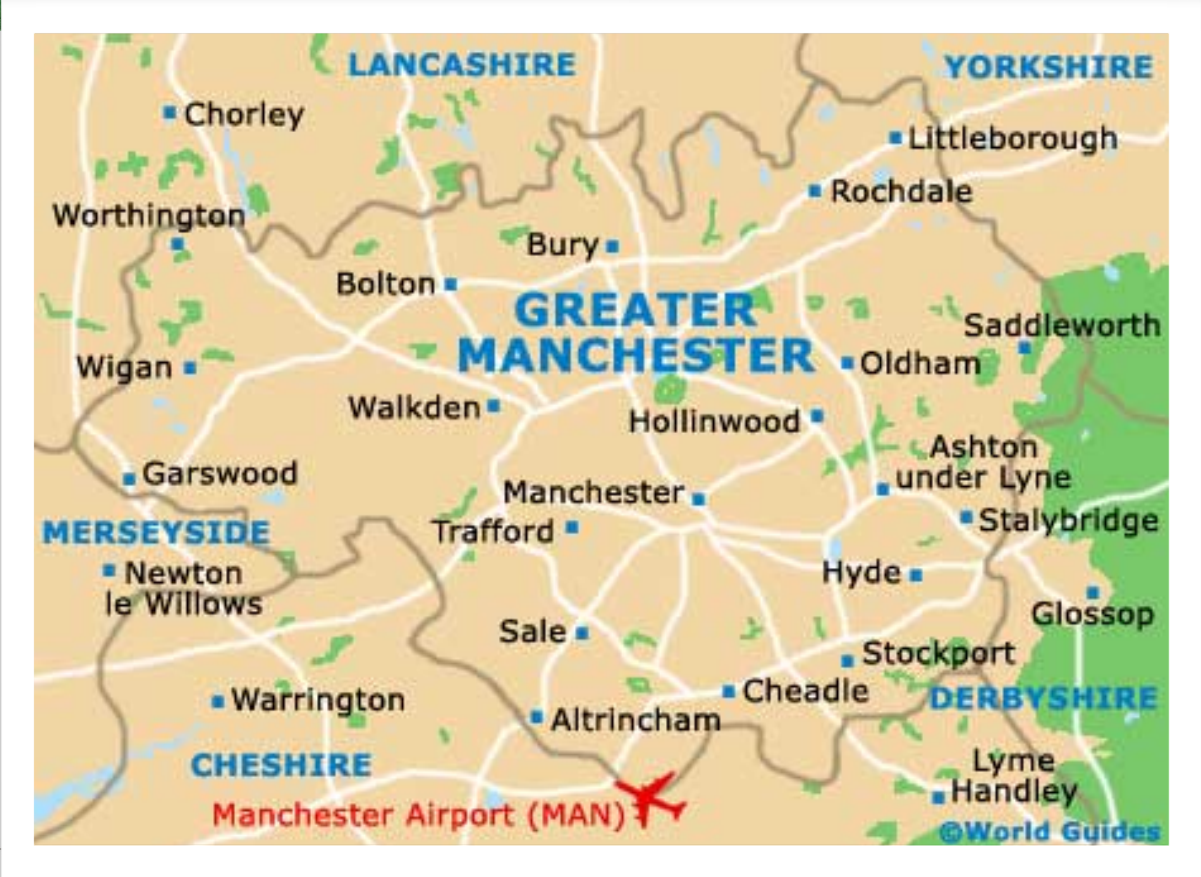


Tour Itinerary Highlights

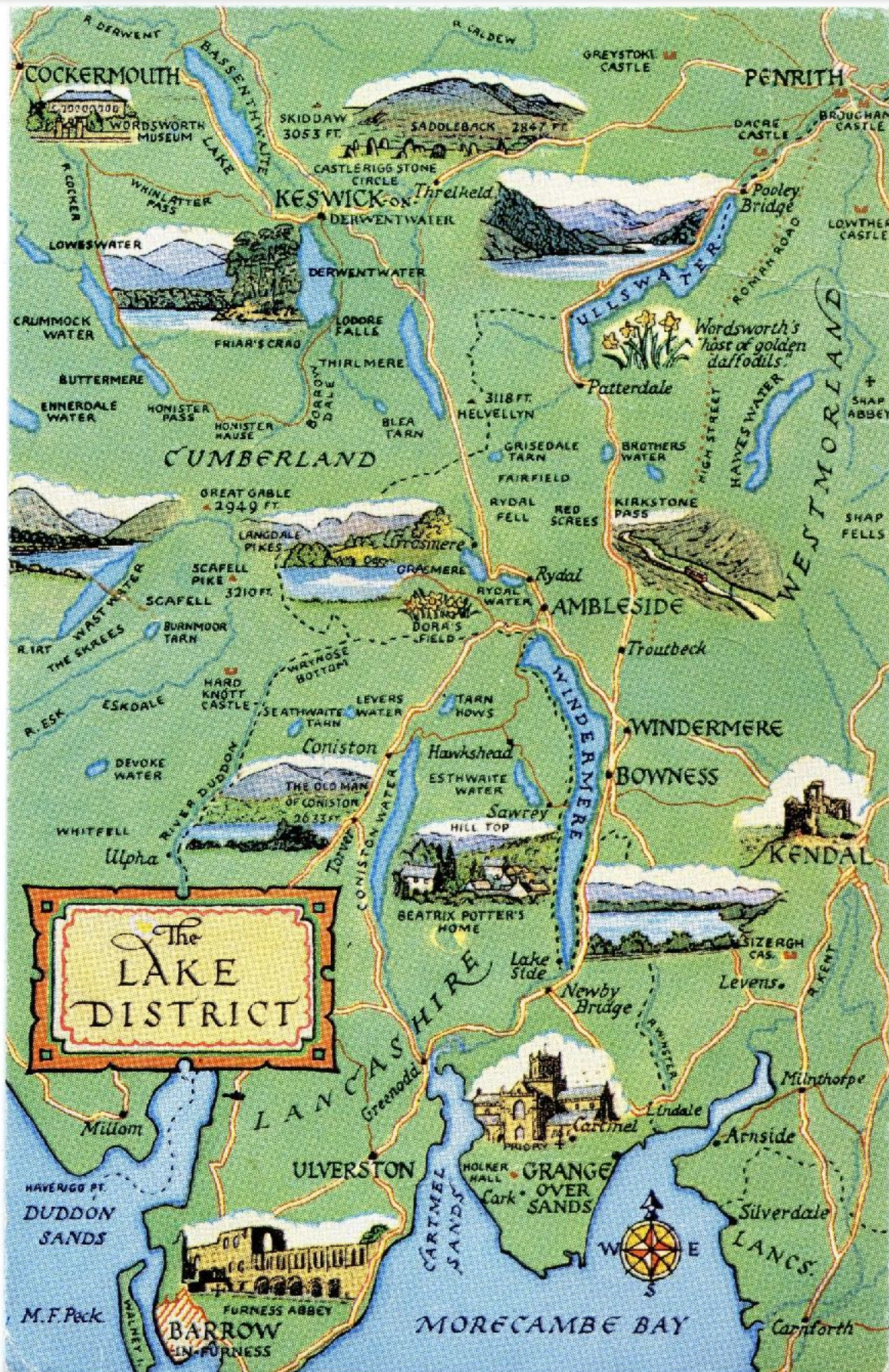
- Behold the beauty of England's storied Lake District
- Enjoy guided tours of 23 iconic gardens, including Bodnant, Tatton Park, Cholmondeley Castle, Lowther Castle, Holker Hall, and Gresgarth Hall
- Visit Wordsworth's gardens at Dove Cottage
- Tour Hill Top, the home and garden of beloved author Beatrix Potter
- Explore Brightwater, the newest of the RHS regional gardens
- Walk the halls of historic manor houses and castles, including Levens Hall, Sizergh Castle, Penrhyn Castle, and Dalemain House
- Chat with head gardeners while visiting iconic gardens
- Commune with the ancients at Castlerigg Stone Circle
- Enjoy a dinner cruise on beautiful Lake Windermere in the heart of the Lake District
- Savor a farewell dinner at our hotel gastropub



Northern Wales and Manchester Maps



Lake District Map



Tour Details

TOUR DURATION - 11 Nights / 12 Days

June 10 - 21, 2027

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- † Airport transfers on June 10; earlier transfers can be arranged at travelers expense
- † Visits to 23 iconic gardens and Crûg Farm
- † Visit Blackwell Arts and Crafts House
- † Explore Castlerigg Stone Circle
- † Eleven nights accommodations in 4-Star hotels
- † Breakfast daily and 10 group lunches
- † Evening dinner cruise on Lake Windermere
- † Welcome, farewell and an additional dinner
- † Afternoon tea and marmalade tasting
- † Entrance to all gardens and parks
- † Sightseeing and transportation by motor coach as outlined in the program itinerary
- † Local Blue Badge Guide — Isabel Wrench
- † Host throughout tour — C. Colston Burrell
- † Porterage where provided by hotels
- † Hotel taxes and service charges
- † Gratuities to your driver and garden guides

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR

- † Round-trip airfare from home cities
- † Travel insurance
- † Airport fees, taxes and baggage charges
- † Optional sightseeing or recreational activities
- † Gratuities to your guide and host
- † Gratuities to servers, luggage handlers or housekeeping
- † Alcoholic beverages during the trip
- † Any other items not specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary



Tour Pricing and Registration

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11 Nights / 12 Days

PRICING FOR 20-22 TRAVELERS

\$8,895.00 Land Price — Double Occupancy

\$1,670.00 Single Supplement

PRICING FOR 15-19 TRAVELERS

\$9,895.00 Land Price — Double Occupancy

\$1,670.00 Single Supplement

- ~ Fewer than 15 travelers will result in a surcharge
- ~ Itinerary subject to change without notice
- ~ Pre- or post-night accommodations available upon request

DEPOSIT

\$3,000.00 per person with reservation to secure your spot

*Once deposited, cancelations are subject to a \$2,500.00 fee

TO REGISTER AND VIEW TERMS AND CONDITIONS VISIT:

<https://www.friendshiptours.net/group-travel>

Select "Group Sign In". Enter the Tour Code **27JUN10ENGLAND** in the box labeled "Make a New Reservation." Make sure there are no spaces at either end of the code.



Terms and Conditions

Gardens of Northern England & The Lake District

Escorted by C. Colston Burrell

June 10-21, 2027 11 Nights/12 Days

ARRIVAL: Thu., June 10, 2027 at **Manchester Airport (MAN)**. Meet in baggage claim and be transferred directly to Cholmondeley Castle to begin tour with lunch in the tea room & a garden tour. Plan to arrive in the morning.

Pre-night Option: Arrive on Wed., June 9, 2027. 1 night hotel stay at the Marriott Victoria & Albert Hotel, Manchester (does not include hotel transfer). Wednesday arrivals will start tour on Thursday morning with hotel breakfast and morning visit to Sandymere for a garden tour.

Pre-night option: \$175.pp double / \$300.pp single

RETURN: Monday, June 21, 2027 transfer to **Manchester Airport (MAN)** for your flight home. Arrange for afternoon flights.

COST (with 20-24 paying guests):

\$8,895. per person based on double occupancy
+\$1670. per person single supplement

COST -with 16-19 paying guests):

\$9,895. per person based on double occupancy
+\$1670. per person single supplement

This trip requires a minimum of 16 travelers to operate.

AIR TRAVEL: Do not purchase air until you have been advised that the minimum number of travelers for this tour has been reached. This trip is based on 16 passengers. Flight arrangements are not included in this tour package.

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ON LINE : www.friendshiptours.net/group-travel
and select "Group Sign In". Enter the Tour Code **27JUN10ENGLAND** in the box labeled "Make a New Reservation."

DEPOSIT: \$3,000 per person with reservation to secure your spot.

FINAL PAYMENT: balance due March 10, 2027

Please reserve now. Small group tour.

Commitment required in order for trip to operate.

CANCELLATION POLICY: If a passenger cancels after deposit and before March 10, 2027, the fee is \$2,500. pp; no refunds if cancelled after March 10, 2027. If Friendship Tours needs to cancel due to lack of participation, a full refund will be processed.

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You can walk and stand for longer periods of time (1-2 hours). You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. In some cases, the terrain can be a little strenuous. Passengers should consult their physician should they have any concerns regarding their physical condition.

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Itinerary - Arrival Day

Wednesday, June 9 - DAY 0 Pre- Day In Manchester

After clearing customs, transfer on your own account to your hotel. Dinner on your own account with other travelers. Night at V&A Manchester.

Thursday, June 10 - DAY 1 Arrival and Off to Wales

Wednesday arrivals enjoy breakfast in the hotel before departing to **Sandymere** for a head gardener tour followed by refreshments. Sir John Timpson and his wife Alex moved to Sandymere 35 years ago, and began development of their 16 landscaped acres of beautiful Cheshire countryside. They created terraces, a walled garden, extensive woodland walks and an amazing hosta garden. Around each corner visitors discover another gem with lots of different water features including a rill built in 2014, which links the main lawn to the hosta garden. After touring the garden, we head to Cholmondeley Castle to meet the group that arrived this morning.

Thursday morning arrivals, after clearing customs and retrieving your luggage, meet your driver and transfer to **Cholmondeley Castle** to join the group for lunch in the tea room and a garden tour. The Cholmondeley family have lived on these lands since Norman times, with the castle built in the early 19th century by the 1st Marquess. Nestled within historic parkland our 70 acres of beautiful gardens offer magnificent displays through the seasons and are filled with color and botanical delights.

Discover the romantic Temple and Folly Water Gardens, Glade, Arboretum, double herbaceous bordered Lavinia Walk, ornamental woodland upon Tower Hill and the new Cholmondeley Rose Garden with over 800 new plantings creating two very different connected Rose Rooms between old and new. The Castle and gardens also provide a stunning backdrop to a host of great events held throughout the year, offering something for everyone.

After our tour we head to the coastal town of Llandudno in Northern Wales. Check into **Llandudno Bay Hotel** for the first of two nights. After time to relax and explore the grounds, join us for a welcome dinner at the hotel. Night at Llandudno Bay Hotel. **B, L, D**



Itinerary - Day 2

Friday, June 11 - DAY 2

A Wealth of Welsh Gardens

After our included breakfast, we start the day with a visit to **Crûg Farm Nursery**. Owners Bleddyn and Sue Wynn-Jones have travelled the world hunting for plants. Many of the plants here are new – not seen in cultivation before. Explore the ruin garden and then up to the mound garden followed by the walled garden and woodland – here you will see more wonderful collections growing.

Our next stop is **Plas Cadnant Hidden Garden** for lunch and an escorted garden tour. Described as one of North Wales' best kept secrets, Plas Cadnant's beautifully restored gardens offer three distinct experiences: a walled garden with curving walls and a pool; dramatic valley garden with waterfalls; and a peaceful woodland garden. Enjoy stunning planting, woodland and river walks.

Our final tour of the day is **Penrhyn Castle and Gardens** for a head gardener tour and a self-guided house visit. The dominating stone façade of Penrhyn Castle hides more than just its internal red-brick construction. Built in the early 19th century, its formidable architecture, opulent interiors and fine art collection lean on a history of sugar and slate fortunes. The Castle's vast rooms, neo-Norman architecture and opulent furnishings are steeped in this colonial history. Set on the Menai Straits, with a backdrop of the Eryri (Snowdonia) summits, Penrhyn commands views to its quarry, surrounded by wooded and open parkland, ripe for exploring, and a walled garden that pre-dates the Castle.

After a day of garden visits, we return to the hotel for dinner on your own. Night at Llandudno Bay Hotel. **B, L**



Itinerary - Day 3

Saturday, June 12 - DAY 3

A Garden With A View

After our included breakfast, settle your accounts and check out. We load up the coach and head to **Bodnant Gardens** for a tour with the head gardener. Founded in 1874 and developed by five generations of one family, the property was given to the National Trust in 1949. The garden spans 80 acres of hillside and includes formal Italianate terraces, informal shrub borders stocked with plants from around the world, a rocky outcrop known as the Dell, a gorge garden, areas of woodland garden with a number of notable trees and a waterfall. Since 2012, new areas have opened including the Winter garden, Old Park Meadow, Yew Dell and The Far End, a riverside garden. Furnace Wood and Meadow opened in 2017.

Our next stop is **Bodysgallen Hall** for lunch and a self-guided garden stroll. Bodysgallen, a skillfully restored 17th century house, is situated on the west facing slope of Bryn Pydew Hill within a broadleaf forest ecosystem. The original terraced garden design dates from 1678 and is credited to Robert Wynn. Wynn laid the principal garden out in Dutch fashion, a sunken, high walled garden that became popular in the early 17th century. Today this garden features a low-growing topiary maze. Below and to the east is the larger walled rose garden. Other prominent features are a rectangular lily pond and a series of smaller herb and perennial gardens below the pineapple stone cottage and to the north. A croquet lawn is found to the north of the main building

After we tour this extraordinary garden, we board the coach for our journey back to Manchester. After checking in to Didsbury House for the first of two nights, enjoy the evening at leisure and dinner on your own. **B, L**



Itinerary - Day 4

Sunday, June 13 - DAY 4

Manchester Estates and Gardens

After our included breakfast, we head to **Quarry Bank** for a guided visit of the garden and the mill. Quarry Bank Mill is one of the best-preserved textile factories of the Industrial Revolution. Built in 1784, Quarry Bank grew to become one of the largest cotton manufacturing businesses in the world. The garden design is a unique example of the industrial picturesque – a new movement at the time Quarry Bank was first constructed. The design incorporated natural and industrial features side by side to create drama and interest within the garden. The mill was used as a backdrop alongside the natural valley setting with its caves, cliffs, wooded areas and bridges which crossed over the river.

Next, we head to **Tatton Park** for lunch and a tour with the head gardener. For nearly 400 years the estate was the property of the Egerton family until it was bequeathed to the National Trust in 1958. The 18th-century mansion sits amid a landscaped deer park and is opulently decorated, providing a fine setting for the Egerton family's extensive collections. The theme of Victorian grandeur extends into the garden with its glasshouses, formal, Italian, and Japanese gardens.

Our final stop of the day is **Fletcher Moss Botanical Garden** for a self-guided tour of the rockery, which is laid out on a south-facing slope and is sheltered from the elements. This position allows non-hardy species to thrive in a micro-climate. Small waterfalls run through the rock gardens into a pond which is surrounded by royal ferns, marsh marigolds, skunk cabbage, Gunnera and irises. The gardens contain a wide range of ornamental trees and shrubs.

After visiting, we return to our hotel for an evening at leisure and dinner on your own. Night at Didsbury House. **B, L**



Itinerary - Day 5

Monday, June 14 - DAY 5

A Jewel In The Crown

After our included breakfast, settle your accounts and check out. Today we head to **RHS Bridgewater**, the newest of the outstanding RHS gardens. We have a leisurely visit here, with a guided tour of the walled garden. After our tour, enjoy lunch in the garden cafe at your leisure, and explore the garden at your own pace. The former site of Worsley New Hall, this heritage landscape has been transformed into an iconic RHS Garden. Landscape architect, Tom Stuart-Smith created the masterplan and the fantastic Bridgewater team, alongside award-winning garden designers, have brought 'gardens within a garden' to life by blending history with world-class horticulture. There are multiple garden areas throughout the 154-acre property, each with a different theme and unique design. Explore the Worsley Welcome Garden, Weston Walled Garden, Kitchen Garden, Paradise Garden, Chinese Streamside Garden, Moon Bridge Water Garden, Orchard Garden, Victoria Meadow, Old Farmyard, Peel Learning Garden, Community Wellbeing Garden, Middle Wood, and beautiful native areas.

Our next visit is to **Gresgarth Hall**, where we meet for orientation with the head gardener before exploring the garden at our own pace. Since moving to Gresgarth in 1978 with her family, garden designer and Chelsea gold medalist Arabella Lennox-Boyd developed the gardens here, marrying Italian style with British plantmanship. The gardens at Gresgarth include terraces, lakes, a small bog garden, a wild garden, an extensive kitchen garden, a bluebell wood, the Millennium Wood, the Rhododendron Hills, the herbaceous borders and a serpentine walk.

After our tour, we journey north and check into our hotel in the heart of the Lake District for the first of six nights. Dinner is on your own. Night at Belsfield Hotel. **B, L**



Itinerary - Day 6

Tuesday, June 15 - DAY 6

Arts and Crafts

After our included breakfast, our first stop of the day is **Blackwell Arts & Crafts House**, one of the Lake District's most beautiful historic houses. Designed in 1901 as a holiday home by architect Mackay Hugh Baillie Scott, it offers a beautifully preserved snapshot into the British Arts & Crafts Movement. Today, Blackwell keeps the spirit of this movement alive through contemporary craft exhibitions and events, providing a place to explore art, design and contemporary craftsmanship.

Our next stop is **Levens Hall and Gardens**. Enjoy a guided garden tour, with time to explore the house at your own pace. After touring, and a visit to the gift shop, enjoy lunch. Levens has a celebrated topiary garden, which was first created by the French gardener Guillaume Beaumont, the gardener of King James II and the designer of the grounds at Hampton Court. The park and gardens laid out by Beaumont between 1689 and 1712 have survived remarkably intact.

Next, we travel to **Sizergh Castle** to tour the house and gardens. This imposing house stands proudly at the gateway to the Lake District and has been home to the Strickland family for more than 800 years. There's plenty to explore on the 1,600-acre estate, including wetland, woodland and orchards. Wander through the rock garden, the fanciful stumpery, or stroll along the herbaceous border and fruit wall. We start with a head gardener tour visit, then tour the house at our leisure.

After our tour, we return to our hotel for the evening at leisure and dinner on your own. Night at Belsfield Hotel.

B, L



Itinerary - Day 7

Wednesday, June 16 - DAY 7 In The Steps of Authors

After our included breakfast, we depart for **Hill Top**, the home and garden of beloved author Beatrix Potter. Hill Top, a 17th-century house, is an example of Lakeland vernacular architecture with random stone walls and slate roof. The house was once the home of children's author and illustrator Beatrix Potter who left it to the National Trust. It is open to the public as a writer's house museum, shown as Beatrix Potter herself would have known it. The Hill Top garden is of interest, being maintained in a style in keeping with Potter's illustrations. The garden features ornamental plants and a vegetable patch.

Our next stop is **Brantwood**, for a guided garden tour and lunch at the "famous Brantwood buffet" of sandwiches, salad, sausage rolls, chips, and cake bites! Brantwood is a historic house museum in Cumbria. It has been home to a number of prominent individuals including author John Ruskin. The house and grounds are administered by a charitable trust, the house serving as a museum dedicated to Ruskin, one of its final owners. At the estate's heart are eight unique gardens which continue the many radical experiments in land management and horticulture which Ruskin began.

Our last stop today is **Holehird Gardens**, an award winning RHS Partner Garden. Maintained entirely by volunteers, this fellside garden is a 10 acre paradise, managed by the Lakeland Horticultural Society. With views over Lake Windermere and the Lakeland Fells, it has a Walled Garden with herbaceous borders and island beds, spring bulbs, autumn colors, collections of rhododendrons, hydrangeas, alpines and six national plant collections.

After a day of touring, we return to the hotel for an evening at leisure and dinner on your own. Night at Belsfield Hotel. **B, L**



Itinerary - Day 8

Thursday, June 17- DAY 8

Communing With The Ancients

After our included breakfast, we set out for a brisk 30-minute walk to **Castlerigg Stone Circle**, one of the earliest and most impressive stone circles in Britain. Castlerigg is located on a hill with a panoramic view of the Lake District National Park and has a possible connection with the Neolithic Langdale axe industry. After touring, board **Ullswater Steamers** for a scenic ferry across the lake to our next garden.

From the ferry dock, we continue our day of garden visits at **Dalemain House and Gardens**, one of the most beautiful and impressive stately houses in the Northwest of England. Steeped in history, this distinguished estate offers centuries of architectural splendor, with the finely dressed pink stone of its Georgian façade glowing magnificently in the sunlight. Inside we discover an expertly-curated collection of furniture, including pieces by Thomas Chippendale. Outdoors, within the rugged grandeur of the Lake District's high fells, Dalemain boasts romantic parkland and gardens with views of the distant Pennines on clear days. Enjoy lunch in the Medieval Hall before our tour of the garden and a marmalade tasting. Time permitting, enjoy a self-guided house visit.

After a day of touring, we return to the hotel for an evening at leisure and dinner on your own. Night at Belsfield Hotel. **B, L**



Itinerary - Day 9

Friday, June 18- DAY 9

For The Love of Wordsworth

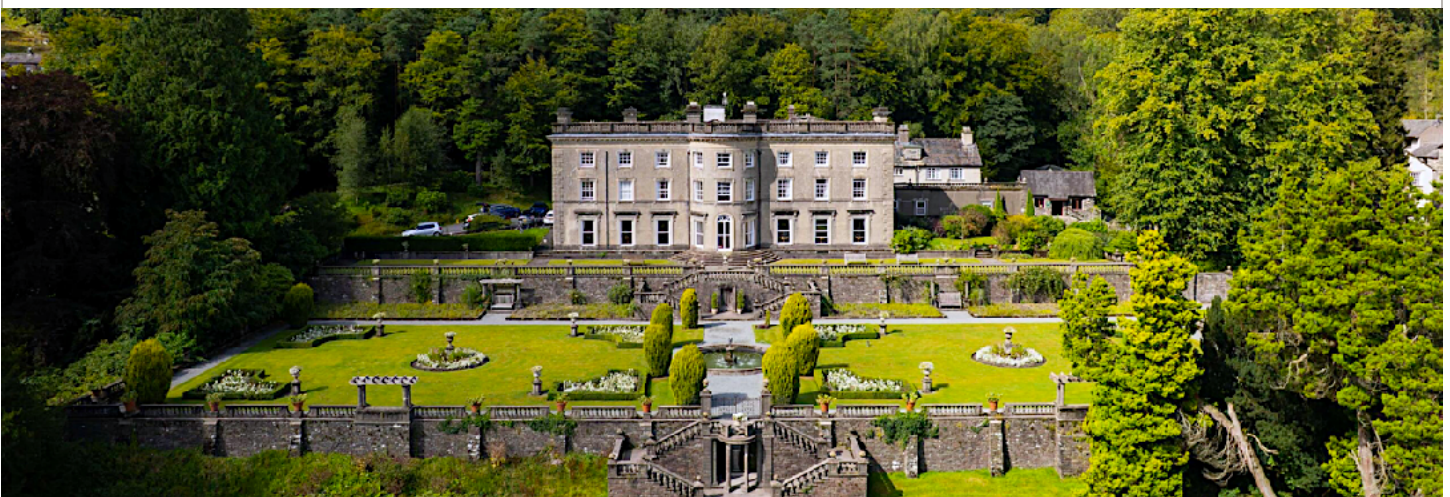
After our included breakfast, we visit **Dove Cottage**, on the edge of Grasmere, to walk in the footsteps of the beloved poet Wordsworth. We divide into two groups for the house visit, while the rest visit the Museum. Wordsworth and his sister Dorothy lived here from December 1799 to May 1808, where they spent over eight years of "plain living, but high thinking". During this period, William wrote much of the poetry for which he is remembered today,

Our next visit is **Rydal Hall Thomas Mawson Gardens** for introductions to the gardens, with self-guided tour and coffee at the Tea Shop. Rydal Hall Estate has developed from the 1600s until the present day with formal gardens, woodlands and iconic landmarks to explore. Designed and built by renowned landscape architect Thomas Mawson, the formal gardens are a fine example of Arts and Crafts design in a wonderful setting. The Grot dates from 1668, designed as a place to frame and enjoy the spectacular Rydal Falls. William Wordsworth was particularly fond of the Grot, writing about it in one of his earlier poems 'An Evening Walk' and visiting with his nephew before his death.

After our two garden visits, enjoy a sumptuous wood fired afternoon tea at **Low Wood Bay Resort**.

Finally, relax at day's end with an **Evening Dinner Cruise** on Lake Windermere. Take in the beauty of Windermere at one of the most peaceful times of day. This 75-minute cruise is timed to coincide with sunset, offering uninterrupted views as the light fades behind the surrounding fells.

After our cruise, walk the short distance to the hotel for the remainder of the evening at leisure. Night at Belsfield Hotel. **B, T, D**



Itinerary - Day 10

Saturday, June 19- DAY 10

A Romantic Ruin

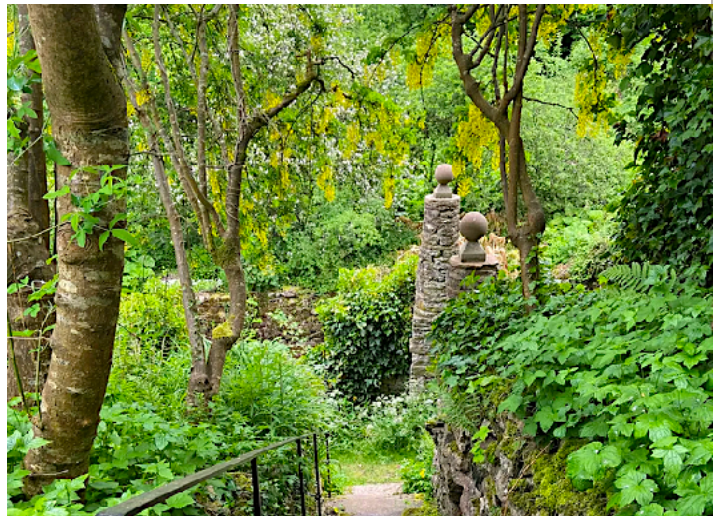
After our included breakfast, depart for **Lowther Castle and Gardens** for a tour and lunch. The garden fronts Lowther Hall, the predecessor to Lowther Castle, built in the late 17th century by Viscount Lonsdale. The main wing was destroyed following a chimney fire in 1718. The gardens at Lowther Castle are a remarkable blend of historical landscape design and modern interpretation. The garden plan, originally laid out in the 17th century, was overgrown and altered significantly in the 20th century, with parts planted as commercial spruce plantations. Restoration has brought back key areas including the Garden-in-the-Ruins, the Parterre, the Yew Avenue, and the Western Terrace. The Rose Garden, designed by Dan Pearson, adds color and fragrance to the estate.

Our next stop is **Morland House Gardens** for a guided tour. Morland is a former Tudor vicarage lived in by the Markham family since 1828. The four acres of magical gardens reflect the changing tastes of successive generations. Wander through formal walled gardens, extensive lawns, river walk and across the beck, secret Victorian rock gardens complete with cliff top walk and grotto.

Our final stop today is **Lindeth Howe**. for a guided garden stroll and dinner. A warm welcome awaits us at this charming property once owned by Beatrix Potter. Explore six acres of beautiful grounds, with stunning views over Lake Windermere and to the fells beyond. Enjoy a delicious dinner made fresh by their team of talented chefs.

After our busy day, we return to the hotel. Night at Belsfield Hotel.

B, L, D



Itinerary - Day 11

Sunday, June 20- DAY 11

Return to Manchester

After our included breakfast, settle your accounts, check out, and board the coach for our final day of garden visits. Our first stop is the extraordinary **Yewbarrow House and Gardens** for a guided tour followed by refreshments. Yewbarrow offers a breathtaking experience for garden enthusiasts as well as nature lovers. The stunning views from the gardens provide a captivating backdrop, fully immersing visitors in the surrounding landscape's beauty. The carefully curated selection of themed gardens and stunning plants showcase a variety of colors, textures, and scents, making each visit a sensory delight. An amazingly sheltered garden developed since 1999, there is a Sunken Garden, Kitchen Garden, Fern Garden, Edwardian Terrace, Craggy Garden, Palm Grove, Olive Grove, Japanese Garden, and more! The design style has a postmodern Mediterranean theme.

Our final visit of the tour is the spectacular **Holker Hall and Gardens**. Here, enjoy a buffet lunch before embarking on a guided garden tour. Imposing Holker Hall is a stunning country house and gardens that combines the elegance of the Victorian era with the welcome of a family home. Although the building originates from the 16th century, there were numerous alterations and additions through the 18th and 19th centuries, with much of the grandeur we see today being from the latter. Take a tour of the house, especially exploring the elegant drawing room, dining room and library, and climb the striking staircase lined with various portraits. There is also the bedroom where Queen Mary stayed in 1937. The gardens of Holker Hall are set within 23 acres, including formal gardens, rose gardens, parkland, and woodland. Discover the 1700's created Elliptical Gardens and the dramatic water feature called the Neptune & Cascade. There is also a Summer Garden, Sunken Garden and a Wildflower Meadow where close by you will find the Labyrinth, a series of 12 monoliths and Sundial created as a Quiet Space.

After touring we head south to our hotel outside Manchester near the airport. Upon arrival and check in, relax before our farewell dinner at the hotel. Night at Bulls Head Hale Barns. **B, L, D**



Itinerary - Day 12

Monday, June 21- DAY 12

Depart Manchester for Home

After our included breakfast, settle your accounts, check out, and board the coach for a morning departure to Manchester International Airport and Flights Home

THANK YOU FOR TRAVELING WITH GARDEN AND NATURE TOURS

WELCOME HOME!



