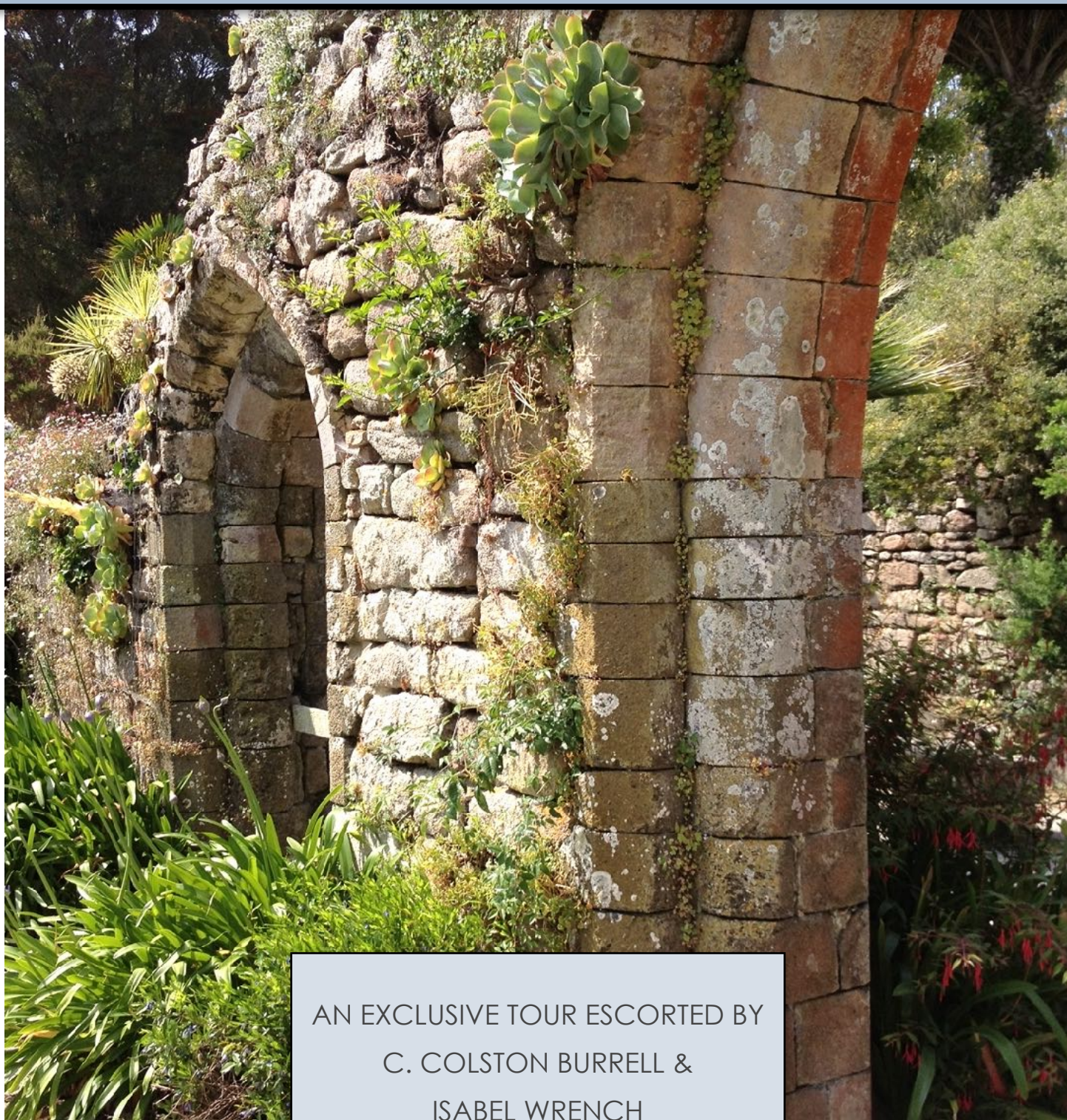


GARDENS OF DEVON AND CORNWALL

JULY 10 - 19, 2024



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 London, England to begin exploring both iconic and personal gardens in the sublime scenery of Devon and Cornwall. 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.

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, and Cole is so excited to be working with her again. He knows that you will love her as much as he does!



WELCOME TO ENGLAND

Join C. Colston Burrell and Isabel Wrench for a journey through Devon and Cornwall with visits to private gardens and estates including Coleton Fishacre, Trebah, Tremenheere, Lost Gardens of Heligan, The Eden Project and St. Michael's Mount. These gardens are set against magnificent landscapes with plunging valleys and stunning ocean views.

We have a special visit included in the tour - an escape to the Isles of Scilly off the coast of Cornwall. Spend two nights in the Isles, including exploring Tresco Abbey, a UNESCO world heritage site and one of the world's great gardens.

We will also visit Stourhead, a remarkable garden featured in many films. Isabel grew up here while her parents worked for the National Trust. We will have an insider's tour of this amazing garden!

Join us for this unforgettable journey to Land's End through the rugged landscapes of Devon and Cornwall.

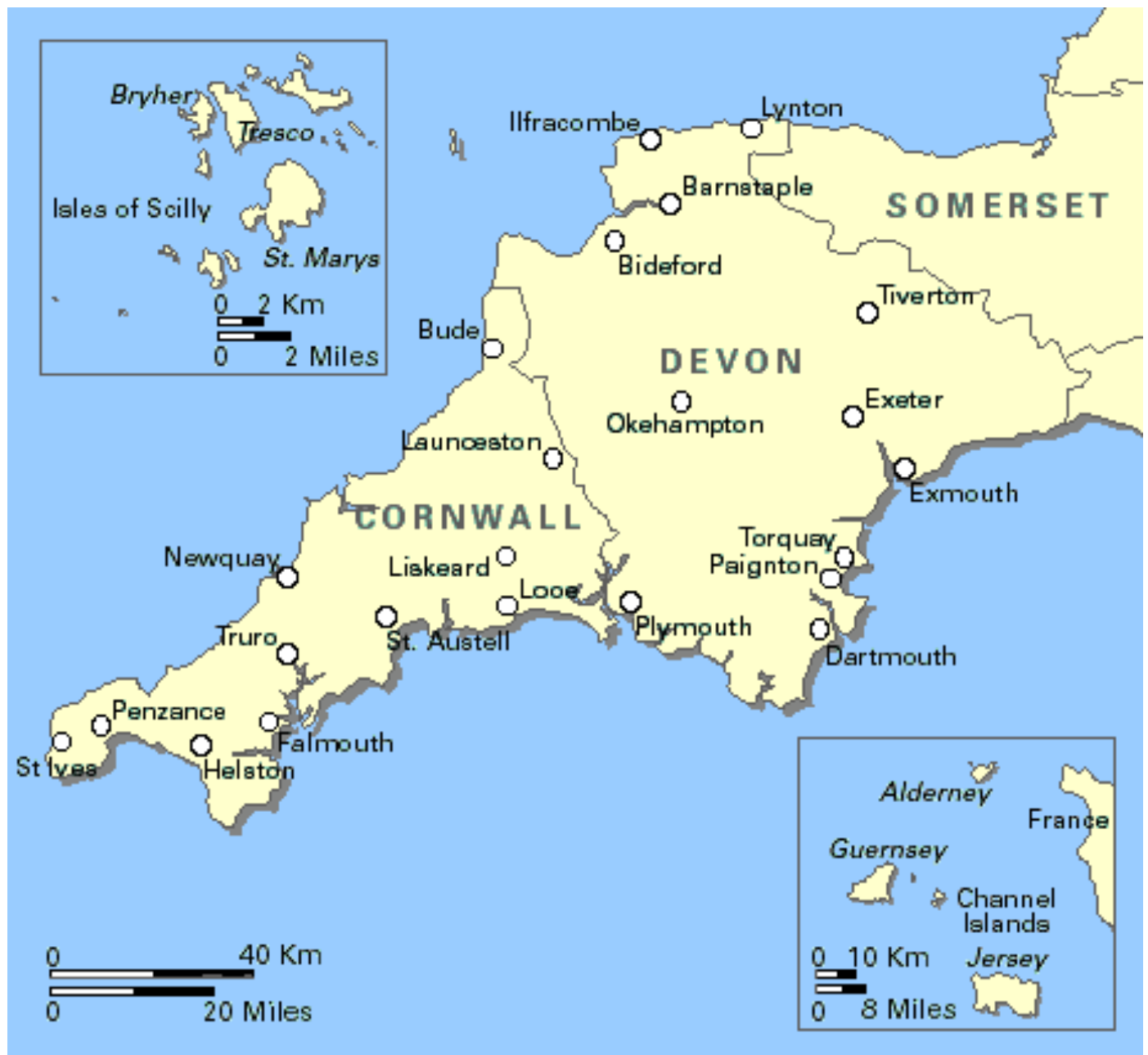


Tour Itinerary Highlights

- Visit the iconic landscape gardens of Stourhead
- Enjoy guided tours of storied gardens, including Colton Fishacre, Killerton, Kestle Barton, Treilssick and Garden House
- Escape to the Isles of Scilly for two nights including Tresco Abbey, a UNESCO world heritage site and one of the worlds great gardens
- Tour St. Michael's Mount, an island crowned with a grand castle
- Marvel at the valley of hydrangeas stretching down to the sea at Trebah
- Tour Tremenheere, a contemporary sculpture garden in a breathtaking setting
- Explore the diverse domed biomes of the world at The Eden Project
- Take a private tour with Keith Wiley at Wildside
- Enjoy a farewell dinner at a local gastropub



Devon and Cornwall



Tour Details

TOUR DURATION - 9 Nights /10 Days

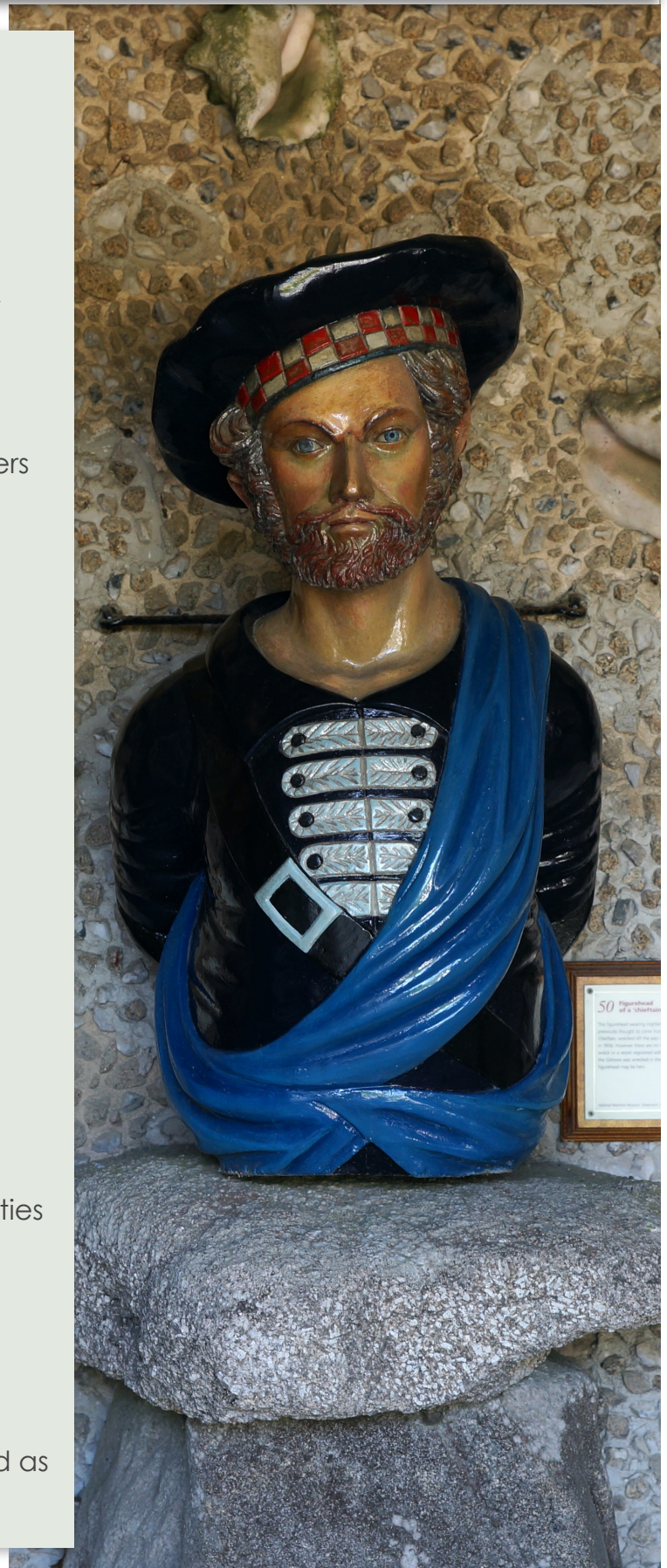
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TOUR INCLUSIONS

- † Airport transfers
- † Nine nights accommodations in 3 & 4-Star hotels
- † Breakfast daily and eight group lunches
- † Welcome dinner and two additional dinners
- † Sightseeing and transportation by motor coach as outlined in the program itinerary
- † Transfer by ferry to the Isles of Scilly
- † Private transfer by boat to Tresco Abbey
- † Local Blue Badge Guide — Isabel Wrench
- † Host throughout tour — C. Colston Burrell
- † Admission to public and private gardens
- † Hotel taxes and service charges
- † Gratuities to your coach driver

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 servers, luggage handlers or housekeeping
- † Gratuities to your guide and host
- † Alcoholic beverages during the trip not mentioned in itinerary
- † Any other items not specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary



Tour Pricing and Registration

TOUR DURATION

9 Nights /10 Days

PRICING

\$7995.00 Land Price, Double Occupancy

\$1350.00 Single Supplement

- ~ Tour price is based on 16 travelers
- ~ Fewer than 16 travelers may result in a surcharge
- ~ Price may be reduced if there are more than 16 travelers
- ~ Itinerary subject to change without notice
- ~ Pre- or post-night accommodations available upon request

DEPOSIT

\$2,000.00 per person with reservation to secure your spot*

*Once deposited, cancellations are subject to a \$1500.00 fee

*In the event the tour is cancelled, a full refund will be given

TO REGISTER AND VIEW TERMS AND CONDITIONS VISIT:

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

Select "Group Sign In". Enter the Tour Code **24JUL10CORNWALL** in the box labeled "Make a New Reservation."



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THE SHIP SHOP

Terms and Conditions

Gardens of Devon & Cornwall

Escorted by C. Colston Burrell

July 10-19, 2024

ARRIVAL: Wed., July 10, 2024 at London Heathrow Airport (LHR). Meet Cole & Isabel at airport arrivals hall and board the coach to begin tour. Time TBD based on passenger arrivals.

RETURN: Friday, July 19, 2024 transfers included to LHR for your afternoon flight home.

COST (with 16 paying guests):
\$7,995. per person based on double occupancy
+\$1,350. per person single supplement

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.

RESERVATIONS VIA FRIENDSHIP TOURS:

CALL: 800-243-1630 and ask for **Gardens of Devon & Cornwall England tour with C. Colston Burrell**

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DEPOSIT: \$2,000 per person with reservation to secure your spot.

2nd DEPOSIT: \$2,000 per person due by Feb 1, 2024

FINAL PAYMENT: balance due April 1, 2024

Please reserve now. Small group tour.

Commitment required in order for trip to operate.

CANCELLATION POLICY: If a passenger cancels from deposit to Feb 1, 2024, the fee is \$1,500 pp; Feb 2, 2024 to March 31, 2024, fee of \$2,500; no refunds if cancelled after April 1, 2024.

PASSPORT: U.S. Citizens: Valid Passport required and must be valid 6 months past the return date.

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COVID-19: PROOF OF VACCINATION

All travelers are strongly requested to be vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine and have a booster(s) wherever possible to participate in this tour. At this time, there are no travel requirements by England or the USA to have proof of vaccine or proof of a negative COVID test.

TRIP PROTECTION COVERAGE:

Proof of travel insurance coverage is required for this tour. Friendship Tours can assist with the purchase of trip protection coverage through **Travel Insured International's Worldwide Trip Protector Plan** OR through the **NTA Travel Protection Plan**. Follow this link for more information on both plans:

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Additionally, both trip protection plans offer a policy with the option for **CANCEL FOR ANY REASON** coverage when purchased within 14 days of your initial deposit. Additional terms apply. Ask Friendship Tours for more information & plan details.

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Itinerary - Arrival Day

Tuesday, July 9 - DAY 0

Depart Home Cities for London

Wednesday, July 10 - DAY 1

Arrival, Visit Stourhead, Onwards to Devon

Upon arrival at London Heathrow, after clearing Customs, Cole and Isabel will meet you in the Arrivals Hall and escort you to our coach to begin the tour.

Stourhead is a modern iconic landmark, arguably the best example of a garden inspired by the great landscape painters of the seventeenth century. The Stourhead 'Claudian' garden was made by Henry Hoare II, a wealthy English banker who had been buying works of art in Italy at the time he inherited the estate. At the heart of the garden lie the lake and the Pantheon, based on the Pantheon in Rome. The layout is evocative of the "genius of the place," a concept made famous by Alexander Pope. Iconic landscape features include The temple of Flora, the Temple of Apollo, Alfred's Tower, a Rustic Cottage and a Hermitage, as well as the five-arched bridge. Enjoy lunch and a guided tour.

Welcome dinner. Night in Exeter, Hotel Indigo. **L, D**



Itinerary - Day 2

Thursday, July 11 - DAY 2

Gardens of Northern Devon

Coleton Fishacre features a handsome Arts and Crafts style house with decorative Art Deco interiors set amongst a stunning 24-acre garden. The garden runs down a narrowcombe from the house to the sea at Pudcombe Cove. It was originally planted by Lady Dorothy and features rare and exotic plants, some of which are unusual in their ability to grow outside a tropical climate due to the proximity of the Gulf Stream to this part of the coast of Devon. Lady Dorothy, who owned the property prior to acquisition by the National Trust, was noted for retrieving exotic plant species for the garden during her journeys abroad. Lunch is in the market town of **Newton Abbot**, with a little extra time to shop and explore.

Killerton is a plantsman's paradise, set on a beautiful hillside carpeted with spring bulbs and wild flowers, whilst magnolia, crimson and pink rhododendron and sweetly scented azalea flower above. The herbaceous and tender borders are at their best in summer and in autumn the specimen trees flame into color. Even in winter, there is always something to see. The garden features rare trees and shrubs from around the world, many of them the first of their kind to be planted in this country. Other special features of the garden include the thatched Bear's Hut, which once housed a Canadian black bear, a rock garden and the ice house. The house holds the 'Paulise de Bush' costume collection - over 9,000 outfits,

Dinner on your own. Night in Exeter, Hotel Indigo. **B, L**



Itinerary - Day 3

Friday, July 12 - DAY 3

Isles of Scilly

The Isles of Scilly form an archipelago located off the southwest tip of England. Inhabited since the Stone Age, the islands may have been referred to as the Tin Islands by the ancient Greeks and Phoenicians. The islands have a nearly frost-free climate due to their proximity to the Gulf Stream current, though winter winds can be punishing. The islands are important for migratory birds due to their position. Cut flowers are the chief agricultural export, especially daffodils. The largest island is St. Mary's, and four additional inhabited islands make up the archipelago. On arrival we transfer to our hotel, located on the island of St. Martin's. Transport between the various islands is by water taxi. Enjoy lunch in the hotel restaurant upon arrival.

Dinner tonight is on your own, Night at Karma St. Martin's. **B, L**



Itinerary - Day 4

Saturday, July 13 - DAY 4

Full Day at Tresco, Isles of Scilly

Tresco is a small, privately-owned island 28 miles southwest of Land's End and home to about 150 individuals. We will transfer by water taxi for a tour and free time for lunch on your own and independent exploration. Visit the stunning Abbey Gardens, a collection of plants from around the world and internationally renowned as one of the finest outdoor specimens of subtropical flora and fauna in the Northern Hemisphere. Many of these tender floral gems would stand no chance on the Cornish mainland, yet even at the winter equinox more than 300 plants will be in flower.

The diversity of plant life to be found within the **Tresco Abbey Garden** is extraordinary. All in all, the tropical garden is home to species from 80 countries, ranging from Brazil to New Zealand and Burma to South Africa. Fringing the lush grid of paths which criss-cross the gardens are a host of succulents, towering palm trees and giant, lipstick-red flame trees. Here you can find flowers of the King Protea and the handsome Lobster Claw. Walk amongst the great blue spires of Echium, brilliant Furcraea, Strelitzia and shocking-pink drifts of Pelargonium. The treasures to be found within the Abbey Garden are not limited to the floral kind. The garden is also home to the Valhalla Collection of some 30 ship figureheads dating from the mid- to late-19th century, taken from merchant sailing vessels or steamships that were wrecked on the Isles of Scilly.

Dinner tonight is on your own, Night at Karma St. Martin's. **B, L**



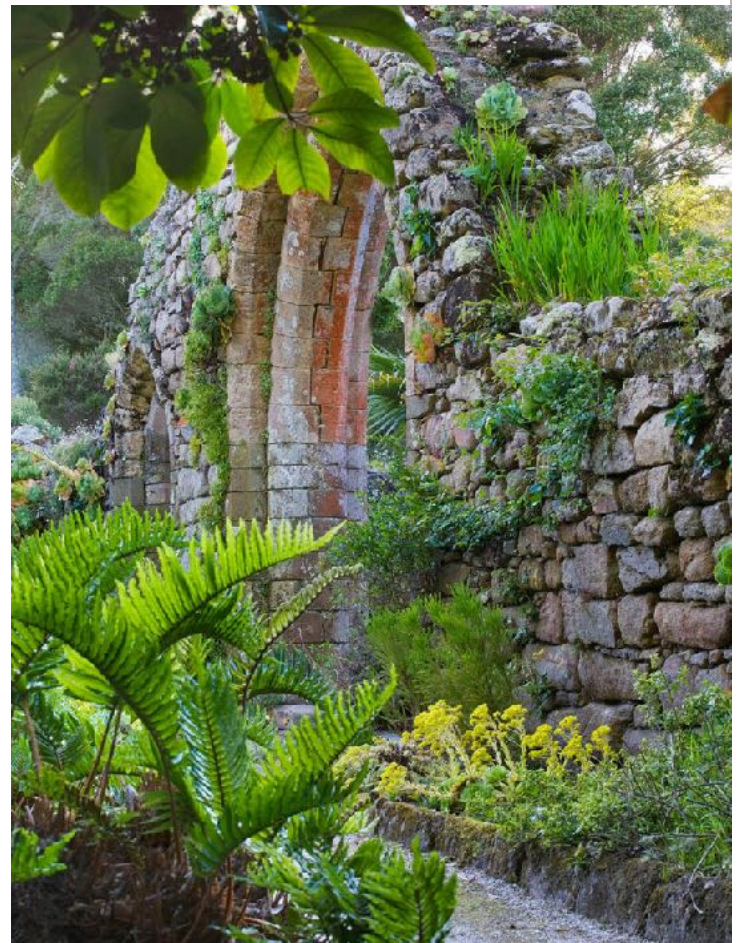
Itinerary - Day 5

Sunday, July 14 - DAY 5

St. Mary's and Return to Penzance

Check out after breakfast and transfer to **St. Mary's Island**. to explore and dine on your own. We have most of the day for the shops and restaurants on St. Mary's. The ferry to Penzance leaves at 4:00, and we must check in by 3:00.

Upon arrival in Penzance, enjoy dinner as a group. Night at Hotel Penzance. **B, D**



Itinerary - Day 6

Monday, July 15 - DAY 6

Gardens of Cornwall

Enjoying the mildest climate in Britain, **Trengwainton**, "House of the Spring", has a magnificent collection of exotic plants and shrubs giving almost the feel of a sub-tropical garden. Ferns, palms, rhododendrons, camellias, magnolias and azaleas grow in a profusion of greenery and colors with many rare and tender plants collected from Tasmania, Australia, China, Chile, New Zealand and California to surprise and delight both the expert plantsman and ordinary gardener. Parts of the garden have a jungle-like atmosphere, whereas others, especially by the numerous streams fed by the high annual rainfall, contain a richly textured tapestry of flowers and foliage. The garden faces south-east with wonderful views to the sea and St. Michael's Mount. The walled kitchen garden showcases contemporary varieties of fruit and vegetables.

St. Michael's Mount is perched upon a rocky island crowned by medieval church and castle, the counterpart of the more famous and much larger Mont St. Michel opposite it in Brittany. St. Michael's Mount more than holds its own in the gardening sphere with an extraordinary sub-tropical Mediterranean garden cleverly protected from the wind by pines, Holm oaks and shrubberies of plants tolerant to salt, such as Escallonia, Hebe, tamarisk, Fuschia and sea buckthorn found on the steep ascent to the castle. Near the summit overlooking the southern slopes and favored by the sun, good drainage and lack of frosts are to be found Agapanthus, Aloe and Kniphofia sheltering amongst the huge granite boulders, together with many other exotic plants including Aeonium, Pelargonium, Callistemon, Yucca, Phormium and other plants usually only found in glasshouses.

In 1997, Neil Armstrong purchased 11 acres of land in a valley overlooking Mounts Bay and St Michael's Mount. In the short time since its inception, the **Tremenheere** has gained a reputation as one of the best new gardens in Britain. The sub-tropical micro-climate allows tender plants such as cacti and agave to be grown outside. Armstrong is a great admirer of William Robinson and his conception of "The Wild Garden", so the garden has an easy exuberance reflective of Robinson's philosophy. The journey carries you past deep pools, through lush bogs and along sunny hillsides, with contemporary sculptures artfully placed throughout the garden.

Dinner on your own. Night at Hotel Penzance. **B, L**



Itinerary - Day 7

Tuesday, July 16 - DAY 7

Gardens of West Cornwall

Trebah is a uniquely beautiful, 26-acre Cornish Ravine garden - the wild and magical result of 160 years of inspired and dedicated creation. The rarest and most exotic trees and plants were imported from all over the world to create this lovely garden. A steeply wooded ravine descends 200 feet down to a secluded beach on the historic Helford River. A stream meanders through the garden, cascades over waterfalls and flows through ponds of giant Koi and exotic water plants before winding through two acres of blue and white hydrangeas and spilling onto the beach. Glades of sub-tropical ferns and palms mingle with a forest of trees and shrubs beneath a canopy of century-old rhododendrons and magnolias.

Glendurgan, a subtropical garden planted in 1883, was described by its creators, the Quakers Alfred and Sarah Fox, as a 'small peace [sic] of heaven on earth'. There are three valleys of Glendurgan full of amazing plants. Sun-loving specimens enjoy the upper banks, and plants with big leaves and exotic flowers thrive in the jungle-like lower valley. The intricate cherry laurel maze has been foxing people for nearly 200 years.

Kestle Barton is an ancient Cornish farmstead situated above the Helford River. Following an award-winning conservation and conversion project the beautiful old farm buildings have new uses, one of the barns becoming an elegant gallery that opened in 2010. In the gallery, garden and wild flower meadow beyond, we have a program of three free exhibitions. The garden was made in the old south-facing hayfield by designer James Alexander-Sinclair. He has created a real plantsman's scheme of gauzy swathes of herbaceous plants and sweeps of tall grasses with hedges surrounding small circular spaces for sitting and dreaming. Beyond, the meadow is an ever changing carpet of wild flowers.

Dinner on your own. Night at the Hotel Falmouth, Falmouth. **B, L**



Itinerary - Day 8

Wednesday, July 17 - DAY 8 Gardens of East Cornwall

Beautifully positioned at the head of the Fal estuary, **Trelissick** commands panoramic views down to Falmouth and the open sea. At the heart of this sprawling estate is the tranquil garden, set on many levels and containing a superb collection of tender and exotic plants which brims with colorful and richly architectural plants throughout the year. The garden holds national collections of both Photinia and Azara. An arts and crafts gallery and shop are sure to tempt visitors.

The world famous **Lost Gardens of Heligan** are a garden and nature lovers paradise. The 30-acre "Lost Valley", a natural woodland, is rich in wild flowers, ferns and ancient trees. The extensive subtropical "jungle" valley takes visitors on a journey past four pools, through the largest collection of Tasmanian tree ferns in Britain, exotic plants, giant trees and over sixty varieties of bamboo. Living sculptures dazzle the eyes and ignite the imagination. the grounds also feature a magnificent complex of walled gardens including - pineapple pits, melon, citrus, peach and vine houses; Two acre productive Kitchen Garden; Crystal Grotto, Italian Garden, Sundial Garden, New Zealand Garden, Alpine Ravine, Bee Boles and Summerhouse Garden.

Described as the eighth wonder of the world, the **Eden Project** is a global garden for the 21st Century. Under sheltering glass domes, discover the story of plants that have changed the world and which could change your future. Experience the sights, smells and sheer scale of the largest rainforest in captivity, with a tree canopy almost 50 meters high! See how chocolate grows, where sugar comes from and what a cola tree looks like. Stroll past lemon and olive trees, vines and perfumed herbs on a colorful sensory journey taking in the Mediterranean, South Africa and California. Outdoors, over 30 acres of lush gardens thrive under the warm Cornish sun, not to mention world-class art installations and unique sculpture across the site.

Dinner on your own, Night at the Hotel Falmouth, Falmouth. **B, L**



Itinerary - Day 9

Thursday, July 18 - DAY 9

Gardens in Devon

The Garden House is a magical place where inspirational planting blends seamlessly into a timeless Devonian landscape and where luxuriant, brilliant color creates unforgettable panoramas. The enchanting terraced walled garden, with its 16th century tower was developed in the 1940s-1980s by plantsman, Lionel Fortescue in the romantic cottage style. There is a series of vivid gardens in a more naturalistic style, which include a maple glade, a South African garden, a bulb meadow, a quarry garden and a wild flower meadow. Keith Wiley, our host at Wildside, was head gardener here for 25 years, and his expert hand is still evident in the gardens. Enjoy a tour and lunch.

At **Wildside**, Keith Wiley and his late wife Ros have created a gardener's paradise from an empty lot. A proponent of a 'new naturalism' movement in gardening, Keith seeks to work in harmony with nature, allowing plants to thrive much as they would in the wild. The garden is far from "as made" by nature. The gently sloping, sunny site has been reshaped to create banks, canyons, swales and pools that allow for a breadth of microclimates, soils and moisture regimes. Wildside contains three distinct zones: a formal "hot-climate" courtyard garden, with arid planting and vibrant colors; an area of deep canyons, bordered by wild flowers and crossed by a series of gravel paths and a water garden with ponds.

Farewell Dinner at hotel or local pub, Night in Salisbury. **B, L, D**



Itinerary - Day 10

Friday, July 19 - DAY 10

Depart London for Home

After breakfast we prepare for an early afternoon departure to Heathrow and Flights Home. The morning is at leisure. You may choose to enjoy a visit on your own to Salisbury Cathedral on this last morning of the tour. **B**

