

Tour
Information



Chelsea Flower Show





The tour commences and concludes at the **Talbot Hotel, Ripley.**

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Please note that transport to the hotel is not included in the price of the tour.

Transport



If you are travelling by car:

From London, follow the A3 via Wimbledon. At the Ripley by pass, take Portsmouth Road to the High Street and the Talbot Hotel is on the left-hand side – approx. 30-40 mins journey time.

For other routes, the hotel is conveniently located just off the M25 (junction 10).

If you are travelling by train: The nearest railway station is Woking which is approx. 4k



Accommodation

Talbot Ripley Hotel

Nestled in the heart of the picturesque Surrey village of Ripley, the Talbot stands as one of the country's most storied and historic coaching inns. Their stylish and contemporary bedrooms boast en-suite facilities, hairdryer, TV and telephone. Free car parking is available at the hotel.

More information can be found via the hotel's website:

<https://www.thetalbotripley.com/>

Check-in and departure from the hotel

On the day of arrival you will be able to check-in at the hotel from 15.00, and the tour host will meet you in the evening at the welcome reception.

On the last day, the tour will finish at approximately 17.30 so you should check with your tour manager, or the hotel reception, where luggage should be stored until your departure.

Dining

On the first night, a private three-course dinner with wine is served, and dinner on the 2nd night is in the hotel restaurant. Both are included in the price of the tour. Breakfast on both days of your stay is included in the price but meals other than these stated are not included.

Special requests

If you haven't already done so, please notify Travel Editions of any special requests as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements.



Places Visited

Chelsea Flower Show

The Chelsea Flower Show has been held in the grounds of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, London every year since 1913, apart from gaps during the two World Wars. Once Britain's largest flower show (it has now been overtaken by Hampton Court Palace Flower Show), it is still the most prestigious.

Key facts

- The RHS Chelsea Flower Show is organised by the Royal Horticultural Society which was founded in 1804.
- In 1927 there was a campaign to get the RHS to ban foreign exhibits from RHS Chelsea to reduce competition with British firms. The RHS refused saying, 'horticulture knows nothing of nationality.'
- In 1932 the rain at the Show was so severe that a summer house display fell to pieces. One very wet year an exhibitor named it 'The Chelsea Shower Flow'.
- The Great Pavilion is roughly 11,775 square metres or 2.90 acres, enough room to park 500 London buses.
- Of the firms that exhibited at the first Show in 1913, three can still be seen at the Show today: McBean's Orchids, Blackmore & Langdon and Kelways Plants.

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/shows-events/rhs-chelsea-flower-show>

Savill Garden

Since its creation in the 1930s, The Savill Garden has been an inspiration for all. This natural haven of beautifully designed gardens and woodland can be enjoyed by everyone, from dedicated horticulturists to those who just want to spend a relaxing day out with family or friends.

The 35 acres of interconnected gardens include the Hidden Gardens, Spring Wood, the Summer Gardens, the New Zealand Garden, Summer Wood, The Glades, Autumn Wood and the Winter Beds.

<http://www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/en/experiences/the-savill-garden>

Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew

Kew Gardens is a botanical garden in southwest London that houses the "largest and most diverse botanical and mycological collections in the world" Founded in 1840, from the exotic garden at Kew Park in Middlesex, England, its living collections include more than 30,000 different kinds of plants, while the herbarium, which is one of the largest in the world, has over seven million preserved plant specimens. The library contains more than 750,000 volumes, and the illustrations collection contains more than 175,000 prints and drawings of plants. It is one of London's top tourist attractions and is a World Heritage Site.

<https://www.kew.org/>

Your Guide

A qualified horticulturalist Head Gardener, Mike Brown studied his MA in Garden History at Birkbeck, London. As well as a Head Gardener he has experience as a College Lecturer. He has researched medieval gardens and the uses of plants, which was very useful when he created the medieval gardens at the Prebendal Manor at Nassington, Northamptonshire.


Mike now offer talks on subjects from garden history, including the gardens, plants and their uses and how they were maintained. He has recently completed a book, based on his most popular talk, *Death in the Garden*, published by White Owl Books.

Practical Information






Tour manager - Your tour manager will be on hand throughout the tour to ensure that everything operates according to plan. If you have any problems or questions please see him or her immediately – it is often possible to resolve complaints or problems very quickly on the spot, and do everything to help you enjoy your holiday.

Tipping –To keep our tours affordable, we do not increase the tour price by adding in tips. However, in the tourism industry, there is a certain level of expectation that when receiving a good service, one does award with a tip. Tour Managers, Representatives, Guides and Drivers appreciate a tip at the end of their involvement with the tour, but this is entirely at your discretion. We believe in allowing you to tip according to your level of satisfaction with their services.

Walking Content – This tour has been graded a 4 out of 5 for walking difficulty.

Walking difficulty: 

Please see the key below for an explanation of the footprint symbols:

Very little walking involved	
Relaxed easy pace, mainly walking from coach to site	
Some walking between sites, good, flat walking surfaces	
Walking between sites, lots of standing for viewings	
On your feet all day, uneven terrain (cobblestones etc)	



Insurance

Although this is a UK holiday please note that, should you cancel your holiday, the amount paid is non-refundable. For this reason you may wish to take out insurance just in case an unforeseen event caused you to have to cancel the tour. As well as covering cancellations, your travel insurance will also cover your baggage and personal belongings in case they are lost or stolen.



Emergencies

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