



Tour Information



Gardens of the Cotswolds with Alan Titchmarsh





The tour commences and concludes at the **Hilton Puckrup Hall Hotel, Tewkesbury.**

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Tewkesbury
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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 the M5: Exit the M5 at J8, then join M50. Exit at J 1, signposted Malvern. At roundabout take a left and you will see the Hilton Puckrup Hall on your right. Drive down the driveway and you will see the entrance to the hotel and Golf reception.

If you are travelling by train: The nearest train station is Ashchurch for Tewkesbury – 8 miles away



Accommodation

Hilton Puckrup Hall Hotel

Set on the edge of the Cotswolds amid 140 acres of private grounds, the four-star hotel offers an indoor pool, whirlpool and the Living Well health club. All the comfortable bedrooms include TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. Complimentary on-site parking is available at the hotel.

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

https://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/united-kingdom/hilton-puckrup-hall-tewkesbury-BHXPHHN/index.html?WT.mc_id=zELWAKNOEMEA1HI2DMH3LocalSearch4DGGenericx6BHXPHHN

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 manager will meet you in the evening at the welcome reception.

On the last day, the tour will not finish until approximately 17.00 so you should check with your tour manager, or the hotel reception, where luggage should be stored until your departure.

Extra nights

If you have booked to stay an extra night at the hotel, this is on bed and breakfast basis and check out from the hotel is at 12.00.

Dining

On the first night, a private dinner with wine is provided at the hotel and included in the price of the tour. For the remainder of your stay, dinner will be provided in the hotel restaurant. Breakfast on all days of your stay is included in the price and lunch at Highgrove House, 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

Bourton House

Bourton House Garden features luxuriant terraces and wide herbaceous borders with stunning plant, texture and colour combinations. Imaginative topiary includes a knot garden, parterre and topiary walk and there are several spring-fed water features including a raised basket pond from the Great Exhibition of 1851. You will also find a unique Shade House, a serene White Garden and many creatively planted pots. A raised 18th century walk provides an enticing link to the Cotswold landscape beyond.

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

Sezincote

Sezincote is unique. At the heart of a traditional, family-run estate covering 3,500 acres of rolling Cotswold countryside stands a 200-year-old Mogul Indian palace, set in a romantic landscape of temples, grottoes, waterfalls and canals reminiscent of the Taj Mahal. Neglected during the Second World War, the garden was restored in 1968 by Sir Cyril and Lady Kleinwort who were advised by Graham Stuart Thomas. Their work includes the canals and Irish yews in the South Garden, evocative of Moghul paradise gardens, a curving conservatory, home to many tender climbing plants, and little pavilion also in Indian style, and all the exceptionally fine planting of the water garden, where many rare plants can be seen. Streams and pools are lined with great clumps of bog-loving plants and the stream is crossed by an Indian bridge adorned with Brahmin bulls. Ornaments include a temple to Surya the sun god, and a snake coiled around a column in the Snake Pond.

<https://www.sezincote.co.uk/>

Rodmarton Manor

The 8-acre Cotswold garden in glorious Gloucestershire is interesting any month of the year but really beautiful throughout the summer months. It was designed originally as a series of outdoor rooms and is still the same today. There is a wide selection of planting that has been done over the years with superb vistas and views throughout and plenty of places to sit and admire the view.

<https://rodmarton-manor.co.uk/>

Highgrove House

The Garden, situated at the Prince of Wales private residence, created with imagination and passion by the Prince over the last 38 years, the series of interlinked organic gardens reflect his deep commitment to sustainability, as well as a natural artistic ability. As an important haven for a rich variety of flora and fauna, the gardens have been developed to not only please the eye, but sit in succinct harmony with nature. From the classic order of the Cottage Garden to the pastoral beauty of the Wildflower Meadow, discover these unique spaces, along with hidden curios and horticultural innovations, on a tour that offers a personal perspective of this much-admired public figure. Following your garden tour, you will return to the beautiful setting of the Orchard Room and enjoy a three-course dinner with wine and a Q&A session with Alan Titchmarsh, beloved Gardeners World TV presenter for many years.

Please note that photographic ID is required for all visitors to Highgrove House.

<https://www.highgrovegardens.com>

Miserden Estate

Miserden is a family-run, rural estate overlooking the Golden Valley in an area of outstanding natural beauty in the Cotswolds. The estate encompasses 850 acres of woodland, farmland and gardens providing a sanctuary for wildlife and a tranquil escape to allow you to spend time with your family and friends. At Miserden we take pride in our collaborative relationship with the local community, many of whom are directly involved in everyday life on the estate. The Garden, Farming and Forestry have historically provided the backbone of the estate but more recently the introduction of The Nursery with a beautifully ornate café set inside an old Edwardian greenhouse have been a welcome addition.

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

Painswick Rococo Garden

Designed in the 1740s as a fanciful pleasure garden for the owner of Painswick House and his guests, today it's a place to take in the spectacular views of the Cotswold countryside and it's magical follies. As the UK's only complete surviving rococo garden, there's nowhere like Painswick Rococo Garden. September sees a crescendo of colour in the Exedra Garden, where perennials and annuals provide a magical display, including African marigolds, mirabilis jalapa, and salvia horminum Oxford Blue. Behind the maze, our collection of Japanese maples are beginning to turn magnificent shades of red and gold. Elsewhere, the extensive crop of heritage fruits in the walled garden swells and ripens as harvest approaches. Apples and pears grown in the garden are used by our café.

<https://www.rococogarden.org.uk/>

Rockcliffe Gardens

Rockcliffe Garden is an 8 acre garden created over the last 30 years in the heart of the Cotswolds. Featuring rose terraces, herbaceous borders, a rectangular pond with Cornus Contraversa Variegata stretching its branches across it and a large lawn leading up to a ha-ha edged with pyramids of Beech. You will also find Yew edged room, canals and a walled kitchen garden and greenhouses. Above the kitchen garden there is a path flanked by Yew leading up through the orchard to a stone dovecote which was built in 2001. Further on there is a gate through to an arboretum planted with trees that show good autumn colour.

http://www.rockcliffegarden.co.uk/Rockcliffe_Garden/Home.html

Upton Wold

The Hidden Garden of the Cotswolds. Set in a beautiful Cotswold landscape, this hidden private garden has been created over forty years, originally with the help of landscape architects Hal Moggridge and the late Brenda Colvin. Upton Wold Garden has an exceptional collection of trees, shrubs and plants, and also holds a National Collection of Juglans (Walnut) with nearly 70 specimens and of Pterocarya.

<https://www.uptonwold.co.uk/index.php>

Your guest speaker

Alan Titchmarsh is a gardener, writer, broadcaster, poet and best-selling novelist. He presented *British Isles, a Natural History*, *Ground Force*, *Gardeners' World*, *The Chelsea Flower Show* and *The Proms* on BBC television and *The Alan Titchmarsh Show* on ITV. He can currently be seen in *Love Your Garden* and *Love Your Weekend on ITV*, and heard on the Saturday morning breakfast show on Classic FM. He lives in Hampshire and The Isle of Wight.

Your tour manager


David Hurrion is an accomplished plantsman, who has been growing plants since childhood for more than 40 years. His extensive knowledge and practical experience of plants, crops and growing techniques is founded on a thorough botanical and scientific training, complemented by an in-depth understanding of garden design, wildlife, geology, and climatology. As a journalist, David is currently Associate Editor for BBC Gardeners' World Magazine and is a regular expert commentator on TV and radio. He has designed, built, and planted show gardens and display stands at most of the major garden shows in the UK, including the world-famous Chelsea Flower Show, and is now a Judge for the Royal Horticultural Society. He has also travelled to every continent, except for Antarctica, to discover plants and gardens, both independently and on more than 50 trips accompanying groups of gardeners. Added to which, he is a genial, caring, and entertaining host.

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 5 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

Should an emergency arise, please call our offices on:

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