



# Tour Information



# RHS Rosemoor





The tour starts and finishes at the **Holiday Inn, Taunton**

Holiday Inn Taunton M5 J25

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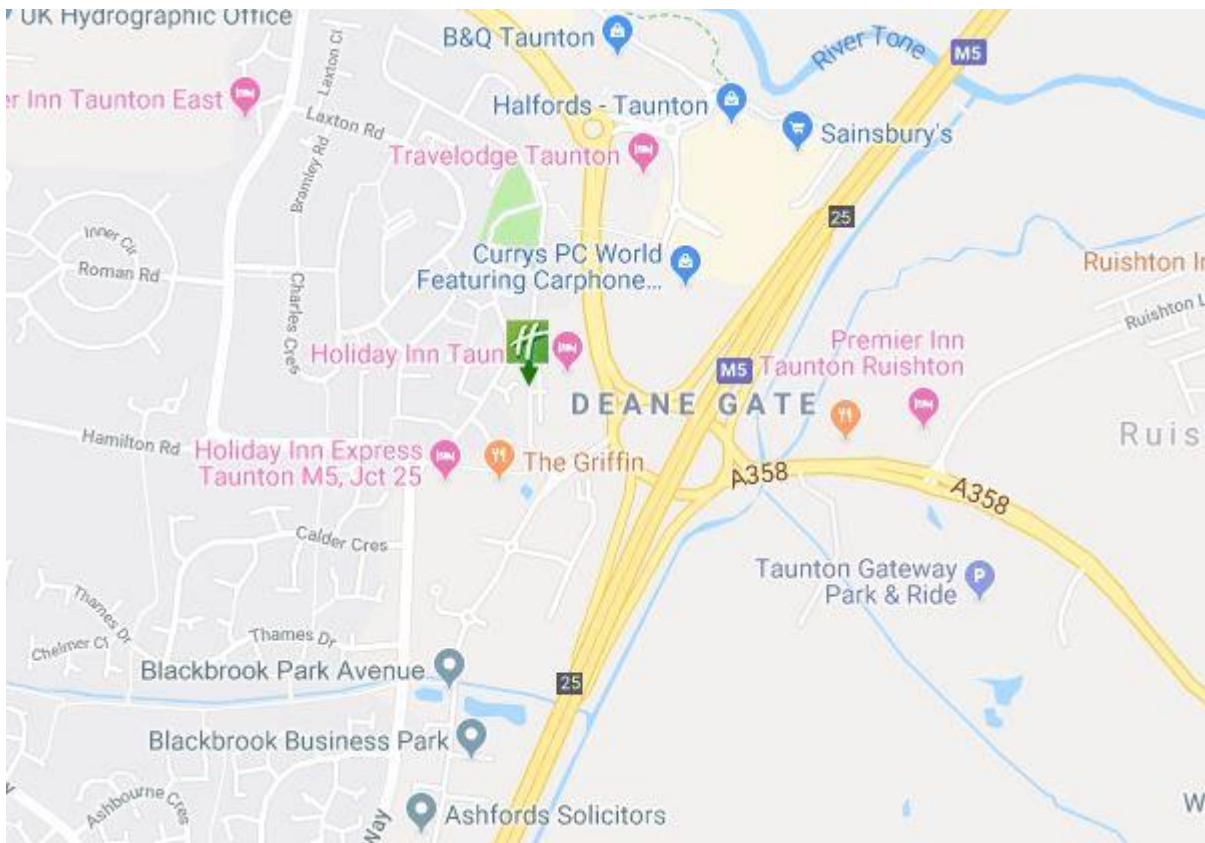
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**Please note that transport to the hotel is not included in the price of the tour.**



## Transport

**Travelling by car:** Coming Southbound on the M5 - Junction 25, Take 3rd Exit off the roundabout. Holiday Inn is located behind the Murco Petrol Station, sign posted Blackbrook business park (first right).

Coming Northbound on the M5- Junction 25, Take 1st Exit off the roundabout. Holiday Inn is located behind the Murco Petrol Station. Sign posted Blackbrook business park (first right).

**Travelling by train:** The nearest rail station is Taunton which is 2 miles from the hotel.



# Accommodation

## Holiday Inn, Taunton

This modern, four-star hotel is conveniently located close to the M5 on the outskirts of Taunton. Facilities include bar, restaurant, indoor pool, sauna and gym. All of the comfortable bedrooms feature TV, telephone, hairdryer, air-conditioning and tea/coffee making facilities.

More information can be found via the hotel's website: <https://www.hitauntonhotelm5.co.uk/>

## Check In and departure from hotel

On the day of arrival, you will be able to check-in at the hotel from 14.00, and the tour manager will meet you in the evening at the welcome reception.

On the last day of the tour, the tour will not finish until approximately 17.00 – 17.30 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 a bed and breakfast basis and check out from the hotel is at midday.

## 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.

## Dining

On the first night of your stay, a private three-course dinner complemented with wine is provided. For the second evening, dinner is provided at RHS Rosemoor. Breakfast on both days of your stay is included in the price but meals other than these stated are not included.



## Places Visited

### Cothay

### Manor

### Gardens.

One of Somerset's finest historic houses, Cothay is surrounded by acres of romantic gardens that are open to the public. Said to be the finest example of a small medieval manor in England, Cothay dates back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century, and has been lovingly restored with period furniture and fabrics by current owners.

Twelve acres of magical gardens surround the manor. Many garden rooms, each a garden in itself, are set off a 200 yard yew walk. In addition, fine trees, cottage garden, courtyards, and a river walk; a plantsman's paradise. The gardens have achieved the highest accolade of two stars in the Good Garden Guide and in June 2012 featured in the Daily Telegraph's '20 Best Gardens in Britain'.

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

### RHS Rosemoor

Surrounded by over 100 acres of woodland with the River Torridge running along the western border, Rosemoor features some stunning gardens including a rose garden with some 2,000 rose plants, an arboretum, herb, fruit and vegetable gardens and an alpine house. A variety of clematis introduced as part of the RHS Bicentenary Plant Collection is named after the garden.

The garden was first opened to the public in 1967, under the National Gardens Scheme. A small nursery was started in 1979. Both the garden and nursery were noted for rare and unusual plants. By the 1980s, the garden was attracting significant numbers of visitors.

In 1988 Lady Palmer gave the garden to the RHS, together with an additional 32 acres (13 ha) of land. In the mid 1990s 37.5 hectares (0.375 km<sup>2</sup>) of woodland surrounding the site, mainly coniferous forest, was added to the garden, securing the land bordering the garden from unwanted change, providing opportunities to blend the garden into its surrounding landscape and also providing it with a range of additional experiences for visitors.

Christopher Bailes, curator of Rosemoor Garden, described the garden in 2008 thus: "Tucked into the north-east corner of the estate, it remains very much a plantswoman's garden, dominated by surrounding woodlands, with a number of discrete areas where choice subjects take full advantage of the warmth and shelter offered by the south-westerly aspect and high ground to the north."

Today Rosemoor Garden covers 65 acres and it includes a visitor centre, a library, a plant centre, a shop, a restaurant and the Wisteria tearoom. In 2017 the garden received 231,060 visitors.

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/rosemoor>

### Marwood

### Hill

This magical and very special 20 acre private garden with three lakes is set in a valley tucked away in North Devon only 4 miles from Barnstaple. Created by Dr Jimmy Smart VMH in the late 1950's the gardens are a wonderful haven in which to relax and enjoy the impressive collections of plants, shrubs and trees and experience the views and peaceful atmosphere. The garden has featured on many garden programmes over the years and is enjoyed by visitors of all ages looking for inspiration, relaxation or just a great day out. The view across the valley from the Garden Tea Room is spectacular and the food served is delicious.

<http://www.marwoodhillgarden.co.uk/>

### Arlington

### Court

The Arlington estate belonged to the Chichester family for eleven generations. The house and carriage museum are home to over 5000 artefacts from tiny model ships in bottles to grand state carriages.

The house as we now see it was built in three phases: the first was the neo-classical block designed by Thomas Lee and built for Colonel John Chichester in the 1820s. It was designed to replace an earlier house, which was sited by the church. That house was a Tudor building which had been updated in the 1790s but

which developed structural problems. The decision was made to site the new house further down the hill and to develop the garden and views around it. Colonel Chichester did not have the pleasure of living in his new house, he died in 1823 just as the building works were completed.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/arlington-court-and-the-national-trust-carriage-museum>

## Your Guide

### **David Hurrion**

David started gardening as a young child and has been growing plants for more than 40 years. He has worked in gardens and nurseries, growing on a range of different soils and in different types of microclimate. 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.

He also trained as a teacher and has taught a huge diversity of subjects from botany, soil science and plant identification, to propagation, garden design and crop production, and from City & Guilds through to Degree level. He is also a popular speaker with local gardening groups.

As a journalist, David has spent more than 20 years writing for and editing the nation's crop of garden magazines, currently as Associate Editor for BBC Gardeners' World Magazine. He has also written for a number of websites and appeared both as a regular contributor and an expert commentator on TV and radio. David is a popular figure in the horticultural world, well liked and respected for his knowledge by nurserymen, professional gardeners, journalists and the gardening public. 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 Designate Judge for the Royal Horticultural Society.

He has also travelled to every continent, with the exception of Antarctica, to discover plants and gardens, both independently and on more than 50 trips accompanying groups of gardeners.

### **David will give the following talks during the tour:**

*"Pruning made simple"*



## 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 3 out of 5 for walking difficulty.

Walking difficulty: 

Please see the key 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:**

020 7251 0045

Outside office hours (Mon-Fri 0900-1700), telephone our emergency staff on:

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**PLEASE USE THESE NUMBERS ONLY IN THE EVENT OF A GENUINE EMERGENCY.**

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