



INCLUDES LONDON'S PRESTIGIOUS  
CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW!

May 18-27, 2018



**BURKHALTER**  
**TOURS**

# Great Gardens of Kent

**Tour Itinerary:** Join Olbrich Gardens for an awesome adventure in the U.K. - visit numerous public and private gardens in Kent, spend a full day at the Chelsea Flower Show, and enjoy a full free day in London!

**Day 1/Fri., May 18: Depart the U.S. and travel to England.** Travel to Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and board your overnight flight to London, England.

**Day 2/Sat., May 19: Arrive London - Travel to Kent.** Welcome to London! Your tour manager and driver will meet you at Heathrow Airport, after which you will drive to Kent, "The Garden of England." Your first stop will be at Gravetye Manor, once a grand 16th-century country manor, now a luxury hotel with gorgeous hidden gardens. Explore this charming garden with its head gardener and enjoy a mouth-watering lunch afterwards.

Later, continue to your home for the next five nights, The Hever Hotel. (L)

**Day 3/Sun., May 20: Kent: Leeds Castle and Great Comp.** A glimpse of Leeds Castle from the beautiful Cascade Garden sets the scene for a captivating roam through 900 years of history. Lose yourself in Wood Garden and enjoy the English cottage charm of the Culpeper Garden awash with roses, lupins, poppies and lad's love. The Lady Baillie Garden takes you to the Mediterranean, and if you fancy some fun, give the spiraling yew maze and grotto a whirl. Next is the seven-acre plantsman's paradise of Great Comp, created by Roderick and Joy Cameron. Explore this wonderfully-quirky garden showcasing beautiful and rare plants surrounding a 17th-century manor house. This hidden gem of a garden is home to an Italian Garden, romantic ruins and enchanting woodland walks. To cap off the day, you might enjoy a delicious Afternoon Tea at their Old Dairy Tearooms. (B)

**Day 4/Mon., May 21: Kent: Penshurst Place and Hever Castle.** Embark on a day of pure enchantment, beginning at Penshurst Place and Gardens, where horticultural records date back to 1346. Wander a series of spellbinding "rooms" divided by more than a mile of yew hedging, including the Magnolia Garden, Grey and White Garden and Union Flag Garden, dazzling with summer roses and lavender. Just a short drive away is double-moated, 13th-century Hever Castle, one-time home of Anne Boleyn. Breathe in the heady fragrances of more than 4,000 flowers in the Rose Garden and immerse yourself in the Italian Garden, created to display then-owner William Waldorf Astor's collection of Italian sculpture. (B)



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## Tour Inclusions

- Round-trip (estimated) airfare from Chicago with taxes and fees
- Round-trip transfers + luggage handling within England
- 8 nights accommodations
- 11 meals - 8 Breakfast (B), 1 Lunch (L) and 1 Dinner (D)
- Admissions and sightseeing per itinerary
- Professional Tour Manager, Driver and Local guides
- Host from Olbrich Botanical Gardens

## Tour Price

**\$ 3,825 per person**  
**double occupancy**

**\$360 single room supplement**  
Price includes estimated airfare.  
\$50 discount if you book before  
December 15 + \$100 cash  
discount available.

**Day 5/Tue., May 22: Kent: Great Dixter and Sissinghurst Castle Gardens.** Fall in love with Sissinghurst Castle Gardens, one of the most famous gardens in England. Historic, poetic, iconic - it's a refuge dedicated to beauty and a prime example of the Arts and Crafts style. The gardens' flowing structure can be appreciated from the castle tower, which gives panoramic views, and at ground level, you can wander through the White Garden, the fragrant Rose Garden and the colorful Cottage Garden. In the afternoon, visit Great Dixter, family home of the late Christopher Lloyd, who had devoted his lifetime to creating one of the most experimental, exciting and constantly-changing gardens of our time.



There is a wide variety of interest from yew topiary, carpets of meadow flowers, dazzling colorful mixed borders (including the famous Long Border), natural ponds, and the wonderful Exotic Garden. (B)

**Day 6/Wed., May 23: Kent: White Cliffs of Dover, Walmer Castle and Canterbury.**

Admire the White Cliffs of Dover, one of this country's most spectacular natural features and a sign of hope and freedom for centuries, before continuing your journey along the coast. Blasted by salty winds from the English Channel, Walmer Castle would seem an unlikely spot for a garden, but thanks to the enthusiasm of its many Lords Wardens and the shelter of sturdy walls, the grounds flourish with diverse plants. Be enchanted by richly-scented magnolia trees, plentiful fruit, vegetables and flowers in the Kitchen Garden, and the quiet pool and sculptural plants of the Queen Mother's Garden. And of course, see the original Wellington Boots, hear previously untold stories and discover a new side to its famous residents. Enjoy dinner at your hotel with your fellow travelers this evening. (B)(D)



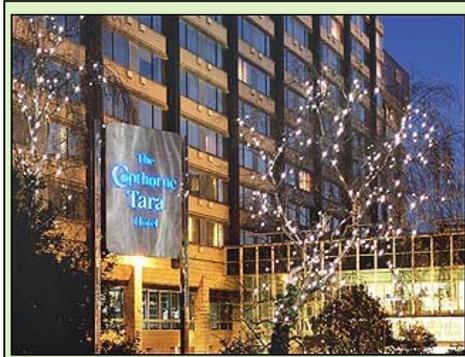
**Day 7/Thu., May 24: RHS Wisley - Travel to London.** The highlight of today is the flagship garden of the Royal Horticultural Society - Wisley. It captures the imagination with richly-planted borders, luscious rose gardens and the state-of-the-art Glasshouse. Gifted to the Society in 1903, Wisley has evolved over time into a world-class garden. Continue to London, where the rest of the day is at your leisure. (B)



**Day 8/Fri., May 25: Chelsea Flower Show.** Be dazzled by colourful flowers, innovative garden designs and amazing horticultural exhibits that transform the grounds of the Royal Hospital Chelsea with stunning floral displays. World-renowned garden designers, plant specialists, florists and nurseries come together every year to one of London's most charming and affluent neighborhoods to show off cutting-edge garden designs and inspirational floral exhibits. Stroll through the show-stopping and award-winning gardens. Discover rare flowers and plants. Spot emerging garden trends. And, browse unique gardening gadgets on sale. Attracting more than 150,000 visitors, including members of the Royal Family, this show is to garden designers what Paris Fashion Week is to clothing designers! (B)

**Day 9/Sat., May 26: Free day in London.** Enjoy a day on your own to explore more of London, check out museums, art galleries, big department stores or cheeky boutiques—anything your heart desires. (B)

**Day 10/Sun., May 27: Return to U.S.** Sadly, your tour ends after breakfast this morning, when you transfer to the Heathrow for your homeward-bound flight. (B)



**London - 3 nights: Copthorne Tara**

## Tour Hotels

**Kent - 5 nights: Hever Hotel**



# TOUR APPLICATION

**TOUR NAME:** Great Gardens of Kent

**TOUR DATES:** May 18-27, 2018

**TOUR #** H2893

Note: The name on your tour documents and airline tickets must match your passport name. One form per address, please.

Name on Passport 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 1st name for Name Tag \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Female  Male TSA Pre-check/Global Entry KTN# \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Passport 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 1st name for Name Tag \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female TSA Pre-check/Global Entry KTN# \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone-cell \_\_\_\_\_ Phone-home \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate or other travel companions: \_\_\_\_\_

Travel extension request: \_\_\_\_\_

Room Type Request:  Single (\$4185)  Double-one bed (\$3825pp)  Twin-two beds (\$3825pp)

**Special Requests** - please understand that we cannot guarantee that requests will be granted.

Room requests: \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary requests: \_\_\_\_\_

Air:  With group  Individual/customized Seat requests:  Window  Aisle  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Celebrating any special occasions: \_\_\_\_\_

Any medical conditions we should be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_

Any special assistance required: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Travel protection?  Yes  Maybe, please provide information  No, thanks

**I/we have read and understand the terms and conditions for this tour:**

**Signature Required**

**PAYMENT:**  Cash or check payable to Burkhalter Tours  Credit card (you may call with this info if you prefer not to mail it)

**Amount Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_ (\$250 per person due with application form) **Final due: 3/2/2018**

CC # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

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## TOUR TERMS AND CONDITIONS - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY



***I.D./Citizenship:*** Travelers from the U.S. must possess a passport valid for at least six months beyond the tour dates with names matching those on their tour and flight reservations. Complete name, gender and birth date are required to confirm reservations per TSA/airline requirements. Non-U.S. citizens are responsible for confirming their own U.K. entry requirements.

***Deposits and Payments:*** Please make checks payable to Burkhalter Tours. Most major credit cards are also accepted, although a cash discount may be available. **A deposit of \$250 per person** is required to secure reservations. All tour confirmations are subject to receipt of signed tour application and payment verification. **Final payment is due on or before March 2, 2018.**

***Cancellations/Refunds:*** All cancellations are subject to a \$50 Burkhalter Tours service fee that may not be covered by tour operator insurance. In addition to the service fee and possible airline penalties, tour cancellation penalties are as follows: 151+ days prior to departure: \$50 fee; 150-75 days prior to departure: Deposit; 74-1 days prior to departure: 100%. No refund will apply on unused portions of the tour. If a roommate cancels, the remaining traveler may have to pay any single room supplement that is incurred. Name changes and departure date changes are considered reservation cancellations and are subject to cancellation fees. Once issued, airline tickets are 100% non-refundable.

***Travel insurance:*** We strongly recommend the purchase of travel insurance to protect your investment and also to give you medical coverage in case of an emergency during the trip. Most protection plans require purchase at time of deposit or shortly thereafter. Ask your agent for more information.

***Tour Conditions:*** This tour is operated by Burkhalter Tours and requires a minimum of 20 paid travelers to operate. The tour will be hosted by a representative of Olbrich Gardens or Burkhalter Tours. All arrangements are based upon tariffs in effect on June 19, 2017 and are subject to change. Once deposit has been received, any changes to land or air arrangements may be assessed a change fee of at least \$50. Revision fees will be higher once air has been ticketed. The tour price includes a tax-deductible \$75 donation to Olbrich Gardens - this is not optional.

***Air Transportation:*** The international airfare portion of the tour price is an estimate and subject to change until ticketed. Once a group airfare is contracted, a minimum of 10 travelers will be required. Airline schedules are subject to change by the airlines at any time. Advance seat assignments can only be requested after final payment, may be limited in availability and may require an airline fee. Group seat assignments are usually done by the airline for the entire group, and changes are subject to availability, which may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your enjoyment of the tour, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking with the group.

***Accommodations:*** Your tour hotels are first-class or better properties with private ensuite facilities. Hotels are subject to change.

***Traveler Fitness:*** Travelers should be in reasonably good health, able to board a motorcoach in a timely manner, climb stairs and walk moderate distances over sometimes uneven ground. Individuals with physical and/or cognitive limitations must be accompanied by an able individual who will assume complete responsibility for them. Tour personnel and hosts cannot and will not provide this kind of assistance.

***Passenger Consent Agreement:*** Department of Transportation regulations require that we inform you that your purchase is subject to supplemental price increases beyond our control that may be imposed after the date of purchase. Such increases may come about due to increased fees, fuel surcharges, government tax increases, fluctuations in foreign exchange markets or any combination of these events. Post-purchase price increases may be applied to your invoice due to these unforeseen cost increases from suppliers. While a post-purchase price increase is rare and not anticipated, Burkhalter Tours will inform you of any increases as soon as possible. By signing the tour application and making your deposit, you are acknowledging that you have been made aware and accept the fact that such increases may occur, and that you agree to pay Burkhalter Tours accordingly.

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