

English Garden and Design Tour for Keen Quilters and Curious Creatives

May 28 - June 8, 2023

Tour Leader: Jane Sassaman



TAILORED SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

- EXPERT TOUR LEADERS
- MAXIMUM 25 IN A GROUP
- CAREFULLY PLANNED ITINERARIES





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Tour price: \$4,995 twin share

Single room supplement: \$1,120

(3 single rooms available, any additional single room may be available upon request.)

Booking deposit: \$500 per person

Maximum places: 25

Itinerary: Manchester (1 night), Leicester (1 night), Cheltenham (4 nights), Oxford (1 night), London (4 nights)

Inquiries and bookings:

For further information or to book this tour, please contact Opulent Quilt Journeys at 877-235-3767 or info@opulentquiltjourneys.com

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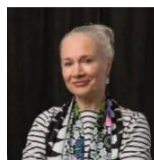
OVERVIEW

Beautiful gardens and fascinating design come together in a delightful tour led by Jane Sassaman, a quilt artist whose work melds nature with her own distinctive perspective. From Manchester to London, the English Garden and Design Tour explores expansive gardens, charming sights, historic quilts, and shopping at wonderful fabric stores. It is truly made for keen quilters and curious creatives. Along the way, Jane will offer design techniques and insights to inspire fellow quilt makers in the group.

The tour leads you to estates and gardens such as Wightwick Manor, with its barley-twist chimneys and gardens of wide lawns; Hidcote Manor, famous for rare shrubs and trees and outstanding design; Kiftgate Court, home to fragrant old roses; and Rousham House, from which today's landscape designers continue to draw inspiration. The Arts & Crafts Movement is on display as well, with highlights including Court Barn Museum – which tells the history of the movement—and a stop at the Red House, the only house commissioned, created, and lived in by William Morris, the father of the movement. The aesthetic of other eras is evident with stops at Anne Hathaway's Cottage, Windsor Castle, and the Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology, Britain's oldest museum.

The tour also explores quilts and fabrics with visits to the Victoria and Albert Museum, Liberty of London, Taylors Buttons, and distinctive London quilts shops.

YOUR TOUR LEADER



Jane A. Sassaman worked in many design fields before discovering quilting in 1980. She was a window dresser, a sign maker, an illustrator and a designer of decorative accessories. All of these talents came into play when Jane began to quilt. Her exuberant quilts and fabric designs have

attracted worldwide recognition. Under the influence of 19th-century Arts and Crafts designers, her work is abstracted from nature, but her colorful graphic style is contemporary and always recognizable. Her quilt *Willow* was recognized as one of the 100 best American quilts of the 20th century. She also translates her unique vision into exciting fabrics for FreeSpirit Fabrics.

When she isn't working in her studio, Jane can be found teaching quilt classes, sketching in the garden, or browsing her library of design books. She is the author of *The Quilted Garden* and *Patchwork Sassaman Style*, which is a primer for using personality prints in quilting.

"If you are a fan of the English Arts & Crafts Movement, like me, this is an amazing opportunity to experience its rich legacy through architecture, gardens and museum collections. And best of all, you will be sharing the adventure with like minded fabric fondlers, stitchers and designers. You will be soaking up inspiration as you collect colors, techniques, and design ideas to bring home and perhaps apply to your way of working. Come and celebrate the legacy for fine craftsmanship and the spirit of enlightenment which still inspires artists and designers today. I am so excited for you to join me on this dream tour!"

- Jane Sassaman

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



COTSWOLDS

Cotswolds is home to some of the most unspoilt, historic and famous towns and villages in England. Known for its honey-hued stone cottages and winding streets, it is dotted with centuries-old churches and pubs that provide a quintessential English charm found nowhere else in the world.



LONDON

London is one of the world's most cosmopolitan cities. Its age-old heritage flows into its modern sensibilities, creating a time capsule to explore. Visitors find everything from museums and architectural treasures to trendy shopping and enjoyable dining options.



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BRITISH QUILTS

British quilts, most often referred to as patchwork, are glorious works of color and pattern. From historic examples seen in museums to the latest fabrics available in shops, these quilts hold a proud position in Britain's creative community.



Sissinghurst Gardens © Kim Woods Rabbidge

ENGLISH GARDENS

The well-loved and intricately planned gardens of England are truly treasures. Whether designed by master horticulturists or accomplished amateurs, they chronicle a passion for plantings arranged in gorgeous settings. Often created and cared for by multiple generations of gardeners, they also preserve rare flora.



Stoneywell © Robin Leicester



Hidcote Manor © Hans Bernhard (Schnobby)



Castle Combe village in Cotswolds

DETAILED ITINERARY

Included meals are shown with the symbols B, L, and D.

TOUR START & FINISH TIME

The tour begins at 6 p.m. at Clayton Hotel at Manchester Airport on Day 1.

The tour concludes after breakfast at Hilton Hyde Park Hotel in London, on Day 12.

Day 1 Sun May 28

Arrive Manchester

Arrive at the hotel for check in. Meet your tour leader and enjoy a group dinner at the hotel. (D)

Day 2 Mon May 29

Manchester-Leicester

Travel towards the Cotswolds with an en route visit to the superbly crafted **Wightwick Manor**. With its timber beams and barley-twist chimneys, gardens of wide lawns, yew hedges and roses, rich William Morris furnishings and exquisite Pre-Raphaelite paintings, Wightwick is in every way an idyllic time capsule of Victorian nostalgia for medieval England. Visit **Stoneywell**, a very influential Arts and Crafts cottage built in 1899 by Ernest Gimson as a summer residence for his family. Overnight at Leicester. (B, D)

Day 3 Tue May 30

Leicester-Cheltenham

Depart Leicester for Cheltenham with an en route stop at **Stratford-upon-Avon**, the 16th-century birthplace of William Shakespeare, to visit **Anne Hathaway's Cottage**, the family home of Shakespeare's wife. Next stop is **Compton Verney Art Gallery and Park**, an award-winning art gallery located in a beautiful mansion built by Robert Adam. The house is set in over 120 acres of landscaped grounds designed by Capability Brown, a famous 18th-century landscape architect. (B)

Day 4 Wed May 31

Cheltenham

Visit two beautiful gardens, Hidcote Manor Garden and Kiftgate Court Gardens. **Hidcote Manor** is one of the greatest gardens in England created last century by the great horticulturist Major Lawrence Johnston. The garden is famous for rare shrubs and trees as well as its outstanding design features. **Kiftgate Court Gardens** is known for its romantic plantings and fragrant old roses, and is a testament to the creativity and horticultural sensibility of three generations of green-fingered women. (B)

Day 5 Thu June 1

Cheltenham

Start another day in Cotswolds with a visit to **Gordon Russell Design Museum**, which celebrates the life and work of renowned furniture designer Sir Gordon Russell and his company. **Court Barn Museum** tells the story of the world-famous Arts and Crafts Movement and how this small Cotswold town became a gathering place for designers and craftspeople of national and international repute. A visit to **Hart Silversmiths**, the last operating remnant of Guild of Handicraft, allows a look at pieces made in the finest traditions of English silversmithing. (B, D)

Day 6 Fri June 2

Cheltenham

After breakfast, visit **Rodmarton Manor & Garden**, a Cotswold Arts and Crafts house. It is one of the last great country houses to be built in the traditional way, and contains beautiful furniture, ironwork, china, and needlework. Our next stop, **Kelmscott Manor**, was the inspirational Cotswold retreat of William Morris, Victorian textile designer, poet, novelist and Father of the Arts and Crafts Movement. Returning to Cheltenham, visit **The Wilson**, formerly known as **Cheltenham Art Gallery and Museum**. (B)

Day 7 Sat June 3

Cheltenham-Rousham-Oxford

Travel to Oxford via Rousham. Designed by William Kent in the 18th century, the landscaped gardens at **Rousham House** continue to inspire leading designers today. Arrive Oxford, enjoy a walking tour, including a visit to **Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology**. The museum was established in 1683 and is the oldest museum in the United Kingdom. (B, D)

Day 8 Sun June 4

Oxford-Windsor-London

This morning, visit **Oxford Botanic Garden and Arboretum** before departing Oxford for London. En route, visit **Windsor Castle**, the Queen's favorite weekend home. Windsor has a rich mix of history, culture, heritage, and fun. (B)

Day 9 Mon June 5

London

Enjoy a panoramic tour of London. Discover iconic landmarks, architectural and cultural diversity, and fascinating history that makes London the most visited city in the world. Your London sightseeing tour takes you on a non-stop procession of landmarks, including **Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew**, **Liberty of London**, **Victoria and Albert Museum**, and the **Tower of London**. (B)

Day 10 Tue June 6

London

Take a day excursion to Kent and visit two of Britain's most famous and iconic gardens, **Sissinghurst** and **Great Dixter**. Sissinghurst Castle was the home of Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson. Harold took great pleasure in designing doors, connections and views that separated each section. Great Dixter was the family home of gardener and garden writer Christopher Lloyd. This garden is famous for its bold planting. (B)

Day 11 Wed June 7

London

This morning, we travel to Bexleyheath to see the famous **Red House**. The only house commissioned, created and lived in by William Morris, founder of the Arts and Crafts movement, makes the house of extraordinary architectural and social significance. Return to London and visit fabric and quilting shops, **Antique Textile Company** and **Taylors Buttons**. Enjoy a **cruise on the River Thames** before our farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 12 Thu June 8

Depart London

The tour concludes after breakfast. (B)





Wightwick Manor © Rick Massey



London bus on Regent Street



Rougham House Garden © Jason Ballard

Tour price per person (Land Tour):

The tour price is \$4,995 per person, twin share (land content only). The single room supplement is \$1,120 per person; there are 3 single rooms available. (Additional single rooms may be available upon request.) A deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure a place on the tour.

Inclusions:

- Coach and driver with the group from Day 2 to Day 11
- 11 nights twin-share accommodation at well-appointed 4-star hotels with private bath or shower
- Daily breakfast and 5 dinners as stated in the itinerary
- Visits and experiences as stated in the itinerary
- An English-speaking guide throughout the trip
- Portage of one piece of luggage in and out of hotels

Exclusions:

- International airfares
- Arrival/departure transfer
- Gratuities to guide and driver
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses and anything not mentioned

Fitness to participate: To get the most from your travels and keep up with the group, a reasonable level of fitness is required. You will need to be able to walk for a few hours at a gentle pace; use combined shower/bath facilities (it is impossible to guarantee walk-in shower facilities); undertake walking tours of 1-2 hours duration, including using stairs, walking over cobblestones and other uneven surfaces; stand for long periods in museums and other sites; embark/disembark coaches, trains and other methods of transportation without assistance; handle your own luggage.



Great Dixter Gardens © Peter Whitcomb/Great Dixter Gardens

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BOOKING FORM

TERMS & CONDITIONS

TOUR OPERATOR: Opulent Journeys LLC is hereafter referred to as Opulent Quilt Journeys.

This information is very important, please read it carefully. It is the responsibility of the traveler to read and agree to these Terms and Conditions before signing up or making payment for any tours.

DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT: A deposit of \$500 per person is required to confirm your booking on a tour. Final payment of the tour fee and any additional travel will be due 75 days before departure.

CANCELLATION FEES

If you decide to cancel your booking the following charges apply, based on the day we receive written notification:

> More than 75 days before departure:

Forfeit of all deposits paid*+

> 75-31 days before departure:

50% of total amount due for tour*

> 30 days or less before departure:

100% of total amount due for tour*

*You may also be liable to pay any cancellation charges imposed by third parties for flights and additional accommodation and services.

+ \$500 per person of your deposit may be credited to another Opulent Quilt Journeys tour departing within 18 months of the original tour you booked.

UNUSED PORTIONS OF THE TOUR: No refunds or credits will be provided to travelers by Opulent Quilt Journeys for any unused accommodations, flights, services, or other itinerary features unless agreed to in writing by both parties. We recommend Travel Insurance.

TOUR CHANGES OR CANCELLATION: In the event that it becomes necessary or advisable, for any reason, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, Opulent Quilt Journeys reserves the right to make such alterations without notice, if this causes additional costs and charges, these will be the responsibility of the passenger, and must be paid at the time of the occurrence. Opulent Quilt Journeys reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason, and without advance notice, a full refund will be made, which constitutes a full settlement. Opulent Quilt Journeys is not responsible for any additional expenses incurred by tour members prepaying for a cancelled tour, such as non-refundable airline tickets or passport or visa fees.

TRIP CANCELLATION, HEATH, ACCIDENT, MEDICAL EVACUATION & BAGGAGE INSURANCE: For your protection comprehensive travel insurance is highly recommended and in the best interest of each traveler, to protect you before and during the trip. Travel insurance is not included in the price of the tours. If travel insurance is not purchased, a waiver must be signed prior to departure.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Accommodations are in modern centrally located hotels and resort hotels. Hotels are based on availability and may vary by

destination, city, and dates of travel. Opulent Quilt Journeys reserves the right to substitute hotel accommodations of similar quality at any time without notice.

BAGGAGE: Guests are responsible and must conform with all international and/or domestic air carrier restrictions, excess baggage fees, and are responsible for their own luggage during the tour. We recommend one bag/suitcase per person, plus a small carry-on. We request that only one bag per person on van tours. We recommend Travel Insurance with baggage protection.

PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP, PASSPORTS & VISAS: For all international travel, travelers are required to provide proper identification for customs and immigration. US citizens must have a valid passport for travel outside of the United States. ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN YOUR NAME AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT. Non-US citizens must consult their consulate for ID or Visa requirements. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN PROPER IDENTIFICATION, PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP, PASSPORT AND VISAS FOR ALL TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF THE USA. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months beyond the anticipated tour end date. Passengers who are denied boarding or entry for improper documentation will not be eligible for a refund of any amount. We recommend that you check with the appropriate Consulate regarding their visa requirements.

PRICES: Current tour prices are listed with each tour, and are subject to change with the fluctuation of currencies, supplier increases, fuel and other surcharges and other reasons beyond our control, until full payment is received, except in the case of intra-air provided. All quoted prices include the cost of tour operator planning and operation. Each tour lists the items that are included in that specific tour. Please refer to the tour itinerary you are joining for pricing and inclusions.

TRAVELERS COMPORTMENT: Opulent Quilt Journeys reserves the right not to accept or retain as a tour participant any person whose physical/mental condition or general deportment impedes the operation of the tour or affects the rights, welfare, or enjoyment of other tour participants or for any other reason. If a person is required to leave a tour it will be considered an unused portion and non-refundable, and they will be responsible for all their expenses to return home including any rebooking fees by airlines and/or suppliers.

RESPONSIBILITY: Opulent Journeys LLC, hereafter indicated as Opulent Quilt Journeys acts only as an agent for all suppliers of services, or in accepting reservations for services on its tours. The suppliers or independent contractors providing transportation, accommodations and all other services are not agents or employees of Opulent Quilt Journeys. To the extent that Opulent Quilt Journeys or its supplier is involved in sale of air/or cruise transportation to you, Opulent Quilt Journeys, acts only as an agent of the air carrier and/or cruise line. By utilizing the services of all

suppliers, the passenger agrees that neither Opulent Quilt Journeys, nor any representatives shall be liable for any accident, injury, including loss of life, damage, loss, delay, irregularity, or expenses arising from acts of God, strikes, war, weather, quarantines, sickness, terrorist activity, government restrictions or regulations, from any act or omission of any individual, firm, or corporation furnishing transportation, sight-seeing, accommodations, or any services in connection with such travel plans or from any other occurrences what so ever. All such expenses or losses are the responsibility of the passenger. **By commencing travel, the passenger willingly assumes all risks and responsibilities expected or unexpected involved with such travel. We urge purchase of travel insurance to protect against such risks.**

SEVERABILITY: The invalidity or unenforceability of any part of this Agreement, or the invalidity of its application to a specific situation or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement, or its application to other situations or circumstances. Any provision of this Agreement held invalid or unenforceable only in part or degree will remain in full force and effect to the extent not held invalid or unenforceable.

CLAIMS OR DISPUTES/ARBITRATION: In the event of a dispute or claim made by the traveler concerning, relating or referring to this Agreement, promotion of tour, tour inclusions, performance of Opulent Quilt Journeys, or any claim made against Opulent Quilt Journeys, Opulent Quilt Journeys will make every effort to resolve said dispute or claim between the individual parties involved. If the dispute or claim cannot be resolved between the traveler and Opulent Quilt Journeys, the traveler agrees that any dispute or claim shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration according to the then existing rules of the American Arbitration Association in an arbitration conducted in, and governed by the laws of Arizona, USA. In connection with any action or legal proceeding arising out of this agreement, the parties hereby specifically and knowingly waive any rights that either party might have to demand a jury trial.

Upon making a deposit to Opulent Quilt Journeys, it shall constitute full knowledge, acceptance and consent by the participant to all provisions in the tour brochure; the website, General Information, Terms and Conditions; the Registration Form, and all other release forms. All participants will be required to sign this liability release form prior to embarking on their trip.

Opulent Quilt Journeys advises it may vary its Terms and Conditions from time to time. Updated Terms and Conditions will be published on our website. Please contact us if you would like to check if Terms and Conditions have changed.



TOUR NAME:

TOUR DATE:

TOUR LEADER:

Tour code

BOOKING FORM

TO SUBMIT YOUR BOOKING FORM:

OPTION 1: Complete the form. Save, print and sign. Please scan the completed form and email it to us at info@opulentquiltjourneys.com

OPTION 2: Print the form, complete it manually and post it back to our mailing address

Opulent Quilt Journeys, 20701 N. Scottsdale Rd., Ste. 107-426. Scottsdale, AZ 85255

(Please provide a copy of the photo page of your passport together with this booking form)

YOUR DETAILS:

PASSENGER 1

Your title (Ms, Mrs, Mr, Dr etc):

Your full name (as it appears on your passport):

Preferred first name:

Date of birth:

Postal Address:

City:

State:

Postcode:

Email:

Phone:

Cell:

Name of next of kin (in case of emergency):

Relationship to you:

Contact number:

Email:

PASSENGER 2

Your title (Ms, Mrs, Mr, Dr etc):

Your full name (as it appears on your passport):

Preferred first name:

Date of birth:

Postal Address:

City:

State:

Postcode:

Email:

Phone:

Cell:

Name of next of kin (in case of emergency):

Relationship to you:

Contact number:

Email:

Please provide a copy of the photo page of your passport together with this booking form.

ROOMING PREFERENCES

I am traveling: on my own with a friend or family member

Name of friend or family member (if not passenger 2)

I/we would like: a single room a twin share room (2 beds in the room) a double room (1 bed in the room)

If a single would you like us to organize twin-share on your behalf? Yes No

Are you a smoker? Yes No

(Please note that Single Supplement will be payable if we are unable to arrange twin-share for you)

YOUR SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS/ALLERGIES

Please indicate below if you have any special dietary requirements. Appropriate meals will be requested for you on group meals based on this information.

PASSENGER 1

I do not have any specific dietary requirements or allergies

I have the following specific dietary requirements/allergies:

PASSENGER 2

I do not have any specific dietary requirements or allergies

I have the following specific dietary requirements/allergies:

MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Please indicate below if you have any serious health issue that may affect your travel insurance coverage, your physical capacity to undertake some activities on tour or may otherwise need to be considered by the tour leader/manager during the tour.

PASSENGER 1

I do not have specific medical conditions

I have the following medical condition(s):

PASSENGER 2

I do not have specific medical conditions

I have the following medical condition(s):

YOUR TRAVEL PLANS

I/we plan to undertake additional travel before/after the tour and would like Opulent Quilt Journeys to organize this (please describe destinations and length of stay required below)

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS TOUR

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Pay directly by check made payable to Opulent Quilt Journeys
Mail to:

Opulent Quilt Journeys

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Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Pay by credit card (Please complete details below, or call
Opulent Quilt Journeys 877-235-3767 for account details)

MasterCard Visa American Express

Card Number:

Name on card:

Expiry Date:

3 or 4 digit security code:

Card Holders Signature:

Date:

(Payments by credit card will be subject to a Merchant Administration Fee as follows: 3% for Visa / MasterCard / American Express)

AUTHORIZATION: By submitting this booking form you are authorizing us to charge the cost of deposits for booking on this tour. No further charges will be made without your prior authorization.

YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF BOOKING CONDITIONS

I/we have read the information about the physical requirements of the tour in the detailed itinerary and confirm that I/we am/are able to meet these requirements.

I/we accept the conditions on page 1 of this booking form

Opulent Quilt Journeys reserves the right to decline the booking or terminate the holiday of any traveller.

AUTHORISATION

By submitting this booking form, you are agreeing to the terms and conditions on page 1 of this booking form and on our website, and the inclusions and non-inclusions listed in the detailed itinerary for the tour.

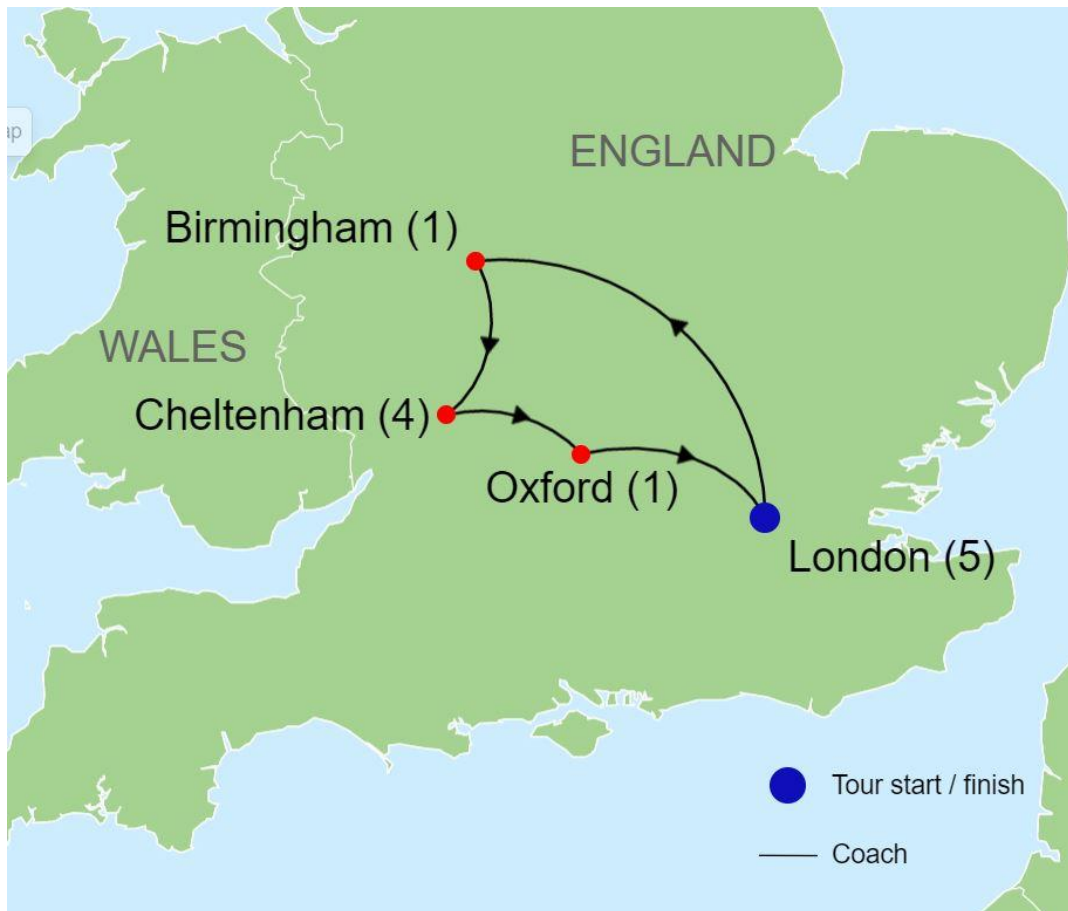
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English Gardens, Arts & Crafts

Late May-June 2023





Day 1 Arrive London

Meet the group at 6pm for get together drinks/introduction

Day 2 London

Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew.

Albert Museum

Liberty of London

Coca-Cola London Eye

Welcome dinner

Day 3 London

Red House at Bexleyheath

Sissinghurst Gardens

Great Dixter

Day 4 London-Birmingham

Stoneywell (B)

Day 5 Birmingham-Cheltenham

Wightwick Manor

Stratford-upon-Avon

Day 6 Cheltenham

Compton Verney

Hidcote Manor Garden

Kiftgate Garden

Day 7 Cheltenham

Gordon Russell Museum

Court Barn Museum

Hart Silversmiths

Day 8 Cheltenham

Rodmarton Manor

Kelmscott Manor

Cheltenham Museum and Art Gallery



Day 9 Cheltenham-Oxford

Rousham House and garden
Ashmolean Museum
University of Oxford Botanic Gardens

Day 10 Oxford-London

Visit Windsor Castle
Check in at the hotel

Day 11 London

Taylor's Buttons
Antique Textile Company
Cruise on the River Thames to Tower Pier
Tower of London
Farewell dinner tonight

Day 12 Depart London

Tour concludes after breakfast.