



6 Day: England's Gardens & Southeast Coast 2024

Day	Itinerary	Overnight Location
Day 1	Arrival in UK – Chiswick House Gardens	London area
Day 2	Leeds Castle (included) - Great Comp	Tunbridge Wells/Ashford/Maidstone area
Day 3	Godinton Gardens - Sissinghurst Castle – Great Dixter	Tunbridge Wells/Ashford/Maidstone area
Day 4	Goodnestone Park Gardens - Canterbury	Canterbury/Dover/Folkestone area
Day 5	Cliffs of Dover – Dover Castle – Seafood Coast - The Pines Garden	Canterbury/Dover/Folkestone area
Day 6	Long Barn – Hampton Court Palace	London area
Day 7	Departure	

2024 Package Price per person in a double/twin room	3* Hotels/Inns from	4* Hotel from
April - May	£ 472.00	£ 545.00
June - September	£ 472.00	£ 560.00
October	£ 435.00	£ 515.00
Single Supplement	£ 314.00	£ 426.00

Child Policy	0-3 years	4-12 years	13 years +
Based 1 child sharing with 2 adults	£0.00	50% of adult price	Adult price

Price includes:

- 6 nights accommodation sharing a twin/double room inclusive of breakfast.
- Entrance to Leeds Castle & Gardens – preferred day 2
- Service & VAT

Price does not include:

- Car hire (bookable through JacTravel)
- Transfers (bookable through JacTravel)
- Entrances other than those detailed above (bookable through JacTravel)
- Lunches, dinner and drinks
- Personal expenses

Note: if the above service should not be available, an alternative service will be provided

RHS Flower Shows 2024 – traveling dates on request:

Chelsea Flower Show 21 - 25 May

RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival 2-7 July

Tower of London Superbloom – dates tbc

If you are looking to attend one of the above shows, one night in Kent area can be replaced with one night in London.

Suggested Itinerary

Day 1

Arrival in UK. Travel to your accommodation and enjoy the afternoon at leisure exploring London. If you have time, visit the Chiswick House Gardens (not included), beautiful gardens at Chiswick House created by Lord Burlington and William Kent set around this glorious 18th Century House, which is also open. Spectacular Italianate Gardens filled with temples, statues and obelisks hidden away amongst the trees.

Day 2

Your first visit of the day is to Leeds Castle (included) and discover over 500 acres of gardens and parkland. Explore the Culpeper Garden is named after the family who owned Leeds Castle in the 17th century; the Culpeper Garden was originally the site of the Castle's kitchen garden; The Princess Alexandra Gardens with a carpet of Daffodils, Narcissi and Anemones, which presents a vibrant burst of colour; and The Lady Baillie Mediterranean Garden Terraces, designed by the landscape architect, Christopher Carter, on the site of Lady Baillie's original aviary the garden is a favourite destination for visitors to the Castle. Make sure to visit a display of falconry and explore the vast variety of wildlife around the castle grounds. Continue your trip and stop at Great Comp, a plantsman's delight filled with rare and beautiful shrubs, followed by Lullingstone Castle, home to the innovative World Garden of Plants. From here, set off for Nymans Garden (not included), an outstanding plant collection in an inspirational setting. This theatrical garden design, created by the Messel family, is one of the finest gardens in Sussex and retains much of the personality of the family who created it. There are many rare and exotic plants combined with a pinetum, walled garden, Italian garden and woodland walks. If time allows visit the Sussex Prairie Garden (not included) at Henfield. Surrounded by mature oak trees, this stunning garden consists of a series of interlocking arcs, which consist of large planted borders in a naturalistic style, reminiscent of the work of the great Dutch garden designer Piet Oudolf. The plantings contain generous drifts of herbaceous perennials, planted in a free-flowing style, which contrasts the leaf forms, stems, stalks, flower shapes and textures. Colours are soft and muted and complement the natural landscape.

Day 3

After breakfast, you will visit the magnificently manicured gardens of Sissinghurst (not included). This famous garden was created by Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson from 1930 onwards and became the most admired English garden of its time. Few great gardens live up to their reputations so effortlessly as this. Sissinghurst is a large connoisseurs' garden consisting of a series of small romantic areas enclosed by the surviving parts of an Elizabethan mansion. It never disappoints its visitors and has the power of enchantment, but it is also an unending source of inspiration for all gardeners. Sissinghurst is surely as close to gardening perfection as you can get, and it continues to be one of the most copied flower gardens in the world. You can continue to another classic English country garden – Great Dixter (not included). The late distinguished garden writer Christopher Lloyd was the genius behind Great Dixter, with its timbered 15th-century house. Restored by Edwin Lutyens who also planned the garden, Mr Lloyd has firmly put his lively stamp on it. A recent experiment involved installing a summer tropical garden rich in bold shapes and brilliant colours. No gardener could come to Great Dixter without making discoveries and rekindling a zest for gardening.

Day 4

Check out and continue your holidays towards the western parts of Kent. Near Canterbury guests can visit Goodnestone Park Gardens (not included). Goodnestone is a haven of beautiful tranquillity hidden away in south-east Kent. The gardens were created by generations of the Fitzwalter family, and Jane Austen was a frequent visitor as her brother lived on the estate. There are 14 acres of garden to explore and discover at your own pace, including a walled garden, an arboretum, a gravel garden, a box parterre, a rockery and pond, a wonderful wisteria planted over 70 years ago and several outstanding ancient trees. The reinstated 18th century Serpentine Walk winds its way through the parkland allowing fine views of the Mansion. The gardens also provide the setting for special events, such as concerts, plays, plant fairs and wedding receptions. If time permits explore the wonderful coastal cities of Dover/Folkestone before checking into the property.

Day 5

Today guests have the chance to discover England's beautiful South East Coast. Guarding the entrance to Dover for over nine centuries, Dover Castle (not included) is an imposing medieval site and a visit to the Great Tower and wartime tunnels are a must. The White Cliffs of Dover (not included) are a magnificent coastal site overlooking the English Channel and one of the most famous landmarks in England. These high chalk cliffs look out onto the English Channel, giving far-reaching views towards the French coast. The best way to see the cliffs is to take a walk along the coastal path towards South Foreland Lighthouse. Guests will get a great view of the cliffs and also see the chalk grassland that's home to so many unusual plants and insects like the chalkhill blue butterfly and the pyramidal orchid. The cliffs also have a special place in the UK's national history and they were used for defence in both World Wars. You can see reminders of this past at Fan Bay Deep Shelter a complex of Second World War tunnels hidden within the chalk. If time permits visit The Pines Garden (not included) which offers a range of wellbeing facilities including a wellness venue, dementia friendly tea room, organically managed garden with food growing areas, managed woodland, wild habitats, chalk grassland meadow and newly plated hedgerows.

Day 6

Hampton Court Palace Gardens (not included) were laid out by William III in the then fashionable scheme of avenues radiating from the house, with extensive parterres on the south and east sides. A plan of 1702 has been exactly reproduced for the restoration of the great Privy Garden on the South side of the Palace, complementing Wren's beautiful facade. The planting, with widely spaced roses and other plants in slightly raised beds, is exactly as it would have been in that era. On the other side of the Privy Garden lies the huge formal East Garden with its central feature of the Long Water cutting right through the deer park. William III laid out the garden at the palace end of the long water as a parterre with twelve marble fountains. Later, in 1710, Queen Anne added the semi-circular canals. On the other side of the palace are the wilderness gardens, covering a considerable area, spread with naturalised

daffodils in spring. The famous Hampton Court Maze, laid out in 1691, is in this part of the gardens. It covers about one third of an acre and has yew hedges totalling nearly half a mile. Other areas in the Wilderness also have considerable horticultural interest, including the rose garden, an herbaceous garden, and walls covered with climbing plants. Later, you will continue on to the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew (not included). Three hundred acres of botanical delights grace Kew Gardens, which lies on the south bank of the Thames River between Richmond and Kew in the suburbs of south-west London. If you are a stickler for accuracy you might like to note that the proper way to refer to Kew is in the plural, i.e. Kew Gardens, not Kew Garden. This is due to the fact that centuries ago there were two estates here, Kew Estate and Richmond Estate. These estates were combined to eventually form the Royal Botanic Gardens.

Day 6

Unfortunately, it is now time to leave the UK. Return to the airport and join your flight home.

Cancellation Policy:

Day of arrival or no show:	100% of package rate applies
1-3 working day prior to arrival:	50% of package rate applies
More than 3 working days prior to arrival:	no cancellation fee applies

All cancellations must be sent by e-mail Monday to Friday between 0900hrs and 1600hrs (UK GMT Time).