

England and Its Gardens May 23- June 5, 2017

A 13-day study and travel abroad experience for Extension Master Gardeners and their Guests

About This Course:

Our goal is to expand Master Gardeners' knowledge in ornamental horticulture, landscape, and garden design in a historical context. We'll begin our program with the world's most famous horticultural event, the Chelsea Flower Show. Then we'll visit and study such notable gardens and sites as Hampton Court, Nymans, Stourhead, Stonehenge, Montacute House, Barnsley House, Hidcote Manor, Corsham Court, Great Dixter, Chilstone Garden Ornaments, Hestercombe, Iford Manor, Sissinghurst Castle, and the Royal Horticulture Society gardens at Wisley*.

* itinerary subject to change

Program Policies:

Registration is only open to participants in a Cooperative Extension Service Master Gardener Program (one guest permitted). Enrollment will be limited to 25 total (Master Gardeners and guests), available on a first come basis with a \$500 deposit required, beginning November 16, 2016. Advanced Master Gardener Training hours will be credited to those Purdue University Master Gardeners who complete the required reading assignments and quizzes. Master Gardener participants may also earn volunteer service hours upon their return by sharing what they've learned with others.



Instructors from the

Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture:

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Professor and Extension Specialist. Mike developed and co-teaches an undergrad summer course on History, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture in England.



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Presented by:

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Required Reading (distributed to participants just prior to commencement of course):

England and its Gardens - Landscape & Garden Study Guide

Additional Recommended Reading (available at local or on-line bookstores):

Hibbert, Christopher. 1992. *The Story of England*. Phaidon Press, London.

What's Included:

- Two full-time Purdue instructors
- Transport in England via motor coach / London Underground
- 3/4 star accommodations in Devizes, Royal Tunbridge Wells, London at Heathrow Int'l. Airport (double occupancy, single supplement at additional cost)
- Breakfast daily, 2 lunches, and 7 dinners
- Admission to 15 gardens, sites and events
- Coach and group meal gratuities
- Lectures, study guide, group discussions
- Travel health and accident insurance (*this is not trip cancellation insurance*)

What's Not Included:

- Airfare
- Airport - hotel transfers
- Personal items (passport fees, laundry, alcoholic beverages)
- Hotel gratuities
- Most lunches, some dinners and other incidental expenses.
- Trip cancellation insurance is recommended and should be available through your local travel agent

NOTE:

1) Due to the historical nature of the sites visited, full accessibility at these sites cannot be guaranteed. Each day, there will be substantial walking and occasionally, some climbing of steep stairs and/or slopes without handrail.

2) Participants must be able to function independently on free days and at public events. (see itinerary).

Itinerary:

(*Meals Provided B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)

Tuesday, May 23 – Travel to London

Wednesday, May 24 - Arrival at London's Heathrow International Airport, shuttle to Leonardo Hotel.

Independent flexible time. Meet & greet, course introduction with finger food in the early evening. (D)

Thursday, May 25 - Morning entry for the day at the Chelsea Flower Show, the most famous flower and landscape show in the world, followed by a motor coach trip to Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, for 3 nights at the Spa Hotel. (B,D)

Friday, May 26 - Morning stop at Chilstone Garden Ornaments, then on to Sissinghurst Castle Gardens. The garden rooms include the famous white garden, old fashioned roses, and the "hot" cottage garden. Later, we'll enjoy Christopher Lloyd's garden at Great Dixter with its quirky borders, now under the stewardship of Fergus Garrett. (B,D)

Saturday, May 27 – We'll take a leisurely visit to Nymans, the country home of the Messel family, avid horticulturists. Especially famous in the 1930s, the garden suffered after WW II. Later, there's time to see Royal Tunbridge Wells.(B)

Sunday, May 28 - Our destination today is Devizes in "the West Country", but first we'll spend the day at the Royal Horticultural Society's garden at Wisley. From rock garden to conservatory to fruit field to perennial borders, it's a horticultural wonderland. (B,D)

Monday, May 29 – Reaching way back in history, we'll visit Stonehenge. But first, we'll experience the incomparable Stourhead, an 18th century landscape that defines the "Arcadian Landscape" style. Lunch is at the Spread Eagle Inn overlooking Stourhead. (B,L)

Tuesday, May 30 – Iford Manor, Harold Peto's Italian-style, hillside garden showcases a fabulous blend of plants, architecture, and art. Following a drive through Bath, we'll lunch in Corsham and then walk the footpaths and sheep meadow to Corsham Court complete with its 'Capability' Brown landscape. (B,L)

Wednesday, May 31 – The Elizabethan period Montacute House is our morning destination. Later, we're off to Hestercombe, featuring three centuries of garden design styles. It is the best example of the collaboration between Gertrude Jekyll and architect Edwin Lutyens. (B,D)

Thursday, June 1 – Free day in Devizes. It's Market Day, time to rest, or explore shops, tour the Wadworth Brewery, walk the canal towpath or perhaps take the bus to Bath. (B)

Friday, June 2 – We're off to Hidcote Manor Gardens, begun in 1923 by American Lawrence Johnston who innovated the idea of garden rooms. With his planting design inspired by Gertrude Jekyll, Major Johnston also was a plant explorer and an important plant developer introducing the famous 'Hidcote' cultivars of lavender and hypericum. Later in the afternoon, we'll have high tea and a garden tour at

Barnsley House (now a hotel), the former residence of garden writer and designer Rosemary Verey. (B,D)

Saturday, June 3 – We leave Devizes and head to London.

We'll spend the day at the Royal Botanic Garden – Kew, with its magnificent glasshouses, spectacular tree collection and new flower borders and pollinator display, before landing at our hotel in South Kensington. (B)

Sunday, June 4 – Hampton Court, a favorite palace of Henry VIII provides us with a look back into Tudor times, as well as those of William and Mary. The famous Maze and Great Vine contrast with the King's Privy Garden and the Long Water. That evening, we'll gather for our farewell group dinner and a review of all we've learned. (B,D)

Monday, June 5 - Transport on your own to return home or continue your travels. (B)



Accommodations:

Leonardo Hotel, Heathrow Int'l. Airport

A convenient gathering place to start our adventure, this hotel's a short shuttle ride from the terminals.

The Spa Hotel, Royal Tunbridge Wells

The Spa is an elegant hotel conveniently located for us at the heart of the Kentian garden region.

Bear Hotel, Devizes

Located away from the tourist crowds, Devizes provides authentic market town atmosphere along the Kennet and Avon Canal with it 16 locks climbing Caen Hill. It's also home to the Wadworth Brewery!

Doubletree Hotel, London Kensington

In South Kensington, we'll be walking distance from Hyde Park, the Victoria and Albert Museum, and Harrod's.

Program Costs:

- Program fee (dbl. occ.) for England Land Package only, \$3850
- Single Room Supplement, \$750, total \$4600

Single Travelers:

We strongly encourage participants to travel with a companion. If you are a single traveler and want to share a room, at your request we will share your contact information with others looking for a roommate. We cannot guarantee availability of a roommate; single supplement will apply if a roommate is not available.

Payment Schedule:

A \$500 per person deposit is required to reserve space in the class. The final balance will be due in full on March 1, 2017.

Refund Policy:

Once the course has reached the enrollment limit of 25 participants, a waiting list will be maintained. Although fees are generally nonrefundable after January 15, a refund MAY be issued IF a replacement from the waiting list is available to take your spot.

How to Register For This Course:

Reservations will accepted on a first come/first served basis on-line or by telephone. Registration is open only to Master Gardeners or MG interns (one guest permitted, MG and guest registration must be coordinated.) A \$500 per person deposit is required to complete each registration. Registration will begin at 1:30 pm EST on November 16, 2016.

Here's how:

1. On-line, go to www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/eaig17 and click on the link to complete the registration form. A "time stamp" will be affixed when you hit the "submit" button to indicate your registration priority. *Do not submit the on-line form until 1:30 pm on November 16. Any entries before that time will be lost.*
2. By phone, call toll-free **1-888-EXT-INFO (398-4636)** and ask to be transferred to 41293 in Horticulture & Landscape Architecture or dial direct (toll call) to **1-765-494-1293**. Your registration priority will be time-stamped once you have completed providing your registration details. If leaving a message, indicate you're calling about the 2017 England and its Gardens Study Course (EaiG17) and provide a phone number and time when you can be reached.
3. Be prepared to provide the following information for both primary and guest registrant:
 - a. name, address, phone, email
 - b. state & county of MG training
 - c. hotel occupancy (single or double)
 - d. roommate preference (if applicable)
4. Following registration, you will be billed for the deposit (and later, the remaining fee) by the Purdue Division of Conferences. You may pay by credit card or personal check (payable to Purdue University). Registration is not complete until your payment is received.

Questions?

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