

Cotswold Garden Tour with Marty Wingate

July 20th to 30th, 2020

Monday, July 20th

Depart USA for London Heathrow

Tuesday, July 21st

Meet at Heathrow late-morning for a short coach journey to Oxford. Grab a bite to eat in town prior to meeting for a 90-minute orientation walking tour of Oxford. We'll meet for a welcome pint or glass of wine at 6:00PM prior to dinner nearby. Overnight Oxford (D)

Wednesday, July 22nd

Highclere Castle visit in the morning with tour of house and gardens. Lunch on your own after our tour at Downton Abbey. A visit to the gardens at Aston Pottery this afternoon with a cream tea afterward. Return to Oxford for free time. Dinner on your own. Overnight Oxford (BT)

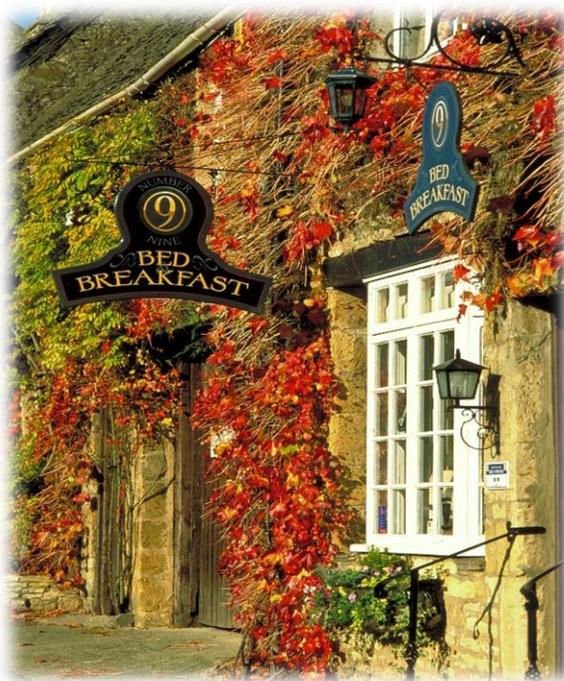
Thursday, July 23rd

A morning visit to Kelmscott Manor for a tour of the house and gardens in the morning and Awkward Hill in the afternoon. Return to Oxford for the evening with dinner on your own. Overnight Oxford (B)

Friday, July 24th

Depart for Bath this morning with a mind-morning stop at Highgrove Royal Gardens for a tour and lunch at the Orchard Restaurant located on the grounds. We'll meet after we check in to the hotel for a walking tour of the city and Roman Baths. Dinner near the hotel this evening. Overnight Bath (BLD)

Saturday, July 25th





Visit in the city Wells for the day with a tour of the historic city and the Bishop's Palace Gardens. On our return to Bath, we'll enjoy an afternoon tea at Stoberry House with its tremendous view overlooking Wells and Somerset countryside. Overnight Bath (BT)

Sunday, July 26th

Visit to Bath Priory Gardens in the Morning with Iford Manor in the afternoon. Between gardens, enjoy lunch at the Cross Guns, a 16th century inn located in Avoncliff. Dinner near the hotel this evening. Overnight Bath (BLD)

Monday, July 27th

Lacock Abbey Gardens is an ideal first visit on our way north. Break for lunch right after in the village of Lacock. We're then on to Malmsebury for a tour of the Abbey House Gardens. Arrive at the Slaughters in time to check in and dinner at 7:00 PM. Overnight Slaughter (BD)

Tuesday, July 28th

Our first visit of the day is to Hidcote Manor for a tour of the gardens. We'll journey to Stratford upon Avon for lunch on our own before meeting our Shakespearean guide for a tour of the town. Overnight Slaughter (BD)



Wednesday, July 29th

The morning visit will be at one or two private gardens in the

region. Many of these gardens open on scheduled dates for charity. In the event that our schedule and the National Garden Scheme don't coincide, we'll arrange a private garden tour at one of these locations. Since we've had so very little free time on this itinerary, the afternoon will provide time to spend time shopping, sightseeing, or snapping photos in a town like Stow on the Wold. Overnight Slaughter (BD)

Thursday, July 30th

Options to return to Heathrow for early flights home or travel by rail/coach to Liverpool for a 3-night tour of the city and Merseyside or leave the group for independent travel. Guests returning to Heathrow will be on an early coach for the 90-minute drive.

Guests are encouraged to extend their tour with a 3-night visit to Liverpool and Merseyside. We're staying in the central part of the city, steps away from the iconic Cavern Club and just minutes away from the harbor.

The Liverpool tour includes:

- Transportation from the Cotswold hotel to Liverpool
- Three nights at the Aloft Hotel
- Breakfast each morning
- Liverpool Beatles Coach tour
- An evening's admission to the Cavern Club
- Admission to The Beatles Story Museum at the Royal Albert Docks
- Visit to National Trust Speke Hall Gardens
- Farewell dinner Saturday evening
- Transportation to Manchester Airport for flights home

Other things to do in Liverpool.

- Tate Liverpool-admission free-Modern & Contemporary Art of Britain
- Tour legendary Anfield Stadium-home to Liverpool FC
- Merseyside Maritime Museum
- Speke Hall Garden and Estate House

Flights

You'll be able to book flights for this tour when airlines open their inventory, 333 days before the travel date. I suggest investigating fares and schedules the second week of September. Based on this year, fares should be in the \$1100 range, though you may even find lower fares with no-frills consolidator companies.

The Cotswold Tour will begin at Heathrow Airport on Tuesday, July 21st at 11:00 AM. Plan your departure to meet the group at that time. Departures from the USA will be scheduled for July 20th as you lose a day in travel.

If you are not taking the Liverpool extension, your tour ends on July 30th. Your transportation from the hotel will get you to Heathrow in time to make the 11:30 AM nonstop. Don't book anything earlier than this.

Depart USA for London Heathrow on the early afternoon non-stops to arrive in Heathrow in the AM. Transportation will depart between 11AM-Noon for Oxford. Return schedules from Manchester (Liverpool Extension)

You'll be provided with return transportation by coach for flights departing 11:00 AM or after. That's a departure from the hotel on August 2nd at approximately 8:30 to get you to Manchester Airport by 9:00 AM. If you must book an earlier flight than this, a car can be arranged for the additional cost of approximately \$80.

To get fare and schedule information, I suggest you enter the search details in at kayak.com. Book with Kayak or take the information given there to book with the carrier directly. If you need assistance booking flights, let me know. I cannot book mileage/point tickets with any carrier. That must be done by you. Best carriers to investigate are Virgin Atlantic, British Airways.

Cotswold Gardens Tour in includes:

- Hotel accommodations for nine nights
 - 3 nights Oxford
 - 3 nights Bath
 - 3 nights Slaughter (Cotswold country hotel)

- English Breakfast each morning
- Two Lunches
- Six Dinners
- Three Afternoon Teas
- Motor coach transportation throughout
- Admission and tours at gardens and historic sites as indicated

Tour size is limited to 16 participants.

Tour cost is \$4,300 per person, based on double occupancy.

Single supplement is \$1200. Because of the size of the hotel properties utilized on this tour, we are limited to 4 single rooms. Initial deposit for this tour is \$1,500 per person, due at confirmation. The Balance is due April 1st, 2020. Payment may be made by Visa, Mastercard, or check. Pay for your tour by check and save \$150. The Liverpool extension is priced at \$899 per person, double occupancy. Single supplement for this tour is \$250. Discount for check payment is \$40 per person.

To book this tour, please send these details by email:

Guest name (as shown on passport)

Date of birth

Mailing address

Daytime phone

Email contact

Are you traveling single or double?

Are you extending to Liverpool?

Links to Cotswold Gardens, Hotels, etc.

[Mercure Hotel Oxford](#)

[Apex Hotel City of Bath](#)

[The Slaughters Country Hotel
Oxford](#)

[Highclere Castle](#)

[Aston Pottery](#)

[Kelmscott Manor](#)

[Awkward Hill Gardens](#)

[Highgrove Royal Gardens](#)

[Bath Walking Tour](#)

[City of Wells](#)

[Bishop's Palace Gardens](#)

[Stoberry House](#)

[Bath Priory](#)

[Iford Manor](#)

[Hidcote Manor](#)

[Lacock Abbey](#)

[Abbey House Gardens](#)

[Stratford Upon Avon](#)

[Stow on the Wold](#)

Links for Liverpool

[Aloft Hotel Liverpool](#)

[The Beatles Story](#)

[The Cavern Club](#)

[Speke Hall](#)