

# Chelsea Flower Show

## 11 – 24 May 2015

### Day 1 – 11 May

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#### London

On arrival into London Heathrow or London Gatwick Airport meet your driver for the transfer to your hotel, where you will check in. The remainder of the day will be at leisure, to relax or explore the city independently. Dinner will be at the hotel.

Hotel Corus Hotel Hyde Park *or similar*

### Day 2 – 12 May

**B,D**

#### London

Take breakfast in the hotel, before meeting your driver and guide for a full day sightseeing tour of this exciting city. Throughout the morning enjoy a panoramic tour, with photo stops including Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, the Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square and the Tower of London. Have some free time for lunch at leisure, before continuing your tour with a 'flight' on the EDF Energy London Eye. Experience spectacular views across the capital as you take in a bird's eye view of your surroundings!



Return to your hotel for an evening of leisure. Dinner will be at the hotel.

Hotel Corus Hotel Hyde Park *or similar*

### Day 3 – 13 May

**B,D**

#### London – Bath

Check out of your hotel after an early breakfast, and depart the hotel to begin your tour of England. This morning you will drive across the south of England to visit one of the most mysterious and famous sites in England – Stonehenge. This prehistoric monument is said to date back over 5000 years, and much debate still continues today regarding its purpose! From here, you will continue to Bath, where you will arrive in time for lunch at leisure. Afterwards, enjoy a sightseeing tour of this attractive city, including a visit to the Roman Baths & Spa.



Head to your hotel late afternoon for check in and free time. Dinner will be at the hotel.

Hotel Combe Grove Manor Hotel *or similar*

## Day 4 – 14 May

B,D

### Bath-Bristol-Bath

Head to Bristol this morning to discover this city's history. Bristol was historically an important trading port, however the city is also known for its involvement with the slave trade throughout the centuries. Many buildings in the city centre are the result of the economic boom experienced during the height of the slave trade! Today, Bristol is a beautiful city and home to such sights as the SS Great Britain (the world's first



great ocean liner) and the Clifton Suspension Bridge. Spend the morning in Bristol and enjoy time for lunch before heading to Lacock Abbey. A former monastery (and filming location for Harry Potter!), Lacock Abbey also has a botanic garden, orchard and rose garden to explore. Spend some time wandering around these relaxed gardens, before heading back to Bath for the evening. Dinner at the hotel.

Hotel

Combe Grove Manor Hotel *or similar*

## Day 5 – 15 May

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### Bath-Oxford-Stratford

Continue your journey this morning as you travel to the university city of Oxford. Steeped in history, the stunning buildings of Oxford, parks, university colleges and river make for an enchanting morning as you wander the streets at leisure and enjoy lunch in one of the many cafes and restaurants. After lunch you will travel to Stratford-upon-Avon, home of William Shakespeare. On arrival, visit his birthplace before checking in to your hotel. Dinner this evening will be at your leisure in the city.



Hotel

Mercure Shakespeare Hotel *or similar*

## Day 6 – 16 May

B,D

### Stratford-Manchester

Head north from the Midlands to the city of Manchester. Arriving at lunchtime, you will be able to take lunch before experiencing the sights this city has to offer, including photo stops at Manchester Cathedral and the Town Hall and a tour of the world famous Old Trafford Football Stadium, home of Manchester United. This 'behind the scenes' tour is sure to interest everyone – even if you are not a football fan! After the tour, you head to the fashionable Salford Quays district, where your hotel is located. Dinner will be at the hotel.



Hotel

Ramada Encore Salford Quays *or similar*



## Day 10 – 20 May

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### London

This morning you will visit Windsor Castle, said to be the Queen's favourite weekend residence. The castle is the oldest and largest inhabited castle in the world, and is home to one of the most important art collections. As well as the magnificent State Rooms, take time to visit St George's Chapel, a stunning ecclesiastical building and the final resting of numerous royalties, such as King Henry VIII, Jane Seymour, Charles I and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.



In the afternoon, head back to London for an afternoon and evening at leisure. Dinner tonight will be taken independently.

Hotel Corus Hotel Hyde Park *or similar*

## Day 11 – 21 May

B,D

### London

Today you will enjoy a full day at the incredible Chelsea Flower Show. The event grows in popularity each year, and attracts thousands of visitors from all over the world. With over 550 exhibitors, it takes 25 days to put the entire show together and Chelsea remains the most prestigious show in the country.



You will be transferred to and from the event. Dinner this evening will be in a local restaurant.

Hotel Corus Hotel Hyde Park *or similar*

## Day 12 – 22 May

B,D

### London

Spend a second day at the Chelsea Flower Show as you explore further. Return to the city in the evening where dinner will be at a local restaurant.



Hotel Corus Hotel Hyde Park *or similar*

## Day 13 – 23 May

B,D

### London

On your final day in England, experience more of the country's culture with a visit to the historic cathedral city of Canterbury and to Leeds Castle, which sits nestled in the Kent countryside. Settled in the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD, Canterbury is a truly ancient city. Made most famous by the murder of Thomas Beckett in the cathedral in 1170, Canterbury became a pilgrimage site for Christians worldwide, and inspired Geoffrey Chaucer's 'The Canterbury Tales'. Parts of the city are designated UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Spend the morning here, with lunch at leisure. In the afternoon you will travel to Leeds Castle – rising from the still waters of the surrounding moat, and with 500 acres of parkland and gardens, Leeds Castle has a definite romantic air about it! Enjoy an afternoon here before returning to London for a farewell dinner. A fantastic end to your England tour.



Hotel                    Corus Hotel Hyde Park *or similar*

## Day 14 – 24 May

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### London

Check out of your hotel. Free time until your transfer to the airport.



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**Tour Price:        \$8,450 per adult/twin share**  
**\$1,940 Single Sup**

**Inclusions:**

- Return airfares ex Launceston
- Meals as indicated (B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner)
- 13 nights 4 star accommodation
- Coach travel throughout
- Entrance fees (unless marked as optional) including 2 day pass to Chelsea Flower Show
- Fully escorted

**Exclusions**

- Personal items (laundry, drinks, telephone, etc)
- Travel Insurance
- Tips

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** is not included but strongly recommended.

**TOUR CONDITIONS:**

Austrips (TAS 080/081) arrange tours on the conditions that they are not liable for any damage, injury or loss which may occur due to accident, delay, irregularity or defect of any vehicle, vessel or accommodation.

Prices are subject to change without notice, due to matters outside our control, such as currency fluctuations, fuel surcharges, taxes and airfare increases.

**TOUR ITINERARY:**

Is a guide only and although Austrips (TAS 080/081) will make every reasonable effort to adhere to the program, we reserve the right to make any alterations as necessary. ***The operation of this tour is subject to minimum loading.***

**LUGGAGE:** should not exceed one medium suitcase per person. Emirates economy class customers can check in 30kg of luggage.

**FITNESS FOR TRAVEL:** The tour requires a medium level of fitness—involves walking on uneven surfaces, walking based tours that may exceed 1hr in duration and steps.

**PAYMENTS:** Payments are available to be made by Cash, Cheque, Credit Card or Direct Deposit (contact us for details). Credit Card payments will incur a 3% fee.

**DEPOSIT** of **\$1,000.00** per person is required to secure booking.

**FULL PAYMENT** to confirm price and booking is required by **11<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

**CANCELLATIONS - conditions apply**

120 days or more prior to departure – Refund of all recoverable monies paid. Subject to cancellation policies of the airline and UK based hotels.

Less than 120 days prior to departure – we will refund to you recoverable costs less \$250.00 administration fee.

On or after departure – no refund given.