

LATE SUMMER GARDENS OF SOUTHERN ENGLAND WITH MICHAEL B. GORDON

SEPTEMBER 3RD - 12TH 2020

This September, join garden blogger, Michael Gordon, for his annual stroll through some of the best gardens in England during one of the most beautiful times of year. As your host, Michael hopes to add a North American perspective on English gardens and give you an insight into what ideas you can bring back to your own garden. He will be encouraging you to enter each garden with an inquisitive eye and will be a source of information about horticulture and garden design. Michael will give a series of garden talks during the week.

Tailored for the discriminating gardener, our tour will visit some of England's most famous gardens as well as unique private gardens. From William Kent's masterpiece landscape garden, Rousham, to Christopher Lloyd's innovative garden at Great Dixter, to the contemporary private garden at Pettifers, we will see English garden design from the traditional to the cutting edge. Late summer is the perfect time to time of year to visit other people's gardens because, as gardeners, we have a lull at the end of summer and also a period when our own gardens tend to be a little lackluster. On this tour you will see how the English end the gardening season with a resounding bang!

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED):	\$4590
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	\$960

Airfares are available from most U.S. departure cities. Please call for details.

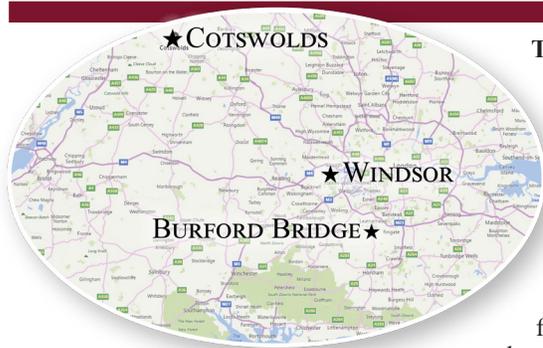
THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- HOTELS:** 8 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels, including all hotel taxes and service charges
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 3 lunches, 5 dinners
- GUIDES:** Hosted by Michael Gordon with a Discover Europe tour guide throughout and local experts at Great Dixter, Wisley, Barnsley, Gravetye and many others
- EXPENSES:** Portage of one large suitcase per person
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registrant on receipt of deposit.

Michael B. Gordon is an optometrist by profession and a passionate garden-maker and teacher by avocation. He is a self-trained gardener who has learned by visiting gardens in the United States and Europe. He has developed a half-acre private garden in Peterborough, NH over the past 28 years. His garden has been published in *Horticulture*, *NH Home* and *Yankee Magazine*.

Michael has designed and maintained sophisticated public gardens in the parks of Peterborough for nearly two decades and has trained numerous volunteer gardeners in the art of horticulture. He has hosted tours to English gardens since 2007 and enjoys giving participants ideas on how to implement concepts of English horticulture in their American gardens. Michael started his blog, *The Gardener's Eye*, in 2010, and can be found at: www.thegardenerseye.blogspot.com/. Recently, he has been chronicling his gardening travels on an Instagram page with the same name.



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD - Departure from your chosen US gateway city to London Heathrow. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH- Upon arrival, you'll be met for the transfer to our hotel in Windsor. After checking in, there will be time to unpack and relax, before taking an excursion to nearby Savill Garden, created by Sir Eric Savill in the 1930s, in Windsor Great Park. This evening, a welcome reception and introduction to the tour by Michael Gordon will be followed by dinner at the hotel. **(D) OVERNIGHT: WINDSOR**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH - This morning we head for the hills - the Cotswold Hills. Our first visit along the way is to Pettifers Garden. Pettifers has taken some 15 years to create, but continues to evolve, and has a peaceful feeling that comes with the extraordinary views over the landscape. Now mature, this is a plantsman's garden with plenty of interest all year round.

We continue through the east Cotswolds to the village of Whichford, where we visit the Whichford Pottery. This family business has been making garden pottery for 40 years now and is licensed by the RHS to provide a special series of commemorative flower pots and planters. After a break here for lunch we visit Rousham. This landscape garden is a place of pilgrimage for students of the work of William Kent (1685-1748). Rousham represents the first phase of English landscape design and remains almost as Kent left it, one of the few gardens of this date to have escaped alteration. A short drive brings us to our hotel, where we'll have time to unpack and relax before dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: COTSWOLDS**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH - Our first stop today will be Iford Manor, home of the Peto Garden. This unique Grade I Italianate garden was designed by Harold A. Peto, who lived at the Manor from 1899 - 1933. After a full tour of the garden, we'll make a brief stop at the lovely Saxon church in Bradford-upon-Avon before heading to Piet Oudolf's new garden at the Hauser & Wirth Museum. Here we'll have lunch in the restaurant and then tour the garden. There will also be time to explore the museum before we return to our hotel. The evening is free to dine at a local pub. **(B, L) OVERNIGHT: COTSWOLDS**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH - A leisurely start this morning with a beautiful drive through the Cotswolds' quintessentially English landscape of honey-colored villages and green meadows. After a stop in a nearby country pub, perhaps for a traditional Sunday lunch, we'll visit the Hidcote Manor garden, England's foremost 20th-century garden, where a series of horticultural "rooms" has been created, each different in color, character, and intention. Next, we'll visit the beautiful Kiftsgate Court gardens, home of Heather Muir, a pioneer in the rediscovery of shrub roses (including the celebrated rambling *Rosa filipes* "Kiftsgate"). We then return to our hotel, where Michael Gordon will give a talk about "Visiting Gardens," before dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: COTSWOLDS**



GRAVETYE MANOR

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH - This morning begins with a visit to Barnsley House and masterpiece garden created by Rosemary Verey, one of the most influential gardeners of the 20th century. We'll have a tour with one of the head gardeners and gather for lunch at the Village Pub. You'll have an opportunity to see how the ideas and designs from her many books and articles are reflected everywhere in this glorious space. From here, it's a short drive to Highgrove, HRH Prince Charles' private estate, where we enjoy a private tour, subject to availability. The evening is free. **(B, L) OVERNIGHT: COTSWOLDS**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH - Leaving the Cotswolds, our first stop will be at Waltham Place The farm and gardens at Waltham are on the cutting edge of biodynamic and organic techniques. Their philosophy of Natural Gardening is all about one's relationship with the garden and its evolution, using your knowledge of plant systems and families. Then we continue to Wisley. The 240-acre flagship garden of the Royal Horticultural Society at Wisley is the jewel in the crown of the RHS and has been a living encyclopedia for gardeners for the past 100 years. We'll have time for lunch, then have a tour of the garden's highlights. There will also be free time to browse the Wisley store. It is a short drive from here to our hotel, nestled in the North Downs, where dinner awaits us. After dinner, Michael Gordon will give another talk on "The English Mixed Border." **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: BURFORD BRIDGE**



ROUSHAM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH - This morning we'll tour Vann Gardens, an Arts and Crafts garden containing a Water Garden designed by Gertrude Jekyll in 1911, before traveling to visit Gravetye Manor. Here, we'll enjoy lunch in the Manor before having a tour of the gardens with the head gardener, Tom Coward. Considered to be among the most influential in English gardening history, the gardens at Gravetye were the work of William Robinson, author of *The English Flower Garden* and *The Wild Garden*, two of the best-selling gardening books of all time. We return to our hotel for a free evening. **(B, L) OVERNIGHT: BURFORD BRIDGE**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH - Our first stop of the day is to Sissinghurst. Sissinghurst was rescued in 1930 by poet/novelist Vita Sackville-West and her husband, historian Harold Nicolson, who bought the romantic ruins and began to create the gardens (10 gardens spread over a 6-acre area). Harold, a classicist, utilized the walls and buildings that were already in place, while Vita devised the inspired planting schemes, grouping plants according to color, texture, and season. Continuing on, we will head to Great Dixter for a tour of the garden of Christopher Lloyd, who devoted his life to developing one of the most exciting and experimental gardens of our time, incorporating medieval buildings, yew topiary, and a tapestry of mixed borders (including the famous Long Border). From here we'll return to our hotel for a farewell dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: BURFORD BRIDGE**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH - Morning transfers to Heathrow Airport for returning flights to the U.S. **(B)**

Key to included meals: B- breakfast, L- lunch, D- dinner

Optional Ireland Extension:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH - Morning flight from London Gatwick to Dublin. Afternoon visits to June and Jimi Blake's gardens at Tinode. **(B, D)**
OVERNIGHT: BLESSINGTON

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH - Full day excursion to Burtown House and Gardens, the Macdonald's garden in Camolin and to Glendalough. **(B, D)**
OVERNIGHT: BLESSINGTON



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH - Visits to Mount Usher Garden and Powerscourt House and Gardens. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: BLESSINGTON**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH - Morning tour of Helen Dillon's garden in Monkstown. Afternoon tour of Dublin. Farewell dinner and overnight in Malahide. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: MALAHIDE**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH - Morning transfers to Dublin Airport for return flights to the US. **(B)**

The cost of this extension is \$1990 per person, double occupancy (single supplement \$460) and includes:

One way flight from Gatwick to Dublin, 4 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels, breakfast daily, 4 dinners, all transportation and entrance fees as detailed, Michael Gordon as host and a Discover Europe tour guide throughout.

REGISTRATION FORM

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please type or print.
2. Make checks payable to DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.
3. Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on the reverse before signing.
4. Complete both sides of this form.
5. Detach the bottom section and return to Discover Europe with your deposit of \$500 per person, if this has not already been paid. Keep the top section for your records.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

NAME(S). Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Include your "Known As" or preferred name.

PASSPORT DETAILS. Having your passport details ahead of time enables Discover Europe to speed the check-in process at hotels and helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.

ADDRESS. If you have a temporary address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS. Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.

HEALTH INFORMATION. It is very valuable for us to know ahead of time if you require any special assistance. Discover Europe tours are always paced for comfort, but inevitably there is also a certain amount of walking involved. Participants should have sufficient stamina to keep pace with the tour group and not cause delays. Please consult with your physician if have any questions regarding your ability to participate fully.

TRIP DETAILS

Please fill in the name of the trip you wish to register for, the departure date and your departure airport or city.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

This information is essential.

INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

1. If transatlantic flights are not already included as part of your tour package, Discover Europe will be very happy to book these for you. The fee for this service is \$40 per ticket.
2. If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. Transportation to and from the hotel for arrival and departure arrangements that are separate from the group can be made at an additional cost. It is essential that we receive your complete flight information at least 60 days prior to your trip departure.

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

Please tick the appropriate boxes. We will book non-smoking rooms, If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.

Note: A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please let us know your preference.



PASSENGER DETAIL: THE PASSIONATE GARDENER (0903/GMG)

Passport Name:

1. _____
Title First Middle Last

2. _____
Title First Middle Last

Known As: 1. _____ 2. _____

Passport 1#: _____ Exp.Date: _____ DOB: _____

Passport 2#: _____ Exp.Date: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Preferred Telephone: (____) _____ work/cell/home
circle one

Secondary Telephone: (____) _____ work/cell/home
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Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Health Information: _____

Other Comments or Notes: _____

Trip Details

Departure Date: _____ Return Date: _____

Departure Airport or City: _____

I would like to be part of the Ireland Extension: Yes No

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
2. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
3. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
4. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.
5. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.
6. Conduct During the Tour: You are responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

1. A deposit of \$500 must accompany this completed form (if it has not already been paid).
2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure.

TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However, we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the 6 months prior to trip departure.



EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Email: _____

Primary Telephone: (_____) _____

FLIGHT INFORMATION

(Please check one)

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights: Yes No

Flight details (if self-arranged), to be provided **at least 90 days** prior to departure. _____

2. Group size. This tour has been based on a group size of 10-15 participants. Should we end up with less than 10 people, Discover Europe will determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.
3. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.
4. Late registrations (received within 60 days of departure) may also incur extra fees and charges as discounted rates for hotels and airfares may no longer be available so close to departure. Participants will be made aware of any such charges before their registration is accepted.

REFUND POLICY

1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$200 cancellation penalty per person.
2. Participants who withdraw fewer than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less the following cancellation penalties:
 - 90-61 days prior to departure: \$1000 per person
 - 60 - 31 days prior to departure: \$2000 per person
 - 30 or fewer days prior to departure: no refund
3. Please note that the final payment becomes due upon receipt of the final invoice and will remain payable, as per the above schedule, if your cancellation is received after this.
4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe, Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
5. Travel insurance is not included in your tour package. Discover Europe Ltd. strongly advises that you purchase coverage for your upcoming trip. Information describing the services of a recommended travel insurance company will be included with your reservation confirmation package mailing.
6. All cancellation requests must be received in writing by Discover Europe, Ltd.
7. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.
8. Your place on this tour is not transferable.

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

1. All inclusions are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant's home to their chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers, items of a personal nature.

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

(Please check one)

I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)

I will be sharing with: _____

We would like a double twin-bedded room

PERMISSIONS

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list.

Yes No

SIGNATURES

I have read and agree to the attached Terms & Conditions and understand that travel insurance is not included in the trip.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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