

England and Its Gardens July 1-14, 2010

A 14-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 visit and study such notable gardens as Hampton Court, Stourhead, Hatfield House, Hidcote Manor, Hestercombe, Iford Manor, Westbury Court, Iden Croft Herbs, Sissinghurst Castle, the Beth Chatto Garden, Bloom's of Bressingham, and the Royal Horticulture Society gardens at Wisley. The fabulous Hampton Court Flower Show highlights the program. Free time in London will round out our experiences. To preview on-line, see www.hort.purdue.edu/ext/EaiG/Main.html.

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 October 15, 2009. 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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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
- Budget class accommodations in Corsham, Lavenham, and London (double occupancy, single supplement at additional cost.)
- Breakfast daily, 1 lunch, 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

What's Not Included:

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

NOTES:

1) Due to the historical and rugged nature of the sites visited accessibility at all locations cannot be guaranteed. Participants should be prepared to do substantial walking each day.

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)

Thursday, July 1 - Travel to London

Friday, July 2 - Arrival in London, afternoon travel via motor coach to Corsham, Wiltshire, which we'll call home for 5 nights at the historic Methuen Arms Hotel. (D)

Saturday, July 3 - We'll immerse ourselves in the history of British gardens and landscape architecture with an introductory lecture followed by a visit to Corsham Court, an Elizabethan house and gardens with a fine art collection, and we'll walk the footpath (with the sheep) through the "Capability" Brown-designed landscape. (B,L)

Sunday, July 4 - East Lambrook Manor Gardens, home of "English Cottage Gardening" and the Margery Fish Nursery is our day's first destination. Later, we'll visit the incomparable Stourhead, an 18th century landscape defining the "Arcadian Landscape" style. (B,D)

Monday, July 5 - 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. But first we'll visit the Harold Peto garden at Iford Manor and enjoy morning tea. (B, D)

Tuesday, July 6 - Westbury Court, a Dutch-style water garden begins our day followed by 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. (B,L)

Wednesday, July 7 - We leave Corsham bound for East Anglia. On our way, we'll stop at Hatfield House, a Jacobean house and garden. Then its on to Lavenham. (B, D))

Thursday, July 8 - Our morning destination is Bloom's of Bressingham Garden Centre and display gardens. In the afternoon, we'll see the Beth Chatto gardens including her famous gravel garden. (B,D)

Friday, July 9 - We head south to Kent, to visit Iden Croft Herbs on the way to Sissinghurst Castle Garden created between the world wars by author Vita Sackville-West and her husband Sir Harold Nicholson. There are 10 unique garden rooms within the castle remnants, including Vita's famous white garden, old fashioned roses, herb garden, and Harold's "hot" cottage garden. Following early dinner in Staplehurst, its on to London. (B,D)

Saturday, July 10 - From Waterloo Station, we'll ride the train to Hampton Court and the palace best known for its association with Henry VIII. There, we'll split time between the palace and gardens (Privy Garden, Crowfoot, Great Fountain Garden, The Maze) and the spectacular Royal Horticultural Society's Hampton Court Flower Show. (B)

Sunday, July 11 - Free day for sightseeing in London.

Monday, July 12 - We'll spend a leisurely day at the Royal Horticulture Society's Gardens at Wisley. As an oasis for modern day gardeners, Wisley is one of England's most diverse horticultural displays. It features The Glasshouse, new in 2007, plus collections of alpine and rock garden plants, herbaceous ornamentals, fruits, vegetables, rhododendrons, meadow, trial gardens, greenhouses, arboretum, and "model" gardens. (B)

Tuesday, July 13 - Free day in London. In the evening we'll gather for a farewell dinner and group discussion. (B, D)

Wednesday, July 14 - Travel by motor coach to London Heathrow airport for trip home. (B)



Accommodations:

Methuen Arms, Corsham

Located away from the tourist crowds, the historic Methuen Arms provides authentic village atmosphere with a classic "Brownian" English landscape just steps from the back door!

The Swan Hotel, Lavenham

The Swan is at the center of the picturesque Tudor market town of Lavenham. Its historic timber-frame structures and fine dining provide Old World charm and hospitality.

Regency Hotel, London

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

Costs:

- Program fee for England Land Package only, \$3075
- Single Room Supplement, \$525, total \$3600.

Single Travelers:

If you want us to assign a roommate for shared accommodations, we will make every effort to honor your request. If we cannot provide a roommate, we will contact you.

Payment Schedule:

A \$500 per person deposit is required to reserve space in the class. The final balance will be due in full on May 1, 2010.

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 are accepted on a first come/first served basis by telephone only beginning October 15, 2009. Registration is open only to Master Gardeners or MG interns (one guest permitted, MG and their guest must register together.) A non-refundable \$500 per person deposit is required to complete your registration.

You may register M-F, 8am-noon, 1-5:00pm Eastern Time.

1. Call toll-free 1-888-EXT-INFO (398-4636) and ask to be transferred to Tammy Goodale in Hort. & L. A. or dial her directly at 1-765-494-1296. If leaving a message, indicate you're calling about *England and its Gardens* and a number and time where you can be reached.
2. 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)
3. Following phone registration, you will be billed for the deposit (and later, the remaining fee) by the Purdue Conference Division. You may pay by credit card or personal check (payable to Purdue University). Registration is not complete until your payment is received.

Questions?

Call Tammy, or call or e-mail:

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