

England and Its Gardens

A 13-day study and travel abroad experience for Lovers of Gardens and Garden History

May 13-25, 2007

About This Course:

Our goal is to expand gardeners' knowledge in ornamental horticulture, landscape, and garden design in a historical context. We'll visit and study these notable gardens: Hampton Court, Stourhead, Hidcote Manor, Hestercombe, East Lambrook Manor, Tintinhull, Westbury Court, Iford Manor, Sissinghurst Castle, the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, and the Royal Horticulture Society gardens at Wisley. The fabulous Chelsea Flower Show highlights the program. Free time in London and Bath, and a visit to Stonehenge will round out our experiences. To preview our destinations on-line, see www.hort.purdue.edu/ext/EaiG/Main.html.

Program Policies:

Registration is open to those with a serious interest in gardens and garden history. Enrollment will be limited to 25 total participants, available on a first come basis with a \$500 deposit required, beginning December 4, 2006. Advanced Training hours will be credited to those Purdue Master Gardeners who complete the required reading assignments and quizzes. Master Gardener participants will also earn volunteer service hours upon their return by sharing what they've learned with others.



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

* England and its Gardens - Landscape & Garden Study Guide

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

* Uglow, Jenny. 2004. A Little History of British Gardening. North Point Press, NY.

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

What's Included:

- Ground transportation in UK via motor coach and the London Underground
- Budget class accommodations in Corsham, Forest Row, and London (double occupancy in basic price, single occupancy available at additional cost)
- Full English breakfast daily, 3 lunches, and 7 dinners
- Admission to 16 gardens, sites and events
- Hotel, coach, and group meal gratuities
- Lectures, study guide, group discussions
- Travel health and accident insurance

What's Not Included:

- Airfare (for maximum individual flexibility). Fantastic Journeys Travel Agency is handling arrangements for instructors. They can coordinate your flight arrangements with the instructors if you so choose.
- Personal items (passport fees, laundry, alcoholic beverages)

NOTE: Due to the historical and rugged nature of the itinerary, accessibility at these sites is a challenge. To fully participate in this class, enrollees must be able to do substantial strenuous walking each day.

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

Sunday, May 13 - Travel to London (with the group or on your own, see "What's Not Included".)

Monday, May 14 - Morning arrival in London, travel via motor coach to Richmond Park to see the rhododendron garden, then on to Hampton Court, Henry VIII's royal palace. Highlights include the Tudor palace and kitchens, William & Mary's Privy Garden, Crowfoot, Great Fountain Garden, The Maze, and the centuries old "Great Vine". We'll dine together near Hampton, then travel via motor coach to Corsham, Wiltshire (about 8 miles from Bath) which we'll call home for 6 nights at the historic Methuen Arms Hotel. (D)

Tuesday, May 15 - We'll immerse ourselves in the history of British gardens and landscape architecture with lectures and group discussion in the barn at the Methuen Arms, 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,D)

Wednesday, May 16 - Morning visit to Westbury Court featuring a late 17th century Dutch-style water garden, a walled rose garden, and espaliered fruit trees. Afternoon brings us 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. (B,L,D)

Thursday, May 17 - Off to the Peto Garden at Iford Manor, an Italian-style, hillside garden showcasing a fabulous blend of plants, architecture, and art. Then on 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)

Friday, May 18 - Morning stop at Tintinhull, Phyllis Reiss' exquisitely composed garden, followed by a tour and lunch at East Lambrook Manor Gardens, home of "English Cottage Gardening" and the Margery Fish Nursery. In the afternoon we'll experience the incomparable Stourhead, an 18th century landscape defining the "Arcadian Landscape" style. (B,L)

Saturday, May 19 - Morning free to explore Corsham on your own. Or, take a footpath walk or bus to Lacock, picturesque 14th century village just three miles from Corsham. Afternoon and evening on your own in Bath. (B)

Sunday, May 20 - Depart Corsham for the Royal Horticulture Society's Gardens at Wisley. On our way, we'll stop briefly at historic Stonehenge. As an oasis for modern day gardeners, Wisley is one of England's most diverse horticultural displays, featuring collections of alpine and rock garden plants, herbaceous ornamentals, fruits, vegetables, rhododendrons, meadow, trial gardens, greenhouses, arboretum, and the renowned "model" gardens. Spend the night at Brambletye Inn. (B,D)

Monday, May 21 - Morning visit to Ingwersen LTD alpine plant nursery, then on to Sissinghurst Castle Gardens, 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. Dinner at an area pub, then on to London Imperial Hotel for the rest of our stay. (B, D)

Tuesday, May 22 - Morning visit to the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew (via the "Tube"). Afternoon and evening free for sightseeing, shopping, museums, theatre, etc. (B)

Wednesday, May 23 - On-your-own sightseeing, shopping, etc. (B)

Thursday, May 24 - Morning entry to the fabulous Chelsea Flower Show, the benchmark show of fresh cut flowers and garden displays, the most famous flower show in the world! You can spend the entire day at Chelsea (enjoy a Pimms and lemonade, lunch, and the crowds) or take the afternoon for last minute on-your-own sightseeing. Farewell dinner and group discussion at our hotel. (B,D)

Friday, May 25 - Travel by motor coach to London Heathrow airport for trip home. (B)



Accommodations:

Methuen Arms, Corsham

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

Brambletye Inn, Forest Row

The Brambletye Hotel is at the center of the picturesque village of Forest Row on the edge of Ashdown Forest. It offers an historical atmosphere with Old World charm and hospitality.

Imperial Hotel, London

In Russel Square, the Imperial is close to the British Museum, walking distance from the West End London theatre district, and accessible via the Russell Square Underground station to all the attractions of London.

Costs:

- Program fee for England Land Package only, \$2,765
- Single Room Supplement, \$275, total \$3,040.

Single Travelers – If you would like 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. Deposits will be accepted on a first come/first serve basis beginning December 4, 2006. The final balance will be due in full on March 1, 2007. A waiting list will be maintained once reservations are filled.

Refund Policy:

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

Reservations:

Reservations are accepted on a first come/first served basis by telephone only. A non-refundable \$500 per person deposit is required upon submission of registration.

How to make a reservation for this course:

(registration is available M-F, 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. EDT)

1. Call toll-free 1-888-EXT-INFO (398-4636) and ask to be transferred to Connie Holderfield in Hort & L.A. or dial Connie directly (toll charges apply) at 1-765-494-1296 and ask for England and its Gardens class registration.
2. Be prepared to provide Connie with the following information for each participant.
 - a. name, address, phone, email, county of MG training (if applicable);
 - b. hotel occupancy (single or double)
 - c. roommate preference (if applicable)
3. Following registration with Connie, you will be billed for the \$500 deposit (and later the remaining fee) by the Conference Division of Purdue University Continuing Education and Conferences. Payments may be paid by credit card or check (payable to Purdue University). Registration is not complete until your payment is received.