

BOOKING FORM

The Gardens of Kent and Sussex
Sunday 14th to Thursday 18th August 2022

Full name(s)..... Title

Address.....

..... Postcode

Telephone no..... Mobile no.....

Email address.....

Name and telephone number of next of kin or friend in case of need.

Please reserve the following place(s):

.....@ £670 CGS Member (Double/Twin Room) £

.....@ £692.50 Non CGS Member (Double/Twin Room) £

.....@ £890 CGS Member (Single Room) £

.....@ £912.50 Non CGS Member (Single Room) £

Non National Trust Members @ £15 per person £

Total £

Pick-up point.....

Please enter any particular dietary requirements or any special requests below

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GARDEN HOLIDAY

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A tailor-made group tour for CGS by Brightwater Holidays including:

- Guided tour of Great Dixter
- Visits to the gardens of
 - Great Comp
 - National Trust Sissinghurst
 - Pashley Manor
 - Merriments
 - Hever Castle
 - National Trust Emmetts Garden
 - West Dean
- Four nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the 4* Mercure Tunbridge Wells Hotel
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Pick-up points throughout Cornwall
- Services of a Brightwater Holidays Tour Manager.

Organiser: Julia Chant

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Day 1: Sunday 14th August

We depart by coach from Cornwall and head towards Kent, stopping en-route for refreshments. We begin with a visit to the seven-acre garden of the beautifully-landscaped **Great Comp Garden**, curated by the salvia expert, William Dyson. We continue to our accommodation, the **4* Mercure Tunbridge Wells Hotel**, for dinner.

Day 2: Monday 15th August

After breakfast, we depart for the gardens of **Hever Castle** – once the childhood home of Anne Boleyn. The spectacular gardens were laid out between 1904 and 1908. One of the most magnificent areas is the Italian Garden, but other features include the Half Moon Pond, the Cascade Rockery, the cool and shady grottoes, the formal fountain based on the Trevi Fountain and the Two Sisters Pond. More recent additions include the Millennium Fountain on Sixteen Acre Island. We then continue to **National Trust Emmetts Garden**. This charming and informal garden was laid out in the late 19th century with many exotic and rare trees and shrubs from all over the world. Its elevated position also makes for some spectacular views. We return to our hotel where dinner will be served in the evening.

Day 3: Tuesday 16th August

Today, we visit **Pashley Manor**, an award-winning and quintessentially English garden that will be ablaze with colour at this time of year with hundreds of dazzling dahlias. Lunch is available here (not included). We continue to the four-acre **Merriments Garden** with its nursery that sells plants rarely found elsewhere. During our visit, we will enjoy a pot of English tea or coffee with fruit scones, jam and clotted cream (included). We return to our hotel for dinner.

Day 4: Wednesday 17th August

This morning, we enjoy a guided tour of the late Christopher Lloyd's – and now, Fergus Garrett's **Great Dixter**, a classic English country garden. No gardener comes to Great Dixter without making discoveries and rekindling a zest for gardening. Our second visit is to **National Trust Sissinghurst**, the famous garden that was created by Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson from 1930. Lunch is available here (not included). We return to our hotel for dinner.

Day 5: Thursday 18th August

Today, we begin our journey home with a stop at **West Dean Gardens** whose restored kitchen garden features some of the finest Victorian glasshouses in the country. Lunch is available here (not included). We will return to your original pick-up points, stopping en-route for refreshments (not included).

A detailed Brightwater Holiday itinerary will be sent to you with your booking acknowledgement.

TO SECURE YOUR BOOKING, please complete the booking form and return it with your deposit to Julia Chant, Higher Pendruffle Cottage, Duloe PL14 4QD.

The deposit is £100 per person. Please make your cheque payable to Brightwater Holidays Limited.

The balance is due by Sunday 5th June 2022 and is paid directly to Brightwater Holidays. To pay the balance, either send your cheque to Brightwater Holidays Limited, Eden Park House, Cupar, Fife KY15 4HS or call 01334 657155 to pay by credit or debit card.

If you cancel after Sunday 5th June 2022 and your place cannot be filled from our waiting list, 80% of the cost is non-refundable. There is a £50 name change fee.

PICK-UP POINTS

The coach will leave from Penzance Bus Station and proceed along the A30 towards Exeter.

Pick-up points are:

- Penzance Bus Station
- St Erth Station Yard
- Chiverton Cross
- Fraddon, Kingsley Village Overflow Car Park
- Bodmin, Dennison Road Coach Stop
- Launceston, Bus Stop by Multi-storey Car Park
- Okehampton, Sourton Cross Services on the A30.

Price includes:

- Guided tour of Great Dixter
- Entry to the gardens of Great Comp, National Trust Sissinghurst, Pashley Manor, Merriments, Hever Castle, National Trust Emmetts Garden and West Dean
- Four nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the 4* Mercure Tunbridge Wells Hotel. All rooms have en-suite facilities.
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of a Brightwater Holidays tour manager.

INSURANCE is strongly advised

Please note that the Cornwall Garden Society does not carry travel insurance for members and cannot accept liability for personal injury and consequential loss sustained during the course of a tour.

If you do not already have relevant travel insurance cover, it is strongly recommended that you take out comprehensive travel insurance in relation to this trip to cover, in particular, cancellation, medical and incidental expenses in the event of illness or injury and personal accident.

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