



# WEST COUNTRY GARDENS



MAPPERTON HOUSE

**JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> - JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> 2016  
DESIGNED BY MARIAN ST CLAIR**

Visit masterworks of garden design on a tour that encompasses both the scope of influence and the depth of history in West Country Gardens, beginning with the organic and biodynamic informal gardens of Waltham Place and ending with the 376 acres of Grade I listed formal gardens and woodlands at Cliveden. Throughout, see the evolution of garden design and how it complements the great Manors, Abbeys, Castles, and Houses of the West Country. Each property is unique in its storied landscape and its effect, and collectively, catalogs the brilliant pastoral quality unique to the West Country.



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

**LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED): \$3730**  
**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$ 890**

*Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details.*

**THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:**

- HOTELS:** 9 nights accommodation in first-class hotels including all hotel taxes and service charges
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Full breakfast daily, 3 dinners, 1 tea
- EXPENSES:** Portage of one large suitcase per person
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary
- GUIDES:** Discover Europe guide throughout

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

Tour the full spectrum of English garden design with Marian St Clair and let the perfection of place and impeccable timing leave you with an indelible impression of West Country Gardens.

**HOTELS**

- THE CASTLE HOTEL**  
WWW.THE-CASTLE-HOTEL.COM
- STRADEY PARK HOTEL**  
WWW.STRADEYPARKHOTEL.COM
- GROVEFIELD HOUSE HOTEL**  
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*These hotels are subject to final confirmation.*

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**TUESDAY, JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>** - Evening departure from your chosen US gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

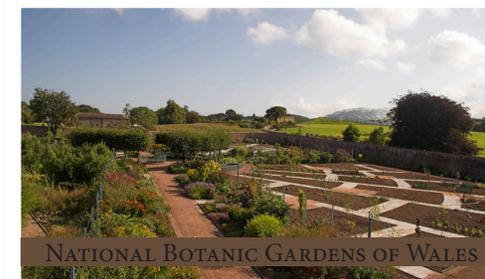
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>** - Your morning arrival at Heathrow will be met by your Discover Europe representative. Early arrivals will transfer to nearby Waltham Place to visit the “natural garden” that is the brainchild of Strilli Oppenheimer. Later arrivals at the airport will be able to catch up with the group here for the transfer to our first hotel. Upon arrival, there will be time to unpack and rest up before we gather for a cocktail reception and dinner. (D) **OVERNIGHT: TAUNTON**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>** - Heading west to the border of the county of Devon, we visit the fabulous medieval house of Cothay Manor. Twelve acres of magical gardens surround the manor. Many garden rooms, each a garden in itself, are set off a 200 yard yew walk. In addition there are fine trees, a cottage garden, courtyards, and a river walk; a plantsman’s paradise. The gardens have achieved the highest accolade of two stars in the Good Garden Guide and in June 2012 featured in the Daily Telegraph’s “20 Best Gardens in Britain.” We will also have a guided tour of the house, one of the finest small medieval manor houses in the country, dating from the 14<sup>th</sup> century. This afternoon we pay a visit to Mapperton House, home of the Earl and Countess of Sandwich. The valley gardens at Mapperton reflect at least three periods of history. On the top level is the croquet lawn, where in dry weather the remains of a parterre, possibly 17<sup>th</sup> century, can be made out. On the next level is the Italianate garden laid out by Mrs Ethel Labouchere in her husband’s memory in the 1920s, complete with grottoes, stone ornamental birds, animals and fountains. An orangery was added by Victor Montagu in the late 1960s, the current Earl of Sandwich’s father. Below the wall and summer house are fish ponds which lead to the wild garden with its wonderful specimen shrubs and trees. Free evening in Yeovil. (B) **OVERNIGHT: TAUNTON**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>** - Our first visit today will be to garden writer Margery Fish’s archetypal cottage garden at East Lambrook. Margery Fish was the undisputed “Leading Lady of Gardening” from the 1950s and it was Margery’s natural gift in bringing old-fashioned and contemporary plants together that has so dramatically influenced the way we garden today. This afternoon, by way of contrast, we will visit Forde Abbey Gardens. Originally a Cistercian Monastery, today Forde Abbey is a private home with over 30 acres of award-winning gardens. We’ll have a tour of the house and gardens before

returning to our hotel for free time to explore and find a local restaurant or pub for dinner (B) **OVERNIGHT: TAUNTON**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>** - A leisurely start this morning will take us first



to nearby Montacute House. We’ll have time to explore the formal gardens, visit the Orangery and wander down the



Lime Avenue, before we turn our attention to the inside of the house. This beautiful Elizabethan country home was featured recently in the BBC production of Wolf Hall and also houses a part of the collection of the National Portrait Gallery. Heading north, we’ll stop for lunch in Glastonbury, a town forever associated with the legend of King Arthur. We’ll pay a visit to the Abbey before continuing on to Milton Lodge Gardens for a private guided tour and tea. The evening is free. (B, T) **OVERNIGHT: TAUNTON**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>** - Leaving Yeovil, we head north and cross the Severn Bridge into the Principality of Wales. En route we’ll stop for a private visit to Lady Farm in the village of Chelwood. Lady Farm is the labour of love for the last 20 years of Malcom and Judy Pearce. Arriving in Wales, our first visit is to Veddw House Garden, the brainchild of garden writer Anne Wareham. Anne will give us a personal tour of her garden before we have to continue to our hotel in Llanelli, where dinner awaits. (B, D) **OVERNIGHT: LLANELLI**

**MONDAY, JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>** - We’ll begin the day with a visit to Aberglasney House and Gardens. Spectacularly set in the beautiful Tywi valley of Carmarthenshire, Aberglasney House features one of the finest gardens in Wales. Aberglasney Gardens have been an inspiration to poets since 1477. The story of Aberglasney spans many centuries, but the house’s origins are still shrouded in obscurity. Our afternoon visit today is to the National Botanic Gardens of Wales, opened in May 2000 and now the most visited garden in Wales. We’ll return to Llanelli for a free evening. (B) **OVERNIGHT: LLANELLI**



**TUESDAY, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>** - We begin today with an excursion around St. David’s Peninsula. Our first stop will be Picton castle, whose present gardens can be traced to the late 1800s. We’ll visit the gardens and take a tour of the castle (providing that it is not being used for a private event). Continuing on around the peninsula we’ll visit the cathedral of St. David, the patron saint of Wales and stop in Britain’s smallest city for lunch. This afternoon we’ll visit Dyffryn Fernant garden. Staring with a complete wilderness in 1996, Christina Shand has created a modern Welsh garden and will delight in taking us on a tour of her masterpiece. There may be time to stop at the Neolithic site of Pentre Ifan on the way back to Llanelli this evening. (B) **OVERNIGHT: LLANELLI**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>** - Driving north through Pembrokeshire this morning we head for Caer Hir, a “Dutch garden in the heart of Wales.” And you’ll have to join our tour to solve that riddle! On the return journey to Llanelli, we’ll stop at Laugharne

and pay our respects to a Welsh national treasure, the poet Dylan Thomas. It was in the boathouse at Laugharne that he wrote many of his most famous works. From Laugharne we head into the city of Swansea, where we'll visit Dylan Thomas' house and have free time for shopping. Free evening in Llanelli. (B) **OVERNIGHT: LLANELLI**



**THURSDAY, JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>** - We leave south Wales today and head back along the motorway and across the River Severn back into England. Our destination is the Royal town of Windsor, but on the way, we'll stop for a guided tour of the gardens of Cliveden, the fabulous home of William Waldorf Astor. We'll end the day with a sumptuous farewell dinner at our hotel in Windsor. (B, D) **OVERNIGHT: BURNHAM**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>** - Morning transfers to Heathrow Airport for returning flights to the U.S. (B) **OVERNIGHT: HOME**

*Key to included meals: B - breakfast, D - dinner, T - afternoon tea*



## REGISTRATION FORM

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- i). Please type or print.
- ii). Make checks payable to DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.
- iii). Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on the reverse before signing.
- iv). Complete both sides of this form.
- v). Detach the bottom section and mail it to Discover Europe with your deposit of \$500 per person. Keep the top section for your records.

### DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS:

#### 1. PASSENGER DETAILS

- i). Name(s). Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport.
- ii). Address. If you have a different address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.
- iii). 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.
- iv). Dietary Requirements. Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.
- v). Health Information. A fair amount of walking is involved in this trip and includes stairways. Check the itinerary with your physician to ensure a safe and comfortable journey. Travelers requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion.

#### 2. EMERGENCY CONTACT

This information is essential.

#### 3. INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS.

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.

#### 4. ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

- Please check the appropriate boxes. We will book non-smoking rooms (where available) unless otherwise requested.
- i). 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.
  - ii). A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please let us know your preference.



### PASSENGER DETAILS FOR WEST COUNTRY GARDENS (0607/GSC)

Name(s): 1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Birth: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Passport #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Comments or Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

#### TRIP DETAILS

Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Return Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Airport or City: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to:  
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## TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
2. Instructions to aid you can be found on overleaf.
3. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
4. 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.
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6. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities, host 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.

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

1. A deposit of \$500 must accompany this completed form.
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.

2. Group size. This tour has been based on a group size of 20 participants. Should we end up with less than 10 people, Discover Europe will work with Marian St Clair to 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 Ltd. reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.

## 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 \$500 cancellation penalty.
2. Participants who withdraw less than 90 days and more than 60 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$2000 cancellation penalty.
3. Participants who withdraw less than 60 days prior to the day of tour departure will not receive a refund unless they have purchased travel insurance.
4. Trip cancellation insurance is not included in your Discover Europe tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Discover Europe will be happy to provide information describing the services of a recommended insurance company, which will fully detail the coverages, provisions, limitations, and exclusions of the insurance offered.
5. All cancellation requests must be received in writing (either by mail or e-mail).
6. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.

## INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

1. All inclusions on *West Country Gardens* are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): transatlantic airfare, 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.



## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name(s): 1. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## FLIGHT INFORMATION

(Please check one)

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

Flight details (if self-arranged): \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_