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Featuring Britain's largest collection of individually designed gardens, Barnsdale Gardens offers green-fingered visitors a wonderful and inspirational horticultural experience. With amazing variety and different themes, the gardens have been created by one of Britain's best loved gardeners and TV star of *Gardener's World*, the late Geoff Hamilton. The spectacular Rose Garden features 50 of the most special species whilst the formal layout of Versailles reminded Geoff of Louis XIV's famous gardens near Paris. Designed with a very small budget, the Artisan's Cottage Garden allows plants and shrubs to grow as they please. Featured on TV, the Apple Arch made up of 26 varieties of apple and pear trees make a lovely sun-dappled canopy to walk under.

RHS Bridgewater

Opened in 2021, this beautiful garden on a 154-acre site alongside Bridgewater Canal was designed by world famous landscape designer Tom Stuart-Smith. A modern garden in an historical setting, RHS Bridgewater is located on the original site of the stately Worsley New Hall in Salford. An incredible resource for amateur gardeners, cleverly designed gardens thrive and develop whilst attracting a range of wildlife. Stroll through the Worsley Welcome Garden and the natural woodland of the Forest Garden or enjoy the pretty borders and glass houses of Paradise Garden and the Chinese inspired four season themed Streamside Garden.

RHS Harlow Carr

Lovely in every season, the RHS garden at Harlow Carr is a delight that sits on the edge of the Victorian spa town of Harrogate in the glorious Yorkshire countryside. With woodland, water features and wildflowers over 68 acres, this is a relaxing and innovative garden to explore. Discover the varied selection of alpiners cleverly planted in



RHS Harlow Carr © RHS Richard Bloom

the rock gardens of the Alpine House. With year-round appeal, the herbaceous perennials, grasses, bulbs and shrubs combined with the stately American Sweetgum and Lime Trees of the Main Borders will delight all visitors. The Winter Walk highlights the colour that can be enjoyed even during the cold months of winter. To end a memorable visit, enjoy a coffee in the RHS café in the redeveloped Harrogate Arms with views across the natural landscape.

York Gate

In contrast to the larger formal gardens in the area, the charity-owned York Gate Garden is a special one-acre garden on the outskirts of Leeds taking inspiration from the Arts & Crafts movement. Separated by yew and beech hedges, the 'garden rooms' bring stunning colour, fragrance and a mass of varied border planting throughout the year. From picture-perfect tulips in spring, pretty wildflowers attracting pollinators in summer to the bright green foliage and pure white of snowdrops in winter.

Coton Manor Garden

Open in the spring and summer months, Coton Manor Garden close to the historic village of Guilsborough in Northamptonshire is a 10-acre English-styled garden set in the grounds of a beautiful York stone 17th-century house. Originally laid out in the 1920s by the grandparents of the present owners, colourful pots and containers bursting with delicate verbena and salvia dot the terraces combined with lovely views of the surrounding countryside. A wooded area full of vibrant bluebells in spring, a wildflower meadow in summer, formal gardens, fragrant climbing roses, and exquisite Mediterranean planting are just some of the highlights awaiting visitors.

The exact order of excursions will be included in your itinerary, which you should expect to receive approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

How to book

Please return a booking form, with your £100 per person deposit to: Kim Gardner
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