

*A Custom Designed Itinerary to
Private Garden Squares of London and Gardens of England*

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Day 1: ARRIVAL. Guests arrive into a designated London airport, are met and transferred to Harrington Hall, where 5 nights are included. Located in the heart of London's exclusive Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, this first class hotel is ideally located only two minutes' walk from Gloucester Road Underground Station, which is served by the District, Circle and Piccadilly lines, providing direct access to Heathrow, the West End, "Theatreland", and the City. Balance of the day to relax...



Day 2: LONDON'S PRIVATE GARDEN SQUARES. Two full days with a local expert guide to visit a selection...

Day 2:

- Victoria & Albert Museum Garden: The new John Madejski Garden (opened on July 5, 2005) is a must! Kim Wilkie's new design has transformed the Italianate courtyard into a stylish, elegant place to meet and to "be seen"...



- Ismaili Centre Roof Garden: One of London's best-kept secrets. The beautiful and peaceful setting of this highly symbolic garden is a "spiritual balm" for the soul.
- Lexham Gardens: Winner of the All-London Garden Square Best Garden award 3 times!



- Kensington Gardens Square: These gardens ("serene with a touch of waywardness") are surrounded by stucco-fronted houses built in 1858 by Henry de Bruno Austin.

Day 3:

- Eaton Square: One of London's premier addresses. Winner of the first prize in the London Garden Society's competition for large private squares in 2005.



- Lincoln's Inn Gardens. Lincoln's Inn was founded in or before 1422. Its magnificent lawns and trees make up 6 separate gardens.
- Fitzroy Square: One of London's finest squares and the only London square designed by Robert Adam in the late 18th century.
- Geffrye Museum Gardens. Former almshouses of the Ironmongers' Company. Award-winning herb garden with over 170 different herbs and plants.



Day 4: LOCAL TOURING. A private vehicle and driver/guide will collect guests at 9.00 AM and head southwest to visit Winchester, ancient capital of England. This afternoon a private guided tour of The Manor House in Upton Grey with Ros Wallinger, the owner. Ros has reinstated the designs of Gertrude Jekyll back into this amazing garden. Mown paths in long grass, rambling roses, thickets of bamboo... Behind the house, the formal garden has a virtuoso Jekyll "plat" – two squares of geometric beds edged with grey starchys and brimming with pink peonies and roses "Caroline Testout." A cream tea will also be included.



Day 5: LOCAL TOURING. The private vehicle and driver/guide will collect guests at 9.00 AM and head to Wisley for a guided tour. Wisley is Britain's best-loved garden with almost 240 acres of glasshouses, roses, plants, vegetables and much more... This afternoon an undoubted highlight – a private visit to "Priory House" in Sunningdale, with a guided tour by the owner, Jenny Leigh, followed by a glass (or two) of wine...



The Garden was designed by Percy Cane and during June it becomes a mass of roses – old, new, climbing and standard. The perfume and colors will be amazing!

Day 6: DEPART, OR.... A transfer back to the designated London airport, or continue with other arrangements...

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