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& INSPIRATION**

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2015 - 2016

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A very warm welcome to this, our third Royal Horticultural Society Garden Holidays worldwide brochure, offering a collection of inspirational horticulture-themed tours around the world.

At the Royal Horticultural Society, it is our love of plants and our belief that gardeners make the world a better place that underpins all we do. It is therefore a real pleasure to be able to create a program of guided tours that offer the chance to visit some of the most beautiful gardens and natural landscapes around the world.

We have worked with Collette to develop this brochure with tours that all have a strong horticultural focus, but also include the opportunity to enjoy the cultural highlights of the destinations we feature.

The tours are all led by expert Collette Tour Managers, with additional support from local

guides and Curators, Head Gardeners, or experienced horticulturists while in the gardens themselves. On certain departures there will be RHS Specialist Hosts who will be able to add an additional level of horticultural knowledge to your tour. There will be plenty of opportunity to exchange notes and ideas with your traveling companions – all of whom should be garden enthusiasts, whether they come from the UK or elsewhere around the world.

From the elegance of classic European gardens such as the Palace of Versailles and Villa Lante in Italy to the more contemporary, urban design of the High Line Garden in New York, as well as the rich cultural symbolism

associated with the Japanese gardens, there are many private and public gardens just waiting to be enjoyed on our tours. There are also varied landscapes to discover, from the volcanic Azorean island of St. Michael to the breathtaking natural beauty of New Zealand. Whatever is next on your wish list, we hope you will find some inspiration within these pages.

All bookings include gift membership to the RHS, which you may use to renew your existing membership or pass onto a friend or family member to enjoy. Moreover, as the world's leading gardening charity, every booking helps support us in our charitable works around the country, such as the ever-





experience the ease of guided travel

A word from Collette

The guided tours you'll find in this book bring together Collette's nearly 100 years of worldwide travel experience with the RHS' unrivaled level of expertise. It's a beautiful combination.

Garden enthusiasts and their fellow travelers will gain privileged insider access to the world's finest gardens. At the same time, they'll have a chance to explore new cultures and marvel at must-see sites around the globe.

It is my sincere hope that these remarkable journeys will spread the joys of both travel and gardening.

Sincerely,



Dan Sullivan Jr.
President & CEO
Collette

popular Campaign for School Gardening, where we are introducing thousands of young people to the importance of horticulture; and in our community projects, such as "It's Your Neighbourhood." We also support Britain in Bloom, where we are working to transform local communities through gardens and green spaces.

For more information, visit www.rhs.org.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you on an RHS Garden Holiday soon.

With very best wishes,



Sue Biggs,
Director General, RHS



Complimentary RHS Membership

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For all bookings, you will receive a complimentary one-year gift membership to the Royal Horticultural Society. Upon completion of your trip, you will receive a Royal Horticultural Society gift pack by mail. Membership in the RHS has many benefits. As well as supporting our work as the UK's leading gardening charity, you will receive:

- *The Garden Magazine* – free every month, and packed with ideas on how to make the most of your membership.
- Free entry to our own RHS Gardens as well as to 232 other gardens around the world all year, and a further 60 at selected periods.
- Priority booking and discounted tickets to RHS Shows, including the celebrated RHS Chelsea Flower Show.
- Access to free advice from our team of horticultural experts, either face-to-face or via phone, mail or email.

Visit www.gocollette.com to learn more about on-tour options.

Meet a few of the horticultural experts who will enhance the garden visits during your travel experience.

Gerald Luckhurst, Landscape Architect



environmental conditions. After more than twenty-five years, he is recognized as an expert in Mediterranean and subtropical climates.

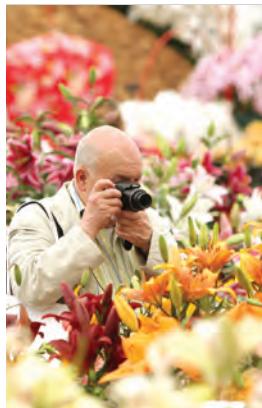
After working in Boston and London, Luckhurst set up practice in Portugal. He boasts a wide range of projects, including private gardens, historic parks, and environmental impact assessment. As a horticulturist he has an intimate knowledge of the plant world and

Colin Crosbie, Curator, RHS Garden Wisley



School of Practical Horticulture, his expertise earned him his dream job as Curator of RHS Garden Wisley.

Colin, who trained at the West of Scotland Agricultural College, Auchincruive, has held many prestigious positions, including Head Gardener at Royal Lodge, the private residence of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. Later in his career, after serving as the Coordinator for the Wisley



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Gardens & Villas of the Italian Lakes

10 days
from \$3,349*
pages 6, 7

Immerse yourself in enchanting gardens and timeless beauty as you tour incredible northern Italy on this horticultural adventure.

Eternal Gardens of Rome

7 days
from \$2,099*
pages 8, 9

Set out on an adventure through Rome's finest gardens, featuring privileged access to some of Rome's celebrated sites.

The Gardens of London

8 days
from \$2,949*
pages 10, 11

Join us on a cultural tour of Britain, highlighted by the annual RHS Chelsea Flower Show. Enjoy a 'members only' opening day at this spectacular event.

The Beauty of Britain

9 days
from \$2,449*
pages 12, 13

Set forth on a horticultural journey that takes you from the landmark gardens of London to the stunning landscapes of Scotland.

Gardens of the Loire

8 days
from \$2,649*
pages 14, 15

Embark on a magnificent tour through tranquil gardens and charming country settings, and be immersed in French culture.

For more tour details visit gocollette.com

The freedom of guided travel meets an unrivaled horticulture experience

From finding you the perfect accommodations to blending cultural experiences with splendid horticultural inclusions, Royal Horticultural Society Garden Holidays does it all for you. Join us as we bring together garden enthusiasts from North America, the UK and Australia to explore the natural beauty of the world's great gardens. Experience these treasures with local expert horticulturists and journey through the history and scenic wonders of your destination with a professional tour manager by your side. Wake each morning on tour with a new experience in front of you, and do it all without having to worry about the details.

Expertly Planned.

Professionally Guided.

- Access to the "must-see" horticultural sites.
- Enriching cultural experiences bring the destination to life.
- Carefully researched hotels provide a home away from home.
- A professional tour manager accompanies you throughout your trip.
- Knowledgeable garden experts provide horticultural insight.
- Private, climate-controlled transportation enhances your tour.
- Hotel-to-hotel baggage handling leaves the heavy lifting to us.

Sedan Service Included



With all air-inclusive tours, we'll pick you up at home and bring you right to the airport. Thanks to roundtrip sedan service, there's no more worrying about traffic, parking or finding a ride. The fun starts the moment you walk out of your door.

(This exclusive service is included in many U.S. cities within a 50 mile radius of more than 90 airport gateways. See page 31 for details.)



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Portugal's Gardens

10 days
from \$2,499*
pages 16, 17

Travel amid Portugal's exotic gardens and inspiring vistas in a wonderful climate with delightful hospitality, and delicious food and wine.

Floral Wonders of South Africa

15 days
from \$4,249*
pages 18 - 21

Experience treasured gardens on this tour featuring breathtaking sights, natural wonders, and multicultural charm.

The Beauty of Japan

13 days
from \$6,049*
pages 22, 23

Embark on a journey to Japan, a nation internationally acclaimed for its gardens and appreciation of horticulture.

Gardens of New Zealand

21 days
from \$5,849*
pages 24 - 27

This once-in-a-lifetime garden experience offers the perfect blend of New Zealand's horticultural beauty and stunning scenery.

Gardens of American History

10 days
from \$3,349*
pages 28, 29

Savor a historical journey, featuring some of America's most magnificent and diverse horticultural wonders.

*Land only, per person, double occupancy. Call for air fare from your gateway.

Visit www.gocollette.com to learn more about on-tour options.

GARDENS AND VILLAS OF THE ITALIAN LAKES

Lose yourself in the enchanting gardens and timeless beauty of northern Italy. This horticultural adventure highlights all that makes this part of the world special.

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- Padua Botanic Garden
- Valsanzibio Gardens
- Giardino Giusti
- Lake Como
- Villa del Balbianello
- Bellagio
- Villa Cicogna Mozzoni
- Varese
- Lago Maggiore
- Villa Taranto
- Isola Madre
- Isola Bella



Valsanzibio Gardens



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10 days from \$3,349

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Join us for an unforgettable exploration of the spectacular gardens and villas of Italy's lakes region. Your adventure begins with an overnight flight to Venice.

Day 2: Padua, Italy - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Padua. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a special welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies and fine Italian wine. (D)

Day 3: Padua

Start your day with a visit to the world's first botanical garden and UNESCO World Heritage site – Padua Botanic Garden – dating back to 1545. Then, travel to Valsanzibio Gardens, one of the best-preserved Baroque gardens in existence. Meet the owner who will guide you through the meticulous gardens, followed by an interactive gardening workshop to learn their techniques and uncover the secrets of what it takes to keep

their historic gardens vibrant. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before returning to your hotel in Padua. (B, D)

Day 4: Padua - Verona - Lake Como

Step back to the Renaissance with a visit to Giardino Giusti. These perfectly manicured gardens are as breathtaking now as they were when they opened in the 1500s. The current owners will walk you through their masterpiece and share stories of their history. Continue on to the elegant shores of Lake Como, your home for the next three nights. Its charm stems from the beautiful villas, lush gardens and spectacular views. (B, D)

Day 5: Lake Como

Spend time this morning at the stunning garden of Villa del Balbianello. Resting on the shores of Lake Como, the terraced garden boasts breathtaking views and is dominated by stunning architectural features. The garden

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Isola Bella Gardens

is a masterpiece of design in which every element relates to its elegant history and location. Learn about the restoration and preservation efforts before returning to your hotel this afternoon for a special wine reception in the garden. (B)

Day 6: Lake Como - Bellagio - Lake Como

Explore one of the most spectacular gardens in Italy, the Villa Carlotta. Built at the end of the 17th century, this lakefront property was once part of Europe's Grand Tour. Afterwards, travel by ferry to the village of Bellagio, the perfect setting to soak up the lake's famous panoramic views. The village is characterized by century-old buildings, stone lanes and picturesque cobbled stairways filled with shops and boutiques selling a variety of Italian products. Stroll around the neoclassic Villa Melzi d'Erl's garden with its exotic species, camellias and rhododendrons. Discover the splendor of Bellagio at your own

pace this afternoon before returning to your hotel. (B, D)

Day 7: Lake Como - Varese - Lago Maggiore

Travel to Villa Cicogna Mozzoni, a wonderful example of Italian Lombard Renaissance architecture. Immerse yourself in the spectacular elegance of the villa and gardens on a tour hosted by a member of the Cicogna Mozzoni family. At the conclusion of your tour, enjoy refreshments in this delightful setting. Later, travel to Varese, the garden city of Italy, to visit the beautiful Villa Della Porta Bozzolo for a guided tour. The villa, which was constructed in the 16th century, boasts a spectacular Italian garden exuding Baroque charm. Explore the grounds and the "Secret Garden." Continue to Lago Maggiore, with its spectacular views and areas of historical and architectural interest. (B)

Day 8: Lago Maggiore

Journey via cableway to the Alpinum Garden, a botanical garden specializing in the collection and cultivation of Alpine plants. Later, enjoy a guided tour of the spectacular gardens of Villa Taranto. Neil McEacharn, a Scottish captain, purchased the villa and dedicated his life to creating a great botanic collection. During your visit, explore the terraced garden, bog garden, winter garden and herbarium. Following your tour, enjoy free time to take in the gardens at your own pace. (B)

Day 9: Lago Maggiore - Borromean Islands - Lago Maggiore

Travel by boat to the stunning Borromean Islands. First stop is the enchanting Isola Madre where you will tour the gardens and palace with a local expert. Isola Madre is the largest of the islands with stunning gardens featuring azaleas, pergolas of ancient wisteria, and camellia blossoms. This afternoon, cruise to another of the Borromean Islands, Isola Bella. Here, join an expert guide and discover the beauty of the island's palace and gardens. Gather this evening to celebrate with a delightful farewell dinner. After dinner, you will return to the mainland by boat. (B, D)

Day 10: Lago Maggiore - Milan Malpensa - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close in Milan Malpensa this morning. (B)



Gardens of Villa Taranto

What's Included:

- 13 Meals
- Sedan service & airport transfers when you purchase our air. See page 31 for details.

Travel Dates:

May 2015 - April 2016

	Double
May 16, 23	\$3349
June 20	\$3349
July 18	\$3349
April 16	\$3349

Single Room Supplement (+) \$800

Triple Room Reduction (-) \$50

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

Purchase air:

as part of your transportation package. See page 32 for details.

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Accommodations:

- **Padua, 2 nights**
Hotel Plaza
- **Lake Como, 3 nights**
Grand Hotel Imperiale
- **Lago Maggiore, 3 nights**
Zacchera Hotels

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

This trip requires a passport

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Tour activity level



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ETERNAL GARDENS OF ROME

Set out on a journey featuring Rome's finest gardens. Enjoy privileged access to some of the ancient city's most celebrated sites.

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- Ninfa Gardens
- Castel Gandolfo Gardens
- Villa d'Este
- Hadrian's Villa
- Villa Medici
- Vatican Gardens
- Villa Lante
- Roseto Vacunae Rosae



Ninfa



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7 days from \$2,099



Day 1: Overnight Flight

Uncover the romance and beauty of Rome as you explore the history and brilliant design of its splendid gardens.

Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Welcome to Rome, "The Eternal City." This evening, get to know your fellow travelers during dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 3: Rome - Vatican Gardens - Villa Medici

Start your garden adventure exploring the Vatican Gardens with a tour led by a Vatican expert. This urban oasis takes you on a walk through over 2,000 years of history. Established in 1279, these gardens blend ancient statues, medieval fortifications, and monuments with a wide array of flora. This afternoon, discover the treasures and history of Villa Medici as a guide tours you around the apartments and gardens. (B)

Day 4: Rome - Castel Gandolfo - Ninfa - Rome

Journey to Castel Gandolfo for a guided visit of the magnificent gardens surrounding the papal summer residence. Discover why these impressive gardens were the perfect peaceful retreat from the city for centuries. Continue to the city of Ninfa. In the Middle Ages, this ancient town was a bustling location along the legendary Appian Way. Now it is a tranquil garden framed by the city's classical ruins. Enjoy this magical setting, where roses climb over ancient walls, towers and crumbling archways. Explore the gardens, opened exclusively for our group, with a local expert and learn about nature's masterpieces that inhabit these grounds. (B)

Day 5: Rome - Tivoli - Rome

Venture to the neighboring Sabine Hills and the hilltop town of Tivoli to tour the famed Villa d'Este with its picturesque gardens and glorious fountains.

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Villa d'Este

This UNESCO World Heritage site's symmetrical layout offers a refined take on the Renaissance style and has proven to be a model for many European gardens. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before continuing on to Villa Adriana, Hadrian's Villa. Villa Adriana is the most complete estate to have survived the fall of the Roman Empire. Explore the gardens and spectacular surroundings. (B, L)

Day 6: Rome - Villa Lante - Roseto Vacunae Rosae - Rome

Your journey brings you to Villa Lante, a sophisticated and flawlessly manicured garden influenced by the Mannerist phase of the Italian Renaissance. Villa Lante is celebrated for its near-perfect proportions and rich details. Tour the stunning gardens with an expert guide and learn what has inspired and influenced the garden's design. Afterwards, be enchanted by the array of color and pleasant aromas at

Roseto Vacunae Rosae, home to approximately 7,000 rosebushes of 5,000 varieties. Return to Rome and gather this evening to enjoy a special farewell dinner with wine to toast the end of a wonderful journey through the gardens of Rome. (B, D)



Vatican Garden

Day 7: Rome - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. You will depart with beautiful memories of Rome's enchanting gardens. (B)

What's Included:

- 8 Meals
- Sedan service & airport transfers when you purchase our air. See page 31 for details.

Travel Dates:

May 2015 - April 2016	
	Double
May 7, 21	\$2549
June 11, 18	\$2549
July 9	\$2099
April 21	\$2549

Single Room Supplement (+) \$350
Triple Room Reduction (-) \$30
 Rates are land only, per person.
 Call about additional dates.

Purchase air:

as part of your transportation package. See page 32 for details.

Accommodations:

Rome, 5 nights

Hotel Albani

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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Pre-night stay

Start your tour rested with a pre-night stay in Rome; call for details.

This trip requires a passport

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Tour activity level



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THE GARDENS OF LONDON

featuring the RHS Chelsea Flower Show

Join us on a cultural tour of Britain, highlighted by the annual RHS Chelsea Flower Show. Enjoy 'members-only' opening day at this spectacular event!

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- RHS Chelsea Flower Show
- RHS Garden Wisely
- The Savill Garden
- Kew Gardens
- Hampton Court Palace
- London
- City Tour
- Traditional Pub Dinner



Hampton Court



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8 days from \$2,949



Day 1: Overnight Flight

Join us and the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) on a journey to discover the horticultural heritage of Britain, complete with members-only day access to the Chelsea Flower Show!

Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins

Your adventure begins in London, the cosmopolitan and historic capital of Britain. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner with your fellow travelers and representatives from the RHS. (D)

Day 3: London

This morning, see the quintessential sights of London with a local guide. View Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, and the Changing of the Guard (if held). The remainder of the day is free for you to explore at your leisure. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a traditional British pub. (B, D)

Day 4: The RHS Chelsea Flower Show

Get out your cameras! Today is the opening of the world famous RHS Chelsea Flower Show and you are invited to this prestigious event. Enjoy full access on this members-only day. You will be amazed at the sheer number and variety of gardens and plants on display. (B)

Day 5: Hampton Court

Enjoy a leisurely morning before joining us to discover the wonders of majestic Hampton Court Palace. Chat with Henry VIII and other royals from the Tudor family at this living museum. Listen as they captivate you with their stories as you explore one of Britain's most important historic buildings. Marvel at the Tudor Kitchens and Great Hall. Lose yourself in the world-famous yew tree maze which consists of over half a mile of winding paths. Stroll in the riverside formal gardens and be transported

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RHS Garden Wisley

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through five hundred years of royal history during this incredible visit. (B)

Day 6: Kew Gardens

Begin your day with a visit to the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. This 300-acre site houses one of the world's great collections and is featured as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The Kew Explorer is included for you to discover the many wonders that the gardens exemplify. Next, enjoy an afternoon at leisure in London, or choose to stay with us at Kew for an optional lunch and a tour of Kew Palace, former home of George III. (B)

Day 7: RHS Garden Wisley - The Savill Garden

Your day begins at Wisley, a stunning 200-acre estate with many formal gardens and natural woodlands. As the flagship garden of the Royal Horticultural Society, RHS Garden Wisley houses an astounding array of

common and exotic flora. Enjoy an expert-led private tour at this beautiful garden. Continue on to The Savill Garden, a 35-acre ornamental garden revered as one of Britain's finest. Tonight, enjoy an exclusive RHS gala dinner at the Royal Horticultural Hall, the Society's elegant exhibition

hall, dating back to 1904. Start with cocktails before sharing memories of your spectacular tour experience over dinner in this fabulous venue. (B, D)

Day 8: London - Tour Ends

Return home with memories to last a lifetime. (B)



RHS Chelsea Flower Show

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What's Included:

- 9 Meals
- Sedan service & airport transfers when you purchase our air. See page 31 for details.

Travel Dates:

May 2015	Double
May 15	\$2949
Single Room Supplement (+) \$1000	
Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.	

Purchase air:

as part of your transportation package. See page 32 for details.

Accommodations:

- **London, 6 nights**
Copthorne Tara Hotel,
Hilton Kensington,
Melia White House,
Lancaster London,
Grange City Hotel,
or Doubletree Hyde Park

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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Pre/Post-night stay

Start or end your tour rested with a pre- or post-night stay in London; call for details.

This trip requires a passport

RHS Garden Holidays are expertly crafted for their members. A one-year gift membership to the Royal Horticultural Society is included in the cost of your tour. Upon completion of your trip you will receive a Royal Horticultural Society gift pack by mail. The changing of the guard ceremony at Buckingham Palace is not held every day. When it is not available, a stop will still be made at the Palace.

Triple rooms are not available.

Tour activity level



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THE BEAUTY OF BRITAIN

Reward yourself with a true horticultural adventure. Savor the landmark gardens of Britain and stunning landscapes of Scotland.

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- London
- RHS Garden Wisley
- The Savill Garden
- Cambridge
- Yorkshire
- Sherwood Forest
- Harewood House
- RHS Garden Harlow Carr
- Helmsley Walled Garden
- Royal Botanic Garden
- Edinburgh
- Scottish Farewell Dinner



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9 days from \$2,449



Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set forth on a horticultural voyage of discovery that takes you from the excitement of London, to the history of York, to the pageantry of Edinburgh, all with an eye on Britain's stately gardens.

Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in London, the cosmopolitan and historic capital of Britain. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: London

This morning you embark on a guided tour of London that blends the city's quintessential sights. View Buckingham Palace, Hyde Park, the Tower of London, Big Ben, St. James's Park, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and the Changing of the Guard (if held). The remainder of the day is yours to explore on your own. (B)

Day 4: London - RHS Garden Wisley - The Savill Garden - London

This morning, travel to RHS Garden Wisley, a stunning 200-acre estate. As the flagship garden of the Royal Horticultural Society, Wisley houses an astounding array of common and exotic flora. Enjoy an expert-led private tour here, at the home of the RHS. Continue on to The Savill Garden, a 35-acre ornamental garden revered as one of Britain's finest. Cap off your day with dinner at a traditional British pub. (B, D)

Day 5: London - Cambridge - Yorkshire

Today you visit Cambridge, home of the famous university which is more than 800 years old. Take to the river in a traditional punt and learn about the history and traditions of this college town. Complete your visit with a stop at the famed Cambridge Botanic Garden. This afternoon, travel to Yorkshire, stopping en route to visit the remnants of the once-mighty

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but still mythic Sherwood Forest. Finally, arrive at your impressive country estate hotel. (B, D)

Day 6: Yorkshire

Enter another world as you visit the spectacular Harewood House. Explore the extensive gardens and grounds with their multitude of fountains and ‘follies.’ Continue on to RHS Garden Harlow Carr, the splendid Royal Horticultural Society garden in North Yorkshire. This nearly 68-acre space highlights water, stone and woodland features while remaining an integral part of the surrounding landscape. During your visit, enjoy an exclusive workshop on garden design. Later, your tour manager guides your discovery of the medieval city of York. See the famous Minster and step lively down the “Shambles,” a quaint, narrow street that appears today almost as it did during the Middle Ages. Here you’ll find wonderful shopping and a street that is so narrow in parts that you can

almost reach both sides with your outstretched arms. (B)

Day 7: Yorkshire - Helmsley Walled Garden - Border Region - Edinburgh, Scotland
Head north past rolling fields on your way to regal Scotland. Stop this morning at Helmsley Walled Garden, one of Europe’s most beautifully restored walled gardens. Here, learn how horticultural therapy is helping the disabled through the restorative qualities of gardening. Stop for a photo of Hadrian’s Wall, the ancient fortification begun in A.D. 122 to protect Roman Britain from the tribes of Scotland. Next, drive through Scotland’s Border Region. Stop at a traditional Scottish Woollen Mill store before arriving in Edinburgh, the “Athens of the North.” Enjoy discovering Scotland’s exciting capital city which is rich in scenic beauty and culture. (B)

Day 8: Edinburgh
Join a local expert on a guided

tour of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh. The history of the garden extends back to 1670 when it was begun as a physic garden on the grounds of the Palace of Holyroodhouse. The current extensive grounds were first occupied in 1820 and have become renowned for horticultural excellence. Enjoy time this afternoon to discover for yourself the many fascinating aspects of this intriguing city. Finally, toast the end of a spectacular trip at a rollicking evening of classic Scottish entertainment while dining on a banquet prepared from a selection of local recipes. (B, D)

Day 9: Edinburgh - Tour Ends

Head for home with a new appreciation for the many and varied landscapes of Britain. (B)

What's Included:

- 11 Meals
- Sedan service & airport transfers when you purchase our air. See page 31 for details.

Travel Dates:

March 2015 – April 2015

Double

April 9, 16

\$2399

Itinerary featured is for May 2015 - April 2016 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

May 2015 – April 2016

Double

May 14

\$2549

Featuring the RHS Chelsea Flower Show

May 19

\$3199

June 18

\$2549

July 2

\$2549

August 13

\$2749

March 10

\$2449

April 21

\$2499

**Single Room Supplement
(+) \$650 - \$1450**

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

Accommodations:

- **London, 3 nights**
Grange Tower Bridge Hotel
- **Yorkshire, 2 nights**
Wood Hall Hotel & Spa
- **Edinburgh, 2 nights**
Doubletree Edinburgh City or Radisson Blu

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Pre/Post-night stay

Start your tour rested with a pre-night stay in London. Extend your tour with a post-night stay in Edinburgh; call for details.

This trip requires a passport

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Tour activity level



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GARDENS OF THE LOIRE

Experience the tranquil gardens and charming country settings of France. Come to know the beauty of this refined culture.

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- Paris
- Versailles
- Chateau de Courances
- Chateau de Chaumont-sur-Loire
- International Garden Festival
- Winery Tour
- Plessis Sasnieres
- Tours
- Chateau de Villandry
- Giverny



Chateau de Chaumont-sur-Loire



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8 days from \$2,649



Day 1: Overnight Flight

Discover the distinctive horticultural gems of France on a journey from Paris through the Loire Valley. A highlight of your visit is the 22nd annual International Garden Festival in Chaumont.

Day 2: Paris, France - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in beautiful Paris, the "City of Lights." This evening, depart for the Left Bank, the original medieval quarter of the city. Meet your fellow travelers and enjoy dinner at a charming Parisian restaurant, complete with local music. (D)

Day 3: Paris

A panoramic tour of Paris reveals horticultural brilliance and breathtaking architecture. Visit the Parc Monceau and the Quai de Branly with Patrick Blanc's vertical gardens. Spend the afternoon at King Louis XIV's magnificent Gardens of Versailles, the largest palace in Europe. The

gardens here are amongst some of the world's most famous and took over 40 years to complete. A highlight of your visit will be the enchanting "Grandes Eaux" fountain show, a majestic display reminiscent of the glory days of Louis XIV. (B)

Day 4: Paris - Courances - Pithiviers - Tours

Journey south to the Loire Valley. Once the setting for the French court, this region has countless chateaux and beautiful parks. Drive deep into the ancient royal forest of Fontainebleau and discover the Chateau de Courances during a private guided tour that features the chateau and gardens. The Ganay family has owned the chateau since 1872 and they continue to carefully maintain and develop the extensive gardens. Later, stop in Pithiviers for a guided visit at the Andre Eve Rose Gardens and Nursery. Enjoy dinner this evening at a local bistro. (B, D)

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Chateau de Villandry

Day 5: Chaumont - Tours

This morning visit the Chateau de Chaumont-sur-Loire, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and be part of the 22nd annual International Garden Festival. Learn about the history of the chateau and gardens with a local guide before having time to explore the garden festival and chateau on your own. Finish your day sampling the wine of the region during a tour of a well-known vineyard in the Loire Valley, which has its own chateau, gardens and chapel, all overlooking the Brenne Valley. (B)

Day 6: Plessis Sasnieres - Villandry - Tours

Today you are guests of Rosamée Henrion and her son in their gardens at Plessis Sasnieres. Discover this romantic countryside oasis on a guided tour. Learn how in 1960, as new owners, they began to cultivate the gardens that were abandoned in 1914. They have since created this extensive garden in a unique style and are delighted to share

their creation with you. Continue to the Chateau de Villandry, the last of the great Renaissance chateaux built in the Loire. The current caretakers, the Carvallo family, have spent over 100 years restoring the gardens to their original glory. Discover the splendor of the gardens and chateau during a private guided tour. (B)

Day 7: Tours - Giverny - Paris

Leaving the wonders of the Loire behind, you travel to the historic farm at Bois Richeux, which has a history dating back 2,000 years.

Enjoy the medieval gardens and absorb the rich sense of history here. This afternoon you travel to Giverny on the River Seine. These tranquil gardens combine flora and water elements, and also inspired Monet's greatest works when he lived in Giverny for more than 40 years. Celebrate the end of a fabulous trip with a delightful dinner in Paris at a favorite restaurant next to the spectacular Bois de Boulogne. (B, D)

Day 8: Paris - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close today. (B)



Versailles

What's Included:

- 9 Meals
- Sedan service & airport transfers when you purchase our air. See page 31 for details.

Travel Dates:

May - Sept 2015 Double

May 15	\$3149
June 12	\$3149
July 10	\$2949
August 21	\$2649
September 4	\$3049

Single Room Supplement

(+) \$700 - \$1200

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

Purchase air:

as part of your transportation package. See page 32 for details.

Accommodations:

- **Paris, 2 nights**
Les Jardins du Marais
- **Tours, 3 nights**
Hotel L'Univers
- **Paris, 1 night**
Les Jardins du Marais

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Pre/Post-night stay

Start or end your tour rested with a pre- or post-night stay in Paris; call for details.

This trip requires a passport

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Tour activity level



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PORtugal's GARDENS

Explore the exotic gardens of both mainland Portugal and the Azores. Marvel at the region's delightful climate, hospitality, and delicious food and wine.

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- Lisbon
- Estufa Fria Greenhouse
- Jeronimo's Monastery
- Tower of Belem
- Queluz Palace & Gardens
- Sintra
- Quinta da Regaleira Gardens
- Monserrate Palace & Gardens
- St. Michael, Azores
- Sete Cidades
- Furnas
- Terra Nostra Botanical Garden
- Tea Plantation
- Lagoa do Fogo
- Ponta Delgada
- Antonio Borges Botanical Garden
- Jose do Canto Botanical Garden
- Santana Palace Gardens
- 9 Garden Visits



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10 days from \$2,499



Day 1: Overnight Flight

Day 2: Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins Welcome to Lisbon, one of Europe's oldest cities. Transfer to your hotel, home for the next three nights. Tonight, get to know your fellow travelers during a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Lisbon - Estufa Fria Greenhouse - Queluz Palace and Gardens - Lisbon A brief panoramic tour of Lisbon features Jeronimo's Monastery (UNESCO World Heritage site), the Monument to the Discoveries, and the Tower of Belem (UNESCO). Next, visit Estufa Fria Greenhouse, an important park in the city. As a living museum, it has become one of the most pleasant green spaces in Lisbon; here you can spend time between lakes, waterfalls, brooks, statues and hundreds of different plant specimens. This greenhouse is divided into three areas: "The Cold House," "The Hothouse," and "The Sweet House." Lunch is included at Cozinha Velha Restaurant, one of Portugal's finest restaurants. Afterwards, visit Queluz Palace & Gardens. An expert horticulturist

provides a private tour of these gardens, highlighting the work of French architect Jean-Baptiste Robillon, the Italian marble statues, and the lead statues of John Cheere. In this Baroque space the most famous section is the Malta garden, where guests would enjoy concerts; and the Hanging or Pensile garden, which is laid over arches. The grounds contain a profusion of statues, ponds, a beautiful grotto, and the azulejo-tiled canal where the royal family would go boating. (B, L)

Day 4: Lisbon - Sintra - Quinta da Regaleira & Monserrate Palace & Gardens - Lisbon

Travel to Sintra, with hills dotted with fairytale palaces and extravagant villas. The Romans and the Moors were taken by its lush landscape, and later it became the summer residence of the Portuguese royal family. Today, Sintra is protected by UNESCO as a World Heritage site. Join landscape architect Gerald Luckhurst on a private tour of the gardens at Quinta de Regaleira, one of Sintra's most elaborate private estates. Dating back to the

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Quelez Palace & Gardens

turn of the twentieth century and created for wealthy landowner Antonio Augusto Carvalho Monteiro, the gardens are laid out with terraces, lakes, grottoes, fountains, and an extraordinary 'Initiation Well' – reached by a secret spiral stairway. Enjoy a light lunch before visiting the "Palace of the Millions." Later, visit the Park of Monserrate, one of the most significant examples of romantic gardens in Portugal. Stroll amidst ruins, ponds and cascades. See ancestral tree ferns and the araucarias from New Zealand and Australia; agaves and palm trees recreate a Mexican atmosphere; whilst the camellias, azaleas, rhododendrons and bamboos are reminiscent of a Japanese garden. See how local flora such as the astonishing strawberry trees, the now-rare Hollies and the imposing Cork Oaks punctuate and complement the magnificent landscape. (B, L)

Day 5: Lisbon - Ponta Delgada - St. Michael, Azores - Sete Cidades - Furnas Fly to the Azorean island of St. Michael, the largest of the nine volcanic islands

that form the archipelago. Visit the twin lakes of Sete Cidades (Seven Cities), composed of two lakes inside a volcanic crater. From the edge of the crater, one lake appears blue and the other appears green. Marvel at the magnificent view of the coastal village of Mosteiros. Travel to Furnas for a delightful four-night stay at the Terra Nostra Garden Hotel, located at the entrance to Terra Nostra Park. Unlimited free access to the park is included during your stay. (B, D)

Day 6: Furnas - Terra Nostra Botanical Garden - Porto Formoso Tea Plantation Begin your day with a fascinating talk about the creation and layout of Terra Nostra Botanical Garden, followed by a leisurely guided walk to discover the vast collection of plants from around the globe. Terra Nostra Botanical Garden is home of the world's largest collection of camellias. This stunning spot features tropical plants and trees, charming grottoes, and a canal that winds through the grounds. In Furnas Valley, sample the local cuisine

with a "cozido das furnas" lunch, in which meat and vegetables are stewed in the heat of the volcanic earth. Next, explore Caldeiras das Furnas, a geothermal wonderland with 22 steaming hot springs, geysers and hot mud pools. Complete your day with a visit to the Porto Formoso Tea Plantation to learn about the history and horticulture of tea on the island. (B, L)

Day 7: Furnas - Lagoa do Fogo - Ribeira Grande - Nordeste - Povoação Today, look upon the fascinating landscape of Lagoa do Fogo (Fire Lake). Surrounded by mountains and lush vegetation, this mystical lake rests inside the crater of an extinct volcano. Visit Ribeira Grande, known for its historic 16th and 17th-century buildings. See the city hall, Church of Our Lady, the town gardens, and the eight-arch bridge – a symbol of the town. Then, stop at a family-owned distillery to taste some of the natural local liqueurs. All the liqueurs are made with 100% natural raw materials and produced following a household recipe. Continue to the highest part of St. Michael, scenic Nordeste, where you will explore the natural beauty of Ribeira dos Caldeiros Natural Park with its waterfalls, watermills and unique vegetation.

Your day ends in Povoação, home of the island's first settlement and oldest church. (B)

Day 8: Furnas - Ponta Delgada - Three Botanical Gardens Travel to Ponta Delgada to explore its three largest botanical gardens. Established by a 19th-century amateur botanist, the romantic Antonio Borges Botanical Garden is the largest municipal garden on the island. Jose do Canto Garden was the dream of a 19th-century gentleman farmer. Later, visit the Santana Garden, founded by Jose Jacome, and part of the Santana Palace. (B, D)

Day 9: St. Michael, Azores - Lisbon Today you fly back to Lisbon. You may wish to indulge in exquisite shopping, exciting nightlife and interesting museums. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 10: Lisbon - Tour Ends (B)

What's Included:

- 15 Meals
- Sedan service & airport transfers when you purchase our air. See page 31 for details.

Travel Dates:

April 2015	Double
April 17	\$2199

Itinerary featured is for May 2015 - April 2016 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

May 2015 - April 2016

Double
May 14, 21
June 11, 18
July 9
March 10
April 14, 21

Single Room Supplement
(+) \$500 - \$600

Triple Room Reduction (-) \$30

Rates are land only, per person.
Call about additional dates.

Purchase air:

as part of your transportation package. See page 32 for details.

Accommodations:

- **Lisbon, 3 nights**
Altis Grand Hotel
- **Furnas, 4 nights**
Terra Nostra Garden Hotel
- **Lisbon, 1 night**
Altis Grand Hotel

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Pre/Post-night stay

Start or end your tour rested with a pre- or post-night stay in Lisbon; call for details.

This trip requires a passport

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Tour activity level



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FLORAL WONDERS OF SOUTH AFRICA

Adventure awaits as you set out to experience treasured gardens on this tour featuring breathtaking sights, natural wonders, and multicultural charm.

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- Walter Sisulu Botanic Garden
- Pilanesberg Game Reserve
- Safari Game Drive
- Knysna
- Garden Route
- Featherbed Nature Reserve
- Stellenbosch
- Wine Pairing Dinner
- Cape Town
- Table Mountain
- Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens



King Protea



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15 days from \$4,249



Day 1: Overnight Flight

The botanical treasures of South Africa await. Breathtaking scenery and remarkable wildlife highlight this horticultural experience.

Day 2: Sandton, South Africa - Tour Begins

Your journey begins in Sandton, the cosmopolitan center of Johannesburg.

Day 3: Sandton - Walter Sisulu Botanic Garden - Johannesburg

This morning, tour the Walter Sisulu National Botanical Garden, named for the anti-apartheid activist. See the natural vegetation known as the Rocky Highveld, which supports over 600 naturally occurring plant species. This afternoon, visit the Garden of St Christopher where you will enjoy a garden tour and discussion with the garden architect. Gather this evening with for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 4: Sandton - Pilanesberg Game Reserve

A short drive brings you to Pilanesberg Game Reserve. Later in the afternoon, meet your game ranger and set out in search of the "Big 5" – elephant, buffalo, lion, leopard and rhino. This evening, get a taste of the region during a traditional BOMA dinner under the stars. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Pilanesberg Game Reserve

Begin your day with an early morning game drive, returning to the lodge for breakfast and some leisure time. Depart late afternoon for your early evening game drive. This is the perfect opportunity to see crepuscular animals that reside in the park. Dinner this evening is poolside. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Pilanesberg - Johannesburg - George - Knysna

Enjoy one last morning game drive. Journey back to

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Table Mountain

Johannesburg for your flight to George. Upon arrival, travel to the picturesque resort town of Knysna, in the heart of the Garden Route, to enjoy a 3-night stay. (B)

Day 7: Knysna - Garden Route
Journey through the Tsitsikamma Forest, a gem along the Garden Route. Known for its gorges and steep cliffs, this indigenous forest shelters hundreds of species of birdlife. Enjoy a stop at Bosky Dell Farm and Rose Garden. Relax as you view the over 5,000 standard, shrub and miniature plantings. Tour the rose pavilion and later indulge in an English cream tea and unwind amid the floral gardens. Dine at a waterfront restaurant this evening. (B, D)

Day 8: Knysna
Spend the morning exploring the waterfront area before you enjoy lunch on the docks. Next, visit the spectacular Featherbed Nature Reserve. Begin with a

cruise out to the Knysna Heads which mark the entrance to the lagoon. Then, board a 4x4 vehicle and travel into the forest. Discover the local flora and fauna of the Cape Floral Kingdom during a leisurely paced nature walk. The remainder of the day is yours to independently explore. (B, L)

Day 9: Knysna - Wilderness - Hermanus

This morning, travel to Wilderness, a seaside town on the Garden Route. Discover the flora of the region during a visit to the National Park Service. Before leaving the Garden Route, visit the Aloe Forex region. Enjoy an aloe tapping demonstration and a stroll in the gardens. This afternoon, arrive in Hermanus. (B, D)



Pilanesberg Game Reserve

What's Included:

- 23 Meals
- Sedan service & airport transfers when you purchase our air.
See page 31 for details.

Travel Dates:

February – April 2015

Double

February 6	\$3799
March 6	\$3549

Itinerary featured is for May 2015 - April 2016 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

October 2015 – March 2016

Double

October 18	\$4249
February 14	\$4449
March 6	\$4449

Single Room Supplement (+) \$1200 - \$1500

Rates are land only, per person.
Call about additional dates.

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This trip requires a passport and visa

Triple accommodations are not available on this tour. Air passengers will arrive on Day 2 at Johannesburg airport. All transfers on Day 2 will be from Johannesburg airport to Sandton. Important Passport Information: Passports must be valid for at least 30 days beyond intended period of stay. You must have 4 blank pages (with the visa hologram) remaining to allow for the entry stamp issued for South Africa as well as the visas for Zimbabwe and Botswana (if you are traveling on Victoria Falls extension). The two pages for South Africa must be facing each other. Failure to comply with this law will result in denied boarding of your international flight. If you have any questions, please see your travel professional or call us. RHS Garden Holidays are expertly crafted for their members. A one-year gift membership to the Royal Horticultural Society is included in the cost of your vacation. Upon completion of your trip you will receive a Royal Horticultural Society gift pack by mail. Each client is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or doctor for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. These flights need to be arranged and purchased separately if you arrange your own air. Internal flights are included with the air portion of your tour if you purchase air through us.



Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens

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Day 10: Hermanus - Stellenbosch

Begin your day with a private tour of the peaceful Harold Porter Botanical Garden. Journey north to the Karoo Desert Botanical Garden to explore its 2,000 species of succulents and geophytes. Arrive at your hotel in the heart of the Winelands region. (B)

Day 11: Stellenbosch

This morning enjoy leisure time at Stellenbosch Botanical Gardens, South Africa's oldest university botanic garden. Later, enjoy a private garden tour at one of the area's most historic vineyards, Vergelegen. Explore the 18 formal gardens, which reflect the vineyard's 300-year history. Tonight, enjoy a wine pairing dinner. (B, D)

Day 12: Stellenbosch - Cape Town

Travel to Cape Town for a panoramic tour. Take a thrilling ride on a cable car that whisk you to an altitude of more than 3,000 feet, landing atop Table Mountain. Return to the city via Table Bay, passing through the Malay Quarter with its mosques and minarets, and stopping at the Milnerton Lighthouse. (B)

Day 13: Cape Town

Enjoy a private expert-led garden tour of Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens. This incredible setting is home to over 5,000 species of native plants. This afternoon pick your seminar of choice – learn about the flavors of Fynbos during a culinary adventure or learn about the stories behind plant names. (B)

Day 14: Cape Town

This morning, visit Stellenberg Gardens. The

garden and Cape Dutch house have been home to the Ovenstone family for nearly 60 years. During your visit, take in the "Garden of Reflection" and the "Medieval Garden." Then explore the Cape Peninsula as you travel out to Cape Point. This evening, participate in an interactive Djembre drums lesson. Learn the local beat and experience a hand washing ceremony before a traditional African dining experience! (B, D)

Day 15: Cape Town - Tour Ends (B)



Stellenbosch Vineyard

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EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY WITH...

VICTORIA FALLS & BOTSWANA

Optional 3-Night Post-Tour Extension

Rate: \$1349 per person, double, land only

5 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner

Day 15: Cape Town - Johannesburg - Zimbabwe

Fly this morning to one of the world's true natural wonders, Victoria Falls, and transfer to the Victoria Falls Hotel. Upon arrival you'll enjoy a tour of this historic hotel. Tonight, enjoy a leisurely cruise on the Zambezi River, taking in the majestic African sunset.

Day 16: Victoria Falls - Botswana - Victoria Falls

A full day of adventure awaits as you travel to Botswana. Upon arrival, enjoy a fantastic cruise along the Chobe River. Keep your camera ready as we seek out the local wildlife. You will have the opportunity to spot everything from spectacular birds to the famed "Big 5." A delicious lunch follows at an authentic local restaurant on the banks of the river. Finally, experience extraordinary Chobe National Park. Enjoy an open-air safari searching for even more wildlife. Explore these protected lands known for their teeming forests, marshy swamplands and rocky outcroppings. Return in the early evening to Victoria Falls. (B, L)

Day 17: Victoria Falls

This morning, embark upon a walking tour of Victoria Falls, one of the "Seven Wonders of the World." Afterwards, spend the day independently exploring this amazing place. (B, D)

Day 18: Victoria Falls - Johannesburg - Tour Ends (B)

Please Note: A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. This extension is hosted by a local representative who will provide all included services. Triple and Child accommodations are not available on this extension. Park fees (approximately \$64 USD) are not included in the land price of your extension. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Malaria pills are recommended when visiting Zimbabwe and Botswana. Consult your physician 2-3 weeks prior to departure. The internal flight is not included in the land cost of your tour. This flight needs to be arranged and purchased separately if you arrange your own air. Internal flights are included with the air portion of your extension if you purchase air through us. A valid double entry visa is required for Zimbabwe at an approximate cost of \$45 USD for U.S. citizens, payable in cash only. Two single entry visas are required for Canadian citizens at an approximate total cost of \$150 pp USD, payable in cash only (\$75 USD for each single entry visa). Passports must have a blank page for the visa to be placed. The visa may be purchased upon arrival. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Additional air segment purchase required.

Tour activity level



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DUBAI

Optional 3-Night Pre-Tour Extension

Rate: \$349 - \$499 per person, double, land only

4 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

Day 1: Overnight Flight Your tour begins with an overnight flight to Dubai.

Day 2: Dubai - Extension Begins Arrive in Dubai, one of the world's most exciting destinations. The remainder of your day is at leisure to explore this dynamic and cosmopolitan city. As one of the seven emirates of the United Arab Emirates, Dubai is considered the shopping capital of the Middle East. With its many world-famous man-made structures built in recent years, Dubai is a must-see destination for any traveler and will surely be an experience you will always remember.

Day 3: Dubai Dubai is a city that provides a new setting at every turn. Richly mixing together the old and the new, it's a city of ages that rises out of the desert and crowns the gulf coast with its presence. Your route takes you to a magnificent view of Dubai Creek, passing by the heritage area of Bastakiya, with its fascinating old wind-towered houses built by wealthy merchants. Visit the 180-year-old Al Fahidi Fort, which today houses the Dubai Museum. Continue your journey by abra – a traditional water taxi – across the creek. Stroll through the spice and gold souks – markets. On your way to Burj Al Arab – make a photo stop at Jumeirah Mosque. Your

afternoon is at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Dubai Your morning is at leisure. This afternoon your safari guide will take you on a 4-wheel drive into the golden sand dunes of Arabia. Experience the thrill of a lifetime while riding through the dunes. Enjoy a scenic sunset overlooking the desert. Continue to a Bedouin campsite where you can enjoy camel riding, Henna design, Arabic gava, and a delicious barbecue dinner. During dinner watch as an enchanting belly dancer performs to Arabic rhythms. (B, D)

Day 5: Extension Ends (B)

Please Note: Triple accommodations are not available. This extension is hosted by a local representative who will provide all included services. A Passport is required at your own expense. There is no cost to obtain a UAE tourist visa valid for stays 30 days or fewer. Rates can be changed at any time based on governing authority. A minimum of two passengers is required. Additional air segment purchase required. The flight from Dubai to Delhi is not included in the land-only cost of your tour.

Tour activity level



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Accommodations:

- **Sandton, 2 nights**
Southern Sun Katherine Street
- **Pilanesberg Game Reserve, 2 nights**
Ivory Tree Lodge
- **Knysna, 3 nights**
Log Inn
- **Hermanus, 1 night**
Arabella Hotel and Spa
- **Stellenbosch, 2 nights**
Spier Hotel
- **Cape Town, 3 nights**
The Cullinan Hotel

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Pre/Post-night stay:

Start your tour rested with a pre-night stay in Sandton. Relax after your tour with an extra night in Cape Town; call for details.

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Purchase air:

as part of your transportation package.
See page 32 for details.

Tour activity level



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THE BEAUTY OF JAPAN

Travel halfway around the world to Japan, a nation internationally acclaimed for its gardens and appreciation of horticulture.

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- Tokyo
- Shinjuku Gyo-en National Garden
- Hakone
- Kanazawa
- Kenrokuen Garden
- Kyoto
- Ryoan-ji Rock Garden
- Tea Ceremony
- Okayama
- Koraku-en Garden
- Osaka



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13 days from \$6,049



Day 1: Overnight Flight

Board your flight to Japan, a nation internationally acclaimed for its gardens and appreciation of the art of horticulture. Immerse yourself in Japanese culture as you visit temples, shrines, gardens and markets.

Day 2: Arrive Tokyo, Japan - Tour Begins

Welcome to Tokyo, the bustling capital of Japan. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Tokyo

Begin the day with a tour of the exquisite Shinjuku Gyo-en National Garden. The garden is a blend of three distinct styles: French Formal Garden, English Landscape Garden and Japanese Traditional Garden. Shinjuku is one of the most important gardens from the Meiji era. This afternoon, enjoy a visit to the Imperial Palace Plaza. In the secondary circle of defense, you will find the Ninnomaru Japanese Garden, where you will enjoy a

walk through the garden with your local guide. (B)

Day 4: Tokyo

This morning you will visit Ueno Park, most noted for its stunning cherry blossoms in the spring months. Then, gain a different perspective on the city of Tokyo during a cruise on the Sumidagawa River. This afternoon, enjoy a visit to Asakusa Kannon Temple, Tokyo's oldest temple, dating back to the 7th century. (B, L)

Day 5: Tokyo

Tour of lovely Sankei-en, a traditional Japanese garden located in Yokohama. Sankei-en was designed and landscaped by Sankei Hara, a wealthy businessman in the silk trade. He reconstructed buildings of historic importance from places such as Kyoto and Kamakura in this garden, open to the public since 1906. Explore the garden at length with your local guide. The afternoon is at leisure. (B, L, D)

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Kyoto

Day 6: Tokyo - Hakone - Kanazawa

Today, journey to Hakone where you will visit the Hakone Shissei Kaen. This unique botanical garden is a wetland garden, founded in 1976 as a place to preserve and exhibit over 1,700 varieties of marsh and Alpine plants native to Japan. Next, enjoy a visit to the Hakone Open Air Museum. This spectacular sculpture garden is home to over 120 permanent sculptures. This afternoon, board the Shinkansen, or "bullet train," and arrive this evening in Kanazawa, one of the most well-preserved towns from the Edo period (1603-1868). (B, L, D)

Day 7: Kanazawa

This morning, visit the Ninja Temple which dates back to the Edo period. While not actually associated with ninja, the temple earned its nickname because of its many deceptive defenses. Learn about the days of the samurai when you visit Nomura

Family House, a traditional residence in the Nagamachi Samurai district. This afternoon, explore Kanazawa Castle and Kenroku-en Garden, one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan, with a local expert. (B)

Day 8: Kanazawa - Kyoto

Today's journey begins at Natadera Temple. Originally built in A.D. 717, this striking temple incorporates several gardens, caves and cliff sides into its landscape. Visit Higashi, the Geisha district, before boarding the bullet train to Kyoto, a city that blends traditional and modern Japan. (B, D)

Day 9: Kyoto

In Kyoto, visit the Kinkakuji Temple, or the Temple of the Golden Pavilion, dedicated to the Buddhist Goddess of Mercy. Gardens around Kinkakuji are excellent examples of Muromachi period garden design that highlights the relationship between structures

and landscapes. Next, visit Ryoan-ji, one of the finest examples of a Japanese rock garden. This afternoon, journey through the Arashiyama district with your local guide before stopping at Saihoji Temple. This UNESCO World Heritage site is often referred to as "Kokedera," or Moss Temple, due to its impressive moss gardens. (B, L)

Day 10: Kyoto

This morning, at Nijo Castle, see elaborate wood carvings, wall paintings, and the Ninomaru Garden, designed by the famed landscape architect and tea master Kobori Enshu. Then, discover Kiyomizu Temple where you meet with a local tea master and participate in a traditional tea ceremony. The temple was built without using a single nail and is named for a waterfall that is within the complex. The afternoon is yours to explore Kyoto. (B)

Day 11: Kyoto - Okayama - Osaka

This morning you travel to Okayama by bullet train. Spend time exploring the colorful and expansive Koraku-en, another of the Three Great Gardens of Japan, dating back some 300 years. Then, pay a visit to Kurashiki, an exquisitely preserved merchant town. Next, visit a farm to learn about local agriculture before traveling by train to Osaka. (B, L)

Day 12: Osaka

Today you will visit Osaka Expo Park and Osaka Castle. Spend time viewing the incredible skyline from the Floating Gardens of Osaka this afternoon. Gather together with your fellow travelers this evening for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 13: Osaka - Tour Ends

Depart this fascinating land and reflect on its beauty and all you have learned about its unique horticulture and rich history. (B)

What's Included:

- 21 Meals
- Sedan service & airport transfers when you purchase our air. See page 31 for details.

Travel Dates:

June 2015 – April 2016

Double

June 6	\$6049
November 7	\$6049
April 2	\$6049

**Single Room Supplement
(+) \$1550**

Triple Room Reduction

(+) \$100

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

Accommodations:

- **Tokyo, 4 nights**
Hotel New Otani
- **Kanazawa, 2 nights**
Hotel Nikko Kanazawa
- **Kyoto, 3 nights**
ANA Hotel
- **Osaka, 2 nights**
Hotel Granvia

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On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Pre-night stay

Start your tour rested with a pre-night stay in Tokyo; call for details.

This trip requires a passport

A one-year gift membership to the Royal Horticultural Society is included in the cost of your tour. Upon completion of your trip you will receive a Royal Horticultural Society gift pack by mail. Each client is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from.

Tour activity level



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GARDENS OF NEW ZEALAND

This once-in-a-lifetime garden experience offers the perfect blend of New Zealand's horticultural beauty and stunning scenery.

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- Auckland
- Ayrlies Garden
- Hamilton
- Napier
- Art Deco Garden Tour
- Gwava's Garden & Homestead
- Wellington
- Farmhouse Lunch
- Mt. Cook National Park
- Queenstown Private Garden Tours
- Milford Sound
- Te Anau
- Royal Albatross Centre
- Dunedin
- Larnach Castle
- Ashburton
- Christchurch
- Kate Sheppard House & Gardens



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21 days from \$5,849

Day 1 – Day 2: Depart from Home

Cross the International Dateline and begin the adventure of a lifetime by skipping a day ahead.

Day 3: Auckland, New Zealand - Tour Begins

Your journey opens in Auckland, the "City of Sails," consistently rated one of the world's best places to live. Tonight, get acquainted with your fellow travelers during a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 4: Auckland

Travel this morning to the famed Ayrlies Gardens. This private garden, planted by Bev McConnell (winner of the prestigious RHS Veitch Medal) and her family, is known for its artistic and complex design. Enjoy some morning tea before being treated to a special garden tour with a horticulturalist. This afternoon, step into paradise when you spend time in Eden Gardens, on the slopes of Mt. Eden, an extinct volcano. (B)

Day 5: Auckland - Hamilton

Leaving Auckland behind, head to Woodlands Homestead, located on the banks of the Waikato River. Woodlands' grounds were first planted in 1872 and house some of New Zealand's oldest and largest trees. End your day in Hamilton, situated on the Waikato River. Hamilton, known for its lush gardens, magnificent parks and abundant restaurants, offers up a charming view of New Zealand life. (B, D)

Day 6: Hamilton

After a brief city tour of Hamilton, visit the Hamilton Gardens for an expert-led tour of the striking grounds with international influences. Meet with Peter Sergel, the director of the gardens, to learn about their fascinating history. Mr. Sergel also provides a behind-the-scenes look at future developments. Continue your day with a tasting of fine New Zealand wines with a local expert in the gardens. (B)

For more tour details visit gocollette.com



Milford Sound

Day 7: Hamilton - Napier

Journey into the Hawke's Bay region and arrive in the coastal city of Napier. Enjoy an Art Deco tour taking in the eclectic style of the city, featuring a walk along the historic Marine Parade Gardens. There will also be a tour of the original Art Deco-designed gardens in Marewa – Napier's 1930s Art Deco suburb. (B)

Day 8: Napier - Wellington

This morning, journey south to Gwava's Garden & Homestead. Join in morning tea before your tour of the stunning homestead and its historic woodland gardens, whose collection was inspired by Tregrehan Garden in Cornwall, England. Next, travel through the rolling countryside of the North Island. The rural panoramas and the rugged Rimutaka Ranges slowly give way to Wellington, New Zealand's capital city. (B, D)

Day 9: Wellington

This morning, there will be a panoramic sightseeing tour of the

city. View the Beehive, New Zealand's Parliament; historic St. Paul's Church; and the Old Government Building – the largest wooden building in the Southern Hemisphere. This afternoon there are a number of options. This afternoon enjoy an expert-guided tour of the Otari Native Botanic Gardens or, enjoy an expert-guided tour of the Otari Native Botanic Garden and Wilton's Bush

Reserve, the only public botanic garden in New Zealand dedicated solely to native plants. (B)

Day 10: Wellington - Picton - Christchurch

Board a ferry and sail across Cook Strait. Lose yourself in the breathtaking scenery as you experience what has been called "the most beautiful ferry ride in the world." Arrive in Picton on the South Island. Continue to the



Hamilton Gardens

What's Included:

- 29 Meals
- Sedan service & airport transfers when you purchase our air. See page 31 for details.

Travel Dates:

January – March 2015

Double	
January 18	\$5699
February 1	\$6099
March 15	\$5699

Itinerary featured is for May 2015 - April 2016 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

October 2015 – March 2016

Double	
October 30	\$5849
February 5	\$5849
March 4	\$5849

Single Room Supplement (+) \$1600 - \$1850

Triple Room Reduction (-) \$100

Rates are land only, per person. The internal flights are not included in the land price. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Call about additional dates.

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Purchase air:

as part of your transportation package. See page 32 for details.

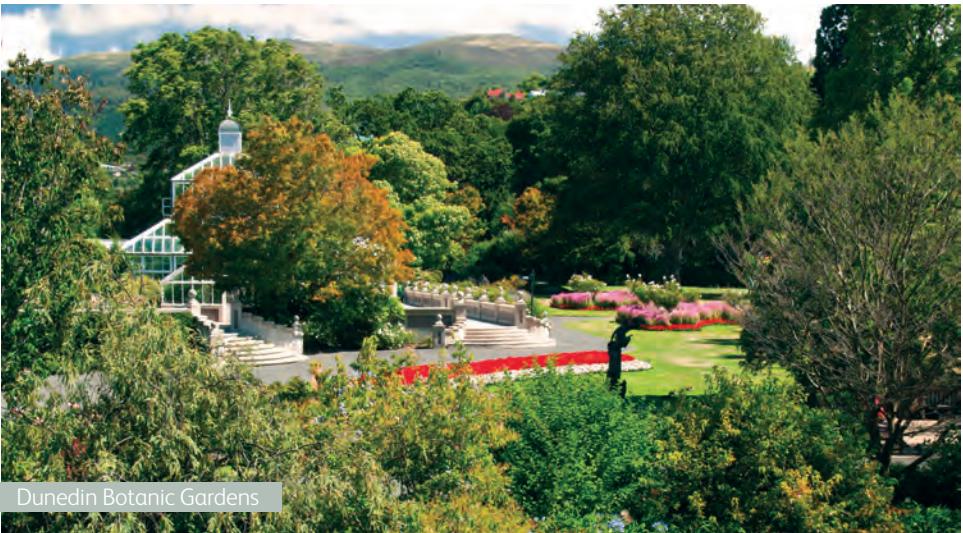
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Dunedin Botanic Gardens

historic city of Christchurch. Devastated by an earthquake in early 2011, see firsthand how the city is recreating itself. (B)

Day 11: Christchurch - Mt. Cook

This morning you will have some leisure time to spend as you choose. You may wish to explore the International Antarctic Centre to learn about the 7th continent. Later, depart for the Mt. Cook region. En route, visit a Canterbury farm for a fantastic opportunity to learn how a New Zealand family farm operates. Explore the garden and get to know the owners during a traditional barbecue lunch. Next, traverse the spectacular countryside to New Zealand's most famous national park, Mt. Cook. Admire the jagged contours and nearly vertical slopes of Mt. Cook amid this impressive mountain landscape. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Mt. Cook - Queenstown

The Maori word for Mt. Cook is Aoraki, which means "cloud piercer." This is where famed New Zealand mountaineer Sir Edmund Hillary honed his skills before conquering Everest. You may choose to join a guided native plant walk, enjoy an optional glacier flightseeing tour (weather permitting) or simply meditate on the beauty of the Southern Alps before traveling onward to Queenstown, one of New Zealand's prettiest towns. This evening's dinner is at the Skyline Restaurant where you will enjoy spectacular views overlooking Queenstown, the Remarkable Mountains and mysterious Lake Wakatipu. (B, D)

Day 13: Queenstown

Today, enjoy an exclusive garden experience. Tour a number of stunning private country

gardens, meet the owners and learn the secrets behind their design and planting techniques. Explore the beautiful turn-of-the-century gold rush settlement of Arrowtown. Later, return to Queenstown and enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure. (B)

Day 14: Queenstown

There is a choice of activities this morning. You may prefer to relax, shop and soak up the local atmosphere, or perhaps join the optional "Journey Through Middle-earth" tour which takes you through the majestic Remarkable Mountains and the breathtaking Queenstown countryside showcasing many of the spots where the *Lord of the Rings* movies were filmed. (B)

Day 15: Queenstown - Milford Sound - Te Anau

En route to Milford Sound, enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley. You'll travel through ancient beech forest via the Homer Tunnel. During a cruise on the tranquil Milford Sound you'll see why this fjord is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. With rock faces that rise nearly 4,000 feet on either side, the scenery is simply breathtaking. Following your cruise, enjoy an overnight stay on the southern shores of Lake Te Anau, the largest lake on the South Island. Indulge in a special "Taste of Fiordland" dinner showcasing the bountiful local produce. (B, L, D)

Day 16: Te Anau - Dunedin

Travel to Dunedin, located on the southeast coast of New Zealand. One of the earliest European settlements on the islands, Dunedin holds proudly to its Scottish heritage and traditions. Visit the Royal Albatross Centre, the only mainland breeding location in the world

for these magnificent birds. Their epic wingspan can reach nearly 10 feet. Later, pay a visit to Hereweka Garden Retreat for a guided tour with one of the owners. Share their passion as you venture through this peaceful garden before a late arrival at your hotel for dinner. (B, D)

Day 17: Dunedin

This morning, we will visit Larnach Castle and Gardens. Enjoy a presentation of the stories and history behind the gardens. Learn about Margaret Barker, owner and sole curator of the gardens since 1967. Later, embark on a guided tour with one of the resident garden experts. If she is available, you will be joined by Margaret for your tour. This afternoon, visit Dunedin Botanic Gardens for a guided horticultural tour. A member of the curatorial staff leads you into the plant collections that are being highlighted at the time of your special visit. (B)

Day 18: Dunedin - Ashburton

Travel through the Waitaki region back to Canterbury. En route, stop at Oamaru and Timaru to stroll in two of the oldest traditional public gardens in New Zealand and view Trevor Griffiths' Rose Garden. Enjoy dinner at a popular local restaurant in the bustling country town of Ashburton. (B, D)

Day 19: Ashburton - Christchurch

Enjoy a full day exploring the private gardens and homesteads of the Canterbury region. Every step of the way you will be surrounded by nature's masterpieces. Visit locations such as Trott's Garden, Longbeach, Akaunui, Broadfield, Wendrum and Frensham. (B)

Day 20: Christchurch

Today we visit Christchurch, the "Garden City." Enjoy a guided walking tour through the Christchurch Botanic Gardens, home to flora from around the world. Later, discover the house and meticulous gardens of Kate Sheppard, the celebrated leader of the women's suffrage movement in New Zealand. Enjoy a personal welcome and guided tour from the owner. Tonight, visit the region's earliest home, Riccarton House, and enjoy a farewell dinner.

(B, D)

Day 21: Christchurch - Tour Ends

Your tour ends, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful journey through New Zealand. (B)

EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY WITH... FIJI

Optional 4-Day, 3-Night Fiji Post-Tour Extension

Rate: \$529 per person, double, land only

4 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner



Fiji

Day 21: Today you will arrive in the beautiful tropical paradise of Fiji. Fijians are warm and friendly, with a welcoming, vibrant South Pacific culture. The expansive sandy beaches and clear ocean waters draw visitors from around the world.

Day 22: Your day is free to explore everything that your resort has to offer. Relax by the beach and pool, or choose one of the many fun, adventurous activities available to you from the hotel activities desk. Tonight, enjoy a lovely dinner. (B, D)

Day 23: Enjoy another day of rest and relaxation. The friendly concierge and activities staff will help you get the most out of your time. (B)

Day 24: Before your tour ends today in Fiji, an optional island tour is offered. (B)

Please Note:

This extension is hosted by a local representative who will provide all included services.

Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

Due to flight schedules, on some departures the optional Fiji extension is 2 nights and is slightly lower priced.

A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate.

Additional air segment purchase required.

Accommodations:

- **Auckland, 2 nights**
Rendezvous Hotel
- **Hamilton, 2 nights**
Novotel Tainui Hotel
- **Napier, 1 night**
Scenic Te Pania
- **Wellington, 2 nights**
Amora Hotel
- **Christchurch, 1 night**
Rendezvous Hotel
- **Mount Cook, 1 night**
The Hermitage Hotel
- **Queenstown, 3 nights**
Rydges Hotel
- **Te Anau, 1 night**
Distinction Hotel & Villas
- **Dunedin, 2 nights**
Southern Cross Hotel
- **Ashburton, 1 night**
Ashburton Hotel
- **Christchurch, 2 nights**
Rendezvous Hotel

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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Pre/Post-tour extensions:

Start or end your tour rested with a pre- or post-night stay:

Pre: Los Angeles or Auckland
Post: Los Angeles or Christchurch

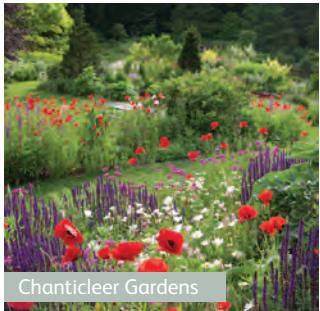
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GARDENS OF AMERICAN HISTORY

Savor a historical journey, featuring some of America's most magnificent and diverse horticultural wonders.

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- New York City
- New York Botanical Gardens
- High Line Garden
- Chanticleer Gardens
- Philadelphia
- Brandywine Valley
- Longwood Gardens
- Ladew Topiary Gardens
- Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
- Monticello
- Hillwood Estate & Gardens
- Washington, D.C.
- United States Botanic Garden



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10 days from \$3,349



Day 1: New York City, New York - Tour Begins

Explore America's heritage, history and scenic gardens on this in-depth tour of the eastern United States.

Day 2: New York City

Start your day at the New York Botanical Gardens and enjoy exclusive early access. Board a private tram for a tour through the expansive grounds. Stops include a visit to the Nolen Greenhouse, not open to the public; and the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, for a guided "ecotour" of this Victorian-style glasshouse. Then, take in some of the floral landmarks of Manhattan with a garden enthusiast before you journey to the High Line Garden. At this unique oasis, learn about its fascinating history, design and horticultural elements. The High Line is a nonprofit conservancy built on a historic raised freight rail line which was earmarked for demolition, saved and turned into

a spectacular public space. This evening, gather for dinner with your fellow passengers. (B, D)

Day 3: New York City - Wayne, Pennsylvania - Philadelphia

Journey to Wayne to spend some time at Chanticleer Gardens, also known as the Pleasure Garden. Explore the house and grounds at your own pace. Take in the colors and fragrances of the seasonal plants at the Teacup Garden, the hardy perennials of the Pond Garden, or enjoy the nice shady areas of the Asian Woods or Bell's Woodland. Travel to "the Birthplace of a New Nation," Philadelphia. Embark on a city tour highlighting the gardens this city – known for art and culture – has to offer. Be amazed by the abundance of sculptures and murals, Philadelphia is said to have the most within any American city. (B, D)

Day 4: Philadelphia - Brandywine Valley

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Washington, D.C.

Brandywine Valley and the impressive Longwood Gardens, an internationally renowned horticulture centre covering 1,050 colorful acres. Enjoy a privately guided tour of their greenhouse and gain an insider's perspective of their research and production facility. Return to Philadelphia and spend your afternoon at leisure to relax or explore as you choose. (B)

Day 5: Philadelphia

Step back in time at the 18th-century Bartram Gardens and enjoy an interactive talk to learn about upcoming preservation projects at the gardens. Next, enjoy the sprawling Victorian-era gardens at Morris Arboretum that span the centuries. Here many specimens have been collected from travels abroad, and a fine collection of contemporary sculptures blend in with the original gardens. During your time here, discover the specific areas of the garden, including the Rose Garden, Swan Pond, English

Park, Asian gardens, meadows and woodlands. (B)

Day 6: Philadelphia - Monkton, Maryland - Charlottesville, Virginia

Your travels today begin with a stop in Monkton to explore the Ladew Topiary Gardens, said to be the best Topiary Garden in America by The Garden Club of America. Your expert tour, led by Ladew's Head of Gardens, will walk you through the Manor House, and through the topiary gardens, with 15 thematic 'garden rooms.' (B, D)

Day 7: Richmond - Charlottesville

Begin your day with a stop at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. Upon arrival, enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of the garden. One of the Top 10 North American gardens, it features more than a dozen themed gardens, along with a classical domed conservatory which is the only one of its kind in the mid-Atlantic.

Following your tour, enjoy a Victorian Tea. Continue to Monticello, the beautiful home and gardens of Thomas Jefferson. Not only was Jefferson the third U.S. President and author of the Declaration of Independence, he also had a lifelong interest in gardening and botany. As a result, Jefferson turned Monticello into a botanic showpiece. Discover his life's work on a guided tour of his home and explore the gardens with a Master Gardener. This afternoon, enjoy a tour of the area's stunning private gardens. (B)

Day 8: Charlottesville - Washington, D.C.

Travel to the former plantation of Oatlands. Experience a private tour of the historic mansion and gardens with an expert guide. En route to Washington, pause to explore Hillwood Estate and Gardens. A local expert will guide you through Marjorie Post's Georgian-style mansion on a private tour. Senior staff will lead you through beautifully designed "outdoor rooms" – grand extensions of the house's terraces and porches. (B, D)

Day 9: Washington, D.C.

Explore the sights of Washington, D.C. on a guided garden-focused tour with a local garden enthusiast. Later, enjoy a visit to the U.S. Botanic Gardens that focuses on the fragility of our ecosystem and the importance of plant life to our well-being. Have time at leisure to explore on your own. Toast the end of a wonderful trip this evening at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 10: Washington, D.C. - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close in Washington, D.C. this morning. (B)

What's Included:

- 14 Meals
- Sedan service & airport transfers when you purchase our air. See page 31 for details.

Travel Dates:

May 2015 - April 2016

Double	
May 15	\$3399
June 19	\$3399
July 17	\$3349
August 21	\$3349
September 11	\$3449
April 22	\$3449

**Single Room Supplement
(+) \$1350 - \$1400**

Triple Room Reduction (-) \$50

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

Purchase air:

as part of your transportation package. See page 32 for details.

Accommodations:

- **New York City, 2 nights**
Grand Hyatt New York
- **Philadelphia, 3 nights**
Omni Hotel at Independence Park
- **Charlottesville, 2 nights**
Omni Charlottesville Hotel
- **Washington, D.C., 2 nights**
Omni Shoreham Hotel

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Pre- or Post-night stay

Start your tour rested with a pre-night stay in New York City. Relax after your tour with an extra night in Washington, D.C.; call for details.

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Tour activity level



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ACCOMMODATIONS

What is the difference between a twin room and a double room? In certain countries, hotel rooms tend to be smaller than U.S. standard accommodations. A double room is designed to accommodate two people, but may not have two separate beds. A twin bedded room has two separate beds of any size, and is the type most commonly utilized.

What size is a triple room? A triple room is the same size as a twin bedded room and beds will accommodate three people, but we cannot guarantee that there will be three separate beds. If there are only two beds, a rollaway may be requested but cannot be guaranteed due to size of room and fire codes. This will vary for our Family tours. Please inquire at time of reservation.

Can my children travel on tour? Children over the age of 5 may travel on a Collette tour accompanied by an adult. Child land rates are valid for ages 5-12, sharing a room with two full-paying adults. Children ages 4 and over may travel on a Collette Family trip, accompanied by an adult. Child land rates for Collette Family are valid for ages 4-14, sharing a room with at least one adult. If you are traveling with a child, it is your sole responsibility to ensure that the child follows all safety rules of the tour. Please note: A single adult traveling with a child on a Family tour will be charged the single rate.

Are single and triple rooms always available? On many tours, triple and single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Be advised that single rooms are often smaller.

When can I check into my hotel? Normal check-in time is late afternoon in most locations. Due to early arrival times into some cities, rooms may not always be available for immediate check-in.

AIR

Can Collette book our airline reservations? Collette is happy to assist you in accommodating your flight needs. Due to tour scheduling and limited availability you are strongly encouraged to take advantage of Collette's air packages. We are not responsible for air arrangements you have made on your own. On occasion, it is necessary to change tour dates. In this case, we can only protect air reservations booked through Collette. For all air reservations, it is strongly recommended to reconfirm flights before departure, in the event that the airline has an unexpected schedule change. We cannot assume responsibility for schedule changes, routings or flight cancellations involving the airlines.

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ATTRACTIOnS & SIGHTSEEING

Are attractions always available? Access to some attractions or Collette Foundation sites may be affected by the observance of holidays, weather conditions or other circumstances. As a result, the days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour. Boat rides are weather permitting. Some attractions may not be available during the "off-season" months. When attractions are unavailable, other similar attractions will be substituted. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed.

Is there a lot of walking on tour? We pride ourselves on bringing travelers the very best experiences a destination offers. Our itineraries include many activities and may consist of walking on uneven terrain or significant walking at times. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motorcoaches, especially in historic areas. Some hotels/lodges in remote locations may not have elevators. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. Review each tour's "Tour Activity Level" and "Tour Pacing" (pg 31) for details.

Can you tell me more about the safaris? In order to most fully experience the wildlife, you will be traveling by custom-built safari vehicle which requires climbing in and out frequently and sometimes travels on bumpy roads. To experience Africa fully we recommend that all travelers be in reasonably good health and prepare properly.

How can I plan for shore landings? Special clothing is required for the shore landings (Antarctica, Galapagos); please refer to your predeparture documents for important details.

Are all theater performances suitable for children? Some theater performances may be unsuitable for children – consult your tour manager.

DOCUMENTATION

Do I need a passport? Government-issued identification is required for all air travel. A valid passport is required for all trips outside the USA. All passengers should check with the appropriate foreign consulate for entry and validity requirements. We recommend that your passport has six months validity, and at least 3 blank pages. Passports and visas are the responsibility of each client.

International Borders Any child under age 16 (traveling without a parent or legal guardian to Canada) must have written permission from a parent or legal guardian.

Please be advised that if you have been convicted of an offense, or have committed a criminal act that is an offense under the laws where it occurred and would be an offense in Canada, you may be inadmissible into Canada. You will need to apply for a Minister's Permit of Approval of Rehabilitation at a Canadian Consulate. All other travelers should contact the appropriate consulate for entry requirements in other international destinations.

EXTENDING YOUR STAY

Can I extend my tour to see more of a region? Yes! You may enhance your tour by purchasing either an extension or pre/post hotel stays, offered on select tours. Extensions may be "hosted" rather than escorted. When hosted, passengers will be greeted upon arrival by a local tour manager who will provide all included services and be available on-call during the duration of the extension. A minimum number of passengers may be required to operate some extensions. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

Collette also offers pre and post hotel nights before and/or after a tour for you to explore the destination independently. Should you purchase additional nights, please be advised that your tour manager will not be available during this time.

EXTRAS

What is not included in the tour price? The land price does not include air travel, airline fees, airport or departure taxes, transfers, visas, customary end-of-trip gratuities for your tour manager, driver, local guides, hotel housekeepers, cruise ship waitstaff, and any incidental charges.

LATE BOOKINGS

Do you accept late bookings? Tour sales normally close 7 days prior to departure. All late bookings are on request and must be guaranteed with a credit card if within 60 days of departure date.

ON TOUR EXPERIENCE

Where do I meet my tour manager? Your tour will begin at your first hotel. The tour manager will make contact with you at the hotel and will provide details relating to your tour. The hotel's address and phone number will be included in your documents.

Can I prepurchase optional excursions/activities? Yes, the majority of optional excursions and activities are available for advance purchase for applicable tours provided that you make your options purchase prior to 15 days of the tour departure. Collette makes it convenient to reserve presold options by visiting our website for a full listing of activities and excursions or when your reservation is made with our reservations staff. In addition, there are benefits to purchasing options including a price guarantee once your tour is paid in full. So, while the cost of an optional activity may change from the time you book your tour, once payment is received in full, your preselected options are

guaranteed by Collette at their original price. Although you can still purchase options while on tour, reserving them ahead of time ensures you a spot in the event that the activity sells out. Collette will provide a refund if you cancel a presold option prior to tour departure. Any presold options cancelled while on tour are nonrefundable.

REVISIONS/CHANGES

Would my tour date ever be changed? While it is unlikely, Collette does reserve the right to cancel a tour prior to departure. Should this happen, Collette will make every effort to put you on another departure date. If an alternate cannot be found, a full refund will be made. Air booked through Collette will be protected. We cannot be held responsible for penalties incurred if you have secured your own air.

Can I make changes to my reservation? Should you decide to change your reservation after initial booking, a handling fee of \$25 per transaction will be charged. A change of tour date, tour itinerary or passenger name, within the guidelines of the cancellation policy, will be treated as a cancellation and regular cancellation fees may apply.

Revisions to air tickets are subject to the rules and regulations of the airline. See our Cancellation Policy for more details.

TOUR PACING

How can I be best prepared for the pacing and physical requirements on a Collette tour? Tour pacing varies by itinerary, and each destination's sightseeing and activities are unique. Pacing is subject to personal interpretation. At Collette, we do include the best a destination has to offer, enhancing your overall tour experience. For overnight pacing of a tour, please refer to the "Accommodations" section on each tour page and on the tour map. These describe the number of nights you will stay in each hotel during your tour. The day-by-day descriptions will provide additional detail about the number of activities included in each day.

The Tour Activity Level Ranking is featured on each tour itinerary in a circle. The definition of each activity level is listed here. If you have additional questions regarding a specific tour, please inquire at time of reservation. For your comfort, we recommend packing comfortable walking shoes so you can fully enjoy every aspect of your tour.

Level 1: At a very leisurely pace, this tour involves minimal physical activity, such as climbing some stairs, boarding a motorcoach, and walking from the hotel reception area to hotel rooms and dining areas.

Level 2: This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven ground and cobblestoned streets.

Level 3: This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

Level 4: To truly experience the program and destination, you need to be able to participate in physical activities such as longer walking tours, walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs and periods of standing. Some of the touring days may be longer, with select included activities occurring later in the evening.

Level 5: This tour is very active, requiring participants to be physically fit to fully enjoy all the experiences. This itinerary has more strenuous activities which may include such things as: extensive walking tours, transfers over uneven and dusty terrain, high altitudes, early morning departures, late night activities, or extreme temperatures. All conditions do not apply to all days so please read the itinerary carefully and speak to one of our travel counselors to determine if this tour is right for you. We recommend this program to individuals who are physically fit. Unfortunately, this tour is not appropriate for individuals who use either walkers or wheelchairs. If this trip is not ideally suited for you, our travel counselors can help determine the perfect trip for you.

TRANSFERS

Are airport and hotel transfers available? Roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers are provided for all passengers who purchase airfare through Collette. These transfers do not apply to pre- and post-night stays. Passengers who do not purchase airfare through Collette can purchase transfers (for the first and last day of the tour) at an additional cost of \$100 per person, roundtrip. Some restrictions may apply. All transfers leave at prescheduled times.

Are airport transfers available for pre/post hotel stays? All passengers who purchase pre and post hotel nights through Collette may also purchase transfers to/from the airport and the pre or post hotel. Please inquire at time of booking.

What is Roundtrip Home to Airport Sedan Service? It's your ticket to and from the airport. This service is available for all air-inclusive tour bookings. This personalized service is included in many U.S. cities within a 50 mile radius from more than 90 airport gateways.* Not valid on group travel.

*One transfer per room booking. Additional stops are not permitted on route.

TRAVEL LOYALTY

What is Travel Loyalty by Collette or TLC? It allows you to automatically receive a \$150 travel credit for each trip you take.[†] It's our way of saying thank you for making us your #1 choice in guided travel. Be sure to enroll in TLC to take advantage of this benefit.

[†] Full credit is valid for travel within 12 months of the original trip. \$100 of the credit remains valid for travel within 13-24 months, and the entire credit expires after 24 months.

The choice is yours. 3 great air options.

Enjoy the benefits of air-inclusive bookings. Allow us to be your liaison with the airlines and to handle all the details. Choose Flex Airfare, Instant Purchase, or Elite Airfare.

	Flex Airfare	Instant Purchase Airfare ³	Elite Airfare ⁴
Receive roundtrip home to airport sedan service – your journey begins at home! ¹	●	●	●
Free roundtrip airport to hotel transfers included ²	●	●	●
Dedicated Concierge Service			●
Lounge Passes ⁵			●
Express Check-In ⁵			●
Eligible for Collette's Travel Protection Plan	●	● part b	● part b
Benefit from our flexible change and refund policies	●		●
Deposit now, pay the balance later	●		●
Eliminates future surcharges by locking in price		●	
All the perks of upgraded air (more leg room, comfort, and space)			●

Treat yourself and enjoy.

Experience the added comfort and convenience of Collette's Elite Airfare. Features such as dedicated concierge service, lounge passes and express check-in only add to the benefits of your business, premium economy, or first-class ticket.

Whether you select Elite Airfare, Flex, or Instant Purchase Airfare, you'll enjoy the ease and security that comes with reserving your air with Collette.

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¹This roundtrip home to airport sedan service is included in many U.S. cities within a 50 mile radius from more than 90 airport gateways when you purchase an air-inclusive tour. One transfer per room booking. Additional stops not permitted on route. Not valid on group travel. ²These transfers are available on the first and last day of the actual tour dates and when you are traveling on select flights (not applicable to pre & post nights). Land only clients may purchase transfers on the first and last day of the actual tour dates for an additional cost of \$100 per person, roundtrip (some restrictions may apply). Clients who purchase pre/post hotel nights may purchase transfers to/from the pre/post hotel. ³Instant Purchase Airfare is offered on select dates; consult your booking agent. ⁴Elite Airfare status is only included with the purchase of a First Class, Business Class or Premium Economy ticket with either Flex or Instant Purchase Air. ⁵Lounge Passes & Express Check-In are based on airline and airport availability and only available for Business Class passengers; not available for Premium Economy Passengers. ⁶Not applicable with Instant Purchase Airfare.

Important Reservation Information

Land rates

Land rates are per person, double occupancy. Availability of departures at the prices noted in the brochure is limited. For current prices, please see our website. Government taxes and fees are additional. Land rates are guaranteed at time of deposit.

Payments

A \$250 nonrefundable deposit is required at time of booking to secure your reservation. If you have selected Instant Purchase nonrefundable air, you are required to pay the full air cost in addition to the \$250 deposit at time of booking (all of which is nonrefundable). For Antarctica, a \$500 per person deposit is required at time of booking. An additional deposit of \$1,000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica. Should you decide to purchase our Travel Protection Plan, you must do so at the time of booking. Payment of a per person Travel Protection Plan fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except for the Travel Protection Plan fee itself, in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Collette's Travel Protection Plan does not provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation. This air ticket is covered by our Travel Protection Plan under Part B, if you cancel your trip for covered reasons (see Part B for more details). The balance is due 60 days before departure on all tours, except cruises. The balance is due 120 days before departure for cruises. Payment may be made by charging to clients' Mastercard, Visa, American Express, or Discover (card imprint and signature required) or by sending a check or money order. All land rates are guaranteed upon deposit.

TRAVEL PROFESSIONALS PLEASE CONTACT:

Collette 1-800-611-3361

PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO:

Collette, 162 Middle Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860
Attn: Accounts Receivable

Revision Fees

A handling fee of \$25.00 per transaction will be assessed for any change or revision made to a reservation. A change of departure date within 11 months of departure will be treated as a cancellation, and cancellation charges will apply.

Cancellation Charges

Cancellations of confirmed bookings and transfers to new travel dates both result in penalties and fees assessed by travel suppliers. If you have not purchased our Travel Protection Plan, and you need to transfer or cancel for any reason prior to tour departure, the following cancellation fees will be assessed on your land or cruise product. Air is 100% nonrefundable once paid in full. If cancelled prior to being paid in full, the following cancellation fees will also apply to air. (*see cancellation and unused services Travel Protection Plan fees and exceptions):

- More than 60 days prior to departure: a nonrefundable deposit will be retained
- 60 - 16 days prior to departure: 30% of land or cruise price
- 15 - 1 day prior to departure: 50% of land or cruise price
- Day of departure and after: 100% of land or cruise price

Exceptions:

Ocean Cruises:

- More than 90 days prior to departure, a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 90 - 61 days prior to departure: 35% of land or cruise price
- 60 - 31 days prior to departure: 60% of land or cruise price
- 30 - 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price

River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China

- More than 90 days prior to departure, a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 90 - 61 days prior to departure: 50% of land or cruise price
- 60 - 31 days prior to departure: 85% of land or cruise price
- 30 - 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price

Galapagos & Antarctica:

- More than 120 days prior to departure: nonrefundable deposits will be retained.
- 120 - 90 days prior to departure: 60% of land or cruise price
- 89 - 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price

* Instant purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges are 100% non-refundable at time of reservation.

Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not cancelled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%.

Collette's Travel Protection Plan

Payment of a per person Travel Protection Plan fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan fee with air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette.

Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, the Travel Protection Plan does not provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes or fees, in the event of a cancellation. This air ticket is covered by Collette's Travel Protection Plan under Part B, if you cancel your trip for covered reasons (see Part B for more details).

Collette's Travel Protection Plan protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. The Travel Protection Plan does not indemnify you from penalties if you choose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you choose to partially cancel your tour, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation.

Collette's Travel Protection Plan does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (However, the Part B travel insurance includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,000 for certain covered reasons, as detailed in Part B.) Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement.

Payment of the Travel Protection Plan Fee (if chosen) must be received by Collette with your deposit. The fee is nontransferable and valid for each applicant only.

Collette can assume no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any wrongful, negligent or unauthorized acts or omissions of any travel agent or travel agency other than that of Collette Travel Service, Inc. itself, and its own employees. On tour, insurance benefits are provided if you: must interrupt your trip or return home early for a covered reason; incur medical expenses for a covered sickness or injury; need medical assistance or evacuation; suffer a baggage loss or delay of more than 24 hours; or are delayed on tour for 12 hours or more for a covered reason.

Following is a schedule of the Part B insurance benefits provided.

Schedule of Coverages	Maximum Benefit Amount
PART A – Benefits Provided By Collette	
Pre-Departure Travel Protection Plan Fee	Trip Cost
PART B – Benefits Provided by the Insurance Company Listed Below	
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000
Medical Expense/Emergency Assistance	
Accident & Sickness Medical Expense	\$25,000
Emergency Evacuation & Repatriation	\$50,000
One Call 24-Hour Assistance Services	Included
• Trip Cancellation	Amount Purchased*
• Trip Interruption	150% of Trip Cost
• Single Supplement	\$1,000
• Missed Connection	\$1,500
• Travel Delay (Maximum of \$100 per Day)	\$1,500
• Baggage and Personal Effects	\$1,500
• Baggage Delay	\$200

*This benefit is only applicable to Instant Purchase (non-refundable) air tickets and does not cover any other land, air or water travel arrangements.

Part B Conditions & Limitations

Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the Travel Insurance Certificate which will be included with your documents and is also available to you online at www.tripmate.com/wpF430C, or by request from our travel consultants. For example, coverage does not apply to: any sickness or condition of yourself, a Traveling Companion, Family Member, or Business Partner traveling with you that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of the coverages (this exclusion is waived if your premium is received with your initial deposit/payment for your trip); suicide; normal pregnancy; war or any act of war; or mental or nervous disorders. A Traveling Companion is defined as a person with whom you have coordinated travel arrangements and intend to travel with during the trip.

Part B of the plan is underwritten by: United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ

Where to Present Part A Claims

To request a refund under the Travel Protection Plan, please call Collette and send any unused airline tickets to:

Collette
ATTN: Customer Service Department
162 Middle Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860

If cancellation occurs prior to departure, contact the Collette Reservations Department. When a client cancels prior to departure, any refunds are processed through the booking agent. All Inquiries and Claims under Part B should be reported to the Plan Administrator:

Trip Mate, Inc.*
www.tripmate.com
9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64114
Tel: 800-888-7292
* In CA, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency

Collette's Travel Protection Plan Pricing

(Per Person)

Land Only Clients:

- \$70 adult/\$70 child for all domestic escorted tours under 6 days
- \$160 adult/\$90 child for all domestic escorted tours of 6 days or more
- \$160 adult/\$90 child for all international tours 8 days or under (except cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, South America, Africa, South Africa & Egypt)
- \$230 adult/\$115 child for all international tours 9 days or more (except cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, South America, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours)
- \$270 adult/\$135 child for all Australia, New Zealand, South America, Africa & South Africa tours
- \$285 adult/\$140 child for all cruises & Canadian Rockies train tours

When purchasing pre- and post-night accommodations, including optional extensions, the number of days will be added to the total number of tour days, and may subsequently alter your Travel Protection Plan fees. Please confirm with your reservation agent at time of booking.

Air-Inclusive Clients (Collette Flex Airfare is purchased through Collette)

- \$100 adult/child for all domestic tours under 6 days
- \$205 adult/child for all domestic tours of 6 days or more
- \$215 adult/child for all international tours 8 days or under (except cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, South America, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours)
- \$260 adult/child for all international tours 9 days or more (except cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, South America, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours)
- \$300 adult/child for all Australia, New Zealand, South America, Africa & South Africa tours
- \$345 adult/child for all cruises & Canadian Rockies train tours

Collette's Travel Protection Plan can only be purchased by individuals who have purchased Collette Flex Airfare or Instant Purchase nonrefundable air through Collette. Instant Purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges require full payment at time of reservation and are 100% nonrefundable. This air ticket is covered by Collette's Travel Protection Plan under Part B if you cancel your trip for covered reasons. Tickets may only be changed for a fee up to \$300 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline.

Consumer Protection Plans

Collette is a member of the following organizations: The National Tour Association, The United States Tour Operators Association, The Alliance of Canadian Travel Associations, the Travel Industry Council of Ontario, and the Association of British Travel Agents. Some of these associations operate a consumer protection plan to cover deposits placed with any tour operator member. In the case of USTOA, the consumer protection bond is \$1 million. Full details are available from the organizations or Collette. Collette is pleased to give this additional protection to our clients.

Airfare

For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all tours packages. If you purchase an air-inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your rates are subject to change until paid in full. Seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

Instant Purchase Non-refundable Airfare includes roundtrip airport/hotel transfers (excluding pre- or post- days and extensions). Instant Purchase

nonrefundable airfare requires full payment at the time of booking. If you purchase the Travel Protection Plan, it does not provide a refund for the airline tickets in the event of a cancellation (there is coverage under Part B for Instant Purchase airline tickets if you cancel your trip for covered reasons – see Part B for more details). Tickets will be issued immediately and once issued are nonrefundable, and may only be changed for a fee up to \$300 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline. These tickets include an administration fee and roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers, of which both hold no airline reissue value. Once issued, there can be no fluctuation in price due to an increase in government taxes or in airline fuel surcharges.

Aircraft Cabin Disinsection Disclaimer

Some countries may require aircraft cabin insecticide treatment for inbound foreign flights. Information about aircraft disinsection requirements and a list of countries requiring such disinsection are available online at <http://www.dot.gov/office-policy/aviation-policy/aircraft-disinsection-requirements>.

Travelers Needing Special Assistance

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made.* Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining or other routine activities.

*To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom.

Baggage Disclaimer

Although every effort is made to handle passengers' luggage as carefully as possible, Collette is not responsible for and does not assume liability or accept claims for loss of or damage to luggage due to breakage, theft or wear and tear through hotel and group carrier handling. It is recommended for your own self-interest and protection that you have adequate insurance to cover these eventualities. Check with your sales agent for low-cost insurance to cover these risks.

Checked Baggage Charges: Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies. Please be advised there is a \$25 USD/CAD charge (per piece) for checked baggage on most transborder flights between U.S. & Canada. This is a fee levied by the airlines, not Collette, and may be subject to change.

Holiday and Museum Closures

Museum visits and personal shopping time may be disrupted due to unforeseen circumstances or many religious, state and local holidays observed throughout the world.

Motorcoach Washrooms

Most motorcoaches used on our tours are equipped with washrooms except safari vehicles, exotic locations, and some of our Explorations tours. These are typically for emergency use, as we make plenty of comfort stops, allowing you the opportunity to use public restrooms and/or stretch your legs.

Maps and Photos

Maps shown on tour pages are current at the time of printing and may not reflect actual tour routing should the tour change. Photos shown on tour pages are reflective of the area(s) visited, but may not be included in the actual tour itinerary.

Explanation of Responsibilities and Tour Conditions for Collette

Each client is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from. Any person reserving or purchasing any Collette product published in this brochure accepts the condition that Collette reserves to itself the exclusive right to change or cancel itineraries, hotels, and other tour components whenever it is deemed necessary. If this occurs, every effort will be made to offer alternate dates and/or programs. Published times on itineraries are as accurate as possible but subject to change due to traffic, weather, mechanical and any other

conditions beyond Collette's control that prevent Collette from operating as scheduled. Collette expressly disclaims any liability for any damages that may be incurred for any changes, cancellations or delays on any itinerary on any Collette tour.

All rates on foreign tours are subject to fluctuations of currency and may be changed when necessary without advance notice prior to deposit.

All rates published are per person as indicated and are based on double occupancy when only one rate is shown. Reservations will be accepted subject to availability at the time of request and will be considered confirmed only upon receipt of a minimum deposit. Child land rates are available and are valid for ages 5-12, sharing a room with two full-paying adults. Children ages 4 and over may travel on a Collette Family trip, accompanied by an adult. Child land rates for Collette Family are valid for ages 4-14, sharing a room with at least one adult.

Collette does not accept liability in the case of any passenger being denied boarding by any airline carrier due to the carrier's overbooking of a flight. All cancellation charges, fees and refunds for any tour within this brochure are in effect as of the effective date as indicated on page 31 and supersede any other previously printed policies relating to these same charges.

General Disclaimer

Neither Collette Travel Service, Inc., its affiliated entities and its and their employees, shareholders, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns (collectively "Collette"), own or operate any person or entity which is to or does provide goods or services for these trips. Collette does not maintain control or operate the personnel, equipment, or operations of these suppliers it uses and as such Collette assumes no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any personal injury, death, property damage or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of (1) any wrongful, negligent, willful or unauthorized acts or omissions on the part of any of the suppliers or other employees or agents, (2) any defect in or failure of any vehicle, equipment, or instrument owned, operated or otherwise used by any of these suppliers, or (3) any wrongful, willful or negligent act or omission on the part of any other party not under the supervision and control of Collette.

Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses or expenses due to sickness, lack of appropriate medical facilities or practitioners, weather, strikes, theft or other criminal acts, war, terrorism, computer problems, or other such causes. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. Collette reserves the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if Collette deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour. Collette reserves the right to withdraw any tour announced. Collette reserves the right to decline to accept any person as a member of the tour, or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time, when such action is determined by the tour manager to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and general welfare of the tour group or of the individual participant. Neither does Collette accept liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable airline or other ticket to the tour departure city and return or otherwise. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owner at all times.

Participants may be photographed for the promotional purposes of Collette. Payment of the deposit to Collette constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions.

Arbitration

I agree that any dispute concerning, relating, or referring to this contract, the brochure or any other literature concerning my trip, or the trip itself, shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration according to the then existing rules of the American Arbitration Association in the State of Rhode Island. Such proceedings will be governed by and in accordance with substantive Rhode Island law. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable.

Forum Selection

This Agreement shall be governed and interpreted pursuant to the laws of the State of Rhode Island by mutual agreement of the parties hereto and the Federal and State Courts in Rhode Island shall have exclusive and sole jurisdiction over any dispute, controversy or suit arising relative to this Agreement.

Family Tours Disclaimer

Any minor child (under the age of majority) who shall participate in a Collette Family tour program must be accompanied by an adult and supervised by an adult during the entire length of the tour. Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of any minor child during the tour. However, Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to any minor tour participant. The adult travel companion shall be primarily responsible for the conduct and care of the minor tour participant. Collette will not accept any parental responsibility for the minor tour participant.

Collette's Travel Protection

Rest assured that at Collette we do everything within our power to provide you with an enjoyable and safe tour. However, there are times when unforeseen events will occur. To avoid incurring costly charges should this happen, we strongly urge you to invest in Collette's comprehensive, single-package insurance program that will cover you in the event of illness, accidents or travel delay. Unlike most other coverage, you also receive a full refund for cancellations any time, for any reason, prior to the day of departure. At Collette, your safety is always our primary concern. One price, one package, complete protection.

Collette is proud to be a member of USTOA (United States Tour Operators Association), an association that represents the tour operator industry. The USTOA logo on our brochures signifies that Collette is a member in good standing and is backed by their \$1 Million Travelers Assistance Program.

Collette, as an Active Member of USTOA, is required to post \$1 million with USTOA to be used to reimburse, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the USTOA Travelers Assistance Program, the advance payments of Collette customers in the unlikely event of Collette's bankruptcy, insolvency or cessation of business. Further, you should understand that the \$1 million posted by Collette may be sufficient to provide only a partial recovery of the advance payments received by Collette. Complete details of the USTOA Travelers Assistance Program may be obtained by email to information@ustoa.com or by visiting their website at www.USTOA.com.

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