



Gardens of Somerset

Arranged with Travel Editions Group Travel for Edgworth and District Horticultural Society

Bishops Palace Gardens

Friday 5th – Monday 8th July 2024 - 4 days from £685*

Further to our successful trips over the past few years, we are this time travelling south west to Somerset, a county with a wealth of beautiful gardens and scenic beauty, as well as glorious architecture. We have planned an itinerary with two or three visits each day and try to achieve a good balance between visiting an interesting variety of gardens whilst having sufficient time at each to explore and enjoy them. 2024's itinerary is particularly diverse, with a museum garden, a garden created by a huge food producer, Yeo Valley, England's smallest city, Wells, with its beautiful Cathedral and Gardens as well as more traditional gardens created by enthusiastic and committed owners.

As always, please bear in mind that visits to beautiful and varied gardens may include uneven surfaces, slopes and steps. As last time, our host and guide will be David Hurrion, who will illuminate our visits with his expertise, enthusiasm and knowledge.

Phil Broughton and Jean Turner



Stourhead Gardens



American Museum in Bath

This holiday is operated by Travel Editions Group Travel. For further information please contact Phil Broughton or Jean Turner holiday@edgworth-horticultural-society.co.uk
To secure your place a deposit of £100 will be required by 16th February 2024.

*Based on a group of 30 passengers



Hanbury Hall

Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1: Friday 5th July 2024

Edgworth to Midsomer Norton via Hanbury Hall.

Pick up from Edgworth followed by Bromley Cross and then make our way to the first port of call, the National Trust's historic William and Mary-style country house, garden and park near Droitwich in the Midlands. Time will be allowed for a leisurely visit and lunch (not included) before continuing south west to the outskirts of the village of Midsomer Norton and the Centurion Hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 2: Saturday 6th July 2024

Bishops Palace Gardens, Stoberry Park Wells and Yeo Valley Gardens.

Our exploration starts with Stoberry Park and its delightful 5-acre garden, which offers a wealth of horticultural interest as well as lovely views over the city of Wells – and a welcome tea/coffee and cake to end the visit. Then we travel the short distance to the beautiful gardens of the Bishop's Palace in Wells, England's smallest cathedral city, and one of its most beautiful cathedrals. Time for lunch (not included) before heading to Yeo Valley's organic gardens, which cover an area of some 6.5 acres with a vast array of edible plants. A household name through their dairy products available on all supermarket shelves, the gardens here are a true inspiration. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 3: Sunday 7th July 2024

Batcombe Gardens and Stourhead Gardens.

This morning, we head to Batcombe House for a guided tour with the head gardener of the wonderful gardens created by garden designer, Libby Russell

over the past two decades. From here we head to the National Trust's Stourhead with time for lunch (not included) before visiting this magnificent Palladian House with its world-famous landscape garden with a lake set amongst lawns, classical statues and sweeping views. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 4: Monday 8th July 2024

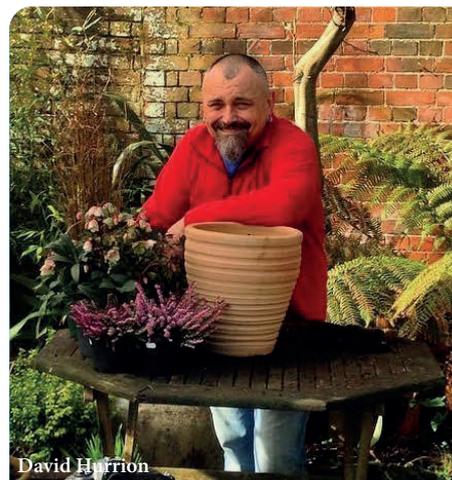
Courts Garden and the American Museum in Bath and home.

Alas it is time to leave the south west and head north but not before two more visits. First to The Courts Garden, also National Trust, a classic English country garden, with water gardens, herbaceous borders, topiary, arboretum with naturalistic spring bulbs and a kitchen garden. From here we head to the outskirts of Bath for a visit to the wonderful American Museum and Gardens with its collection of American Folk Art and stunning gardens designed by famous American landscape architects Oehme, van Sweden (OVS). Time for lunch (not included) before heading north back to Edgworth with comfort stop en-route. Arrival is anticipated for early evening.

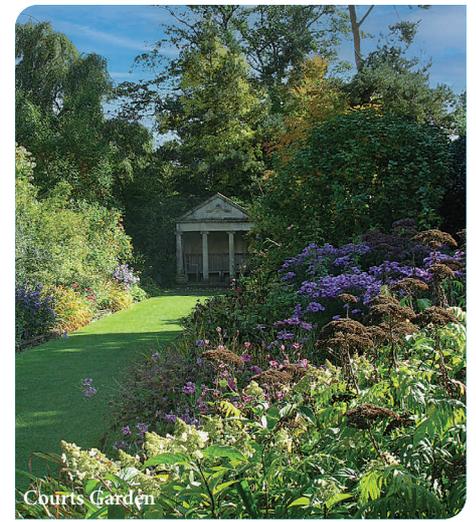
Your expert tour guide

David Hurrion

David is an accomplished plantsman, who has been growing plants since childhood for more than 40 years. His extensive knowledge and practical experience of plants, crops and growing techniques is founded on a thorough botanical and scientific training, complemented by an in-depth understanding of garden design, wildlife, geology and climatology. As a journalist, David is currently Associate Editor for BBC Gardeners' World Magazine and is a regular expert commentator on TV and radio. Added to which, he is a vastly experienced tour



David Hurrion



Courts Garden

leader, having led numerous tours to a vast range of destinations and is a genial, caring and entertaining host - you could not be in better hands to explore Somerset.

Where you stay

Centurion Hotel, Midsomer Norton

The four star Best Western Plus Centurion Hotel is located on the edge of Midsomer Norton in a quiet village location. Set in extensive grounds that include a golf course, the hotel offers a health club, bar, lounge, restaurant and comfortable bedrooms with all modern amenities.

Included in the price

- Three nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the four-star Centurion Hotel, based on shared occupancy of a standard twin/double room
- Refreshments at Stoberry Park
- All talks, guided tours and admissions with welcome talks as detailed
- Coach touring itinerary throughout
- Tour manager, David Hurrion throughout

Not included

- Single room supplement (£165)
- Insurance
- Non NT member supplement of approx. £35.00 total for entrance to Hanbury Hall, Stourhead and Courts Garden, (payable at the visits on the day)

