



# Gardens of Worcester

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

Coughton Court

**Tuesday 7th – Friday 10th July 2026 - 4 days from £695\* per person**

Following last years highly successful trip to Cambridge our next tour will see us enjoy an unforgettable four-day journey through some of the most enchanting gardens and historic estates in Worcestershire and the surrounding countryside. This carefully curated itinerary combines horticultural excellence with cultural heritage, offering you the chance to explore beautifully preserved Arts & Crafts landscapes, Victorian masterpieces, and intimate private gardens. Again our host and guide will be David Hurron, who will illuminate our visits with his expertise, enthusiasm and knowledge. You'll enjoy inspiring garden tours and fascinating insights into design and planting. Join us and immerse yourself in the beauty of some of England's finest gardens.

*Phil Broughton and Jean Turner*



Winterbourne Pergola



Stone House Cottage Garden

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To book please phone Travel Editions on 020 7251 0045

Deposit £150 per person payable by 6th February 2026. \*£795pp based on 20 passengers, £735pp based on 25 passengers, £695pp based on 30 passengers

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### Day-by-day itinerary

#### Day 1: Tuesday 7th July 2026

##### Edgworth, Winterbourne House & Gardens, Hotel.

Depart Edgworth by comfortable coach, accompanied by your tour manager and horticultural expert David Hurriion.

Arrive at Winterbourne House & Gardens, a beautifully preserved Arts & Crafts estate set within seven acres of botanic-style gardens. Explore the tranquil walled garden, Japanese bridge, vibrant herbaceous borders, and specialised plant collections.

Free time for lunch at the garden café, then continue to your hotel, the Best Western Southcrest Manor Hotel in the heart of Worcestershire for check-in. Welcome dinner served at the hotel this evening.

#### Day 2: Wednesday 8th July 2026

##### Moreton Hall Gardens, Spetchley Park, The Riverside Garden

Begin your day at Moreton Hall Gardens, a horticultural treasure renowned for its elegant design and panoramic views across the surrounding countryside. Stroll through a series of beautifully crafted terraces, water features, and intimate garden rooms. After free time for lunch, continue to Spetchley Park Gardens, a remarkable Victorian garden steeped in history. Here you will encounter a collection of rare shrubs and trees, sweeping borders, and lakes framed by woodland walks. Conclude the day with a visit to The Riverside Garden, a charming private garden with cottage planting and scenic river views. Return to the hotel for dinner.



Moreton Hall knot garden

#### Day 3: Thursday 9th July 2026

##### Arley Arboretum & Gardens, Coughton Court.

After breakfast, head to Arley Arboretum, home to one of the oldest arboreta in the UK, set over 30-acres on the banks of the River Severn. Home to over 300 species of rare and ancient trees, including Britain's longest Laburnum arch, enjoy avenues of specimen trees, seasonal herbaceous borders, a restored Italian garden, and peaceful woodland paths. Free time for lunch at the arboretum café nestled within the walled garden, or one of the picnic areas.

In the afternoon, visit Coughton Court (National Trust), an imposing Tudor house with deep Catholic ties and a rare double priest hole. The award-winning garden estate spans 25 acres and features a large walled garden, rose collections with over 200 varieties, and a peaceful riverside walk. Return to the hotel for dinner.

#### Day 4: Friday 10th July 2026

##### Stone House Cottage Garden & Nursery, Baddesley Clinton, Return to Edgworth.

After breakfast check-out, we visit Stone House Cottage Garden, an atmospheric and intimate garden enclosed by turreted red-brick walls. Browse rare and unusual plants in the adjoining nursery. Free time for lunch then continue to Baddesley Clinton (National Trust), a moated medieval manor surrounded by beautiful gardens. The estate features a formal walled garden dating back to the early 18th century and adorned with flower borders and fruit trees, alongside a charming courtyard garden created in 1889. Explore the orchards, wildflower meadows, productive vegetable garden, and lakeside walks. Depart mid-afternoon for return travel to Edgworth, arriving early evening.

### Where we stay

#### Best Western Southcrest Manor Hotel

Set within 10 acres of private lawns and natural woodland, the Best Western Southcrest Manor Hotel offers a tranquil countryside retreat in the heart of Worcestershire. This elegant former manor house, now a four-star hotel, combines historic charm with modern comfort.



Arley Arboretum & Gardens

### Your expert tour guide

#### David Hurriion

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 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 Worcester.



David Hurriion

### Included in the price

- Three nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the Best Western Southcrest Manor Hotel, based on shared twin/double occupancy
- All garden admissions
- Coach travel throughout
- Services of expert Tour Manager David Hurriion
- Edgworth departure and return

### Not included

- Single supplement - £90
- Meals not specified
- Items of a personal nature, eg. drinks, phone
- Holiday insurance



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