

Great Gardens of Cornwall

With Tresco, Isles of Scilly
Optional Chelsea Flower Show

May 10th – 21st, 2020

*Gardeners are not, by nature, jealous souls. But now and again they gaze, green with envy, at another's plants, and think,
"I wish I could grow that." It happens to me in Cornwall more than anywhere else.*

~ Alan Titchmarsh, MBE, VMH, DL



Trebah Subtropical Garden

Caerhays' rhododendron Trees



Are you ready?

Led by BBC personality and Cornwall native, **Tim Hubbard**

Treat yourself to 9 days' in nine **Great Gardens of Cornwall**

Including spectacular **Tresco, Isles of Scilly**

Be welcomed as **guests of estate-owning family** in our private manor house

Explore **unique garden collections**, meet **head gardeners**

engage in **hands-on workshops** in **foraging and floristry**

Enjoy **talks** by celebrated RHS experts

From **traditional** to **sculpture** gardens, **tropical** gardens to **greenhouses**

Showcasing the most **beautiful and peculiar plants** on the British Isles

... lose yourself awhile

Optional: **Kew Gardens** and members-only access to **Chelsea Flower Show**

“What I love about this itinerary: diversity

From formal to informal, woodland retreats to historic rolling-parkland, each of our gardens is unique. Modern gardens; ancient gardens; gardens with Mediterranean, sub-tropical or South African themes and more. All house a stunningly diverse collection of plants and sculptures from around the world. Older gardens reveal a fascinating history of Edwardian seed hunters who brought back seeds from around the globe. Others are newer, created out of wasteland and transformed into masterpieces. Each is unforgettable. Continue on to Kew and premium access at the planet's greatest flower show at Chelsea. An unhurried and outstanding garden tour! I look forward to sharing the wonder with you.

~ Tim Hubbard



At a glance

Cornwall 9 Days (8 Nights) Gardens on the docket

- ❖ Caerhays private garden
- ❖ Lamorran Garden
- ❖ Trebah Garden in Falmouth
- ❖ Lost Gardens of Heligan
- ❖ Tregothnan Estate Tea Gardens
- ❖ Tremenheere Sculpture Gardens
- ❖ The Eden Project
- ❖ Tresco Gardens
- ❖ Rosemoor Garden

London 4 Days (3 Nights)

- ❖ Chelsea Flower Show
- ❖ Kew Gardens

While we make every effort to stay within the itinerary, occasionally we may substitute according to local conditions and desires of the group.



Cost

Cornwall 8 nights/9 days: USD 4790 per person double occupancy. Add USD 1500 for single room throughout

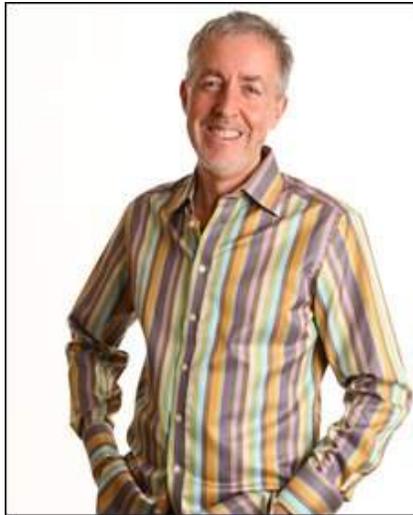
London with Chelsea Flower Show 3 nights/4 days: USD 705 per person double occupancy. Add USD 300 for single room

Includes

- Accommodation in 4-5* boutique hotels
- Transportation in Cornwall and transfers to&from London in executive private air-conditioned vehicles/within London on public transportation
- Return flight to Tresco Abbey Gardens on Isles of Scilly, private tour
- Tea masterclass or floral artistry class; foraging workshop
- Artist-led sculpture workshop at Barbara Hepworth Museum, Tate St Ives
- Private tour of Rainforest Biome at Eden Project
- All excursions and entrance fees
- All breakfasts, multiple hosted lunches and dinners
- Talks by RHS experts, guided tours by head gardeners
- Lunch with owner and private tour of Caerhays Castle Gardens
- Optional: Premium first day access to Chelsea Flower Show



About your trip leader



[Tim Hubbard](#) has lived and gardened in Cornwall since 1977. He was a BBC radio presenter for twenty-five years, hosting news and current affairs programs for which he won several awards. Specialising in Cornish subjects earned Tim the Times' radio critic's accolade: 'He knows Cornwall like the back of his hand'. Tim is the author of *The Great Gardens of Cornwall: The People and Their Plants*, which captures the beauty and diversity of Cornish gardens in their microclimates within a microclimate. In 2002 Tim developed a unique partnership between the BBC and the Royal Horticultural Society, part of which involved building a prize-winning show garden at Hampton Court Palace Flower Show. He now works as freelance presenter at the Cheltenham Literature Festival, the Cornwall Spring Flower Show and elsewhere, writes for newspapers and magazines and voices for film and video. At home he's a keen gardener; he grows a huge number of exotic tropical plants and is often seen tramping the Cornish coastal footpath.

About your host

From her roots in Kenya, India, and England, and base in Toronto, [Shila Desai](#) can be found leading small groups of like-minded travellers on hand-crafted themed tours to all corners of the world. Her company E.Y.H.O. Tours (Eat Your Heart Out Tours) engages a worldwide community of discerning textile, culinary, wildlife, private sailing—and now, gardening—savants, many of whom are multiple repeat clients and fellow traveller-turned friends. Shila insists on accompanying her tours because, “that’s the best quality control. There’s no a second chance on a guest’s vacation.” Besides, her nomadic way of life allows an escape from Canadian winters. Shila is delighted to accompany the inaugural Great Gardens of Cornwall tour after Caerhays Castle hosted her in their magnificent magnolia gardens and she came away smitten with the Cornish coast and all things green and blooming.





Day 1: Sunday May 10

Welcome to Cornwall

Morning depart from Heathrow to Cornwall (4.5 hrs). Welcome to Caerhays Castle! Meet Charles Williams, estate owner and host for your Cornish stay—also incidentally the name behind “*williamsii*” on camellia labels around the world, thanks to four successive generations dedicated to making Caerhays one of the U.K.’s outstanding gardens. 140 acres overlooking a quiet sandy cove, the gardens boast a national magnolia collection—including a 100 year old. The gardens are also a paradise for rhododendron, azalea, hydrangea lovers. Welcome lunch, garden tour and lecture by Charles. Overnight at the Veans.

Meals : L, D



Day 2: Monday May 11

Coastal Gardens

Catch some fresh ocean air along the Cornish coast today as we visit the village of Lamorran, and the Lamorran House Gardens. Perched on a peninsula, this garden celebrates the beauty and diversity of foliage in a sub-tropical Italianate style of gardening. Enjoy lunch in the garden café before continuing by ferry to Falmouth, where lies Trebah gardens; a sub-tropical paradise with a stunning coastal backdrop. The estate at Trebah dates back to 1085. Be treated to a guided tour by Trebah’s head gardener. Dinner on your own in Falmouth. Overnight at the Veans

Meals : B



Day 3: Tuesday May 12

Lost Gardens of Heligan

The Times hailed Heligan as the ‘garden restoration of the century’ after Smit and Willis macheted their way through tangled briars and giant rhododendrons in 1990 to discover the site of a magnificent Edwardian estate. Today, over 200 lovingly and imaginatively restored acres house delights such as extraordinary labour-intensively cultivated pineapples that have been presented at Buckingham Palace. Enjoy a guided foraging walk and witness a working garden with access to head gardener for your questions. Return to the Veans, dinner and overnight.

Meals : B, D



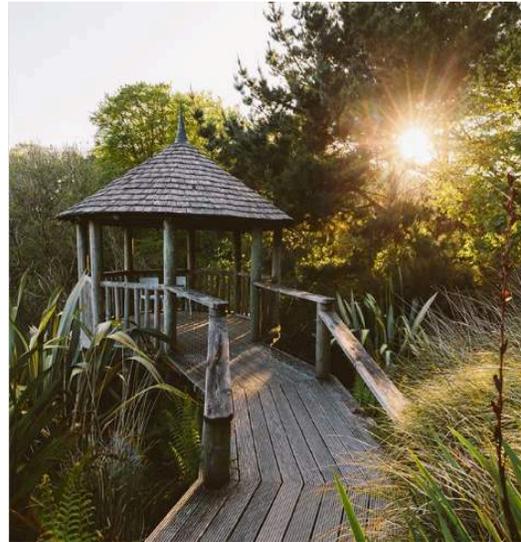
Day 4: Wednesday May 13

Stately Homes and Gardens

Tregothnan Estate is known for the first English tea gardens and largest historic gardens in Cornwall encompassing bee-keeping, botanic gardens, farming and agriculture, and forestry and woodlands. Take in a tea masterclass or floristry workshop after a guided tour of the gardens.

Transfer to Lanhydrock, a magnificent late Victorian country house with a maze garden and wooded estate adorned with towering magnolias and camelias. A real-life taste of Downtown Abbey! Tour of gardens and house. Dinner in Padstow (\$) We recommend celebrity chef Rick Stein's seafood restaurant. Overnight at the Veans.

Meals : B



Day 5: Thursday May 14

Gardening on the Edge

Tremenheere, sculpture garden, an exciting marriage between contemporary art and garden design, supplants a traditional manor house with a gallery of paintings, prints, sculptures and ceramics, amidst plants chosen for their sculptural forms, textures, and colours--particularly palm trees and succulents. Guided tour, followed by lunch in the garden café.

Boat ride over to St Michael's Mount. Spectacular castle and gardens, tucked on the sheltered side of the island, astonish by their capacity to survive salty winds and gales.

Dinner and overnight at the Veans

Meals : B, D



Day 6: Friday May 15

Planet of Plants

Eden Project's two massive biomes house a living theatre of plants that attracts 19m visitors annually. Enjoy it fully by private tour of the largest indoor rainforest in the world. Eden is a social community project that aimed to transform former china-clay pit into a regenerative and sustainable space. It also houses Europe's largest collection of functional plants. Lots of inspiration—and walking! Morning guided tour, lunch at one of their many cafes, and then afternoon to explore to site and house at your leisure.

Dinner and overnight at the Veans.

Meals : B, L, D



Day 7: Saturday May 16
St Ives & Tate

Transfer to St Ives for the Barbara Hepworth at Tate sculpture gardens. Discover the magical home and unique garden of Barbara Hepworth; both offer a remarkable insight into the work and outlook of one of Britain's most important twentieth-century artists. Sculptures in bronze, stone and wood are on display in the museum and garden, along with paintings and drawings. Enjoy a private artist-led sculpting workshop in the gardens. Lunch at gallery café.

Flight to Tresco, Isles of Scilly. Be met by our hosts and transfer to seaside hotel. Grab a bike and explore on your own if you wish before dinner. Overnight on the Isle.

Meals : B



Day 8: Sunday May 17
Tresco - Isles of Scilly

Tresco's 19th C Abbey gardens have been described as the most extraordinary in the U.K. because the isle faces the worst storms imaginable; yet the 17 acres' enjoy a microclimate that allows many tender and rare subtropical plants to flourish on this unique private island of only 750 acres. Guided tour of gardens.

After lunch, fly back to the mainland. Stop at the delightful Bosvigo Gardens for their spring bulbs and hellebores in Truro en route back to Caerhays.

Final evening lecture/get together after rest time. Farewell to Tim. Dinner and overnight at the Veans.

Meals : B, D



Day 9: Monday May 18
Rosemoor/London

Early departure (2 hrs) to Devon for the jewel in NHS crown: Rosemoor. A garden of intoxicating beauty, meticulously crafted and planted, retaining the essence of rural North Devon within a dramatic backdrop of steep wooded valley sides.

After lunch, depart for central London (4 hr drive) to our hotel in Kensington, located close to Earls Court St. **Tour ends for guests not joining us over the next three days in London. Airport transfers (\$) can be arranged.**

For the rest, evening at leisure.

Overnight at Park Grand Kensington.

Meals : B

Itinerary London

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Day 10: Tuesday May 19
London

The event we've all been waiting for – The Chelsea Flower Show! Our group gets premium RHS first day access for optimum viewing. Immerse yourself in the colour and beauty of cutting edge gardens hosted by the RHS. Since 1912 Chelsea Flower Show has become a once-in-a-lifetime horticultural event. You will see everything from award-winning gardens, flower displays, exterior designs, sculpturesand things you may not even have know existed in the world of horticulture. With emphasis on Cornish exhibitors, designers and medal winners in particular. Don't miss out on the atmosphere of nearby Sloane Street! Evening at leisure. Meet back at hotel on your own time. Public transportation (included) today.

Meals : B



Day 11: Wednesday May 20
London

A place that rivals yesterday's garden show, today we visit the Royal Botanical Kew Gardens. We'll treat you to a private guided garden tour through this UNESCO world heritage site's 50,000 living plant species.

Walk through newly-opened temperate Mediterranean greenhouse collections, alpine rock gardens carnivorous plant collections. Experience the drama of life inside a real beehive installation, and take a pause in one of the most extensive botanical libraries in the world.

Return to hotel. Public transportation (included) today. Farewell dinner and overnight.

Meals : B, D



Day 12: Thursday May 21
Departure

Depending on your flight timings, continue with personal shopping or sightseeing. A personal escort can be arranged upon request (\$) Group transfer and departure for international flights from Heathrow.

Thank you for choosing E.Y.H.O. Tours, and safe journeys home!

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Meals : B

We've selected small, luxury hotels that are exceptional in terms of style, location and service, and that offer the quintessential English experience. It's what makes the difference between a good holiday and an unforgettable one!



7 nights May 10 -18

The Vean, Caerhays

A beautiful restored Georgian country house nestled in the wooded Porthluney valley, part of the Caerhays Estate. In a tranquil setting with views over Caerhays Castle Gardens, The Vean provides seclusion without isolation. With only 8 bedrooms, it will be our very own private, restored Georgian country house for seven nights, including our own private chef-cooked meals. Cue a decadent experience . . .



1 night May 16

New Inn, Tresco

On Tresco's west coast, a traditional island inn with award-winning accommodation and food just a stone's skim from the harbour. 16 bedrooms many with beautiful sea or countryside views and all including little treats like fresh coffee and homemade biscuits. The Lounge fuses contemporary furnishings with traditional features, complemented by island-inspired art.



3 nights May 18-20

Park Grand Kensington

Ideally located within walking distance to Harrods in Knightsbridge, Natural History Museum or the green expanse of Hyde Park. Park Grand London Kensington has a contemporary décor throughout. The stylish rooms are designed with utmost attention and embellished with plentiful amenities including high-speed complimentary Wi-Fi internet and Plasma TVs. Contemporary dining room serves home-cooked meals.



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Includes

- Led by Cornish garden expert and owner of E.Y.H.O. Tours
- Talks by RHS experts, guided tours by head gardeners
- Premium first day access to Chelsea Flower Show
- Accommodation in heritage property and boutique hotels
- All transportation in private air-conditioned vehicles unless specified
- Return flight to Tresco Abbey Gardens on Isles of Scilly **
- Tea masterclass or floral artistry class
- Foraging workshop
- Private tour of Rainforest Biome at Eden Project
- All excursions and entrance fees
- All breakfasts, most dinners and some lunches
- Group transfers to Heathrow on departure

Excludes

- International flights
- Gratuities
- Visas
- Incidental and personal expenses

** Involves transport by small aircraft (8-15 seats) or helicopter and by small inter-island boat. If you prefer not to join the tour this day, please let us know at the time of booking and we may be able to adjust your tour price.

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