

MANCHESTER LANGUAGE SCHOOL

SPLENDID SUMMER GARDENS (EGT6)

Sunday 15 July to Sunday 22 July 2012

The six magnificent gardens and areas of **this** July tour include Dunham Massey, Levens Hall and a seven lake tour of the English Lake District, Arley Hall garden, the Peak District palace of Chatsworth, **W**ollerton Old Hall garden in Shropshire and the stupendous garden of Bodnant in North Wales. A highlight in the programme includes a day at the RHS Tatton Flower Show

Sunday 15/7 ARRIVALS

Arrivals Manchester Airport.
Transfer to host families.

Monday 16/7 INTRODUCTION TO MANCHESTER

Morning English conversation class and garden briefing *Introduction to Manchester*
Coffee break.
Discover Manchester, orientation tour of the city centre with its impressive Victorian and modern buildings and new landscaping.

Afternoon Dunham Massey, historic garden and landscape.

Evening Dinner with host family

Tuesday 17/7 CHATSWORTH

Morning Garden briefing *Town and Country – an Introduction to Chatsworth and the Devonshire Family*
Depart for Chatsworth, via the pretty village of Tideswell in the Peak District National Park

Afternoon Chatsworth is a 17th century 'palace' with a rich collection of art and antique furniture. The house, set in 400 hectares of 'Capability' Brown landscaped park, is home to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. The gardens at Chatsworth are 'Pleasure Grounds' on a vast scale with fountains and avenues, arboreta, a maze, a baroque cascade and sculpture.

Evening Dinner with host families
Last orders. Pub visit

- Wednesday 18/7 ARLEY HALL GARDEN
- Morning English conversation class and garden briefing *In an English country garden*
- 11.15 Coffee break
- The Herbaceous Border – Introduction to Arley*
- 13.30 Visit to Arley Hall via the pretty Cheshire village of Great Budworth. In July Arley's renowned double herbaceous border reaches its peak of perfection.
- Evening Dinner with host families
- Thursday 19/7 RHS TATTON FLOWER SHOW
- Morning The RHS July Flower Show takes place on the glorious country estate of Tatton Park and is the largest of the RHS shows after Hampton Court. The many show gardens will include those prepared by the finalists in the RHS Young Designers of the Year competition. The floral marquees and stands include flower arranging and over 90 trade exhibitors
- Evening Royal Exchange Theatre visit: Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- Friday 20/7 WOLLERTON OLD HALL - COTTAGE GARDEN
- Morning English conversation class and garden briefing. *A Gardener's A to Z*
Depart for Wollerton Old Hall.
- Afternoon Wollerton Old Hall is a great garden of 20th century choice influences recalling the Arts and Crafts Movement
Return via Bridgemere Garden World, a vast garden centre!
- Evening Dinner with host family / optional Curry night at Sangam restaurant, Didsbury
- Saturday 21/7 WALES AND BODNANT GARDEN
- Day Whole day excursions to North Wales including Conwy Castle and the celebrated terraced garden of Bodnant in the Conwy Valley
- 20.00 Farewell Party at Moor Cottage with host families.
- Sunday 22/7 DEPARTURES

Manchester Language School reserves the right to change the programme according to the availability of the gardens and venues listed.