The Sea Gardens of Cornwall [(EGT1)](http://www.manchesterlanguageschool.co.uk/pages/englishholidaycourses/englishgardentours/egt1.htm)

Sunday 12 April to Saturday 18 April 2015

The peninsula of Cornwall has the longest coastline of all the English counties and a strong independent identity that includes an historic Celtic language. Its gardens are uniquely created by the mild and wild Atlantic gulf stream climate and the particular landscape of its rugged geology. Sculpture gardens echo the ever present archaeological monuments. Exotic flora tells the history of its maritime heritage; which is the story of commerce, botany and empire, of plant hunters and pirates.

The restored “Lost” Gardens of Heligan take their title from Daphne du Maurier's Rebecca and were voted Britain's favourite garden. Literary references abound in the county and artists' colonies continue to enjoy the special Cornish light as at St Ives where Barbara Hepworth chose to live and work. This is a week of subtropical gardens in spectacular locations and nowhere competes with Tresco Abbey Garden on the Isles of Scilly which we visit mid-week. It has to be noted that food in Cornwall is first class too!

“Some of the most magical gardens in the world are about space and about placing something within the space that makes perfect sense of the light or framing the view or whatever is there.” Dan Pearson (Garden Designer)

Price: £1,375 (UK pounds sterling); single room supplement £200

The package includes:

* Six nights bed and breakfast (B&B)/hotel, private guest house accommodation in Charlestown
* Five evening meals in specially chosen restaurants
* Garden briefing; small-group discussion on garden-related themes
* Transport and garden admission
* Expert guide accompanying every excursion
* Newquay Airport transfers
* Personal & baggage insurance (under the age of 70)

THE MONTH OF THE ROSE [(EGT2)](http://www.manchesterlanguageschool.co.uk/pages/englishholidaycourses/englishgardentours/egt3.htm)

Sunday 14 June to Sunday 21 June 2015

This study tour week, again based in Manchester at Moor Cottage, pays tribute to the iconic, aesthetic, historic and literary associations of this most loved flower.

Roses have been central to gardening since the time of the Egyptian Pharaohs and England's temperate climate gives them a long flowering period. David Austin has acquired international fame with his new English roses. Roses hold an infinity of graces and the oldest of varieties, as well as the newest, look good in gardens ancient and modern. Dunham Massey is an historic garden with a newly created rose garden, Arley Hall specialises in shrub (species) roses while Wollerton Old Hall demonstrates how roses integrate with herbaceous borders in a relatively young garden. There are roses in all the gardens we visit this week but also so much more to see and enjoy inside the gardens and in the greater landscape.

“And the roses - the roses! Rising out of the grass, tangled around the sun dial, climbing up the walls and spreading over them with long garlands falling in cascades- they came alive day by day”. Frances Hodgson Burnett, *The Secret Garden.*

Price: £930 (UK pounds sterling)

The package includes:

* English conversation classes
* Seven nights home stay in the pleasant suburb of Didsbury, South Manchester (bed, breakfast and evening meals)
* Picnic lunches
* Transport and garden admission
* Expert guide accompanying every visit
* Manchester Airport transfers
* Personal & baggage insurance (under the age of 70)

IN AN ENGLISH COUNTRY GARDEN [(EGT3)](http://www.manchesterlanguageschool.co.uk/pages/englishholidaycourses/englishgardentours/egt4.htm)

Sunday 2 August to Sunday 9 August 2015

This classic tour programme balances the grand and historic garden with the more intimate, cottage style. As a study tour it crosses the centuries and represents the traditional styles recognised as typical English gardens: the great houses (palaces and castles) at the heart of the country estate, the contemporary planting of the modern cottage garden style as at Wollerton Old Hall, fantastic horticulture in a unique historic setting at Powis Castle. Chatsworth has the vaster landscape of “Capability” Brown's parkland as well as a baroque pleasure ground with fountains and a treasure house of great art. A day in the Lake District includes the iconic topiary at Levens Hall. This week of English conversation and workshops is an epic encounter with the history and variety of the English country house and its garden and an unforgettable experience! Henry James describes the effect of gardening under the influence of history when he writes of “the human soul of a place with its past brought up to date”. Those words of his describe this week.

“Good design without plants is boring, but a plant collection without design is dull”   
R L Fox

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THE POETRY OF LANDSCAPE: THE ENGLISH LAKE DISTRICT [(EGT4)](http://www.manchesterlanguageschool.co.uk/pages/englishholidaycourses/englishgardentours/egt5.htm)

Sunday 4 October to Sunday 11 October 2015

On this tour participants study the concept of ‘Nature perfected’ in the works of William Wordsworth, John Ruskin and Beatrix Potter. Picturesque landscape, romantic poetry, philosophy and fables are all explored in a sublime setting.

The mild English climate prolongs garden visiting into the autumn months. Nowhere is then more beautiful than the Lake District and no greater testimony to this than the literature it inspired.

The gardens that surround cottages and houses in the vernacular architecture concentrate natural beauty into a contained space. These spaces however, are extended by panoramic ‘borrowed’ views that invite exploration of the wider landscape. Mountains, lakes and waterfalls are strong attractions and the scale of this scenery makes them easily accessible.

English tourism started in the Lake District and it was William Wordsworth who invented the idea of a national park, inviting all people so inclined to visit this unique national landscape property as long as they had “an eye to perceive and a heart to enjoy”. Walking shoes/boots are a must for this tour and the stimulus of the landscape will transform conversation into poetry and photographs into works of art!

Price: £1,250 (UK pounds sterling); £160 single room supplement

The package includes:

* English lessons preparing for each day’s excursion
* Bed & breakfast accommodation in Rydal
* Seven nights evening meals in local restaurants
* Transport and entrance charges on excursions
* Theatre ticket (Theatre by the Lake)
* Manchester Airport transfers
* Personal & baggage insurance (under the age of 70)

Visit: <http://www.lakelandcam.co.uk/>

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