Come with us to an England up to its knees in spring blossom, carpets of bluebells and meadows of wildflowers. Our tour includes the beautiful Cornish Coast. It’s a mix of heavenly gardens: Royal, public and private with Opening Day at the Chelsea Flower Show.

**CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW**

**AND THE GARDENS OF ENGLAND**

10 - 24 MAY 2019

Let us take you to the most beautiful places in the world.

*The excitement of opening day at Chelsea will be forever etched into your memory. Along with HRH's Highgrove, just two highlights of our signature tour to England including Bath, Cornwall and Oxford with a whirlwind of spring blossom all the way. It’s a gentle journey with time out at museums like the Ashmolean next door to our Oxford Hotel Randolph, Evensong in Christ Church Cathedral, High Tea in Kensington Palace and sit in the shade with a Pimms at Chelsea.*

**TO BOOK**

Please contact Royce or Roslyn

Visit our website [www.rosstours.com](http://www.rosstours.com)

**TOUR LEADER**

**LIBBY CAMERON**

Libby is an enthusiastic tour leader who loves a good laugh and enjoys taking her travellers to beautiful gardens and interesting places, fostering an appreciation of the beauty of the natural world, and of the culture of other lands.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Your special ticket to the Chelsea Flower Show on Members Day
- Charming Cotswold villages with quaint homes and gardens to match
- Engage all your senses at Highgrove, HRH Prince Charles’ garden
- Walk in the steps of four Queens of England at Sudeley Castle
- Discover the story of the Lost Gardens of Heligan in Cornwall
- A taste sensation for lunch at West Green House, Hampshire
- Travel in a small group & make new friends
- Relax – we'll take care of everything!

For a detailed itinerary, please visit: [www.rosstours.com/england](http://www.rosstours.com/england)
Lunch is included today. Next maintained by the National Trust. making; superbly planted and now Lawrence Johnston's Hidcote Manor HIDCOTE, COTSWOLDS

DAY 4
and enjoy afternoon tea.
private gardens open for our visit villages in the Cotswolds, to see restored gardens. Travel to Bibury

DAY 3
SUDELEY CASTLE, COTSWOLDS
Sudeley Castle in its grand setting in the Cotswold Hills has an imaginative suite of carefully restored gardens. Travel to Bibury this afternoon, one of the prettiest

DAY 2
LONDON TO OXFORD
Arrive into London and head directly to Oxford for the next four nights. Check into our hotel in the city centre near the Ashmolean Museum. Welcome dinner included this evening in our hotel.

DAY 1
MON 13 MAY
HOME TO LONDON
Meet your Ross Tour Leader at Sydney International Airport for your Qantas flight to London. Independent travellers meet in Oxford at Macdonald Randolph Hotel on Day 2.

DAY 2 SAT 11 MAY
LONDON TO OXFORD

DAY 3 SUN 12 MAY
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DAY 4 MON 13 MAY
HIDCOTE, COTSWOLDS
Lawrence Johnston’s Hidcote Manor created a benchmark for garden making; superbly planted and now maintained by the National Trust. Lunch is included today. Next

door is Kiftsgate Court Gardens, a much-loved garden with clever planting schemes. Both gardens are at the top of the Cotswold Hills with expansive views.

DAY 5 TUE 14 MAY
HRH HIGHGROVE
Subject to the schedule of Prince Charles, we’ll visit the Royal Gardens of Highgrove, the private gardens of HRH The Prince of Wales. Engage all your senses in these remarkable organic gardens, created with passion, vision and dedication.

DAY 6 WED 15 MAY
OXFORD TO BATH
We are heading to Hampshire today with lunch at West Green House, the home and garden of famous Aussie expat Marylyn Abbott. While the garden pays homage to its 18th-century origins, Marylyn’s sense of fun is given plenty of room to play. And her energy is unstoppable. Travel to Bath and check into our hotel for 2 nights.

DAY 7 THU 16 MAY
WELLS, SOMERSET
We are heading through the Mendip Hills of Somerset to the medieval City of Wells. Enjoy the unique Bishop’s Palace with its spectacular gardens hidden within the ancient ramparts and protected by the moat.

Visit the famous Wells Cathedral. This afternoon visit Iford Manor with gardens built on a terraced slope designed by Harold Peto.

DAY 8 FRI 17 MAY
BATH TO CORNWALL
Heading south today to visit the beautiful RHS Garden, Rosemoor in peak spring flower. Travel onto Cornwall and check into our hotel for 3 nights on the Cornish Coast, overlooking Carlyon Bay. Dinner is included at our hotel this evening.

DAY 9 SAT 18 MAY
CORNISH GARDENS
Two grand estates today couldn’t be more different. The Eden Project with two massive biomes growing plants from each climatic zone. Then the great house at Lanhydrock that stands in its magnificent estate with formal gardens and carpets of bluebells beneath flowering trees.

DAY 10 SUN 19 MAY
CORNISH GARDENS
Two great Cornish gardens today: The Lost Gardens of Heligan, asleep for 70 years under a blanket of weeds. It’s the largest garden restoration project in Europe. And then Trewithen with its fine walled garden and joyful woodland carpeted with bluebells.

DAY 11 MON 20 MAY
CARLYON BAY TO LONDON
An influential garden in Somerset; Hestercombe is the result of the remarkable collaboration between Sir Edwin Lutyens and Gertrude Jekyll; Lutyens’ fabulous design and Jekyll’s use of graduated colour planting. Lunch included here then travel onto London for 2 nights.

DAY 12 TUE 21 MAY
CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW
‘Opening Day’ at the famous Chelsea Flower Show is reserved for VIPs and members of the Royal Horticultural Society. We have arranged tickets so you can enjoy it without the crowds of the public days. Enjoy a full day of multimillion-dollar show gardens and gasp at the flower displays in the Great Pavilion. Share stories tonight at our farewell dinner.

DAY 13 WED 22 MAY
LONDON TO HOME
Free day to explore London, then an afternoon departure to Heathrow Airport for our homeward flights.

DAY 14 THU 23 MAY
INFLIGHT
DAY 15 FRI 24 MAY
WELCOME HOME

+ OUR TOUR INCLUDES
Qantas return economy group airfare and taxes: Sydney / London / Sydney
Air-conditioned motorcoach throughout the tour
Deluxe accommodation for 11 nights
Breakfast daily, 3 lunches and 5 dinners
Entrance fees to all gardens and sightseeing including Iford Manor, Bishop’s Palace, RHS Rosemoor, Eden Project, Lanhydrock, Lost Gardens of Heligan, Trewithen, Hestercombe, Sudeley Castle, Bibury Gardens, Hidcote Manor, Kiftsgate Court Gardens, West Green, Chelsea Flower Show
Morning and afternoon teas as detailed in the itinerary
Fully escorted by Libby Cameron
Gratuiites for porters and drivers

+ OUR TOUR COSTS
Twin Share per person, land only $9,995
Twin Share per person, including air $11,795
Single Supplement $2,595

+ DISCOUNTS
Early Bird $300 (pay in full before 29/11/18)
Previous Traveller $100
Garden Clinic Member $50

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