



**7 nights from 960GBP -30 June 2017 – one departure**

### *Holiday overview*

Our visits include the new 12-acre garden at Hampton Court Castle, and the David Austin Rose Garden, home to over 700 varieties of roses. We can also admire the Italianate terraces of Powis Castle, plus a number of superb private gardens in Shropshire and surrounding counties.

### *Holiday Highlights:*

- Explore the delightful gardens of Shropshire
- David Austin Roses, with over 700 varieties
- The Dorothy Clive Garden
- Superb private gardens by special appointment

### *Great reasons to join us:*

- **Great value:** all prices include Full Board en-suite accommodation, plus five full-day excursions, with all admissions to gardens included
- **Knowledgeable leader:** learn more about the gardens of Shropshire from your knowledgeable leader
- **Accommodation:** extensive views stretch over the surrounding hills, and a real focus on food
- **Sociability:** we pride ourselves on the social atmosphere of our holidays - visit gardens together, eat together and relax together

### **Your Leader**

#### **Sue Flynn**



Sue is working on a diploma in botanical painting with the Society of Botanical Artists since following retirement in 2015, and is enjoying having more time to dedicate to her interests in horticulture and botany.

A qualified nurse since the age of 18, in addition to NHS duties, she undertook private aeromedical repatriation work and taught medical first aid and advanced life support to crews of private jet air and superyachts. Sue has been a walking leader for HF Holidays since 2000 and says it has been her pleasure to guide guests to a carefree, relaxing and fun time, incorporating her love of flowers and enthusiasm for natural history.

**Shropshire and Welsh Borders Garden Tour – Carole Garnham – Travel Brokers**

# Itinerary

## Friday: Arrival day

You can check in to your room from 2.30pm onwards. Please join us for afternoon tea at 4pm. All guests are invited – we'll introduce your leader and welcome you to your holiday.

## Saturday: Powis Castle & Glasevern Hall

We pop over the border into Wales, to Welshpool where we enjoy an extended visit exploring the medieval Powis Castle where the celebrated gardens, set out in a series of Italianate style terraces, are claimed to be one of the National Trust's richest flower gardens. Staying in Welshpool we visit the 25-acre gardens at Glansevern Hall, where we see intriguing gardens surrounding the beautiful Greek revival house, with a delightful mix of a lake, woodland rill and folly garden.

## Sunday: Hodnet Hall & Wollerton Old Hall

Hodnet Hall is the place to enjoy open parkland, lakes and beautiful reflective views of the hall, the home of the Heber-Percy family. Within the grounds there is a wonderful example of a tithe barn, an interesting dovecote and a working walled garden. A delightful 4-acre garden awaits us this afternoon at Wollerton Old Hall, renowned for its salvias, clematis and roses growing in controlled exuberance. Hedges, walls and linier paths have been laid out to create separate gardens, each having its own style and ethos.

## Monday: Free Day

A free day for you to explore the local area or to relax in the Country House.

## Tuesday: David Austin Rose Garden & the Dorothy Clive Garden

Feel uplifted in spirit as only a rose garden can do as we the fabulous David Austin Rose Garden, home to over 700 different varieties of roses, including the National Collection of English roses. The gardens are set out in a series of rooms connected by rose arches dripping in colour and fragrance. We then explore the Dorothy Clive Garden, an 8-acre garden created out of a former gravel pit. The garden was designed by Colonel Harry Clive in 1940 for his wife Dorothy who had failing health and loved to relax in the garden that her husband had created for her.

## Wednesday: Bryan's Ground & Preen Manor

Deep in the Shropshire countryside, Bryan's Ground is a 8.5-acre private garden described as an idyllic, quintessential English garden filled with horticultural delights, wit and style. The garden wraps around a delightful Arts and Craft house - the home of David Wheeler and Simon Dorrell, publishers of Hortus. We then visit the 6-acre Preen Manor, built on the site of a Cluniac monastery. It's a gem of a garden, lovingly developed over 30 years with kitchen, water and wild gardens all set against a wonderful backdrop of far-reaching views over the surrounding countryside.

For more information or to make a booking please contact:

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