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London and The Chelsea Flower Show - May, 2020

May 16, 2020 - May 22, 2020

We invite you to join Lisa Flynn, Gardener, Floral enthusiast and Stone Arch Travel Adviser on a specially curated itinerary to explore London and the Chelsea Flower Show May 17- 22, 2020!

Whether you are an avid gardener, a once a year annual planter, a florist or someone who simply enjoys the beauty and colors of nature, this is the trip for you!

A Note from Lisa:

Being an avid gardener, floral enthusiast and travel consultant, I am thrilled to invite you to join me on this amazing Chelsea Flower Show itinerary!

After having the Chelsea Flower show on my “bucket list” for a few years, I was ecstatic after attending the show in 2019 and decided I wanted to put an itinerary together so others could experience how amazing it is!

Whether you are a professional gardener, home gardener, floral designer or just enjoy the beauty of outdoors, this itinerary is for you. I have created each day to offer inspiration, education and the pure love of enjoying the outdoors from another perspective...London!

The itinerary I have created includes several adventures (of course including a coveted ticket to the Chelsea Flower Show!), and also includes a free day, so that you will have a chance to do some exploring on your own! If you would prefer to customize and extend your vacation, I would be happy to help.

*We have hand-picked **The Grosvenor Hotel**, for its central location, charming Victorian atmosphere blended with modern technology and of course impeccable service. Centrally located next to the Victoria Underground and within blocks of Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey and the Royal Mews, the city of London will be yours for the taking just outside its doors!*

Although this is a fun-filled packed itinerary on its own, I will continue to update you on adventures that you could consider to add if you choose.

One exciting addition that I will soon have information on, is that Hamilton will be playing at the Victoria Theater (located across the street from our hotel)-so if you didn't get a chance to see it in the US, maybe you can in London!

I hope you will join me as we experience the 2020 Chelsea Flower Show together!

To get an idea on some of the fun from last year, just click below:

[Chelsea Flower Show 2019 Highlights](#)

***Please note: space is limited, for questions and to register, contact:
lisa@stonearchtravel.com***

Trip Summary

May 16 - Saturday

Departing Flights from Minneapolis to London

May 17 - Sunday

Transfer from Airport to Hotel

Check in at The Grosvenor Hotel - London Victoria

Your London Adventure Begins!

May 18 - Monday

Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and Tour

May 19 - Tuesday

Chelsea Flower Show 2020!

May 20 - Wednesday

Tour the Chelsea Physic Garden - Chelsea Physic Garden

3:30 PM High Tea on the River Thames

May 21 - Thursday

Open Day in London!

May 22 - Friday

Returning flights home.

May 16 - Saturday



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May 17 - Sunday



Transfer from Airport to Hotel

Upon arrival in London, you will be transferred to Grosvenor Hotel in London to begin our adventure!



Check in at The Grosvenor Hotel - London Victoria

Check-in to the Grosvenor

101 Buckingham Palace Rd, London SW1W 0SJ, UK

Accommodations: Double or single rooms, access to the Executive Lounge and breakfast daily.

Your London stay will leave you feeling pampered and relaxed at the beautiful 4 star Grosvenor Hotel. Our group will have access to the Executive Lounge where you will find a continental breakfast served every day, along with complimentary hot and cold drinks, a complimentary bar in the evenings and light refreshments and canapés throughout the day.

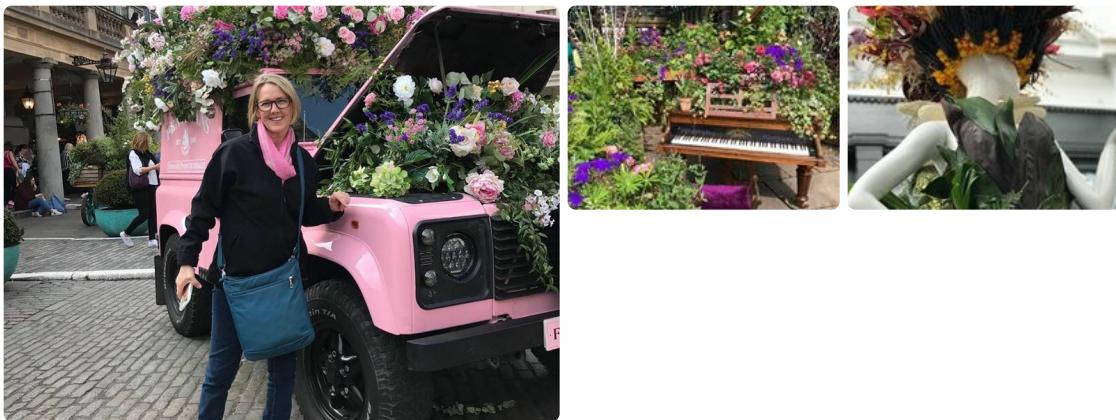
After our fun filled days exploring London, you will be able to retreat to the serenity of your beautiful rooms for a good night sleep before we begin again the next morning!



Your London Adventure Begins!

After you drop your bags, explore the area or walk to Covent Garden where you will be mesmerized by the beautiful floral sculptures and displays in place for Chelsea Garden Week!

Filled with restaurants, bars, markets and boutiques, Covent Garden is London's premier tourist center offering fabulous shopping by day, and the destination of theatergoers and patrons of the Royal Opera House by night.



May 18 - Monday



Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and Tour

Tour: Kew Gardens

Tour Start: 9:00AM, meet in the Grosvenor Hotel Lobby to board private shuttle

Tour End: 4:00PM, meet at Kew entrance gate to board our private shuttle

Included: transportation to and from the Grosvenor, entrance ticket, Kew train ticket

Lunch: on your own

Kew Gardens, London's largest UNESCO World Heritage Site, is the perfect escape from the hustle and bustle of the city. Home to the world's most diverse collection of living plants and a scientific research center of international renown, it's the perfect day out.

Discover beautiful glasshouses including the iconic Palm House and its exotic rainforest; the Princess of Wales Conservatory which invites you to explore 10 of the world's climatic zones; and the Waterlily House with its amazing, giant lily pads.

Visitors of all ages love the 59ft (18m) high Treetop Walkway, which soars into the tree canopy offering a bird's-eye view of the gardens. Enjoy a stroll along the Great Broad Walk Borders, home to more than 60,000 plants, and step into history at Kew Palace, the former summer residence of King George III.

Ready to rest? Relax with refreshments in one of the inviting cafes!

(Source: Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew)

[Kew Gardens](#)



May 19 - Tuesday



Chelsea Flower Show 2020!

Today - wear your floral! We are off to the Chelsea Flower Show 2020!

Start Time: 7:00AM

Meeting Place: Grosvenor Lobby, we will travel as a group to the Flower Show

Included: Entrance ticket to Chelsea Flower Show 2020

Not included: lunch, transportation from the Chelsea Flower Show (approx. \$10 USD taxi)

World-renowned, glamorous and quintessentially British, Royal Horticultural Society Chelsea Flower Show is a truly unique and unforgettable experience!

This year's show sees the arrival of the Urban Gardens. Inspired by city living, this category will provide ideas for transforming modest outdoor spaces.

Doors open from 8:00AM - 8:00PM, we will plan on arriving at gates between 7:30 and 7:45 am-the day goes fast! You will all be on your own to leave when you would like-ENJOY!

Some of the things we will experience:

World-class design: It wouldn't be Chelsea without an array of stunning gardens, and 2020 will be no exception!

A floral feast to delight your senses: Chelsea's Great Pavilion is home to nurseries and growers from all over the globe. Discover your new favourite bloom and ask experts for their top gardening tips.

The science behind horticulture: The Discovery Zone within the Great Pavilion features a series of educational and innovative exhibits, detailing the latest science and research from the world of horticulture.

Indulge in retail therapy: Shop until you drop at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show - there is plenty of choice, including exciting sculpture, new gardening tools and gifts for friends.



May 20 - Wednesday



Tour the Chelsea Physic Garden

Today we will visit and explore the Chelsea Physic Garden and then enjoy High Tea on the River Thames!

Time: 10:00A.M - 2:15P.M

Meet: We will meet in the Grosvenor lobby and travel together.

Location: 66 Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea, London, SW3 4HS

Included: Entrance ticket to garden

Not Included: Lunch

*2:15PM please meet at garden entrance for group transfer to pier for our next adventure!

Since 1673 Chelsea Physic Garden has occupied four acres of land on the edge of the Thames. First established by the Apothecaries in order to grow medicinal plants, this extraordinary garden in London has had wide reaching impact around the world.

Public tours available approximately every hour starting at 11:30

**due to the Chelsea Flower Show, we are unable to get a private tour, but you will be welcome to join one of the public tours offered.*

To discover more on Chelsea Physic Garden, see: [Chelsea Physic Garden](#)



Chelsea Physic Garden

66 Royal Hospital Rd, London, GREATER LONDON, GB, SW3 4HS
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The largest fruiting olive tree in Britain and the world's northern-most outdoor grapefruit tree call the historic Chelsea Physic Gardens home. Established in 1673 by the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries, these botanic and apothecary gardens provide both an aesthetic and practical purpose.



3:30 PM - British Summer Time
High Tea on the River Thames

Start Time: 3:00 Boarding, 3:30 sailing time

Included: Transportation from Chelsea Physic Garden to Pier, at the end of our afternoon tea choose to walk together back to hotel or take public transportation on your own.

We will enjoy a delicious selection of food and endless tea or coffee while boating through the heart of London for a 1 hour and 45 minute cruise along the Thames and a full afternoon tea with sandwiches, pastries, scones with jam & cream.

May 21 - Thursday



Open Day in London!

On our final day in London, we have left it open for you to explore the sites and sounds that you want to see before returning home!

Some options for you to consider (*not included in pricing*):

Westminster Abbey

From the Grosvenor, Westminster Abbey is a quick 15 minute walk!

Buckingham Palace

You'll find Buckingham Palace is a quick 10 minute walk!

Kensington Palace and the famous Sunken Garden

Kensington Palace and Hyde Park are a quick bus ride away!

Optional guided tours on your own:

*Please note, I am happy to look for a custom tour if there is an area you are interested in

- Tower of London, Westminster, Changing of the Guard
- Windsor Castle, Stonehenge & Bath
- London's Favorite Food Tour + Tasting

For a wider range of listings, descriptions and cost [click here](#)

May 22 - Friday



Returning flights home.

After breakfast this morning, we bid farewell to London...for now! (For those returning to Minneapolis with the group, your return transfer to the airport will be included.)

Information & Documents

Details and Estimated Pricing

Dates: May 17-22, 2020

Double occupancy, per person cost: \$2,394*

*Single occupancy pricing available on request.

Pricing includes: accommodations, daily Full English breakfast, access to hotel executive lounge for complimentary treats, afternoon wine and snacks, all activities and transfers as noted within itinerary.

Pricing does not include: flights or travel protection insurance, optional tours, personal expenses.

Currently roundtrip non-stop flights are averaging between \$1,000 and \$1,300 per person. We are happy to assist with your flight booking.

To reserve your space and join us on this journey to London: non-refundable deposit of \$500 must be received by November 15, 2019. Registrations received after this date will be based on availability and space is limited.

Final payment due: January 10, 2020

For questions and to register: contact Lisa today! (lisa@stonearchtravel.com)

**Specific day/time of tours may change based on final availability.*

***Please note: All activities are rain or shine on the day scheduled.*