

# English Gardens in the Cotswolds & the 100th Anniversary of the Chelsea Flower Show

Tuesday, May 14 – Wednesday, 22, 2013

## *Highlights:*

### **Included in the tour:**

- ✿ Membership to the Royal Horticultural Society for one year including *The Garden* magazine
- ✿ Chelsea Flower Show on the first Member's day (Tuesday, May 21)
- ✿ Driver/guide throughout
- ✿ Forced air or airconditioned 16-seater coach
- ✿ Porterage of one medium suitcase and one carry-on
- ✿ Transfers from/to London, Gatwick airport with the group; one transfer to the Flower Show
- ✿ Outstanding Cotswold gardens such as: Hidcote, Kiftsgate, Barnsley House, HRH Prince Charles' Highgrove, Abbotswood, Buscot Park, Sudeley Castle, Waterperry Gardens, Rodmarton Manor, RHS Wisley, and more!
- ✿ All garden entrance fees
- ✿ Visits to Stow-on-the-Wold and Bourton-on-the-Water (England's "Venice"), two picturesque villages in the heart of the Cotswolds, near our hotel in Chipping Campden
- ✿ Lunch at Barnsley House Country Hotel and Garden
- ✿ Five nights at the Noel Arms Hotel, Chipping Campden
- ✿ Two nights at the Rubens Hotel, London
- ✿ All breakfasts; two dinners at the Noel Arms; one lunch at Barnsley House/Garden
- ✿ Space is limited to 15 participants; the tour will travel with as few as eight (8) members.

### **Not included:**

- Airfare
- Single supplements
- Travel Insurance (strongly recommended)
- Meals unless specified in the itinerary, alcohol, personal items, etc.

The cost for this tour is \$4,325 per person sharing a twin-bedded room. The single supplement if traveling alone is \$550. A deposit to hold your place is \$550. As tickets to the Chelsea Flower Show are expected to sell out quickly this year (sometime in December), your deposit should be sent as soon as possible. Places are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Complete the attached **Registration Form** and mail it and your check today!

If you are a passionate gardener, you will not want to miss this unique opportunity to see the world's best gardens and experience the 100th Anniversary celebration of the Chelsea Flower Show. Mail your deposit today! Tickets to the show are limited and can not be purchased at the gate. Tickets may be unavailable after December.

For more information, contact

Linda T. McHam at 864-582-1498, or by email at [LTMcHam@copper-beech.com](mailto:LTMcHam@copper-beech.com)

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[www.copper-beech.com](http://www.copper-beech.com) (to be posted on October 29, 2012)

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## *Registration Form*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read the attached "Booking and Cancellation Conditions" and consent to the terms.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please register me for the tour (\$4,325 per person sharing a twin-bedded room. Airfare not included).

My roommate will be: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer a single room (limited availability) and will pay the \$550 single supplement.

How did you hear about the tour? \_\_\_\_\_

Copper Beech Garden Tours **recommends trip cancellation insurance** for everyone on the tour. Please do not omit this important element of the trip. See the insurance links on the website. You can enjoy your trip knowing that you are protected.

Reminder: **PLEASE DO NOT** make any non-refundable flight reservations (or other reservations) until you have been notified that the trip has reached its minimum of eight (8) members. The meeting time and place at London, Gatwick (LGW) international airport will be announced when the tour has reached its minimum.

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# Booking and Cancellation Conditions

**Questions:** Please call Copper Beech Ventures, LLC at 864-582-1498 before registering if you have ANY questions regarding the tour.

**Warning:** Do NOT purchase airline tickets, passports, or any other non-refundable items until you have been notified IN WRITING that the minimum participant requirement has been met. The minimum is eight (8) participants for the Chelsea Flower Show Tour 2013. This is for your safety and health of your wallet!

**Included:** Admission and transportation to and from the gardens and hotels together with the services of a driver and tour host; pick-up and drop-off at London, Gatwick airport (time and location TBD - please WAIT for instructions); independent or late arrivals must make their way to the first garden or first hotel on their own. Instructions for meeting the coach at the airport will be sent to you, once the minimum has been met. Only one trip to London, Gatwick Airport will be arranged to pick up the majority of participants. All breakfasts, two dinners, and one lunch (as noted in itinerary).

**Tour Does Not Include:** Lunch is generally on your own and usually in the gardens, but occasionally we stop at grocery stores, delis or pubs and let you wander. We do not make reservations for lunch unless noted in the itinerary. Tour does not include charges for passport, visas, tourist cards; charges for excessive baggage; cancellation, health, accident or baggage insurance; charges for room service; items of a personal nature, i.e. laundry and phone bills; meals unless noted in the itinerary; liquor, wine, soft beverages, bottled water; end-of-tour tips to driver, wait staff and bellmen. Transfers from and to the airports are not included except as noted in the itinerary. Extensions, add-ons and other services by the participant's travel agent, or by the participant, are the responsibility of the participant and are not included in the tour as outlined in the itinerary. Copper Beech Ventures, LLC, is not a travel agency or agent, and does not offer services beyond what is listed in the itinerary.

**Hotels:** Accommodations are generally in 3- and 4-star hotels, in twin-bedded rooms with private facilities. Prices are based on double occupancy in twin-bedded rooms. King and queen-size beds are not available. European hotel rooms are much smaller than American rooms, in the countryside and especially in London. Please note that many European hotels do NOT have air-conditioning.

**Luggage:** Porterage of ONE MEDIUM bag and ONE SMALL carry-on per participant are included. A medium bag is approximately 25 X 19 X 9 to approximately 27 X 20 X 11. A large bag is 36 X 24 X 11. Our coach has VERY limited room, and you may wind up holding your luggage. Also, remember that when you depart British airports, you are allowed only ONE bag on board. Your pocketbook, computer, camera case, etc., count as one bag each! Bring a small duffle bag and make sure your pocketbook, camera, etc., all fit in it. Your other luggage must be checked.

**Payment Schedule:** The deposit for the tour is \$550 per person. The price for "The 100th Anniversary of the Chelsea Flower Show" tour is \$4,325 per person for ground only, based on the above. Airfare is not included. The single supplement is \$550. There are limited rooms and Chelsea tickets will sell out early. Balances are payable in full as soon as the eighth participant has registered with a deposit, but in no case later than January 15th. This is to ensure that we are able to purchase tickets to the Chelsea Flower Show.

**Currency Fluctuations:** Prices for the tour are based on the currency exchange rate at time of posting and subject to change due to fluctuation. The British pound exchange rate was .6245 on Friday, October 19, 2012.

**Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions and Flights:** Copper Beech Ventures, LLC is not a travel agency and can not make extensions for you. I recommend that you contact our hotels directly to extend your trip, or use a travel agent known to you. I have recommended travel agents in the past, but have had disappointing results. I find that it is just as simple, and more reliable, if you speak with the hotels yourself.

**Tour Conditions:** Ground arrangements by Back-Roads Touring (UK). Copper Beech Ventures, LLC acts only as an agent for the passenger with respect to transportation, hotels and restaurants, and exercises every care possible. Back-Roads Touring (UK) and Copper Beech Ventures, LLC can assume no responsibility to any person or entity for liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, breakdown, disruption of advertised schedules, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any ship, ferry, airplane, train, automobile, motor coach, carriage, or any other conveyance used in carrying out these tours, or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expense due to delay, refusal of visa or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, violent acts, quarantine, acts of God or any other causes beyond our control. All such losses will have to be borne by the passenger, as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated.

**Age, Fitness and Participation:** All participants are expected to satisfy themselves prior to booking that they are fit and able to complete the itinerary. Participants agree to accept the authority and decisions of the tour leader and host while on tour. If, in the opinion of such person, the health or conduct of the participant, before or after departure, appears likely to endanger the safe, comfortable, or happy progress of the tour, the participant may be excluded from all or part of the tour. In the case of ill health, Copper Beech Ventures, LLC may make such arrangements as it sees fit and recover the costs thereof from the participant.

**Travel Insurance:** Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. The tour price does not include any insurance coverage. Copper Beech Ventures, LLC strongly recommends the purchase of a comprehensive package policy to protect your tour investment in the event of medical emergencies, lost baggage, tour cancellation, or any other unforeseen circumstances during or prior to the trip. Emergency medical insurance is strongly recommended for all participants while on a tour organized by Copper Beech Ventures, LLC. The policy should have a minimum medical coverage of US\$200,000 including personal illness, injury, medical expenses, repatriation expenses and evacuation expenses. Participants are wholly responsible for arranging their own insurance. Where the participant declines to purchase a policy, he or she will be required to complete and sign an indemnity statement absolving Copper Beech Ventures, LLC of all possible liabilities that may arise due to the failure to take out adequate insurance coverage. The travel insurance coverage automatically provided with credit card purchases may not provide adequate coverage.

***Cancellation:*** Copper Beech Ventures, LLC and Ground Operator reserve the right to make such alterations to the itinerary or accommodations as may be deemed necessary for the carrying out of the tour. The right is reserved to cancel any tour prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. In such circumstances, refund of all payments received by Copper Beech Ventures, LLC, shall constitute full settlement. Copper Beech Ventures, LLC is not responsible for any additional costs incurred on revised travel arrangements, airline penalties and change fees, reissuance and extension of visas due to a trip being cancelled. The right is reserved to DECLINE to ACCEPT or RETAIN any person as a member of the tour. No refund will be made for the unused portion of any tour. The price of the program is based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect on October 19, 2012 (British pound = .6245), and is subject to adjustment in the event of change in tariffs, taxes or exchange rates. Baggage is at the owner's risk entirely.

***Cancellations and Withdrawals:*** If the tour does not reach its minimum (8 participants) and is cancelled for that reason, all deposits will be refunded. There is a \$250 administrative fee assessed if you withdraw from the tour after your deposit has been paid. Cancellation by participant must be in writing. Penalties are as follows: from 4-8 weeks prior to departure, any individual canceling within this period will be charged a 50% cancellation fee; from 2-4 weeks prior to departure, any individual canceling within this period will be charged a 75% cancellation fee. If cancellation is made less than 2 weeks prior to departure, the full cost of the tour will be forfeited. Once the trip commences, there are NO REFUNDS of any kind. There are no refunds for any portion of the tour for which you opt out. You are strongly urged to purchase a Trip Cancellation policy. See website for links.

***Limitation of Liability, Release and Indemnity:*** The participant accepts the inherent risks of traveling on a tour with Copper Beech Ventures, LLC and assumes full responsibility for any loss, injury, death or damage to them, their family or their dependents arising in connection with their participation or the participation of their family on these tours. Participants should have their own insurance appropriate to their needs and the needs

of their family or dependents in respect of such loss, injury, death or damage. Although Copper Beech Ventures, LLC endeavors to choose appropriate independent suppliers to provide services on the trips, Copper Beech Ventures, LLC has no right to control their operations and therefore makes travel arrangements for the tours on the condition that Copper Beech Ventures, LLC will not be liable for any act or omission of any independent supplier or any related third party.

***Before Registering:*** Please read "Frequently Asked Questions" on the website before registering. See [www.copper-beech.com/tours/FAQ.html](http://www.copper-beech.com/tours/FAQ.html). You should satisfy yourself that this is the tour you want to participate in. If you have ANY questions about the tour, please call 864-582-1498, before registering.

***Acceptance:*** The acceptance of any service provided as part of the tour or any ticket or voucher, shall be deemed to be acceptance of, and consent by the tour member to these conditions. All services are subject to the law of the country in which these services are provided. All participants are expected to obey the laws and regulations of the countries visited and any failure to do so will relieve Copper Beech Ventures, LLC of all obligations that they may otherwise have under these booking conditions.

October 26, 2012