

THE GREAT GARDENS

DUE TO CORNWALL'S POSITION IN THE ATLANTIC GULF STREAM, THE REGION IS THE PERFECT LOCATION FOR SOME WONDERFUL, HIDDEN SUB-TROPICAL GARDENS...



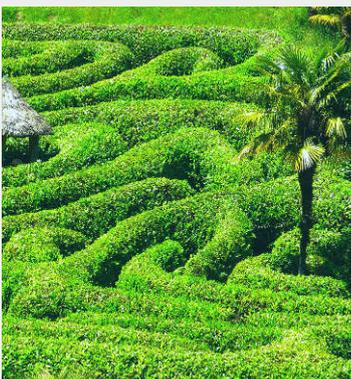
LOST GARDENS OF HELIGAN

These gardens were completely lost and forgotten until they were found and restored in the 1990s. A truly fascinating story to discover.



FUTURISTIC GARDENS

Journey through a real tropical rainforest and a Mediterranean paradise in the largest biomes in the world.



MARVELLOUS MAZES

As well as beautiful gardens full of vibrant colour, there are these wonderful marvels of English landscape architecture.



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Sample programme based on 8 nights

Day	9.30am – 12.45pm (inc. 15 min break)	Break	Afternoon / Evening excursions
Saturday	Arrival in the UK, transfer to Truro. Orientation tour of Truro		
Sunday	Lizard Coast Walk, Coverack Sculpture Garden & dinner in Hotel Paris		
Monday	English classes		Guided tour of the Eden Project
Tuesday	English classes		Trengwainton Gardens & Penzance
Wednesday	English classes		Steam Train to Lanhydrock house & gardens
Thursday	English classes		River Cruise to Trelissick Gardens
Friday	English classes		Glendurgan & The Potager Gardens Café
Saturday	The Lost Gardens of Heligan & The Hidden Hut		
Sunday	Farewell breakfast & Return home		

Programme Overview:

- 1. English Course** Each morning starts with our engaging and interesting English language classes.

During this course you will get to practice and develop your English skills in a small group with students of a similar level to you.

Our qualified and enthusiastic teachers provide a fun and interesting English course where you will learn all about the history and culture of the amazing gardens all around Cornwall.



- 2. Coverack Sculpture Garden** We start our tour of Cornwall's Great Gardens at one of the least known gardens in Cornwall. There are no signs to get there and no gates to get in. However, this only adds to the magic of this special garden designed by Terence Coventry, a world-famous sculptor who lives just next to the garden.

This small but special garden is fantastic way to start our week and is part of a spectacular coast walk we take you on for your first excursion in Cornwall. We will also end up in a proper local pub (even if it is called Hotel Paris!) for a traditional Sunday roast dinner to formally welcome you to Cornwall.





3. The Eden Project Since opening in 2001, the Eden Project has had a very special place in the hearts of people in Cornwall and it has become a world-famous tourist attraction.

Where else in the world, can you go from tropical rainforest to a serene Mediterranean paradise within a few footsteps?

The huge biomes that house the Eden Project are among the biggest in the world and there are now plans for more Eden Projects around the world to educate people about the vital importance of plant biodiversity.

As well as the spectacular plants inside the biomes, there are wonderful displays of plants outside too best enjoyed between March – September each year.



4. Trengwainton & Penzance What the Eden Project managed to create indoors in 2001 was the aim for many Victorian gardeners during Cornwall's wealthy past.

Cornwall is perfectly situated in the far-south west of the UK to benefit from the warm gulf stream, bringing sub-tropical weather conditions from the Caribbean.

As a result, wonderful gardens like Trengwainton have flourished into the amazing mature gardens we can visit today. These places are such a joy to walk around soaking up all the wonderful scents, colours and sounds.



5. Steam Train to Lanhydrock For this excursion, we will take you on a trip back in time to arrive at Lanhydrock like they would have done in the heyday of this wonderful house.

Arriving at Lanhydrock by train gives you the chance to walk up the 2 kilometre drive and see the magic of this house unfold through the trees and the garden.

The gardens at Lanhydrock are extensive and varied. Each garden carefully laid out to show perfect symmetry between the plants and their surroundings.

If you come in early spring (February to April), you will have the chance to see the magnificent magnolia collection at Lanhydrock in full blossom.

- 6. River Cruise to Trelissick Gardens** While there can be no better way to arrive at Lanhydrock than by train, then surely the best way to arrive at Trelissick Gardens is on the water!

The gentle river cruise down the Fal from Truro to Trelissick is something special. Again, this means you get to enter the gardens by a more secret route!

As you wind your way up the sub-tropical valley from the river to the house, you get to wander through some wonderful woodland and gardens – careful not to get lost as there are so many paths to take in different directions.

In the end it doesn't matter, as all the paths will lead you up to the grounds of this wonderful house to enjoy a cream tea in the walled gardens.



- 7. Glendurgan & Potager Gardens Café** Another wonderful garden leading down to the water is Glendurgan. While this garden is most famous for its amazing maze, one of its other spectacular features is arriving at the water after strolling down through the gardens. It is such a beautiful scene and the air feels so fresh and clean.

From here, we will take you to the delicious Potager Gardens Café to enjoy some tasty treats while relaxing in a greenhouse full of plants. A perfect end to the day for any plant lover!



- 8. The Lost Gardens of Heligan & The Hidden Hut** For many people Heligan is the best garden of them all in Cornwall.

It certainly has one of the most romantic and tragic stories. These wonderful gardens were completely 'lost' until they were rediscovered and restored by the same person who founded the Eden Project.

After all the people connected to Heligan were wiped out by the First World War, the gardens returned to wild nature and were completely forgotten about until the 1990s.

They have now been returned to their full splendour and many of the stories of the original gardeners have also been researched and included around the gardens. This is a wonderful final excursion in our grand tour of the Great Gardens of Cornwall.

As a grand finale to the week, we will enjoy a final evening at The Hidden Hut for a delicious supper on the beach.



The Great Gardens options:

This sample programme gives you a taste of the typical Great Gardens programme we offer.

Depending on the time of year that you choose to visit, we may recommend some different gardens. However, throughout the year, there are always a great selection of gardens to visit with some wonderful displays to enjoy.

Of course, the best time to visit is in spring and early summer when the vibrant colours of the blossoms and flowers can really be enjoyed. However, autumn is also a spectacular time to enjoy the turning colours on the trees.

We can also adapt our programme depending on your mobility. Our sample programme is designed for visitors who would be happy to walk 2-3 kilometres as part of each excursion.

You can find out more about all the Great Gardens of Cornwall on their website:

<https://www.greatgardensofcornwall.co.uk>

