

**VISIT TO SEZINCOTE HOUSE AND BATSFORD ARBORETUM**

**Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

***Price per person £32***

An exotic trip is planned to include a fascinating visit to the really unusual Sezincote House followed by a visit to Batsford Arboretum. We will get off to a good start in the morning, with comfort breaks en route, passing through some lovely Cotswold scenery. If we arrive early, we can have coffee at Batsford before we go to Sezincote.

Sezincote is unique. At the heart of a traditional, family-run estate covering 4,500 acres of rolling Cotswold countryside stands a 200-year-old Mogul Indian palace, set in a romantic landscape of temples, grottoes, waterfalls and canals reminiscent of the Taj Mahal. The House, however, is far from traditional - it was built in the "Indian Style", a unique combination of Hindu and Muslim architecture. The gardens were designed with the help of Humphrey Repton. Sezincote is credited with influencing the design of the Brighton pavilion after a visit by The Prince Regent in 1807.

Batsford is an intimate and romantic place to visit, with interest all year round. The collections at Batsford cover a wide range of plants from around the world but have an emphasis on the Far East. There are over 2,850 labelled specimens including about 1,300 different trees, shrubs and bamboo. Batsford has held the National Collection of Japanese Flowering Cherries since 2002, which means they have at least 70% of known cultivars.

We have a guided tour at 11 am at Sezincote around the house, divided into two groups, and also have an opportunity to look around their fascinating gardens. We will then transfer by coach to Batsford Arboretum which is opposite Sezincote where you can buy your own lunch or take a picnic and a stroll around the gardens at your leisure, leaving around 4- 4.30 pm.

***Instructions – please read carefully***

To join this trip please complete the form below and send the bottom portion with your cheque payable to Guildford Area U3A (and SAE **ONLY** if you do not have an email address) to Ann Elms, High Hedges, Send Barns Lane, Send, WOKING, GU23 7BT. Email: [annelms1@hotmail.com](mailto:annelms1@hotmail.com) Tel: 01483222913 or mob: 07710746236. Please ensure your email address and telephone numbers are completed to enable us to confirm whether or not there is a place available or to ring you with a query. We aim only to send postal confirmation if you do not have an email address, in which case please then send a SAE. Also, please take great care to complete your pickup point and the names of all other parties **booked by you**.

All trips are only available to fully paid up Guildford U3A members (for insurance purposes) and membership numbers must be given. Refunds cannot be given unless a replacement can be found.

*Pick up points: A Artington Park and Ride 7.30 am; B Nightingale Rd/London Rd bus shelter 7.35 am; C Elgin Gardens bus shelter (near Burchatts Farm) 7.40 am; D Bus shelter opposite BP garage in Burpham 7.45 am. Please check any parking restrictions at your chosen pick-up point, as charges have recently been introduced. You can park in nearby roads, car-share or pay the parking fees.*

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<b>Others booked by you on the visit</b>	<i>Please give their membership number (if you have booked them) in the appropriate column below as well as your own</i>					
<b>Email address</b>						
<b>Postal address</b>						
<b>Date</b>	<b>Outing</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>No. of places</b>	<b>Cheque total</b>	<b>Coach pickup</b>	<b>Guildford U3A Membership No.</b>
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Coach, guided tour Sezincote, entry to Batsford	£32 pp			<b>A</b> <b>B</b> <b>C</b> <b>D</b>	