

Silhill U3A Gardening Group
Great Gardens of Sussex



Borde Hill Gardens



Sussex Prairie Gardens



Sheffield Park

4 day / 3-night Coach Holiday
Departing Friday 28 June 2019

£435.00 per person
£35.00 single supplement

Above Holiday Price Includes:

- Solihull Coach Departure/Return
- 3 nights half board at Chatsworth Seaside Hotel in Worthing
- Entrance - **Sussex Prairie Gardens**
- Entrance and Guided Tour - **Borde Hill Gardens**
- Entrance and Guided Tour - **St Mary's House and Gardens**
- Entrance and Guided Tour - **Sheffield Park and Garden**
- Entrance - **West Dean Gardens**
- Free time in Chichester
- Saturday evening private use of hotel Games Room
- Porterage and Tips and ABTA Bonding

£100 Non-Refundable Deposit
BALANCE DUE BY 2 MAY 2019

Proposed itinerary (Subject to amendment)

Version: 2 March 2019

Friday 28 June - Day 1: Travel to Sussex, stopping at Sussex Prairie Gardens

Our coach departs at 8:15am (Exact departure point to be confirmed later). We will stop for a coffee and comfort break on the way, enabling you to buy sandwiches for lunch should you wish.

We will enjoy Britain's largest "Prairie" garden on the way to the hotel. Sussex Prairie Gardens extend over 8 acres and are planted in the naturalistic style using 35,000 plants of over 1000 different varieties. We will be greeted by the owners and given an introductory talk after which we are free to explore. There is a teashop and terrace overlooking the gardens where we can eat our sandwiches and purchase tea/coffee and homemade cakes.

Afterwards we will continue our journey to the Chatsworth Hotel. After check-in and time to unpack, we have some time to explore the local area. At 7:00pm, we will have dinner at the hotel.

Saturday 29 June - Day 2: Borde Hill Gardens and Time to Explore Worthing

After breakfast, we will head to Borde Hill for our guided tour of this stunningly beautiful and botanically rich heritage Garden, set within over 200 acres of traditional parkland. It captivates and delights visitors with a series of intimate 'living garden rooms', fine woodland, parkland, lakes and outstanding views across the Sussex High Weald.

After lunch (available for purchase in the Gardeners Retreat Café), we will explore the Gardens a bit more before returning to our hotel in Worthing. We will have the time to spend in the local area.

We will have dinner at the hotel at 6:30pm this evening. Afterwards, we will have exclusive use of the large Games Room in the hotel. Join us for some friendly competitions.

Sunday 30 June - Day 3: St Mary's Gardens and Sheffield Park Gardens (National Trust)

This morning, we will head to an enchanting historic 15th century timber-framed house, St Mary's House. We will be taken on a guided tour and given time to explore the five-acres of charming gardens. St Mary's is located in the picturesque award-winning village of Bramber, West Sussex. A charming cottage tea room is available for morning refreshments.

We will then travel to Sheffield Park where lunch is available for purchase in the Tea Room. Following lunch, we will have a guided tour of the Gardens. This magnificent landscaped garden was laid out in the 18th century by 'Capability' Brown and further developed in the early years of the 20th century. The centrepiece is the original four lakes.

We will return to the hotel for dinner at 7:00pm.

Monday 1st July - Day 4: West Dean Gardens, Chichester and Journey Home

This morning we check out of our hotel before travelling to one of the greatest restored gardens open to the public in England, West Dean Gardens. The restoration of the garden to get it to its current state began after the storm of 1987. Wander through the 300-foot-long Edwardian pergola, visit the restored Victorian glasshouses, Walled Kitchen Gardens, Sunken Garden and orchards. Finish with a walk through the arboretum, Spring Garden and the peaceful parkland.

After free time at West Dean Gardens, we make a short journey to Chichester. We will have time on our own to explore this beautiful town. Visit the Medieval Cathedral, wander the streets and lanes filled with Georgian buildings, visit Bishops Palace Gardens, or sit in a café and enjoy the day.

Afterwards, we will begin our journey home. Arriving around 8:00pm.

Our hotel: Chatsworth Hotel in Worthing ***

Chatsworth Hotel is Worthing's oldest and largest hotel, family run now for four generations. Steeped in history there has been a hotel on the site since 1807, and it is a Grade II listed building, with beautiful Georgian frontage. Ideally located in the centre of town opposite Steyne gardens and adjacent to the seafront, there are 97 en-suite bedrooms.