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# Kent—Garden of England—8 days, 7 nights

Commencing daily from March to November Seasonal Pricing from \$1195 per person



Kent is known as the Garden of England, renowned for its rural beauty and stunning scenery. This historic county has a magnificent coastline, more castles than any other county, famous vineyards and beautiful gardens bursting with colors and flavors. Maidstone is an excellent base from which to explore all 4 corners of the county. A GPS will be arranged to be paid direct to Enterprise. The greatest castles, with gardens include Leeds Castle, Sissinghurst Castle, Hever Castle and Penshurst Place.

# **Day 1:**

Arrive London Heathrow, collect your Enterprise automatic and drive via the M25, M26 and M20 to Maidstone. Accommodation for 7 nights at the Mercure Great Danes Hotel, with a full English breakfast each morning. Dinner at the hotel this evening.

# Day 2 - 7:

Six days to explore each of the 4 corners of Kent. Make your personally suitable selection of visits and routes, which should involve no more than 100 miles of travel each day. Try to include 2 visits each day, allowing time for lunch at one of the chosen venues.

## **Day 8:**

An early start for the 90 minute drive back to Heathrow, to turn in the rental car and check in for the flight home—OR, extend your stay to another English city. For a contrast, consider either E-7 Glimpse of Cambridge & Beyond, E-12 Glimpse of Oxford & Beyond or E-14 Glimpse of Portsmouth & Beyond.

Tour #: E-9

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

7 nights 4\* Hotel 8 days automatic car rental with insurance 7 day National Trust (NT) Pass Comprehensive listing of gardens, castles and attractions—no entry included other than NT

### Gardens and Castles of Kent

#### **North East**

Belmont House— near Faversham
Brogdale Collections— Faversham
Canterbury Cathedral
Mount Ephraim Farm Garden— Faversham
Powell-Cotton Museum & Quex Gardens— Margate
Walmer Castle—Deal

#### **South East**

Dover Castle

Leeds Castle — Maidstone

Stoneacre—Maidstone (NT)

White Cliffs of Dover (NT)

## **South West**

Bodiam Castle - (NT)

Chapel Down Winery— Tenterden

Groombridge Place Estates— Royal Tunbridge Wells

Hole Park Estate — Cranbrook

Scotney Castle—Royal Tunbridge Wells (NT)

Sissinghurst Castle Gardens—Cranbrook

Smallhythe Place—Tenterden (NT)

#### **North West**

Chartwell—Westerham (NT)
Chiddingstone Village - Edenbridge (NT)
Down House— near Orpington
Emmetts Garden— Sevenoaks
Great Comp Garden— near Sevenoaks
Hever Castle & Gardens— Edenbridge
Igtham Mote— Seven Oaaks (NT)
Penshurst Place— near Tonbridge
Riverhill Himalayan Gardens— Sevenoaks
Restoration House— Rochester
Salutation Gardens— Sandwich

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