



THE CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW TOUR 2010

May 23rd to 28th 2010

Presented by HOMESTEAD GARDENS
Along with MARTIN&KEEGAN LLC TOURS

(NOTE: WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE ANY CHANGES TO THIS ITINERARY AND WILL INFORM GUESTS OF ANY CHANGES MADE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE)

TOUR DESCRIPTION

We will be based for 5 Nights in a **4-Star Deluxe London Bloomsbury Hotel**. Joining us will be a **Gardening Expert from Homestead Gardens** as well as Peter and Maria Martin, from Martin & Keegan LLC Tours, to ensure your trip becomes a stress-free and informative experience. Martin & Keegan LLC has been creating and leading custom made European tours since 1997.

Each couple will receive a **Royal Horticultural Society membership** with **exclusive Member's Day Chelsea Flower Show tickets**, included visits to several world renowned gardens, and plenty of free time in London to enjoy the city's museums, shops, theatre, and other wonderful attractions!

Our **4-Star Deluxe Hotel** is located in the London area known as **Bloomsbury**, the traditional haunt of **London's literary set**, and a short walk to the **British Museum, Soho, Covent Garden**, and the **West End theatres**. Covent Garden is a shoppers' paradise, with intriguing boutiques at every turn. It's also home to the **Royal Opera House** and the **London Transport Museum**.

DAY ONE-ARRIVAL (SUNDAY May 23rd)

Guests will arrive at London Heathrow and transfer to our **4-Star Deluxe London Bloomsbury Hotel** for our 5-night stay.

In the early afternoon we'll enjoy a private coach/walking tour of London, with our private guide. We'll see the highlights and history as we enjoy views of Westminster Abbey, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, the shopping arcades along Piccadilly Circus, Hyde Park, Tower Bridge, and St. Paul's Cathedral.

- Our welcome dinner tonight will be in a local restaurant, where we will meet fellow travelers and go over our itinerary for the week.

DAY TWO - (MONDAY May 24th)

After enjoying breakfast in the hotel dining room, we depart for **Wisley**, the Royal Horticultural Society's most famous Garden. An hour south of London, this 250-acre garden is undoubtedly one of the great gardens of the world. Its huge plant collection is also diverse, with a comprehensive fruit-growing collection, alpines, vegetables, bulbs as well as herbaceous and woody plants. We'll enjoy a private tour after which guests will have time for lunch and exploring on their own.

After we return to London, guests will enjoy the rest of the day for personal discovery.

- This evening guests will be on their own to discover and enjoy one of London's many excellent restaurants. Peter and Maria will always be available with suggestions and information on things to see, the latest London shows and concerts and the best restaurants for all tastes.

DAY THREE - (TUESDAY May 25th)

This morning we visit the world-renowned **Kew Botanic Gardens**. Often referred to as the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew is responsible for the world's largest collection of living plants spread over three hundred acres. The organization employs more than 650 scientists and other staff. The living collections include more than 30,000 different kinds of plants, while the herbarium, which is the largest in the world, has over 7 million preserved plant specimens. Other hi-lights include seven glasshouses, two art galleries, a Japanese and rock garden and much more.

We'll enjoy a private tour of the gardens and each guest will receive access to Kew Palace as well.

In offering a flexible program, guests will spend as much time as they'd like at the gardens, returning to the hotel at their leisure using their London Travel Pass.

This afternoon we'll also enjoy our exclusive **pre-Chelsea lecture** by **best selling author Judith Blacklock**. She will provide a short history and overview of the Chelsea show and give current up to date advice on what to see, what to avoid, the years favorites and how to make the best of our day at the show.

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DAY FOUR - (WEDNESDAY May 26th)

The **Chelsea Flower Show** opens at 8:00 a.m. and we'll be there when the gates open for Member's Only Day.

We'll have the entire day to enjoy the internationally famed RHS Chelsea Flower Show, the most famous garden show in the world that celebrates the beginning of the summer garden season in England. Each year celebrities, royalty, and gardeners visit the demonstration gardens that feature more than 60 show gardens, floral art displays, fully designed gardens, and more than 600 vendors in the trade show area.

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DAY FIVE - (THURSDAY May 27th)

After breakfast a short commute to the **Covent Garden Flower Market** once again with **best selling author Judith Blacklock**. The Covent Garden Flower Market is a very unique London attraction. There are over 30 companies selling cut flowers, plants, foliage and sundries offering a one-stop shop for the florist. In addition nearly 20 contract florists are based on the Market, close to the source of supply, providing a high quality service to London and beyond. Products arrive daily from Holland and elsewhere and it is also the only place a full range of English produce is available.

In the afternoon guests will be free to explore the city on their own; to shop or visit one of the many museums or tourist sites available in the city, including the London Eye, Tower of London or one of the many galleries. Peter and Maria will always be available with suggestions and information on things to see, the latest London shows and concerts and the best restaurants for all tastes.

- For our last night together we'll enjoy our **Farewell Dinner** at a local restaurant.

DAY SIX - (FRIDAY May 28th)

Guests will check out today for a morning transfer to **London Heathrow Airport**

SUMMARY OF WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 5 Night's accommodation in a **4-Star Deluxe London Bloomsbury Hotel**
- **Heathrow Airport** return transfers
- **Tour of London** with private guide and coach
- A year membership in the **Royal Horticultural Society** (1 per couple) and all the privileges that entails
- A day pass for the **Chelsea Flower Show** on one of the **Member's Only Day's**.
- Chelsea Flower Show Program Guidebook
- **A pre-tour private lecture** from **best selling author Judith Blacklock** on the Chelsea Flower Show
- A tour and private guide at **Wisley Gardens**, the Royal Horticultural Society's most famous Garden.
- Entry and tour of **Kew Gardens** including access to **Kew Palace**, A British Royal Palace
- Tour of the **New Covent Garden Flower Market** with **best selling author Judith Blacklock**
- **A 7-Day London Travel Pass**. Good for use on London's transportation system in Zones 1 and 2. (1 Pass per person)
- **A Gardening Expert** from Homestead Gardens who will accompany us during the week.
- **Two travel guides from Martin & Keegan LLC** will always be available with suggestions and information on things to see: the latest London shows, concerts, attractions and the best restaurants for all tastes.
- **Plenty of Free Time** to explore one of the great cities of the world: **London!**
- 5 Full English Breakfasts and 2 dinners (alcohol and beverages are not included)
- **Full information and welcome package** a few weeks before the tour begins
- Hotel service charges and taxes
- **Maximum** group size of 20 guests

Price Per Person - \$3475.00 (Price does not include airfare)

Single Supplement - \$780.00

(note: single guests may request to be paired to avoid the single supplement fee)

Maximum tour size: 20 guests; minimum tour size: 8 guests

Martin&Keegan LLC reserves the right to make changes to itineraries due to unforeseen circumstances. In the unlikely event that Martin&Keegan LLC has to cancel a tour, you will receive a full refund. Martin&Keegan LLC cannot be held responsible for any personal expenses incurred due to changes in itinerary or trip cancellation.

Payment Policy & Schedule

- Tour payments may be made by cheque, payable to Martin & Keegan LLC, or credit card via our website.
- We require a per person deposit of \$1000. The balance payment is due by **March 23rd, 2010**.
- Deposits and payments are refundable if written notice of cancellation is received 60 days or more in advance of departure, less a \$100 per person nonrefundable cancellation fee.
- We regret that refunds cannot be made for cancellations less than sixty (60) days prior to the departure date.
- Travel insurance is highly recommended and can be purchased at an additional charge through Access America. Please call us for information.
- Martin & Keegan LLC cannot assume responsibility for any fees relating to the cancellation of air tickets.
- Please do not purchase airfare or make travel plans until confirming we have at least 8 guests on our tour.

PLEASE CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION

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<http://martinkeegan.com/chelsea-flower-show-tour.htm>



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