

**Secret Gardens, Iconic Estates,  
and Medieval Tales of Yorkshire and Derbyshire**

**June 5<sup>th</sup>-June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

***With Karen & Andy Chapman***



Join us for an unforgettable adventure through the rolling, English countryside of Yorkshire and Derbyshire.

While many garden tours of England focus on the famous estates of the south, this tour will take you off the beaten track to explore medieval manor houses, quaint country villages, and iconic stately homes including the world-renowned Chatsworth Estate to the north. You will have private guided tours of hidden gems as well as world-class gardens such as Scampston and RHS Harlow Carr; gardens that will have you yearning to return.

Yet to truly experience England, you need to do more than just visit gardens. We will tour and learn about York Minster, Fountains Abbey and the plague village of Eyam, take time to wander through a local market and cobbled streets to pick up a few souvenirs, eat in historic coaching inns, and celebrate the ancient well dressing festival in the Peak District village where your hosts used to live.

As a bonus, all guests will receive complimentary membership of the Royal Horticultural Society with all the associated member benefits.

**This is a tour like no other: it will be a unique blend of treasured experiences.**

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>



Your adventure begins in earnest when we meet you at Manchester airport and board our coach for the drive to **York Gate Gardens** (left) near Leeds. Originally a private garden whose design was inspired by Hidcote, this one-acre landscape is divided into a number of garden rooms by traditional hedges of yew and beech. Today it is run by Perennial, a unique UK charity which helps people working in horticulture when times get tough. After a private tour and **afternoon tea** we will continue on to the historic city of **York** where the **Doubletree York Hotel** will be our home for 4 nights, conveniently situated overlooking the medieval Monk Bar and within easy walking distance of all attractions.

We'll celebrate with **dinner** together at the hotel this evening. *(Photo and credit: York Gate Gardens)*

### Day 2: Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

After breakfast we will take a short walk from our hotel to tour the world-famous **York Minster**. We will then meander through the **York Museum Gardens**, a 10-acre botanical garden in the heart of the City, and on to the cobbled streets of **The Shambles**, a maze of half-timbered Tudor buildings noting points of interest along the way.

You'll then be free to enjoy the day as you choose. Perhaps enjoy afternoon tea at the famous Betty's Tea Shop (insider tip: [reserve in advance](#) to avoid a very long wait), stroll along the historic City Walls or look for those perfect souvenirs to take home.



Take the opportunity for a refreshing nap to shake off the last of your jet lag and choose from the many walkable cafes and restaurants for your lunch and dinner when you are ready.

*(Photo credits:*

*York Minster: Keith Laverack / CC BY-SA 2.0*

*The Shambles: Peter K Burian/ CC BY SA 4.0)*

### Day 3: Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>



This morning we will tour **Breezy Knees Gardens** (left), described by Monty Don as “a beautiful modern garden created on the grandest possible scale,” followed by **lunch** together at a restaurant right in the heart of York. The remainder of the day is free to visit one of the many museums (*The Jorvik Viking Museum is our favorite*) explore the intriguing gift shops or visit the Minster for Evensong.

Dinner will be on your own this evening. (Photo credit: *Le jardinet*)

### Day 4: Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

This morning our coach will take us to the edge of the North York Moors where we will visit **Helmsley Walled Garden** and enjoy a private tour. This is a delightful 5-acre garden in a picture-perfect setting that also serves as a horticultural therapy garden. After a light **lunch** we will head to **Scampston Walled Garden** (shown). Here a horticulturalist will give us a private tour of the world class, contemporary garden designed by renowned plantsman Piet Oudolf. After enjoying traditional **afternoon tea**, it's back to our hotel where you are free to have dinner in York at your leisure. (Photo credit: *Val Corbett*)



### Day 5: Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>



We leave York this morning and head to the award-winning gardens at **Newby Hall**, Ripon. During our time here, we will enjoy a private guided tour, have a light **lunch** together and still have some time to explore the doll's house and teddy bear exhibits, or take a 15-minute ride on the miniature railway.

The coach will then take us to **Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal Water Gardens** (shown) where a guide will tell us the fascinating history behind this medieval

abbey and World Heritage Site. Our hotel for the next two nights will be the **White Hart Hotel** in Harrogate, a stylish hotel within easy walking distance of town and the beautiful **Valley Gardens**. We will enjoy **dinner** together at the hotel this evening. (Photo credit: *Le jardinet*)

### Day 6: Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>



A short drive will take us to **RHS Harlow Carr** (left) where we will have a private guided tour of these awe-inspiring gardens as well as some time to explore on your own and visit the gift shop. We will be having **lunch** together at **The Malt Shovel**, a quaint 16<sup>th</sup> Century country village pub, before driving on to the romantic, moated, medieval manor house **Markenfield Hall**. Here we will be given a private tour of the newly developed gardens and the Hall itself, whose fascinating history dates back to the Domesday Book of

1086. You will be free to enjoy dinner on your own in the spa town of **Harrogate** this evening. *(Photo credit: Le jardinet)*

### Day 7: Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

Heading into the picturesque **Yorkshire Dales National Park** we will visit two enchanting **private gardens** in Nidderdale before having **lunch** together at **The Craven Arms** a delightful 16<sup>th</sup> century country pub. We will enjoy our meal in the reproduction Cruck Barn (shown) with its soaring oak trusses, heather thatch roof, and inglenook fireplace. It's just a short drive from here to **Parcevall Hall Gardens**, a hidden treasure and a "plantsman's garden", where we are free to wander through the quiet 24-acre gardens featuring plant collections, formal design elements, and woodland.



Our home for the night is the **Coniston Cold Hotel & Spa**, in Skipton, a truly magnificent setting for our **Farewell to Yorkshire Dinner** together. *(Photo credit: Le jardinet)*

### Day 8: Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>



We will be driving to the **Peak District National Park**, Derbyshire this morning, arriving at the **Riverside House Hotel**, Ashford-in-the-Water, in time to enjoy a three course **Sunday lunch** in a truly idyllic setting. We will then lead you on an informal tour of this ancient village (where we used to live), pointing out the well dressings and explaining how they are created, before meeting at the village church for the **Blessing of the Wells ceremony**. Our coach will then take us to **The Rutland Arms**, a historic coaching inn in the market town of **Bakewell** where you can enjoy dinner at your leisure (should you need any!) This will be our base for 2 nights.

*(Photo from welldressing.com. Used with permission)*

### Day 9: Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>

Put your walking shoes on as we begin the day with a tour of a local **private garden**, a short stroll through the fields from Bakewell town. This is a traditional English style garden with lawns and herbaceous borders set against the backdrop of a historic property dating back to the 1600s. A local guide will join us for the walk back into **Bakewell**, pointing out highlights of the town's ancient history. You will then have time to explore the market stalls and local shops, indulge in a delicious Bakewell pudding (perfect with coffee or tea), stroll by the river, and eat lunch. (*Local pub shown. Photo credit: Le Jardinnet*)



In the afternoon we will visit **Thornbridge Hall** (left, *photo credit: Thornbridge Hall*), a grade 2 listed stately home surrounded by 12 stunning acres designed at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> C to create a vision of '1000 shades of green'. A guide will lead us on a private tour of the Hall and gardens. You will be free to enjoy dinner at your leisure this evening either at our hotel or in one of several walkable pubs or small restaurants.

### Day 10: Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

We begin today in **Eyam**, the Plague Village. A local, specialist guide will lead us on a walking tour of this medieval village, telling us the fascinating stories of the people who lived and died here during the time of The Black Death.

From here it is a short drive to **Caudwell's Mill and Crafts** in the village of **Rowsley**. Here you'll be free to tour the historic, water-powered flour mill, visit artist studios in the mill yard, shop for unique gifts, and grab a bite to eat for lunch in the café at your leisure.



Our final stop of the day is **Crich Tramway Village** (right). Step back in time as you ride the vintage trams and enjoy the atmosphere of a bygone era. Then stretch your legs on a short trail through native woodland to enjoy views across the Derwent Valley and discover the many sculptures displayed along the route. Tonight, we will be staying at the **Peak Edge Hotel**, Stonedge, Chesterfield, a boutique hotel in a quiet rural setting; our home for the next 3 nights. Dinner will be on your own at the hotel restaurant or bar.

### Day 11: Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>

This morning we are heading to **Hardwick Hall** (right), a spectacular house built by Bess of Hardwick, one of the most powerful women in Elizabethan England. There will be time to stroll through the grounds before our tour of the Hall itself. *(Photo credit: National Trust)*



From here we will drive to **Renishaw Hall & Gardens** (left) for **lunch** followed by a guided tour of the stunning Italianate gardens with time to also visit the museum.

Dinner will be on your own this evening at the hotel restaurant or bar.

*(Photo credit: © Renishaw Hall & Gardens, by kind permission of Alexandra Sitwell)*

### Day 12: Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>

For our grand finale we will explore the **Chatsworth Estate**, home of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. After a guided tour of **Chatsworth House** (right) you will have time to enjoy lunch on your own at one of the cafes. In the afternoon you are welcome to explore the varied gardens on your own, perhaps visiting the new Arcadia garden, a series of glades designed by Tom Stuart-Smith, or join your hosts for an informal stroll before meeting up for a private guided tour of nearby **Edensor**. This fascinating and architecturally diverse estate village is truly picturesque. *(Photo credit: Le Jardinet)*



After time to freshen up at our hotel, we will share a **Farewell Dinner** at **The Fox and Goose Inn**, just a short drive away. This inn dates back over 600 years, its name derived from a Viking board game that the local monks used to play.

### Day 13: Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

Your coach leaves for Manchester airport after breakfast, where your hosts will assist you with check in before wishing you Bon Voyage!

### **COVID STATEMENT**

While we cannot predict exactly what restrictions may or may not still be in place during our visit, for the safety and peace of mind of all our guests, we have made the decision to only offer this tour to **fully vaccinated individuals**. Please be prepared to provide proof of vaccination both during the booking process and during the tour itself.

We also request that all tour guests travel with a supply of face masks in case they are required for entry to any establishment. Thank you for your understanding.

### **ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT**

While no strenuous hikes are planned, prospective guests should be aware that each day we are likely to walk several miles. Some of this will be on firm paths or sidewalks, but there will be *many* instances where we will be walking on uneven, steep, and/or grassy footpaths through fields and gardens. Comfortable, lightweight walking shoes with good traction are therefore a must!

Likewise, some of the historical buildings we will visit date back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century and have uneven floors and worn stone steps, as well as flights of stairs (i.e. no elevators) between floors. Please consider your ability to manage these comfortably in order to fully enjoy this tour.

### **SMOKING**

Please note that all our hotels are non-smoking establishments.

### **POTENTIAL CHANGES**

Should any changes have to be made to hotels or tours for any reason, a suitable alternative will be found of equal standing, and finalized closer to departure.

### **DISCLAIMER**

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## MEET YOUR HOSTS



Both Karen and Andy grew up in northern England. In fact, they first met when Andy was just 9 and Karen was 14 (and she still hasn't forgiven him for not remembering her, even though she has the photographs to prove it!) Despite such inauspicious beginnings they married in 1987 and lived in the heart of the Peak District before moving to Seattle in 1996 with their two young children.

A love of the English countryside was a common bond even in those early days, which for Karen naturally led to an interest in gardening while both Karen and Andy enjoy photographing landscapes and wildlife.

Today, as a landscape designer, award-winning author, and international speaker Karen has the knowledge, enthusiasm, personal connections, and detailed, organizational skills that are needed to put together a tour of inspirational gardens, historical sites, and cultural experiences.

As always, Andy is an integral part of Karen's business, offering logistical support, attention to detail, and a reassuring pair of extra hands, ears, and eyes to make sure every guest feels cared for.

*Together, we would love to share "our England" with you.*

Karen Chapman, Le jardinet: <https://lejardinetdesigns.com/>

Andy Chapman, Stumpdust: <https://www.stumpdust.com/>

**For questions or more information contact Karen: [karen@lejardinetdesigns.com](mailto:karen@lejardinetdesigns.com)**



### What's included:

- 12 nights' accommodation (including all taxes) in 3-4-star hotels
- All ground transportation in England in an air-conditioned coach
- Breakfast daily
- 7 lunches, 4 dinners
- 2 traditional English refreshments (tea/coffee and cake)
- All entrance fees and private guided tours to gardens, historical sites, and Estates per itinerary
- Royal Horticultural Society membership
- All taxes
- Hosts, Andy and Karen Chapman traveling with group at all times

**Tour Cost:**

Tour is priced in **Pounds Sterling (£)** and final payment will reflect the actual cost.

For 15-19 passengers:

**£3765** per person based on double occupancy

*Based on rate of exchange (11/5/21):* ~\$5072

For 20-24 passengers (group is capped at 22 plus two hosts):

**£3598** per person based on double occupancy

*Based on ROE (11/5/21):* ~\$4847

Single supplement: **£895**

*Based on ROE (11/5/21):* ~\$1206

**Payment schedule and cancellation policy:**

A \$1500 deposit per person is due at time of booking and is non-refundable.

Final payment is due March 1<sup>st</sup> 2022, and is non-refundable.

Check is the required form of payment for deposit and preferred for final payment. A 4% surcharge will be added for credit card use.

**To reserve your place:**

Please make **checks payable** to **Direct Travel**, writing "**Karen Chapman – UK Tour**" on the memo line, and mail along with your **reservation form** and **proof of vaccination** to the address below:

Ma Petite Tours  
9614 180<sup>th</sup> St. SE  
Snohomish, WA 98296

**Insurance:**

Insurance is highly recommended. Details of our coverage, which includes epidemic-related benefits can be found [here](#). Note this this must be **purchased within 14 days** of paying your tour deposit.

Please email our agent [Dee Montpetit](#) for a personalized quote ASAP.

**Air Travel:**

Flights are not included in the tour cost, giving you maximum flexibility should you wish to arrive early or extend your visit when our tour ends.

You will need to be at our meeting point within Manchester Airport **no later than noon on Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>**. If booking your own flights please allow at least 2 hours after arrival to clear customs, collect luggage and potentially change terminals. You may prefer to arrive the day before and stay in a local hotel rather than feeling rushed.

If you prefer not to book your own flights, our local agent Deborah Van Pevenage can assist you. Please contact her at [dvanpevenage@dt.com](mailto:dvanpevenage@dt.com), 425-775-1595 and mention that you are part of the **Karen Chapman England Group**.

**Documentation:**

You will need a valid US Passport with at least 6 months validity from the return date to enter the UK. If you are not a US citizen, please let me know and I will advise you on the required documentation.

We will keep you updated regarding any COVID-related documentation or testing that may be required, but at a minimum you should anticipate providing proof of full vaccination and a recent negative test.

**For more information contact:**

Karen Chapman at **425-765-3574** or email: [karen@lejardinetdesigns.com](mailto:karen@lejardinetdesigns.com)

**RESERVATION FORM: PLEASE PRINT**

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**Passenger One:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact person and phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal name as it appears on passport: \_\_\_\_\_

Country issuing passport: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other:**

Do you wish to purchase insurance? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be a member of the Royal Horticultural Society during June 5-17<sup>th</sup> 2022? \_\_\_\_\_

Membership number \_\_\_\_\_

**Special requests:**

Single requesting share?

**Please provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19 when you submit this registration form**

**Passenger Two:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact person and phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal name as it appears on passport: \_\_\_\_\_

Country issuing passport: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other:**

Do you wish to purchase insurance? \_\_\_\_\_

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