

Post Eighth International Conference Tours to Scottish Gardens

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Working closely with our friends in the Scottish Rock Garden Club (SRGC) we offer two tours visiting Scottish gardens, some large and some small private gardens but all with much to interest AGS members. The two tours give an insight into the very different climatic conditions on each side of Scotland.

The tours will be led by **Tour 1, Sue and Mike Thornley** and **Tour 2, Ian Christie** who will be joined on some days by **Liz Mills**, President of SRGC, all are great plant enthusiasts.

Tour 1 - The Western Tour - runs from April 18th – April 23rd and will leave the Nottingham Conference and head north to Edinburgh for four days visiting fantastic west coast gardens, before returning to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh.

NB. Participants in both Scottish tours will join together for the visit to Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh

Cost £600. Single Supplement £25 per night

Tour 2 - The Eastern Tour will leave Edinburgh on April 23rd and visit many gardens, large and small on the eastern side of Scotland before returning to Nottingham on April 28th.

Cost £600. Single Supplement £25 per night.

All tour prices include:

Travel by coach.

Twin bedded accommodation in comfortable hotels with en-suite facilities.

Breakfast is included on all days.

All entry fees to gardens

Services of leaders

NB. Lunches and dinner are not included but there will be a choice of places to eat at each overnight stop.

Health and Fitness

For all tours it is important that participants are comfortable walking reasonable distances each day with some uphill sites included.

Itinerary West Coast Tour

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh



Please note that this tour starts from the Conference Centre, Nottingham. All participants should book an extra night at the Conference venue or other Nottingham accommodation following the Conference.

- April 18th** Nottingham to Edinburgh stopping at an alpine nursery on the way.
Overnight at Marriot Dalmahoy Edinburgh Hotel.
- April 19th** Visit **Glenarn Garden and Crarae**
Overnight at Loch Fyne Hotel, Inverary.
- April 20th** To Oban, Ferry to the Isle of Mull, visit **Torosay Castle and Garden and Duart Castle**.
Return to Oban and Loch Fyne Hotel, Inverary.
- April 21st** Visit **Arduaine Garden and An Cala Garden** on Isle of Seil. Return to Inverary via **Kilmartin Glen**.
Overnight at Loch Fyne Hotel.
- April 22nd** Visit **Benmore Garden** and if there is time **Eckford Garden**.

Ferry to Gourrock.

Overnight at Marriot Dalmahoy Edinburgh Hotel.

April 23rd

Visit to the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh. To include a guided tour of the garden and lunch with representatives from the Scottish Rock Garden Club. A city tour will be offered as an alternative for those who would like to see the city as well as the gardens.

Please contact AGS Centre, +44 (0)1386 554 790 or sandra.rice@agsgroups.org for any further information you may need.

To book a place on any of the tours contact kim@alpinegardensociety.net

Itinerary East Coast Tour



Margaret & Henry Taylor's Garden

April 23rd

Visit to the **Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh.** To include a guided tour of the garden and lunch with the representatives from the Scottish Rock Garden Club. A city tour will be offered as an alternative for those who would like to see the city as well as the gardens. Travel to Perth.

Overnight hotel in Perth.

April 24th Visit **Cluny Gardens, Aberfeldy, Explorers Garden, Pitlochry**. Drop in at the **Edradour Distillery** for a wee dram on the way back to Perth.

Overnight hotel in Perth.

April 25th Visit **Glendoick Gardens and Garden Centre, Margaret & Henry Taylor's garden, Invergowrie, Cambo Gardens**.

Overnight hotel in Perth.

April 26th Visit **Evelyn Stevens' garden, Sandy & Ann Leven's garden, Cyril Lafong's garden**

Overnight hotel in Perth.

April 27th **Branklyn Gardens, Jean Brand's garden, Kevock Garden and Nursery**.

Overnight at Marriot Dalmahoy Edinburgh Hotel.

April 28th Return drive to Nottingham stopping at an alpine nursery on the way.

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