



## Gardens of England, France and Belgium with *Garden Time*

Experience Gardens, Architecture, WWII Historic Sites  
and Sip Champagne with Local Producers  
August 5<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018



*“I must have flowers, always, and always. Color is my daylong obsession, joy and torment.”*  
Claude Monet



Bring a sun hat (or maybe your wellies) and a sense of adventure with **Garden Time** hosts **Judy Alleruzzo & William McClenathan** as they set out to discover the best public and private gardens of London, Paris, Brussels and the Belgium countryside. Stroll the grounds of Kew Gardens, Sissinghurst and Great Dixter. Visit Monet’s gardens at Giverny. Sip champagne and explore Brussels and the Flower Carpet Show. Space is limited, so hurry to join Garden Time and Time to Travel on this adventure in August of 2018!



### TRIP AT A GLANCE

4 Nights historic London, England \*\*\*\*K+K Hotel George  
4 Nights in Paris, France \*\*\* Hotel Duquesne Eiffel  
3 Nights in Dinant, Belgium \*\*\* Ibis Dinant Centre Hotel  
1 Night in Brussels, Belgium \*\*\*\* The Dominican



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*“It is a golden maxim to cultivate the garden for the nose,  
and the eyes will take care of themselves.”*

Robert Louis Stevenson

## IT'S INCLUDED

- \* Hosted by **Garden Time** hosts **Judy Alleruzzo & William McClenathan**
- \* Twelve nights four star and superior three star hotels
- \* All breakfasts + 11 additional multi-course meals
- \* Museum and garden entrances & tickets
- \* Transport by private air conditioned motor coach
- \* Train tickets from London to Paris
- \* Tickets for the Kew Explorer Train
- \* Tube and Metro tickets in London and Paris
- \* Visits to outstanding English gardens, including Kew Gardens, Great Dixter & Sissinghurst
- \* Rodin's Sculpture Garden, Monet's Giverny and a guided tour of Les Jardins de Plantes
- \* The gardens and historic sites of Belgium's countryside
- \* A visit to the magnificent bi-annual Flower Carpet Show in Brussels
- \* Portorage included when available
- \* A group of fun, like-minded garden enthusiasts

## TRIP AT A GLANCE

13 Days/12 Nights

\$5,899 per person double occupancy land (limited to 35 guests)

\$1,199 Single Supplement

Group Air from Portland - Available September 2017

Departing US: August 5, 2018

Returning to US: August 18, 2018

## Save \$300:

- \* Pay your final balance by check and save \$100
- \* Reserve before January 1, 2018 and save \$200



**Not Included:** Alcoholic beverages with meals, meals not mentioned, room/mini-bar service, gratuities for hotel staff, travel insurance, items of a personal nature and anything not listed in the “It's Included” section above.

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## **YOUR GARDEN JOURNEY BEGINS...**

B = Breakfast / L = Lunch / D= Dinner

### **DEPARTURE DAY – SUNDAY, AUGUST 5TH**

Make your way to London on your own or board the non-stop optional group flight\* from Portland to London. (\*Group rates for the optional group flight to London will be released in September 2017.)

### **DAY 1, AUGUST 6TH - ARRIVE IN LONDON**

For those arriving on the group flight, a special visit to Hampton Court Palace is being arranged for you. Check-in at your centrally-located hotel is normally at 3pm. Freshen up before meeting your hosts and guide in the lobby in the early evening for a welcome dinner and orientation. Sleep in London (D)

## **HAMPTON COURT PALACE GARDENS**



Hampton Court Palace's world-famous gardens include 60 acres of spectacular formal gardens and 750 acres (304 hectares) of parkland, all set within a loop of the River Thames.

### **Privy Garden**

Be inspired by the re-creation of William III's Privy Garden. Based on the original 17th century design and historic planting lists, the stunning symmetrical pattern incorporates the original varieties of plants and shows off magnificent marble sculptures.

### **The Kitchen Garden**

Explore the wonderful Kitchen Garden and see seasonal fruits, vegetables and herbs growing as they would have done for the Georgian kings in the 18th century. Produce from the Kitchen Garden will be on sale at certain times throughout the year.

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## **DAY 2, AUGUST 7TH - KEW GARDENS**

Enjoy a full day at the historic Kew Gardens. Kew is London's largest UNESCO World Heritage site offering unique landscapes, vistas and iconic architecture from every stage of the Gardens' history. Their collection of living plants is the largest and most diverse in the world, growing out in the landscape and within our glasshouses and nurseries.

Tour around the Gardens on the Kew Explorer land train. Learn about Kew's flora and fauna, iconic buildings and vital conservation work. Sleep in London (B, D)

[Click here for more information about Kew Gardens](#)

## **DAY 3, AUGUST 8TH - GREAT DIXTER & SISSINGHURST GARDENS**

Today we are off to County Kent to experience two of England's most prized gardens, Great Dixter and Sissinghurst. Note: Kent is sometimes known as the "Garden of England" for its abundance of orchards and lush English gardens. We will return to London in the late afternoon. Enjoy dinner on your own on the town. Sleep in London (B, L)



## **DAY 4, AUGUST 9TH - LONDON**

Enjoy a free day in London. May we suggest a visit to the Tate Gallery, the British Museum or the Churchill War Rooms; or, perhaps you'd prefer to ride the towering London Eye or catch a play at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre? The day is yours to soak up the sights and sounds of this world capital. Sleep in London. (B)

## **DAY 5, AUGUST 10TH - ONWARD TO PARIS!**

It is only a few hours' drive south (but culturally a world away) to the City of Light, Paris! After checking into your centrally-located hotel, enjoy a historic walking tour, which culminates at the Notre Dame. Savor a delicious welcome dinner with your hosts and guide. Sleep in Paris (B, D)

## **DAY 6, AUGUST 11TH - RODIN'S SCULPTURE GARDEN**

Spend the morning exploring the mansion and gardens of Auguste Rodin. After lunch, join a local horticulturalist on a tour of the Jardin des Plantes. Some may wish to spend the afternoon at Versailles, which is an optional activity. Sleep in Paris (B, L)

## **DAY 7, AUGUST 12TH - MONET'S GARDENS AT GIVERNY**

Depart this morning for Giverny and discover the world of Monet. Stroll through his gardens and tour his charming country home. Lunch is included in one of the villages charming bistros. Return to Paris in the late afternoon. Dinner is on your own tonight. Sleep in Paris (B, L)

[Click here for a video of Monet's Garden Giverny](#)

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### **DAY 8, AUGUST 13TH - MUSEE DE L'ORANGERIE**

Now that you have visited Giverny, it is time to see Monet's massive works of art - Water Lilies. Hidden inside the Musée de l'Orangerie, these series of paintings will take your breath away. The rest of the day and evening are yours to explore the Louvre, the Musée d'Orsay or cruise the Seine at sunset. Sleep in Paris (B)

### **DAY 9, AUGUST 14TH - CHAMPAGNE AND EAST TO BELGIUM**

This morning we will make our way to the epicenter of the Champagne region, Épernay. Here we'll enjoy a traditional French lunch and savor a glass (or two!) of Champagne with the producers. After lunch our journey continues on to Wallonia, the French-speaking part of Belgium, which encompasses the charming city of Dinant and the capital, Brussels. Sleep in Dinant. (B, L, D)

### **DAY 10/11, AUGUST 15/16 - THE GARDENS & HISTORIC SITES OF WALLONIA**

Over the course of the next two days, you'll enjoy guided visits to Les Jardins d'Annevoie and historic WW I & II battlefield museums, and you'll stroll through charming country villages and historic chateaux. Sleep in Dinant (B, D daily)

### **DAY 12, AUGUST 17TH - BRUSSELS & THE FLOWER CARPET SHOW**



We will arrive in time for a city tour. After a delicious farewell lunch, we'll check into our centrally-located hotel. Late this afternoon, we will pay a visit to the colorful Flower Carpet Show, viewing the large and intricate flower-laden "carpets" from on high. Dinner is on your own this evening. But we will gather again to enjoy a concert and magnificent sound and light show. Sleep in Brussels (B, L)

### **DAY 13, AUGUST 18TH – TOUR CONCLUDES**

Return home with a lifetime of marvelous memories or take advantage of the opportunity and stay on in Brussels to do some further exploring. Contact Carolyn Horne at Time to Travel Tours for suggestions. [carolyn@timetotraveltours](mailto:carolyn@timetotraveltours) | 503.684.5997

**- Itinerary Subject to Change –**

## **KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!**

**Packing:** We suggest that you pack light and utilize wheeled luggage to more easily move your bag. Porters are available at the hotels, but not at airports.

**Physical requirements:** In order to make the most of your trip you should be able to walk unassisted for one to two miles, *often over uneven cobblestones.*

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## YOUR GARDEN HOSTS...



### **Judy Alleruzzo, co-host of Garden Time**

Judy currently works for Al's Garden Centers as the perennial plant buyer and the houseplant buyer. She has been with the Garden Time show for all 12 seasons. Living in Chicago most of her life, she came to Portland a little over 20 years ago and was awed by the colorful landscape she saw. By the time the rainy season came it was too late, she was smitten.

Needing a job, she was lucky to walk into Al's Garden Center and get a job as a cashier. She has a Horticulture degree but had never really used all that knowledge until she began working at Al's. Working for what was a small company at the time, she learned many different jobs and ended up learning to plan and buy perennials for the growing facility and the retail stores. It has been a fun and rewarding career at Al's as they have grown to four retail stores and doubled their growing facility.

A few years ago, she said yes to becoming the houseplant buyer. It was a challenging job to learn a whole other palette of plants. Many years ago she had worked for a plant rental company in Chicago. Buying perennials and houseplants may seem like an odd mix, but she loves all kinds of plants and looks forward to combining these two groups of plants more and more in the years to come.

Being involved in Garden Time allows her even more opportunities to meet local gardeners and get their input on their favorite plants, which makes her job at Al's even more rewarding.



### **William McClenathan, co-host of Garden Time**

William's earliest memories as a child are in the garden, walking down a small brick pathway with moss rose on either side, at his grandparents' home in Pampa, Texas. Both sets of his grandparents were avid gardeners and so he received his passion for plants from them at a very early age.

Even though his career path is now in the gardening industry, his first college degree was in Theology, followed by opera studies at Portland State.

He began his career in this industry at a well-known nursery in a north Dallas, Texas suburb. He opened up his own small retail and wholesale nursery for a few years after that. He eventually ended up in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, where he worked as General Manager for a company that grew roses for tropical climates. After a couple of years, his parents fell prey to cancer (mother) and Alzheimer's (father) so he moved to Portland to take care of them.

While attending Portland State University, he worked at Portland Nursery on Stark Street as a seasonal employee. He later worked at the Division Street location as color buyer and Asst. Manager, and then as Store Director. He also had his own nursery, Viscaya Gardens and Nursery for a couple of years. Most recently he was the Store Manager for Drake's 7 Dees and is currently a nursery consultant. Nothing brings him more satisfaction than to educate people about gardening and attract new fans to this great hobby and lifestyle.

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