



Gardens of Cambridgeshire

Arranged with Travel Editions Group Travel for
Edgworth and District Horticultural Society

Coton Manor

Saturday 12th – Tuesday 15th July 2025 - 4 days from £745* per person

Following our successful trips over the past few years, we are this time exploring a new area by travelling south east to Cambridgeshire, a county with a wealth of beautiful gardens and scenic beauty, as well as glorious architecture. We have planned an itinerary with two or three visits each day and try to achieve a good balance between visiting an interesting variety of gardens whilst having sufficient time at each to explore and enjoy them. 2025's itinerary is particularly diverse, with an aeronautic museum with garden, small gardens, a botanical garden, a garden with an agricultural museum, and traditional gardens created by enthusiastic and committed owners. Again our host and guide will be expert David Hurrion, who will illuminate our visits with his expertise, enthusiasm and knowledge. Please bear in mind that these beautiful and varied gardens may include uneven paths, slopes or steps.

Phil Broughton and Jean Turner



Cambridge Botanic Garden



Shuttleworth museum

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To secure your place a deposit of £200 will be required by 30th January 2025. Please call Travel Editions on 020 7251 0045 to book. Should you require a booking form please contact Phil Broughton or Jean Turner holiday@edgworth-horticultural-society.co.uk

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*Based on 30 people travelling



Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1: Saturday 12th July 2025

Edgworth to Ely in Cambridgeshire via Coton Manor, near Northampton.

Pick up from Edgworth followed by Bromley Cross and then make our way to the beautiful garden at Coton Manor. This occupies a hillside position extending down from the 17th century manor house constructed of mellow Northamptonshire stone. The 10 acre garden has luxuriant borders that will delight the plant enthusiast while everyone will enjoy the garden's charm and special atmosphere, with colour and interest throughout the seasons. Beyond the garden is a magical five acre bluebell wood and a wildflower meadow. We will then continue to the Lamb Hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 2: Sunday 13th July 2025

Shuttleworth Museum and Garden, Docwra's Manor & The Crossings House.

There is much to see at Shuttleworth including the beautiful Swiss Garden, woodland walks, and of course its collection of vintage aircraft and motor vehicles. We have time to explore the museum and gardens before travelling to nearby Shepreth where we will visit Docwra's Manor, a garden oasis lying in a narrow section of land between the main road and railway line running from London to Cambridge. The old farmyard here has been converted into a series of enclosures, overflowing with plants, and its old walls have been extended by hedges of yew, beech, lilac and cordon apples to make "garden rooms", each one unique. We then take a short walk to "The Crossings House", an internationally renowned garden that runs along half a mile of the railway line. The owners have been given an award by the NGS for opening their garden every day for 21 years. We then return to the Lamb Hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 3: Monday 14th July 2025

Cambridge Botanic Garden and Mary Challis Garden.

This morning we visit Cambridge botanic garden, 40 acres of garden set in the heart of the city with over 8000 plant species! Since its opening in 1846, the garden has supported

University research, been an inspiration for gardeners, and provided a garden for the local population. There is a huge amount to see here including the wild plant area, bog garden, mediterranean beds, and rock garden. Don't miss the main avenue with its ancient trees, the beautiful double Bee Borders in front of the Glasshouse Range with plants ranging from diminutive, high altitude alpiners, to impressive tropical trees. After time for lunch we travel to Mary Challis garden, a traditional cottage garden full of flowers, shrubs and perennials. Dating from around 1850, it provides a secret garden in the middle of Sawston, a peaceful welcome contrast to the Botanic garden of this morning. There are many winding paths, benches for quiet contemplation, a meadow and woodland creating a haven for wildlife. We then return to the Lamb Hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 4: Tuesday 15th July 2025

Ramsey Abbey and Museum, and home.

Today we return home via Ramsey Abbey walled garden and Ramsey Rural Museum. Dating from Victorian times, the Walled Garden at medieval Ramsay Abbey has been restored by members of the Cambridgeshire Gardens Trust since 1996. The volunteers have developed the apple tunnel which has 20 varieties of Cambridgeshire apples, and a collection of over 80 salvias, and the Trust has purchased magnificent Victorian style greenhouses which were opened by Bunny Guinness in 2017. The Ramsay Rural Museum specialises in the farming, agricultural, social history, trades and working life of Ramsey and the surrounding area of Cambridgeshire, concentrating on the period 1800 to 2000 AD. The main collection comprises over 4000 objects, artefacts and items of farm machinery, complemented by thousands of archives, maps, documents and photographs. These are housed in restored 17th century farm estate buildings and more modern additions - such as a 1930s fenland farm cottage. There is a tea shop here for refreshments before we continue our journey home.



Ramsey Abbey



David Hurrión

Your expert tour guide

David Hurrión

David is an accomplished plantsman, who has been growing plants since childhood for more than 40 years. His extensive knowledge and practical experience of plants, crops and growing techniques is founded on a thorough botanical and scientific training, complemented by an in-depth understanding of garden design, wildlife, geology and climatology. As a journalist, David is currently Associate Editor for BBC Gardeners' World Magazine and is a regular expert commentator on TV and radio. Added to which, he is a vastly experienced tour leader, having led numerous tours to a vast range of destinations and is a genial, caring and entertaining host - you could not be in better hands to explore Cambridge.

Where we stay

Lamb Hotel, Ely

Nestled amidst the quaint streets of the cathedral city of Ely, the Lamb Hotel was built as a coaching inn in the 15th century. This three-star inn showcases its mediaeval origins inside and out, and effortlessly mixes tradition with comfort and contemporary features.

Included in the price

- Three nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the three-star Lamb Hotel, based on shared occupancy of a standard twin/double room
- All talks, guided tours and admissions with welcome talks where offered
- Coach touring itinerary throughout
- Tour manager, David Hurrión throughout

Not included

- Single room supplement £170 (number of rooms are limited)
- Double for Sole occupancy £225



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