

2026 HPS/MAG International Garden Tour Registration Form

Gardens of Scotland and

RHS Chelsea Flower Show and Classic English Gardens Extension

Gardens of Scotland: Wednesday, May 13 – Thursday, May 21, 2026

Optional Chelsea Extension: Thursday, May 21 – Monday, May 25, 2026

Maximum group size is 22 HPS/MAG members (plus our BrightWater Guide)

TRIP COORDINATORS:

Dawn Freeman (email: drfreeman01@comcast.net; cell: 610-442-8875)

Jill Shaw (email: jillbluesky@gmail.com; cell: 215-909-0664)

TRAVELER'S INFORMATION:

Name: _____ (Membership must be current through end of trip)

Address: _____

Phone #: cell: _____ other: _____

Email Address: _____

U.S. Emergency Contact:

Name _____ Relationship: _____

Phone#: cell: _____ other: _____

ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS:

Choose one: ☐ Double room or ☐ Single Room (requires single supplement)

For double rooms (check one):

☐ I am sharing a room with (name) _____

☐ I would like a roommate

Type of bed (check one): ☐ 2 Twins or ☐ 1 Queen

CHELSEA EXTENSION:

☐ Yes ☐ No

PLEASE NOTE – Once minimum registration requirements are met for Scotland (20 members), it may be possible to register for only the Chelsea extension – if interested in the Chelsea extension only, contact Dawn Freeman to discuss before submitting this form.

DIETARY NEEDS:

☐ Vegetarian ☐ Gluten-free ☐ Other _____

MOBILITY:

PLEASE NOTE – This tour includes walking on hilly and rocky terrain and visiting gardens with long, steep paths and gravel switch back trails on steep sites. If you have mobility or balance problems (ex: walk slowly, have frequent joint pain, need walking aids, etc.) **you should not enroll on this trip.** If your mobility status worsens prior to the trip, you should withdraw from the trip and use your travel insurance to pursue a refund. The tour guide has the right and responsibility to exclude you from touring sites if he/she deems that you cannot safely traverse the planned sites.

REGISTRATION:

Registration is by paper mail only and on a first come first served basis. HPS Board Members have first access to registration; thereafter, registration is open to all current members. Reservations are allocated upon receipt of a completed registration form and receipt of deposit check. The registration payment includes a trip coordination fee to HPS/MAG (\$100) and gratuities for the tour guides and drivers: \$135 per traveler for Scotland only and \$200 per traveler for both Scotland and Chelsea and \$75 per traveler for the Chelsea Extension only.

To register:

1) Complete the Registration Form

2) Make deposit checks payable to *HPS/MAG*

- A check for \$235 for **Scotland ONLY, or**
- A check for \$300 for the **Scotland AND the Chelsea Extension**
- A check for \$175 for the **Chelsea ONLY**

3) Mail your completed registration form and deposit check to HPS Trip Coordinator Dawn Freeman at the address below:

Dawn Freeman
830 Church Road
Harleysville, PA 19438

By registering, you agree to the terms/conditions described on the pages below.

AIR ARRANGEMENTS:

- You are responsible for securing your airline ticket to Edinburgh, Scotland and your return flights to the US - they are not included in the cost. For travelers participating in the Scotland trip and Chelsea extension, the flight from Edinburgh to Gatwick is included in the cost of the extension.
- It is recommended that you wait to schedule your flights until after you are notified that we have confirmed the minimum 20 registrants for the Scotland trip and the minimum 15 registrants for the Chelsea Extension (likely mid-December). We will let you know when the trip minimums are met.
- Currently, the plan is to have the tour group meet in the lobby of our Edinburgh hotel (Apex City of Edinburgh Hotel) in the early evening of May 13. That evening we will enjoy a welcome dinner at a nearby restaurant.
- If you plan to arrive in Edinburgh a day or so prior to the start of the tour and wish to stay at the Apex City of Edinburgh Hotel, contact Brightwater for assistance in securing a pre-tour room at the Apex Hotel.

LAND FEES - BRIGHTWATER HOLIDAY TOURS:

The tour will be conducted and managed by Brightwater Holiday Tours. **This itinerary is subject to change.** See below for more details on what is included and payment terms.

Gardens of Scotland: Wednesday, May 13 – Thursday, May 21, 2026

£ 2,495.00 per person (double occupancy).

Included in the price:

- Eight nights' accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis: two nights at the 4-star Apex City Edinburgh, three nights at the 3-star McKays Hotel, Pitlochry, two nights at the 3-star Cairndale Hotel, Dumfries and one night at the 4-star Norton House Hotel
- Welcome dinner in local restaurant including wine
- Dinner at local restaurant in Dumfries including wine
- Two evening meals at our comfortable hotels (one in Pitlochry and one in Dumfries)
- Comfortable coaching throughout
- Entry to the gardens detailed in the itinerary
- Services of horticulturalist Julia Corden as tour manager

Not included in the price (per person):

- Single room supplement £875.00
- International flights
- Optional evening – Whisky and Chocolate Tasting £65.00
- Extra night at Apex City Edinburgh (12 May) B&B £165.00 (single - £310pp)
- Optional Extension – Chelsea Flower show and Classic English Gardens (see below for more details)

Our guide Julia Corden: Julia is a Horticultural Consultant and Botanical/Garden tour manager and a past President of The Scottish Rock Garden Club. Her passion is the Blue Poppy of the Himalayas.

Optional Chelsea Extension: Thursday, May 21 – Monday, May 25, 2026

£ 1,795.00 per person (double occupancy).

Included in the price:

- Four nights' bed and breakfast at the comfortable 4-star Guildford Harbour Hotel
- Two dinners
- One-way flight from Edinburgh to London
- Comfortable coaching throughout
- Full day ticket for the RHS Chelsea Flower Show
- Entrance to RHS Wisley including a 2-course lunch
- Entrance to Sissinghurst Castle Gardens, Great Dixter and Kew Gardens
- Service of horticulturalist Julia Corden as Tour Manager

Not included in the price (per person):

- Single room supplement £375.00

FEE SCHEDULE AND PAYMENT INFORMATION:

The deposit payment to Brightwater Tour is £ 400.00 per person for Scotland with additional £ 200.00 for Chelsea and is payable once it is confirmed that we have the minimum 20 registrants for the Scotland portion of the trip and the minimum 15 registrants for the Chelsea Extension (likely mid-December). The payment balance is due 12 weeks prior to departure (February 18, 2026).

CANCELATION/REFUND INFORMATION:

In the event that you need to cancel, notify the HPS trip coordinator and Brightwater Holidays immediately.

HPS:

If a person must cancel, their payment will be refunded as per the policy of the travel operator/agency. Their \$100 contribution to HPS/MAG and gratuity contribution will be refunded. If there is no member who can replace them, it is possible that the entire trip may need to be canceled if the minimum number of participants required by the agency/operator cannot be satisfied.

BRIGHTWATER HOLIDAYS CANCELLATION POLICY:

See the Brightwater Holiday Booking Form and Booking Conditions.

HPS/MAG TRIP POLICIES and ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Scotland trip requires a minimum of 20 paying travelers and the Chelsea Extension requires a minimum of 15 paying travelers. If we do **NOT** meet these minimum requirements, the trip or the extension will be canceled. We will have a maximum of 22 paying travelers.
- All members are eligible for all trips. Membership must be current, and dues paid through the end of the trip.

- Members must be responsible for their mental and physical ability to participate in the trip. Members will be asked if they have any mobility issues.

NOTE: This trip requires travelers to have good mobility, balance and overall fitness due to the extensive walking and challenging terrain. Some of the places we will visit have many steps to climb, some without railings, and long distances to walk on hilly terrain and gravel paths.

- Travelers are to arrange special dietary concerns and other requests with each hotel. The hotels typically provide gluten-free and vegetarian options.
- Each member participant must have a form of communication that is operable in all trip states or trip country/countries (preferably a cell phone) which enables them to be reached immediately during the trip in the event of an emergency.
- No member's place on a trip is guaranteed until all money requested has been paid and all completed paperwork received.
- During all HPS/MAG trips and events, each member participant is representing the Hardy Plant Society/ Mid-Atlantic Region. We are always respectful of our garden hosts, their property and culture and each other. We abide by the schedule, take only pictures and thank our generous garden hosts.
- Gratuities for drivers and hosts are included. Gratuities for hotel and restaurant service are not included.
- Gifts for the trip organizers are not included in the cost of the trip.