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CONCIERGE AT ITS FINEST



THE GARDENS OF ENGLAND

When landscape gardener Lancelot 'Capability' Brown was invited to work in Ireland, he famously replied: "I haven't finished England yet."

Examples of Browns visionary designs are peppered across the English countryside and more than 300 years after his birth the impact of his imagination and talent is clear to see.

In the month when gardens and gardening are celebrated in style at the Chelsea Flower Show, Humphreys invites you to explore some of the fabulous gardens across the country. Small and large, we will take you to some wonderful examples of the styles and design that make the English landscape so very interesting.

From the historical and modern experimental planting at Wisley to the ornamental splendour of the Savill Gardens you can choose to just enjoy the wonderful displays or make the most of the incredible learning opportunity to replicate in your own garden.

In many cases, we are able to secure you access to the beautiful houses that are attached to the gardens, so whichever you choose, we will create a truly memorable experience for you.



Yorkshire



East Midlands

Shropshire &
Warwickshire

East Anglia

Cotswolds



Chilterns



London



Hampshire



Devon &
Cornwall



THE VERY BEST GARDENS: *London*

- RHS Wisley
- Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew
- Chelsea Physic Gardens
- Sky Garden
- Savill Gardens, Windsor Great Park



RHS WISLEY GARDENS

Founded more than 100 years ago, it is the oldest and most diverse of the four RHS gardens and its collections include cultivated plants of national significance. What makes it particularly special is the fascinating blend of historical and modern experimental planting.

The 'original Wisley', known as Oakwood, still exists today, very much as it did when George Fergusson Wilson first started gardening on the site in the late 19th century. Yet the garden is also continually evolving. George was all about experimentation, and to this day Wisley hosts a rolling programme of plant trials, which means the garden and its plant collections are constantly updated and developed.

Wisley is also home to a team of scientists, who are hard at work researching a whole range of horticultural issues that affect our everyday lives.

Full of inspiration for gardeners, with over 30,000 plant varieties, 200 acres and countless different styles, the gardens at RHS Garden Wisley are a delight throughout the year.



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ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS KEW

Kew Gardens date back to the early 18th century, starting as a royal palace, and is today's globally renowned scientific institution for plant and fungal research. It's prominent feature is the world's biggest Victorian greenhouse which houses rare and threatened plants.

Don't miss a chance to walk in the treetops on the spectacular canopy walkway that affords great views across this World Heritage Site.

You'll find so much to see and do at Kew Gardens, from walking around the spectacular Rock Garden that mimics the world's mountainous regions to exploring the Agius Evolution Garden, which reveals the science behind Kew's exceptional plant collection. Discover the Mediterranean Garden and King William's Temple, built for Queen Victoria in 1837, which is home to an incredibly diverse collection of southern European plants, or wander the length of the Great Broad Walk Borders – a delightful mix of fragrances and flowers that heighten the senses.



THE VERY BEST GARDENS: *Chilterns*

- Waddesdon Manor
- Cliveden Estate
- Hughenden Manor
- Chenies Manor
- Waterperry Gardens



CHENIES MANOR

As you follow the drive taking you to the beautiful Tudor Manor House in Buckinghamshire, you will be transported back in time. The owners provide a wonderfully warm welcome, with roaring log fires and a fascinating personal guided tour of their home, including the room where Elizabeth I held meetings of her Privy Council.

The gardens are arranged around the Manor House in various sections linked by lawns and courtyards. There is a white garden, a sunken garden and colourful well stocked borders, a Physic Garden, topiary birds, statues, a maze and a kitchen garden. In the furthest part of the garden is Queen Elizabeth's Oak.

In April and May there is a spectacular display of over 6,000 tulips. In July a Plant and Garden Fair is held where plant and garden specialists from all over the country come to display and sell plants and garden equipment.



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WATERPERRY GARDENS

Once the home to the School of Horticulture for Ladies, Waterperry Gardens is now eight acres of landscaped ornamental gardens waiting to be explored. Wander alongside classical borders and the Long Colour Border, then find a sculpture of The Tempest's Miranda at the Waterlily Canal. When you're done exploring, you can step into the Art in Action gallery to admire locally crafted goods and original works.

The gardens now occupy 8 acres. Bernard Saunders and Mary Spiller were responsible for this development through their combination of artistic and horticultural expertise. This has resulted in a number of planted spaces that bring together geometrical and aesthetic principles with brilliant plant selection. The result is an uplifting and often surprising experience for visitors. These elements will remain uppermost in developments that are currently in the design stage and as the gardens continue to develop in the future.



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THE VERY BEST GARDENS: *Cotswolds*

- Kiftsgate Court Gardens
- Hidcote Manor
- Westonbirt Arboretum
- Cotswold Lavender
- Snowhill Manor
- Sudeley Castle & Gardens



KIFTSGATE COURT GARDENS

We are delighted to offer you the opportunity to have an exclusive guided tour of Kiftsgate before the gardens are open to the public with Anne Chambers, third generation of exquisite female gardeners.

She will take you on a guided walk around the gardens and showcase one of her finest accomplishments, the new water garden that was once the tennis court.

Anne has continued the family tradition of seeking out new and interesting plants to complement the colour schemes which were established when the garden was originally laid out. The theory of evolution rather than revolution is the abiding theme.



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HIDCOTE MANOR

Created by the talented American horticulturist, Major Lawrence Johnston its colourful and intricately designed outdoor 'rooms' are always full of surprises.

Explore the maze of narrow paved pathways and discover secret gardens, magnificent vistas and plants that burst with colour. Many of the plants found growing in the garden were collected from Johnston's many plant hunting trips to far away places. It's the perfect place if you're in need of gardening inspiration.

Find a quiet spot and sit on one of the ornate benches and watch green woodpeckers search for their lunch or listen to the calls from the buzzards circling overhead. Time it right and you might catch a glimpse of the elusive hummingbird moth.

Meander through the intricate gardens and into the Wilderness. This secluded stretch of tall trees is just right for a picnic. Take a glimpse beyond the boundary and see the garden blend effortlessly into the countryside beyond.



THE VERY BEST GARDENS: *Hampshire*

- West Green House & Gardens
- Highclere Castle & Gardens
- Sheffield Gardens, West Sussex
- Furzey Gardens
- Mottisfont
- Longstock Water Gardens



MOTTISFONT

Whether you're looking for a romantic day out, a fun day with the kids, or a day spent with the family, then historic Mottisfont house, art gallery and estate offers the perfect picturesque destination. Also known as Mottisfont Abbey, the house is full of surprises, with new events throughout the year and exhibitions in the art gallery.

Mottisfont Abbey is famous for its Rose Gardens set within a walled garden. Fabulous scents from old fashioned roses trail walls, pergolas, arches and abound everywhere. Other plants intermingle giving a fantastic picture of intense colours.

Ancient trees, bubbling brooks and rolling lawns frame this lovely old house. Crafted from a medieval priory, it is full of surprises, with art that intrigues and delights.

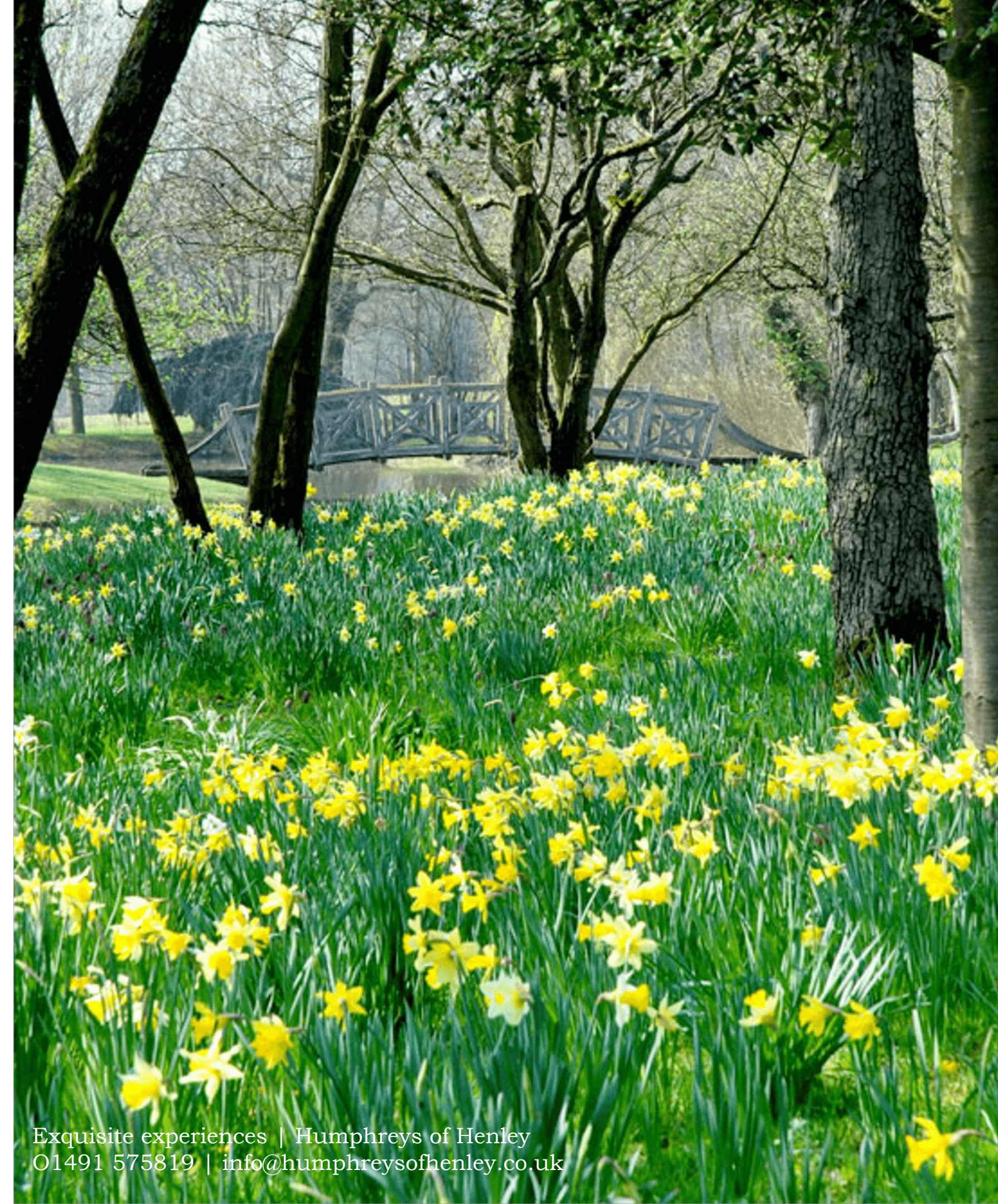


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WEST GREEN GARDENS

Nestling in a woodland corner of Northern Hampshire, the gardens of West Green House surround one of the prettiest manor houses in England. It is a garden with a special and distinctive sense of place created over two decades by Marylyn Abbott a renowned Australian garden designer whose twin passions for English Gardens and International Opera have created a unique environment.

West Green House Gardens combines neo-classical style with contemporary design. A grand water staircase provides a focal point to the Nymphaeum Fountain designed by architect Quinlan Terry. The magnificent Walled Garden, faithfully restored to its original lines, is entered through an arbor of wisteria. An alley of apple trees divides an elaborate potager with its berry-filled fruit cages, annual flowers and colourful vegetables from its signature perennial borders exuberantly planted in subtle hues of mauve, plum and blue.



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THE VERY BEST GARDENS: *Devon & Cornwall*

- RHS Rosemoor
- Eden Project
- Lost Gardens of Heligan
- Tresco Gardens, Isles of Scilly
- Barbara Hepworth museum & sculpture garden



EDEN PROJECT

Dubbed the Eighth Wonder of the World by some, the Eden Project is a dramatic global garden housed in tropical biomes that nestle in a crater the size of 30 football pitches.

Experience the sights, smells and scale of the rainforests in the Rainforest Biome - the world's largest greenhouse - and discover the tropical plants that are used to produce everyday products. Travel to South Africa and California, as you amble amongst the orange and lemon trees, olive groves and gnarled vines of the Mediterranean Biome, and in the 30-acre Outdoor Garden see hemp, sunflowers and other plants that could change your future, flourishing under the Cornish sun.

We are delighted to offer a private guided tour led by an experienced Guides, who will escort you on a special 90-minute visit around either of our Biomes, sharing the best of the Eden Project, including fascinating information on our plants, exhibits and architecture.



LOST GARDENS OF HELIGAN

Thirty years ago, Heligan's historic gardens were unknown and unseen; lost to the brambles of time since the outbreak of WW1. It was only the chance discovery of a door in the ruins that led to the restoration of this once great estate. Today, The Lost Gardens have been put back where they belong: in pride of place among the finest gardens in England.

Over 200 acres are now a paradise for the explorer, wildlife, plant lover and garden romantic. Victorian Productive Gardens and Pleasure Grounds beckon, along winding paths laid out over two centuries ago. The Jungle takes you on a sub-tropical journey through bamboo tunnels and under majestic tree ferns, giant rhubarb and bananas whilst the estate reveals a lost world of traditional and rare breeds, wildlife and ancient woodlands.

Heligan is a garden for all seasons, so whether you plan to visit in the hazy buzz of mid-summer, or the tranquillity of winter, you are guaranteed a unique experience.



OVERVIEW

EXPERIENCES AND ACCOMMODATION

Reference:
Date:
Experience: Exquisite English Gardens
Connoisseur: Samantha Evans



DAY 1

Arrival Day

- Transfer from Heathrow
- Tour of Kiftsgate Court Gardens & Hidcote Manor

Accommodation:
Calcot Manor / The Barnsley



DAY 2

North Devon

- Hestercombe House & Gardens
- RHS Rosemoor
- **Accommodation:**
Gidleigh Park



DAY 3

Bodmin Area

- Lanhydrock National Trust
- Pencarrow House & Gardens
- Accommodation:**
The Carlyon Bay Hotel / Old Lanwarnick Cottages



DAY 4

St Austell

- Eden project
- Lost gardens of Heligan
- Accommodation:**
The Carlyon Bay Hotel / Old Lanwarnick Cottages



DAY 5

Truro Area

- Trelissick National Trust
- Trewithen House & Gardens
- Accommodation:**
The Rosevine / Budock Vean Hotel



DAY 6

Mawnan Area

- Trebah Gardens
- Glendurgan National Trust
- Accommodation:**
The Rosevine / Budock Vean Hotel



DAY 7

Penzance, St Ives

- Tresco Gardens
- Trengwaiton Gardens
- Barbara Hepworth museum & sculpture garden
- Accommodation:**
St Ives Harbour Hotel & Spa



DAY 8

Departure Day

- Flight from Newquay to London Heathrow
- Connecting flight to US



FLOWER SHOWS & HORTICULTURE EVENTS

- Chelsea Flower Show
- RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival
- Blenheim Flower Show
- Sandringham Flower Show
- Summer Homes & Garden Fair Ripley
- RHS Flower Show Tatton Park



YOUR VISIT TO CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

The Chelsea Flower Show is a magical treat, and the combination of Raymond Blanc's mouth-watering culinary creations and the most stunning and striking horticultural masterpieces, will be a memorable experience.

As you enter Jardin Blanc through the beautiful concentric circles, you will discover a world bursting with the joys of Spring. Secret pathways, magical talking benches and giant sculptures will welcome you to the start of a day of delicious food and flowers at what has become the world's most celebrated horticultural events in the social calendar.

We recommend the Jardin Blanc as a very civilised and relaxing way to enjoy the show. You are served breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea (in the most quintessentially English way), a horticultural expert provides a show overview, and you have a base from which to enjoy your day.



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PRICING

PLATINUM

Collection to and from your chosen location by chauffeur car

Private guided tour of the gardens with the head gardener or an industry leading professional

Prices from £XXX/\$XXX per person including vat based on 2 guests

SIGNATURE

Collection to and from your chosen location by chauffeur car

Private guided tour of the gardens with the head gardener or an industry leading professional

Picnic lunch

Prices from £XXX/\$XXX per person including vat based on 2 guests

ULTIMATE

Collection to and from your chosen location by chauffeur car

Exclusive after hours guided tour of the gardens with the head gardener or an industry leading professional

Alfresco dining experience *subject to the individual gardens

Prices from £XXX/\$XXX per person including vat based on 2 guests

Samantha Evans
Founder and
Exquisite England Connoisseur



Humphreys of Henley
creates and curates
authentic, rarefied
experiences that showcase
the beauty, history and
traditions of the British
countryside and the
people that make it so
special.

Welcome to Humphreys of Henley.

I was inspired to launch Humphreys of Henley by my love of the English countryside. I was brought up in the Cotswolds and currently live in the Chilterns. My desire is to share the hidden wonders of these places that are so often missed by visitors.

Our guests provide our proudest moments, when we see their eyes widen in amazement at the majesty of a hawk in full flight, or their absolute joy when they shoot their first clay from the skies.

When we plan your itinerary with you, we identify each detail that will make the day totally memorable for you. Your passions and interests are at the heart of the itinerary, and will create fabulous countryside experiences.

Our guests tell us that they value the knowledge that they can trust us to deliver exactly what we promise...and more. They value the break from decision making in their busy lives; the only decisions that you will make on the day is what to wear and what to eat.

Let us do the research, coordination and planning so that you can optimise every moment of your precious leisure time, it's what we love doing and, I'm proud to say, we are very good at it.

My team and I look forward to creating your memorable experiences for you and welcoming you to our favourite place in the world.

CREATE YOUR LUXURY EXPERIENCE

Please share your preferences with us, and if you don't know what you want to do please telephone us and we can inspire you with some fabulous ideas!

History & Culture	Country activities & Sports	Special Passions	Family Fun	Britain - Film & TV
Windsor Castle Blenheim Palace Highclere Castle Exploring Oxford Sandringham Estate Buckingham Palace Hampton Court Privileged access to Stunning Stately Homes and Private Estates across the Chilterns and Cotswolds	Falconry Clay Shooting Archery Game shooting Horse riding Polo lessons Hunting Fishing Croquet	Tiger Moth or Spitfire flying Foraging & Dining From Mini to Aston Martin Boating & River Cruising Garden Tours Literary Tours Vineyard and Brewery's Guided Cycle or Walking Yours Hot Air Ballooning Rowing Canoe and Kayaking	Themed Treasure Hunts Guided Cycle or walking tours Carriage Tours in Windsor Great Park Exploring mazes and tunnels in stately homes Segway driving Rowing Canoe and Kayaking River Cruise	Harry Potter Morse & Lewis Midsomer Murders James Bond Poldark Paddington Pride & Prejudice Downton Abbey The Queen The King Speech Robin Hood Mr Selfridge Game of Thrones

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