

# Introduction

## Welcome to European Travel Services Gardens & Historic Houses manual.

You will see from the tours featured that we are offering a high quality programme where clients will be accommodated in typically English style county house hotels and will visit traditional English gardens and houses. We have selected a variety of gardens and houses to appeal to all tastes as well as ensuring that there is time to visit local towns, allowing time for shopping or just to enjoy local life. The itineraries that we have included are an example of the tours that can be offered and if you have a favourite garden or historic house that you would like us to include, or even your own itinerary, we will be glad to be of assistance.

### Tour 1

3 Days / 2 Nights



## London

Your accommodation will be in a country house style hotel in Surrey giving easy access to both Kew Gardens and Hampton Court Palace.

After arrival at London Heathrow you will have the opportunity to have a half day panoramic sightseeing visit to London. You will have a chance to see many of London's historic sights, including St Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and Trafalgar Square.



### Royal Botanic Gardens

Kew

Three hundred acres of magnificent gardens containing the finest plant collection in the world. Internationally renowned and primarily a botanic institution collecting, conserving and exchanging plants from around the world. Features included the Temperate House, the largest glass house at Kew which contains a wide collection of plants from Asia, New Zealand, The Pacific Islands, South Africa and the Mediterranean including a Chilean wine palm reaching 19 metres.

### Savill Gardens

Englefield Green



A fine woodland garden, covering more than 35 acres, it contains a wide range of Rhododendrons, Camellias, Magnolias and a variety of other trees and shrubs which create a wealth of colours particularly in spring and summer.

### Hampton Court Palace

Hampton Court

Most famous for its Great Vine, planted in 1768, which is probably the oldest in the world which still produces hundreds of Black Hamburg grapes each year. Also famous is its maze, which is the oldest hedge planted maze in Britain, planted in 1690. This magnificent Tudor Palace enjoys a wonderful setting on the banks of the River Thames.

