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# DAILY ITINERARY

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## DAY ONE

- Arrival
- RHS Hyde Hall
- Tiptree Tea Room
- 1 Standard Room in a 4 star hotel including Dinner, Bed & Breakfast\*

## DAY TWO

- Beth Chatto Garden
- Audley End House
- 1 Standard Room in a 4 star hotel including Dinner, Bed & Breakfast\*

## DAY THREE

- Marks Hall Gardens and Arboretum
- Hyland's House
- Private Backwater Sailing Experience
- Departure

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## DAY ONE

Welcome to the Backwaters of Essex!

This morning you can enjoy taking in the surroundings of Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Hyde Hall on a Private Gardens Tour. The RHS is the world's leading gardening charity with the spectacular Hyde Hall the society manages four more gardens as well as cultivating prestigious Chatsworth House, Chelsea and Hampton Court Flower shows.

Take in the vast open spaces and themes of gardens including Courtyard Gardens, Birch Grove, Clover Hill and Lake, Australia and New Zealand Garden, Dry Garden, Upper Pond and Farmhouse Garden, Winter Garden, Herbaceous Border, Rose Garden and Rope Rose Walk, Robinson Garden, Wildwood, Sky Meadow, Reservoir and Bird Hide, Island Beds and Lawns, Woodland Garden, Shrub Rose and Gold Borders. Robinson Garden, Hilltop Garden and the Clore Learning Centre. After visiting RHS Hyde Hall it's time to visit the famous Tiptree Tea Room Cafe and Jam Shop at The Jam Factory to discover 125 years of history on a guided tractor tour of fruit farms and fields before finishing with a cream tea.

## DAY TWO

Today you will visit the spectacular and breathtaking private tour of the Beth Chatto Garden. Beth Chatto OBE was an award winning plantswoman, author and lecturer who created what is now a marvel of garden design that was created in the 1960s when Beth Chatto took on an overgrown wasteland with brambles, parched gravel and boggy ditches and transformed what was an empty space in to a world renowned garden enjoyed by visitors from all corners of the world. Explore the Woodland Garden, Reservoir Garden, Water Garden and Scree Garden before having lunch in the delightful on site restaurant.

After lunch enjoy taking in Audley End House, celebrated as one of the finest examples of an early 17th Century Jacobean Mansion in England. After your private guided tour, meet staff from the of a former age in the Victorian Service Wing. Enjoy spectacular views over sprawling Essex Countryside or enjoy the peace and tranquility of Gardens designed and created by renowned landscape architect Mr Lancelot 'Capability' Brown. In recent times, the world renowned Netflix series smash hit The Crown was filmed at Audley End House.



## DAY THREE

The final day is a great chance to explore three unmissable attractions. Firstly Enjoy the great outdoors with plants and surroundings with Marks Hall Gardens and Arboretum, discover geographically themed landscaped gardens, arboretum, lakes and woods as you take in a private tour of the inspiring landscape that has restorative powers for people, plants and wildlife. Have a bite to eat and coffee in the on site restaurant with locally sourced fresh produce and ingredients. Savor the chance to feel inspired in the awe of an Alabaster villa as you visit Hyland's House. A beautiful Grade II Listed Neo Classical Georgian Villa . Built in 1730 and originally in red brick, this hidden gem had nine owners, survived a huge fire and World War I and World war II, but now stands tall as an inspiring jewel in the crown of the countryside. The third unmissable attraction is a backwater river cruise experience at a private pier from Le Bouchon Brasserie & Hotel.

### PRICE FROM\*

### GBP (POA) PER PERSON

(sharing standard Double/Twin room)

#### Price does not include:

- Lunches and beverages.
- Service charges unless specified.
- Room upgrades and room service.
- Transport or any items not listed.
- Personal travel insurance.

#### Price Includes:

- 2 nights accommodation at Le Bouchon Brasserie & Hotel or similar.
- \*DBB basis unless otherwise stated.
- RHS Hyde Hall entrance.
- Beth Chatto Garden entrance.
- Audley End House entrance.
- Marks Hall Gardens and Arboretum entrance.
- Hyland's House entrance.
- Backwater river cruise experience.

#### \*Terms and Conditions:

This is a special interest package based on a group of 12 people. Rates are based on 2 adults sharing 1 standard room; Rates are subject to availability, should suggested hotel not be available one of a similar category will be offered; Rates are not valid on bank holidays and during special events; All bespoke services on request; Transport is not included; Alternative hotels or transport available on request.