

May 13-23, 2012

\$4,533* per person double
(singles + \$775)

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THE MAGNIFICENT GARDENS OF EUROPE

Presented in partnership
with Madison's Olbrich
Botanical Gardens

This 11-day "garden highlights" tour of Europe includes the 2012 Floriade World Horticultural Expo in the Netherlands, the gardens of Giverny and Paris, and the 2012 Chelsea Flower Show in London.



Tour Application

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Deposit Enclosed: \$ _____ (\$400 per person)

NOTE: Names must match your passport exactly. Please use a separate form for people at different addresses.

Name: _____

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Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ (d) _____ (e)

E-Mail: _____

Accommodations: Double (\$4,533pp) Single (\$5,308)

Air Seats (not guaranteed): Window/next Aisle/next

Travel Insurance: Yes, please send insurance information.

I am not interested in insurance, and I understand the cancel penalties stated in this brochure.

Payment : Cash/Check (Payable to Burkhalter Tours)

Credit Card (If you prefer, you may call us with the #)

CC# _____

Exp Date _____ Security Code _____

Authorized Signature

*includes a \$100 donation to Olbrich Gardens

Sun, May 13: Depart the U.S. Travel to O'Hare and board your 6:00p flight to the Netherlands.

Mon, May 14: Welcome to Amsterdam. You will arrive at Amsterdam's Schipol airport at about 9:30a. The group will be met and transferred to a city-center hotel. After a brief rest and time to freshen up, you will embark on a city sightseeing tour that includes a canal cruise and visit to the Anne Frank house. (D)



Tue, May 15: Amersfoort-Appeltern-Venlo. Board your private coach this morning and travel through the Netherlands to Venlo, site of the Floriade. Stop near Amersfoort to tour a private garden, and then visit the Gardens of Appeltern with more than 200 model gardens and the largest collection of plants in the Netherlands. In the late afternoon, check into your hotel in Venlo, your home for the next three nights. (B)(L)(D)



Wed, May 16: Venlo-Floriade. Enjoy a full day at the Floriade, where every day features a cultural program of music, dance, literature, theatre and visual art from all over the world. Sustainable, pioneering, architectural eye catchers-all never seen before-will be shown for the first time at Floriade 2012. Using the senses of sight, hearing, taste, touch and smell, you can experience first-hand the influence horticulture has on the quality of our daily lives. (B)



Thu, May 17: Venlo. Board your coach for an excursion to Belgium. Your first stop will be at Margraten to visit the American Military Cemetery. As a group, you will place a floral wreath at the grave of the Unknown Soldier. Continue on to the

private garden "de Heerenhof" in Maastricht. You will also visit the Giardino garden sculpture gallery. In the afternoon, a local guide will lead you on a tour of Maastricht, the oldest city in the Netherlands. (B)(L)

Fri, May 18: Paris. Depart Holland today and travel through Brussels and on to Paris. Upon arrival, meet your local guide for a city tour that includes the Champs Elysees, the Arc de Triomphe, Concorde Square, the Eiffel Tower and the Cathedral of Notre Dame. (B)(D)

Sat, May 19: Paris. Drive westward this morning to nearby Giverny to admire the gardens-including the lily pond and Japanese bridge-which Impressionist painter, Claude Monet, considered his greatest artistic achievement. In the afternoon, return to Paris and spend some free time exploring on your own. Tonight, the group will enjoy a cruise on the River Seine, experiencing the beauty of Paris at night. (B)(L)



Sun, May 20: Paris. Your day begins with a visit to the Musee d'Orsay, where you can see what most art enthusiasts agree is the greatest collection of Impressionist art in the world. View the extraordinary paintings by Degas, Van Gogh, Gauguin and numerous others. Then, embark on a tour of a stunning variety of Parisian gardens, including the Romantic Parc Monceau, the ultramodern Parc Andre Citroen, and Jardin d'Atlantique, which is located on the roof of a train station. The rest of your day and evening are at leisure. (B)(D)



Mon, May 21: London. Travel to London today aboard the Eurostar train that operates between France and England through the Channel Tunnel (Chunnel). This amazing \$15 billion feat of engineering is 31 miles long, 23 miles of which are under water. Upon arrival, you'll have free time for lunch, and then the group will meet a local guide for a city tour of London. Your tour will include Big Ben and Parliament, Trafalgar Square, Westminster Abbey and Piccadilly Circus. You'll also visit the Tower of London and see the Crown Jewels. (B)



Tue, May 22: London. The Royal Horticultural Society is the U.K.'s leading gardening charity dedicated to advancing horticulture and promoting good gardening. Today, you will visit the best of their excellent programs when you attend the Chelsea Flower Show. A catwalk of color and creativity, the brightest new ideas, the latest trends, and the pinnacle of design all combine to make this show one of the most renowned in the world. This evening, join your group for a farewell dinner. (B)(D)

Wed, May 23: Return to U.S. Your tour concludes today as you are transferred to London's Heathrow airport for your noon flight, arriving in Chicago at about 3:15p. Spring should be well underway back home, and you now have lots of ideas for creating your own beautiful garden! (B)



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Terms and Conditions

Citizenship: Travelers must possess a passport that is valid for at least six months beyond return to the U.S. Complete passport name, number, expiration and birth dates are required to confirm reservations.



Deposits and Payments: Please make checks payable to Burkhalter Tours. All major credit cards are also accepted, although a cash discount may be offered. A deposit of \$400 per person is required to secure reservations. **Final payment is due by February 17, 2012.** All tour confirmations are subject to payment verification.

Cancellations: All cancellations are subject to a \$50 Burkhalter Tours service fee that may not be covered by insurance. In addition to the service fee and possible airline penalties, tour cancellation penalties are as follows: Prior to Jan 12: \$50 fee; Jan 13-Feb 3: Deposit; Feb 4-Apr 27: 50%; after Apr 27: 100%. Name and departure date changes are considered reservation cancellations subject to cancellation fees. Once issued, airline tickets are 100% non-refundable.

Travel insurance is strongly recommended. Coverage for trip cancellation/interruption, trip delay, lost/damaged baggage, and medical expenses/evacuation is available from Burkhalter Tours. Ask your agent for more information.

Hotel Accommodations: Hotels are superior tourist class or better, selected for quality, value and location. Each room has a private bath/shower and generally offers two beds. Hotel properties are subject to change.

Transportation: Even though flights are chosen based on schedule and cost, schedules are subject to change at any time, and airfare is subject to increase until ticketed. Private group transportation to/from O'Hare may be offered for a fee based on group numbers. On-tour transportation will be via deluxe, air-conditioned motorcoach.

Airline Seats: Group seat assignments can only be requested after final payment and may be limited in availability. We will pass along your request, but we cannot guarantee seat assignments. If you feel this is critical, you might consider booking your own airline ticket separate from the group.

Traveler Fitness: Travelers with cognitive or physical limitations must be accompanied by someone who is solely responsible for providing assistance to them or they may be asked to leave the tour. Due to myriad other demands, tour managers and hosts are not able to provide such assistance.

Tour Conditions: This tour is a scheduled departure and no minimum number of Burkhalter travelers is required for the tour to operate. However, group air contracts require a minimum of 10 travelers-if that number is not met, we may quote individual airfare. With 15 participants, a Burkhalter Tours representative will travel with the group to provide assistance on flights and while traveling. All arrangements are based upon tariffs and currency values in effect on April 19, 2011 and are subject to change. If economic factors

dictate the need for surcharges, Burkhalter Tours may increase costs at any time prior to departure. Once deposit has been received, any changes to air or land arrangements may be assessed a \$50 revision fee. Revision fees may be higher once air is ticketed. It is especially important that you provide your complete and correct passport name to avoid airline change penalties.

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Your Olbrich Host

Jeff Epping has been Director of Horticulture at Olbrich Botanical Gardens since 1994. He oversees the horticultural operations and garden designs of over ten display gardens. A graduate of UW-Madison, Epping holds bachelor's and master's degrees in Ornamental Horticulture. He worked at the Chicago Botanic Garden prior to joining the staff at Olbrich and has visited, studied and photographed gardens throughout the US, UK, south of France and Thailand. He regularly lectures and teaches throughout the Midwest, and many of his photos have been seen in regional journals and professional horticultural publications.



Tour Inclusions

- Round-trip, non-stop air from Chicago
- Round-trip airport/hotel transfers in Europe
- Daily breakfast, 3 lunches and 5 dinners
- 9 nights superior hotels
- Professional Tour Director + local guides
- Olbrich Gardens Director of Horticulture, Jeff Epping/Burkhalter Tours host (w/15 travelers)
- Deluxe, air-conditioned motorcoach transportation + Chunnel Train to London
- Admissions and sightseeing per itinerary
- Full day at Floriade 2012
- Full day at Chelsea Flower Show
- Other garden visits including Giverny, Appeltern, de Heerenhof and Giardino
- City sightseeing in Amsterdam, Paris, London
- Baggage handling for one bag, max 50 lbs.
- Taxes and gratuities for included items

Reservations/Information

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