

Gardens of Kent

Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd May 2010



Friday Depart Bradford 08.00am with stops travelling south as required heading for the historic town of [Rochester](#) dominated by a fine Norman Castle and Cathedral.

Saturday The day starts with a visit to [Down House](#), the family home of Charles Darwin, where with an audio tour from David Attenborough brings the house to life and tells why "Origin of the Species" caused such a stir. Outside we can stroll the garden which inspired him. The afternoon will be spent at [Pashley Manor Gardens](#) a quintessential English garden with a sumptuous blend of romantic landscaping, imaginative planting, fine old trees, fountains and large ponds to admire.

Sunday Morning visit to the award winning [Groombridge Place Gardens](#) which provides an unusual combination of a traditional heritage garden with the excitement, challenge and contemporary landscaping of ancient woodland. Our final call of the tour will be to [Hever Castle & Gardens](#). The childhood home of Anne Boleyn restored by Lord Astor filled with magnificent furniture, tapestries, works of art and miniature Model Houses Exhibition. No visit would be complete without a visit to the magnificent gardens as well. Arrive back late evening.



The Hotel

The [Bridgewood Manor](#) is a modern hotel with a classic feel. The lovely courtyard at the heart of the building and the stone fireplace and beautiful reclaimed carved wood, that came originally from churches and fine houses, gives the hotel



an air of calm distinction. Reflections Spa includes a swimming pool, sauna, steam room, spa bath, all-weather tennis court, gym and relaxing beauty treatment rooms. It has a restaurant, and bar and all rooms include en-suite bathrooms, hairdryer, tea and coffee making facilities, TV with satellite channels, trouser press and in many cases iron and ironing board.

Hotel: Bridgewood Manor, Bridgewood R't, Walderslade Woods, Chatham, Kent ME5 9AX Tel: 01634 201333

This 3 day Tour Includes

- ☞ Time to explore Rochester
- ☞ Visits to Down House, Pashley Manor Gardens, Groombridge Place Gardens & Hever Castle & Gardens
- ☞ 2 nights dinner, bed & English breakfast

Prices

Per person in twin/double	£185.00
Per person in single	£235.00
Insurance	£14.85
English Heritage Discount	- £7.50

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