

# Castles, Gardens & Cathedrals of Kent

Monday 9th - Friday 13th August 2010

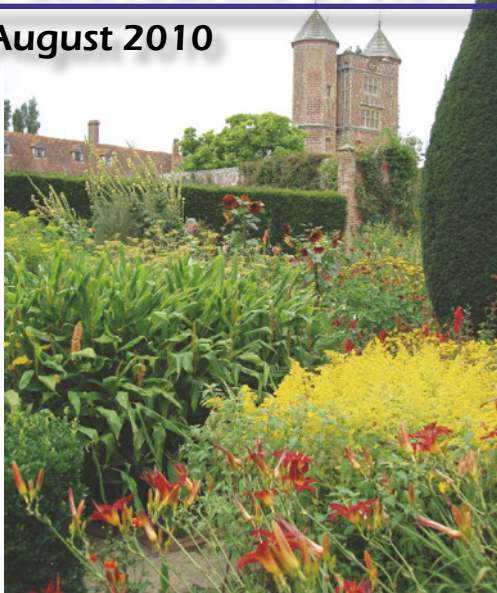
**Monday** Depart Bradford 08.00am with stops as required on the way to our first destination; **Leeds Castle**. Described as the "loveliest castle in the world" complete with sumptuous interiors, a moat, gardens of continuous colour and a maze with underground grotto! Make the short journey to our hotel situated next door.

**Tuesday** A visit to one of England's most famous and romantic gardens at **Sissinghurst**. The garden is on the site of a medieval manor and some structures survive which help in its role of transmitting Gertrude Jekyll's philosophy to the visitors. Then on to **Royal Tunbridge Wells** where the heart of the original town is the colonnaded and tree lined area known as The Pantiles.

**Wednesday** Today's visit is to **Penshurst Place** whose splendour is the 11 acre formal garden which was first restored in the 1860's, and then again 100 years later. There is box parterre, an orchard, rose garden and borders designed by Lanning Roper to admire.

**Thursday** A day in the splendid city of **Canterbury** with its many ancient buildings, a cosmopolitan atmosphere and old world charm. We have a **guided visit** around the **Cathedral** where we can hear about its history and architecture.

**Friday** Heading north we break the journey with a lunch time visit to **Cambridge**, an atmospheric ancient city with a long history of learning. Back for mid evening.



## The Hotel

Located next to Leeds Castle, this hotel is set within its own 26 acres of grounds and is the perfect base to discover the tranquility and beauty of Kent, the 'Garden of England'. Recently refurbished, it has a restaurant, bar and coffee shop as well as a Health and Leisure club with swimming pool, sauna, steam room, spa pool and work out facilities. 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: Ramada Hotel & Resort Maidstone, Hollingbourne, Nr Maidstone, Kent, ME17 1RE Tel: 08448 159045

## This 5 day Tour Includes

- ☞ Visits to Leeds Castle, Sissinghurst, Penshurst Place & a guided tour of Canterbury Cathedral
- ☞ Visits to Tunbridge Wells, Canterbury & Cambridge
- ☞ 4 nights dinner, bed & English breakfast

## Prices

Per person in twin/double	£310.00
Per person in single (limited)	£310.00
Insurance	£22.50
<b>National Trust Discount</b>	<b>-£7.75</b>
<b>Depart code B</b>	