



Tour Information



The Gardens of Kent and Sussex Gardeners' World exclusive





The tour starts and finishes at **East Sussex National Hotel**

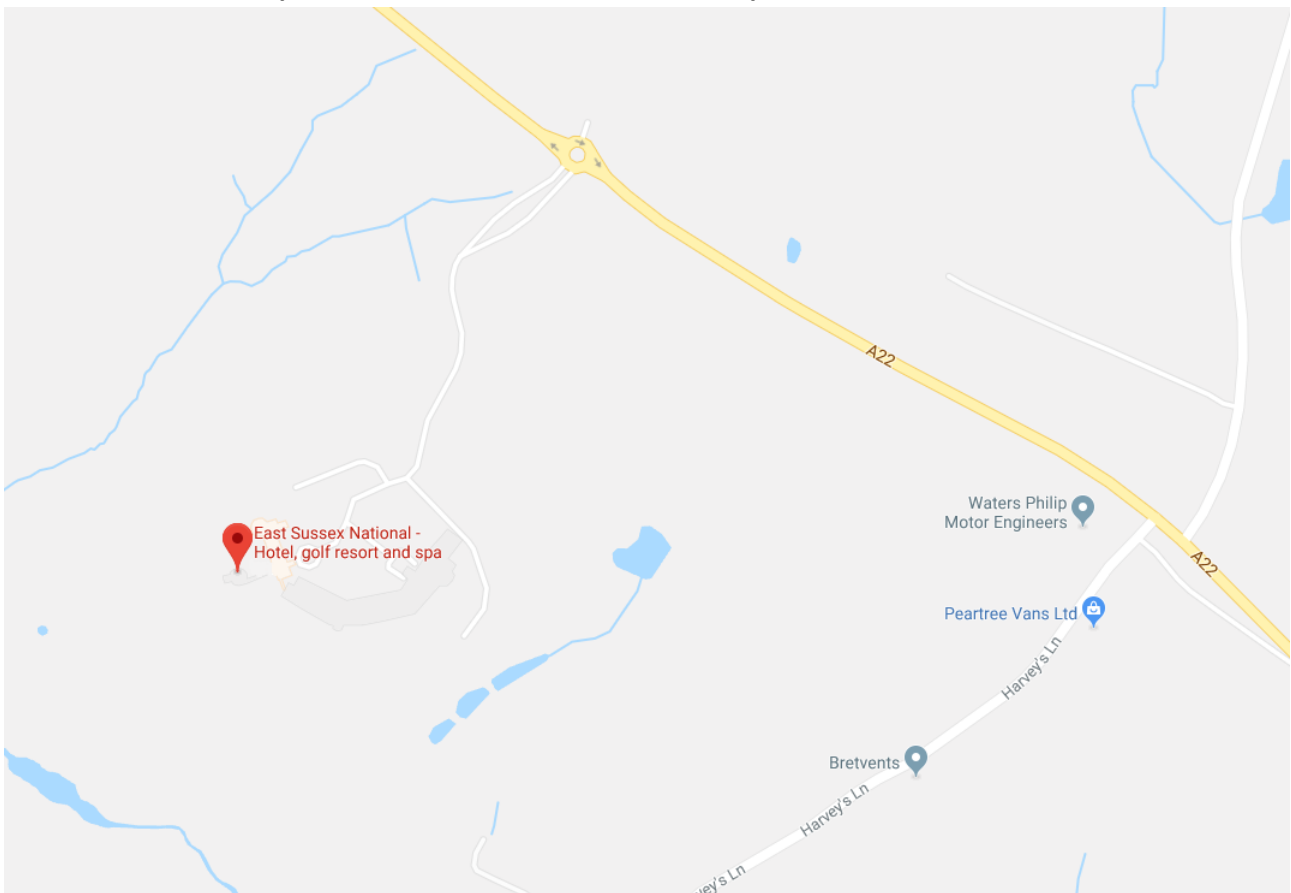
Little Horsted

Uckfield

TB22 5ES

Tel: 01825 880088

Please note that transport to the hotel is not included in the price of the tour.



Transport

Travelling by car: Head south on the M23, and continue onto the A23, take the B2115 towards Warninglid and Cuckfield Village. Continue onto Staplefield Lane and turn left onto Sloughgreen Lane, then turn right onto Cuckfield Road, B2115. Continue to follow B2114 and at the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Whiteman's Green, B2036. Turn left onto London Lane and left onto Broad Street. B2184. At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto A272, then stay on the A272 until you reach Batts Bridge Roundabout and take the 3rd exit onto A22 towards Uckfield. At the next roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Uckfield Bypass, A22, then take the 2nd exit at the next roundabout and the 3rd exit at the next roundabout. Your destination will be on the left.

Travelling by train: The nearest mainline station is Uckfield, approx. 2 miles away.



Accommodation

East Sussex National Hotel

Set amongst 1100 acres of lush green English countryside, the East Sussex National Resort is the perfect base for our tour of Sussex. The hotel facilities include a health club and spa, bar and choice of restaurants, and two championship golf courses. Each of the comfortable bedrooms, all overlooking the South Downs and golf courses, have en-suite bathrooms with complimentary toiletries, TV, telephone, hairdryer, safe, free Wi-fi and tea and coffee making facilities.

For more information, additional details can be found on the website:

<https://www.eastsussexnational.co.uk/>

Check-in and departure from the hotel

On the day of arrival, you will be able to check-in at the hotel from 15.00

On the last day of the tour, the tour will not finish until approximately 17.30 so you should check with your tour manager, or the hotel reception, where luggage should be stored until your departure.

Extra nights

If you have booked to stay an extra night at the hotel, this is on a bed and breakfast basis and check out from the hotel is at 11.00am.

Special requests

If you haven't already done so, please notify Travel Editions of any special requests as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements.

Dining

On the first night of your stay, a private three-course dinner with wine is provided. During the second and third evenings of the tour, dinner is provided at the hotel restaurant. Breakfast on each day of your stay is included in the price.



Places Visited

Borde Hill

A guided tour of Borde Hill Garden followed by a light lunch. The “garden rooms” at Borde Hill were originally planted by Col Robert Stephenson Clark but have been renewed, updated and refreshed by subsequent generations of the family, giving the visitor a series of delights including Jay Robin’s Rose Garden, Italian Garden, Paradise Walk, Round Dell, Garden of Allah and Azalea Ring. A light lunch is included here.

<https://bordehill.co.uk/>

Wakehurst.

Wakehurst is the Sussex outpost of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, a highlight of which is its wild botanic garden, home to the Millennium Seed Bank and over 500 acres of diverse landscapes and plants from around the globe.

<https://www.kew.org/wakehurst>

Sissinghurst Castle Garden

Sissinghurst Castle Garden is a world-renowned garden, created by Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson, famous members of the literary “Bloomsbury Set” of the early 20th century, who fell in love with the Castle.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/kent/sissinghurst-castle-garden>

Great Dixter House

Family home of gardener, gardening writer and TV presenter, Christopher Lloyd, the house was designed by Edwin Lutyens, whose work in Delhi and Flanders made him one of the most famous architects of the 20th century. The garden was nurtured by Lloyd until his death in 2006 and is in the Arts & Crafts style with three 18th century oast houses and a 15th century barn in its midst

<https://www.greatdixter.co.uk/>

Hole Park Gardens

Privately-owned Hole Park Gardens was designed by Christopher Lloyd. Here, we will enjoy a guided tour followed by some light refreshments.

<https://www.holepark.com/>

Pashley Manor Gardens

The 11 acres of Pashley Manor Gardens display all the ingredients of a classic English Country Garden – sweeping herbaceous borders, immaculate lawns, rose walk, walled and kitchen garden, box hedges – with a grade I listed house as its stunning backdrop. We'll enjoy a guided tour and free time for lunch (not included) here.

<https://www.pashleymanorgardens.com/>

Hever Castle

Historic Hever Castle and Gardens was the childhood home to Anne Boleyn, mother of Queen Elizabeth I. The double-moated 14th century castle is set in 125 acres of grounds and time is allowed to visit the castle and the magnificent award-winning gardens.



Your Guide

David started gardening as a young child and has been growing plants for more than 40 years. He has worked in gardens and nurseries, growing on a range of different soils and in different types of microclimate. His extensive knowledge and practical experience of plants, crops and growing techniques is founded on a thorough botanical and scientific training, complemented by an in depth understanding of garden design, wildlife, geology and climatology. He also trained as a teacher and has taught a huge diversity of subjects from botany, soil science and plant identification, to propagation, garden design and crop production, and from City & Guilds through to Degree level. He is also a popular speaker with local gardening groups.

As a journalist, David has spent more than 20 years writing for and editing the nation's crop of garden magazines, currently as Associate Editor for BBC Gardeners' World Magazine. He has also written for a number of websites and appeared both as a regular contributor and an expert commentator on TV and radio. David is a popular figure in the horticultural world, well liked and respected for his knowledge by nurserymen, professional gardeners, journalists and the gardening public. He has designed, built and planted show gardens and display stands at most of the major garden shows in the UK, including the world-famous Chelsea Flower Show, and is now a Designate Judge for the Royal Horticultural Society.

He has also travelled to every continent, with the exception of Antarctica, to discover plants and gardens, both independently and on more than 50 trips accompanying groups of gardeners

David will give one introductory talk during the tour.



Practical Information

Tour manager - Your tour manager will be on hand throughout the tour to ensure that everything operates according to plan. If you have any problems or questions, please see him or her immediately – it is often possible to resolve complaints or problems very quickly on the spot and do everything to help you enjoy your holiday.

Tipping – To keep our tours affordable, we do not increase the tour price by adding in tips. However, in the tourism industry, there is a certain level of expectation that when receiving a good service, one does award with a tip. Tour Managers, Representatives, Guides and Drivers appreciate a tip at the end of their involvement with the tour, but this is entirely at your discretion. We believe in allowing you to tip according to your level of satisfaction with their services, but for your guidance about £2-3 per person per day for the tour manager is the norm. We would like to reiterate that tipping is an entirely optional payment and this information is given purely to answer any questions you may have about it.

Grading – This tour has been graded as **Moderate**: Walking between sites, lots of standing for viewing.



Insurance

Although this is a UK holiday please note that, should you cancel your holiday, the amount paid is non-refundable. For this reason you may wish to take out insurance just in case an unforeseen event caused you to have to cancel the tour. As well as covering cancellations, your travel insurance will also cover your baggage and personal belongings in case they are lost or stolen.



Emergencies

Should an emergency arise, please call our offices on:

020 7251 0045

Outside office hours (Mon-Fri 0900-1700), telephone our emergency staff on:

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