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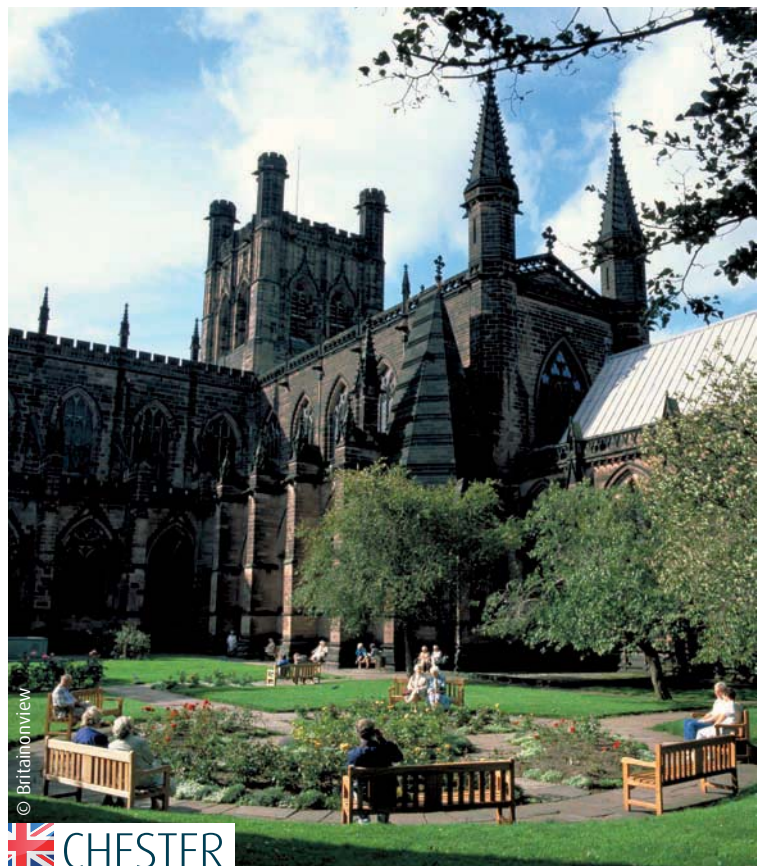


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🇬🇧 DAY 1

Arrive Manchester Airport where we will meet and take you to the ancient Roman city of **Chester** where after a brief **walking tour** of the city and a welcoming cup of coffee, you'll check into your hotel. Rest and relax until about 4pm when we've arranged **tea and cakes** at a **privately-owned garden** near the city. Early supper and the chance for an early night. Overnight Chester (3 nights).

🇬🇧 DAY 2

To **Tatton Park** where you'll discover one of England's finest gardens which over the centuries have been shaped and influenced by some of the best garden designers in the country. Before leaving, there's time for lunch (indep) in the **Stables Restaurant** and a tour of the house itself. On the return to Chester, there are two award-winning gardens for you to visit, either at privately-owned **Arley Hall** or at the fascinating 800 year old **Norton Priory**.

🇬🇧 DAY 3

A day in **North Wales** which begins with a drive up and over the **Horseshoe Pass** and into **Llangollen**. After a brief stop there, you'll be on your way to Ewephoria and an entertaining insight into a day in the life of a **Welsh shepherd and his sheepdogs**. On then to visit the lovely privately-owned garden at **Maenen Hall**, a photo opportunity at **Conwy Castle** and a cup of tea and Welsh cakes at the internationally famous **Bodnant Garden**.

🇬🇧 DAY 4

Heading for **York**, you'll take a swing through the **Derbyshire Peak District** to see the unmissable **Chatsworth** and the nearby **Haddon Hall** where the rose display in June/July is fragrantly and colourfully gorgeous. Overnight in the Viking city of York (3 nights).

🇬🇧 DAY 5

To **Castle Howard**, aka Brideshead, dramatically set between two lakes with extensive gardens and mightily impressive architecture. By contrast, the afternoon visit will be to **Scampston Hall**, the home of **Sir Charles and Lady Legard** where the wonderful walled garden is the creation of the renowned designer and plantsman **Piet Oudolf** (co-designer of Chicago Millennium Park's Lurie Garden).

🇬🇧 DAY 6

Leaving York for Manchester Airport your first stop will be to see 12th century **Fountains Abbey**, one of the most remarkable sites in Europe and its adjacent **Studley Royal**, a remarkable Georgian water garden. Finishing on a high note will be the afternoon in the award-winning gardens at privately owned **Newby Hall** which is full of rare and beautiful shrubs and plants and a famous double herbaceous border. Overnight near Manchester Airport.

🇬🇧 DAY 7

By train to **London** for a 2-3 night extension or to the airport for the return flight home.

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