

Garden and Arboretum Tours 2013

Gardens of the Atlantic Maritimes August 15 – 24.

This trip was revitalized and updated which included better hotels, a stay at the Bay of Fundy so we can see both the low and high tides (30+ feet), a whale watching boat ride in the Atlantic, a dinner cruise in Halifax Harbor, another evening cruise on the Bras d' Or Lake (an inland part of the Atlantic), a stop at a "Canadian Single Malt Whisky distillery (the only one in Canada) - this is Scotch but you can't call it that outside Scotland! It has all the good features of the original trip with time in historic Halifax, Anne of Green Gables Farm (the one used by Lucy Montgomery for her book, Anne of Green Gables, A museum of First Nation people, (the Mi'kmaq people), A drive around Cabot Trail on the Cape Breton highlands, Alexander Graham Bell Museum, and more. We have 18 signed up and can take 24 so there is still some room but you must act now.

Contact Jim Glad: gladtotravel@earthlink.net (Jim will be in Hong Kong until April 30 but follows his emails.)

Gardens and Castles of Scotland September 21 – 30.

We still need people here, 4 couples will do it. This fabulous garden tour is one of the best we have offered in several years. We will see some of the most spectacular gardens of Scotland along with many of their castles. We fly into Glasgow, look at several gardens there then on to Logan Botanical Garden (a part of the 4-part Edinburgh Botanical Garden) with collections for New Zealand and Australian plants. We visit historic Castle Kennedy and its gardens (14th Century), Hill House and gardens (recently restored). On to Loch Ness to search for Nessie (if you find Nessie you get a full refund of the trip!!). Up to Aberdeen we visit Pitmedden Garden and Farming Life Museum (a real glimpse into early farming in Scotland), Then Crathes Castle (a wonderful garden with some yews from the 1700's), and Drummon Castle and its garden. We are then off to Dawyck Botanical Garden (another one of the Botanical Gardens of Edinburgh) – an inland garden so much colder than the others with 300 years of tree cultivation, and finally to Edinburgh where we see the gardens of the Dr. Neils and the main garden of the Royal Botanical Garden of Edinburgh... The Director there will greet us and we will be able to tour one of the best rock gardens in the world. Time for shopping in Edinburgh and walking on the Royal Mile before we head back to Glasgow to fly home.

If you are interested in this one you need to contact Jim Glad: gladtotravel@earthlink.net before the end of April and let him know of your interest.