



Thursday 15th May – Sunday 18th 2025

4 days/3 nights with accommodation at the 4* Bank House Hotel, Spa & Golf Stately Homes, with Guided Garden Tours

Your visits include:

Spetchley Park: is a living showcase of botanical beauty and history. This picturesque, historic estate and botanical gem, has over 30-acre landscape, featuring a diverse collection of rare plants,, vibrant borders serene lakes, and beautifully manicured lawns. With over 400 years of history, look forward to seeing treasure trove of horticultural delights.

Witley Court Gardens: features breathtaking formal landscapes surrounding the grand ruins of Witley Court. With its majestic fountains, ornate parterres, and lush woodlands, the gardens offer a captivating blend of history, architecture, and horticultural splendour.

Arley Arboretum: boasts stunning gardens, including beautifully restored Italian Gardens, and Britain's longest Laburnum arch Enjoy tranquil woodland walks surrounded ancient trees, including ancient oaks, acers and rare conifers – and marvel at the spectacular display of Rhododendrons and Azaleas.

The Firs: is the birthplace of composer Edward Elgar, now a National Trust property it offers serene gardens, historic exhibits, and a glimpse into his musical legacy.

Upton House: once Lord and Lady Bearsted's 1930s country retreat , now a National Trust property, this striking 17th-century manor is surrounded by beautifully landscaped gardens, featuring elegant terraced lawns, vibrant flower beds, and serene water features. Lady Bearsted commissioned one of the first professional female garden designers Kitty Lloyd-Jones to assist with the garden design. The house showcases a world-renowned art collection, including paintings by El Greco, Canaletto and Bosch, fine Chelsea porcelain and richly furnished interiors.

Whitlenge Gardens Tearooms and Plant Nursery: offers beautifully designed themed gardens, including water features and unique sculptures. The nursery provides a wide selection of plants, and gifts.

Tour Prices:

£595 for 35 passengers

£625 for 30 passengers

£645 for 28 passengers

*Price is for twin/double occupancy
Single room supplement: £ 90 for 3 nights*

Includes:

- Executive coach travel throughout
- 3 nights sharing a twin room at the 4* The Bank House Hotel, Spa & Golf
- Breakfast daily
- 3 course meal each evening
- Prosecco Reception on the night of arrival

Included Entrances and Tours:

- Upton House Garden Tour
- The Firs Introductory Talk
- Arley Arboretum Tour
- Whitlenge Gardens Entrance
- Witley Court Tour
- Spetchley Park Entrance and Tour

Extra: fees

- Upton Park free to National Trust members, £15 for non members
- The Firs free to National Trust members, £10 for non members
- Arley Arboretum free to RHS members, non members £6, discounts for Gardeners World Members
- Witley Court free to English Heritage members, £10 for non members

Deposit payment £60pp, **Deposit Deadline: Friday 29 November** Please pay directly to ECT Travel by phone or online through secure payment portal: <https://ecttravel.com/tours/BBO-worcestershire-2025> Final payment 14 March 2025



Your Itinerary:

Thursday May 15

- Coach will depart from Amersham and High Wycombe
- Afternoon visit to **Upton House and Gardens**
- Late afternoon arrival at hotel:
The Bank House Hotel, Spa & Golf for check in.
- Prosecco reception followed by 3 course dinner at hotel.

Friday May 16

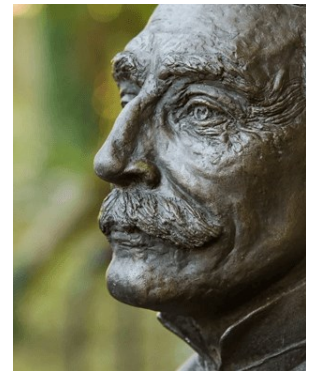
- Depart hotel after breakfast.
- Morning visit to **The Firs** - *with an introductory talk.*
- Noon visit to **Arley Arboretum**, where you will enjoy a guided tour of the gardens.
- Depart gardens early evening arrive at your hotel in time for dinner.
- 3 course dinner included at hotel.

Saturday May 17

- Depart hotel after breakfast.
- Visit to **Whitlenghe Gardens, Tearoom & Plant Nursery** here you will independently explore the gardens and nursery.
- Afternoon visit to **Witley Court Gardens** *with a guided tour included.*
- Return to hotel late afternoon.
- 3 course dinner included at hotel.

Sunday May 18

- Depart hotel after breakfast and check-out.
- Visit **Spetchley Park** to enjoy an exclusive garden tour followed by lunch, before departing back to Amersham.
- Comfort stop on route.
- Evening return home.



Your Accommodation

4* The Bank House Hotel, Spa & Golf

Nestled in the heart of rural Worcestershire, in beautiful countryside between Great Malvern and Worcester, **The Bank House Hotel, Spa & Golf** is a family-run hotel that offers gracious hospitality, traditional standards and modern amenities.

Breakfast and three dinners is included during your stay.

As a guest of the hotel enjoy complimentary use of the swimming pool, thermal suite & gym



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