

The Festival of London with the Royal Society of Medicine 'Green London' Tour 27 – 30 August 2021



A waterfall in Regents Park

London is the Garden Capital of the most garden-loving country in the world; there are more gardens open to the public in England than anywhere else, and London is famous for its many green spaces. Squares are one of the defining features of London. Like other European cities, London has its grand civic spaces, but no other city has developed the garden square in quite the same way. Today London enjoys and values many private and public gardens and squares, which are appreciated now perhaps more than ever before.

There has never been a better time to explore London. Enjoy the quiet streets and deserted parks on a tour of some of London's wonderful green spaces, including a private tour of the Royal College of Physicians' medical garden, a secret garden tour within Regents Park, the Barbican Conservatory – the second biggest in London – and the famous Chelsea Physic Garden. Tour some of London's many squares, see a botanical photography exhibition at Dulwich Picture Gallery (and explore the beautiful gardens there) and learn about the planting during the Kings Cross development.

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Day 1: London (Fri, 27 Aug) **D**

Medical Gardens

Pm: Meet your tour leader, Janice Liverseidge at the Royal College of Physicians for a private tour of their garden with Dr Henry Oakley, the Garden Fellow at the RCP. The garden contains over 1,100 plants, all with links to medicine. The myriad stories they tell come from diverse cultures, different countries and from every age in recorded history. The garden has been beautifully designed and is a wonderfully calm space in the centre of London.

Eve: *Gin and tonic and their botanicals*: a talk and tasting with Helen Bynum at the RSM. Welcome dinner at the RSM.

Day 2: London (Sat, 28 Aug) **B D**

Hidden and Secret Gardens

Am: Take a secret garden tour with Edward Kellow in Regents Park and explore the hidden delights of Regents Park on a specialist tour.

Pm: Visit the Barbican Conservatory, the second biggest conservatory in London, and learn about the hidden tropical oasis. Take a walk with Janice Liverseidge and learn about the Kings Cross planting.

Eve: Dinner at a garden restaurant.

Day 3: London (Sun, 29 Aug) **B D**

Garden Art, Design and History

Am: Start the tour at the Chelsea Physic Garden, which was established as the Apothecaries' Garden in London in 1673. The Worshipful Society of Apothecaries created this garden to grow plants to be used as medicines. Continue to the Garden Museum Lambeth, Britain's only museum of the art, history and design of gardens.

Pm: Visit Dulwich Picture Gallery to see the exhibition *Unearthed: Photography's Roots*. Discover the pioneering story of photography from the 1840s to today, told through a series of stunning still life photography of plants and botany.

Eve: Optional dinner near the RSM.

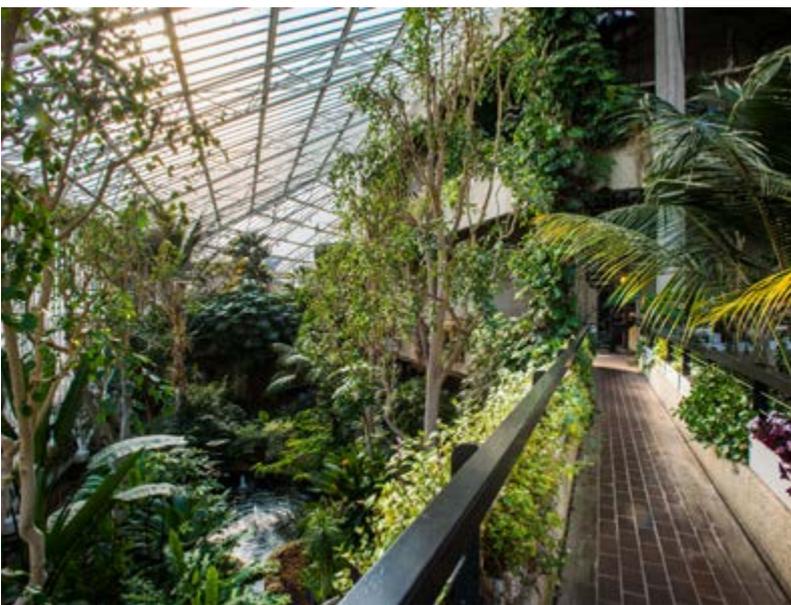
Day 4: London (Mon, 30 Aug) **B**

London's Garden Squares

Am: Take a specialist morning walk of some of London's squares and their green spaces. Learn about their history and the stories of those who established and worked in these gardens.

All itineraries are subject to change according to local conditions.





Poppies from the 'Unearthed' exhibition (top); Barbican Conservatory (above left); Regents Park (above right)

Tour Leader

Janice Liverseidge was previously a Director at The Royal Society of Medicine and is now a full-time guide and in her spare time a trustee of both the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund, the London Handel Festival and la Nuova Musica. She is also a registered Blue Badge tourist guide and regularly leads groups in London on medical history walks, tours of the Wellcome Collection and other healthcare locations plus provides music and art tours for specialist art groups and U3As. Janice has the Visit Britain "Good to Go" Industry standard demonstrating that she has shown her compliance with government and industry COVID-19 guidelines and has a Risk Assessment in place.





The Royal Society of Medicine

RSM Festival of London

To coincide with the 170th anniversary of *The Great Exhibition* and the 70th anniversary of *The Festival of Great Britain*, join Jon Baines Tours and the Royal Society of Medicine for seven different themed long weekends in 2021. **Only 20 places available on each.**

The weekends are:

- Shopping London** (23 – 26 July)
- Gourmet London** (5 – 8 August)
- Theatrical London** (20 – 23 August)
- Green London** (27 – 30 August)
- Musical London** (3 – 6 September)
- Artistic London** (10 – 13 September)
- Secret London** (24 – 27 September)

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Hotel

Domus Medica is located on the first floor of the RSM on the corner of Wimpole Street and Wigmore Street in Marylebone. This stylish and comfortable hotel has 47 en suite and climate-controlled bedrooms. They feature ample desk space, a flat-screen TV with Freeview, tea and coffee making facilities, bottled water, a room safe, complimentary Wi-Fi and Noble Isle toiletries. Guests can enjoy continental breakfast included in their stay and are welcome to dine and relax in the restaurant and lounge bar.

The cost of the tour for RSM members is £648 pp sharing.

The cost for non RSM members is £698 pp sharing.

The cost includes:

- Three nights' accommodation in double or twin-bedded rooms in Domus Medica

The single room supplement is £144.

The cost of the tour without accommodation for RSM members is £475.

The cost of the tour without accommodation for non RSM members is £525.

- Tour leader (Janice Liverseidge)
- Breakfast daily
- Dinner with gin tasting and talk at RSM
- Dinner on Day 2
- A full programme of visits, walks and talks
- Specially arranged visits and specialist guides/speakers
- Some transport by bus or taxi
- Admission fees throughout
- VAT

The cost excludes:

- Travel (public transport and / or taxis at customers expense)
- All personal extras such as laundry and drinks and meals not mentioned
- All optional excursions, tours and visits