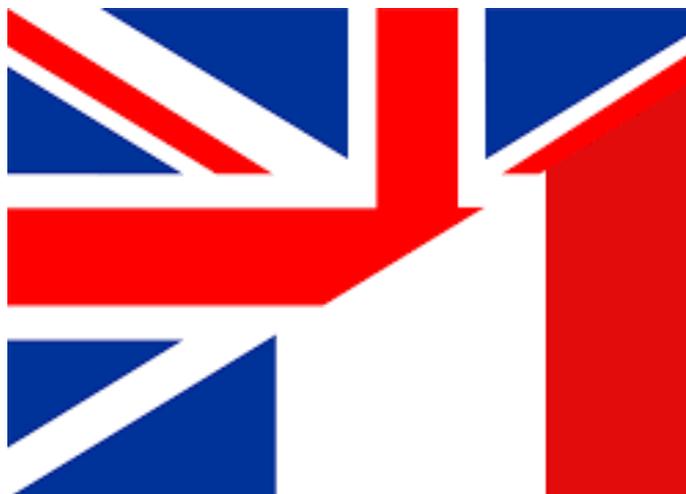


HPSO TOUR – “A Tale of Two Cities”

The Gardens of Paris and London – May 11 to May 23, 2022



HPSO takes you to two great gardening cities with centuries of horticultural tradition and some very creative ways for "greening" their 21st century urban landscapes. We will explore gardens from the rooftops to the underground as we split 12 nights equally between Paris and London. Connecting our stay in each city will be a journey on the Eurostar train whisking us through the Chunnel. For those who crave a bit more bloom, there will be an optional post-tour, 2-night extension in London for the RHS Chelsea Flower Show and all its surrounding festivities. Bring your comfiest walking shoes. We will get a close look at our two cities on foot whenever we can.

DAY 0/NIGHT 1

Wednesday May 11th

Welcome

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Upon arrival in Paris, travelers will have the day free to explore and adjust to the time zone change. We meet up in the evening for a welcome cruise along the Seine sharing a glass or two of champagne as the City of Light floats by. We gather for dinner following our cruise. [Stay the night in Paris.](#)

DAY 1/NIGHT 2

Thursday May 12th

PARIS

B & L

In the city where ballooning began, we will (weather permitting) see our first garden the **Parc Andre Citroën** from the air. The [Ballon de Paris](#), captive hot air balloon ride will take our group 150 meters up for a bird's eye view of this contemporary garden laid out on the former site of a Citroën automobile plant.

The dramatic axial views that make up Haussmann's 19th century redesign of Paris will be front and center at our next stop, the **Place du Trocadéro et du 11 Novembre**. Take in the art deco architecture and enjoy the postcard-worthy view of the Eiffel Tower. Our stroll down through the **Jardins du Trocadéro** to the Seine will take us to the **Pont d'Iéna** where we cross to the Rive Gauche.



A short walk along the riverbank brings us to the [Musée Quai Branly – Jacques Chirac](#). Twenty years ago, redevelopment of this site was controversial, but it was the garden that brought harmony with the neighbors, the river, and the surrounding 19th architecture. Explore this verdant setting, so different from a traditional French formal garden. The Gilles Clément design is a tapestry of small gardens, with streams, hills, pools, and winding

paths. However, the garden's most striking feature may be the vertical gardens covering the façades of the museum. We wrap up our visit with a lunch at the museum's **Café Jacques**.

After lunch, head through the 7th arrondissement along the pedestrian **Rue Cler** to the **UNESCO Headquarters**. Our visit to the Isamu Noguchi designed **Garden of Peace** brings together Japanese gardening tradition and Mid-century modern aesthetics, and U.N. core values.

Our coach rejoins us for an afternoon in the gardens of Paris' western perimeter, beginning at the **Jardin Albert Kahn**. This eclectic garden begun in the 1890s features an English garden, a French garden and most notably a classical Japanese landscape garden. Enjoy the open spaces of the **Bois de Boulogne** as we journey to the **Parc Bagatelle**.

Though we will be too early for a peak visit to the famous rosarie, the garden is known for its iris and clematis in the spring. Our route through the Bois will finish with a photo stop at the **Fondation Louis Vuitton** designed by Frank Gehry. **Dinner is on your own. Stay the night in Paris.**



DAY 2/ NIGHT 3

Friday May 13th

PARIS

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What better place to go on Friday the 13th than the **Cimetiere du Père Lachaise**, Paris' first garden cemetery, Interring celebrity remains, such as those of the playwright Moliere, once helped to 'sell' Parisians on this once quite distant spot. With over a million burials since the opening in 1804, now there are no shortage of famous occupants amid the gardens and monuments.



Years before New York's Highline, there was the **Promenade Plantée Coulée Verte René Dumont** transforming the former railway line linking Place de la Bastille to Varenne-Saint-Maur into a greenway. We will walk along the raised portion of the garden crossing over Jardin de Reuilly – Paul Perrin before descending to ground level to meet our coach. Our morning walks should leave us ready for a visit to Paris' oldest covered food market, **Marché Couvert des Enfants Rouge**. Take your pick of cuisines in the food stalls and cafés.

This afternoon, we will explore the historic area known as **Le Marais**. From the 14th century to the Revolution, French nobility made this their home district. Many grand *hôtel particuliere* (think urban chateau) were built in close proximity to the Place Royale, now known as the **Place des Voges**. Our walking tour will take in several of these hôtels and their distinctly French formal gardens from the **Jardin de Rohan and Hôtel Soubise** to the **Hôtel Sully**. Several Marais gardens on our route also feature the architectural history of the district preserved in picturesque fragments as in **Square George Cain or Square Leopold-Achile**. Some Paris museums have repurposed former hôtels particuliere. We will visit the **Musée Carnavalet** dedicated to the history of Paris and recently re-opened after major renovation. After this full day, you might choose the return to our hotel. Or, you may decide to head off on your own, and spend the evening in the Marais. But, perhaps another Parisian museum is calling you. The nearby **Centre Pompidou** is open late on Friday evening. **Dinner is on your own. Stay the night in Paris.**

DAY 3/NIGHT 4**Saturday May 14th****PARIS****B & D**

You will have this morning free to explore the city, do a little shopping, or perhaps visit a favorite museum. Lunch is on your own before we leave from our hotel for an afternoon and evening in château country just outside the city.

Our first stop, [Domaine de Courances](#), is less than an hour from Paris in the Gâtinais region. The château is renowned for its Renaissance water garden, considered to be one of the few surviving examples. Beyond its namesake flowing water, the estate includes a walled garden, a Japanese garden and a popular café, 'La Foulerie.' From Courances, we travel east to Maincy and the [Château de Vaux-le-Viscomte](#) where dramatic evening light will showcase the formal, Le Notre-designed gardens and a special, candlelit evening in the château awaits us. We'll enjoy a group dinner in this historic ambiance. **Stay the night in Paris.**

DAY 4/NIGHT 5**Sunday May 15th****PARIS****B & L**

[Musée Rodin](#) offers a chance to enjoy a very special historic site and museum. And, we'll see the penultimate in garden sculpture from the hand of a master. While strolling the formal gardens you may pop into their lovely café.

We slip over into the Latin Quarter to the [Institute du Monde Arabe](#). Our rooftop group lunch on the ninth-floor terrace of this Jean Nouvel designed building provides impressive views out over the Seine and les Îles, including a bird's eye view into the reconstruction going on at **Notre Dame**. The panoramic Mideastern restaurant reminds us we that are in one of the great food cities of the world.

After lunch, we visit the [Fondation Cartier pour l'art contemporain](#) (Cartier Foundation for Contemporary Art) where artist Lothar Baumgartner was commissioned to create the garden. This deceptively wild garden surrounds another airy, Nouvel-designed building, even appearing to penetrate the glass.

We'll wrap up our day in the 5th arrondissement with a completely different monumental glass building, the greenhouse at [Le Jardin des Plantes](#). This garden doesn't end with tropical hothouse denizens. There is also an Alpine garden and vast floral collections arranged in expansive formal borders.

You may choose to return to our hotel after our garden visit, but for those who want to linger in the 5th, we will walk over to the **Rue Mouffetard** for a stroll on the Medieval pedestrian street. Perhaps you will find a café for dinner before returning to the hotel. **Dinner is on your own. Stay the night in Paris.**

DAY 5/NIGHT 6**Monday May 16th****PARIS****B & L**

A walk from the hotel through **Les Jardin Champs Élysées** takes us to **Place de Concorde** and [Le Jardin des Tuileries](#). Nestled in the corner of the Tuileries, the [Musée de l'Orangerie](#) was built in the mid-19th century to safeguard tender citrus trees, but now it shelters a bit of Monet's Giverny garden. Take in, not one but two,

triptychs of the famous mural-sized waterlily paintings. If your eyes aren't full, slip downstairs to the amazing 19th and 20th century works in the Guillaume Collection.

We'll stroll through the **Tuileries** to the courtyard gardens of the [Domaine National du Palais-Royal](#). Enjoy a favorite Paris photo "op" amidst the famous Daniel Buren black and white columns. We will take a short walk to our group lunch stop at the picturesque **Café Marly** in the arcades overlooking the pyramid of the Louvre. After lunch, and a quick ride to the Left Bank, we get a chance to shop like Parisian gardeners with visits to the garden boutique [Le Prince Jardinier](#) and to [Fermob](#), the creators of the iconic garden furniture seen throughout Parisian parks like the Tuileries.



Our last stop of the day takes us out to Paris's other great parkland, **the Bois de Vincennes** in the 12th arrondissement where we will visit the [Parc Floral de Paris](#). Returning to our hotel, it's time to pack up our Paris treasures for our move the next morning to London. **Dinner is on your own. Stay the night in Paris.**

DAY 6/NIGHT 7

Tuesday May 17th

PARIS/LONDON

B & L

After breakfast at our Paris hotel, we head to the **Gare du Nord** to catch the Eurostar to London. When we arrive at **St. Pancras Station**, we will commence our tour straight away. The historic core of London, known as The City, is dotted with gardens where we can stretch our legs. We begin at **Postman's Park**, a shady old churchyard that's home to tree ferns and bananas, and a much-admired Davidia tree. The garden at **Christchurch Greyfriars** was once the site of a Medieval church. Rebuilt after the Great Fire of London, the church was destroyed again during the Blitz. Now, the central garden path and radiating beds mimic the nave and pews of a church with tutors of climbing clematis and roses forming the columns. We walk on to **St. Paul's Churchyard** gardens and the **Festival Gardens at St. Paul's**. Finally, the terraces of **The Cleary Garden**, another greenspace that owes its existence to the Blitz, but now planted with numerous tree peonies, will let us delve down into each layer of the site's history.



We end our walk at [Sky Garden](#) where we enjoy a group lunch and amidst the 36th-floor views at **Darwin Brasserie**. After lunch, we will have time to visit to the Sky Garden itself. Cross your fingers for a clear day.

For a completely different take on skyscraper gardening, we will make the very short walk to nearby [120 Fenchurch](#) to visit a very contemporary open garden, like a 2800 square meter pocket park in the sky. The coach rejoins us for a trip across Tower Bridge for a glimpse into life on the [Garden Barges at Downings Road Moorings](#).

It's time to settle into our South Kensington hotel. **Dinner is on your own. Stay the night in London.**

DAY 7/NIGHT 8**Wednesday May 18th****LONDON****B**

We begin our day with a short ride to [Kensington Gardens](#) where our walk takes us to the **Sunken Gardens**, the popular sculptures from Princess Di to Peter Pan, the **Serpentine Gallery** and finally the **Italian Gardens**. Our coach rejoins us for the short ride to Notting Hill and Dudden Hill for private garden visits in these iconic Victorian neighborhoods.

At Hampstead Heath, we'll visit the gardens at [Kenwood House](#). The gardens of this English Heritage site are known for their spring blooming trees and flowering shrubs as well as the expansive views over the parkland. We will make the Brew House Café in the estate stables our stop for lunch on your own.



This afternoon, our focus will be on **private gardens** in neighborhoods like Muswell Hill and Highgate. The creativity of professional designers and amateur North London gardeners blooms in these sometimes-challenging urban settings. **Dinner on your own. Stay the night in London.**

DAY 8/NIGHT 9**Thursday May 19th****LONDON****B & D**

You have a free morning in London today – take your pick from your London bucket list, and enjoy! After lunch on your own, we meet up at the hotel and head across the Thames to the Battersea area for a visit to the **Old English Garden in Battersea Park**. Despite the name, this garden is not old. It was redesigned by Chelsea award-winner Sarah Price about ten years ago. It is maintained by Thrive, a non-profit dedicated to horticultural training. While in Battersea we'll check out a charming neighborhood nursery, the **Battersea Flower Station**. The balance of our afternoon is all about the private gardens of South London, and our journey will take us to neighborhoods such as Clapham, Herne Hill and Dulwich. We end the day with a group dinner in the historic Belair House in Dulwich. **Stay the night in London.**

DAY 9/NIGHT 10**Friday May 20th****LONDON****B**

Today is a study in contrasts with gardens new and old, big and small, formal and wild. We start in the 20th century with [Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park](#). Urban regeneration and sustainability steered this park's architecture and design. Our guided visit will include the 2012 Garden, the Pleasure Garden (designed by a Piet Oudolf-led team) and the newest feature, the London Blossom Garden honoring those lost to Covid and those who served in the pandemic front lines.

[Crossrail Place Roof Garden at Canary Wharf](#) sits almost exactly on the Meridian line. The plants in this linear rooftop garden are arranged according to which hemisphere they are from, with Asian plants to the east, and plants from the Americas to the west. Choose your lunch option at one of the many new restaurants of Canary Wharf.



Our next stop is Bexleyheath, once home to design icon William Morris. His [Red House](#) sits surrounded by gardens that Morris designed in order to “clothe the house.” A recent garden project has recreated the garden “snug.” Our visit includes a tour inside to see the Morris-designed interiors with murals and other contributions from his circle of very artistic friends, the Pre-Raphaelites.

[Eltham Palace](#) is a complete departure from the simple craftsman aesthetic of Red House. Royal connections with the palace date to the 12th century. However, the current rebuilt palace is largely filled with Art Deco interiors created by the Courtauld family in the 20th century. The early history pops out in the reconstructed 15th century Great Hall and in the gardens where Medieval moats and earthworks have shaped much of the design since the 1930s.

Enjoy a view of London from the Thames, as we make our way back across the city via the [Thames Clipper](#) departing from Woolrich Pier Royal Arsenal and arriving at London Eye/Waterloo in a bit under an hour. We will offer a return to the hotel from here, or you may decide to extend your evening on your own with a ride on the London Eye. **Dinner is on your own. Stay the night in London.**

DAY 10/NIGHT 11

Saturday May 21st

LONDON

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On a weekend in May, the **open gardens** season in London is in high gear. We will take full advantage today.

Our journey will also take us to Hampstead for a visit to [Fenton House & Garden](#), a 17th century merchant’s home set in a walled garden. This National Trust property boasts lovely 18th century style interiors, a kitchen garden, a rose garden and a 300-year-old orchard.

At [Camden Market](#), we will have time to explore and find lunch. You can even purchase the product that once put this London borough on the map – gin. Look for the unique blend that is made nearby at the Half Hitch Distillery.

After lunch, we head off to more **private garden** visits, beginning nearby in Camden Town and taking in a wider swath of North London as well. **Dinner on is on your own. Stay the night in London.**



DAY 11/ NIGHT 12

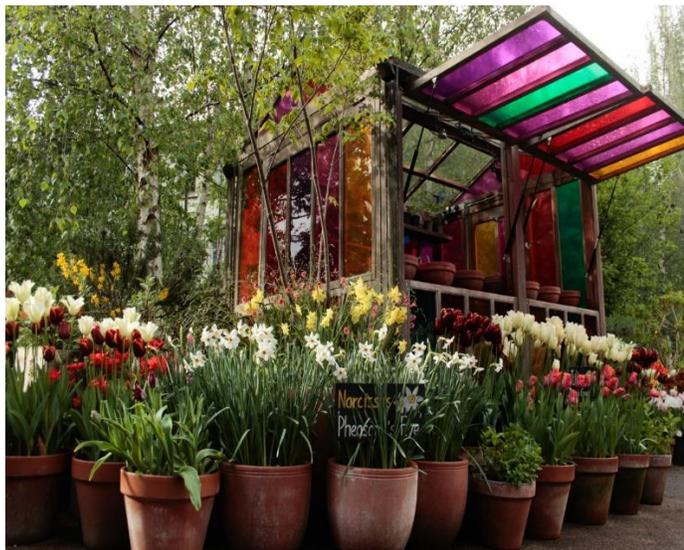
Sunday May 22nd

LONDON

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Sunday mornings, many London gardeners make a bee line for the **Columbia Road Flower Market**, and so will we. We'll have time to wander the shops alongside the market area.

In Hoxton, we visit the new [Museum of the Home](#) - formerly Geffrye Museum, where we will visit the museum and its *Gardens Through Time* exhibition. Enjoy lunch in the museum restaurant, **Molly's Café**.



The community garden at [Dalston Eastern Curve](#) was designed in 2010 on the site of the derelict Eastern Curve Railway. The spirit of the garden begins at the entrance next to the Hackney Peace Carnival Mural. Volunteer gardeners operate year-round, and an architectural collective has developed a signature style for the activity spaces and café.

At the [Barbican](#) we'll visit **the Conservatory** with chance to learn about its history from the people who tend this lush oasis every day. Love it or hate it, the massive Barbican development is a 20th century architectural landmark. This multifunctional cultural venue is home to a large residential community and some unique public and private garden spaces.

We've reached the end of our tale of two cities – stories left to tell, and gardens left to visit. Which city calls to you for a return? We will share a farewell group dinner, and perhaps consider the choice. **Stay the night in London.**

DAY 12/

Monday May 23rd

LONDON

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Departures following breakfast at the hotel. Those staying on for the two-night post-tour extension stay on at the same hotel.

Chelsea Flower Show Post-Tour Extension May 23 - May 25, 2022

DAY 1/ NIGHT 1

Monday May 23rd

LONDON

Following breakfast, travelers staying on for the post-tour extension will have the day for taking the special displays and events surrounding the Chelsea Flower Show. Enjoy the installations competing in [Chelsea in Bloom](#) around Sloane Square and beyond. Leave yourself some time for shopping along Kings Road as you take in the Bloom. There are a growing number of creative displays and performances that make up the [Chelsea Fringe](#). Now entering its eleventh year, the Fringe continues to amaze. You will have a list of things to choose from. **Dinner is on your own. Stay the night in London.**

- All breakfasts, 4 group dinners, 4 group lunches and gratuities for included meals
- Services of a motor coach and professional drivers, gratuities included
- Services of a professional tour guide, gratuities included
- Entrance fees for all garden visits and attractions except during noted free time

Tour Price, double sharing a room: €4050 per person (approximately \$ 4,759 US in October 2021)

Tour Price with single supplement: €5255 per person (approximately \$ 6175 US in October 2021)

Prices quoted are based on 15 travelers and an exchange rate of \$1.175 to one Euro as of October 21, 2021

Price may decrease if group exceeds 20 travelers.

Tour price does not include:

- Round-trip air fare
- Airport Transfers on arrival
- Travel insurance
- Meals not expressly included in itinerary
- Items of a personal nature including: some beverages at group meals (soft drinks, alcoholic beverages, mineral water, and occasionally coffee and tea), telephone calls, laundry, room service, other tips, etc
- Charitable donation to HPSO - \$240. The Hardy Plant Society of Oregon is a 501(c)(3) organization, and this donation may be tax deductible. Please consult your tax advisor.

OPTIONAL POST TOUR EXTENSION CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

Tour Extension includes:

- 2 nights hotel accommodation in four-star hotel
- 2 breakfasts
- Entrance Fee to Chelsea Flower Show on a members-only day and all other attractions, except during noted free time
- Charitable donation to HPSO - \$40. The Hardy Plant Society of Oregon is a 501(c)(3) organization, and this donation may be tax deductible. Please consult your tax advisor.

Please note the tour extension is priced in British Pounds not Euros.

Price, double sharing a room: GBP 454 per person (approximately \$623 US in October 2021)

Tour Price with single supplement: GBP 594 per person (approximately \$ 815 US in October 2021)

Tour Extension Prices quoted are based on 10 travelers and an exchange rate of \$1.372 to one GBP as of October 2021. Price may decrease if group exceeds 15 travelers.

PAYMENTS

Tour reservation requests are processed in the order received. You will be notified by the tour escort once your reservation request has been accepted.

A deposit of \$750 will be required upon registration and acceptance on the tour. An additional \$50 deposit will be required for the tour extension.

Tour deposits and installment payments may be made by check or credit card. Credit card payments are subject to a 3.75% credit card processing fee.

Late payments of installment invoices in excess of 21 days will be subject to a 10% penalty. If final payment is not received by the supplier's deadline, all prior payments will be forfeited and the reservation canceled.

TRAVEL & CANCELLATION INSURANCE

Because unforeseen situations do arise from time to time, participants are strongly encouraged to consider purchasing travel and/or cancellation insurance. Neither HPSO nor Pathfinders provides travel or cancellation insurance. However, participants will find many third-party companies via the internet that provide this coverage.

PARTICIPANTS

The tours are designed for a minimum number of participants. If the tour does not fill to the minimum, there is a supplemental charge per person. If this situation occurs, registrants will be advised of the change in pricing and will have the opportunity to reconsider their tour application. Please do not book any non-refundable airfare until you have been notified by your tour escort.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

Regardless of the reason, cancellations result in a costly process of correspondence, calls, refund checks, bookkeeping expenses, etc. Often there is a loss of revenue for the tour company if time doesn't permit resale. Cancellations can also affect the per-person price of the entire tour since pricing is dependent on the number of travelers. To offset the expenses and any nonrefundable deposits and/or lost revenue, the cancellation fee per tour is as follows:

- If the minimum number for the tour has not yet been reached, then an administrative fee of \$50 may be incurred to process a refund.
- If the tour is full and if the canceled space is subsequently filled from a waiting list, then a \$100 fee will be incurred.
- If the tour is full and if the space **cannot** be filled, then the entire deposit plus installment payments made-to-date may be forfeited. This, in part, may depend on suppliers' charges and overhead expenses.
- If the tour is canceled by the tour company due to situations beyond HPSO's control such as governmental travel bans or health advisories, the amount of refund will be determined by the recoverable portion of the supplier's charges and overhead expenses.

The agent/company for this tour is Pathfinders/STITA Tours - The Hardy Plant Society of Oregon acts only as representative for the tour participant with respect to communications with the Agent.

LIMITATIONS

Tour participants must be physically and mentally fit. The success of any tour depends on each person's ability to participate and to cooperate with other tour members and with the tour guide and escort.

This tour is rated by HPSO as Level 2 – Moderate to Active.

Please note that the physical demands of this tour include: Ability to board and disembark a coach without assistance and walk up to 4 miles per day in segments of one or more miles. Ability to stand for 45 minutes for lectures or presentations. Ability to walk on uneven paths; for instance, gravel or stone, and ability to maneuver stairs that may be uneven and without handrails. Must be able to handle own luggage to and from the coach, and occasionally up more a flight of stairs. May include use of public transportation, such as bus, train, or boat. Must be able to board and disembark multiple modes of transportation. Tours at this activity level may be of longer duration requiring more stamina over multiple days. There will be more than usual city walking to avoid using the coach in congested areas where traveling on foot may actually be easier.

Liability Waiver - The tour participant must submit a signed Liability Waiver & Release for HPSO within 30 days of acceptance of the tour application.

This is a non-smoking tour. Smoking is not permitted on the coach or during group meals or group activities.



COVID PRECAUTIONS

Participation in an HPSO tour requires tour members to observe the following:

Requirements set by HPSO

- All tour participants are required to be vaccinated, even when they have previously tested positive for Covid-19 and have recovered.
- Non-cooperation with these and any related requirements may result in exclusion from a current tour, forfeit of the cost of the tour, and exclusion from all future HPSO tours.

Requirements which may be set by governmental jurisdictions, airlines, hotels, restaurants, and coach (tour bus) operators, or at tour sites, including gardens, over which HPSO has no control but which may be required of all tour participants:

- Masks may be required or requested at some tour sites or while traveling as a group.
- Pre-tour testing may be required to permit travel to, and entry at the starting point of a tour.
- Reentry to the U.S. from international destinations may also require testing.

Responsibilities

- Where necessary, each tour participant shall furnish his/her own masks, including specific mask types which may be required by airlines or other service providers.
- Pre-tour and post-tour testing, as may be required (above,) is the sole responsibility of the tour participant.
- Any medical care or private hotel stays or rearrangement of travel resulting from Covid-19 or any other medical issue during the course of a tour is also the sole responsibility of the tour participant.

TOUR GUIDE & ESCORT

An English-speaking tour guide will accompany the tour. The tour will also feature a Quitevox ear bud listening system for each participant.

Tour Escort **Barb Christopher** is the current Hardy Plant Society of Oregon President. Barb is a veteran HPSO traveler, having participated in numerous HPSO tours. She has also led several HPSO tours: Wales in 2016, Devon & Cornwall in 2017 and Spain in 2018.

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