

Corbridge Gardening Society

Dumfries & Galloway Tour

Tuesday- Friday, 14-17 July 2026

Gretna Hall Hotel, Gretna Green DG16 5DY

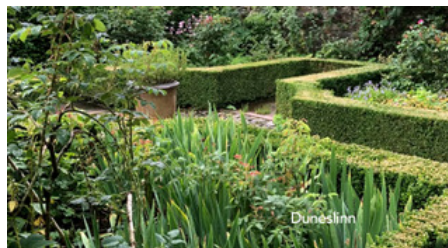
We are returning to mild peaceful Dumfries and Galloway this year, the eastern end. There was a shortage of cafes in this area so two of the gardens are booked to include lunch and four of the gardens include drinks.

There is a short walk to get to two of the gardens, 3 Millhall and perhaps Dunesslin and Southwick House, depending on coach access.

Day 1

Dunesslin: The house dates from about 1700, with a structural garden unfolding as a series of rooms around it to suit both the house and its setting. It was created by present owners Iain and Zara Milligan in the 1980s, inspired by Great Dixter and Kellie Castle, with its combination of fruit trees and herbaceous borders suggesting a romantic Anglo-Scottish style with architectural counterpoint and changes of mood. There are three Andy Goldsworthy cairns in the wild garden. WC,

2 course lunch, coffee and tea included.



Drumpark: An extensive woodland garden set in a natural bowl providing attractive vistas with mature and rare shrubs among impressive specimen trees including Champion Trees - Abies cephalonica, Abies procera, Chamaecyparis lawsoniana, Cryptomeria japonica. Water garden with primulas and meconopsis. Victorian walled garden with fruit trees and garden produce, and a beautiful herbaceous border. WC. **Tea & Coffee inc**



Day 2

Dumfries House:

The gardens hold a magnificent collection of trees and more than 500 specimens of shrubs and woodland flowers. Cross the river on the Chinese Bridge or Adam Bridge to the Maze with a Japanese Pagoda in the centre. The flagship project is the Queen Elizabeth Walled Garden, one of the biggest in Scotland, along with The Rothesay Garden, The Woodland Garden, The Education Garden (vegetable) and the redesigned Front Garden. The Walled Garden is a short walk away and is extra. WC, small busy cafe.

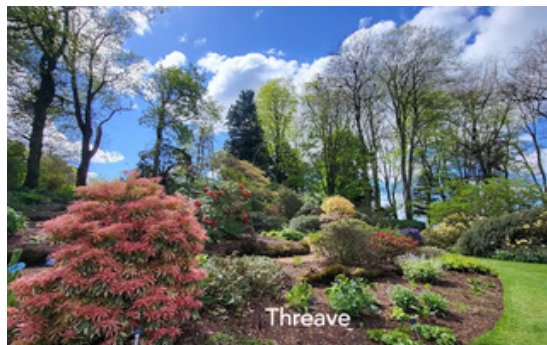
Included is a house tour of 1 hr. and lunch with soup, sandwiches, tea and coffee.



Day 3

Threave:

NT: An impressive collection of plants in distinct 'garden rooms' - a mature well-made rock garden, peat walls resplendent with rhododendrons and a collection of *Meconopsis*. The secret garden has striking planting using interesting foliage. Cross the oriental bridge to find the formal garden, the arboretum, informative walled garden and RHS trial beds. WC, plant centre, shop, cafe.



Day 3 (cont'd)

3 Millhall:

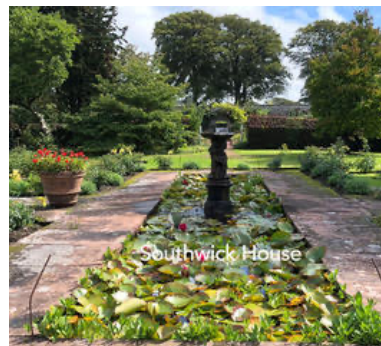
"The garden of the unexpected". Impressive five-acre garden with a large collection of mature shrubs. The garden has several interesting paths on a hillside running along the rocky shore of the Dee Estuary in Kirkcudbright Bay. There are public toilets near the parking place on the beach. 5/10-minute walk to the garden. No refreshments.



Day 4

Southwick House:

Described as a gem, there are 3 main areas, a traditional formal walled garden with potager and large glasshouse producing fruit, vegetables and cutting flowers. Then a hedged formal garden with herbaceous, shrub and rose beds centred around a lily pond, with roses being a notable feature. Beyond the formal gardens is a large water garden with two connected ponds with trees, shrubs and lawns running alongside the Southwick Burn. **Including tea/coffee. WC.**



Day 4 (cont'd)

The Crichton:

A 100-acre estate near Dumfries, now a university campus, with an extensive rock garden, waterfall, ponds, shrubs and specimen trees. Free entry and a cafe for lunch. WC.



Trip Cost

£529.00 per person, plus £100.00 single supplement

Included:

- Luxury Coach travel
- 3 nights' accommodation on dinner bed and breakfast basis
- 3 course menu with 3 choices per course including vegetarian option
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Porterage in arrival & Departure
- Entrance into Dunesslin Gardens to include a 2-course lunch with tea/coffee
- Entrance into Drumpark Gardens to include tea/coffee
- Entrance into Dumfries House to include house tour lunch (soup sandwiches, tea/coffee)
- Entrance into 3 Millhall
- Entrance into Southwick house to include tea/coffee

Not included

- Insurance
- Single room supplement – Limited availability
- Entrance into Threave Gardens – NT free – non-NT to pay full amount on arrival
- Entrance to walled Gardens at Dumfries House

Bookings

- Bookings will be taken from 9.00am 12th January 2026 where a non-refundable £50.00 deposit per person will be taken to secure your place.
- Either by telephone 01434 681325 or helen.jewitt@jewittscoaches.co.uk