



BOTANICALS WORKSHOP IN THE COTSWOLDS WITH MARGARET BEST

The Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew and the genteel hills of the Cotswolds have long been a draw for travellers destined for pastoral England. Join us on 10-day journey that combines both destinations and features exclusive access to sites that are on the must-see list of many botanical artists. Start at **Kew Gardens** with guided tours of the library and archives and through **Shirley Sherwood Gallery** (the first gallery in the world dedicated solely to botanical art) and **Marianne North Gallery**. Then it's on to the exquisite Cotswolds estate and home to your studio for the week, **Colesbourne Park**. Under the expert guidance of renowned teacher and botanical artist Margaret Best, of Calgary, you will work in an inspiring setting surrounded by verdant gardens and woods which in season are rich in snowdrops, hellebores, wood anemone, bluebells, primulas, herbaceous perennials, winter aconites, and cyclamen. The old walled gardens, honey-stoned cottages, and quaint villages of the Cotswolds are within easy striking distance for exploration outside of studio time. Among the planned excursions, led by your private guide and trip host Kiloran McRae, is a visit to The Prince of Wales' country estate Highgrove, home to his famous gardens and Florilegium collection.

Itinerary

Sep 17 – 26, 2014

9-NIGHT ITINERARY OVERVIEW

- Sep 17** Arrive at London Heathrow airport and transfer to Kew. Settle into your hotel. Join Margaret, Kiloran, and your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner.
- Sep 18** Full day visit of The Royal Botanical Gardens that includes a talk and viewing of the archives/historical collection, followed by a tour, led by Margaret, in Shirley Sherwood Gallery and Marianne North Gallery. Evening at leisure.
- Sep 19** Late morning transfer to The Cotswolds. Stop at the charming village of Bibury for High Tea. Continue on to Colesbourne where you can settle into the inn. Welcome drinks at Colesbourne Park with your hosts. Evening at leisure.
- Sep 20** Full day in studio. Lunch in studio or in village. Evening at leisure.
- Sep 21** Full day in studio. Lunch in studio or in village. Evening at leisure.
- Sep 22** Full day in studio. Lunch in studio or in village. Evening at leisure.
- Sep 23** Mid-morning excursion to Highgrove for garden tour and lunch. Afternoon at leisure in nearby village of Tetbury. Return to Colesbourne. Evening at leisure
- Sep 24** Morning and early afternoon in studio. Lunch in studio or in village. Late afternoon excursion to Cheltenham, which includes time in the Montpellier Parade shopping district. Dinner in Cheltenham.
- Sep 25** Full day in studio. Lunch in studio or in village. Farewell dinner.
- Sep 26** Return home.



Price

from \$4,775 CDN *

* Price: CDN\$4,775 per person based on double occupancy. Single supplement of CDN\$620 per person.
Non-participant discount of CDN\$925 per person. All bookings are subject to availability

Your Instructor



MARGARET BEST is an internationally recognized botanical artist and teacher offering tuition in graphite, colour pencil and watercolour. She has taught workshops to all levels of experience from rank beginners, intermediates to advanced levels in Canada, UK, Italy, USA and Bermuda. These workshop venues include respected botanical gardens and institutions such as Huntington Gardens, Pasadena; Santa Barbara Botanical Gardens; San Diego Natural History Museum; Filoli near San Francisco; Dow Learning Center in Zoo Conservatory, Calgary; Bermuda Art Center, Hamilton Bermuda. Margaret's watercolours have been widely exhibited - New York; Weisman Museum, Minneapolis; Hunt Institute of Botanical Documentation, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh; Los Angeles, Denver, Bermuda, Toronto, San Francisco and her work is found in numerous private and corporate collections around the globe. Margaret has designed four coins with botanical themes for the Royal Canadian Mint. For the past 6 years Margaret has painted regularly with her mentor Pandora Sellars who is widely regarded by experts as the leading contemporary botanical artist of our time. A professionally qualified art teacher, Margaret is known for her nurturing style and her ability to readily identify student skill level in order to steer advancement. www.bestbotanical.com

Highlights

- Personalized instruction from Margaret Best, tailored to your individual medium and needs.
- Personalized attention and expert guidance from your Quench guide, Kiloran McRae.
- Studio time at Colesbourne Park, the exquisite estate of Lady Carolyn and Sir Henry Elwes, who will welcome you upon arrival.
- Private garden tour at Colesbourne Park, led by Lady or Sir Elwes, or their head gardener.
- Privately guided tours at The Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew and at Highgrove Gardens, the country residence and gardens of HRH The Prince of Wales
- Visit to Cheltenham, one of England's most fashionable towns and home to Montpellier Parade, an excellent place to shop.
- Limited group size (maximum of 14 people) to ensure the best trip possible.

Included

- Accommodation with breakfast at The Coach & Horses, Kew (2 nights) and The Colesbourne Inn (7 nights), based on double occupancy
- Arrival transfer from London Heathrow airport to Kew; departure transfer from Colesbourne to London Heathrow airport
- 1 high tea, 7 lunches, and 3 dinners, including gratuities
- Tours and excursions as noted in the itinerary, including gratuities
- Transport to all excursions mentioned in the itinerary
- Full time Quench guide

Not Included

- International flights
- Meals and beverages not mentioned in the itinerary
- Gratuities at hotels and on excursions that are not included in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel Insurance

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