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Scottish Gardens Tour

14 - 21 June 2026



LOYD & TOWNSEND ROSE
EXCEPTIONAL CASTLE EXPERIENCES



An Exclusive Journey Through Scotland's Hidden Gardens

Sunday 14th - Thursday 18th June

Your journey will begin with four nights at Penicuik House just south of Edinburgh. Extensively refurbished in 2025, it offers modern luxury in one of the most important Palladian buildings of its time. Highlights of the Southern half of the tour will include:

- A day hosted by the Duke of Buccleuch, visiting the beautifully restored walled garden of Dabton House, followed by a private tour of the magnificent Drumlanrig Castle and its stunning Victorian Gardens. Here, you will also enjoy an exclusive viewing of one of the world's greatest private art collections followed by lunch in the castle dining room.
- A private tour of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh and preview of the newly restored Palm Houses. Gala Dinner in honour of Sir Simon Milne, with Dr Julia Knights, Regius Keeper, RBGE, Lord and Lady Menzies and the Trustees of the Botanic Foundation attending.
- A visit to Anthony and Rose Foyle in the Scottish borders to enjoy the splendour of Carolside, best known for its collection of historic roses including the National Collection of Gallica Roses. The day will be followed by a private tour of Jupiter Artland with founder and philanthropist, Nicky Wilson. Located just outside Edinburgh, Jupiter Artland is an award-winning contemporary sculpture garden with over 30 permanent and unique site-specific sculptures from artists including Phyllida Barlow, Christian Boltanski, Charles Jencks, Anish Kapoor and Antony Gormley.



On To The Breathtaking Scenery Of The Rugged Highlands

Thursday 18th - Sunday 21st June

After exploring southern Scotland's finest gardens, you will venture north for three nights to stay at the prestigious Tulchan Estate, a private members club set amongst the Speyside hills. Effortless luxury and attention to the smallest detail makes Tulchan a truly magical offering that very few have the chance to experience. Highlights of the second half of our tour will include:

- A boat trip along Loch Ness enjoying the dramatic scenery with lunch onboard before a private tour of the terraced Italianate gardens at Dochfour House on the edge of the Loch.
- A private tour of Ballindalloch Castle Gardens with Head Gardener, Kevin Clarke, and the onsite distillery. This will be followed by a trip to Knockando, a 230 year old authentic working Scottish Woolen Mill where fresh, contemporary designs are woven alongside traditional tweeds. After a decade of meticulous planning and restoration, the Mill was officially reopened by the then HRH The Duke of Rothesay, now King Charles III, in 2012.
- The tour will culminate with an evening of traditional Scottish music and dancing with Duncan MacGillivray and his wonderfully talented family. It will be a fitting celebration to close our Scottish fling before we make our way back to Edinburgh for onward travel.



Tulchan Lodge



Dochfour House



Ballindalloch Castle



Loch Ness

Scottish Gardens Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Sunday 14th June

Afternoon: Arrive at Penicuik House from 4pm
Evening: Dinner and overnight at Penicuik House

Day 2: Monday 15th June

Morning: Walled Garden tour at Dabton House
Afternoon: Guided viewing of the Buccleuch Private art collection at Drumlanrig Castle. Lunch in the castle followed by private tour of the Castle Gardens
Evening: Dinner and overnight at Penicuik House

Day 3: Tuesday 16th June

Morning: Private tour at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
Afternoon: Lunch at the Garden, followed by a behind-the-scenes look into the beautifully restored Palm Houses, and an expert-led visit to the Herbarium and special Collections
Evening: Dinner at Penicuik House with Sir Simon Milne as our guest of honour

Day 4: Wednesday 17th June

Morning: Carolside Gardens private garden tour
Afternoon: Lunch at Carolside followed by private tour of Jupiter Artland
Evening: Dinner and overnight at Penicuik House

Day 5: Thursday 18th June

Morning: Depart Penicuik House for Tulchan Lodge
Afternoon: Visit House of Bruar en route and arrive at Tulchan Lodge for lunch and afternoon activities
Evening: Dinner and overnight at Tulchan Lodge

Day 6: Friday 19th June

Morning: Private tour of Glenkyllachie Gardens
Afternoon: Loch Ness boat cruise with lunch aboard followed by a private tour of the gardens at Dochfour Estate
Evening: Dinner and overnight at Tulchan Lodge

Day 7: Saturday 20th June

Morning: Ballindalloch Castle Gardens and Distillery tour
Afternoon: Lunch followed by a visit Knockando Woolen Mill, the oldest working rural Mill in the UK
Evening: Dinner and traditional Scottish evening at Tulchan Lodge

Day 8: Sunday 21st June

Morning: Depart for Edinburgh Airport and Edinburgh city centre for onward travel

*Schedule may be subject to change



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\$9,500 per person

Includes all accommodation, meals, garden entries and transfers while on tour. The price does not include flights or airport transfers on the day of arrival. Numbers are limited. If there is a waiting list, donors at the \$5,000 level and above will be given priority.

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