with artemisias, astilbes, campanulas, penstemons and violas. Beyond this a door leads enticingly to Lob’s Wood, where a wild woodland walk follows the banks of the Dacre Beck.

From here we continue to Kendal and our comfortable accommodation at the 4-star Castle Green Hotel. Dinner will be served at the hotel in the evening.

**Thursday 25 June**

This morning after breakfast, we head down to the shore of Coniston Water and take a short boat trip across the lake on board the Victorian steam launch “Gondola”, an excellent way to enjoy the breath-taking scenery on our way to the gardens at Brantwood. Home of the late John Ruskin, Brantwood House was largely conceived as a “living laboratory” for social and environmental issues, each incorporating a careful, aesthetic mix of seemingly natural effects embellished by man.

Following lunch (not included) we will make our way to Brockhole Gardens. The gardens were designed by Thomas Mawson a Lancastrian with a passion for detail, he created a garden built up through a series of South and West facing terraces sloping towards the shores of Lake Windermere. Mawson created an exquisite garden with rhododendrons, magnolias, old-fashioned roses and a wealth of herbaceous plantings. Refreshment facilities available (not included).

We will return to our hotel in the evening where dinner will be served.

**Friday 26 June**

This morning after breakfast we begin our day with a visit to Levens Hall. The topiary gardens are world famous and were created in 1694 by Monsieur Guillaume Beaumont, who had been trained under Le Nôtre at Versailles, and who laid out the gardens at Hampton Court. Lunch is available here (not included).

We continue to Windy Hall, a private 4-acre fell-side garden near Windermere. Features include a woodland garden with species rhododendrons, camellias, magnolias and hydrangeas; a Japanese-influenced quarry garden; alpine gunneras and a wildflower meadow; there are also NCCPG collections of filipendula and aruncus.

We continue with a visit to Holehird, a garden owned by the Holehird Trust and run by the Lakeland Horticultural Society. This is probably the only garden in Britain run entirely by volunteer gardeners and open every day of the year. A working farm until the mid-19th century, it is now a wonderful 10 acres of vibrant and interesting planting.

Dinner will be served back at our hotel in the evening.

**Saturday 27 June**

After breakfast we check out of our hotel and make our way to our final visit, Haddon Hall, an intensely romantic and humbly historic house set in hilly wooded countryside. The castle was built between the 12th and 17th centuries, with turrets, crenellations and tracery windows and as such has often been used as a film location. The gardens still have some of their 17th Century character, particularly on the upper level where there is a fine knot garden. Descending on a series of terraces that leads down towards the river that loops through the rural landscape below, there is a pond and fountain, an immense collection of roses and fine herbaceous borders, all set against the ancient stone walls of the castle.

Following lunch (not included) we make our way back to Cambridge.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MAY NOT BE THE FINAL ITINERARY AND IS SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT**

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**Information and Registration Form**

**Friends’ Holiday to the Gardens of the Borderlands and the Lake District**

**Sunday 21 - Saturday 27 June 2020**

*From £995.00 per person (Single Room supplement £285.00)*

For our 2020 annual holiday we invite Friends to explore gardens of the Borderlands and the Lake District. We will be staying for three nights in the centre of Durham (4* Durham Marriott Hotel Royal County) and a further three nights just outside Kendal (4* Castle Green Hotel).

Our varied itinerary includes visits to the gardens of Crook Hall, Antons Hill, Carlside, Alnwick Garden, Whalton Manor House, Loughbrow House, Dalemain House, Windy Hall, Holehird, Haddon Hall and Brockhole, as well as a boat trip on Coniston water to Brantwood, home of John Ruskin.

**Included in the price**

- 3 nights’ dinner, bed and breakfast at the 4* Durham Marriott Hotel Royal County
- 3 nights’ dinner, bed and breakfast at the 4* Castle Green Hotel in Kendal
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Visits to the gardens of Haddon Hall, Levens Hall, Holehird, Windy Hall, Dalemain House, Loughbrow House, Alnwick Garden, Whalton Manor House, Carlside, Antons’s Hill, Crook Hall, Brockhole and Brantwood
- Services of Trevor Edwards as tour manager

**Not included (per person)**

- Single room supplement £285.00 per person
- Insurance (2020 prices on request)
REGISTRATION FORM

Gardens of the Borderlands and the Lake District Sunday 21– Saturday 27 June 2020

Please return completed form to:
Friends’ Office
Cambridge University Botanic Garden
1 Brookside
Cambridge CB2 1JE
by 31 October 2019

Please note, this form registers your interest but it is not a booking form

I should like to register .......... (no.) place(s) (if travelling with a friend please provide their details here, in case the outing is oversubscribed and there is a ballot).

PLEASE PRINT (excepting email details)

1st Name (lead): ___________________________ Membership No: __________

Address: ________________________________________________________________

Telephone No._________________ Email:____________________________________

2nd Name: ______________________________________________________________

Accommodation: Double/ Twin/ Single (delete as appropriate)

I am willing to share a twin room if required: Yes / No (delete as appropriate)

I agree not to contact Brightwater Holidays until I receive confirmation of a place from the Botanic Garden

I understand that this holiday may be physically demanding and that I am responsible for my own luggage

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Please do not send any money with this form.

The closing date for registration of interest is 31 October 2019

Places are limited and will be allocated by ballot. Please do not contact Brightwater Holidays until your registration has been confirmed by the Botanic Garden Friends’ Office which will be after 31 October. After confirmation of your reservation, all bookings will be handled by Brightwater Holidays, Eden Park House, Cuper, Fife KY15 4HS, 01334 657155, www.brightwaterholidays.com

Proposed Itinerary

Friends’ Holiday to the Gardens of the Borderlands and the Lake District
Sunday 21—Saturday 27 June 2020

Sunday 21 June
We depart Cambridge by coach and head north. Our first visit will be to Crook Hall Gardens in Durham. The gardens include a Secret Walled Garden with ancient fruit trees, a Shakespeare Garden, devoted mainly to plants from Shakespeare’s time, and the Cathedral Garden. We then continue to our accommodation, the 4-star Durham Marriott Hotel Royal County, on the banks of the River Wear. Dinner is served in the evening.

Monday 22 June
Following breakfast we travel through the wild and rugged landscape of north Northumberland. Here we visit Anton’s Hill, a mature garden with many trees which has been improved and added to since 1999. There are woodland walks including a stumpy and a large, well- planted pond, plus shrubberies and herbaceous borders and a new woodland pond.

Following a stop for lunch in Kelso (not included) we continue to Earlston and the private garden of Carolside, a traditional and romantic garden set in a beautiful 18th century landscape, comprising lawns, shrubberies, mixed borders, a secret garden, a winter garden and an oval walled garden containing herbaceous borders, fruits, vegetables and parterres. Completing a scenic circular tour we will return to our hotel via Jedburgh, crossing the border at Carter Bar in the Cheviot Hills and continuing via Redesdale. Dinner is served in the evening.

Tuesday 23 June
Following breakfast we visit the Alnwick Garden. This unique garden project was inspired by the Duchess of Northumberland, whose vision was to recall the spirit and glory of the original gardens and at the same time to create a garden for the 21st century, with a contemporary and ever-changing composition of sights, sounds, smells and textures. Lunch is available here (not included).

Following this we will continue to the Manor House. Here in Whalton, one of Northumberland’s prettiest villages, we find a charming English country house garden with a history which features a contribution from the dream team of garden design, Gertrude Jekyll and Edwin Lutyens. Herbaceous borders and beautiful plantings of mature shrub roses, peonies, wisteria and clematis are key characters in a garden framed by the most elegant architectural features. Dinner will be served back at our hotel in the evening.

Wednesday 24 June
This morning we visit the private garden of Loughbrow House in Hexham. This country house garden features sweeping, colour-themed herbaceous borders set around large lawns and a unique Lutyns-inspired rill with grass-topped bridges. There is also a partly-walled kitchen garden, a bog garden and a wild flower meadow with specimen trees and woodland quarry garden with rhododendrons, azaleas, hostas and rare trees.

We then continue to Dalemain House, near Penrith where we will have lunch on arrival (not included). On one side of the house a broad, gravelled terrace, fringed with shrubs, looks out over the fields. Behind the house a knot of box-edged compartments is filled