

DENVER BOTANIC
GARDENS

Hosted by **Brian Vogt**, CEO
Denver Botanic Gardens

THE NORTH REMEMBERED

An Adventure in Northern England and Scotland
Gardens, Castles, and the Wilds

April 10 - 21, 2024



Alnwick Garden, England

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Dear Members and Friends,

Let the journey begin.

Many years ago, I packed my bags and headed to Lancaster to attend university, studying ancient Greek, Stoic and Epicurean Philosophy, and Ancient Political Thought. My mind imagined a loft apartment, reading by oil lamp and indulging in deep conversations. Instead, I stayed on campus, forged lifelong friendships, and learned the North offered abundant possibilities. Hikes in the Lake District, wandering the Yorkshire Dales, jaunts in Scotland – all became spiritual touchstones. This is a region unlike any other.

It is now my pleasure to invite you to join me on an unforgettable adventure. Our friends at Thalassa Journeys have assembled amazing accommodations, dining, and experiences.

We begin in Manchester, spending our first night in beautiful Baslow. We then make our way to York, one of my favorite cities, and yes, the most haunted place in Europe, or so they say. On the way, we stop at Chatsworth House and the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. Once in York, we will explore the city, of course visiting York Minster. You will see influences ranging from Viking invasions and Roman Occupation.

Ah, we then make our way to paradise. The Lake District of England has a magical power. I always feel ten years younger after a night or two there. We will visit gardens, walk in the hills, even cruise on Lake Windermere. For those who want to reach a peak, I've planned a moderate hike to reach a stunning summit. You won't want to leave.

Then, Scotland calls. We begin on the east coast to visit the unique Alnwick Garden and the Castle on Holy Island. Just north, we'll see the haunting ruin of Bamburgh Castle, featured in many films. Eventually, we make our way to Edinburgh.

My first foray to Edinburgh started on a boring Friday night in a university pub. Six of us thought it was a good idea to pile into an ancient, crank-start Austin a40 and head north. We arrived in Edinburgh around 3 AM and caught a few hours of sleep in a park. So worth it. On this trip, we will be staying in a grand hotel and see all of the best sights, including a day trip to Rosslyn Chapel and ending with a visit to what locals call The Botanics – The Royal Botanic Garden. We are planning a special surprise for our farewell dinner to cap things off.

As you relax on the plane headed home, you'll wonder if it was all a dream. Believe me, it will be.

Onward!



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We have selected as our tour operator Thalassa Journeys, whose principals bring five decades of experience in serving America's leading cultural, educational and scientific institutions on high-quality educational travel programs. Thalassa Journeys organized and operated DBG's highly successful and distinctive tour to Egypt in October, 2023. **Please call Thalassa Journeys at 866-633-3611 for information and reservations.**

DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS HOST

BRIAN VOGT

CEO Denver Botanic Gardens



Brian Vogt has been CEO of Denver Botanic Gardens since April 2007. In that time, attendance has grown to over 1.3 million per year, programs have been launched to address access to food in urban areas, a comprehensive diversity and inclusion project has been integrated into daily activity, the Center for Global Initiatives was launched focusing on plant research and crop genetics, and an exhibit program has curated works by legends such

as Henry Moore, Dale Chihuly and Alexander Calder. Under his leadership, over \$116 million has been raised to take a Master Development Plan from concept to completion. The capstone project of the Plan, the \$40 million Freyer-Newman Center, was completed in the spring of 2020. Previous professional experience includes three Cabinet positions for the State of Colorado and President of the South Metro Chamber of Commerce. Vogt serves as Past President of the Board of the American Public Gardens Association and as Board Treasurer for Plant Select. He was awarded the 2019 Cynthia Pratt Laughlin Medal for leadership in environmental protection and quality of life from the Garden Club of America. He is an active participant with many civic organizations in the Denver area and speaks frequently on intentional culture, regeneration, adaptation and leadership. He holds a BA in Classical Antiquity, specializing in Egyptology, from the University of Colorado.



Clock made of flowers at Princes Street Gardens in Edinburgh, Scotland



York Minster, York, England

ITINERARY



Wednesday, April 10, 2024
DEPART THE UNITED STATES

Thursday, April 11
MANCHESTER, England/SHEFFIELD

Arrive at Manchester Airport, where you will be met and transferred to Sheffield and the *Cavendish Hotel* at Baslow. Join Brian Vogt and fellow travelers this evening for a welcome dinner in the hotel. (D)



Levens Hall, Lake District, England

Friday, April 12
SHEFFIELD/YORK

After breakfast at the hotel and check-out, travel the short distance to Chatsworth House, sometimes described as "a second Versailles." Located in the middle of an expansive parkland, Chatsworth contains major collections of paintings, furniture, Old Master drawings, neoclassical sculptures, books and other artefacts. In the film *Pride and Prejudice*, the house was used in scenes of Pemberley, the residence of Mr. Darcy, and it is believed that Jane Austen may have based her idea of Pemberley on Chatsworth House and written the novel while staying nearby. Following lunch in a Sheffield pub, drive into West Yorkshire to visit the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, the leading international center for modern and contemporary sculpture in the UK. The Park is set within the 500-acre, 18th-century Bretton Hall Estate and features works by both established and emerging artists. Continue to the *Grand York Hotel* and check in for two nights. (B,L)

Saturday, April 13
YORK

The morning begins with a visit to York Minster, a medieval masterpiece of stone and glass at the heart of the city whose origins date to the 7th-century. The current gothic structure was begun in the 11th-century and has been added to over the following centuries. The Minster is now the seat of the Archbishop of York, the Head of the Northern Province of the Church of England. Explore the cathedral and visit the Undercroft, an interactive journey through the history of the Minster from its earliest years to the work of present-day staff and volunteers. From the Minster, join a guided walking tour of York showcasing the well-preserved ruins that trace the history of the city, established as a Roman garrison in 71 AD. Walk along medieval city walls and visit the ruined 11th-century St. Mary's Abbey, before following your guide through the city center's maze of half-timbered houses that almost touch across narrow lanes with names like "The Shambles" and "Whip-ma-Whop-ma-Gate." Hear the stories of the people of York who experienced the ravages of Roman, Viking, Norman, and Scottish armies. The balance of the day is at leisure, until you gather in the evening for a Ghost Tour, learning from expert guides about the folklore and legends of this famously haunted city. (B)

Sunday, April 14
YORK/LAKE DISTRICT

After breakfast, depart on a scenic drive across the country through the Yorkshire Dales to the famed Lake District in Cumbria. Stop for lunch in the picturesque town of Knaresborough, and later, pause at Malham Cove, a cliff of white limestone some 230 feet high that is the remnant of a once massive waterfall fed by a glacial lake above. Continue to *Low Wood Bay Resort & Spa*, in the heart of Lake District National Park overlooking Ullswater Lake, your home for the next four nights. Dinner is at the hotel this evening. (B,D)

Monday, April 15
LAKE DISTRICT

This morning's excursion begins with a visit to Levens Hall, about a 30-minute drive south of Ullswater. This impressive Elizabethan



Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh, Scotland



Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh, Scotland

property has evolved over time into a warm and welcoming family home. The privately-owned house and gardens, at the center of a thriving 9,500-acre agricultural estate, are home to the world's oldest topiary gardens. After time to wander in this lovely spot, continue to Holehird Gardens, with glorious views over Windermere to the fells beyond. Originally landscaped in Victorian times, the current gardens were created and are maintained entirely by volunteers from the Lakeland Horticultural Society. Return to your hotel, where the balance of the day is at leisure. (B)

Tuesday, April 16

LAKE DISTRICT

Today's full day of touring begins in Grasmere, where William Wordsworth lived with his family beginning in 1799. Visit Dove Cottage, where Wordsworth wrote some of his most famous poetry. Also explore the award-winning Wordsworth Museum, which houses manuscripts of most of his works as well as rare editions of other contemporary Romantic poets and essayists, and paintings by Constable, Turner, and others. A cruise on Lake Windermere provides magnificent views of the natural beauty that surrounded Wordsworth during his time here. Lunch at a pub in Windermere is followed by an excursion to Brockhole House

and Garden, a collaboration between architect Dan Gibson and gardener Thomas Mawson, both leading lights of the British Arts & Crafts movement. Set high on the terraced gardens, the house has spectacular views of Windermere and Langdale Pikes beyond. (B,L)

Wednesday, April 17

LAKE DISTRICT

After a leisurely morning, travel to the charming market town of Keswick, situated where the River Derwent flows into the small lake of Derwentwater. Explore nearby Castlerigg Stone Circle, a neolithic structure believed to have been erected at roughly the same time as Stonehenge, before enjoying an independent lunch in Keswick. In the afternoon, join Brian Vogt as he leads "a moderate hike to reach a stunning summit" in the surrounding hills. (B)

Thursday, April 18

LAKE DISTRICT/EDINBURGH, Scotland

Today is given over to making your way to Edinburgh. The first leg of the journey is through Cumberland and Northumberland to the eastern coast of England, where you stop to explore Alnwick Garden.



Chatsworth House, Sheffield, England



Lake Windermere, Lake District, England

The first garden here was designed by Capability Brown in the mid-18th-century, but was allowed to deteriorate badly until the current Duchess of Northumberland hired Jacques and Peter Wirtz to revive it. It is now routinely cited as "one of the world's most ambitious gardens" and noted for its "imagination," as well as occasionally described as "quirky." After an independent lunch in Bamburgh and some time at leisure, continue to Edinburgh and check in to the five-star *Sheraton Grand Hotel*, your home for the next three nights. (B)

Friday, April 19

EDINBURGH

After breakfast at the hotel, you will be introduced to Edinburgh through a combination of a panoramic coach tour of the city and a walking tour of some of its most important areas— the Royal Mile, the Princes Street Gardens, and Calton Hill. A highlight of the morning will be a visit to the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the King's official residence in Scotland. Located at the end of the Royal Mile, with the imposing volcanic outcropping of Arthur's Seat providing a dramatic backdrop, Holyrood offers the opportunity to explore the historic State Apartments, the ruins of Holyrood Abbey, and The Queen's Gallery. The balance of the day is at leisure with independent lunch and dinner. (B)



Silver Street, Knaresborough, England

Saturday, April 20

EDINBURGH

Your final day of discovery in the northern UK begins with a visit to Rosslyn Chapel. Founded in 1446 as the Collegiate Church of St. Matthew, the chapel is probably best known for the ornate stonework that covers virtually every surface inside and outside the building. Theories abound about the meaning of these carvings, some of which are familiar Christian motifs, some clearly associated with the Freemasons, and some that remain undeciphered to this day. This afternoon, visit the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, founded in 1670. Universally acknowledged to be one of the finest in the world, the garden is alive with opportunities for discovery, from the serenity of Chinese Hillside, the world-famous Rock Garden, and the magnificent giant Redwood trees in the Woodland Garden, to the award-winning art gallery at Inverleith House. The day comes to an end with a festive farewell dinner at the Ivy on the Square, one of Edinburgh's finest restaurants. (B,D)

Sunday, April 21

EDINBURGH/USA

Check out after breakfast and transfer to Edinburgh Airport for flights homeward. (B)



Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, Scotland

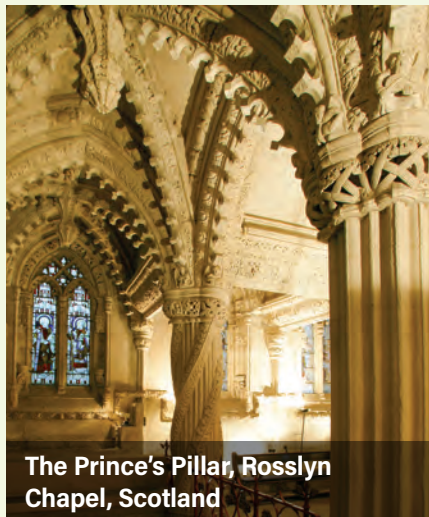
RATE PER PERSON

\$ 6,990 per person, double occupancy.
Single room supplement: \$1,990

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- One night at the *Cavendish Hotel* at Baslow in Sheffield; two nights in York at the *Grand York Hotel*; four nights at *Low Wood Bay Resort & Spa* in the Lake District; three nights in Edinburgh at the *Sheraton Grand Hotel*.
- American breakfast each morning at the hotels.
- Welcome dinner on April 11th, dinner on April 14th, and a gala farewell dinner on April 20th.
- Lunch on April 12th and April 16th.
- Group transfers and handling of luggage overseas at designated times from the airport to the hotel on April 11th and hotel to the airport on April 21st.
- Complete program of tours and excursions as described in the itinerary by private motor coach.
- Services of a professional guide.
- All entrance fees to the sites described in the itinerary.
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- Gratuities to porters, drivers and guides.
- The services of an experienced Thalassa Journeys trip director.
- Complete package of pre-departure materials.

NOT INCLUDED: International airfare; travel insurance; expenses of a personal nature; any items not mentioned in the itinerary or the above inclusions.



The Prince's Pillar, Rosslyn Chapel, Scotland

REGISTRATION

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Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for \$ _____ (\$ 1,500 per person) as a deposit to hold _____ place(s) on **THE NORTH REMEMBERED**, April 10 - 21, 2024, with Denver Botanic Gardens. I understand that final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.

For reservations, please call Thalassa Journeys at: (866) 633-3611

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Each participant must sign below: I/We have read the "General Information" section and agree to its terms.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: A deposit of \$1,500 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Payment can be made by personal check or charged to a credit card.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: All cancellations are subject to a \$300 per person administrative fee. Cancellations received 61-90 days prior to departure will be assessed a penalty equal to 50% of the total program cost per person. Cancellations received within 60 days of departure are subject to 100% cancellation penalties. Requests for cancellations must be made in writing. No refunds will be made for any part of this program in which you choose not to participate.

INSURANCE: We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement.

ITINERARY: The itinerary, accommodations and arrangements are subject to change at the discretion of Thalassa Journeys.

RESPONSIBILITY: Please read carefully the following terms and conditions, which constitute the sole, legally enforceable agreements between the traveler and Thalassa Journeys. Thalassa Journeys acts solely as agents for the traveler with respect to all transportation, hotel and other tour arrangements. In that capacity, we exercise all reasonable care possible to ensure the traveler's safety and satisfaction, but, we neither assume nor bear any responsibility or liability for any injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity arising in connection with the services of any ship, airplane, train, automobile, motor coach, carriage or other conveyance, or the actions of any third-party, involved in carrying the traveler or in affecting these tours. We are not responsible for damages, additional expenses, or any other losses due to cancellation, delay or other changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, civil disturbances, acts or threats of terrorism, travel warnings or bans, termination or suspension of war risks or other carrier insurance, quarantine, acts of God or other causes beyond our control. All such losses must be borne by the traveler, and tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. In the event of cancellation, delay or rescheduling mandated by any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the traveler shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered by us, or else, receiving a refund of as much of such advance tour expenditures as we are able to recover on the traveler's behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc., but, we shall not have any obligation or liability to the traveler beyond the foregoing. We reserve the right to make alterations to the tour's itinerary and to substitute hotels, transportation methods, or lecturers if this is required. We reserve the right to cancel, delay, or reschedule any tour prior to departure, and, so long as this is not due to any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the traveler shall be entitled to a full refund of all monies paid to that point if he/she so desires. No refund shall be made for any unused portion of any tour. By forwarding their deposit(s), the traveler certifies that he/she and/or their dependents, minors or others covered thereby do not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that could create a hazard for them or other travelers. We reserve the right to decline to accept or to decline to retain any person as a member of any tour should such person's health, condition or actions adversely affect or threaten the welfare or safety of other travelers or impede the tour. Baggage or valuables brought on the tour shall be transported, handled or stored at the traveler's risk entirely, and, we shall bear no liability or responsibility for any damage or other loss thereto. Resolution of any disputes arising hereunder shall be affected exclusively in the state or federal courts presiding in Florida, pursuant to applicable Florida law.

RATES: Tour costs are based upon current airfares, tariffs, and currency values. While we do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change.

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Lake District National Park, Cumbria, England