

## SCOTLAND GARDENS TOUR

### Sample 5 DAY Gardens Tour

Day 1: Depart Edinburgh or Glasgow via Loch Lomond and Inveraray to [Crarae Gardens](#) and [Arduaine Gardens](#) with its spectacular rhododendrons and azaleas; continue through Oban, the Great Glen and the Road to the Isles to Arisaig and its gentle Gulf Stream-fed coastline and beaches; stay at the [Old Library Lodge](#) in Arisaig



Day 2: travel over to the Isle of Skye by ferry (the romantic way - like 'a bird on a wing') to [Armadale Castle and Gardens](#); continue up Sleat and via Plockton to explore the lesser known but enchanting [Attadale Gardens](#) with beautiful ponds and japanese zen garden; experience the remoteness of the Torridon region including a fabulous drive via magical Loch Maree to Gairloch; stay at the quiet [Gairloch Highland Lodge](#) but eat at a local hostelry with fabulous food and drink: [The Old Inn](#) (meal included)

Day 3: A short hop and a skip to the world famous and world class [Inverewe Gardens](#) (with rhododendrons, azaleas, eucalyptus, incredible walled garden... - the lifetime's dream and work of Osgood MacKenzie and his daughter, Mairi Sawyer); spend the whole morning at Inverewe; head south via Inverness and the Drumochter Pass to the woods of Perthshire; stay in Pitlochry at the cozy and highly acclaimed [Craigatin House](#) (easy walk for an evening meal in Pitlochry)



Day 4: A short drive to [Blair Castle](#) and its reconstructed 18th century Herculean Gardens (and Diana's Grove) followed by an exploration of the [Explorers - the Scottish Plant Hunters Garden](#) at Pitlochry; rest of the afternoon free for shopping, hiking, relaxing in Pitlochry

Day 5: An easy day to finish: travelling via Perth and taking in the formal gardens at [Kinross House](#) in the morning and [Drummond Castle](#) in the afternoon, journey back to Glasgow or Edinburgh.

