

# Gardens of wonder

### Travel Trade Guide

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## Welcome to the RHS

With five world-class gardens in all corners of the country, as well as iconic flower shows, you can expect your visitors to be wowed on any visit to the RHS.

With an ever-changing calendar of **special events**, **self-guided visits**, informative **private guided tours** and indulgent **catering** options, we have something for everyone – from the most experienced horticulturalists to weekend gardeners or those who simply enjoy the great outdoors, what better way to enjoy a fantastic day out immersed in the beauty of plants!

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RHS Garden Bridgewater

RHS Flower Show Tatton Park

RHS Malvern Spring Festival

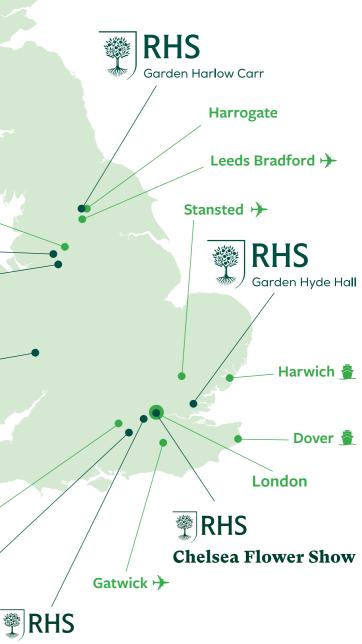


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### **Exclusive** services and travel trade benefits

Lets grow together. Inspire your groups, FIT and MICE clients with an unforgettable visit to the RHS and enjoy the exclusive services and benefits we offer our travel trade partners.

- Commission rates and voucher/credit scheme upon successful credit application
- Access to marketing material and image library to support you with the marketing of our activities and products
- Dedicated Travel Trade Team to support you with FAM Trips to our gardens and team training on our products
- Dedicated group bookings team to help plan a perfect visit and bespoke itinerary for groups of 15+
- Group meet and greet by our informative RHS Visitor Service Team on arrival at our gardens
- £5 RHS Garden Centres voucher for each group visitor (minimum spend £25.00)
- Group catering packages to treat your taste buds to delicious seasonal produce
- Coach drop-off located directly outside each of our RHS Garden Welcome Buildings
- Free coach parking
- Free refreshment voucher for coach driver
- Access to mobility aids to assist your visitors around our gardens (refundable deposit required)
- Two carer places free of charge for those accompanying visitors whose disability necessitates their support
- RHS Members in-group receive free entrance to the garden and are entitled to bring one guest free of charge
- RHS Affiliated Society members receive one free visit as a group per year to one of the RHS Gardens for up to a maximum of 55 visitors

Each of our gardens have been awarded the CPT Coach Friendly Status.



Coach Friendly Status

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### A garden with a real *heart*

Welcoming, relaxed, nurturing are just a few words that describe RHS Garden Bridgewater – 154 acres of glorious gardens close to Salford's historical Bridgewater Canal. As our newest garden, RHS Bridgewater continues to evolve with help from award-winning designers and the local community.

The contemporary **Worsley Welcome Garden** greets everyone with its architectural topiary and lush seasonal planting. And from here on, it's up to your visitors what to discover next. Step inside the walls of the Paradise Garden with its awe-inspiring blend of Mediterranean and Asiatic planting. Treat your senses to the abundant Kitchen Garden, or follow the winding paths of the Chinese Streamside Garden.

### Why visit

- Be wowed by our stunning award winning RHS Garden Bridgewater – a beacon of gardening inspiration
- Immerse yourself in a heritage landscape transformed into an iconic RHS Garden blending world-class horticulture and striking architectural planting
- Stimulate your senses as you stroll around one of the largest Victorian walled gardens in the UK, covering 11 acres – the same size as the RHS Chelsea Flower Show
- Lose yourself in the maze-like planting of the Worsley Welcome Garden designed by the world-renowned landscape architect Tom Stuart-Smith combining naturalism and modernity
- Be dazzled by the Paradise Garden with a spectacular blend of Mediterranean and Asiatic planting - where contemporary meets traditional
- Enjoy a unique horticultural fusion celebrating the four seasons at the Chinese Streamside Garden



#### Need to know

- Located in Worsley, Salford in the heart of the North West
- Summer opening times 10am 6pm Winter opening times 10am – 4pm Last entry 1 hour before closing
- Coach drop off 100 metres from the main Welcome Building
- Manchester Airport around 30 minutes, Liverpool – around 1 hour
- Nearest Rail Stations Walkden (2 miles), Manchester Piccadilly and Manchester Victoria (9 miles)
- Nearby attractions Salford Quays, The Lowry, Manchester, Old Trafford







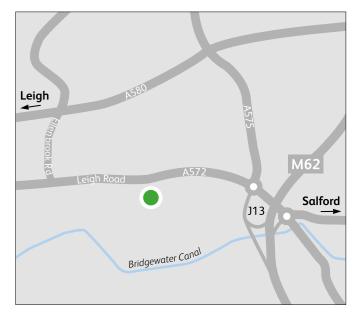
#### **Address**

RHS Garden Bridgewater Occupation Road, Off Leigh Road, Worsley, Salford, Greater Manchester, M28 2LJ

#### Contact

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# A garden full of *possibilities*

A stunning counterpoint to the rugged Yorkshire landscape, RHS Garden Harlow Carr is the perfect spot for a day out that combines garden inspiration with outdoor exploration. Spanning 58 acres, this beautiful garden has great history, real character, and lots to discover.

Wander around the **Queen Mother's Lake**, a haven for visitors and wildlife alike, with its soft plantings, wildflower meadow and majestic trees. Then meander along the lush banks of **Streamside** through the heart of RHS Harlow Carr and venture into the historic **Bath House**. Don't miss the **Alpine House**, home to more than 2,000 plants, or the tranquil **Sandstone Rock Garden**. The vibrant **Sub Tropicana Garden** will transport you to exotic climes.

#### Why visit

- View exuberant planting of herbaceous perennials, grasses, bulbs and shrubs, and a wealth of inspiring plant combinations
- Be amazed by lush moisture-loving plants and eye-popping colours at the most iconic area of the garden Streamside
- Let the Sub-Tropicana Garden transport you from Yorkshire to a tropical paradise bursting with bold foliage and dazzling flower colour
- Lose yourself in the beautiful and tranquil Woodland, where winding paths allow you to enjoy rich planting, open glades and diverse horticulture
- Clashing colours, contrasting textures and wonderful fragrance of the 315m Winter Walks makes for a sensory experience
- Get up close in the Alpine House home to more than 2,000 plants all native to mountainous regions from around the world



#### Need to know

- Located on the outskirts of Harrogate in North Yorkshire
- Summer opening times 9:30am 6pm Winter opening times 9:30am – 4pm Last entry 1 hour before closing
- Coach drop off 40 metres from the main Welcome Building
- Harrogate around 10 minutes, Leeds Bradford Airport – around 30 minutes, York – around 50 minutes, Manchester Airport – around 2 hours
- Nearest Rail Station Harrogate (1½ miles)
- Nearby attractions Harewood House, Ripley Castle, York and Harrogate







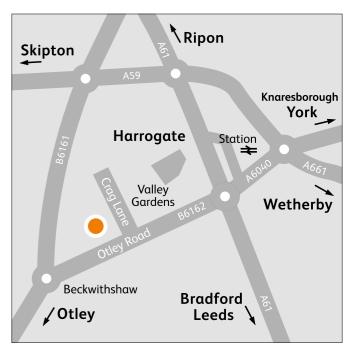
### Address

RHS Garden Harlow Carr Crag Lane, Beckwithshaw, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG3 1QB

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## A garden full of adventure

Set in the heart of rural Essex, RHS Garden Hyde Hall's glorious hilltop location offers sweeping panoramic views and wide-open skies. Visitors can pack a blanket and come join us for some quality time in the garden.

Famed for dealing with challenging gardening in dry conditions, RHS Hyde Hall is packed with dramatic colour, texture and wonder. Explore the paths of **The Global Growth Vegetable Garden**, and then enjoy its produce in our cafés and restaurant. Alternatively, take a leisurely stroll up Clover Hill to admire the wide views of the landscape beyond.

If your visitors are looking for a peaceful place to take in RHS Hyde Hall's stunning surroundings and native wildlife, they can make their way to the glorious Reservoir and Bird hide to admire over 90 species of bird including swans, tufted duck, and heron. In our quintessential **Hilltop Garden**, filled with fragrant roses, fish ponds and colourful herbaceous borders, visitors can take a moment to treat their bare feet to our luscious green lawns.

### Why visit

- Be impressed by an abundance of blooms in the colourthemed Herbaceous Borders resulting in a lively fiesta of colour throughout the year
- Meander through the woodland paths of the Birch Grove featuring five species of birch from Asia and North America
- Take a moment of quiet contemplation in the Queen Mother's Garden with its luscious tropical borders and shady spaces under mature trees
- View 400 species of drought-resistant plants originating from the Mediterranean, South Africa, South America, Australia and California in the Dry Garden
- Delve into the Global Growth Vegetable Garden, which will challenge perceptions of conventional kitchen gardens with its range of edible plants, from the everyday to the exotic
- Take in the heady scents of the charming Rose Garden and Rope Rose Walk with its flamboyant collection of roses

### Need to know

- Located in the Essex countryside just outside of Chelmsford
- Summer opening times 10am 6pm Winter opening times 10am – 4pm Last entry 1 hour before closing
- Coach drop off 45 metres from the main Welcome Building
- Stanstead Airport around 1 hour, Cambridge around 90 minutes, Harwich Ferry – around 1 hour, Central London – around 90 minutes
- Nearest Rail Stations South Woodham Ferrers
  (3 miles), Wickford (5 miles), Chelmsford (8 miles)
- Nearby attractions Beth Chatto Gardens, Audley End House and Gardens or the riverside town of Maldon







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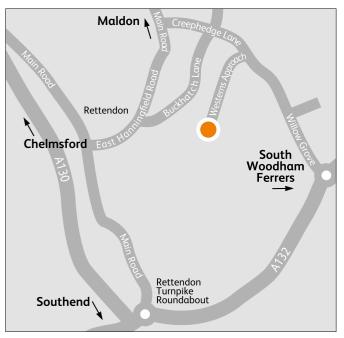
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## A garden full of inspiration

Set in the beautiful Torridge Valley between Dartmoor and Exmoor National Parks, RHS Garden Rosemoor makes for the perfect day out, combining discovery and inspiration. Gifted to the RHS by Lady Anne Berry in 1988, and known for its many garden 'rooms', RHS Rosemoor now spans 65 stunning acres. Visitors can breathe in the sweet-smelling scents of over 250 varieties of blooms in our two Rose Gardens – **The Queen Mother's Rose Garden** and the **Shrub Rose Garden** – which are at their fragrant peak in June.

For those curious about crops, there is produce ripe for the picking in our **Fruit and Vegetable Garden**. Celebrate the flavour of the seasons and explore a mouth-watering array of delectable edibles. The vibrant **Hot Garden** is famed for sizzling reds, oranges and yellows, waves of plants chosen for heat and vibrancy. If the heat gets too much, visitors can retreat to the serene pastels and blues of the **Cool Garden**, a tranquil Eden around a teardrop-shaped pond.

### Why visit

- Discover two outstanding rose gardens The Queen Mother's Rose Garden, featuring modern roses, and the Shrub Rose Garden, planted with old traditional roses
- Be wowed by the Hot Garden living up to its name, with intensity and waves of plants chosen for their heat and vibrancy
- Rejuvenate in the Cool Garden designed by multiaward-winning garden designer Jo Thompson with its calm colour palette focusing on water and the reflective element to the space
- View shade-loving plants with the RHS Award of Garden Merit in the inspirational Model Gardens
- Indulge in heritage varieties and mouth-watering array of produce at the Fruit and Vegetable Garden using techniques old and new
- Experience a taste of Japan in the Stone Garden rich in history and one of the oldest parts of the garden, offering a range of plants including Japanese maples and woodland perennials

### Need to know

- Nestled between Dartmoor and Exmoor National Parks
- Summer opening times 10am 6pm
  Winter opening times 10am 4pm
  Last entry 1 hour before closing
- Coach drop off 10 metres from the main Welcome Building via steps or 60 meters via accessible path
- Bideford around 15 20 minutes, Ilfracombe – around 50 minutes, Exeter – around 1 hour, Torquay – around 1½ hours
- Nearby Rail Station Barnstaple (12 miles)
- Nearby attractions Clovelly, Quince Honey Farm, Dartington Crystal and Saunton Sands







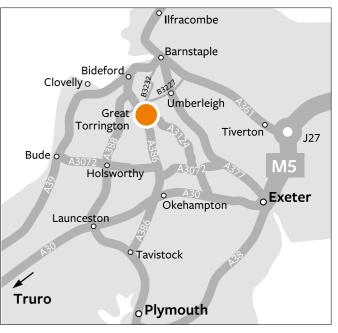
#### Address

RHS Garden Rosemoor Great Torrington, Devon, EX38 8PH

#### Contact

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## A garden full of discoveries

RHS Garden Wisley is one of the UK's most visited and best-loved gardens. Spanning 240 acres, it's both the historic home of RHS and a glorious garden of the future, thanks to a brand new planet-friendly research centre.

The new **RHS Hilltop – The Home of Gardening Science** is dedicated to inspiring the next generation of gardeners. Visitors can see the vital work being done to help future-proof our planet and learn all about the RHS' ground-breaking research.

There's always time to discover fruit and veg of all shapes and sizes in the **World Food Garden**, sit and reflect in the **Wellbeing Garden**, or spot insects skimming the water's edge in the **Wildlife Garden**.

To get all the senses going, visitors can challenge themselves to race up **Battleston Hill**, breathe in the heady scents in the **Bowes-Lyon Rose Garden**, or gaze up in wonder in the tropical **Glasshouse**.

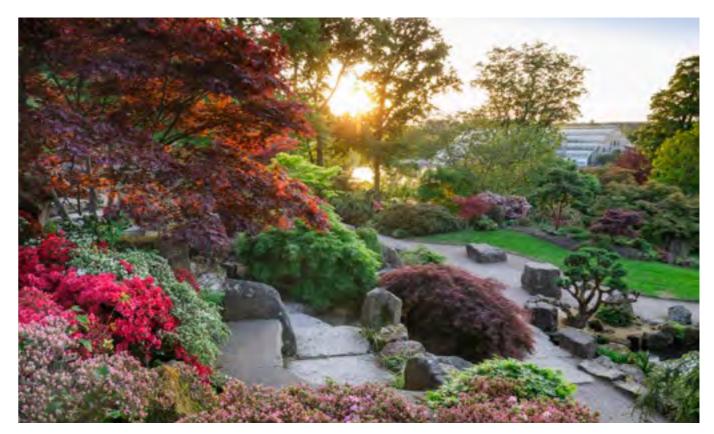
#### Why visit

- Explore the lush jungle of the spectacular Glasshouse and home to the RHS's world-class tender plant collection
- Enjoy a relaxed stroll through a collection of magnificent century-old trees, as you wonder through the Pinetum in amazement
- Create memories on Battleston Hill, a beautiful woodland garden where winding footpaths allow you to explore a rainbow of blooms and gaze at a stunning sculpture
- Enjoy breath-taking panoramic views across our flagship garden from the Sky Terrace
- Grow at our free daily talks, demonstrations and interactive sessions at Hilltop Live get expert gardening advice from the people that speak plants
- Surround yourself by edible flowers and herbs taste your way around the World Food Garden created by RHS Chelsea Gold medal winning designer Ann-Marie Powell

### Need to know

- Located in Surrey, south of London
- Summer opening times 10am 6pm Winter opening times 10am – 4pm Last entry 1 hour before closing
- Coach drop off 113 metres from the main Welcome Building
- Guildford around 15 minutes, London Heathrow – around 25 minutes, London Gatwick – around 45 minutes, Central London – around 1 hour
- Nearest Rail Stations Woking (5 miles), WestByfleet (3 miles)
- Nearby attractions Brooklands Museum, Denbies Wine Estate, Hampton Court







#### Address

RHS Garden Wisley Woking, Surrey, GU23 6QB

#### Contact

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# Hive of activity

All five RHS gardens are alive with exciting year-round talks, private guided tours, plant fairs, food and drink festivals, outdoor music and workshops to enhance your visit.

### Private guided tours

Enhance your group visit by including our popular private guided tour and be escorted around the gardens by one of our knowledgeable volunteer friends, who will provide you with a captivating insight into the history and planting of the garden. Tours depart throughout the year and are a wonderful way to view and experience all the seasonal delights and hidden gems of the gardens.

Private guided tours are available at RHS Gardens – Bridgewater, Harlow Carr, Hyde Hall, Rosemoor and Wisley Duration: 60 minutes Minimum group size: 15

Cost: Additional fee applies see RHS Admission Price list inserted in Group Visit Guide

### **Hilltop Live**

Learn and grow at our series of free talks, demonstrations and interactive sessions at Hilltop Live, which take place at RHS Hilltop – The Home of Gardening Science. See how-to demonstrations to try at home, learn about the history of Wisley, hear about the scientific research going on in the labs, and discover fascinating collections from our library, plus much more.

Hilltop Live available at RHS Garden Wisley Duration: 30 minutes at 2.00pm Minimum group size: Open to all Cost: No additional fee or booking applies

Visit our **'What's on'** page on our website www.rhs.org.uk for more details and information on our events which can be included as part of a visit to our gardens.







### Taste *sensations* and green shopping

### Food & drink

When visiting our gardens, visitors can treat their taste buds too, all our RHS Gardens have a tempting choice of delicious food and drink in a range of cafés and restaurants for them to select from on the day of their visit. Our award-winning menus at the RHS Gardens are inspired by fresh seasonal produce, with garden-grown vegetables used in our dishes wherever possible. Visitors tell us they love our cream teas including sumptuous homemade scones accompanied by clotted cream and strawberry jam, and our award winning afternoon teas. We can also create a bespoke catering option for your group, with private dining areas at Wisley, Rosemoor and Hyde Hall available to book with stunning views of the garden.

### Shopping

Across all five RHS gardens we have plants galore for big or small gardens and indoors. Over eighty percent of our plants are sourced from UK growers and nurseries, we offer 5-year guarantee on all hardy plants.

In our shop, visitors can discover **RHS Exclusive Collections**, local artisan produce, horticultural books and sustainable homeware. Remember your groups can take advantage of your £5 RHS Garden Centres voucher on purchases of £25 or more in our shop.









### **RHS Flower Shows and Festivals**

For an unbeatable group day out filled with ideas and inspiration, join us at one of our RHS Flowers Shows. Every year floral fever sweeps the nation as our sensational flower shows and festivals take root in some of the country's most fantastic locations.

#### **Group benefits**

Whichever RHS Flower Show your group choose to visit you will receive the following exclusive benefits:

- Discounted rates for groups of 20+ on selected shows\*
- Ample free coach parking at Tatton Park and Hampton Court Palace
- Free entry for coach driver and tour leader at Tatton Park and Hampton Court Palace\*









### RHS Malvern Spring Festival

in association with My Pension Expert

Set against a backdrop of the magnificent Malvern Hills, this spring festival hosts flowers, food, artisan crafts and more. Popular show gardens provide plenty of inspirational gardening ideas and the fabulous Floral Marquee hosts hand-picked nurseries, as well as talks and demonstrations.

### **RHS Chelsea Flower Show**

sponsored by The Newt in Somerset

Experience the world's greatest flower show, brimming with stunning garden design, gorgeous floral displays and endless shopping, as growers and designers bring together plants and flowers from every corner of the globe. Don't miss the pinnacle event of any gardener's or plant lover's calendar.

For group bookings, contact The Ticket Factory Call 0800 358 0058 Email groups@theticketfactory.com







### **RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival**

The world's largest flower show, bringing summer days full of colour, inspiration and good times, all in a magnificent setting. Enjoy the work of first-class designers, shop for seasonal cut flowers and explore the heady scents and glorious colours of the Floral Marquee.

### **RHS Flower Show Tatton Park**

A fabulous group day out bursting with gardening inspiration, have-a-go workshops and boutique shopping. Soak up the wonderful festival vibe, enjoy live music and entertainment, and sample delicious food and drink around the showground.

### **Malvern Autumn Show**

Celebrate autumn with plants, celebrities, giant vegetables and cookery workshops brought to you by the award-winning team behind a whole host of successful horticultural and lifestyle events, this enormous harvest festival offers group visitors a full day of gardening and grow your own delights.

For group bookings, contact The Ticket Factory Call 0800 358 0058 Email groups@theticketfactory.com







# **RHS Garden Flower Shows**

### **RHS Garden Hyde Hall Flower Show**



### **RHS Garden Flower Shows**

### **RHS Garden Wisley Flower Show**

A sensational show held in the gardens of the flagship garden of the Royal Horticultural Society and one of the great gardens of the world. Bursting with gardening inspiration, expert advice, vibrant floral displays and fabulous shopping opportunities.

For group bookings Call 01483 212307 Email groupswisley@rhs.org.uk









### **RHS Glow**

Bring your group's festive season alive as they see the gardens in a new light at our magical Glow Experience. Visitors can explore an RHS Garden after-dark as our annual light festivities transform our gardens of wonder into an enchanted wonderland.

Enjoy illuminated trails and take a journey through our magnificent trees and shrubs as dusk falls and sparkling hi-tech colours fill our gardens offering a spectacular immersive experience.

All five gardens offer fantastic winter walks, tasty seasonal treats and winter warmers to fill you with the spirt of the winter season.

Visit www.rhs.org.uk/groupsContacts details see the following pages:Bridgewaterpage 7Harlow Carrpage 9Hyde Hallpage 11Rosemoorpage 13Wisleypage 15







### **RHS Corporate Venue Hire**

Our beautiful gardens are the perfect surrounding to make your clients event unforgettable. Whether they are looking to host a conference, company party or award ceremony, we have a wide choice of venues throughout our gardens as well as at The Royal Horticultural Halls in Central London, where your clients can host the event.

### **RHS** Garden **Hyde Hall**

Offering beautiful panoramic views and rolling hills and is just 90 minutes from Central London - there is so much for your clients to enjoy and take inspiration from around Hyde Hall.



### The Hilltop Lodge

Hilltop Lodge is a multipurpose modern airy event space and award-winning field to fork restaurant, with outdoor breakout areas and stunning views across the garden and countryside. A beautiful setting for any occasion.

**Venue capacities** Banquet 120 Theatre style 140 Standing reception 180

### **Thatched Barn**

Our Thatched Barn is full of character and rural charm dating back to circa 17th century and sits in Hyde Hall's Hilltop Garden, providing an intimate welcoming atmosphere for guests, with large adjacent outdoor courtyard perfect for outdoor summer dining.

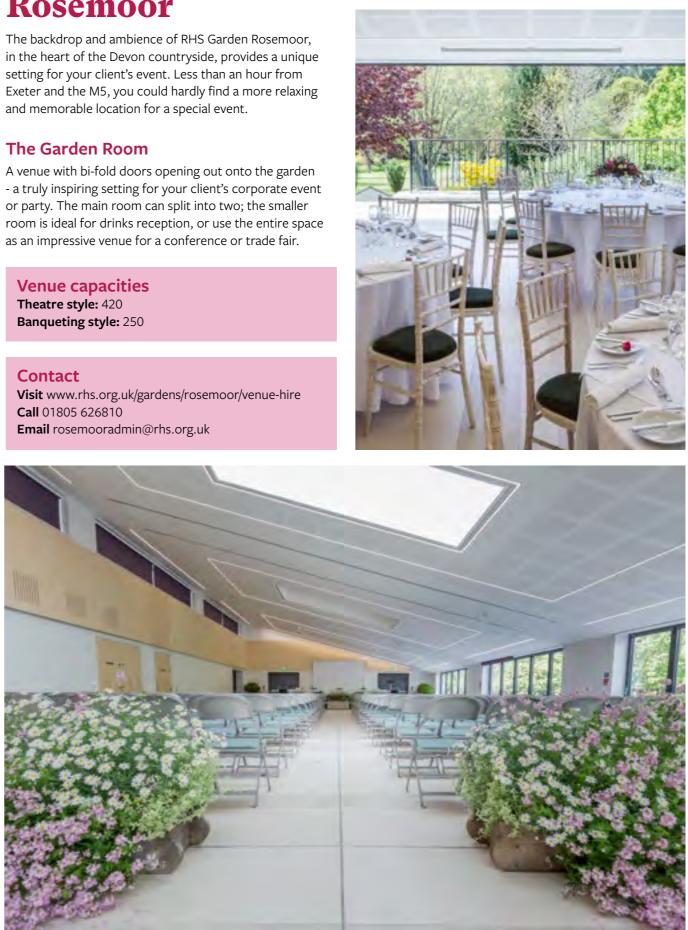
#### Venue capacities Banquet 80 Theatre style 100 Standing reception 120





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### **RHS** Garden Rosemoor



# **RHS Garden Wisley**

Our flagship garden has 16 versatile event venues set within our 240 acres of beautiful gardens and can accommodate events with as many as 300 guests and is less than an hour from Central London.



### Garden Room at Hilltop

Flooded with natural light and surrounded by inspirational gardens showcasing the best of horticulture, this space is sure to impress and provide the perfect backdrop for your day. The venue features state of the art AV facilities including an LCD video conferencing wall, sound system, microphones, and digital mixing provisions for largerscale events.



Venue capacities Theatre 300 Reception 300 Cabaret 160 Dinner 200



### Sky Terrace

A two-tier rooftop terrace offering stunning views over Wisley's acres of beautiful gardens. The perfect spot for an evening reception, with a sundowner or a Summer party, with vistas that are sure to add that 'wow factor' to any event.

Venue capacities Seated 90 Standing 166

### The Glasshouse

The spectacular Glasshouse offers the perfect setting for a gala dinner or award ceremony. Home to the RHS's world-class tender plant collection, this is a blank canvas space where we can help to design an evening to amaze and delight your clients amongst the tropical plants.



Venue capacities Dinner 140 Cabaret 112 Standing reception 180

Contact Visit www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/wisley/venue-hire Call 01483 212349 Email functions@rhs.org.uk

### **Royal Horticultural Halls**

The Royal Horticultural Halls boast two large unique, historic and versatile venues with vaulted ceilings in the heart of central London.



### The Lindley Hall

Located within walking distance of Victoria Station, the Hall is situated in one of London's most charming areas. With immense light and sophistication, the Lindley Hall makes a stunning setting for entertaining and business.

### Venue capacities

Cabaret 280 with stage Theatre 480 Dinner 450 (with small stage & dance floor in North Annexe) 480 with hired in 6ft round tables Standing Reception 700





#### Lawrence Hall

The striking Lawrence Hall, with its unique art-deco design and high vaulted ceilings, is popular with clients who want a London venue with stunning architectural heritage.

#### Venue capacities

Theatre 1,000 Dinner 900 or 750 with dancefloor Standing Reception 1,500

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