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Itinerary Planner- Gardens

Day 1 Wednesday 30 th July 2025	Nathan will meet you at London, either the airport or a London hotel as per your preference form. Celebratory refreshments will be served in our luxury vehicle prior to heading to Well Cottage where Laura will be ready to serve you your first lunch or afternoon canapes. A relaxing afternoon to unpack, settle in and possibly go for a short walk
Day 2 Thursday 31 st July 2025	A trip through the Dorset countryside today heading south west away from the majority of other tourists towards the beautiful Mapperton House & Gardens , we will enjoy a lovely picnic lunch here before heading back towards the cottage and stopping at Athelhampton House & Gardens on the way.
Day 3 Friday 1 st August 2025	We can begin the week at the beautiful Stourhead House & Gardens , a nice relaxing excursion to enjoy this famous landscape garden designed around the lake. You can also visit the main house and a picnic lunch can be enjoyed in the grounds before heading back to the cottage. On the way home we can visit Shaftesbury or an open garden on the <i>National Garden Scheme</i> .
Day 4 Saturday 2 nd August 2025	A relaxing day to enjoy the cottage, including our very own English garden and the local area. You can take advantage of your complimentary in house spa treatment if you wish. A freshly made lunch overlooking the garden listening to the birds sing before heading out for a countryside walk over local fields on the 'public footpath' network or a local garden on the <i>National Garden Scheme</i>
Day 5 Sunday 3 rd August 2025	A trip towards the Jurassic Coast, our first stop can be Thomas Hardy's birthplace cottage before heading to the coast to visit Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens . We will then drive the Jurassic Coast scenic route towards the cottage, driving past Minterne Gardens on the way and if we have the time and energy we can stop for a visit.
Day 6 Monday 4 th August 2025	If you are Downton Abbey fans we can try and get you tickets to visit Highclere Castle and gardens . If you are not Downton Abbey fans then we will visit the village of Lacock which has a 1000 year old abbey and stately home set amongst beautiful gardens, and then head up to Bowood House & Gardens to visit these beautiful 'Capability Brown' designed grounds.
Day 7 Tuesday 5 th August 2025	We are pleased to offer you a new location we have discovered- The Newt in Somerset , a 'member only' beautiful estate with walled & kitchen gardens amongst vast grounds. There is also a fully renovated reimagined Roman Villa built next to original remains, a <i>Beezantium</i> and a Garden Experience
Day 8 Wednesday 6 th August 2025	Unfortunately, your stay with us at Well Cottage is coming to an end and it is your last breakfast with us- but don't worry Laura will ensure you are leaving well fed. Nathan will ensure he delivers you to your final destination in good time. We will wish you a safe onward trip and hope to see you again in the future.