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Shane Connolly at Highgrove

A feast of foliage and floral design

Beautiful Highgrove



Unwind in style

Stay at Tortworth Court hotel



Readers are invited to Highgrove gardens in October for an exclusive opening to include a seasonal demonstration with Shane Connolly, followed by a Champagne lunch in the Orchard Room and a private tour through The Prince of Wales's gardens.

Shane was born in Ireland and has had a lifelong passion for plants and flowers. He has worked with His Royal Highness for many years and, following the worldwide acclaim that greeted his designs for the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's royal wedding in April 2011, Shane has never been more in demand.

YOUR ITINERARY

Sunday 20 October Travel at your leisure to four-star Tortworth Court, a magnificent Victorian country house in South Gloucestershire that's recently undergone a £20m restoration. Choose from twin or double occupancy of a Connoisseur room or single occupancy of a Classic Room. Relax in the spa or stroll through the idyllic grounds, with arboretum, before joining us for a pre-dinner reception at 6.30pm.

Monday 21 October Travel to Highgrove, where floral designer Shane Connolly will be demonstrating ideas for autumn flowers and foliage, showing simple techniques that will enable you to make the most of the season.

The Prince of Wales made his home at Highgrove in 1980. When he first arrived, Highgrove possessed little more than a neglected walled garden used for storing tractors, an overgrown copse and acres of pastureland. The Prince consulted friends and expert gardeners in his quest to transform the grounds and his organic garden began to take shape. Now one of the UK's most inspired gardens, it unfolds into a series of highly personal tableaux. Enjoy stunning vistas, bold planting, quirky topiary and architectural follies on our private tour. All profits from garden tours go to The Prince Of Wales's Charitable Foundation.

Tuesday 22 October 2013 Go tree tickling (yes, really) in Tortworth's own arboretum, and hit the heart of Tetbury and its galleries. Later, discover the Victorian Gothic enigma that is Westonbirt House, with an Italianate garden and magnificent specimen trees.

Wednesday 23 October 2013 To Tyntesfield, a fine Victorian mansion owned by the National Trust. Explore the house and parkland, filled with hundreds of magnificent trees (admission, £15; National Trust members, free.)

THE PRICE INCLUDES

Three nights' accommodation, with English breakfast, two dinners, all arrangements at Highgrove, private visits by coach, admissions as described, and donations.

Please call 01756-710500 to book, quoting WHX1060

A deposit of £150 is payable. A detailed itinerary will be sent with your confirmation of booking. Terms and conditions: holidays organised by Connoisseur Club, Farfield Hall, Addingham LS29 0RQ, and are offered subject to availability **w&h**

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