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FROM MICHAEL'S DESK

I was driving my son Alex back to his house after our regular Thursday night family dinner last night, and I noticed something. We passed by the end of Winter Street and then took the next turn on Summer Street. Only in New England could you pass directly from Winter to Summer, by-passing Spring completely! In the middle of April, we had a record-setting 80 degree day - with patches of snow still lurking in secluded corners.

Spring, however, has undoubtedly arrived in Europe and that means Gardens! Our annual pilgrimages to the Chelsea Flower Show will be leaving this month, closely followed by garden tours of Holland, Scotland, South Wales and England's West Country. And if you've missed those, then we still have garden trips available to Italy and southern England in September.

As you have probably noticed we are trying yet another new format for our newsletter in this issue. As we grow, we have more to tell you about, and we need more space to fit it all in, so we are experimenting with different sizes and styles. What we would really love is your feedback. After all, you are the ones who read this (hopefully!), so let us know what you like.

I hope you enjoy this latest offering, and that it inspires you to visit some of the wonderful places mentioned here. Keep travelling!

Michael Induni, President

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CARCASSONNE

FOR THE LOVE OF THE LANGUEDOC

by Sarah Franklin

I've had the privilege of spending time in the Languedoc Roussillon region of France for the past five summers and I've fallen in love. Whenever my family arrives in Toulouse, we rent a car and head out of the city and straight into the countryside. The first time I saw the fields of sunflowers alongside the road, driving towards Carcassonne, I was aghast, "gob smacked," and overwhelmed with the visual beauty. So much so that my husband had to pull the car over; so I could be closer to these dancing heads who follow the sun like New . . . *continued*

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Englishers in springtime. Then there were the vineyards, with their perfectly straight corridors of chartreuse vines, lush with low hanging fruit, high cypress trees and an occasional old stone barn. The route between the Massif Central and the Pyrenees, following the Canal du Midi, had me from the start. The canal, a marvel in its own right, was completed in 1681 under the reign of King Louis XIV to free the wheat and wine trade from having to sail all around the Iberian Peninsula, and is now used mostly by tourists who rent canal boats for the leisurely ride to Toulouse or the Mediterranean. Lined with plane trees to provide shade for the horses and donkeys who used to walk the tow path pulling the barges, it provides a great place to walk or ride a bike, and takes me back to a slower pace. Dotted with lovely little towns to stop and have a glass of local wine and a bite to eat while watching the tourists navigate the locks is my ideal way to spend the day. Passing through this area the first time, with the heat of the sun, the snail pace, the beautiful vistas, I could see “forever.” From the moment I



set foot here, I knew I would forever be coming back to this place that pleased all my senses and gave me a sense of peace, a sense of home.

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH

We are thrilled to announce that we will be launching a new website in the coming month. It has been carefully designed with you in mind. It is easy to navigate and visually appealing. We warmly welcome you to take some time in the coming month to wander through the trips, present and past, in search of new inspiration and horizons.



Kelsey has been working tirelessly on the site and has created something that we are all thrilled to be able to share. Visit www.discovereuropeltd.com in the coming month. We welcome your feedback.



FAVORITE HOTELS

COPENHAGEN ADMIRAL HOTEL

Located in the heart of Copenhagen, this converted 18th-century warehouse showcases a richly diverse history. Each guest room, uniquely designed by a group of the best interior designers, captures the general ambiance of the city enhanced by the ever-changing reflected light from the water. Stay at **THE COPENHAGEN ADMIRAL HOTEL** on our “**WONDERFUL COPENHAGEN**” trip next June! Call or email for the full itinerary.

A NEW PUZZLE

Q: IS MOST OF THE WINE PRODUCED IN BORDEAUX RED OR WHITE?

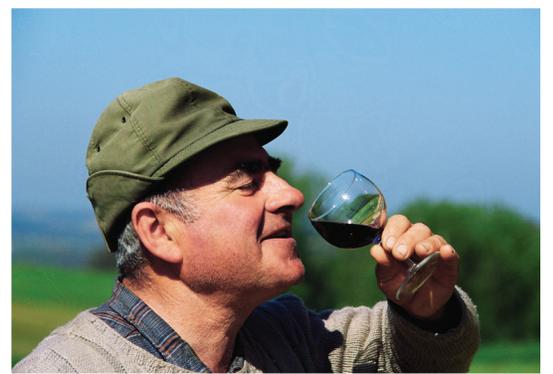
To answer, go to Discover Europe’s Facebook page, like the page and leave an answer. The winner, drawn at random, will receive a voucher for \$200 off any trip listed in this newsletter!

EXTRA CREDIT: For an additional \$100 off your trip, tell us why the British refer to red wine from Bordeaux as “Claret.”

. . . AND A SOLUTION FROM THE LAST NEWSLETTER

Q: BERLIN’S BRANDENBURG GATE OPENED ON AUGUST 6TH 1791. IT IS MODELED AFTER WHICH FAMOUS GATE IN ATHENS?

Winner: Christina G. Her answer - “Propylaea - the gateway to the Acropolis in Athens Greece!”



COURIER'S CORNER

Sara Cereda-Kort

Q: WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE TOUR DESTINATION?

A: Honestly . . .the world! Above and underwater! Travel is my life. I learned on the road to appreciate and to be realistic about the places I visit. I want to experience both sides of the coin!

Q: DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE CITY?

A: If I can just choose one city in Europe, I would pick Amsterdam. If more than one, I would add: Berlin, Rouen, Palermo, Salzburg, Kraków, Verona.

Q: IS THERE A SPECIAL MOMENT THAT STICKS OUT ON A DISCOVER EUROPE TOUR?

A: The first meeting with the guests at the airport! We greet each other like we know each other, because the office staff can create a special connection between the Tour Guides and travelers. They come and they trust us! Nothing can then go wrong with such a start!

Q: WHAT DO YOU ALWAYS PACK?

A: My Swiss army knife, a red umbrella, plenty of scarves; problem solvers in many situations- upgrade a normal comfortable outfit, cover ladies' shoulders in case of a spontaneous visit in an Italian church, protection from sun or wind, can be used as flag in a crowded place....!

Q: WHY ARE YOU A TOUR GUIDE?

A: Because it is not only my profession, but mostly my "vocation": it is ME!

Q: DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE PLACE TO STAY?

A: With Discover Europe: Montecatini Terme Hotel

Francia & Quirinale. The lobby area is fantastic, the rooms elegant and comfortable, the staff at the front desk, the bar, the restaurant is so friendly, accommodating; they make you feel at home! Privately: Corsica and Norway in Europe, farther Australia and India!

Q: CAN YOU SHARE YOUR MOST MEMORABLE DINING EXPERIENCE ON A TRIP?

A: Farewell dinner at the WOW Restaurant in Montecatini alto - spectacular view, amazing food, great wines!

Q: DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE FOOD EXPERIENCE?

A: - Caffè' and Bicerin in Torino (coffee, chocolate and cream)
- Seafood in Monterosso, Cinque Terre
- Gelato by Vivoli, Firenze
- Galettes and Crêpes by the Pantheon, Paris
-Pho by Monsieur Vuong, Berlin

Join Sara Cereda-Kort on:

THE NEW BERLIN

Join two of our best tour guides Matthias and Sara Cereda-Kort who call this city home. After the fall of the wall, a modern, happening city is revealed!

SEPTEMBER 1ST – 9TH

THE ITALIAN KITCHEN

A journey from farm to table in the Piedmont and Emilia Romagna regions. A gastronomic tour with Barolos and Barbarescos, soul-satisfying semolinas and samplings of the regions specialties.

OCTOBER 5TH - 14TH

CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF ITALY

Italians take their Christmas preparations seriously - their Christmas Markets are like German ones, but with better food!

DECEMBER 1ST - 9TH



SARA CEREDA-KORT

A PLACE TO HEAL

Epidavros, Greece was once the home of the most important healing center of the classical world. Called The Asclepeion, it was considered to be the birthplace of Asclepius, Apollo's son, who was celebrated as a god of healing by both the Greeks and the Romans. Modern day healing centers now emulate the holistic approach to health first established here in classical times. Mineral springs and a calming sanctuary allow you to find tranquility and perhaps receive a message in your dreams that will point to the root cause of your ailment. This archeological site has



a small museum with prescription-inscribed stone tablets, ancient medical instruments, and beautifully carved statues, given by patrons as grateful offerings. There is a stadium - because physical fitness was an inextricable part of overall health - and, because "mind" is truly inseparable for "body," a wonderfully preserved theatre. Known for its incredible acoustics, where every

seat can hear a pin drop in the center, the unamplified sound within this perfectly symmetrical outdoor amphitheater is astounding. Join us on our **GREEK EASTER** trip, April 6th - 15th, 2018, to experience the healing powers for yourself.

CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TRIPS

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE TRIPS: CALL: (866) 563-7077

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AUSTRIA

VIENNA - MIT SCHLAG?

Eastern European elegance with day trips and a performance at the Vienna State Opera House and of course - dessert!



AUG 25TH - SEPT 2ND 2017

CROATIA

THE DALMATIAN COAST

Bask in the "Pearl of the Adriatic" - one of Europe's best-kept secrets.

APRIL 28TH - MAY 7TH 2018

DENMARK



NYHAVN

WONDERFUL COPENHAGEN

An adventure into the land of fairy tales in search of "hygge."



JUNE 14TH - 19TH 2018

ENGLAND

DISCOVERING EAST ANGLIA

Experience life in a country house hotel with popular guide Gavin Miller in his home region.

JULY 21ST - 29TH 2017

THE PEAK DISTRICT

Known as the "Backbone of England" this National Park is known for its remarkable natural beauty.



AUGUST 18TH - 26TH 2017

THE PASSIONATE GARDENER

Join garden blogger Michael B. Gordon and visit some of England's most unique gardens.

SEPTEMBER 7TH - 16TH 2017

UNITARIAN ENGLAND

Explore a rich 350 year history of British Unitarianism with Reverend David Usher.

SEPTEMBER 21ST - OCTOBER 1ST 2017

MAY 24TH - JUNE 3RD 2018

KENT: GARDEN OF ENGLAND

Out of London and into the rolling hills of Kent. Enjoy a brilliant and eclectic exploration from Dover to Dorking.

OCTOBER 5TH - 14TH 2017

POLDARK'S CORNWALL

Visit the heart of Poldark's Cornwall and experience the unique microclimate washed by the warming currents of the Gulf Stream.

APRIL 23RD - MAY 2ND 2018

TREASURE HOUSES OF SOUTHERN ENGLAND

See the full glory of Britain's Treasure Houses set against the backdrop of a glorious full-blown English spring.

MAY 6TH - 15TH 2018

THE BEST OF ENGLISH GARDENS

Our annual homage to the Chelsea Flower Show and gardens of southern England.

MAY 15TH - 24TH 2018

WALES AND THE LAKE DISTRICT

Castle ruins, medieval streets and magnificent Celtic heritage define this region of stunning beauty.

MAY 26TH - JUNE 8TH 2018

THE CAPTIVATING COTSWOLDS

Quintessential English countryside unfolds with visits to Oxford, Kenilworth, Stratford-upon-Avon, and Bath.

JUNE 7TH - JUNE 16TH 2018

FRANCE

CORSICA & SARDINIA

Natural island beauty and rich history flourish in the Mediterranean climate of these two stunning islands.

SEPTEMBER 14TH - 23RD 2017

THE WINES OF BORDEAUX

A tour of the senses, featuring Châteaux, sprawling vineyards, medieval villages, wine and local food tastings.



SEPT 29TH - OCT 7TH 2017



CHATEAU DE CAMON

THE CHÂTEAU DE CAMON

An extended stay at the magnificent Abbaye Château de Camon with day trips exploring the region from Carcassonne to the Pyrenees.



OCTOBER 6TH - 14TH 2017

PRINTEMPS EN PROVENCE

Follow in the footsteps of Cezanne, Van Gogh, Gauguin, Picasso, and Matisse and leave inspired by landscapes of brilliant color.



MAY 4TH - 12TH 2018

NORMANDY, BRITTANY & THE LOIRE

From the rolling beaches of Normandy to the romantic beauty of château country; an ever-changing panorama unfolds through some of the loveliest regions of France.

MAY 24TH - JUNE 2ND 2018

GERMANY

THE NEW BERLIN

Join two of our best tour guides, Matthias Kort and Sara Cereda-Kort, who call this city home. After the fall of the wall, culture and a modern, happening city is revealed!



SEPTEMBER 1ST - 9TH 2017

MAY 18TH - 26TH 2018



BRANDENBURG GATE

GERMAN ANCESTORS

Join Matthias Kort and trace the history of German emigration to the United States.

APRIL 20TH - MAY 1ST 2018

GREECE

ANCIENT ISLANDS: CRETE

From Athens to Heraklion, we will explore the ancient Minoan civilization stretching back into the mists of time.

OCTOBER 19TH - 28TH 2017

A GREEK EASTER

Tour through a land whose influence still defines countless aspects of modern culture and celebrate the holiest day of the year in one of the foremost hearts of Orthodoxy.

APRIL 6TH - 15TH 2018

ICELAND

AN ICELANDIC VALENTINE

A short getaway in the Land of Fire and Ice to celebrate Valentine's Day surrounded by geothermal warmth.



FEBRUARY 11TH - 15TH 2018

THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

The long dark winter nights set the stage for the possibility of seeing the lights dance across the sky and fill your days with wonder.

 FEBRUARY 22ND - 26TH 2018

G.O.T. ICELAND

Join this Icelandic tribute to the highly acclaimed show, *The Game of Thrones*, led by someone who was actually in it!

APRIL 19TH - 24TH 2018

IRELAND

THE GARDENS OF IRELAND

See a thousand shades of green that make up Ireland's rich garden landscape.

MAY 24TH - JUNE 2ND 2018

ITALY

MILAN & THE ITALIAN LAKE DISTRICT

Lakes Como, Maggiore and Garda with panoramic views that has inspired romantic poets and writers from Virgil to Goethe, and Hemingway.

SEPTEMBER 6TH - 15TH 2017

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THE ITALIAN KITCHEN

Journey from farm to table in the Piedmont and Emilia Romagna regions. A gastronomic tour with samplings of the regions specialties.

OCTOBER 5TH - 14TH 2017

ANCIENT ISLANDS: SICILY

Palermo, Agrigento and Taormina with guided exploration and leisure time to revel in the contrasts of this ancient island.

NOVEMBER 3RD - 11TH 2017

CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF ITALY

Italians take their Christmas preparations seriously - their Christmas Markets are like German ones, but with better food!

DECEMBER 1ST - 9TH 2017

THE ALMAFI COAST

Described by Charles Dickens as "one succession of delights", this dramatic area possesses countless cultural and scenic wonders.

 MAY 4TH - 12TH 2018

PORTUGAL

LUXURIOUS LISBON

Experience this sensuous city and the region through its mesmerizing fado, delicious seafood and soothing Port.

 OCTOBER 26TH - 31ST 2017

A NEW YEAR IN MADEIRA

Walk away from winter and welcome the new year in an exotic destination referred to as the island of eternal spring.

 DECEMBER 28TH 2017 - JANUARY 3RD 2018

SCOTLAND

SKYE & THE HIGHLANDS

The breathtaking landscapes, the romance of legends, and the drama of noble and fiercely independent inhabitants will leave your heart in the highlands.

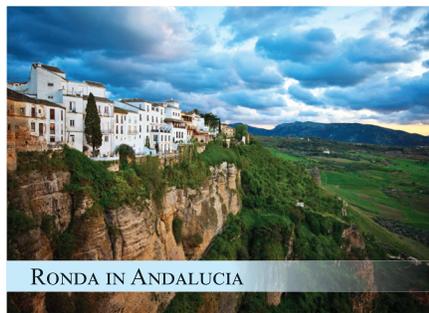
JUNE 21ST - JULY 1ST 2018

SPAIN

THANKSGIVING IN MALLORCA

An extended stay in Sóller, with day trips to Deia, Palma and Valldemossa. Thanksgiving dinner Mallorcan style.

 NOVEMBER 17TH - 25TH 2017



RONDA IN ANDALUCIA

ALLURING ANDALUCIA

Cordoba, Granada and Seville during the Semana Santa (the Holy Week).

MARCH 24TH - APRIL 3RD 2018

BARCELONA & MALLORCA

Explore the vibrant city of Barcelona and then fly to the island paradise of Mallorca.

APRIL 17TH - 26TH 2018

THE PILGRIM'S WAY

Trace the Way of St. James on the ancient pilgrimage route from Bilbao to Santiago.

MAY 3RD - 12TH 2018

WALES

WALES AND THE LAKE DISTRICT

Castle ruins, medieval streets and magnificent Celtic heritage define this region of stunning beauty.

MAY 26TH - JUNE 8TH 2018

WONDROUS WALES

From the romantic appeal of Tintern Abbey to breathtaking vistas on St. David's Peninsula, an exploration of places, personalities and the sweep of history that constitute the haunting beauty of this land.

JUNE 15TH - 24TH 2018



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"Let's Unpack: One-Stop Trip." One hotel,
countless memories.

GARDEN TREASURES AT BLENHEIM PALACE!

A visitor to Blenheim Palace who happened to be an antiques expert noticed flowers growing out of what looked like an ancient marble sarcophagus in the Palace gardens. Indeed, it was! The Roman coffin, featuring carvings of satyrs, Dionysus, Hercules and Ariadne, in what looks like a drunken party, has since been removed from the garden, restored and placed on display indoors in a consistent climate. This coffin is said to have been a gift to the fifth duke, Winston Churchill's great, great Grandfather with a current value of 300,000 pounds.



Certainly the most expensive flower pot we've ever seen! We have many tours to Blenheim Palace, including **TREASURE HOUSES OF SOUTHERN ENGLAND**, scheduled for the spring of 2018! Come along and keep your eye out for ordinary looking garden features . . . you never know what they could be!

CUSTOM TOURS

In addition to those listed here, Discover Europe also runs tours that are custom-designed for a variety of not-for-profit organizations such as Harvard University, Bryn Mawr, Smith College, Tufts University, Vassar College and many others. Although these "sponsored" tours are not listed here, they are often available to non-members upon request.

Discover Europe can also organize private tours for groups of 2 to 20. Contact us for details.

EXPLORING NEW ONE-STOP DESTINATIONS



VIENNA – MIT SCHLAG? THE JEWEL IN THE HAPSBURG CROWN

AUGUST 25TH - SEPTEMBER 2ND 2017

LAND ONLY FROM \$3580 PER PERSON

As scintillating and sparkling as a jewel in a Hapsburg crown, the magnificent city of Vienna brings you deep into the heart of old-world Eastern European elegance.



The cosmopolitan Austrian capital will beguile and enchant with its beautiful architecture, which comes to full expression at Schonbrunn Palace, the exquisite summer residence of the Hapsburgs. Touring the city, we are exploring the remarkable capital of the Austro-Hungarian empire, an empire that literally spanned the globe. Enjoy a couple of day trips outside the city – along the Danube, and into the Vienna Woods – and attend performances by the Vienna Boys Choir and the Lippizaner Stallions of the world-famous Spanish Riding School. But perhaps a highlight for many will be attending a performance at the Vienna State Opera House.

Vienna was also the city that introduced coffee to the rest of Europe and you will have plenty of opportunities to sample the fabulous coffee concoctions and delicious pastries at the many sidewalk coffee houses around the city – and everything can come with whipped cream, or *mit schlag?*, as they will ask you.



THE NEW BERLIN A CITY REUNITED

SEPTEMBER 1ST - 9TH 2017 & MAY 18TH - 26TH 2018

LAND ONLY: FROM \$2990 PER PERSON

It is hard to believe that it has been nearly 30 years since the Wall came down. A whole generation of Berliners has grown up not knowing the great symbolic divide that once separated their city. By now, it is safe to say that the great experiment of

reunification that began on November 9, 1989 with the tearing down of the wall, is a complete success. Berlin is the vibrant capital of a united Germany that has become the economic powerhouse of Europe.

At Discover Europe we are indeed fortunate in that two of our best tour guides call this city home - Matthias and Sara Cereda-Kort (aka Sara Cereda). While Sara is originally from the Piedmonte region of northern Italy, Matthias was born in, what was then, East Berlin. Between them they will bring you a unique perspective on this historic city: native and visitor, east and west - their combined insights on the history and evolution of their city are unparalleled. You can find out more about Sara and Matthias and the city they love at www.europe-berlin-guide.com.



Come and see the intersection where the worlds of communism and capitalism collided. A city of contrasts where one foot stands firmly in the history of the great nation of Germany and one foot steps into a bright and modern future. With world-class museums, filled with the treasures of antiquity, set in a city that has embraced modern art in all its forms, Berlin will win your heart and your mind. Join us for an insider's view of one of Europe's most exciting destinations.



WONDERFUL COPENHAGEN

LAND OF EXQUISITE TASTE

JUNE 14TH - 19TH 2018

LAND ONLY: FROM \$1690 PER PERSON

Taste. Copenhagen, for all its complexities, can best be described with one simple word, taste. A place where Michelin-starred restaurants seem to dot every corner and award-winning hot dog vendors sell from the bustling sidewalks. Where modern architecture is juxtaposed sympathetically with historic palaces, the palatial homes of the oldest monarchy in Europe. Where edge “Scandi” design blends with old world fairy tales. And hipster fashionistas bicycle alongside the families heading for their daily market run. Neighborhoods line the waterways and canals like a crayon box of colored buildings. Nestled into a natural harbor on the Baltic Sea, Copenhagen is a land of exquisite taste.

Our long weekend adventure in the land of fairy tales will take us by food, by boat, and by bicycle (the way the locals do) throughout the wonderful and eclectic neighborhoods of Copenhagen in search of “hygge” - that feeling of coziness that is enjoyed when relaxing with good friends and loved ones. Your Scandinavian fairy tale awaits, come join us as we taste all that Copenhagen has to offer!



THE WINES OF BORDEAUX

BORDEAUX: LA BELLE ENDORMIE

SEPTEMBER 29TH - OCTOBER 7TH 2017

LAND ONLY: FROM \$3990 PER PERSON

Bordeaux; the name itself conjures up a myriad of complex wine expectations. As France’s

largest wine producing region, and home to famous appellations, the region of Bordeaux has much to offer both the wine connoisseur and the novice alike. The city of Bordeaux, once nicknamed La Belle Endormie, or the Sleeping Beauty, used to be plagued with industrial soot and grime, making wine lovers want to sample the local produce from far away! But like the grapes in the bottles, age has worked in her favor. Over the past decades, the city of Bordeaux has reinvented herself, now mirroring the beauty of the sprawling vineyards that surround her.

From our base in a beautiful chateau in St. Emilion, our days will be spent lingering among the freshly harvested vines, touring the palatial French chateaux, tasting our way from small town to small town, sampling not just the wine, but the food, the culture, and the vistas along the way. From reds to whites, from the coast to the inland towns, we will uncork this region and explore one of the world’s best wine destinations.



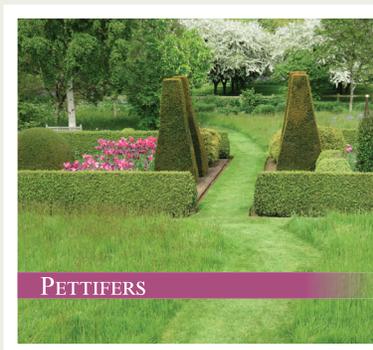
LATE SUMMER GARDENS

by Michael B. Gordon

For many years, I assisted Discover Europe on their *Best of English Gardens* tour that coincides with The Chelsea Flower Show. As much as I enjoyed being a part of that tour, as an avid gardener, I longed for a tour with a greater emphasis on gardens.

I worked with Michael Induni to create a tour for the more discriminating gardener. I researched gardens from London to the Cotswolds and found an article in *Gardens Illustrated* written by Penelope Hobhouse called “25 of the best English gardens to visit throughout England” and cross-referenced that with Tim Richardson’s 2013 book *The New English Garden* and created a tour called **THE PASSIONATE GARDENER: LATE SUMMER GARDENS OF SOUTHERN ENGLAND** in September.

Two gardens I had been dying to see were Gina Price’s private garden, Pettifers, and Rousham Garden, a William Kent designed landscape garden, both in Oxfordshire. Two years ago, I scouted the gardens on my own and fell in love with them. Pettifers has deservedly gotten a lot of press in the last several years. It is a plants-person’s garden with a clean, modern design. The grouping of four flask-shaped yew topiaries in the parterre garden have become nearly as iconic as the yew waves in Piet Oudolf’s famous garden, Hummelo, in Holland.



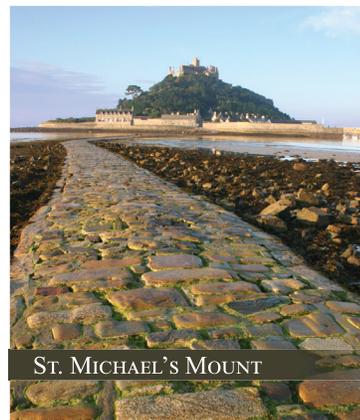
Rousham Garden is considered one of England’s most influential gardens by many contemporary garden designers. I especially loved its tranquility. It does not attract the huge crowds that Stourhead, attracts. Owned by the same family that created it in the 18th century,

the brochure states “Rousham is uncommercial and unspoilt with no tea room or shop. Bring a picnic, wear comfortable shoes and it is yours for the day.” The two times I was there I ran into a small handful of visitors. It is a treasure to behold.

For some time now, I have been itching to see these iconic English gardens in late summer, gardens such as Sissinghurst, Hidcote and Great Dixter, as well as some excellent private gardens including Vann, an Arts and Crafts garden in Surrey and Harold A. Peto’s Grade I Italianate garden, Iford Manor, near Bath. Gravetye Manor, William Robinson’s influential garden, is a new addition to the tour this year. I am thrilled to be hosting this tour alongside Gavin Miller, an extraordinarily gifted guide and garden lover himself. Join me in my gardening adventures this September and read more in my blog, *The Gardener’s Eye* (www.thegardenerseye.blogspot.com).

PENZANCE, ENGLAND!

According to the New York Times, Penzance, England is ranked 14th for the “Places to Go” in 2017. Due to the TV series *Poldark*, a period drama set in the 18th century, this Cornish port town is getting some serious attention. Enjoy culinary discoveries, St. Michael’s Mount, and the art deco Jubilee Pool built in the 1930’s, Europe’s last salt water lido that is open to the public and extraordinary for its triangular shape and location right next to the coast. Why not take in this mild climate with palm trees while seeing the streets and buildings featured in this popular show? We go here in our **POLDARK’S CORNWALL** trip next June and on our **West Country** trips.



CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING IN PARADISE

Now is the time to start thinking about getting the family together for a different kind of Thanksgiving! **THANKSGIVING IN MALLORCA** (November 17th - 25th) has been specifically designed to avoid the tourists and take in the culture of this exquisite island! In November the weather is still warm, and the historical sites are blessedly free of tour buses. Enjoy seven nights in the exquisite, unspoiled



town of Sóller, surrounded by the Tramuntana Mountains. Sóller is accessible to the capital, Palma, by a wonderful antique electric train that affords incredible views as it weaves up through the mountains and out the other side.

We’ll celebrate Thanksgiving Mallorcan style with slow-roasted lamb at a restaurant up in the mountains. This year, don’t spend all day in the kitchen. If you like your relatives, bring them along - if you don’t, leave them to it and join the trip for fun in the sun on an island paradise! Join our acclaimed tour guide, Gavin Miller, as he takes us around this beautiful island that he calls home.