

HARDY PLANT SOCIETY OF OREGON'S
2019 TOUR

*Coast to Coast:
the English Channel Islands & Brittany's Emerald Coast*

JULY 20-31, 2019

*with an optional pre-tour to the Isle of Wight,
July 18-21, 2019*



Grab your hat and sunglasses and join us on this garden-centric, island-hopping tour of the British islands of Wight, Guernsey, Herm, Sark, and Jersey, as well as a small French island, the Ile de Brehat. Before and after our island explorations, we'll visit gardens on the two mainland coasts, particularly those on Brittany's Emerald Coast! Not only will we see fine gardens, but our journey will include sites of cultural and historical interest, too.

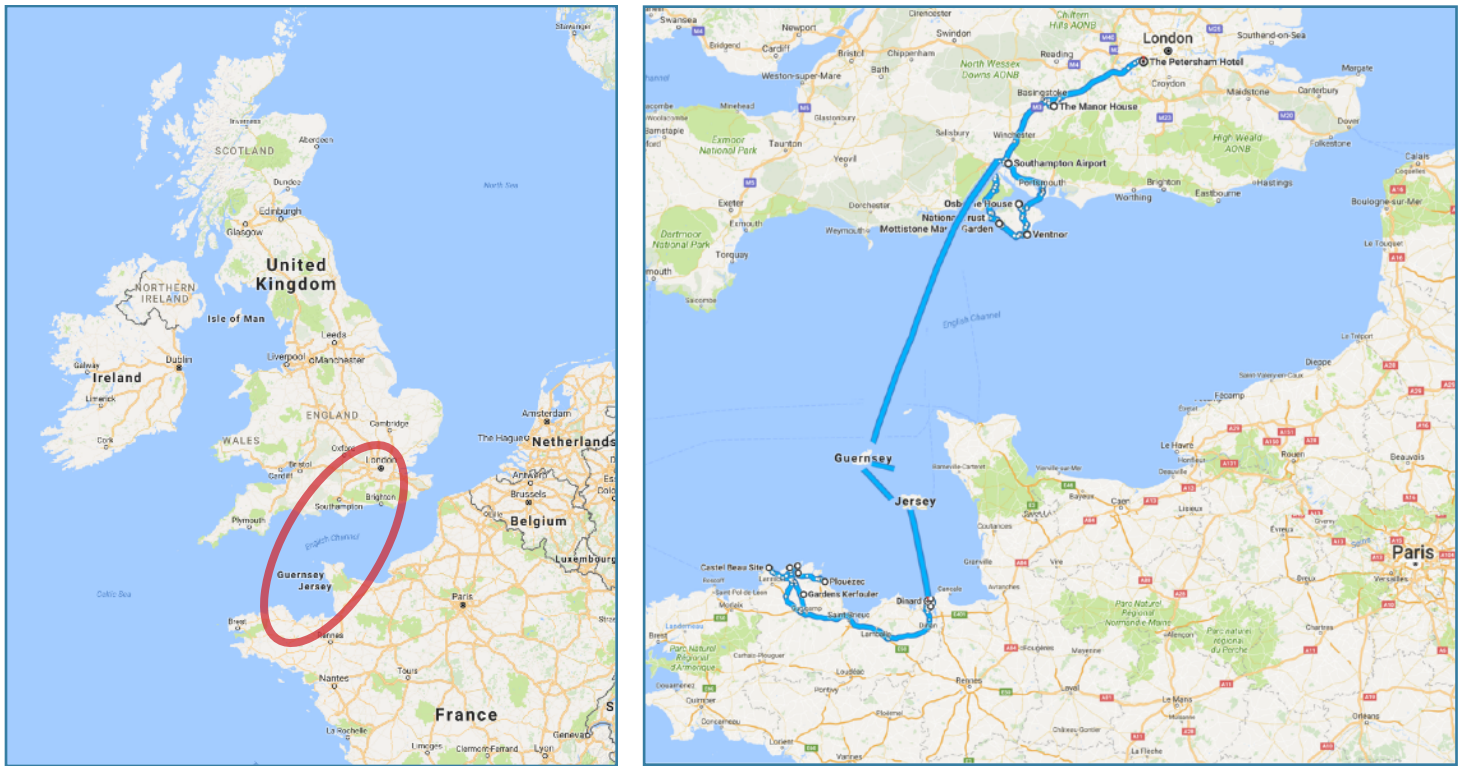
With their mild maritime climate, the Channel Islands offer the ideal conditions for growing a wide palette of flowering vegetation - from *Aeonium* to *Zauschneria*. Our tour includes a wide array of gardens, both private and public, and a wide array of garden styles, from an English cottage garden to formal French chateaux.

For the visiting traveler, the Channel Islands are a justly popular destination offering sun-kissed beaches, delicious seafood, idyllic landscapes and fascinating history - a mix of both British and French influences. In its own right, Brittany's Emerald Coast has some of the nicest gardens in France as well as quaint villages and fabulous food. Please join us on this adventure to England's summer playground!

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Shown below is the approximate route of the combined pre-tour and main-tour.



[Optional] Pre-tour to the southern English coast and the Isle of Wight

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Situated just off England's southern coast and only two hours from London, the Isle of Wight is a unique holiday destination that has something for everyone. It is full of historical sites, natural beauty, and lovely gardens. Our pre-tour excursion to the Isle includes visits to private gardens en route from London, three nights lodging (one night in London, two nights in Ventnor), ferry rides to/from the island, and an air flight from Southampton to Guernsey where we'll join up with the main Channel Islands and Brittany coast tour.

Day 1 (Thursday, July 18) D

Arrive in **London** at Heathrow Airport and make your way to our first tour hotel in Chiswick. Early arrivals may wish to visit Kew Gardens just a bit over one mile away. Alternatively, early arrivals can go into central London via the Gunnersbury tube station four minutes walk from our hotel. In the evening, join the group at the hotel for our "welcome dinner". Stay the night in Chiswick.

Day 2 (Friday, July 19) - Isle of Wight B,D

Following a hearty breakfast, we depart Chiswick and head towards the southern coast. En route, we visit **The Manor House** garden in Upton Grey. Here we find probably the most authentically restored garden designed by Gertrude Jekyll in

existence today. There are both wild gardens and formal gardens, a rose lawn, herbaceous borders, a nuttury, orchard and kitchen garden, and planted drystone walls. This garden attracts visitors from throughout the world. Next, we board our coach to travel to Stockbridge. Here we have **two private garden** visits. Our first garden is a "water" garden with islands connected by many bridges. The garden features a vast collection of water lilies and bog plants. Nearby, we see a contemporary cottage garden incorporating a constantly changing array of potted plants. In the afternoon, we head to the seaside town of Lymington to visit another **private garden** that features exotic plants in tropical borders, grass borders and fern walks. Afterwards, we catch the ferry that will take us to

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Yarmouth on the Isle of Wight. We then make our way across to the other side of the island to our hotel in Ventnor where we will stay for the next two nights. Group dinner this evening.

Day 3 (Saturday, July 20) - Isle of Wight B

This will be a full and busy day! We begin by visiting the National Trust garden at **Montistone**. Because of the mild climate found here and because of its location in a valley sheltered from wind, the garden is filled with colorful blooms nearly year-round. After lunch, we visit the **Osborne House & Garden**, a former royal residence of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. We take a tour of the house, and then wander the surrounding Victorian gardens. Mid-afternoon, we visit one or two small **private gardens** nearby before returning to our hotel in Ventnor. The rest of the day is free. [Daylight hours are long in Britain this time of year, and so we may wish to explore the town and the nearby coast.] Dine on our own this evening.

Day 4 (Sunday, July 21) - To Guernsey B, D

We depart our hotel early this morning as we must catch the ferry in Cowes for our return to the mainland. We reach the Southampton docks and meet the rest of the Channel Islands tour group, head for the airport, and catch our late morning flight to Guernsey. On arrival, we check into our harbor-side centrally-located hotel in St Peter Port.

[The next activities for today are in conjunction with the main Channel Islands tour.]

In the afternoon, we join our guide on a walking tour in town; our goals are three nearby gardens. First, we go to **Les Cotils**, a Chelsea Flower Show award-winning garden moved permanently to this site. Next, we walk to **Grange Court** for a tour of this private estate garden in the middle of town. Then, we're off to nearby **Candie Gardens**, a green oasis in the heart of town that not only shelters plants from all over the world, it also houses the **Guernsey Museum & Art Gallery**. We will stay in St Peter Port for the next four nights. Join the group for a welcome dinner this evening.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

Isle of Wight pre-tour includes:

- 4 days (3 nights) lodging in 4-star hotels
- All breakfasts and 2 dinners
- Services of a motor coach (bus) and driver
- Tour guide (Mr. Gavin Bade)
- All gratuities for included meals & services, tour guide, & driver
- Admission to featured attractions
- Ferry transfers: Lymington-Yarmouth, Cowes-Southampton

Please note: Arrival airfare to England is NOT included; participants make their own way to the starting point in London.

Please refer to the last page for additional items not included

PRICING BASED ON 20 PARTICIPANTS (PRICE REDUCED IF WE REACH 25)

PER PERSON SHARING A DOUBLE ROOM	SINGLE RATE
GBP £ 727 US\$ 1,024	GBP £ 837 US\$ 1,179

The US\$ price above is an estimate based on the currency exchange rate of 1.41 dollars to 1.00 British pound as of February 5, 2018.

In addition to the price above, a \$60 contribution to HPSO will be added to the final price.



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Main Tour begins

Day 1 (Saturday, July 20) - Southampton

Arrive in **London** at Heathrow Airport and make your way (by air or train) to our first tour hotel located on the harbor side in Southampton. Early arrivals may wish to visit the newly renovated waterfront. Dine on your own this evening. Stay the night in Southampton.

Day 2 (Sunday, July 21) - To Guernsey **B,D**

After a hearty breakfast, we meet the pre-tour group arriving from the Isle of Wight, head to the airport, and catch our late morning flight to Guernsey. On arrival, we check into our centrally-located hotel in St Peter Port, conveniently located by the harbor. After lunch (on our own), our guide will lead us on a walking tour of the town including visits to three nearby gardens. First, we go to **Les Cotils** for a quick visit to see the Chelsea Flower Show award-winning garden that was moved permanently to this site. Next, we walk to **Grange Court** for a tour of this private estate garden in the middle of town. Then, we're off to nearby **Candie Gardens**, a green oasis in the heart of St Peter Port that not only shelters plants from all over the world, it also houses the **Guernsey Museum & Art Gallery**. We are free to linger to see the museum, but we need to be back at the hotel for our group welcome dinner this evening. We stay in St Peter Port for the next four nights.



Day 3 (Monday, July 22) - on Guernsey **B**

We explore horticultural highlights on Guernsey today. We begin by heading to **Sausmarez Manor** to enjoy the gardens surrounding the manor. Next, we head to **Sausmarez Park** to see the **Victorian Walled Garden & Folk Museum**. We lunch here on our own. Afterwards, we head to Ray Evison's famous clematis nursery, **The Guernsey Clematis Nursery**, where we have a tour and get a sneak peek at the latest introductions! Returning to St Peter Port, we visit **Castle Cornet** and then have the remainder of the day free to shop or explore at leisure. Dinner is on our own this evening.

Day 4 (Tuesday, July 23) - Sark Island **B,L**

Today we hop on a ferry for a half-day excursion to the island of Sark, just about an hour away. We head to **Le Seigneurie Gardens** and enjoy the walled garden with its collection of roses as well as subtropical plants. At the end of our visit here, we enjoy a **lobster lunch at a local brasserie**. Time-permitting, we take a tour of the island by traditional horse & carriage. In the afternoon, we return to Guernsey where we tour **three private gardens** before returning to our hotel for the evening.



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Day 5 (Wednesday, July 24) - Herm Island **B,L**

Once again, we hop on a boat and make a quick journey to another of the nearby islands - to **Herm**. Here, we join Herm's Estate Manager, Brett Moore, for a **tour of the island's gardens**. The tour gives us the chance to learn about the unique plant life and challenges associated with gardening on this tiny island. With our two-hour tour, we explore the harbor, hotel and church gardens and get a behind the scenes look at the nursery. We then enjoy a group lunch before returning to Guernsey. In the afternoon, we visit the home and garden of Victor Hugo, **Hauteville House**, which will reopen in the spring of 2019 after renovations. For the remainder of day we are free to enjoy wandering about in St Peter's Port.

Day 6 (Thursday, July 25) - to Jersey **B,D**

It is time to say goodbye to Guernsey and say hello to Jersey. We board our boat and set sail for our next channel island stay. After arrival, we drop our bags off at our hotel and then make our way to the **Eric Young Orchid Foundation**. This has

been described as possibly the finest collection of orchids in Europe, if not the world. Next, we visit the private garden, **Grey Gables**, followed by a visit to the **Samares Manor & Garden** where we find a mixture of formal and wild gardens, including an herb garden, Japanese garden, lake garden, exotics border, lavender garden and a Mediterranean-style hot garden. After our garden visits, we head to our hotel for some relaxation before meeting as a group for dinner. Stay the next two nights on Jersey.

Day 7 (Friday, July 26) - on Jersey **B**

We are going to be more like regular tourists today after a visit to a very charming private garden, **Les Clos du Chemin**! We then visit some of the main interest sites - **Mont Orgueil Castle**, **La Hougue Pie Museum**, and the **German war tunnels**. We have the rest of the day free.



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Day 8 (Saturday, July 27) - to France B,D

After breakfast, we once again put on our sea legs as we must depart Jersey for our journey to the Emerald Coast of Brittany, France. Our ferry takes us to the gateway port of **Saint Malo**. On arrival just before noon, we have free time to wander the historic center, finding tasty morsels for lunch and perhaps do a bit of shopping along the way. In the afternoon, we board our coach and head slightly inland to visit the **Jardins du Montmarin**, a mostly park-like formal garden that sweeps down to the River Rance. It is a relaxing scene. We find an abundance of agapanthus, a potager, and a nursery area to browse through as well. We then continue to **Les Jardins de Kerfouler**, containing fourteen themed gardens over a wide range of garden styles - from "Zen Garden" to "Lime & Blue" to "Fire & Flame", etc. Finally, we reach our seafront hotel in the town of Perros-Guirec where we stay three nights. Group dinner this evening at the hotel with views of the sea!



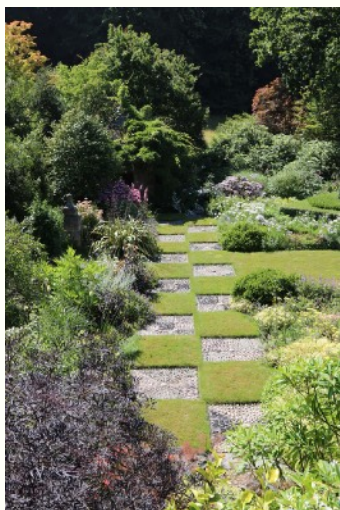
Next, we catch a ferry to the small French island of Brehat, the **Ile de Brehat**. We enjoy a group lunch on the island, and then visit the **Pépinière de l'Ile de Brehat** - a specialty nursery. An interesting aspect of this part of the coast is the wide range of tides - among the highest and lowest in Europe. We return to our hotel in Perros-Guirec for the night; dinner on our own.

Day 9 (Sunday, July 28) - Emerald Coast eʼ the Ile de Brehat B,L

We continue our explorations today around the Emerald Coast. Not far from our hotel, we make a photo stop at **Castel Meur**, famous for its situation between two huge rocks jutting out to sea. It is quite the interesting spot! We then visit a lovely private garden, **Le Jardin de Babou**. "Babou" is the name of the owner's cat. This intimate well-designed garden is a reflection of the owner's eye for beauty (and some quirkiness, too). This was a favorite garden on the HPSO 2017 Brittany tour.

Day 10 (Monday, July 29) B

After a leisurely breakfast this morning, we head out to see two outstanding gardens. Situated near the town of Treguier, we first visit the **Jardin Botanique du Kestellic**. This is a stunning 15-acre garden on the banks of the Jaudy river. In the afternoon, we visit the amazing garden of **Kerdalo** - a masterpiece of good planting, design, and collection of both hardy and semi-tropical plants. The rest of the day is free to relax or explore Perros-Guirec on our own.



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Day 11 (Tuesday, July 30)

B,D

On our final full day of our tour, we get to sleep in just a bit before checking out of our hotel. We then proceed to one more of the spectacular gardens along the Brittany coast. Our destination is **Le Jardin du Pellinec**, open to us by special appointment. This is a private garden that flows right down to the bay and rocks. The palette of plants is especially wide; the garden seldom experiences a hard frost! The plant collection is so extensive that it is hard to comprehend. Next, we travel east to **Dinard** and **Saint-Malo**, two coastal resort towns with popular sandy beaches and coastal walks. We have free time to enjoy the ambience. In the evening, we board our vessel for a **cruise on the Rance Estuary** where we have our farewell dinner and enjoy the sunset across the water. Stay in Saint-Malo for one night.

Day 12 (Wednesday, July 31)

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After breakfast, we say goodbye to our many new friends. Transfers will be provided to the local regional airport for flights back to London (flights not included). Or, travelers may wish to go to the train station and board the TGV bound for Paris. Your tour planner and guide can also help you with options for further explorations of Brittany and Normandy. There are many fine gardens and villages just waiting for you!



WHAT'S INCLUDED

Main tour includes:

- 12 days (11 nights) lodging in 4-star hotels
- All breakfasts, 3 lunches, & 4 dinners (including dinner cruise on the Rance estuary in Brittany).
- Services of a motor coach (bus) and driver
- Tour guide (Mr. Gavin Bade)
- All gratuities for included meals & services, tour guide, & driver
- Admission to featured attractions
- Air flight: Southampton to Guernsey
- Ferry transfers: Guernsey-Sark (& return), Guernsey-Herm (& return), Guernsey-Jersey, Jersey-St Malo (France), Brittany-Ile de Brehat (& return)

Please note: Arrival airfare to England and transfer to Southampton is NOT included; participants make their own way to the starting point in Southampton.

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PRICING BASED ON 25 PARTICIPANTS

PER PERSON SHARING A DOUBLE ROOM	SINGLE RATE
GBP £ 2,588 US\$ 3,646	GBP £ 3,423 US\$ 4,822

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In addition to the price above, a \$220 contribution to HPSO will be added to the final price.

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PRACTICALITIES

OUR TOUR GUIDE: **GAVIN BADE**

Gavin Bade will be our tour guide/manager for this tour. Mr Bade has worked extensively with HPSO, having previously led fifteen HPSO tours (including several within the U.K.). Although based in the U.K., he travels on an annual basis to Italy, France, and Portugal. He is fluent in three languages and proficient in two more. He has an extensive knowledge of European history and culture, often pulling together bits and pieces to make sense of what we learned in school! We are very lucky to have him as our tour guide/manager for the East of England tour.

TOUR PLANNER, ADMINISTRATOR, & ESCORT: **BRUCE WAKEFIELD**

A past HPSO president and our current Office Director, Bruce Wakefield, will be the administrative contact and escort for this tour. As an avid gardener, plantsman, and traveler, this will be the 26th tour that Bruce has planned and organized. Also an avid photographer, Bruce has over 62,000 photos from the many HPSO tours he has taken. HPSO members have enjoyed many of his photos in the weekly HPSO email/newsletters. Questions? Contact Bruce at: brucewjg@msn.com

**TOUR RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED
ONLINE BEGINNING IN EARLY MARCH**

[DOWNLOAD THE TOUR WAIVER & RELEASE](#)



WHAT'S INCLUDED

Coast to Coast combined tour includes:

- 14 days (13 nights) lodging in 4-star hotels
- All breakfasts, 3 lunches and 6 dinners (including dinner cruise on Rance Estuary)
- Services of a motor coach (bus) and driver
- Air flight: Southampton to Guernsey
- All ferry journeys: Lymington-Yarmouth, Cowes-Southampton, Guernsey-Sark (& return), Guernsey-Herm (& return), Guernsey-Jersey, Jersey-St Malo (France), Brittany-Ile de Brehat (& return)
- Tour guide (Mr. Gavin Bade)
- All gratuities for included meals & services, tour guide, & driver
- Admission to featured gardens and attractions

Please note: Arrival airfare to England and departure airfare from France is NOT included; participants make their own way to the starting point in Chiswick (London).

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PRICE SUMMARY RECAP	PRICING BASED ON 20 PARTICIPANTS	PRICING BASED ON 25 PARTICIPANTS	
	ISLE OF WIGHT PRE-TOUR JULY 18-21 (3 NIGHTS)	CHANNEL ISLANDS MAIN TOUR JULY 20-31 (11 NIGHTS)	COMBINED COAST- TO-COAST TOUR JULY 18-31 (13 NIGHTS)
US \$ AMOUNTS ARE ESTIMATES ONLY, BASED ON 1.41 US DOLLARS TO 1.00 GB POUND AS OF FEBRUARY 5, 2018			
PER PERSON SHARING A DOUBLE ROOM	GBP £ 727 US\$ 1,024	GBP £ 2,588 US\$ 3,646	GBP £ 3,096 (SAVE £ 219) US\$ 4,362 (SAVE \$ 308)
SINGLE RATE	GBP £ 837 US\$ 1,179	GBP £ 3,423 US\$ 4,822	GBP £ 3,951 (SAVE £ 309) US\$ 5,566 (SAVE \$ 435)
HPSO CONTRIBUTION CHARGE	US\$ 60	US\$ 220	US\$ 260 (SAVE \$ 20)

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Tour Conditions & Other Information

Acceptance of your tour reservation - Tour reservation requests are processed in the order in which they are received. You will be notified by the tour escort once your reservation request has been accepted.

Participants - The tours are designed for a minimum number of participants. If the tour does not fill to the minimum, there is a supplemental charge per person. If this situation occurs, registrants will be advised of the change in pricing and will have the opportunity to reconsider their tour application. Please do not book any non-refundable airfare until you have been notified by your tour escort.

Deposit - A \$1000 deposit is required to hold your reservation once you have been notified of your acceptance on the tour.

The agent/company for this tour is Pathfinder's/STITA tours of Cheltenham, UK - The Hardy Plant Society of Oregon acts only as representative for the tour participant with respect to communications with the Agent.

Liability Waiver - The tour participant must submit a signed [Liability Waiver & Release](#) to HPSO within 30 days of acceptance of the tour application.

This is a non-smoking tour. Smoking is not permitted on the coach or during group meals or group activities. However, overseas many people do smoke, and it is not possible to insure that you won't be exposed to smoke during the tour.

Tour participants must be physically and mentally fit. The success of any tour depends on each person's ability to participate and to cooperate with other tour members and with the tour guide and tour escort. ***At times, this tour is moderately physically demanding, involving walking at least 5 or 6 miles over the course of a day.***

Travel & Cancellation Insurance - Because unforeseen situations do arise from time to time, participants are encouraged to consider purchasing travel and/or cancellation insurance. Neither HPSO nor Pathfinder's/STITA tours provides travel or cancellation insurance. However, participants will find many third party companies via the internet that provide this coverage.

The tour is priced in Great Britain Pounds (£). However, you will be invoiced in US dollars at the exchange rate in effect at the time. Payment will be due in two installments. If any overpayment caused

by last-minute fluctuations in the exchange rate, such overpayment will be refunded to you in a timely manner, or else added features and benefits will be included on the itinerary as compensation. Conversely, any shortage will be billed on a supplemental invoice.

Late payments of installment invoices in excess of 21 days will be subject to a 10% penalty. If final payment is not received by the supplier's deadline, all prior payments will be forfeited and the reservation canceled.

In addition to the tour price, a contribution to HPSO will be added to your invoice per the Price Summary Recap.

Payments by credit card - Because this tour is priced at cost, payments by credit card incur a 3.5% service charge to cover bank processing fees.

Land tour costs included: All hotel nights, meals, and visits specified in the itinerary plus a private motor coach and services of a driver, services of a tour guide, hotel portage of **one** piece of luggage per person, restaurant gratuities for included meals, gratuities for the tour guide and driver, ferry transfer and air flight as specified in the itinerary.

Costs not included - Airfare to/from Europe, items of a personal nature such as wine, alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, milk, etc, with meals, telephone calls, laundry and personal services, room service, gratuities for housekeeping/room attendants, etc.

Cancellation and refunds - Regardless of the reason, cancellations result in a costly process of emails, letters, toll calls, and faxes, refund checks, extra bookkeeping expenses, etc., plus often the loss of revenue for the tour company if time doesn't permit resale. Cancellations can also affect the per-person price of the entire tour since pricing is dependent on the number of people. To offset the expenses and any nonrefundable deposits and/or lost revenue, the cancellation fee is as follows:

- If the minimum number for the tour has not yet been reached, then an administrative fee of \$50 may be incurred to process a refund.
- If the tour is full and if the space is subsequently filled from a waiting list, then a \$100 fee will be incurred.
- If the tour is full and if the space **cannot** be filled, then the entire \$1000 deposit plus installment payments made-to-date may be forfeited. This, in part, may depend on suppliers' charges and overhead expenses.
- If the tour is canceled by HPSO because the minimum number of participants is not reached by the suppliers' deadline date, then all money will be refunded.