

Sunday 2 July 2017 – Tuesday 18 July 2017

The International Tour

Full Tour and Conference	Sunday 2 July 2017 to Friday 14 July 2017
Short Tour and Conference:	Friday 7 July 2017 to Friday 14 July 2017
Post-Conference Tour to Germany	Friday 14 July 2017 to Tuesday 18 July 2017

Full Tour and Conference	Price for Members and Partners travelling with a Member.	
	Sharing Twin/ Double Room £2065per person	Single Room £2620
	Non-Member supplement: £1	00
	Price for Members and Partners travelling	
Short Tour and Conference:	with a Member	
	Sharing Twin/ Double Room £1080per person	Single Room £1313
	Non-Member supplement: £5	0
Post-Conference Tour to Germany	Price for Members and Partners travelling with a Member	
	Sharing Twin/ Double Room £495 per person	Single Room £565
	Non-Member supplement £25	5



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INFORMATION BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

These prices include accommodation, coach and ferry travel, all meals (apart from lunch on the ferry across the English Channel), all entrances. The Full and Short tour costs also include attendance at the conference (or the alternative programme during the conference).

All prices are in Pounds Sterling

Complete the booking form as soon as possible as demand for the tour is expected to be high. Final payments **MUST** be made by 30th April.

It is your responsibility to have travel insurance during the duration of the tour.

Full Tour: You should book flights to arrive at London Heathrow or London Gatwick Airports on Sunday 2 July.

Short Tour: You should book flights to Brussels Airport (Belgium) on Friday 7 July and travel on to Ghent to join the tour in the evening. **Alternatively**, you could fly to London to arrive on Thursday 6 July and join the tour on the Friday morning to travel to Ghent. You would need to book your own accommodation on the Thursday night close to the tour hotel (we can assist with this if required).

You should book to fly home from Schiphol Airport, Amsterdam, if leaving the tour after the conference on 14 July **OR** going on the post conference tour until 18 July. If possible, book an evening flight as both the conference and post conference tour will both end after lunch. The conference hotel is under 30 minutes from Schiphol Airport.

Of course, you may want to fly in early to see more of London or have a few extra days to see more of the Netherlands at the end of the tour. You will need to make these arrangements yourself but we are happy to help, if we can, and you want suggestions of what to see.

After booking full details will be sent to you, for example travel to Guildford from the airports. Please contact us if you have any further questions at this time at: ippstour2017@gmail.com.

Please contact <u>ippstour2017@gmail.com</u>. if travelling alone but prepared to share a room and we will try and find someone for you to share with.



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IPPS EUROPEAN REGION

Date	Event and details
Sunday 2 July	Arrive at Mandolay Hotel, Guildford This four star hotel has excellent connections by train to London and Heathrow and Gatwick airports. There will be a welcome reception in the evening.
Monday 3 July	We will travel to Hampshire to visit Fairweather's Nursery, who produce young plants for international wholesale growers, mail order companies and retailers and New Forest Plants, specializing in herbaceous perennials, garden herbs and alpine plants. In the afternoon, there will be the choice of either visiting Exbury Gardens, the inspiration of Lionel Nathan de Rothschild or Beaulieu with its grounds, gardens and the National Car Museum. In the evening, we will dine at the Master Builders at Bucklers Hard.
Tuesday 4 July	Today will be spent with the Royal Horticulture Society. Beginning with a visit to their gardens at Wisley, the second most visited gardens in the UK. There will be the opportunity to see behind the scenes in their science laboratories and the trials for the Award of Garden Merit (AGM), a mark of quality awarded to garden plants by the RHS since 1922. We will then go to the world's biggest flower show at Hampton Court, organised by the RHS.
Wednesday 5 July	Hillier's Nursery and Arboretum will be the horticultural focus. Hillier's have a history dating back to 1864 and produce the famous reference book; Hillier Manual of Trees and Shrubs. They are proud of their worldwide reputation for quality, plantsmanship and innovation. We will then go on to the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens. Harold Hillier was the grandson of the founder of the nursery and began the garden in 1953. It is now managed by Hampshire County Council to a high standard. In the evening, we will be going into London for dinner and a West End Show, (there will be an alternative to this, to be announced).
Thursday 6 July	Today will be spent with members from the South East England Area of IPPS Europe. Visits will include Roundstone Nursery, one of the UK's leading propagators and producers of protected ornamental plants. In the evening, we will have a guided tour of West Dean Gardens, followed by a meal in their restaurant.
	Creatively inspired by its rich heritage and setting at the foot of the South Downs, West Dean Gardens is brimming with features to enjoy. An impressive collection of working Victorian Glasshouses, a 300-foot pergola and the occasional surreal fibreglass tree offer year-round interest to garden visitors.



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Friday 7 July

On this day, we will leave England to travel to Gent in Belgium. We will take the ferry to Calais and travel on to Gent via the Willy de Nolf nursery with its 65 acres of greenhouse and container fields of high quality plants. Those coming on the short tour will join us this day. Hotel Ibis Ghent Centrum St Baafs Kathedraal, Ghent, Belgium booked for two nights.



Saturday 8 July

In the morning, there will be a visit to Bruges, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with its medieval centre, canals and chocolate shops.



After lunch we will go to the nursery of Carlos Verhelst, a long standing IPPS member. His family nursery produces grafted trees, shrubs and especially wisteria. A progressive grower, he uses compost teas and activated composts.



We will then return to Gent via the PCS Ornamental Research Station. Created in 1988 is the research and information centre for Flemish ornamental horticulture. In the evening, we will go into Gent for a meal of local dishes in the 15th century Great Butchers Hall.



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Leaving Gent we will travel to the Netherlands, stopping at Solitair, a nursery owned by the Cools family. It is especially known for its trees pruned into specific shapes. In the afternoon there will be the opportunity to see something of Dutch engineering for the prevention of flooding at the Delta Works. Novotel Breda Hotel, Breda, booked for 1 night.



Monday 10 July

The Rötjes brothers who own a young plant nursery will host a visit to the town of Lottum, where we will have the opportunity to see several nurseries and horticultural businesses before travelling to our final hotel, the Van der Valk in Alphen on the Rhine for 5 nights.

Tuesday 11 July

A highlight of the tour will be a visit to the world famous flower auction in Aalsmeer. Be prepared for an early start. In the afternoon, we will be joined by those attending the conference to visit nurseries in the Aalsmeer area.



Wednesday 12 July

The first full conference day will have speakers in the morning followed by a visit to Boskoop after lunch, a town renowned for its production of hardy nursery stock. Those going on the alternative programme will visit Amsterdam on this day.

Thursday 13 July

Conference papers will be followed by a visit to the Westland area, where glasshouse production is of particular importance. There will be an alternative programme for those not attending the conference.

Friday 14 July

The final day of the conference that closes at lunch time. After lunch the post conference tour will depart for Germany. The conference venue is not far from Schiphol airport for those who are flying home from the Netherlands.



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Friday 14 July	Post Conference Nursery Stock Study Tour to Germany 2017 After lunch and the close of the conference we will depart for Germany and stay overnight at the Best Western Hotel Heide, Oldenburg.
Saturday 15 July	The next morning, we will visit Bruns-Pflanzen-Export GmbH & Co (www.bruns.de) who specialize in field grown trees and shrubs, specimens. After lunch we will go on to zu Jeddeloh Pflanzenhandels-GmbH (www.jeddeloh.de), a container plant nursery. That night we will spend at the Hotel Zum Zeppelin in Hamburg.
Sunday 16 July	W. Kordes' Söhne Rosenschulen GmbH & Co KG (www.gartenrosen.de) will be our first stop the next morning. They are rose breeders with production both in the field and in containers. We will then move on to Hachmann Baumschulen, Inh (www.hachmann.de) who specialise in Rhododendron, Japanese Maples and rare plants. Following lunch the final nursery of the day will be Kordes Jungpflanzen oHG, (www.koju.de) producer of potted liners. Returning to Hamburg we will have a short city tour. You will then be free to select a restaurant from the many in downtown Hamburg (pay as you go) before returning to the hotel in Hamburg.
Monday 17 July	Heading back towards the Netherlands we will stop at Ralph Lüdemann Baumschulen (www.luedemann-pflanzen.de) who produce bare root transplant seedlings and have the opportunity to see their automation. After lunch we will then go on to Gartenbau Silber GbR, (www.silber-gartenbau.de) producers of Erica, Calluna, Liners, and Finished plants like the new PDR Hypericum inodorum cultivars. We will then return to the Avifauna van der Valk Hotel in Alphen ann den Rijn.
Tuesday 18 July	In the morning we will visit the new Jiffy Plant near Zwijndrecht before travelling to the International Departures Schiphol Airport for 12.00. Please note: this programme is still being finalized and changes may be made.