

TRAVELER OF THE QUARTER



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Hello, Women of the Midwest,

In September 2023, my husband, two friends, and I took a wonderful trip to Scotland-it was great. But after I got home, I thought, "If I could do it again, I'd see lots more gardens and castles". Imagine my surprise and delight when I came across a Women of the Midwest trip for the July 2024 UK Castles and Gardens tour! What a perfect way for me to get to see a little more of what I was interested in.

We began the journey in London and we had a great taste of that magnificent city. I could have spent hours in the British Museum. Windsor Castle was jaw-dropping with all the opulent art and antiquities to mention the history! It is so different to see these things in person.

Arundel Castle was particularly memorable. It wasn't just the jousting match that was happening on the grounds, but both the interior and the exterior just seemed like such a classic castle to me. The gardens were amazing; private and tucked away, beautifully designed and well-tended.

Another highlight was visiting the private estate of a Lord, for real! Not sure how he got the title but his estate was reflective of his aristocratic good fortune. The giant sandstone rocks are set among beautiful vistas dotted with spectacular trees, shrubs, perennials, and annuals. The head gardener was charming, knowledgeable, and quite handsome.

Highclere castle was just as stunning as I thought it might be and Sissinghurst was as well. It was truly a once in a lifetime treat to get to see and share these discoveries with other like- minded souls.

Women of the Midwest provided me with a perfect way to see London and the English countryside while my husband was content to stay home with our dog!

Regards,

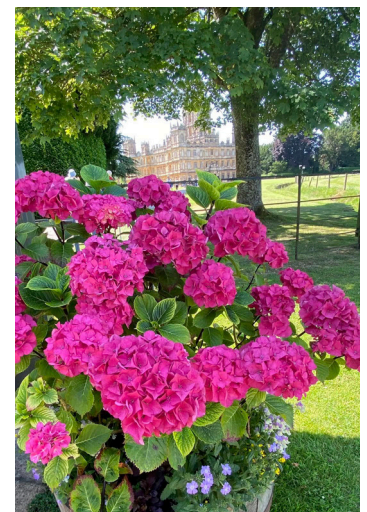
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Penns in the Rocks



A view to Highclere