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In the footsteps of Launcelot 'Capability' Brown -

An 8 day tour created to celebrate 300 years since the birth of the renowned English Landscape Gardener:-Capability Brown, including a visit to the place of his birth (in 1716), privately owned properties and some of the most significant of the parks and gardens he was involved in designing.



This is a sample of a tour visiting 'Brown' sites and can be adapted to suit individual or group requirements

Day 1

Arrive Manchester from USA and transfer by coach to Northumberland and to hotel for 3 night stay.

Day 2

Visit to Kirkharle, Northumberland - the tiny village where Lancelot Brown was born in 1716. The Kirkharle courtyard houses an exhibition relating to Brown's connection to the area and his involvement with the design of the parkland at Kirkharle Hall. Visit to the nearby National Trust village at Cambo where Lancelot Brown went to school. His first job on leaving school was as a gardener's boy at Kirkharle Hall.



Day 3

Visit to Alnwick Castle for guided tour of the parkland and gardens. Alnwick Castle and its already dramatic location was enhanced by Capability Brown through ground modeling and extensive tree planting. It is said the Duke of Northumberland planted twelve hundred trees per year for the next twenty years.







Leave hotel for drive south with stop at Harewood House near Leeds. The head gardener will describe and guide you through the Capability Brown landscape. There is also an opportunity to view the fine art collection which includes 18th century views of the house and grounds by JMW Turner, Thomas Girtin and John Varley. Continue journey through to Worcestershire and your hotel stay for 4 nights.

Day 5

Morning visit to Berrington Hall, in the heart of Herefordshire which was designed by Henry Holland, Brown's son in law. The stunning location of the house was on Browns advise who also went on to design the parkland and create the lake with its artificial island. Return to Worcestershire to visit Croome Park, a Neo-palladian mansion built in the mid eighteenth century The house was Lancelot 'Capability' Brown's first major architectural project with interiors designed by Robert Adam and some parkland features by Robert Wyat. The landscaped park includes several 'eyecatchers' - temples, ruins and towers in addition to a large lake. This page was last modified on 1 June 2014 at 16:17.





Day 6

Visit to Blenheim Palace, ancestral home of the Dukes of Marlborough and Churchill. With the house designed by Vanborough in the early 1700's a grand parkland setting was landscaped by Brown during the 1760's and remains one of the most tranquil and serene landscapes anywhere in Britain. The guided tour of the park will take in Blenheim's famous landmarks including the Grand Bridge over the enlarged lake and the Column of Victory. Afternoon trip to Compton Verney where Brown was involved with the design of the park, the chapel and ice house. Opportunity to view restoration work on the Grade I listed chapel.



Day 7

Morning visit to Charlcote Park, Warwickshire where Brown was employed to redesign the park. Sweeping away the seventeenth century water garden he altered the course of the river to create a cascade to be seen from the house. Afternoon visit to Stowe in Buckinghamshire a vast eighteenth century landscape where Brown served as head gardener from 1741 to 1751 under Willam Kent, one of the founders of the new English style of landscape gardening. Brown was also married here in 1744.



Day 8

Morning visit to Hampton Court palace garden where Brown was appointed as master gardener in 1764 and set up residence at the Wilderness House although he continued to take on private commissions. Return flight from Heathrow.









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