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Jane Edmanson

on the Travelrite International 2019

## Garden Cruise to IRELAND, ICELAND & Shetland Islands



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Jane Edmanson is a well-known garden identity, she presented radio 3AW's "The Big Backyard" every Saturday and Sunday morning for twenty-seven years. Jane has also been seen regularly on ABC television's national "Gardening Australia" for the past twenty nine years. She writes gardening articles for magazines and has given talks on gardening during this time. Jane has been awarded the OAM (Medal of the Order of Australia). This will be the twenty eighth year that Jane has accompanied garden tours for Travelrite International.

### Pre-tour Itinerary

### London for the Chelsea Flower Show, Maidstone and Dublin

### Day 1 Tuesday 21 May, 2019 Depart Australia / In Flight

Today we board our overnight flight to London.

### Day 2 Wednesday 22 May, 2019

### London, England

This morning we arrive at London's Heathrow Airport. After clearing customs, we will be met by our private coach and travel to visit the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Started in 1750 as a private garden commissioned by Princess Augusta. It possesses the largest living plant collection and the largest Victorian conservatory in the world. Garden lovers can spend several hours identifying plants and admiring plant combinations. Our group will enjoy the 14,000 mature trees that form stately avenues, woods and towering specimens. After checking in at our hotel the tour manager will meet those wishing to dine with the group in the lobby to suggest restaurants for dinner.

### Day 3 Thursday 23 May 2019

### London

The highlight of our time in London will be our escorted visit to the famous Royal Chelsea Flower Show. It is the summer event in the English horticultural calendar. It boasts about twenty amazing landscaped gardens built by prominent landscapers and more than 500 displays featuring the best flowers, plants and trees, with many new introductions. For gardeners, it is the experience of a lifetime and a highlight of our garden tour. This evening we will enjoy a welcome dinner to formally meet other tour members.

### Day 4 Friday 24 May 2019

### London

This morning is free for individual exploration. In the afternoon we travel to Fortnum and Mason the 18th century department store, known for gourmet groceries and where afternoon tea has been a tradition for centuries. We will enjoy a delicious afternoon tea in lovely surroundings.

### Day 5 Saturday 25 May 2019

### Maidstone

We travel to Kent today. Known for its apple orchards and hop oast houses the county is very lush. We visit the house and gardens at Great Dixter. One of the best-known gardens in Britain surrounds a thatched 15th century manor house. The sunken garden was designed and constructed by Christopher Lloyd,



a noted plants man; gardener and writer who lived and gardened here all his life composing a series of gardens, including fine topiary and a magnificent mixed long border. This afternoon we visit the renowned garden at Sissinghurst Castle, created by Vita Sackville West and her husband Harold Nicholson. This romantic garden is one of the outstanding gardens of the world. Jane will make sure that you get the most out of this inspiring garden. This garden is a true gem. We continue to bustling Maidstone where we check into our hotel and the remainder of the afternoon will be free for individual activity.

### Day 6 Sunday 26 May 2019

### Dublin, Eire

Late morning we are transferred to the airport for our flight to Dublin, the capital of the Republic of Ireland and well-known as being a place of friendliness and 'craic', and a city well over 1000 years old. Ireland's famous capital is located on the River Liffey and looks seawards to its port and the waters of Dublin Bay. Upon arrival we are transferred to our city hotel. The tour manager will meet those wishing to dine with the group in the lobby to suggest restaurants for dinner.

### **Day 7** Monday 27 May 2019

Dublin

This morning is free. This afternoon we will join with the main tour to travel to Cork.



Since Celebrity Reflection joined the Celebrity fleet, she has dazzled and amazed even the most well-travelled cruisers. She showcases spectacular vistas with 85 per cent of all staterooms having sweeping balcony views. Celebrity Reflection hosts a variety of five-star specialty restaurants, including, Murano, a French restaurant; the Tuscan Grill; Silk, an Asian restaurant and Qsine, a dining venue with a unique and playful approach to familiar dishes from around the world. Add the fresh green grass on the top deck's Lawn Club and the incredibly pampering services in AquaSpa, and you may never want to set foot on land again. Celebrity Reflection brings a truly luxurious cruise experience.

### Clothing on board

You will need the following types of clothing on board: casual shipboard attire or day wear, and evening wear. Casual nights on board may be sports shirt and slacks and equivalent for ladies. On evening chic nights a jacket for gentleman and evening chic for ladies is appropriate. There is usually two evening chic nights on the cruise. The self-service restaurants are casual.

### Itinerary - Ireland, Iceland & Shetland Islands Tour

### Day 1 Sunday 26 May 2019

### Depart Australia

Today we board our overnight flight to Dublin.

### Day 2 Monday 27 May 2019

### Cork, Eire

This afternoon we arrive in Dublin, the capital of the Republic of Ireland, where we meet up with tour members travelling on the Chelsea Flower Show pre-tour We travel to the port city of Cork, the third largest city in Ireland after Dublin and Belfast. The tour manager will meet those wishing to dine with the group in the lobby to suggest restaurants for dinner.

### Day 3 Tuesday 28 May 2019

Cork

In the morning we visit the three acre Glenview garden. It features a white sunken garden, a Mediterranean and Japanese garden as well as a beautiful wildflower meadow. We continue our journey to visit Lakemount, a mecca for gardeners for many years. Large structural shrubs and trees, many of them pruned to allow the widest number of views and vistas are important in the design. The garden is divided into a formal pond garden, mixed shrub and perennial borders. In the evening we will enjoy a welcome dinner to formally meet Jane Edmanson and other tour members.

### Day 4 Wednesday 29 May 2019

### Galway, Eire

We travel to Galway today. On the journey we stop to visit Terra Nova. This garden has been winning awards for years. Choice shrubs and trees, trellising, and pergolas divide the space effectively into a number of little gardens. The wide range of plant species make this garden a magnet for plant lovers. The tour manager will meet those wishing to dine with the group in the lobby.

### Day 5 Thursday 30 May 2019

Galway

This morning will be free for relaxation. We continue our exploration of gardens with a visit this afternoon to Ardcarraig, the beautiful garden created by Lorna MacMahon. It is a series of steeply rising and falling horticultural surprises built around a bridged stream and its natural ponds. A wide range of herbaceous plants are grown in beautifully composed vignettes.

### **Day 6** Friday 31 May 2019

Dublin, Eire

Today we drive from Galway to Dublin After checking into our city hotel we enjoy a sightseeing tour of the city. We see elegant Georgian squares and streets including Merrion Square laid out in 1762. We see Trinity College founded in 1592 by Elizabeth I. It was developed according to the traditions of Oxford and Cambridge. Many buildings were added to the university in the 18th and 19th century. We visit Grafton Street, Dublin's finest pedestrian shopping street. We see Leinster House converted to house the Republican parliament in 1922 and St Stephen's Green, formally common land, enclosed in 1663. They are now beautifully landscaped gardens.

### Day 7 Saturday 1 June 2019

Dubl

Today we visit Dublin in Bloom at Phoenix Park. Thousands of people attend the show to see the gorgeous show gardens, where new garden designs are highlighted. We will be able to see botanical print making, listen to garden experts give talks, and visit the the nursery marquee, where specialist nurseries have created stunning displays.

### Day 8 Sunday 2 June 2019

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This morning we visit Primrose Hill, a lovely garden. The herbaceous borders are lovingly cared for and create a stunning display. Iris, lilies, kniphofias and lobelias are favoured plants. In the afternoon we visit Helen Dillon's new garden near the coast. Helen will be applying all the gardening knowledge she has accumulated over the years in her new garden.

### Day 9 Monday 3 June 2019

Embarkation

This morning is free for individual exploration. Early afternoon we travel to the port to board the Celebrity Reflection for the start of our cruise to Iceland.

### Day 10 Tuesday 4 June 2019

### Belfast, Northern Ireland

We dock in Belfast this morning. Belfast is one of the great industrial and commercial cities of the Victorian era. We will enjoy a sightseeing tour with a local guide. We see Donegall Square, the hub of Belfast. Bordering the Square are Yorkshire House and the Linden Hall Library, two grand buildings. We see City Hall, the Grand Opera House and St Anne's Cathedral and learn about the Troubles that blighted the city's growth for thirty years. This afternoon we travel to visit Mount Stewart House and Garden. The magnificent formal gardens, extensive parklands and the palatial mansion were home to one of the most eminent and influential families in the Unionist cause. Sir Edward Lutyens and his garden designer Gertrude Jekyll were employed to design a garden that linked the garden to the house. The Italian garden grows a superb array of herbaceous borders. There is a Spanish Garden and a Sunk Garden, which displays yellow, blue and orange flowering plants, Gertrude Jekyll's favourite colours.

### Day 11 Wednesday 5 June 2019

At sea

A day at sea to enjoy the facilities of the ship. Late morning come and test your knowledge with a fun game of Garden Trivial Pursuit. The group will be divided into teams, Jane will read out the questions and there will be prizes awarded to the winners.

### Day 12 Thursday 6 June 2019

Reykjavik, Iceland

This afternoon we arrive at Reykjavik, the capital and largest city of Iceland, and the gateway to Iceland's stunning natural wonders, which range from ice fields to boiling thermal pools. After docking we enjoy a sightseeing tour of Reykjavik with an overview tour of the city including the presidential residence at Bessastaðir, Hofdi House and the Perlan building. We will visit the town of Hafnarfjörður and see Hallgrímskirkja, Reykjavik's iconic cathedral. There will be time for a stroll through the Old Town, home to the Icelandic parliament and the Town Hall.

### **Day 13** Friday 7 June 2019

Reykjavi

We will board our coach for a tour of the Golden Circle visiting the world-famous high-temperature Geysir geothermal area with spouting springs of various formations. We will visit Frioheimar vegetable farm whose products are all grown in green houses. They mainly grow tomatoes and supply 18% of Iceland's market. We will enjoy a delicious lunch, which features tomatoes and other products grown at Frioheimar's. We see the spectacular Geyser shoot hot water in the air. This is where the name Geyser originated. We continue with a visit to gorgeous Gullfoss Waterfall (Golden Falls), where you can watch enormous quantities of water tumble violently into a deep, meandering gorge. We also see the site of Iceland's ancient parliament and where the American and Eurasian tectonic plates are pulling apart at the rate of a few centimetres per year.

### Day 14 Saturday 8 June 2019

### Akureyri, Iceland

This morning we arrive in Akureyri, the unofficial capital of northern Iceland. On our tour today we will visit one of Iceland's most famous turf houses at Laufás. This 19th-century turf farmhouse was built in the traditional Icelandic style of stone and turf, and it is now one of the last turf farms in the country. It is an interesting regional museum and has the original implements and equipment so essential to life in past centuries, and a beautiful country church (1865). Returning to Akureyri, we will notice the many contrasts in the town's interesting and varied architecture. We visit the Akureyri Botanical gardens which specialise in Artic plants and have almost all Iceland's indigenous species before spending some time in the centre of the town.

### **Day 15** Sunday 9 June 2019

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Today we travel east into gorgeous Jokulsargljufur National Park to first visit the Waterfall of the Gods, Godafoss. We enjoy a scenic drive to the lovely blue Lake Myvatn, teeming with bird life in one of Iceland's prettiest 'areas. At our final stop Dettifoss we will see Iceland's most impressive waterfall, which creates a plume of spray that can be seen one kilometre away. We return to the ship for an evening at leisure.

### **Day 16** Monday 10 June 2019

At sea

A day at sea to enjoy the facilities of the ship. Perhaps enjoy a little pampering or a massage in the Day Spa. Late morning join us for an interesting talk by Jane about her life in the media.

### **Day 17** Tuesday 11 June 2019

### Lerwick, Shetland Islands

This morning we arrive in Lerwick, the only town in Shetland, and begin our tour with a brief panoramic orientation drive of this tiny capital dating from the 1600s. From there, we'll head to the Central and West Mainland visiting Scalloway, the former Shetland capital. Here we will visit Scalloway Castle built in 1600 by the tyrant Earl Patrick Stewart, using forced labour. We will also visit the Scalloway Museum, which houses a special Shetland Bus exhibit, depicting the village's unique role in World War II, when German occupation of Norway resulted in a stream of refugees heading to Shetland. We continue with a visit to Lea gardens. Gardening can be difficult at 60 degrees north, but we will see an amazing garden with Chilean bamboo, fire bush and lantern trees.

### Day 18 Wednesday 12 June 2019

At sea

Our final day at sea to enjoy the facilities of the ship.

### **Day 19** Thursday 13 June 2019

Dublin, Eire

This morning we arrive back into Dublin. After disembarking we travel south to Wicklow to visit Powerscourt House and Gardens, one of Ireland's showpiece gardens. The garden dates from 1841 and is the the design of Daniel Robertson. A central stairway, which descends through the amphitheater of six terraces with statuary and formal beds leads to the Triton pool. Later additions include a woodland garden planted with North American tree specimens. We continue with a visit to the exquisite 22 acre gardens of Mount Usher. The Vartry River flows through the gardens under bridges and over weirs. It is a plant lovers paradise, where Jane will make sure that we see the highlights. Later we return to the ship for our final night on board Celebrity Reflection. We will enjoy a drinks party before dinner as a farewell.

### **Day 20** Friday 14 June 2019

Departure

This morning we disembark and later we are transferred to the airport for our flight back to Australia.

### Day 21 Saturday 15 June 2019

Arrival Australia

This morning we arrive in Australia and the tour concludes.

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### 26 May to 15 June 2019

### Included in the Garden Cruise to Ireland, Iceland and Shetland Islands:

- Economy-class return air travel from Melbourne/Sydney/ Brisbane/Perth to Dublin
- 12 days/11 nights on the luxurious Celebrity Reflection in the selected cabin category
- All meals, entertainment and service charges on Celebrity Reflection
- 3 nights' accommodation in Dublin, 2 night's accommodation in Cork,
   2 night's accommodation in Galway in 4-star hotels on a bed and breakfast basis
- Sightseeing tours in Dublin, Cork & Galway, Eire; Belfast, Nth Ireland; Reykjavik & Akureyri, Iceland and Shetland Islands, Scotland
- Tour hosted by Jane Edmanson
- Tour management by a professional Travelrite International tour manager
- Port and handling charges and cruise taxes
- Onboard gratuities

### Not included in the cruise price:

- Travel insurance
- Additional travel arrangements not detailed in the itinerary; these will be quoted for separately
- Passport and visa fees
- Drinks on board
- Lunches when not on the ship.

Pre Tour to the Chelsea Flower Show
Price per person twin-share \$2250
Single Fare \$2750

### Included in the Pre-tour to London:

- 3 night's accommodation in London, 1 night's accommodation in Maidstone and Dublin in 4 star hotels on a bed and breakfast basis.
- Flight from London to Dublin
- Tour hosted by Jane Edmanson
- Tour managed by a professional Travelrite International tour manager
- Entry to the Chelsea Flower Show and gardens in the itinerary
- Afternoon tea at Fortnum and Mason

Cabin/Description		Deck	Twin-share Fare PP	Single Fare
10	Interior	8,9	\$ 10990	\$ 14290
9	Interior	9,10,11	\$ 11090	\$ 14490
7	Interior	7,8	\$ 11890	\$ 16090
2C	Balcony	6	\$ 11990	\$ 16190
2B	Balcony	6,7	\$ 12090	\$ 16390
1C	Balcony	8	\$ 12290	\$ 16690
1B	Balcony	8,9	\$ 12390	\$ 16790
1A	Balcony	6,7,8,9	\$ 12490	\$ 16990
C3	Balcony	9,10	\$ 12590	\$ 17090
C2	Concierge Class	9,10,11,12	\$ 12690	\$ 17390
C1	Concierge Class	9,10,11,12	\$ 12990	\$ 17990
A2	Aqua Class	11	\$ 12990	\$ 17990
A1	Aqua Class	11,12	\$ 13090	\$ 18190
S1	Suite	6,7,8,9,10,11,12	\$ 15990	\$ 23990
Included port & handling charges Included cruise gratuities Included air taxes as at 1/5/18			\$ 602 \$ 185 \$ 200	\$ 1082 \$ 185 \$ 200

### **Availability:**

All cabins are subject to availability. Call for fares and information on other cabin categories. Fare reductions are available for 3rd and 4th persons sharing in some twin cabins.

Please call for details on 1800 630 343.



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Deposit and Payment: A deposit of \$900 per passenger for the main tour and \$400 per person for the pre-tour should be sent with a completed Travelrite International booking form that lists your requested cabin category. As soon as the booking is confirmed (usually within 24 hours) the confirmation advise sent to each client will contain all details. The client must also complete an online check-in with Celebrity Cruises. Final payments are due to be paid to Travelrite International 120 days prior to the commencement of the fly/cruise. A 1.5% administration fee will be added to all payments made by Visa and Master Card. 3% administration charge will be added to payments by Amex and Diners Club cards. If fares and air taxes change due to government and airport regulations and currency fluctuations Travelrite International reserves the right to charge additional amounts.

Cancellation Charges: Number of days before sailing.

Days prior to Departure

Over 90 days

Cancellation Fee

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90 - 61 days 50% of full fare 60 days or less 100% of full fare Non-appearance/no written notice: 100% of full fare.

**Refunds:** The tour is based on arrangements that do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals, airfare or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

**Travel Documents:** All passengers will require a valid passport. If you are not an Australian passport holder, check with Travelrite International for visa requirements.

**Travel Insurance:** Adequate travel insurance is highly recommended to cover cruise members for the consequences of unforeseen events during the cruise and for cancellation fees which could result from events such as illness, accident, death etc.

**Baggage:** Passengers qualify for a 20kg free baggage allowance on flights to join or return from the cruise.

**Minimum Tour Numbers:** The fly/cruise arrangements have been made on the basis of a minimum number of passengers travelling. In the event that less than the required number of passengers have confirmed their booking 120 days from the date of departure, Travelrite International reserve the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of monies paid, or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified fare.

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the fly/cruise as may be found desirable or necessary for the convenience of the parties and the proper carrying out of the fly/ cruise. This contract shall be construed in accordance of the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia and any legal action must be undertaken in the State of Victoria. Attention is also directed to the terms and conditions of the fly/cruise passage contract with Celebrity Cruises, detailed on the back of the reservation form. If you do not have a copy of this form please contact us and we will send one to you.

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