

# AUGUST 2017: Classic Gardens and Country Estates of Scotland With Andy Pulte & Jason Reeves

Including: Edinburgh, Glasgow, and The Highlands

**Aug. 11-20, 2017**

**Arranged by Garden Travelers**

**Travel Dates are August 10 and August 21**

**August 11** Arrive in Glasgow (GLA), Scotland after an overnight flight from the US. Please make flight reservations so that you can meet the coach at the airport by 9:00 AM for a visit to Greenbank. Greenbank house and walled garden is situated about 6 miles from the center of Glasgow and was built by Robert Allason in the 1760's. In 1962 William Blyth bought the house and began transforming the garden into what you see today. Stroll through this garden and find ideas to inspire you at home. We will tour the garden and should be able to visit the first floor of the house. We will then visit the Glasgow Botanical Garden where you will have lunch on your own and visit the garden. After the visit we will depart for the Hotel Indigo (Glasgow) where we will stay for the next two nights. **Dinner at the hotel is included.**

**August 12** Today we will be visiting two remarkable gardens. The first, Culzean Castle, is one of the most visited sites in Scotland. We will visit the castle to see the magnificent Robert Adam architecture, and then have time to visit the garden. Lunch will be here on your own. We will then visit Carnell Estates a beautiful country set house in

magnificent Ayrshire, Scotland before returning to our hotel in Glasgow. Included: **Breakfast, afternoon tea.**

**August 13** We leave Glasgow today with our first stop being Dumfries House. We will tour the garden and have lunch. We have written to Charles Jencks owner of the Garden of Cosmic Speculation to gain entry into the garden. We have not heard back at this time. If we are not able to visit, we will visit another garden in the area before heading to Edinburgh for the next three nights. Included: **Breakfast, lunch.**

**August 14** After a morning visit to the Royal Yacht Britannia, this is basically a free day in Edinburgh. Our visit to the Yacht will be private and prior to the regular opening times. There is much to see in Edinburgh! Our suggested list will be included at a later date. The Edinburgh International Festival will be going on while we are in town, as well as the Tattoo at Edinburgh Castle. Tickets for the Tattoo will go on sale Dec. 1, if you are interested. (<http://www.edintattoo.co.uk/the-experience>) **Breakfast, and private coffee/tea included.**

**August 15** Today is a full day. Our first stop will be Abbotsford the home of Sir Walter Scott. We will visit both the house and garden and have lunch before moving on to 3 private gardens. Culture and gardens all in the same day! How can you top that? **Breakfast, lunch included.**

**August 16** We will start the day with a visit to the Edinburgh Botanical Gardens which will be a real treat. You will have lunch here on your own (or for those who want to spend every possible second in the garden, grab a sandwich to eat on the bus.) We will then travel to Drummond Castle to visit the garden (unfortunately, the castle is not open.) After this, we will make the drive to Glamis Castle for a tour of the castle (and hopefully the ghost), a visit to the garden and dinner.

We will then check into our hotel, the Apex hotel in Dundee. **Breakfast, dinner included.**

**August 17** We will visit gardens in the Perth area including Blair Castle and 2 private gardens on our way to Inverness. The next three nights will be at the Golf View Hotel and Spa. **Breakfast, and dinner included.**

**August 18** Loch Ness is simply overflowing with fascinating myths, turbulent history and tales of a legendary monster. No visit to the Scottish Highlands is complete without a tour of this world-famous landmark. We will board the boat at 9:30 AM for our tour to learn about the myths and history of the area as well as visit Uriguhart Castle. After our 4 hour trip, which includes time off the boat, we will have lunch. Our last stop of the day we will take the short trip to Cawdor Castle to visit the castle and garden. Return to our hotel. **Breakfast included.**

**August 19** We make our way even further north today as we visit 2 Durnamuck, a private garden that is a plant nerd's delight, plus an additional garden nearby. We will also visit the site of the Battle of Culloden where the Jacobite's were soundly defeated. **Breakfast included.**

**August 20** We will head back to Glasgow today, but will take a steam train trip on the Jacobite Steam Train from Fort William to Mallaig. Although we cannot guarantee the weather, the views are fantastic. The cars are 1940's, and not as comfortable as a modern train, but this will be an experience. We will stop at Mallaig for about 2 hours which will give you enough time for lunch. We will continue to a hotel near the Glasgow Airport. **Breakfast included.**

**August 21** Return to the United States. You are responsible for you transportation from the hotel to the airport.

**Note:** Participants on this trip are required to be either a Master Gardener or a Friend of the University of Tennessee Gardens (<http://utgardens.tennessee.edu>). You can reserve your spot without being a member, but must be a member before your final payment.

**Trip cost:** The cost of this trip is \$4450.00. This price includes 10 nights in hotels based on double occupancy (a limited number of single rooms are available at an additional cost of \$1500.00), all breakfast and other meals included in the itinerary, deluxe coach transportation while touring, all sites we visit as a group including the private tour of the yacht and Glamis Castle dinner, coach driver gratuity (If the driver is exceptional and you want to add to the gratuity, that is fine.) The cost does not include air transportation, alcoholic beverages or other special beverages at included meals, personal purchases, optional excursions, transportation to the airport from the hotel for the flight back to the US, items purchased from mini bar in hotel, and phone calls made from the hotel. The cost is based on a minimum of 20 travelers not including Garden Traveler personnel. If you have questions, or to make reservations, do not hesitate to contact Linda Williams at [info@gardentravelers.com](mailto:info@gardentravelers.com) or 317-408-3880.

**Payment Schedule:** \$500.00 is due at booking. \$2000 due on Feb. 15, 2017 and the remainder (\$1950.00) due May 10, 2017. Single supplement is \$1500.00 US dollars. Please refer to the booking form for further details. Checks written to Garden Travelers, LLC or credit cards accepted for payment. (**Visa and Mastercharge**)

We can make arrangement for an extra night at the hotel in Glasgow for those arriving a day early. Contact us to make arrangements.

**Please Note:** Your travel days will be August 10 (to Scotland (Airport GLA) ) and August 21 (Scotland back to US).

## About Your Garden Host, Andy Pulte



Andy Pulte grew up in the nursery industry in Grand Island, NE. Currently he is on the faculty of the Plant Sciences department at The University of Tennessee. His current responsibilities include teaching, advising and coordination of the UT Plant Sciences undergraduate program. Andy has contributed to several gardening publications including *Fine Gardening*, *State-By-State Gardening* and *At Home Tennessee*.

Additionally, he speaks regularly to diverse groups and travels extensively to feed his passion for people and plants. Andy has traveled and enjoyed gardens throughout the U.S. as well as locations such as Thailand, South Africa, New Zealand, Costa Rica and Western Europe. Andy gardens in a residential community north of Knoxville, TN. He seeks out unusual plants for his home garden that inspire questions from those who visit.

## About Your Garden Host, Jason Reeves



Jason is the research horticulturist at the University of Tennessee Gardens located at the West Tennessee Research and Education Center in Jackson. Jason's colorful plant combinations & unique garden art, made by recycling everyday objects, draws several thousand people to the center's annual lawn and garden shows Summer Celebration. He also enjoys speaking on all sorts of plant related topics, giving more than 25 talks a year. His past experiences include work at the Missouri Botanical Garden, Longwood Gardens in PA & in private gardens in New Zealand. In 2008 he began leading domestic and international garden tours & in 2010 he became a contributing editor to *Fine Garden* magazine. Besides working in his own garden he enjoys throwing pottery and collecting antique watering cans, flower frogs, grinding stones and any old rusty garden related tools. Visit the WTREC web site at <http://west.tennessee.edu/ornamentals> to see some of his handy work.