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Flights for UK Bound Visitors

We can all agree that the best way to get around the UK is by train with a BritRail Pass! But to get the trip planning started there's always the key element of getting to the UK from your city of residence.

The great news is that airplane operators are slashing their prices, making it more affordable than ever. For example residents of LA, California can fly to London for as little as \$511*, and that's return! Likewise, other UK bound visitors can fly from New York to London for as little as \$373* return, from Sydney to London for as little as \$1206* return, and from Toronto to London for as little as \$498* return.

For most budget savvy travelers, affordable flights will make the idea of travelling to the UK for that greatly deserved summer vacation an attainable dream!

Upon arrival in London, travelers with select BritRail Passes will be happy to have access to airport transfers to central London via Airport Express's Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted Express trains! www.BritRail.com





*Please note that BritRail is not responsible for any price differences from those mentioned above. Due to rapidly changing airline prices & seat availability, these fares may no longer be available. Please check your favorite air saver website for affordable air fares.





Spotlight on English Gardens

Inspire me!

With spring in the air, it's the perfect season to highlight flowers in bloom, especially since England is renowned for its magnificent gardens! There are a number of famous gardens located in the BritRail London Plus Pass area which create the opportunity for special days out trips.

Taking the train



The BritRail London Plus Pass includes the area in yellow, with many short train journeys of one hour or less. For example, travel form London to Ashford in 35 minutes or London to Banbury in 66 minutes. Create your own garden path using your BritRail London Plus Pass!

What's on

Spring Blossom Kew Gardens 250th anniversary
The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 3AB



Kew's much-loved spring celebration of over five million bulbs From Mid March

- Cherry Walk: Stunning flowering cherry trees in pink and white
- Magnolias: Known for their spectacular pink, cream or white flowers, there are hundreds of magnolias to see at Kew.

April to May

- Lilacs, flowering cherries, crab apples, more magnolias and tulips May to June
 - Bluebells, lilacs, azaleas, rhododendrons, magnolias, Himalayan blue poppies and much more!

Come prepared! Buy your admission tickets to Kew Gardens in advance at www.BritRail.com





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Attractions & Sites

The following English gardens can be found in towns just a short train ride outside London. They are ranked among the top gardens in the UK and are not to be missed, especially in the spring and summer seasons when the colours and scents are sure to impress. Have a picnic on a sunny afternoon or stroll though the garden trails and historic buildings at your leisure! Get access to these gardens and over 600 other attractions throughout Britain with **The Great British Heritage Pass** www.BritRail.com



Sissinghurst Castle Garden

This 6 acre garden is intimate thanks to its "outdoor rooms" with hedges of rose, yew and hornbeam. Beautiful views of the garden can be enjoyed from the four-storey Elizabethan tower, complete with ancient moat and spiral staircase. The rose garden, for which Sissinghurst is best known, is planted with several old-fashioned species and is complimented beautifully by the White Garden.

Sissinghurst, nr Cranbrook, Kent TN17 2AB

Stowe Landscape Gardens

Discover a garden with more than 40 monuments and temples, breathtaking ornamental lakes, wooded valleys and spectacular views. This is a garden the whole family will enjoy with many hidden corners to explore and perfect for a walk along one of the many garden trails and surrounding parkland. Buckingham, Buckinghamshire MK18 5DQ



Hidcote Manor Garden

Created in the Arts and Crafts style Hidcote Manor Garden features old roses, unusual plants and trees from around the world, including rare plants from Africa and China. Hidcote gardens cover 10.5 acres that centers around the garden gazebo. Another notable feature is the large circular pool, edged with white roses. You can even enjoy a game of tennis or croquet!

Hidcote Bartrim, nr Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire GL55 6LR





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Featured Lodging

THE GEORGE HOTEL

Ideally located when visiting Sissinghurst Castle Gardens, The George Hotel is a historical landmark dating back to the 14th century. This boutique hotel has 12 individually designed rooms offering a mix of contemporary style and comfortable accommodation. Prices include a full English Breakfast!

Address: Stone Street, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 3HE

Tel: +44 (0) 01 580 713348

http://www.thegeorgehotelkent.co.uk/index.html







Featured Restaurant THE GLASSHOUSE

This restaurant is located close to Kew gardens, and along our theme of gardens we'll be happy to settle for glasshouse instead of greenhouse! The menu is said to be a lovely mix of English and European ingredients with a French know-how.

Address: 14 Station Parade, Kew, TW9 3PZ

Tel: +44 (0) 208 940 6777

http://www.glasshouserestaurant.co.uk/





BritRail Highlights

BRITRAIL'S INCOME LOSS CANCELLATION GUARANTY

Between March 9th and May 31st, 2009, BritRail would like to do its part to help those people who have booked a trip to the UK but now due to a life changing event, can no longer afford to travel. For a limited time, anyone who books a BritRail pass is automatically enrolled into our Income Loss Cancellation Guaranty program protecting them against cancellation fees, which are approximately 15%. The program allows protection against involuntary unemployment or self-employed personal b ankruptcy. For details on the Income Loss Cancellation Guaranty program please visit www.BritRail.com

FREE YOUTH HOSTELRESCARD

Receive a free Hostelrescard when you purchase a BritRail Youth Pass on BritRail.com during the months of March & April!

BritRail and Hostelrescard have partnered up to sweeten the deal with a FREE Hostelrescard when Youths (16-25) purchase a BritRail Pass. When you receive your BritRail Pass you'll also receive the Hostelrescard. All you'll need to do is activate your card online and then you can start booking hostels, B&B's and Budget Hotels online before you go. See www.BritRail.com for details.



The Hostelrescard is valid for one year from the date of issue and has an estimated value of \$18 USD. The card is non-transferable and has no cash value. Hostelrescards will only be shipped to residents in Canada and USA.

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