

## WALLED KITCHEN GARDENS-4 DAY TOUR

### *DAY 1-DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY*

All day visit to **Threave Garden**. Often described as a 'garden for all seasons'. Threave has developed a variety of stunning horticulture, including a one acre walled garden. Discover excellent examples of cabbage, peas, beans, cauliflower, carrots, kale and lettuce as well as currants, strawberries, gooseberries, apples, pears and figs. With a wonderful glasshouse, herbaceous borders, cutting plots and roses, the walled garden is one of the most interesting areas in the estate. There is a new plant centre, which features pergola and waterfall display. A wide range of trees, shrubs, fruit trees, heathers and perennials are for sale, with a special area for plants that have been grown at Threave. Excellent restaurant for lunch and refreshments.

### *DAY 2-HELENSBURGH*

PM Afternoon visit to **Geilston Garden**, overlooking the River Clyde. Originally laid out over 200 years ago this delightful garden provides an example of almost every aspect of horticulture from a productive kitchen garden growing artichokes, courgettes, beans, onions and sweet corn (to name but a few), to a fine walled garden with shrub borders, lawns and stunning summer herbaceous borders.

### *DAY 3-FIFE*

PM Lunch and visit to **Culross Palace Garden**. A model 17<sup>th</sup> century garden has been created in the grounds of this fascinating late 16<sup>th</sup> century palace growing a variety of unusual vegetables, herbs and perennials available at that time. In the orchard you can see a collection of period apples as well as mulberry, quince and medlar varieties close to the original species. A range of herbs from the garden is for sale.

PM-Afternoon visit to **Kellie Castle & Garden**, a romantic house dating from the 14<sup>th</sup> century. Kellie has a fine organic walled garden featuring many older varieties of flowers, fruit and vegetables with colourful displays of herbaceous plants. Enjoy the wonderful effect of colour and scents in this timeless and charming setting.

### *DAY 4-ABERDEENSHIRE*

AM Morning visit, followed by lunch at **Castle Fraser, Garden & Estate**. During 2004, this late 18<sup>th</sup> century garden was revitalised entailing re-creation of the original cross-path network as well as series of four large borders featuring flowering trees, shrubs and herbaceous perennials. The organic vegetable garden supports a diverse selection of traditional and modern vegetables while a new fruit garden has been established. Discover older specimens of apple and pear, a herb garden and a highly attractive hot-colour border with summer flowering perennials, a range of which are on sale.

PM Afternoon visit to **Leith Hall, Garden & Estate**. The garden at Leith Hall has been developed over generations to form a delightful series of smaller gardens, each sheltered by a wall or hedge and each with its own special character. The present vegetable garden sits at 200m above sea level, giving excellent views of the surrounding hills. Wall-trained apples and pears and a variety of tender plants are also grown in this 3-acre walled garden, With an extensive range of herbaceous borders and a fine collection of alpines and primulas in the rock garden, there is much for the garden lover to see.

