

## WEST COAST OF SCOTLAND-5 DAY GARDEN TOUR

### *DAY 1-GLASGOW/ ISLE OF ARRAN*

**Brodick Castle, Garden & Country Park.** Famous rhododendron collection and variety of plants from around the world. 18<sup>th</sup> century walled garden and fine woodland garden. Castle dates from 13<sup>th</sup> century with collection of paintings, porcelain and silver.

### *DAY 2-GLASGOW-OBAN-FORT WILLIAM*

**AM Crarae Garden,** Loch Fyne. Himalayan-style woodland with a dramatic gorge, burn and waterfalls. Exotic plants and shrubs, which form a living mosaic of color and texture.

**PM Arduaine Garden.** 20 acre oasis of tranquillity filled with scent and colour from a variety of rhododendrons, azaleas and magnolias plus extensive perennial collection.

### *DAY 3-FORT WILLIAM-POOLEWE-KYLE OF LOCHALSH-FORT WILLIAM*

**AM Inverewe** on Loch Ewe. Spectacularly situated with a famous collection of Himalayan rhododendrons, Tasmanian eucalypts and New Zealand *Olearia*.

**PM Lochalsh Woodland Garden.** 13-acre woodland garden with outstanding examples of Scots pine, oak, larch and beech plus bamboos, fuchsias and hydrangeas.

### *DAY 4-FORT WILLIAM-HELENSBURGH-GLASGOW*

**AM Hill House & Garden.** Gardens have been carefully maintained to reflect features common to the house designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh. Fine views over the Clyde estuary.

**PM Geilston Garden.** Attractive garden possibly dating from late 17<sup>th</sup> century. Includes a fruit and vegetable area, walled garden and a burn, which winds through a wooded glen.

### *DAY 5-GLASGOW-AYR*

All day visit to **Culzean Castle & Country Park.** Perched high above the Ayrshire cliffs, this is a dramatic location for this elegant Italianate castle, surrounded by beautiful gardens and woodland. A garden lover's paradise, there is much to discover-the beautiful sunken fountain court garden is linked to the impressive walled garden where tulips, sweet william, lavender, crocosmia and gladioli are grown, as well as fruit and vegetables. Plants are available for sale in the Country Park and in the walled garden, many propagated from plants grown in the herbaceous borders.

