

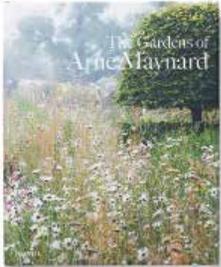
GRAND TOUR

Whether you long to visit the villas and gardens of the Italian Lakes or crave a botanical adventure in Chile, there is a garden-themed holiday from the Royal Horticultural Society for you. With a choice of 26 escorted tours all over the world, highlights include Carl Linnaeus' gardens in Sweden, the immaculate box parterre at the Château de Villandry in France (right) and the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens in South Africa's Western Cape. Contact 020 3735 1855, rhsgardenholidays.com.

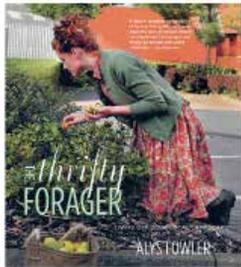


3 OF THE BEST GARDENING BOOKS

Inspiring ideas and practical advice on planning, planting and foraging



1 | THE GARDENS OF ARNE MAYNARD, Arne Maynard, £45, Merrell. Celebrated garden designer and RHS Chelsea Flower Show gold medallist Arne Maynard has chosen 12 projects to tell the story of his work. Details of his design methods and plant selections, as well as atmospheric photography by his partner William Collinson, show how Arne creates the harmonious, soulful gardens he is known for. Illustrated features on kitchen gardens, growing roses and planting borders complete the text.



2 | THE THRIFTY FORAGER, Alys Fowler, £16.99, Kyle Books. In *The Thrifty Forager*, Alys Fowler is your enthusiastic field guide to becoming a 21st-century hunter-gatherer. Where some see weeds, Alys sees supper, and soon, so will you, whether you live in the country or the city. You will learn what to pick and when, where you can and can't forage, how to recognise plants and which bits taste best. The most important part is the eating and Alys also shares her favourite recipes using foraged ingredients.



3 | GARDEN DESIGN SOLUTIONS, Stephen Woodhams, £25, Jacqui Small. Whether you have a roof terrace, cottage garden or urban courtyard, Stephen Woodhams can help you make the most of your outdoor space. The award-winning designer has spent 25 years creating gardens around the world, with his trademark architectural style and lush, elegant planting. Alongside inspirational projects are practical advice for layout and planting, and ideas for furnishings, focal points and colour schemes.

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SWEPT AWAY

Raking leaves can be an endless autumn task, so make it easier with this nifty helper, £25, from The Original Garden Broom, theoriginalgardenbroom.com, which works as a broom and a rake. Its strength and durability comes from its material, coconut branches, which are gathered when they fall naturally from the tree.

