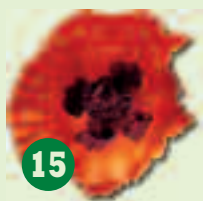


# NATURE'S BEAUTY, MAN'S ART

## Gardens in and around the Oxfordshire Cotswolds



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### Kelmscott Manor

The beauty of this garden has found its way into many of our homes. This mellow Tudor farmhouse beside the Thames was the summer home of William Morris, craftsman and founder of the Arts & Crafts Movement. Garden, river and countryside were inspirational to his designs and writing

- local willows translated into his 'Willow Pattern', as did native flowers, birds and trees. The house contains a collection of furniture, textiles, pictures and ceramics by Morris and his associates, whilst the on-going garden restoration recreates features of the 1890s with rustic fences, herbaceous borders edged with box, an orchard and pergola. Planting reflects the rich botanical content of Morris' designs: wild tulips and snakehead fritillaries form carpets under the mulberry tree; crocus, aconites and snowdrops are followed in summer by roses, hollyhocks, cottage annuals, poppies, dianthus, Chinese astors and Sweet Sultans. Morris's topiary dragon 'Fafnir' is currently being restored, and standard rose bushes flank the garden path, as illustrated in his utopian novel 'News from Nowhere'.

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### Buscot Park

Built between 1779 and 1783 in Italianate style inspired by Palladio, Buscot Park was purchased in 1889 by the first Lord Faringdon, whose descendants live here today. The house is surrounded by extensive pleasure gardens containing avenue walks, woodlands, lakes and individual gardens. Most famous

of these is the Water Garden laid out in 1904 by Harold Peto, a leading exponent of formal Italianate garden design. The garden creates a link between the house and the Big Lake made up of a chain of stairways, paths, basins and a central canal, flanked by hedges sheltering statues and terracotta jars. The Four Seasons Walled Garden, created within the mellow red-brick walls of the original kitchen garden, is bright with blooms of spring bulbs, flowering trees and drifts of multi-coloured day lilies. Treasures of the house include the Faringdon Collection of over 400 paintings, amongst which is the celebrated Briar Rose series by Sir Edward Burne-Jones.

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