

CGT Overseas Garden Tours

Results and comments from the Questionnaire undertaken in July 2018.

The following is a brief summary from the questions outlined in the Survey documents.

The Survey was issued to 136 no membership addresses via email with a small number via post to the current membership (as 1st June 2018). Although the 136 no addresses are mainly single members a sizeable number cover joint membership (ie couples), Questions 7 hoped to address this issue when considering the total number of members expressing a positive interest.

From the 136 no membership addresses, the number of responses was 20 no, covering 27 members.

- 1) Q1 - Are you interested in the above proposal ie Overseas garden visits including Ireland

Yes - 14

No - 6

- 2) Q2 -Which months would you prefer to go on a trip?

April - 7 (ticks)

May - 10

June - 8

July - 7

Aug - 3

Sept - 10

Oct - 5

Therefore May & Sept – first choice followed by April/June/July

- 3) Q3 - Length of visit, number of nights spent away

3 nights 4 no

4 nights 11 no

5 nights 2 no

6 nights 2 no

Clearly 4 nights is the first choice

- 4) Q4 -Overall budget cost you would consider paying per person for the visit including flights, hotels, meal (breakfast and at least two evening meals) plus £75.00 per day (assuming 3 – 4 day tours) to cover local coach hire etc., as outlined in the above covering letter.

£500 - 2 no

£600 - 4 no

£700 - 7 no

£800 - 2 no

£900 - £1K 2 no

Approx £700 seems to be the amount members are prepared to pay for a 4-night visit.

5) Q5 – What should be included in the visits

International Flower Shows	-	4 no
Historic/Modern Houses	-	12 no
Smaller gardens of character	-	12 no
New Town Developments	-	9 no
Botanic Gardens	-	13 no
Garden Centres/Nurseries	-	1 no

Clearly – Garden Centres and International Flower Shows are low on most members' lists.

6) Q6 – Which area of “Europe” would be your preference number 1-5 with number 1 being your preference, number 2 - 2nd preference etc

Ireland	-	26%
Southern Europe ie South of France, Italy, Spain & Portugal	-	23%
Northern Europe ie Holland, Belgium, Scandinavian Countries	-	26%
Central Europe, Germany, France, Austria	-	23%

Others, please state:

Suggestions given by 2 members - Japan and India (not included)

7) Q7 – Please indicate whether the completed Questionnaire represents single or joint membership (out of 20 replies)

Single	-	13 no
Joint Membership	7no x 2	- 14no

Therefore in total – 27 no Membership

8) Q8 If you have any additional comments, please state:-

Italian Gardens especially around Rome

Ireland only

Eastern Europe

Visits to places not open/available to the independent visitors

Must include a knowledgeable guide

Programme to attract new/younger members

Visits to include Sculpture Parks