

EUROGARD VII, PARIS 2015

7th European Botanic Gardens Congress

Pre-and Post-Congress Tours

Two study tours are organised, one before and one after the European Botanic Gardens Congress, each to a different region of France. Thus delegates may participate in both tours if they wish.

The first tour, **Gardens & Arboretums of the Loire Valley**, will focus on the region of Touraine surrounding the elegant city of Tours. It is here that the great River Loire is joined by the Rivers Indre & Cher, bringing water and life into the heart of France. This region has played a key part in the history of the nation and also in the development of garden style.

The second tour, **Gardens of Haute-Normandie**, departs on the last day of the Congress, travelling to Normandy to the department of Seine-Maritime. There is a wealth of remarkable gardens that thread their way from Varengeville to Giverny, from the sea to the River Seine; country gardens set amidst old cider orchards, lush rolling pastures and mixed woodland, mostly owned by passionate gardeners with fine plant collections.

The tours will be accompanied by a linguistic guide (speaking French, English and Italian) and a botanist from the Jardin des Plantes of Paris able to introduce the local vegetation.