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Orchid Festival, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, London

February to early March

Kew's famous Royal Botanic Gardens, located in London, bring an extravaganza of tropical colour to winter with their annual orchid festival. An opportunity to view thousands of exotic and wild orchids cascade through the tropical displays in the Princess of Wales Conservatory.

 kew.org

RHS Malvern Spring Festival, The Three Counties Showground, Worcestershire

Early May

The first RHS flower show of the year, held in The Three Counties Showground in the spa town of Malvern, is filled with ideas to recreate that picture-perfect English garden. A fantastic day out for the whole family, including practical gardening tips from celebrity gardeners, show gardens, floral marquee, cooking demonstrations and even a bit of shopping.

 rhs.org.uk

RHS Chelsea Flower Show, London

May

One of the most famous flower shows in England, held at RHS Chelsea in the heart of London. See impressive show gardens, spectacular exhibits and amazing show-stopping flowers. Take inspiration from the horticultural leaders and fashion setters.

 rhs.org.uk

BBC Gardeners' World Live, NEC, Birmingham

Mid June

The BBC's Gardeners' World Live, featuring the RHS Flower Show Birmingham, is held undercover at the NEC. The event is a celebration of summer gardening, with award-winning show gardens, dazzling plant displays and advice from top experts. Come rain or shine you are sure to see some spectacular displays.

 bbcgardenersworldlive.com



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National Gardens Festival Weekend (gardens open for charity), across England

June

A spectacular two-day event with over 800 gardens, many of which are not open to visitors at any other time. This festival weekend has been a huge success over the last few years, giving visitors the opportunity to see the best of English gardens, in a friendly setting. Visit as many gardens as possible and make this weekend an English garden feast.

ngs.org.uk

RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show, Surrey

Early July

Set in the beautiful grounds of Hampton Court Palace, just outside London. This show is a must-see in the English gardens event calendar. Enjoy spectacular summer blooms, exhibits and show gardens all in a stunning location.

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RHS Flower Show Tatton Park, Cheshire

July

Set in the magnificent parklands of Tatton Park, a historic country house estate in Cheshire, the RHS Flower Show is a celebration of the best in gardening. The show is a spectacular day out, not just for plant lovers, but for visitors too. Show highlights include young designer of the year, edible gardens, creative demonstrations and the spectacular floral marquee.

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Malvern Autumn Show, The Three Counties Showground, Worcestershire

September

The Malvern Autumn Show, held in The Three Counties Showground, in the spa town of Malvern is a celebration of food, countryside and gardening. Visit the show and enjoy local English food and drink, cookery demonstrations, gardening talks, vintage tractors and vegetable displays.

threecounties.co.uk/malvernautumn

Taste of Autumn Festival, RHS Wisley, Surrey

October

Festivals are not just for the summer. Celebrate everything autumnal and enjoy the stunning sights, sounds and tastes of the season on a big autumn day out. Held at RHS Wisley in Surrey, visitors can see the many colours of an English autumn.

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The National Gardens Scheme (gardens open for charity), across England

Throughout the year

An opportunity to visit real English gardens as homeowners open their gates to visitors. Over 2,500 outstanding gardens to visit throughout England, many of these are privately owned and not normally open to the public. A sheer delight for any visitor who wants to see real English gardens within a relaxed, homely atmosphere. Some even offer tea and homemade cake!

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