



Gardens & Gourmet Essex Itinerary

Day one – Gardens and vines

Morning

Start your day at Audley End, a Jacobean mansion house protected by English Heritage with a garden designed by the famous garden designer of the 18th century, Capability Brown. It's a drive of just over 30 miles (60 km) to the West Street Vineyard where you can dine overlooking the vines and try the wine produced by this boutique English vineyard.

Afternoon

In the afternoon you might like to visit the nearby Marks Hall Gardens and Arboretum to see the impressive collection of trees from around the world.

Perhaps stay overnight in Colchester, which is said to be the oldest recorded town in Britain.

Day two – New and old

Morning

In the morning find inspiration for your own garden at the Beth Chatto Gardens, which demonstrate innovative planting by an award-winning gardener. Perhaps try an English cream tea of scones, jam and cream in the tearooms which overlook the gardens.

Afternoon

In the afternoon discover the contrasting garden at the Tudor Layer Marney Tower.

Day three – Wine and flowers

Morning

On your third day, visit another award-winning Essex wine producer at New Hall Vineyard. You can enjoy a self-guided tour around the vines before sampling the wines produced here and perhaps picking up a bottle or two to take home.

Afternoon

The Royal Horticultural Society's garden at Hyde Hall makes for a fitting end to your tour of the gardens and gourmet delights of Essex. Here, you can discover a quintessentially English garden with lawns, ponds and varied planting throughout the site.



This is a sample itinerary. Take a look at the full list of Gardens & Gourmet venues in Essex for more inspiration. The more you see, the more you save!

Savings and special offers included...

Gardens & Gourmet attractions

Audley End - £16.60
Marks Hall Gardens & Arboretum – £6.10
Beth Chatto Gardens – £6.95
Layer Marney Tower – £7
RHS Hyde Hall - £11

Total: £47.65

Gourmet special offers

West Street Vineyard – Free dessert with lunch
New Hall Vineyard – 10% discount on purchases