



Mount Congreve Gardens

GUIDED TOUR WITH THE GARDEN CURATOR

DURATION: Approx. 2 hours **FITNESS LEVEL:** Moderate
PRICE: €25 per person **Min/Max Numbers:** 10-30

A must for nature & garden enthusiasts, this tour offers a rare opportunity to explore the 70-acre, Mount Congreve formal & woodland gardens with the estate's resident curator, Michael White. Known here as "a living encyclopedia of the garden". Michael's passion for the gardens & lively personality brings visitors right into the heart of the stories & origins of rare species & plants that are both native to Ireland & present in these gardens due to the worldwide travels of Mr Ambrose Congreve. As visitors move through the gardens with Michael, they will also learn innovative techniques & methods from this world-class gardener; along with some surprises about plants, trees & shrubs that have been used throughout history for dietary and medicinal purposes.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE VISIT INCLUDE

- The Dinosaur Tree (Wollemia Tree): an incredibly rare plant, native to Australia
- The story of the first woman to circumnavigate the world and the plants associated with her
- Medicinal trees and shrubs and their particular place in history
- Planting philosophy of Mr Congreve, who was the winner of 13 gold medals at the prestigious Chelsea flower show in the United Kingdom





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GUIDED TOUR WITH EXPERT GARDENER

DURATION: Approx. 2 hours **FITNESS LEVEL:** Moderate
PRICE: €20 per person **Min/Max Numbers:** 10-30

In addition to a guided visit of Mount Congreve's 70 acre formal and woodland gardens, this tour offers visitors a rare opportunity to learn from one of the estate's resident gardening experts and gain a deeper insight into the workings and management required throughout diverse seasons. Learn first-hand secrets and world class, innovative gardening techniques that have been shared over centuries.

These include how the walled gardens have been laid out to create a natural airflow to protect against frost and disease, the rotation of crops for the best care of soil. The integrated pest control system that enables plants to thrive and survive organically.

The centuries old technique of self-irrigating conservatories, the methods that encourage the growth of grapes and peaches, even in Ireland's temperate climate!





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GENERAL GUIDED TOURS

GARDEN HIGHLIGHT WALK (FORMAL GARDENS)

DURATION: Approx. 1 hour **FITNESS LEVEL:** Low - Moderate
PRICE: €14 per person **Min/Max Numbers:** 10-30

Following a grand arrival past the sweeping, main entrance of Mount Congreve Mansion, visitors enjoy a gentle stroll through Mount Congreve's formal gardens.

This guided visit includes the Walled Gardens, where fruit and vegetables have been grown to support the estate over centuries.

See the Peach House and the multiple, heritage variety apples including Beauty of Bath, Discovery and James Grieve. From there, visitors pass onto the Bellgate Lawn, surrounded by almost 200 Rose "Scarlet Abundance" and overlooked by ancient Oak trees.

Following the terrace walk, past the rolling rose lawn, highlights include the delicately leafed Acer Tamukeyama and vibrant pink-green tinged Pseudowintera, "Marjorie Congreve" named after Mr. Ambrose Congreve's wife.





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GENERAL GUIDED TOURS

GARDEN WALK-HIKE (FORMAL & WOODLAND GARDENS)

DURATION: Approx. 2 hours **FITNESS LEVEL:** Moderate
PRICE: €14 per person **Min/Max Numbers:** 10-30

Following a visit of the formal gardens as outlined above, visitors enjoy an extended walk-hike through the rougher terrain that winds through the stunning surroundings of Mount Congreve's woodland gardens.

Highlights of this visit include the Rock Waterfall, surrounded by a magnificent 1km long Magnolia walk and even longer Hydrangea walk; the Ice House, built in the 1750s to preserve the estate's food; the unexpected presence of a Chinese Pagoda, nestled within an impressive 17 metre drop; and the Temple (finally resting place of Mr Ambrose Congreve and his wife Marjorie Congreve), overlooking the River Suir.





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GENERAL GUIDED TOURS

WORLDWIDE WALKING TOUR (FORMAL & WOODLAND GARDENS)

DURATION: Approx. 2 hours **FITNESS LEVEL:** Moderate
PRICE: €16 per person **Min/Max Numbers:** 10-30

Following an impressive arrival at the main entrance of the Mount Congreve estate, this visit includes both the formal and woodland gardens.

Throughout a two-hour exploration, an expert gardener guides emphasise plants from around the world; including rare species from the foothills of Nepal, to the mountains of South Africa and from the Swamps of Georgia U.S.A, all the way to Siberia.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE VISIT INCLUDE

- Japanese Azeleas
- Majestic Californian Redwood
- Spiky (but beautiful) fragrant Mahonia, from Eastern Asia
- Twisted trunk of the Mediterranean Castanea
- "Handkerchief" tree from China
- "Dinosaur" tree from Australia o Wollemia Nobolis: thought be extinct, until rediscovered in 1994. This tree was gifted to Mr Ambrose by the Mount Congreve resident gardeners to mark his 100th birthday

