



Florabundance at Chatsworth

A floral celebration at Chatsworth, new for 2009

19 - 27 September 2009

There's so much to see and do at Derbyshire's 'Palace of the Peak', the home of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. In 2009, we are delighted to be hosting a spectacular new floral event. Florabundance is a celebration of the garden throughout the house, created by the Chatsworth garden team working with renowned floral designer, Jonathan Moseley. Jonathan is a distinguished and much admired demonstrator with a loyal national following, and he will bring his unique eye and experience to the grand rooms at Chatsworth.



This is a unique opportunity to come and see Chatsworth transformed, with fabulous floral displays and unusual seasonal installations, ranging from the historic and traditional, to the quirky and unexpected.

Floral demonstrations and workshops, in the magnificent 19th century theatre

In addition to Florabundance, we are running a series of floral demonstrations and workshops led by Jonathan Moseley. Our inspiration will be taken from our spectacular surroundings and the stunning garden at Chatsworth, plus the wealth of splendid seasonal plant materials we will have at our disposal.



Floral demonstrations

Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 September

Florabundance - Floral demonstrations celebrating Florabundance, the Chatsworth garden throughout the house, created by the Chatsworth garden team working with renowned floral designer Jonathan Moseley.

Wednesday 28 October (half day session - am and pm)

A Most Magical time of Year - A floral demonstration celebrating Halloween, bonfire night and the magnificence of Autumn.

Friday 13 and Monday 30 November (half day session - am and pm)

Deck the Halls - A floral demonstration celebrating Christmas at Chatsworth.

The demonstrations are for 1 hour and 20 minutes approximately, starting at 11.00am and 2.30pm - £10.00 per person per demonstration.



Floral workshops

Thursday 3 December

Preparing for Christmas workshop - Join us on this festive themed workshop where we will create a wonderful table design with elegant candles, traditional rich evergreens from the Chatsworth Estate, scented fruits, cones and cinnamon to ensure your Christmas table will be graced with a stunning centre piece. We will also design a welcome bunch for the doorway using twigs, holly, blue spruce, cones and fruits enhanced with rich Christmas ribbons.

Friday 4 December

A Victorian Christmas - In this festive floral workshop we will design a luxury mantle swag with matching candle pots. This amazing swag can be designed to sit on any size mantle, over a dresser or on a window sill. We will utilise dramatic evergreens from the Chatsworth estate, with nostalgic baubles, ribbons, fruits, cones and nuts to recreate the nostalgic feel of a Victorian Christmas.

The workshops start at 10.30am and finish at 3.00pm - £95 per person including coffee on arrival and lunch (vegetarian options available on request).



These events are extremely popular so early booking is recommended.

Please note there is a long staircase up to the Theatre. We can arrange assisted access, but please contact us in advance if you will need any assistance.

A candlelit Christmas at Chatsworth

Inspired by Hans Christian Andersen : 1 November to 23 December 2009

Chatsworth's Christmas decorations offer a memorable experience for children and adults alike, with beautiful traditional decorations in grand rooms on the two lower floors of the house*. In 2009, we take our inspiration from candlelight, and specifically from the intriguing tales of Hans Christian Andersen. Some of our enchanting displays are interpreted by local schools and trees dressed by the Duchess and her grandchildren enhance this unique experience. Many visitors come from far and wide every year to see our Christmas decorations and this will be another year not to be missed.

26-27 November, 3-4, 10-11, and 17-18 December

We also offer a number of special evening openings of the house, with live music, and relaxed shopping. Special rates apply, and there are delicious pre-booked afternoon and evening eating options to choose from.

** Please note that the top floor of the house, including the five state rooms, is closed for annual cleaning and conservation*

Christmas Markets and shopping

14-15 and 21-22 November

On two November weekends we welcome back our extremely popular Christmas markets, with more than 60 stalls selling a wide variety of seasonal gifts, complementing our own range of food and gift shops. Over these weekends, we offer extended house opening times, but early booking for group visits is recommended, as places may be limited.

Chatsworth offers a growing range of shops, including the elegant interiors, garden and gift shops, and our famous farm shops, to inspire you with ideas for presents for everyone on your Christmas shopping list.



New for 2010

2010 will be a very special year for Chatsworth. We are already putting together an exciting programme of fairs, demonstrations and events, including a new spring festival of Tulips in the house and garden, for which early booking is recommended, and a range of art exhibitions through the year. After 2 years of intensive work, we are also delighted to be opening a new visitor route round the house, with far fewer stairs, and full disabled access to all floors for the first time, some fascinating rooms restored or on view for the first time, and exciting new displays of rare treasures. We are also celebrating the 90th birthday of Deborah Devonshire, the Dowager Duchess of Devonshire, the last of the legendary Mitford sisters, with a special exhibition in the house from April until October 2010.

Book before 1 July 2009 and you could win a fabulous Chatsworth hamper, full of goodies from our famous farm shop.



Planning your visit

Any group of 15 people or more can pre-book tickets at a special group rate, and it is also possible to pre-book brunch, lunch, afternoon teas or other refreshments for your group, at one of our restaurants. All pre-booked coach parking is free.

We know that most groups like to eat together and at a time that fits in with your itinerary. To ensure that this is possible, we have three designated rooms that offer your group the chance to rest, recharge and eat in privacy. We would be happy to arrange morning coffee and biscuits on arrival, a 2 course buffet lunch or afternoon tea.

It is easy to enhance your visit with one of our special tours; guides bring the house and garden to life with a private tour and we have a wide range of options from which groups can choose.

Chatsworth lies in Derbyshire's Peak District National Park, in the heart of the country, well served by transport links throughout the UK.

To book your group visits in 2009 and 2010, please contact the Chatsworth Bookings Office on 01246 565300, or visit www.chatsworth.org for more information.

When booking please quote: Group Mail May 09

