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The upcoming Cornwall tour

The schedule of the Magnolia Society’s weeklong tour of gardens in Cornwall, southwest England, that have notable magnolia collections has been pretty well lined out. The garden tour begins Thursday, April 2, and ends Wednesday, April 8, according to John Gallagher and Lola Koerting, who have jointly planned the itinerary. The schedule also includes a garden in the Scilly Islands and the city of Plymouth and a propagation nursery in Devonshire. The schedule:

Thursday (April 2): Book in at Pedn Olva Hotel, St. Ives, Cornwall. Dinner.


Saturday: Early start for British Airways helicopter flight from Penzance to Scilly Islands for day’s visit to Tresco Abbey Gardens. Packed lunch. Return flight. Dinner at hotel.

Sunday: visit to Trelissick Gardens. Packed lunch at Corran Bay. Visit to Caerhays Castle. Return to hotel for dinner.


There will no doubt be a few other unscheduled attractions and events along the way. Those who are planning for the trip are being mailed additional information about the features of each garden on the tour, along with advice on travel and expenses.

We expect to run a complete report of the tour in MAGNOLIA afterward. John Gallagher, who lives in the nearby county of Dorset in south England, has done a first class piece of arranging for a tour that the lucky travelers should remember for many, many years.

M. sargentiana robusta at Caerhays.