

**GARDEN DESIGNER JULIAN DOWLE CUTS IT FINE AT THE
DORMY HOUSE HOTEL'S FIRST RESIDENTIAL GARDEN TOUR**



A series of residential garden tours have been launched by the Dormy House Hotel following a sell-out tour for its inaugural event which took place earlier this month (9th to 11th of September). A highlight of the tour was an exclusive chance to view the private Japanese garden in the grounds of the Farncombe Estate which is home to the Dormy House Hotel, near Broadway, accompanied by its award winning designer Julian Dowle.

The Japanese garden was designed by Julian Dowle for Mr Jørgen Philip-Sørensen who has owned the Dormy House Hotel and the Farncombe Estate for over thirty years. Julian remains the only garden designer to win all 3 medals for a show garden at the annual Chelsea Flower Show, a feat he accomplished in 2005 for his garden “A Soldier’s Dream of Blighty”. A gold medal, the best in show and the people’s choice were the 3 accolades awarded for the scheme which was designed with the Chelsea Pensioners and sponsored by Mr Sørensen’s other business interest - Ecover. In addition to this trio, Julian also holds 10 other gold medals for gardens at Chelsea. Guests were therefore delighted to be shown around the garden by Julian himself, in addition to being treated to a special lesson in Japanese pruning and enjoying a relaxed dinner and question and answer session where Julian both inspired guests and answered their questions.

Subsequent residential tours are scheduled for spring and summer 2010 at the 4 star hotel in the Cotswolds which will also take in tours of local gardens.

The price covers all formal meals, accommodation in luxury rooms and transport as well as an official guide.

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There is also a special preferential rate offered for guests attending the garden tour wanting to arrive a day before the tour begins or an extra night after the tour comes to an end. Booking early is recommended.

Dormy House Sales and Marketing Manager Orazio Pollaci says of the decision to launch the tour: “it’s an exciting new opportunity being offered by the Dormy House, incorporating some of the most beautiful and picturesque gardens to be found in the country, just a stone’s throw away from our doorstep. There is plenty for other halves to enjoy too, with local walks and sightseeing either locally, or in the nearby historic conurbations of Cheltenham and Stratford”.

The tour also coincides with the launch of the newly built Garden Suite. The Garden Suite features under floor heating, scene setting lighting, free WiFi and has access to a garden area at the hotel. It has been designed in Scandinavian inspired neutral tones by hotel director Ingrid Philip-Sørensen.

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Notes for Editors

Dormy House is a four star, 45-bedroom country house hotel in private ownership. It prides itself on being utterly civilised, yet unstuffy with loyal staff and a fire in the hearth to welcome visitors all year round. Interiors comprise a mix of traditional and contemporary with a Danish touch coming through from the owners. Dormy is a member of the Pride of Britain consortium and Cotswold Finest Hotels. It has sister hotels in Denmark and additional conference facilities on the Willersey Estate.

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