



Paradise of Exiles - Anglo-American gardens of Florence

Visit the famous gardens of Florence with garden historian and author
Dr Katie Campbell

**Programme
1-6th May 2011**

Whether it is a single afternoon or a full six days, walking tours within the city, day trips to nearby hilltop villas or an extended coach trip around Tuscany, our garden visits can be tailored to your interests and your budget.

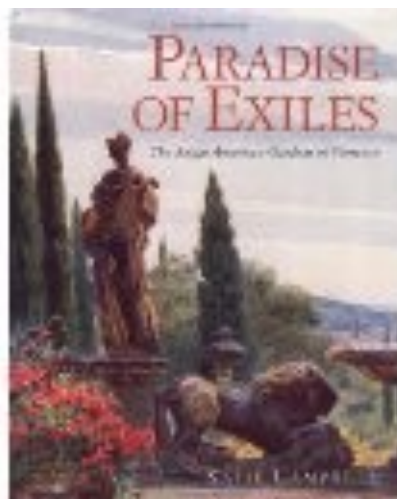
The week will include guided tours of public gardens such as **Bellosguardo, Boboli and Bardini** gardens; as well as tours of private villas such as **Il Pietra**, garden of the late historian Harold Acton, and **I Tatti**- home of the famous connoisseur Bernard Berenson.

We will visit **Villa Medici** the first purpose-built Humanist villa and **La Basse**. For contrast we will also see the exotic Mannerist garden of marvels **Pratolino**, created by Grand Duke Francesco de Medici in the late 16th century.

Visitors can also tour **La Foce**, home of the writer Iris Origo and the garden of **Palazzo Piccolomini** in **Pienza** two early twentieth century interpretations of the Humanist ideal, plus **Cetinale** with its scala santa, a steep staircase rising to a vertiginous hermitage, built by an amorous cardinal to expiate his many sins.

Wednesday 4 May 6 pm : Katie Campbell gives a talk at the British Institute Library on the Gardens and the gardeners of Florence followed by a glass of wine in the library and the opportunity to talk to other gardening enthusiasts

For further information on the tours please contact
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