

Hi Everyone

It's turning into a rather crazy week as, for all kinds of itinerary complications, I have only eight days between getting home from the Faroe Islands, Iceland and Greenland and leaving for Central Asia (where I will probably be when you are reading this).

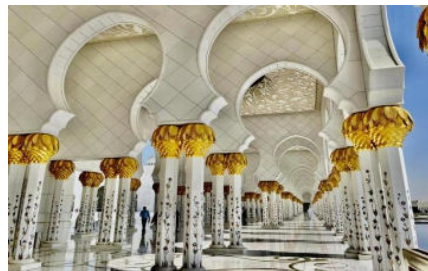
So, as a result this will be a much shorter newsletter than usual! Normal service will be resumed after I return from Central Asia in mid-September.

### Tour Updates

**Saudi Arabia and Abu Dhabi (20 March - 07 April 2026)** - we're very close to reaching the minimum numbers for this tour. This will be a great experience, a chance to see for ourselves what life in Saudi is like and also to travel there before traveller numbers increase, which they are sure to do.

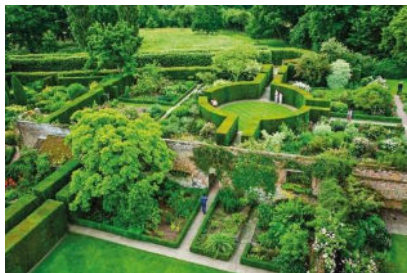
The operator who has organised this tour for me is a trusted friend who has organised tours for me to Iran, Central Asia and North Korea so I do have a lot of trust in his and his team's judgement about security and safety in Saudi. He has several tours heading to the kingdom over the next few months and reports that the situation is stable there and in the UAE.

So, if you haven't already requested an itinerary, do get in touch with me or Moray and then join me on what will be a fascinating journey of culture, landscapes, people and history.



**The Great Gardens of Southern England (02 -21 June 2026)** - [the itinerary for this wonderful tour is now available](#) and we're offering a substantial early bird discount if you book before 30 Sep 2025. Many world-renowned gardens are included in this tour, with introductory talks or tours included in almost all the visits, along with plenty of time to explore these stunning properties at your own pace.

There will be multi-night stays in country and centrally located town hotels which means a very relaxed travel pace!



**Uganda and Kenya (approx. 06 - 25 July 2026)** – the itinerary for this tour which includes once-in-a-lifetime chances to see gorillas, chimpanzees and the great migration across the Serengeti is being finalised and we hope to have it available for you in October.

**The Greek Islands by Land and Sea (18 September - 12 October 2026)** - the itinerary is now available and as with the Gardens tour we're offering a generous early bird discount for this tour if you book by 08 September 2025. The tour ends with a week-long privately chartered cruise of the Dodecanese Islands and two of the 11 cabins available are already booked. So, don't delay if you do want to join me on what is going to be a stunning tour of Athens, Naxos, Santorini and Crete along with the cruise.



**Japan in Autumn (approx. 21 November - 03 December 2026)** – the itinerary for this tour is being finalised and will be released either by the end of this year or early in 2026.

### Tour Report

#### **The Faroe Islands, Iceland and Greenland (July 21 to Aug 9, 2025)**



To say we were lucky with the weather for this tour would be an understatement! Yes, we did experience a few days of rain, but we also had many sunlit days in all three places, which is quite remarkable, especially in the Faroes where it usually rains three days out of four!

This was truly an epic adventure, as I estimate that it involved more flights and distance covered than any other tour I've ever led in over 20 years. Greenland is about as far from NZ, flight-wise, as anywhere else in the world.

But, wow, was it worth it. We were based for four nights in Ilulissat on the Greenland's western coast. Giant icebergs were constantly drifting past the town and we encountered a total of six humpback whales on two of our boat excursions. One was almost too close – the whale dived right under our boat!

I am so glad I got to take my travellers to Ilulissat before its runway extension is completed allowing jets to fly in. It's never going to be the same once that happens.

We circled Iceland, encountering geysers, boiling mud, glaciers, volcanic craters and moss fields, all in the company of our national guide, the one and only Soggi.

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The Faroes once again captured the imagination – a spectacular waterfall cascading over cliffs straight into the Atlantic, the steep slopes beside it home to nesting puffins that we visited just minutes after our arrival. That definitely set the tone for the tour!

But of course, don't take my word for it! Here is some of the feedback from tour members:

"A great trip to a beautiful part of the world. We got to see things that were unexpected, spectacular, and remarkable. A long way to travel but well worth it. Once again a big thanks to Jill for a fantastic trip and for looking after us so well".

"Another wonderful Jill Worrall tour - comfy beds, enjoyable tour members and great guides. From Puffins launching off cliffs to a magic roundabout in an undersea tunnel: to magnificent waterfalls and fantastical lava formations and flows; huge awe-inspiring glaciers creaking, groaning and booming as they calved to finally watching amazing Humpbacks feeding. A truly fantastic tour, thank you Jill."



And that's all for this month. Do get in touch if you want more information on any of my 2026 tours – they are all one-off experiences, so you don't want to miss out!

Very best wishes

Jill