



the Charterhouse

Chapel Court Gate Bed

The horticulture team created a new design to take advantage of the sheltered aspect of the Chapel Court Gate bed, located to the left of the Chapel Court gates (the main Visitor Centre entrance). Protected by an external wall of the Tudor mansion and the adjoining high, medieval chequered wall, this microclimate allowed the team to develop a planting scheme you might not expect to find in a London garden square.

The final design is high-drama and architectural, with colours that stand out against the historic backdrop. It relies on plants with large, oversized leaves, rich dark colours, especially oranges and reds, and unusual textures, bringing a true touch of the tropics to a corner of Clerkenwell. If you're passing by, keep an eye out for the large leaves of the South American Tree Daisy (*Podachaenium eminens*) and the bamboo-like stems of the Giant Reed (*Arundo donax*) that help create the distinctive character of this bed.

Plant list
<u>Amicia zygomeris</u>
<u>Aralia cordata var. sachalinensis</u>
<u>Arundo donax/var. Versicolor</u>
<u>Brassaiopsis dumicola</u>
<u>Canna indica 'Purpurea'</u>
<u>Catalpa erubescens 'Purpurea'</u>
<u>Clerodendrum bungei</u>
<u>Cobea scandens</u>
<u>Coleus argentatus</u>
<u>Colocasia 'Pink China'</u>

<u>Euphorbia mellifera</u>
<u>Euphorbia santamariae</u>
<u>Ficus carica 'Ice Crystal'</u>
<u>Geranium maderense</u>
<u>Lobelia tupa</u>
<u>Melianthus comosus</u>
<u>Miscanthus nepalensis</u>
<u>Persicaria virginiana var filiformis</u>
<u>Plectranthus ciliatus 'Nico'</u>
<u>Podachaenium eminens</u>
<u>Pseudopanax lessonii 'Gecko Gold'</u>
<u>Salvia 'Amistad'</u>
<u>Salvia dombeyi</u>
<u>Salvia 'Phyllis Fancy'</u>
<u>Strobilanthes mastersii</u>
<u>Sonchus fruticosus</u>
<u>Tagetes 'Cinnabar'</u>
<u>Tetrapanax papyrifer 'Rex'</u>
<u>Trochodendron aralioides</u>
<u>Zingiber mioga 'Crug's Zing'</u>