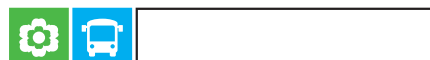


NEW ZEALAND NORTH ISLAND **GARDEN** TOUR



2020

GUARANTEED departure 29 October 2020



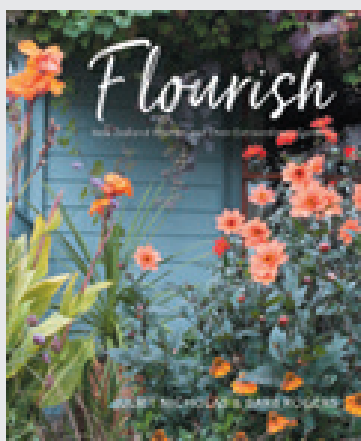
11 Day North Island Garden Tour



2020 GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
29 Oct - 8 Nov 2020

ALL INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE

Fully escorted tour includes airfares, taxes, transfers in NZ, modern coach travel, 4 star accommodation, most meals, sightseeing, attractions + **BONUS Garden Book**[#]



NO HIDDEN EXTRAS

GARDENS VISITED

- Ayrilies Garden and Wetlands*, Auckland
- Hamilton Gardens*, Hamilton
- Henley Hotel Private Garden, Cambridge
- Rotorua Government Gardens, Rotorua
- Private Garden Visits, Taranaki Garden Festival
- Cross Hills Rhododendron Garden, Kimbolton
- Wellington Botanic Gardens

PREPAID ATTRACTIONS

- Sculptureum Experience
- Te Wao Nui*, Auckland Zoo
- Hobbiton™ Movie Set Tour and Lunch
- Skyline Rotorua Gondola and Luge Ride
- Agrodome
- Thermal Mud Pools and Geysers*
- Tamaki Māori Experience
- Waitomo Glowworm Caves*
- Wellington Cable Car
- Te Papa, NZ's National Museum*
- City sights tour Auckland and Wellington

*Guided tour is included with 1 guide per 24 travellers.

TOURING

- Return airfares from your homeport
- Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- 48 seat modern coach travel, 2 door access, restroom, reclining seats and panoramic windows
- Professional Coach Captain and Tour Leader
- 10 nights 4 star accommodation
- 4 two night stays
- Hotel portage
- All sightseeing and prepaid attractions
- Comprehensive documentation pack
- **BONUS** Garden Book: *Flourish* - New Zealand women and their extraordinary gardens[#]

MEALS

- 10 cooked breakfasts including a specialty breakfast: Stratosfare Restaurant, Rotorua
- 8 sumptuous dinners including 1 specialty dinner: Māori Hāngi and Concert, Rotorua
- 2 lunches including a Shire's Buffet lunch, Hobbiton
- 1 delicious High Tea: Henley Hotel, Cambridge

Note: Dinner on Day 1 not included for anyone arriving later than 8pm.

ITINERARY

(B) Breakfast. (L) Lunch. (D) Dinner. (SD) Specialty Dinner.

1

Arrive Auckland (D)

On arrival into Auckland you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to your hotel.

Hotel Rydges Auckland (2 nights)

2

Auckland Sightseeing (B)

This morning enjoy the sights of Auckland, New Zealand's largest city. Travel to Matakana to visit Sculptureum, an internationally unique art experience. Enjoy time to wander through the Garden of Creative Diversity and view the hundreds of displayed works in the Galleries. This afternoon travel to the Auckland Zoo for a guided tour of Te Wao Nui, six stunning habitats showcasing the native fauna and flora of New Zealand. This evening is free to dine at leisure.

3

Auckland - Hamilton (B,D)

This morning travel to Ayrilies Garden and Wetlands, one of New Zealand's best-known gardens and a Garden of National Significance. It is characterized by sweeping lawns and informal

but detailed plantings by ponds & waterways. Use of colour is a hallmark of Ayrilies, seen best in the lurid border where 'hot' colours are used to great effect. This afternoon travel to Waikato's most visited attraction, the Hamilton Gardens. A guided tour of the themed gardens will transport you from the peaceful Sung Dynasty Chinese Scholar's garden to the Italian Renaissance garden followed by the grandeur of the Indian Char Bagh garden. Your guide will share the story of how the gardens were transformed from a rubbish dump into a Garden of International Significance.

Hotel Novotel Hamilton

4

Hamilton - Matamata - Rotorua (B,L,D)

Today travel to Cambridge to visit the private garden of the Henley Hotel, nestled on 29 acres of parkland and features a camelia lined oval lawn and lakeside pavilion. You will be treated to High Tea amongst the cherry blossoms (weather permitting). Continue through picturesque countryside to Hobbiton for a buffet lunch followed by a guided tour of the Hobbiton Movie Set. Travel to Rotorua for a walk through the Rotorua Government Gardens before arriving at your hotel.

Hotel Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua (Superior Room. 2 nights)



TOUR HIGHLIGHT

Taranaki Garden Festival

The Taranaki Garden Festival was established in 1987 and continues to delight people from all over the world by offering an intriguing mixture of both unique and stunning gardens, each with their own story to tell. The region's public gardens are festival gems, but it's the private gardens, open exclusively for the festival, that are a must see.



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Pukekura, located in the heart of New Plymouth, a Garden of National Significance; stunning lakeside pavilion at Henley Hotel private garden; at Hamilton Gardens explore the themed gardens.

5

Rotorua Sightseeing (B,SD)

Today begins with a gondola ride to the Stratosfare Restaurant where a buffet breakfast and spectacular views are on offer. There is also time for a luge ride! Next stop is Agrodome for an action-packed hour of farming entertainment and education that's unlike anything you've seen before. Travel to Te Puia for a tour of the boiling mud pools and awesome geysers that Rotorua is famous for. Enjoy some free time this afternoon before travelling to a Māori village for an interactive and educational experience that culminates with a cultural performance and traditional Hāngi feast.

6

Rotorua - Waitomo - New Plymouth (B,L,D) 🌸

Depart Rotorua and travel to Waitomo for a tour of the Glowworm Caves where tiny creatures radiate their luminescent light. Enjoy lunch in this native bushland setting before travelling to New Plymouth, home of the Taranaki Garden Festival. This afternoon will be spent visiting one of the festival gardens.

Hotel Copthorne New Plymouth (2 nights)

7

Taranaki Garden Festival (B,D) 🌸

Today you will visit a variety of impressive gardens all set around the legendary Mount Taranaki. You will marvel at the majestic array of botanicals on display at this premier garden event which attracts thousands of visitors from New Zealand and the world. A selection of small private gardens and larger public gardens have been chosen to showcase the unique planting and local gardener's will be on hand to share the history behind their garden.

8

New Plymouth - Palmerston North (B,D) 🌸

Before we depart the Taranaki region, we visit one final stunning festival garden before travelling onto Whanganui for a shortstop. This afternoon you will continue to Cross Hills Rhododendron Garden. Spanning 7 hectares, this park-like garden includes one of the world's finest collections of rhododendrons and azaleas, which will provide a dazzling colour display. Continue to Palmerston North for your overnight stay.

Hotel Copthorne Palmerston North

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Palmerston North - Wellington (B)

Travel to the nation's capital, Wellington. Ride the Wellington Cable Car, one of the city's most iconic attractions, to the Botanic Gardens. Enjoy time to view the protected native forest and colourful floral displays with stunning views over Wellington city. Join your coach for an extensive city tour which will highlight the history and culture on show here. This evening is free to dine at leisure.

Hotel InterContinental Hotel (Deluxe Room. 2 nights)

10

Wellington (B,D)

A highlight this morning will be time to explore Gallipoli: A Scale of War exhibition at Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum. Cutting edge technology brings these stories to life through the eyes of New Zealanders who found themselves in extraordinary circumstances. Enjoy time at leisure this afternoon. This evening enjoy a final dinner with your new-found friends.

11

Depart Wellington (B)

Having experienced some of the finest gardens in New Zealand, it is time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable holiday.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Enjoy the stunning views of Rotorua from the Skyline gondola ride; spend 2 nights in Auckland, a multi-cultural hub of food, wine, music, art and culture; enjoy a guided tour of the Hobbiton Movie Set.



“Every day was another enjoyable experience. We didn’t expect to see so much.”

- R. & S. J. - Past travellers



Kia ora Welcome to New Zealand

Grand Pacific Tours, the New Zealand Coach Holiday Specialist, is pleased to offer you the opportunity to travel to some of the North Island’s finest public and private gardens.

Nowhere in the world will you find such a diverse range of plant varieties, both native and exotic, so easily accessible to the visitor. Your tour includes visits to an array of unique North Island gardens, some given the prestigious title of either International or National Significant Garden, a title highly sought after. The highlight will be the private gardens of the Taranaki Garden Festival.

This tour provides a balanced mix of gardens and iconic New Zealand culture, sights and stunning scenery.

We look forward to welcoming you on the 11 Day North Island Garden Tour.

Peter Harding

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Managing Director

LEFT: Te Parapara Garden, located in the Hamilton Gardens, New Zealand’s only traditional Māori productive garden.