



Hidden Treasures TOURS

NORTH CAROLINA MASTER GARDENER TOUR OF NEW ZEALAND

MARCH 2019

Fri 1 WELCOME TO NEW ZEALAND

(D) Meet and greet upon arrival at Auckland International Airport and transfer to the hotel.

Check in is 2:00 PM so rooms may not be ready upon arrival. The hotel can store your luggage. In the meantime, we will visit **Ayrlies Garden**, one of the most celebrated private gardens in New Zealand.

A **welcome dinner** is included at the hotel's Fortuna Restaurant this evening.

Accommodation: Sky City Hotel

Premium Rooms - 2 nights

Includes Breakfast

Sat 2 AUCKLAND

(B) This morning your first stop will be to visit **Totara Waters Garden**, the private garden of Jocelyn Coyle. Afterwards visit the **Auckland Botanic Gardens** home to over 10,000 plant types. Here enjoy a **guided tour** for an insight to some of the species that are home here. On the way back to the hotel take a **sightseeing tour**

through central Auckland. Tonight is free for you to explore the local restaurants, cafes and bars. The tour host will always be available throughout the trip to dine with if you prefer dining with members of the group.

Sun 3 AUCKLAND – HAMILTON – ROTORUA

(B,D) From Auckland, break your journey in Hamilton with a visit to the impressive Hamilton Gardens. The unique theme of **Hamilton Gardens** is 'the story of gardens' which is explored through a series of five garden collections. The Paradise Garden Collection featuring gardens representing some of the most significant garden design traditions. The Productive Garden Collection representing different aspects of the relationship between people and plants. The Fantasy Garden Collection representing different forms of garden fantasy. The Cultivar Garden Collection featuring the story of plants selected and bred for the garden. The Landscape Garden Collection with areas representing the different historic interpretations of an idealized landscape.

From Hamilton continue to the thermal wonderland of Rotorua, the Sulphur City.

This evening you will be treated to a traditional **Hangi (feast) and Maori Concert**. You will be transferred from your hotel to visit Tamaki Maori Village for a Cultural Experience and Hangi Dinner. Experience the warmth of the Maori people during an evening of ceremonial rituals, powerful cultural performance, storytelling and hangi feasting. Enter the pre-European Maori village, witness the earth being scraped carefully away from the hangi pit and enter their ancestral Meeting House to relax as their family entertain you with a powerful cultural performance before dining on the traditional hangi buffet dinner (Maori feast) cooked the traditional Maori way in an earth oven.

Accommodation: Novotel Rotorua Lakeside

ROH Rooms - 2 nights

Includes Breakfast

Mon 4 ROTORUA

(B) Start the day with a guided walk through the **Government Gardens** taking in the buildings, battles and historic places of these magnificent grounds, followed by a visit to **Te Puia** – The New Zealand Maori Arts and Crafts Institute and Whakarewarewa Thermal Valley. Whilst in the valley see the boiling mud pools, steaming silica terraces, hot springs and geysers including the famous Pohutu Geyser which can erupt up to 30 metres high, depending on its mood. Visit the New Zealand Maori Arts and Crafts Institute where young Maori are learning the traditional carving and weaving skills of their ancestors. Travel out to the edge of The Redwoods Forest for a walk amongst the trees. The **Redwoods Treewalk** is a 553-m walkway that consists of a series of 23 suspension bridges traversing the gaps between 22 majestic 116-year-old Redwood trees. Dinner is at your own leisure tonight – perhaps try one of the restaurants on Rotorua’s “Eat Street”.

Tue 5 ROTORUA – AUCKLAND – DUNEDIN

(B) This morning we will move to the South Island of New Zealand, commencing with the “Edinburgh, Scotland of the South”, Dunedin.

The group will travel back to Auckland to take a **flight to Dunedin**, which is included in the tour price. Upon arrival visit the **Dunedin Botanic Garden** for a **guided tour**.

Following your garden visit you will have a brief city tour of Dunedin en route to your accommodation.

Dinner is at your own leisure tonight.

Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Dunedin City

Superior ROH Rooms – 2 nights

Includes Breakfast

Wed 6 DUNEDIN

(B,D) This morning enjoy a **self-guided tour of Larnach Castle** before enjoying a **guided tour of the 14 hectares of gardens and grounds**. Lunch will be available at the café at Larnach Castle (own cost). After lunch, the group will travel out to Taiaroa Heads on the Otago Peninsula to join **Natures Wonders for a Wildlife Tour**. Here, amidst truly spectacular scenery, the world's rarest penguins, Hoiho the yellow-eyed, Koroa the little blue penguins along with the New Zealand fur seals and the Stewart Island Shags all live in harmony. Tonight dine with a decidedly Scottish air enjoying the **Haggis presentation** and **dinner in the hotel**.

Thu 7 DUNEDIN – TE ANAU

(B) This morning depart the hotel and visit **Wylde Willows Garden**. Departing Dunedin, the group will traverse across the south island to Te Anau and to your accommodation. You will have a few hours of leisure this afternoon. The evening will provide the opportunity to carry out an optional excursion to view the Te Anau Glow worm Caves (cost not included in tour price), where you board a launch and travel across the lake to see the rushing underground water and glow worm grotto of Te Anau Caves.

Accommodation: Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas

ROH Rooms

Includes Breakfast

Fri 8 TE ANAU – DOUBTFUL SOUND

(B,L,D) This morning you will have a few hours of leisure time to explore Te Anau before departing to Manapouri for the **overnight cruise of Doubtful Sound deep in Fiordland National Park**.

This is an amazing experience as you will spend the night on board the Fiordland Navigator in the pristine, virtually untouched Doubtful Sound. You will want to pack a smaller bag for this overnight excursion and we will leave our main suitcases with the coach. The night time on the fjord can be quite chilly, so pack warm layers. Experience the “Sound of Silence” when the vessels engines are turned off for the night in a remote bay deep in the wilderness. Picnic box lunch included. You will have the opportunity to kayak – so plan to dress warmly for this overnight excursion. Dinner will be served on board.

Accommodation: Navigator– Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise

En- suite Cabin

Sat 9 DOUBTFUL SOUND - QUEENSTOWN

(B) Enjoy an incredible morning waking up deep in Fiordland National Park. Breakfast will be on board. Return to the dock at Deep Cove to retrace your steps back to Manapouri, where you will reboard your coach for the trip to Queenstown. This afternoon you will have free time to explore Queenstown and enjoy dinner on your own at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Millennium Queenstown

Superior Rooms – 2 nights

Includes Breakfast

Sun 10 QUEENSTOWN

(B,D) Today visit the private home and gardens of celebrated artist, DaVella Gore, The **Stoneridge Chapel and Water Garden**. From here you will visit historic Arrowtown - a quaint town with plenty of shops and historic remains from the Gold Rush days.

Next visit **Gibbston Valley Winery**, famous for New Zealand’s largest and most innovative wine cave. **Wine tasting is included** and lunch is at your own expense.

This evening cruise across Lake Wakatipu on the steamer **TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak Station** to dine at the Colonel’s Homestead.

Mon 11 QUEENSTOWN – LAKE TEKAPO

(B,D) Today depart Queenstown and travel north over Lindis Pass into the Mackenzie Country. Here you pass along the shores of Lake Pukaki to Mt Cook Village in the heart of the South Alps – and home to New Zealand’s tallest peak – Aoraki Mt Cook. Time here for a helicopter ride (extra cost) – or just take time to sit, breathe in the clear alpine air and wonder at the spectacular scenery. Continue on to the shores of the stunning, glacier-fed Lake Tekapo and your accommodation for tonight. Dinner in the hotel restaurant.

This evening you may wish to join a star gazing experience and wonder at the dazzling beauty of millions of stars in some of the clearest, darkest night skies in the world! The second half of the star gazing tour takes place in a 38-degree hot pool; relax on a floating hammock and feel like you're soaking in the stars as you explore the wonder of night skies (star gazing experience additional cost).

Accommodation: Peppers Bluewater Resort

One-Bedroom Mountain View Suite – 1 night

Includes Breakfast

Tue 12 LAKE TEKAPO – CHRISTCHURCH

(B) Leaving Lake Tekapo make a stop at the very scenic Church of the Good Shepherd and the statue of the Collie dog then head north to visit some of the local gardens around Ashburton and Longbeach. Your first visit is **Akaunui**, the delightful garden of Diana and Ian Mackenzie, followed by a visit to the famous **Trott's Garden**. Depart Ashburton early afternoon and travel north to Christchurch stopping en route to visit **Suzette Gardens** in Rakaia. Tonight is free for you to explore the local restaurants, cafes and bars in Christchurch.

Accommodation: Distinction Christchurch

Standard Rooms – 2 nights

Includes Breakfast

Wed 13 CHRISTCHURCH

(B,D) This morning visit **Ohinetahi**, the famous private garden of Sir Miles Warren located on Banks Peninsula. Then continue on to Akaroa and see the **Giants House**, an historic Akaroa house with terraced gardens. Time to wander about the French settlement of Akaroa. Returning to Christchurch the group will visit the **Botanic Gardens**. Tonight enjoy your farewell dinner at **Curators House in the Botanic Garden**.

Thurs 14 DEPARTURE

(B) Sadly, all great trips must come to an end. Flights should be arranged back to the States departing from Christchurch. We are happy to arrange optional excursions for anyone interested. Safe travels home!

PRICING

\$6,585 per person based on double occupancy

+\$1,750 single supplement

INCLUDED

- Meet & Greet at Auckland Airport (one group transfer – private transfers can be arranged for an additional fee)
- 12 nights accommodation
- 1 night on board Navigator– Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise
- Baggage assistance at each hotel
- All Tour Admissions as per itinerary
- One way economy class air fare Auckland to Dunedin is included
- Cooked Breakfasts (B), Lunches (L), and Dinners (D) where indicated on the itinerary – unless otherwise stated Breakfasts and Dinners will be provided at your touring accommodation.
- Private Coach Charter in modern air conditioned coach with English speaking driver/guide

NOT INCLUDED

- Any necessary flights to/from New Zealand or within New Zealand (unless specified)
- Any applicable airline surcharges or airport departure taxes.
- Use of hotel rooms before/after normal check in/out times or pre-registration
- Any services not mentioned in the itinerary
- Any optional, suggested or recommended excursions.
- Any other meals/alcoholic drinks not specified in the itinerary.
- Morning and afternoon teas are not included unless specified.
- Travel insurance is not included, but is highly recommended for all travelling passengers
- Gratuities and items of a personal nature, such as medical or hospital expenses, mini bar, beverages, hotel portorage, laundry service, room service, internet usage and telephone calls.
- Any further Government taxes or duties that may be introduced.

Hidden Treasures Tours Registration Form
NC MG Tour of New Zealand 2019

Please record name EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT and attach a photocopy to this registration form.

TRAVELER 1

Name _____

Passport # _____ Passport Exp. Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home and/or cell) _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact Name and Phone _____

TRAVELER 2

Name _____

Passport # _____ Passport Exp. Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home and/or cell) _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact Name and Phone _____

ROOM ARRANGEMENTS

- Single Room (*Single supplement fee will apply*)
- Double Room (Roommate: _____)
Single supplement fee will apply if you do not list a roommate and we are unable to match you.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS***

Please mark your preferred travel arrangements:

___ I will make my own airline reservation/arrangements

___ I would like Hidden Treasures Tours to arrange airline reservations from the following airport and bill me for the airfare. Departure Airport: _____

OPTIONAL BOOKINGS:

Yes, please book additional nights at the arrival hotel prior to the start of the tour
___ # of additional nights

Yes, please book additional nights at the departure hotel at the conclusion of the tour
___ # of additional nights

Please contact me to make other custom arrangements

PAYMENT INFORMATION (deposit \$1,000 per person – will not be cashed/charged until trip is confirmed)

If paying by check: make payable to *Hidden Treasures Tours, L.L.C.*

Amount \$ _____ check no. _____

If paying by credit card we will assess an additional 3.5% surcharge

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Amount to be charged \$ _____ 3-digit security code from back of the card _____

Signature _____

Final payment is due 90 days prior to trip departure. A full refund will be given up to 90 days prior to the departure date, minus a \$250 administrative fee. There are no refunds within 90 days of trip departure as all invoices have been paid in full at this time on a non-refundable group rate basis.

*****Hidden Treasures Tours reserves the right to make necessary changes to the itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances. A minimum number of spots are required for the tour to be viable. Please do not book flights until tour is confirmed. This trip is custom designed and very inclusive with no hidden costs. Mail this form and direct inquiries to:**

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