



Kiwi Travel & Tours

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2009

TARANAKI RHODODENDRON & GARDEN FESTIVAL TOUR

Day # 1 AUCKLAND – TARANAKI

Morning pickup from departure points and travel south from Auckland to the Waikato. Our first stop for morning tea will be at the Hamilton Gardens. Here you can enjoy the gardens, stretch your legs and enjoy your morning tea (own cost). From here we continue south to Te Kuiti, where we will stop for lunch. (Lunch by own arrangement).

Following lunch we travel out to the coast to Mokau before following the west coast to New Plymouth.

Upon arrival at New Plymouth you will be able to check-in at our accommodation and then have some time at leisure.

Dinner

OPTIONAL: Enjoy an evening show by 'The Topp Twins'. This includes supper. Cost \$75 (plus service fee & transport).

Day # 2

Breakfast.

This morning following breakfast we will firstly visit Tupare Gardens.



Tupare is a stunning landscaped garden in the English tradition. It truly reflects its Maori name which means 'garland of flowers'. This hillside heritage house & garden was established in 1932 by Sir Russell & Lady Matthews.

The arts & crafts inspired property features a magical Chapman-Taylor designed house. Beyond the house a working potager, domestic glasshouse and cottage lawn borders reflect Lady Matthews' legacy. Her husband Sir Russell however, was a keen follower of fashion. The plants used today are chosen with that in mind. There are walks past vibrant plant beds and majestic trees leading to vistas of the house, surrounding river valley and of course Mount Taranaki.

From Tupare we will stop for lunch (Lunch by own arrangement). After lunch we will next visit Duncan & Davies Nurseries.

Stepping Stones/Duncan & Davies Guided Tour

Experience a rare opportunity to view the inner workings of one of New Zealand's largest export production tree nurseries. The owners of the Stepping Stones and Duncan & Davies Nurseries invite you on a guided tour via van of their large nursery where you will view production fields of Japanese Maples, Magnolias and Hamamelis. Gain an insight into growing trees on a commercial scale and the strict quality control processes required to gain entry into export markets. This is a unique tour that should not be missed.

After we leave Duncan & Davies we will return to our accommodation. Have a chance for a freshen up before dinner and then it's off again. Tonight, you will join everyone at the daily NZMCA Taranaki Area Rhododendron Festival Rally. Here you will have a chance to mix and mingle with everyone else attending the festival. Following this we travel back to our accommodation for the night.



\$949.00pp

*TWIN SHARE
ACCOMMODATION*


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- 4 nights Accommodation
- All breakfasts as shown
- All dinners as shown
- Activities as shown
- Tours as shown
- Support and Assistance as required



Day # 3

Breakfast.

Following breakfast today we will travel firstly to Pukekura Park. 

Pukekura Park has a large collection of both native & exotic trees including rhododendrons. It will take you hours to explore the entire park & discover its many hidden gardens. A must see is the Fernery & Display houses, carved out 80 years ago they consist of a series of "rooms" connected by tunnels, leading to a new space full with beautiful display plants. Morning tea at Pukekura Park by own arrangement.

Next stop will be for lunch. (Lunch by own arrangement).

From lunch we are off to Te Kainga Mariri.

Te Kainga Marire is the only private native garden sanctuary in New Zealand to be rated as a Garden of International Significance. Te Kainga Marire's (translated 'peaceful encampment') point of difference lies in the natural plant associations that evoke a feeling of the real New Zealand. This native plant paradise was developed in 1972 from clay wasteland. Keen outdoor adventurers, the owners wanted a bird friendly garden designed around the ecological groupings they had observed in the wild. New Zealand native grasses, climbers, herbaceous plants, shrubs & trees have been carefully nurtured around rustic fences, a pond, a colonial bush hut & cool fern filled whare. Shy Tui now regularly fly into the garden to feed. Enjoy a guided 'Interactive Sensory Experience' tour with the knowledgeable owners. Affordable, reviving tea, coffee, muffins & cakes available.

This garden features in the prestigious BBC documentary Around the World in 80 Gardens.


From here we travel back to our accommodation for the evening.
Dinner.

Day # 4

Breakfast at Hotel.

This morning its off to the Farmers Markets at Hollards. 

During the Festival come and experience a genuine Farmers Market. Enjoy a wide range of fresh local produce in delightful surroundings. There will also be a range of complementary craft stalls music and refreshments on offer.

Following the markets we are off to Waddington Gardens. 

Developed since 2003 from farmland, this spacious 1/2 acre section incorporates a sweeping lawn bordered by a peaceful & romantic garden including mature trees & formal & informal areas. Come & enjoy wandering around this garden.

Lunch by own arrangement.

Following lunch we next visit Kenyon Gardens. 

May and Geoff's knowledge of plants, colour combinations & design is evident in this large 3/4 acre town garden. Vireyas, rare & unusual plants are a feature as is the substantial vegetable garden with espaliered fruit trees which is as attractive as it is productive. This extensive garden also includes a walkway through maturing native plantings. An inspirational garden to enjoy.

After we leave Kenyon Gardens we will return to our accommodation. Have a

chance for a freshen up before dinner and then it's off again. Tonight, you will join everyone at the daily NZMCA Taranaki Area Rhododendron Festival Rally. Here is your final chance to mix and mingle with everyone else who has attended the festival. Following this we travel back to our accommodation for the night.

Day # 5

Breakfast

Following breakfast it is time to pack our bags and to board the bus for our journey north. We will stop at Cambridge for some free time and lunch on the way. From Cambridge it is then on to Auckland and home.

TOUR ENDS

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

- **4 Nights twin share accommodation**
- **Single supplement \$289.00.**
- **Daily breakfast as shown on itinerary**
- **Daily evening dinners as shown on itinerary**
- **Activities as shown on itinerary. Activities may be substituted subject to weather and availability.**

PLEASE REMEMBER

IMPORTANT NOTES

Conditions: Full conditions are available at our website.

Assistance: there may be steps on and off of vehicles. Staff are there to assist but not to lift persons. Only light-weight electric mobility (up to 30 kg) can be accommodated. Kiwi Travel and Tours Ltd MUST be advised at the time of booking, of required mobility aides.

Standard check-in time is 3.00pm. You may not be able to access your room until this time. Luggage will be securely stored until then.

Please Note: When checking into your accommodation it is standard practice for the accommodation house to take an imprint of the guest's credit card. This is to cover payment of any extras e.g. room service, food and beverage expenses, telephone etc.

The hotel will not utilize the credit card imprint without the guest's knowledge or signature unless these additional charges are not settled on check out. If a credit card is not available, it is then standard practice to ask for an AUS\$100 refundable cash deposit against these expenses which can then be used to settle the account upon check out.

The team at **KIWI TRAVEL AND TOURS LTD** wish you a very pleasant journey.