

Gardens, Wines and Fjords of New Zealand

**February 23 –
March 11, 2010**

Join us as we venture down under for some of the most magnificent scenery and gardens in the world. New Zealand is a remarkable country with fantastic gardens and an exceptionally diverse terrain, from beautiful ocean vistas to steep mountains to volcanic mud pots. With many of your most beloved plants being bred and introduced into the New World from New Zealand, how can this garden tour be anything but marvelous!! We will have the memorable once in a lifetime opportunity to spend one night on a boat on Doubtful Sound, one of the most pristine fjords in New Zealand. Join us, you will talk about this trip for years to come!



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The Itinerary

Tuesday, February 23, 2010 - Depart Los Angeles, USA

Wednesday, February 24 – En route to Auckland

As we cross the International Date Line we lose a day travelling “Down-Under.”

Thursday, February 25 – Arrive Auckland D

Welcome to New Zealand! Early morning meet and greet on arrival at Auckland International Airport by your Tour Manager/Driver. You will be transferred to your hotel where rooms have been reserved overnight for your early check in. This afternoon we enjoy a tour of the highlights of Auckland, the City of Sails. We also visit nearby Eden garden.

Friday, February 26 – Auckland B

This morning we travel North of the city to see Muriwai, one of Auckland’s popular surf beaches stopping to view Gannets nesting on the cliff tops. Here we visit stunning Totara Waters garden and stop at Coopers Creek Winery. We will stop for lunch stop at Carriages Café (own expense). We then visit the famous Ayrliès country garden, one of the most celebrated gardens in New Zealand. Tonight is free for you to explore the local restaurants, cafes and bars.

Saturday, February 27 – Auckland B

This morning we board a ferry for the journey across the Waitemata harbour to the island of Waiheke. Here we enjoy a tour of local gardens and the boutique vineyards that give the island its unique character. Tonight is free for you to explore the local restaurants, cafes and bars.

Sunday, February 28 – Auckland to Dunedin B, D

This morning we visit the Auckland Botanic Gardens home to over 10,000 plant types. Later we join our flight to the Edinburgh of the South – Dunedin. This evening we stay at the Lodge, a recreated colonial farm building set in 35 acres of award winning gardens and grounds at Larnach Castle.

Monday, March 1 – Dunedin B, D

This morning we have a guided tour of the castle and 14 hectares of grounds. Then we journey to Natures Wonders for a wildlife tour. Here, amidst truly spectacular scenery, the world’s rarest penguins, Hoiho the yellow-eyed, the little blue penguins, the New Zealand fur seals and the Stewart Island Shags all live in harmony. Tonight we dine with a decidedly Scottish air enjoying the Haggis presentation and dinner.

Tuesday, March 2 – Dunedin B, D

Today we visit Glenfalloch Gardens with its woodland display of many varieties of fuchsia. Doves flutter in the trees and peacocks roam free. The original homestead of 1871 still stands. After, we take a tour of Dunedin Botanical Gardens before visiting the historic Olveston House.

Wednesday, March 3 – Dunedin to Queenstown B, D

This morning we depart Dunedin traveling to the incredible private garden, Maple Glen Garden. We then traverse across the south island to Queenstown and our accommodation.

Thursday, March 4 – Queenstown to Doubtful Sound B, D

Today we have a longer journey into the mountains for our overnight cruise of Doubtful Sound deep in Fjordland National Park. Experience the “Sound of Silence” when the vessels engines are turned off for the night in a remote bay deep in the wilderness. We will have the opportunity to kayak – so plan to dress warm for this excursion. It is an unforgettable experience that previous tour participants always claim as absolutely breathtaking and a lifetime memory!!

Friday, March 5 – Queenstown B

This morning returning to the dock at Deep Cove we retrace our steps and reboard our coach for the trip to Queenstown. This afternoon is at leisure. Tonight is free for you to explore the local restaurants, cafes and bars.

Saturday, March 6 – Queenstown **B, D**

Today is completely at your leisure to enjoy local activities of your choosing. This evening we take a cruise across Lake Wakatipu on the steamer TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak Station to dine at the Colonel's Homestead.

Sunday, March 7 – Queenstown **B, D**

Today we visit historic Arrowtown - a quaint town with plenty of shops and historic remains from the Gold Rush days. Here we visit Stoneridge Chapel and Water Garden for a guided tour. Next we visit Gibbston Valley Winery for a wine tasting and cave tour where you travel 76 meters into New Zealand's largest and most innovative wine cave. This evening we will ride on the Gondola up to Bob's Peak for dinner, which overlooks Lake Wakatipu and the impressive Remarkables Mountain Range.

Monday, March 8 – Queenstown to Tekapo
B, D

We will have a leisurely start to the day before we head north over the Lindis Pass to travel the vast Mackenzie Basin, to Lake Tekapo and the Church of the Good Shepherd and the statue of the Collie dog.

Tuesday, March 9 – Tekapo to Christchurch **B**

This morning we travel across the Canterbury Plains into Christchurch. This afternoon is at your leisure.



Wednesday, March 10 – Christchurch **B, D**

This morning we enjoy the sights of Christchurch, known as the 'Garden City'. We will walk through the elegant Mona Vale, a historic Victorian homestead surrounded by English style gardens. This afternoon we visit Gethsemane Gardens, a biblical garden with an ocean view. We then travel over the port hills to one of New Zealand's most celebrated gardens, Ohinetahi, the private garden of Sir Miles Warren. Tonight we enjoy a private farewell dinner at the Curators Cottage in the Christchurch Botanical Garden.

Thursday, March 11 – Christchurch - USA **B**

Our last morning in New Zealand today we board our homeward flight. Crossing the dateline we arrive back in the United States on the same day.



TRIP COST AND CONDITIONS

This trip has been organized by Hidden Treasures Botanical Tours, L.L.C., which reserves the right to make necessary changes to the itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances.

Land-only package price \$4,550
(based upon double occupancy)**
Single occupancy price..... \$6,200

(** If you cannot secure a roommate, you will be responsible for single occupancy price)

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- * private transportation with driver and air-conditioning
- * entrance fees pertinent to itinerary
- * all lodging and taxes as specified above
- * breakfast (B), lunch (L), and dinner (D) where indicated on the itinerary

TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- * Round trip airfare
- * New Zealand airfare from North Island to South Island
- * airport departure tax (USD\$25.00 per person)
- * optional tours



Registration Form

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Departure February 23, 2010

Passenger Information

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Name as on passport _____

Passport # _____

Passport Exp. Date _____

Name as on passport _____

Passport # _____

Passport Exp. Date _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone (home and or cell) _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact Name and Phone _____

Please mark your preferred travel arrangements (group airfare will be offered with Los Angeles as departure)

_____ I will make my own airline reservation/arrangements

_____ I would like to be included for group airfare from Los Angeles

Payment Information (deposit \$1,000 per person)

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

If paying by credit card (we can accept only VISA or Mastercard)

Credit Card Number _____

Exp. Date _____

Amount to be charged _____

Three digit security code from back of the card _____

REFUND SCHEDULE

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 airfare is booked at that time, and hotel non-refundable deposits have been paid.

We highly recommend trip insurance, which includes cancellation and trip delay coverage, as well as baggage and medical coverage. Most trip insurance policies waive pre-existing conditions if you sign up for trip insurance within 15 days of sending in this registration form and paying your initial trip deposit.

Upon registration, we will send a Terms and Conditions document for specific refund schedule.

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