



Inspiring Gardens and Scenery of New Zealand

February 2-15, 2012

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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Hidden Treasures
BOTANICAL TOURS

Tour Itinerary

Day 1, February 2, 2012 – Depart Los Angeles, USA

Day 2, February 3, 2012 – En route to Auckland

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

Day 3, February 4, 2012 – Arrive Auckland

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Welcome to New Zealand! Early morning meet and greet** on arrival at Auckland International Airport by your Tour Manager/Driver. We will board our coach and travel through Auckland including a visit to the stunning Totara Waters garden. After, we will stop at Carriage Café for a bite to eat and coffee. You will then be transferred to your hotel where the rest of the afternoon and tonight is at leisure in Auckland and you can explore the local restaurants, cafes and bars. Lodging: Rendezvous Hotel, 2 nights



**If making your own flight

arrangements – plan to arrive Auckland International Airport by 8:00 a.m. Air New Zealand offers two flights daily from LAX with approximate arrival times of 5:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. If this is not possible with the airline carrier you choose, you will need to cover your own transportation to the hotel.

PLEASE NOTE: Departure at the end of the trip will be from Christchurch International Airport

Day 4, February 5, 2012 – Auckland

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This morning we have a private visit of the famous Ayrilies country garden, one of the most celebrated gardens in New Zealand. Then we visit the Auckland Botanic Gardens home to over 10,000 plant types. On the way back to the hotel we take a sightseeing tour through central Auckland. Tonight is free for you to explore the local restaurants, cafes and bars.

Day 5, February 6, 2012 – Auckland to Dunedin

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This morning we join our flight to the Edinburgh of the South – Dunedin. On arrival we visit the Dunedin Botanic Garden. From here we will have a brief city tour of Dunedin en route to our accommodation. For the next three nights we stay at the Lodge, a recreated colonial farm building set in 35 acres of award winning gardens and grounds at Larnach Castle. We will dine at Larnach Castle this evening.

Lodging: Larnach Castle Lodge, 2 nights

Day 6, February 7, 2012 – Dunedin

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This morning we can tour the castle before we have our guided tour of the 14 hectares of gardens and grounds. Following lunch, we have a tour 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. We dine again this evening in the castle.

Day 7, February 8, 2012 – Dunedin to Te Anau

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This morning we will visit Wylde Willows Garden before we depart Dunedin traversing across the south island to Te Anau and our accommodation. This evening you will have 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.



Lodging: Te Anau Hotels and Villas

Day 8, February 9, 2012 – Te Anau to Doubtful Sound

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A relaxed start to the day before we prepare for afternoon departure 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 overnight excursion.

Lodging: Real Journeys – Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise

Day 9, February 10, 2012 – Queenstown

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This morning we return to the dock at Deep Cove to retrace our steps and reboard our coach for the trip to Queenstown. This afternoon and evening is at leisure to explore Queenstown.

Lodging: Copthorne Hotel Lakefront, 2 nights

Day 10, February 11, 2012 – Queenstown

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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 lunch (own expense) and a wine tasting into New Zealand's largest and most innovative wine cave. The rest of the day is at leisure. 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.

Day 11, February 12, 2012 – Queenstown to Christchurch

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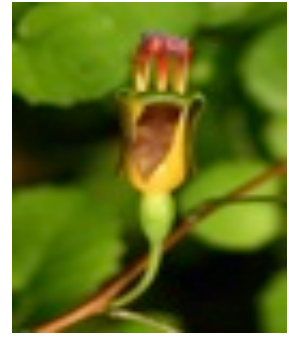
Today we depart Queenstown to Lake Tekapo and the Church of the Good Shepherd and the statue of the Collie dog. Then we travel through the vast Mackenzie Basin, over Burke's pass, and across the Canterbury Plains into Christchurch.

Lodging: Chateau on the Park, 3 nights

Day 12, February 13, 2012 – Christchurch

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Today is a full day of leisure in Christchurch to explore or consider optional tours (cost of optional tours not included in tour price). We will be happy to make arrangements for optional tours such as the Antarctic Museum. Maybe take a full day tour to Arthur's Pass, including a scenic train journey on the Tranz Alpine Train and a hike in the Arthur's Pass National Park. Or you might consider a full day tour to Kaikoura to enjoy a whale watching cruise. Another option might be to take a trip out to the stunning Banks Peninsula, where you will find the quaint town of Akaroa. Enjoy meandering through the many craft shops and galleries, go on a relaxing harbor cruise, or just take in the peaceful French background, combined with the harbor-side setting. You will be provided with an optional touring booklet which will have plenty of options for you to choose from.



The status of the Christchurch Botanic Garden is unknown due to the earthquakes that plague the city central. We will lodge at a distance from the earthquake ravaged area in the central city. Tonight is free for you to explore the local restaurants, cafes and bars.

Day 13, February 14, 2012 – Private Gardens of Ashburton B, D

Today we visit some of the local gardens around Ashburton and Longbeach, in the outskirts of Christchurch. This morning we visit the famous Trott's Garden. Next we will visit another well known garden, Stonehaven Garden. In the afternoon we visit the delightful garden of Diane and Ian Mackenzie, Akaunui Garden. We then return to Christchurch to enjoy our farewell dinner.

Day 14, February 15, 2012 – Christchurch

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Our last morning in New Zealand today we board our homeward flight. **Your international airfare arrangements should include departure from Christchurch Airport, via Auckland, back to Los Angeles. Crossing the dateline we arrive back in the United States on the same day.



TOUR COST AND CONDITIONS

This tour 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. This tour is very inclusive – no hidden costs. We have included a very detailed itinerary that is unique and custom designed specifically for your group. It is an incredible tour with very unique opportunities to see the wonders of New Zealand while enjoying fabulous gardens.

Land-only tour price per double occupancy \$4,995

Land-only tour price per single occupancy* \$6,295

We need a minimum number of 10 tour participants for this tour to be viable. Please do not arrange airfare until Hidden Treasures Botanical Tours has notified you that the trip is fully viable.

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



Included in the price

- Four star hotel accommodations and taxes on bed and breakfast basis
- Flight from North Island to South Island
- Comfortable coaching throughout in modern air conditioned coach
- Services of professional tour driver/manager throughout
- Entrance fees pertinent to the itinerary
- Portage of one piece of luggage at all hotels
- Breakfast (B), lunch (L) and dinner (D) where indicated on the itinerary
- Overnight cruise on Doubtful Sound in Fjordland National Park

NOT included in the price

- ROUND TRIP AIRFARE TO AND FROM NEW ZEALAND (arrival Auckland, departure Christchurch)
- Tips for driver/guide (customary to tip \$5 per day per person)
- Airport departure tax (currently USD \$25.00 per person)
- Optional tours

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.

TOUR HOSTS



David Whiting and Jeffrey de Jong are delighted to be your hosts to the newest country on earth, New Zealand. With careers in horticulture and a love for nature, leading a trip to New Zealand is their idea of the perfect holiday. They enjoyed taking a group to New Zealand last year and lead an annual trip to Victoria, British Columbia ... thus, David and Jeffrey have a faithful following that know them as entertaining and knowledgeable guides. Join this group and take a trip of a lifetime!! See you there David and Jeff

Registration Form

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Passenger Information

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport and attach a copy to this registration form. Passport photocopy may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Name as on passport _____ Name as on passport _____

Passport # _____ Passport # _____

Passport Exp. Date _____ Passport Exp. Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home and or cell) _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact Name and Phone _____

Please mark your preferred travel arrangements

_____ I will make my own airline reservation/arrangements

(arrive Auckland International Airport, depart Christchurch International Airport)

_____ I would like Hidden Treasures Botanical Tours to arrange airline reservations from Los Angeles to New Zealand

Double Occupancy Standard (tour price \$4,995) _____

Single Occupancy (tour price \$6,295)** _____

** (cannot be guaranteed, and if none available, you will be responsible for single supplement)

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

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

Amount \$ _____ check no. _____

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 _____

**Final payment by credit card will have an additional 3% surcharge

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