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**Day 1 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009**  
**LOS ANGELES DEPARTING U.S.A**

**Day 2 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2009**  
**EN ROUTE TO AUCKLAND**

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

**Day 3 Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**ARRIVE AUCKLAND (D)**

Welcome to New Zealand! **Meet and greet on arrival at Auckland International Airport** by a Leisure Time Tours representative. This afternoon we travel North of the city to see **Muriwai** one of Auckland's popular surf beaches stopping to **view Gannets nesting on the clifftops**. Here we visit stunning **Totara Waters garden** and stop at **Coopers Creek Winery** which since humble beginnings has matured over the years with the landscaping of the gardens, positioning it as one of the most picturesque settings in the region. Later, we enjoy a **tour of the highlights of Auckland**, the City of Sails, exploring the lively waterfront area and the base of New Zealand's America's Cup Challenge. Enjoy the relaxing views along Tamaki Drive, which runs east past peaceful sheltered bays to Auckland's most expensive real estate as well as a stop at **Mt Eden to see spectacular 360 degree views of the city**. This evening we take the **ferry across the Harbour to Devonport for dinner**.

**Day 4 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**AUCKLAND – ROTORUA (BD)**

Before leaving the city we stop at **Auckland Botanic Gardens** home to over 10,000 plant types. We then visit **Ayrlies country garden**. Our guide will take us through this garden set on 12 Acres and featuring climbing roses, clematis, wisteria and Petra volubilis, the Mexican sandpaper vine, soften the archways, pillars and garden structures. Later this morning we travel to the thermal wonderland of Rotorua, the Sulphur City. Rotorua has the most energetic thermal activity in the country with bubbling mud pools, gushing geysers, beautiful coloured hot springs and terrace formations created by mineral water. Rotorua also has a large Maori population whose cultural activities are interesting and accessible as will be witnessed this evening. **Tonight we will be treated to a traditional Hangi (feast) and Maori concert**.

**Day 5 Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**ROTORUA – DUNEDIN (B)**

This morning **we visit Rainbow Springs, specialising in New Zealand flora and fauna including Kiwi Tuatara Rainbow & Brown Trout**. Then we **visit Te Puia – The New Zealand Maori Arts and Crafts Institute and Whakarewarewa Thermal Valley featuring the famous Pohutu Geyser**. This afternoon we board our flight to Dunedin in the South Island.

**Day 6 Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**DUNEDIN**

**(B)**

This morning we have an optional tour of **Dunedin Botanical Gardens** before heading out along the Otago peninsula to visit **Larnach Castle** for a guided tour of the 14 hectares of grounds. After lunch 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. On our return if time permits we stop at **Glenfalloch Gardens** with its display of azaleas, rhododendrons, and many varieties of fuchsia. Doves flutter in the trees and peacocks roam free. The original homestead of 1871 still stands.

**Day 7 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**DUNEDIN - TE ANAU**

**(BL)**

Departing Dunedin we travel to Roxburgh to **visit Avenel Station** for a guided tour viewing the gardens and see deer farming before continuing through Gore and on to Lumsden through some of the most populated sheep country in New Zealand, continuing to **Lake Te Anau** and our accommodation. This evening we board a launch and travel across the lake to see the rushing underground water and **glow worm grotto of Te Anau Caves**

**Day 8 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**TE ANAU – DOUBTFUL SOUND – QUEENSTOWN (BL)**

This morning we travel to **Lake Manapouri** where we take a **cruise from Pearl Harbour to the West Arm Underground Power Station**. After visiting the Power Station we board another vessel for a **cruise of Doubtful Sound** viewing excellent waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife. Of particular interest are a resident pod of Bottlenose Dolphins and a colony of Fur Seals. On return, the vessels engines will be turned off to experience the "Sound of Silence", returning to Pearl Harbour via the Wilmot Pass and Lake Manapouri. We then reboard our coach for the trip to Queenstown.

**Day 9 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**QUEENSTOWN**

**(B)**

This morning is at leisure in Queenstown the tourism capital of New Zealand. This afternoon **we take a cruise across Lake Wakatipu on the steamer TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak Station to gain a fascinating insight into New Zealand high country farming life.**

**Day 10 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**QUEENSTOWN**

**(BD)**

**Today is at leisure.** Visit the Remarkable's or Coronet Peak. Experience the thrill of a jet-boat ride along the Shotover or Kawerau Rivers. Perhaps a scenic 4 wheel drive excursion through Skippers Canyon, or a tour to Glenorchy to visit Lord of the Rings movie sites, or maybe just browse in the many shops and galleries - it's up to you. **This evening we will ride on the Gondola up to Bob's Peak, which overlooks Lake Wakatipu and the impressive Remarkables Mountain Range, for Dinner.**

**Day 11 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**QUEENSTOWN – MT COOK**

**(BD)**

A day for spectacular sights. This morning we visit **historic Arrowtown** - a quaint town away from the hustle and bustle with plenty of shops and historic remains from the Gold Rush days. Here we visit **Rosedale 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 the Central Otago hillside into New Zealand's largest and most innovative wine cave. The rocky schist walls within the cave are lined with barrels of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay still reaching their prime. We then head north over the Lindis Pass to skirt the shore of Lake Pukaki to **Mount Cook, New Zealand's highest mountain**. Time is available to enjoy an optional scenic flight over the ancient rivers of ice and the West Coast Glaciers (weather permitting – a highly recommended option).

**Day 12 Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**MT COOK – CHRISTCHURCH**

**(B)**

This morning we travel the *vast Mackenzie Basin*, we witness the *magnificent blue waters of Lake Tekapo*. Here we visit the *Church of the Good Shepherd and the statue of the Collie dog*. Continuing over Burke's Pass through Fairlie, Geraldine, Ashburton and across the Canterbury Plains into Christchurch. In Christchurch we have a free afternoon to catch up on some shopping or just relax.

**Day 13 Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**CHRISTCHURCH**

**(B)**

This morning *we enjoy the sights of the Christchurch the 'Garden City'*. Our first visit being to the *Canterbury Museum*, where we learn about the history and geography of the area. Other sights include *Christ College, Hagley Park, and the Art Centre before visiting Christchurch Botanical Gardens* for a guided tour. This afternoon is at leisure you could choose to spend some free time in the city centre - catch a ride through the streets on a tram, visit the Cathedral which dominates the City Square or climb the steep Cathedral stairway to the balcony for an outstanding view of the city.

**Day 14 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**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.

**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Auckland Sightseeing
- Muriwai Gannet Colony
- Totara Water Gardens
- Summit of Mt Eden
- Devonport
- Auckland Botanic
- Ayrli's Country Garden
- Rainbow Springs
- Maori Concert
- Te Puia Thermal Reserve
- Dunedin Botanical Gardens
- Nature's Wonders Wildlife Tour
- Larnach Castle
- Albatross Colony at Tairoa Heads
- Glenfalloch Gardens
- Avenel Station
- Te Anau Glow Worm Caves
- Lake Manapouri
- Doubtful Sounds Cruise
- TSS Earnslaw Cruise
- Afternoon tea at Walter Peak Station
- Dinner at Skyline Restaurant
- Bob's Peak Gondola Ride
- Arrowtown
- Rosedale Chapel & Water Garden
- Mount Cook National Park
- Lake Tekapo
- Church of the Good Shepherd
- Statue of the Collie Dog
- MacKenzie Basin

## TRIP COST AND CONDITIONS

This trip has been organized by Hidden Treasures Botanical Tours, L.L.C., and the company reserves the right to make necessary changes to the itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances. Hidden Treasures Botanical Tours will provide details on necessary supplies and logistics for this trip when the departure dates gets closer. You will receive confirmation of registration by mail within 30 days of receipt of registration. Final payment is due 90 days prior to trip departure and all invoices will be sent in advance of this date.

Land-only package price (based upon double occupancy)**	\$4,195
Single room occupancy supplement	\$1,450

\*\*Cannot be guaranteed, and if none available, you will be responsible for single supplement

### TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- \* private transportation with driver and air-conditioning
- \* entrance fees pertinent to itinerary
- \* all lodging as specified above
- \* local taxes on lodging and meals
- \* tips for local guides, maids, porters, waiters, etc
- \* breakfast (B), lunch (L), and dinner (D) where indicated on the itinerary

### TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- \* Round trip airfare
- \* New Zealand airfare from Roturua to Dunedin
- \* airport departure tax (USD\$26.00 per person)
- \* tips for onsite guides and bus driver
- \* optional tours
- \* personal expenses
- \* alcoholic beverages
- \* any service or activity not specified above

## PASSPORT

**\*A passport is now mandatory to enter any foreign country and to return to the United States.** Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date. Allow several months to obtain a passport or a renewal.

## CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS AND PRICE GUARANTEE

At the time of printing, prices were correct. However, fluctuations in the exchange rates may result in the need to amend the price. Once payment is made in full, price will be guaranteed as stated.

## 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. Once final payment is made, 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. If we can re-sell the slot, we can offer a full refund minus the original deposit and airfare charges.

We must receive final payment by the deadline. We will not secure hotel and airline reservations without final payment, and these slots may be lost if not booked within 90 days prior to trip departure.

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.

Please see our attached Terms and Conditions document for specific refund schedule.

## EXPECTATIONS OF PARTICIPANTS

This tour will include onsite visits to private gardens, wildlife preserves, national parks, local farms and botanical gardens. Please keep in mind that the very nature of a garden will put us in out-of-the-way places. This means walking trails might be rough, uneven or steep. There are always places to sit or rest if you feel that it is best to hold back in any locations.

You are traveling into another country, and lodging ratings are not the same as in the States. Our accommodations will be wonderfully pleasant, but we will stay in one motor inn in the high mountains that will be rustic. You will thoroughly enjoy this trip, and find all locations we visit absolutely delightful. Please always remember to be a gracious guest, and remember you are in a different country.

# Registration Form

Garden Extravaganza in New Zealand  
Departure February 3, 2009

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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

\_\_\_\_ I would like Hidden Treasures Botanical Tours to arrange airline reservations from my nearest airport

**Single Occupancy (\$1,450 additional)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Double Occupancy** \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*

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

Please let us know if you have any special requirements or medical needs while you travel with us:

\_\_\_\_\_

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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