



# Taranaki Garden Festival Secret Gardens & Beyond 2023

*The Taranaki Garden Festival, formerly known as the Taranaki Rhododendron Festival, is now in its 36<sup>th</sup> year. New Zealand's premier spring garden festival, is a festival like no other offering the most stunning range of spectacular gardens. The warm and hospitable garden owners are what has made this event internationally famous. The festival gardens show the care and dedication that only those who love growing things can provide. Presenting almost 50 fabulous gardens from newly created concepts to well developed and mature landscapes, the festival encourages you to take the time to wander through many and meet the garden owners who are knowledgeable and helpful.*

**Sunday 29th**

**Auckland – Taupo**

**Lunch, Dinner**

Departing from Auckland, our first stop is at Woodlands Historic Homestead and Gardens on the outskirts of Gordonton. From Woodlands we head to Zealong Tea Estate for a tea tasting experience followed by a delicious High Tea. Our first night is on the shores of Lake Taupo.

**Millennium Hotel and Resort Manuels Taupo**

**Monday 30th**

**Taupo - Palmerston North**

**Breakfast, Dinner**

This morning we continue south to Kimbolton, north of Feilding where we visit Cross Hills Gardens. Cross Hills are ablaze with colour from October to November. Explore the 7 hectares of gardens featuring New Zealand's largest and most comprehensive collections of flowering rhododendrons and azaleas. Tonight we stay at Palmerston North.

**Copthorne Hotel, Palmerston North**

**Tuesday 31st**

**Palmerston North - New Plymouth**

**Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Today we travel north to the Taranaki region via Whanganui and Hawera. We stop at a variety of small and large gardens, all with interesting plantings and some unique design features. Late afternoon we arrive in New Plymouth for our 3 night stay.

**Devon Hotel, New Plymouth**

**Wednesday 1st**

**Town Gardens**

**Breakfast, Dinner**

Visiting New Plymouth's town gardens we see just how a small space can be transformed into a delightful and peaceful little garden. The town gardens all vary in size, layout and contour.

**Thursday 2nd**

**Country Gardens**

**Breakfast, Dinner**

Today we visit some of the regions most beautiful and outstanding country gardens including Cairnhill - a vibrant, colourful garden framed by a canopy of deciduous trees underplanted with hosts and heuchera, and Stanleigh with views to both the coast and mountain on fine days.

**Friday 3rd**

**New Plymouth – Auckland**

**Breakfast**

Leaving New Plymouth we head north to Hamilton Gardens. Explore the collection of gardens that showcase some of the greatest gardens of history. From ancient Egypt to the modern day, you will enter a world of beautiful and inspiring gardens on a unique journey through 4000 years of culture and creativity.

We then return to Auckland, arriving approximately 5.30pm.



## TOUR INCLUDES

### Tour includes

- \* Home collection & drop off within Auckland. (Whangaparaoa to Papakura) & Tauranga
- \* Coach transport
- \* Professional Tour Leader
- \* 5 nights accommodation
- \* Daily cooked breakfast and dinner
- \* Admission to 10 festival gardens
- \* Cross Hills Gardens
- \* Hamilton Gardens
- \* Woodlands Estate - Gordonton
- \* Zealand Tea Estate - High Tea
- \* Sightseeing as per itinerary

The festival programme is not released until late July. Some of the gardens mentioned in the itinerary may not be partaking in this year's event and will be substituted with a similar style of garden.

## TOUR COST & DATES

**29 October - 3 November 2023**  
**NZ\$2370.00**

Prices are per person twin share from Auckland or Tauranga  
Single room supplement \$580.00

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