



# TARANAKI GARDEN SPECTACULAR

Spectacular Garden Festival, Hamilton  
Gardens, Rugged West Coast, Forgotten  
Highway and stunning music events.

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Wonder the beauty of North Island's Forgotten Highway, West Coast, the Taranaki Garden Spectacular, fabulous music events and the magnificent Hamilton Gardens!

## Experience the Exceptional...

- 7-night Garden Tour with 5 nights in New Plymouth experiencing the famous Taranaki Garden Spectacular and 2 nights in Hamilton including the Hamilton Gardens.
- Tour includes visits to 7 gardens plus museums, witness the mighty Mount Taranaki, enjoy high teas, historic houses and concerts enhancing this famous garden show.
- Great musical events presented by our artists including **Romance** featuring love songs through the ages, dinner and concert with **Rose of Tralee** featuring great songs from Ireland and **The Great Waltz** showcasing waltzes, Viennese and other European songs.
- 2 nights in Hamilton including The Hamilton Gardens, seeing their amazing, themed gardens: Katherine Mansfield Garden, Italian Renaissance Garden, Indian Garden and Japanese Garden.
- Visit Cambridge and then Hobbiton, one of the most fascinating tourist attractions in New Zealand for a great tour and lunch.
- Drive the Forgotten Highway, New Zealand's oldest heritage trail, which is remote, mysterious and scenic. We travel along the 155 kilometre-long highway and venture through landscapes and the many historical and natural points of interest.
- We drive through some of the most beautiful coastlines and gorges in New Zealand, beside the magnificent West Coast.
- Other special flavours include Lauren's Lavender Farm and Whangamomona Hotel for lunch, a visit and a chance to sing in the Waitomo Caves!

## OUR ARTISTS FOR THIS TRIP:

Alex Foster, Amanda Atlas, Benjamin Makisi, Paul Carnegie-Jones and Grant Winterburn.





**TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2024 (L, D)**  
**- Tainui Novotel, Hamilton (2 nights)**

**Highlights include:**

- Drive to Hamilton and visit the magnificent Hamilton Gardens to enjoy their array of themed gardens, surely one of the best gardens in New Zealand including lunch.
- Welcome dinner at our beautiful venue with our concert **Romance** featuring love songs through the ages.

**WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2024 (B, L)**

**Highlights include:**

- Today it's off to Cambridge to enjoy a chance to potter around in this lovely town.
- Then we are off to Hobbiton for a tour of the famous film set and lunch in the tavern.
- Free time this evening to meet friends or have your own dinner experience in one of the myriad of restaurants close to our hotel.

**THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER 2024 (B, MT, L, D)**

**-Novotel New Plymouth (5 nights)**

**Highlights include:**

- Drive to New Plymouth, leaving early and taking our time as we drive through the Forgotten Highway to New Plymouth.
- Stop along the way at Lauren's Lavender Farm for tea and scones and a chance to possibly see the early beautiful lavender bloom and products.
- Next stop is Whangamomona Hotel for lunch and explore the Republic of Whangamomona and learn its history.
- Drive through the Forgotten Highway a spectacular highway filled with scenery.
- Enjoy dinner at the hotel following our long drive today.

**FRIDAY 01 NOVEMBER 2024 (B, L, D)**

**Highlights include:**

- Tawhiti Museum in Hawera, widely regarded as the best private museum in the country.
- Visit Hollard Gardens, a 4.5 hectare property described as a horticultural oasis, in the heart of dairy country. Our visit here includes a guided tour and lunch.
- Dinner this evening and our concert: **Rose of Tralee** featuring great songs from Ireland!



*Entertainment from your host*

**SATURDAY 02 NOVEMBER 2024 (B)**

**Highlights include:**

- Visit two gardens today including The Yews, inspired by a traditional English style with an old villa, the garden is made up of expansive lawns framed by rhododendrons, rose beds and yew hedging.
- Time off this afternoon and evening to enjoy walking the boardwalk of New Plymouth, its many shops, sights and restaurants.

**SUNDAY 03 NOVEMBER 2024 (B, L, D)**

**Highlights include:**

- Visit to Te Kainga Marire, a skilfully designed inner-city native garden, considered to be one of few private gardens of international significance by the prestigious RNZIH New Zealand Gardens Trust.
- Waiongana Estate, traditionally European design.
- Te Kukumara Garden which includes tropical and native planting, a large lake, bird aviary and sculpture and classic car collections.
- Casual dinner this evening at a local restaurant.

**MONDAY 04 NOVEMBER 2024 (B, HIGH TEA, D)**

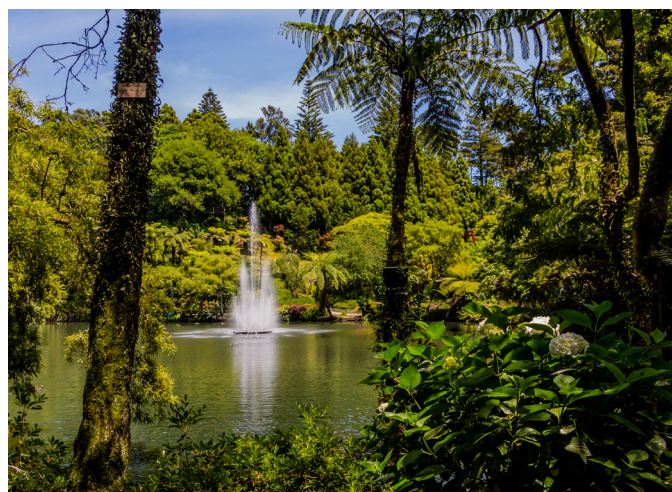
**Highlights include:**

- Visit to Pukekura Park to explore at our leisure and take part in a fernery tour.
- High Tea at "The Tea House on the Lake".
- Tupare Home and Garden for a historic house tour and look around the garden.
- Our final night dinner this evening with **The Great Waltz** featuring waltzes, Viennese songs, and other great songs from Europe.

**TUESDAY 05 NOVEMBER 2024 (B, L)**

**Highlights include:**

- Depart New Plymouth on our coach heading north through the magnificent West Coast, with a light lunch and a visit to the Waitomo Caves along the way.
- Drive to Auckland Airport for our early evening flights home, filled with memories of music, flowers and great company.



*Pukekura Park*



**\$4940** per person  
twin share

Single Room Supplement Add \$1390

Initial Deposit on booking: \$1000

Second Deposit due 2nd May 2024: \$2000

Final Balance due: 11th July 2024

### THIS TRIP INCLUDES:

- 8 Day, 7-night tour including 2 nights at Tainui Novotel Hotel, Hamilton and 5 nights' accommodation at Novotel New Plymouth.
- Seven gardens are showcased as part of the Taranaki Garden Spectacular. Gardens are subject to final availability which we will only know when the programme is announced for 2024.
- Great musical events including **Romance** featuring love songs through the ages, dinner and concert with **Rose of Tralee** featuring great songs from Ireland and **The Great Waltz** featuring waltzes, Viennese songs, and other great songs from Europe.
- Visit Hamilton Gardens and see their amazing, themed gardens plus Cambridge and Hobbiton for a great tour and lunch.
- We drive through some of the most beautiful coastlines and gorges in New Zealand, including to the Forgotten Highway on the way south and the magnificent West Coast on the way north.
- Other special flavours include local museums, Lauren's Lavender Farm and Whangamomona Hotel for lunch and a visit to the Waitomo Caves!
- Care, fun and music provided by Alex Foster, Amanda Atlas, Benjamin Makisi and Paul Carnegie-Jones (Grant Winterburn to join for the last 2 days).
- All tours, garden and museum entry, coach tours, taxes and tips are included
- All breakfasts, 6 lunches, 5 dinners, 1 morning tea and 1 High Tea included.
- Limited to one coach load of happy Operatunity Travellers.

### EASY TOUR

This tour will suit people with a stick, but not a walker. You will be required to walk to get from place to place and stand in museums and gardens, but it is designed to be an easy tour with lots of time to rest, travel on a coach and walk easy leisurely distances.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All itinerary details are subject to change, but changes will be replaced with a comparable or better option.
- Initial & Second deposits are fully refundable up until final balance due date, minus an administration fee of up to \$500 plus any non-recoverable costs.
- All monies are non-refundable at final balance due date. This becomes an insurance claim.
- Payment by direct credit incurs no surcharge. Credit card payments will incur a surcharge of 1.5%.
- Travellers need to be independently mobile and fit to travel.
- Bookings will only be accepted with initial deposit.
- All travellers must obtain comprehensive travel insurance for international travel and insurance for domestic travel is recommended.
- Please refer to our terms and conditions on booking form.