

# TARANAKI GARDEN SPECTACULAR & CHATEAU



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**Experience the  
Exceptional...**

- Celebrate the beauty of the North Island's west coast with the Taranaki Garden Spectacular Festival, Stratford, Waitara, and the magnificent Tongariro National Park, staying at the beautiful Chateau.
- We drive through some of the most beautiful coastlines and gorges in New Zealand, wander fabulous private gardens, explore the local area through coach trips, visit a lavender farm and Waitomo Caves, and enjoy local museums and beautiful settings for meals and musical concerts along the way.
- Then when we have had our fill of wonderful gardens and coastlines, we head inland to the Chateau to marvel at Mount Tongariro and Ruapehu and experience our final evening with a gala concert and sumptuous dinner at the Chateau.
- Care, fun and music provided by John, Lynette and Hamish.



**YOUR HOSTS ON THIS TRIP:**



*John Cameron*



*Lynette Martin*



*Hamish McGregor*

## FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2020 (L, D)

We begin our adventure, leaving Auckland and drive down the magnificent west coast, or meet us in New Plymouth.

### HIGHLIGHTS include:

- Drive along the coast and through beautiful gorges before arriving in New Plymouth late afternoon.
- Visit the Kiwi House, Otorohonga, a sanctuary for New Zealand's unique native birds and reptiles.
- A private lunch at The Night Owl Restaurant & Bar, Piopio, a popular local restaurant.
- A casual dinner at the hotel this evening and a chance to meet your fellow travellers and tour escorts.

## SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 2020 (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.
- Dine exclusively at Gusto Café & Restaurant where our singers will provide wonderful entertainment.

## SUNDAY 01 NOVEMBER 2020 (B, L)

### HIGHLIGHTS include:

- 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.
- High Tea style lunch at Stanleigh Gardens, a country garden nestled under Mt Taranaki.
- Free afternoon and evening to explore New Plymouth.

## MONDAY 02 NOVEMBER 2020 (B, L,)

### 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.
- Buffet lunch at Ngamotu Golf Club.
- Te Kukumara Garden which includes tropical and native planting, a large lake, bird aviary and sculpture and classic car collections.



## TUESDAY 03 NOVEMBER 2020 (B, HT, D)

- 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.
- Floral Art Demonstration and talk about the Garden Festival at the hotel.
- Dinner with music at the Orangery Restaurant.

## WEDNESDAY 04 NOVEMBER 2020 (B, L, D)

- Tour of Lauren's Lavender Farm with Lunch (near Taumarunui).
- Continue to the Chateau with its views of Ruapehu and casual dinner this evening.

## THURSDAY 05 NOVEMBER 2020 (B, D)

- Tour of the local area: a scenic drive around Mt Tongariro and Mt Ruapehu, plus a visit to the National Army Museum in Waiouru.
- A sumptuous feast of cuisine and a gala concert with our surprise special guests in the private dining room at the Chateau.

## FRIDAY 06 NOVEMBER 2020 (B, L)

- Visit the Waitomo Caves where we will enjoy a tour and a delightful lunch with possibly a spontaneous song or two in the caves.
- Drive back to Auckland, filled with memories of music, flowers, scenery and new friends - the finer things in life!



**\$3,930** *per person  
twin share*

*Single Room supplement add \$890*

**Initial Deposit on booking** **\$750**

**Second Deposit due 18 May 2020** **\$1,000**

**Final Balance due 05 August 2020**

Deposits refundable (less costs incurred) prior to FINAL BALANCE DUE DATE. Itinerary details are subject to change, however any changes will be replaced with a comparable or better option.

**PLEASE NOTE:** As our travellers are coming from all over NZ, airfares are not included to either Auckland or New Plymouth.

### **THIS TRIP INCLUDES:**

- Coach transfers Auckland - New Plymouth, New Plymouth - Chateau Tongariro - Auckland.
- 5 nights' accommodation at Waterfront Hotel New Plymouth, 2 nights Chateau Tongariro.
- 4 days touring the stunning Taranaki Garden Spectacular with a variety of gardens and parks, ranging from small cottage gardens, rhododendron gardens, formal English gardens to magnificent parks.
- Special flavours such as final night gala at the Chateau, dinner and 2 private concerts, museum tour, lavender farm visit, National Army Museum, High Tea style lunch at Stanleigh Gardens, and a song or two in the Waitomo Caves.
- Tours and entries as listed in itinerary including Otorohonga Kiwi House, Waitomo Caves, Tawhiti Museum and a floral demonstration and talk. All this under the backdrop of some of the most fabulous scenery in NZ: the majestic Mt Taranaki, the stunning West Coast of the North Island including drives through gorges and magnificent coastline, New Plymouth, Stratford, Waitara, Mt Ruapehu and the Waitomo Caves.
- All breakfasts, 6 lunches, 5 dinners and 1 High Tea included.
- Hosted by John Cameron, Lynette Martin and Hamish McGregor.

### **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, but it is designed to be an easy tour with lots of times to rest, travel on a coach and walk easy leisurely distances.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- All trips are subject to change but any changes will be of equal or greater value.
- Deposits refundable until final payment date minus any costs incurred, or an administration fee of up to \$300.
- Travellers need to be independently mobile and fit to travel.
- Travellers are required to obtain comprehensive travel insurance for all international trips.
- Please refer to terms & conditions on our booking form.



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