

14 DAY SOUTH ISLAND GARDEN TOUR 15 - 28 NOVEMBER 2021

You are invited to join Australian garden specialist & guide Brian Sams on this exclusive Garden Tour of the South Island of New Zealand. Visiting exquisite gardens along the way, the tour starts off in Nelson then travels south through the fertile Marlborough wine region to the garden city of Christchurch. Visit quaint Akaroa where you embark on a cruise to view the splendour of Akaroa Harbour, travel on the scenic Tranz Alpine rail to Franz Josef and on to picturesque Queenstown. Experience the grandeur of Milford Sound on board a sightseeing cruise. Travel to iconic Dunedin via Maple Glen private garden to name a few of the highlights! Join us for some fun and make new friends along the way on what is sure to be a magnificent tour. With spaces limited, be sure to book early either online or call us.

* per person Twin Share ex BNE

\$1,880

* Single Supplement example SNE





INCLUSIONS

Escorted by Brian Sams
'The works' airfare/taxes ex BNE
13 nights at quality hotels
13 breakfast

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4 lunches

6 dinners

All touring as per itinerary Entry fees as shown

HIGHLIGHTS

Milford Sound

Abel Tasman National Park Marlborough Wine Country Garden City - Christchurch Akaroa Harbour Tranz Alpine Train trip Franz Josef Queenstown



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TERMS & CONDITIONS *All prices quoted are per person twin share. Single supplement applies. Credit card surcharges apply. Prices are correct as at 19 June 2020. A non-refundable deposit of AUD\$500 per person is required to secure tour. Prices may fluctuate if fees, surcharges, 2021 confirmed airfares or taxes change. Itinerary is subject to change. Final payment is due 15 September 2021. Norfolk Select T/A Go See Touring ABN: 93367366822 ATAS Accreditation No: A10619

Day 1: Monday 15 November 2021/

WELCOME TO NELSON, NEW ZEALAND

[D]

Kia ora! Welcome to the start of your New Zealand holiday. Travel with Air New Zealand from Brisbane to Nelson. On arrival we are met and transferred to our hotel. Tonight, we enjoy a welcome dinner. Stay: Hotel Nelson – 2 nights

Day 2: Tuesday 16 November 2021/

ABEL TASMAN NATIONAL PARK / NELSON SIGHTS

[B,L]

This morning travel by coach to Kaiteriteri and embark on a **morning cruise** in style and comfort from Kaiteriteri to Totaranui and return. Stay onboard as you call into popular beaches along the coast, pausing for photographs at famous Split Apple Rock and viewing sea birds and seals at Tonga and Adele Islands. Later enjoy an orientation tour of Nelson, including a visit to **WOW Museum**. The remainder of today is at leisure.

Day 3: Wedesday 17 November 2021/

NELSON TO BLENHEIM

[B,L]

Depart Nelson and drive through farmlands, pine plantations then the Rai Valley to the vineyards surrounding Blenheim in the Marlborough Wine Country. On arrival explore Monet-inspired hydrangea garden at Hortensia House. Enjoy the delights of a local winery for wine tastings and a scrumptious lunch. Visit Bhudevi Garden's featuring a outdoor sculpture garden, a native garden along the creek, a secluded rock and fern garden. Stay: Scenic Hotel Marlborough, Blenheim-1 night

Day 4: Thursday 18 November 2021/

BLENHEIM TO CHRISTCHURCH

CHRISTCHURCH SIGHTSEEING

CHRISTCHURCH - GARDEN TOUR

CHRISTCHURCH – AKAROA DAY TRIP

[B,D]

Depart Blenheim and travel along a thin ledge of land pinned between the blue waters of the Pacific Ocean and the rugged ranges to Kaikoura. Continue across the farmlands before arriving in Christchurch, known as the Garden City. Dinner this evening is at the hotel. Stay: Novotel Christchurch Cathedral Square - 4 nights

Day 5: Friday 19 November 2021/

[R]

This morning visit **Ohinetahi**, the famous **private garden of Sir Miles Warren** located on Banks Peninsula. Then continue on to visit the beautiful unspoilt old French whaling depot of **Akaroa on Banks Peninsula**. After lunch board the large **modern catamaran**, **Black Cat and** cruise into the sweeping scenic splendour of Akaroa Harbour. After your cruise visit the **Giants House**, an historic Akaroa house with terraced gardens. Return to Christchurch for an evening at leisure.

Day 6: Saturday 20 November 2021/

[B]

This morning embark on a **sightseeing tour of Christchurch City**, including the "Cardboard Cathedral", Victoria Square and the Bridge of Remembrance. Then enjoy a tour of the **Christchurch Botanic Garden**, which sprawls over an area of 21 hectares. This afternoon visit **Mona Vale** featuring rose and iris gardens, woodland plantings along the river and colour-themed borders. More recently, magnolias, many Ericaceae, herbaceous perennials and beds of annuals have been added.

Day 7: Sunday 21 November 2021/

[B]

This morning visit is to **Broadfield Garden**, about 3.5ha established 20 years. It aims for excellence in design, planting and maintenance. Then on to **Acton/Rakaia Garden** a 2.4ha with wide lawn paths linking each area together with rhododendrons, camellias, thousands of annuals, perennials and roses. There is a huge boardwalk linking all the ponds together which are surrounded with New Zealand natives. Later visit **Winchmore Gardens** a 1.8ha country garden, set among 5ha of original homestead trees planted after the estate lease was taken up in 1853.

Day 8: Monday 22 November 2021/

CHRISTCHURCH / TRANZ ALPINE TRAIN / FRANZ JOSEF

[B,D]

Depart Christchurch and traverse the Southern Alps aboard the famous **Tranz-Alpine rail journey** to Arthurs Pass. From your carriage you'll see the fields of the Canterbury Plains and farmland, followed by the spectacular gorges and river valleys of the Waimakariri River. Stop in Hokitika where a visit is made to the Greenstone and Glass Blowing factories. Further south arrive in the Westland National Park, the home of Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers. Dinner is at the hotel. Stay: Scenic Hotel Franz Josef - 1 night

Day 9: Tuesday 23 November 2021/

FRANZ JOSEF TO QUEENSTOWN

[B,D]

Depart Franz Josef and travel to through the Haast River valleys and over the Haast Pass to Makaroa and onto the upper reaches of Lake Wanaka and onto Queenstown. Dinner at the hotel. Stay: Copthorne Lakefront Queenstown - 3 nights

Day 10: Wednesday 24 November 2021/

QUEENSTOWN - ARROWTOWN SIGHTSEEING

[B]

This morning enjoy a **sightseeing tour of Queenstown**. Then travel on to **Arrowtown** on the banks of the Arrow River - a community with a colourful history. The afternoon is at leisure. You may wish to experience a thrilling ride on a jetboat, cruise the lake on the vintage steamer, ride the aerial gondola to Bob's Peak for the panoramic view across the lake to the mountains, take a 4WD tour to the home of 'Middle Earth' or if you are feeling more adventurous, try bungy-jumping.

Day 11: Thursday 25 November 2021/

QUEENSTOWN - MILFORD SOUND EXCURSION

[B,L,D]

Today depart Queenstown for an **unforgettable full-day journey to Milford Sound**. Upon arrival at Milford Sound, **board a comfortable vessel for a spectacular cruise** where you will see the wonders of Mitre Peak, glacier scarred rock walls that rise 1,200m vertically from the sea, and waterfalls that tumble from hanging valleys and crash into the fiord far below. **Picnic box lunch included**. Retrace your journey back to Queenstown. Dinner at your hotel.

Day 12: Friday 26 November 2021/

QUEENSTOWN TO DUNEDIN VIA MAPLE GLEN

[B]

Today depart Queenstown and travel across the rolling farmland of Southland and Otago. Enroute **visit Maple Glen**, a private garden, nursery, aviary, woodland and wetland set in the rolling green countryside of Southland. Continue on to Dunedin, this city was established by settlers from the Presbyterian Church of Scotland in the 1840's and is proud of its Scottish heritage. The remainder of today is at leisure. Stay: Victoria Hotel Dunedin (2 nights)

Day 13: Saturday 27 November 2021/

[B,L,D]

This morning travel out to the Otago Peninsula. View the elevated over a century old large garden surrounding historic Larnach Castle. Next explore Glenfalloch Garden - 30 acres of historic garden. Lunch today is at Glenfalloch Restaurant set in one of New Zealand's most gorgeous gardens. On returning to town enjoy a walk through the Dunedin Botanical Gardens. Tonight, we farewell New Zealand at a local restaurant.

Day 14: Sunday 28 November 2021/

DEPART DUNEDIN TO BRISBANE

DUNEDIN – SIGHTSEEING

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Haere râ from New Zealand, this morning you will be transferred from the hotel to Dunedin Airport. We trust you have enjoyed your holiday and we look forward to welcoming you again. (Please contact us if you would like a copy of the full itinerary.)

Key: [B] Breakfast [L] Lunch [D] Dinner

