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NEW ZEALAND NORTH ISLAND GARDEN TOUR

11 Day Conducted Tour
for **\$4,139** per person twin share
This price includes airport taxes & levies

This wonderful garden orientated tour includes all of the following:

- * Air fares with Air New Zealand from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Auckland and out of Wellington.
- * Very good accommodation, mainly 4 to 4½ star hotels with private facilities.
- * Many meals, as stated in the itinerary.
- * All transfers and transport and entrance fees to many attractions.
- * A spectacular tour of the North Island of New Zealand, visiting Ayrilies Garden, Waiheke Island Gardens, Hamilton Gardens, Rotorua Government Gardens, Taranaki Garden Festival, Cross Hills Rhododendron Garden and Wellington Botanic Gardens.
- * Other highlights of the tour include a cruise to Waiheke Island, Hobbiton Movie Set Tour, Thermal Mud Pools, Traditional Maori Concert, and much more.
- * Professional services of a driver/guide, referred to as a 'Coach Captain'.



The tour will be accompanied by Horticulturalist Vasili Kanidiadis, who is best known for his TV show *Vasili's Garden to Kitchen*. Vasili has authored two gardening books and is often sought after for speaking engagements at gardening and community festivals. Join Vasili as he escorts us through the North Island of New Zealand and to the premier garden event, the Taranaki Garden Festival.

If you don't have anyone to share with but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will do our best to assign you with another traveller, but this is not guaranteed. For a single room there is an extra cost of \$1,000.

The tour departs Australia on the 26th October and returns 5th November 2016

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for New Zealand North Island Garden Tour

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

26.10.16 Australia – Auckland, New Zealand

(D) Depart Brisbane at 11.30am on Air New Zealand flight NZ 136, arriving in Auckland at 5.50pm.
Depart Sydney at 11.50am on flight NZ 104, arriving in Auckland at 4.55pm.
Depart Melbourne at 12.15pm on flight NZ 124, arriving in Auckland at 5.35pm.
On arrival we will be met and transferred to the hotel. This evening enjoy an included dinner.
Accommodation: Rendezvous Hotel Auckland

27.10.16 Auckland – Waiheke Island

(B/L/D) This morning enjoy a city sights tour of Auckland, New Zealand's largest city. A short ferry ride will take us to Waiheke Island, with over 30 vineyards, olive groves, native brush and laid back seaside villages. We will visit two local gardens and enjoy lunch at Stoneyridge Vineyard including tastings. Enjoy the return cruise back to Auckland across the beautiful Hauraki Gulf.
Accommodation: Rendezvous Hotel Auckland

28.10.16 Auckland - Hamilton

(B/D) This morning travel to Ayrilies Garden, one of New Zealand's best known gardens and a garden of national significance. It is characterised by sweeping lawns and informal but detailed plantings. Use of colour is a hallmark of Ayrilies, seen best in the Lurid Border where hot colours are used to great effect. This afternoon travel to the Waikato's most visited attraction, the Hamilton Gardens. A guided tour of this internationally significant garden will take us on a journey from the peaceful Sung Dynasty Chinese Scholar's garden into an Italian Renaissance garden followed by the grandeur of the Indian Char Bagh Garden.
Accommodation: Novotel Hamilton

29.10.16 Hamilton – Matamata - Rotorua

(B/L/D) This morning visit the unique Zealong Tea Estate where we will learn the fascinating story behind New Zealand's only tea plantation, see how tea is made and experience a traditional tea ceremony whilst enjoying stunning views. Continue to Longlands Farm and Restaurant and enjoy a delicious home cooked lunch hosted by a rural New Zealand family. This afternoon we will experience the real Middle-earth with a visit to the Hobbiton Movie Set. Continue onto Rotorua where there is time to visit the Government Gardens.
Accommodation: Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua

30.10.16 Rotorua

(B/D) Today begins with a Gondola ride and breakfast at Skyline Rotorua. There is also time for a luge ride! Continue to Rainbow Springs, with over 200 different species of native plants, trees and ferns and made up of 22 acres of beautiful forest. As we make our way around the park, walk amongst the towering kauri, rimu and imported giants such as the Californian redwoods. Enjoy some free time this afternoon before travelling to Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and awesome geysers that Rotorua

is famous for. This evening experience an entertaining Maori hangi and concert.
Accommodation: Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua

31.10.16 Rotorua – Waitomo – New Plymouth

(B/L/D) Depart Rotorua and travel to Waitomo for a tour of the Glow Worm Caves where tiny creatures radiate their luminescent light. Enjoy lunch before travelling to New Plymouth where the afternoon will be spent visiting one of the local gardens featured in the Taranaki Garden Festival.

Accommodation: Copthorne New Plymouth

01.11.16 Taranaki Garden Festival

(B/D) Today enjoy a visit to a variety of impressive gardens all set around the legendary Mount Taranaki. Marvel at the majestic array of botanicals on display at this premier garden event which attracts thousands of visitors from right around New Zealand and the world. A selection of private and public gardens will be chosen to showcase the unique planting and local gardeners will be on hand to share the history behind their garden.

Accommodation: Copthorne New Plymouth

02.11.16 New Plymouth – Palmerston North

(B/D) As we depart the Taranaki region, visit one final stunning garden before travelling onto Whanganui to board the P.S. Waimarie, a unique turn of the century paddle steamer which has been lovingly restored. Enjoy commentary as we travel down the Whanganui River. Continue to Palmerston North for an overnight stay.

Accommodation: Copthorne Palmerston North

03.11.16 Palmerston North - Wellington

(B) Today visit Cross Hills Rhododendron Garden, spanning 7 hectares, this park like garden includes one of the world's finest collections of rhododendrons and azaleas, which will provide a dazzling colour display. This afternoon continue to the nation's capital, Wellington, where a highlight will be a visit to Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum, with exhibits that embrace both the Maori and European views. This evening is free to dine at leisure.

Accommodation: James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor

04.11.16 Wellington

(B/D) This morning take the Wellington Cable Car, one of the city's most iconic attractions, to the Botanic Gardens. Enjoy time at leisure to view the protected native forest, specialised plant collections, colourful floral displays and views over Wellington city. Join our coach for an extensive city tour which will highlight the history and culture on show here. This afternoon is at leisure. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner with your new found friends.

Accommodation: James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor

05.11.16 Wellington – Australia

(B) Having experienced some of the finest gardens in New Zealand, it is time to say goodbye. We will be transferred to the airport for our flight home after a memorable holiday.

Sydney passengers depart Wellington at 11.00am on NZ 5019, arriving in

Christchurch at 12.00pm. Then depart Christchurch at 2.10pm on NZ 885, arriving in Sydney at 3.45pm.

Melbourne passengers depart Wellington at 11.40am on NZ 424, arriving in Auckland at 12.45pm. Then depart Auckland at 3.25pm on NZ 125, arriving in Melbourne at 5.30pm.

Brisbane passengers depart Wellington at 1.40pm on NZ 450, arriving in Auckland at 2.45pm. Then depart Auckland at 4.00pm on NZ 139, arriving in Brisbane at 4.35pm.

Note: The ground operator for this tour is Grand Pacific Tours



Your Host Vasili Kanidiadis



Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's New Zealand North Island Garden Tour

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable in full 10 weeks prior to departure.

Refunds and Cancellations - Cancellations after final payment and more than 7 days prior to departure will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline. Cancellations 7 days prior to departure or less will result in no refund.

Insurance - Adequate travel insurance is essential. We can arrange this for you if desired. Macleay Valley Travel offers Suresave Travel Insurance. Please note that we can only process your travel insurance when we have received full payment for the insurance and the signed Suresave Travel Insurance application form, located on the last page of the Suresave Travel Insurance information booklet. Until this time the travel insurance cannot be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bear no responsibility for any consequences that may occur as a result of an incomplete insurance application.

Passports - All travellers require a current passport with at least 6 months left on it at the end of the tour. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia.

Visas are not required for New Zealand if travelling on an Australian passport.

Basic Tour Price and Taxes - Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

Not Included in the Cost - All items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), travel insurance etc.

Booking through other Agents - As we keep the cost of our tours as low as possible, there is insufficient margin for us to be able to pay commission to other travel agents, so some bookings can only be accepted if the client pays the other agent's commission.

Accreditation - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices. We are happy for any prospective traveller with us to check us out with your local Consumer Affairs (Fair Trading) department.

Twin Share Bookings - If you do not have a travel partner, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another traveller but this is not guaranteed. We assign passengers by their gender, on a first come, first served basis and do not assign twin share passengers according to their age, profession, interests etc. There are risks with sharing a room with a person you do not know, and Macleay Valley Travel accepts no responsibility if you are incompatible with your assigned room mate. Additionally, if you are assigned a travelling companion to share with and they cancel off the tour prior to making the final payment, then you will either be required to pay the single room supplement or we will try our best to assign you with another twin share passenger, if one is available.

Health and Fitness - Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances. Macleay Valley Travel is legally not permitted to provide medical advice as to vaccinations/injections which you may require for this tour and advise you to consult your local medical practitioner for specific medical advice. There are no compulsory injections required for this tour.

Limitation of Liability - As Macleay Valley Travel acts only as agent for the Airlines, Hotels, Coach Companies etc., providing accommodation, transportation and other services, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable or responsible for death or injury to any person or loss or damage to any property including baggage arising out of or connection with any transportation, accommodation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Government or other authorities, de jure or de facto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations caused by changes in schedules or itinerary, or over bookings or defaults or for any causes beyond Macleay Valley Travel's control or any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and neither Macleay Valley Travel, and its servants or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. Additionally you must meet the entry requirements for each country you visit. Macleay Valley Travel will not be liable if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, including a past criminal history. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to decline bookings made for any group tour. Any tour booking confirmation is conditional, contingent on our view of the ability of a person to be able to participate in a tour without the likelihood of conflict between members of a tour whether perceived or actual.

Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM

Name of Tour : _____ Departure Date: _____

Passenger 1 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Passenger 2 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____ **PostCode** _____ **Email** _____

Telephone / Fax Number: _____ **Mobile** _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Passport Nationality: _____

Passport Nationality _____

(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of tour completion)

Single room / Twin beds / Double bed: (Room type is subject to availability)

Circle which airport you wish to depart from: SYDNEY / MELBOURNE / BRISBANE

Do you have any existing medical conditions?: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Optional Extensions: _____

Would you like to receive details of our travel insurance?: YES / NO (Please Circle)

In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person.

DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name; If this is not provided and the information we have for the airline is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the airline will charge a reissue fee.