

# NEW ZEALAND GARDENS AND LANDSCAPES

With Walter Reeves

January 8-21, 2011



Escape the cold gray days of winter and join Walter Reeves for a very special 13-day garden tour to New Zealand! Discover first-hand the sheer beauty of this garden paradise. Visit Auckland's Eden gardens and the gardens of Well Being in Taupo. In addition, you'll rub elbows with the locals in colorful country markets, visit the thermal mud pools of Rotorua, take a picturesque ferry ride and enjoy a scenic train trip coast on to Christchurch. Its summertime and the livin' is easy... in New Zealand.

## TRIP AT A GLANCE...

- 1 Overnight flight to New Zealand
- 2 Nights Auckland
- 2 Nights Rotorua
- 1 Night Napier
- 1 Night Masterton
- 2 Nights Wellington
- 2 Nights Christchurch
- 1 Overnight return flight home
- 3 *Night post tour available to Australia*

## IT'S INCLUDED

- ✂ With garden expert Walter Reeves
- ✂ Guided by an expert Earthbound program director
- ✂ Transport by luxury coach
- ✂ All breakfasts, 4 lunches, 8 dinners and mid morning teas.
- ✂ Personalized Meet & Greet on arrival
- ✂ Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- ✂ 11 nights four star hotel accommodation
- ✂ Luggage Porterage
- ✂ Harbor cruise in Auckland
- ✂ TransCoastal rail journey train from Picton to Christchurch
- ✂ All sightseeing and attractions as listed in itinerary
- ✂ GST (New Zealand Goods and Services Tax)
- ✂ Gratuities for your driver and guide

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### **GARDEN VISITS**

- ✂ Auckland Domain Winter gardens
- ✂ Eden Garden, Auckland
- ✂ Ayrlires Garden, Auckland
- ✂ Ora - The Garden of Well Being, Taupo
- ✂ Efil Doog Garden, Upper Hutt
- ✂ Wellington Botanic Gardens
- ✂ Mona Vale Homestead, Christchurch
- ✂ Christchurch Botanic Gardens
- ✂ Broadfields Estate, Christchurch

### **JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✂ Auckland Harbor Cruise
- ✂ Sky tower
- ✂ Longlands Dairy Farm
- ✂ Paradise Valley Springs\*
- ✂ Skyline Gondola and Luge Ride
- ✂ Agrodome
- ✂ Thermal mud pools and geysers
- ✂ Maori Hangi and Concert
- ✂ Oruawharo Homestead
- ✂ Wairarapa Wine and Cheese Experience
- ✂ Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum\*
- ✂ Cable Car Tramway
- ✂ Cruise on the Inter islander Ferry
- ✂ TransCoastal Rail Journey
- ✂ Christchurch Tramway

### **TRIP FACTS**

14 Days/ 13 Nights (land and air travel)

\$5,475 pp based on double occupancy

\$775 single supplement

Departing Atlanta and Los Angeles on January 8, 2011

Returning to Atlanta and Los Angeles on January 21-

3 Night post tour extension to Sydney, Australia available (see last page for details).

**GROUP AIR:** Group air is provided by both Delta and New Zealand Airlines. For those departing from Atlanta you will fly direct to San Francisco. From there you will enjoy a direct flight to Auckland, New Zealand.

### **NOT INCLUDED**

Sightseeing and meals not specified ♦ Airline taxes and fuel surcharges (approx. \$275) ♦ Exchange rate fluctuations greater than 3% ♦ Prices based on an exchange rate of 1 NZD = 0.701829 USD at [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com) on March 15, 2010

### **SAVE \$225**

As always, alumni save \$100. Pay by check or money order and save an additional \$125

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## LET THE JOURNEY BEGIN...



### Meal code:

B) Breakfast. (L) Lunch. (D) Dinner. (SD) Specialty Dinner.

January 8 & 9, 2011

### DAY 1 & 2: Atlanta to Auckland (D)

Depart your home for Auckland New Zealand today! En route you'll be crossing the International Date Line and therefore it will appear as if you've lost a day. Not to worry, you'll get it back upon your return to the USA.

January 10-

### Day 3: Arrive in Auckland (D)

Upon arrival in New Zealand you will be met by your Earthbound Expeditions guide and transferred to your centrally located hotel. Relax and freshen up before meeting your guide and Walter Reeves for a welcome to New Zealand feast. Sleep in Auckland

### DAY 4: Gardens of Auckland (B,D)

Enjoy an extensive city sights tour of Auckland which includes the quaint village of Devonport and takes in the views from atop Mt Eden, an extinct Volcano. Visit the Auckland Domain Winter gardens, where hot houses show off lush tropical plants.

Today we also visit Eden Garden, featuring one of the largest collections of camellias in the Southern Hemisphere. To cap off the perfect day we'll enjoy an afternoon cruise on the beautiful Aitemata Harbor. The rest of the afternoon is free to enjoy the City of Sails at leisure. Included is a ticket to Sky Tower, the tallest tower in the southern hemisphere. Join your host Walter Reeves and guide this evening for a welcome feast at a local restaurant. Sleep in Auckland



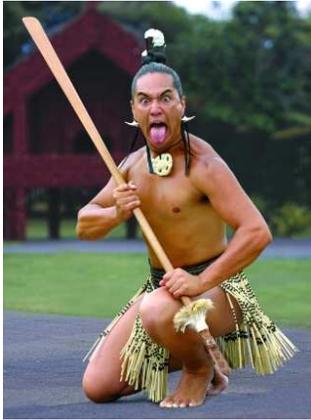
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**DAY 5: Auckland - Rotorua via the gardens of Ayrliès**

**(B,L,D):** Depart Auckland and travel to Ayrliès Garden, one of New Zealand's best known gardens and a Garden of National Significance. Use of color is a hallmark of Ayrliès, seen best in the Lurid Border where hot colors are used to great effect. Travel through magnificent countryside to Longlands Dairy Farm for a tour followed by a delicious home cooked lunch. Then set off for Rotorua where in the afternoon you'll visit Paradise Valley Springs, where you can walk through the tree top canopy of native Tawa Trees, hundreds of years old. Sleep in Rotorua

**DAY 6: Explore Rotorua: Thermal pools and a Maori**

**Performance (B, SD):** The day begins with a Gondola ride to Skyrides Restaurant where a buffet breakfast and spectacular views are on offer. Travel to the Aerodrome where you will see performing sheep, a shearing display and sheep dog trial. Enjoy free time this afternoon before travelling out to see boiling mud pools and the awesome Geysers that Rotorua is famous for. This evening you will experience an entertaining Maori Hangi and Concert. Sleep in Rotorua

**DAY 7: Rotorua – Napier: (B)**

Today travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to view the mighty Huka Falls before continuing to Lake Taupo. Visit the Taupo Museum, with its recreation of '100% Pure New Zealand Ora - Garden of Wellbeing', New Zealand's gold medal-winning entry in the 2004 Chelsea Flower Show. This special show garden showcases central North Island flora. Later, enjoy a tour of Napier "The Art Deco Capital Of The World", which was destroyed by an earthquake in 1931, followed by some free time. Accommodation: Scenic Hotel, Te Pania (B)

**DAY 8: Napier to Masterton via a Wine Tasting (B & D)**

Enjoy time at leisure to explore the fascinating architecture before we travel to the charming and historic Oruawharo Homestead. The park-like landscape has been replicated to that as seen around English stately homes with thousands of trees in a wood land behind the house. Enjoy morning tea in the garden as it used to be served, on fine English bone china. We travel to the Wairarapa region and visit the Gladstone Vineyard, whose principal varieties are Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir. Here we'll enjoy a wine tasting and delicious 3 course lunch at the Gladstone Vineyard Café, before continuing to our hotel. Sleep in Masterton

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**DAY 9: Masterton - Wellington via a sheep station (B & D):** This morning visit Greytown and see the most complete example of original Victorian wooden architecture. Travel to Martinborough, site of one of New Zealand's first sheep stations. Continue through the Rimutaka mountain range to Upper Hutt to visit the Efil Doog Garden. Straddling a river are two exotic forests where a large collection of sculptures create a special magic. Enjoy lunch before visiting



the art gallery of early New Zealand paintings. This afternoon travel into the nation's capital, Wellington for a tour at Te Papa. Discover the Bush City and hear how plants were used for traditional weaving, food and medicines and how the uses of these plants continue today. The tour ends with a 'kaput it' of Kawakawa. Sleep in Wellington

**DAY 10: Wellington's Botanical Gardens (B)**



Today you will enjoy an extensive city sights tour which will highlight Wellington's tremendous history and culture. This afternoon we have arranged for you to travel on the Cable Car to the Botanic Gardens which you can enjoy at leisure the protected native forest, specialized plant collections, colorful floral displays and views over Wellington city. This evening is also free and you may choose to dine out at one of the many fine restaurants found in Wellington. Sleep in Wellington

**DAY 11: Wellington - Christchurch by ferry and rail (B,D)**

This morning board the Inter-islander Ferry, cross Cook Strait and travel through the Marlborough Sounds to Picton. Join the TranzCoastal, a truly spectacular rail journey that links the port of Picton to Christchurch and travels through vineyards, salt mountains and river valleys before following the thin wedge of land between the Pacific Ocean and the Kaikoura Ranges. Continue across the farmlands of the Northern Canterbury Plains to the garden city of Christchurch. Sleep in Christchurch



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**Day 12: Discover the gardens and beauty of Christchurch (B,L)**

This morning visit elegant Mona Vale. This historic Victorian homestead is surrounded by English style gardens which roll gently down to the Avon River. Next, visit the Christchurch Botanic Gardens for a guided tour. Founded in 1863 with the planting of an English Oak tree, the Gardens now feature one of the finest collections of exotic and native plants found in New Zealand, and a Rose Garden which boasts 250 varieties. Continue to Broadfields New Zealand Landscape Garden. The concept comprises 20 different gardens all planted in natives or New Zealand raised varieties of exotics. Stroll amongst the native species that flourish, before a delicious lunch. The rest of the afternoon is free to travel on the Christchurch Tramway (tickets provided) which is the best way to visit all the "Must See" sights. Sleep in Christchurch



**Day 13: Stunning scenery and a Champagne picnic lunch (B, L, D)**

This morning set off on a unique touring experience which takes you to some of the magical locations showcased in the Lord of the Rings movies. Journey to the remote and beautiful Mt Potts high country station, home of Mt Sunday; and see how this peaceful mountain was transformed into Edoras, the capital city of the Rohan people in the Lord of the Rings trilogy. Your local guide will explain the local flora as you immerse yourself in the natural, unspoilt beauty

of this breathtaking area with its sparkling clear lakes, glistening blue rivers and fresh, crisp mountain air. Your day includes a delicious champagne picnic lunch.

This evening, enjoy a delicious farewell dinner at a local restaurant, including musical entertainment in a unique setting with your new-found friends. Sleep in Christchurch

**Day 14: Return home or continue on to Sydney Australia (B)**

Having experienced some of the finest gardens in New Zealand, it is time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable holiday. Note: Those flying out for the USA will arrive home the same day.

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## **SPEND 3 EXTRA NIGHTS IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA**

\$775 USD PP Double Occupancy

### **POST TOUR INCLUDES**

- Air transport on Air New Zealand from Christchurch to Sydney
- Your return flight from Sydney on Air New Zealand
- Airport transfers and city orientation upon arrival in Sydney
- Three nights accommodation in a centrally located 4 star hotel
- Breakfast daily
- Evening dinner cruise on Sydney Harbor

**Not Included:** Any items not mentioned above

**Note about the post tour extension:** Sydney is a stunning and safe world class city. This means that it can easily be explored on your own. The post tour extension has been created for your convenience and it's perfect for those travelers who have always wanted to visit Sydney and don't mind doing a bit of exploring on their own.

**Final Notes:** For travelers who would like to spend more time in Australia please note that Air New Zealand is charging a \$200.00 USD deviation fee. In addition you will also need to purchase any extra activities, meals, entrances, transport and hotel nights. Please call or email our office if you wish to stay in Australia longer.

-Return home with a lifetime of memories-

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