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TARANAKI RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL

October 30 – November 2, 2012 4 days – 3 nights

As you would expect on this lovely long weekend away, we spend two full days viewing some of the best gardens in the country, right around **Mt Egmont**. We also include a fascinating journey down the little visited west coast road from **Waitomo** through **Marakopa** to **Awakino** and take a cruise up the historically significant **Mokau River**.



A delightful shorter tour and always one of our best sellers.

Day 1 Tuesday, October 30 **BLD**

We depart Hamilton and travel south to a lovely country garden at Waitomo. Continuing on we take a brief stop at the Maungapohue Natural Bridge and the Marakopa Falls and then on to Marakopa by the sea where we have a picnic lunch. We then travel south through scenic bush and farming country on to New Plymouth where we spend 3 nights.

Day 2 Wednesday, October 31 **BD**

Depart motel at 8.45am. The gardens of Taranaki! Visit several gardens in and around New Plymouth as well as a visit to the world famous Pukeiti Rhododendron Park. Over 100 acres of colourful specimens. Enjoy lunch there before looking at further gardens.

Day 3 Thursday November 1 **BD**

Depart motel 8.30am. Another full day visiting the gardens of Taranaki as we travel right around the mountain. We visit a variety of country and town gardens during the day including my personal favourite Ngamamaku and Hollard's Garden, established in 1927 and now run by the National Trust. We return to New Plymouth via Stratford.

Day 4 Friday November 2 **BL**

Depart Motel 8.30am. This morning we start our return journey, but not before we visit a nursery!!! Morning tea on the beachfront at Mokau and then for a complete change we join an historic riverboat for a wonderfully scenic journey up the Mokau River. With a delightful lunch included. This should be a special experience.



All inclusive escorted package
TOTAL COST \$850
\$100 deposit on booking
Balance of \$750 by August 30, 2012
Single Supplement \$200