

TARANAKI RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL

October 30 – November 2, 2009



Our annual very popular ramble around the beautiful gardens of Taranaki, home of the incomparable Pukeiti Rhododendron Gardens. Two full days of some of the best gardens in the country plus an interesting roam along part of the wild west outback and a lovely cruise up the Mokau River. A great, long weekend away.

Day 1 Friday October 30

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We depart Founders Theatre 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 Saturday October 31

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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 Sunday 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 Monday November 2

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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.

4 days – 3 nights

Our usual all inclusive package

Total Cost \$750

\$20 deposit on booking, Balance of \$730 by September 30th, 2009

Single Supplement \$175.00

Late bookings welcome subject to availability