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A unique itinerary that shows off the beauty of both islands while showcasing the breathtaking public gardens and some of the finest private gardens with their unique plant collections. On the North Island you also get the chance to see the wilder side of nature visiting untouched ancient rainforest with 1000 year old Kauri trees as well as some of the very finest Rhododendron gardens in the southern hemisphere. Time your visit for early summer and get the added bonus of seeing the spectacular vast swaths of pink and blue Russell Lupins growing wild along the roadside in the Canterbury/Lake Tekapo and Fiord land regions on the South island.

After spending your day enjoying the colour and scent of the gardens on offer relax in some of our loveliest small character hotels – call Andrew for details we can arrange trips to coincide with seasonal favourites or flower shows.

16 nights from £2,240 per person

Price Includes:

- Rental car for the duration of your tour
- 16 nights unique/boutique accommodation
- Coast and Rainforest walk in Auckland
- Waitomo Caves entrance
- Half Day city sightseeing tour in Wellington
- Interislander Ferry crossing
- Half Day Gardens Tour in Christchurch
- Entrance to Larnach Castle Gardens in Dunedin

We can assist you in adding the flight of your choice.

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Suggested Itinerary B = Breakfast

Day 1 Arrive Auckland

Meeting and transfer to your hotel for the night. Free time to unwind, or visit The Auckland Domain, a 75 hectare park that has been developed around the natural cone of an extinct volcano. The Domain features formal gardens, green clearings, bush tracks and a large freeform reflecting pool. There is also the winter gardens, two historic glasshouses containing temperate and tropical plants. The domain is open to the public 24 hours and the winter gardens daily from 9am to at least 4:30pm (sometimes later in summer). Entrance is complimentary.

Overnight: Hotel De Brett

Day 2 Auckland Coast and Rainforest Tour B

This morning, you will be picked up by Bush and Beach for a full day Coast and Rainforest walk where you will get to visit Auckland's rugged West Coast and see an area of untouched original rainforest with native Kauri Trees over 1000 years old. This is an ideal way to get to know this vast city without having to navigate your way around! You will be returned to your hotel at the end of the day.

Overnight: Hotel De Brett

Day 3 Auckland/Cambridge (240km) B

Self-drive passengers make your way to the Hertz City Depot (Hertz will reimburse a taxi fare from central city accommodation of up to NZD15.00 including G.S.T. (subject to change) with taxi receipt) where you will collect your rental vehicle. Travel south to the Waitomo Caves to visit these stunning caves. Then travel to Cambridge via Hamilton; suggested is a visit to Hamilton Gardens which feature themed gardens from all over the world. From there it is a short drive to the town of Cambridge known as the 'Town of Trees and Champion'. The beautiful tree-lined streets of Cambridge are home to a number of New Zealand sporting champions.

Overnight: Thornton House

Day 4 Cambridge/New Plymouth (231km) B

Travel south today from Cambridge to New Plymouth. Recommended along the way, is a stop at Waitara to see any of the lovely gardens that this town offers. Before arriving at your accommodation.

Overnight: Nice Hotel



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Day 5 New Plymouth B

New Plymouth is a haven of superb gardens, today is free for you to experience some of these. Some suggestions include Pukeiti which is one of the world's great Rhododendron Gardens. Or there is Pukekura Park, which is the centrepiece of the parks and reserves network in New Plymouth. It covers an area of approximately 49 hectares (120 acres) and includes the adjacent garden estate Brooklands, Brooklands Zoo and the historic Gables Colonial Hospital. Pukekura is a nationally significant park with a large exotic specimen tree collection inter-planted within a margin of luxuriant native bush.

Overnight: Nice Hotel

Day 6 New Plymouth/Wanganui/Wellington (355km) B

Travel south via the scenic Kapiti Coast to Wanganui and Wellington. One optional stop you may like to make is at Zealandia. Located only minutes from downtown Wellington, Zealandia is the world's first urban sanctuary - a "mainland island". It is a unique conservation attraction and place where you can step back in time, experience a slice of New Zealand's natural heritage and enjoy the peaceful scenic surroundings. ***Overnight: Lambton Heights B&B***

Day 7 Wellington B

Enjoy a half day city sightseeing tour, taking in the Beehive and Parliament Buildings, the exquisite Lady Norwood Rose Gardens and enjoy the 360 degree views of the city from Mt Victoria.

Overnight: Lambton Heights B&B

Day 8 Wellington/Picton/Richmond, Nelson (116km) B

In Wellington return your car and board the morning Interislander Ferry for your cruise across Cook Strait. On arrival in Picton, pick up your car and take a leisurely drive to Nelson.

Overnight: Kershaw House

Day 9 Day at leisure - Richmond, Nelson B

Free time to relax and enjoy Nelson and Richmond today.

Overnight: Kershaw House

Day 10 Richmond, Nelson/Punakaiki/Greymouth/Fox Glacier (492km) B

Travel south to Punakaiki and Greymouth, view the fascinating „Pancake“ rock formations and blowholes at Punakaiki, then continue to Fox Glacier.

Overnight: Distinction Fox Glacier Te Weheka

Day 11 Fox Glacier/Wanaka/Queenstown (381km) B

Travel south today and enjoy the rugged West Coast scenery through the Haast Pass and continue via Lakes

Hawea and Wanaka to Queenstown.

Overnight: The Dairy Private Luxury Hotel

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Day 12 Queenstown B

Day at leisure for you to explore. Some suggestions are Milford Sound or Doubtful Sound day excursion, Shotover Jetboat Ride, Excursion to Walter Peak including afternoon tea or dinner and Dart River Jetboat Safari.

Overnight: The Dairy Private Luxury Hotel

Day 13 Queenstown/Lumsden/Dunedin (283km) B

Today, you travel south via the river plains and tussock country of Southland through Gore to Dunedin. This Scottish influenced city boasts some of the most beautiful architecture in New Zealand. Nearby is the beautiful Otago Peninsula where you can view marine wildlife in its natural habitat.

Overnight: Lodge at Larnach Castle

Day 14 Dunedin B

Included today is a visit to Larnach Castle and the beautiful Gardens. Over a century old this large garden surrounding historic Larnach Castle on the Otago Peninsular is at an altitude of 300 metres. The scenery is spectacular and though the garden is subjected to wind and low rainfall it contains a unique collection of plants seldom seen elsewhere. Some remnants from the original plantings 120 years ago.

Overnight: Lodge at Larnach Castle

Day 15 Dunedin/Christchurch (365km) B

Today, depart Dunedin and travel north crossing the Canterbury Plains and travelling to Christchurch known as „the Garden City“ of New Zealand.

Overnight: Elm Tree House

Day 16 Christchurch B

Included today is a half day tour that will visit a mixture of public and private gardens. Enjoy a break from driving and sit back, relax and enjoy the view from a luxury coach. The public gardens may include Mona Vale, the Sanitarium Gardens, or the Christchurch Botanic Gardens. The private gardens are generally award

winning and offer a mix of perennial, rose, water features and woodlands. The tour consists of two public and two private gardens all of which are full with an array colourful and fragrant plants, shrubs and flowers

Overnight: Elm Tree House

Day 17 Depart Christchurch (10km) B

Tour concludes with returning your rental car to the city or airport depot.

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