

THE GARDENS OF NEW ZEALAND

Your guide to the best NZ garden holidays of 2023

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📍 Christchurch Botanic Gardens

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The best NZ garden holidays of 2023

Unsurprisingly, New Zealand guarantees an experience that will leave visitors begging for more. Hidden amongst towering snow-capped mountains, pristine rivers and beautiful towns, you will find spectacular garden experiences. Being a long north-south country means that everything from the sub-tropical to the sub-alpine grows here. With over 100 quality gardens recognised throughout the country, the opportunity to marvel at native flora and glorious grounds is endless.

Many cities and towns offer garden tours where you can visit botanic gardens and private gardens alike, with the gardeners sharing their love of what they grow and how they grow it. There are 17 world-standard Gardens of International Significance throughout New Zealand.

Discover a collection of 6 unique holiday packages that showcase some of New Zealand's picture-perfect gardens, castles & historic homes.

Anzcro's Travel Tips

Seasons

Summer, Autumn & Spring are the best times of the year to visit gardens in New Zealand.

Gardens of International Significance

There are 17 world-standard Gardens of International Significance throughout New Zealand.

Private vs Public Gardens

Public gardens are often free or ask for a small donation, while private gardens usually require an entry fee and offer guided tours.



HAMILTON GARDENS

Hamilton Gardens is a magical destination any time of the year. Around every corner there is a surprise, from reflections in the Cloud Court to roses in the Rogers Rose Garden, and the stunning Italian Renaissance Gardens.

Best time to visit: All seasons



CHRISTCHURCH GARDENS

From the spring drifts of daffodils, spectacular summer roses, stunning autumn leaf displays and cosy conservatories to explore over winter, there's something to delight in every season.

Best time to visit: All seasons



ARROWTOWN

Arrowtown is renowned for its stunning autumn colours. The town is planted with oaks, sycamores, rowans, and cork elms, and in April and May the leaves paint the town and surrounding hills red and gold.

Best time to visit: Autumn



LARNACH CASTLE

Situated on the picturesque Otago Peninsula, Larnach Castle & Gardens in Dunedin is New Zealand's only Castle and is home to 7 acres of award-winning gardens rated a Garden of International Significance.

Best time to visit: Spring & Summer

SELF-DRIVE ITINERARIES

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Mount Taranaki

7 Nights

GARDENS OF NORTH ISLAND

From **\$1,359*** PP

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- 8 days car hire from Auckland Airport in a compact SUV auto with standard insurance
- 1 night at Hotel Grand Chancellor Auckland City in a One Bedroom Suite
- 1 night at Distinction Hotel Hamilton in a Standard Room
- Guided Tour of Hamilton Gardens
- 2 nights at The Devon Hotel, New Plymouth in a Deluxe Studio
- 1 night at Mt Ruapehu Country Lodge, Ohakune in a Suite including breakfast
- 2 nights at Distinction Hotel, Rotorua in a Standard Room
- Entry to Redwoods Treewalk
- Hobbiton Movie Set Tour ex Shires Rest

TRAVEL DATES & PRICES

01 Feb 2023 – 31 Mar 2023	\$1,459* per person
01 Apr 2023 – 30 Sep 2023	\$1,359* per person
01 Oct 2023 – 31 Mar 2024	\$1,499* per person

Quote package code ANZ237NGONI

DAY 1: Arrive Auckland

Today is the first day of an ultimate eight day holiday package spanning across Auckland, Hamilton, Rotorua, Ohakune & New Plymouth. Starting in Auckland, collect your car from the airport and check into the Hotel Grand Chancellor, positioned next to Auckland's famous viaduct harbour.

DAY 2: Auckland to Hamilton

Check out of your Auckland hotel and begin your drive towards Hamilton. During your drive, stop and enjoy a scenic walk at Mount William, relax and reflect at the beautiful Pokeno Waterfall or visit the only lavender and blueberry farm in New Zealand at Lavender Backyard Garden. Upon arrival into Hamilton, enjoy this afternoon at leisure to explore the charming town.

DAY 3: Hamilton to New Plymouth

This morning you will be treated to a guided tour of Hamilton Gardens, where you will explore different themed gardens and experience New Zealand's first traditional Maori garden. Begin your scenic drive to New Plymouth along the North Island's west coast and stop off along the way to capture breathtaking panoramic views at the Three Sisters Lookout and Elephant Rock.

DAY 4: New Plymouth

Visit Te Kainga Marire, one of only six world-standard Gardens of International Significance in New Zealand. The predominantly native garden weaves subtle textures and colours with quirky forms. Visit Mount Taranaki, located in Egmont National Park and one of North Island's most photographed attractions.

DAY 5: New Plymouth to Ohakune

Spend your morning admiring the formal gardens of Pukekura Park or a visit the local's secret, Hempton Rose Garden. Depart New Plymouth and arrive in Ohakune, home to the big carrot.

DAY 6: Ohakune to Rotorua

Journey to Rotorua via via the grand Lake Taupo. Enjoy a two night stay at the Distinction Rotorua, conveniently located adjacent to the Whakarewarewa Forest.

DAY 7: Rotorua

Experience the majestic and magical Redwoods Treewalk. Hidden amongst 75-metre-tall redwoods, you will be suspended high above the forest floor.



DAY 8: Depart Auckland

Enjoy this morning at leisure before travelling to the mystical lush pastures of the Hobbiton Movie Set. Journey through the unequivocal beauty of the land and its manicured gardens, with the mighty Kaimai Ranges towering in the distance. Continue your northbound journey to Auckland Airport where your arrangements will conclude.

TERMS & CONDITIONS: Package is based on 2 adults, in double bedding, and priced in Australian Dollars. Pricing is correct at the time of submission and subject to change without notice based on availability and suppliers operational capabilities. Valid for travel from 01 Feb 2023 to 31 Mar 2024. Valid for sale until 31 Mar 2024 unless sold out prior. Blockout dates and surcharges may apply during holiday periods and special events. Car hire featured based on BUDGET in a Mitsubishi ASX Auto or similar. Standard BUDGET insurance and excess conditions apply. Quote package code ANZ237NGONI



9 Nights

GARDENS, PARKS & RAIL

Christchurch © Julian Apse

From
\$2,359* PP

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- 9 days car hire from Christchurch Airport to Greymouth in a compact auto vehicle
- 4 nights at Ramada Suites Christchurch in a Studio Room
- Christchurch Tram & Punting on the Avon Combo
- Full Day Christchurch Garden Tour
- 1 night at Hanmer Springs Hotel in a Classic Room
- Entry to Iron Ridge Sculpture Park
- 1 night at The White Morph Kaikōura in a Garden Studio Room
- 2 nights at Rutherford Hotel Nelson in a Premium Room
- Abel Tasman Sailing with lunch
- 1 night at The Ocean View Retreat Punakaiki in a Hotel Room
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey from Greymouth to Christchurch

TRAVEL DATES & PRICES

01 Feb 2023 – 30 Apr 2023	\$2,559* per person
01 May 2023 – 30 Sep 2023	\$2,359* per person

Quote package code ANZ239NGPR

DAY 1: Arrive Christchurch

This 10 day package highlights a selection of gardens and parks found in the South Island plus the iconic rail journey aboard the TranzAlpine Train. Upon arrival at Christchurch Airport, collect your car and make your way to your accommodation at the comfortable Ramada Suites Christchurch.

DAY 2: Christchurch

This morning you will be collected at your hotel and embark on a small group guided Garden Tour. Spend the day visiting some of Christchurch's best gardens such as the formal garden of Ōhinetahi, the exceptionally designed Broadfield Landscape Garden & the peaceful surroundings of Mona Vale Gardens.

DAY 3: Christchurch

Journey in style through the changing face of Christchurch's city centre onboard a beautifully restored heritage Tram and then relax and see the Botanic Gardens from a fresh perspective onboard a tranquil 30 minute punt ride as you peacefully drift past the flourishing flora that Christchurch is so famous for.

DAY 4: Christchurch to Hurunui

Upon check out, head north towards the thermal hot springs town of Hanmer Springs, located in the charming region of Hurunui.

DAY 5: Hurunui to Kaikōura

Rise early for a day of exploring the stunning North Canterbury region. Take the short drive to Iron Ridge Quarry Sculpture Park, which is perfectly set overlooking the Waipara River Valley. Once an old abandoned limestone quarry, this magical landscape has been transformed into an impressive display of different sculptures.

DAY 6: Kaikōura to Nelson

The drive from Kaikōura to Nelson offers the perfect blend of coastline & scenic mountains, allowing for multiple photo opportunities.

DAY 7: Abel Tasman National Park

Embark on an epic sailing journey to the stunning Abel Tasman National Park.



Day 8: Nelson to Punakaiki

Begin the journey to New Zealand's wild West Coast. Enjoy an overnight stay in Punakaiki, home to the famous Pancake Rocks and Blowholes in Papatōia National Park.

DAY 9: TranzAlpine to Christchurch

Today you will make your way to Greymouth and drop off your hire car at the Railway Station before your rail journey back to Christchurch. Embrace the romance of rail and explore the Southern Alps aboard the TranzAlpine Train. Traverse the patchwork paddocks of the vast Canterbury Plains and wind along the walls of the Waimakariri River valley.

DAY 10: Depart Christchurch

Your 9 Night Gardens, Parks & Rail holiday package has sadly come to an end. Check out of your hotel before embarking on your next journey.

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3 Nights GARDENS OF CHRISTCHURCH

DAY 1: Arrive Christchurch

Welcome to Christchurch. Today you will make your own way to the centrally located Distinction Christchurch Hotel. Enjoy today at leisure to explore the bustling hospitality scene, established green spaces and vibrant street art.

DAY 2: Christchurch

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before embarking on a small group guided Garden Tour. Spend the day visiting some of Christchurch's best gardens such as the formal garden of Ōhinetahi, the exceptionally designed Broadfield Landscape Garden & the peaceful surroundings of Mona Vale Gardens. Paired with expert commentary, morning tea, lunch and stunning scenery, your day will be nothing less than spectacular.

DAY 3: Christchurch

Journey in style through the changing face of Christchurch's city centre onboard

a beautifully restored heritage Tram. Hear about the city's history, landmarks and local sights from a friendly and knowledgeable driver. Relax and see the Botanic Gardens from a fresh perspective onboard a tranquil 30 minute punt ride as you peacefully drift past the flourishing flora that Christchurch is so famous for.

DAY 4: Depart Christchurch

After breakfast and checkout, your 3 Night Gardens of Christchurch package will come to an end. Why not add-on our 3 Night Gardens of Dunedin package. See below for details.

TRAVEL DATES & PRICES

01 Feb 2023 – 30 Apr 2023	\$999* per person
01 May 2023 – 30 Sep 2023	\$959* per person
01 Oct 2023 – 31 Mar 2024	\$1,049* per person

Quote package code ANZ233NGOC



From
\$959*
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Avon River, Christchurch © Tourism NZ

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights at Distinction Hotel Christchurch in a Classic Room
- Breakfast daily
- Christchurch Tram & Punting on the Avon experience
- Full Day Guided Garden Tour including morning tea at Ōhinetahi Gardens, a visit to Broadfields Gardens & lunch in the Botanic Gardens

3 Nights GARDENS OF DUNEDIN

DAY 1: Arrive Dunedin

Today is the start of four magical days exploring the stunning city of Dunedin and the Otago Peninsula.

DAY 2: Dunedin

Get a taste of what Dunedin has to offer and learn about its rich history, natural heritage and beautiful flora on a Dunedin & Larnach Castle Guided Tour. Visit one of New Zealand's premier attractions Larnach Castle and explore its award-winning gardens and original architecture dating back to 1871. Home to an abundance of different flora with a unique collection of plants seldom seen elsewhere, as well as remnants of original plantings 120 years ago, Larnach Castle and its gardens is a must visit destination for casual visitors and plant enthusiasts alike.

DAY 3: Dunedin

Go back in time to an era of fine art, furniture, artefacts, and pristine gardens with a tour of The Olveston House. Built on an acre of land surrounded by lush gardens, this historic house dating back to the early 1900's opens an unparalleled time capsule into the life that once lived here. The rest of today is at your leisure, you may wish to visit the Dunedin Chinese Garden, home to bridges and water features, and was built by Shanghai artisans as an inner-city haven for peaceful contemplation.

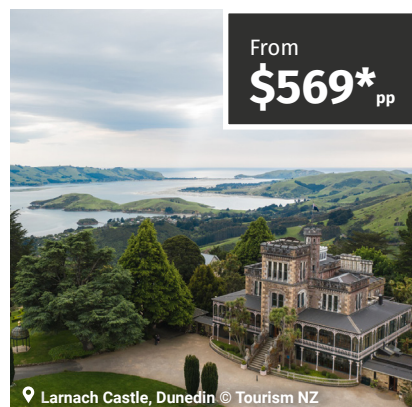
DAY 4: Depart Dunedin

After checkout, your 3 Night Gardens of Dunedin package will come to an end.

TRAVEL DATES & PRICES

01 Nov 2022 - 30 Apr 2023	\$589* per person
01 May 2023 - 30 Sep 2023	\$569* per person

Quote package code ANZ233NGOD



From
\$569*
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Larnach Castle, Dunedin © Tourism NZ

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights at the Quest Hotel Dunedin in a One Bedroom Apartment
- Spacious apartment with king bedding & kitchenette
- Olveston Historic Home & Gardens Guided Tour
- Dunedin Guided City Tour including Larnach Castle & Gardens, Dunedin Railway Station & Otago Peninsula

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3 Nights

GARDENS OF QUEENSTOWN

DAY 1: Arrive Queenstown

Welcome to Queenstown, the home of adventure, beautiful gardens and sparkling lakes. Check into your centrally located hotel and enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

DAY 2: Queenstown

Enjoy this morning at leisure before making your way to Queenstown Wharf to board the enchanting TSS Earnslaw Cruise on Lake Wakatipu. Take time to explore the iconic century old coal-fired steamship as you drift past The Remarkables mountain range and Cecil Peak, before you arrive at Walker Peak High Country Farm. Be treated to a delicious gourmet BBQ lunch at Colonel's Homestead Restaurant before taking a stroll around the beautiful garden that surrounds the homestead.

DAY 3: Queenstown

Today you will have at leisure to explore the beautiful city of Queenstown. Take a stroll around the lush lakeside peninsula home

to Queenstown Gardens. The waterfront trail around the edge of the gardens creates a peaceful walk with benches scattered along the way to take in the breathtaking views across Lake Wakatipu. You may wish to visit nearby Arrowtown, a historic gold mining town, rich in heritage and natural beauty. During Autumn, the leaves paint the town and surrounding hills a breathtaking red and gold, simply stunning.

DAY 4: Depart Queenstown

After breakfast and checkout, your 3 Night Gardens of Queenstown package will come to an end. Time permitting, you may wish to add-on a Christchurch or Dunedin extension.

TRAVEL DATES & PRICES

01 Feb 2023 – 02 May 2023	\$599* per person
25 Jun 2023 – 30 Sep 2023	\$599* per person
01 Oct 2023 – 31 Mar 2024	\$619* per person

Quote package code ANZ233NGOQ



From
\$599*
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PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights at Garden Court Suites & Apartments Queenstown in a Studio Suite
- Continental breakfast daily
- Walter Peak Gourmet BBQ Lunch with TSS Earnslaw Cruise

5 Nights

A TRIO OF GARDENS

DAY 1: Arrive Auckland

Discover a trio of gardens on this 6-day holiday package from Auckland to Rotorua. Collect your vehicle from Auckland Airport and make your way to the city for a two night stay to discover New Zealand's largest city.

DAY 2: Auckland

Visit the Auckland Botanic Gardens and marvel at a spectacular South Pacific botanic garden focused on unique and distinct landscapes. You may wish to visit the private garden of Ayrilies, located east of Auckland.

DAY 3: Auckland to Hamilton

Today you travel towards Hamilton. The 1.5 hour drive between the two locations offers multiple opportunities for stops along the way. Upon arrival in Hamilton, check into your accommodation before an afternoon guided tour of Hamilton Gardens.

DAY 4: Hamilton to Rotorua

Depart Hamilton for Rotorua where you will stop at the mystical lush pastures of the Hobbiton Movie Set. Your local guide will escort you around the set, showing the intricate detailing, pointing out the

most famous locations and explaining how the movie magic was made before feasting on an epic buffet lunch.

DAY 5: Rotorua

Experience the majestic and magical Redwoods Treewalk. Hidden amongst 75-metre-tall redwoods, you will be suspended high above the forest floor across eco-suspended bridges and platforms, providing beautiful unfiltered views of this natural environment. The afternoon is at your leisure, you may wish to visit Rotorua Museum, or the public park of Government Gardens.

DAY 6: Depart Auckland

Check out of your hotel in Rotorua before returning to Auckland Airport where your 5 Night A Trio of Gardens package will end.

TRAVEL DATES & PRICES

01 Nov 2022 – 30 Apr 2023	\$1,199* per person
01 May 2023 – 30 Sep 2023	\$1,099* per person

Quote package code ANZ235NTOG



From
\$1,099*
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PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- 6 days car hire from Auckland Airport in a compact auto
- 5 nights in 4 star hotels in Auckland, Hamilton & Rotorua
- Guided Hobbiton Movie Set Tour and buffet lunch
- Guided Tour of Hamilton Gardens
- Daytime entry to Rotorua Redwoods Treewalk

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📍 Christchurch Botanic Gardens

TERMS & CONDITIONS

*Conditions apply. Prices are per person twin share & in AUD unless otherwise specified. Prices are correct as at Nov 22 & are subject to change without notice & availability at time of booking. Valid for sale until 30 Sep 23 unless sold out prior. Blackout dates & surcharges may apply over special events, public holidays, & holiday periods. Inclusions are subject to change based on supplier operational capabilities. Further conditions apply see: anzcro.com.au/terms-and-conditions/. Booking, deposit payment, cancellation & credit card service fees may apply.