

COUNTRY ROADS AND CROSS HILLS GARDENS FAIR

7 day small group North Island garden tour - 17 Nov 2021 - 23 Nov 2021

Places filling up fast on this beautiful small group tour! Discover the beautiful country gardens of the Waikato, Hawkes Bay, Northern Wairarapa and Manawatu. Stay in Masterton and Feilding, both winners of town beauty contests, and wander the fair and acres of rhododendron and azalea gardens at Cross Hills.

Price
\$3,390 (NZD) pp twin
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Day 1 Auckland - Hamilton - Tamahere - Taupo

We visit renowned Hamilton Gardens including the recent addition, the Mansfield garden. We lunch with Jeanette and Stephen Williams at Moondance Manor in Tamahere and enjoy their expansive garden beside the Waikato River.

We stay at the Millennium Hotel & Resort, Manuels on Taupo's lakeside and dine in this evening.

- Hosted lunch at Moondance Manor
- Stay lakeside in Lake Taupo

 [Taupo - Millennium Hotel and Resort Manuels](#)



Day 2 Taupo - Tikokino - Eketahuna - Masterton

From Taupo we drive through Hawkes Bay to lunch with Phyllida and Stuart Gibson at Gwavas Homestead and stroll in their garden in Tikokino, first established by the family 120 years ago. In Eketahuna we visit Warren and Robyn Walker's Braemore Farm Garden where the rhododendrons are in bloom.

We arrive in Masterton and stay at the Copthorne Hotel & Resort, Solway Park, our home for two nights, and dine in this evening.

- Strolling in the garden at Gwavas Estate
- Unpack for two nights in Masterton

 [Masterton - Copthorne Hotel and Resort Solway Park](#)



Day 3 Brancepeth & Te Parae Homesteads, Wainuioru

Masterton is the home of the Golden Shears championship so naturally our first stop this morning is the town's Wool Museum.

We join Edward Beetham for morning tea and a guided tour through his family's Brancepeth homestead built in the 1850s. We lunch nearby with Angela Williams at Te Parae homestead built in 1905. Te Parae shares family history with Brancepeth and thoroughbred horse breeding is a family tradition. We return to Masterton in the mid afternoon and dine at Solway Park this evening.

- Meet the locals at the Wool Museum
- Two iconic Wairarapa homesteads

 [Masterton - Copthorne Hotel and Resort Solway Park](#)



Day 5 Feilding saleyards - Lansdale - Feilding

We check out the Friday market in Feilding's town square and a local farmer guides us through the historic sale yards where the livestock auction is underway.

At Kairanga we lunch with Kathryn Wells in the Alfred Buxton designed garden, Lansdale, featuring ponds and a grotto and still tended by the original owner's family. We tour to Palmerston North's public gardens including the Dugald Mackenzie Rose Garden then return to Feilding and dine out this evening.

- Historic Feilding sale yards
- Lunch at Lansdale in Kairanga

📍 Feilding - South West Street Motel



Day 6 Feilding - Cross Hills Gardens Country Fair - Chateau Tongariro

We visit Heritage Park Rhododendron Garden which is maintained by volunteers. At Cross Hills Gardens' Country Fair 180 stalls showcase unique and New Zealand-made products displayed in Rodney and Faith Wilson's magnificent 7ha garden of 2000 rhododendrons and azaleas.

In the afternoon we drive the scenic Ruahine Road to Mangaweka and on to Ohakune to stay at The Chateau Tongariro Hotel where we dine in this evening.

- The Heritage Park Rhododendron Garden
- Cross Hills Gardens' Country Fair

📍 Tongariro National Park - Chateau Tongariro



Day 7 Tongariro National Park - Parkwood Garden - Crosshills Farm - Tree Church - Auckland

If it's a clear day we drive to the Top o' the Bruce on Mt Ruapehu to enjoy the amazing view and volcanic landscape.

Sweeping lawns and colourful borders feature in Ailsa and Carey Sanson's 12 year old Parkwood Garden near Otorohanga.

We lunch at Debbie and Fraser Robertson's Crosshills Farm and visit the unique Tree Church garden at Ohaupo on the way back to Auckland.

- The stunning views from Mt Ruapehu
- Visiting Tree Church Garden, Ohaupo

General inclusions

All transport by comfortable, air conditioned coach (maximum of 18 travellers).
Services of your knowledgeable MoaTours Kiwi guide.
Quality accommodation chosen for a "sense of place".
All meals are including in the tour cost, including:
6 hosted garden lunches
Activities & Entrance Fees

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