

# Taranaki Rhododendron and Garden Festival - itinerary

## DAY ONE

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Our journey takes us from Tauranga to Taumarunui but fear not, for we will make a morning tea stop along the way, where you can refresh and revitalize. We'll then continue to our next destination Bradleys Garden a beautiful and serene botanical garden located in Taumarunui. The garden is home to a vast array of plant species, each carefully selected and curated to create a peaceful and harmonious environment. We will indulge in a catered platter lunch and enjoy a short tour of the gardens which will be available after lunch. Next, we will embark on a scenic journey along the Forgotten World Highway, taking in the breathtaking beauty of the landscape. After a day of exploration and discovery, we will check into our comfortable accommodation at The Devon Hotel, where a delicious buffet dinner awaits.

## DAY TWO

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Today we prepare to embark on a journey through a veritable Eden of flora and fauna. With a hearty breakfast fueling our bodies and minds, we set forth on our quest to discover the beauty of nature in its fullest form. Our tour of the gardens takes us through a kaleidoscope of colours and scents, each more breathtaking than the last. The names of these magnificent gardens remain shrouded in mystery, waiting to be unveiled by our esteemed Taranaki Festival Manager. Their secrets will be revealed in due time, and we will be sure to savour every moment of our exploration. As the day draws to a close, we bid farewell to the last garden and make our way to the Devon Hotel for a convivial gathering and delicious meal.

## DAY THREE

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As the sun rises over the horizon, we fuel ourselves with a buffet breakfast before setting out on our journey to discover six more wondrous gardens. These gardens

are yet to be named by our Taranaki Festival Manager, but rest assured, each one will be a marvel to behold. They will offer a breathtaking feast for the senses, with an explosion of colours, fragrances and sounds that immerse us in a world of natural wonder. As the day draws to a close, we return to the Devon Hotel for a convivial gathering and a delicious buffet dinner. With our bellies full and our hearts content, we retire to our rooms, dreaming of the delights that await us tomorrow as we continue our exploration of the beauty and magic of the natural world.

## DAY FOUR

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We will start the day with a hearty breakfast at the hotel. From there, we will set out to explore three more stunning gardens in New Plymouth, each one unique and beautiful in its own way. After exploring the gardens, we will make our way to the charming Awakino Hotel and Pub for a delightful lunch. Once we have refuelled let's continue our travels back to Tauranga. Upon arrival we will bid farewell to one another, but not without taking with us some inspiration for our own homes from all the wonderful venues we have visited over the last few days.