



Join our 22 September 2020 Exclusive Group Departure

New South Wales Floriade, Tulips & Private Gardens

8 Days (or 5 Day variation) with a Botanical Guide in a small group. Take in the delights of the Southern Highlands gardens, the Bowral Tulip Festival, Canberra's sights and enjoy the splendour of Floriade, as well as private gardens of the Monaro and the majesty of the Blue Mountains.

Day 1. Arrive Sydney to Bowral. Depart Sydney hotel at 9.30am and travel to Bowral in the Southern Highlands. On the way visit Mount Annan Botanic Gardens, with displays from all over the world. Afterwards visit the private garden, Greenbrier Park. Enjoy a Welcome Dinner this evening.
Two Nights: Bowral, Gibraltar Hotel (D)

 **Day 2. Red Cow Farm, Retford Park & Bowral Tulip Festival.** Today visit Red Cow Farm and Retford Park. Visit Bowral's Tulip Festival, an annual event of colourful blooms. (BD)

 **Day 3. Floriade & Canberra Sightseeing.** Arrive into Canberra and visit Floriade. Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Canberra along with spectacular views from atop of Mt Ainslie.
Three Nights: Canberra, Novotel Hotel (BD)

Day 4. Private Gardens of the Monaro. Today we travel south to the Monaro High Country, and stunning private gardens, situated on historic merino sheep and cattle stations. Meet the owners and enjoy a delicious home cooked lunch. (BL)

Day 5. Canberra Gardens & Attractions, Freedom of Choice. Today enjoy the freedom to choose to visit the Australian War Memorial, the National Gallery of Australia or take a tour of new Parliament House. Afterwards take a tour of the National Arboretum one of the world's largest living collections of rare trees, where you will have time to enjoy lunch. This afternoon visit a beautiful private garden and meet its owner. (BD)

Day 6. Mayfield Garden & Private Garden Visit. Travel to Oberon to the privately owned Mayfield Garden, the largest privately owned cool climate garden in Australia before arriving into Leura. Afterwards visit another private garden in the area.
Two Nights: Leura, Fairmont Resort (BLD)

Day 7. Blackheath, Mt Tomah Gardens & Nooroo. Today enjoy the beauty of the region with a stop in Blackheath and a stroll around a private garden. Walk through the Mt Tomah Botanic Gardens before visiting the private garden of Nooroo, known for its wisteria collection. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner this evening. (BD)

Day 8. Blue Mountains & Depart Sydney. This morning admire the beauty of the Three Sisters. Visit private gardens in Leura before visiting a rare plant nursery in Leura before travelling back to Sydney, arriving at approximately 6pm. (B)



Departs 22 September 2020
8 days from \$4,995 pp, twin share

Highlights

- Visit Greenbrier Park, Retford Park and Red Cow Farm Gardens in Bowral
- Attend the Tulip Festival in Bowral
- Visit private gardens of Canberra
- Choose to visit the War Museum, National Gallery or New Parliament House in Canberra
- Visit cool climate private gardens of the Monaro region
- Explore nature's garden – the Blue Mountains and private gardens
- Visit the private garden, Mayfield
- Explore Mt Tomah Botanic Gardens
- Visit private gardens in Leura
- Learn about the region from your local Coach Captain

Included

- All sightseeing as mentioned
- Services of a Botanical Guide and experienced Coach Captain
- Airport transfers on first and last day
- 15 Meals – 7 Breakfasts (B), 2 Lunches (L) and 6 Dinners (D)
- Travel in a small group aboard a luxury vehicle with room to spread out
- Stay in centrally located 4-star hotels