



Renaissance
Tours

GARDEN TOURS 2018





Gardens of Villa Rufolo, Ravello



Kinkaku-ji, Kyoto © Ray in Manila/FlickrCC

Gardens of the Amalfi Coast, Sicily and Malta

ROME, CAPRI, POSITANO, TAORMINA AND VALLETTA
with Helen Young | 04–19 May 2018 (16 days)

Join Helen Young to admire the opulence of the gardens of Sorrento, Positano and the isles of Ischia and Capri, and the rugged beauty of the Mediterranean gardens of Sicily and Malta.

AT A GLANCE:

- Visit Sorrento, Positano, Ischia and Capri, whose naturalistic gardens overflow with verdant growth and colourful blossoms
- In Sicily, see gardens raised in the shadow of Mt Etna, and wander through picturesque Taormina and Syracuse
- Explore the gardens and palaces of Malta, where gardens of palm trees and succulents grow from the honey-coloured earth
- In Rome, visit the Pope's private gardens at Castel Gandolfo, newly opened to the public, as well as the Vatican Gardens

TOUR LEADER – Helen Young



A horticulturist, garden writer, presenter and author, Helen has led 20 tours to local and overseas destinations. She is well known for her weekly columns in *The Weekend Australian*, for being *House and Garden* magazine's garden writer for more than 10 years, and her Saturday appearances on ABC 702 radio.

Tour information available now

TOUR PRICES		
	Per person, twin-share	AUD 9,950
	Single supplement*	AUD 1,750
	Excluding international airfares	
	Including airfares within Italy (Economy class)	

Spring Gardens of Japan

KYOTO, KANAZAWA AND HOKKAIDO
with Jennifer Stackhouse | 30 May – 13 June 2018 (15 days)

Follow the change from spring to summer as we travel northwards through the great gardens of Honshu and Hokkaido, reveling in a selection of gardens from the traditional to the contemporary.

AT A GLANCE:

- Explore Japan's legendary gardens, including Koke-dera Moss Temple, Kenroku-en and Arashiyama-Sagano Bamboo Grove
- In Kyoto, stroll through Zen Buddhist temples and their meticulously-maintained gardens of contemplation
- Discover contemporary garden design at Hokkaido's Moerenuma, Rokka-no-Mori and Daisetsu Mori-no Garden
- Gaze upon the Great Buddha of Tōdai-ji in Nara and the the bodhisattva Kannon at Sanjūsangen-dō in Kyoto

TOUR LEADER – Jennifer Stackhouse



Calling the little village of Barrington beneath Mt Roland in northwestern Tasmania her home, Jennifer is the author of several gardening books including *Garden*, which won a Book Laurel for 2013, as well as *The Organic Guide to Edible Gardens*, *Planting Techniques* and *My Gardening Year*, written with her mother Shirley.

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TOUR PRICES		
	Per person, twin-share	AUD 11,250
	Single supplement*	from AUD 1,350
	Excluding international airfares	
	Including airfare within Japan (Economy class)	



Typical Orkney coastline © Peter Stenzel/FlickrCC



Singapore Orchid

Great Gardens of Scotland

LOWLANDS, HIGHLANDS, HEBRIDES AND ORKNEYS

with Genevieve Jacobs | 04–18 June 2018 (15 days)

Join garden writer and broadcaster Genevieve Jacobs as she traverses the romantic heartland of Scotland at the peak of the summer bloom, exploring the gardens of castles and manor houses as well as private and botanical gardens.

AT A GLANCE:

- Explore the gardens of the Duke of Argyll at Inveraray Castle and visit the 18th century Dumfries House near Glasgow, former residence of the Marquess of Bute
- Travel to the water gardens of Dunvegan Castle, Isle of Skye, and to the Himalayan blooms of Arduaine Garden in Argyll
- Stride like a proud Highland laird through the picturesque Brahan Estate and the exotic subtropical garden of Inverewe
- Visit the Orkney Garden Festival, and see how the Orcadians make their windswept islands bloom in the summertime

TOUR LEADER – Genevieve Jacobs



Prize-winning journalist and broadcaster Genevieve is passionate about the arts, gardens, the environment, history and politics. Since 2006 she has presented a daily morning show on 666 ABC radio Canberra.

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TOUR PRICES

Per person, twin-share
Single supplement*
Excluding international airfares

AUD 9,750
AUD 2,200

Singapore Garden Festival 2018

with Helen Young

20–25 July 2018 (6 days)

Discover the luxuriant glory of the gardens of Singapore, from botanic gardens and nature walks to 21st century urban gardens and the Singapore Garden Festival, the most significant garden show in the tropics.

AT A GLANCE:

- Spend two days at Gardens by the Bay and the Singapore Garden Festival
- Enjoy a luxurious 5-night stay in the 5 star Park Royal Hotel, the 'Hotel in a Garden', whose balconies and walkways are given over to verdant gardens
- Wander through the 82-hectare Singapore Botanic Gardens and the National Orchid Garden
- Traverse the green belts linking the city's national parks, oases of calm where Singaporeans come to walk with nature

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TOUR PRICES

Per person, twin-share
Single supplement*
Excluding international airfares

AUD 4,250
AUD 1,000



Villa del Balbianello, Como © Sandy Pratten



Upton Oaks garden, Blenheim © Upton Oaks

From the Italian Alps to Puglia

GARDENS OF NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN ITALY

with Sandy Pratten | 11–23 September 2018 (13 days)

Experience a kaleidoscope of Italian horticulture, from the verdant Alpine gardens of Lombardy and Piedmont in the north to the Mediterranean gardens of Puglia in the south.

AT A GLANCE:

- Explore the shores of Lake Maggiore and Lake Como in the Italian Alps, and the splendid gardens of Isola Madre, Isola Bella and the Villa del Balbianello
- Discover Puglia, where agriculture and horticulture converge, and delight in the quaint historic towns of Lecce and Alberobello
- Experience the richness of Italian culture in the country's superb archaeological museums and distinctive regional cuisines
- Complete your Italian sojourn with an optional post-tour to Ravello, the picturesque town perched high above the Amalfi Coast and blessed with luxuriant gardens

TOUR LEADER – Sandy Pratten



Sandy is a guide at the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney and has lectured and written about horticulture for 20 years. Passionate about travelling and exploring new landscapes, Sandy has taken sixteen garden tours for the Foundation & Friends of the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney, including tours to India, China and Myanmar.

Tour information available now

TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share	AUD 9,250
	Single supplement* Excluding international airfares	AUD 1,950

Gardens of New Zealand

CHRISTCHURCH, BLENHEIM, TARANAKI, HAMILTON

with Helen Young | 19 Oct –02 Nov 2018 (15 days)

Join garden writer Helen Young to explore the best of New Zealand's springtime gardens, including the annual Taranaki Garden Festival.

AT A GLANCE:

- In the Christchurch region, wander through the carefully structured Ohinetahi Garden and then visit Broadfield, which combines rhododendrons, lilies and daffodils with a forest of indigenous ferns and Kauri trees
- In New Plymouth, explore private gardens open only during the Taranaki Garden Festival
- Visit the knot-garden of Upton Oaks in Blenheim and the gardens of Barewood in Awatere, designed to complement a century-old homestead
- Enjoy the wine of New Zealand's famed Marlborough region

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Tour information available Feb/Mar 2018

APPROX TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share	AUD 7,500
	Single supplement* Excluding airfares	AUD 2,000

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