Landscapes of the NSW South Coast
FROM SYDNEY TO MERIMBULA
with Trisha Dixon | 01–08 April 2019 (8 days)

Travel southwards along the picturesque coast from Sydney to Merimbula and discover the diverse gardens, landscapes and galleries of this charming part of New South Wales.

Highlights:
• Visit leading art galleries, wineries and outstanding gardens of the NSW South Coast
• Explore exceptional private gardens including Thubbul sculpture garden, overlooking the ocean
• Discover the history of Indigenous land use and annual migration through the area

Tour Leader – Trisha Dixon
Trisha Dixon is a writer and photographer with a passion for landscape, literature, music, art, architecture, design and history. She has been travelling regularly to Greece over the last decade and has led a number of tours there. Her research into the life of Edna Walling, together with her interest in design and photography, have resulted in a number of books, journal articles and workshops.

Paradise Gardens of Persia
HORTICULTURAL HERITAGE OF IRAN
with Genevieve Jacobs | 07–23 April 2019 (17 days)

Discover the Persian horticultural heritage of Iran’s delicate and beautiful gardens in Tehran, whose historic importance has earned them a place on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Highlights:
• In Tehran, visit the gardens of the Golestan and Sa’ad Abad palaces
• Discover the stunning gardens, bazaars and mosques of Isfahan and the Zoroastrian city of Yazd
• Visit the sites of Persepolis and Pasargadae and the remains of the first Persian gardens

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Gardens of the Adriatic

DUBROVNIK TO VENICE

with Helen Young  |  28 April – 10 May 2019 (13 days)

Travel north along the enchanting Dalmatian Coast from Dubrovnik to Hvar and onwards to Venice, visiting the elegant gardens that grace the eastern shore of the Adriatic.

Highlights:
- Explore the elegant Trsteno Arboretum and visit the stunning waterfalls of Plitvice National Park
- Enjoy a three-day private luxury cruise between the islands which line the Dalmatian Coast
- Discover the secret gardens of Venice, and visit the riverside villas of the Brenta River

Tour Leader – Helen Young
Horticulturist, garden writer, presenter and author, Helen Young has led more than 20 garden tours internationally and in Australia. She is well known for her weekly columns in The Weekend Australian over the last 17 years, and as House and Garden magazine’s garden writer for more than 10 years. She is a long-term regular expert on ABC Sydney radio’s Saturday morning gardening program.

Per person, twin-share from AUD 9,950
Per person, single from AUD 12,450
Excluding international airfares

Iberian Kaleidoscope

GARDENS AND LANDSCAPES OF SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

with Sandy Pratten  |  17 May – 01 June 2019 (16 days)

Prepare for a springtime journey through the Iberian Peninsula, from Madrid to the Bay of Biscay, and along the rugged Atlantic coast down through verdant Portugal.

Highlights:
- Marvel at the grand palaces and gardens of Madrid and Spain’s verdant north coast
- Admire the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, culmination of the 800km Camino de Santiago pilgrimage
- Soak up the relaxed pace of Lisbon, the elegant Portuguese capital, and atmospheric Sintra

Tour Leader – Sandy Pratten
Sandy Pratten 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, as a professional artist Sandy is interested in the sense of place in a country. She has led several successful garden tours, including to India, China, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Mexico, Cuba, Sicily and Malta.

Per person, twin-share AUD 11,750
Single supplement AUD 2,650
Excluding international airfares
Glorious Gardens of Great Britain

CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW, SALISBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, OXFORD

with Julie Kinney  |  20 May – 04 June 2019 (16 days)

Delight in the springtime bloom of Great Britain’s flower exhibitions, country estates and private gardens, visiting the Chelsea Flower Show, Downton Abbey’s Highclere Castle and Waterperry Gardens.

Highlights:
- Enjoy a special day of access to the Chelsea Flower Show, before its public opening
- Visit the private gardens of manors, monasteries and castles in London, Somerset and Gloucestershire
- Journey through picturesque countryside and quaint Mediaeval villages in England and Wales

Tour Leader – Julie Kinney

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| GD1901 TOUR PRICES | Per person, twin-share | AUD 11,500 |
|                    | Single supplement     | AUD 2,500 |

Ionian Odyssey

LANDSCAPES, LITERATURE AND GARDENS OF THE IONIAN ISLANDS

with Trisha Dixon  |  09–21 June 2019 (13 days)

Embark on a journey to the Ionian islands of Kefalonia, Ithaca, Paxos and Corfu, which abound with elegant gardens, stunning landscapes, historic castles and aristocratic villas.

Highlights:
- Visit the private gardens, stunning villas and proud fortresses of Corfu’s Venetian period
- Explore Kefalonia, an island of lush forests and dramatic cliffs, and Ithaca, home of Odysseus
- Take a day trip to one of the Diapontia Islands, true hidden gem of the Ionian Sea

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| GD1908 TOUR PRICES | Per person, twin-share | AUD 10,950 |
|                    | Single supplement     | AUD 2,450 |

Excluding international airfares
Hills and Vales of South Australia
GARDENS, ART, HISTORY AND WINE
with Julie Kinney | 12–20 September 2019 (9 days)

From the Barossa Valley to McLaren Vale and the Adelaide Hills, explore the rich springtime offerings of South Australia's gardens, art, produce and wine.

Highlights:
• Admire sweeping landscapes of vineyards, wheat fields and orchards, awash with springtime colour
• Learn more about flower and herb harvesting on a tour of the Jurlique farm
• Savour South Australia’s unique produce, and enjoy a cooking demonstration at Maggie Beer’s Farm Shop

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Gardens of New Caledonia
LANDSCAPES, GARDENS AND KANAK CULTURE
with Julie Kinney | 18–26 October 2019 (9 days)

Explore New Caledonia’s verdant Grande Terre, where a unique mixture of French and indigenous Kanak culture combines with stunning coastal landscapes and riotous tropical blossoms.

Highlights:
• Visit select private gardens which combine French heritage with luxuriant and colourful South Pacific flora
• Explore Blue River Provincial Park, a treasure trove of biodiversity from shrublands to tropical forests
• Learn about New Caledonia’s French colonial heritage with Nouméa’s elegant historic buildings

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GD1909 TOUR PRICES
Per person, twin-share Excluding airfares
AUD 5,750
AUD 850

GD1906 TOUR PRICES
Per person, twin-share Excluding international airfares
AUD 8,950
AUD 990
Colours of South Africa

LANDSCAPES, GARDENS, HOMESTEADS AND ART

with Jean Wethmar | 29 October – 12 November 2019 (15 days)

Revel in South Africa's rich indigenous flora, exceptional gardens and homesteads, stunning natural landscapes and vibrant art.

Highlights:
• Explore a selection of historic gardens including Kirstenbosch, Brenthurst, Vergelegen, Stellenberg and Babylonstoren
• Visit the fascinating Cape Floral Region, recognised as one of the world’s six Floral Kingdoms
• Discover the unique architecture, wine estates, varied horticulture and majestic scenery of the Cape Winelands

Tour Leader – Jean Wethmar
Born in South Africa, Jean Wethmar immigrated to Australia in 2002. Her passions range from interior decorating to gardening, wine and travel. She is an experienced tour leader, travelling many times a year to destinations including South Africa, India, Morocco, and Bhutan. She previously owned a wholesale plant nursery farm in South Africa, specialising in the production of mangoes and strelitzia flowers.

Japanese Gardens and Architecture

TOKYO, TAKAYAMA, KANAZAWA, HIROSHIMA AND KYOTO

with Genevieve Jacobs | 04–20 November 2019 (17 days)

Discover the timeless beauty of Japanese autumn gardens and contemporary art and architecture in the company of garden writer and Japanophile Genevieve Jacobs.

Highlights:
• Discover Tokyo’s fascinating combination of traditional landscape gardens and contemporary art museums
• Visit Japan’s famous landscape gardens, such as Kanazawa’s Kenroku-en Garden and Okayama’s Kōraku-en Garden
• In Kyoto, see Zen Buddhist temples, Shinto gardens and the Miho Museum of Contemporary Art

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