

HAMILTON GARDENS

MORE THAN 1 MILLION VISITORS EACH YEAR

- ★ Open seven days
- ★ Free parking
- ★ Five minutes drive to Hamilton CBD
- ★ Umbrellas available
- ★ Mobility scooters, wheelchairs and pushchairs available

Translated guide sheets in eight languages

Telling the story of gardens through themed garden collections, Hamilton Gardens explores different civilisations, and recreates historically important garden styles from the farthest reaches of the world.

Visitors are guided on a journey of discovery along paths delivering mysterious surprises: step from a peaceful Sung Dynasty Chinese Scholar's garden into an Italian Renaissance Garden, before being enthralled by the grandeur of the Indian Char Bagh ('four quartered') Garden. Hamilton Gardens has 21 themed garden areas with more being developed.

Hamilton Gardens is not a botanical garden. Instead, its unique and internationally recognised concept has been compared to a museum. Each garden collection has historic integrity and provides a window into the story of civilisations, their arts, beliefs and life styles.

The Gardens are located halfway between Auckland and Rotorua, Auckland and Waitomo, and only a short 45 minute drive from Hobbiton. It is the perfect stopover to stretch your legs, take a guided tour or river cruise, and indulge in morning/afternoon tea or lunch.



"So lovely - a break from travelling" - sweetpea3112

"Superb - one of the best attractions in NZ" - Boxing_Kangaroo

"Great gardens! Worth a big detour" - Bjoern77

"World class" - epicurean4

YEAR ROUND DELIGHTS

Hamilton Gardens is an ideal tourist destination with beautiful seasonal highlights throughout the year.



SUMMER



AUTUMN



WINTER



SPRING



GUIDED TOURS

Journey through the Story of Gardens

Explore nine themed gardens with our guides who will share the 'inside story' of how the Gardens was transformed from a rubbish dump into an internationally significant garden. Around every corner there is something different.

Choose to have your morning/afternoon tea or lunch before or after the tour throughout the Gardens: perhaps in the Renaissance Gallery beside the Italian Renaissance Garden, or transport yourself to India in the Indian Char Bagh Garden overlooking the Waikato River.

We can be flexible with tour times and can cater to tours with time constraints.

- Foreign language guide sheets are available in eight languages.
- Foreign language speaking guides can be arranged.

TOUR ONLY

Explore the Gardens with your guide.

RETAIL RATES

Groups < 10pax: \$126
Groups > 10pax: \$12.60 per person

DEPARTING

Hamilton Gardens Information Centre

DURATION

We recommend 1 hour for the tour but can easily adjust for your group.

TIMES

Tours operate daily
Please enquire about public holidays

BOOKINGS

Required

MORNING OR AFTERNOON TEA

VERY POPULAR

Indulge in tea and coffee, and a delicious sweet slice or hot savoury item.

RETAIL RATES

Groups < 10pax: \$262.50
Groups > 10pax: \$26.25 per person

DEPARTING

Hamilton Gardens Information Centre

DURATION:

75 minutes

TIMES

Tours operate daily
Please enquire about public holidays

BOOKINGS

Required

LUNCH

Enjoy a seasonally chosen lunch, followed by an indulgent sweet slice, soft drink or water, and fresh fruit. We also have a wide range of award-winning NZ wines available. Contact us for pricing.

Choose between a relaxed lunch among the Gardens on a picnic rug, or dine seated in one of the Garden galleries.

RETAIL RATES

Groups < 10pax: \$367.50
Groups > 10pax: \$36.75 per person

DEPARTING

Hamilton Gardens Information Centre

DURATION

90 minutes

TIMES

Tours operate daily
Please enquire about public holidays

BOOKINGS

Required

RIVER CRUISE AND GUIDED TOUR

Guided tour and Hamilton highlights

Cruise from Hamilton Gardens on the Waikato River Explorer. Enjoy a relaxing scenic cruise on the beautiful Waikato River with entertaining commentary from your skipper aboard the vessel.

This all-season cruise explores the history of the Waikato River as it passes through the region's largest city.

The cruise can be booked before or after a guided tour of Hamilton Gardens.

MORNING OR AFTERNOON TEA

Indulge in tea and coffee, and a delicious sweet slice.

RETAIL RATES

Groups < 10pax: \$700
Groups > 10pax: \$68.25 per person

DEPARTING

Hamilton Gardens Information Centre

DURATION

2 hours

TIMES

Tours operate daily
Please enquire about public holidays

BOOKINGS

Required

LUNCH

Enjoy a seasonally chosen lunch, followed by an indulgent sweet slice, soft drink or water, and fresh fruit. We also have a wide range of award-winning NZ wines available. Contact us for pricing.

Choose between a relaxed lunch among the Gardens on a picnic rug, or dine seated in one of the Garden galleries.

RETAIL RATES

Groups < 10pax: \$819
Groups > 10pax: \$78.75 per person

DEPARTING

Hamilton Gardens Information Centre

DURATION

2.5 hours

TIMES

Tours operate daily
Please enquire about public holidays

BOOKINGS

Required



MĀORI GARDEN GUIDED TOUR

Learn about New Zealand's horticulture heritage

Tour Te Parapara - New Zealand's only traditional Māori productive garden – and discover insights into pre-European life.

Or, spend longer and sample delicious traditional fare with a modern twist served in front of New Zealand's only outdoor traditional pataka (storehouse).

GUIDED TOUR ONLY OR TOUR WITH LUNCH

Once the home of Haanui, a famous Ngati Wairere chief, Te Parapara was renowned as the site of sacred rituals associated with the harvesting of food crops. We continue to plant and harvest kumara each year.

Enjoy a Māori inspired lunch with delicious seasonal flavours prepared by local chefs.

RETAIL RATES

Guided Tour only:

Groups < 10pax: \$126

Groups > 10pax: \$12.60 per person

Guided Tour and Lunch:

Groups < 10pax: \$420

Groups > 10pax: \$42 per person

DEPARTING

Hamilton Gardens Information Centre

DURATION

Guided tour only: 45 minutes

Guided tour and lunch: 1 hour 30 minutes

TIMES

Tours operate daily

Please enquire about public holidays

BOOKINGS

Required



PICNIC BASKET

Explore the Gardens at your own pace

This option is perfect for independent travellers staying in the Waikato, or passing through.

Collect your personalised picnic basket from the Information Centre and dine in any of our gardens: perhaps among the grandeur of the Italian Renaissance Garden, or ancient China overlooking the Waikato River.

PICNIC LUNCH

VERY POPULAR

Each picnic basket comes with an outdoor blanket, indulgent sweet slices, fruit juice with seasonal fruit and main-meal offerings. We also have a wide range of award-winning NZ wines available. Contact us for pricing.

Choose between a thermos of tea or coffee, or a soft drink, to enjoy.

And, we'll slip in a 'Story of the Gardens' guidebook for you to learn about the Gardens' history.

RETAIL RATES

Picnic basket

\$44 per person

Minimum two people

COLLECTION & RETURN

Hamilton Gardens Information Centre

TIMES

Tours operate daily

Please enquire about public holidays

BOOKINGS

Required

INCENTIVES AND EVENTS

Create an unique event

Hamilton Gardens provides a unique venue that suits bespoke events for incentive, or corporate occasions.

The themed gardens are available to hold special one-off events where your guests can be transported into different worlds; imagine outdoor opera in the English Flower Garden, cooking classes in the Kitchen Garden or Bollywood themed dinners in the Indian Char Bagh Garden. It's your choice.

Also onsite, our pavilion seats up to 500 and is ideal for large black-tie charity balls through to smaller seminars and workshops.

Bookings can be made five years in advance and with the popularity of the Hamilton Gardens, it pays to book early.

INDIVIDUAL ITINERARIES

Design your own tour

We can individualise tours to include other Waikato tourist destinations including an organic tea plantation at Zealong Tea Estate and a mainland ecological island at Sanctuary Mountain (Maungatautari).

Please contact us for more information.

BOOKINGS

By prior arrangement

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Children five years old and under are free. Six years and above full rates apply.
- Guided tours without meals must be booked at least 24 hours prior to arrival.
- Guided tours with meals must be booked at least 48 hours prior to arrival and any amendments advised at least 24 hours prior to arrival.
- Toilet facilities are available near the Information Centre
- All prices are retail and in NZ\$
- All prices are GST inclusive

CANCELLATION POLICIES

- A full refund will be given for guided tour and meal cancellations made 48 hours prior to bookings.
- A 50% refund will be given for guided tour and meal cancellations made 24 hours prior to bookings.
- No refund will be given for guided tour and meal cancellations within 24 hours of a booking.

