

Must-Visit Gardens in New Zealand

Embark on a botanical journey through Aotearoa New Zealand, visiting outstanding green spaces filled with native and exotic plants, seasonal blossoms and meandering pathways. Beautiful at any time of the year and wonderfully diverse, we've picked a handful of must-visit gardens from around the motu (country) including a whimsical sculpture garden and historic castle grounds.



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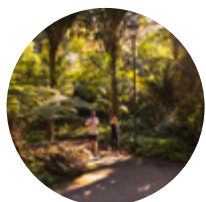


AUCKLAND

Designed to inspire and surprise, **Sculptureum** is a place of expertly landscaped gardens and vibrant artworks. An hour's drive north of Auckland, walk through three sculpture gardens bursting with color and creativity before stepping inside to admire the works of artists like Andy Warhol.

Top tip for visitors:

- Pre-book lunch or dinner at the on-site Rothko Restaurant, offering a sharing-style dining experience where you can sample their range of estate-grown wines.



TARANAKI

Known as "New Zealand's Garden Capital", Taranaki has several gardens of international and national significance. **Pukeiti** is renowned for its outstanding rhododendron collection, while the inner-city **Pukekura Park** has diverse landscapes from formal gardens and lakes to a fernery.

Top tip for visitors:

- For five weeks between December and January, Pukekura Park hosts an annual free "Festival of Lights" complete with light installations, music and food.



WAIKATO

Wander through time and continents at the spectacular **Hamilton Gardens** in the Waikato. Each of the 18 enclosed gardens tells a unique story, from the statues of the Italian Renaissance Garden to Te Parapara Garden which showcases traditional Māori gardening practices.

Top tip for visitors:

- Uncover hidden stories and fascinating insights on the 75-minute guided Highlights Tour (public and private options available).



GISBORNE

Marvel at over 25,000 species of trees, shrubs and climbers at **Eastwoodhill Arboretum**, the National Arboretum of New Zealand. Spread over 333 acres, it's best experienced on foot with several walking paths for all abilities – guided walking and vehicle tours are also available.

Top tip for visitors:

- While each season brings its own highlights, fall (March – May) is particularly spectacular with the foliage a riot of color in hues of red, orange and gold.



DUNEDIN

Dunedin is home to many renowned gardens including the 125-year-old **Larnach Castle Gardens** with its collection of specialized gardens and coastal views. For eastern inspired elegance, the **Lan Yuan – Dunedin Chinese Garden** is the only garden of its kind in the southern hemisphere!

Top tip for visitors:

- Experience a taste of authentic Chinese cuisine at the Lan Yuan – Dunedin Chinese Garden's tea house, which serves steamed buns and dumplings.



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