

Thank you for showing interest in the tour of Tasmania's Rose Gardens. The dates are;

Wednesday Nov. 11th 2009 Flying ex Adelaide by Virgin Blue Airways, with four nights in Hobart, staying at Macquarie Motor Inn, 167 Macquarie St. Hobart Tas. 7000. Tel. 03 62207100. Fax. 03644 273/ and then 3 nights in Launceston staying at Sandors-on-the-Park, 303 Hobart Rd., Launceston 7250 Tel 03633 12055.

The cost of the Tour is \$1900 per person twin share or double rooms. There is a single supplement available of \$50 per night extra for those choosing a room on their own.

Tour cost includes Air Fare from Adelaide, all dinners and full breakfasts, all entries to gardens, stately homes, National parks, Port Arthur, etc nearly all morning and afternoon teas. Four of our lunches will be booked in gardens or restaurants, costing between \$10 and \$15 each (to be collected on the bus). One lunch is in a private garden at Deloraine and another at Campbelltown, these costs are included in the tour price.

If you intend coming on the tour, early bookings are essential to help with the planning.

A deposit of \$100 would be appreciated by June 1st 2009 and the remainder by Saturday August 15th 2009.

Your deposit will be returned if you cancel early. Final payments can only be returned if a replacement is arranged.

For those traveling from other states, it is best to book your own Air Fare. Very cheap deals can be had with Virgin Blue if booked on the Internet. If you are arranging your own Air Fare, the cost of the tour is \$1600.

We will all meet at the Hotel in Hobart for dinner on Wednesday November 11th, 2009. To book contact either of the following;

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Please supply your full name and address, telephone number and what you wish to be printed on your badge (1.e.) What you like to be called and name of town you live in.

For other bookings quote whether you will need double, single or twin room accommodation and it would be an advantage to have the same information about the person you wish to share with.

Regards,
David Ruston

DAVID RUSTON'S ROSE TOUR OF TASMANIAN GARDENS
ROSE TOUR OF TASMANIA NOVEMBER 11TH TO 18TH. 2009

DAY 1 NOVEMBER 11TH Airport.or drive down privately. Cost of Renmark to Airport not included in total cost.

Fly to Hobart with Virgin Blue departing 1.50 p.m.on a direct service to Hobart, arriving Hobart 4.05 p.m.

On arrival, the group will be met by the Coach Captain during their stay.

Staying at Macquarie Motor Inn for 4 nights 167 Macquarie St. Hobart Tas 2000.

Tel.0362207100 and Sanders-in-the Park in Launceston303 Hobart Rd., Launceston

Riverland to Adelaide to Hobart.

Catch the 7.30 a.m. bus to Adelaide and Mini-Bus from Premier Roadlines to 7250 Tel. 0363312055.

Tour Includes full Breakfasts and 2 course dinners, each day, Garden Visits .Lunch on your own.

We will meet up with those arriving from other states at the Hotel

DAY 2 THURSDAY 12th. NOVEMBER Leave Motel at 8a.m.

8.30 a.m.. TOUR OF THE HOBART BOTANICAL GARDENS

10. a.m.. We then travel down the Huon Outlet to the Stonehouse Garden at Grove. These "must see" gardens over 1ha, are situated 30 mins. south of Hobart, amidst apple orchards, with Sleeping Beauty as a backdrop. The restored Georgian Stonehouse is unique in the area and represents over 150 years of family history. Features include hedges, borders, roses, white garden, pear walk, knot garden, woodland and water features

12 noon Then via Huonville to Cygnet Bay, stroll around Floribunda roses overlooking the Bay. Lunch at Cygnet Bay Hotel.

1.30 p.m. We then head off to the "Scented Garden" at Glazier's Bay famous for its Austin Roses grown on obelisks painted blue. A "Scented Rose Garden" is Australia's acclaimed David Austin rose garden, with 30 metre rose and perennial border with rose and clematis arches, also extensive National Trust classified Topiary hedges.

3.p.m We then continue along the Channel Highway to the "Magnus Garden" Woodbridge Hill, Woodbridge. The owners of the "Magnus Garden" have a keen interest in unusual species plants and grow a wide variety of flowers to make into eye-catching bunches for Salamanca Market. The garden comprises 1.2ha surrounding the house and handweaving studio, where visitors can watch a weaver at work. It is also the home of an intensive collection of apple and other fruit trees.

5 p.m. Return to Hobart via Kingston and Sandy Bay.

DAY 3 FRIDAY 13TH. NOVEMBER Leave at 8 a.m.

PORT ARTHUR AND RICHMOND

9.30 am. Next is a visit to Port Arthur, with a conducted tour including the Convict study centre, and 30 historic buildings, ruins and period furnished houses all set on 40 acres.. Lunch on your own. The gardens around Pt.Arthur are one of the most commented –on aspects of the experience. Stroll through the Government gardens, a recreation of the 1858 original and the 20th. century flower and vegetable gardens at Trentham Cottage, also the 1850's Commandant's garden. Finally relax on a cruise around the Isle of the dead.

1.30 p.m.

Then to Pine Rise Peonies, 42 Pine Rise Rd, to visit the fantastic Peony collection of Margaret Hansen. Imagine walking through acres of blooming peonies which are rarely seen by the public. Delight your senses as you experience the array of perfumes and colours. Explore the Chinese peony field with its unusual collection of peony flowers. Discover forms such as rose pavilion and Lotus.

3.30 p.m. Visit Richmond for a walk through the historic town and visit local gardens. The Richmond area was originally occupied by the Moomairremener people. Surveyor James Meehan explored the area and named the Coal river because he found coal near it. Land grants were given from 1808 and the area soon became Tasmania's major wheat-producing area. The town of Richmond was proclaimed in 1824. The bridge was built in 1825, allowing travel to the east coast. In 1825 Richmond was the centre of a police district with a goal, courthouse and barracks. Businesses such as inns, saddlers, blacksmiths, tanneries, and general stores developed. The convict system ended and the gold rushes in Victoria led to a decline in the population of Richmond. However, the colonial buildings were left untouched. It remained an agricultural area until the 1960's, when houses were purchased to be restored and businesses such as galleries opened to cater for the expanding tourist industry. Today 250,000 people visit the town. The first garden to be visited is "The Jolly Farmer's", originally one of the inns built near the bridge on the road to the east coast. This two-storey brick Georgian-style building in Wellington street was built in 1826. It has been restored in recent year by the present owners Margaret and Gordon. The tour of the garden includes a walk through the downstairs part of the house. The second garden is behind a brick cottage, c.1831, in Franklin street. The garden has been created by the present owner Jan Bevis, over more than thirty years, the delightful courtyard surrounded by brick walls, which shelter the garden. Afternoon tea will be served here

5.30 p.m. Return to Hobart. Possible trip to Mt. Wellington weather permitting.

DAY 4 SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14th at 8 a.m.

Visit famous Salamanca Market and walk to Battery Point via Kelly's Steps (They are steep). Battery Point is a former mariner's precinct.

9.30 a.m.... Visit Lilia Weatherley garden, 185 Main Rd., Austin's Ferry for morning coffee with Heritage Rose members. Access by Mini-Bus. Lilia is the breeder of Pink Iceberg, Brilliant Pink Iceberg and Burgundy Iceberg.

This garden is more than one hectare in size on a north east facing slope..

It was started on a bare paddock about 30 years ago. The passive solar house is about 20 years old and has splendid views of the Derwent Valley.. It is built into the slope of the land. The background trees are mainly Oyster Bay pines (*Callitris rhomboidea*), most grown from seed as are many Hakeas, Eucalypts and other natives which are good for the birds. The pond has a small solar powered fountain. The birds bathe in it and water birds catch the fish.

. There is a very fine *Crataegus horizontalis* at the south end of the house and several weeping elms. Reaching out over the pond is a fine specimen of *Cupressus macrocarpa* Greenstead magnifica. Many of the *malus* hybrids are seedlings. Three *Pinus halapensis* are 30 year old seedlings, much loved by the black cockatoos and beneath them, the turtle doves. The roses are mainly heritage ones, except for the

many seedling roses which are being trialed. Most of these will prove to have little merit in the long term and will be discarded. The garden is large enough to accommodate huge climbers and there are many Alister Clark roses and their seedlings. There are several hybrids of *R. gigantea*. Some of the *R. giganteas* were grown from seed sent by Viru Viraraghavan from India. *R. clinophylla* is by the pond as it likes a moist site. The seed of this was also sent by Viru. There is a bank of *R. brunonii* seedlings with some seedling variation. There is also a bed of *R. rugosa*, many plants of which are seedlings

11 a.m. Next is "Rosedown" the garden of Brenda and Ian Tr, 134 Hamilton Rd., Hamilton. A short History of "Rosedown Cottage" It is situated on the banks of the Derwent in the historic town of New Norfolk. It is believed that the house was built in the 1840's, its history is obscure. In the book "Old Pubs of Australia" it is listed as an Inn.

The cottage was one of three built on land owned by the Shoobridge family, who pioneered the hop industry in the Derwent Valley. The present owners bought the cottage in 1985. In that year "Rosedown" was renovated and a new section of nine squares was added. About the gardens. The grounds, of approximately 4.5 acres which were once orchards and hopfields, have been transformed into a series of gardens, featuring many hundreds of roses. Many of the roses are of the old fashioned variety, as well as David Austins and a collection of roses by Alister Clark. The gardens also feature masses of perennials including many species of Iris, daylilies, pinks, phlox and ground covers. Changing with the Seasons
Thousands of daffodils bloom in the Spring alongside lilacs, viburnums, crab apples, philadelphus and other Spring flowering shrubs. The garden also features a number of exotic trees, such as birches, maples, liquid ambers, wisteria trees, oaks, gleditsias, a tulip tree and Norway cut leaf maples. Many of these are noted for their beautiful Autumn foliage, seen at their best in April and May. A large pond is surrounded by water iris, roses and native trees.

12.30 p.m. Then to Hamilton town for a look at the gardens in the main street and lunch on your own—we recommend Glen Clyde House.

2 p.m. After lunch we visit Helen Pointer's garden "Prospect Villa" Hamilton Plains Rd. off Lyall Highway. This garden is a fragrant oasis, the dry hills of Hamilton, protected by 180 year old stone walls and clipped hedges framing views of the Upper Derwent Valley. The garden offers separate compartments, Blanche's white garden, herbaceous borders, urn garden, spring walk, secret garden, rockery and classic Italian Renaissance-style garden. Peak flowering time is October-November. Garden plants for sale.

3.30 p.m. Return to Hobart.

DAY 5 SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15TH. Leave at 8 a.m..

9.30 a.m.. Visit Ross Homestead Gardens 18 Church St. Ross Tel. 0363815199 Situated in a historic village, the gardens comprise old English birch, maples and willows surrounded by a productive vegetable garden and parterre garden amongst over 200 roses, all under-planted with massed annuals and perennials. Enjoy a complimentary tea or coffee. Stroll around Ross with its famous bridge.

11 a.m. Board bus for Campbelltown to meet members of both northern and southern

Heritage Rose groups. There will be a display of old roses and a rose trivia quiz.

David will demonstrate cottagey arrangements of old roses and companion plants from members gardens. He will also discuss root stocks for different soils and climates. There will be a trade stall. Lunch will be served.

2.30 p.m. Leave for the next garden, visiting historic Strathmore on Nile, a beautifully preserved 1820's convict built farmhouse, with servant's quarters, now used as "B & B" accommodation.

In the huge grounds there are original barn and outhouses, remnants of a heated walled kitchen garden now planted with roses, plus a new formal rose garden. Owners Sue and Graham Gillon are delightful. Afternoon tea will be served.

5 p.m. Travel to accommodation at Sanders in the Park Launceston..

DAY 6 MONDAY NOVEMBER 16TH Leave Motel at 8 a.m.

8.30 a.m. its off to Entally House, formally a National Trust property and now in the hands of the "Gunns, the timber giants. The lovely garden is cared by a group of friends, all passionate gardeners. A border of catmint is fantastic as are the Delphiniums. Roses are on obelisks and a glasshouse of tuberous Begonias.

Morning Tea.

10.30 p.m. Then it is a visit to Judy and Dennis Smith. This is a half an acre garden round a Federation farmhouse with magnificent views over the Western tiers. The left hand side of the drive is planted with swags of apricot coloured ramblers, under-planted with matching shorter roses and the garage is covered with Laburnum, which comes peeping through a climbing Cecile Brunner. The other side of the house is all crimson and purple roses, poppies, peonies and clematis, a masterpiece of colour blending.

11.30 a.m. We proceed to Brookhaven at Deloraine. This is a large garden owned by softly spoken American Tom Lyons. A deck extension of the music room is our venue for luncheon

The garden has long borders of roses by the thousands, Rhododendrons and a flourishing Blueberry plantation. There is an island in a lake planted with Stanwell perpetual and is populated by black swans. These are some of the features of the garden.

2 p.m. Then we go due west to Witchwood 80 Dew Rd., Mole Creek. Witchwood is an inspiring one-hectare garden with huge borders filled with unusual perennials, grasses and shrubs. There is a small orchard of heritage fruit trees,, productive potager, trout-filled creek, Birch copses, roses and espaliered apples. There is magnificent colour mid April-May and grass labyrinth. The garden also contains euphorbias, geraniums, micanthus and emphasis on bold foliage and form. There is a garden shop-Gallery and a plant list is available. Then back to Launceston

DAY 7 TUESDAY 17TH. NOVEMBER Leave Motel at 8 a.m.

8.30 a.m Trip to Longford and Tamar Valley. Visit Brickenden, historic farm and garden, Woolmer's Lane, Longford. The National estate gardens feature original 1820's plantings and specimen trees from around the world, Specialty old roses, annuals and perennials surround the historic Georgian homestead.

10 a.m. Then very close at hand is Woolmer's National Rose Garden at Woolmer's Estate. Tour of the historic house and garden. This garden located on the banks of the Macquarie river at Longford displays one of the finest collections of roses

In the southern hemisphere. Five thousand roses, representing all of the recognised families from earliest China and European roses, through to the roses of the 21st century. flowering is October to April. See also the latest addition – the Heritage

vegetable garden . There is also a long pergola clothed with the apricot-orange climber "Westerland". Volunteers help with the pruning and dead heading .

12.30 p.m Lunch on your own at Longford Bakery,.

2 p.m. Then down the Tamar river road north to Pauline Edmund's garden , 119 Battman Highway Sidmouth, where afternoon tea will be provided.

Pauline writes" We have lived here for 33 years and the gentleman that we purchase it from told us that many years ago it was called "Petticoat Lane" because every family that lived here had no sons, only daughters, hence the name we decided to call our plot. The original owners intended to grow Boronia, which gives an indication as to the type of soil I have been working with. It is easy to dig and drains well, needs a lot of nourishment , hence every single thing that I have planted has had plenty of additives, such as imported soil, mulch, manure and compost. It is obvious that I haven't gardened for 33 years, but spent many hours dreaming of what I wanted to do in the "paddock".. It is hard to convince a man that you are on serious mission, especially asking him to remove the third fence and offered to incorporate the gokart track. This offer was rejected thankfully, so in June 1996 we put in the dam and the 40 metre archway, now well covered with roses. It certainly helps to think BIG if you are going to plant a paddock as it doesn't take long for the structure to be buried under plants. I hope you enjoy your wander.

3.30 p.m. Our last stop is "Rosevears" Geraldine Flood's garden called Comnel Cottage". Geraldine writes "Comnel , an early orchardist's home, built at the turn of the century sits on a hill overlooking the Tamar estuary and boasted a vey fine garden in the early years of the 20th century. All that had vanished by the time we bought it in the early seventies. The garden fences were only wire and about 8 feet from the house, with the cattle eating through them. The garden as we know it began its life thirty odd years ago, when we moved here. It has been a constant evolution mostly as I have had the inspiration and time to carry it out. There never was a great plan, I just wanted the house to sit comfortably within its garden. Then began the knocking down of perfectly good post and rail fences, which we had erected not long before , to extend further out into the paddocks. We then began the building of stone walls and steps and numerous arbors on which to plant mostly old fashioned roses as I soon realized that they were one of my priorities and everything that that surrounded them happily was the go. I have been strongly influenced by English magazines and found that most of the plants that they grow do well in our temperate garden. The vegetable has been Bret's baby, until I interfered some years ago and asked him to double the size so I could plant all the unnecessary things like more roses, clematis and many herbs, some edible , some not. He was very obliging and today I think we both gain enormous pleasure from it all. There is also an extensive orchard which we planted soon after. We arrived with about 40 fruit and nut trees and with our vegetable garden they provide most of our needs. We also feel very honoured that Susan Irvine has chosen to dedicate a chapter of our gaden and particularly Bret's vegetable garden in her new book which comes out in October.

P.S. When you visit you may not be able to get the bus up our drive. but you will be able to park next door at the vineyard St Matthas, and walk across our stable paddock, which only takes a few minutes and is a nice introduction to the garden . The tours generally phone when they are close and we meet the bus in the vineyard.

5.30 p.m. A farewell get together is planned for after dinner..

WEDNESDAY 18TH. 2009 DAY 7

RETURNING HOME FROM LAUNCESTON FOR ADELAIDE CONNECTION

7.30 a.m. breakfs . Bus to Airport terminal 8.45 a.m. for Virgin Blue Flight at 9.55 a.m. (via Melbourne) no direct flight from Launceston to Adelaide .

Arriving Adelaide at 12.50 p.m.. Bus to Bus terminal in Adelaide, bus leaves Adelaide for Renmark/Loxton at 5.30 p.m. arriving Riverland at 9.30p.m..

Remember

- (1) Bring this itinery with you.
- (2) Purchase your own travel insurance.
- (3) Phone your Airline 2 weeks beforehand to check your booking and get the number of your flight.
- (4) Take means of identification to the Airport office to obtain your flight pass.
- (5) No airline tickets are posted these days, they must be collected on the day of the flight at the Airline desks.
- (6) Name badges which will be provided at our first destination.
It would help if you could let us know what you would like on your badge,
- (7) If cancellation occurs in the early part of the tour arrangements and a replacement is found your \$100 deposit will be refunded
However final payments cannot be refunded unless someone is found to take your place.
- (7) Make your cheques or postal notes out to us as "Tasmanian Rose Tour".