



# 4 Day Garden Tour Toowoomba

20- 23  
September  
2021

**PRICE FROM \$1,250PP**  
**Single Supplement \$380PP**

*Japan Holidays, together with garden guide Kate Heffernan invite you to experience some of the history and colour of Toowoomba's spring gardens.*

Toowoomba has been acknowledged for its standard in gardening for over 160 years. The rich volcanic soils and the distinct seasons are ideal for both exotic and native plants. Toowoomba's reputation as Queensland's Garden city is well deserved.

Carnival of Flowers and the Chronicle Garden Competition date back seventy years. The first parade was led by a bullock team and reportedly stretched over 3 miles long. The gardening spirit of Toowoomba, as always, will put on a brilliant show in its public and private gardens.



*Your Tour Leader - Kate Heffernan*

Kate loves sharing her knowledge and love of gardens and has led garden tours to France, United Kingdom and Ireland as well as to Western Australia. Kate has also visited gardens right across Australia and Japan, New Zealand and many European countries. Qualified in Horticulture at the University of Queensland she enjoys a career of over 30 years. It includes Botanic Gardens, garden design and construction in the public and private sectors, and more than a decade teaching horticulture, garden history and landscape. Kate is known locally for her weekly feature articles from 2012 to 2020 in the Gold Coast Bulletin and Gold Coast Sun and as Saturday Garden Presenter on ABC Radio 91.7 FM. As part of the Horticulture Media Kate makes presentations at many garden events and has made several guest appearances on ABC's Gardening Australia. Her passion is the world of Botanic and Public Gardens, and for the past twenty years Kate has had a significant role developing the Gold Coast's own Regional Botanic Gardens.

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# Inclusions & Itinerary

Luxury coach with driver and qualified horticulturist tour leader / 4 star accommodation  
/ Meals: Daily lunch & 2 dinners / Entry fees to all gardens listed below.

**20th September – 23rd September 2021**

- 1 Visit Japanese Garden**  
Ju Raku En Japanese Garden (Lunch) ===== Queen's Park ===== Private Garden ===== Accommodation (Dinner) =====  
History Talk of Queensland's Garden Heritage
- 2 A Touch of History**  
Accommodation ===== Picnic Point Parklands ===== Private Gardens ===== Laurel Bank Gardens ===== Picnic Lunch  
===== Boyce Gardens ===== Accommodation (Dinner)
- 3 Relax and Feel Art**  
Accommodation ===== Queensland's State Rose Garden ===== Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery ===== Springs Garden Centre  
===== Visit to gardens at Highfields including the young Peacehaven Botanic Gardens
- 4 Peaceful Meandering**  
Accommodation ===== Time for some last minute shopping in Toowoomba ===== Visit Nerima Japanese Gardens in  
historic Queens Park Ipswich on the journey back home.

## Highlights

### Day 1

 Award Winning Garden

#### Ju Raku En Japanese Garden

only dates back to 1989, but already has a reputation for its many traditional features. Designed by garden designer and garden scholar the late Professor Nakane of Kyoto and located on the grounds of the University of Southern Queensland as a stroll garden, Ju Raku En means 'peace and longevity in a public place'. It took almost nine years to build and plant, and will be the starting point for a day spent visiting past champion country and city gardens.

 Award Winning Garden

#### Queen's Park

also known as Toowoomba's botanic garden, the park features grand old trees and spectacular floral displays famous that may warrant a second independent visit later.

### Day 2

 Award Winning Garden

#### Laurel Bank Gardens

are the home of spring bulb displays, a scented sensory garden and topiary. Maple, peach and camellia walks and vivid themed floral displays, as well as English Oak make this the perfect second stop before more garden history and veteran trees.

### Day 2

 Award Winning Garden

Donated in trust to the University of Queensland, Gatton fifty years ago

**Boyce Gardens** are the legacy of Leslie and Margaret Boyce. It was their private garden from the 1930's and features a sunken garden, terraced flower gardens, a walled garden, fruit orchards and rockeries. The couple built the garden on a slope using entirely hand tools -shovels, mattocks and spades and they also re-established a natural gully rainforest.

### Day 3

#### Queensland's State Rose Garden

in Newtown Park. There are arches and standards, heritage roses, hybrid tea and floribundas. One section honours Empress Josephine and the roses of Villa Malmaison outside Paris and includes Bourbon, China, Portland and hybrid perpetual roses.

### Day 3

#### Springs Garden Centre

which has its own lovely garden, a café and just in case it has something tempting to take home for your garden

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## 4 Day Garden Tour - Booking Form

### Health and Medical

Passengers accept that it is their responsibility to ensure that their health is in a state which allows them to enjoy the tour and successfully complete activities that the tour offers. It is essential for you to address any medical conditions/dietary requirements with us at the time of booking. Special requirements will be requested, however cannot be guaranteed.

#### Traveller 1

Do you need assistance stepping onto coach? Yes  No   
Can you comfortably walk 500 metres? Yes  No   
Do you have painful or limited mobility? Yes  No   
Are you prone to epilepsy or seizures? Yes  No

Other

Do you have any medical conditions / dietary needs?

Please provide details:

#### Traveller 2

Do you need assistance stepping onto coach? Yes  No   
Can you comfortably walk 500 metres? Yes  No   
Do you have painful or limited mobility? Yes  No   
Are you prone to epilepsy or seizures? Yes  No

Other

Do you have any medical conditions / dietary needs?

Please provide details:

Please be advised - This tour will require walking outdoors in gardens including steps and uneven ground. The order of itinerary may vary slightly to accommodate garden openings.

### Declaration and Privacy

**Travel Insurance** is strongly suggested by Japan Holidays.

I/We wish to purchase Travel Insurance. Please forward an application form

I/We do NOT wish to purchase travel insurance through Japan Holidays, and / or we have purchased travel insurance elsewhere.

Traveller 1 Signature  Traveller 2 Signature

I / We have read and understand all the information contained in the brochure/flyer and agree to abide by the terms, conditions and responsibilities as outlined. All persons named on this form are fit to travel.

Traveller 1 Signature  Traveller 2 Signature

