

Escape to paradise GROUP TOURS 2010



**ROYAL
BOTANICAL
GARDENS**
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Explore Royal Botanical Gardens, a National Historic Site of Canada, conveniently located between Toronto and Niagara Falls, featuring over 2,700 acres of breathtaking gardens and spectacular nature sanctuaries. Enjoy four outdoor display gardens, a Mediterranean Garden under glass, three on-site restaurants, a fabulous gift shop, festivals and events, over 23 kilometres of nature trails, and more.

GROUP TOURS AT ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS FOR GROUPS OF 15 OR MORE

Whether you're in the business of arranging bus tours, in charge of your organization's social outings or organizing your family and friends' reunion activities, visit the Gardens and experience some of nature's most beautiful work. Get the most out of your visit by booking a two-hour guided tour, participate in hands-on workshops, indulge in some shopping at our gift shop and enjoy lunch at The Gardens' Café.

Package prices include admission fees, lunch and all applicable taxes and gratuities. Duration of package includes drive time between attractions. Itineraries are flexible and can be arranged to suit the needs of your clientele.

PACKAGES

All packages begin with a two-hour guided tour of Royal Botanical Gardens, lunch at The Gardens' Café and a visit to Shop @ The Gardens.



ART IN BLOOM Royal Botanical Gardens, Art Gallery of Hamilton

Throughout 2010, the Art Gallery of Hamilton presents Vital Africa, a celebration of African arts and culture and its influence on the world. Highlights include *Europe's Exoticized East* exploring 19th-century Orientalist art; Joey and Toby Tanenbaum's stunning African collection in *Dance of Life: The Tanenbaum African Collection*; and the work of Brendan Fernandes, a Kenyan-born Canadian artist of Goan-Indian heritage. Explore the Gallery with our award-winning guides. Complete descriptions are available at www.artgalleryofhamilton.com. This package also includes a delicious lunch at Royal Botanical Gardens and a two-hour guided tour of Canada's largest botanical garden.

PRICE: \$38.70
DURATION: 5.5 hours



Dundurn Castle



Growing Since 1797

A TASTE OF THE VINEYARDS Royal Botanical Gardens, Puddicombe Estate

Take an agricultural train tour through Puddicombe Estate vineyards to enjoy the beautiful acreage and learn about grape growing. Enjoy an on-site tasting of three choice wines followed by a delicious freshly baked dessert made with the fruit of the season served with freshly brewed tea or coffee. This package also includes a delicious lunch at Royal Botanical Gardens and a two-hour guided tour of Canada's largest botanical garden.

PRICE: \$39.70
DURATION: 6 hours

SUPERIOR HOMES AND GARDENS Royal Botanical Gardens, Dundurn National Historic Site

Explore Dundurn Castle built in the 1830s by Sir Allan Napier MacNab, who became Premier of the United Provinces of Canada from 1854 to 1856. Today, visitors led by costumed historical interpreters enjoy guided tours of the 40-room home; the design of which was romantically inspired by a grand Italianate villa. Restored to the year 1855, Dundurn Castle tells the story of the small family who lived above stairs, and the corps of servants who lived and worked below stairs to support their gracious lifestyle. This package includes lunch at RBG and a two-hour guided tour of Canada's largest botanical garden.

PRICE: \$35.20
DURATION: 6 hours
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Historic House and
Garden for an
additional \$4.



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**2010 READERS' CHOICE DIAMOND AWARD: Tour Operator and Local Tourist Attraction
2,700 ACRES OF GARDENS, FORESTS, WETLANDS, WILDLIFE AND TRAILS**



ROCK GARDEN



CATERING



SHOP @ THE GARDENS



Catering at the Gardens

Royal Botanical Gardens is paradise found. Come into The Gardens' Café for fabulous dining and enjoy getting away from it all.

AT YOUR SERVICE

- Meeting and convention space for small or large groups up to 500.
- Beautiful wedding reception facilities for up to 400 guests.
- Stunning indoor garden areas as well as outdoor courtyards in season.



THE GARDENS' CAFÉ

GROUP TOUR MENU OPTIONS

(See www.rbg.ca for full menu details. Prices are inclusive of all applicable taxes and gratuities. Meal site determined by menu selection and confirmed number of participants.)

Lunch choice A: Salad and Sandwiches (buffet style)

- California greens with spaghetti vegetables and balsamic vinaigrette
- Freshly baked breads with chicken, tuna and egg salad fillings
- Selection of finger sweets
- Coffee and tea

Lunch choice B: Quiche and Salad (plated)

- Dinner roll with butter
- Broccoli and cheddar quiche OR chicken pot pie OR beef pot pie
- California greens with spaghetti vegetables and balsamic vinaigrette
- Assorted desert squares
- Coffee and tea

Selections must be confirmed seven business days prior to meal. Meal site determined by menu selection and confirmed number of participants.

Group Tour Policies

- Qualification for a group rate is a minimum of 15 people and booking 48 hours or more in advance.
- Numbers will be confirmed upon arrival (if not dining on-site or booking a package)
- Group tour prices are in effect from January 1 to December 31
- A credit application must be submitted and accepted prior to receiving invoicing privileges.

CONFIRMATION POLICIES

If the numbers change after confirmation, the Gardens will charge for the number confirmed or the actual number arriving, whichever is greater.

Outdoor gardens

- Numbers to be confirmed upon arrival.
- Guided tours: Failure to cancel a booking 48 hours prior to arrival date results in a \$50 cancellation fee.

Restaurants

- Our group tour department will call seven business days prior to arrival to confirm the guaranteed number of participants and their entrée selections.
- Reserved space is held for 30 minutes. If your group is delayed, please call the restaurant at 905-527-1158, ext. 540.
- Meal site is determined by menu selection and confirmed number of participants.

Day-trip packages

- Our group tour department will call seven business days prior to arrival to confirm the guaranteed number of participants.

Luncheon theatre

- Our group tour department will call one month prior to arrival to confirm the guaranteed number of participants

Fair exchange is given on U.S. currency throughout the site.

COMPLIMENTARY POLICY

- One complimentary admission and meal (if dining on site) will be provided for every 20 paid persons. Applicable to group leader, professional escort/driver only.

HOURS OF OPERATION

RBG Centre: year-round, daily, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; closed December 25 and January 1

All outdoor gardens: seasonal, daily, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Mediterranean Garden: year-round, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; located at RBG Centre

Administration: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; located at RBG Centre

Shop @ THE GARDENS: daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed December 25 and January 1; located at RBG Centre. Call 905-527-1158, ext. 224

TO BOOK A GROUP TOUR

Call 905-527-1158, ext. 273

1-800-694-4769

Fax: 905-577-0375

Email: groupstours@rbg.ca

Or write to:

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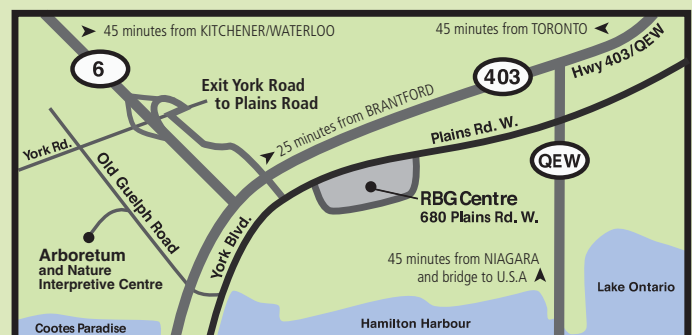


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