

# Escape to paradise

## GROUP TOURS 2011



**ROYAL  
BOTANICAL  
GARDENS**  
[www.rbg.ca](http://www.rbg.ca)



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 Gallery of Hamilton



### ART IN BLOOM

Royal Botanical Gardens,  
Art Gallery of Hamilton

Art Gallery of Hamilton is pleased to designate 2011 as the year of The French Connection, a celebration of French and Francophone culture, and opportunities for visitors to explore diverse cultures and artistic forms. Highlights throughout the year include an exhibition featuring the work of major Canadian historical artists who were among the many international students who flocked to Paris at the end of the 19th century; the work of Eugène Carrière, an important 19th-century artist and teacher who shaped the careers of such giants as Picasso and Matisse; new video installations from France; a stunning kinetic exhibition of leading contemporary Quebec artist Diane Landry; and featuring sculptures by the French master Rodin, and prints by Matisse and Manet.

**PRICE:** \$38.95

**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:** \$39.95

**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:** \$35.95

**DURATION:** 6 hours

Add Whitehern  
Historic House  
& Garden for an  
additional \$4.50.



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**2,700 ACRES OF GARDENS, FORESTS, WETLANDS, WILDLIFE AND TRAILS**



ROCK GARDEN



CATERING



SHOP @ THE GARDENS



THE GARDENS' CAFÉ

## Catering at the Gardens

### GROUP TOUR MENU OPTIONS

(See [www.rbg.ca](http://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 four 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 one week or more in advance.
- Group tour prices are in effect from January 1 to December 31

### CONFIRMATION POLICIES

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

- 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 four 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.
  - Meal site is determined by menu selection and confirmed 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.

### 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.

### 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

1-800-694-4769

Fax: 905-577-0375

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Or write to:

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