



KarmaQuest Ecotourism and Adventure Travel LLC

NTBG New York City Garden Tour June 12 & 13, 2018

We are pleased to invite you to join the **National Tropical Botanical Garden (NTBG) NYC Garden Tour**. New York City in June is bursting with bloom and exploding with summer activities. What better place to enjoy the Big Apple than at its renowned botanical gardens in the company of **NTBG Curator of Living Collections and Horticulture, Mike DeMotta**.



This not-to-be-missed trip features the one-time exhibit of **Georgia O'Keeffe "Visions of Hawai'i" at the New York Botanical Garden (NYBG)**. NYBG and **Brooklyn Botanical Garden (BBG)** directors will lead private tours for NTBG trip members, highlighting special architectural features of the gardens as well as the phenomenal plant displays. You'll enjoy plated lunches at the gardens, and a special **Welcome Dinner at the fabulous Brasserie Ruhlmann**.



Highlighting this trip is the **Georgia O'Keeffe Exhibit at NYBG**. This collection reveals "O'Keeffe's... lifelong affection for the Islands' rugged topography, dramatic landscapes, and exotic plants." One of Ms. O'Keeffe favorite places to capture "the remarkable flora and ecological complexity of Hawai'i" during her 1939 stay was at Kahuna Garden in Hana, Maui. Complementing the painting exhibit will be a collection of **plants grown by NTBG staff** in Hawaii. NTBG's Chipper Wichman (President, Director and CEO) and Mike DeMotta were advisors on the exhibit. (Left: Georgia O'Keeffe, *Heliconia—Crab's Claw Ginger*, 1939. Oil on canvas, 19 x 16 inches. Collection of Sharon Twigg-Smith)

You'll also visit **Brooklyn Botanical Garden**, featuring the recently inaugurated Water Conservation Project, which uses captured water for irrigation, reducing runoff and erosion; and the revolutionary **LEED Gold certified Visitor Center (right)**, the venue for a private catered lunch. You'll visit many of the specialty garden sections, including the **Cranford Rose Garden**.



Please contact Wendy@KarmaQuest.com to sign up or with questions.



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Itinerary

Tuesday June 12: 10 am -- Meet at NYBG (meeting point TBD): Today you'll be the privileged guests of **New York Botanical Garden**. You will visit the **Conservatory (right)**, housing the Georgia O'Keeffe plant exhibit curated by NTBG; and the Library, where Ms. O'Keeffe's paintings are displayed.



A tram will carry you across the expansive Garden to the **historic Stone Mill dining room** overlooking the Bronx River, where you'll be served lunch. Afterward, you may wish to explore the Garden on your own, including the nearby Rose Garden, the Native Plants Garden, or the Rock Garden. Or, you can catch the tram back to the gift shop and entrance. Your visit ends by 4 to 5 pm. You'll make your own way to your hotel or to a spot to rest before meeting for a **sumptuous Welcome Dinner at the Brasserie Ruhlmann**. Time, address and specifics of the dinner to follow. Lunch and dinner are included.



Wednesday June 13: Meet for a morning walking tour of Brooklyn Botanical Garden (time and location TBD), guided by BBG Directors, highlighting key features of the Garden. The **Cranford Rose Garden (left)** will be in full June bloom, a breath-taking sight. The tour ends at the stunning **Lillian and Amy Goldman Atrium** where a catered lunch is served. Enjoy a relaxing lunch, mingling with BBG colleagues. Then return to the Garden on your own or enjoy the afternoon and evening on your own. Lunch is included.

End of Tour

The Tour package includes:

- NYBG and BBG entrance fees, guided tours, and lunches (lunch tax and tip included)
- Welcome dinner (*prix fixe* menu, with a glass of wine) at the **Brasserie Ruhlmann**, an iconic restaurant paying homage to legendary French Art Deco designer Émile-Jacques Ruhlmann

The Tour package does not include:

- Other meals and beverages, parking, hotel accommodations, airport transfers, and services not mentioned.

Trip Price/Person: \$780

*Price if paying by check or wire transfer; please add 4% if paying by credit card (\$811)

Full payment is due March 30, 2018 and is non-refundable.