

You are invited to join **Sue McDougall**
on the Travelrite International 2018

Glorious **Autumn Colours**

Garden Cruise to the USA and Canada

Aboard MS Zuiderdam

27 September to 17 October, 2018

Philadelphia, New York City,
Boston, Bar Harbor, USA;
Halifax, Sydney (Nova Scotia),
Charlottetown, Saguenay,
Quebec & Montreal, Canada

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with
Sue McDougall

Sue McDougall has been passionate about plants and gardening from a very young age. She ran her own garden center for 16 years and for over 21 years has been part of the gardening programs on 6PR. Sue also writes regular gardening columns for magazines, websites and newsletters and runs gardening workshops. Sue is once again looking forward to sharing her love of gardens with you.

Itinerary

Day 1 Thursday September 27, 2018 **Philadelphia, USA**

We depart Australia today on our flight to Philadelphia. We arrive the same day as we depart because we cross the International Date Line. We will be met at the airport by our private coach and transferred to our hotel.

Day 2 Friday September 28, 2018 **Philadelphia**

Philadelphia is Pennsylvania's largest city and notable for its rich history. Today we will enjoy a half day sightseeing tour of Philadelphia. We see the Liberty Bell, which was rung when the Declaration of Independence was adopted, and the Independence Hall, the place where the Declaration was signed. We walk along Elfreth's Alley, the city's oldest residential street lined with 18th century houses many used as shops. We will also visit the Reading Terminal Market, established in 1892, the nation's oldest continuously operating farmers' market. Amish merchants from Lancaster County bring their farm-fresh products and distinctive prepared dishes to the market. After lunch we visit Bartram's Garden, considered the earliest botanical garden in the nation that's still alive and thriving. Named after John Bartram, a devout Quaker who purchased the land in 1728, the plot is now a beautiful 46-acre garden along the Schuylkill River. It features an expansive collection of native North American flowers and plants as well as ancient trees, a river trail, water garden and meadow with a stunning view of the Philly skyline. We will enjoy a welcome dinner this evening. Sue McDougall will welcome the group and outline the wonderful experiences we will have during the tour.



Day 3 Saturday September 29, 2018

Philadelphia

This morning we travel to Longwood Gardens, a kaleidoscopic floral paradise covering more than 405 hectares. Meticulously landscaped gardens feature domestic and exotic beds of blooms that change seasonally. In addition, an indoor children's garden, Italian water garden, topiary, orangery, water lily pond, waterfalls, fountains, sprawling greenhouse, museum and special events and performances make this one of the premier botanical gardens in the entire nation. The afternoon is free for individual activity.

Day 4 Sunday September 30, 2018

New York, USA

This morning we travel to New York. On arrival we enjoy a sightseeing tour of exciting New York City. We'll see the famous Statue of Liberty, Times Square, the Empire State Building, the Ground Zero Memorial and the United Nations Building. We will have a short walk around Central Park, the 'Lungs of the City'. There will be time for you to purchase lunch before we visit the Highline Park. This 2.3 kilometre section of the former elevated rail spur called the West Side Line has been redesigned and planted as an aerial park. It starts with a thicket of shrubs and small trees.

Day 5 Monday October 1, 2018

New York

This afternoon we travel to Long Island to visit Old Westbury Gardens. Home of the Phipps family, the garden designed by George Crawley and completed in 1906. The 81 hectares of gardens include formal gardens, lakes, wooded trails all set around a magnificent Charles II-style mansion. This afternoon will be free to explore exciting New York.

Day 6 Tuesday October 2, 2018

New York

This morning we travel to New York Botanical Garden which comprises 101 hectares and 50 speciality gardens and plant collections. Features include the Bronx River and cascading waterfall, 20 hectares of historic forest and one of the largest Victorian glasshouses in America and more. We travel along the Hudson River to Kykuit House & Garden. This hilltop paradise was home to four generations of the Rockefeller family. Now a historic site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation we visit the expansive terraced garden, which contains Nelson Rockefeller exceptional collection of 20th-century sculptures.



Day 7 Wednesday October 3, 2018

Embarkation

We will enjoy free time for independent sightseeing before we are transferred to Cape Liberty, New Jersey to board the MS Zuiderdam for the start of our Garden Cruise to see the Autumn Colours. Make sure that you're up on deck as the MS Zuiderdam slips her mooring's and makes her way out of the Hudson with one of the most iconic cityscapes in the world, New York City.

Day 8 Thursday October 4, 2018

At sea

Today is free to enjoy the ship's facilities. Perhaps enjoy a spa in the beautiful wellness centre. In the afternoon Sue McDougall will give a talk about her life in the media.

Day 9 Friday October 5, 2018

Boston, USA

This morning we arrive in Boston, known as the cradle of American Independence and is now New England's centre for finance and technology. The home of Harvard University, the area is among the most varied and interesting in America. We will have a city tour with a local guide. During the tour we will see Paul Revere's House and Kings Chapel, home to the largest and sweetest-sounding bell. We will also see Faneuil Hall, and the Old Statehouse, which was the seat of Colonial Government from 1713. In the afternoon we visit Long Hill. This Federal-style home was the summer retreat of Mabel Sedgwick. This garden with much interest was a garden for living, with integrated outdoor rooms. The garden is flanked by one hundred acres of woodland.

MS Zuiderdam



The MS Zuiderdam was launched in 2002. Built at the Fincantieri shipyard in Marghera, Italy, the MS Zuiderdam blends the very latest in shipbuilding technology with the artistry, personalised touches and superior service that has made Holland America Line one of the highest-rated cruise lines in the world. At the heart of the MS Zuiderdam is the Vista Dining room spanning two floors. For casual eating there is an extensive Lido Café and an alternative dining option with the Pinnacle Grill. Dutch heritage and tradition is clearly displayed throughout the ship with a wonderful art collection.

A voyage on MS Zuiderdam is an experience to be savoured and remembered

Clothing on board MS Zuiderdam

During the day, casual clothing is typical, although shorts and swimwear are not permitted in the formal restaurants. During the evening on formal nights, a dinner suit or dark suit for gentlemen and eveningwear for ladies is required in the main restaurants. Casual nights require a collared shirt for gentlemen. The self-service restaurants are casual.

Don't worry about coming alone

We will match people in twin-share cabins when available, saving you the single supplement. You won't be left alone, Sue McDougall and the Travelrite International Tour Manager will be looking after you with group activities every day.

Day 10 Saturday October 6, 2018

Bar Harbor, Maine, USA

We travel to Mount Desert Island Maine, after arriving in Bar Harbor, to visit two gardens kept open by the Land and Garden Preserve. We will visit Thuya Garden and Lodge a wonderful blend of semi-formal English border beds and indigenous eastern Maine woodlands. Thuya Lodge was constructed in 1912 and used as a summer house. From 1956 to 1961 Charles Savage created the garden we see today. The herbaceous borders are a pleasing mix of colourful annuals and perennials defining the sides of an expanse of grass lawns, which leads to a shallow reflecting pool. We will also visit Asticou Azalea Garden and enjoy the quiet and contemplative garden. We travel along spectacular Loop Road located in Acadia National Park, where we have glorious views over the Atlantic Ocean. Acadia National Park is a haven for 1100 plant species.

Day 11 Sunday October 7, 2018

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

This morning we arrive in Halifax, the capital of Nova Scotia and the largest urban area in Atlantic Canada. We will enjoy a guided tour of the town and see some of the historic sites and landmarks such as the Spring Garden Road area, the Province House, Old Town Clock, St Paul's Church, City Hall, Grand Parade, Government House and Point Pleasant Park. We visit the 19th-century Halifax Citadel National Historic Park, where we will have a spectacular view of the downtown area. Our next stop is the Halifax cemetery where some of those who perished on the *Titanic* are buried. In the afternoon we will visit the Halifax Public Gardens open since 1875, set out in a Victorian style with three ponds and fountains and two stone bridges. The beautiful trees will be in glorious autumn colours.

Day 12 Monday October 8, 2018

Sydney, Nova Scotia

Today we will enjoy a relaxing walking tour of the Colonial Town of Old Sydney, founded by Loyalists fleeing the American Revolution. We will see six buildings that were constructed in the late 18th century and another two which were built at the turn of the 19th century. The tour will also take us to St. Patrick's, the oldest Roman Catholic Church in Cape Breton; Cossit House, built in 1787; and Jost House, offering interesting exhibits from this same period.

Day 13 Tuesday October 9, 2018

Charlottetown, PEI, Canada

We dock in Charlottetown; the gracious capital of Prince Edward Island, with street's lined with colourful planters. The Island is renowned for its food producers. We will visit La Serena farm, which displays wonderful seasonal vegetables. Prince Edward Island is the location for the novels *Anne of Green Gables* and the home of the author. We visit Anne of Green Gables Museum at Silverbush. This is the spacious house where the author Lucy Maud Montgomery visited relatives and where she was married in 1911. In the afternoon Sue will lead a Gardening Trivia competition. We will divide the group into teams with prizes for the winning team.



Day 14 Wednesday October 10, 2018

At sea

Today is free to enjoy the ships facilities as MS Zuiderdam cruises the Gulf of St Lawrence.

Day 15 Thursday October 11, 2018

Saguenay, Canada

This morning we dock at Saguenay. We travel to Saguenay Fjord National Park, where we will see glorious fall colours and spectacular views of the fjords on our excursion. In the 1970s the Canadian government began acquiring land around the fjord, which led to the creation of the Saguenay National Park in 1983.

Day 16 Friday October 12, 2018

Quebec City, Canada

We arrive in Quebec this morning. We will enjoy a sightseeing tour of the main sights of this attractive city. The lower town has streets lined with shops and art galleries, which reflect the streets 18th century heritage. We see the Royal Battery, which has been reconstructed and replicas of 18th century canons which are on display. We travel to Place Royal square in the upper town, which was the hub of the city's economic activity until the mid-19th century. We see the Citadel and Quebec's fortifications. We return to the ship for our last night aboard MS Zuiderdam.

Day 17 Saturday October 13, 2018

Montreal, Canada

After disembarking we travel to Montreal. On arrival we enjoy a guided tour of old Montreal. We see bustling Place Jacques Cartier and the Basilique Notre Dame situated in Place D'Armes. We see the Old Seminary built by Sulpician missionaries in 1685, it is the oldest building in Montreal. The downtown area of Montreal has a North American look with wide thoroughfares winding through a forest of skyscrapers. We check-in to our hotel this afternoon.

Day 18 Sunday October 14, 2018

Montreal

This morning we visit Chateau de Ramezay built in 1705 as the residence of Montreal Governor Claude de Ramezay. It is now a museum of early Quebec history and the enclosed garden next door has been re-created to look like a vegetable garden of the 17th and 18th century. This afternoon will be free for individual exploration. We enjoy a farewell dinner in the evening to say goodbye to group members.

Day 19 Monday October 15, 2018

Departure

We visit the Montréal Botanic Garden late morning. It comprises 75 hectares made up of 20 themed gardens and ten exhibition glasshouses. We will see trees with gorgeous fall colours. Late afternoon we travel to the airport to depart for our return to Australia.

Day 20 Tuesday October 16, 2018

In flight

Day 21 Wednesday October 17, 2018

Arrival Australia

The tour group arrives in Australia and the tour concludes.

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Prices per person

Cabin	Description	Deck	Twin-share	Single
L	Interior	4,5,6,7	\$ 9895	\$ 12995
K	Interior	1,4,5,6,10	\$ 9995	\$ 13150
I	Large Interior	6,7,8	\$ 10095	\$ 13250
G	Large Oceanview*	4	\$ 10295	\$ 13595
F	Large Oceanview	1,6	\$ 10350	\$ 13660
E	Large Oceanview	1	\$ 10395	\$ 13695
DD	Large Oceanview	1	\$ 10450	\$ 13750
VD	Deluxe Balcony	6,7	\$ 11495	\$ 16595
VC	Deluxe Balcony	4,5,6,8	\$ 11550	\$ 16630
SY	Superior Suite	5,8	\$ 12895	\$ 19340
SS	Superior Suite	6	\$ 12995	\$ 19830
Included port and handling charges			\$ 761	\$ 250
Included air taxes			\$ 250	\$ 250
Included cruise gratuities			\$ 173	\$ 173

*partial sea views

Availability:

All cabins are subject to cabin availability. Please call 1800 630 343 for fares and information on other cabin categories.

Extending:

You can stay longer in the Canada and the USA for minimal extra cost. Please call for details on 1800 630 343.

Included in the Glorious Autumn Colours Garden Cruise to the USA & Canada:

- Economy-class air travel from Melbourne/Sydney/Brisbane/Adelaide/Perth to Philadelphia and from Montreal back to Australia. There will be a surcharge for flights from Perth and Adelaide
- Travel on MS Zuiderdam in the selected cabin category
- All meals, entertainment and service charges on MS Zuiderdam
- Private activities on board MS Zuiderdam
- 3 nights' accommodation in Philadelphia including breakfasts
- 3 nights' accommodation in New York City including breakfasts
- 2 nights' accommodation in Montreal including breakfasts
- Welcome dinner in Philadelphia and Farewell dinner in Montreal
- Sightseeing tours of Philadelphia, New York City, Boston, Bar Harbor, USA; Halifax, Sydney, Nova Scotia, Charlottetown, Saguenay, Quebec & Montreal, Canada
- Tour leadership by Sue McDougall
- Fully escorted by a professional Travelrite International Tour Manager
- Port and handling charges on MS Zuiderdam
- Cruise taxes
- Air taxes as of 20 September 2017
- Onboard gratuities

Not included in the cruise price:

- Travel insurance
- Additional travel arrangements not detailed in the itinerary. These will be quoted for separately
- Passport and visa fees – a visa waiver for entry into USA and Canada must be obtained
- Drinks on board
- Meals when not on the ship

General Information and Booking Conditions

Touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this tour without the need of assistance from others.

TOUR OPERATOR: Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour organiser MS Zuiderdam is operated by Holland America Line Cruises and the MS Zuiderdam fly/cruise arrangements are subject to the terms and conditions and general information detailed in the Holland America Line 2018 brochure. All passengers must complete the Holland America Line on line check in and complete a Travelrite International booking form.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: A deposit of \$900 per passenger should be sent with a completed Travelrite International booking form that lists your requested cabin category. As soon as the booking is confirmed, (usually within 24 hours), a cruise confirmation advice will be posted to the client. The confirmation advice will contain all details. The passenger must also complete and return a Holland America Cruises reservation form to Travelrite International. Final payments are due to be paid to Travelrite International 90 days prior to the commencement of the fly/cruise. A 1.5% administration fee will be added to payments by Visa or Mastercard and 3 % for payment by AMEX or Diners Club cards.

CANCELLATION CHARGES: Number of days before departure.

Days prior to Departure	Cancellation Fee
Over 91 days	loss of deposit
90 days or less	100% of full fare
Non-appearance/no written notice:	100% of full fare

REFUNDS: The cruise is based on arrangements which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All passengers will require a valid passport with six month validity and a visa waiver for entry into USA and Canada. If not an Australian passport holder check with Travelrite International for visa requirements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Adequate travel insurance is highly recommended to cover cruise members for the consequences of unforeseen events during the cruise and for cancellation fees which could result from events such as illness, accident, death etc.

BAGGAGE: Passengers qualify for 2 pieces free baggage allowance on flights to join or return from the cruise. The coach can only accommodate 1 piece of luggage per person.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS: The fly/cruise arrangements have been made on the basis of a minimum number of passengers travelling. In the event that less than the required number of passengers have confirmed their booking 91 days from the date of departure, Travelrite International reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of monies paid, or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified fare.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Travelrite International Pty Ltd is the tour organiser. Travelrite International Pty Ltd, its agents, officers, affiliates, and/or suppliers of services pursuant to, or in connection with these fly/cruises, shall act only as agents in making arrangements for hotels, transportation, including transportation by ship, restaurants, or any other service and do not assume any liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident or delay to person or property due to an act of negligence or a default of any hotel, carrier restaurant company or person rendering any services included in fly/cruises, or by act of God. Further, no responsibilities are accepted for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labour disputes, machinery break-down, quarantine, government restraints, weather, terrorism or other causes beyond their control. No responsibility is accepted for any additional expense, omission, delays, re-routing or acts of any government authority. Baggage is at owners' risk throughout the fly/cruise. The passage contract between the carriers concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the purchasers of this fly/cruise and/or the passengers. The right is reserved to withdraw any fly/cruise and/or make such changes in the fly/cruises as may be found desirable or necessary for the convenience of the parties and the proper carrying out of the fly/cruise. This contract shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia and any action must be taken in the State of Victoria. Attention is also directed to the terms and conditions of Holland America fly/cruise

passage contract, detailed on the Holland America website. If you do not have a copy of this form please contact Travelrite International and we will send one to you.

HOW TO BOOK: Bookings can be made by completing a booking form and sending it with a deposit of \$900 per person to:

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