



HIGHLIGHTS

- + Take a close look at the worlds created in the extraordinary Cloud Forest and Flower Dome biomes at the Gardens by the Bay
- + Marvel at the towering Supertrees, both by day and by night
- + See all the highlights of the biannual Singapore Garden Festival
- + Enjoy tropical orchids like you've never seen them
- + Take high tea at Raffles Hotel
- + Cruise the Singapore River in a bumboat

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TOUR LEADER
ROBIN POWELL

Robin is a much-published writer on gardens and food for magazines and newspapers. Her passions come together in this tour of Singapore and she's looking forward to showing off its horticultural wonders and delicious food culture.

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SINGAPORE

GARDEN FESTIVAL



The biomes and Supertrees of Singapore's Gardens by the Bay are some of the most interesting garden projects on the planet right now. This tour adds Singapore's fabulous biannual Garden Festival – and a few food and cultural treats we've uncovered – for a fascinating quick trip that's so full of great experiences you'll feel you've been away for weeks!

Graham Ross

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 VMM, Founder of Ross Garden Tours



18 – 24 AUGUST 2014

Singapore is the City in a Garden – an exciting mix of multicultural modernity and 19th century charm wrapped in beautiful tropical gardens. The new drawcard is the unmissable Gardens by the Bay project, and this month there's another highlight – the biannual Singapore Garden Festival.

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ITINERARY

DAY 1 MON 18 AUGUST SYDNEY TO SINGAPORE

A Ross Garden Tours representative will meet you at Sydney airport for the Qantas flight to Singapore.

We'll check in to the Swissotel Merchant Court, our luxurious home for the next five nights.

DAY 2 TUE 19 AUGUST SINGAPORE BOTANIC GARDENS

The tropical rainforest in the beautiful Singapore Botanic Gardens is one of the few pockets of original jungle left on the island, but the highlight for us is the National Orchid Garden.

We'll lunch in the Gardens today, in one of the city's loveliest restaurants. As the afternoon cools a little, we'll jump onto a bumboat for a cruise along the Singapore River. The river was the city's lifeblood, and from the water we'll see both historic Singapore and the modern metropolis that now towers over it in the sunshine.

DAY 3 WED 20 AUGUST GARDENS BY THE BAY

You'll be amazed by the vision of this extraordinary project! It brings to life the government ambition to make Singapore a "City in a Garden". Two enormous conservatories and a grove of 'Supertrees' dominate the site. Supertree is the name given to the towering, 16-storey structures that act as frames for climbing and epiphytic plants, as well as being supports for solar panels. They dominate the skyline, but before we study them up close, we'll explore the horticultural worlds growing in the biodomes, which are engineering and horticultural feats themselves, being the biggest column-less glasshouses in the world.

DAY 4 THU 21 AUGUST SINGAPORE GARDEN FESTIVAL

We'll spend the day exploring the fifth Singapore Garden Festival and its displays of tropical flowers and garden designs from all around the world. We'll take an especially close look at the garden by Australia's master show

garden designer, Jim Fogarty! As the sun sets, we're heading back to Gardens by the Bay. This time we'll get an illuminated look at the Supertrees, first from the 200m-high Observation Deck of the Marina Bay Sands Hotel and then from the Gardens themselves as we stroll the OCBC Skyway, a 128m long walkway that connects two 25m-tall Supertrees. Definitely a walk with a view!

DAY 5 FRI 22 AUGUST OLD SINGAPORE

We're up early for a look at Singapore's famous wet market today. It's a vibrant, bustling place of beautifully displayed fruits and vegetables, nose-tickling spices and local delicacies.

You'll build an appetite for breakfast, taken this morning at Singapore's largest food centre – Chinatown Complex.

While we're in Chinatown we'll take a tour, taste some traditional cakes and sweets and get some tips on traditional Chinese medicine.

This afternoon we'll treat ourselves to a luxurious slice of Singapore's colonial past with high tea at the most famous hotel in Asia, Raffles. The Tiffin Room is an elegant space in the original part of the hotel, built in 1887. We'll enjoy tea, cakes, sandwiches and the graciousness of a bygone era.

Our farewell dinner is in a special traditional Peranakan restaurant where we feast. Peranakan or Nonya cuisine is a delicious blend of Chinese and Malay influences.

DAY 6 SAT 23 AUGUST SINGAPORE

Our flight is late this afternoon, so there is plenty of time to explore or shop before we transfer to Changi Airport.

DAY 7 SUN 24 AUGUST ARRIVE SYDNEY

Welcome home.

TOUR DETAILS

+ OUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Qantas economy return flights (including taxes), Sydney – Singapore – Sydney
- Deluxe accommodation for 5 nights, with breakfast each morning
- 1 dinner, 1 lunch and 1 high tea
- Air-conditioned motorcoach throughout tour
- Entrance fees to all gardens and sightseeing including Gardens by the Bay, Singapore Botanic Gardens and National Orchid Garden, Singapore Garden Festival, Marina Bay Sands Observation Deck, Chinatown tour, Singapore River Bumboat Cruise, and Raffles high tea
- Ross Garden Tours travel bag and wallet

+ OUR TOUR COSTS

Twin share per person, including air \$4295
Twin Share per person, land only \$3595
Single Supplement \$650

+ DISCOUNTS

Early Bird \$150 (pay in full by 1 March 2014)
Previous Traveller \$100
Garden Clinic Club Member \$50

All prices in Australian dollars. Prices based on minimum 12 passengers. Price is based on departure ex-Sydney. Price from other ports available. Group meals do not include beverages. Ask us about other sightseeing and travel arrangements including pre and post tour accommodation, transfers, stopovers and other tours. Please refer to Ross Garden Tours standard Terms and Conditions.