# SINGAPORE GARDENS FESTIVAL - 10 DAYS

DEPARTING SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY TO TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2020

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION - RESTAURANT MEALS



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## DAY 1: SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY HOME TO MELBOURNE

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

5 STAR LUXURY HOTEL ACCOMODATION
STUNNING SINGAPORE
CITY SIGHTS TOUR
BOTANIC & ORCHID GARDENS
SINGAPORE RIVER CRUISE
THE SINGAPORE ZOO
SINGAPORE FLYER
MARINA BAY SANDS
S.E.A AQUARIUM
CHANGI & KRANJI DISTRICT
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SINGAPORE
GARDENS BY THE BAY
SINGAPORE GARDENS FESTIVAL
ENGLISH SPEAKING GUIDE THROUGHOUT

After your home pick up we travel to Tullamarine for our overnight stop prior to flying to Singapore. By staying in Melbourne at Ciloms Airport Lodge overnight, it allows us an early start for Singapore the next morning.

# DAY 2: MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY

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#### **DEPART MELBOURNE 9.35AM – ARRIVE SINGAPORE 3.25PM**

After our flight, it is welcome to stunning Singapore!

On arrival at Singapore International Airport, a guide will meet us and transfer us to the Grand Copthorne Waterfront. Overlooking the historic Singapore River, the Grand Copthorne Waterfront is a 5-star luxury hotel located along the Singapore waterfront near Boat Quay, Clarke Quay and Robertson Quay. The hotel offers complimentary internet in all units, on-site health and fitness facilities, jacuzzi, swimming pool and tennis courts, and each room is beautifully furnished with floor-to-ceiling windows that offer city or river views. Welcome dinner tonight is at the hotel.

Accom: Grand Copthorne Waterfront. 7 Nights

# DAY 3: TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY B.D. SINGAPORE SIGHTSEEING TOUR / SINGAPORE BOTANIC GARDENS / NATIONAL ORCHID GARDEN.

We will enjoy a delicious breakfast this morning before heading out to explore Singapore on a half day city sights tour. Singapore, officially the Republic of Singapore, is an island country off the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula. Prior to independence in 1965, Singapore was a vibrant trading port. Observe the rich cultural and historical heritage through the sights and sounds of the bustling ethnic enclaves. Along the streets of China Town, Kampong Glam and Little India, religious monuments nestle amidst quaint shop houses. Contrasting with the modern shopping malls, such as the Suntec City, there are serene gardens and sleek skyscrapers. The statue of Singapore's founder, Sir Stamford Raffles proudly stands in front of the Victoria Theatre. Its replica stands at North Boat Quay - colloquially known as Raffles Landing Site, as this is the spot where Raffles is believed to have stepped ashore. On the tour we visit the Singapore Botanic Gardens and National Orchid Garden. The Botanic Garden is a 156-year-old tropical garden located at the fringe of the Singapore's main shopping belt. It is one of three gardens, and the only tropical garden, to be honoured as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The National Orchid Garden is located on the highest hill in the Singapore Botanic Gardens.

Providing a place for 60,000 orchid plants - consisting of 1000 species and more than 2,000 hybrids – and is three hectares of carefully landscaped slopes. This afternoon we'll board one of the "bumboats" for a cruise along the Singapore River. These hardy little vessels have been in use from the 1600s in Europe, although the ones in Singapore have adapted design variations from the original European-style lighters. Commonly known as twakows and tongkangs in Singapore, they were once extensively used for transport purposes along the Singapore River. Returning to the hotel later this afternoon, dinner tonight is at a local restaurant.

### DAY 4: WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY BREAKFAST TODAY AT THE ZOO / HIGH TEA / ORCHARD ROAD

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Breakfast is at the zoo this morning! Have you ever had breakfast with an orang utan? The Singapore Zoo is the only place in the world where you can have breakfast with not one but an entire family of orang utans! As you indulge in a hearty breakfast spread that includes international and local favourites, the orang utan family will make a spectacular entrance. Taking the 'treeway' from their free-range habitat next door, they'll be ambling in one by one as a trunk drawbridge is lowered to let them through. It's an amazing sight to behold! There is some free time in the middle of the day today and lunch is your own arrangements. This afternoon we visit the Landing Point at the Fullerton Bay Hotel for High Tea. Sit back and enjoy the panoramic sweep of the waterfront whilst afternoon tea is served. If you prefer a cocktail the resident mixologist at the bar will be happy to help. Leaving the Fullerton this afternoon the coach will stop at Orchard Road where we have free time for shopping. Dinner tonight is your own arrangements and there's a great selection of restaurants in Orchard Road. Malls make up most of the main street, but there's plenty of other options hidden amongst the shops, from cheap and cheerful to some of the best fine-dining venues in Singapore. The coach will return you to the hotel this evening.

#### DAY 5: THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY SINGAPORE FLYER / MARINA BAY SANDS

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Today we experience breath-taking, panoramic views on Asia's largest observation wheel – the Singapore Flyer. Enveloped safely in a capsule 165m above ground level, we will be treated to a visual 360° feast of iconic and historical landmarks such as Singapore River, Raffles Place, Merlion Park, and Empress Place. Also today we'll visit Marina Bay Sands. Drink in the panoramic vistas of stunning Marina Bay, the world-class cityscape, the architectural wonders of Supertree Grove, and the vibrant colours of Gardens by the Bay. From Marina South Pier all the way out to the Singapore Strait, you will get a bird's eye view of the bustling shipping lanes that have built Singapore's rich multicultural history. Return to the hotel this afternoon for some leisure time and dinner tonight is at your own arrangement.

### DAY 6: FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY SKY NETWORK / SENTOSA / SEA AQUARIUM

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After breakfast this morning we'll catch a cable car. Fly high above the hill from Faber Peak Singapore, through a skyscraper and cross the harbour before landing in Sentosa. Sentosa is an island resort off Singapore's southern coast, it is connected to the city by road, cable car, pedestrian boardwalk and monorail. By Sentosa Station, Tiger Sky Tower has panoramic views that can stretch as far as Indonesia. On the south coast, Palawan Beach is lined with food stalls and bars. Today we'll visit the S.E.A Aquarium – one of the world's largest marine life parks - where we can observe more than 100,000 creatures in this magical world. Over 800 species, swimming in 45 million litres of water - the aquarium comprises 10 zones with 49 habitats. You can choose to return to the hotel, or spend some more time in Sentosa today exploring the many attractions. Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant.

### DAY 7: SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY CHANGI AND KRANJI TOUR / GARDENS BY THE BAY

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After breakfast at our hotel this morning we start our tour at the Kranji War Memorial commemorating heroes lost during World War II. Allow our guide to recount stories of collective spirits that rose through the darkest times of World War II. We proceed with our tour of Changi Chapel, a drive through the rustic and laid-back Changi Village gives us a chance to see the relaxing side of Singapore and provides a contrast to Tampines New Town, a typical heartland township of present day Singapore. Lunch is at a local restaurant today. Next stop is the Gardens by the Bay one of Singapore's premium tourist attractions, this man-made garden is not to be missed when visiting Singapore. Gardens by the Bay spans 101 hectares and consists of three waterfront gardens – Bay South Garden, Bay East Garden, and Bay Central Garden. Gardens by the Bay is made up of

the following feature gardens: Flower Dome: The Flower Dome replicates the cool-dry climate of Mediterranean regions and houses a collection of plants from deserts all over the world. Dragonfly & Kingfisher Lakes: These beautiful lakes are a rich source of aquatic life and also act as an eco-filter to cleanse water pumped in from the Marina reservoir. The Supertrees are stunning man-made trees up to 16 storey buildings tall and can be found all around the Gardens, with 12 at the Supertree Grove. Cloud Forest: This 35-metre tall mountain showcases plant life from tropical highlands up to 2,000 metres above sea level. Dinner tonight will be at Gardens by the Bay, and we will soak in the beautiful music and lights of the dazzling Supertrees during the garden rhapsody light and sound show.

### DAY 8: SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY GARDENS FESTIVAL / NATIONAL MUSEUM

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This festival showcases exciting garden designs and exquisite floral creations. Launched in 2006, this will be the 8th festival Singapore has hosted. It features over 50 designers from 19 countries under one roof showcasing their masterpieces. The festival is the world's premier tropical garden shows, exhibiting more than 400,000 plant specimens. Featuring landscape gardens, fantasy gardens, balcony gardens and more. The day is yours to spend viewing the fascinating displays by Singaporean and international garden designers. This afternoon we will visit the National Museum of Singapore, with a history that dates back to 1849 when it was started as a section of a library at Singapore Institution and called the Raffles Library and Museum. The museum focuses on exhibits related to the history of Singapore. Dinner at your own arrangements

# DAY 9: MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY

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#### DEPART SINGAPORE 10.45AM – ARRIVE MELBOURNE 8.10PM.

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel this morning before checking out of the hotel, for the return flight home from Singapore to Melbourne airport where we will be met and transferred to our overnight accommodation in Melbourne.

#### DAY 10: TUESDAY 21ST JULY

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After breakfast this morning in Melbourne you will be returned to your home after a memorable 10 day tour exploring and experiencing the delights of the Singapore Gardens Festival.

PRICE: \$5980.00 per person

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1450.00

**Prices include GST** 

#### **FITNESS**

A good level of general fitness is required for this tour. Passengers should be able to climb on and off coaches unassisted.

PRICE INCLUDES: Luxury Coach Travel

Brendan's Australian Tours Travel Bag & Wallet

**Hotel Accommodation - Twin share** 

All Meals & Admissions as Specified

B: Breakfast L: Lunch D: Dinner

All Tipping for Guides.

**Return Economy Airfares with Singapore Airlines & Airport Taxes** 

**English Speaking Guides Throughout** 

Pick Up and Return to your Home

<u>Please note: You DO require a passport to travel to Singapore, and it must be valid for six months after the date of the return travel.</u>

Travel Insurance is mandatory for this tour, and is the responsibility of each passenger.

