

# SINGAPORE GARDENS FESTIVAL - 10 DAYS

DEPARTING THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY TO SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2018

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION – RESTAURANT MEALS



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## HIGHLIGHTS

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

### DAY 1: THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY HOME TO MELBOURNE

D.

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

### DAY 2: FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY

D.

#### DEPART MELBOURNE 10.30AM – ARRIVE SINGAPORE 4.20PM

After our flight, it is welcome to stunning Singapore!

On arrival at Singapore International Airport, a guide will meet us and transfer to the Grand Copthorne Waterfront. Overlooking the historic Singapore River, the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Singapore is a 5-star luxury hotel in Singapore, 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: SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY

B.L.

**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. Lunch today is at a local restaurant. 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 your own arrangements.

#### **DAY 4: SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY**

**B.AT.**

**BREAKFAST TODAY AT THE ZOO / HIGH TEA / ORCHARD ROAD.** 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: MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY**

**B.D.**

**AFTER BREAKFAST WE DEPART FOR THE SINGAPORE GARDEN FESTIVAL.** This festival showcases exciting garden designs and exquisite floral creations. Launched in 2006, this will be the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 show, 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. Return to the hotel this afternoon for some leisure time and dinner tonight is at a local restaurant.

#### **DAY 6: TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**B.D.**

##### **SKY NETWORK / SENTOSA / SEA AQUARIUM**

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: WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**B.L.**

##### **EAST COAST & CHANGI TOUR**

After breakfast at our hotel this morning we will discover the Changi district in the East Region of Singapore. Away from the bustling city, there is the opportunity to pay your respects to those who lived and died during World War 2. At the Changi Museum, take photos in the rustic Changi Village and learn about the cultural heritage of the local Malays at Kampong Glam. We stop at Glam Village – named after the Gelam Tree which grew in abundance in the 1800s. Soak in the rich cultural heritage of the Malays of the area, before proceeding to the Changi Chapel & Museum. Considered the ground zero of Singapore's World War 2 history, the museum honours those who lost their lives during the Japanese occupation of Singapore. Browse the exhibits, which include prisoner belongings and artefacts, and learn about the POWs' fight for freedom. Lunch is at a local restaurant today. Our tour continues passing through laid-back Changi Village, and pockets of remnants of the British Changi Airbase to visit Tampines New Town, a bustling area provides a contrasting environment to the

more rustic Changi. There is a stop at the local wet market, housings and retail outlets. Returning to the hotel this afternoon, the evening will be at leisure, and dinner tonight is your own arrangements.

**DAY 8: THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**NATIONAL MUSEUM / GARDENS BY THE BAY**

**B.D.**

This morning 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. Returning to the hotel around lunch time we have some free time before we head out again. This afternoon we will visit Gardens by the Bay. One of Singapore's premium tourist attractions, this man-made garden is not to be missed when visiting Singapore. Garden's by the Bay spans 101 hectares and consists of three waterfront gardens – Bay South Garden, Bay East Garden, and Bay Central Garden. Garden's 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. Supertrees: These stunning man-made trees are 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 meters above sea level. Dinner tonight will be at Gardens by the Bay, and we will soak in the beautiful music and lights off the dazzling Supertrees during the garden rhapsody light and sound show.

**DAY 9: FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**B.**

**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: SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**B.**

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: \$5700.00 per person**

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1250.00**

**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:**

**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, drivers & bus boys.**

**Return Economy Airfares & Taxes**

**English Speaking Guides Throughout**

**Pick up and return to your home**

**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.**

**Travel Insurance is mandatory for this tour, and is the responsibility of each passenger. Brendan's Australian Tours can provide a quote for travel insurance.**



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