SINGAPORE GARDEN FESTIVAL





Singapore is a mix of modernity and 19th century charm wrapped in beautiful tropical gardens. The drawcard is the Singapore Garden Festival, one of the largest in the world. The Gardens by the Bay with its Cloud Forest, Flower Dome and Supertrees will delight you.





Flowers in the Cloud Forest



Singapore Garden Festival



Singapore Botanic Gardens

DAY 1 | THU 2 JUL Home to Singapore

Your Ross Tour Leader Angie Thomas will meet you at Sydney International Airport for your Qantas flight, or meet in Singapore. Check into our hotel, *Parkroyal Collection Pickering*, with its world-class sky gardens, our luxurious home for the next five nights. Celebrate our arrival in the tropics with a Welcome Dinner at the hotel.

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DAY 2 | FRI 3 JUL (B/AT) Gardens by the Bay

After taking our time with the famous multicultural Parkroyal Collection Pickering smorgasbord of breakfasts, our adventure begins at the stunning Gardens by the Bay. You'll be amazed by this visionary 250 acre, \$1 billion project. It brings to life the government's ambition to make Singapore a 'City in a Garden'. Housed within the gardens are cooled conservatories, individual themed gardens, lakes, bridges and the showpiece: Supertrees, plantcovered structures up to 50m tall. From the OCBC Skyway, a walkway that connects two 50m tall *Supertrees*, we will get a good overview of the extent of the project. Then onto the Flower Dome and the Cloud Forest. Explore vast horticultural worlds growing in gigantic biomes, engineering feats in themselves, being the biggest column-less glasshouses in the world. It's eternally spring in the Flower Dome, with plant displays from dry climates found in South Africa, California, southern Spain, Italy, and southwestern Australia. We will enjoy the cool rush of a waterfall within the *Cloud Forest* and discover plumes of tropical flowers such as vireya, begonia and medinilla spilling out of the verdant mountain crevices. An absolute treat this afternoon – High Tea at the famous Raffles Hotel.

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(D) DAY 3 | SAT 4 JUL (B/L) Singapore Botanic Gardens

Today's highlight is the UNESCO listed *Singapore Botanic Gardens*. The tropical rainforest here is one of the few pockets of original jungle left on the island. Singapore is famous for orchids and they have been a part of the Gardens collection since its beginnings in 1859. Early directors commissioned extensive orchid collecting expeditions and since 1995 the collection has its own beautifully landscaped home – the *National Orchid Garden*.

We'll have lunch at one of the loveliest restaurants surrounded by the orchid and heliconia gardens. Afternoon at leisure until it cools a little, when we'll jump onto a bumboat for a cruise along the Singapore River. These hardy vessels were once used to shuttle cargo in one of the East's busiest trade centres. We'll be delivered into the middle of the vibrant modern skyline of Singapore. You'll discover the restaurant strip to sample the cuisine Singapore is famous for.

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DAY 4 | SUN 5 JUL (B. Spice Garden

Explore Singapore's past, present and future today. To walk into Singapore's past we visit the Spice Garden, once the site of Singapore's first Botanical and Experimental Garden set up by Sir Stamford Raffles in 1822. Across the road the *National Museum of Singapore* is next, paying homage to Singapore's history, culture and geography. The grand neoclassic 19th century building was once Raffles' museum and library. Lunch is included today at an award winning restaurant. After lunch we're off to a futuristic forest surrounded by towering highrise located in the financial district on a 360-hectare expanse of reclaimed land.

DAY 5 | MON 6 JUL (B/D) Singapore Garden Festival

Spend the morning exploring world class tropical garden design and floral arrangements at one of the world's largest garden shows, the Singapore Garden Festival. Afternoon guided walking tour of Singapore's famous Chinatown. It's a vibrant marketplace, a feast of fascinating vegetables, exotic fruits and seafood, whilst getting an understanding of the importance of the Chinese community and tasting treats along the way. Back to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure. Return to Gardens by the Bay for our Farewell Dinner housed within the Flower Dome. Then we'll be dazzled by the *Garden Rhapsody* light and sound show under the Supertrees. Parkroyal Collection Pickering

DAY 6 | TUE 7 JUL (B) Singapore to Home

urant We've included a late check-out today.

Morning visit to the *Chinese and Japanese Gardens*. Originally built in the mid-1970s both gardens, along with Lakeside Garden, make up the 90 hectares of Jurong Lake

(B/L) Gardens – Singapore's first national garden in the heartland. Return to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure, shopping or relaxing.

past Late afternoon transfer to Changi Airport ite of for our evening flight.

DAY 7 | WED 8 JUL **Arrive Home**

Details

- ✓ Tour escorted by Angie Thomas
- ✓ Return economy class airfare with Qantas
- ✓ Air-conditioned motorcoach
- Deluxe accommodation 5 nights
- ✓ Breakfast daily (B), 2 Lunches (L),

 1 Afternoon Tea (AT) and 2 Dinners (D)
- ✓ Entrance fees to all gardens & sightseeing incl. Singapore Garden Festival, Singapore Botanic Gardens, National Orchid Garden, Singapore River boat ride, Gardens by the Bay, Cloud Forest, Flower Dome, Supertrees, OCBC Skyway, Garden Rhapsody Light Show, Spice Garden, Singapore National Museum, Chinatown tour, Chinese and Japanese Gardens, Afternoon Tea at Raffles.

Price

- ▼ Twin Share land only \$6,095 pp
- ✓ Twin Share incl. airfare \$7,295 pp
- ✓ Single Supplement \$1,695

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- All prices in Australian dollars. Prices based on minimum 15 passengers with departure from Sydney.
- Refer to Ross Tours standard terms and conditions.

Discounts

- ✓ Earlybird Pay by 4/3/26 \$250
- ✓ Previous Traveller \$100
 - Garden Clinic Member \$50

Tour leader



Angie is the communications manager for Yates and has been a horticulturist for more than 25 years. She writes for gardening magazines & has written three Yates gardening books. She is a keen and cheerful traveller and loves inspiring people to experience the joys of gardening.









