Singapore is the City in a Garden – an exciting mix of cultures, ultra-modernity and 19th century charm wrapped in beautiful tropical gardens. The new drawcard is the unmissable Gardens by the Bay project with its impressive biodomes and supertrees.

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DAY 1 MON 6 JUL
SYDNEY TO SINGAPORE
Linda Ross will meet you at Sydney International airport for the Qantas flight to Singapore. We’ll check in to the Parkroyal on Pickering with its world class sky-gardens, our luxurious home for the next five nights and celebrate our arrival in the tropics with a Welcome Dinner in the hotel.

DAY 2 TUE 7 JUL
SINGAPORE BOTANIC GARDEN
We’re off to the beautiful Singapore Botanic Gardens this morning. The tropical rainforest here is one of the few pockets of original jungle left on the island. There are some 300 plant species in this little pocket forest and plenty of birds, including oriental pied hornbills, spotted wood owls, crimson sunbirds and stork-billed kingfishers.

Singapore is famous for orchids and the National Orchid Garden is situated on the highest hill in the Botanic Gardens. Orchids have been a part of the Gardens collection since its beginnings in 1859. Early directors collecting expeditions and since 1995 commissioned extensive orchid collecting expeditions and since 1995 the collection has its own beautifully landscaped home – the National Orchid Garden.

We’ll lunch at one of the cities loveliest restaurants surrounded by the orchid and heliconia gardens. Afternoon at leisure.

DAY 3 WED 8 JUL
GARDENS BY THE BAY
Today’s highlight is the stunning 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 being supports for solar panels. The Supertrees are lit at night in exhilarating displays. They dominate the skyline, but first we’ll explore the horticultural worlds growing in the biodomes, which are engineering feats themselves, being the biggest column-less glasshouses in the world.

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It’s eternally spring in the Flower Dome, with gorgeous displays of blooms and gardens from dry climates found in South Africa, California, southern Spain, Italy, and south-western Australia. We stroll the OCBC Skyway, a 128m long walkway that connects two 25m-tall Supertrees. Definitely a walk with a view and enjoy lunch on the highest Supertree, a unique experience, where we can survey the gardens from above.

We delve into the Peranakan culture with a late afternoon visit to the Peranakan Museum and then dinner tonight in a traditional Peranakan restaurant. Peranakan or Nonya cuisine is a delicious blend of Chinese and Malay influences.

DAY 4 THU 9 JUL
GARDENS BY THE BAY
We venture into the Cloud Forest today, and lose ourselves in the mountain of exotic plants found in the tropical montane region. A waterfall thunders off the mountain, misting orchids, ferns, begonias and fuchsias. This afternoon we’ll treat ourselves to a luxurious slice of Singapore’s colonial past with high tea at the Tiffin Room we’ll enjoy tea, cakes, sandwiches and the graciousness of a bygone era.

As the sun sets, we’re heading back to Gardens by the Bay. This time we’ll get an illuminated look on the Supertrees, first from the 250m high Observation Deck of the Marina Bay Sands Hotel and then from the Gardens themselves as we see the Supertree light show.

DAY 5 FRI 10 JUL
KRANJI MEMORIAL
We’ll leave the city for the outskirts of the island today to discover the Krangi area, full of nurseries, mangroves and the only food producing area on the island. Krangi Memorial to pay our respects to WWII heroes. Lunch at the unique Bollywood Veggies where we cool down with an iced ginger tea and sample local delights.

Return to our hotel. And as the afternoon cools a little, 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.

Disembark at Merlion for our Farewell Dinner at the historic Fullerton Hotel, stroll along the waterfront for fabulous views of the Marina Bay Sands hotel.

DAY 6 SAT 11 JUL
SINGAPORE
Our flight is late afternoon, so there’s time to explore or shop before we transfer to Changi Airport.

DAY 7 SUN 12 JUL
ARRIVE HOME

+ OUR TOUR INCLUDES
- Qantas return economy airfare Sydney/Singapore/Sydney
- Deluxe accommodation for 5 nights, with breakfast
- Breakfast daily (B), 3 dinners (D), 3 lunches (L) and 1 High Tea (HT)
- Air-conditioned coach throughout the tour
- Entrance fees to all gardens and sightseeing including Gardens by the Bay, Singapore Botanic Gardens and National Orchid Garden, Marina Bay Sands Observation Deck, Peranakan Museum, Singapore River Bumboat Cruise, Raffles high tea

+ OUR TOUR COSTS
- Twin Share per person, land only $3,595
- Twin Share per person, including air $4,695
- Single Supplement $995

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