TOUR LEADER
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Robin writes a weekly column on gardening and gardens for Spectrum in Saturday’s Sydney Morning Herald. An avid gardener, Robin can’t wait to show you the best gardens in Singapore on this sensational tour.

HIGHLIGHTS

+ Take a close look at the extraordinary Cloud Forest and Flower Dome at Gardens by the Bay
+ Marvel at the towering Supertrees, brimming with flora, by day and by night
+ Enjoy tropical orchids like you’ve never seen!
+ Cruise the Singapore River in a bumboat
+ Travel in a small group and make new friends
+ Relax – we’ll take care of everything!

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Singapore is a City in a Garden - a mix of multicultural modernity and 19th century charm wrapped in beautiful tropical gardens. The drawcard is the Gardens by the Bay with its Supertrees, Cloud Forest and Flower Dome.

GARDENS OF
SINGAPORE

Graham Ross, Founder

22 - 28 JULY 2019
DAY 1  MON 22 JUL
SYDNEY TO SINGAPORE
Robin Powell will meet you at Sydney International Airport for your Qantas flight, or you can meet us in Singapore. Check into the Parkroyal on Pickering with world class sky-gardens, our luxurious home for the next five nights. Celebrate our arrival in the tropics with a Welcome Dinner in the hotel.

DAY 2  TUE 23 JUL
SINGAPORE BOTANIC GARDEN
After taking our time with the famous multicultural Parkroyal on Pickering smorgasbord of breakfasts, our adventure begins in the recently 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 Botanic Gardens collection since its beginnings in 1859. Early directors commissioned extensive orchid collecting expeditions and since 1995 the collection has its own beautifully commissioned extensive orchid gardens – 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.

DAY 3  WED 24 JUL
GARDENS BY THE BAY
Today’s highlight is the stunning Gardens by the Bay. You’ll be amazed by this visionary 250 acre, $18 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, plant-covered structures up to 50m in height. The Flower Dome and the Cloud Forest are up first, we’ll make time for a buggy ride around the gardens too.

Explore vast horticultural worlds growing in gigantic biomes, engineering feats 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 south-western 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.

DAY 4  THU 25 JUL
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. We’ll have lunch here then we’re off to a futuristic forest surrounded by towering highrise located in the financial district on a 360 hectare expanse of reclaimed land. The project team suggests the landscape architecture mimics a rainforest valley with over 350 types of tropical trees and plants with the buildings curved walls resembling paddy fields.

DAY 5  FRI 26 JUL
CHINATOWN
Start the day with a guided tour of the famous Chinatown wet market. 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 an illuminated birds-eye view from the OCBC Skyway, a walkway that connects two 50m tall Supertrees. It’s a magical farewell dinner tonight in the tallest Skyway with a view, surrounded by the Garden Rhapsody light and sound show whirling around us.

DAY 6  SAT 27 JUL
SINGAPORE
We’ve included a late check-out today. Morning visit to Hort Park for a walk around a series of educational gardens; enjoy their butterfly garden, vegetable and edible gardens and therapeutic garden.

Late afternoon transfer to the airport for our evening Qantas flight.

DAY 7  SUN 28 JUL
ARRIVE HOME
Morning arrival home.

+ OUR TOUR INCLUDES
- Return group economy airfare Sydney / Singapore / Sydney
- Deluxe accommodation for 5 nights at Parkroyal on Pickering
- Breakfast daily, 2 lunches and 2 dinners
- Air-conditioned motorcoach throughout
- Gratuities for local guides, porters and drivers
- Fully escorted by Robin Powell

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

+ DISCOUNTS
- Early Bird $150 per person (Pay in full by 1st March 2019)
- Previous Traveller $100
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+ FITNESS LEVEL
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