

# Singapore Gardens & Sightseeing

*The city within a garden*

8 Days / 7 Nights

**Departs: Saturday 29 August - Saturday 5 September 2020**



## Day 1. Sat 29 Aug: Melbourne - Singapore

**Flight Meals**

Transfers from Philip Island to Melbourne Airport by coach before our flight to Singapore.

**SQ228 departs Melbourne @ 1540, arriving Singapore 2130**

Today we arrive in Singapore after our flight from Australia. On arrival we transfer to our centrally located hotel for check in and a good nights rest.

**Overnight: Orchard Rendezvous Hotel Singapore**

## Day 2. Sun 30 Aug: Singapore Highlights – Bumboat Cruise

**Breakfast**

After a leisurely breakfast and morning, we begin our Singapore adventure with a **half day city discovery tour** taking in the civic district. We pass by The Padang and Cricket Club, historic Parliament House, Supreme Court and City Hall. We stop at the **Merlion Park** where we enjoy the impressive views of Marina Bay. Do not miss out on this picture-taking opportunity with The Merlion, a mythological creature that is part lion and part fish. We then visit Thian Hock Keng Temple, one of Singapore's oldest Buddhist-Taoist temples, before driving past Chinatown. Kampong Glam is the next stop where we will understand more about the Malay culture. We visit Arab Street and view the magnificent **Sultan Mosque**. We then proceed to Clark Quay for free time and a late lunch (own arrangement) then proceed for an enjoyable '**Bumboat Cruise**' along the Singapore River. The Singapore River is like a witness of its history. On both sides of the river, we see the colonial buildings, traditional Chinese shops, modern skyscrapers with each telling the story of Singapore. After our cruise we travel back to our hotel to relax. Dinner tonight is at own cost and arrangement.

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## Day 3. Mon 31 Aug: Singapore Botanical Gardens - Observation Deck Marina Bay

**Breakfast & Lunch**

After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the **UNESCO listed Singapore Botanical Gardens**. This tropical rainforest is one of the few pockets of original jungle left on the island. There are approx 300 plant species and an abundant array of bird life, including Oriental Pied Hornbills, Spotted Wood Owls, Crimson Sunbirds and Stork-Billed Kingfishers. Singapore is of course famous for it's orchids and the **National Orchid Garden** provides a wonderful opportunity to view the best of the best. Orchids have been a part of the Gardens collection since its beginnings in 1859. **Lunch** is in **The Halia** – Malay for ginger – and located in the one-hectare Ginger Garden within the Singapore Botanic Gardens where over 250 species of gingers with their stunning foliage and colourful flowers thrive. After lunch we travel back to our hotel for a rest and an afternoon at leisure. As the sun sets, we make our way to the **Marina Bay Sands Hotel** and visit the **200m high Skypark Observation Deck**, 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, we have a bird's eye view of the bustling shipping lanes that have built Singapore's rich multicultural history. Dinner tonight is at own cost and arrangement. The Marina Bay Sands shopping complex has 80 restaurants, offering the best of local and international cuisines in one convenient dining destination. One suggestion could be the *Bread Street Kitchen by Gordon Ramsay* located on the waterfront.

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#### Day 4. Tue 1 Sep: Footsteps at Raffles with High Tea - Gardens by the Bay

Breakfast & High Tea

This morning is at leisure. Early afternoon we experience the **Footsteps of Raffles Tour**. Raffles Hotel and the Raffles Landing Site are the icons of the high-society colonial Singapore, which was highly influenced by Sir Stamford Raffles who had a great impact to turn Singapore into a British colony in 1819. Raffles Hotel is one of the city's most elegant landmarks, this tour will lead us to experience the stunning process of the rising of Singapore from a small fishing village to the world business centre that it is today. Later in the Grand Lobby we enjoy our **'High Tea'** and the graciousness of a bygone era. We then proceed to the **truly beautiful Gardens by the Bay**. We will be amazed by the vision of this extraordinary 101 hectare project! It brings to life the government's ambition to make **Singapore a 'City in a Garden'**. Two enormous conservatories housing over **250,000 rare plants** and a grove of **18 'Supertrees'** that dominate the site. We explore plants from the Mediterranean and semi-tropical regions growing in massive glass domes, which are 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, Spain, Italy, and Southern parts of Western Australia. We stroll the Skyway, a 128m long walkway connecting two of the Supertrees. We also experience the cool rush of a waterfall and the tropical flowers within the Cloud Forest along with enjoying amazing Garden Rhapsody **'Supertree Light and Sound Show'**. (Show commences 19.45pm) Dinner is own arrangements.

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#### Day 5. Wed 2 Sep: Free Day

Breakfast

Today is a free day to explore Singapore on our own or enjoy optional touring.

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#### Day 6. Thur 3 Sep: Sentosa Island & Mount Faber Cable Cars - China Town

Breakfast & Dinner

This morning we soar above the sky on the most scenic highway in Singapore for priceless views. Fly from Singapore's only hilltop destination, Faber Peak Singapore, through a skyscraper and cross the harbour on the **Mount Faber Cable Car Line** before landing in Sentosa Island. On the **Sentosa Cable Car Line** we will journey above the tree line with an amazing view of the sand and sea below. Once on Sentosa Island we visit the **S.E.A. Aquarium**, home to more than 100,000 marine animals of over 800 species. Come face-to-face with sharks, manta rays, goliath grouper and other magnificent marine animals. It's an experience we won't forget. After leaving Sentosa Island we travel back to our hotel to rest up and enjoy leisure time. (Take note on Sentosa, it is public transport one way from the cable car station to the SEA Aquarium.) Later in the afternoon we depart for **Chinatown night markets** where we test our bargaining skills before enjoying **dinner at The Yum Cha Restaurant**.

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#### Day 7. Fri 4 Sep: Singapore Zoo Wildlife Breakfast - Orchard Road Shopping

Breakfast & Flight Meals

This morning we visit the **Singapore Zoo** which is rated one of the best in the whole world! It is built with an open zoo concept and gives us a chance to encounter wild animals outside their cages. It features more than 2000 animals with entertainment packed live animal shows. On our morning zoo tour, we have the amazing experience of a **wildlife breakfast**. This also gives a rare, unforgettable photo opportunity with not just one but an entire family of orang-utans! After breakfast we start the journey in the open zoo tram, straight into nature at its best. The rest of the day can be spent relaxing at the hotel and enjoying some last minute retail therapy along the renowned Orchard Road shopping precinct. Late afternoon, we transfer to the Changi Airport and check in with Singapore Airlines for our flight back to Melbourne. **Late checkout: Orchard Rendezvous Hotel Singapore**

**SQ247 departs Singapore @ 1945, arriving Melbourne 0510 + 1**

#### Day 8 Sat 5 Sep: Melbourne

Our flight arrives back into Melbourne early morning and we transfer back to Philip Island by coach after a wonderful week in Singapore with Probus.





**Tour Highlights:** Singapore Half Day Highlights Tour - Padang, Cricket Club, Parliament House, Supreme Court & City Hall, Merlion Park, Thian Hock Keng Temple, Kampong Glam, Sultan Mosque; Singapore River Bumboat Cruise; Singapore Botanic Gardens & National Orchid Garden; Lunch The Halia - "Ginger Garden Restaurant"; Sunset Marina Bay Sands Hotel Observation Deck; Footsteps of Raffles Tour & High Tea; Gardens by the Bay - Flower Dome, Cloud Forest, Supertree Grove, Garden Rhapsody 'Supertree Light and Sound Show'; Sentosa Island & Mt Faber - Scenic Cable Car Ride; S.E.A. Aquarium "world's largest aquarium"; Chinatown Night Markets; Singapore Zoo - Jungle Breakfast with the Wildlife & Tram Tour plus more!

**Tour Price Includes:**

- Return flights to Singapore with Singapore Airlines ex Melbourne
- Return transfers from Philip Island to Melbourne Airport
- 6 Nights accommodation at Orchard Rendezvous Hotel - Deluxe rooms plus late check out Day 7
- Luxury coach travel
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (9 Meals inclusive High Tea)
- All touring, entry fees, English speaking guides & attractions as per itinerary
- Gratuities for driver & guide

**Tour Price Excludes:**

- Extra meals not listed as inclusions
- Optional touring
- Travel insurance



**Tour Cost: \$3990.00 per person Twin Share** (\$899.00 single supplement)

**(Includes \$165.00 Airport Taxes, Levies & Fuel Surcharges)**

**We wish to advise that all pricing for International Travel is subject to Tax Increases and Currency Fluctuations. It may be necessary to make adjustments to the pricing during the course of the tour booking, at ticketing and at the final payment deadline to ensure these currency changes are allowed for in the pricing!**

**Minimum 20 Paying Passengers**

*Please note that itinerary is subject to change without notice.*

**Deposit:** A deposit of \$500 per person is due at time of booking to secure your place on this tour, along with completed & signed booking forms

**Final Payment:** Due no later than 20 June, 2020.

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