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## Singapore Sightseeing Tour Incorporating the Spectacular "2018 Singapore Garden Festival"

7 Days / 6 Nights

**Tour Departs: Wednesday 18 July - Tuesday 24 July 2018**

**Tour Cost from: \$4,513.00 per person Twin Share**

**\*\* Tour cost Includes airline taxes (subject to change until fully ticketed)**

**\*\* Single Supplement \$980.00**

**Price valid for travel 2018 but subject to International Currency Fluctuations until fully ticketed.**

**\*\* Cost based on a minimum 15 people travelling**



### Itinerary

#### **Day 1. Wed 18 July: Launceston - Melbourne - Singapore**

**Inflight meal and Dinner**

After a coach transfer to the Launceston airport we fly to Melbourne where we connect with a Singapore Airlines flight arriving Singapore in the afternoon. Upon arrival into Singapore, we will be met and transferred to our hotel for check in and dinner.

**Overnight Singapore: Hotel Jen Tanglin, Singapore**

#### **Day 2. Thurs 19 July: Guided Nature Walk - Singapore Highlights**

**B & D**

After a good nights rest we make our way to **Hort Park** for a guided nature walk on Singapore's Southern Ridge. Hort Park is a one-stop gardening resource centre that brings together gardening-related, recreational, educational, research and retail activities under one big canopy in a tranquil park setting. It is also a knowledge centre for plants and gardening, providing planting ideas and solutions, and offering a platform for the horticulture industry to share best practices and showcase garden designs, products and services. Later in the morning we transfer back to the hotel for a rest. This afternoon we enjoy a **half day City Highlights Tour** which includes the **Singapore Flyer** (Singapore Flyer operations may be subject adverse weather conditions). We explore the city by driving round the Civic District, passing by the Padang, Cricket Club, historic Parliament House, Supreme Court and City Hall. Next, stop at the Merlion Park and enjoy the impressive views of Marina Bay. Do not miss out this picture-taking opportunity with The Merlion, a mythological creature that is part lion and part fish. We visit Thian Hock Keng Temple, one of Singapore's oldest Buddhist-Taoist temples, before driving past Chinatown. Stop by a Local Handicraft Centre and observe craftsmen at work up-close. We then board the Singapore Flyer for a top-of-the-world experience as **Singapore Flyer** takes us up to 165 metres in the sky. Take a flight on the **World's Largest Giant Observation Wheel** and enjoy panoramic views of Singapore and beyond. Return to our hotel for a well earned rest, dinner is at our hotel.

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### Day 3. Fri 20 July: Singapore Botanical Gardens - Footsteps of Raffles - High Tea

B, HT & D

This morning we visit the spectacular **Singapore Botanic Gardens**. Sir Stamford Raffles, the founder of Singapore and a keen naturalist, set up the first Botanic Garden on Government Hill at Fort Canning in 1822 mainly to introduce into cultivation economic crops such as nutmeg, clove and cocoa. This Garden was closed in 1829. The Gardens at its present site was founded in 1859 by an Agri-Horticultural Society, and was later handed over to the government for maintenance. From an ornamental garden with roads, terraces, a bandstand and even a small zoo, it has come a long way in evolving into a leading equatorial botanic garden of 63 hectares. The **150-year old Singapore Botanic Gardens** possesses an array of botanical and horticultural attractions with a rich history and a wonderful plant collection of worldwide significance. The **National Orchid Garden**, located within the Botanic Gardens boasts a sprawling display of 60,000 orchid plants. After lunch we experience the **Footsteps of Raffles Tour**. Raffles Hotel and 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. Our Raffles Hotel tour will lead you to experience a stunning process of the rising of Singapore from a small fishing village to the world business centre. After that, you will enjoy a stylish afternoon **high tea set**. Then, we will take you to a bumboat cruise along the Singapore River to Clarke Quay. The traditional cargo boat used to ship the goods up and down the river as a connection of people. The Singapore River is like a witness of its history. At both sides of the river, you will see the colonial buildings, traditional Chinese shops, modern skyscrapers... each of them would tell you an exciting story of Singapore. The cruise ends at Clarke Quay where you will witness the art of pewtersmithing at the Royal Selangor Pewter Gallery. Late afternoon we return to our hotel for dinner.

**Overnight Singapore: Hotel Jen Tanglin, Singapore**

### Day 4. Sat 21 July: Gardens by the Bay - Singapore Garden Festival

B

After a leisurely morning we make our way to the **spectacular Gardens by the Bay** home to the **2014 Singapore Garden Festival**. This is Asia's biggest flower and garden show, full of colour, creativity and floral beauty. Gardens by the Bay provides us with an opportunity to experience the development of modern Singapore. Housing more than **250,000 rare plants and 18 Supertrees**, the park is built to raise the quality of life of Singaporeans by enhancing greenery and flora in the city. Set on 54 hectares the complex consists of two climate conservatories (entry own cost)– 1: **Flower Dome**, wander amongst the thousand-year old olive trees and unusual Baobabs of the cool-dry Mediterranean and subtropical regions as you take in sights of the changing seasonal floral display. 2: Step into the world of the **Cloud Forest** and explore the highlands amidst orchids, pitcher plants and ferns from the cool-moist Tropical Montane region, complete with a 35-metre man-made mountain and waterfall. Look up in awe at dramatic vertical plant displays amidst our 18 supertrees at the **Supertree Grove** or enjoy a bird's eye view from the 22-metre high **OCBC Skyway** (entry own cost). We then able to purchase dinner before witnessing the **amazing nightly light-and-sound display**, in which the massive man-made Supertrees are psychedelically illuminated after sundown with spotlights and neon lights.

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### Day 5. Sun 22 July: Sentosa - Chinatown Tour & Dinner

B & D

This morning we visit the **Island of Sentosa** where we start our tour with a **scenic Cable Car Ride** where we can see the beautiful landscape of the city. Visit Images Of Singapore, where we'll embark on a journey to experience the colourful culture and vibrant heritage of Singapore, re-told through life-size figures, animations and special effects. Enter a world of colours at the **Butterfly Park & Insect Kingdom** and allow 1,500 live butterflies from over 50 species, flutter about or admire up to 3,000 species of insects. Discover the awe-inspiring world of life in the ocean at S.E.A. Aquarium, the world's largest aquarium. Explore more than 800 species of marine animals such as majestic manta rays and over 200 sharks through the world's largest window to the ocean. \* Please note once on Sentosa we use "the public transport". This afternoon we return to our hotel to freshen up. We then tour **Chinatown** which has also come a long way since the early days when Chinese immigrants made this enclave their home. Filled with a sprawling myriad of shops and eateries, bursting with colourful and exciting activities set against a backdrop of rich history and heritage, Chinatown is not to be missed especially in the evening when everything really comes alive. After dinner at a local Chinese restaurant, we wander along the narrow lanes of the Night Market and test our bargaining skills against street vendors selling anything from souvenirs to leather goods. The highlight of the evening is a **Trishaw ride that takes you through the alleyways of Chinatown**. Later in the evening we return to our hotel for a good nights sleep.

**Overnight Singapore: Hotel Jen Tanglin, Singapore**

### Day 6 Mon 23 July: Jurong Bird Park - Singapore - Melbourne

Breakfast & Inflight Meals

After a leisurely breakfast and checkout we enjoy some free time for shopping before a visit to Jurong Bird Park. Home to 8,000 birds of 600 species, Jurong Bird Park spans 20.2 hectares of lush greenery within Singapore's model industry estate. Visit 1,000 colourful lorries and have a chance to feed them at Lory Loft – the world largest Lory Flight Aviary. Take a ride on the tram to visit the African Waterfall Aviary. Enjoy the spectacular Penguin Expedition, Birds and Buddies Show at the pools Amphitheatre. The Bird Park's exhibits and the aviaries are designed to closely resemble the natural habitat of the birds. Late afternoon we transfer to the Changi Airport and check in with Singapore Airlines for our flight back to Australia. Due to the late departure of our flight to Melbourne a prepaid voucher for the Ambassador Transit Lounge in Terminal 3 at Singapore Airport is included with your tour cost.

### Day 7 Tues 24 July: Melbourne - Launceston

We arrive back into Melbourne and after clearing customs and immigration we transfer to the Melbourne domestic terminal for our flight to Launceston where we transfer by coach back to our homes.



### Tour Highlights:

**Singapore:** Half Day Highlights Tour - Padang, Cricket Club, Parliament House, Supreme Court & City Hall, Merlion Park & The Merlion, Thian Hock Keng Temple, Local Handicraft Centre, **Singapore Flyer** "World's Largest Giant Observation Wheel" **Guided Nature Walk ; Gardens by the Bay** - Flower Dome, Cloud Forest, Super Tree Grove, Skyway; **2014 Singapore Garden Festival** - Over 40 international garden & floral designers from 20 countries, Spectacular Light Show; **Singapore Botanical Gardens** - National Orchid Garden; **Orchard Road Shopping Sentosa Island** - Scenic Cable Car Ride, Images Of Singapore, Butterfly Park & Insect Kingdom, S.E.A. Aquarium "world's largest aquarium" + more; **Chinatown Night Tour** - Yong Calligrapher Gallery, Dinner at a local Chinese Restaurant, Night Market, Trishaw Ride, Lights of Singapore: **Jurong Bird Park** & much, more.

### Tour Price Includes:

- Return coach transfers to and from Launceston Airport
- Return Airfares with Virgin Australia & Singapore Airlines Launceston to Singapore return
- 5 Nights Accommodation Hotel Jen Tanglin Singapore
- Meals as per itinerary (10 Meals)
- All Bus Touring, Transfers, Attractions & Tours as per Itinerary
- Pre-Paid voucher for Ambassador Transit Hotel Singapore Airport
- Trade Travel accessories: Travel Bag, Ticket Wallet, Touring Name Badge and Luggage Tag

### Tour Price Excludes:

- Travel Insurance
- Any meals not listed in the itinerary
- Optional tours





**A Deposit of \$500.00 per person is due now along with a completed booking form to secure your place on this tour!**

**The final payment is due no later than Friday 06 April 2018**

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**Travel Insurance is recommended!**

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