



costs. Before heading back to the hotel, we will walk through **Marina One**, 'an international role model for living and working' by Ingenhoven Architects, landscape architect Kathryn Gustafson and her team. The high-density building complex with its mix of uses extends to over 400,000 square meters and, with its group of four high-rise buildings, defines the "Green Heart" - a public space extending over several stories. We'll see their recent extensive refurbishment. Our Peranakan-style farewell dinner is at the **National Kitchen by Violet Oon** at the National Gallery. (B, D)

Day 7 Fri 24 Jul

Depart Singapore

Tour arrangements finish after breakfast. Make your own way to airport for your departure. (B)

Tour Prices (Per person, land tour)

Twin share: \$3,865

Single room: \$995

Tour price includes 6 nights accommodation in 5-star hotel; 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners & 1 high tea; air-conditioned coach throughout the tour; entrance fees to all gardens and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary.

Not included: International flights; travel insurance; personal expenses and anything not mentioned above.

Fitness Level - Moderate

About Your Tour

Join us in cosmopolitan Singapore to celebrate the tropics. A place where heritage, plus new, internationally acclaimed gardens are revered. Few countries in the 21st Century have put so many resources into gardens, generating opportunities and prosperity for residents, and horticultural extravaganzas for visitors from near and far.

Your Tour Leader



Tim Jackson joined Foundation & Friends in 1987, then later joined Growing Friends and ran a gardening course with Libby Cameron. Several years later, she was elected to the Friends' Executive Committee and became President. She was appointed a Trustee of the Royal Botanic Garden

& Domain Trust and also elected to the Friends' Board, becoming a member of the Business Committee. Other contributions include leading tours and volunteering with Growing Friends. Tim also organised a very successful visit by David Howard, Head Gardener at Highgrove, the private gardens of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales.

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Day 1 Sat 18 Jul Arrive in Singapore
Our tour commences from the hotel. A brief orientation once you've settled into your hotel. Welcome dinner tonight. (D)

Day 2 Sun 19 Jul Fort Canning & Little India
We'll enjoy an early morning visit to **Fort Canning Park**, an iconic hilltop landmark that has witnessed many of Singapore's historical milestones. This historic place was once home to Malay royalty and it's where the British decided to surrender to the invading Japanese during WW II. Afterwards we'll explore **Serangoon Road**, Little India's central strip that boasts a plethora of jewellery shops, traditional Indian tailors, everything-must-go fashion outlets, fresh fruit and veg stalls, Chinese liquor stores, beauty salons, and of course, row upon row of delicious curry



houses. This evening soak in the beautiful experience of music and patterns of dancing light in **Garden Rhapsody** at Gardens by the Bay. Watch the iconic, towering Supertrees transform as the visual sensory extravaganza brings a touch of magic. (B)

Day 3 Mon 20 Jul Singapore Botanic Gardens
After breakfast we visit the beautiful UNESCO World Heritage-listed **Singapore Botanic Gardens**. With a rich history, it is home to an array of botanical attractions and a plant collection highly regarded around the world. We'll be guided by Director Dr Nigel Taylor who will explain the story of Singapore's **National Orchid Garden**. Since 1928 the garden has been hybridising orchids, which has led to a significant national industry. We will look at the growing process of one of the world's great collections. A treat this afternoon when we take **High Tea at Fullerton Hotel**. (B)

Day 4 Tue 21 Jul Singapore Zoo & Bollywood Veggies
Today we visit the beautifully designed **Kranji War Memorial** that honours the men and women who died in the line of duty during World War II. Maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, the gardens are in keeping with the guidelines set out by Edwin Lutyens and Gertrude Jekyll. Next, we head further into the countryside, for a tour and lunch at **Bollywood Veggies** and step back to Singapore's

lush history. After lunch visit **Singapore Zoo** an award-winning wildlife park to see animals roaming freely in natural habitats. Set in 26-hectares, it is home to over 300 species of mammals, birds and reptiles, and has been providing exciting wildlife experiences to visitors for over 40 years. (B, L)

Day 5 Wed 22 Jul Gardens by the Bay
Today's destination, **Gardens by the Bay**, offers breathtaking waterfront views. The multi-award winning horticultural destination spans 101 hectares of reclaimed land. This extraordinary project, is a complex of outdoor gardens and glasshouses on a massive scale. Advised by the Eden Project in the UK, it covers both tropical and temperate to cool climate specialist gardens. (B)

Day 6 Thu 23 Jul HortPark
We visit **HortPark**, a 9-hectare site used as a valuable education facility for Singapore gardeners. It has a range of specialised gardens, sales facilities, and educational tours. Facilities like this reflect Singapore's priority on horticulture. Our next stop is **Khoo Teck Puat Hospital Rooftop Garden**. KTPH was designed for patient's wellbeing using biophilic principles. Greenery covers four times the footprint of the hospital buildings. Since opening eight years ago the community-at-large has been engaged, and nearby residents also enjoy the hospital's public spaces which is encouraged by KTPH. Programs such as line dancing, tai chi and Zumba are regular occurrences, and volunteers (mostly retirees) tend the rooftop gardens alongside staff. Some produce finds its way to the hospital kitchens, and the rest is sold to help with

