

Singapore for Christmas 2024

8 days and 7 nights to really explore....

Escorted by Brian Sams



Tour Highlights

- Christmas with a difference!
- Quality accommodation - 7 nights in a well located hotel and many meals
- New Bird Park and breakfast with the Orangutans in the Singapore Zoo
- High Tea at Raffles or Fullerton Bay Hotel
- Plenty of time at the famous Gardens by the Bay
- Singapore Botanical gardens and Zoo
- Singapore Christmas lights
- Rooftop gardens and farm lunch
- Christmas Lunch
- Spice garden walk
- Experienced local guide
- Everything organised!



Day 1 – Sunday 22 December

Brisbane to Singapore

Welcome to Singapore! We will meet our local guide & transfer to our well located hotel in the downtown before having a welcome dinner. **(D)**
Royal Plaza on Scotts or the One Farrer Hotel or similar - 7 nights

Day 2 - Monday 23 December Half Day Tour

Explore Singapore on a half day city sights tour. Observe the rich cultural and historical heritage through the sights and sounds of the bustling ethnic enclaves of China Town, Kampong Glam and Little India. Lunch in a local restaurant. Transfer back to the hotel to spend the afternoon at leisure. This evening we will head out to the Singapore River for a “Bumboat cruise” to see the city lights. **(B, L)**

Day 3 - Tuesday 24 December

Breakfast at the Zoo

Enjoy a ‘Wild Breakfast’ with some special animals this morning at Singapore Zoo. Meet some of the star attractions as you witness the orangutan descend from a backdrop filled with vines and branches, followed by an opportunity for interaction and photography with these intelligent animals. After breakfast, enjoy a tram ride around what is also known as the Open Zoo with its beautifully landscape gardens and very few cages. Take some free time to wander around the zoo before lunch in the local area. **(B, L)**

Day 4 - Wednesday - Christmas Day

Botanical gardens and Orchid tour

Happy Christmas! This morning we will visit the Singapore Botanic Gardens and National Orchid Garden. The Botanic Garden is a 156-year-old tropical garden and is one of three gardens to be listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The National Orchid Garden provides a place for 60,000 orchid plants - consisting of 1000 species and more than 2,000 hybrids. Return to the hotel to freshen up for a Christmas lunch in the hotel before an afternoon at leisure. **(B, L)**

Day 5 - Thursday 26 December

New Singapore Bird Park and Fort Canning Park

Today we will visit the newly renovated and relocated Singapore Bird Park. The old one was pretty special so I can only imagine the new one will be well worth seeing. We will have enough time to fully explore before heading to Fort Canning Park, an iconic hilltop landmark, that has witnessed

milestones and served as the Headquarters of the Far East Command Centre and British Army Barracks. An interesting spice garden is also part of the park that has been very well done. **(B)**

Day 6 - Friday 27 December

Free morning / High Tea at Raffles

This morning is free for individual exploration. Visit the national museum, art galleries, Sentosa Island or shop in one of the many famous shopping districts. If you need any help in planning your we will be there to help. Meet this afternoon to visit Fullerton Hotel and then follow in the footsteps of Sir Stamford Raffles finishing at the world-famous Raffles Hotel, which used to be the watering-hole for the high-society in the 1800s to enjoy the famous Raffles High Tea.

(B, Afternoon tea)

Day 7 - Saturday 28 December

Rural Singapore / Gardens by the Bay

Today we will visit parts of Singapore with a difference. Two farming enterprises – ComCrop which uses rooftops to produce vegetables for the local community and Bollywood Farms who grow organic vegetables, run cooking schools and showcase a little of country life Singapore style. They also have a bistro where we will have lunch. We will then have some free time in the hotel to freshen up before heading to Visit Gardens by the Bay. Spanning 101 hectares and consists of three waterfront gardens - Bay South, Bay East, and Bay Central. Once in the 54-hectare park a staff member will talk about the project before we are free to explore as you like. As night falls enjoy the spectacular light and music show. We will have our farewell dinner in one of the local restaurants. Transfer back to the hotel. **(B, L, D)**

Day 8 - Sunday 29 December

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and a free morning before a late check out (tbc). Around 2pm we will head to the airport for a tour of the Jewell area - an amazing indoor gardens which is part of the airport complex. We will have a canopy walk and time to explore before checking in for our overnight flight to Brisbane.

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Full land tour price. (airfare not included)

\$3995 per person twin share

Please complete a booking form and pay deposit of **\$500** pp to secure place.

Sole use **\$1250** - Full terms and conditions are in booking form.

I have booked some group airfares. Please see Airfare documents for details.