

## MEDIA FACTSHEET

### FLORAL FANTASY

Floral Fantasy (奇幻花园) is Gardens by the Bay's latest thematic attraction, where flowers, artistry and technology come together to create a fantastical experience for visitors.

There are four diverse garden landscapes, each showcasing a different artistic concept. These concepts segue seamlessly into each other through a meandering space, and the experience culminates in a 4D ride of the flight of a dragonfly through Gardens by the Bay.

Floral Fantasy officially opens to public on 14 April 2019. The public can already buy tickets from the ticketing counters at Gardens by the Bay or online at [www.gardensbythebay.com.sg](http://www.gardensbythebay.com.sg).

#### Floral Fantasy at a glance

<b>Size</b>	1,500 sq m					
<b>Capacity</b>	500					
<b>Location</b>	Bayfront Plaza, next to Bayfront MRT station					
<b>Number of plants</b>	More than 3,000 plants and more than 150 species					
<b>Temperature</b>	23°C to 25°C					
<b>Features</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Four different garden landscapes: Dance, Float, Waltz, Drift</li> <li>* 4D Ride: Flight of the Dragonfly</li> <li>* Poison Dart Frog Vivarium</li> <li>* Artist Corner</li> </ul>					
<b>Hours</b>	9am to 9pm (Last admission at 8pm)					
<b>Admission rates</b>	<i>Standard rate</i>			<i>Local resident rate</i>		
	Adult	\$20	\$17*	Adult	\$12	\$9*
	Senior (above 60)	\$20	\$17*	Senior (above 60)	\$8	\$5*
	Child	\$12	\$10*	Child	\$8	\$5*

*\*Opening special rate, for visits to Floral Fantasy between 14 April 2019 and 13 May 2019. This promotional rate is only available until 13 May 2019.*

#### The four garden landscapes



##### **1. Dance (花之舞)**

Dance is the first garden landscape of Floral Fantasy, and features flowers suspended upside down from above, forming a brightly-coloured, immersive canopy as visitors walk through the space. As visitors come to the end of this zone, they are greeted by the whimsical sight of pendulous floral balls bobbing gently up and down from the ceiling.



## 2. Float (花之溪)

The first garden landscape Dance transitions into the next one, called Float. This is a comparatively larger expanse of open space featuring a body of water alongside it. Unique trees with interesting forms such as twisty and drooping branches flank the space, creating a sense of intimacy with visitors.



## 3. Waltz (花之雨)

Things take a turn for the dramatic in Waltz, a space that is enscenced by driftwood structures at the top and sheets of water at the sides. Evoking a feeling of exploring a rainforest, the space is complemented by a 4m wide by 2m tall poison dart frog vivarium with plans to eventually house more than 30 tiny but eye-catching poison dart frogs.



### **Poison Dart Frog Vivarium**

Poison dart frogs, which originate from the tropical areas of Central and South America, are considered vulnerable because of deforestation. These brightly-coloured frogs only grow to a size of 2 inches, but they are highly toxic. However, as their poison comes from their diet in the wild, they lose this toxicity when reared by humans. The poison dart frog vivarium in Floral Fantasy showcases these beautiful pint-sized amphibians and highlights how human action can have adverse impact on even the smallest aspects of biodiversity.



## 4. Drift (花之影)

The transition from light to dark is complete at the fourth and final garden landscape called Drift. Reminiscent of a cavern, this semi-enclosed space is ringed with terraced rock. Amidst a glittering lightscape reminiscent of glow worms, a collection of exotic South American orchids grow out from the rock, while hanging ferns drape down from the ceiling, creating a magical atmosphere.



### **The 4D ride: Flight of the Dragonfly (4D 奇幻之旅：蜻蜓飞翔)**

With the aid of 3D glasses and special effects incorporated into the 24-seater theatrette, visitors will experience their four senses of sight, sound, smell and touch triggered as they are taken on a simulated journey of a dragonfly's flight path through Gardens by the Bay.

Flight of the Dragonfly was conceptualised and produced by ST Engineering, and is the first 4D simulation ride conceptualised, produced and filmed in Singapore by ST Engineering, a global technology, defence and engineering company that is headquartered in Singapore.

### **Artist Corner**

In line with its focus on floral artistry, there is an Artist Corner at Floral Fantasy, which serves as a platform for emerging local artists to showcase their work to a larger audience. The artists invited to collaborate with Gardens by the Bay will come from a wide spectrum of disciplines, and their art pieces will incorporate flowers as a theme. Each art piece at Artist Corner will be changed periodically.

### Plant highlights

Floral Fantasy showcases more than 3,000 plants, with more than 150 species. Spot “fried eggs” and “Darth Vader” among some of the more curious plants!



#### **Begonia ‘Darth Vader’ (*Begonia darthvaderiana*)**

Of all the curious begonias on display in the poison dart frog vivarium, the handsome dark foliage of the rare Darth Vader Begonia particularly stands out against the soft green of the moss walls. With jet-black leaves and lime green edges, it is no wonder this begonia was named after the iconic villain of Star Wars.



#### **Chinese Juniper (*Juniperus chinensis*)**

Flowing sinuously off its rocky perch pillowed in emerald mosses, this Chinese Juniper appears perfectly balanced between earth, sky, and water. Carefully trained in the semi-cascade bonsai form also known as han-kengai, this style requires years of pruning and wiring to mimic the natural shape of ancient trees growing horizontally off rocky cliffs faces or over the banks of rivers and lakes.



#### ***Elaphoglossum peltatum***

Only a few centimeters tall, this Ecuadorian fern is instantly captivating for its circular, geometrically dissected fronds. Each of the two rounded lobes starts from a single point, dividing and branching at regular intervals to form an almost perfect circle!



#### **Fried Egg Tree (*Polyspora axillaris*)**

This tree with the gastronomical name might seem rather unassuming, but if you take a closer look, you will notice clusters of flower buds nestled among its glossy spoon-shaped leaves. These buds eventually bloom into white flowers with yellow stamens that resemble an egg cooked sunny-side up!



**Fuchsia cvr.**

Hanging off the cavern wall is one of the Japanese Fuchsia hybrids. Unlike the usual cultivars of fuchsias with flowers that resemble dancing ladies, the drooping flowers of this hybrid resemble long pink trumpets with a red flare towards the tip.



**Oldham's Silverberry (*Elaeagnus oldhamii*)**

Silvery scales coat the both the reddish, single-seeded edible fruit and the undersides of the light green leaves, lending a glittery sheen that gives this genus its name. Far from being merely ornamental, the vitamin and mineral-rich fruits of many *Elaeagnus* species are being explored as a possible new superfood, while the leaves have long been used in Taiwanese traditional medicine to treat rheumatoid arthritis.



**Peruvian Peppertree (*Schinus molle*)**

Despite its name and its bright pink fruit marketed as “pink peppers” in colourful spice blends, this tree is completely unrelated to true pepper (*Piper nigrum*), which produces the black (ripe), white (deskinned) and green (unripe) peppercorns. Nonetheless, these pink imposters have a subtle sweetness and mild peppery bite! A tree for all seasons, the Peruvian peppertree’s feathery foliage floats down from sturdy branches riveted in cross-hatches of light brown bark. The delicate sprays of tiny yellow flowers give way to tiny balls of bright pink fruit.



**Southern Magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*)**

The Southern Magnolia can reach up to 25m in height, but this one is trained in a flat fan shape using an ancient agricultural technique! This method of training tree branches against a wall or along a frame is called espalier, a French word from the Italian spalliera, "something to rest the shoulder on". Originally developed to shelter precious fruit trees like grapes, apples, and figs along a supporting wall and make their fruit easier to pick, this magnolia is espaliered to showcase its eventual huge, fragrant, white flowers which can reach up to 30cm in diameter!



***Stanhopea wardii***

The large, pendulous flowers of this orchid don't look anything like familiar orchids. These blooms look so bizarre that they might remind you of a bird's head or a giant flying insect! Though short-lived, the flowers emit a buffet of pleasant fragrances, which some people liken to vanilla or peppermint, or even sweet taffy candy!



**'Surfinia Purple Vein' Petunia**

While you might think of petunias as a common bedding plant, these 'Surfinia purple vein' petunias are extraordinary, with a delicate lacework of vibrant purple veins tracing the centre of each amethyst bloom.