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PLANT HIGHLIGHTS

To evoke the charm of an Alpine summer meadow, horticulturists aim to recreate the textured and multi-layered landscape that one would see along Switzerland's valleys and mountainsides. The planting palette combines grass-like foliage with seasonal blooms such as chamomiles, snapdragons, foxgloves, cleomes, larkspurs, petunias, asters, and digitalis.

Close to 60 per cent of these plants were grown in-house at Gardens by the Bay's back-of-house cooled nursery by research horticulturists. These varieties were selected by the floral display designers for colours and forms that are similar to true alpine plants, and their ability to flourish for the floral display.

Feature plants



***Antirrhinum* cv. (Snapdragon)**

The common name "snapdragon" comes from the flower's interesting trait where the base of the bloom would snap open and shut like a dragon's mouth. Snapdragons grow on tall, upright spikes with numerous blooms arranged in a staggered pattern.

Each flower is bilaterally symmetrical and tubular, with two distinct "lips" designed so that only the strongest bees can pry them open to reach the nectar inside.



***Aster* spp. (Asters)**

Commonly found in alpine meadows, asters are hardy flowering plants that thrive in cooler climates. Their daisy-like blooms bring soft colour to mountain valleys in Switzerland.



Cleome spinosa
(Spiny spiderflower)

Spiderflowers are known for their airy, spidery flower clusters, typically with combination of white, pale pink, and dark pink flowers within each inflorescence. They stand upright on sturdy stems to add interest and height in the planting bed.



Delphinium cultivar
(Larkspur)

Tall and striking with spire-shaped blooms, delphiniums naturally grow in cool, temperate regions.



Digitalis purpurea cultivar
(Foxglove)

Typically found at the edges of woodlands or high-altitude clearings, foxgloves have small bell-shaped flowers reflect the diversity of flora seen along Swiss hiking trails and meadows.



Matthiola

Prized for their sweet scent, *matthiolas* boast of clusters of fragrant, densely packed blooms in shades of pink, purple, white, or yellow.



***Matricaria chamomilla* (Chamomile)**

A dainty herb with feathery leaves, its small daisy-like flowers typically bloom in white and yellow. They are also known for their calming scent and are often used in herbal teas and remedies.



***Petunia* spp**

Petunias are popular garden flowers with trumpet-shaped blooms in a wide range of colours, from soft pastels to vibrant hues. They are known for their long flowering season and ability to spill gracefully over planters and borders.



***Verbena* spp. (Common vervain)**

The common vervain is a hardy, flowering plant found growing wild across parts of Switzerland and is also popular as a summer garden flower. Known for its clusters of small, delicate blooms in vibrant shades of purple, pink, red, or white, verbenas add soft colour and texture to alpine meadows and gardens alike.

Begonias of note

Among the highlights of Alpine Adventure are the larger-than-usual begonias, which bring a dramatic burst of colour and texture to the display.

These striking blooms have been specially nurtured by Gardens by the Bay's horticulturists to reach up to 12cm – nearly twice the size of common begonias.

Begonia Cascade Ordorosa



This variety is celebrated for its long, trailing stems that spill gracefully downward, creating a dramatic, waterfall-like effect. Its blooms, in shades of white, yellow, soft pink, and vibrant orange, feature delicate, layered petals that add a sense of depth and elegance.

Because of their natural cascading form, these begonias are a favourite for balcony boxes and hanging planters or baskets, where the flowers can spill over the edges — a signature look reminiscent of Swiss alpine villages in summer.

***Begonia* Hanging Sensation**



With shorter, more compact stems than cascading types, this variety is ideal for hanging baskets, creating a lush, rounded display.

Its broad, slightly ruffled petals come in a striking palette of yellow, white, pink and red, adding vibrant pops of colour throughout the entire display.

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SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY SOCIAL MEDIA SENSATION JODOKCELLO



JodokCello, the crossover cellist sensation from Switzerland with over 13 million followers across social media platforms, performs live amidst the Alpine Adventure floral display. This is a one-day only performance.

Date: Wednesday, 1 October 2025

Time: 2.00pm to 2.30pm, 4.00pm to 4.30pm

Venue: Flower Dome

Details:

- Admission charge to Flower Dome applies.
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