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HYDRANGEA HIGHLIGHTS AT BLUE BEAUTIES

Blue Beauties showcases a diverse collection of hydrangea varieties chosen for their distinct forms, colours, and the way they collectively evoke the rich palette of the Ottoman world – from the deep cobalt of Iznik tiles to the warm creams and pinks of imperial garden blooms.

	<p><i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i> 'Avant Garde'</p> <p>A classic mophead variety notable for its exceptionally long flowering period, during which blooms shift through white, pink, green, and red. One of the most colour-dynamic varieties in the display.</p>
	<p><i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i> 'Blue Ocean'</p> <p>Debuting at Gardens by the Bay for the first time, 'Blue Ocean' is bred for intense cobalt colouration through aluminium uptake in acidic soils – the variety that most directly echoes the Iznik ceramic palette at the heart of the display. Its deep blue blooms are a vivid illustration of how soil chemistry shapes the hydrangea's colour.</p>
	<p><i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i> 'Magical revolution'</p> <p>Valued for its long-lasting, colour-changing blooms, it forms a neat, rounded shrub with rich dark green foliage, typically reaching around 1m tall and wide. Its cupped flower heads open pink or blue depending on soil pH, then gradually age through green, purple and antique tones, creating a striking multi-coloured effect.</p>



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***Hydrangea paniculata* 'Sundae Fraise'**

A panicle hydrangea producing tall, conical plumes that can reach up to 3m tall. Blooms open white before aging through to soft pink and strawberry tones – a warm, dramatic counterpoint to the cooler blues anchoring the display.



ECHOES OF ISTANBUL CONCERT AND TURKISH AIRLINES SOCIAL MEDIA CONTEST

Traditional Turkish music with Echoes of Istanbul

Step into the timeless world of Istanbul through an enchanting evening of Turkish traditional music. Echoes of Istanbul is a special performance that invites you to discover the rich musical heritage of Türkiye — a culture shaped by centuries of history, poetry, and the meeting of civilisations along the Bosphorus.

The concert will feature some of the most distinctive instruments of Turkish classical music:

- Oud, a warm and expressive string instrument regarded as the ancestor of the lute
- Kanun, a delicately plucked zither known for its shimmering and intricate melodies
- Ney, the soulful reed flute whose breath-like sound has echoed through Sufi traditions for centuries
- Bendir, a traditional frame drum whose rhythmic pulse carries the spirit of ancient gatherings and celebrations

Together, these instruments create a musical language that is both meditative and deeply emotional — transporting listeners to the palaces, waterfronts, and hidden courtyards of old Istanbul.

Date: Wednesday, 27 May 2026

Time: 3.00pm

Details: Flower Dome. Admission charge to Flower Dome applies

Win a Dream Getaway to Istanbul with Blue Beauties

Visit the Blue Beauties floral display in Flower Dome, answer a question, and stand a chance to win a pair of economy-class roundtrip tickets on Turkish Airlines to Istanbul.



Contest Period: 26 May to 21 June 2026

How to Participate:

1. Visit the Blue Beauties during the campaign period.
2. Look out for the contest poster and scan the QR code.
3. Answer a simple question about the display.
4. Fill in the required details and submit your entry to be in the running.

Terms and conditions apply. For more information, visit www.gardensbythebay.com.sg/bluebeauties.

PROGRAMME AND WORKSHOPS

Programme	Date	Time	Location
<p>Get Crafty! – Hydrangea Bag Charm by Macramenian</p>  <p>Design a sophisticated bag charm inspired by the hydrangea display. Utilising pre-made crocheted tubes, construct a botanical flowerhead that transitions through a spectrum of blues and pinks, mirroring the natural colour shifts driven by soil pH levels. Finish the bag charm with paracord embellishments and an enamel charm.</p> <p>\$15/pax. Admission charge to Flower Dome applies. On-site registration is required.</p>	<p>Wednesday, 27 May 2026</p>	<p>11.00am to 5.00pm</p>	<p>Australian Garden in Flower Dome</p>
<p>Get Crafty! – Hydrangea Clay Painting by Tippsyfingers</p>  <p>Participants will learn more about how pH level in soil affects the colours of hydrangeas, and colour their own clay hydrangea using ink pad and sponge to create different shades and gradients, before stringing it with ribbon and a bead.</p> <p>\$15/pax. Admission charge to Flower Dome applies. On-site registration is required.</p>	<p>Saturday to Sunday, 30 & 31 May 2026</p>	<p>10.00am to 6.00pm</p>	