

Winter Culinary walks at the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne



The ever popular Chocolate and Spice Walk and Tea and Camellias Walk are back at the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne this winter.

Chocolate and spice lovers cannot afford to miss the aromatic adventure through the Gardens on selected Fridays and Sundays during June and July. Supported by Haigh's Chocolates, guests can taste samples from Australia's master chocolatiers while discovering the gardens with their personal guide.

Learn about the history and recipes of cinnamon, cardamom, vanilla bean, and of course, the coca bean. There are a wealth of stories and legends to be told about these humble ingredients. From the downfall of the Atztec Empire to the rise of a roaring global spice trade, chocolates and spice have been pivotal elements of world history.

So come along and be entertained and afterwards sit back and have a delicious hot chocolate at The Terrace and enjoy more of Haigh's famous chocolates.

Tea and camellias

Did you know that the leaves at the bottom of your teacup come from a Camellia?

Join this special walk through the Gardens' extensive Camellia Collection with over 800 specimens, to learn about the origin of tea leaves.

Discover historic cultivars, hybrids and lesser-known Camellia species on this historic journey through the Royal Botanic Gardens' historic Camellia beds. Learn about the origins of tea and its historical significance to world trade and the heritage listed landscape of the Gardens.

Later warm up with a cup of tea at The Terrace and soak in the lakeside views.

Program details:

Chocolate and Spice

When: Sunday 14 June, Sunday 28 June, Sunday 12 July
Friday 19 June, Friday 3 July, Friday 24 July

Time: 10am – 12noon

Cost: \$19 adult; \$17 concession;
(Price includes a hot chocolate at The Terrace and a Haigh's chocolate sample)

Bookings: (03) 9252 2429 **Bookings required.**

Tea and Camellias

When: Sunday 2 August, Friday 7 August,
Sunday 16 August, Friday 21 August, Sunday 30 August

Time: 10am – 12noon

Cost: \$19 adults; \$17 concession
Price includes a cup of tea at The Terrace

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