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WELCOME TO SINGAPORE!

Take a walk down the cosmopolitan streets of Orchard Road – the country’s main shopping district – or its bustling Central Business District, and it’s hard to imagine that Singapore was once a small fishing village.

With gleaming malls housing international designer brands, posh bars, unique enclaves, coupled with an iconic city skyline, Singapore presents itself as a young, dynamic nation. It has embraced the look and feel of a sophisticated city-state geared for the future, and yet continues to be inspired by its rich past and heritage.

Singapore is one of the world’s most advanced cities. Its strategic position makes it the gateway to Asia and beyond. However, much of its culture and history live on in its people, food, neighbourhoods and architecture. Walking around the island reveals layers of its past within a contemporary landscape.

With its blend of history, culture and old-school charms, a world-class education system and technologically advanced infrastructure, plus a plethora of modern lifestyle conveniences, Singapore is an appealing destination for visitors of all ages and ethnicities.



OLD MEETS NEW – IN SURPRISING WAYS

In Singapore, history is alive and well – historical buildings and heritage enclaves exist alongside skyscrapers and distinctive modern architecture.

The skyline of the Marina Bay area evokes a city of the future with iconic landmarks like the Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay, Gardens by the Bay, Marina Bay Sands® and the Singapore Flyer (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p77).



A GREEN HAVEN

Singapore lives up to its reputation of being a “City in a Garden”. For those who love nature and green spaces, the country has a network of parks that span the island, complete with a green cover that makes up nearly half of the country’s ground area. Its park connectors link up major green areas and nature reserves across the island, making it possible to explore the country by walking or cycling without stepping out of a park!



**FAST,
EFFICIENT AND
CONVENIENT**

The Lion City's integrated transportation system — from the comprehensive bus and Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) networks serving the whole island, to the availability and affordability of taxis — is convenient for regular commuters as well as tourists who need to travel efficiently and economically.

Singapore is also known for its connectivity — all part of its goal to be the world's first "Smart Nation", tapping on the potential of transformational infocommunication technologies and nurturing innovation. Visitors will find that Internet and Wi-Fi access are widely available throughout the island.



Botanica

Singapore's strategic position as a shipping port and its centuries of trade, together with the merging of different cultures, have produced a vibrant culinary tradition. With a passion for food and a sophisticated palate to match, Singaporeans' openness for different cuisines and culinary trends is evident in the many restaurants and food establishments all over the island.

Hawker centres — open-air food courts offering Chinese, Malay, Indian, and Peranakan cuisines, among others, provide a delicious crash course on the country's multiculturalism (see Eat & Drink, Hawker Centres, p116).

Food gourmands will be spoilt for choice: from hip and trendy spots like indie cafes and craft cocktail bars, to Michelin-starred restaurants and celebrity chef establishments, Singapore's dynamic dining scene has it all (see Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p105).



**SINGLISH,
THE COLLOQUIAL
SINGAPORE ENGLISH**

Singapore is a multilingual and multicultural society with four main ethnic groups. The country has four official languages — Malay, Chinese, Tamil and English.

Residents of Singapore are also bound together by one common language: Singlish (short for Singaporean English). It's not an easy language to understand or speak, but visitors who try will always get appreciative smiles from the locals.

**CULTURES
COME
TOGETHER**

Aside from its Chinese, Malay and Indian heritage, Singapore is also home to other ethnic groups like the Eurasians and Peranakans, as well as a growing expatriate population. All of these diverse cultures contribute to making the island a vibrant place to live in.



**SINGLISH FOR
BEGINNERS**

At the hawker centre or food court
Shiok: Expresses appreciation and delight.

Chope: A term used to reserve a seat or table, usually with a packet of tissue paper.

Other common Singlish expressions
Relax lah! "Lah" gives stronger emphasis to a sentence. "Relax lah" is said to someone who is upset, angry or nervous.

Got lobang?: *Lobang* is a Malay word that means "hole" or "gap". In this context, it means opportunity or connections.

Kiasu: This word refers to "one who is afraid to lose out to someone else".

Steady lah! "Steady lah!" describes someone who is calm and easy-going, or who agrees to your plans.

Bo jio?: Translated from Hokkien, it means not inviting someone along to an event or activity.

Huat ah! *Huat* means to prosper while "ah" is used for emphasis. "Huat ah!" is usually shouted out for luck.

A SHOPPING PARADISE

The country's many malls are filled with high-end boutiques from the world's top brands, but Singapore's shopping scene also has an abundance of talented local designers. Visitors will score unique and reasonably priced finds in hip shopping enclaves such as Tiong Bahru, Haji Lane, Bugis Street as well as in the island's many flea markets and *pasar malams* (night markets), among others (see Shopping, p127).



Singapore's calendar of events is always filled with things to do. There are family-friendly events, while music lovers can enjoy concerts and music festivals featuring the world's top artists. For art aficionados, Singapore hosts several major art fairs yearly. On top of these, the Singapore Grand Prix, BNP Paribas WTA (Women's Tennis Association) Finals Singapore and other big-name sporting events are sure to satisfy sports fans of any age (see Events & Festivals, p19).

TALES & LEGENDS

- Legend has it that Singapore got its name when Sang Nila Utama, a prince from Palembang, caught sight of a lion while out hunting.
- He established a city on the island where he saw the animal and named it "The Lion City" or Singapura, from the Sanskrit words *simha* (lion) and *pura* (city).

Did you know?

- Modern Singapore was founded in the 19th century by Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles, who negotiated a treaty with the local rulers and established Singapore as an entrepôt for trade.
- In 1959, Mr Lee Kuan Yew became the first Prime Minister of Singapore, after the People's Action Party (PAP) won the country's first election – the first time the country would govern itself.
- In 1965, Singapore left the Federation of Malaya and became an independent nation.



Oasia Hotel



From cosy rooms to spacious suites, great accommodation can enhance a Singapore stay. Look out for amenities such as free Wi-Fi, a business centre and family rooms. Some hotels issue guests with smartphones that can be used freely while exploring the island. Also available are shuttle services to the airport, city centre or places of interest. For all other destinations, visitors can get there by taxi or the convenient public transportation network, which includes the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) train system. With this in mind, there is no need to limit lodging options to tried-and-tested districts in the city-state. Staying in a cultural enclave or local neighbourhood may unveil experiences for travellers that are not mentioned in guidebooks. The hotels listed in this manual provide a good starting point

as they were gazetted between January 2015 and September 2016. For details of other hotels in Singapore, download the Singapore Hotel Guide at <https://tinyurl.com/haj7len>

Name of Hotel	No of Rooms	Amenities	Services
Aqueen Heritage Hotel Joo Chiat	70		
Aqueen Hotel Paya Lebar	162		
Arcadia Hotel	36		
Champion Hotel City	33		
Genting Hotel Jurong	557		
Holiday Inn Express Singapore Katong	451		
Hotel Bencoolen @ Hong Kong Street	33		
Hotel Boss	1,500		
Hotel Chancellor @ Orchard	488		
Hotel Clover 7	27		
Hotel Grand Central	262		
Hotel Indigo Singapore Katong	131		
hôtel vagabond Singapore	41		
Hotel YAN	69		
ibis Styles Singapore on MacPherson	298		
Jayleen Clarke Quay Hotel	20		
JW Marriott Hotel Singapore South Beach	634		
M Social Singapore	293		
Mercure Singapore Bugis	395		
Oasia Hotel Downtown	314		
Park Hotel Alexandra	442		
Premier Inn Singapore Beach Road	300		

LEGEND

Amenities

- Baby Cot
- Bakery
- Bar/Pub
- Business Centre
- Café/Bistro
- Children's Playground
- Club Lounge
- Connecting Rooms
- Family Room
- Free Wi-Fi
- Gymnasium
- Jacuzzi
- Kitchenette
- Non-smoking Rooms
- Parking
- Prayer Facilities
- Qibla Compass
- Restaurant
- Serves Halal Food
- Smartphone
- Smoke-Free Hotel
- Social Space
- Spa
- Swimming Pool
- Vending Machine
- Wheelchair Access
- Fax/Copying Services
- Gift Shop
- Laundry & Dry Cleaning
- Limousine Service
- Shuttle Service
- Tour Desk

Services

- 24-hour Shuttle Service
- Airport Shuttle
- Automated Room Service
- Babysitting Services



Aqueen Heritage Hotel Joo Chiat

Aqueen Heritage Hotel Joo Chiat

Aqueen Heritage Hotel Joo Chiat is housed in a 1920s colonial building with a unique wedge-shaped structure said to be similar to New York's famous Flatiron Building. The hotel is located in the historic district of Katong & Joo Chiat (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p59) and its interiors reflect the area's heritage, with dark wood furnishings, the use of Peranakan motifs and displays of old photographs. In the vicinity are well-preserved pre-war shophouses, many of which have been converted into traditional eateries, modern cafés and bars. About five minutes' walk away is Geylang Serai Market and Food Centre (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p57), which has reasonably priced Indian and Malay food. Supermarkets and shopping malls such as OneKM Mall are also within walking distance.

Guests staying for two nights or more will receive a prepaid mobile card with credit, local data and free calls to 19 destinations worldwide. Travel trade receive 5% off Best Available Rate.

Room rate: S\$101-S\$200
Number of rooms: 70
Lead-in room size: 14sqm
Chain/Group: Aqueen Hotels and Resorts

Amenities:



Service:



Address: 51 Joo Chiat Road
Tel: +65 6718 0999 / +65 6692 6908 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6718 0990 / +65 6395 7781 (Trade Contact)
Website: aqueenhoteles.com
Email: fohjc@aqueenhoteles.com / sales@aqueenhoteles.com (Trade Contact)
Nearest MRT: Paya Lebar Station

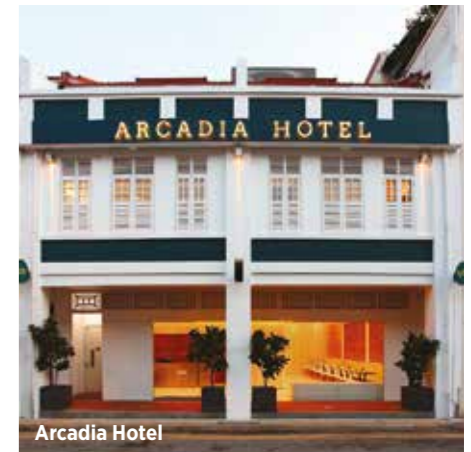
Aqueen Hotel Paya Lebar

With meeting and event facilities, Aqueen Hotel Paya Lebar appeals to those visiting for business or leisure. Its 162 contemporary rooms are furnished with Quintessential by Aqueen™ mattresses, the first of its kind in the hospitality industry. Guests staying for at least two nights will receive a prepaid mobile card with credit, local data and free calls to 19 destinations worldwide. Visitors who wish to explore the area could do some shopping at Paya Lebar Square and OneKM Mall. For those who wish to go a little further, attractions such as the Singapore Flyer, Haji Lane and Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p76) are less than 10 minutes away by car.

Room rate: S\$101-S\$200
Number of rooms: 70
Lead-in room size: 14sqm
Chain/Group: Aqueen Hotels and Resorts



Aqueen Hotel Paya Lebar



Arcadia Hotel

Free parking is available on the hotel's premises. Travel trade receive 5% off Best Available Rate.

Room rate: S\$101-S\$200
Number of rooms: 162
Lead-in room size: 13sqm
Chain/Group: Aqueen Hotels and Resorts
Amenities: **Service:**

Event spaces:

- 2 Meeting Rooms
- Outdoor Rooftop

Address: 33 Jalan Afifi
Tel: +65 6713 9999 / +65 6692 6908 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6713 9990 / +65 6395 7781 (Trade Contact)
Website: aqueenhoteles.com
Email: fopyl@aqueenhoteles.com / sales@aqueenhoteles.com (Trade Contact)
Nearest MRT: Paya Lebar Station

Arcadia Hotel

Arcadia Hotel, housed in an industrial building from the 1930s, is located in the historic Jalan Besar neighbourhood. Guests are just three MRT stations

Stay

away from Singapore's Central Business District. They can also embark on the 8km Jubilee Walk, starting from the National Museum of Singapore to attractions such as the Peranakan Museum, National Gallery Singapore and Merlion Park. The rooftop terrace of this boutique hotel, where guests will find a Jacuzzi and the Trellis Café, is great for unwinding after a long day.

Travel trade receive rates of S\$115.35 nett for a Superior Single, S\$129.47 nett for a Superior Queen and S\$188.32 nett for an Arcadia Family room, which comes with a king-sized bed and a single bed.

Room rate: S\$101–S\$200
Number of rooms: 36
Lead-in room size: 10sqm
Chain/Group: Arcadia Hotel Management Pte Ltd

Amenities: **Services:**



Address: 32 Hamilton Road
Tel: +65 6718 0700
Fax: +65 6291 6707
Website: arcadiahotel.com.sg
Email: enquiries@arcadiahotel.com.sg
Nearest MRT: Lavender Station

Champion Hotel City

A stone's throw from the Clarke Quay nightlife district (see Neighbourhoods, Nightlife Precincts, p88), Champion Hotel City offers basic lodging for time-starved travellers. From the hotel, it is an easy stroll to the Raffles Statue – Sir Stamford Raffles Landing Site and Boat Quay dining establishments.

The hotel's lobby is distinctly garden-themed, decorated with flower crown lights, leaf panels and wood furnishings. In each of the 33 rooms, guests will find a safe, flat-screen TV and toiletries. Due to space constraints, extra beds are not available. Group deals may be available upon request.

Room rate: S\$101–S\$200
Number of rooms: 33
Lead-in room size: 9sqm
Chain/Group: Champion Management Pte Ltd

Amenities: **Services:**



Address: 37 North Canal Road
Tel: +65 6653 3858
Website: city.championhotel.com.sg
Email: reservations@championhotel.com.sg
Nearest MRT: Clarke Quay Station



Genting Hotel Jurong

Genting Hotel Jurong

Sky terraces, rooftop gardens and bright rooms – designed based on the concept of “hotel in a garden” – set the tone for a relaxing stay at Genting Hotel Jurong. The first hotel in the Jurong Lake District, it is located close to shopping malls and recreation and edutainment facilities such as Jurong Bird Park and Singapore Discovery Centre (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p50 and History and Heritage, p40), making it a good choice for families. Guests can unwind on communal massage chairs and use the Internet kiosk and gymnasium, while daily essentials and snacks are available for purchase from vending machines.

From western Singapore, the hotel offers direct access to city sights. Guests can also take a free 24-hour shuttle bus to Resorts World™ Sentosa and visit attractions such as Universal Studios Singapore®, Adventure Cove Waterpark™ and the S.E.A. Aquarium™. A morning

shuttle service ferries visitors to the International Business Park.

Room rate: S\$101–S\$200
Number of rooms: 557
Lead-in room size: 18sqm
Chain/Group: Resorts World™ Sentosa

Amenities: **Services:**

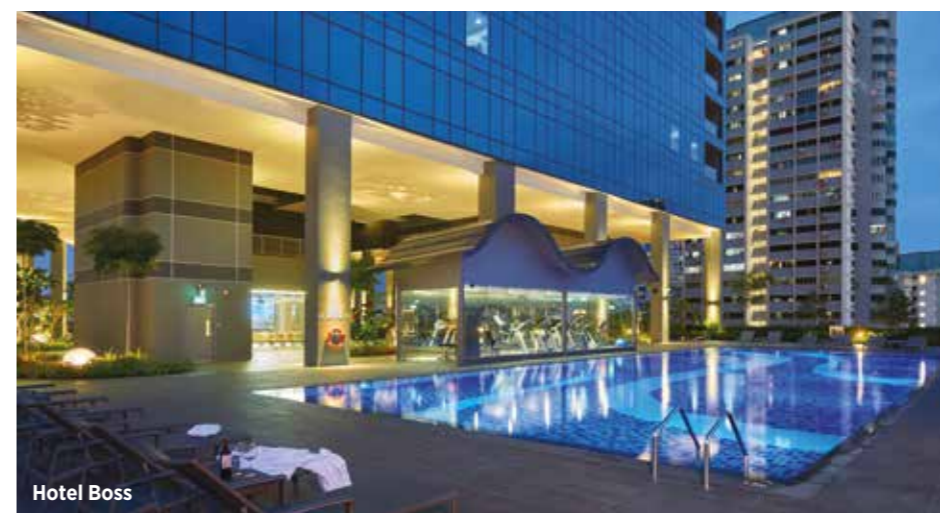


Event spaces:
 3 Ballrooms
 5 Meeting Rooms
 Poolside Lawn
 Sky Lounge

Address: 2 Town Hall Link
Tel: +65 6577 8899
Website: rwsentosa.com/gentinghoteljurong
Email: reservations@rwsentosa.com
Nearest MRT: Jurong East Station
(No group deals)



Holiday Inn Express Singapore Katong



Hotel Boss

Holiday Inn Express Singapore Katong

With 451 rooms, Holiday Inn Express Singapore Katong is the largest hotel to be opened by the multinational Holiday Inn chain in Singapore. It is a 15-minute drive from Singapore Changi Airport and an affordable accommodation option for savvy business and leisure travellers. Look forward to getting restful sleep in clean, contemporary rooms with a choice of pillows.

The property is nestled in the heart of the Katong enclave (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p59), which offers a selection of local food haunts. Corporate guests will also appreciate the hotel's self-service business centre, Internet stations and Grab & Go option at breakfast. Group deals may be available upon request.

Room rate: S\$101–S\$200
Number of rooms: 451
Lead-in room size: 19sqm
Chain/Group: InterContinental Hotels Group

Amenities: **Services:**



Event space:
 Meeting Room

Address: 88 East Coast Road
Tel: +65 6723 2001 / +65 6723 7021
 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6723 2002
Website: holidayinnexpress.com/katong
Email: info.sinka@ihg.com / shimin.wong@ihg.com
 (Trade Contact)
Nearest MRT: Dakota Station

Hotel Bencoolen @ Hong Kong Street

Hotel Bencoolen @ Hong Kong Street is a four-star urban boutique hotel with an excellent location – it is within walking

distance to restaurants and nightlife in Boat Quay and Clarke Quay (see Neighbourhoods, Nightlife Precincts, p86 and p88). All 33 rooms are spacious and feature modern furnishings. It is a good option for single travellers, business groups and families looking for affordable accommodation without sacrificing service.

Complimentary refreshments are available all day in the hotel lobby. To help guests feel more at home, there is a dedicated area for food preparation on Level 2 with a stove, microwave oven, tableware and other essentials for cooking simple meals.

Guests can have light meals at the hotel's outdoor garden terrace, where meetings and gatherings can also be held, and enjoy a relaxing soak in the outdoor Jacuzzi with views of the city skyline.

Travel trade receive corporate rates of S\$160++ for a Deluxe Twin/Queen, S\$171++ for an Executive Twin/King, S\$215++ for a Premier Queen, and S\$315++ for a Loft, which comes with a queen-sized bed and a sofa bed.

Room rate: S\$101–S\$200
Number of rooms: 33
Lead-in room size: 19sqm
Chain/Group: Hotel Bencoolen

Amenities: **Service:**



Event space:
 Garden Terrace


Address: 47 Hongkong Street
Tel: +65 6460 4933
Fax: +65 6532 0170
Website: hotelbencoolenhongkongstreet.com
Email: reservation.hkst@hotelbencoolen.com
Nearest MRT: Clarke Quay Station

Hotel Boss

With 1,500 rooms spread across 11 room types, Hotel Boss caters to every traveller's needs. The 19-storey hotel boasts a business centre, outdoor pool, shopping alley and eateries such as *halal* restaurant Jubilicious. It is next to Malabar Muslim Jama'ath Mosque, and Sultan Mosque is a seven-minute walk away, convenient for Muslim travellers who wish to pray at a mosque. Art galleries, high-end shopping outlets and quirky local boutiques are nearby. Travellers can walk to Kampong Glam and Little India to learn more about Singapore's rich heritage (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p58 and p62).

Stay

Room rate: ≤S\$100
Number of rooms: 1,500
Lead-in room size: 14sqm
Chain/Group: V Hotel Management Pte Ltd

Amenities: 
Services: 

Event space:
 Conference Room

Address: 500 Jalan Sultan
Tel: +65 6809 0000 / +65 6664 0362 / +65 6664 0360 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6822 0750
Website: hotelboss.sg
Email: contact@hotelboss.sg / rodneyee@vhotel.sg (Trade Contact)
Nearest MRT: Lavender Station

Hotel Chancellor @ Orchard

Hotel Chancellor @ Orchard is surrounded by a host of dining, entertainment and lifestyle options in the Orchard Road precinct (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle

Precincts, p77). Guests on business travel can make use of the hotel's business centre, conference and board rooms. Conference rooms can be configured to seat up to 150 pax, while the board room can accommodate 16 pax. All event spaces are equipped with high-speed Internet access, projector and professional sound system. Other hotel facilities include a 28m lap pool on the rooftop and self-service laundry.

The building is Green Mark Certified and eco-friendly features include double-glazed windows, light-emitting diode (LED) lighting and energy-saving filtered water dispensers in every room. To minimise the use of paper, guests can access an electronic concierge system on the TV to check bill status or read messages.

The Singapore Attractions Express Service that goes to key sights such as Night Safari makes a stop every evening at the taxi stand on Kramat Lane, which is opposite the hotel. This service is not provided by the hotel and at visitors' own cost. The airport shuttle stops at its sister hotel, Hotel Grand Central, which is just next door.

Room rate: S\$101-S\$200
Number of rooms: 488
Lead-in room size: 18sqm
Chain/Group: Grand Hotels International

Amenities: 
Services: 

Event spaces:
 4 Conference Rooms
 Board Room

Address: 28 Cavenagh Road
Tel: +65 6708 8788
Fax: +65 6708 8787
Website: chancellororchard.com.sg
Email: reservations@ghihotels.com.sg
Nearest MRT: Dhoby Ghaut Station
(No group deals)

Hotel Clover 7

This no-frills boutique hotel is within walking distance to Chinatown, Clarke Quay and Raffles Place MRT stations, and also easily accessible to major attractions within the city. A galaxy-themed lobby inspired by sci-fi movies greets visitors, while murals depicting a forest and giant butterflies line the corridors to 27 cosy rooms. Guests can also request for complimentary local calls, as well as an iron with ironing board. Dining

options are plenty – popular restaurants and bars can be found on the same street and in the surrounding area.

Travel agents can book superior and deluxe rooms at a nett price of S\$100, except during the festive season and on blackout dates when surcharges apply (contact hotel for details). Breakfast is available at additional cost.

Room rate: S\$101-S\$200
Number of rooms: 27
Lead-in room size: 9sqm
Chain/Group: Hotel Clover

Amenities: 
Services: 

Address: 7 Hongkong Street
Tel: +65 6801 7788
Website: hotelclover.com/singapore/7hongkongstreet
Email: enquiries@hotelclover.com
Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station / Clarke Quay Station / Raffles Place Station

Hotel Grand Central

Having reopened in October 2015 after some three years of redevelopment,

Hotel Grand Central offers comfortable accommodation just steps away from Orchard Road. Guests have the option between a soft and firm pillow and can also unwind at the fitness room or rooftop swimming pool. The building is Green Mark Certified and uses LED lighting, sensor lighting and fittings that are green-ticked.

The hotel is near MRT stations, mega malls and the idyllic Istana Park, home to the Istana Heritage Gallery (see Attractions, History & Heritage, p38) where visitors can learn about The Istana, the official residence of the President of Singapore. Travel agents can book single or twin rooms (breakfast included) from S\$130 before taxes.

Room rate: S\$101-S\$200
Number of rooms: 262
Lead-in room size: 19sqm
Chain/Group: Grand Hotels International

Amenities: 
Services: 

Event spaces:
 Board Meeting Room
 Conference Room
 Sojourn Function Room
Address: 22 Cavenagh Road

Tel: +65 6737 9944 / +65 6801 6865 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6733 3175
Website: grandcentral.com.sg
Email: accommodations@grandcentral.com.sg / steven.tang@ghihotels.com.sg (Trade Contact)
Nearest MRT: Dhoby Ghaut Station / Somerset Station

Hotel Indigo Singapore Katong

Hotel Indigo Singapore Katong pays tribute to the rich culture of Peranakans (people descended from marriages between Chinese or Indian men and local Malay or Indonesian women in Southeast Asia) with design elements such as a collage of traditional Peranakan ceramic patterns and a pop-art installation of water jars in the lobby. The rooms also feature art murals that showcase the communal lifestyle of the Peranakan-influenced neighbourhood. In the pavilion, travellers are greeted by the sight of a pop-up “mama” stall displaying crafts by local artisans. Such stalls were a common sight in housing estates of the 1960s in Singapore.

Guests can use the 24-hour fitness centre, take a dip in the 25m rooftop infinity pool and enjoy a spectacular bird's-eye view of the area, or explore the cultural enclave of the Katong neighbourhood (see



Hotel Clover 7



Hotel Indigo Singapore Katong

Stay

Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p59), which is known for its excellent food and heritage shophouses. Alternatively, dine at the in-house restaurant Baba Chews Bar and Eatery, which serves modern and traditional Peranakan dishes. Prayer mats with a built-in Qibla compass are available on request from the hotel. Group deals may be available upon request.

Room rate: S\$101–S\$200
Number of rooms: 131
Lead-in room size: 30sqm
Chain/Group: InterContinental Hotels Group

Amenities: **Services:**



Event spaces:
 2 Meeting Rooms

Address: 86 East Coast Road
Tel: +65 6723 7001 / +65 6723 7021
 (Trade Contact)
Website: hotelindigo.com/singapore
Email: info.sinka@ihg.com / shimin.wong@ihg.com
 (Trade Contact)
Nearest MRT: Dakota Station

hôtel vagabond Singapore

The first hotel in Asia designed by world-renowned French designer Jacques Garcia is a work of art and has a residency programme for local and international artists. Housed in a 1950s Art Deco building, its 41 rooms are luxuriously appointed with 400-thread-count Egyptian Cotton sheets, Turkish towels, goose down pillows and Italian marble in the bathrooms. Meetings can be held at the hotel's access-only club lounge.

Guests can use smartphones provided in their rooms and enjoy free unlimited data and calls to local and select overseas destinations. Sights such as the Sultan Mosque and Malay Heritage Centre (see Attractions, History & Heritage, p39) are nearby. Contact the hotel to enquire about group bookings.

Room rate: S\$201–S\$300
Number of rooms: 41
Lead-in room size: 22sqm
Chain/Group: Starwood Hotels & Resorts

Amenities: **Services:**



hôtel vagabond Singapore

Event space:
 Vagabond Salon (up to 250 guests)

Address: 39 Syed Alwi Road
Tel: +65 6291 6677
Website: hotelvagabondsingapore.com
Email: info@hotelvagabondsingapore.com /
 ekuehn@hotelvagabondsingapore.com
 (Trade Contact)
Nearest MRT: Lavender Station

Hotel YAN

Hotel YAN's eclectic lobby, inspired by the industrial establishments within the Jalan Besar neighbourhood, comes with washed concrete walls and offbeat furnishings such as bar stools created from bicycle wheels. On top of amenities such as rain showers, the ceilings of its 69 rooms are painted red, blue, yellow or green, providing a chic home-away-from-home for couples and solo travellers. For

a treat, opt for the 28sqm YAN Suite that comes with a bathtub and seating area. The property is within walking distance of City Square Mall and Mustafa Centre (see Shopping, Ethnic Districts, p133), which sells everything from groceries to cosmetics and home appliances.

Room rate: S\$101–S\$200
Number of rooms: 69
Lead-in room size: 9sqm
Chain/Group: Hotel Yan Pte Ltd

Amenities: **Services:**



Address: 162 Tyrwhitt Road
Tel: +65 6805 1955 / +65 9662 2606
 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6805 1966
Website: hotel-yan.com
Email: reservations@hotel-yan.com /
 singa_el@yahoo.com.sg (Trade Contact)
Nearest MRT: Lavender Station / Farrer Park Station



ibis Styles Singapore on MacPherson



Hotel YAN

ibis Styles Singapore on MacPherson

ibis Styles Singapore on MacPherson is an international business hotel with close proximity to the city centre and industrial estates in Paya Lebar and Ubi. It is located in the same complex as Macpherson Mall, which is set to open soon and will house more than 80 retail and food and beverage outlets.

Guests can swim in the freeform pool, hit the gym, have meals at casual restaurant Chat & Chow and enjoy drinks and snacks at the pool bar. Each family room comfortably fits up to three adults and one child. While there is no designated business centre, the property has a fax machine, meeting rooms and safe deposit boxes, which are located in rooms and at the reception. The hotel is just 20 minutes by car from Singapore Changi Airport, and a free shuttle service takes guests to Tai Seng

MRT station, Nex mall in Serangoon and Orchard Road.

Room rate: S\$101–S\$200
Number of rooms: 298
Lead-in room size: 16sqm
Chain/Group: AccorHotels

Amenities: **Services:**



Event spaces:
 2 Meeting Rooms

Address: 401 MacPherson Road, #01-16
Tel: +65 6622 6000 / +65 6622 6024 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6822 6828
Website: accorhotels.com/9411
Email: H9411@accor.com / H9411-SL3@accor.com
 (Trade Contact)
Nearest MRT: Tai Seng Station
 (No group deals)

Jayleen Clarke Quay Hotel

With the hotel's location in the heart of Clarke Quay, guests will be close to trendy dining and nightlife establishments, as well as the Clarke Quay Central shopping centre. Basic comforts aside, Jayleen Clarke Quay's standard, deluxe and family rooms are equipped with an LED TV, rain shower and aromatherapy shower gels.

From the hotel, walk to Chinatown, City Hall and Singapore's financial district at Raffles Place, and explore landmarks such as National Gallery Singapore, Parliament House of Singapore and Asian Civilisations Museum (see Attractions, Arts & Design, p32). A pick-up point for the Singapore Attractions Express Service is 150m away from the hotel, offering convenient access to key sights such as Singapore Zoo and Sentosa Island. This service is not provided by the hotel and is at visitors' own cost. Travel trade receive 15% off Best Available Rates. If the hotel is fully booked, its sister hotel Jayleen 1918 (jayleen1918.com.sg) is just around the corner.

Room rate: S\$101–S\$200
Number of rooms: 20
Lead-in room size: 11sqm
Chain/Group: Jayleen Hotels

Amenities: **Services:**



Event Space:
 1 Function Room

Address: 25 New Bridge Road
Tel: +65 6817 0470
Fax: +65 6817 0473
Website: jayleenclarkequay@gmail.com
Nearest MRT: Clarke Quay Station

JW Marriott Hotel Singapore South Beach

Close to the Central Business District and Marina Bay precinct, JW Marriott Hotel Singapore South Beach has emerged as one of the city-state's most iconic lifestyle destinations. Business and leisure travellers can relax in luxury in the hotel's 634 sleek and stylish rooms adorned with artwork. There is a 24-hour fitness centre and outdoor infinity pool, which has a commanding view of the city's


Stay

skyscrapers. Guests can also choose from a host of dining options within the hotel, including a restaurant by celebrity chef Akira Back, and Tonic, a cocktail bar specialising in gin-based cocktails. More restaurants and eateries are a short walk away at Suntec City mall and Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay.

Travel trade receive rates of S\$500 nett on weekdays and S\$470 nett on weekends, breakfast included.

Note: Please advise travellers that the hotel's spa will open in Q2 2017.

Room rate: >S\$401
Number of rooms: 634
Lead-in room size: 30sqm
Chain/Group: Marriott International

Amenities:  **Services:** 

Event spaces:
 20 Event Rooms
 Grand Ballroom
 17 Meeting Rooms
 2 Sky Gardens

Address: 30 Beach Road
Tel: +65 6818 1888 / +65 6818 1864 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6822 2620
Website: jwmarriottsingapore.com
Email: jw.singw.contactus@marriotthotels.com / audrey.seow@marriott.com (Trade Contact)
Nearest MRT: Esplanade Station

M Social Singapore

The communal spaces at M Social Singapore allows guests to mingle. These include the property's 31m infinity pool and the striking Beast & Butterflies restaurant (Asian and Western cuisine), which is furnished with chandeliers, lava lamps and video projections.

Big on comfort and customisation, the hotel offers room service provided by a robot named AURA and travellers will find a smartphone that comes with free data in every room. Local calls and calls to 15 other countries using the smartphone are also complimentary.

The hotel is located in Robertson Quay, where guests can rest, play, work

and dine (see Neighbourhoods, Nightlife Precincts, p90). A daily shuttle service takes guests to Paragon, a luxury mall along the Orchard Road shopping belt, amongst other destinations. Flexible rates are available for bookings of 10 rooms or more.

Room rate: S\$101-S\$200
Number of rooms: 293
Lead-in room size: 19sqm
Chain/Group: Millennium Hotels & Resorts

Amenities:  **Services:** 

Event spaces:
 2 Meeting Rooms

Address: 90 Robertson Quay
Tel: +65 6206 1888 / +65 8183 3473 (Trade Contact)
Website: msocial.com.sg
Email: reservations.mss@millenniumhotels.com / anne.chong@millenniumhotels.com (Trade Contact)
Nearest MRT: Clarke Quay Station

Mercure Singapore Bugis

Stay in one of the chic, heritage-inspired rooms of Mercure Singapore Bugis and enjoy closer proximity to the city-state's sights and sounds. The Bras Basah Bugis precinct is home to a myriad of restaurants, cafés and local boutiques (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p73). Bugis MRT station, which offers easy access to the Central Business District, is just five minutes away on foot. Guests can also walk to landmarks like St Joseph's Church (see Attractions, Places of Worship, p45), the Singapore Art Museum and Arab Street.

While the hotel does not have family rooms, it has family-friendly facilities – a kids' club and babysitting services are available on request. Dining options within the hotel include Royale, a Western-style steakhouse that also has gluten-free and vegetarian menus. Group deals may be available upon request.

Room rate: S\$101-S\$200
Number of rooms: 395
Lead-in room size: 15sqm
Chain/Group: AccorHotels

Amenities:  **Services:** 

Event spaces:
 3 Meeting Rooms

Address: 122 Middle Road
Tel: +65 6521 6013 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6822 8901
Website: mercure.com/gb/hotel-A0D7-mercure-singapore-bugis/index.shtml
Email: HA0D7-SL7@accor.com (Trade Contact)
Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

Oasia Hotel Downtown

Located in the Central Business District, Oasia Hotel Downtown has a distinct red façade framed by a 30m-tall vertical garden. Natural elements such as copper and wood are featured in the open-air lobby, which is located on the 12th floor.

Guests will also find an open lawn area that can be used for activities like yoga and meditation.

The property has two pools and club guests have exclusive access to a third – an infinity pool with views of the city. On the first floor, guests can refuel with gin-inspired cocktails at Cin Cin Bar and modern bistro fare at The Marmalade Pantry.

Every room comes with a smart TV and smartphone that provides 3G connectivity and free calls to selected destinations. The hotel is open to group enquiries.

Room rate: S\$201-S\$300
Number of rooms: 314
Lead-in room size: 23sqm
Chain/Group: Far East Hospitality Management

Amenities:  **Services:** 

Event spaces:
 2 Meeting Rooms
 Skyline Pavilion





Park Hotel Alexandra

Address: 100 Peck Seah Street
Tel: +65 6812 6900 / +65 6830 6651
 (Trade Contact)
Website: stayfareast.com/oasiadowntown
Email: info.ohd@fareast.com.sg /
 candicechua@fareast.com.sg (Trade Contact)
Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station

Park Hotel Alexandra

Park Hotel Alexandra is a tranquil escape from urban living. Dine at The Carvery restaurant with a view of The Southern Ridges, or sip a drink at Aqua Luna, a swim-up poolside bar. Rooms are equipped with a smartphone, which contains a city guide and provides unlimited complimentary data and calls within Singapore and to 11 other countries.

The hotel's hourly shuttle service takes guests to HarbourFront MRT station, which is within walking distance of Sentosa Island. Other stops include Orchard Road and the Mapletree Business City District, making it an ideal choice for both business and leisure travellers. Group deals are available upon request.

Room rate: S\$101-S\$200
Number of rooms: 442
Lead-in room size: 24sqm
Chain/Group: Park Hotel Group

Amenities:



Services:



Event spaces:

4 Meeting Rooms

Address: 323 Alexandra Road
Tel: +65 6828 8888 / +65 9662 3399
 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6828 8899
Website: parkhotelgroup.com/alexandra
Email: info.phal@parkhotelgroup.com /
 hawk.tan@parkhotelgroup.com (Trade Contact)
Nearest MRT: Queenstown Station

Premier Inn Singapore Beach Road

Premier Inn Singapore Beach Road has large family rooms that can accommodate up to two adults and two kids each. All rooms are furnished with Premier Inn's signature Hypnos queen-sized beds that offer guests a good night's rest. Dining, shopping and recreational activities within walking distance from the property include Singapore Sports Hub, Bugis Junction and Arab Street.



Premier Inn Singapore Beach Road

From the hotel, the Merlion Park, Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay and Marina Bay (see Attractions, 10 Free Attractions for Great Photos, p30) are less than 10 minutes away by car. The Hajjah Fatimah Mosque is also a short walk away for Muslim visitors. Travel trade receive 15% off Best Available Rate.

Room rate: S\$101-S\$200
Number of rooms: 300
Lead-in room size: 19sqm
Chain/Group: WhitBread PLC

Amenities:



Service:



Address: 700 Beach Road
Tel: +65 6679 2000 / +65 6679 2018
 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6679 2008
Website: global.premierinn.com
Email: reservations.singapore@international.premierinn.com / sales3.singapore@international.premierinn.com (Trade Contact)
Nearest MRT: Nicoll Highway Station

Singapore's line-up of exciting events – from cultural festivals to arts, F&B, shopping and sports happenings – for 2017

JAN 01

● New Year's Day

New Year's Day is a public holiday in Singapore. Most attractions, shopping malls, restaurants and bars are open on public holidays, but it's advisable for visitors to check with smaller establishments on their opening hours. Many restaurants and bars also offer deals to celebrate the New Year.

Date: 1 Jan 2017

● Public Holiday ● Culture & Heritage ● Arts & Entertainment ● F&B ● Sports ● Shopping

JAN 07

● Pongal Festival

Originating in South India to celebrate a good harvest, Pongal is about new beginnings, thanksgiving and paying respects to elders. In Singapore, Little India comes alive with cultural rituals, ethnic performances and a festive light-up, which coincides with Thaipusam (see p20). Campbell Lane usually turns into a mini festival village, with street stalls selling everything from Indian outfits and jewellery to festival snacks.

Dates: 7 Jan–15 Feb 2017

Venue: Little India

Website: littleindia.com.sg



JAN 11

● Singapore Art Week (SAW)

Singapore Art Week kick-starts the local arts calendar with a stellar line-up of 100 arts events happening around the island. These include art fairs, gallery and museum exhibitions, talks and public art festivals – such as ARTWALK Little India, where public installations are set in ethnic district Little India. Anchored by Art Stage Singapore (see below), SAW attracts international art collectors and industry professionals, underlining Singapore's reputation as a vibrant arts hub.

Dates: 11–22 Jan 2017

Venues: Island-wide

Cost: Varies depending on event

Website: artweek.sg

Email: artweek@nac.gov.sg

JAN 12

● Art Stage Singapore

Part of SAW (see above), Art Stage Singapore is the region's leading contemporary art fair, which showcases cutting-edge contemporary art presented by over 100 exhibitors from more than 20 countries. Its SEA Forum's series of lectures and panel discussions brings together speakers from the art community, including curators, critics and museum directors.

Dates: 12–15 Jan 2017

Venue: 1 Bayfront Avenue, Sands Expo® and Convention Centre

Cost: S\$32–S\$64; Concession Group Ticket (One Day Pass): S\$20 (min 20 tickets, applies to full-time students and senior citizens)

To book: entertainment.marinabaysands.com; sistic.com.sg

Website: artstage.com

Email: info@artstagesingapore.com



JAN 21

● St Jerome's Laneway Festival Singapore

Every year, Laneway has an exciting musical line-up of over 20 acts, spread across four stages. It features the best of indie rock, with a smattering of R&B and hip-hop.

Date: 21 Jan 2017

Venue: 18 Marina Gardens Drive, Gardens by the Bay, The Meadow

Cost: From S\$185. Group Bundles (5 or more tickets) available at 10% discount

To book: sistic.com.sg; Tel: +65 6348 5555

Website: singapore.lanewayfestival.com

Email: singaporeinfo@lanewayfestival.com.au

Events & Festivals

JAN 26 ● **River Hongbao**
This event is an eye-opener for visitors who wish to get a taste of Chinese culture and heritage. The big draw for families is the huge lanterns depicting Chinese mythical figures such as the God of Fortune and the 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac. Fireworks are also an integral part of the CNY celebrations (see right), and visitors can enjoy nightly firework displays. Artisans give demonstrations of Chinese calligraphy and traditional paper cutting, and travellers can purchase handicrafts, ethnic costumes and other cultural souvenirs. There are also food stalls, amusement rides, carnival games and Chinese opera performances.

Dates: 26 Jan–4 Feb 2017
Venue: 20 Raffles Avenue, The Float@Marina Bay
Cost: Free
Website: riverhongbao.sg
Email: riverhongbao@sfcca.sg

DID YOU KNOW?

The name of the festival is derived from the traditional red packets called *hong bao* that the Chinese give away – sealed with money – as a symbol of good wishes.

JAN 28 ● **Chinese New Year (CNY)**
Chinese New Year is a great time to visit Chinatown (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p55) to admire the colourful decorations and check out the sheer variety of goods on display. When night falls, the streets come alive with the sounds of traditional Chinese music and street vendors hawking their wares, while the aroma of food stalls entice visitors and locals alike to sample delicious traditional delicacies. Part of Singapore's CNY celebrations include the River Hongbao (see left) and Chingay Parade (see below).

Dates: 7 Jan–25 Feb 2017. Mon, 30 Jan 2017 is a public holiday
Venue: Chinatown



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FEB 09

● **Thaipusam**
For Hindus, Thaipusam is the culmination of a month spent in spiritual preparation involving abstinence. Visitors can witness the procession of devotees fulfilling their vows along a 4.5-kilometre route from Sri Srinivasa Perumal Temple to Sri Thendayuthapani Temple. Many devotees carry a heavy *kavadi* – a semi-circular steel or wooden frame – on their shoulders, sometimes with spikes that pierce the body.

Date: 9 Feb 2017
Venues: Dhoby Ghaut, Serangoon Road, Tank Road
Cost: Free
Website: thaipusam.sg



A WALK OF FAITH

It is believed that only when the mind is free of material wants and the body free from physical pleasures that a Thaipusam devotee can undertake the sacred task of bearing *kavadi* without experiencing any pain.

FEB 10 ● **Chingay Parade**
The Chingay Parade usually signifies the end of the CNY celebrations (see above) in Singapore. The event brings together colourful floats and performances that celebrate the country's diverse culture – Chinese, Malay, Indian and Eurasian. Every year, Chingay promises exciting highlights, including water, fire, snow and lighting effects; ethnic performances by local talents and international acts; fabulous floats; and stunning pyrotechnics and fireworks displays. The People's Association – a local grassroots organisation – also brings the parade to some of Singapore's heartland neighbourhoods (see Neighbourhoods, Heartlands, p65) on subsequent weekends after the main parade.

Dates: 10–11 Feb 2017
Venue: 1 Republic Boulevard, F1 Pit Building
Cost: From S\$28.50. Email to enquire about corporate bookings
To book: sistic.com.sg; Tel: +65 6348 5555
Website: chingay.org.sg
Email: PA_SCENE@pa.gov.sg

MAR 02

● **HSBC Women's Champions**
The 10th edition promises to be an exciting day on the green. The 2016 champion Jang Ha Na will defend her title at the recently renovated New Tanjong Course at the Sentosa Golf Club. Aside from some great golf, visitors can enjoy live music performances and other fringe events.

Dates: 2–5 Mar 2017
Venue: Sentosa Island, 27 Bukit Manis Road, Sentosa Golf Club
Cost: From S\$20 (golf competition); Bundle (4-day Season Ticket and Music Festival pass) available at 10% discount
To book: apactix.com; Tel: +65 3158 8588
Website: hsbcbgolf.com
Email: tom.benbow@img.com

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MAR 03 ● **i Light Marina Bay**
Asia's only sustainable arts festival returns for a fifth edition. For three weeks, Marina Bay's public spaces are illuminated with innovative and sustainable light art installations designed by local and international artists. Festival-goers can also look forward to fringe events such as Art-Zoo, an interactive inflatable art park with larger-than-life animals and plants, an outdoor trampoline park, inflatable maze and giant ball pit, as well as Gastrobeats, where foodies and music lovers can enjoy retail and F&B stalls and live performances.

Dates: 3–26 Mar 2017
Venue: Marina Bay Waterfront
Cost: Free admission; fees apply for Art-Zoo
Website: ilightmarinabay.sg
Email: ilight@marina-bay.sg



MAR 20 ● **World Gourmet Summit (WGS)**
Visitors can look forward to exquisite gourmet experiences across a myriad of cuisines as Singapore's most celebrated restaurants whip up special WGS menus. Visitors can also expect vintner and themed dinners, talks and workshops by some of the top international and Singaporean chefs.

Dates: 20 Mar–16 Apr 2017
Venues: Various locations
Cost: S\$50–S\$500++
Website: worldgourmentsummit.com

MAR 25

● **OSIM Sundown Marathon**
The Sundown Marathon injected a jolt of energy into Singapore's running scene when it became the nation's first night marathon in 2008, and the event hasn't looked back since. From the 5km Fun Run (for kids, youth or adults) to the 10km Challenge (for individuals or teams of four), half-marathon and full marathon, there's a distance for every race level.

Date: 25 Mar 2017
Venue: 1 Republic Boulevard, F1 Pit Building
Cost: From S\$50 (Adult 5km Fun Run)
To book: sundownmarathon.com/singapore
Website: sundownmarathon.com/singapore
Email: info@hivelocity.com.sg



MAR 31 ● **Singapore International Jazz Festival**
One of Southeast Asia's most vibrant music festivals, the Singapore International Jazz Festival – better known as Sing Jazz – not only features the world's top jazz artists, but also showcases acts from the soul, R&B, funk and pop genres. It is a free-seating / free-standing event.

Dates: 31 Mar–2 Apr 2017
Venue: 10 Bayfront Avenue, Marina Bay Sands®
Cost: S\$108–S\$288. There is a Bundle package and Full Festival pass (new for 2017) available. Visitors can also opt to book a Corporate Hospitality Suite for up to 20 guests
To book: entertainment.marinabaysands.com; apactix.com
Website: sing-jazz.com
Email: info@sing-jazz.com / david.smith@sing-jazz.com (Trade Contact)

APR 07

● Affordable Art Fair

A key event of the local art scene, the Affordable Art Fair brings art to the masses with pocket-friendly prices. Into its eighth Singapore edition, the fair presents works curated globally and especially from around the Southeast Asian region. With prices from S\$100 to S\$15,000, and with 75% of the art offered under S\$7,500, this event appeals to both the newbie and seasoned art collector.

Date: 7-9 Apr 2017
Venue: 1 Republic Boulevard, F1 Pit Building
Cost: From S\$15
To book: apactix.com; Tel: +65 3158 8588
Website: affordableartfair.com
Email: singapore@affordableartfair.com

APR 14

● Good Friday

For Christians, Good Friday commemorates the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. It is part of Holy Week, with believers spending the day in quiet contemplation and prayer, reflecting on the life of Jesus Christ. Devotees in Singapore usually attend afternoon service at church, participate in a candlelit procession and, as is tradition, kiss the feet of Christ on the cross. See Attractions, Places of Worship, p42 for more information on some of Singapore's churches.

Date: 14 Apr 2017



APR 15 ● HSBC Singapore Rugby 7s

From tight scrums to exhilarating tries, rugby fans can witness the world's top powerhouse teams battle it out for the title. The Singapore round will be held at the National Stadium.

Dates: 15-16 Apr 2017
Venue: 1 Stadium Drive, National Stadium
Cost: From S\$40. Packages for families (2 adults and 2 children) and groups (10 tickets or more) are available
To book: singapore7s.sg; Tel: +65 3158 7888
Website: singapore7s.sg
Email: sevens@singapore7s.sg

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MAY 01

● Labour Day

Labour Day or May Day is marked to honour workers for their contribution to the country. In recent years, many activities on Labour Day have been planned for the enjoyment of workers and their families, such as the NTUC May Day Family Fiesta - FunFest @ Sentosa, which was held on Palawan Beach, Sentosa Island in 2016.

Date: 1 May 2017
Website: ntuc.org.sg
Email: esu@ntuc.org.sg

MAY 10

● Vesak Day

Buddhists all over the world commemorate the birth, enlightenment and death of Buddha on this day. In Singapore, Buddhists visit temples for ceremonies that include prayers and offerings of candles and flowers. Watching the ritual bathing of Buddha statues, listening to the teachings of the monks and sharing vegetarian meals are also part of the celebrations.

Date: 10 May 2017



● SAVOUR

This gourmet food fair allows visitors to indulge in more than 50 award-winning signature dishes from some of the world's best restaurants, all under one roof. Visitors also have a chance to meet celebrity chefs during classes and workshops. Introduced in 2016, SAVOUR Christmas features limited-edition holiday goodies and a festive Christmas Village market.

Dates: May & Nov 2017
Venue: 11 Marina Boulevard, The Promontory@ Marina Bay
Cost: Free admission, but access to certain experiences will require a ticket
Website: savour.online
Email: info@savour.sg

JUN 10

● Ultra Singapore

The world's premier electronic music festival comes to Singapore for the second time this June. This all-encompassing, outdoor, three-stage musical extravaganza will bring in some top music acts, including Nicky Romero, Steve Aoki, Pendulum and Tiësto.

Dates: 10-11 Jun 2017
Venue: 1 Bayfront Avenue, Ultra Park
Cost: S\$200-S\$272
To book: Early registration for ticketing information and early bird prices available at ultrasingapore.com
Website: ultrasingapore.com
Email: tickets@UltraSingapore.com

● Public Holiday ● Culture & Heritage ● Arts & Entertainment ● F&B ● Sports ● Shopping

JUN 25

● Hari Raya Aidilfitri

The period leading up to this day is a good time for visitors to experience Malay culture. A stretch of Geylang Serai (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p57) is filled with lights, and it comes alive with a huge *pasar malam* (night market) selling everything from traditional ethnic wear and home decor to a wide variety of Malay snacks and drinks. Markets are also set up in Kampong Glam (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p58), and visitors can try Malay delicacies such as *putu piring* (steamed rice cake served with coconut shavings) and *ondeh-ondeh* (rice cakes with palm sugar filling).

Dates: End-May to end-Jun. Hari Raya Puasa falls on 25 Jun 2017, and Mon 26 Jun 2017 is a public holiday

DID YOU KNOW?

For Muslims, Hari Raya Aidilfitri ("breaking of the fast") or Hari Raya Puasa marks the end of Ramadan, a month of deep worship, dawn-to-dusk fasting, doing charitable deeds, and acts of compassion.

● Great Singapore Sale (GSS)

During the Great Singapore Sale, visitors can find great deals on clothing, electronics, jewellery and much more. Hotels, spas, restaurants and bars also offer special promotions during this annual shopping extravaganza.

Dates: Jun-Aug 2017
Venues: Island-wide
Website: greatsingapore.com.sg

SHOPPING-MAD NATION

Since its start in 1994, the GSS has expanded from one month to three, and deals are no longer confined to the major shopping belt of Orchard Road - heartland malls have also joined in by offering shoppers fantastic deals.



JUL 14

● Baybeats

Singapore's own alternative music festival is the biggest of its kind in the region. Held over three days, Baybeats features musical acts from Singapore and around the world, covering genres like folk, pop, metal, post-rock, emo, punk, electronica, and everything in between. Aside from the main acts onstage, Baybeats also brings together local indie crafters and entrepreneurs in a festival village.

Dates: 14-16 Jul 2017
Venue: 1 Esplanade Drive, Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay
Cost: Free
Website: baybeats.com
Email: baybeats@esplanade.com



JUL 14 ● Singapore Food Festival

The Singapore Food Festival is an annual celebration of Singapore's rich culinary traditions. Proudly organised by the Singapore Tourism Board, the festival showcases the diverse flavours of the different cuisines in Singapore, as well as the amazing talents of its homegrown chefs.

Dates: 14-30 Jul 2017
Venue: Various locations
Website: www.singaporefoodfestival.com.sg
Email: enquiries@singaporefoodfestival.com.sg

● Dragon Boat Festival

This popular and fun festival is associated with races involving long narrow wooden boats (decorated with dragons, which explains the name of the festival) and eating *zongzi* (sticky rice dumplings wrapped in bamboo leaves). Visitors can catch teams from the Singapore Dragon Boat Association (*sdba.org.sg*) in action at the festival. In past years, the 22-member crews have displayed their rowing skills at Bedok Reservoir, but for 2017, the festival is slated to be held at Gardens by the Bay.

Dates: 15-16 Jul 2017
Venue: 18 Marina Gardens Drive, Gardens by the Bay, Bay East Garden Waterfront
Cost: Free



AUG 03

● Singapore Coffee Festival

This festival showcases speciality coffees and Singapore's local *kopi* (coffee) and café lifestyle. In 2016, the event had more than 100 exhibitors, and visitors – whether die-hard java junkies or casual latte sippers – will find something to enjoy. Besides a lot of great coffee, they can expect tasty café food, barista challenges, and talks and workshops on all things coffee.

Dates: 3–6 Aug 2017 (3 Aug open to Trade & Media only)
Venue: 61 Marina Coastal Drive, Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore
Cost: S\$25 (includes 3 coffee samples)
Website: sgcoffeefestival.com.sg
Email: sgcoffeefest@sph.com.sg

● Public Holiday ● Culture & Heritage ● Arts & Entertainment ● F&B ● Sports ● Shopping

AUG 09 ● **National Day**
 Singapore certainly knows how to host a birthday party – especially its own! The yearly celebration is always an anticipated event, by both locals and visitors alike. Since Singapore gained its independence in 1965, The Float@Marina Bay, the world's largest floating stage, has played host to the National Day Parade (NDP) seven times. With the platform's unobstructed view of the sky and water, visitors can expect the NDP to be a grand affair. Crowd favourites include the Red Lions skydivers, a parade of military vehicles and spectacular fireworks. Visitors can catch the festivities on television or watch the parade and fireworks at various locations such as The Promontory@Marina Bay, Merlion Park, Gardens by the Bay and Marina Barrage.

Date: 9 Aug 2017



SEP 01

● Hari Raya Haji

Also called the Festival of Sacrifice, Hari Raya Haji commemorates Ibrahim's (Abraham) complete obedience and faith in God when he was asked to sacrifice his son, Ismail. On this day, Muslims all over the world attend sermons at mosques and offer prayers. To commemorate the sacrifice, Muslims observe the *korban*, or the ritual slaughter of lambs, goats and sheep. According to tradition, the meat is then distributed to the person who contributed the animal, his family and friends, with a third going to the poor and needy.

Date: 1 Sep 2017

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● Mid-Autumn Festival

This festival centres around the worship of Chang'e, Chinese Goddess of the Moon. Moon-viewing parties are held, as the moon is at its fullest and brightest during this period. It is a good opportunity for visitors to immerse in the festive atmosphere. The streets of Chinatown, in particular, are decked out in colourful lanterns, and travellers can sample mooncakes – a delicacy of this festival – and fine teas at street-side stalls while watching nightly stage performances.

Dates: Mid-Sep–4 Oct 2017
Venues: Island-wide



AUG 11

● Epicurean Market

Back for the fifth year, this food and wine fair allows visitors to indulge in world-class food across a range of international cuisines, purchase wines and spirits at discounted prices, attend masterclasses and rub shoulders with celebrity chefs and mixologists. Visitors can also shop for gourmet goods and fresh produce at a specially set up marketplace.

Dates: 11–13 Aug 2017
Venue: 1 Bayfront Avenue, Sands Expo® and Convention Centre
Cost: TBC
To book: entertainment.marinabaysands.com
Website: marinabaysands.com/epicurean-market

AUG 22 ● Hungry Ghost Festival

During this festival, the gates of hell are believed to open for spirits to roam the world of the living. The Chinese make offerings – from food to hell money and paper offerings symbolising possessions – that are believed to take care of the deceased's material needs in their afterlives. Chinese operas and *getai* (loud and boisterous stage shows) are also performed during this period for both the living and dead.

Dates: 22 Aug–19 Sep 2017

● Singapore Night Festival

Held over two weekends every August in the Bras Basah Bugis heritage district (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p73), the festival encourages travellers to visit many local arts institutions to view interactive light installations. Visitors can also enjoy street performances and live music acts.

Dates: TBC in Aug 2017
Venues: Various locations
Cost: Free
Website: nightfest.sg
Email: nhb_brasbasahbugis@nhb.gov.sg

● Singapore International Festival of Arts

Lovers of art – in all its glorious forms – will enjoy this festival. Locals and visitors are treated to a series of performances by international artists in dance, theatre and music. Shows are held at various venues, including the Malay Heritage Centre and National Gallery Singapore.

Dates: Aug–Sep 2017
Venue: Various locations
Cost: TBC, varies depending on event. Look out for student and group booking discounts for 25 tickets or more
To book: sistic.com.sg; Tel: +65 6348 5555
Website: sifa.sg
Email: sifa@artshouse.sg



SEP 15 ● 2017 Formula 1 Singapore Airlines Singapore Grand Prix

For one weekend, downtown Singapore is transformed into a magnificently illuminated racetrack. This year is the 10th Singapore night race, so expect it to be better than ever. Tourists and locals alike can enjoy exciting entertainment highlights not seen in the rest of the F1 calendar.

Dates: 15–17 Sep 2017
Venue: Marina Bay Street Circuit
Cost: From S\$148. Three-day Bundle, Group Buys, Hospitality and Executive Packages are also available.
To book: singaporegp.sg; sistic.com.sg; For group or corporate bookings above 12 tickets, contact corporatetickets@singaporegp.sg, Tel: +65 6731 4987
Website: singaporegp.sg
Email: info@singaporegp.sg

● Singapore Toy, Game & Comic Convention

Featuring an eclectic mix of pop culture from the East and the West, this event celebrates toys, games, comics, anime and collectibles. Industry heavyweights, new and exclusive pop culture releases and nonstop stage entertainment are also event highlights.

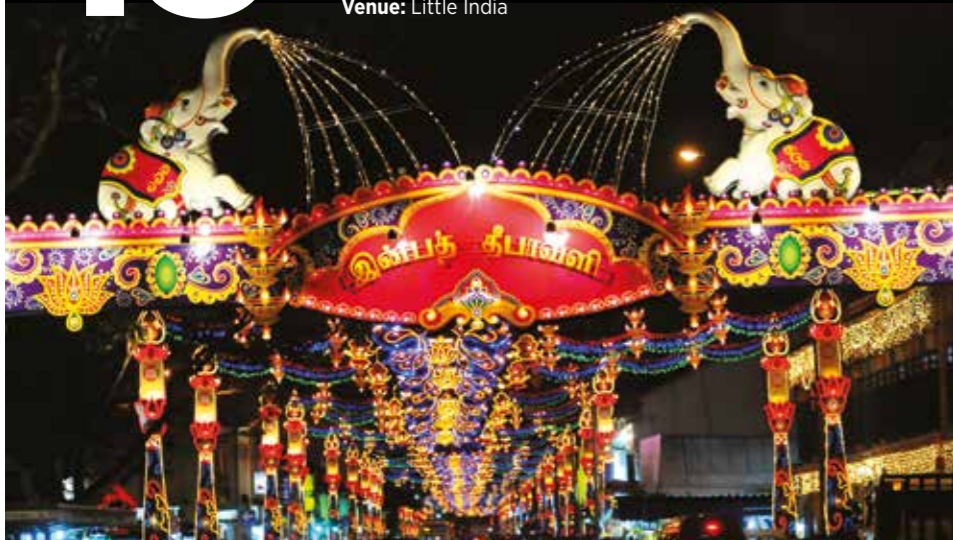
Dates: 9–10 Sep 2017
Venue: 1 Bayfront Avenue, Sands Expo® and Convention Centre
Cost: TBC
To book: singaporetcc.com
Website: singaporetcc.com
Email: info@singaporetcc.com



OCT 18

● Deepavali
Also called Diwali or the Festival of Lights, Deepavali is celebrated by Hindus to mark the triumph of good over evil. In Singapore, the streets of Little India (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p62) become a colourful wonderland with the annual Deepavali Light-Up and bazaar. Visitors can shop for vibrant ethnic clothing, traditional sweets, delicacies and ornamental decorations.

Dates: 2 Sep–5 Nov 2017. Wed, 18 Oct is the first day of Deepavali and a public holiday
Venue: Little India



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● Singapore Golden Week

A week of shopping and lifestyle privileges await visitors during the second Singapore Golden Week. Organised by the Singapore Retailers Association, this event promises exciting retail offers, exquisite dining experiences and pampering deals by Singapore's top retail and lifestyle brands.

Dates: TBC in Oct 2017
Venue: Various locations TBC
Website: singaporegoldenweek.com.sg

OCT 08 ● Theemithi

This Hindu festival involves devotees making a religious vow to walk on fire in exchange for a blessing. On the eve of the festival, devotees prepare a bed of embers that is kept hot during festival day, when those who have taken the vow perform the fire walk.

Date: 8 Oct 2017
Venue: 244 South Bridge Road, Sri Mariamman Temple
Cost: Free
Website: heb.org.sg
Email: admin@heb.org.sg

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● Neon Lights

In its third year, the outdoor music and arts festival brings together more than 150 performances over a weekend. Past musical acts include Sigur Rós and Rachael Yamagata. Visitors can also enjoy fringe activities such as art installations, comedy acts, arts-and-crafts markets and F&B stalls.

Date: 18–19 Nov 2017
Venue: Fort Canning Park
Cost: TBC. Look out for group deals
To book: neonlights.sg/tickets; apactix.com
Website: neonlights.sg
Email: info@neonlights.sg



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● Anime Festival Asia (AFA)

Held over three days, this unique event is a showcase of all things anime and Japanese pop culture at its finest. Fans and visitors have been coming to Singapore to attend this festival since it was first held in 2008, and it has since expanded to Thailand and Indonesia, making it one of the biggest events of its kind in the region.

Dates: 24–26 Nov 2017
Venue: 1 Raffles Boulevard, Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre
Cost: TBC
Website: animefestival.asia
Email: afa@sozo.sg



● Singapore Fashion Week (SGFW)

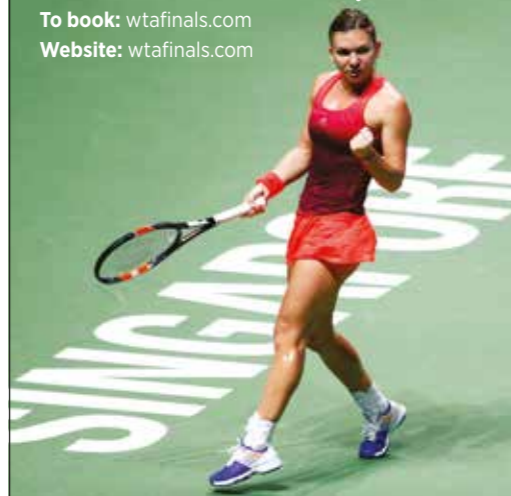
Singapore's annual premier fashion event showcases the best of local and Asian designers and labels. In 2016, SGFW unveiled Singapore Fashion Week Access (SGFWA), a platform created to support local designers. The inaugural SGFWA runway presented collections by Max Tan, Danelle Woo of Aijek and Elyn Wong of Stolen. See Shopping, Local Designers, p139 for more information on local fashion talents.

Dates: TBC in Oct 2017
Venues: Various locations TBC
Cost: TBC, varies depending on show/event
Website: singaporefashionweek.com.sg
Email: info@mercurymc.com

OCT 22 ● BNP Paribas WTA (Women's Tennis Association) Finals Singapore

The flagship season finale of the WTA features the world's top eight singles players and doubles teams who compete for the most coveted titles in women's tennis.

Dates: 22–29 Oct 2017
Venue: Singapore Sports Hub
Cost: TBC. Tickets on sale from May 2017
To book: wtafinals.com
Website: wtafinals.com



● Singapore Wine Fiesta

This is one of Singapore's highly anticipated wine events of the year. Organised by The Straits Wine Company, Singapore's largest outdoor wine fiesta includes four days of tastings, masterclasses, live performances and talks by international winemakers.

Dates: 26–29 Oct 2017 (during BNP Paribas WTA Finals week, see left)
Venue: 80 Collyer Quay, Clifford Square
Cost: TBC
To book: winefiesta.com.sg; sistic.com.sg
Website: winefiesta.com.sg
Email: winefiesta@sswc.com.sg



● Standard Chartered Marathon

First held in 2002, the Singapore edition of the Standard Chartered Marathon has now become one of the world's most attended marathons. Held on the first Sunday of December, the marathon typically starts on Orchard Road and takes runners past many of Singapore's famous landmarks such as Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay and Marina Bay Sands®. The race has categories for different age groups and fitness levels.

Date: 3 Dec 2017
Venue: Various locations around Orchard Road and Marina Bay
Cost: From S\$20–S\$125; Ekiden participants (42.195km split among six runners): S\$460; Standard Chartered cardholders receive a 15% discount during the entire registration period
To book: marathonsingapore.com
Website: marathonsingapore.com
Email: info@marathonsingapore.com

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● Christmas

Christmas in Singapore is an experience not to be missed. The Christmas season truly begins when Orchard Road, the country's premier shopping and lifestyle destination, gets all decked out in intricate holiday displays for the yearly tradition of "Christmas on a Great Street". For eight weeks, beginning mid-November until the first week of January, tourists and locals alike are mesmerised by an impressive 2.88-kilometre stretch (from Tanglin Mall to Plaza Singapura shopping mall) in full Christmas display. Visitors will have lots of fun snapping photos while marvelling at the festive lights, décor and glittering mall displays. Aside from the lovely decorations, visitors can look forward to nights of roving performances and enjoy exciting in-mall or in-store promotions.

Dates: Mid-Nov 2017 to early Jan 2018. Mon, 25 Dec is a public holiday

Venue: Orchard Road

Website: orchardroad.org/christmas

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● ZoukOut

One of Southeast Asia's biggest dusk-to-dawn dance music festivals, ZoukOut has been drawing crowds since its first edition in 2000. Every December, an exciting line-up of the world's top DJs and musicians wow the crowd with awesome dance beats and hypnotic tunes. For party-going travellers, hotel and travel packages are available.

Date: TBC in Dec 2017

Venue: Sentosa Island, Siloso Beach

Cost: TBC. Look out for early bird discounts

To book: zoukout.com; Tel: +65 6738 2988

Website: zoukout.com

Email: reservations@zoukclub.com

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● Marina Bay Singapore Countdown

Visitors can welcome the new year in spectacular style during the country's biggest year-end party. Aside from the fantastic eight-minute fireworks display, there will also be a laser and fire show set against the beautiful Marina Bay skyline at the stroke of midnight. Many hotels and restaurants in the vicinity organise New Year's Eve parties, special menus and promotions. Alternatively, catch the fireworks for free at the Merlion Park or The Promontory@Marina Bay.

Date: 31 Dec 2017

Venue: Marina Bay Waterfront

Cost: Free, though normal cover charges apply at bars and clubs in the area

Website: marinabaycountdown.sg

Email: mbcountdown@marina-bay.sg





Visitors to Singapore will find world-class attractions to suit a variety of interests, whether they want to take in the stunning city skyline or head for off-the-beaten-track attractions. Budget travellers can find fabulous photo opportunities at picturesque places all around Singapore with no admission fees, while art lovers are spoilt for choice with many museums and galleries featuring local and international artists representing a wide range of genres and mediums. For history and culture buffs, there are buildings, places of worship and attractions that commemorate significant historical periods and milestones in Singapore's past and celebrate the nation's rich multi-ethnic society. The country's "City in a Garden" vision also means that there is an impressive network of gardens, parks and nature reserves for visitors to explore and discover. One thing's for certain: there is something to appeal to every kind of traveller.



East Coast Park

10 FREE ATTRACTIONS FOR GREAT PHOTOS

Vacations can be expensive. Luckily for visitors travelling to Singapore, popular spots that do not require entrance fees can be found across the island. Travellers can pack a camera or their smartphones when visiting these attractions as photo opportunities abound – and capture memories of their visit to the Lion City.

Bukit Timah Nature Reserve

Bukit Timah Nature Reserve (see Adventure & Nature, p47) is the second ASEAN Heritage Park here after Sungei Buloh Nature Reserve. One of the largest patches of primary forest in Singapore, it is home to 840 species of flowering plants and over 500 species of fauna, including thorny rattans, the Singapore freshwater crab and Sunda pangolin. The reserve is also where visitors can climb Singapore's tallest hill, which stands at 163m – and commemorate reaching its peak with a group shot by the summit stone.

Also not to be missed is the spectacular quarry views from the lookout point at the far end of the trail. The reserve's

ASEAN Heritage Park status was conferred by Ministers of Environment of ASEAN member states on conserved areas of particular biodiversity importance.

Location: End of Hindhede Drive

Website: nparks.gov.sg

Nearest MRT: Beauty World Station

East Coast Park

Unparalleled sunrise and sunset views are good enough reasons to head to East Coast Park (see Adventure & Nature, p49) – a scenic beach park stretching over 15km from Marine Parade to Bedok in the southeastern part of Singapore. Bedok Jetty in Area F, which extends into the sea, is a good spot to capture spectacular sky and sea views. Visitors can also rent bicycles (try CycleMax, [facebook.com/cyclemax.sg](https://www.facebook.com/cyclemax.sg); opening hours: Mon–Sun, 24 hours) and ride on the cycling path along the picturesque coastline. The sandcastles at Area E, embellished with intricate staircases, bridges and fortification, are Instagram-worthy.

Location: Along East Coast Parkway and East Coast Park Service Road

Website: nparks.gov.sg

Nearest MRT: Bedok Station

Attractions

Gardens by the Bay

Gardens by the Bay (see Adventure & Nature, p49), a multi-award winning horticultural destination comprising three waterfront gardens – Bay South Garden, Bay East Garden and Bay Central Garden – offers visitors breathtaking views of the Marina Bay skyline. The Bay South Garden’s iconic Supertrees, measuring up to 50m tall, sparkle with colourful solar-powered lights at night, providing a stunning photo backdrop. There are also two cooled conservatories – the Flower Dome and the Cloud Forest, situated along the edge of Marina Reservoir. The Bay East Garden offers unobstructed views of the city while the Far East Organization Children’s Garden is the perfect setting for families to capture memorable moments in this Garden City. Admission to the Bay South Garden, Bay East Garden and Children’s Garden is free.

Location: 18 Marina Gardens Drive
Website: gardensbythebay.com.sg
Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station

DID YOU KNOW?

There are 18 Supertrees in Gardens by the Bay. Each Supertree measures up to 16 storeys in height, and over 162,900 plants, including varieties of orchids, ferns and bromeliads, can be found on them.

Henderson Waves

Constructed at 36m above ground, Henderson Waves is Singapore’s highest pedestrian bridge. Its unique wave-like architecture – comprising a series of undulating curved ribs – makes the 274m-long bridge a popular destination for wedding shoots. Here, couples can mark their trip to Singapore with a series of fun, romantic photos. Come nightfall, the bridge is transformed with warm LED lights that highlight its curvy design. It is part of The Southern Ridges walk (see Adventure & Nature, p54), a 10km trail that links Mount Faber Park, Telok Blangah Hill Park, Kent Ridge Park, Labrador Nature Reserve and HortPark. The bridge is not accessible by wheelchair.

Location: Henderson Road, Southern Ridges, Bukit Merah
Website: nparks.gov.sg
Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station



Katong

Peranakans are the locally born descendants of Chinese and Indian immigrants who married indigenous people from the Malay Archipelago in the 15th century, and their legacy is best witnessed in the Katong/Joo Chiat heritage precinct (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p59). Katong’s pre-war architecture – including old terrace houses with intricate Peranakan motifs and ceramic tiles, and heritage shophouses with ornate façades and wooden shutters – provides visitors with plenty of Instagram-worthy photo opportunities. Such heritage gems and historical buildings, which can be found at almost every turn in the area, make Katong an ideal place for visitors to explore on foot.

Location: East Coast Road, Koon Seng Road, Joo Chiat Road
Nearest MRT: Dakota Station / Eunos Station

Marina Bay

Marina Bay (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p75) offers some of the best panoramic views of the city skyline in Singapore – the 3.5km-long Waterfront Promenade that encircles the Marina Bay area is a good spot to capture a sweeping shot. Great photo spots along the boardwalk include the Helix Bridge,

which is lit by thousands of LED lights at night, and the lotus-shaped ArtScience Museum™ (see Arts & Design, p32). The Merlion Park, just a short walk away at One Fullerton (see Neighbourhoods, Nightlife Precincts, p89), offers opportunities for creative photography. A popular pose with visitors is to pretend to hold the Merlion with their thumb and index finger. Travellers can also head to the nearby Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay, affectionately known as “The Durians” for its twin spiky roofs, as it offers a unique photo backdrop.

Location: Bayfront Avenue (Marina Bay area) / 1 Fullerton Road (Merlion Park) / 1 Esplanade Drive (Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay)
Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station / Raffles Place Station

DID YOU KNOW?

The statue of the Merlion, which has a lion’s head and body of a fish, faces Singapore’s east as the direction is said to bring prosperity.

Raffles Statue

Visitors looking to photograph a historical Singapore icon should head to the Victoria Theatre and Victoria Concert Hall, where a dark bronze statue of Sir Stamford Raffles – the founder of modern Singapore – stands



Sentosa Boardwalk leading to the Sentosa island resort

guard. A white replica of the statue is located just a short walk away at the Raffles Landing Site, which marks where the British official first set foot on the island in 1819.

Location: 9 Empress Place (Victoria Theatre and Victoria Concert Hall) / 59 Boat Quay (Raffles Landing Site)
Nearest MRT: City Hall Station / Raffles Place Station

Sentosa

The Sentosa island resort (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p80) offers plenty of snapshot-worthy attractions. Visitors can stroll along the 670m sheltered Sentosa Boardwalk (free admission to Sentosa via the Boardwalk extended till end 2017) that links Sentosa to the mainland and capture various angles of the sweeping waterfront views. Once in Sentosa, other Instagram-worthy opportunities include the giant globe at the entrance of Universal Studios Singapore® and the Imbiah Lookout for close-ups of the 37m-tall Sentosa Merlion. In the evening, Quayside Isle at Sentosa Cove offers breathtaking vistas of the sunset and marina. Fees apply for entry into Sentosa (via vehicle and monorail) and into Universal Studios Singapore®.

Location: 8 Sentosa Gateway (Sentosa Island) / 31 Ocean Way, Sentosa Cove (Quayside Isle)
Website: sentosa.com.sg
Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

Singapore Botanic Gardens

Set in lush greenery, the 158-year-old Singapore Botanic Gardens is the country’s first UNESCO World Heritage Site and the only tropical botanic garden on the UNESCO World Heritage Site list. Its impressive, ornate main gate is a not-to-be-missed photo opportunity. It boasts four pillars and supporting swinging gates framing a cast-aluminium lattice of *Bauhinia kockiana*, the climber planted at the fencing just beside it. Inside, the gardens is a showcase of spectacular tropical flora, with over 10,000 species of plants including orange-yellow Saraca trees, red-orange pagoda flowers and purplish-blue morning glory flowers that make for colourful photo backdrops.

Visitors can also pose with the interesting freestanding sculptures here, including the Swiss Granite Fountain with its revolving stone ball, and the iconic Girl on a Swing, the gardens’ first sculpture in 1984. Other unique photography spots: the idyllic Swan Lake with swans paddling gracefully in the oldest ornamental water feature in Singapore, and The Bandstand, an octagonal gazebo – a favourite for wedding and romantic shots.

Location: 1 Cluny Road
Website: sbg.org.sg
Nearest MRT: Botanic Gardens Station

Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve & Kranji Marshes

The Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve (see Adventure & Nature, p54), Singapore’s first ASEAN Heritage Park, is a sanctuary for mangroves, mudflats and wildlife. Travellers who venture out to the coastal boardwalk are in for a panoramic treat. Young children can stop for pictures at the Little Heron Deck, dotted with sculptures of mudskippers, located next to the Visitor Centre. At the nearby Kranji Marshes, visitors can head to the top of Raptor Tower and Swampen Hide (located just behind Raptor Tower) for scenic shots of the marshes and green, lush meadows. Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve manages the number of visitors to minimise disturbances to the natural environment. If the group size is 120 pax or more, please call +65 6794 1401 or email nparks_sbwrr@nparks.gov.sg in advance.

Location: 301 Neo Tiew Crescent (Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve) / 11 Neo Tiew Lane 2 (Kranji Marshes)
Website: nparks.gov.sg
Nearest MRT: Kranji Station

DID YOU KNOW?

During migratory season from September to March, visitors can capture images of diverse flocks of shorebirds and waders, including plovers and sandpipers.

Attractions

ARTS & DESIGN

Singapore was named a UNESCO Creative City of Design in 2015, joining cities such as Berlin, Helsinki and Seoul. This is no surprise for a country brimming with talented designers and artists, as well as galleries and museums that cater to diverse interests and backgrounds. At these creative spaces, visitors can take their time to contemplate and appreciate a variety of local, regional and international artworks.

ArtScience Museum™

Since its opening in 2011, the ArtScience Museum™ – with its eye-catching lotus-inspired design – has become an icon of the Singapore skyline. Located at Marina Bay Sands® in Marina Bay (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p75), the iconic structure, designed by world-renowned architect Moshe Safdie, has been called the “welcoming hand of Singapore” as its design comprises 10 “fingers” – the tallest being 60m above ground. The tip of each “finger” allows natural light to filter into gallery spaces.

The museum boasts a total of 21 galleries spread over three storeys. Its permanent exhibition, Future World: Where Art Meets Science, has a 1,500sqm digital

universe of interactive art installations. It features exhibitions that fuse art, science, design and technology, and has hosted Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition, Dinosaurs: Dawn to Extinction, and Annie Leibovitz A Photographer's Life 1990–2005.

For selected exhibitions, free guided tours are available in English and Mandarin on a first-come, first-served basis. Group deals available upon request.

Address: 10 Bayfront Avenue
Tel: +65 6688 8888 / +65 6688 8328 (Trade Contact)
Website: marinabaysands.com/ArtScienceMuseum
Email: MuseumGroupBooking@MarinaBaySands.com
Cost: Adult S\$17, Child S\$10, Senior Citizen S\$14
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 10am–7pm
Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station

Asian Civilisations Museum

The Asian Civilisations Museum, located in the historic Empress Place building close to Boat Quay (see Neighbourhoods, Nightlife Precincts, p86), commits itself to preserving Singapore and Asia's cultural heritage. The neoclassical building has over 2,800sqm of gallery space, a museum shop and dining options.

Visitors will be exposed to art and artefacts from China, India, the Islamic world and parts of Southeast Asia. The

museum's collections draw historical connections between different cultures, and includes *objets d'art* related to ancient trade routes and Tang dynasty shipwrecks. In addition to permanent galleries, special exhibitions showcase relics from museums and institutions across the globe.

Travel trade receives 50% off entrance fees, except for some special exhibitions. Guided tours are available in English, French, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin and Spanish.

Address: 1 Empress Place
Tel: +65 6332 7798 / +65 6332 3275 or +65 6332 3583 (Guided tours)
Fax: +65 6883 0732
Website: acm.org.sg
Email: nhb_acm_vs@nhb.gov.sg
Cost: Admission fees vary depending on visiting exhibitions; refer to website for the latest ticketing information
Opening Hours: Sat–Thu, 10am–7pm; Fri, 10am–9pm
Nearest MRT: Raffles Place Station

Gillman Barracks

The history of Gillman Barracks (see Shopping, Art Galleries, p137) is tied to the island's colonial past. It was built in 1936 for the British 1st Battalion and was named after General Sir Webb Gillman. During World War II, it was one of the final battle

sites before Singapore fell into the hands of the Japanese troops. After the country's independence in 1965, the site became prime training ground for Singapore national servicemen.

Only in 2012 was the area transformed into an enclave of contemporary art. Visitors will find 12 international galleries such as Sundaram Tagore Gallery (sundaramtagore.com) and ARNDT (arndtfineart.com) alongside homegrown outfits. There's also Lock Route (open till June 2017), a public art showcase comprising 16 outdoor artworks that are scattered within the complex. Galleries open past their usual hours during the Art After Dark event, which features live music and pop-up food stalls. Weekly art and history tours and monthly history and heritage tours are available. Participants must sign up online via their website.

Address: 9 Lock Road
Website: gillmanbarracks.com
Email: gillmanbarracks@gmail.com
Opening Hours: Varies per gallery. All galleries closed on Mon and Public Holidays
Nearest MRT: Labrador Park Station

Goodman Arts Centre

Established in 2011, Goodman Arts Centre, located in the culturally rich Mountbatten

district in the east, is a hub for theatre, dance, literary and visual arts. This estate is set within old school buildings and houses 46 arts and creative groups. It has 35 shared facilities, such as a music studio and an amphitheatre, which are available for rent to the arts community. It regularly hosts exhibitions, performances and workshops, where visitors can learn different skills such as perfume-making and batik wax technique, or Mandarin speech and drama for children. Participants must register for workshops and charges apply.

Visitors can enjoy a meal at casual-dining restaurant Café Melba (cafemelba.com.sg) or have Tuscan dishes at La Barca Ristorante & Wine Bar (labarca-sg.com), both of which are set amidst lush greenery.

Address: 90 Goodman Road
Tel: +65 6342 5790
Fax: +65 6345 3712
Website: goodmanartscentre.sg
Email: gac@artshouse.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 24 hours (except dining establishments)
Nearest MRT: Mountbatten Station

MINT Museum of Toys

Located in the Bras Basah Bugis district (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p73), the MINT (Moment of Imagination and

Nostalgia with Toys) Museum of Toys is the world's first museum dedicated to toys and has Asia's largest collection of over 50,000 pieces of vintage playthings and items, originating from more than 40 countries. Its key collections include Batman, Dan Dare and Japanese character toys. Walking through four themed floors – namely Outerspace, Characters, Childhood Favourites and Collectables – visitors will be fascinated by confectionery tin cans, enamel advertising signs, the largest teddy bear collection in Southeast Asia and the only existing *Please Please Me* record signed by all members of The Beatles.

It has a 1920s-inspired restaurant in the basement, and its rooftop bar offers views of iconic buildings such as Raffles Hotel and the National Library. A free guided tour for a minimum of four people is held every Wednesday at 3.30pm. Requests for guided tours for more than eight people should be sent to the museum at least two days in advance. Special rates for travel agents and groups are available upon request.

Address: 26 Seah Street
Tel: +65 6339 0660 / +65 6337 7003 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6334 3373
Website: emint.com
Email: info@emint.com
Cost: Adult S\$15, Child S\$7.50, Senior Citizen S\$7.50
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 9.30am–6.30pm
Nearest MRT: Bras Basah Station / Bugis Station / City Hall Station / Esplanade Station





Visitors immersing in an exhibit at National Museum of Singapore



National Gallery Singapore



Singapore Philatelic Museum letter box display



Singapore Art Museum

National Gallery Singapore

Spanning 64,000sqm, National Gallery Singapore in the heart of the Civic District is a state-of-the-art facility with an impressive collection of local and Southeast Asian artists. Two national monuments – the City Hall and former Supreme Court – were remodelled to create this stunning gallery.

It is the biggest visual arts venue in Singapore housing the world's largest public collection of modern Southeast Asian art from the 19th century to the present. Visitors can see works by Singaporean artists such as Georgette Chen, known as one of the pioneers of the Nanyang school of painting, and Cheong Soo Pieng, whose best-known piece *Drying Salted Fish* appears on the back of S\$50 bills. Its esteemed Southeast Asian catalogue carries names such as Indonesian Romantic painter Raden Saleh and Fernando Amorsolo from the Philippines, who is famous for his paintings of rural landscapes.

The gallery has various spaces that are perfect for visitors travelling with children. These include Art Playscape, which has a play area that looks like a magical forest, and Project Gallery for hands-on activities. Complimentary hour-long tours for up to 20 people in English and Mandarin are

held daily for various exhibitions. There is a group deal of 25% off admission tickets.

Address: 1 St Andrew's Road
Tel: +65 6271 7000 / +65 6697 9443
 (Trade Contact)
Website: nationalgallery.sg
Email: kelvin.ng@nationalgallery.sg
Cost: Adult \$20, Child S\$15, Senior Citizen S\$15
Opening Hours: Sun–Thu, Public Holiday, 10am–7pm; Fri–Sat, Eve of Public Holiday, 10am–10pm
Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

National Museum of Singapore

Fully constructed in 1887 and located within the Bras Basah Bugis cultural precinct (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p73), the National Museum is the country's oldest museum. Decades later, the redevelopment of this neoclassical structure incorporated a modern glass and metal extension, thus expanding the area to 18,400sqm. Visitors can immerse in exhibitions that detail national history and culture. A great starting point is the Singapore History Gallery, which maps the country's growth from 700 years ago to the modern city-state it is today. We Built A Nation, also a permanent exhibition, contains more than 100 never-before-seen artefacts that chronicle Singapore's first 10 years after its independence.

The museum also hosts performances, film screenings and events such as the annual Singapore Night Festival (see Events & Festivals, p24). Complimentary guided tours are held daily. Groups of eight or more have to give the museum a month's notice.

Address: 93 Stamford Road
Tel: +65 6332 3659 / +65 6332 5642
Website: nationalmuseum.sg
Email: nhb_nm_hospitality@nhb.gov.sg
Cost: Adult S\$15, Senior Citizen S\$10; Free admission for children
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 10am–7pm
Nearest MRT: Bras Basah Station / Dhoby Ghaut Station

Red Dot Design Museum

The museum is located in the Red Dot Traffic Building, a striking landmark constructed during the British colonial era. Since 2005, the Red Dot Design Museum has displayed outstanding designs, such as winners of the Red Dot Award (product design category), including a prototype of Google's self-driving car. The museum also organises a Market of Artists and Designers (MAAD) for aspiring artists to sell items such as stationery and accessories (see Shopping, Flea Markets & Weekend Bazaars, p135).

The Red Dot Traffic Building is currently closed for refurbishment works. Visitors can look forward to exploring the Red Dot Design Museum and MAAD when the museum relaunches, and are advised to check its website for updates on its reopening. For other design-centric creations, visitors can take the MRT to Bugis Station a few stops away, and explore the National Design Centre (*designsingapore.org/NDC*), which showcases exhibitions such as Fifty Years of Singapore Design.

Address: 28 Maxwell Road
Tel: +65 6327 8027 / +65 6534 7194
 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6534 7141
Website: museum.red-dot.sg
Email: carrie@red-dot.sg
Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station

Singapore Art Museum

Housed in a national monument that was once St Joseph's Institution, a boys' mission school, the Singapore Art Museum (SAM) has a great collection of contemporary art from the region. Since its opening in 1996, it has showcased a variety of paintings, sculptures and art installations by local and international artists. Its permanent gallery, *Once Upon This Island*, comprises works by

12 Singapore-based artists. Travellers can also visit SAM at 8Q, a wing of the museum located across the road, to see the Moving Image Gallery, where film screenings are held. There are cafés and restaurants at SAM and SAM at 8Q for visitors to have a meal after art appreciation. Guided tours for up to 20 participants are conducted in English, Japanese and Mandarin, with other languages available upon request. A 20% discount on adult admission is extended to groups of 20 pax or more. Group rates available upon request.

Address: 71 Bras Basah Road
Tel: +65 6589 9580 / +65 6697 9739
 (Trade Contact)
Website: singaporeartmuseum.sg
Email: adlyne.kang@singaporeartmuseum.sg
Cost: Adult S\$10, Senior Citizen S\$5; Free admission for children
Opening Hours: Sat–Thu, 10am–7pm; Fri, 10am–9pm
Nearest MRT: Bras Basah Station / Dhoby Ghaut Station

Singapore Philatelic Museum

More than just payment for postage, stamps shed light on the culture, history and milestones of a country. At the Singapore Philatelic Museum, which is

housed in a century-old colonial building in the Civic District, visitors will find an enchanting collection of more than 12,000 stamps and objects related to the country's postal system.

With beginnings dating back to the 1830s, the collection here was acquired in Singapore and overseas. Look out for the world's first stamp and the museum's crown jewel – the only known complete set of 1854 Indian stamps, which were used in the Straits Settlements. Visitors can buy stamps or get personalised ones made at the museum and drop their letters as well. Groups will receive a 15% discount for purchases of at least 16 tickets, or 20% discount for 100 tickets or more. Guided group tours are available at extra cost.

Address: 23-B Coleman Street
Tel: +65 6337 3888 / +65 6513 7347
 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6337 8958
Website: spm.org.sg
Email: Lily_Samuel@nhb.gov.sg
Cost: Adult S\$8, Child S\$6, Senior Citizen S\$6
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 10am–7pm
Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

DID YOU KNOW?

Singapore's only operating colonial postbox is found outside the museum.

Attractions

HISTORY & HERITAGE

Singapore is a country with a rich history – and it has the attractions to prove it. From heritage centres that celebrate Singapore's multi-ethnic cultures, to Reflections at Bukit Chandu, which relives one of the fiercest battles fought in Singapore during World War II, visitors will find that there is more to this city-state than its skyscrapers, shopping and restaurants.

Battlebox

Located inside Fort Canning Hill, the Battlebox was once a top-secret bunker that was built to be bombproof and self-sufficient. Construction was completed between 1936 and 1941. During World War II, it served as an underground command centre for British-led troops in Singapore. It was also inside the Battlebox that the British made the momentous decision on 15 February 1942 to surrender Singapore to the Japanese forces.

Visitors can join The Battlebox Tour, which is held three to five times a day. Guides will take participants through the bunker's historical functions and the events that led to the fall of Malaya and Singapore to the Japanese. Group deals are available.

Address: 2 Cox Terrace
Tel: +65 6338 6133 / +65 6221 3804 (Trade Contact)
Website: battlebox.com.sg
Email: enquiry@battlebox.com.sg
Cost: Adult S\$18, Child S\$9
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 9.30am–5.30pm
Nearest MRT: Dhoby Ghaut Station

Changi Museum

The Changi Museum documents significant events that occurred during World War II and the Japanese Occupation of Singapore. Often included in tours about the city-state's wartime past (see Tours, p154), the museum also commemorates the prisoners-of-war (POWs) and civilians who were detained in Changi Prison during the war. Among the wartime artefacts on display are photographs, personal letters, replica patchwork quilts with secret codes, artwork by several detainees and a duplicate of the famous Changi Murals that Stanley Warren, one of the POWs, painted during his internment.

Located in the centre of the museum is the Changi Chapel, a replica of the one built by the POWs. Visitors can

view an original cross made from a used ammunition casing, as well as heartfelt notes and mementos left by previous visitors. Admission is free, but an in-house or audio tour can provide a more immersive experience for a fee.

Address: 1000 Upper Changi Road North
Tel: +65 6214 2451
Fax: +65 6214 1179
Website: changimuseum.sg
Email: changimuseum@singnet.com.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 9.30am–5pm
Nearest MRT: Tampines Station / Tanah Merah Station

Chinatown Heritage Centre

Chinatown Heritage Centre is where visitors can trace the footsteps of Singapore's early pioneers and discover the personal stories of people who made Chinatown their home. Housed in three adjacent restored shophouses along Pagoda Street, the Chinatown Heritage Centre is a museum that offers insights into the lives of early migrants from China, who left their villages and travelled to Singapore in hopes of a better life. Visitors

can step into the shoes of these pioneers who settled in the Chinatown district (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p55) and experience how they lived by exploring the authentic recreations of the cramped "eight by eight" living quarters and a tailor shop that once existed in the area. Guided tours are conducted three times a day. Email to enquire about group deals.

Address: 48 Pagoda Street
Tel: +65 6224 3928 / +65 6336 6111, ext 118 (Trade Contact)
Website: chinatownheritagecentre.com.sg
Email: enquiry@chinatownhc.com.sg / xinyue@chinatownhc.com.sg (Trade Contact)
Cost: (General admission with multimedia guide) Adult S\$15, Child S\$11; (General admission with guided tour) Adult S\$20, Child S\$16. These rates apply to non-tour groups only.
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 9am–8pm; Closed on the first Mon of every quarter
Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station

Chinese Heritage Centre

Located within Nanyang Technological University (NTU), the Chinese Heritage

Centre studies Chinese communities around the world and explores questions about ethnic identity. This is the only university research centre outside China specialising in this discipline. The building blends elements of traditional Chinese architecture with modern design and was gazetted as a national monument in 1999.

One of the centre's highlights is the permanent exhibition titled, Chinese More or Less: An Exhibition on Overseas Chinese Identity, which encourages reflection on what being Chinese means. The centre also houses the Wang Gungwu Library and a museum shop where visitors can purchase books on Chinese culture and heritage. Guided group tours (max 20 pax) led by NTU students are available for a fee upon prior booking.

Address: 12 Nanyang Drive, Nanyang Technological University
Tel: +65 6790 6176
Fax: +65 6792 0017
Website: chc.ntu.edu.sg
Email: chc@ntu.edu.sg
Cost: Adult S\$4, Student S\$2
Opening Hours: Mon–Fri, 9.30am–5pm; Sat–Sun, 10am–5pm; Closed on Public Holidays
Nearest MRT: Pioneer Station

DID YOU KNOW?

The Central Fire Station is Singapore's oldest fire station and still in operation today. Its 30m-tall lookout tower was the island's tallest tower until the 1930s. Groups of exactly 20 pax can book a free tour of the old tower held on Tuesday and Friday evenings. For safety reasons, children below 1.2m are not allowed, and the tour is not recommended for senior citizens and anyone physically unfit.

Civil Defence Heritage Gallery

The two-storey Civil Defence Heritage Gallery is housed inside the Central Fire Station, which was built in 1908 and is located near Fort Canning Park (see Adventure & Nature, p49). The gallery showcases the country's firefighting and civil defence developments from the late 1800s to present day. Through interactive exhibits, visitors can learn about what firefighters and rescuers from the Singapore Civil Defence Force experience in the course of their work. Also on

display are vintage firefighting equipment, such as a steam fire engine from 1906 and a fire alarm system installed in the station in 1914.

A free one-hour Guided Gallery Tour is open to groups of at least 20 pax (max 40 pax) and an advance booking of two weeks is required. Admission is free.

Address: 62 Hill Street, Central Fire Station
Tel: +65 6332 2996
Fax: +65 6332 2994
Website: www.scdf.gov.sg/community-volunteers/visit-scdf-establishments/cd-heritage-gallery
Opening Hours: Tue–Sun, 10am–5pm; Closed on Mon
Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

Civilian War Memorial

Located at the War Memorial Park along Beach Road, the Civilian War Memorial commemorates civilian victims of the Japanese Occupation in Singapore from 1942 to 1945. It was unveiled by Singapore's first prime minister, the late Lee Kuan Yew, on 15 February 1967, exactly 25 years after Singapore fell to Japanese forces. The memorial is built over a burial chamber that contains exhumed remains of civilian war victims.

Today, the memorial is an important landmark in Singapore's Civic District and walking tours often make a stop here. Locals and visitors alike enjoy taking photos in this beautifully landscaped park, which also offers a quiet spot for reflection amidst the city's hustle and bustle. Memorial services are held here on 15 February every year to remember the victims of the war. Admission is free.

Address: Intersection of Bras Basah Road and Beach Road
Tel: 1 800 471 7300
Fax: +65 6472 3033
Email: nparks_public_affairs@nparks.gov.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 24 hours
Nearest MRT: Esplanade Station

DID YOU KNOW?

The Civilian War Memorial is affectionately referred to as "Chopsticks", and its four pillars, each over 60m tall, represent the shared suffering and unity of Singapore's four main ethnic groups – Chinese, Malay, Indian and Eurasian.



Attractions

Images of Singapore LIVE

Images of Singapore LIVE employs actors and special effects to construct a narrative of Singapore's history from 1819 to the present day. During the 45-minute character-guided tour, visitors can interact with the guide and gain insights into Singapore's history through 15 interactive areas. The tour ends with the Spirit of Singapore Boat Ride, during which iconic landmarks and the founder of modern Singapore, Sir Stamford Raffles, make an appearance. Photography is not allowed.

Tickets include admission to Madame Tussauds Singapore, which houses 60 life-size wax figures, including Singapore's first prime minister, the late Lee Kuan Yew, who is depicted with his wife Kwa Geok Choo. Also featured are international personalities such as Formula One racing driver Lewis Hamilton, martial artist Bruce Lee and actor Shah Rukh Khan. Group deals are available.

Address: Sentosa Island, 40 Imbiah Road, Imbiah Lookout

Tel: +65 6715 4000

Website: imagesofsingaporelive.com

Email: enquiry@madame-tussauds.com / deffrey.lim@madame-tussauds.com (Trade Contact)

Cost: Adult S\$39, Child S\$29, Senior Citizen S\$30; Includes admission to Madame Tussauds Singapore

Opening Hours: Mon–Fri, 10am–6pm; Sat–Sun, Public Holidays, 10am–7.30pm

Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

Indian Heritage Centre

The four-storey Indian Heritage Centre fuses traditional and modern architectural elements. Inspired by stepwells in India, the unique glass façade is a large mirror by day and turns transparent at night to reveal a “glowing lantern” of the façade's colourful mural. The centre, which has five permanent galleries, showcases Indian culture and history. Through the displays and with the help of audio guides and augmented reality technology, visitors will discover connections between South Asia and Southeast Asia, and gain a better understanding of the Indian community in Singapore.

Free guided tours for a minimum of 15 pax are available in English, Tamil and Mandarin on selected days. Prior booking of at least four weeks is required for tour groups larger than 15 pax. No group deals.

Address: 5 Campbell Lane

Tel: +65 6291 1601

Website: indianheritage.org.sg

Email: nhb_ihc@nhb.gov.sg / IHC_GroupBooking@nhb.gov.sg (Trade Contact)



Images of Singapore LIVE exhibit of children playing the traditional game of *chaptek*, which involves keeping a feathered shuttlecock in the air for as long as possible by kicking it with your instep

Cost: Adult S\$4, Senior Citizen S\$2; Free admission for children aged six and under

Opening Hours: Tue–Thu, 10am–7pm; Fri–Sat, 10am–8pm; Sun & Public Holidays, 10am–4pm; Closed on Mon

Nearest MRT: Little India Station / Rochor Station

Istana Heritage Gallery

The Istana Heritage Gallery offers visitors the opportunity to learn about the history of The Istana, the official residence of Singapore's president, and the role of the president. It was officially opened in October 2016 by President Tony Tan, and its curated collection includes artefacts, artwork and state gifts, as well as a replica of a signing-table used during state visits by foreign leaders. Also on display is a marble bust of Singapore's late first president, Yusof Ishak, whose portrait is featured on the country's currency notes.

The gallery is located in Istana Park, which is across the road from The Istana,

DID YOU KNOW?

A Changing of Guards Ceremony featuring military bands and a drill performance is held at the entrance of The Istana on the first Sunday of every month (except July and August). The 2017 schedule is available on The Istana's website.

and has a maximum capacity of 45 pax. Admission is free, but an advance notice of two weeks is required for group visits.

Address: 35 Orchard Road, Istana Park

Website: istana.gov.sg/the-istana/istana-heritage-gallery/visitors-information

Email: gallery_enquiry@istana.gov.sg

Opening Hours: Thu–Tue, 10am–6pm; Closed on Wed

Nearest MRT: Dhoby Ghaut Station

Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum

Opened in 2015, the public gallery at the Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum is divided into 16 themed zones, with interactive displays and exhibits of mammal, amphibian and plant specimens spread over two floors. The star exhibit, found on the main floor, is the trio of real and near-complete skeletons of giant sauropod dinosaurs, nicknamed Prince, Apollonia and Twinky. Visitors can also learn about the efforts made by Singapore to preserve its natural environment and view specimens that date as far back as 1849.

There is no fee to access the outdoor gardens surrounding the museum, which include the Phylogenetic Garden featuring a variety of native plants. For the museum, visitors must choose a preferred admission time when purchasing tickets. Group discounts are available.

Address: 2 Conservatory Drive,



Peranakan Museum

National University of Singapore

Tel: +65 6601 3333

Fax: +65 6774 8101

Website: lkcnhm.nus.edu.sg

Email: nhmvisit@nus.edu.sg

Cost: Adult S\$21, Child S\$13, Senior Citizen S\$13

Opening Hours: Tue–Sun, Public Holidays, 10am–7pm; Closed on Mon

Nearest MRT: Clementi Station

DINOS IN SINGAPORE

Prince, the museum's largest sauropod dinosaur, measures 27m in length. The skeleton arrived in 2013 from Utah in the United States. The bones were packed in 27 giant crates.

Malay Heritage Centre

Visitors to the Malay Heritage Centre can find out what the Kampong Glam district (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p58) was like before the British arrived in Singapore in 1819. Guests will also learn about the rich heritage and culture of Singapore's Malay community through artefacts and interactive displays. The centre occupies the grounds of the original Istana Kampong Glam – “Istana” is Malay for “palace” – which was built in 1819 by Sultan Hussein Mohamed Shah (the then Sultan of Johor), and home to Malay royalty for more than 50 years.

The centre organises a variety of

programmes such as curators' workshops for children and public lectures throughout the year. Free guided tours of the centre's museum are offered in English and Mandarin on selected days. Purchase 20 or more adult tickets to receive 20% off the admission fee.

Address: 85 Sultan Gate

Tel: +65 6391 0450

Fax: +65 6299 4316

Website: malayheritage.org.sg

Email: nhb_mhc@nhb.gov.sg

Cost: Adult S\$6, Senior Citizen S\$4; Free admission for children aged six and under

Opening Hours: (Museum) Tue–Sun, 10am–6pm; (Compound) Tue–Sun, 8am–9pm; Closed on Mon

Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

ROYAL PALACE

The first Istana Kampong Glam was originally a timber structure built on stilts. Main living and sleeping quarters were located on the upper level, while the lower level was used for storage, work or even a children's play area. To reflect this history, tours of the permanent galleries start from the second floor and end on the ground level.

Ngee Ann Cultural Centre

Set up in 2003, the Ngee Ann Cultural Centre comprises the Ngee Ann Kongsi Heritage Hall and Collections Gallery. The former commemorates the entrepreneurial

spirit of pioneers from the Ngee Ann Kongsi, a Teochew charitable welfare organisation founded in 1845. Its displays of archives and artefacts, such as account books from the 1920s, elaborate on the Kongsi's history and its contributions to the development of Singapore. The Collections Gallery exhibits artworks acquired and supported by the charity. Exhibitions and cultural events featuring local artists are held several times a year.

Admission is free. Guided tours of the Heritage Hall are also free, but need to be booked one to two weeks in advance.

Address: 97 Tank Road, Teochew Building

Tel: +65 6708 8055

Fax: +65 6733 3165

Email: nacc@ngeeann.com.sg

Opening Hours: (Ngee Ann Kongsi Heritage Hall) Mon–Sun, 10am–5pm; (Ngee Ann Kongsi Collections Gallery) Mon–Fri, 9am–12pm, 2pm–5pm; Closed on Sat, Sun & Public Holidays

Nearest MRT: Dhoby Ghaut Station

NUS Baba House

Built in the 1890s, the bright blue National University of Singapore (NUS) Baba House was once the ancestral home of shipping tycoon Wee Bin and offers visitors the chance to explore Peranakan culture from the early 20th century to the present. Most of the original interior of this Peranakan-style house is intact and the ornate exterior is a testament to Singapore's architectural heritage. More than 2,000 Peranakan antiques, such as porcelain ware, furniture, art and embroidery, are on display on the first two floors. These include artefacts found inside the NUS Baba House when parts of it were excavated. Temporary Peranakan-themed exhibitions are regularly held on the third floor.

Visits to the NUS Baba House are free and strictly by appointment. Visitors are advised to sign up in advance for the free heritage tour (max 13 pax).

Address: 157 Neil Road

Tel: +65 6227 5731

Website: nus.edu.sg/museum/baba

Email: babahouse@nus.edu.sg

Opening Hours: Mon, 2pm–3pm; Tue, 2pm–3pm, 6.30pm–7.30pm; Thu, 10am–11am; Sat, 11am–12pm. Closed on Wed, Fri, Sun & Public Holidays

Nearest MRT: Outram Park Station

Peranakan Museum

The Peranakan Museum has 10 permanent galleries spread over three floors and houses the world's most comprehensive

Attractions

collection of Peranakan artefacts, such as jewellery, textiles and furniture. The museum also reveals the rich heritage, practices and traditions of the Peranakan community. Special exhibitions highlighting various aspects of Peranakan culture are held periodically. The museum building was constructed in 1912 and previously housed Tao Nan School, one of the region's first modern Hokkien (Chinese dialect group) schools set up in the Straits Settlements.

Free one-hour guided tours of the permanent galleries are held in English, Mandarin, Japanese and French on selected days. Private tours can be arranged at a fee. Groups larger than 20 pax must book in advance and will receive 20% off the admission fees.

Address: 39 Armenian Street
Tel: +65 6332 7591 (General Line) / +65 6332 3583 / +65 6332 3275 (Tour Enquiries)
Fax: +65 6883 0732
Website: peranakanmuseum.org.sg
Email: nhb_pm_vs@nhb.gov.sg
Cost: Adult S\$10, Senior Citizen S\$6; Free admission for children. Rates are for entry to the museum and the Nyonya Needlework exhibition, which will extend till 18 June 2017, after which the museum will introduce new regular permanent gallery admission rates.
Opening Hours: Sat–Thu, 10am–7pm; Fri, 10am–9pm
Nearest MRT: City Hall Station / Bras Basah Station

Reflections at Bukit Chandu

This heritage centre is housed in a restored colonial bungalow at the top of Bukit Chandu (Malay for Opium Hill). It honours the 1,400 soldiers of the 1st Malay Brigade's "C" Company, who fiercely fought against the Japanese during World War II, despite being heavily outnumbered. Through artefacts, maps and interactive exhibits, Reflections at Bukit Chandu recounts how the soldiers from the Malay regiment bravely defended the route leading to Pasir Panjang Village against 13,000 Japanese troops. The only survivor from the Malay regiment, Corporal Yaako, pretended to be dead and managed to escape. The historic event on 14 February 1942 is known as the Battle of Pasir Panjang and took place at a site nearby. Admission is free, but groups with 20 pax or more require an advance booking of two weeks.

From the Reflections at Bukit Chandu, visitors can access the 10km Southern Ridges trail that connects parks along the southern ridges of Singapore (see Adventure & Nature, p54).

Address: 31-K Pepys Road
Tel: +65 6375 2510



Singapore City Gallery

Website: nhb.gov.sg/museums/reflections-at-bukit-chandu
Email: eileen_ng@nhb.gov.sg (Trade Contact)
Opening Hours: Tue–Sun, Public Holidays, 9am–5.30pm; Closed on Mon
Nearest MRT: Pasir Panjang Station

Singapore City Gallery

The Singapore City Gallery offers insights into the country's physical transformation from a fishing village to a first-world metropolis. Learn about its urban planning efforts through audio-visual and interactive exhibits spanning over three storeys. A large model of the city centre, enhanced by light and sound, gives visitors a comprehensive overview of modern Singapore, including its landmarks and skyscrapers. The gallery's other highlight is "A Day in Singapore" – a 270-degree multimedia panoramic display – that pieces together scenes of daily life in Singapore. Admission is free.

Address: 45 Maxwell Road, The URA Centre
Tel: +65 6321 8321
Fax: +65 6226 3549
Website: www.ura.gov.sg/uol/citygallery
Email: ura_gallery@ura.gov.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Sat, 9am–5pm; Closed on Sun & Public Holidays
Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station

Singapore Discovery Centre

Visitors to the Singapore Discovery Centre will be able to immerse themselves in Singapore's past, present and future through interactive and hands-on multi-sensory exhibits. They can, for example, attempt to save the country from a "bomb blast" or master the dances of various ethnic groups. Guided tours of the permanent exhibits gallery are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Discounted family admission packages are available. Travel agents can purchase tickets at S\$9 per adult, S\$6 per child, including admission and guided tours in English or Mandarin. Discount rates apply to overseas travel agents as well; email trade contact for more details.

The centre also has an on-site movie theatre, pedal-boating facilities and a 4D Simulator Ride (fees apply for all three). From here, it is less than a five-minute walk to the Army Museum of Singapore (www.mindef.gov.sg/armymuseum), where visitors can learn about the history of the Singapore Army.

Address: 510 Upper Jurong Road
Tel: +65 6792 6188 / +65 6668 0345 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6792 1233
Website: www.sdc.com.sg
Email: info@sd.com.sg / teekai_koh@sd.com.sg (Trade Contact)



THE FULLERTON HERITAGE DISTRICT

The Fullerton Heritage District

Cost: Adult from S\$10, Youth from S\$7.50, Child from S\$6, Senior Citizen from S\$9
Opening Hours: Tue–Sun, Public Holidays, 9am–6pm; Closed on Mon
Nearest MRT: Joo Koon Station

Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall

The Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall is dedicated to Dr Sun Yat Sen, who headed the 1911 Chinese Revolution that eventually led to the downfall of the Qing Dynasty. Not many know that Singapore served as a hub for his revolutionary activities in Southeast Asia. The two-storey colonial-style villa that currently houses the museum was once the regional headquarters of the Chinese Revolutionary Alliance. The museum expands on the connections between Dr Sun and Singapore in five galleries with artefacts, artworks and multimedia exhibits.

Free guided tours in English and Mandarin are available on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a 20% discount for purchases of 20 or more adult tickets. A discounted family package of five tickets is also available.

Address: 12 Tai Gin Road
Tel: +65 6256 7377
Fax: +65 6256 7677
Website: syznmh.org.sg

Email: NHB_WQY@nhb.gov.sg
Cost: Adult S\$6, Child S\$4, Senior Citizen S\$4; Free admission for children under six
Opening Hours: Tue–Sun, 10am–5pm; Closed on Mon
Nearest MRT: Novena Station / Toa Payoh Station

The Fullerton Heritage Singapore

Located along the Marina Bay waterfront, the Fullerton Heritage District (see Neighbourhoods, Nightlife Precincts, p89) comprises The Fullerton Hotel Singapore and The Fullerton Bay Hotel Singapore, as well as lifestyle and dining destinations The Fullerton Waterboat House, One Fullerton, The Fullerton Pavilion, The Clifford Pier and Customs House. On the lobby level of the Fullerton Hotel is the Fullerton Heritage Gallery, which displays decades-old photographs, maps, stamps and philatelic materials that showcase the precinct's rich history. The precinct is walking distance to Merlion Park (see 10 Free Attractions for Great Photos, p30) and is also a popular spot to watch the Marina Bay fireworks display on occasions like National Day and New Year's Eve.

On the guided Fullerton Monument Tour, visitors will discover the rich history of the Fullerton Building, where Singapore's General Post Office was

once located. The tour is open to the public on Mondays and Thursdays at 11.15am and Saturdays at 3.45pm (max 20 pax on a first-come, first-served basis). Participants will meet at The Fullerton Hotel's concierge. Admission is free, but private guided tours can also be arranged for a fee.

Address: 1 Fullerton Road
Tel: +65 6557 2590
Website: thefullertonheritage.com
Email: enquiries@fullerton-heritage.com
Opening Hours: Varies by establishment, see website for more details
Nearest MRT: Raffles Place Station

DID YOU KNOW?

Before a modern road system was established in Singapore, people used stone markers that were placed a mile (about 1.6km) apart to find their way around the island. All roads led to The Fullerton Building (now The Fullerton Hotel), the designated 'Mile Zero'.

The Maritime Experiential Museum™

This is the city-state's only museum dedicated to Asia's maritime history and is located within Resorts World™ Sentosa. Displays in the museum include artefacts from the 15th century and interactive exhibits, while five life-size replicas of old ships are moored in the pier just outside the museum. Also located in the museum is a 360-degree multimedia Typhoon Theatre (fees apply and may vary, email to enquire), which uses special effects to simulate the experience of being on a ship during a storm. Children under 1.22m must be accompanied by an adult in the theatre. Admission to the museum is included in the One Day Pass for S.E.A. Aquarium™ – one of the world's largest marine life parks, home to more than 100,000 marine animals – located one level below the museum.

Note: The Maritime Experiential Museum™ is undergoing refurbishment and will be closed until further notice.

Address: 8 Sentosa Gateway, Resorts World™ Sentosa
Tel: +65 6577 8888
Website: rwsentosa.com/Homepage/Attractions/MaritimeExperientialMuseum
Email: enquiries@rwsentosa.com
Cost: (S.E.A. Aquarium™ One Day Pass) Adult S\$38, Child S\$28, Senior Citizen S\$28
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 10am–7pm
Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station



Abdul Gafoor Mosque



NATIONAL HERITAGE BOARD

Armenian Church



Cathedral of the Good Shepherd



The interior of the Buddha Tooth Relic Temple

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Take a walk around multicultural Singapore and spot numerous churches, mosques, temples and other places of worship along the streets or hidden within a precinct. Here in Singapore, the religions of different ethnic communities flourish harmoniously alongside each other. Travellers are welcome to visit any of them, but do be mindful to observe the etiquette of these holy places, be respectful and dress appropriately. Sleeveless and skimpy attire is not recommended – shorts and skirts should be knee-length and bare shoulders covered. When visiting mosques, ladies should cover their hair, as well as cover up from neck to wrists and ankles, and men should wear nothing less than a short-sleeved shirt and long trousers. Appropriate clothing is also available for loan at most mosques.

Abdul Gafoor Mosque

Completed in 1910, the Abdul Gafoor Mosque – also known as Masjid Abdul Gafoor – took over the site and religious functions of the former Al-Abbar Mosque. The area was a lively business hub, so the old mosque largely catered to South Indian merchants. One of its trustees,

Abdul Gafoor, a Muslim Tamil chief clerk at a law firm back then, had built shophouses around it and collected enough income to construct a new mosque. He passed away in 1919 as the sole trustee of the mosque and its related properties. Today, Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura (MUIS) – also known as the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore – owns the mosque. Visitors may notice its unconventional symmetry and the inclusion of classic Western designs alongside Moorish details, which set it apart from other mosques. Besides being gazetted as a national monument in July 1979, it was also awarded the Architectural Heritage Award from Singapore’s Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) in October 2003 to recognise its efforts in innovative restoration and conservation works.

Address: 41 Dunlop Street
Tel: +65 6295 4209
Opening Hours: Sat–Thu, 8am–8pm; Fri, 8am–12pm, 2.30pm–8pm
Nearest MRT: Rochor Station

All Saints’ Church

All Saints’ Church is located within the premises of Anglican High School, an autonomous secondary school at Upper Changi Road. On weekdays, its clergy is

involved in after-school programmes and works with The Boys’ Brigade, a youth organisation with more than half a million members across the world. The church conducts a free Alpha programme, a 10-session series of discussions suited for those curious about the Christian faith, and the church celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2016. Services are held every Saturday at 5pm and on Sundays at 9am.

Address: 600 Upper Changi Road
Tel: +65 6241 9767
Fax: +65 6241 8058
Website: ase.org.sg
Email: info@ase.org.sg
Nearest MRT: Tanah Merah Station

Armenian Church

Built in 1835, the Armenian Church is Singapore’s oldest Christian church and is dedicated to St Gregory the Illuminator, the first Armenian monk. In 1973, the building was gazetted as a national monument and restored two decades later. Renowned Irish architect George D. Coleman included a dome roof and bell turret in its original design, but these were subsequently removed for safety reasons. Today, the building has a pitched roof and spire. Still, visitors may recognise the church’s traditional interior – its

vaulted ceiling, cupola and porticoes – as features central to what is regarded as a Coleman masterpiece. Visitors should leave time for a stroll through the serene Memorial Garden, where a commemorative tombstone of Agnes Joaquim stands. She crossbred the iconic Vanda “Miss Joaquim” orchid, Singapore’s national flower.

Address: 60 Hill Street
Tel: +65 6334 0141
Website: armeniansinasia.org
Email: singapore@armeniansinasia.org
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 9am–6pm
Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

Bethel Presbyterian Church

Established in 1892, the church was built on premises allocated by the colonial government. Formerly known as Hougang Church, it was renamed in 1948. It adopts the practice of a Reformed Church, associated with prominent French theologian and pastor John Calvin. The building, comprising a main sanctuary and annex hall, was extended as the congregation grew. The church has also established homes for the elderly, a memorial chapel and a columbarium in the city-state. It currently holds services in English, Mandarin and the Teochew dialect. English worship services are held

on Saturdays at 4pm and Sundays at 8.30am, while bilingual services are held on Sundays at 11.30am.

Address: 12 Jalan Lateh
Tel: +65 6383 5700
Fax: +65 6383 5708
Website: bethelpres.org.sg
Email: besadmin@bethelpres.org.sg
Nearest MRT: Serangoon Station

Buddha Tooth Relic Temple and Museum

One of the major Buddhist temples in Singapore, this is a fine example of the Chinese Tang dynasty style of architecture in the heart of Chinatown (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p55). As its name suggests, the museum houses a tooth relic of Buddha, as well as other revered artefacts. Built in 2007, the temple takes up the complex’s ground floor, and visitors will marvel at the rich interiors comprising paintings, statues, tapestries and other exhibits related to Buddha and Buddhism. The building also has a roof garden, a library, a vegetarian restaurant in the basement and a bookstore. Visitors can gain more insight into the Buddhist way of life during the “Discovering Buddhism” workshop, led by resident monks. Admission to the temple is free,

and complimentary tours are conducted every Saturday in English (2pm) and Mandarin (10am).

Address: 288 South Bridge Road
Tel: +65 6220 0220
Fax: +65 6220 1261
Website: btrts.org.sg
Email: services@btrts.org.sg / buddhistculture@btrts.org.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 7am–7pm
Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station

Cathedral of the Good Shepherd

Located in central downtown of Singapore, this Roman Catholic Church is the oldest in Singapore and is the seat of the current archbishop. Built in 1847, it was closed in 2013 to undergo a major restoration and reopened in November 2016. Architecture buffs will love its neoclassical look, complete with matching wooden pews, stained glass panels and 14 paintings of the Stations of the Cross. It also houses Singapore’s oldest working pipe organ, a restored Bevington and Sons organ from 1912. Interred in the church are the remains of Singapore’s first two archbishops, Michel Olçomendy and Gregory Yong, and a crypt located in the cathedral’s basement will house the remains of other

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bishops. The cathedral was gazetted as a national monument in 1973.

Address: A Queen Street
Tel: +65 6337 2036
Fax: +65 6337 6870
Website: cathedral.catholic.org.sg
Email: cathedral@catholic.org.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Fri, 9.30am–5.30pm; Sat, 8.30am–8pm; Sun, 7am–7.30pm
Nearest MRT: Bras Basah Station / City Hall Station

Gurdwara Sahib Silat Road

Also known as Silat Road Sikh Temple, it was previously situated at Pearl's Hill, where Sikh police barracks and quarters were located. The majority of Sikhs who came to Singapore in the 19th century took on jobs as policemen. The temple, in addition to being a place of worship, also served as a meeting ground for their family and friends. As more Sikhs arrived, a larger site – comprising a temple and living quarters – was erected at Jalan Bukit Merah, formerly known as Silat Road. The temple contains the world's largest *palki*, a palanquin used to hold the scripture when a priest leads prayers, which weighs 10 tonnes. Some visitors drop by to view the tombstone of the late Sikh freedom fighter Bhai Maharaj Singh, who is believed to answer prayers.

Address: 8 Jalan Bukit Merah
Tel: +65 6222 2208
Fax: +65 6225 1994
Website: sikhs.org.sg/institutions/srst
Email: srstchairman@sikhs.org.sg
Nearest MRT: Outram Park Station

International Baptist Church

True to its name, attendees of International Baptist Church come from 51 different countries. It is a member of the Singapore Baptist Convention. While members have diverse racial backgrounds, the church hopes to spiritually unite them in Christ. In addition to having services in English and Mandarin, the church has Bible study and prayer services for the Filipino congregation. English services are held on Saturdays at 5pm and on Sundays at 9am and 11.15am.

Address: 81 King's Road
Tel: +65 6466 4911
Fax: +65 6466 4913
Website: ibcs.org
Email: enquiries@ibcs.org
Nearest MRT: Farrer Road Station

Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery

Founded in 1921 by the Venerable Sik Zhuang Dao from China, the Buddhist monastery originally built amidst a rubber plantation is Singapore's largest, at 75,470sqm or the equivalent of 10.7 football fields. In Mandarin, "Kong Meng San" means "Bright Hill", representative of Guanyin Bodhisattva's Pureland. Apart from being a place of worship, it has traditionally served as lodging for visiting monks. The compound has multiple halls, a bell tower and the Pagoda of 10,000 Buddhas – capped with a bell-shaped stupa. While the stupa's exterior is decorated with gold-coloured mosaic tiles, its interior features 10,917 Buddha statuettes. Visitors can end their visit by reflecting under a Bodhi tree (the tree is supposedly a descendant of the sacred Bodhi tree at Bodh Gaya). Non-vegetarian food and pets are not allowed inside the temple.

Address: 88 Bright Hill Road
Tel: +65 6849 5300
Fax: +65 6849 5303
Website: kmspk.org
Email: publicaffairs@kmspk.org
Opening Hours: (Monastery Gate 1) Mon–Sun, 6am–10pm; (Most Halls) Mon–Sun, 8am–4pm
Nearest MRT: Marymount Station / Bishan Station



Maghain Aboth Synagogue

Built in 1878 and subsequently gazetted as a national monument in February 1998, Maghain Aboth Synagogue – which translates to "Shield of our Fathers" – is established as Southeast Asia's oldest surviving synagogue, and visits are by appointment only (call or email for more information). The two-storey Jewish house of worship is easily distinguished from its neighbours by the three blue Stars of David emblazoned on the cream-coloured façade, along with its name in Hebrew. Unlike other places of worship, the prayer hall does not bear any images of gods or prophets, as this is forbidden in Judaism. A tour of the interior reveals a mix of neoclassical and colonial architecture. Remember to drop by the Jacob Ballas Centre that was constructed in 2007 next door. There, travellers will find a women's *mikvah* ("a ritual bath"), an area where kosher chickens are slaughtered, a kosher shop, a restaurant, and a social hall where events and functions are held. Daily Shabbat services are held at the synagogue.

Address: 24/26 Waterloo Street
Tel: +65 6337 2189 ext 103
Website: singaporejews.org/synagogues/maghain-aboth.html
Email: jewishwb@singnet.com.sg
Nearest MRT: Bras Basah Station

Sri Mariamman Temple

With roots dating back to 1827, Singapore's oldest Hindu temple was formerly known as "Mariamman Kovil" or "Kling Street Temple". It was later rebuilt as Sri Mariamman Temple, dedicated to goddess Mariamman, who is believed to be able to heal the sick. During the colonial period, it was a first refuge for new immigrants, a dispute mediation venue and where marriage ceremonies were held for Hindus. Today, weddings are still held at the temple, and travellers who visit in October or November may get to observe the Theemithi (fire-walking ceremony) celebrations (see Events & Festivals, p26), which is the main festival observed here annually. Visitors can marvel at the temple's six-tiered *gopuram*, or grand tower entrance, decorated with sculptures in the image of Hindu deities and mythological creatures. The visual treat continues with the temple's elaborate interiors, featuring shrines with statues of different deities.

Address: 244 South Bridge Road
Tel: +65 6223 4064
Fax: +65 6225 5015
Website: smt.org.sg
Email: smt@heb.org.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 5.30am–12pm, 6pm–9pm
Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station



SPOT THE SOLDIERS

Architecture lovers and history junkies alike will try and spot the Sepoy soldiers in their khaki uniforms within Sri Mariamman Temple's six tiers. The attire was from the military tradition of the British Raj.

Sri Veeramakaliamman Temple

It's hard to miss this temple with its ornate *gopuram*, packed with statues of Hindu gods and bringing a pop of colour to Serangoon Road in Little India (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p62). Dedicated to goddess Sri Veeramakaliamman (or Kali), the temple was once known as "Soonambu Kambam Kovil" or "temple at the lime village" in Tamil. At that time, most of its faithful worked at lime kilns in the vicinity. During World War II, many people hid here when Japanese air raids took place. Remarkably, the temple and all its statues were unaffected by the bombings. Its latest renovation, completed in 2014, included the addition of a six-storey building with staff quarters, a multipurpose hall and a wedding hall.

Address: 141 Serangoon Road
Tel: +65 6293 4634 / +65 6295 4538
Fax: +65 6392 4249
Website: sriveeramakaliamman.com

Email: info@sriveeramakaliamman.com
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 5.30am–9.30pm
Nearest MRT: Little India Station

St Andrew's Cathedral

After the original chapel on the site of the present building was destroyed by two lightning strikes in 1852, it was torn down. In its place, a cathedral with early English Gothic influences was built. Designed by Colonel Ronald MacPherson in 1856, St Andrew's Cathedral is Singapore's largest cathedral and the most established Anglican place of worship. Located in the bustling Civic District, where modern Singapore began, its design pays fitting tribute to key historical figures. Stained glass windows on the apse honour Singapore's founder, Sir Stamford Raffles and other British officials. In 1942 during World War II, there were frequent Japanese air raids and the cathedral was used as an emergency hospital. It was gazetted as a national monument in 1973. Free guided tours are available, but do call the cathedral beforehand. The recently opened Cathedral Café, which also acts as a welcome centre, is open daily from 9am–5pm.

Address: 11 St Andrew's Road
Tel: +65 6337 6104 / +65 6337 6107
Website: cathedral.org.sg
Email: info@cathedral.org.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 7am–9.30pm
Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

St Joseph's Church

Built in 1912 by the Portuguese Mission, St Joseph's Church was gazetted for conservation in 2016. Having survived World War II and three generations, the Roman Catholic church has been around for more than a century. The main church building takes the form of a Latin cross, and in 2014, it completed a restoration of 72 stained glass windows depicting a magnificent host of saints, originally made by artisans from Italy. On major feast days, it is common to see over a thousand devotees attending mass. Its Parochial House – former residence of the Bishop of Macau – is also a worthy stop. The church is most noted for its annual Good Friday procession.

Address: 143 Victoria Street
Tel: +65 6338 3167
Fax: +65 6338 8554
Website: facebook.com/StJosephsChurchVictoriaStreet
Email: sjc.secretariat@catholic.org.sg
Nearest MRT: Bras Basah Station / Bugis Station

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Sultan Mosque

The iconic Sultan Mosque, built in 1824, is a landmark of the Kampong Glam district (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p58), which attracts many who are keen to discover the culture and history of Malays, one of Singapore's main ethnic groups. Also known as Masjid Sultan, the mosque's name pays homage to Sultan Hussein Mohamed Shah, the first Sultan of Singapore and 18th ruler of Johor. In 1975, it was gazetted as a national monument. The mosque's mass prayer hall can host up to 5,000 visitors. While its two giant golden domes make for an impressive sight, their bases are adorned with glass bottle ends, which were donated by poor Muslims during its construction, so that all Muslims, not just the rich, could contribute. Guided tours are given by multilingual docents in English, Malay, Japanese and Chinese, but it is best for travellers to call ahead to check if their preferred language is available.

Address: 3 Muscat Street
Tel: +65 6293 4405 / +65 6293 4043
Website: sultanmosque.sg
Email: info@sultan.mosque.org.sg
Opening Hours: Sat–Thu, 10am–12pm, 2pm–4pm; Fri, 2.30pm–4pm
Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

DID YOU KNOW?

During the reconstruction of the old mosque in 1932, North Bridge Road was actually forced to bend around the mosque as it was extended beyond Arab Street.



was gazetted as a national monument. English services are held on Sundays at 8.30am, followed by Hokkien and Bahasa Indonesia services at 1.30pm and 4pm respectively.

Address: 235 Telok Ayer Street
Tel: +65 6324 4001
Fax: +65 6324 4002
Website: www.tacmc.org.sg
Email: admin@tacmc.org.sg
Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station / Telok Ayer Station

Wesley Methodist Church

The origins of Methodism in Singapore can be traced back to the arrival of Reverend William F. Oldham in 1885, who was the nation's first resident Methodist missionary. Services were held at the Town Hall (today's Victoria Memorial Hall) until the first chapel

opened a year later. In recognition of the church's contribution to mission work and education, Singapore's then-governor Sir John Anderson granted it a piece of land in 1907. This is the exact piece of land at Fort Canning (today's site) of Wesley Methodist Church. It was styled after English Gothic buildings, featuring exposed brickwork. First known as Methodist Episcopal Church, it was renamed after John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, in 1910. Membership has soared since then, and the church has undergone several renovations to extend its premises.

Address: 5 Fort Canning Road
Tel: +65 6336 1433
Fax: +65 6339 7350
Website: wesleymc.org
Email: mailbag@wesleymc.org
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 9am–6pm; Closed on Public Holidays, the day after Easter Sunday and the day after Christmas Day
Nearest MRT: Dhoby Ghaut Station / Bras Basah Station



ADVENTURE & NATURE

With its vision of being a “City in a Garden”, Singapore is proactive in preserving its natural environment. In addition to green spaces dotted around neighbourhoods and attractions across the island, travellers can also explore world-class gardens, nature reserves and parks. Most of these are managed by the National Parks Board (NParks), which is responsible for maintaining more than 300 parks and four nature reserves in Singapore, and frequently organises guided walks, events and workshops.

NPark's Park Connector Network links visitors to many natural, cultural, historical and recreational sites all around Singapore. Covering 300km, the network offers cyclist-friendly routes around the heartlands and city. At larger parks, visitors will find toilet facilities, rest stops and children's playgrounds. A few things visitors should keep in mind:

- Groups of 30 or more who wish to visit the nature reserves should apply for a group hiking permit at least one month prior to their visit
- Many parks have trails with varying levels of difficulty, as well as wheelchair accessibility; visit individual parks' websites for more detailed information
- Feeding or provoking wildlife is strictly prohibited
- A bottle of water and mosquito repellent may come in handy on longer treks
- All parks managed by NParks share the same contact details below

National Parks Board (NParks) Headquarters
Address: 1 Cluny Road
Tel: 1 800 471 7300 (toll-free)
Fax: +65 6472 3033
Website: www.nparks.gov.sg
Email: nparks_public_affairs@nparks.gov.sg / CHUNG_Yi_Fei@nparks.gov.sg or OOI_Pin_Chong@nparks.gov.sg (Trade Contacts)

Bukit Timah Nature Reserve

Only 12km away from the city centre, the 163ha reserve is home to about 40% of Singapore's native flora and fauna, as well as the country's tallest hill, Bukit Timah Hill. The ascent to the summit – at 163m – may be a challenge for those who are not as physically fit. The easy trail to the summit takes 45 minutes to an hour, while fitness buffs can opt for the difficult loop, which takes them past the summit and deeper into the reserve toward Dairy Farm Nature Park.

Learn about the biodiversity of the area through interactive displays at the Exhibition Hall on the second storey of the Visitor Centre (opening hours: Mon–Sun, 8am–5.30pm). Those travelling with children or the elderly may want to check out Hindhede Nature Park instead, which is located next to the reserve. It is only a short walk in before visitors can picnic,

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utilise play areas and enjoy a magnificent view of the Hindhede Quarry.

Address: End of Hindhede Drive
Website: www.nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parks-and-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/bukit-timah-nature-reserve
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 7am–7pm
Nearest MRT: Beauty World Station

Central Catchment Nature Reserve and MacRitchie Reservoir Park

Known as a green lung in the centre of Singapore, the Central Catchment Nature Reserve is the island's largest reserve with more than 2,000ha of forest cover, supporting an extensive ecosystem of biodiversity. A popular attraction within the reserve is the Jelutong Tower, a seven-deck observation tower with unobstructed views of the forest. Visitors will also be near the Nee Soon Swamp Forest, a rare primary freshwater swamp forest.

The nature reserve is also home to MacRitchie Reservoir Park, a good starting point for the 20km network of boardwalks and trails of varying difficulties and distances (from 1.5km to 6km and beyond) that takes visitors through the forest around the reservoir. It is worth trekking to the TreeTop Walk (opening hours: Tue–Fri, 9am–5pm; Sat–Sun & Public Holidays, 8.30am–5pm), a 250m-long suspension

bridge running between the two highest points in MacRitchie where visitors can enjoy thrilling views of the forest canopy. Visitors are advised to hike towards the bridge by 4.45pm from the Ranger Station as the gate closes at 5pm. Water sports enthusiasts can choose to rent canoes and kayaks instead. The park has an amenities centre with lockers, showering facilities, drinking water points and food kiosks.

Central Catchment Nature Reserve

Address: 601 Island Club Road
Website: www.nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parks-and-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/central-catchment-nature-reserve
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 7am–7pm
Nearest MRT: Marymount Station

MacRitchie Reservoir Park

Address: Along Lornie Road
Website: www.nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parks-and-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/macritchie-reservoir-park
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 24 hours
Nearest MRT: Caldecott Station / Marymount Station

DISAPPEARING FORESTS

The species-rich dipterocarp forests of Singapore were once abundant prior to human settlement. Today, less than 0.5% of the original lowland forest cover remains, and patches of it can be found in the Central Catchment Nature Reserve and the Bukit Timah Nature Reserve.



MacRitchie Reservoir Park

Changi Beach Park

This 3.3km linear park that stretches from Changi Point to Changi Ferry Terminal is lit from 7pm to 7am daily, and visitors can fish, cycle and gather for picnics or barbecues here (but camping is strictly prohibited). They can also take a stroll among native trees such as the petite *petai laut*, from which the leaves are used to brew a traditional post-pregnancy tonic. Visitors can relax and enjoy the sea view at Bistro@Changi (changibistro.com.sg) or experience the hawker centre culture at the nearby Changi Village, where *nasi lemak* (fragrant coconut rice) and other local dishes are served late into the night. A short drive away is the Changi Ferry Terminal, from which travellers can take a short boat ride to Pulau Ubin and Chek Jawa. Those wanting to discover a more rustic side of Singapore may opt for a tour of this area (see Tours, p154).

Address: Along Nicoll Drive and Changi Coast Road
Website: www.nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parks-and-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/changi-beach-park
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 24 hours
Nearest MRT: Pasir Ris Station / Changi Airport Station

Coney Island Park

Coney Island is connected to Singapore by two bridges. Originally measuring just 13ha, the island has since expanded after reclamation to 100ha. Half of the island has been set aside as a 50ha rustic park, which is frequented by families and bird-watchers. It is home to more than 80 species of birds, including the changeable hawk eagle, blue-throated bee-eater and the collared kingfisher. The park also has five beach areas. Children will love the natural playground, Casuarina Exploration, which includes wooden structures constructed from uprooted casuarina trees and other recycled materials. Visitors can also rent bicycles at The Punggol Settlement (punggolsettlement.com) before making their way to the park's Punggol entrance. Visitors are encouraged to wear long pants and covered shoes for protection against insects such as sandflies.

Address: Beside Punggol Promenade Nature Walk
Website: www.nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parks-and-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/coney-island-park
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 7am–7pm
Nearest MRT: Punggol Station

Gardens by the Bay



DID YOU KNOW?

In the early 1950s, a businessman transformed Coney Island Park into a leisure resort, which was known as Singapore Coney Island. It had a dance hall, restaurant, bar and seaside lodging. Today, there is no electricity or piped water on the island, so visitors should bring their own water when visiting the park.

East Coast Park

Offering spaces for recreational cycling, rollerblading, fishing, skating and dining, East Coast Park is themed "Recreation for All" with leisure activities for every type of visitor. The 15km stretch of beach is usually filled with people taking a stroll or jogging. At the Singapore Wake Park (singaporewakepark.com), onlookers gather to watch cable-ski tricks, and the more adventurous can try knee-boarding, wakeboarding and wakeskating. Visitors can pack a picnic basket or eat at nearby dining establishments. Families with children will enjoy Marine Cove, a recreational zone that houses a 3,500sqm playground with wheelchair-accessible

equipment and an 8m-tall "lighthouse" structure, as well as five family-friendly restaurants.

Address: Along East Coast Parkway and East Coast Park Service Road
Website: www.nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parks-and-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/east-coast-park
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 24 hours
Nearest MRT: Bedok Station

Fort Canning Park

Set on a hilltop, Fort Canning Park is a respite from the surrounding urban landscape. The iconic 18ha park is steeped in history: Sir Stamford Raffles, the founder of modern Singapore, built a bungalow on Fort Canning Hill, and it became the home of subsequent colonial

KING OF THE HILL

First known as Bukit Larangan – Malay for "forbidden hill" – Fort Canning Hill was once the site of the palaces of Majapahit kings in the 14th century.

governors. Fort Canning Hill was a major communication centre, and key historic events took place here. Fort Gate, the remnant of a 19th-century fortress, can also be found in the park. Visitors will stumble upon these sites and more, as well as interesting flora and fauna on a self-guided 45-minute Colonial History Trail. Visitors can also take a ticketed tour of the Battlebox (battlebox.com.sg; see History & Heritage, p36), the British nerve centre for operations during World War II.

Address: Bounded by Hill Street, Canning Rise, Clemenceau Avenue and River Valley Road
Website: www.nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parks-and-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/fort-canning-park
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 24 hours
Nearest MRT: Dhoby Ghaut Station / Clarke Quay Station

Gardens by the Bay

In the heart of a bustling Garden City, the gardens' conservatories are a tranquil oasis. The Flower Dome contains a diverse range of plants from the Mediterranean and semi-arid subtropical regions, as well

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as seasonal flower displays. The Cloud Forest conservatory is a popular spot for photographs – its cascading 35m-tall indoor waterfall is the world's largest. From there, visitors can embark on a biodiversity walk featuring plants from the tropical highlands, along with those that thrive in habitats of up to 2,000m above sea level.

Its Outdoor Gardens, including the Supertree Grove, have free admission and are open till late. Visitors can get close to the gardens' iconic Supertree structures on the 22m-tall OCBC Skyway (see admission fees below). Families with children should pack a change of clothes and swimwear to enjoy the Far East Organization Children's Garden, which has rainforest tree houses, an amphitheatre and a water play zone. Bicycles/tricycles, roller skates, skateboards and scooters are prohibited in the Gardens.

Address: 18 Marina Gardens Drive
Tel: +65 6420 6848 / +65 6420 6841
Website: gardensbythebay.com.sg
Email: feedback@gardensbythebay.com.sg
Cost: (Conservatories) Adult S\$28, Child S\$15; (OCBC Skyway) Adult S\$8, Child S\$5
Opening Hours: (Conservatories, OCBC Skyway) Mon–Sun, 9am–9pm; (Far East Organization Children's Garden) Tue–Fri, 10am–7pm; Sat–Sun & Public Holiday, 9am–9pm; Closed on Mon; (Outdoor Gardens) Mon–Sun, 5am–2am
Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station

HortPark

Part of the network of linked green spaces known as The Southern Ridges (see p54), HortPark is popular with joggers in the early mornings and evenings. Known as a one-stop gardening resource centre, it frequently brings together horticulture-related recreational, educational and retail activities under one green canopy. There are eight themed gardens, including Singapore's first therapeutic garden in a public park – the Edible Garden – where visitors can learn about the culinary and medicinal uses of various plants – and the Pitter Patter Potter Garden, which is specially designed for children aged five to 10.

HortPark's signature event is Gardeners' Day Out – held on the third Saturday of every month – and features a garden market, food bazaar, talks, workshops, fun activities for children and free walking tours. Visitors can enjoy an idyllic meal with verdant views at Vineyard restaurant (vineyardhortpark.com.sg), which also welcomes corporate events (for other unique MICE venues, see Venues, p186).

Address: 33 Hyderabad Road
Website: www.nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parks-and-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/hortpark
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 6am–10pm
Nearest MRT: Labrador Park

Jurong Bird Park

The award-winning Jurong Bird Park is Asia's largest bird park at 20.2ha and home to more than 5,000 birds across 400 species. The park has gained international acclaim for breeding threatened species, and its large open-concept displays mimic the birds' naturalistic habitats. Four free-flight aviaries house birds such as the endangered sun conure, a strikingly coloured parrot. Other highlights include the Pelican Cove featuring eight types of pelicans, which is the world's most comprehensive collection. Families with young children should drop by Birdz of Play, a themed playground with a wet play zone. Guests can plan the day's itinerary around interactive feeding sessions and bird shows. Travel trade discounts on tickets are available. The Singapore Attractions Express bus service (saex.com.sg) can take visitors directly to Jurong Bird Park from various hotels and locations within the city.

Address: 2 Jurong Hill
Tel: +65 6269 3411 / +65 6360 8563 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6360 2331
Website: birdpark.com.sg
Email: enquiry@wrs.com.sg / sales.szg@wrs.com.sg
Cost: Adult S\$29, Child S\$19
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 8.30am–6pm
Nearest MRT: Boon Lay Station

Labrador Nature Reserve

Part of The Southern Ridges (see p54), Labrador Nature Reserve is just the place for nature lovers and history buffs. A former British military base, its beginnings date back to the 19th century. Visitors can examine World War II relics like a machine gun post and artillery pieces. As visitors take in the views of the sea and cliff-side vegetation, they can look out for 70 species of birds, such as the oriental magpie-robin and black-naped oriole. Home to the only coastal cliff in the country, the reserve has many picturesque spots for nature photographers to hone their skills (for more locations with great photo opportunities, see p29). Besides self-guided nature walks, travellers can book a private heritage walking tour (max 20 pax per group).

Address: Along Labrador Villa Road
Website: www.nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parks-and-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/labrador-nature-reserve
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 24 hours
Nearest MRT: Labrador Park Station

Night Safari

Opened in 1994, the Night Safari is the world's first nocturnal wildlife park. On a

40-minute tram ride, guests can catch a glimpse of animal life in habitats ranging from the Himalayan foothills to Southeast Asian jungles. The park's four interlinked walking trails feature threatened and endangered species, such as the pangolin and clouded leopard. Visitors can encounter free-ranging wallabies – smaller cousins of the kangaroo – on the new Wallaby Trail. Crawling through a man-made cave, visitors can also get close to Ridley's beauty snakes, tooth cave spiders and Asian black forest scorpions.

Groups can start the evening with dinner at Bongo Burgers restaurant while enjoying a fire show by Thumbuakar tribal dancers. The Creatures of the Night Show, which showcases survival instincts of nocturnal creatures, is another must-watch. Call or email to enquire about travel trade discounts. To get there, the Singapore Attractions Express bus service (saex.com.sg) can take visitors directly to Night Safari from various hotels and locations within the city.

Address: 80 Mandai Lake Road
Tel: +65 6269 3411 / +65 6360 8563 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6360 2331
Website: nightsafari.com.sg
Email: enquiry@wrs.com.sg / sales.szg@wrs.com.sg
Cost: Adult S\$45, Child S\$30
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 7.15pm–12am
Nearest MRT: Ang Mo Kio Station / Choa Chu Kang Station / Marsiling Station / Woodlands Station

DID YOU KNOW?

Night Safari receives 1.1 million visitors annually from around the world. For non-English speakers, tram seatings with commentary in Japanese or Mandarin are available for an additional fee and advanced booking.

Rail Corridor

Rich in history, the Rail Corridor is testimony to Singapore's longstanding relationship with its neighbouring country of Malaysia. Trains used to shuttle cargo between both countries, from the Tanjong Pagar Railway Station to the Woodlands Train Checkpoint.

Today, this 24km route – which connects vast stretches of greenery in Singapore – is also known as a green corridor and is frequently visited by runners and hikers. Two distinct truss bridges found at Upper Bukit Timah Road near The Rail Mall (railmall.com.sg) are a popular backdrop for photographs. The mall has a number of dining and retail establishments, and makes a great stopover for lunch or afternoon tea break. Most of the corridor is closed for the laying of a new water pipeline – set to be completed in 2019 – but there are various access points that visitors can



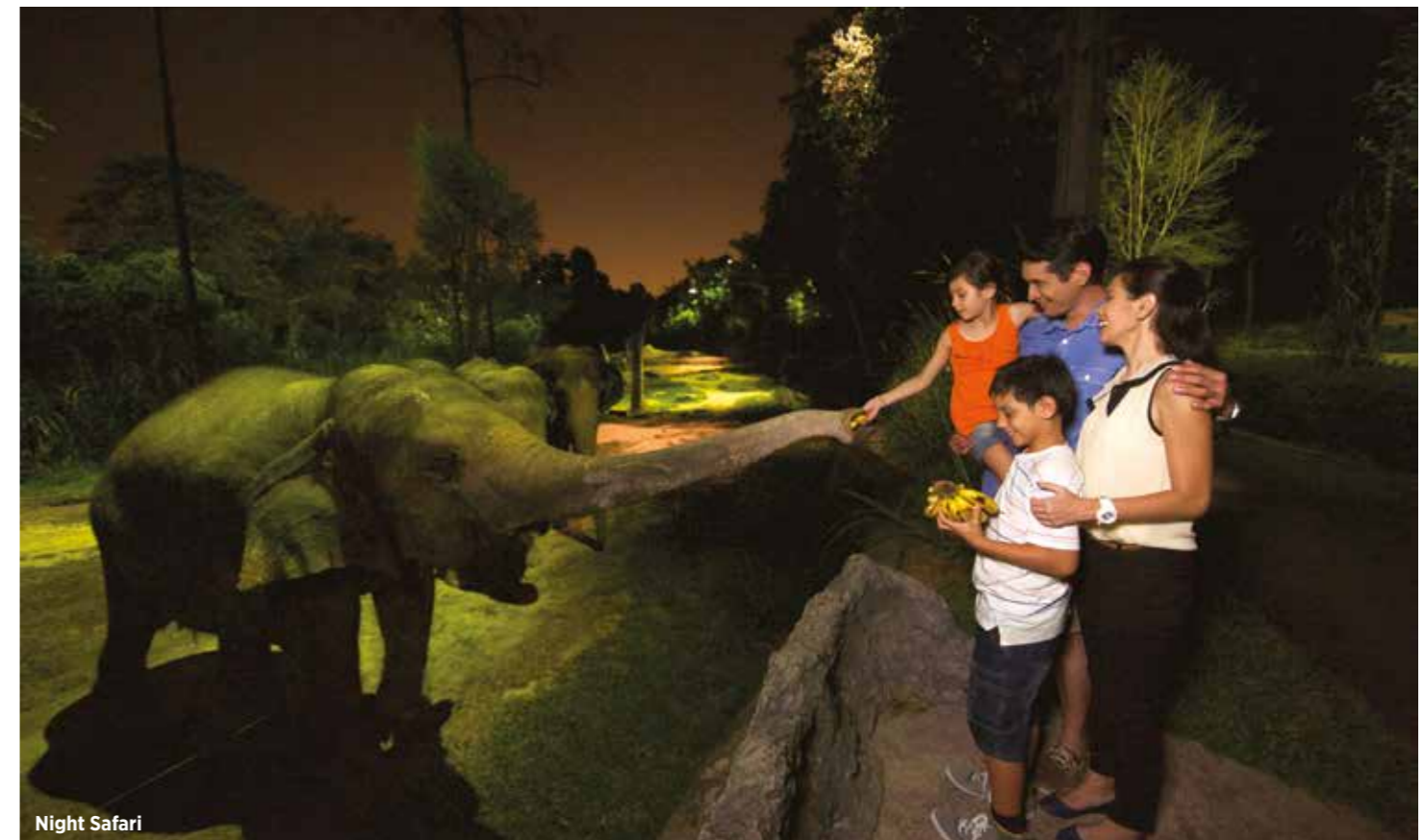
Jurong Bird Park



HortPark



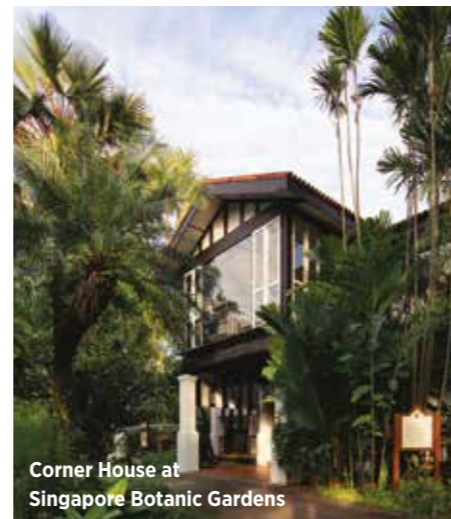
Vineyard restaurant at HortPark



Night Safari



River Safari



Corner House at Singapore Botanic Gardens



Singapore Zoo

explore. Singapore's Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), which manages the Rail Corridor, has a detailed walking map on its website that visitors can consider.

Address: Tanjong Pagar Railway Station to Woodlands Train Checkpoint
Tel: +65 6221 6666
Website: ura.gov.sg/ms/railcorridor
Email: ura_email@ura.gov.sg
Opening Hours: Mon-Sun, 24 hours
Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station / Marsiling Station

River Safari Singapore

River Safari Singapore is the latest addition to Wildlife Reserves Singapore's line of leading attractions (see Jurong Bird Park, p50, Night Safari, p51 and Singapore Zoo, p53). It holds one of the world's biggest repositories of freshwater animals, housed in iconic habitats modelled after the Amazon River, Ganges River, the Nile and more. At the Mekong River exhibit, visitors will see the critically endangered Mekong giant catfish. Land animals such as the Brazilian tapir, jaguar and giant anteater can be spotted from

the Amazon River Quest boat ride.

Giant pandas Kai Kai and Jia Jia, on a 10-year loan from China, dwell in the Yangtze River zone. During an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour held on Tuesdays and Fridays (cost: S\$350 per pax, min 2 pax, max 6 pax), participants prepare breakfast for the pandas and watch as keepers feed them and conduct morning check-ups. The park also holds regular animal encounters with the African grey parrot, green iguana and oriental pied hornbill. Travel trade discounts are available upon request. The Singapore Attractions Express bus service (saex.com.sg) can take visitors directly to River Safari from various hotels and locations within the city.

Address: 80 Mandai Lake Road
Tel: +65 6269 3411 / +65 6360 8563 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6360 2331
Website: riversafari.com.sg
Email: enquiry@wrs.com.sg / sales.szg@wrs.com.sg
Cost: (Entry) Adult S\$30, Child S\$20; (Amazon River Quest) Adult S\$5, Child S\$3
Opening Hours: Mon-Sun, 10am-7pm
Nearest MRT: Ang Mo Kio Station / Choa Chu Kang Station / Marsiling Station / Woodlands Station

Singapore Botanic Gardens

The Singapore Botanic Gardens (SBG), with its 82ha of lush landscapes, photogenic pavilions and sculptural landmarks, is split into three main areas: the Tanglin Core, Central Core and Bukit Timah Core. The Tanglin Core – the oldest part of the gardens – includes a Botany Centre and the SBG Heritage Museum (opening hours: Mon-Sun, 9am-6pm), where visitors can learn about SBG's rich heritage. The Nassim Gate Visitor Centre is located in the Central Core tourist belt, as well as the popular National Orchid Garden, which carries more than 60,000 plants and orchids across 1,000 species.

Besides exploring the park's open spaces, travellers can visit numerous specialised gardens like the Bonsai Garden with 48 specimens or the Foliage Garden in the Bukit Timah Core with its extensive collection of terrestrial and aquatic plants. Young visitors can cultivate a love for nature and the environment at the Jacob Ballas Children's Garden, which includes interactive play areas. After exploring the gardens, visitors can opt for plenty of dining options in and around the area,

including the one-Michelin-starred Corner House (cornerhouse.com.sg). Group deals are available for purchases of 50 adult tickets or more.

Address: 1 Cluny Road
Tel: +65 6471 7138 / +65 6471 7361 / +65 6471 9937
Fax: +65 6473 7983
Website: sbg.org.sg
Email: NParks_sbg_visitor_services@nparks.gov.sg
Cost: (National Orchid Garden) Adult S\$5, Senior Citizen S\$1; Free admission for children below 12 years
Opening Hours: Mon-Sun, 5am-12am; (Healing Garden) Mon-Sun, 5am-7.30pm; Closed on Tue except when it falls on a public holiday; (Jacob Ballas Children's Garden) Tue-Sun, 8am-7pm; Closed on Mon except when it falls on a public holiday; (National Orchid Garden) Mon-Sun, 8.30am-7pm
Nearest MRT: Botanic Gardens Station / Orchard Station

WORLD-CLASS GARDENS

Singapore Botanic Gardens is the nation's first and only UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is the only tropical botanic garden on UNESCO's World Heritage List, and Asia's first botanic gardens to be inscribed.

Singapore Zoo

Since its opening in 1973, the award-winning Singapore Zoo has established itself as a world-class wildlife park that houses more than 2,800 animals, many of which roam freely in naturalistic habitats.

A popular programme for first-time visitors is the "Jungle Breakfast with Wildlife", where the zoo's iconic orang utan, Ah Meng, makes a regular appearance. Afterwards, guests can see more of these charismatic apes at the world's first free-ranging orang utan habitat, where a raised boardwalk allows for almost-360-degree views of the creatures swinging, climbing and playing amongst the trees and vegetation. The park's Fragile Forest zone and Elephants of Asia exhibits are great educational experiences for visitors of all ages, while Rainforest Kidzworld allows children to spend time with farmyard animals.

Four different animal shows are each held twice daily at various times. The Splash Safari Show spotlights a cheeky California sea lion. Choose seats wisely – visitors sitting upfront will get splashed by the animal stars. Contact the sales team for travel trade discounts. The Singapore

DID YOU KNOW?

Since 2016, Ishta the Sumatran orang utan – renamed Ah Meng – has been the Singapore Zoo's animal ambassador. She was chosen out of six candidates to replace her late grandmother, the original Ah Meng, who was a beloved and iconic orang utan that passed away in 2008.



Attractions Express bus service (saex.com.sg) can take visitors directly to the zoo from various hotels and locations within the city.

Address: 80 Mandai Lake Road
Tel: +65 6269 3411 / +65 6360 8563 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6360 2331
Website: zoo.com.sg
Email: enquiry@wrs.com.sg / sales.szg@wrs.com.sg
Cost: Adult S\$33, Child S\$22
Opening Hours: Mon-Sun, 8.30am-6pm
Nearest MRT: Ang Mo Kio Station / Choa Chu Kang Station / Marsiling Station / Woodlands Station



Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve

Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve

Singapore's first ASEAN Heritage Park, Sungei Buloh is home to rich biodiversity. There are numerous walking trails and wheelchair-accessible paths throughout the 130ha nature reserve, and visitors can discover its native inhabitants such as otters, crabs, water snakes and monitor lizards. Bird-watchers can take the Migratory Bird Trail that goes around the Buloh Tidal Ponds and admire resident birds like herons, kingfishers and sunbirds. Children will enjoy the Junior Adventure Trail – minutes from the Visitor Centre – where they can mirror the movements of a crab or mudskipper among the mangroves.

Free guided walks (max 20 pax) are conducted in English by certified attendants on Saturday mornings. Registration is mandatory, so travellers should check out the website's activity listings for more information. A 10-minute drive from Sungei Buloh is Kranji Marshes (www.nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parks-and-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/kranji-marshes), which also supports a rich biodiversity of flora and fauna.

Address: (Visitor Centre) 60 Kranji Way, #01-00; (Wetland Centre) 301 Neo Tiew Crescent

Tel: +65 6794 1401

Fax: +65 6793 7271

Website: www.nparks.gov.sg/sbwr

Email: nparks_sbwr@nparks.gov.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 7am–7pm

Nearest MRT: Kranji Station

The Southern Ridges

Spread over 10km of green and open spaces, a hike through The Southern Ridges takes visitors to five local parks, namely Mount Faber Park, Telok Blangah Hill Park, HortPark (see p50), Kent Ridge Park and the Labrador Nature Reserve (see p51), which are linked by park connectors. As part of the journey, travellers cross bridges through the Adinandra Belukar, a distinct secondary forest, and can observe a variety of bird species. Henderson Waves – a picturesque bridge with wave-like arcs – is another highlight of the walk. Set 36m above ground level, Singapore's highest pedestrian bridge is a marvel even at nightfall – it is illuminated with LED lighting from 7pm to 7am nightly. From many of the bridges and walkways, trekkers can enjoy panoramic views of lush greenery, as well as the sights and sounds of wildlife such as cicadas, straw-headed bulbuls, kingfishers and even migratory birds of prey.

Go to the NParks website (www.nparks.gov.sg) for self-guided walking tours. For the suggested routes, the difficulty level is moderate to challenging, and the walking time is three to five hours.

Address: Southern Singapore (Bukit Merah, Henderson Road and Mount Faber Park)

Website: www.nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parks-and-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/the-southern-ridges

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 24 hours

Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

IDYLIC ISLANDS

Accessible by a 10- to 40-minute boat ride (islandcruise.com.sg),

islands such as Kusu Island, Pulau Ubin, Sisters' Islands and other

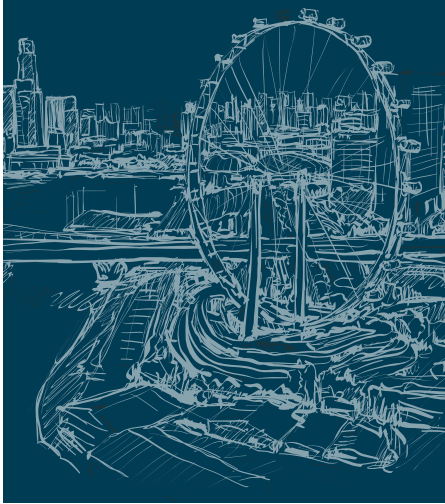
Southern Islands make an idyllic getaway for visitors to Singapore.

For a slower pace of life, visit the offshore island of Pulau Ubin. Travellers can rent a bicycle to explore the 1,020ha island, which is also home to the Chek Jawa Wetlands. Pulau Ubin and the Wetlands host numerous quarries and boast lush greenery and extensive wildlife. Animal sightings include the endangered songbird straw-headed bulbul and the occasional wild boar.

The much smaller 40ha Sisters' Islands Marine Park was set aside for education, conservation and research concerning marine life. The location boasts coral reefs, sandy shores and seagrass areas, and visitors can sign up as volunteers for marine biodiversity programmes, go snorkelling or sign up for free guided intertidal walks.

When visiting these islands, it is advisable to pack lunch – food is not sold at most of them. Visit www.nparks.gov.sg for more information (see p47).





There is much to see in Singapore's many neighbourhoods. From well-known precincts – such as the iconic shopping belt of Orchard Road and the sparkling waterfront of Marina Bay – to quaint suburbs and ethnic enclaves, each neighbourhood has its own distinct charm. Singapore's vibrant ethnic districts celebrate and showcase the city-state's multicultural heritage, where visitors can immerse in the cultures of the main ethnic groups who call Singapore home: Chinese, Malay, Indian, Eurasian and Peranakan. For a slice of suburban life, travellers can explore “the heartlands” beyond the city centre, where most locals live and work. Lifestyle precincts all around the island offer hubs of activities for everyone in the family – they can shop, dine and explore to their hearts' content. Singapore also has a wide variety of buzzing nightlife options, so even after the sun sets, there is plenty to see and do.



ETHNIC DISTRICTS

CHINATOWN

A walk down Chinatown's narrow streets with their picturesque shophouses, now repurposed as shops, hipster joints, restaurants and offices, reveals Singapore's rich Chinese heritage as well as the country's journey from a small fishing village to one of the world's most progressive economies and trading ports. Visitors can stop by a stretch of shophouses that have been converted into the Chinatown Heritage Centre (chinatownheritagecentre.com.sg; see Attractions, History & Heritage, p36) to get a glimpse into the lives of Singapore's early Chinese migrants. Chinatown offers visitors an interesting and harmonious mix of cultures, where the Buddha Tooth Relic Temple and Museum is on the same stretch as the Hindu temple Sri Mariamman (see Attractions, Places of Worship, p43 and p45 respectively). Visitors will appreciate the melting pot of religions and cultures evident within the area.

Travellers can easily spend a few days exploring shops and family-run businesses, selling everything from tasselled trinkets to Chinese teas and medicinal concoctions

to the latest electronic gadgets and local independent designs (see Shopping, Ethnic Districts, p132). The precinct – which encompasses the Telok Ayer, Bukit Pasoh, Tanjong Pagar, Kreta Ayer and Ann Siang Hill neighbourhoods – is also home to some of the best food on the island, from up-and-coming hipster cafés to established hawker stalls and restaurants. Visitors can sign up for a variety of ticketed or free tours in the area (see Tours, Business Travellers, p153).

Website: chinatown.sg

Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station / Outram Park Station

Points of Interest

Ann Siang Hill

Lined with colourful and elegantly restored shophouses, Ann Siang Hill used to be a nutmeg and clove plantation. Shophouses in the area – mostly constructed between 1903 and 1941 – are now a quirky mix of shops, cafés and drinking spots – making it a popular post-work and weekend stomping ground for the millennial crowd (see Nightlife Precincts, p86).

Neighbourhoods

Fuk Tak Chi Museum



Chinatown Food Street

Located on Smith Street in the heart of Chinatown, the Chinatown Food Street is a must-visit on the itinerary to have a taste of Singapore's hawker scene. With more than 20 hawker stalls, shophouse restaurants and pop-up kiosks, the street offers dishes that represent the main Chinese dialects as well as the different races in Singapore. The high-ceiling glass shelter with an in-built cooling system allows for more comfortable and fuss-free alfresco dining from 11am to 11pm daily. For more information, see Eat & Drink, Hawker Centres, p116.

Address: 7 Smith Street
Website: chinatownfoodstreet.sg

Club Street

On the fringe of Chinatown, once home to upscale Chinese clubs and associations in the 1800s and 1900s, the street – lined with conserved shophouses – offers trendy

bars, intimate restaurants, chic boutiques and a green space for a quiet stroll. Like Ann Siang Hill, it is a popular spot, especially over the weekends, with patrons spilling out of bars onto the street and often turning it into one big alfresco party.

Fuk Tak Chi Museum

Once the oldest Chinese temple in Singapore and built by Singapore's early Cantonese and Hakka immigrants, the building is now part museum – displaying artefacts and dioramas showing life in the district during its heyday – and part hotel, as it adjoins the boutique hotel, AMOY.

Address: 76 Telok Ayer Street
Tel: +65 6580 2888
Website: fareastsquare.com.sg

Lepark

Located on the rooftop of the brightly coloured People's Park Complex high-rise

building, Lepark is an "alternative social space" that combines Asian street food and craft beers with art and music. There's a section of food stalls helmed by young entrepreneurs selling unique treats such as braised duck shabu burgers, as well as the occasional weekend flea market.

Address: 1 Park Road, People's Park Complex, Level 6
Tel: +65 6908 5809
Website: lepark.co
Email: meow@lepark.co

Pagoda Street

The name draws inspiration from Sri Mariamman Temple's (smt.org.sg), *gopuram* – the word for pagoda in Tamil – over the main gate of the temple. Jamae Mosque (masjidjamaechulia.sg), also known as Masjid Chulia, flanks Pagoda Street on the other side. Both places of worship are gazetted as national monuments.

Tea Chapter

Housed in a restored 19th-century shophouse, Singapore's biggest tea house sells everything from tea leaves to tea wares and even books. Visitors who want an introductory workshop on tea should try the Tea Appreciation Package (min 2 pax), an hour-long session that allows participants to taste different kinds of Chinese teas and learn from a tea master about the historical and philosophical significance of tea in Chinese culture.

Address: 9 & 11 Neil Road
Tel: +65 6226 1175 / +65 6226 1917
Fax: +65 6221 0604
Website: teachapter.com
Email: inquiry@teachapter.com

Trengganu Street

Trengganu Street connects four popular streets of Chinatown – Pagoda, Temple, Smith and Sago streets. Besides exploring the shophouses converted into shops and food stalls, one notable building on the street is the Chinaman Scholar's Gallery (14B Trengganu Street; Tel: +65 6222 9554), a typical middle-class Chinese home of the early 20th century. The mini museum is complete with a kitchen, bedroom, dining room and living areas, all laid out with the furniture and fittings of the period.

One of the many stalls at Geylang Serai Market



GEYLANG SERAI

The heart of the Malay community in Singapore is Geylang Serai. This was where the natives of Singapore, Indonesians and Malaysians settled after the British dispersed the Malay settlements at the mouth of the Singapore River in the 1840s. In the early 1920s, more Malays moved into the area from Kampong Gelam (Kampong Glam, see p58). Geylang Serai is derived from the Malay word *kilang* (meaning a press or a mill) and the fragrant *serai* or lemongrass, which the Malays grew in the area during the late 19th century.

One of the best times to visit the neighbourhood to experience Malay culture and heritage is during Ramadan, or the fasting month, right up to Hari Raya Puasa, or the festival of Eid, which marks the end of Ramadan (see Events & Festivals, p23). During Ramadan, the streets of Geylang Serai are aglow with the annual street light-up. A huge *pasar malam* (night market) filled with stalls selling everything from traditional ethnic wear and home furnishings to a wide

variety of Malay snacks entices people from all walks of life to gather and enjoy the festivities.

Nearest MRT: Eunos Station / Paya Lebar Station

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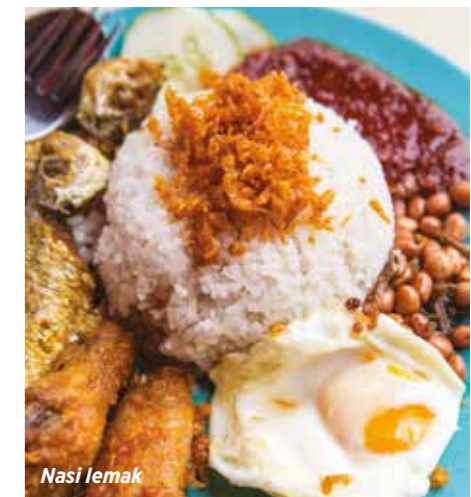
Some of the street names in Geylang Serai such as Jalan Afifi, Jalan Alsagoff and Jalan Eunos were named after prominent community leaders.

Points of Interest

Geylang Serai Market and Food Centre

Located just a 10-minute drive from the city centre, the iconic Geylang Serai Market and Food Centre is the only *halal* wet market and food centre in Singapore. It is one of the best places to shop for ingredients for Malay and Indian cuisines.

Geylang Serai Market



Nasi lemak

The ground floor, where the wet market is located, sells all sorts of day-to-day kitchen needs, including fresh produce and meat, and a variety of fabrics and decorative materials. The second-storey food court offers a wide variety of dishes such as *nasi lemak* (fragrant coconut rice), beef *rendang* (spicy beef), *asam pedas* stingray (spicy stingray), *biryani* rice and *goreng pisang* (fried banana fritters), among others.

Address: 1 Geylang Serai
Tel: +65 6589 8494
Website: tanjongkatongcomplex.com/geylang-serai-market

Khadijah Mosque

Now gazetted for conservation by Singapore's Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), this mosque was named after its principal benefactor, Madam Khadijah Binte Mohamed, who donated S\$50,000 in 1915 to have it built. It was finally built in 1920, four years after she died. In 2003, a new auditorium building was added to the original structure –



Haji Lane

opened by then Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong – and the second level of this addition now houses the Religious Rehabilitation Group (RRG). Appointments can be arranged by phone for visitors who wish to visit the RRG gallery.

Address: 583 Geylang Road
Tel: +65 6747 5607
Website: khadijahmosque.org

Lorong 24A

Lorong 24A is an alley that features two snapshot-worthy rows of 1920s terraced shophouses with stylish and elegant façades. These shophouses are home to a mix of old and new businesses – from a traditional Chinese medicine shop to a flamenco dance studio and café. The Lorong 24A Shophouse Series is a collective of eight shophouses that has been awarded Singapore's Urban Redevelopment Authority Architectural Heritage Award (Category B), which honours projects that showcase architectural excellence while preserving heritage elements. A tour of these units can be arranged for groups.

Address: Lorong 24A Geylang, Units 5, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19 and 21
Tel: +65 9663 9947 / +65 8383 1154 / +65 6737 5250
Website: thelor24ashophouseseries.com
Email: geraldentours@hotmail.com

KAMPONG GLAM

In Malay, *kampung* means “village or settlement” and *gelam* is the name of a particular tree that grew in abundance in the area in early Singapore. The area is well known for two major landmarks: the impressive Sultan Mosque (see Attractions, Places of Worship, p46) and the Istana Kampung Gelam, which used to be a sultan's palace but has now been restored as the Malay Heritage Centre (see Attractions, History & Heritage, p39). Aside from Malays, the area was once home to Arab, Boyanese, Bugis and Javanese people.

Today, the area has an eclectic blend of history, culture and a super-trendy lifestyle scene. Shopaholics should head to colourful Haji Lane for its quirky boutiques, hip bars and cafés, where they can pick up traditional wares from Arab Street and Bussorah Street (see Shopping, Ethnic Districts, p132). Kampong Glam truly comes alive during Ramadan (the Muslim fasting month) leading up to Hari Raya Aidilfitri (see Events & Festivals, p23) where a *pasar malam* near the Sultan Mosque lures locals and visitors with delicious Malay food.

Website: kampongglam.org.sg
Nearest MRT: Bugis Station / Lavender Station

Points of Interest

Aliwal Arts Centre

Aliwal Arts Centre is a multidisciplinary arts centre with a strong focus on the performing arts. Since 2014, it has hosted the Aliwal Urban Art Festival – an annual celebration of street culture featuring graffiti and graphic art, breakdancing, skateboarding and music – and the Aliwal Arts Night Crawl, a festival promoting the eclectic mix of traditional and contemporary artists based at the centre. It often hosts arts and music performances and events, and members of the public can sign up for workshops such as Intro to DJ-ing and Opera Make-up Class. Pre-registration for workshops is required; enrolment requirements vary depending on individual workshops.

Address: 28 Aliwal Street
Tel: +65 6435 0131
Fax: +65 6444 7311
Website: aliwalartscentre.sg
Email: aac@artshouse.sg

Arab Street

Rather than just one road, Arab Street usually refers to the area including Bussorah Street, Haji Lane, Bali Lane and Muscat Street. Flanked by Victoria Street and Beach Road, the street is home to trendy hangouts



Malay Heritage Centre, with Sultan Mosque in the background

and shops selling brightly coloured fabrics and textiles, basketry, hand-knotted Persian rugs, aromatic Arab teas, as well as other traditional wares such as Persian carpets, *kebaya* dresses and handmade perfumes (see Shopping, Ethnic Districts, p132). The area also has many *halal* eateries featuring Malay and Middle Eastern cuisine (see Eat & Drink, Halal Restaurants, p109).

Bendahara House (Gedung Kuning)

Next to the Malay Heritage Centre (see right) is Gedung Kuning or Yellow House, so-called because of its distinctive colour. It was built around the 1840s for Tengku Mahmud, younger son of Sultan Ali of Johor. It features a pair of eagles above each gatepost and a unique pavilion that used to be a dovecote. Today, it is home to Mamanda (mamanda.com.sg), a restaurant that serves authentic Malay cuisine.

Address: 73 Sultan Gate
Website: gedungkuning.com

Kandahar Street

Along this stretch are some of the most beautifully restored shophouses. The street is also known for restaurants serving *nasi padang* (steamed rice accompanied by various choices of pre-cooked dishes) and

the Rich and Good Cake Shop ([facebook.com/richandgoodcakeshop](https://www.facebook.com/richandgoodcakeshop)), an old-school bakery famous for its Swiss rolls that come in local flavours like *kaya* (a spread made with eggs, sugar, coconut and pandan leaves), durian and mango.

Malay Heritage Centre

The Malay Heritage Centre is a must-visit for visitors who are keen to learn about the rich heritage and culture of Singapore's Malay community. Built 160 years ago and formerly the royal residence of Malay sultans in Singapore, the museum houses six permanent galleries with historical artefacts, interactive multimedia and colourful exhibits from Singapore's national collection, as well as contributions from the Malay community. For more information, see Attractions, History & Heritage, p39.

Address: 85 Sultan Gate
Tel: +65 6391 0450
Fax: +65 6299 4316
Website: malayheritage.org.sg

The Sultan

Formerly the Al-Ahmadiyah Press, this distinctive structure was established in 1920 by nobility from Indonesia. The printing press was very much part of the thriving print industry in Kampong Glam. Now, the

building, along with the shophouses beside it, is beautifully preserved as part of the boutique hotel, The Sultan. The 64-room hotel displays many of the architectural features of the past such as shuttered windows, tall columns and wide arcs. Guests can choose from eight different room types, with no two the same. Jazz lovers and those who enjoy live music performances can check out Singapore Jazz Club ([facebook.com/sgjazzclub](https://www.facebook.com/sgjazzclub)) – also known as Sing Jazz – located on the second storey.

Address: 101 Jalan Sultan, #01-01
Tel: +65 6723 7101
Fax: +65 6723 7110
Website: thesultan.com.sg
Email: info@thesultan.com.sg

KATONG & JOO CHIAT

The eastern region of Singapore is steeped in a different set of history and culinary heritage. The residential neighbourhoods of Katong and Joo Chiat, in particular, are known for their rich Peranakan heritage and culture. This area traces its roots to the early 19th century, when wealthy English, Portuguese, French and Chinese settlers established coconut, cotton and gambier plantations here. In the early 20th century, many locals started building homes in the eastern region, which resulted in the varied styles of bungalows, shophouses and places of worship in the area. Now, the area is

WHAT'S IN A COMMUNITY?

The term Peranakan (Indo-Malay word meaning “local born”) generally refers to people of mixed Chinese and Malay/ Indonesian heritage. Many Peranakan families originated in Malacca and Penang where their ancestors who were Chinese traders married into the local community. Though the term is now used to refer to Peranakan Chinese, there are also Peranakan Indians (Chitty Melaka), Jawi Peranakan (Straits-born Muslims of mixed Indian and Malay ancestry), and Eurasian Peranakans (Kristang or Christians of Portuguese and Chinese ancestry).

Eurasians refer to those with mixed European and Asian heritage. Most Eurasians in Singapore can trace their European ancestry to the British, Danish, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Portuguese or Spanish. Their Asian ancestry is from the Chinese, Malays or Indians.



Joo Chiat shophouses

a must-visit for its cool cafés, shopping and old-world coffee shops selling famous local delicacies such as Katong *laksa* (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p95) and *Nonya* cakes (*Nonya* is a term for Peranakan women, while *Baba* refers to Peranakan men; see sidebar above for more information). Visitors and locals alike enjoy taking photos of and with the many restored heritage buildings along East Coast Road, Koon Seng Road and streets such as Joo Chiat Terrace and Joo Chiat Place. Visitors can opt to book a walking or food tour of this area (see Tours, Couples, p150).

Nearest MRT: Paya Lebar Station / Eunos Station

A LESSON IN NAMES

Katong was named after a now-extinct species of sea turtle, while Joo Chiat was named after Chew Joo Chiat, a philanthropist and plantation owner known as the “King of Katong”, who owned vast tracts of land in present-day Katong/Joo Chiat.

Points of interest

Church of the Holy Family

Built before World War II, this church was the first Roman Catholic Church built along the eastern coastline of Singapore and is a gathering place for the Eurasian residents in the area, serving the local Catholic community till today. Affectionately known as the “Katong Church” or “Katong Catholic Church” by older generations, the building went through a major renovation in 1999 – the front sculptures have been kept from the original church structure, while a 16-panel stained glass was imported from Italy and installed at the back of the new building. This is the only Catholic church in Singapore that celebrates Peranakan masses on the eve of the Lunar New Year.

Address: 6 Chapel Road
Tel: +65 6344 0046
Fax: +65 6348 0552
Website: holyfamily.org.sg
Email: secretariat@holyfamily.org.sg

Eurasian Heritage Centre

Based within the Eurasian Community House, the centre’s three heritage galleries allow visitors to learn more about the Eurasian community of Singapore, their heritage, as well as their contributions to the nation. Admission is free for non-guided tours with fewer than 10 people (opening hours: Tue–Sun, 9am–6pm), however for groups of 10 or more who wish to visit with their own guide/tour leader, there is an admission fee of S\$3 per pax. Special Eurasian Experience Tours or Eurasian Heritage Programmes can be arranged for groups (min 20 pax). Tour packages range from S\$15 to S\$40 per pax.

Address: 139 Ceylon Road
Tel: +65 6447 1578 / +65 6447 1578 ext 202 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6447 3189
Website: eurasians.org.sg/eurasians-in-singapore/eurasian-heritage-centre
Email: jacqueline@eurasians.org



Katong Antique House



Beaded Peranakan shoes

Former Joo Chiat Police Station

Joo Chiat Police Station was built in 1928 to serve the needs of the community, and the building was gazetted for conservation in 1993. Today, Katong Square (*katongsquare.com.sg*) – a lifestyle and retail space – is located in the conserved building. Part of the same complex has been converted into the 131-room Peranakan-themed boutique hotel, Hotel Indigo Singapore Katong (see Stay, p13). Next door, the Holiday Inn Express Singapore Katong (see Stay, p11) also retains the Peranakan charm of the neighbourhood.

Address: 86-88 East Coast Road

Katong Antique House

Filled with Peranakan artefacts, family heirlooms and antiques, this two-storey shophouse provides visitors a glimpse into the lives of Peranakans in the early days. The owner, Peter Wee – a fourth-generation



Rumah Bebe

Rumah Bebe

For a dose of Peranakan culture, visitors can head to the 90-year-old shop – built in 1928 and restored in 2003 – which serves as a true testimony to authentic Peranakan heritage and architecture. Through its boutique shophouse, it showcases the ethnic group’s exquisite embroidery, beadwork, jewellery and textiles. Visitors can try Peranakan delicacies such as pineapple tarts and brandied sugee-almond cake at its on-site café-bake shop. It also offers Peranakan cooking and beading classes. Private in-house tours (min 2 pax, max 20 pax) can also be booked in advance.

Address: 113 East Coast Road
Tel: +65 6247 8781
Website: rumahbebe.com
Email: contact@rumahbebe.com

Sri Senpaga Vinayagar Temple

Dedicated to the Elephant God, Ganesha or Lord Vinayagar, this temple – established by the Ceylonese Tamils from Sri Lanka – dates back to the 1850s and is the second-oldest Hindu temple in Singapore. Aside from its 21m-high *rajagopuram* (ornate tower at the entrance of the temple), making it one of the tallest Indian temples in Singapore, Sri Senpaga Vinayagar is remarkable for its unique features such as the over 1.5m-tall statue of Lord Vinayagar, the gold covered *vimanam* (cupola) and four main granite pillars with the Elephant God’s 32 forms.

Address: 19 Ceylon Road
Tel: +65 6345 8176
Website: senpaga.org.sg

DID YOU KNOW?

Sri Senpaga Vinayagar Temple is one of the only two Hindu temples in Singapore dedicated to Ganesha. The other is Sri Layan Sithi Vinayagar Temple on Keong Saik Road.

Baba Peranakan and the president of the Peranakan Association Singapore – takes guests on a tour around the house, regaling them with stories from his grandfather’s days. Guided tours are by appointment only (S\$15 per pax; min 8 pax, max 15 pax).

Address: 208 East Coast Road
Tel: +65 6345 8544

Masjid Khalid

The neighbourhood’s distinct Malay cultural influence is evident in this mosque, which rises amidst shophouses. The site used to be where peddlers sold Malay food. The mosque was built in 1917 and used to be a place of worship for Indian Muslims, but is now one of the places where the Malay community of Joo Chiat gathers.

Address: 136 Joo Chiat Road
Tel: +65 6345 2884
Fax: +65 6346 1279
Website: masjidkhalid.sg

The Intan

Owned by antique collector Alvin Yapp, this private home-museum celebrates the rich culture and heritage of the Peranakans. At The Intan (Malay for “rose-cut diamond”), visitors can find Peranakan artefacts from Malaysia, Indonesia, India, China and England within a modern home setting, then go on a guided tour of the house (by appointment only and admission fee applies; see Tours, Business Traveller, p153). The heritage space can accommodate up to 40 guests, and can be booked as a venue for wedding and private photo shoots, corporate meetings and events.

Address: 69 Joo Chiat Terrace
Tel: +65 6440 1148
Website: the-intan.com
Email: contactus@the-intan.com

LITTLE INDIA

One of the most vibrant and charismatic ethnic districts in Singapore, Little India attracts visitors with its sheer exuberance of life on the streets. Here, with the air smelling of spices, incense and jasmine, it is not uncommon to see Indian women in their colourful *saris* browse through boutiques, while loud Indian pop music blares from shops. Gaily painted shophouses along Serangoon Road and side streets add to the district’s charm. A mix of old Singapore and new, Little India’s trendy cafés, restaurants and shops, designer boutique hotels and hip backpacker hostels exist side by side with goldsmiths, traditional Indian restaurants, and the occasional parrot astrology fortune teller. Picturesque on regular days, the neighbourhood is at its vibrant best during festivals such as Pongal (celebrating the harvest) and Deepavali (Festival of Lights; see Events & Festivals p19 and p26). Visitors can sign up for a variety of tours in the area (see Tours, p150).

Website: littleindia.com.sg
Nearest MRT: Little India Station / Farrer Park Station / Rochor Station



The colourful façade of the Indian Heritage Centre

NATIONAL HERITAGE BOARD



Getting a henna tattoo



Little India fabric shop

DID YOU KNOW?

The original inhabitants of Little India were Europeans and Eurasians, and many of the narrow streets – such as Dunlop, Desker and Cuff – were named after the families who used to live in the area. It was only when cattle trading, a predominantly Indian trade, boomed that the community started to evolve and Indians moved into the district.

Points of Interest

Indian Heritage Centre

This ultra-modern museum is the first in Southeast Asia to focus on the heritage of the Indian community, exploring the links between the Indian subcontinent and the rest of the region, including Singapore. The museum gives visitors (cost: Adult S\$6,

Senior Citizen & Student S\$4; Free admission for children under 6 years old) an overview of Indian and South Asian history, with five permanent galleries, a museum shop and activity spaces for educational purposes. For more information, see Attractions, History & Heritage, p38. Private guided tours are available for group bookings, and prior booking is required for visits with more than 15 pax.

Address: 5 Campbell Lane
Tel: +65 6291 1601
Website: indianheritage.org.sg
Email: ihc_groupbooking@nhb.gov.sg

Jalan Besar

Parallel to Serangoon Road (see p64), Jalan Besar is one of the oldest roads in Singapore. In recent years, Jalan Besar and the streets around it have become a hip enclave with a growing number of trendy boutiques, cafés and restaurants. Coffee lovers can check out Chye Seng Huat



Mustafa Centre



Chye Seng Huat Hardware in Jalan Besar

Hardware (*cshcoffee.com*), while foodies will love the baked goodies at The Butter Studio (*thebutterstudio.com*). Crafters and hobbyists will find much to occupy them at The Refinery (*therefinery.sg*), which houses a yakitori restaurant on the first floor, a bespoke cocktail bar on the second floor and a craft workshop on the third floor.

DID YOU KNOW?

Jalan besar literally means “large road” or “main road” in Malay, and in the 1830s, it was cut through a betel nut and fruit orchard owned by the Norris brothers, sons of an East India Company officer.

Little India Arcade

At this two-storey building dating back to the 1920s, shoppers will find handicrafts, costume jewellery, souvenirs, Indian clothing, silks and so much more.



Decorative rangoli art in Little India, which is thought to bring good luck during Hindu festivals and celebrations

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Entrance 1 (on Syed Alwi Road), so they only have one direction to go. For more information, see Shopping, Ethnic Districts, p133.

Address: 145 Syed Alwi Road
Tel: +65 6295 5855
Fax: +65 6295 5866
Website: mustafa.com.sg
Email: mms786@mustafa.com.sg

Sakya Muni Buddha Gaya Temple

Also known as the “Temple of Thousand Lights”, it is famous for its 15m-high statue of the reclining Buddha weighing 300 tonnes, lined with light bulbs, giving the statue an aura of light. During the annual Vesak Day (see Events & Festivals, p22) – celebrating the birth and enlightenment of the Buddha – devotees who donate, are allowed to place a gold leaf onto a small Buddha statue, which will be almost covered in a fresh layer of gold leaves as the day goes on. Admission is free.

Address: 366 Race Course Road
Tel: +65 6294 0714

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

Visitors can’t miss the house of Tan Teng Niah, located about a minute’s walk from the Little India MRT station. The house is a popular photo spot, with its psychedelic colours making it stand out among neighbouring buildings. It is also the only Chinese villa located in Little India. It was built in 1900 and won the Singapore Institute of Architects Honourable Mention Award in 1991 after restoration works were completed.



Should visitors get hungry from all that shopping, they can head over to the Banana Leaf Apolo (*thebananaleafapolo.com*) on the first floor for delicious specialities such as fish curry, chicken masala, mutton curry and tandoori chicken. Travellers can also opt to get a henna tattoo done in one of the many shops within the building.

Address: 48 Serangoon Road
Tel: +65 6295 5998
Website: littleindiaarcade.com.sg

Mustafa Centre

Open 24 hours, this one-stop mega-shopping mall sells everything – a paradise for bargain hunters. Mustafa Centre is housed on six floors over a 37,161sqm area. The sheer variety of items on sale is dizzying – from perfumes, to wheelchairs to leather jackets, food items and everything else in between. There are six entrances: visitors are recommended to enter through

Neighbourhoods

Serangoon Road

Dating from 1822, this is the backbone of Little India and is one of Singapore's oldest roads. The road is packed with restaurants and shops selling everything from gold jewellery and trinkets to traditional Indian clothing, incense and spices. Visitors who want cheap but good Indian curry should try vegetarian restaurant Komala Vilas (komalavilas.com.sg).

DID YOU KNOW?

Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong once took Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi for supper at the Serangoon Road branch of Komala Vilas.

Sri Veeramakaliamman Temple

Toward the middle of Serangoon Road stands this imposing temple dedicated to Kali, Hindu goddess of destruction. The temple was established in 1855, making it one of Singapore's oldest houses of worship. Built by the Indian pioneers who came to live and work here, this Hindu temple was the first in the Serangoon area. Visitors are welcome to witness the *pooja* (daily prayer ceremony). Photography is allowed, though visitors must bear in mind that this is a working temple, so basic respect and care is necessary so as not to disturb worshippers.

Address: 141 Serangoon Road
Tel: +65 6295 4538 / +65 6293 4634
Fax: +65 6392 4249
Website: sriveeramakaliamman.com
Email: info@sriveeramakaliamman.com

Tekka Centre

Located at the junction of Serangoon Road and Bukit Timah Road, this is a multi-use building complex where visitors can find a wet market, food centre and shopping complex all rolled into one. Built on the old site of the old Tekka Market, Tekka Centre is a good place to try out some great Indian food, such as *biryani* (fragrant rice dish), piping-hot *naans* (flatbread), and Indian *rojak* (sweet and savoury salad). Shoppers can also head to The Verge (www.theverge.com.sg) shopping mall and Little India Arcade (see p63) in the vicinity.

Address: 665 Buffalo Road



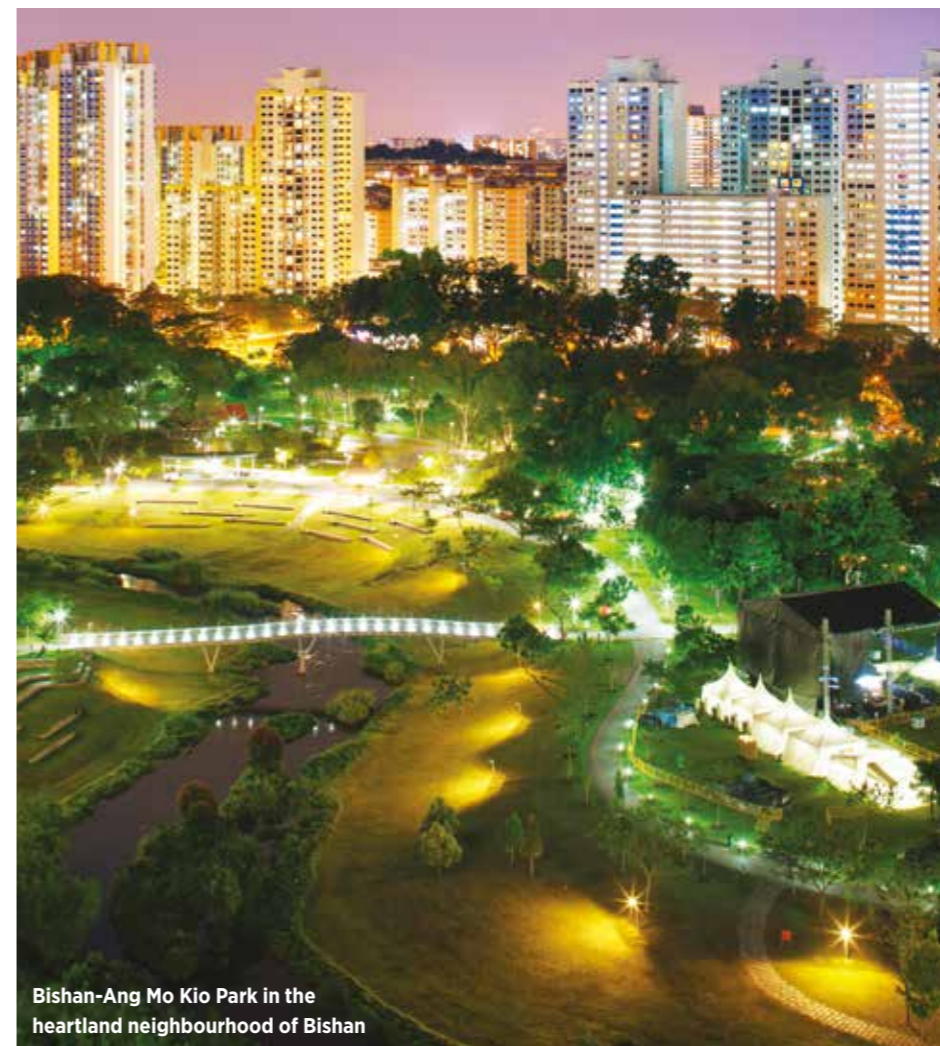
Sri Veeramakaliamman Temple



Serangoon Road



A fishmonger at Tekka Centre



Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park in the heartland neighbourhood of Bishan



Many HDB complexes have outdoor playgrounds and fitness corners



AMK HUB

HEARTLANDS

Visitors who wish to experience the local way of life should explore the "heartlands" – the suburbs outside the city centre and Central Business District (CBD) – where most locals live and work. Singapore's heartlands came about with the push to provide Singaporeans with mass housing in the late 1960s. Along with flats, the Housing & Development Board (HDB) also built a community infrastructure – from hawker centres that housed once-itinerant street food sellers to minimarts, community hospitals and other amenities. The idea was that each HDB town would be self-sufficient, and these neighbourhoods soon developed distinct characteristics, largely shaped by their shared history.

ANG MO KIO & BISHAN

These two towns are next to each other and as such, share an almost similar history. Once a rubber plantation,

Ang Mo Kio started out as a hub for car repair shops in the 1970s and soon grew into a well-planned housing estate that won the Singapore Institute of Architects' Outstanding Buildings Award in 1983. Ang Mo Kio Town Centre in Ang Mo Kio Avenue 3 is the town's main commercial and community hub. Like Ang Mo Kio, Bishan is a peaceful yet buzzing town in central Singapore. Located on the site of a former Chinese cemetery, Bishan usually refers to Bishan New Town, a self-contained estate built in the mid-1980s to 1990s. Besides a town centre, Bishan has schools, public parks and communal facilities.

Nearest MRT: Ang Mo Kio Station / Bishan Station

DID YOU KNOW?

Ang Mo Kio literally means "red-haired man's bridge" in Hokkien dialect, and may have referred to a wooden bridge built by British civil engineer and artist John Turnbull Thomson in the 1840s.

Points of Interest

AMK Hub

At 48,250sqm spread over four storeys and three basement levels, AMK Hub (opening hours: Mon-Sun, 10am-10pm) has more than 200 shops, an eight-screen cineplex, restaurants and a games arcade. It is easily accessible via Ang Mo Kio MRT station, which is integrated with the mall.

Address: 53 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 3
Tel: +65 6753 9000
Website: amkhub.com.sg

Ang Mo Kio Town Garden East and West

These two public gardens serve as Ang Mo Kio's "green lungs". The 5ha Ang Mo Kio Town Garden East, built in the late 1970s and early 1980s, is home to several rubber trees and giant rubber seed sculptures – a tribute to Ang Mo

Neighbourhoods

Kio's past as a rubber plantation. It is also one of the few public spaces in Singapore to retain red brick paths – a garden design element popular in the 1970s. Within Ang Mo Kio Town Garden East, which connects to Bishan Park, are several cafés and restaurants – including Cornerstone (*cornerstone.com.sg*) and GRUB (*grub.com.sg*), and even an award-winning spa, Aramsas (*aramsaspas.com*) – set amidst the greenery for the ultimate tranquil getaway from the city's hustle and bustle.

The 21ha Ang Mo Kio Town Garden West was the HDB's biggest town garden project in the 1980s. A large portion of the park is covered by secondary forest and tropical plants. Visitors can climb a 120-step staircase to the plaza area for a panoramic view of Ang Mo Kio Town

Garden West, or relax at the landscaped pond near the park's entrance.

Address: Junction of Ang Mo Kio Avenues 3 and 8 (East); along Ang Mo Kio Avenue 6 (West)
Tel: 1 800 471 7300 (toll-free)
Fax: +65 6472 3033
Website: www.nparks.gov.sg
Email: nparks_public_affairs@nparks.gov.sg

Lower and Upper Peirce Reservoir

What is now known as Lower Peirce Reservoir was opened in 1912 after water reserves in the first, Thomson Road Reservoir (now MacRitchie Reservoir, see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p48),

couldn't meet the needs of Singapore's growing population. Formerly known as the Kallang River Reservoir, it was renamed Peirce Reservoir 10 years later, after Robert Peirce, the municipal engineer of Singapore from 1901 to 1916. The Upper Peirce Reservoir was built in 1975. Today, both reservoirs and the parks around them are popular spots amongst nature lovers. In particular, visitors should go there to catch the sunset, and may also get a glimpse of the local wild boar population in the park. As the animals' behaviour is unpredictable, visitors are advised to stay away and avoid attracting their attention.

Address: Along Old Upper Thomson Road
Tel: 1 800 471 7300 (toll-free)
Fax: +65 6472 3033
Website: www.nparks.gov.sg
Email: nparks_public_affairs@nparks.gov.sg

Mellben Seafood (Ang Mo Kio)

Singaporeans are enthusiastic foodies who will traverse the island to eat. Mellben (opening hours: Mon–Sun, 4.30pm–11.30pm) is one of these “destination dining” eateries. Located in a coffeeshop with alfresco seating, everyone is here for one thing: crab. The crustacean is cooked in 15 different ways, from classic chilli crab to butter crab, but almost everyone will order the flavourful crab *bee hoon* (rice vermicelli) in a milky broth. Visitors, especially large groups, should be prepared to wait. Reservations are not usually taken, but special requests may be considered.

Address: 232 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 3, #01-1222
Tel: +65 6285 6762
Email: info@originalmellben.com

Raffles Institution Archives and Museum

The oldest school in Singapore, Raffles Institution was established in 1823 by Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles – founder of modern Singapore. The school, which has been in its current location in Bishan since 1990, has a heritage centre (opening hours: Mon–Fri, 8.30am–4.30pm) behind its atrium where visitors can discover the Raffles legacy in Singapore, and see a replica of the 1960s classrooms on its original Bras Basah campus, plus other interesting artefacts.

Address: 1 Raffles Institution Lane (off Bishan Street 21)
Tel: +65 6672 6428 / +65 6419 9242
Website: facebook.com/RIMuseum/ri.edu.sg
Email: comms@ri.edu.sg

BEDOK

A housing estate in the eastern part of Singapore, Bedok was once a quiet fishing village. The town takes its name from “*bedoh*”, the Malay word for drum, which was used at the mosque in the area. Like most of Singapore's East Coast, Bedok in the old days was a vibrant coastal town popular with locals for relaxing weekends and short getaways. The area now has extensive public housing, including Bedok North, Bedok South, Kaki Bukit, Bedok Reservoir and Kembangan. Condominiums have also sprouted in the area in recent years. Bedok's past as a fishing village and seaside retreat may be long gone, but this particular heartland still has a relaxed, charming vibe – perhaps because of its eclectic mix of hip cafés, quirky restaurants and old-school family-run shops.

Nearest MRT: Bedok Station / Kembangan Station

Points of Interest

Bedok Reservoir Park

This park, which surrounds the 88ha Bedok Reservoir, is a popular spot for sports enthusiasts, weekend anglers and picnicking families. There are plenty of benches for people to relax on, while visitors keen to try dragonboat racing, kayaking and other water sports can join the different activity groups that gather at the reservoir. Bedok Reservoir Park is also a good bird-watching location to spot swallows, herons and kingfishers. Those who prefer a different kind of adrenaline rush can try the newly re-opened Forest Adventure (*forestadventure.com.sg*), which offers aerial obstacle courses suitable for different age groups and skill levels.

Address: Along Bedok Reservoir Road
Tel: 1 800 471 7300 (toll-free)
Fax: +65 6472 3033
Website: www.nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parks-and-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/bedok-reservoir-park
Email: nparks_public_affairs@nparks.gov.sg

Borobudur Snacks Shop

Borobudur (opening hours: Mon–Sun, 7.30am–10pm) has been selling *kueh*, delicious bite-sized local snacks and

desserts, for decades. Visitors should try its vast array of local goodies, especially its speciality, the red tortoise shell-shaped *ang ku kueh*, a glutinous rice flour cake stuffed with sweetened peanut or mung bean paste.

Address: 537 Bedok North Street 3
Tel: +65 6442 7637

DID YOU KNOW?

Singaporean designer Wang Shijia created a cartoon character – Ang Ku Kueh Girl (*angkukuehgirl.com*) – inspired by her love of the local snack *ang ku kueh*, resulting in a line of charming accessories and souvenirs that put a twist on Singapore heritage.

Hua Yu Wee Seafood Restaurant

Housed in a sprawling bungalow on Upper East Coast Road, the always-bustling and long-standing seafood restaurant Hua Yu Wee (opening hours: Mon–Sun, 4pm–11.30pm) offers authentic chilli crab, pepper crab and other seafood dishes with a heavy dose of rustic nostalgia. For alfresco dining, the restaurant has an open-air courtyard at the back, which actually faced the sea before Singapore's land reclamation project was completed in 1970.

Address: 462 Upper East Coast Road
Tel: +65 6442 9313

Lower and Upper Peirce Reservoir



Treetop obstacle course at Forest Adventure, Bedok Reservoir Park

Neighbourhoods



Japanese Garden in Jurong

The Bedok Marketplace

A revamp of the traditional foodie haunt Simpang Bedok, this is essentially a hawker centre (see Eat & Drink, Hawker Centres, p116) championing modern food concepts, with stalls helmed by young Singaporeans. From upmarket hawker fare to yakitori, speciality meatballs and even a wine bar, this “hipster hawker” place will appeal to everyone from families to millennials (opening hours: Mon–Sun, 11.30am–12am).

Address: 348 Bedok Road, #02-00
Phone: +65 6694 8480 / +65 9199 3885
Website: facebook.com/thebedokmarketplace

JURONG

Shortly after independence in 1965, Singapore was in a crisis with a growing population and no viable means of supporting itself. The solution: leverage the country’s biggest resource – its people – to drive the budding manufacturing sector. But where to build these factories? The answer lay in utilising the vast areas in the western part of Singapore. Today, Jurong is a thriving town with recreational and lifestyle

facilities, green spaces and commercial establishments. While it has shaken off its “industrial town” image, its manufacturing district continues to grow and is an essential part of the “new CBD”.

Nearest MRT: Boon Lay Station / Chinese Garden Station / Jurong East Station / Lakeside Station

Points of Interest

Chinese Garden / Japanese Garden

Just a five-minute walk from the Chinese Garden MRT station is the scenic Chinese Garden (opening hours: Mon–Sun, 5.30am–11pm). Built in 1975, it is a showcase of imperial Chinese landscaping and architecture styles. Visitors can climb the seven-storey Cloud Piercing Pagoda for lovely views of the Jurong Lake District, which is billed as the future “second Central Business District of Singapore”. The best time to visit is during Chinese New Year in January/February and the Mid-Autumn Festival in mid-September (see Events & Festivals, p20 and p25). Visitors can cross the Double Beauty Bridge to the Japanese Garden (opening hours: Mon–Sun, 5.30am–7pm),

which was modelled after Japanese gardens in the Middle Ages.

Address: Chinese Garden Road / Japanese Garden Road (off Yuan Ching Road)
Tel: 1 800 471 7300 (toll-free)
Fax: +65 6472 3033
Website: www.nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parks-and-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/jurong-lake-gardens
Email: nparks_public_affairs@nparks.gov.sg

IMM Outlet Mall

Singapore’s largest outlet mall, IMM (opening hours: Mon–Sun, 10am–10pm), has more than 90 outlet stores of popular brands including agnès. b., Calvin Klein Jeans, Club Monaco, Coach, Cole Haan, DKNY, Furla, Juicy Couture, Nine West, Onitsuka Tiger and Sacoor Brothers. Sports and fitness enthusiasts can find brands like adidas, New Balance, Nike and PUMA here. Popular homegrown shoe and bag label Charles & Keith also has an outlet at IMM.

Visitors can collect their Tourist Privilege Booklet – which contains store coupons – by presenting their passports at the Customer Service Counter (Level 1). To enjoy the offers, visitors should present their passports and store coupons at participating outlet stores. Travellers who spend S\$200 at any store in IMM can redeem S\$10 worth of CapitaVouchers (terms and conditions apply). For more information on IMM’s tourist privilege programme, visit imm.sg/en/deals/malls.sg/imm.tourist-privilege-programme-2017

Address: 2 Jurong East Street 21, IMM Building
Tel: +65 6665 8268 / +65 6665 8270 (Trade Contact)
Website: imm.sg
Email: ask-us@capitalandmallasia.com / marcom.imm@capitaland.com / ang.liwee@capitaland.com

Jurong Bird Park

At Asia’s largest bird park (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p50), visitors can get up close with 5,000 birds from over 400 species in 19 exhibition areas. Visitors can view birds in their natural habitats at the aviaries representing different geographical zones. The nine-storey Lory Loft is the world’s largest walk-in flight aviary for lorries and lorikeets, with more than 1,000 free-flying lorries swooping about in a 3,000sqm space. Also not to be missed is the Waterfall Aviary, home to 600 free-flying birds and a 30m-high man-made



waterfall (opening hours: Mon–Sun, 8.30am–6pm; ticketing counter opens till 5.30pm).

Address: 2 Jurong Hill
Tel: +65 6269 3411 / +65 6360 8563 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6360 2331
Website: birdpark.com.sg
Email: enquiry@wrs.com.sg / sales.szg@wrs.com.sg

Science Centre Singapore

Visitors with young children will love the Science Centre Singapore (opening hours: Mon–Sun, 10am–6pm; last admission at 5.15pm), which has more than 1,000 exhibits for visitors to explore the wonders of science, technology, engineering and mathematics through interactive activities. Permanent exhibitions include Singapore Innovations: From Ideas to Creations – which highlights local innovations that have made their mark on the global stage – and exhibits devoted to climate change, bioethics, the ocean and more. On Friday nights (7.45pm–10pm), the Science Centre Singapore Observatory (facebook.com/SCOBservatory) is open free to the public for star-gazing sessions. For unique souvenirs such as science kits, gadgets and science toys, visitors should swing by

Curiosity – The Science Centre Shop. Corporate group bookings can be arranged.

Address: 15 Science Centre Road
Tel: +65 6425 2500 / +65 6425 2510 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6565 9533
Website: science.edu.sg
Email: feedback@science.edu.sg / marketing@science.edu.sg

TAMPINES

Spread over 20.89sqm, Tampines is one of Singapore’s largest residential areas. It got its name from the large number of ironwood, or “*tempinis*” in Malay, in the area. There are only a few *tempinis* left today, and even less evidence of Tampines’ past as a fishing village with sand quarries, orchards and coconut plantations. Developed in 1979, Tampines was the first town in Singapore under the precinct concept, which helped promote neighbourliness and a sense of belonging among residents. A drive around the neighbourhood will reveal colourful blocks of HDB flats and a smart design that earned Tampines New Town the United Nations World Habitat Award for Excellence in Housing Design in 1992.

Nearest MRT: Tampines Station



Jurong Bird Park



Tampines Eco Green

Points of Interest

Loyang Tua Pek Kong Temple

One of the few temples that reflects Singapore’s religious harmony, Loyang Tua Pek Kong Temple houses Buddhist, Hindu and Taoist deities and a Muslim *kramat* (shrine). It is open 24 hours for devotees to offer prayers.

Address: 20 Loyang Way
Tel: +65 6363 6336
Website: lytpk.org.sg
Email: lytpk@singnet.com.sg

Tampines Eco Green

A haven of biodiversity, this 36ha park has open grasslands, freshwater wetlands and secondary rainforest criss-crossed with hiking trails – making it a popular local weekend destination. Visitors can spot a variety of birds, butterflies and dragonflies, especially near the park’s natural ponds. Tampines Eco Green is linked through park connectors from Tampines Biking Trail and Sun Plaza Park. However, cyclists should park their bikes at the available bicycle stands

Neighbourhoods

at the main entrance of the park before entering.

Address: Tampines Avenue 9 and Tampines Avenue 12

Tel: 1 800 471 7300 (toll-free)

Fax: +65 6472 3033

Website: www.nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parks-and-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/tampines-eco-green

Email: nparks_public_affairs@nparks.gov.sg

Tampines Round Market and Food Centre

This hawker centre (opening hours: Mon–Sun, most stalls open from 6.30am–3pm, some stay open till later) is a well-known landmark that's popular with local residents and foodies alike. As with any hawker centre (see Eat & Drink, Hawker Centres, p116), the place gets pretty busy during lunchtime. Popular stalls include Song Han Carrot Cake (#01-07) – known for adding curry powder to its fried carrot cake (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p94) – and 137 Lor Mee Prawn Mee (#01-09), whose signature dish is thick yellow noodles and gravy topped with fried fish fillet and egg.

Address: 137 Tampines Street 11

DID YOU KNOW?

Tempinis are some of Singapore's heritage trees and can be found along the following areas in Tampines:

- Tampines Avenue 5
- Block 254 Tampines Street 21
- Block 323 Tampines Street 33
- Block 498L Tampines Street 45
- Block 714/713 Tampines Avenue 9

They are also found in other parts of Singapore, notably in the Bukit Timah Nature Reserve, Pulau Ubin and St John's Island.

TOA PAYOH

Toa Payoh has the distinction of being the first town designed and developed entirely by the HDB. This is the quintessential modern Singapore town and boasts a list of firsts, such as the first Residents' Association, neighbourhood police post, supermarket and MRT station, among others. The town gets its name from "toa" (Hokkien and Teochew for "big") and

"payoh" (derived from the Malay word for swamp, "paya"). Its literal name, Big Swamp, is a tribute to the hard work and vision of its early settlers – plantation owners and workers in the 19th century who cleared swathes of swampland to settle here. Later on, *kampungs* ("villages" in Malay) sprouted up in the area before finally evolving into the town visitors see today.

Nearest MRT: Braddell Station / Caldecott Station / Toa Payoh Station

DID YOU KNOW?

Toa Payoh is considered a natural geomancy zone with favourable *feng shui* – the Chinese philosophical concept of harmony and balance – which may explain the proliferation of Chinese temples in this town. Like Tiong Bahru, Toa Payoh is also known for holding bird-singing events. Those who want to experience the thrill of watching and hearing birds sing can visit the Lorong 4 bird-singing pavilion.

Points of Interest

Dinosaur and Dragon Playgrounds

Located along Lorong 6 are two iconic playgrounds. The Dragon Playground (Block 28) features a concrete dragon, a motif that was part of the HDB's design brief in the late 1970s to feature objects and concepts easily identifiable with local culture. This playground is one of two in Singapore with this design; the other is located in Ang Mo Kio (Block 571, Avenue 3). The Dinosaur Playground at Block 27 was built in 2000. Besides the dino-shaped playground equipment, there are sculptures of a towering T-rex and its young guarding a clutch of eggs. With the HDB block in the background, it certainly makes a uniquely Singapore photo opportunity (for more photo opportunity ideas, see Attractions, 10 Free Attractions for Great Photos, p29).

Address: Block 27 & 28, Lorong 6 Toa Payoh



A hawker stall at Tampines Round Market and Food Centre



The Dragon Playground in Toa Payoh

NATIONAL HERITAGE BOARD

Lian Shan Shuang Lin Monastery

Singapore's oldest monastery (opening hours: Mon–Sun, 8.30am–5pm) is the only Buddhist monastery to be gazetted as a national monument. Interestingly, it was constructed without the use of any nails, but with a unique structural element of interlocking wooden brackets, an important element in traditional Chinese architecture. Stepping through its gates is like being transported back in time to Imperial China. The temple (its name literally means "Twin Grove of the Lotus Mountain Temple") was built in 1902 in the style of ancient cities in Fujian and Guangdong, China, with the traditional Chinese courtyard layout. The temple showcases many structures, notably the seven-storey Dragon Light Pagoda, with its Buddhist motifs and carvings – a hard-to-miss landmark in the area – and the imposing Hall of the Celestial Kings.

Address: 184 Jalan Toa Payoh

Tel: +65 6259 6924

Website: shuanglin.sg

Email: enquiry@shuanglin.sg



Lian Shan Shuang Lin Monastery



Toa Payoh Town Park

HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Masjid Muhajirin

The first to be built with the help of the country's Mosque Building Fund, the Muhajirin mosque (opening hours: Mon–Fri, 9am–6pm; Sat, 9am–1pm; Closed on Sun) is an example of how community action is advanced through the joint efforts of the government and locals, particularly residents of Toa Payoh. Work on the mosque started in 1975 and it was opened two years later. The original mosque featured the traditional onion-shaped dome of the Persian-Indian architectural style, atop a minaret. Today, the mosque features a floral arabesque motif on the exterior and incorporates architectural styles from across the Islamic world such as arches, geometric designs and double-tiered roof with ochre tiles, a traditional Malay style.

Address: 275 Braddell Road

Tel: +65 6256 1166

Website: facebook.com/muhajirinsg

Email: lpm@muhajirin.mosque.org.sg

Toa Payoh Town Park

This 4.8ha park has picturesque stone arch bridges and gazebos, man-made ponds, trellises, pathways and pavilions, as well as lush plants and trees – a perfect place for a morning walk. A highlight is the Observation Tower, which was built in 1972 and featured prominently in many wedding photos of Singaporean couples in the 1970s and 1980s. Today, visitors will see many residents using the park for *tai chi* (ancient Chinese martial art using slow, rhythmic, meditative movements) and other exercises.

Address: Junction of Toa Payoh Lorong 2 and Toa Payoh Lorong 6

Tel: 1 800 471 7300 (toll-free)

Fax: +65 6472 3033

Website: www.nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parks-and-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/toa-payoh-town-park

Email: nparks_public_affairs@nparks.gov.sg

YISHUN & SEMBAWANG

The once-rural Yishun and Sembawang areas were home to gambier and pepper plantations in the 1800s, before rubber and pineapple plantations took over in the early 1900s. It was finally urbanised in the mid-1970s with the inception of Yishun New Town, which was completed a decade later. Milestones such as the opening of Yishun MRT station, Yishun 10 (Asia's first cineplex with 10 movie theatres), and Northpoint, Yishun's first shopping mall, propelled the precinct toward modernity.

Nearest MRT: Khatib Station / Sembawang Station / Yishun Station

Points of Interest

Chong Pang Market and Food Centre

This bustling food market and hawker centre (opening hours: Mon–Sun, 6am–10pm) has about 60 stalls serving local favourites. From popular breakfast dish, *chwee kueh* (steamed rice cakes topped with diced preserved radish) to braised duck rice and *nasi lemak* (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p95), hungry visitors will be spoilt for choice. Chong Pang heartland itself is popular among

Neighbourhoods

DID YOU KNOW?

- Yishun was named after community leader and philanthropist Lim Nee Soon, known as the Rubber and Pineapple King because he made his fortune with these crops. His plantations were then located in Yishun and Sembawang, and some rubber trees from Lim's former plantations can still be found in the northeast end of Yishun Park.
- The only natural hot spring in Singapore is located in Sembawang. Discovered in 1901 by a Chinese merchant, the area became known as Kampong Ayer Panas ("hot water village" in Malay). The hot spring, near the junction of Sembawang Road and Gambas Avenue, is on the Sembawang Airbase grounds. However, it is not a hot spring where one can enjoy a soak. Just a small concrete base with standpipes channelling the hot spring is free to the public (7am–7pm) to bring their buckets and basins to fill with spring water.



The Heritage Bridge at Lower Seletar Reservoir Park is a popular photography spot

foodies seeking out value-for-money durians (a spiky tropical fruit that is popular among locals).

Address: 104 Yishun Ring Road

Lower Seletar Reservoir Park

Singapore's Lower Seletar Reservoir was created when a dam was built across the mouth of the Seletar River in 1983. The reservoir is one of the most recent water sources developed in the country. What can visitors experience in the 3.3ha park? Aside from the scenic reservoir, there is a fishing jetty, kayaks for rent and a water park.

Address: Yishun Ave 1 and Lenton Avenue
Tel: 1 800 471 7300 (toll-free)
Fax: +65 6472 3033
Website: www.nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parks-and-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/lower-seletar-reservoir-park
Email: nparks_public_affairs@nparks.gov.sg

Masjid Assyafaah

Designed by local firm Forum Architects, the mosque (opening hours: Mon–Fri, 8am–6pm; Sat–Sun, 8am–1pm) integrates traditional Islamic symbols with a modern

aesthetic. The 10-storey minaret is made of rusted metal plates that "disappear" at night, leaving the lit crescent and star to hover over the mosque. Arabesque screens are used to create a play of light and shadows while ensuring air flow within the building. The mosque itself dates back to the 1920s, and is a fusion of two older mosques in Sembawang – the Masjid Jumah Sembawang and Masjid Naval Base.

Address: 1 Admiralty Lane
Tel: +65 6756 3008
Website: assyafaahmosque.sg
Email: info@assyafaah.mosque.org.sg

Sembawang Park

Popular with families, Sembawang Park has one of the last natural beaches in Singapore. It's also a favourite spot for birdwatchers to view eagles, kites, kingfishers and orioles. Once part of the Singapore Naval Base, Sembawang Park is intricately linked to the country's history. At the end of the park is the Sembawang Jetty, which was built by the British in the 1940s and shut down by the Japanese during the Japanese Occupation. The walkways today follow the paths laid by the British.

At the edge of the park stands a beautiful bungalow with Victorian-style ironwork and neoclassical plaster details

called Beaulieu House (opening hours: Mon–Sat, 11am–2.30pm, 6pm–11pm; Sun & Public Holidays, 11am–11pm), which was built as a seaside retreat in the 1910s. Today, visitors can enjoy Chinese seafood, Western cuisine and local delights with lovely sea views at Beaulieu House Restaurant.

Address: Sembawang Road
Tel: 1 800 471 7300 (toll-free)
Fax: +65 6472 3033
Website: www.nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parks-and-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/sembawang-park
Email: nparks_public_affairs@nparks.gov.sg

Beaulieu House

Address: 117 Beaulieu Road
Tel: +65 6257 9234
Fax: +65 6853 7638
Website: beaulieuhouse.com.sg
Email: enquiries@beaulieuhouse.com.sg

DID YOU KNOW?

Visitors to Sembawang Park can see the ships berthed at Sembawang Shipyard, which used to be part of the Singapore Naval Base built by the British in the 1920s. Today, it is one of the premier shipyards in the region, specialising in upgrading and converting passenger ships and repairing naval ships.



CAPITOL PIAZZA

LIFESTYLE PRECINCTS

With multiple offerings that span the island, Singapore has no shortage of places to shop, dine and explore. Whether visitors are looking for family-friendly locations or nightlife hubs, established tourist enclaves or off-the-beaten-track neighbourhoods, luxury shopping or quirky independent boutiques, these eclectic lifestyle districts will keep visitors occupied and entertained throughout their stay.

BRAS BASAH.BUGIS

Straddling Singapore's Civic District and Kampong Glam (see Ethnic Districts, p58), the Bugis district was named after the Buginese people, seafarers from South Sulawesi in Indonesia, who settled in the area in the early 19th century before the British arrived. Now, the bustling Bras Basah.Bugis neighbourhood is a haven of history and the city's nucleus of arts and culture, boasting a large concentration of notable museums, including the iconic National Museum of Singapore (see Attractions, Arts & Design, p34). The precinct's strategic location within the Central Business District means there are dining, shopping and entertainment options aplenty, often housed in converted conservation

buildings and heritage shophouses to lend nostalgic charm to modern restaurants and retail destinations.

Website: brasbasahbugis.sg
Nearest MRT: Bras Basah Station / Bugis Station / City Hall Station

Points of Interest

Bugis Street

Said to contain more than 600 shops and stalls across three levels peddling clothes, food and beauty services, this vibrant shopping destination immerses visitors in the lively atmosphere of a bustling *pasar malam* (night market) within a covered marketplace. The street itself was once a hotbed for transvestites and gawking sailors, but it is now teeming with local youths and bargain-hunters shopping for affordable fashion, accessories and trinkets. The two upper storeys are fully air-conditioned.

Address: 3 New Bugis Street
Tel: +65 6338 9513
Fax: +65 6339 3776
Website: bugisstreet.com.sg
Email: enquiries@bugisstreet.com.sg

Capitol Singapore

This historic conservation block – which includes Capitol Theatre, Capitol Building and Stamford House – has recently been restored as a six-star hotel called The Patina (patinahotels.com/singapore) and the city's first-ever integrated luxury lifestyle complex. Capitol Piazza encompasses designer boutiques, galleries and eateries in a picturesque sheltered promenade beside Capitol Theatre (see Venues, p179). The Arcade and Neue sections (opening hours: Mon–Sun, 10.30am–10.30pm) contain lifestyle, accessories and fashion retailers, while the Galleria (opening hours: Sun–Thu, 10.30am–12am; Fri & Sat, 10.30–3am) is an oasis of bars, cafés and restaurants. Look out for the Capitol Building's distinctive architectural feature: the concave curved corner facing the junction of Stamford Road and North Bridge Road.

Address: 13 Stamford Road
Tel: +65 6499 5168
Website: capitolpiazza.com
Email: enquiry@capitolsingapore.com

CHIJMES

This 19th-century complex, gazetted as a national monument in 1990, began life in Caldwell House as the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus, from which it derived its name. It then became a Catholic girls' school, adding a magnificent Gothic chapel featuring intricate plasterwork, stunning archways and Belgian stained glass windows. In 1996, after extensive restoration work, the CHIJMES complex was reopened as a converted enclave of restaurants, wine bars and sports pubs (see Nightlife Precincts, p87). The chapel, now named CHIJMES Hall, is a popular venue for weddings and events.

Address: 30 Victoria Street
Tel: +65 6337 7810
Website: chijmes.com.sg
Email: chijmes@perennialrealstate.com.sg

DID YOU KNOW?

In the old days, the CHIJMES complex included an orphanage, and unwanted babies were left at a side gate on Victoria Street called the Gate of Hope. Though the practice has discontinued, the gate still stands today.

Neighbourhoods

Raffles Hotel Singapore

Opened in 1887 by the Sarkies brothers, this iconic landmark is a monument of colonial architecture and luxury, steeped in history and lore. Visitors can enjoy the building's old-world charm while strolling the corridors and courtyards of the hotel grounds – including the Raffles Hotel Shopping Arcade – before settling into Bar & Billiard Room to try the popular cocktail Singapore Sling, which was created at the hotel's legendary Long Bar.

Note: From February 2017, Raffles Hotel Singapore is undergoing extensive restoration works. Refer to the website or call in advance to check the affected facilities.

Address: 1 Beach Road
Tel: +65 6337 1886 / +65 6412 1180 / +65 6412 1267 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6339 7650
Website: raffles.com/singapore
Email: concierge.singapore@raffles.com / groups.singapore@raffles.com



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its name. Dance classes and theatre workshops are also held here (visit the website for more information). Don't miss Timbre (timbregroup.asia/timbresg/timbre-the-substation), the bar and bistro in The Substation's open-air garden, which hosts live-music gigs till late every night.

Address: 45 Armenian Street
Tel: +65 6337 7535
Website: substation.org
Email: admin@substation.org

HOLLAND VILLAGE & ONE-NORTH

A short bus ride from Orchard Road and the Singapore Botanic Gardens (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p52), the eateries and bars of Holland Village (affectionately referred to as Holland V by local residents) have long been popular while its hawker centres and *kopitiam*s (traditional coffee shops) offer plenty of local flavours. This quaint area plays host to an abundance of live music (see Nightlife Precincts, p89). Just a stone's throw away from Holland V is the district of one-north, which is a cluster of research and development technology centres. Here, visitors will find green corners and lots of dining options. A small

detour between Holland V and one-north will take visitors to Ghim Moh Market and Food Centre.

Website: jtc.gov.sg/industrial-land-and-space/pages/one-north.aspx
Nearest MRT: Holland Village Station / one-north Station

Points of Interest

2am:dessertbar

Fronted by one of Singapore's culinary stars, 2am:dessertbar showcases pastry chef Janice Wong's creative and luxurious creations. So named because its closing time is 2am, the dessert bar caters to night owls and diners with a sweet tooth. Visitors can expect delicious classics – such as chocolate tarts and tiramisu – alongside Wong's signature one-of-a-kind creations, like Shades of Green comprising pistachio sponge, coco mousse and pandan ice cream, that have earned her global accolades. A limited savoury menu is also available.

Address: 21A Lorong Liput, Holland Village
Tel: +65 6291 9727
Website: 2amdessertbar.com
Email: 2amdessertbar@gmail.com



QUEEN OF SWEETS

2am:dessertbar's Janice Wong, whose flagship restaurant is located at National Museum of Singapore, has learnt from the world's best chefs, including American luminaries Grant Achatz and Thomas Keller, Spanish chocolatier Oriol Balaguer and French pastry chef Pierre Hermé.

Address: Along Jalan Merah Saga, Holland Village (opposite Holland Road Shopping Centre, off Taman Warna)

Ghim Moh Market and Food Centre

In-the-know residents from around the island often flock to this hawker centre for a taste of authentic local flavour. Popular stalls include Ghim Moh Chwee Kueh (#01-54) for the local dish of steamed rice cakes topped with preserved radish; Granny's Pancake (#01-52), which sells a local version of pancakes stuffed with ingredients like peanut or red bean; and Jiu Jiang Shao La (#01-17) with its famous roast meats. Most stalls close in the evening, so it is best for visitors to head down for breakfast or lunch.

Address: 20 Ghim Moh Road

Timbre+

Timbre+ brings together a wide range of food offerings in the one-north area together with a weekly entertainment roster of live local music acts (Mon–Thu, 7.45pm–11pm; Fri, 8.30pm–12.30am; Sat,

8pm–12am). Visitors will find permanent food trucks, casual eats and restaurant-grade fare at reasonable prices. The Bottle Shop (timbreplus.sg/bottle-shop) has a rotating cider and beer menu of close to 200 different types of drinks from around the world plus a limited range of spirits.

Address: 73A Ayer Rajah Crescent, JTC LaunchPad @ one-north
Tel: +65 6252 2545
Website: timbreplus.sg
Email: info@timbregroup.asia

Wessex Estate

The Wessex Estate comprises 58 black-and-white colonial houses and 26 blocks of walk-up apartments. This residential area is perfect for a quiet stroll along lush greenery. The houses are also a big draw for artists – several use them as studio space and, one weekend a year in March, the public is invited to visit the homes and galleries for the self-guided ArtWalk@Wessex ([facebook.com/ArtWalkWessex](https://www.facebook.com/ArtWalkWessex)).

Address: Woking Road and Whitchurch Road, off Portsdown Road

DID YOU KNOW?

Built in the 1940s, the houses of Wessex Estate were originally homes of British military officers and soldiers before the British troops withdrew from Singapore in 1971–1975.

MARINA BAY

This area was established on reclaimed land to form an artificial inlet named Marina Bay. Dominated by the towering structure of Marina Bay Sands® (see p77) and the lit-up Supertrees of Gardens by the Bay at night, this commercial and tourism hub not only delivers some of the city's most popular museums and historical attractions (see Attractions, History & Heritage, p41), renowned luxury shops and stunning waterfront views, but it is also the site of the Marina Bay Street Circuit, which plays host to the

EAT STREETS

Seah Street and Purvis Street next to the Raffles Hotel are parallel streets packed with eateries, including famous *kopitiam* (traditional coffee shop) Chin Chin Eating House, hip watering hole Tess Bar & Kitchen (tessbar.com), authentic French crêperie Entre-Nous (entrenous.sg), Bib Gourmand awardee Yhingthai Palace (yhingthai.com.sg), as well as fine dining restaurants Gunther's (gunthers.com.sg) and Garibaldi (garibaldi.com.sg). Visitors can stop by the MINT Museum of Toys (emint.com; see Attractions, Arts & Design, p33) in the evenings for a refreshing tittle on the rooftop bar.

The Substation

As Singapore's first independent venue for experimental contemporary arts, this is where local art lovers come for edgy performances and alternative art shows, from dance, theatre and music to literature and visual arts. Founded in 1990, it was built in a former power substation – hence,

Neighbourhoods

Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix night race (see Events & Festivals, p25). Its most important role, however, remains as the iconic symbol of Singapore's rebirth as an urbanised metropolis progressing towards the future.

Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station / Marina Bay Station / Marina South Pier Station / Promenade Station

Points of Interest

Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay

Nicknamed “The Durian” for its spiky, glass-covered construction that resembles the king of fruits, this is the hub of Singapore's art scene, playing host to music, theatre, dance and art festivals. There are free events every day, from dance performances and outdoor concerts to kid-centric interactive activities, plus quirky shops and restaurants. The adjacent open-air hawker centre, Makansutra Gluttons Bay, offers some of the city's most-loved food stalls (see Nightlife Precincts, p89). Visitors may also be interested in taking a back-

of-house tour of this premier performing arts venue (see Tours, p179).

Address: 1 Esplanade Drive
Tel: +65 6828 8377
Fax: +65 6337 3633
Website: esplanade.com

Fullerton Heritage Precinct

This cluster of redeveloped heritage properties – named after the first governor of the Straits Settlements, Robert Fullerton – has become a luxury hospitality and dining destination. One Fullerton, Customs House, Clifford Pier, The Fullerton Pavilion and Waterboat House consist of upscale restaurants and cocktail bars, while the renowned The Fullerton Hotel Singapore and The Fullerton Bay Hotel Singapore (fullertonhotels.com) serve as symbolic landmarks of the precinct's blending of heritage with modern luxury. Visitors can also take a scenic stroll to the nearby Merlion Park for a good photo opportunity.

Address: 1 Fullerton Road
Tel: +65 6557 2590
Website: thefullertonheritage.com
Email: enquiries@fullerton-heritage.com

Helix Bridge

The longest pedestrian bridge in Singapore, at 280m long, is a striking steel duplex bridge that overlooks Marina Bay and features a double-helix design inspired by the spiralling structure of DNA. In addition to providing a walkable link between the City Hall or the Esplanade district and the Bayfront area, the bridge also acts as an outdoor gallery, displaying works by local youths.

Address: Bayfront Avenue

DID YOU KNOW?

Youth Olympic Park, near the Helix Bridge, is the city's first art park. It was built to commemorate the inaugural Youth Olympic Games, which Singapore hosted in 2010.

Marina Barrage

Built across the Marina Channel, the Marina Barrage creates Singapore's 15th reservoir.

It also acts as a flood control measure for low-lying parts of the city centre by keeping out the tidal influence. It is also an ideal venue for water and recreational activities with its stable water surface, set against the stunning city skyline.

Address: 8 Marina Gardens Drive
Tel: +65 6514 5959
Website: pub.gov.sg/marinabarrage
Email: PUB_MarinaBarrage@pub.gov.sg

DID YOU KNOW?

The Marina Reservoir is Singapore's first reservoir built in the heart of the city. The barrage has nine crest gates that open to release excess water from the reservoir into the sea during heavy rain and low tide. When the tide is high, seven giant pumps move out the excess water.

Marina Bay Sands®

Boasting possibly the most iconic architectural silhouette in the modern Singapore skyline, the Marina Bay Sands®

complex is a city within a city, housing a hotel, theatre (see Venues, Performance Venues, p185), casino, convention hall, museum, luxury shopping mall (see Shopping, Malls, p131) and celebrity chef-owned restaurants. Only hotel guests have access to the rooftop infinity pool, but visitors can still enjoy the 360-degree views from the 200m-high Sands SkyPark that sits atop the trio of towers on the 57th floor.

Address: 10 Bayfront Avenue
Tel: +65 6688 8888 (Hotel enquiries) / +65 6688 8826 (Entertainment ticketing) / +65 6688 6888 (Retail enquiries)
Website: marinabaysands.com
Email: inquiries@marinabaysands.com

Singapore Flyer

A 30-minute ride on one of the world's largest observation wheels (opening hours: Mon–Sun, 8.30am–10pm) allows visitors to take in the spectacular panoramic views of the Central Business District, the Colonial District, the Marina Bay area, and as far out as the South China Sea. Next to the 165m-high attraction is the F1 Pit Building and Paddock, a

hive of activity during the Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix night race.

Address: 30 Raffles Avenue
Tel: +65 6333 3311 / +65 6854 5210 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6339 9167 (Trade Contact)
Website: singaporeflyer.com
Email: customer_service@singaporeflyer.com / travel_agents@singaporeflyer.com

DID YOU KNOW?

The Singapore Flyer can hold up to 784 passengers at once, with 28 people in each capsule. Each revolution takes approximately 30 minutes, and private capsules can be booked for groups, special events or a romantic four-course dinner for two.

ORCHARD ROAD

Arguably Asia's most famous shopping street, this 2.2km-long stretch of sprawling malls (see Shopping, Malls, p128) is a hub of retail therapy, gastronomic indulgence

Helix Bridge



The rooftop infinity pool at Marina Bay Sands®





View of Orchard Road and the heritage shophouses of Emerald Hill and Peranakan Place

and exciting entertainment – a far cry from its humble origins as a lane of nutmeg, pepper and fruit orchards that gave it its name. When people began moving into the district in the 1850s, the street became lined with outdoor hawker centres, wet markets, temples and cemeteries.

In 1903, shops started to spring up – including Singapore’s first supermarket, where The Centrepoint (*thecentrepoint.frasercentrepointmalls.com*) currently stands – and the boulevard’s reputation as a shopping destination continued to grow. Today, Orchard Road is not only a paradise for shoppers seeking the latest fashion and technology; it is the island’s central gathering spot, home to an ever-growing assortment of restaurants, bars, events and entertainment for all ages.

Website: orchardroad.org
Nearest MRT: Orchard Station / Somerset Station

Points of Interest

*SCAPE

The go-to hangout for teenagers and young people, *SCAPE is a shopping mall (opening hours: Mon–Sun, 10.30am–10.30pm), event space and creative hub all under one roof. The mall offers streetwear and skateboard shops, music and dance studios, and a weekend market (Fri–Sun, 12pm–10pm) targeted at teen shoppers (see Shopping, Flea Markets & Weekend Bazaars, p135). Its outdoor spaces regularly play host to youth-oriented concerts and sports events.

Address: 2 Orchard Link
Tel: +65 6521 6565
Fax: +65 6521 6566
Website: scape.sg
Email: enquiries@scape.sg

Emerald Hill / Peranakan Place

A picturesque enclave of heritage architecture off the main Orchard Road strip, the Emerald Hill conservation area comprises charming residential and commercial clusters of Chinese Baroque-style terrace houses. Formerly homes of wealthy members of the Peranakan community, some of the shophouses have been transformed into trendy alfresco restaurants and bars – perfect for chilling out at night (see Nightlife Precincts, p89).

Address: Emerald Hill Road / 180 Orchard Road
Website: peranakanplace.com/home

DID YOU KNOW?

The term Peranakan is an Indo-Malay word meaning “local born”, and it generally refers to people of mixed Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage.

Far East Plaza

Located on Scotts Road around the corner from TANGS (see right), this five-storey shopping centre (opening hours: Mon–Sun, 10am–10pm) of eclectic boutiques remains popular with young locals and tourists looking for bargains on trendy fashion accessories, streetwear and bespoke tailor-made suits. Visitors can also revive their tired feet after a day of shopping at one of the many beauty and nail parlours.

Address: 14 Scotts Road
Tel: +65 6734 2325
Fax: +65 6733 1530
Website: fareastplaza.com.sg

ION Orchard

Since opening in 2009, this iconic mall (opening hours: Mon–Sun, 10am–10pm) has been dubbed the jewel of Orchard Road – as much for its futuristic glass and metal architecture as for its impressive line-up of retail and F&B options (see Shopping, Malls, p128). Visitors will find luxury brands, high-street fashion and lifestyle stores spread across eight levels, plus an extensive food hall and an art gallery. The 360-degree views from ION Sky on the 56th floor – the highest point on Orchard Road – are a must-see.

Admission to ION Sky is free (opening hours: Mon–Sun, 3pm–6pm).

Address: 2 Orchard Turn
Tel: +65 6238 8228
Website: ionorchard.com
Email: customercare@ionorchard.com.sg

TANGS at Tang Plaza

Orchard Road’s first department store, opened by entrepreneur Tang Choon Keng in 1958, is a local treasure and iconic landmark (see Shopping, Malls, p130). The retail stalwart (opening hours: Mon–Sat, 10.30am–9.30pm; Sun, 11am–8.30pm) is lauded for championing independent local and regional fashion designers alongside international brands, and also boasts SEVIIN at TANGS, a premium beauty oasis of spas on its top floor.

Address: 310 Orchard Road
Tel: +65 6737 5500
Website: tangs.com

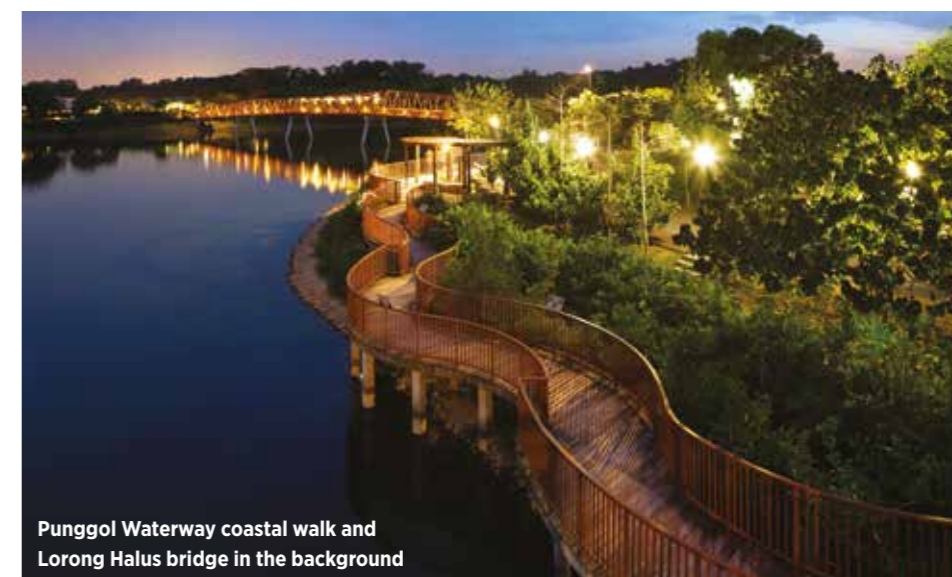
The Istana

As the official residence and office of the president of Singapore, the Istana was gazetted as a national monument in 1992. While the Istana Grounds are only open to the public on certain public holidays, visitors can get a glimpse of its history at the newly opened Istana Heritage Gallery (see Attractions, History & Heritage, p38) at Istana Park across the street.

Address: 35 Orchard Road
Tel: +65 6737 5522
Fax: +65 6735 3135
Website: istana.gov.sg
Email: gallery_enquiry@istana.gov.sg

PUNGGOL

Situated in the north-eastern part of Singapore, Punggol is known for the idyllic beauty of its natural spaces – think *lalang* (coarse cogon grass) fields and wetland reserves. It is one of the country’s oldest inhabited areas with a storied past that precedes the 1819 founding of the nation by Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles. Its earliest settlers were Malay fishermen; when the first Chinese immigrants arrived, they took up pig and poultry farming and worked in rubber plantations. In the 1970s, the pig farms were relocated, and reclamation efforts were carried out in the 1980s to cater to public housing. Today, Punggol is an emerging



Punggol Waterway coastal walk and Lorong Halus bridge in the background

district coming into its own, as Singapore’s Housing & Development Board has earmarked it as the nation’s first sustainable waterfront town of the 21st century.

Nearest MRT: Punggol Station

Points of Interest

Lorong Halus Wetland

One of Punggol’s most underrated attractions, this former landfill along the eastern bank of Punggol Serangoon Reservoir was opened to the public in 2011. It’s a bird-watching haven for viewing the likes of white-bellied sea eagles and great egrets in their natural habitat.

Address: Opposite Punggol Promenade Riverside Walk
Website: pub.gov.sg/abcwaters/explore/loronghaluswetland

Marina Country Club

Open to the public, the pay-as-you-use country club has a boardwalk by the Straits of Johor that makes it a perfect place to enjoy the sea breeze during sunset. Travellers can relax landside with a drink and quiet dinner of char-grilled seafood by the water at Channel Sam Restaurant, or rent a boat for a deep-sea fishing excursion. The country club also has 45 wakeboarding boats, making it Singapore’s largest operator for this watersport.

Address: 11 Northshore Drive
Tel: +65 6385 6166
Fax: +65 6387 6166
Website: marinacountryclub.com.sg
Email: enquiries@marinacountryclub.com.sg

Neighbourhoods

Punggol Waterway / Waterway Point

Hailed as the Venice of Punggol and winding through Punggol Town, this is Singapore's longest man-made waterway at 4.2km. Visitors can survey more than 22 mangrove varieties, go cycling or inline skating, and watch the sunset at several vantage points, including Jewel Bridge and Sunset Strip. Along the breezy waterbed, Waterway Point is a recently opened shopping mall that caters to the entire family. Adults will find a variety of shopping and dining options, while children will gravitate to the massive play zones on level 2, such as Happy Park, a wet and dry outdoor playground with slides, and the experiential indoor Kids' Wonderland, where they can play among fairy-tale characters.

Punggol Waterway

Address: Along Sentul Crescent
Website: www.nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parks-and-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/punggol-waterway-park

Waterway Point

Address: 83 Punggol Central
Tel: +65 6812 7300
Website: waterwaypoint.fraserscentrepointhills.com

The Punggol Settlement

This one-stop seafront destination at Punggol Point directly overlooks the

Straits of Johor. Travellers who would like to go cycling can rent a bike at Jomando Adventures & Recreations, while the Punggol Ranch Resort nearby offers horseback riding activities. Those who prefer to eat out can savour delectable dishes at notable eateries including casual French restaurant Horizon Bistronomy and Ponggol Seafood Restaurant (Hock Kee) (ponggolseafood.com.sg). The latter was founded in 1969 and remains famous to this day for its chilli crabs and signature *mee goreng* (fried Malay noodles).

Address: 3 Punggol Point Road
Website: punggolsettlement.com
Email: admin@punggolsettlement.com

SENTOSA & HARBOURFRONT

Where the Singapore mainland ends to the south, a whole lot of fun begins. HarbourFront boasts the green heights of Faber Peak Singapore, the big labels and quirky shops of VivoCity (see Shopping, Malls, p131), and the beats of St James Power Station nightclubs (see Eat & Drink, Bars & Clubs, p125). The Singapore Cable Car Sky Network (see right) takes visitors on a beautiful aerial ride to Sentosa island resort – which can also be reached by car, bus, the Sentosa Boardwalk or the Sentosa Express monorail. There, visitors will find plenty of attractions to arouse their senses and imagination: peaceful white-sand beaches, marinas and trails, the championship-ready courses of Sentosa Golf Club (www.sentosagolf.com), theme and water parks, various courses and structures designed for sports lovers and adrenaline junkies, and countless dining options. Within Sentosa, travellers can get around via the free monorail, shuttle bus and beach tram. Bicycles are also available for rent, allowing cycling enthusiasts to enjoy the scenic sites of the island via three interconnected tracks.

GO SOUTH

A short bridge walk from Sentosa is a small islet called Palawan Island. It is referred to as the southern most point of Continental Asia. There, visitors can climb one of the two watchtowers for views of the ocean on one side and Sentosa on the other.



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Website: sentosa.com.sg
Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

DID YOU KNOW?

About 70% of Sentosa is home to wildlife such as monitor lizards, peacocks and monkeys. The Butterfly Park and Insect Kingdom house more than 15,000 live butterflies and over 3,000 species of insects respectively.

Points of Interest

Faber Peak Singapore / Singapore Cable Car Sky Network

Formerly known as The Jewel Box, this vibrant cluster of dining and entertainment is situated 105m above sea level and away from the hustle and bustle of the city. With verdant views of the HarbourFront precinct, the city skyline and the Southern Islands (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p54), visitors can take in the picturesque surrounds over a meal at Spuds & Aprons or Faber Bistro, then walk on the wooden walkways of Henderson Waves (see Attractions, 10 Free Attractions for Great Photos, p30) or view Faber Point's carved murals, which depict key moments of Singapore's history. For a truly scenic experience, visitors should ride the Singapore Cable Car Sky Network, which takes visitors over green wilderness, sand and sea, from Faber Peak Singapore and across the harbour to Sentosa.

For set-dining options, which include Cable Car Sky Pass combos, visitors can check out Spuds & Aprons. Visitors can also choose to dine in the cable cars: for groups of friends or families, Singapore Delights serves favourite local dishes while couples can indulge in an elaborate meal for two with Dining on Cloud 9. (For more tour ideas that include a cable car ride, see Tours, p176). Group packages are available. Corporate travellers may consider using some of the spaces at

Faber Peak as MICE venues (for more unusual venues for hire, see Venues, Unique MICE Venues, p186).

Address: 109 Mount Faber Road (Mount Faber Station)
Tel: +65 6377 9688 / +65 6771 5048 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6273 4639
Website: faberpeaksingapore.com
Email: guestrelations@mountfaber.com.sg / enquiry@mountfaber.com.sg or tracy.lui@mountfaber.com.sg (Trade Contacts)

Madame Tussauds Singapore / Trick Eye Museum Singapore

At Madame Tussauds Singapore (opening hours: Mon–Fri, 10am–7.30pm; Sat–Sun & Public Holiday, 10am–9pm), visitors can rub shoulders with (wax figures of) the world's biggest names in entertainment and sports as well as historical figures: Muhammad Ali, Sebastian Vettel, Aishwarya Rai, Michelle Yeoh, Beyoncé, Michael Jackson, Lady Gaga, Barack Obama and many more. Local personalities include Singapore's first prime minister, the late Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore Airlines' iconic Singapore Girl, footballer Fandi Ahmad, and Mandopop stars Stefanie Sun and JJ Lin. Visitors can also learn more about modern Singapore through the first-ever Madame Tussauds boat ride, the "Spirit of Singapore". Visitors save \$S10 when booking is done online. Enquire about group deals.

Bundle tickets to Madame Tussauds

are also available with entry to Trick Eye Museum Singapore (opening hours: Mon–Sun, 10am–9pm), where paintings and installations on the walls, ceilings and ground appear three-dimensional thanks to optical illusions. Visitors are encouraged to touch and step on (and into) them. For groups of over 20 people, call to enquire about group deals. Team bonding and corporate packages are also available.

Madame Tussauds Singapore

Address: Sentosa Island, 40 Imbiah Road, Imbiah Lookout (Sentosa Express: Imbiah Station)
Tel: +65 6715 4000
Website: madametussauds.com/singapore
Email: enquiry@madame-tussauds.com / jeffrey.lim@madame-tussauds.com (Trade Contact)

Trick Eye Museum Singapore

Address: Sentosa Island, 26 Sentosa Gateway, Waterfront @ Resorts World™ Sentosa, #01-43/44 (Sentosa Express: Waterfront Station)
Tel: +65 6795 2370 / +65 6795 2371 / +65 6795 2481 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6795 2364
Website: trickeye.com/singapore
Email: enquiries@trickeye.com / sales@trickeye.com (Trade Contact)

TRICK OF THE EYE

"Trick eye" is a reference to the French term *trompe-l'oeil*, an art technique that depicts a subject in a realistic way to make it look like it is physically present in the space where the artwork is being shown.

Mega Adventure Park Singapore

Mega Adventure Park Singapore (opening hours: Mon–Sun, 11am–7pm) is located in the lush jungle setting of Sentosa and offers visitors a host of adrenaline-pumping attractions: the 75m-high, 450m-long three-wire MegaZip zip line; the 15m Parajump leap, a freefall parachute jump – without the plane ride – with a custom-made safety wire; and a 16m-high climbing wall. Visitors can opt for combined attraction tickets or enquire about special offers. Team building programmes and group bookings can be arranged.

Address: Sentosa Island, Imbiah Hill Road (Sentosa Express: Beach Station)
Tel: +65 6884 5602 (Trade Contact)
Website: megazip.com.sg
Email: info@megaadventure.com / corporate@megaadventure.com



Aerial view of Sentosa island resort



Mega Adventure Park Singapore on Sentosa

Neighbourhoods

Quayside Isle

Along with The Residences at W Singapore and the W Singapore – Sentosa Cove (wsingaporementosacove.com), Quayside Isle is part of the integrated luxury enclave of Sentosa Cove. As the first and only dining and retail destination within this waterfront precinct, it brings together more than 20 exciting dining experiences that include Asian, Belgian, French, Italian, Mediterranean and Spanish cuisines. The picturesque boardwalk offers panoramic views, and the laidback setting is great for couples looking for a romantic getaway or for families celebrating a special occasion. To get here, visitors can take a complimentary shuttle bus at the Sentosa Express Beach Station, which runs daily from 8am to 10.30pm at 30-minute intervals, and alight at the W Singapore less than a minute's walk away.

Address: Sentosa Island, 31 Ocean Way, Sentosa Cove
Tel: +65 6887 3502 / +65 6694 3410
Fax: +65 6694 3409
Website: quaysideisle.com

Resorts World™ Sentosa

As a popular one-stop destination and massive lifestyle destination resort spanning 49ha, Resorts World™ Sentosa comprises world-class attractions – including Universal Studios Singapore® – a spa, casino, six unique hotels, most number of Michelin stars in one destination (see Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p107), and luxury retail. Its Festive Grand Theatre (see Venues, Performance Venues, p180) hosts original productions and concerts, while the Resorts World™ Convention Centre caters to events ranging from large-scale exhibitions to corporate meetings (see Venues, Exhibition & Conference Venues, p184). Visitors can opt for attraction bundle tickets. Enquire about the latest promotions (spanning attractions, hotels, restaurants, and shows and events) and group deals.

Address: Sentosa Island, 8 Sentosa Gateway
Tel: + 65 6577 8888 / +65 6577 9900 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6577 8895
Website: rwsentosa.com
Email: enquiries@rwsentosa.com / travelagents@rwsentosa.com (Trade Contact) / sales@rwsentosa.com

SERANGOON GARDENS

Visitors may take the lush, residential neighbourhood of Serangoon Gardens for Little Britain, going by its many roads named after British locales (Cardiff, Kensington and Worthing). It was established in the 1950s for British officers and their families to live in. Members of the older Singaporean Chinese generations fondly allude to Serangoon Gardens by its Hokkien moniker of “ang sar lee”, referring to the distinctive red zinc roofs of shophouses that once dotted the area. With its mix of well-loved hawker fare (like at Chomp Chomp Food Centre; see Eat & Drink, Hawker Centres, p117) and hip hangouts, it is now a foodie's paradise that draws many discerning locals and travellers looking to sate their hard-to-please tastebuds.

Nearest MRT: Serangoon Station / Lorong Chuan Station

DID YOU KNOW?

The name Serangoon is said to have originated from the portmanteau of *satu*, the Malay word for “one”, and *burong ranggong*, a black-and-white stork-like marsh bird that used to flock the swamps of Serangoon River.

Points of Interest

Chong Hoe Chinese Medical Store

A family-run business that started in 1957, this is the neighbourhood's oldest Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) store (opening hours: Mon–Sat, 8am–8pm; Sun & Public Holidays, 8am–1pm) and still boasts a loyal clientele. Travellers can pick up a bottle of Chong Hoe Herbal Health Tonic, an in-house concoction said to have numerous health-boosting effects, such as improved sleep and better complexion.

Address: 61 Serangoon Garden Way
Tel: +65 6288 4652
Fax: +65 6382 8027
Website: chonghoe61.com
Email: chonghoe61@yahoo.com.sg

myVillage

A quaint boutique shopping mall (opening hours: Mon–Sun, 10am–10pm), myVillage has an eclectic mix of retail and F&B tenants, including local gems like Thirsty Craft Beer Shop (thirsty.com.sg), which offers aromatic brews, and Little Wimby Lu, a café that will delight

sugar addicts with a weakness for chocolate. The mall's open-air rooftop deck hosts concerts and movie screenings under the stars.

Address: 1 Maju Avenue
Tel: +65 6634 2288
Website: myvillage.sg
Email: hello.there@myvillage.com.sg

Serangoon Garden Bakery & Confectionery

This bakery is known for its soft bread and cakes, which are freshly made every day. Visitors are advised to go in the mornings and brave long queues, as hot favourites such as curry buns and bread with *otah* (spicy grilled fish paste) are usually sold out by noon.

Address: 49A Serangoon Garden Way, Serangoon Garden Market, #01-45

SkyHigh Trampoline Park

Travellers seeking some active and fun exercise can visit SkyHigh Trampoline Park (opening hours: Mon–Sun, 10am–9pm). There are 15 trampolines spread out in



this facility, where visitors can play basketball or simply jump and bounce around. The park also holds Neon Nights, when the place is dramatically lit with neon lights from 7pm.

Address: 45 Burghley Drive, Burghley Lifestyle Hub, #01-05
Tel: +65 6635 7124 / +65 9029 6317
Website: skyhigh.com.sg
Email: info@skyhigh.com.sg

THE QUAYS

For more than a century, the Singapore River was the island's centre of trade and commerce. Today, the areas that straddle it are bustling nightlife and dining hubs known as the Quays. Closest to the mouth of the river on the southern bank is Boat Quay, followed by Clarke Quay upriver on the northern bank, and Robertson Quay stretching along the same bank even further upstream (see Nightlife Precincts, p86, p88 and p90). While the waterfront warehouses and godowns that once stored cargo brought in by bumboats have been refurbished into trendy restaurants, nightclubs and drinking dens, the colonial façades and colourful five-foot-way shophouses remain

charming reminders of Singapore's historical past.

Websites: clarkequay.com.sg / boatquay.com.sg / robertsonquay.com
Nearest MRT: Clarke Quay Station / Raffles Place Station

Points of Interest

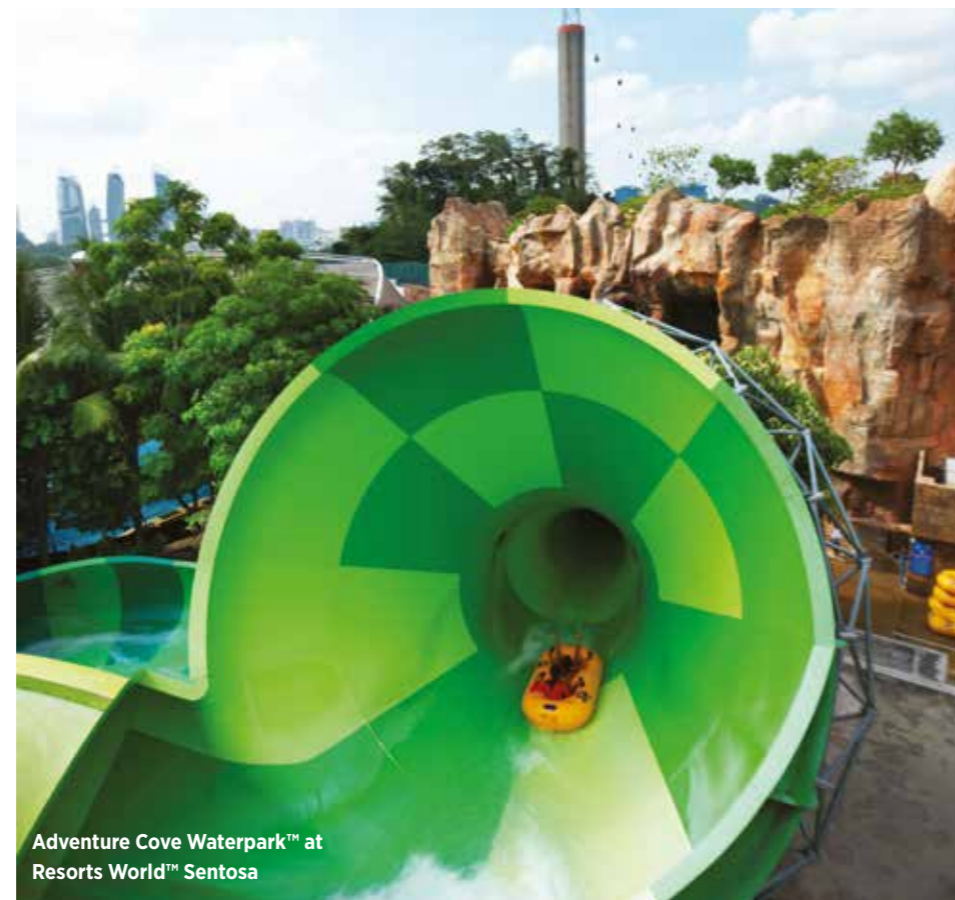
Alkaff Bridge

Built in 1997 in the shape of a *tongkang* – a light boat that shipped goods along the river – this 55m-long pedestrian bridge was named after a prominent family who lived in Singapore in the early 20th century. It is also known as the Singapore Art Bridge, and it is easy to see why – in 2004, Filipino artist Pacita Abad painted it with whimsical patterns using 55 different colours.

Address: 1 Havelock Road

Hongkong Street

Hongkong Street is a one-way road and it is named after the island city of Hong Kong. The street boasts a high concentration of hidden dining and



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An aerial view of Clarke Quay and the colourful shophouses that line the river

Neighbourhoods

drinking gems like hip café Ronin ([ronin.sg](#)) and South-American cocktail bar Vasco ([vascosingapore.com](#)). Most famous, though, is 28 HongKong Street ([28hks.com](#)), the six-year-old speakeasy that spearheaded Singapore's recent cocktail revolution and is consistently recognised as Asia's best bar.

Address: Hongkong Street, between New Bridge Road and South Bridge Road

Liang Court

Locals and residents mainly flock to this shopping mall (opening hours: Mon–Sun, 10am–10pm) for its Japanese retailers – including anchor tenants Books Kinokuniya, Meidi-Ya supermarket and fast-fashion chain Uniqlo – as well as its authentic Japanese restaurants. The specialised eateries range from popular ramen and udon to less-typical fare like Okinawan cuisine, *butadon* (grilled pork on rice) and Japanese-style crepes.

Address: 177 River Valley Road
Tel: +65 6336 7184
Website: [liangcourt.com.sg](#)

Mohamed Sultan Road

The shophouses that line this road were once used as warehouses to store goods taken

from harbouring ships for redistribution, as well as homes for local residents during pre-war Singapore. In the early 1990s, they were rejuvenated as clubs and pubs, transforming the area into a nightlife hub. Today, the shophouses are mostly occupied by restaurants and design retailers.

Address: Mohamed Sultan Road between Saiboo Street, Martin Road and River Valley Road

Old Hill Street Police Station

Instantly recognisable for its 927 windows in rainbow hues, the Old Hill Street Police Station is currently home to the Ministry of Communications and Information and the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, as well as art galleries. Constructed in 1934, it also housed living quarters for police personnel and their families. The building was gazetted as a national monument in 1998.

Address: 140 Hill Street

Robertson Quay

A former wharf in the late 19th century, this neighbourhood is now an eclectic mix of retail shops, residential apartments, hotels, art galleries, bars and restaurants, boasting a low-key and family-friendly ambience. Visitors can take leisurely strolls across its pedestrian bridges or dine alfresco at one

of the many riverside eateries, both day and night (see Nightlife Precincts, p90).

Address: Robertson Quay

DID YOU KNOW?

Just opposite Boat Quay on the north bank is the Raffles Landing Site, a statue and plaza dedicated to where Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles, the founder of modern Singapore, reputedly first landed in 1819.

TIONG BAHRU

It may be one of the oldest housing estates in Singapore, but this once-sleepy residential district is now a cultural hotbed for the island's young and hip. Built in the 1930s, the neighbourhood has a look that sets it apart: low-rise buildings in the Streamline Moderne architectural style of clean lines and minimalist forms. Amidst this throwback architecture lies the district's modern appeal, distinctively blending old and new Singapore: pre-war apartments with Art Deco façades now house quirky fashion boutiques, while decades-old *kopitiams* (traditional coffee shops) rub shoulders with trendy cocktail bars and cool cafés. Travellers can experience Singapore's famous hawker culture at Tiong Bahru Market and Food Centre (see Eat &

Drink, Hawker Centres, p118). With its unique heritage-meets-hipster vibe, Tiong Bahru is a neighbourhood worth exploring on foot.

Nearest MRT: Tiong Bahru Station

LOOK OUT FOR STREET ART

Visitors should keep an eye out for Singaporean visual artist Ernest Goh's giant photographs of animals pasted onto walls, the vibrant three-storey-high peacock mural by Australian artist Makatron and the nostalgic murals by Singaporean Yip Yew Chong depicting local heritage scenes like fortune tellers and street vendors.

Points of Interest

Block 78 Moh Guan Terrace

Affectionately known as “the horse-shoe block” for its iconic U-shape, this five-storey apartment building, completed in 1940, is the largest single block of flats in the area. One section of the building also houses a civilian air raid shelter, making it the only public housing estate at the time that was built with a shelter as part of its design.

Address: Block 78 Moh Guan Terrace

DID YOU KNOW?

One of Tiong Bahru's oldest surviving *kopitiams*, located at Block 78 Moh Guan Terrace, has been around since the 1940s. Hua Bee Restaurant served as the set for prominent Singapore filmmaker Eric Khoo's 1995 movie, *Mee Pok Man*. In a fitting metaphor for the old-meets-new appeal of Tiong Bahru, a trendy yakitori eatery takes over the space at night.



Dancing Girl Sculpture

The district's first piece of public art is located in Seng Poh Garden. Sculpted by Sarawak-born artist, Lim Nang Sang, who also created the iconic Merlion statue, the concrete 1.2m-high *Dancing Girl* sculpture was commissioned to be the centrepiece of the landscaped garden in 1972.

Address: Seng Poh Road near Moh Guan Terrace



Tiong Bahru mural by Singaporean Yip Yew Chong

Qi Tian Gong Temple

A neighbourhood fixture since the 1920s, this temple (opening hours: Mon–Sun, 7am–5pm) is nicknamed the Monkey God Temple since it is dedicated to the Taoist deity from the Chinese literary classic *Journey to the West*. More than 10 statues of the Monkey God – including one that is almost a century old – can be found within.

Address: 44 Eng Hoon Street
Tel: +65 6220 2469
Fax: +65 6222 0352
Website: [qitiangong.com](#)
Email: qitian@singnet.com.sg

Seng Poh Lane

Located just opposite Tiong Bahru Market and Food Centre, a cluster of small streets between Seng Poh Road and Tiong Poh Road is home to many local establishments that embody the district's hipster appeal. Pop into Tiong Bahru Bakery ([tiiongbahrubakery.com](#)) or The Orange Thimble (56 Eng Hoon Street, #01-68) for a cuppa, then browse the curated jewellery, vintage clothes and homeware at Flea & Trees ([fleaandtrees.com](#)).

Address: Eng Hoon Street, Seng Poh Lane and Eng Watt Street

Tan Boon Liat Building

This 15-storey commercial building on Outram Road, a few minutes' walk from Tiong Bahru Market and Food Centre, is a treasure trove for furniture hunters. Showrooms and retail spaces offer all kinds of unique home décor – from Asian antiques ([fairpriceantique.com](#)) and industrial furniture ([journeyeast.com](#)) to contemporary lamps ([theshophouse.com](#)) and plush carpets ([jehangallery.com](#)).

Address: 315 Outram Road

Yong Siak Street

Many of the pioneering stores and eateries that elevated Tiong Bahru to hip status are situated side-by-side on this jam-packed street. Independent bookshop, BooksActually ([booksactuallyshop.com](#)) champions local authors; Forty Hands café ([40handscoffee.com](#)) kick-started the speciality coffee scene in Singapore; Strangelets ([strangelets.sg](#)) stocks quirky home accessories and crafts; and Plain Vanilla ([plainvanillabakery.com](#)) makes some of the best cupcakes on the island.

Address: Yong Siak Street



Old Hill Street Police Station



Screening Room at Ann Siang Hill



Boat Quay



CHIJMES

NIGHTLIFE PRECINCTS

Singapore buzzes with an array of nightlife options. Besides bar and club options, there's a wide range of other after-dark activities as well, from top theatre performances and live music venues to comedy shows, cruises and tours.

Ann Siang Hill, Club Street, Cross Street & Telok Ayer Street

This part of Chinatown is where the old meets the new. Temples stand alongside lively restaurants and bars, while historical buildings, once the home to trading shophouses and clan associations, have been converted into hip fashion and antique stores. The area offers a bit of everything — arts, culture, history and entertainment — and these nearby streets — Ann Siang Hill, Club Street, Cross Street and Telok Ayer Street — serve as a good guide on where visitors can go.

Eat and drink

Visitors can consider the many bars along Telok Ayer for a pre-dinner tippie. Jigger & Pony (see Bars & Clubs, p124) along Amoy Street specialises in Negronis and other classic cocktails, while Sum Yi Tai (see Eat & Drink, Unique Dining Concepts, p99) on Boon Tat Street offers Cantonese tapas in a modern Chinoiserie setting, complete with an eclectic soundtrack of Canto-pop and hip-hop tunes. Favourite

dinner options here include Ka Soh (ka-soh.com.sg) for authentic *zi char* (Chinese stir-fry) dishes and No Menu (osvaldo.sg) for robust northern Italian fare in a homey setting.

A short walk away from Telok Ayer are Ann Siang Hill and Club Street, two adjoining streets that are closed to vehicular traffic on weekend evenings, making for a relaxed alfresco evening under the stars. Popular bars here include Beaujolais Club (beaujolais.com.sg) for its comprehensive wine selection; American bistro-bar Club Street Social (www.clubstreetsocial.com) for bold cocktails with hearty comfort food; Operation Dagger, one of the best cocktail bars in Singapore (see Eat & Drink, Bars & Clubs, p126) and B28 (btwentyeight.com), accessible from the back of The Club Hotel (theclub.com.sg), for whisky and live jazz.

Dining options at Ann Siang Hill and Club Street are varied. Visitors can sample Southeast Asian tapas at Ding Dong (dingdong.com.sg), steak frites at cosy Les Bouchons (lesbouchons.sg), and New England-style fare like lobster rolls and clam chowder at Luke's (lukes.com.sg/gemmil).

There's no shortage of F&B options over at Cross Street. Some recommended eats include &SONS (sons.com.sg), which offers Italian small plates and cheese platters, as well as a selection of grilled mains, along with live music, starting at 7.30pm. For Thai food, the Folks Collective (folkscollective.com) serves up a menu of authentic favourites like curries, salads and stir-fries to modern Thai fare.

Movie magic

For a night out with a difference, Screening Room (screeningroom.com.sg), a 35-seat boutique theatre with a rooftop bar on Ann Siang Road, screens movie classics twice nightly, Monday to Saturday. Bookings via its Facebook page (facebook.com/pg/screeningroom.sg) are advised. Minimum F&B spend in the theatre is S\$15.

Night at the museum

For a cultural experience, visitors should stop by the Fuk Tak Chi Museum (fareastsquare.com.sg) on Telok Ayer Street, which remains open till 10pm. Singapore's first street museum and oldest temple was built by Hakka and Cantonese immigrants in 1824 and is dedicated to the Chinese deity, Tua Pek Kong. Visitors can view more than 200 artefacts donated by residents in Chinatown and get a glimpse into the life of early immigrants. Entry is free.

Boat Quay & Circular Road

Once the busiest part of Singapore, this former port located on the southern bank of the Singapore River near the Raffles Place Central Business District (CBD) remains busy round the clock. It's a popular place among visitors and locals who come here after work to unwind at the many watering holes and soak in the dazzling CBD night skyline and ambience along the Singapore River.

Cruise

Singapore River Cruise (rivercruise.com.sg) is a popular night attraction. With two pick-up and drop-off points (Fullerton Jetty or Boat Quay Jetty), both located along Boat Quay, this 40-minute cruise (last trip at 10.30pm) is a convenient and scenic way to take in all the sights and sounds from Marina Bay Sands* (see Shopping, Malls, p131) down south to Clarke Quay (see p88) further inland. From mid-May 2017, the Laser Show Cruise will resume with daily cruises at 7.30pm and 9pm to coincide with the enhanced nightly light and water show from Marina Bay Sands*.

Pubs and entertainment

After a cruise, visitors can enjoy a cold pint, hearty pub food and live entertainment at numerous bar venues in the area, such as Harry's (harrys.com.sg) and neighbouring Circular Road's Molly Malone's Irish Pub and Brasserie (molly-malone.com), where live music performances are a regular feature. For a night of laughs, Comedy Masala Singapore (comedymasala.com) on Circular Road offers open-mic sessions (every Tue, 8pm) featuring an international roster of stand-up comedians.

Culture by night

Open till 9pm on Fridays is the Asian Civilisations Museum (see Attractions, Arts & Design, p32), located over the other bank of the Singapore River via the historic 80m-long Cavenagh Bridge. The museum is a showcase of the different

religions, languages and creative forms that bind Singapore's multi-ethnic society. Next door is the newly renovated Victoria Theatre & Victoria Concert Hall (see Venues, Concert Halls, p183), where visitors can enjoy an evening of classical music, opera and plays.

Bras Basah & CHIJMES

Bras Basah derived its name from the Malay term for "wet rice", which was once laid out on the banks of Bras Basah River (known as the Stamford Canal today). Starting at the tail end of Orchard Road and Handy Road, the Bras Basah area is part of Singapore's Museum and Downtown Core, and the main precinct for the annual Singapore Night Festival (see Events & Festivals, p24).

Arts and film

Open till 9pm on Fridays, the Peranakan Museum (see Attractions, History & Heritage, p39) explores the culture and practices of the Peranakans (people descended from marriages between Chinese or Indian men and local Malay or Indonesian women in Southeast Asia) in the region across 10 permanent galleries featuring artefacts such as jewellery, furniture and textiles. Built in 1912, the museum building itself was home to Tao Nan School, one of the region's first modern Hokkien (Chinese dialect group) schools set up in the Straits Settlements.

For a sense of Southeast Asian contemporary art, visitors can head over to the Singapore Art Museum (SAM, see Attractions, Arts & Design, p35) and its annex, SAM at 8Q, at Queen Street, both of which also open till 9pm on Fridays. SAM at 8Q also hosts ad hoc evening film screenings as part of its Moving Image Gallery programme.

Among the main venues for the Singapore Night Festival is the National Museum of Singapore (see Attractions, Arts & Design, p34), the country's oldest museum, which opens till 7pm daily. During the Singapore Night Festival, the museum is transformed with eye-catching animations and lighting art projected on its façade.

Eat and drink

Further down the road is CHIJMES (chijmes.com.sg) – the former 1800s-era Catholic convent is now a dining and entertainment hub of restaurants, bars and cafés that get especially lively at night. Try café favourites like pizzas, burgers and pancakes at Privé (thepriviegroupp.com.sg/prime), modern Australian fare at Whitegrass (whitegrass.com.sg), classic Chinese cuisine at Cantonese restaurant, Lei Garden (chijmes.com.sg/lei-garden-restaurant), and contemporary Asian fare at Coriander Leaf (corianderleaf.com). Coriander Leaf also has a cooking studio that runs cooking classes on Asian fare, such as Singapore, Thai and Chinese.

For drink options, visitors who love whisky can sample fine whiskies at The Single Cask (thesinglecask.sg), while



sport lovers can catch live screenings of matches at pubs such as The Irish Times (irishtimeschijmes.com).

Clarke Quay

This historic, eye-catching riverside enclave, situated upstream from the mouth of the Singapore River and Boat Quay, was named after Sir Andrew Clarke, Governor of the Straits Settlements from 1873 to 1875. While nearby Boat Quay was the commercial centre during the colonial era, the barge lighters would transport goods upstream to warehouses at Clarke Quay. Today, the warehouses have been converted into a colourful, lively area with futuristic plastic roofing, a central fountain and huge fans to keep the area sheltered yet cool.

Live music and dance

Clarke Quay is best experienced at night, when locals and tourists flock to its popular waterfront drinking and dining spots. It's also home to live music venues. The iconic Crazy Elephant (crazyelephant.sg) is a popular live blues and rock 'n' roll spot for visiting international musicians such as REM, Robbie Williams and Deep Purple. The venue is also known for its Sunday jam sessions (from 10pm) where both professional and amateur musicians can show off their skills. Pump Room

(pumproomasia.com.sg) is a microbrewery and bistro with live music Tuesdays to Sundays, from 10pm. For Latino grooves, Cuba Libre Café & Bar (cubalibre.com.sg) pairs potent *mojitos* (traditional Cuban cocktail of white rum, sugar, lime juice, mint and soda water) and *caipirinhas* (a Brazilian cocktail made of cachaça, sugar and lime) with live Latin music sets (Mon–Sat) and impromptu salsa sessions.

No visit to Singapore would be complete for the avid club goer without a night out at Zouk – in December 2016, the Singapore super-club relocated to The Cannery at Clarke Quay. Other popular clubbing venues include Attica and VLV Club Lounge (see Eat & Drink, Bars & Clubs, p122 and p126 respectively).

Dempsey Hill

Once home to an 1850s-era nutmeg plantation called Mount Harriet and then the Tanglin Barracks in the late 1800s, Dempsey Hill was redeveloped in 2007 into a one-stop dining, entertainment and shopping enclave.

Dempsey Hill today is a study in contrasts. By day, its antique furniture stores attract mostly expatriates looking to decorate their homes. Come sunset, a mix of wine bars and eateries offer visitors a relaxed night out amidst tranquil natural surroundings.

Eat and drink

A number of heritage buildings are now home to unique concept restaurants and lifestyle venues. The newest is COMO Dempsey (comodempsey.sg) where visitors can enjoy dinner at one-Michelin-starred restaurant Candlenut (see Eat & Drink, Modern Singapore Cuisine, p114) – the first Peranakan restaurant to receive a star – dine at the casual Ippoh Tempura Bar (17 Dempsey Road), an outpost of Osaka's oldest premium tempura restaurant, or savour the menu at The Dempsey Cookhouse and Bar by Jean-Georges Vongerichten (comodempsey.sg/the-dempsey-cookhouse-and-bar). For Indian fare, Samy's Curry (25 Dempsey Road) has been dishing homey South Indian cuisine served on banana leaves since the 1970s. The fish head curry here (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p94) is a must-try.

Close by, RedDot Brewhouse (reddotbrewhouse.com.sg) in a former army barracks building hosts a weekly Speed Drinking Competition on Friday and Saturday nights from about 9pm. Of its eight brews, the Monster Green Lager Beer brewed with spirulina remains the most unique and worth a try. The Rabbit Hole (see Eat & Drink, Unique Dining Concepts, p100), located in the backyard of a former Ebenezer Chapel built in the 1940s for the British troops in Singapore, is a charming alfresco bar serving speciality gin cocktails with house-made tonics in a lush botanical setting.



Enjoying hawker fare at Makansutra Gluttons Bay

Holland Village

Once occupied by plantations and nurseries, Holland Village was named in honour of Hugh Holland, a respected Dutch architect and actor in 1907.

Popular among locals and expatriates, this laidback neighbourhood has a lively night atmosphere, thanks to the bars and restaurants lining Lorong Mambong. Part of this street is closed to vehicles in the evenings and turned into a pedestrian street, which adds to the buzz in the area.

Food galore

Good food is plentiful in the village. Visitors can dine on burgers at Fatboy's The Burger Bar (fatboys.sg), hearty Indian at Kinara (thekinaragroup.com), or vegetarian with a Mediterranean twist at Original Sin (see Eat & Drink, Vegetarian, p120). Visitors with a sweet tooth must not miss 2am:dessertbar – owned by award-winning Singapore pastry chef Janice Wong – which is open Tuesday to Friday from 3pm to 2am (see Lifestyle Precincts, p74).

Live performances

Visitors looking for a livelier night out should head to the iconic Wala Wala Cafe Bar (facebook.com/walawala.sg) where they can catch a sports match (screened at Level 1) or enjoy some live music (Level 2). Wala Wala is known for being a platform

for up-and-coming local music talent, with many of Singapore's established acts getting their start there.

One Fullerton & Esplanade

Situated across the former General Post Office (now the Fullerton Hotel), this waterfront promenade area offers a stunning view of the Marina Bay (see Lifestyle Precincts, p75) skyline including iconic Marina Bay Sands®, the Singapore Flyer, Merlion Park and Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p49). The One Fullerton/Esplanade area is heavily frequented by travellers and locals, and this modern waterfront development offers a variety of after dark options.

Cocktails with a view

There are numerous drink venues in the area. Among them is the Monti (monti.sg) with a marble-and-copper-top bar looking out onto Marina Bay from where visitors can enjoy its signature Monti Sour made with Amaretto, or order two drinks for S\$20++ during happy hour (Mon–Fri, 5pm–10pm). For couples, glamorous rooftop bar Lantern (see Eat & Drink, Bars & Clubs, p125) offers a romantic ambience.

Capture the glittering skyline and iconic landmarks

Not-to-be-missed is the Merlion Park (see

Attractions, 10 Free Attractions for Great Photos, p30), home to the iconic half-fish, half-lion Merlion. A walk across the 261m-long Esplanade Bridge lets visitors capture the Marina South and Marina Bay night skyline. This is also a prime fireworks-watching spot during major holidays like the Lunar New Year and New Year's Eve (see Events & Festivals, p28). The area is also part of the Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix night race circuit (see Events & Festivals, p25).

Concerts and performances

Just down the bridge is the Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay (see Venues, Performance Venues, p179), where visitors can catch regular night-time public music performances inside the Esplanade foyer or at the Esplanade Outdoor Theatre.

Late night eats

For dinner or late night supper, visitors can head to the nearby Makansutra Gluttons Bay (makansutra.com; opening hours: Mon–Thu, 5pm–2am; Fri–Sat, 5pm–3am; Sun, 4pm–1am), where famous Singapore hawkers serve up a variety of local favourites.

Orchard Road & Emerald Hill

Where nutmeg, fruit orchards and pepper plantations once thrived is now a strip of modern shopping malls and hotels. But Orchard Road, Singapore's main shopping belt, is more than just a retail haven. This 2.2km-long strip underwent a multimillion dollar renovation in 2009 that incorporated a number of outdoor art elements, pretty planter boxes and flower totem poles, making it a good option for a pre- or post-dinner stroll. The conservation area of Emerald Hill further down Orchard Road was once the residential neighbourhood of wealthy Peranakan merchants and families at the turn of the 20th century. Today, many of its traditional Peranakan-style shophouses have been transformed into F&B venues.

Catch a festive light-up

Adding to the nocturnal buzz is the annual Orchard Road Christmas Light-Up (see Events & Festivals, p28). During this time, locals and visitors throng Orchard Road to admire and take pictures of the creative festive décor and lights that transform the streets, malls and hotel fronts into a glittering wonderland.

Tipples and nibbles

Visitors looking to relax with a drink will find no shortage of watering holes here. Martini Bar at Mezza9 at the

Neighbourhoods

Grand Hyatt Singapore (*singapore.grand.hyattrestaurants.com/baratmezza9*) is a choice spot for arguably the best martinis in town. During happy hour (Mon–Sat, 4pm–9pm), customers can enjoy house pours, cocktails and martinis at 50% off.

Over at Emerald Hill, its stretch of bars offers a broad range of drink and pub food options. Visitors can enjoy tapas and wine at Que Pasa (*www.quepasa.com.sg*), a selection of cold beers from around the world at Ice-Cold Beer (*ice-cold-beer.com*), and the juiciest chicken wings in town washed down with martinis at No. 5 Emerald Hill Cocktail Bar (*emerald-hill.com*).

A glimpse into Peranakan legacy

For a lesson on heritage, visitors can get a glimpse of Singapore's rich Peranakan heritage by exploring Emerald Hill's cluster of beautifully restored residential Peranakan terraced houses built between 1901 and 1925. Even as the sun sets, the ornate architecture in

what was once a nutmeg plantation is no less eye-catching.

Robertson Quay

What was once the site of warehouses and boatyards in the 1880s is now home to residential apartments, hip hotels and a string of food and drink options.

Eat and drink

The city's newest after-hour dining hot spot is the new Warehouse Hotel (*thewarehousehotel.com*) and its restaurant Po, a collaboration between chef Willin Low (see Eat & Drink, Modern Singapore Cuisine, p115) and hospitality firm The Lo & Behold Group. Red House Seafood restaurant (*redhouseseafood.com*), established in 1976, remains one of the better spots for a dinner of chilli crab (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p94) with a view of the Singapore River. The always lively Super Loco (*super-loco.com*) is a great pre-party

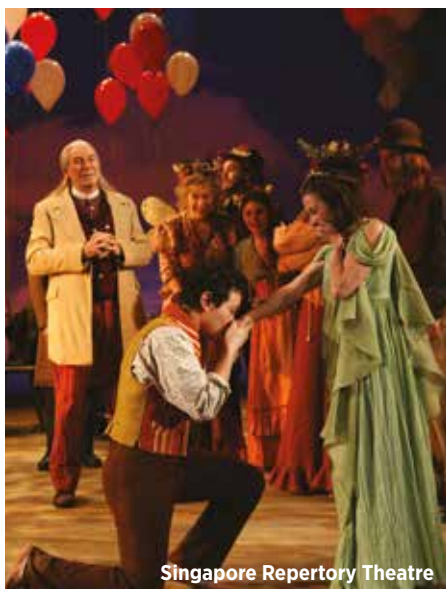
venue for groups to fuel up on Mexican street food and potent tequila drinks in a casual setting. Robertson Quay is also home to one of Singapore's top whisky bars, La Maison du Whisky (*whisky.sg*).

Stroll along an art bridge

Visitors to Robertson Quay (see Lifestyle Precincts, p84), which is within walking distance of Clarke Quay, will notice a number of bridges. One highlight is the colourful, whimsically painted Alkaff Bridge (also known as the Singapore Art Bridge; see Lifestyle Precincts, p83) that stands out as a focal point as it's well-lit by night.

Watch a theatrical performance

Visitors who enjoy theatre should consider a night at the Singapore Repertory Theatre (*srt.com.sg*), known for staging highly popular, big-budget productions headlined by award-winning actors like Kevin Spacey and other local and regional actors. Nightly performances (tickets and fees apply) run from Tuesday to Saturday at 8pm and on Sundays at 6pm.





Travellers to Singapore have countless options when it comes to eating. From the humble local favourites served in hawker centres to the refined plates at celebrity chef restaurants, the country's culinary landscape has it all. The influences of the Chinese, Malay and Indian cultures have created a unique variety of flavourful dishes.

There are also unusual dining experiences waiting to be discovered, be it having a meal in complete darkness, dining on a bus or in a wonderland-themed setting, or having a drink while taking in the breathtaking views of the stunning skyline after dark. Those who would like to have *halal*, vegan or vegetarian food are also spoilt for choice, thanks to eateries catering to diverse dietary preferences.

With the inaugural Michelin Guide Singapore launched in 2016, there is no better time to discover the country's exciting food offerings. As travel show host Anthony Bourdain once said, "What you do in Singapore is eat."



CULINARY TRENDS FOR 2017

The food and drinks scene in Singapore has never been more exciting. The country has a wide variety of award-winning restaurants, trendy dining concepts and homegrown culinary talents. Visitors will never run out of options to enjoy a memorable meal in Singapore.

More award-winning restaurants

The gourmet visitor will be delighted at the number of award-winning eateries in Singapore. The first Michelin Guide Singapore was launched in July 2016, with 63 eateries awarded Michelin stars and Bib Gourmand awards. Of note were restaurants helmed by local chefs such as Corner House by chef Jason Tan (see *Celebrity Fine Dining*, p106) and Candlenut by chef Malcolm Lee (see *Modern Singapore Cuisine*, p114), and hot restaurants such as Shoukouwa, JAAN and Odette (see *Celebrity Fine Dining*, p107 and p108 respectively). Hawkers were also honoured: Hong Kong Soya Sauce Chicken Rice & Noodle received one coveted star. Others like Bismillah Biryani (see *Halal*

Restaurants, p109), The Fishball Story and Tian Tian Hainanese Chicken Rice (see *Local Favourites*, p94) – a favourite stop for celebrity chef and travel show host, Anthony Bourdain – were recognised with Bib Gourmand awards.

At the Asia's 50 Best Restaurants awards ceremony held early this year, three Singapore-based restaurants made it to the top 10. Restaurant André (see *Celebrity Fine Dining*, p108) – which also got two Michelin stars – is named second-best restaurant in Asia, while Odette and Burnt Ends (see *Celebrity Fine Dining*, p105) are listed as ninth and 10th best restaurants respectively.

More dining pop-ups

Food enthusiasts who relish unconventional dining experiences may want to try one of the many dining pop-up events that happen across Singapore. Unique dining experiences include the kitschy Pokémon pop-up café at Bugis Junction (see *Shopping, Malls*, p127). This café is dedicated to the popular Japanese game and serves dishes shaped like Pikachu and sauces resembling Pokéballs. Another noteworthy event is the 15-day MasterChef Dining & Bar pop-up, which brought Michelin-

starred chef Marco Pierre White and MasterChef personalities from the United States, Asia and Australia to Ash & Elm modern European restaurant at the InterContinental Singapore. There are also regular food-related programmes such as Epicurean Journeys, which features five acclaimed chefs from around the world – last year’s line-up included chefs from Vienna, Bangkok and Athens. Meanwhile, interactive theatre company ANDSO FORTH (see Unique Dining Concepts, p96) holds themed nights such as an *Alice in Wonderland* dinner show.



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Chef collaborations

Chef collaborations, in which visiting chefs “guest-cook” in a local restaurant’s kitchen, are gaining popularity in Singapore. In 2016, \$100Gourmet (100gourmet.sg) hosted 14 chef collaborations with 11 award-winning visiting chefs, in a series of unique pop-up dinners; its 2017 calendar is one visitors should keep an eye out for. Local tapas restaurant Esquina (esquina.com.sg) celebrates its fifth birthday this year with a collaborative dinner series, pairing head chef Carlos Montobbio with Restaurant Labyrinth’s chef-owner LG Han (see Modern Singapore Cuisine, p114), chef Sun Kim (Meta), chef Diego Jacquet (chef patron of boCHINche and ZOILO) and chef Julien Royer (Odette).



Farm-to-table dining

The global farm-to-table movement is gaining popularity in Singapore. Already, restaurants like Open Farm Community (openfarmcommunity.com) and The Summerhouse (thesummerhouse.sg) offer cuisine in which local produce and flavours are the stars. Beyond growing their ingredients on-site, these restaurants also source produce from farms locally and around the region. Driving the charge for more farms and pop-up events is Edible Gardens (ediblegardencity.com), which champions a “Grow Your Own Food” movement by designing, building and maintaining food gardens all around Singapore. Farmer’s markets have also become more popular in Singapore with regular events such as Kranji Countryside Farmer’s Market (kranjicountryside.com), Farmers’ Market at Loewen Gardens (see Shopping, Flea Markets & Weekend Bazaars, p134) and The Common Man Green Project.

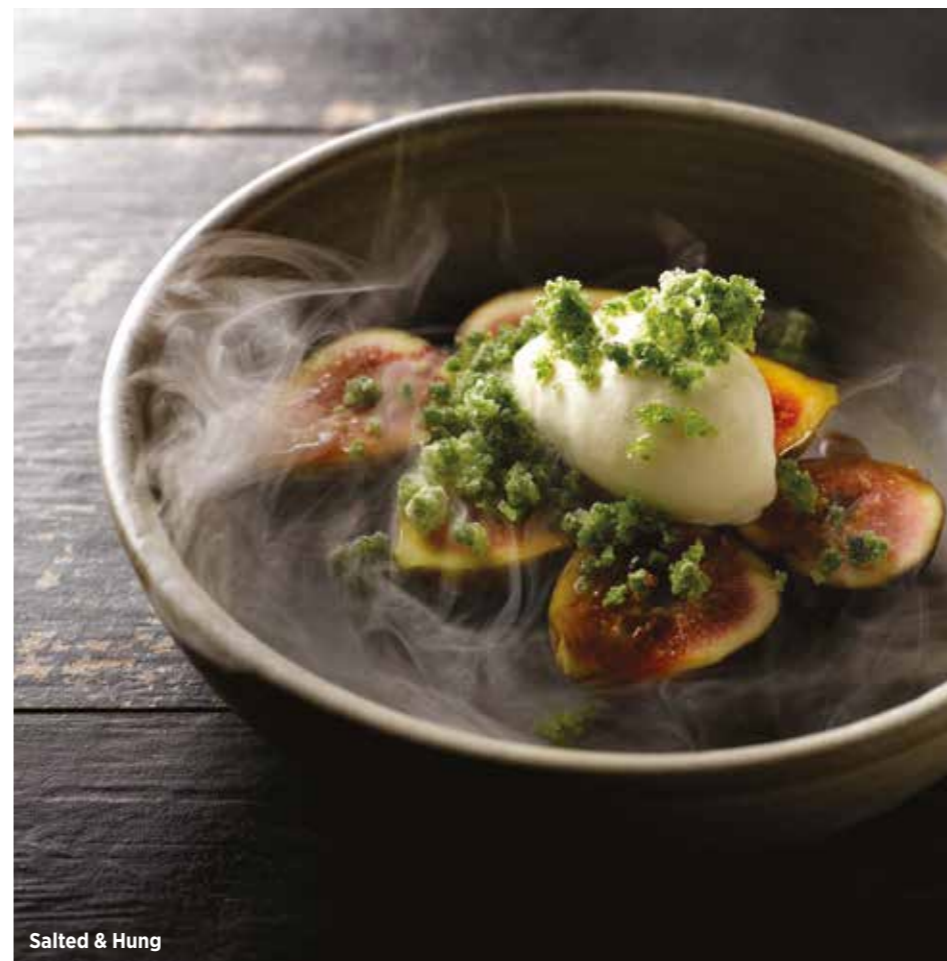
Rise of second-generation hawkers

Singapore’s hawker food is getting a boost,

thanks to second-generation hawkers inspired to keep the country’s love for hawker food alive, sometimes with a modern twist. Bib Gourmand awardee A Noodle Story utilises modern European techniques to create a unique Singapore-style ramen, which is a cross between Japanese ramen and Hong Kong-style *wonton* noodles (a noodle dish with dumplings), served with a sous-vide *char siew* (barbecued pork). Kway Guan Huat Joo Chiat Original Popiah and Kueh Pie Tie (joochiatpopiah.com) is a legacy family business that started in 1938. Singaporeans from all over the island come here for the home-style *popiah* (fresh spring rolls). Famed for their delicate, paper-thin yet sturdy *popiah* skins, they are still handmade daily by a second-generation family member.

Cheers to local microbreweries

While Tiger Beer (see Shopping, Local Products, p146) is a must-try, visitors may be interested to sample a cold brew from a local microbrewery. Blue Bali Brewhouse (bluebali.sg) at the Singapore Botanic Gardens (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p52) combines European microbrews with a menu



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featuring Indonesian, Indian and Chinese cuisines. Visitors should order the Bali Gold, an easy-to-drink pumpkin pale ale. At 1925 Micro Brewery and Restaurant (the1925.com.sg), four proprietary microbrews sit in vats. Crafted by an aeronautical engineer, the Manuka Stout is refreshing with its honeyed flavours. LeVeL33 (level33.com.sg) is another must-visit. Located in the penthouse of the Marina Bay Financial Centre, it is billed as the highest urban craft brewery in the world, and offers five delicious brews on tap along with panoramic views of the Marina Bay skyline.

Nose-to-tail dining

As diners become more adventurous, the concept of nose-to-tail dining – a philosophy of sustainable eating that involves using every possible part of an animal – has taken off. Restaurants such as contemporary Australian eatery Salted & Hung (saltedandhung.com.sg) focuses on traditional curing and grilling methods applied to lesser-known cuts of meats and seafood. Specialities include a fish fin (and its surrounding meat) presented as Snapper Wings, and beef tongue

with onion and wasabi for a winning combination. At Dehesa (dehesa.com.sg), visitors can dine on a platter of cold meats comprising bits of pig’s head, pig’s ear, *fifi* pâté (made from pork belly, liver and pig’s heart) and dry, cured sausage or sautéed duck heart, soaked in vinegar for 24 hours and served on toast.

Healthy eating gets bigger

Healthy eating in Singapore extends beyond salad bars. Besides vegetarian and vegan eateries (see Vegetarian, p118), there are also fast-dining concepts like The Daily Cut (thedailycut.sg) and Grain Traders (graintraders.com) where visitors can pick and choose their grilled meats, vegetables (fresh and cooked) and toppings. Other places like Open Door Policy (odpsingapore.com) offer a menu of 100% gluten- and dairy-free comfort food, including gluten-free pasta dishes (like a vegan mac and cheese) and sin-free treats such as a soy and palm sugar gelato served with a gluten-free brownie. At Steam Box, the traditional steamboat is replaced by a high-speed steaming cooking technique, which locks in food’s natural juices and nutrients, resulting in a healthier, less fatty meal.

More renowned establishments

In 2016, restaurants and eateries from the region came to set up shop in Singapore. Balinese institution, Naughty Nuri’s and its finger-licking ribs were finally available in Singapore. BAKE Cheese Tarts (bakecheesetart.com) from Japan saw daily snaking queues at ION Orchard while Kam’s Roast Singapore created quite a stir for its succulent Hong Kong-style roast ducks. In early 2017, Greyhound Café (greyhoundcafe.co.th) opened at Paragon mall. The chic Thai eatery, with its fried chicken wings and sticky rice mango parfait, attracts visitors who love a Thai meal with a twist. British celebrity chef Marco Pierre White is also planning to open a Western restaurant in Robertson Quay this year.

Bar bites get serious

Drinking and eating take on a new focus in 2017, with many bars shifting their attention to their bar bites menus. Moving away from standard fare such as mini-sliders and chicken wings, restaurant and bar PXYIEMOSS (pyxiemoss.com) rolls out treats like Bag ‘O’ Skin – morsels of house-made pork *chicharrón* – and Primal Buns, a version of meat pie featuring slow-cooked ribs that are minced then mixed with water chestnuts, and served in a Chinese *bao* (bun). At Manhattan Bar (see Bars & Clubs, p125), food is paired alongside the elaborate cocktails. Here, visitors can expect to tuck into sophisticated bites such as an *ahi* tuna taco or a Maine lobster roll.

Reviving the classic drink

With a growing cocktail scene, each bar is shaking things up by creating a new spin on classic cocktails. At Tippling Club (tipplingclub.com), the Negroni has been re-invented with a Sonic Prep, a machine that uses ultrasonic sound waves to change the flavour profile of the drink, which is barrel-aged for a year. Using its own homegrown botanics, The Rabbit Hole’s (see Unique Dining Concepts, p100) gin and tonics come with a twist – its Brooklyn is a gin and tonic elevated with lemon zest and grapefruit. Jigger & Pony (see Bars & Clubs, p124) turns out an excellent Old Fashioned made with artisanal spirits, house-made infusions and syrups, and served with ice that’s hand carved for every glass.

LOCAL FAVOURITES

The country's reputation as a food lover's paradise is not without good reason. Thanks to its multi-ethnic make-up and key culinary influences from Chinese, Malay and Indian cultures, Singapore offers a variety of food and flavours. While chicken rice is often called the national dish, others would argue that chilli crab, which was concocted in Singapore in the 1950s, also deserves that label. Regardless of dietary or religious preferences, visitors to Singapore will have plenty of dishes to try and meals to remember.

Chicken Rice

One of Singapore's most famous dishes – chicken rice – can be found everywhere, from hawker centres and food courts to casual eateries and high-end restaurants. Visitors can sample different versions of the traditional Hainanese dish, where the chicken is blanched and soaked in cold water to keep the meat tender. There's also a roasted or braised style; each has a distinct taste. Pay attention to the quality of rice and chilli sauce served – the rice should be lightly oiled and fragrant, while the sauce should have a zing of ginger to it. From S\$3 per serving.

Where to have it:

Loy Kee Chicken Rice

Address: 342 Balestier Road

Tel: +65 6252 2318

Website: loykee.com.sg

Email: customerservice@loykee.com

Tian Tian Hainanese Chicken Rice

Address: 1 Kadayanallur Street,

Maxwell Food Centre, #01-10/11

Tel: +65 9691 4852

Chilli Crab

What started as a dish purportedly sold from a pushcart in the 1950s has now become a star in the global food scene. One of the earliest versions of chilli crab – mud crabs stir-fried with tomato and chilli sauce – is still on the menu of Roland Restaurant in Marine Parade Central. A more modern and widely common recipe these days includes *sambal* (chilli paste), eggs and tomato paste for a rich, umami taste that's finger-licking good. Most restaurants offer



Sri Lankan crabs and there is also a more deluxe option of Alaskan king crabs. Diners can order some fried or steamed buns, called *mantou*, to dip into the gravy. From S\$30 per crab (based on weight).

Where to have it:

Jumbo Seafood

Address: 1206 East Coast Parkway, East Coast Seafood Centre, #01-07/08

Tel: +65 6442 3435

Fax: +65 6444 5373

Website: jumboseafood.com.sg

Roland Restaurant

Address: Block 89 Marine Parade Central, #06-750

Tel: +65 6440 8205

Website: rolandrestaurant.com.sg

Email: sales@RolandRestaurant.com.sg

Fish Head Curry

One of the country's most iconic dishes, it aptly represents Singapore's multicultural tradition. There are Chinese, Malay, Indian and Peranakan versions, with each ethnic group making subtle variations to the curry sauce. Some mix in tamarind for a touch of sourness, others add coconut milk for

a creamier texture, and pineapple is sometimes added for a dash of fruitiness to the gravy. The one similarity though is the use of the head of a red snapper, along with a mix of vegetables, such as okra (lady's fingers) and eggplant. From S\$25 per serving.

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The prized piece of the dish is the fleshy fish cheek.

Where to have it:

Muthu's Curry

Address: 138 Race Course Road, #01-01

Tel: +65 6392 1722

Fax: +65 6392 1382

Website: muthusc Curry.com

Ocean Curry Fish Head

Address: Block 92 Lorong 4, Toa Payoh, #01-264

Tel: +65 6252 2168

Website: oceancurryfishhead.com.sg

Fried Carrot Cake

There's no actual orange carrot in this



carrot cake. Instead, blocks of white radish are steamed, cut into cubes and stir-fried with garlic, eggs and *chye poh* (preserved radish) in either dark soy sauce (black version) or without it (white version). The *wok hei* – literally “breath of the wok”, a cooking technique that involves tossing food in a wok – is an all-important element of this affordable hawker staple, giving it a smoky and flavourful taste. From S\$3 per serving.

Where to have it:

Bukit Merah View Carrot Cake

Address: 115 Bukit Merah View, Bukit Merah

View Market and Food Centre, #01-37

Carrot Cake Chomp Chomp Food Centre

Address: 20 Kensington Park Road, Chomp Chomp Food Centre, #01-36

Hokkien Prawn Mee

The yellow noodles and thick *bee hoon* (vermicelli) are stir-fried with succulent prawns, squid, pork belly strips and egg in a rich stock made from pork bones and prawn heads. This dish is often served with *sambal* (spicy chilli paste) and a squeeze

of fresh lime for an extra zest. A big contributor to the overall taste lies in the skill of the hawker imparting *wok hei* for a fuller, bolder flavour. Some places also add fried pork lard as a crunchy topping. From S\$3 per serving.

Where to have it:

Killiney Kopitiam

Address: 67 Killiney Road and other locations

Tel: +65 6734 3910

Fax: +65 6734 9648

Website: killiney-kopitiam.com

Email: contactus@killiney-kopitiam.com

Ya Kun Kaya Toast

Address: 181 Orchard Road, Orchard Central,

#05-33 and other locations

Tel: +65 6884 9552

Website: yakun.com.sg

Email: info@yakun.com

Laksa

This spicy comfort food is made of vermicelli noodles flavoured with coconut milk and dried shrimp, and topped with prawns, cockles, eggs, fishcake and freshly julienned aromatic *laksa* leaf. Hawkers across the island whip up different types of this dish. Visitors should try the Katong *laksa*, which has short noodles swimming in coconut broth. Other versions include the curry-like Sarawak *laksa* and the tamarind-infused Penang *laksa*. Regardless of which version, the result will be the same – one of pure satisfaction. From S\$3 per serving.

Where to have it:

328 Katong Laksa

Address: 53 East Coast Road

Tel: +65 9732 8163

Sungei Road Laksa

Address: Block 27 Jalan Berseh, Jalan Shui

Kopitiam, #01-100

Nasi Lemak

Visiting foodies can expect a mix of flavours and textures from *nasi lemak* (fragrant coconut rice), a popular breakfast meal with the locals. It comprises rice cooked in coconut milk – some cook the rice with pandan leaves to give it the extra fragrance and green colour – with side servings of deep-fried fish or chicken wings, *otah* (grilled fish patty), fried *ikan bilis* (anchovies) with peanuts, eggs,

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cucumber slices and *sambal* (spicy chilli paste). The *sambal* is a key ingredient; it should be robust and spiked with the flavour of shallots and ground dried shrimp. From S\$3 per serving.

Where to have it:

Nasi Lemak Kukus

Address: 229 Selegie Road

Tel: +65 8222 9517

Email: nasilemakkukus@me.com

Selera Rasa Nasi Lemak

Address: 2 Adam Road, Adam Road Food Centre, #01-02

Tel: +65 9843 4509

Website: selerarasa.com

Rojak

The key to this unique Asian salad lies in its dark, sticky sauce – made up of fermented prawn paste, sugar, lime and chilli paste – which explains its sweet yet savoury taste. With a name that means “eclectic mix in colloquial Malay, *rojak* is made up of a variety of ingredients and textures. It has fresh cucumber, pineapple, tofu puff and *you tiao* (fried dough sticks) tossed in prawn paste and tamarind sauce, and garnished with chopped peanuts. This dish is typically sold by Chinese hawkers at food centres. Some hotels also offer this at buffets where visitors can have a hand at creating their own version of *rojak* by mixing up the sauce in a large bowl, before tossing in all the other ingredients. From S\$3 per serving.

Where to have it:

Balestier Road Hoover Rojak

Address: Block 90 Whampoa Drive,

Whampoa Food Centre, #01-06

Tel: +65 6253 0137

Kampong Rojak

Address: 1220 East Coast Parkway, East Coast Lagoon Food Village, #01-09

Roti Prata

Roti prata is a flaky handmade flatbread. Crispy on the outside but soft to the bite, it is best eaten plain or with an egg cracked onto it. It is often served with a savoury, spicy curry (fish and mutton are popular options). Some locals also eat it with sugar, or sweet toppings such as banana, chocolate sauce or ice cream. Different stall owners produce *pratas* with different textures, but the technique is always the same: a skilful twirl of the dough till it is paper-thin before folding

it in and cooking it on a greased griddle. From S\$0.80 per serving.

Where to have it:

Mr and Mrs Mohgan’s Super Crispy Roti Prata

Address: 7 Crane Road

Tel: +65 9794 3124

The Roti Prata House

Address: 246 Upper Thomson Road

Tel: +65 6459 5260

UNIQUE DINING CONCEPTS

Dining in Singapore can be an exciting and unusual affair. From theatrical pop-up dinners to meals enjoyed on-board a sightseeing bus or a “floating doughnut”, unconventional dining experiences await visitors.

ANDSOFORTH

Weaving together art, theatre and gastronomy, ANDSOFORTH is a pop-up restaurant that treats visitors to an immersive, interactive four-course dining

experience (S\$98++ to S\$108++) based on a designated theme such as *Alice in Wonderland* or 1960s Singapore. The location is kept secret until the day of the dinner show. Diners are then given clues to locate the venue and after the feast, they are sworn to secrecy about their experience. ANDSOFORTH also organises a similar experience in the afternoon for children (aged five–12; from S\$68++) that includes a meal and activities that are kept under wraps till the day of the dinner. Tickets have to be purchased in advance on the website.

Address: Secret location

Tel: +65 9129 7845

Website: andsoforth.com.sg

Email: hello@andsoforth.com.sg

Opening Hours: (Dinner shows) From 7.30pm or 8pm; (Kids shows) From 1pm

Handlebar Singapore

Located in Gillman Barracks (see Attractions, Arts & Design, p32), Handlebar is a biker-themed American-style restaurant. To create a biker bar ambience, steel furnishings dominate the interior and

real motorcycles are parked just outside. Despite its edgy vibe, this restaurant is suitable for all visitors – working millennials and families alike. Serving favourites like Blossom Onion (S\$12++) and Satan’s beef short ribs (S\$36++), this laid-back spot is great for visitors to relax over cold jugs of beer while listening to American rock ‘n’ roll music after exploring the nearby Henderson Waves (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p30).

Address: 10 Lock Road, Gillman Barracks

Tel: +65 6268 5550

Website: handlebaroriginal.com

Email: support@handlebaroriginal.com

Opening Hours: Tue–Thu, 12pm–12am; Fri–Sat, 12pm–1am; Closed on Mon

Nearest MRT: Labrador Park Station

Hua Bee / Bincho

Located in the heritage-rich Tiong Bahru enclave (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p84) is a dual concept eatery. In the day, it’s Hua Bee *kopitiam* (traditional coffee shop) where diners can tuck into *mee pok* (flat yellow egg noodles), toast and local coffee. At night, Bincho takes

over the space – part of which retains the classic Singapore *kopitiam* décor with marble tables, wooden chairs and tiled walls – which is converted into a yakitori (grilled meat on skewers) restaurant, where charcoal-grilled chicken is the main focus of the three set menus (S\$68++, S\$90++, S\$110++). After dinner, step into Bincho’s bar area where Japanese-inspired cocktails, whisky and *sake* are served.

Address: 78 Moh Guan Terrace, #01-19

Tel: +65 6438 4567

Website: bincho.com.sg

Email: info@bincho.com.sg

Opening Hours: Tue–Sun, 12pm–3pm, 6pm–12am; Closed on Mon

Nearest MRT: Tiong Bahru Station

Kombi Rocks

Kombi Rocks is a diner-cum-vintage car shop named after the iconic Volkswagen van. Using Teochew–Thai fusion recipes that span three generations, Kombi Rocks’ specialities include crab *mee goreng* (fried noodles, from S\$13+) and pork ribs with lychee and pineapple (S\$14+). Visitors who are keen to experience being in a

retro Kombi can choose the Ride & Dine (S\$288++ for two pax) package that features a 30-minute chauffeur-driven joyride in a restored Kombi. Pit stops are made for Instagram-worthy photos before a four-course meal back at the diner or – at extra cost – within the privacy of a parked Kombi. Group deals are available upon request.

Address: 66 Yio Chu Kang Road

Tel: +65 9008 6918

Website: kombirocks.com

Email: sales@kombirocks.com

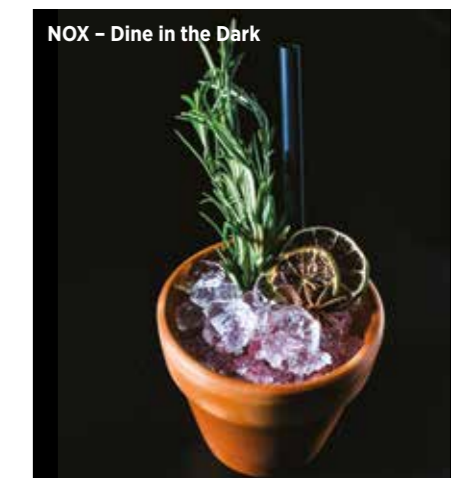
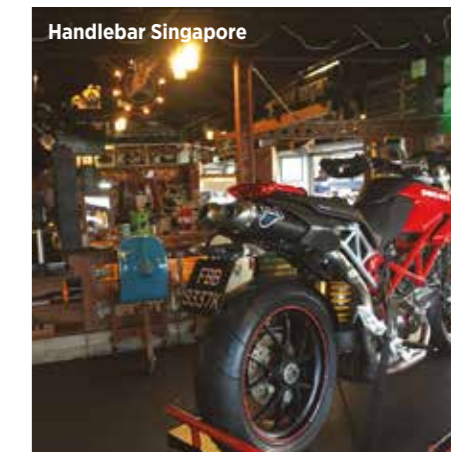
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 12pm–11pm

Nearest MRT: Serangoon Station

NOX – Dine in the Dark

Visitors take a leap of faith at NOX – Dine in the Dark, where they enjoy the entire meal in complete darkness. They will embark on a unique multi-sensory dining experience, having to find cutlery through touch, savour and identify the food through smell and taste, and move around with the help of visually impaired waiters and waitresses. For S\$88++, diners are served a mystery three-course, 12-dish menu that changes regularly. Wine

Roti prata





The Floating Donut

(S\$30++ to S\$40++), cocktail (S\$50++) and mocktail (S\$30++) pairing options are available. In order to preserve the nature of this dining experience, diners will be asked to store any belongings that can emit light, including phones and watches, in the provided lockers. Suitable for children seven years old and above, and adults who are comfortable dining in a dark environment.

Address: 269 Beach Road
Tel: +65 6298 0708
Website: noxdineinthedark.com
Email: enquiries@noxdineinthedark.com
Opening Hours: Mon–Fri, 6pm–late; Sat, 5pm–late; Sun, 5pm–11pm; Lunch and dinner available for private group bookings, min 10–15 pax. Bookings must be done a week in advance.
Nearest MRT: Nicoll Highway Station / Bugis Station

Sanrio’s cartoon cafés

Sanrio’s cartoon cafés such as the Hello Kitty Café, Gudetama Café and POMPOMPURIN Café are popular, family-friendly and Instagram-worthy experiences. The characters are the main attraction and everything in these cafés – from the food and drinks to the décor and retail items – is planned around them. For example, Gudetama Café offers the “Big ‘Nua’ Breakfast” (S\$25.90), where the eggs are moulded into the shape of famous Gudetama expressions, and

POMPOMPURIN Café serves its omelette rice shaped like the golden retriever with its trademark brown beret. Over at the Hello Kitty Café, the vegetable garnishes resemble the cat’s signature bow, and there is a wide variety of merchandise for fans of the character to browse and purchase. Group deals may be available upon request at POMPOMPURIN Café.

Hello Kitty Café
Address: 65 Airport Boulevard, Changi Airport Terminal 3, #01-22
Tel: +65 6241 6127
Website: hellokittyorchidgarden.com
Email: hello@hellokittyorchidgarden.com
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 24 hours
Nearest MRT: Changi Airport Station

Gudetama Café
Address: 3 Temasek Boulevard, Suntec City, #01-361
Tel: +65 6677 6195
Website: gudetamacafe.sg
Email: hello@gudetamacafe.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Thu, 9am–10pm; Fri–Sun, 8am–10pm
Nearest MRT: Promenade Station / Esplanade Station

POMPOMPURIN Café
Address: 181 Orchard Road, Orchard Central, #04-08
Tel: +65 6509 8672
Fax: +65 6221 2697
Website: facebook.com/Pompompurincafesg
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 11am–10.30pm
Nearest MRT: Somerset Station

Singapore GOURMETbus

The only one of its kind in Asia, the Singapore GOURMETbus offers a novel dining experience on the move. The four-course Dim Sum Lunch (S\$57++) is prepared by Soup Restaurant, while the IndoChine Group serves the five-course Indo-Chinese Dinner (S\$97++). While diners are enjoying their meals, the double-decker bus will take them on a tour of the city centre and drive past popular landmarks such as the Singapore Flyer, Merlion Park and Suntec City’s Fountain of Wealth. There is even an opportunity to get a close-up look of Gardens by the Bay’s unique Supertrees (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p49) during a scheduled 20–30 minute stop. The bus is wheelchair-accessible and can accommodate up to 34 guests.

Address: 3 Temasek Boulevard, Suntec City, #01-330 (Tour check-in)
Tel: +65 6338 6877
Website: gourmetbus.com.sg
Email: sales@gourmetbus.com.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 1pm–2.30pm, 7.30pm–9.30pm
Nearest MRT: Promenade Station / Esplanade Station

Soek Seng 1954 Bicycle Café

Located close to Seletar Airport in

northeastern Singapore, this retro bicycle-themed café, which has over 20 vintage Pinarello and Bianchi bikes mounted on the walls, takes visitors on a trip back in time. Diners can watch the occasional private plane take off or land while enjoying a range of Asian and Western dishes. These include fish and chips (S\$11.80++), lamb chop (S\$17.80++), beef *rendang* (braised beef cooked with coconut milk and spices; S\$10.80++) and *katsudon*, which is a bowl of rice with fried pork cutlet, egg and vegetables (S\$7.80++). The absence of high-rise buildings around the café makes this a prime spot for catching the sunset and perfect for a family outing.

Address: 80 Seletar Aerospace View, MAJ Aviation Building, #01-01
Tel: +65 6659 6124
Website: soekseng1954.com
Email: mail@soekseng1954.com
Opening Hours: Sun–Thu, 10am–10pm; Fri–Sat, 10am–11pm; Closed on Mon
Nearest MRT: Sengkang Station / Punggol Station

Sum Yi Tai

Sum Yi Tai pays tribute to the decadence of 1980s Hong Kong. Located in a conserved shophouse within Telok Ayer, this triple-concept venue combines a Chinese tapas bar, a dining club and a rooftop bar in a three-storey shophouse.

Visitors will truly get a feel of the era through the food, and the Asian-inspired interior with dim lighting, plush couches, large dragon murals and birdcages overhead. Prices range from S\$6++ for an express lunch menu item such as sliced luncheon meat rice/noodles to S\$26++ for sharing plates at dinner. Post-dinner drinks at the rooftop bar are also a must with unique cocktails such as the Chinese *mojito* (S\$21++) made with chrysanthemums, mint and limes, or a snifter of whisky.

Address: 25 Boon Tat Street
Tel: +65 6221 3665
Website: sumyitai.com
Email: dragons@sumyitai.com
Opening Hours: Mon–Fri, 11.30am–2.30pm, 5pm–1am; Sat, 7pm–1am
Nearest MRT: Telok Ayer Station

The Floating Donut

This unique dining experience on the water allows up to nine diners to enjoy a meal while sitting in a doughnut-shaped boat. Each boat comes equipped with a low-smoke charcoal grill, umbrella, and food and safety equipment, and is led by a trained private captain. Guests – along with their kids – can sail along the Sentosa coast for one-and-a-half to two hours per trip. Float for two pax and themed dining options are also available. Group deals are available upon request.

Address: Sentosa Island, 46 Siloso Beach Walk
Tel: +65 9756 8666 / +65 9654 0007 (Trade Contact)
Website: flodoco.com
Email: booking@flodoco.com / miriambecker@me.com (Trade Contact)
Cost: From S\$48++ per pax, inclusive of float rental, food and selected drinks.
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 11am–10pm
Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

The Plant Story

Set up in 2009 by a trained horticulturalist, The Plant Story is an urban garden café and workshop. Here, visitors can escape city life and unwind in the Garden Café that features a menu of comfort food such as chicken pie, mushroom quiche, carrot cake and banana walnut muffin. The Plant Story also hosts terrarium (containers in which plants are grown, usually for decorative or ornamental purposes) workshops with a customisable food menu for groups. Visitors keen on these workshops must email ahead to make an appointment and purchase a S\$10 workshop voucher to secure the booking.

Address: 11 Rhu Cross, PAssion WaVe @ Marina Bay, #02-03
Tel: +65 9722 0438 / +65 6348 8040
Website: theplantstory.com
Email: ihaveaquestion@theplantstory.com
Opening Hours: Thu–Tue, 10am–7pm; Closed on Wed and major Public Holidays
Nearest MRT: Stadium Station



ART CAFÉS

Art cafés allow visitors to explore their inner artist while enjoying their meals. At Museo (*mu-se-o.com*), diners get to enjoy interesting dishes such as lavender prawns (S\$14++) with lavender-flavoured mayonnaise and crispy frog leg (S\$16++) tossed with a balsamic glaze, garlic and lime oil, alongside views of Sentosa Cove. Adopting the concept of “dining-in-a-cup”, the restaurant serves all dishes in double-walled glass cups. Diners who opt to do only the Art Jam (from S\$48++) will receive one canvas, unlimited acrylic paint and brushes, as well as a complimentary beverage. There is no time limit on art jamming sessions, and customers can bring their artworks home. Other art cafés include Arteastiq Boutique Tea House (*arteastiq.com*; see Afternoon Tea, p103) and My Art Space Studio and Café (*myartspace.com.sg*).

MY ART SPACE STUDIO AND CAFÉ

The White Rabbit

Loosely based on *Alice in Wonderland*, this whimsical restaurant is housed in a restored 1930s Ebenezer chapel, which was a school for the children of British soldiers back in the day. The lush, natural beauty of Dempsey Hill paired with the grand dining hall’s high ceilings and bespoke furniture pieces create a tranquil space. It serves a fresh Modern European menu with signature dishes like the 36-hour Brandt short ribs (S\$42++) and Banoffee pie (S\$16++). There are also affordable two-course (S\$38++) and three-course (S\$42++) set lunches and a weekend brunch menu to consider. For a pre-dinner bite, visitors can adjourn to The Rabbit Hole, an alfresco gin and wine garden bar that adds to the venue’s old-world charm with gin cocktails (S\$18++) and hearty bar snacks like the truffle grilled cheese toast (S\$16++).

Address: 39C Harding Road
Tel: +65 6473 9965 / +65 9721 0536
Fax: +65 6473 9115
Website: thewhiterabbit.com.sg
Email: eat@thewhiterabbit.com.sg
Opening Hours: (The White Rabbit) Tue–Fri, 12pm–2.30pm; 6.30pm–10.30pm; Sat–Sun, 10.30pm–3pm, 6.30pm–10.30pm; Closed on Mon; (The Rabbit Hole) Tue–Thu, Sun, 6pm–11.30pm; Fri–Sat, 6pm–12.30am; Closed on Mon
Nearest MRT: Orchard Station / Holland Village Station

Timbre+

Gastro park Timbre+ at one-north (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p74) offers visitors traditional hawker food at stalls such as Roxy Laksa and Bib Gourmand awardee The Fishball Story alongside more contemporary eateries (some operating in hipster food trucks), such as Vatos Express and Teppei Daidokoro, as well as the Bottle Shop that serves 120 craft beers and ciders. With live music performances from 7pm on Mondays to Saturdays, this lively space, which features graffiti-style painted shipping containers within, is great for sampling a variety of cuisines in a casual communal setting and at affordable prices.

Address: 73A Ayer Rajah Crescent, JTC LaunchPad @ one-north
Tel: +65 6252 2545
Website: timbreplus.sg
Email: info@timbregroup.asia
Opening Hours: Mon–Thu, 6pm–12am; Fri–Sat, 6pm–1am; Closed on Sun
Nearest MRT: one-north Station

HERITAGE RESTAURANTS

Several restaurants in the country, with some dating back to prewar days, have stood the test of time. Serving anything from Russo-Hainanese dishes to *dim sum*, these institutions are a testament to the locals’ enduring love for authentic food.

Ananda Bhavan Restaurant

Established in 1924, Ananda Bhavan Restaurant is the oldest Indian vegetarian restaurant in Singapore. Its popular set meals include vegetarian *biryani*, but the real draw lies in fuss-free items like the *boli* (sweet lentil flatbread) and *pani puri* (crispy shells stuffed with tamarind chutney). Apart from the high quality Indian food served, it prides itself on the fact that no MSG, preservatives or additives are used, keeping the wellness of guests in mind. Main courses from S\$9.

Address: Various locations
Tel: +65 6398 0837 (Syed Alwi Road branch)
Website: anandabhavan.com
Email: admin@anandabhavan.com
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 24 hours (Syed Alwi Road branch)
Nearest MRT: Farrer Park Station (Syed Alwi Road branch)

Chao Shan Cuisine

This go-to spot for Teochew cuisine has a capacity of 200 seats, three private rooms and a massive cold room to ensure premium ingredients are always available and fresh. The restaurant is well known for its authentic Teochew dishes such as braised goose, yam paste, steamed fish and oyster omelette. A favourite is their version of *char kway teow* (stir-fried noodles): *chai*

poh kway teow (flat noodles with preserved radish) cooked with the right amount of *wok hei* (breath of the wok) so that each mouthful is a full-flavoured one. Visitors should save space to try the *zi chanh luak* (pan-fried water chestnut pancake) or the creamy *orh nee* (yam paste) for dessert. Main courses from S\$20.

Address: 17 Phillip Street, Grand Building, #01-01/02
Tel: +65 6336 2390
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 11.30am–2.30pm, 5.30pm–10pm
Nearest MRT: Raffles Place Station

Fatty Weng

Once a roadside stall, this heritage Cantonese *zi char*-style (a term used to describe home-styled dishes in a casual setting) restaurant is known for its affordably priced Cantonese dishes starting from just S\$10.80, such as a deep-fried *soon hock* fish. While they have now relocated to Chinatown – adding new private dining rooms that can be reserved for 40 to 120 guests – the restaurant retains its stellar standards with iconic dishes such as the pan-fried vermicelli “bowl” with seafood, and honey pork ribs that are cooked to tender perfection. Visitors should take the opportunity to try their version of an iconic Singapore dish: chilli crab with thick and spicy sauce. Main courses from S\$11.

Address: 37 Smith Street
Tel: +65 6221 3822
Website: fattyweng.com.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 11am–11pm
Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station

Islamic Restaurant

Serving *halal* Asian heritage food in Kampong Glam (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p58), this restaurant was founded in 1921 by M. Abdul Rahman and is well known for dishing out the island’s best *dum biryani* (a South Asian dish of mixed rice, spices and meat made by a steaming process). Visitors can choose between the restaurant’s two concepts – the Free and Easy self-service restaurant concept and a Singapore Takeout Corner. Notable figures such as Singapore’s first prime minister, the late Lee Kuan Yew and the late President S.R. Nathan have patronised this heritage restaurant. Main courses from S\$7.50.

Address: 745 North Bridge Road
Tel: +65 6298 7563
Website: islamic.sg
Email: enquiry@islamic.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 10am–9.30pm
Nearest MRT: Bugis Station / Lavender Station

Prima Tower Revolving Restaurant

Established in 1977, this is the only



The White Rabbit



Fatty Weng

Eat & Drink

revolving restaurant in Singapore and was built for diners to enjoy the panoramic view of the sea. The restaurant specialises in Beijing cuisine led by a Hong Kong master chef. The Peking duck is superbly done with crispy duck skin on a wafer-thin pancake, and their *dim sum* remains highly rated. The cute goldfish-shaped dumplings of crabmeat, prawn paste and fish roe are perfect for Instagram shots. Main courses from S\$20.

Address: 201 Keppel Road
Tel: +65 6272 8822 / +65 6277 6841
(For purchase of gift vouchers)
Website: pfs.com.sg
Email: feedback.pfs@prima.com.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Sat, 11am–2.30pm, 6.30pm–10.30pm; Sun & Public Holiday, 10.30am–2.30pm, 6.30pm–10.30pm
Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

Red Star Restaurant

This is one of Singapore's most fabled *dim sum* restaurants that still serves some of the best *dim sum* from old-school pushcarts. Must-orders include the *char siew bao* (roasted pork buns), century egg *congee* (rice porridge) and juicy roast meats, while mains start from S\$20. Located in the heart of Chinatown (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p55), the restaurant has a seating capacity for 65 diners and an atmosphere that will bring diners back to the past. Reservations are recommended and must be made by phone.

Address: Block 54 Chin Swee Road, #07-23
Tel: +65 6532 5266
Fax: +65 6535 3366 / +65 6534 0993
Website: redstarrestaurant.com.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 11am–3pm, 6pm–10pm
Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station / Clarke Quay Station

Shashlik Restaurant

Since the 1980s, this Russo-Hainanese restaurant has been a fine dining institution in Singapore. Its interiors bear a few nostalgic details, and its dishes are wheeled out on trolleys. The main courses start from S\$20 and include eye-catching dishes such as the Upside Down Crab and Blue Fiery Ribs. No meal is complete without the theatrical tableside service of baked Alaska for dessert.



Red Star Restaurant



Spring Court Restaurant

Address: 545 Orchard Road, Far East Shopping Centre, #06-19
Tel: +65 6732 6401
Website: facebook.com/shashliksg
Opening Hours: Tue–Sun, 12pm–2.15pm, 6pm–9.15pm
Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

Spring Court Restaurant

Dating back to 1929, Spring Court Restaurant remains a family-run establishment and is the oldest restaurant in Singapore. It is known for its signature Peking duck and speciality dishes such as the fried crab and chicken liver rolls with salted egg. For birthday celebrations, guests can order the mini longevity buns filled with lotus seed paste. The dish is presented with a calligraphy performance and birthday song by a member of staff. Festive sets and group dining deals are available. Main courses start from S\$20.

Address: 52–56 Upper Cross Street
Tel: +65 6449 5030
Fax: +65 6535 6609
Website: springcourt.com.sg
Email: reservations@springcourt.com.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 11am–3pm, 6pm–10.30pm
Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station

The Ship Restaurant & Bar

An institution of Singapore's dining scene, this charming Hainanese steakhouse is designed like the interior of a ship with numerous nautical details that add to a fun dining experience. The affordable set menus are popular, as are the nostalgic Western dishes such as Ship Steak (flambéed with brandy) and chicken Maryland. Diners can end their meal with The Ship's version of crêpes suzette and enjoy the relaxing ambience. Mains start from S\$15.

Address: 1 Scotts Road, Shaw Centre, #03-16/18 / 23 Serangoon Central, nex, #01-61/62
Tel: +65 6235 2235 (Shaw Centre branch) / +65 6834 3733 (nex branch)
Fax: +65 6884 9951 (Shaw Centre branch) / +65 6634 4366 (nex branch)
Website: theship.com.sg
Contact: enquiry@theship.com.sg
Opening Hours: (Shaw Centre branch) Mon–Thu, 11am–3pm, 5.30pm–9.30pm; Fri–Sun, 11am–3pm, 5.30pm–10pm; (nex branch) Mon–Sun, 11am–10pm
Nearest MRT: Orchard Station (Shaw Centre Branch) / Serangoon Station (nex branch)



Pollen

Warong Nasi Pariaman

Established in 1948, Warong Nasi Pariaman is one of the oldest eateries for *nasi padang* (steamed rice accompanied by various choices of pre-cooked dishes) in Singapore. The restaurant's rich legacy shines through its unbeatable dishes in the Padang-style (a cuisine of the Minangkabau people of West Sumatra, Indonesia). The flavours here are uncompromising, strong and authentic. Their mains start from S\$5 and include *sambal goreng* (Malay Singapore dish made with soya bean cake), dry-style beef *rendang* (spicy Indonesian-style meat dish) and *ayam bakar* (charcoal-grilled chicken).

Address: 736/738 North Bridge Road
Tel: +65 6292 2374 / +65 6292 5958
Website: pariaman.com.sg
Email: venue@pariaman.com.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 7.30am–10.30pm
Nearest MRT: Bugis Station / Lavender Station

AFTERNOON TEA

From elegant hotel settings to café and lounge spaces with scenic views, these establishments offer the perfect excuse to while away the afternoon and indulge in

delicious tea and nibbles. Afternoon tea is generally served from 2pm to 5.30pm; it is recommended to call ahead to check the timings and secure a table.

Arteastiq Boutique Tea House

Arteastiq Boutique Tea House offers two afternoon tea sets daily. Besides regular tea, alcoholic teas are also served. The Deluxe Teasery set features four savoury and four sweet bites such as foie gras scallop skewers and Ferrero Rocher tart, with the choice of one non-alcoholic tea from Arteastiq's comprehensive tea menu. The Signature Teasery set also comes with four sweet and four savoury nibbles such as the *vol au vent* with mushroom capers pâté and caters for two pax with a choice of two non-alcoholic teas. Visitors can also get creative at Art Jam sessions (S\$48++ per session) in Arteastiq's social painting studio before or after afternoon tea.

Address: 333A Orchard Road, Mandarin Gallery, #04-14/15; and one other location
Tel: +65 6235 8370
Website: arteastiq.com
Cost: (Deluxe Teasery) From S\$38++ per pax; (Signature Teasery) S\$48++ for two pax

National Kitchen by Violet Oon

Housed in the National Gallery Singapore (see Attractions, Arts & Design, p34), National Kitchen by Violet Oon offers a high tea set for two daily. Each three-tiered stand holds six Peranakan-style savouries and six *Nonya*-style sweets. These include crostinis topped with *buah keluak* (a type of black nut found in Southeast Asia, widely used in Peranakan cuisine) and *otah* (spiced ground mackerel fish), *roti jala* (*Nonya*-style lace pancake) with *gula melaka* (palm sugar) and banana sauce, and *kueh lapis* (spiced layered cake) sago. Travellers are recommended to try the restaurant's signature dry *laksa* (see Local Favourites, p95) for S\$16++ (for two pax). A private room for up to 12 pax is available by reservation only. Diners with dietary preferences may request for the special set menu or order from the à la carte menu.

Address: 1 St Andrew's Road, National Gallery Singapore (City Hall Wing), #02-01
Tel: +65 9834 9935
Website: violetoon.com
Email: eat@violetoon.com
Cost: From S\$56++ for two pax

Pollen

Located within Gardens by the Bay's Flower Dome (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p49), Pollen serves afternoon tea at the Pollen Terrace on Level 2 of the restaurant every day except Tuesday, and it includes complimentary entry to the Flower Dome. Each set comes with five sweet and five savoury nibbles such as cured salmon tart with beetroot yoghurt and fruit scones with *crème fraîche* (French-style soured cream) and jam. These nibbles are made using fresh herbs and vegetables from the restaurant's in-house garden. Note that items are available on a seasonal and rotational basis. Free buggy rides from Gardens by the Bay's Arrival Square to Pollen are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The service runs every five minutes from 11.30am.

Address: 18 Marina Gardens Drive, Flower Dome, Gardens by the Bay
Tel: +65 6604 9988
Website: pollen.com.sg
Email: info@pollen.com.sg
Cost: From S\$38++ per pax

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Any of PS.Cafe's centrally located five branches, with their elegant interiors and relaxed ambience, is an ideal spot for visitors to enjoy an afternoon pit stop in between shopping and sightseeing in Singapore. PS.Cafe does not offer afternoon tea sets, but diners can create their own tea set by pairing coffee or tea with a selection of light bites, signature cakes, steamed puddings, pies and tarts from the dessert menu. Popular options include the Chocolate Nut Doorstop (chocolate cake with caramelised nuts and chocolate mousse; S\$16++) and sticky date pudding (S\$14.90++). Complete the meal with the signature truffle shoestring fries (S\$15++).

Address: 290 Orchard Road, Paragon Shopping Centre, #03-41/44; and other locations
Tel: +65 9297 7008
Website: pscafe.com
Email: contact@pscafe.com
Cost: Cakes from S\$12++, Drinks from S\$6++

Salt grill & Sky bar

Located on the 55th and 56th floors of the

ION Orchard tower (see Shopping, Malls, p128) below the ION Sky observatory, Salt grill & Sky bar offers diners the chance to tuck into afternoon tea on Friday to Sunday and public holidays while enjoying sweeping views of Orchard Road. Each set of 10 sweet and savoury teatime bites includes smoked salmon and cream cheese rye sandwiches, scones and a chocolate and jam lamington. Alternatively, order from the tapas menu, which features items such as oysters with coconut dressing and Tasmanian salmon sashimi. Dress code is smart casual – no slippers, flip-flops, singlets or tank tops (for men) allowed.

Address: 2 Orchard Turn, ION Orchard, #55-01
Tel: +65 6592 5118
Website: saltgrill.com
Email: info@saltgrill.com
Cost: From S\$38++ per pax

The Clifford Pier

The Clifford Pier is located in The Fullerton Bay Hotel Singapore, a heritage hotel, and diners can enjoy a luxurious afternoon tea experience in a chic setting. The Singapore Heritage Afternoon Tea set is offered daily and features eight savoury

and eight sweet items inspired by Singapore's culinary history and current trends. For example, chilli crab (see Local Favourites, p94), an iconic Singaporean dish, is served in a stuffed fried *mantou* (a type of Chinese bun), while *bak kwa* (barbecued sliced pork) is made into a jam and served in an egg tart. On the sweet side, highlights include *bandung* (rose syrup milk drink) macarons, pillow-soft pandan swiss rolls and *bika ambon*, a "honeycomb" pandan-flavoured *kuéh* (bite-sized snacks or desserts). Aside from classic coffee and tea, the drinks menu also features *kopi kosong* (local black coffee without sugar), *teh tarik* (frothy milk tea) and *bandung*.

Address: 80 Collyer Quay, The Fullerton Bay Hotel Singapore
Tel: +65 6597 5266
Website: fullertonhotels.com
Cost: S\$45++ per pax

The Rose Veranda

One of Singapore's best-known and most popular spots for afternoon tea, The Rose Veranda has been serving high tea buffet since 1991. Diners can choose from 164 premium tea blends

and a mini-buffet spread that features sashimi, a carving station, *laksa* (see Local Favourites, p95), an extensive dessert section and a chocolate fountain. The high-tea buffet is available daily. Weekday sessions start as early as 11.30am and end only at 6pm. For visitors who want more flexibility, there are two seatings for the buffet on weekends and public holidays. There is a group deal available for up to 18 pax – S\$52 nett per adult from 1 June 2017 to 31 March 2018, except for blackout dates. Contact the restaurant for details of this deal.

Note: The Rose Veranda is under renovation until the end of Q2 2017.

Address: Shangri-La Hotel Singapore, 22 Orange Grove Road, Tower Wing, Mezzanine Level
Tel: +65 6213 4486 / +65 6213 4398
Website: shangri-la.com
Email: dining.sls@shangri-la.com
Cost: S\$52++ per adult, S\$26++ per child

Tiffin Room

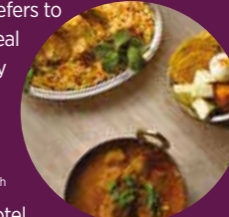
Tiffin Room at the historic Raffles Hotel

Singapore offers high tea daily. Assorted finger sandwiches and an array of English cakes – including banana crumble, strawberry pistachio tartlet and orange ginger cake – are served on a three-tiered stand. There is also a buffet spread of dumplings, *baos* (buns) and Asian savouries for a touch of local flavour, plus five different types of scones with jam and clotted cream. Dairy-, nut- and gluten-free diets can be catered for (S\$49++ per person) with two days' advance notice. Dress code is smart casual and men are required to wear collared shirts, long trousers and closed-toe shoes.

DID YOU KNOW?

The word "tiffin" refers to a light mid-day meal or snack – typically with curry – that was an essential aspect of colonial life in the early 20th century. Raffles Hotel Singapore has served "tiffin" since 1899 and named the main dining room "Tiffin Room" in 1976 in honour of this tradition.

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SHANGRI-LA HOTEL, SINGAPORE



TWG Tea

Note: Tiffin Room will be closed from 15 August 2017 until mid-2018 as part of restoration works at Raffles Hotel Singapore.

Address: Raffles Hotel Singapore, 1 Beach Road
Tel: +65 6412 1816
Website: raffles.com/Singapore
Email: dining.singapore@raffles.com
Cost: S\$62++ per adult, S\$30++ per child

TWG Tea

Established in Singapore in 2008, TWG Tea offers more than 1,000 types of tea, and has tearooms and retail outlets in various locations around the island. The tearooms are dine-in areas for guests to sit and enjoy afternoon tea in a chic setting featuring *objets d'art*, ornate mirrors and brass counters. Diners can choose from four Tea Time sets or from the à la carte menu.

Address: 2 Bayfront Avenue, The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands®, B2-65/68A; and other locations
Tel: +65 6565 1837
Website: twgtea.com
Cost: From S\$19++ per pax for Tea Time sets

CELEBRITY FINE DINING

Singapore's fine-dining scene is peppered with award-winning and celebrity chef restaurants serving a range of cuisines, from Japanese to Italian and French – making it perfect for visitors who wish to indulge in quality gourmet food. Many of these restaurants serve only set menus with no à la carte choices. Most of these establishments have a dress code. Generally, smart casual (no shorts, slippers or sandals) is recommended but some restaurants, like Curate and JAAN, have a smart/elegant dress code.

Burnt Ends

This Australian barbecue restaurant has been listed on Asia's 50 Best Restaurants. The menu changes daily, but what doesn't change is the intense flavours that come out of its wood-fired oven. In 2017, it will bring in 12 chefs from around the world to explore distinct barbecue styles as part of a collaboration series. Everything from meat and fish to pineapple and quail eggs are smoked, slow roasted, hot roasted, baked, grilled or cooked directly over hot coals. The open kitchen offers visitors an opportunity to be in the thick of this action. Visitors who book the Chef's Table will

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enjoy a personally curated menu. Must-tries include the smoked quail eggs and pulled pork shoulder in brioche bun. The Chef's Table is available for up to eight people and requires a minimum spend of S\$150 per person or S\$750 per table (on food only).

Address: 20 Teck Lim Road
Tel: +65 6224 3933
Website: burntends.com.sg
Cost: Prices vary for daily à la carte menu. No set menus.
Opening Hours: Wed-Sat, 11.45am-2pm; Tue-Sat, 6pm-late; Closed on Sun & Mon
Nearest MRT: Outram Park Station

Ocean Restaurant by Cat Cora

Enjoy a meal at Ocean Restaurant by Cat Cora while watching over 100,000 marine animals swimming about behind floor-to-ceiling glass panels. The restaurant, which serves Mediterranean-Californian cuisine with an Asian flair, is housed within S.E.A. Aquarium™ and helmed by Cat Cora – the first female Iron Chef in Singapore. Her sustainable approach to food shines through her signature dishes, such as the charred grilled wagyu prime cuts and sous-vide salmon. The seven-course Entice set dinner, which includes *kueh pie tee* (crispy cup filled with braised Mexican turnip, *laksa* “sphere” and coconut foam), and crisp brick duck foie gras and braised-seared beef short rib, will offer visitors a satisfying meal.

Address: Sentosa Island, 8 Sentosa Gateway, S.E.A. Aquarium™, Level B1M
Tel: +65 6577 6688
Website: rwsentosa.com
Email: dining@rwsentosa.com

Cost: From S\$38 for à la carte main course lunch items and S\$48 for à la carte dinner items. Prices vary for set menus.
Opening Hours: Mon-Sun, 11.30am-2.30pm, 6pm-10.30pm
Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

Corner House

At Corner House, chef Jason Tan's culinary philosophy takes vegetables to a whole new level. The one-Michelin-starred restaurant is located in a two-storey colonial black and white bungalow in Singapore Botanic Gardens (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p52). The restaurant's speciality is French cuisine with elements of “Gastro-Botanica” – a term chef Tan came up with to demonstrate his use of vegetables as more than just garnishes. A must-try for visitors is chef Tan's signature dish – *Oignon doux*



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des Cévennes (Cévennes onion done four ways) – which includes onion tea, crisp onion chips, wafer-thin onion tart topped with onion confit and parmesan cheese, and sweet onion purée with sous-vide egg topped with black truffle. The eight-course Discovery Menu Experience is designed for visitors who prefer to leave the decision on what to eat to the chef. The restaurant's Claret Corner, which accommodates up to eight people, is ideal for groups.

Address: 1 Cluny Road, E J H Corner House, Singapore Botanic Gardens (Nassim Gate Entrance)
Tel: +65 6469 1000
Fax: +65 6469 0136
Website: cornerhouse.com.sg
Email: enquiries@cornerhouse.com.sg
Cost: Prices vary for set menus. No à la carte menu.
Opening Hours: Tue-Sat, 12pm-3pm, 6.30pm-11pm; Sun, 11.30am-3pm, 6.30pm-11pm; Closed on Mon
Nearest MRT: Botanic Gardens Station

Curate

Every year, Curate – a 62-seater restaurant at Resorts World™ Sentosa (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82) and Asia's first Michelin chef showcase restaurant – hosts up to four guest chefs from Michelin-starred restaurants from around the world for a series of dining events called Art at Curate. For each series, the guest chefs will work with an in-house chef to create a line-up of dishes to be served in between the events. Menu items include the cuttlefish “cappuccino” cooked in its ink and oxtail black truffles

ART AT CURATE

- Series One: 4-11 Feb 2017
- Series Two: 28 Apr-6 May 2017
- Series Three: 16-23 Aug 2017
- Series Four: 5-12 Oct 2017



“parmentier”. The restaurant kicked off its 2017 edition of Art at Curate with Kyoto-based Michelin-starred chef Masayasu Yonemura, who has a flair for preparing French cuisine with Japanese accents. Strictly by reservation only.

Address: Sentosa Island, 8 Sentosa Gateway, The Forum, Level 1
Tel: +65 6577 7288 / +65 6577 6688
Website: rwsentosa.com
Email: Curate@RWSentosa.com / dining@rwsentosa.com
Cost: Prices vary according to series. No à la carte menu.
Opening Hours: Tue-Sat, 6.30pm-10.30pm. Closed on Sun & Mon
Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

Iggy's

Founded by award-winning sommelier and restaurateur, Ignatius Chan, Iggy's at the Hilton Singapore is well-known for its modern European cuisine with Asian elements, such as the “*ebi* two ways” snack and Bomba mellow rice – a tasty rice dish cooked with seafood stock and served with baby squid and lobster. Another must-try dish is the Carabinero risotto, which is inspired by the rich broth of Singapore prawn noodles. Iggy's sources its ingredients from as far as France, Italy and Japan to preserve the authenticity and quality of its food. The restaurant's two private rooms can accommodate a total of 14 guests.

Address: 581 Orchard Road, Hilton Singapore, Level 3
Tel: +65 6732 2234 / +65 8188 3200 (SMS only)
Email: info@iggys.com.sg
Cost: Prices vary for set menu. No à la carte menu.
Opening Hours: Mon-Wed, 7pm-9.30pm; Thu-Sat, 12pm-1.30pm, 7pm-9.30pm; Closed on Sun & Public Holidays
Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

JAAN

Awarded one Michelin star in 2016, JAAN sits on the 70th floor of Swissôtel The Stamford and serves modern French cuisine with influences from award-winning executive chef Kirk Westaway's Devon roots. What sets the 40-seater restaurant apart is its menu, which is rotated according to seasonal produce to ensure that dishes are always fresh and tasty. A must-try for visitors is the soft organic hen's egg, “forest” pigeon and brie *de meaux truffé* (a dish of black truffle ice cream, salad and bread).

Address: 2 Stamford Road, Swissôtel The Stamford, Equinox Complex, Level 70
Tel: +65 6837 3322
Website: jaan.com.sg
Email: jaan.bookings@swissotel.com
Cost: Prices vary for seasonal set menus. No à la carte menu.
Opening Hours: Mon-Sat, 12pm-2.30pm, 7pm-11pm; Closed on Sun
Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

Joël Robuchon Restaurant

Offering visitors classic French cuisine and a selection of over 1,000 premium wines from all over the world, Joël Robuchon Restaurant has been awarded the most coveted three Michelin stars. It has one of the most beautiful dining rooms in Singapore, with captivating flower arrangements, a stunning chandelier and an inner garden-themed room, which can accommodate up to 24 guests. The 16-course degustation menu offers diners the best of Robuchon's repertoire in one sitting. Visitors (especially light eaters) can also choose from three- to seven-course meals. Highlights include the beef *châteaubriand* with foie gras and potato soufflés, and Le King Crabe (seasoned king crab meat served with avocado, crunchy vegetables and tomato coulis). The restaurant sits up to 50 people.

Address: Sentosa Island, 8 Sentosa Gateway, Resorts World Sentosa™, Hotel Michael, Level 1
Tel: +65 6577 6688 / +65 6577 7888
Website: rwsentosa.com
Email: Robuchon@RWSentosa.com.sg / dining@rwsentosa.com
Cost: Prices vary for set menus. No à la carte menu.
Opening Hours: Tue-Sat, 6pm-10.30pm. Closed on Sun & Mon (except Public Holidays)
Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

Les Amis

Known as one of Asia's best French restaurants, two-Michelin-starred Les Amis has created its own brand of French cuisine. Helming the kitchen is chef Sebastien Lepinoy, who combines French techniques with elements of Japanese produce to create palate-pleasing dishes, such as the *camus* artichoke and white tuna belly in *belle-époque* salad, and *omi* beef with *pommes soufflés* and *béarnaise* sauce. Exquisite desserts by chef Cheryl Koh, crowned Asia's Best Pastry Chef in 2016, will give visitors something to remember. Three private rooms on the mezzanine level can sit up to 36 guests, or partitioned to accommodate smaller groups. The private room on the first level, where the Chef's Table is located, is available for up to six diners with a full view of the kitchen through a glass window.

Address: 1 Scotts Road, Shaw Centre, #01-16
Tel: +65 6733 2225
Website: lesamis.com.sg
Email: lesamis@lesamis.com.sg (reservations)
Cost: Prices vary for set menus. No à la carte menu. No group deals.
Opening Hours: Mon-Sun, 12pm-1.45pm; Mon-Thu, 7pm-9pm; Fri-Sun, 6.30pm-9pm
Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

Odette

This fine-dining French restaurant was awarded two Michelin stars even before it turned a year old. Located within the beautiful grounds of the National Gallery Singapore (see Attractions, Arts & Design, p34), Odette serves modern French cuisine that's inspired by co-owner and award-winning chef Julien Royer's grandmother, whom the restaurant is named after. It even has a private dining room – which can accommodate up to 12, perfect for guests who prefer some privacy. Chef Royer's devotion to seasonal produce and pure flavours is shown in every dish that comes out of his kitchen. These include the 55' Smoked Organic Egg, Miso Abour Trout and North Highlight Beef Tartare.

Address: 1 St Andrew's Road, National Gallery Singapore, #01-04
Tel: +65 6385 0498
Website: odetterestaurant.com
Email: enquiry@odetterestaurant.com
Cost: Prices vary for set menus. No à la carte menu. No group deals.
Opening Hours: Mon, 7pm–9pm; Tue–Sat, 12pm–1.30pm, 7pm–9pm; Closed on Sun & Public Holidays
Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

Osteria Mozza

The first international restaurant set up by



Osteria Mozza

Mario Batali – one of the most respected and recognised chefs worldwide – Osteria Mozza at Marina Bay Sands* (see Shopping, Malls, p131) offers an authentic twist to Italian cuisine. At the heart of the award-winning restaurant is a freestanding mozzarella bar, serving dishes made with all kinds of imported cheese, perfect for cheese-loving visitors. The best way to experience Batali's interpretation of good Italian food is through his three-course dinner menu, which offers favourites, such as chargrilled octopus, ricotta gnocchi and Ibérico pork chop. The restaurant's private dining room can sit up to 16 diners, while its larger Primo Ministro room can accommodate up to 32 guests, or 50 people for a luxury cocktail party.

Address: 2 Bayfront Avenue, The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands*, Galleria Level B1-42 to 46
Tel: +65 6688 8522
Website: singapore.osteriamozza.com/menu/
Email: info@mozza-singapore.com
Cost: Prices vary for set menus. From S\$22 for à la carte main course items.
Opening Hours: Mon–Fri, 5pm–11pm; Sat, 12pm–2.30pm, 5pm–11pm; Sun, 12pm–2.30pm
Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station

Restaurant André

This two-Michelin-starred restaurant is popular for its innovative take on southern French cuisine. Headed by chef-owner André Chiang, the 30-seater Restaurant

André is listed as one of the World's 50 Best restaurants. Chef Chiang's menu centres around his eight elements of gastronomy: pure, salt, artisan, texture, south, unique, memory and terroir. While the menu changes every now and then, one dish remains: Memory 1997. The dish of warm foie gras jelly served with black truffle coulis is chef Chiang's first culinary creation as a young chef in France about 20 years ago. Another standout dish is the braised aubergine with duck tongue and cockscomb. The restaurant has a private room on the first floor, which can accommodate up to 14 guests.

Address: 41 Bukit Pasoh Road
Tel: +65 6534 8880
Website: restaurantandre.com
Email: reserve@restaurantandre.com (for parties of more than 12 pax)
Cost: Prices vary for set menus. No à la carte menu. No group deals.
Opening Hours: Tues, Thu, Sat–Sun, 7pm–9pm; Wed & Fri, 12pm–3pm, 7pm–11pm; Closed on Mon & alternate Sun
Nearest MRT: Outram Park Station

DID YOU KNOW?

The three-storey heritage shophouse that houses Restaurant André used to be called "Laycock & Ong" – the first law firm in Singapore where Singapore's first prime minister, the late Lee Kuan Yew, worked as a lawyer.



Restaurant André



Waku Ghin

MARINA BAY SANDS*

Shinji by Kanesaka

Shinji by Kanesaka – a one-Michelin-starred Japanese restaurant tucked away at The St Regis Singapore – is built on harmony, purity and a passion for Japanese cuisine. The restaurant is an extension of world-renowned chef Shinji Kanesaka's first Edomae-style sushi restaurant in Tokyo. Its wood-and-paper dining room offers visitors a serene space for unwinding and enjoying a luxurious meal. Sushi lovers can choose to have either a nine-, 12- or 15-piece sushi meal. Visitors should splurge on the Omakase Shin experience, where chef Koichiro Oshino will offer the day's freshest catch, degustation-style. The five-hour steamed Hokkaido abalone is another must-try. The restaurant has two private dining rooms, which can accommodate eight guests.

Address: 29 Tanglin Road, St Regis, Lobby Floor / 76 Bras Basah Road, Carlton Hotel, Lobby Floor
Tel: +65 6884 8239 (St Regis) / +65 6338 6131 (Carlton Hotel)
Website: shinjibykanesaka.com
Email: reservations@shinjibykanesaka.com
Cost: Prices vary for set menus. No à la carte menu.
Opening Hours: Mon–Sat, 12pm–3pm, 6pm–10.30pm; Closed on Sun
Nearest MRT: Orchard Station (St Regis) / Bras Basah Station (Carlton Hotel)

Waku Ghin

Japanese-born chef Tetsuya Wakuda – one of the most prolific and respected chefs in Australia – offers sumptuous culinary creations using premium seasonal produce from Japan and Australia at his one-Michelin-starred restaurant. The 10-course degustation menu offers unique dishes, such as marinated Botan shrimp with sea urchin and caviar, and wagyu with wasabi and citrus soy. The spacious restaurant features an intimate bar, a main dining room and three private dining rooms. The four dining rooms can accommodate up to 25 guests. Each private dining room is helmed by a different chef. After dinner, visitors will be escorted to the main dining room – which overlooks the Marina Bay skyline – for coffee and desserts.

Address: 10 Bayfront Avenue, The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands*, #02-02
Tel: +65 6688 8507
Website: marinabaysands.com
Email: wakughinreservation@MarinaBaySands.com
Cost: Prices vary for set menus. No à la carte menu. No group deals.
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 5.30pm–late
Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station

HALAL RESTAURANTS

Halal food – in Arabic, *halal* means “permissible” – is food that adheres to Islamic law, which covers everything from its source to preparation. With the sizeable Muslim community in Singapore, there is no shortage of *halal* establishments, which are 100% Muslim-owned or are certified by Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura (MUIS or also known as Islamic Religious Council of Singapore). Travellers can find *halal* cafés and restaurants around the country, especially in the Muslim ethnic enclaves, such as Arab Street and Kampong Glam (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p58). From café fare to Asian-inspired Mexican dishes, *halal* food in Singapore is aplenty.



Afterwit – Mexican Taqueria

Travellers who would like to pair gourmet tacos (S\$16–S\$18) with artisanal coffee should head to Afterwit – Mexican Taqueria, where its chef fuses local and Asian flavours in its Mexican dishes. Must-tries include the lime butter mud crab and *dendeng* (thinly sliced dried meat) tacos. The *nasi lemak* (fragrant coconut rice; see Local Favourites, p95) burrito (S\$17–S\$19) is also worth a try for visitors who are keen to sample a different take on this local favourite.

Address: 778 North Bridge Road
Tel: +65 6299 3508
Website: afterwit.sg
Email: ask@afterwit.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Thu, 12pm–10pm; Fri–Sun, 12pm–11pm
Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

Bismillah Biryani

What began as a tiny stall in a food court, opened by Mr Arif Salahuddin, has grown into an award-winning brand with two outlets. Unlike other *biryani* (rice cooked with spices and meat) restaurants, Bismillah Biryani offers a healthy and tasty version of this dish, which is served without curry. The secret to its *biryani* (S\$8.50) lies in its expert handling of basmati (long-grain rice) – it is important to get the temperature and cooking time right, so that the rice is not overcooked. The restaurant serves *dum*-style (steaming) *biryani*, which involves cooking the rice and meat together in a pot over a slow flame to allow the ingredients to soak up the flavours and spices. The result? Tender chunks of meat and the irresistible aroma of authentic *dum biryani*, one of the



Carousel

many reasons that this eatery made the Michelin Guide's Bib Gourmand list in 2016.

Address: 50 Dunlop Street / 1 Fusionopolis Link, Nexus@One-North, #01-03

Tel: +65 9382 7937 / +65 9270 7649

Opening Hours: (Dunlop Street branch) Mon-Sun, 11.30am-9.30pm; Closed on Tue / (Fusionopolis branch) Mon-Fri, 11am-7.30pm; Sat, 11am-5pm; Closed on Sun & Public Holiday

Nearest MRT: Rochor Station (Dunlop Street branch) / one-north Station (Fusionopolis branch)

Carousel

This restaurant at Royal Plaza on Scotts, situated near the Orchard Road shopping belt, is famous for its extensive buffets (lunch: S\$56++ to S\$65++; dinner: S\$76++ to S\$83++), which include a large seafood spread, a tandoor section, and Asian, Japanese and Mediterranean fare. It also offers impressive desserts, such as cakes, chocolates and cheese. Besides lunch and dinner, visitors can also try the buffet-style breakfast (S\$32++ per adult) and high tea (S\$42++ to S\$48++). Child rates available.

Address: 25 Scotts Road, Royal Plaza on Scotts, Lobby Level

Tel: +65 6589 7799 / +65 6589 7745

Website: carouselbuffet.com.sg

Email: carousel@royalplaza.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon-Sun, 6.30am-10am (breakfast); 12pm-2pm (lunch); 3.30pm-5.30pm (high tea); 6.30pm-9.30pm (dinner)

Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

Fika Swedish Café and Bistro

This chic and casual bistro, run by Tasneem Noor and her Swedish husband, offers quality Swedish fare, such as Swedish meatballs (S\$19), pickled herring (S\$14) and rosehip soup (S\$6) using fresh ingredients and without any MSG or preservatives. Fika also caters to visitors with dietary restrictions such as gluten or lactose intolerance. Visitors should save room for the much-raved-about *kladdkaka* (S\$8), a Swedish-style brownie served with berries and whipped cream.

Address: 257 Beach Road / 11 Tanjong Katong Road, OneKM Mall, #02-K3

Tel: +65 6396 9096 / +65 6702 2456

Website: fikacafe.com

Email: info@fikacafe.com

Opening Hours: Sun-Thu, Public Holiday, 11am-10pm; Fri-Sat, eve of Public Holiday, 11am-11pm (Beach Road branch) / Mon-Sun, 11am-10pm (OneKM branch)

Nearest MRT: Bugis Station (Beach Road branch) / Paya Lebar Station (OneKM branch)

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A place to grab Mexican cuisine-inspired comfort food, this poolside café offers *fajitas* (grilled meat in a tortilla) with a side of Korean kimchi (spicy pickled cabbage; S\$19), as well as *bunuelos* (S\$8), which are fried tortillas covered in cinnamon sugar and served with ice cream. Western dishes such as lamb shank (S\$25), and fish and chips (S\$14) are particularly popular among diners, while visitors who love salted egg yolk may want to try the doughnuts with salted egg dip (S\$6). Set menus (S\$48) for two to three people are also available.

Address: 31 Ah Hood Road, HomeTeamNS - JOM Clubhouse, #01-06

Tel: +65 6256 1484

Website: facebook.com/FIXsg

Email: info@fix.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon-Sun, 11am-10pm

Nearest MRT: Toa Payoh Station

Hyde & Co.

Located in Kampong Glam, this English tearoom-style café serves Western fare with a local flair. Visitors can enjoy classic English crumpets and tea, as well as more substantial dishes, such as the *har cheong*



Hyde & Co.

kai (prawn paste chicken) waffle (S\$18), Hyde's chilli crab pasta (S\$21) or the popular *ondeh-ondeh* French toast (S\$15), which uses *gula melaka* (palm sugar) and grated pandan coconut. For drinks, guests may choose from the café's menu of 45 different types of tea, or try its cold-brewed tea specials (S\$7.50).

Address: 785 North Bridge Road

Tel: +65 6635 5785

Website: hydeandco.com.sg

Email: hello@hydeandco.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon, 12pm-6pm; Wed-Fri, 12pm-10pm; Sat, 11am-10pm; Sun, 11am-6pm; Closed on Tue

Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

I am...

Established in 2013, this café on Haji Lane is the brainchild of owner Muhamad Jamuri Busori and his love for the Dutch culture after a trip to Amsterdam. The name I am... comes from the city's campaign tagline "I amsterdam". While its juicy charcoal-grilled burgers (S\$12.90-S\$17.90) are a favourite among visitors, those who would like some Dutch-inspired dishes should sample the thick-cut Dutch fries with mayo (S\$7.90), and Bitterballen (S\$9.90) - crispy meatballs served with



I am...

mustard sauce. This restaurant also serves mocktails, such as virgin *mojito* and the citrus-based Bushramint (both S\$6.90).

Address: 674 North Bridge Road, #01-01

Tel: +65 6295 5509

Website: iam.com.sg

Email: enquiry@iam.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon-Thu, 11am-11pm; Fri-Sat 11am-1am; Sun, 11am-10pm

Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

Kaw Kaw SG by Makan State

Tucked away in a quiet spot at Aliwal Arts Centre is Kaw Kaw SG by Makan State, a franchise of the street kiosk-turned-burger restaurant from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Visitors should try the smoky beef bacon burger (S\$16.30), which includes a 175g beef patty topped with bacon and jalapeños. Also available are pastas and steaks, as well as a children's menu. The restaurant also showcases fortnightly live music performances by local talents.

Address: 28 Aliwal Street, Aliwal Arts Centre, #01-01

Tel: +65 6444 8349

Website: kawkawsg.com

Opening Hours: Sun-Thu, 12pm-9.30pm; Fri, 3pm-10.30pm; Sat, 12pm-10.30pm

Nearest MRT: Nicoll Highway Station

Kucina Italian Restaurant

This 60-seater Muslim-owned Italian restaurant serves quality, authentic Italian cuisine. Kucina's menu features a range of popular Italian fare, such as hand-stretched pizzas, antipasti and creamy carbonara served with turkey bacon. The dessert pizzas are a must-try, particularly the Cannela (S\$10.80), which is served with cinnamon sugar, mascarpone and raisins as toppings. Visitors may also opt for budget-friendly options, such as the lunch sets (S\$15), consisting of a main (pizza, pasta or a meat dish), soup and dessert.

Address: 11 Tanjong Katong Road, OneKM Mall, #B1-09/10

Tel: +65 6493 2154

Website: facebook.com/kucinaitalianrestaurant

Email: gero.kucina@gmail.com

Opening Hours: Mon-Sun, 11.30am-10pm

Nearest MRT: Paya Lebar Station

Oasis Spice Café

Offering the amusement park-goer an array of Middle-Eastern specialities is this Egyptian-themed cafeteria, located next to the Revenge of the Mummy ride at

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Universal Studios Singapore®. Its combo sets are popular, such as the butter chicken *biryani* set and the vegetarian *biryani* set (set menus start from S\$14 and include a dessert). Entry to this restaurant will require an entrance fee to Universal Studios Singapore®, unless visitors are in possession of a valid admission ticket.

Address: 8 Sentosa Gateway, Universal Studios Singapore®,
Tel: +65 6577 8888
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 10am–7pm
Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

Royz et Vous

With two outlets to choose from, visitors who love coffee will appreciate the café's excellent cold-brewed java (S\$8) made from single-origin beans. Visitors can enjoy a meal with their coffee – the café's menu features Western fare such as wagyu beef burger (S\$28.90), eggs benedict (S\$18.90), and chicken wings tossed in spicy buffalo sauce with a side of sour cream (S\$14.90). Another drink not to be missed is the hot chocolate mint (S\$7), made using cocoa beans from West Africa.

Address: 137 Telok Ayer Street, #01-01 / 750 Chai Chee Road, #01-16
Tel: +65 6293 0270 / +65 6636 3537
Website: royzetvous.com.sg
Email: revta@royzetvous.com.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Thu, 11am–10pm; Fri, 11am–11pm; Sat, 12pm–11pm; Sun, 12pm–10pm (Telok Ayer branch) / Sun–Thu, 10am–10pm; Fri–Sat, 10am–11pm; closed 4pm–5pm daily (Chai Chee branch)
Nearest MRT: Telok Ayer Station (Telok Ayer branch) / Bedok Station (Chai Chee branch)

Singapore Zam Zam

This Kampong Glam institution, which first opened its doors in 1908, is well-loved for its authentic chicken *biryani* (from S\$6) and crispy mutton *murtabak* (pan-fried bread stuffed with meat and spices; S\$5), which uses a generous amount of ghee (clarified butter) and fried extra crispy for flavour. The recipes used by Zam Zam in its early days remain largely unchanged today. Visitors who wish to dine in comfort may do so on the restaurant's upper floor, which has air-conditioning.

Address: 697 North Bridge Road
Tel: +65 6298 6320
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 8am–11pm
Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

Spize

A go-to establishment among Singaporeans looking for a hearty, late-night supper, Spize is not only known for its local fare, but also its extensive international menu, which includes Western, Indian, Thai and Mediterranean dishes. Items to order include *mee goreng pattaya* (spicy fried noodles within an omelette, S\$7.50 – S\$9.90) and crispy tissue *prata* (flatbread, S\$3.90 – S\$4.20). Visitors craving for something less conventional can try its newer and unconventional offerings, such as the steak and cheese *murtabak*, (S\$16.90). Items and prices vary between outlets.

Address: 409 River Valley Road / 336 Bedok Road / 131 Rifle Range Road, #03-04
Tel: +65 6337 7493 (River Valley) / +65 6734 9194 (Bedok) / +65 6337 7493 (Rifle Range Road)
Website: spize.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Fri, 12pm–5am; Sat–Sun, 12pm–6am (River Valley) / Mon–Fri, 12pm–2am; Sat–Sun, 12pm–3am (Bedok) / Mon–Sun, 8am–11pm (Rifle Range Road)
Nearest MRT: Orchard Station (River Valley branch) / Tanah Merah Station (Bedok branch) / Beauty World Station (Rifle Road branch)



StraitsKitchen

Visitors seeking authentic hawker fare in a more refined setting should head to StraitsKitchen at the Grand Hyatt Singapore, where the chefs prepare food on the spot at the live stations. This restaurant serves a sumptuous buffet spread of local favourites (lunch: S\$52++; dinner: S\$62++), including dishes of the Peranakans (people descended from marriages between Chinese or Indian men and local Malay or Indonesian women in Southeast Asia), Chinese and Indian cuisine, and popular hawker staples such as *satay* (grilled meat on skewers), *laksa* and chicken rice (see Local Favourites, p94), all in a chic steel-and-marble dining hall. For dessert, the freshly made *Nonya kueh* (bite-sized snacks or desserts) and homemade ice-creams are a must-try. Child rates available.

Address: 10 Scotts Road, Grand Hyatt Singapore, Lobby Level
Tel: +65 6732 1234
Website: singapore.grand.hyattrestaurants.com/straitskitchen
Email: straitskitchen.sg@hyatt.com
Opening Hours: Mon–Fri, 6.30am–10.30am, 12pm–2.30pm, 6.30pm–10.30pm; Sat–Sun, Public Holiday, 6.30am–11am, 12.30pm–3pm, 6.30pm–10.30pm
Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

(working title) – Burger Bar



Streets Asian Café

This café in Resorts World™ Sentosa serves street food from all over Asia. Its menu features more than 100 popular dishes, such as *dim sum* (bite-sized delicacies served in steamer baskets or small plates), *ikan penyet* (Indonesian-style fried fish, S\$12.90), *sate madura* (Indonesian skewered meat, S\$9.50), and spicy aglio olio spaghetti with chicken ham (S\$11.80), and chicken chop (S\$11.80) to cater to the diverse tastes of travellers.

Address: 26 Sentosa Gateway, Resorts World™ Sentosa, The Forum, #01-205, and other outlets
Tel: +65 6570 0420
Website: streets.com.sg
Email: marketing@katrinahldgs.com
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 11am–10pm
Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

The Mad Sailors

Owned by the folks behind Afterwit – Mexican Taqueria and (working title) –

Burger Bar, The Mad Sailors serves good ol' British pub grub in a two-storey Haji Lane (see Shopping, Ethnic Districts, p132) shophouse. Visitors can look forward to savouring bar food such as Marmite honey wings (S\$10), fried Mars bars served with ice cream (S\$14), and chip butty (S\$12), a sandwich of fries and cheese topped with turkey bacon.

Address: 24 Haji Lane
Tel: +65 8248 2853
Website: themadsailors.sg
Email: ask@themadsailors.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Thu, 11am–10pm; Fri, 11am–11pm; Sat–Sun, 10am–11pm
Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

The Royals Steakhouse

Despite its simple menu of steaks and burgers, The Royals Steakhouse will satisfy visitors who are craving for meat. The restaurant's standout items include the lamb burger, The Lamburghini (S\$20), and the Côte De Boeuf (S\$68), which uses 150-day grain-fed Black Angus

beef. The steaks are served with a trio of condiments – freshly cut chilli *padi* (bird's eye chilli), milled black pepper and rock salt. For dessert, the restaurant's signature homemade cakes are worth a try.

Address: 10 Jalan Pisang
Tel: +65 6291 3326
Website: facebook.com/TheRoyalsSteakhouse
Email: order@royalcakes.com
Opening Hours: Mon, Wed–Thu, Sun, 1pm–10.30pm; Fri–Sat, 1pm–11.30pm; Closed on Tue
Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

Wilder

Creative, freshly baked cakes and tarts are the hallmarks of this quaint café near Arab Street. These include sweet treats such as the *gula melaka* caramel chocolate tart (S\$5 per slice) and Ovaltine chocolate tart brownie (S\$8 per slice). Visitors who wish to have more of these confections at home may order them as whole cakes or tarts, three to five days in advance. When it comes to food, not only does Wilder pride itself on using local produce, it also believes in making most of its dishes from scratch. Healthier bites include the soba salad with miso *tahini* dressing (S\$10.80) and the homemade gnocchi with cheese and mushrooms (S\$10.80).

Address: 749 North Bridge Road
Tel: +65 6635 1136
Website: wilder.com.sg
Email: heyho.wilder@gmail.com
Opening Hours: Tue–Sat, 12.30pm–10pm; Sun, 12.30pm–9pm; Closed on Mon
Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

(working title) - Burger Bar

Located below The Social Hostel on Haji Lane, the unassuming bar and café is a great spot for visitors to relax and watch the world go by after an afternoon exploring the Kampong Glam district. Guests will relish the *satay* fries (crispy fries coated in peanut sauce and topped with mayonnaise, S\$9), *gula* chicken sausage (apple slices cooked with garlic-and-herb sausages and drizzled with *gula melaka*, S\$20), or any of the burgers, such as the Baconator (S\$20++) with turkey bacon.

Address: 48 Arab Street
Tel: +65 8248 2841
Website: workingtitle.sg
Email: ask@workingtitle.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Thu, 11am–10pm; Fri, 11am–11pm; Sat–Sun, 10am–11pm
Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

Candlenut



Restaurant Labyrinth



JOHN HENG, DAPHOGRAPHER



The Quarters

MODERN SINGAPORE CUISINE

Over the years, Singapore's cuisine has evolved beyond its traditional hawker dishes such as chilli crab and chicken rice. Innovative chefs have reworked the rich nuances and diverse textures of these dishes in their modern-day interpretations, making their mark on the local culinary landscape. The result is a plethora of dining options serving up flavours best described as Modern Singapore.

Candlenut

This 92-seat restaurant on Dempsey Hill is the world's first Michelin-starred Peranakan restaurant. Owner and head chef Malcolm Lee honed his cooking skills under the tutelage of his grandmother and mother, both *Nonyas* (women of Peranakan descent, whose lineage dates back to Chinese immigrants who came to the Malay archipelago between the 15th and 17th centuries). Candlenut makes all its *rempah* (spice paste) from scratch, without using the flavour enhancer, monosodium glutamate (MSG) or preservatives. Menu highlights include the homemade *kuah pie tee* (crispy pastry shells filled with turnip shoots and condiments; S\$12++), wagyu beef short ribs (S\$36++) and braised pork cheek (S\$24++). The *buah keluak* (a type of black nut found in Southeast Asia) ice cream with chilli (S\$15++) on the dessert

menu is a must-try. The restaurant also offers a 10-course Chef's "Ahmakase" Menu (S\$88++) at dinner that highlights the nuances of Peranakan cuisine. A private dining room for eight pax is available.

Address: Block 17A Dempsey Road
Website: candlenut.com.sg
Email: candlenutres@comodempsey.sg
 For reservations, email Candlenut or use the "Make a Reservation" widget on their website.
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 12pm–2.30pm; Sun–Thu, 6pm–9.30pm; Fri–Sat, eve of Public Holidays and Public Holidays, 6pm–10.30pm
Nearest MRT: Holland Village Station

Restaurant Labyrinth

Restaurant Labyrinth, located in Esplanade Mall, serves innovative dishes created by chef-owner LG Han who uses a range of culinary techniques to reinvent traditional local recipes. An example is Lardo, a "chicken rice ball" that takes three days to prepare. Made using chicken fat and sesame oil, and served with soya sauce and minced ginger, the dish is a modern interpretation of one of Singapore's most iconic dishes – chicken rice (see Local Favourites, p94). The restaurant offers lunch and dinner set menus, an à la carte menu at dinner from Sunday to Thursday, as well as a pre-theatre set menu for guests attending performances at the Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay (see Neighbourhoods, Nightlife Precincts, p76). The menu change

from time to time, so check the restaurant's website or call for updated menus and prices. Visitors may also inform the restaurant of any dietary restrictions.

Address: 8 Raffles Avenue, Esplanade Mall, #02-23
Tel: +65 6223 4098
Website: labyrinth.com.sg
Email: reservations@labyrinth.com.sg
Opening Hours: Tue–Fri, 12pm–2.30pm; Tue–Sun, 6.30pm–11pm; Thu–Sat, 6pm (Pre-Theatre); Closed for lunch on Public Holidays
Nearest Station: Esplanade Station

The Quarters

This casual eatery in Tanjong Pagar serves fuss-free, reasonably priced bistro-style food that combines the best of local flavours with traditional Asian and modern Western cooking techniques. The café's signature *satay* burger (S\$17++) incorporates all the tastes and textures of *satay* (grilled meat on skewers) into a well-marinated burger patty. It is then sandwiched between two rice "buns" chargrilled until crispy to give that all-important smoky flavour, and served with peanut sauce. For dessert, the Duriancanboleah (S\$8.50++) – a crème brûlée flavoured with durian (a thorny, pungent fruit with flesh the texture of rich custard) – is worth a try. Bigger groups can opt for the Quarters Experience set menu (\$68++ per pax) of dishes such as Shiok Bak, roast pork belly with crackling

and spicy *rempah* (spice paste) and "Nai You" lobster that's been poached in butter and then grilled.

Address: 16 Enggor Street, Icon Village, #01-09
Tel: +65 6834 4174
Website: thequarters.sg
Email: info@thequarters.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Fri, 8am–10pm; Sat, 10am–12pm; Sun, 10am–6pm
Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station

TungLok Heen

Formerly known as Chinois, this Chinese fine dining restaurant at Hotel Michael sees celebrity chef Susur Lee's signature contemporary Chinese dishes sharing the spotlight with senior executive chef Ken Ling's fiery Hunanese and Teochew delights. The signature roast Irish duck, with its crispy aromatic skin and succulent duck meat, is a must-order. Visitors should also try the restaurant's Singapore Slaw, chef Susur's twist on the local *yusheng* salad that is traditionally eaten during Chinese New Year. The restaurant also

DID YOU KNOW?

"Heen" is derived from the Cantonese dialect, meaning "Pavilion". Similarly, TungLok Heen aims to be a pavilion of retreat for diners who appreciate traditional, authentic, quality Chinese cuisine.

offers The Pinnacle of Singapore Street Food – gourmet interpretations of local favourites. Dishes include *satay* (grilled meat on skewers) using Spanish *kurobuta* pork jowl, oven-grilled with a *satay* paste mix and served with rich peanut sauce, and oyster omelette filled with large, plump Irish oysters, fresh green onions and parsley, and fried in fish oil. Chef Susur was the first chef in Singapore to fuse wasabi mayonnaise with prawns in a dish while working at TungLok Seafood in 1997.

Festive and vegetarian menus are available in this 106-seater restaurant, which also has three private rooms that can seat eight to 18 for groups who prefer private dining. Diners can expect to pay about S\$60 per person for lunch and S\$110 per person for dinner.

Address: Sentosa Island, 26 Sentosa Gateway, Hotel Michael, #02-142/143
Tel: +65 6884 7888
Website: tunglokheen.com
Email: tunglokheen@tunglok.com
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 11.30am–2.30pm, 6.30pm–10.30pm
Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

Wanton, Seng's Noodle Bar

Wanton, Seng's Noodle Bar is a collaboration between hawker stall Seng's Wonton Mee and restaurant group, The Establishment Group. This eatery, which comfortably sits 28 pax, serves a

revamped version of *wonton mee* with free-flow crispy pork lard and broth. For lunch, there are six bowls (from S\$7) to choose from, along with add-ons like a five-minute egg (S\$2) and fried *wantons* (S\$2 for three). At dinner, guests can customise their basic bowl of plain noodles (S\$1) with sides (from S\$13) such as Japanese-style braised pork belly, *char siew* (barbecued pork), shrimp dumplings and slow-braised pork knuckles. There are also small bites like Batalong Egg, a hard-boiled egg wrapped with *char siew* and dipped in spicy mayonnaise (S\$9), and creative cocktails such as Ju Hua, chrysanthemum tea spiked with vodka. There's a S\$1 discount for takeaway orders. Reservations are only for dinner.

Address: 52 Amoy Street
Tel: +65 6221 1336
Website: wantonsg.com
Email: shiok@wantonsg.com
Opening Hours: Mon–Thu, 11.30am–2.30pm, 6pm–10pm; Fri, 11.30am–2.30pm, 6pm–11pm; Sat, 6pm–10pm; Closed on Sun
Nearest MRT: Telok Ayer Station / Tanjong Pagar Station

Wild Rocket

Chef Willin Low coined the term "Mod Sin" (Modern Singaporean) in 2005 when he opened Wild Rocket. The restaurant is known for its menu of quintessentially Singaporean flavours, but chef Low's

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culinary skill is best demonstrated in his *omakase* tasting menu – for lunch, it's a seven- to nine-course menu (S\$90++ to S\$120++ per person); dinner is a nine-course menu (S\$120++ to S\$160++ per person), both served at the 12-seater chef counter. Advanced reservations are highly recommended for visitors who wish to order from this menu. Besides the *omakase* menu, visitors can try the two-course (S\$28++) or three-course set lunch (S\$32++), as well as a four-course set dinner (S\$73++). Wild Rocket has added new items to its menu – with some dishes changing every few months – such as *har ji* (dried shrimp roe) spaghetti with *bottarga* (salted, cured fish roe), prawns and kaffir (S\$30) and 48hr beef short rib with green curry (S\$37). For large groups, there is a private room for up to 18 pax, with a minimum spend of S\$1,300++ for lunch and S\$2,500++ for dinner.

Address: 10A Upper Wilkie Road, hangout@mt.emily
Tel: +65 6339 9448
Website: wildrocket.com.sg
Email: eat@wildrocket.com.sg
Opening Hours: Tue–Sat, 12pm–3pm;
Mon–Sat, 6.30pm–10.30pm
Nearest MRT: Dhoby Ghaut Station /
Little India Station



Lau Pa Sat

DID YOU KNOW?

It is common for locals to greet each other with the phrase: "Have you eaten?"

HAWKER CENTRES

A visit to a hawker centre is a must in Singapore. It is where visitors can find Singaporeans from all walks of life tucking into affordable local food in a casual atmosphere. At these open-air food courts, the best local dishes can be sampled for under S\$10. This includes delicious meals from different ethnic groups – Chinese, Indian, Malay and Eurasian – and *halal* and vegetarian options (see Halal Restaurants, p109 and Vegetarian, p118). From the hustle and bustle to the sights and smells, visiting a lively hawker centre is a sensory experience not to be missed. Though stalls may operate at different timings, hawker centres generally open from early morning till late.

Amoy Street Food Centre

Located in the heart of the Central Business District (CBD), this popular two-storey food centre is always crowded during weekday lunch (generally from 11.30am to 1.30pm). It is home to Bib Gourmand awardee, A Noodle Story (#01-39), which serves Singapore-style ramen fusing East-West flavours. Also popular is Chinese-style

Li Xing Nasi Lemak (#02-81), which offers a S\$3 set meal that often sells out before noon. Visitors can also try a bowl of thick fish slices in a delicate broth from Han Kee Fish Soup (#02-129), but go early or risk queuing for 30 minutes.

Address: 7 Maxwell Road
Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station /
Telok Ayer Station

Chinatown Complex Food Centre & Chinatown Food Street

Travellers can take a break while exploring Chinatown (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p55) to enjoy local food at these two spots. At Chinatown Food Centre, seek out one-Michelin-starred Hong Kong Soya Sauce Chicken Rice & Noodle Stall (#02-15), where there is always a queue. Starting at S\$2 per plate, it is one of the world's cheapest Michelin-starred meals. At Lian He Bei Ji Claypot Rice (#02-198), visitors can try slightly charred sweet soy sauce rice studded with chunks of meat. Over at Chinatown Food Street, the area has been converted into an alfresco food

trail. Visitors should try Katong Keah Kee Fried Oysters (Stall 5) and Newton Circus Ahmad Ibrahim Satay (Stall 19) among the 24 street hawker stalls and six shophouse restaurants here.

Chinatown Complex Food Centre
Address: 335 Smith Street

Chinatown Food Street
Address: 7 Smith Street
Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station

Lau Pa Sat

Built in the 19th century with distinctive colonial architecture, Lau Pa Sat was declared a national monument in 1973. Located in the heart of the financial district, this open-air food court offers local dishes as well as international cuisine such as Costa Rican, Filipino, Indian and Vietnamese. At 7pm, an outdoor dining area is set up into a mini *satay* street, where Stalls 7, 8 and 10 are popular for their tasty skewers of chicken, lamb, beef and pork. Some *satay* stalls are *halal*-certified. Lau Pa Sat operates 24 hours a day, so visitors can drop by any time to enjoy the wide array of local hawker food within an elegant old-world setting.

Address: 18 Raffles Quay
Nearest MRT: Raffles Place Station



Maxwell Food Centre

Maxwell Food Centre

What was once a wet market in the 1950s has become the popular Maxwell Food Centre today. One of its biggest draws is Tian Tian Hainanese Chicken Rice (#01-10/11) – whose world-famous chicken rice beat chef Gordon Ramsay's version in the Hawker Heroes Challenge. Also popular is Zhen Zhen Porridge (#01-54) for its comforting bowls of thick porridge cooked with chicken or fish, while the crispy, deep-fried oyster cake snack at Maxwell Fuzhou Oyster Cake (#01-05) has become a rare speciality. For dessert, visitors should try the freshly fried *pisang goreng* (fried banana fritters) from Lim Kee Banana Fritters (#01-61).

Address: 1 Kadayanallur Street
Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station

Newton Food Centre

This famous hawker centre located near Orchard Road remains a favourite of locals and visitors. With numerous barbecue seafood stalls to choose from, visitors should compare prices from different vendors before ordering. Iconic hawkers serving up non-seafood local fare include Kwee Heng (#01-13), known for dry duck noodles with a distinct star anise and

vinegar sauce; Bee Heng Popiah (#01-12), which makes Hokkien-style *popiah* (fresh spring rolls); and Hup Kee Oyster Omelette (#01-73), which uses plump and fragrant oysters. For dessert, try the *cheng tng* (a light, sweet soup with longan, barley and white fungus) from 88 Shan Ren Cold and Hot Dessert (#01-05).

Address: 500 Clemenceau Avenue North
Nearest MRT: Newton Station

Old Airport Road Food Centre

Built over 40 years ago, this is one of the largest hawker centres in Singapore and a highly recommended food stop for its abundance of Singapore hawker legends. Nam Sing Hokkien Fried Mee (#01-32) cooks up a full-bodied version of the hawker staple. Mattar Road Seafood (#01-63) offers four different versions of crabs: chilli, white pepper, black pepper and salted egg yolk. Toa Payoh Rojak (#01-108) serves Chinese-style *rojak*, a salad of pineapple, cucumber, dough fritters and other ingredients tossed in tangy fermented prawn paste, sprinkled with roasted peanuts and *tau pok* (beancurd skin). End with a bowl of smooth and silky Lao Ban Soya Bean Curd (#01-127).

Address: 51 Old Airport Road
Nearest MRT: Dakota Station

ALL IN THE MIX

The Malay word *rojak* means "eclectic mix", and is also the name of a local fruit and vegetable salad dish.

Chomp Chomp Food Centre & Serangoon Gardens Market and Food Centre

Serangoon Gardens' residents are envied for the variety of good hawker fare available at their doorstep (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82). As one of two major food centres in this heartland area, Chomp Chomp is small in size but its quality food offerings are numerous. Seek out Ah Hock Fried Hokkien Noodles (#01-27) where the fried noodle dish is moist and flavoursome, and Good Luck Chicken Wings and Satay (#01-29), which serves chicken wings in a tasty marinade with piquant chilli sauce. At Serangoon Gardens Market, the big draws are Original Botanical Garden Famous Fish Ball Noodles (#01-14) for its addictive fish cakes and springy fish balls, and Garden Street Kway Chap (#01-21), well loved for its robust broth and silky-smooth rice noodles. The popular Aliff Nasi Lemak (#01-27) uses basmati rice for its signature coconut rice dish and is *halal*-certified. Get to Serangoon Garden Bakery &

HAWKER CENTRE SURVIVAL GUIDE

Tips for first-timers in a Singapore hawker centre and how to find the best eats

Seating: During peak lunch and dinner hours, large groups may need to split up. Sharing tables, which typically seat four to five, is common. Empty seats or tables are not necessarily available – check first if a packet of tissue or an umbrella has been left on it. This signals that the table has been “chopped” (local slang for “reserved”).

Ordering Food: Singaporeans commonly address elderly hawkers as Auntie or Uncle, even though they’re not blood-related, as a sign of respect. When in doubt on what to order, just point at the pictures provided or to another customer’s order.

What to Eat: Ask for specific stall recommendations from locals, or simply find the longest queues (usually an indication of a popular stall) and order the signature dish.

What to Drink: Local favourites to try include *bandung* (rose syrup milk drink), iced Milo (chocolate malt), “Michael Jackson” (soya bean milk with grass jelly) and *teh peng* (milk tea served with ice).

Confectionery (#01-45) early to try fresh, home-style baked goods like curry buns and luncheon meat buns before they sell out.

Chomp Chomp Food Centre
Address: 20 Kensington Park Road
Nearest MRT: Lorong Chuan Station

Serangoon Gardens Market and Food Centre
Address: 49A Serangoon Garden Way
Nearest MRT: Serangoon Station

Tiong Bahru Market and Food Centre

Indicative of Tiong Bahru’s old-meets-new appeal, this establishment was built on the site of the old Seng Poh Road Market and reopened in 2006 as a two-storey market and food centre. The first floor lets visitors experience a typical Singapore wet market before heading upstairs to enjoy delicious local dishes. With over 80 stalls housed in an art deco-style building, the hawker centre’s more famous stalls include Jian Bo Shui Kueh (#02-05), serving traditional handmade *chwee kueh* (steamed white rice cake topped with preserved radish/turnip), and Tiong Bahru Lor Mee (#02-80), which sells *lor mee* (thick rice noodles in a rich gravy) with generous toppings such as braised pork belly, *ngoh hiang* (five-spice meat rolls), and fried *wonton*, all for S\$3 per bowl. Dessert stall Tian Tian Yuan Dessert

House (#02-15) has over 80 iced and hot desserts to choose from. Order the S\$2 ice *kachang* (sweet shaved ice with toppings) for a refreshing treat.

Note: Tiong Bahru Market and Food Centre is under renovation until end-May 2017.

Address: 30 Seng Poh Road
Nearest MRT: Tiong Bahru Station

VEGETARIAN

Good food can be found everywhere in Singapore, and this is true not only for meat-lovers. Visitors will also find meat-free eateries offering a variety of meals and desserts to suit a range of budgets, cuisine types and dietary preferences, whether vegetarian-, vegan- or Jain-friendly. In fact, Singapore came in No. 2 on the Top 10 Vegan-Friendly Cities in Asia list unveiled by international animal rights group PETA in December 2016.

Afterglow by ANGLow

Vegetarian-friendly, Vegan-friendly

A number of hip restaurants have opened along Keong Saik Road in Chinatown (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p55) over the past few years, turning

this stretch into a popular spot for the working crowd in the area to unwind after a long day. Also located here is Afterglow by ANGLow, an eatery that serves vegetarian, vegan and raw food. This is where visitors can get raw lasagne made with zucchini (S\$20) and nut “cheese” made from cashews (S\$16). Other popular items are the deconstructed sushi bowls (S\$16) and non-processed raw desserts (from S\$12.50) like the raw chocolate salted caramel fudge. In the evenings, diners can soak in the ambience over some wine, craft beer or spirits.

Address: 24 Keong Saik Road
Tel: +65 6224 8921
Website: afterglow.sg
Email: karpung@anglowgroup.com
Opening Hours: Mon-Tue, Fri-Sat, 12pm-2.30pm; Mon-Sat 5.30pm-10.30pm; Closed on Sun

Annalakshmi

Vegetarian-friendly, Jain-friendly

This social enterprise is the culinary branch of the Temple of Fine Arts Singapore and run mostly by volunteers. The menu changes regularly, but there are always chutneys and *dhal* (Indian dish of cooked lentils) among the range of vegetarian dishes on offer. The name of the restaurant is derived from the Hindu goddess of abundance and is a compound word made

up of “anna”, which means “food”, and Lakshmi, the goddess’ name. Annalakshmi has a longstanding practice of offering diners the option to pay any amount they want for their meal. As a form of courtesy, visitors should ideally not offer anything less than S\$5 per person. The restaurant’s other location at 104 Amoy Street is only open for lunch from Monday to Saturday (11am-3pm).

Address: 20 Havelock Road, Village Residence Clarke Quay, #01-04
Tel: +65 6339 9993
Fax: +65 6532 7462
Website: annalakshmi.info
Opening Hours: Mon-Sun, 11am-3pm; Tue-Sun, 6.30pm-9.30pm; Closed on Mon evenings

Brownice Italian Vegan Ice Cream & Kitchen

Vegetarian-friendly, Vegan-friendly, Jain-friendly

Well-loved for its vegan-approved ice creams (S\$3.50 per scoop), this Italian vegan bistro also offers lasagne (S\$17), pizzas (S\$14-S\$19), risottos (S\$18), and desserts that are all made without animal products, eggs, dairy or preservatives. No onions are used in all dishes and garlic can be omitted upon request. Brownice Italian Vegan Ice Cream Café in Sin Ming Centre is run by the same people and focuses on serving ice cream.

Address: 53 East Coast Road
Tel: +65 6348 2295
Website: brownice.com
Email: hello@brownice.com
Opening Hours: Sun-Thu, 12pm-10pm; Fri-Sat, 12pm-10.30pm

Café Salivation

Vegetarian-friendly, Vegan-friendly, Jain-friendly

Café Salivation is the first Western vegetarian café in Little India and offers vegan-friendly fare with subtle Indian influences. Aromatic spices are used to create flavourful, well-balanced dishes such as the grilled Desi sandwich (S\$10) with green chutney and a mix of spiced potatoes, tomatoes and cucumbers. The café can omit onion and garlic upon request. For sweets, there are flavoured milk freezes that are the café’s take on traditional Indian *kulfi* ice cream – try the mango flavour with pistachio and nuts (S\$5.50) – and eggless desserts such as apple crumble with ice cream (S\$8).

Address: 176 Race Course Road
Tel: +65 6298 1412 / +65 6341 5546
Fax: +65 6298 1512
Website: cafesalivation.com
Email: cafesalivation@gmail.com
Opening Hours: Mon-Thu, 10am-10.30pm; Fri, 10am-11pm; Sat, 8am-11pm; Sun 8am-10.30pm

Herbivore Japanese & Western Vegetarian Restaurant

Vegetarian-friendly, Vegan-friendly, Jain-friendly

For a Japanese meal beyond the usual vegetable-based ramen, avocado and cucumber sushi rolls, Herbivore’s vegan menu offers mock sushi (tuna, salmon, *unagi* (freshwater eel)) and other dishes like *natto soba* (traditional Japanese noodles with fermented soybeans) and vegetarian *tonkatsu* (breaded, deep-fried vegetables). Located in Fortune Centre – a haven for vegetarian dining in Singapore due to the large number of meat-free eateries under one roof – the restaurant is also Jain-friendly and does not use garlic and onion in their cooking.

Address: 190 Middle Road, Fortune Centre, #01-13/14
Tel: +65 6333 1612
Website: herbivore.sg
Email: info@herbivore.sg
Opening Hours: Mon-Fri, 11.30am-3pm, 5pm-10pm; Sat-Sun, Public Holiday, 11.30am-10pm



Ice kachang dessert



Teh peng



Afterglow by ANGLow



Joie Restaurant by DOZO

Vegetarian-friendly, Vegan-friendly

This rooftop meat-free dining spot is popular for its elaborate yet affordable six-course lunch (S\$38.80++) and seven-course dinner (S\$68.80++). Influenced by dining trends in Europe, Japan and Taiwan, the dishes are created with the artful use of everyday ingredients such as root vegetables and mushrooms in a contemporary fashion. The mock sushi dishes and eye-catching grilled Bai-Ling steak served on a hot lava stone are recommended. Surrounded by Orchard Central's serene rooftop garden, diners can choose to enjoy their meals in one of the six private rooms, which seats four to 16 diners, or at the outdoor private dining area.

Address: 181 Orchard Road, Orchard Central, #12-01
Tel: +65 6838 6966
Fax: +65 6838 6967
Website: joierestaurant.com.sg
Email: reservation@joierestaurant.com.sg
Opening Hours: Mon-Sun, 12pm-3.30pm, 6pm-10.30pm

Komala Vilas

Vegetarian-friendly, Vegan-friendly, Jain-friendly*

Komala Vilas opened in 1947 and has become a household name for its delicious

Indian vegetarian fare. It serves both South and North Indian vegetarian specialities, including 40 types of *dosai* (pancake made from fermented rice and lentil batter). The *thair vadai* set (S\$4.50) – a lentil and onion doughnut, served with yoghurt – makes a great breakfast meal, while the rice meal is a value-for-money deal for lunch and dinner, with unlimited refills of rice and dishes if one rice meal is ordered per person.

*Jain dishes are available only at Komala Vilas' Race Course Road branch.

Address: 76-78 Serangoon Road; and other locations
Tel: +65 6293 6980
Website: komalavilas.com.sg
Opening Hours: Mon-Sun, 7am-10.30pm

Madras New Woodlands Restaurant

Vegetarian-friendly, Vegan-friendly, Jain-friendly

Madras New Woodlands Restaurant has been in business since 1983 and is known for its curries, chutneys, full-flavoured *dhals* (Indian dish of cooked lentils) and the mock mutton vegetable soup. Another popular option that will satisfy larger appetites is the VIP Thali set (S\$9.50). Each comes with more than 10 small metal pots filled with two types of rice, assorted curries and vegetable dishes, and a choice of Indian *roti* (bread) or

dosai (pancake made from fermented rice and lentil batter), all served atop a large banana leaf-lined platter. The restaurant can omit garlic and onion upon request. No meal here is complete without a cup of its signature masala tea (S\$3.20).

Address: 12/14 Upper Dickson Road
Tel: +65 6297 1594
Opening Hours: Mon-Sun, 7.30am-10.30pm

Original Sin

Vegetarian-friendly, Vegan-friendly, Jain-friendly

One of the pioneers of Western vegetarian restaurants in Singapore, Original Sin is located near the lively neighbourhood of Holland Village (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p74) and features a menu of Mediterranean dishes that includes fresh salads, pastas and pizzas. Its popular Magic Mushroom (S\$20), baked portobello mushroom with pesto, cheese and tomato basil sauce, is comfort food at its best. The restaurant can omit garlic and onion for selected dishes upon request.

Address: Block 43 Jalan Merah Saga, Chip Bee Gardens, #01-62
Tel: +65 6475 5605
Fax: +65 6475 4416
Website: originalsin.com.sg
Email: info@originalsin.com.sg
Opening Hours: Mon-Sun, 11.30am-3pm, 6pm-10.30pm



Pita Pan

Vegetarian-friendly, Vegan-friendly

Specialising in Mediterranean and Middle Eastern bites, this casual eatery at Marina Bay Sands® is known for its crispy *falafel* balls (S\$10.20), creamy hummus (from S\$12.50), pita pockets filled with fresh vegetables and sauces (from S\$9.50), and the Vegan Shawarma Pan (S\$15.90) comprising lentil rice, an egg and mushrooms.

Address: 2 Bayfront Avenue, The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands®, L1-87 Bay Level
Tel: +65 6688 7450
Website: pitapan.com.sg
Email: pitapan@pitapan.com.sg
Opening Hours: Sun-Thu, 11am-11pm; Fri-Sat, 11am-11.30pm

Real Food

Vegetarian-friendly, Vegan-friendly, Jain-friendly

This organic café is known for serving an array of pocket-friendly vegan and vegetarian fare, which can be customised to suit specific dietary needs. Garlic, onion and root vegetables can be omitted for selected dishes upon request. No processed, pre-cut or pre-packed ingredients are used and sauces are made from scratch. The slow-pressed juices and smoothies are highly recommended, as are the signature

VEGETARIAN VS VEGAN – WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Vegetarians and vegans do not consume any animal meat, whether red meat, white meat or seafood. In addition, vegans do not consume any eggs, dairy or animal-derived product, including honey.

full-flavoured, hearty dumplings made with finely chopped mushrooms, chestnuts, carrots, tofu and French beans (S\$10.50 for eight). A selection of organic and vegan-friendly groceries such as teas and pasta sauces is also available for sale.

Address: 181 Orchard Road, Orchard Central, #02-16; and other locations
Tel: +65 6737 9516 (Orchard Central branch)
Website: realfoodgrocer.com
Email: enquiries@realfoodgrocer.com
Opening Hours: Mon-Sat, 10am-10pm; Sun, 10am-9pm

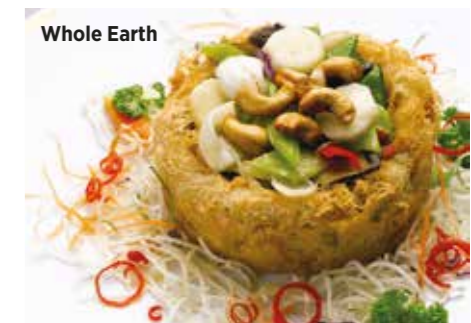
VeganBurg

Vegetarian-friendly, Vegan-friendly, Jain-friendly

Billed as “the world’s first vegan burger fast food joint”, VeganBurg features a 100% plant-based menu at both its Singapore and San Francisco outlets. It serves some of the best vegan burgers in town. Recommended items include the Smoky BBQ burger (S\$8.93) made with minced mushrooms and the



Real Food



Whole Earth

Creamy Shrooms burger (S\$7.92) with tofu and mushrooms. Also popular are sides like the Spinach Pops (S\$4.92) and seaweed fries (S\$3.91). Garlic and onion can be omitted from certain items on the menu upon request.

Address: 44 Jalan Eunos
Tel: +65 6844 6868
Fax: +65 6844 1021
Website: veganburg.com
Email: hello@veganburg.com
Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 11.30am-10pm

Whole Earth

Vegetarian-friendly, Vegan-friendly

This Michelin Guide Singapore 2016 Bib Gourmand awardee is popular for its Peranakan-Thai vegetarian dishes. Highlights include *sambal kang kong* (water spinach with chilli paste; S\$13.90), “honey ribs” made with monkey head mushrooms (S\$27.90), and its version of Penang *rendang* (spicy Indonesian dish stewed in coconut milk and spices) made with pan-fried mushrooms instead of meat (S\$20.90). All dishes here do not contain garlic and onion, but mushrooms and root vegetables are used.

Address: 76 Peck Seah Street
Tel: +65 6323 3308
Website: wholeearth.com.sg
Opening Hours: Mon-Sun, 11.30am-3pm, 5.30pm-10pm

Eat & Drink

BARS & CLUBS

As the sun sets, another side of Singapore comes alive. With bustling nightspots helmed by big-name DJs, rooftop bars, underground clubs and waterfront cocktail lounges, there is an array of options for visitors to let their hair down and enjoy the city after dark.

1-Altitude

Located in the heart of Singapore's Central Business District (CBD) at One Raffles Place, 1-Altitude is a "multi-concept lifestyle destination" that encompasses a viewing gallery, rooftop gallery and bar, fine-dining restaurant Stellar, Altimate nightclub, and ALT café and bar across three levels. Perched 282m above sea level, 1-Altitude Gallery & Bar is the world's highest alfresco bar. With 360-degree views of the CBD, the venue is best enjoyed for its Sundown Affair (daily from 6pm–8pm) where visitors can enjoy a cocktail in hand and relax to laidback DJ-spun beats, while admiring the stunning city skyline. On Wednesday nights, ladies enjoy free entry and S\$10 martinis all night. At Altimate, the view of the skyline is an impressive backdrop for visitors to party the night away. With seven elevated booths, this club impresses partygoers with state-of-the-art audio-visuals and a premium cocktail and liquor list. Signature cocktails start from S\$20. Table and drink packages for groups can be arranged at both 1-Altitude and Altimate. Events packages are available upon request.

Address: 1 Raffles Place, One Raffles Place (formerly OUB Centre), Level 61 & 63
Tel: +65 6438 0410 / +65 6536 0242 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6438 0710
Website: 1-altitude.com
Email: info@1-altitude.com / Angeline.low@1-altitude.com or immelia@1-altitude.com (Trade Contacts)
Opening Hours: (1-Altitude) Sun–Tue, 6pm–2am; Thu, 6pm–3am; Wed, Fri, Sat & eve of Public Holiday, 6pm–4am
Altimate: Fri–Sat, 6pm–4am
Cover Charge: (1-Altitude) S\$30 (6pm–9pm, inclusive of one drink); S\$35 (after 9pm, inclusive of one drink); (Altimate) S\$30 (inclusive of one house pour)
Nearest MRT: Raffles Place Station

28 HongKong Street

Situated on the ground floor of an old shophouse behind a nondescript door is 28 HongKong Street, one of the best

cocktail bars in Singapore and winner of the inaugural Asia's 50 Best Bars Award 2016. This "secret" bar is famed for its shot drinks, which are larger than the usual serving size, and a wide variety of award-winning cocktails (from S\$18++). Groups can order one of their punch bowls to share – the Presidential Punch, (S\$250, minimum five people), is a potent mix of cognac, rum, apricot brandy, peach tea and a whole bottle of champagne. Reservations are a must to secure a spot.

Address: 28 Hongkong Street
Tel: +65 6533 2001
Website: 28hks.com
Email: findus@28hks.com
Opening Hours: Mon–Thu, 6pm–2am; Fri–Sat, 6pm–3am; Closed on Sun
No Cover Charge
Nearest MRT: Clarke Quay Station

Attica

Established in 2004, this club is popular for its Wednesday Ladies Night and late-night parties helmed by visiting DJs from around the world. Refurbished in 2014 to celebrate its 10th anniversary, the space is

split into four areas: Bar Rose, an outdoors cocktail and champagne bar overlooking the Singapore River on Clarke Quay (see Neighbourhoods, Nightlife Precincts, p88); R&B and Top 40s on Level 1; house, trance and progressive dance on Level 2; and an open-air The Courtyard in the back. Visitors can sample the signature fresh fruit martinis (S\$15). Table and drink packages for groups can be arranged.

Address: 3A River Valley Road, Clarke Quay, #01-03
Tel: +65 6333 9973
Website: attica.com.sg
Email: enquiry@attica.com.sg
Opening Hours: Attica, Wed–Sat, 10pm–late; Bar Rose, Tue–Sat, 6pm till late
Cover Charge: S\$30 (Wed, men only, inclusive of three drinks and free entry for women, inclusive of six drinks and bar treats); S\$30 (Thu, men only, inclusive of four drinks and free entry for ladies before 1am, inclusive of three drinks); S\$30 (Fri & Sat, inclusive of three drinks)
Nearest MRT: Clarke Quay Station

Bang Bang

This cheekily named nightclub, which can house 400 partygoers in its intimate

setting, is all about bottle service (bottles of champagne from S\$188++), club anthems and Electronic Dance Music (EDM), and sexy go-go dancers and hostesses. The club's mid-week Wild Wednesdays are extremely popular, as are their special event nights. Table and drink packages for groups can be arranged.

Address: 7 Raffles Boulevard, Pan Pacific Singapore
Tel: +65 8127 2808
Website: bangbangclub.sg
Email: VIP@bangbangclub.sg
Opening Hours: Wed, 10pm–5am, Fri & Sat, 10pm–6am
Cover Charge: S\$35, inclusive of one drink
Nearest MRT: Promenade Station

Blu Jaz Cafe

Around the corner from hip Haji Lane (see Shopping, Ethnic Districts, p132) is this restaurant-cum-nightspot offering a variety of music from live jazz to hip-hop, exotic world music to jungle bass beats. Visitors may even chance upon an improv jazz or live music set. Every Thursday, ladies enjoy complimentary vodka cranberry cocktails (till midnight). Visitors should order the whisky

sour (S\$14++), a tower of Tiger Beer (S\$70++) or the signature Waterfall (S\$30++), a flaming concoction of Kahlúa, brandy, amaretto, Sambuca and crème de menthe.

Address: 11 Bali Lane
Tel: +65 6292 3800
Website: blujazcafe.net
Email: anuj@blujaz.net
Opening Hours: Mon–Thu, 12pm–1pm; Fri, 12pm–2am; Sat, 3pm–2am
No Cover Charge; from S\$10 on special event nights
Nearest MRT: Bugis Station / Nicoll Highway Station

Canvas

Inspired by legendary New York club The Factory, Canvas is a creative space by day and an underground nightclub by night. Catering towards young indie clubbers, the eclectic music here spans Afro-Latin, swing, nu-disco, hip-hop and techno. This quirky art-meets-music club also hosts a comedy night every Tuesday (from 8.30pm) with a famous Singaporean comedian. There is a Belvedere Vodka promotion (S\$150 nett, inclusive of

mixer) available Thursday to Saturday, 10pm to 11pm. Table and drink packages for groups can be arranged.

Address: 20 Upper Circular Road, The Riverwalk, #B1-01/06
Tel: +65 9169 3815
Website: canvasvenue.sg
Email: wendy@canvasvenue.sg
Opening Hours: Tue, 6.30pm–2am; Wed & Fri, 5pm–3am; Thu, 6.30pm–3am; Sat, 8pm–4am
Cover Charge: From S\$25 (inclusive of one drink)
Nearest MRT: Clarke Quay Station

CÉ LA VI Singapore

CÉ LA VI features a restaurant, sky bar and club lounge elevated above the observation deck of the SkyPark at Marina Bay Sands*. It boasts arguably the best views of Singapore, and is a popular venue for visiting celebrities. Their sunset session (from 6pm–9pm) is the perfect time for visitors to snap a rooftop selfie. The club is popular during the Singapore Grand Prix season (see Events & Festivals, p25) for its view of the track and series of entertainment events. The Diamond Life held every Wednesday night offers free





Jigger & Pony

entry to ladies and extends a premium house pour, plus the chance to win some prizes. Previous prizes include premium champagne, luxurious makeovers and facial treatments. Big spenders can order the Champagne Trains and receive five bottles for the price of four. Table and drink packages for groups can be arranged.

Address: 1 Bayfront Avenue, Skypark at Marina Bay Sands[®] Tower 3, 57th Floor
Tel: +65 6508 2188
Fax: +65 6294 7890
Website: sg.celavi.com
Email: reservation-sg@celavi.com / club-sg@celavi.com
Opening Hours: Mon–Fri, 12pm till late; Sat–Sun, 11am till late
Cover Charge: Varies from S\$20–S\$38, inclusive of one premium house pour drink
Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station

Empire

Taking advantage of its 45th-floor penthouse, Empire boasts a spacious outdoor seating area and avant-garde interiors with a statement skull seat and an eclectic collection of paintings. With

happy hour specials running from Monday to Friday (1-for-1 house spirits, S\$14++ per glass), a late-night party series, and Elevation Fridays where old school and hip-hop music take centre stage, this spot is always buzzing with its mix of Top 40s, hip-hop and electro tunes. Table and drink packages for groups can be arranged.

Address: 50 Raffles Place, Singapore Land Tower, Level 45
Tel: +65 9336 1443
Website: hiddendoorconcepts.com
Email: bird@massiveint.com
Opening Hours: Mon–Thu, 5pm–1am; Fri, 5pm–3am; Sat, 6pm–3am
No Cover Charge
Nearest MRT: Raffles Place Station

Headquarters by The Council

Perhaps the hippest club in Singapore with a reputation for throwing some of the best rave nights, Headquarters by The Council along Boat Quay (see Neighbourhoods, Nightlife Precincts, p86) prefers to keep it low-key. Visitors who love a good party can expect house and techno music with acid and tribal tunes, and should follow



Manhattan Bar



Millian

the club's social media pages for updates on themed pop-up nights. The drink to order: Club-Mate (S\$15), a sparkling, non-alcoholic mate-extract bottle drink, which comes with a choice of mixer (vodka, gin, whisky or Jäger). Mate is a traditional South American caffeinated beverage.

Address: 66 Boat Quay, Level 2
Tel: +65 8125 8880 (Trade Contact)
Website: facebook.com/TheCouncilSG
Opening Hours: Wed–Fri, 10pm–3am; Sat, 10pm–4am; Closed on Mon, Tue & Sun
Cover Charge: From S\$15 (Fri–Sat, inclusive of first drink); no cover charge on Wed–Thu
Nearest MRT: Clarke Quay Station

Jigger & Pony

Bringing back the art of classic cocktails, this award-winning bar on Amoy Street is a favourite amongst young professionals working in the CBD. Jigger & Pony has a diverse menu of cocktails and unconventional bar bites such as grass-fed beef with strawberry ketchup. Visitors should try the bar's pre-Prohibition Corpse Reviver 101 (S\$22++), made with vodka and served with absinthe jelly on the side.



Lantern

Groups can order the customised punch bowls from S\$220++ (serves 15–20). Travel agents can write in (see email below) for group bookings.

Address: 101 Amoy Street
Tel: +65 6223 9101
Website: jiggerandpony.com
Email: info@jiggerandpony.com
Opening Hours: Mon–Thu, 6pm–1am; Fri & Sat, 6pm–3am
Nearest MRT: Telok Ayer Station

kyō

Situated in the basement of Keck Seng Tower in the heart of Shenton Way, this underground club is a go-to spot for off-duty bankers and young professionals. Sleekly designed with distinct Japanese décor accents, the club has a reputation for playing hip, edgy tunes courtesy of its roster of visiting DJs. The bar is particularly well stocked with Japanese sake (from S\$50++ per bottle) and whisky (Nikka Black Special, Miyagikyo 12 Years and more go from S\$280++ per bottle). kyō's Ladies Night on Thursdays sees the place packed, and

complimentary vodka cranberry drinks given out to ladies from 10pm to 2am. Table and drink packages for groups can be arranged.

Address: 133 Cecil Road, Keck Seng Tower, #B1-02
Tel: +65 8299 8735
Website: clubkyo.com
Email: info@clubkyo.com
Opening Hours: Wed–Fri, 10pm–3am; Sat, 10pm–4am
Cover Charge: S\$16 (Mon–Wed, inclusive of two drinks); S\$25 (Thu, men only, inclusive of one drink); S\$28 (Fri–Sat, inclusive of two drinks)
Nearest MRT: Downtown Station / Telok Ayer Station

Lantern

The gem of the Fullerton Bay Hotel, this rooftop bar – with a covered canopy and stunning circular bar – looks out onto the Marina Bay area (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p75) and its surrounding skyscrapers. Visitors should come by at dusk for a sunset cocktail. The speciality drink is Lantern Sling (S\$28++), a take on the classic Singapore Sling with ingredients such as hibiscus, cucumber,

peach and passionfruit. Table and drink packages for groups can be arranged.

Address: 80 Collyer Quay
Tel: +65 6597 5299
Website: fullertonhotels.com
Email: lantern@fullertonbayhotel.com
Opening Hours: Sun–Thu, 8am–1am; Fri, Sat & eve of Public Holiday, 8am–2am
Nearest MRT: Raffles Place Station

Manhattan Bar

Award-winning Manhattan Bar has its own rickhouse with 106 American oak barrels that are used for ageing spirits and bitters. This sophisticated watering hole is known for its selection of whisky and experimental cocktails with ingredients such as wild cherry bark and schisandra berries. Guests can order the Singapura Nacional (S\$23++) made with apricot brandy and St George Botaniore, which was created to mark Singapore's 50th birthday in 2015 and won first prize in the SG50 A Toast to the Nation competition. There are three private rooms for larger groups (12, 16 and 30 pax). Table and drink packages for groups can be arranged.

Address: 1 Cuscaden Road, Regent Singapore Hotel, 2nd Floor
Tel: +65 6725 3377
Fax: +65 6732 8838 (attn: Manhattan Bar)
Website: regenthotels.com/regent-singapore/dining/manhattan
Email: manhattan.rsn@fourseasons.com
Opening Hours: Sun–Thu, 5pm–1am; Fri–Sat, 5pm–2am
No Cover Charge
Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

Millian

Located near Sentosa Gateway, this mega club and live music spot can accommodate 1,000 revellers. Set within the iconic St James Power Station complex, this new club with a mega sound system has big DJ names backing it, from Egyptian trance duo Aly & Fila to residents from iconic Ibiza club Pacha headlining regularly. Table and drink packages for groups can be arranged.

Address: 3 Sentosa Gateway, St James Power Station, #01-05
Tel: +65 8218 0815
Website: millian.sg
Opening Hours: Wed, Fri & Sat, 10pm till late; Sun, 4pm till late
Cover Charge: Terrace, Free; Club, S\$25 (inclusive of two drinks)
Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station



Zouk

New Asia

This club on the 71st floor of the Swissôtel The Stamford along the Bras Basah-City Hall civic district boasts a gorgeous panorama. With a calendar of different themes – such as Industry Night Out and Precious Ladies Night – the party at New Asia kicks into high gear every last Friday of the month with the Sky Night Party, and every last Thursday of the month when an international DJ takes charge of the decks. Visitors can party to popular house music, Motown and Top 40s tunes. The drink to order is the SG50 Singapore Merlion (S\$22++) made with gin, Galliano, pineapple and orange. Table and packages for groups can be arranged.

Address: 2 Stamford Road, Swissôtel The Stamford, Equinox Complex, Level 71

Tel: +65 9177 7307

Website: swissotel.com

Email: newasiabar@equinoxcomplex.com

Opening Hours: Tue, 7pm–1am; Wed & Thu, 7pm–2am; Fri, Sat & eve of Public Holiday, 7pm–3am; Sun, 2pm–1am

Cover Charge: From S\$35 (inclusive of one drink)

Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

Operation Dagger

Hidden along a back alley at the junction of Club Street and Ann Siang Hill, this basement bar, like its name, shrouds itself in an air of secrecy. With minimalist décor and an eye-catching chandelier, its cocktail concoctions allow visitors to select drinks based on flavour preferences. For a locally inspired cocktail, guests can order The

Egg (S\$25++) made with salted egg yolk, caramel, star anise and torched hay.

Address: 7 Ann Siang Hill, B1-07

Tel: +65 6438 4057

Website: operationdagger.com

Email: info@operationdagger.com

Opening Hours: Tue–Sat, 6pm till late; Closed on Sun–Mon

No Cover Charge

Nearest MRT: Telok Ayer Station

VLV Club Lounge

Housed in a historic 1880s building in the heart of Clarke Quay, this lifestyle venue (restaurant, club lounge, alfresco courtyard bar) promises clubbers a memorable night out. It is fitted with state-of-the-art visuals and a stellar sound system and stage. Its lavish parties, helmed by creative director Mass Ramli (formerly from Armani/Privé Dubai) are fast gaining a reputation. Visitors may want to check the website's programme page for their weekend events. This monthly affair starts with a Saturday Night theme club night in the VLV Lounge and moves onto a brunch party in the VLV Restaurant on Sunday afternoon. Guests can order the Fire Court (S\$19++), a vodka-based cocktail made with fresh raspberries, lime juice and ginger beer. Table and drink packages for groups can be arranged.

Address: 3A River Valley Road, Merchant's Court, Clarke Quay, #01-02

Tel: +65 6661 0197

Fax: +65 6385 1130

Website: vlv.life

Email: reservation@vlv.life

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 12pm–3am

Cover Charge: Varies according to event

Nearest MRT: Clarke Quay Station

Zouk

The club that cemented Singapore's global super-club status – and brought avid clubbers the annual ZoukOut dance music festival (see Events & Festivals, p28) – moved to Clarke Quay at the end of 2016. Its new main Zouk room, with an eye-catching LEDSCONTROL light structure above the dance floor, accommodates 1,500 revellers. The Phuture room, with its graffiti artwork, caters to hip-hop and R&B fans. Also part of the complex is Red Tail, a restaurant and bar serving cocktails and East-meets-West bar bites. For the complete Zouk experience, order the signature Long Island Tea (S\$19++). Table and drink packages for groups can be arranged.

Address: 3C River Valley Road

Tel: +65 6738 2988

Fax: +65 6738 3988

Website: zoukclub.com

Email: zoukclub@zoukclub.com

Opening Hours: (Zouk) Wed & Fri, 9pm–3am; Sat & eve of Public Holiday, 9pm–4am; (Phuture) Wed & Fri, 9pm–3am; Thu 9pm–2am; Sat & eve of Public Holiday, 9pm–4am; (Red Tail) Sun–Tue, 6pm–11pm; Wed, 6pm–3am; Thu, 6pm–2am; Fri, 6pm–4am; Sat & eve of Public Holiday, 6pm–4am

Cover Charge: S\$25 (Wed, men only); S\$35 (Fri, Sat & eve of Public Holiday, men); S\$30 (Fri, Sat & eve of Public Holiday, women); S\$45 (Special & A-List events); No cover charge on Thu

Nearest MRT: Clarke Quay Station



From glitzy malls to indie boutiques, flea markets and niche pop-up stores, Singapore's retail scene caters to all budgets and preferences. The best place to start is the famous shopping district, Orchard Road. Spanning 2.2km, this shopping belt fuses the best of both local and international fashion, alongside excellent options for food, drinks and entertainment. Beyond Orchard Road, there are many malls within walking distance of MRT stations. A good day of window-shopping can be done anywhere from Marina Bay Sands® to the heart of the Central Business District, as well as in ethnic districts. Visitors looking to bring home a slice of the Lion City will not be disappointed. Local creative talent is booming in the country, and works by Singaporean labels and designers are available in the city. Art galleries and boutiques also showcase one-of-a-kind designs – a tangible reminder of how truly unique Singapore is.



Bugis Junction

MALLS

With countless homegrown labels and international brands across the island, Singapore is undeniably a shopping paradise. Retail outlets also offer a range of irresistible tourist privileges and discounts. Travellers simply have to approach the Information Counter or Concierge at these shopping malls to know more about these privileges.

Bugis Junction

This mall draws shoppers in with its youthful tenant mix (including menswear brand Black Brown 1826 and Casio's G-Factory) and fast-fashion retail stores

such as ALDO, Topshop and local footwear brand Charles & Keith. Opened in 1995, it is one of the first malls in Singapore to have air-conditioned "indoor streets" inside the complex, which has pushcarts selling anything from electronics to fashion accessories. Bugis Junction is also popular with families because of its outdoor water fountain where children can play amid spraying water. Tourist discounts are available at participating outlets.

Across the road, Bugis Street is an indoor market popular for souvenirs and affordable clothes and shoes.

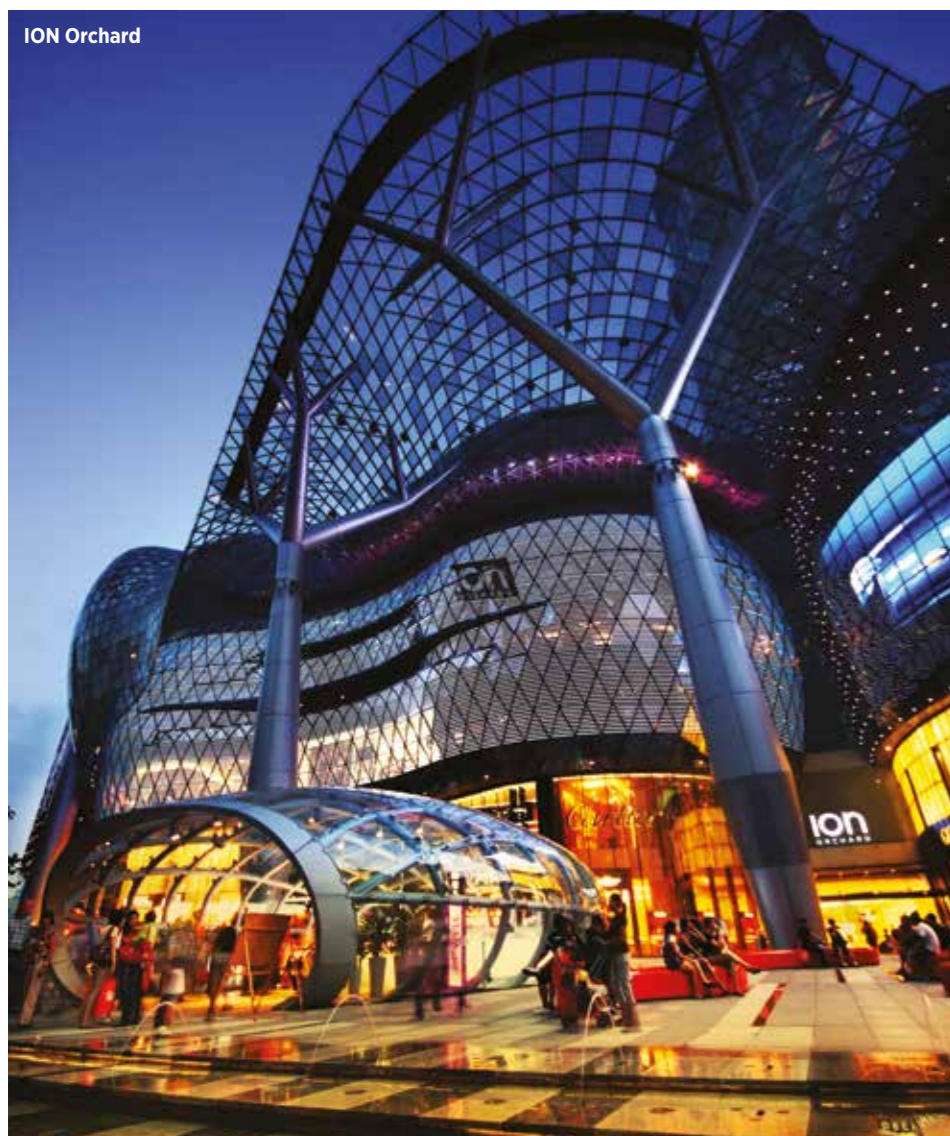
Address: 200 Victoria Street

Tel: +65 6557 6557

Website: bugisjunction-mall.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 10am–10pm

Nearest MRT: Bugis Station



ION Orchard



ION Sky



ION Orchard

Called the “jewel of Orchard Road”, thanks to its spectacular glass facade, ION Orchard has an array of big-name designers, such as Louis Vuitton, Patek Philippe and Dior, within its 66,000sqm of retail space. Travellers looking for fine jewellery can visit Japanese pearl specialist Mikimoto and the diamond boutique of homegrown brand Lee Hwa Jewellery. The world’s leading watch manufacturers, including IWC Schaffhausen, A. Lange & Söhne, TAG Heuer and Vacheron Constantin, also have stores in this eight-level mall. Those who

would like to take a break from shopping can view the exhibitions of established and emerging artists at ION Art gallery, or visit the TWG Tea Salon & Boutique.

Travellers can redeem the ION Orchard Tourist Wallet (one redemption per shopper per day, while stocks last) – vouchers for shopping and dining discounts in participating outlets – at the Singapore Visitor Centre on Level 1.

There is also a free Food and Heritage Trail held from Monday to Friday at 10am. This tour brings travellers to the mall’s heritage stalls for a taste of local dishes (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p94). Registration required at least three days in advance. Maximum 10 people per session.

Address: 2 Orchard Turn
Tel: +65 6238 8228
Website: ionorchard.com
Email: foodtrail@orchardturn.com.sg (for Food and Heritage Trail registration)
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 10am–10pm
Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

DID YOU KNOW?

ION Sky, the 56th level of the mall, offers panoramic views of the city. Visitors can enter the observatory for free from 3pm to 6pm daily (last admission at 5.30pm).

Orchard Central

It’s hard to miss this mall’s eye-catching multi-million-dollar art pieces, including sculptures such as Tall Girl, which is four storeys tall, and the stainless steel Nutmeg Grove outside the main entrance. But the retail offerings here, such as artsy clothing line Desigual and Japanese lifestyle store Tokyu Hands, aren’t to be ignored either. There are plenty of food options too; try irresistible mille crepés from Lady M, and kawaii-styled food at Pompompurin Café (see Eat & Drink, Unique Dining Concepts, p98). Those looking for substantial meals can visit the Dancing Crab restaurant for seafood, or Eighteen Chefs – a restaurant that employs ex-convicts to help them reintegrate into society – known for its fried rice cooked with different ingredients.

Travellers can redeem a S\$10 shopping voucher (while stocks last)



with a minimum spend of S\$100. Maximum of two vouchers per person per day.

Address: 181 Orchard Road
Tel: +65 6238 1051
Website: orchardcentral.com.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 11am–10pm
Nearest MRT: Somerset Station

orchardgateway

As its name suggests, this shopping mall is a “gateway” to the famous shopping stretch. The only shopping mall located on both sides of Orchard Road, it houses homeware shop Crate & Barrel, and branches of multi-label boutiques Naiise and SUPERSPACE (see Boutiques, p142). The shopping mall also has a 60m illuminated fashion runway and a dedicated Men’s Zone. Visitors can shop for a wide selection of high-street brands and indie fashion.

Travellers who present their passports at the Information Counter (Level 4) will

receive a S\$20 voucher (while stocks last), which they can use at any participating outlet (minimum spend of S\$100 to use the voucher). Nearby, 313@somerset (313somerset.com.sg) shopping mall also has 177 retail outlets, including global fashion labels Zara, Forever 21 and Cotton On, and tech brands Sony and Samsung.

Address: 277 & 218 Orchard Road
Tel: +65 6513 4633
Website: orchardgateway.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 10.30am–10.30pm
Nearest MRT: Somerset Station

Paragon

Shopaholics will adore this upmarket mall with its array of high-end labels, such as Prada, Salvatore Ferragamo and Givenchy. Quick beauty fixes can be had at Spa Esprit (see Local Products, p145), while there are Toys “R” Us and children’s boutique Kids 21 for families with young



Crate & Barrel

children. Those looking for high-quality accessories and gemstones can visit Larry Jewelry and H. Sena Jewellers, or browse the latest watch designs at Cortina Watch and Watches of Switzerland. Art enthusiasts can drop by White Space Art Asia or LUMAS Photo Art Gallery. The mall’s Music En Vogue, a series of mini concerts happening from Monday to Saturday, features soothing jazz tunes from local and international musicians.

Visitors who present their passport at participating shops can get up to 10% off regular-priced items. Travellers who would like to see a medical specialist after shopping or learn more about medical tourism can visit Paragon Medical (paragonmedical.com.sg) in the same building, or Mount Elizabeth Hospital (mountelizabeth.com.sg) nearby.

Address: 290 Orchard Road
Tel: +65 6738 5535
Website: paragon.com.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 10am–10pm
Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

Shopping

Raffles City

This iconic structure designed by I.M. Pei is flanked by two hotels and has a five-storey retail mall. Home to Robinsons Department Store and Raffles City Market Place (a gourmet supermarket), the mall houses more than 200 speciality shops, including luxury fashion label Shanghai Tang, Australian skincare brand Aesop, Godiva Chocolatier and Din Tai Fung restaurant.

Travellers can get up to 15% off regular-priced items at participating stores. Those who spend a minimum of S\$300 (S\$250 for American Express cardholders) can claim a S\$20 CapitaVoucher (while stocks last), which can be used in participating outlets.

Address: 252 North Bridge Road

Tel: +65 6318 0238

Website: rafflescity.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 10am–10pm

Nearest MRT: City Hall Station / Esplanade Station

Robinsons The Heeren

Having undergone a S\$40-million-dollar renovation, the new Robinsons The Heeren – the flagship store of Robinsons Department Store – is one hip space filled with over 380 brands and services. Its

ground floor is stocked with cult beauty names such as Bioxidea and Nuxe, while upstairs, fashion brands Zadig & Voltaire, LIE by Lie Sangbong, and Elizabeth and James beckon. Travellers can pick up an RSVP (Robinsons Visitors Privilege) Card and enjoy 10% off purchases, process 7% GST refunds immediately, and enjoy complimentary Wi-Fi while shopping.

Address: 260 Orchard Road

Tel: +65 6735 8838

Website: heeren.robinsons.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 10.30am–10pm

Nearest MRT: Somerset Station

Suntec City

With over 120 retail stores spread across four zones, Suntec City is a one-stop shopping mall for all visitors. Travellers can visit branches of high-street labels such as H&M and Uniqlo, and get modern menswear at Kent & Curwen or versatile womenswear at Germain. Food concepts such as the 600-seater Eat at Seven, which offers great Japanese food, and PasarBella, with dishes from around the world, are convenient refuelling options. Travellers can also catch interesting events at nearby Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre (see Venues, Exhibition & Conference Venues, p185).

Visitors can get a Tourist Privilege Card by presenting their passport at the

Concierge counter, and enjoy discounts from participating outlets. Those who spend S\$300 and above receive a limited-edition Fountain of Wealth crystal replica (while stocks last).

Address: 3 Temasek Boulevard

Tel: +65 6822 1538

Website: sunteccity.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 10am–10pm

Nearest MRT: Esplanade Station / Promenade Station

DID YOU KNOW?

The Fountain of Wealth's circular structure symbolises unity and completeness. Every day at 10am–12pm, 2pm–4pm and 6pm–7.30pm, travellers can walk around the fountain and touch the water for good luck.

TANGS at Tang Plaza

Modelled after a Chinese palace, the present Tang Plaza has been standing at the junction of Orchard and Scotts roads since 1982. An iconic local retail brand, TANGS' first store in Orchard Road was set up in 1958. While it has undergone renovations and revamped its tenant mix, this is where you can find local labels, such as In Good Company, Aijek, and Carrie K. (see Local Designers, p139), a dedicated

beauty and skincare floor, and a basement filled with local food delights.

Travellers can set up appointments with the mall's Personal Shoppers for expert advice. Those who present their Tourist Privilege Card can take home a 7cm-long limited-edition Tin Trunk Elephant (while stocks last) with a minimum purchase of S\$250.

There's free delivery for purchases of S\$100 and above, a click-and-collect online shopping option, as well as local and overseas delivery services.

Address: 310 Orchard Road

Tel: +65 737 5500

Website: tangs.com

Opening Hours: Mon–Sat, 10.30am–9.30pm;

Sun 11am–8.30pm

Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands®

No trip to Singapore is complete without a visit to Marina Bay Sands®, the pinnacle of luxury shopping. There are 170 premium brands represented here, and it has the world's first Louis Vuitton Island Maison and the only Baby Dior in Southeast Asia. Renowned labels such as Bottega Veneta, Chaumet, Roger Dubuis and Saint Laurent have created limited-edition items sold exclusively here.

The mall also offers a by-appointment-

only Personal Shopping Service for a fully customised experience, while those pressed for time can use the mall's Click and Collect pre-order programme.

Travellers can also borrow wheelchairs, prams, umbrellas and mobile power banks from the Concierge counter, and enjoy services such as shoe shine, taxi booking, restaurant reservations and gift-wrapping. Visitors travelling with children can use the Family Rooms, each with a diaper-changing station, washbasin, hot water dispenser, disposable diaper bags and couches.

Address: 10 Bayfront Avenue

Tel: +65 6688 6888

Website: marinabaylands.com

Opening Hours: Sun–Thu and Public Holidays,

10.30am–11pm; Fri–Sat and Eve of Public

Holidays, 10.30am–11.30pm

Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station

VivoCity

Singapore's largest mall is not short on attractions. Catering to all ages and budgets, it houses outlets of well-loved brands such as SuperDry, American Eagle Outfitters, Kate Spade New York and Weekends.

With plenty of open-air spaces and a stroller-friendly promenade, this is a possible all-day venue for travelling families. Food Republic offers a wide

selection of hawker and local favourites in a comfortable food court setting. Just outside, the Sky Park spans four Olympic pools, and the kids can play in the shallow waters or ride paddleboats. It also has eye-catching art pieces, and hosts regular music performances at the rooftop amphitheatre.

Visitors can register at the Customer Service Counter for the HarbourFront Centre (a three-level shopping mall next door) and VivoCity Experience (H.A.V.E) Privilege Card to enjoy a range of free treats and discounts, including a S\$5 Candylicious voucher (limited to 200 redemptions per month). Shoppers who spend S\$200 may redeem a S\$10 Mapletree voucher (while stocks last).

Address: 1 HarbourFront Walk

Tel: +65 6377 6870 / +65 6377 6860

Website: vivocity.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun, 10am–10pm

Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

DID YOU KNOW?

Travellers can purchase a ticket for Sentosa Express at VivoCity, Level 3, and hop on the monorail to reach Sentosa Island. A more scenic alternative is travelling on foot via the Sentosa Boardwalk, a canopy-covered walkway connecting VivoCity to the island.





Haji Lane



Kampong Glam



Chinatown



Little India

ETHNIC DISTRICTS

Shopping in Singapore extends beyond the malls, and visitors who make time to explore the city's ethnic quarters will find a treasure trove of retail buys, unique souvenirs, local fashion labels and niche home décor pieces.

Arab Street and Haji Lane

The historic Arab Street (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p58), which lies between Victoria Street and Beach Road, is well-known for its well-preserved shophouses selling all manner

of textiles and carpets. Local dressmakers still come here to pick up lace, silks and *batik* (fabric with intricately dyed patterns) sold by the yard or metre from shops like Molkan Fabrics (molkanfabrics.com) and Collezione La Prima. Today, an assortment of cafés and niche stores, such as All Things Delicious (allthingsdelicious.sg), Scene Shang (shop.sceneshang.com) and bespoke perfume-maker Sifr Aromatics (sifr.sg), can also be found alongside the textile and carpet shops.

Just off Arab Street is Haji Lane, a narrow alley with colourful street art covering the exterior walls of shophouses. Visitors will find vintage thrift shops such as Dulcetfig (dulcetfig.com), as well as an array of independent multi-label and multi-concept stores. Shop for home accessories

at Mondays Off (shopmondaysoff.com), bespoke Scandinavian-inspired furniture at A Thousand Tales (athousandtales.com), edgy menswear at Sup Clothing (supclothing.bigcartel.com), and timeless feminine gowns at VainGloriousYou (vaingloriousyou.co).

Chinatown

Singapore's cultural precinct of Chinatown (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p55) is a hive of activity day and night, with shops selling everything from medicinal herbs, religious amulets and antiques to souvenirs and artwork. Visitors can head to On Cheong Jewellery (oncheong.com)

for gold jewellery that feature not only traditional Chinese motifs, but also contemporary designs. Chinatown Street Market, which spreads across Pagoda, Sago, Smith and Trengganu Streets, is where visitors can find Merlion keychains, Singapore-themed T-shirts, woven hand fans and handcrafted wooden chopsticks.

Visitors who are interested to learn about traditional Chinese medicine should stop by the Eu Yan Sang (see Local Products, p144) flagship store on South Bridge Road. It stocks a variety of health and wellness products, including medicinal herbs, herbal teas, pre-mixed soup packets and medicated ointments. On nearby Erskine Road, visitors who love fashion can step into EGG3 (eggthree.com) and browse the curated collection of fashion

and lifestyle merchandise from brands such as MAX.TAN (see Local Designers & Labels, p140), GINLEE, Happy Socks and Status Anxiety.

Serangoon Road and Mustafa Centre

A wide variety of shops can be found along Serangoon Road, the main thoroughfare of Singapore's Little India district (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p62), including goldsmiths and traditional Indian beauty parlours. On the corner of Serangoon Road and Bukit Timah Road is Tekka Centre, which has retail shops on the upper floor selling

traditional Indian clothing, textiles and footwear. Across the road is Little India Arcade (littleindiaarcade.com.sg) and its winding alleyways where visitors can pick up books, handicrafts, aromatic incense and traditional sweets.

Located off busy Serangoon Road is one of Singapore's most famous shopping centres: Mustafa Centre (mustafa.com.sg) (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p63). Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, this emporium sells an incredibly wide range of products – from sportswear, electronics and gadgets to groceries, beauty products and jewellery – plus it has a 24-hour pharmacy. Visitors should travel light as they are expected to leave large-sized bags at the security desk outside each entrance.

FLEA MARKETS & WEEKEND BAZAARS

With a variety of shopping options to suit all interests and budgets, Singapore is a shopper's paradise. Besides the sprawling shopping malls flanking Orchard Road with big-name designer flagship stores and up-and-coming concept stores, the city is also rife with flea markets and weekend bazaars. Find anything from handicrafts, apparel, toys, souvenirs, local snacks and more at these markets, which often host pop-up events and fairs that are fun for the whole family. Admission is free, unless otherwise indicated.



Fleawhere



Farmers' Market at Loewen Gardens

Boutique Fairs Singapore

Founded in 2002, design-led curation is key to the ongoing success of the Boutiques, which is held twice a year – in March and November. This upmarket fair – which showcases creations from the small, independent community of Singapore-based, design-focused labels – offers visitors an eclectic collection of homeware, décor, designer apparel, jewellery and all things kiddie-chic, making it the go-to bazaar for creative gifts and niche labels. To complete visitors' shopping experience, there are lounge areas, a dedicated bar, café spaces and children's play areas. The first fair of the year was held on 10 and 11 March 2017.

Venue: 1 Republic Boulevard, F1 Pit Building
Website: boutiquefairs.com.sg
Email: boutiquesingapore@gmail.com

China Square Central Weekend Flea Market

One of the pioneers of flea markets in Singapore, this air-conditioned indoor market pops up every Sunday from 11am–6pm. With over 60 vendors congregating weekly, this is the spot to score comics, old watches, vintage toys, antiques and collectibles for a bargain.

Venue: 18 Cross Street
Tel: +65 6327 4473
Website: chinaspirecentral.com

Farmers' Market at Loewen Gardens

Held once a month on a Saturday (9am–2pm) next to The Pantry at Loewen Gardens, this produce-led market is the go-to spot for visitors who enjoy shopping for quality wholesome food. From locally produced spreads and cold-pressed oils, to gourmet meats, wines, cheeses, homemade baked goods, and even handicrafts, visitors are bound to find something that appeals to them.

Venue: 75 Loewen Rd
Tel: +65 6474 0441
Website: thepantry.com.sg/farmers-market
Email: events@thepantry.com.sg

Fleawhere

Thanks to Fleawhere, there are flea markets happening somewhere in Singapore on an almost daily basis. Their regular events – sometimes rotating around a certain theme – attract a younger millennial crowd eager to shop for affordable pre-loved attire, lifestyle products and blogshop fashion. Look out for pop-ups at shopping malls and public spaces like Tanjong Pagar Railway Station – visitors never know what they will discover.

Venue: Various locations across the island
Tel: +65 6556 2123
Website: fleawhere.com
Email: hello@fleawhere.com



Public Garden



*SCAPE Marketplace

MAAD

Market of Artists and Designers (MAAD), organised by the Red Dot Design Museum, is known for its roster of established and up-and-coming artists and designers selling their original creations. Visitors can sift through an assortment of notebooks, accessories, paintings and handicrafts, usually to the backdrop of music by local bands or DJs. The museum is closed for restoration works. Check its website for updates on its re-opening and related events.

Venue: Red Dot Design Museum
Tel: +65 6534 7194
Website: museum.red-dot.sg
Email: elvin@maad.sg

Public Garden

A flea market with flair, Public Garden's unique finds are not limited to Singapore; their lineup of retailers from all around Asia sell everything from customised beauty products to quirky souvenirs and cool, Instagram-worthy accessories. Started in 2011, this flea market has been held around the island – including at School of the Arts Singapore (SOTA), The White Rabbit (a restaurant in Dempsey) and National Museum of Singapore. It is also great for bookworms as there are often indie magazines and books for sale.

Venue: Various locations across the island
Website: public-garden.com
Email: info@public-garden.com

*SCAPE Marketplace

Visitors can immerse in the ambience of this newly revamped weekend market where youths usually gather, while enjoying a marketplace filled with hip, indie brands. A welcome break along the Orchard Road sprawl, this weekend market is ideal for visitors looking for vintage threads, niche beauty brands, blogshop clothes, handmade items and statement accessories. The outdoor market is open Friday–Sunday and on Public Holidays from 12pm–10pm.

Venue: 2 Orchard Link, *SCAPE, #04-01
Website: dukesbazaars.com
Email: info@dukesbazaars.com

The Local People

An organiser of art markets, The Local People champions local design by bringing together products made or designed by Singaporean designers and artists from all walks of life. Held at unusual spots such as alleys and parking lots, the markets are enlivened by DJ sets, live music and tasty food offerings like meat sliders, Thai milk tea and iced fruit lollies, drawing the hip, millennial crowd. The Local People also has an online store, where visitors can shop for items like pins and T-shirts.

Venue: Various locations across the island
Website: thelocalpeoplesg.com
Email: somebodyhelpme@thelocalpeoplesg.com

Vintage Flea Market by The Retro Factory

This monthly pop-up flea market promotes music, arts and cool vintage finds. The

selection is diverse: from watches to snuff boxes; antique bric-a-brac to vinyl records; mid-century furniture to antique books. Browse through their collection via their Instagram page (@theretrofactorysg) for a sneak peek of what's on offer.

Venue: Various locations across the island
Website: facebook.com/retrofactorysg

Zouk Flea & Easy

Not just for club kids, this quarterly Sunday event has been the flea market of choice for the local creative set for the past 15 years. The cosy flea market's previous instalments featured over 70 vendors selling collectibles, pre-loved vintage clothing and various other one-off items. The club's signature laidback tunes and hip vibes added to the shopping experience, while some big-name collaborations with the likes of DJ Steve Aoki and LA-based party photographer Mark "The Cobrasnake" Hunter, gave a celebrity touch to this much-loved event. With Zouk's recent move to new premises

in Clarke Quay, its flea market is currently on a hiatus. Refer to the official website later this year for updates on its flea market schedule for 2017.

Venue: 3C River Valley Road, The Cannery
Tel: +65 6738 2988
Website: zoukclub.com
Email: zoukclub@zoukclub.com

DID YOU KNOW?

Singapore's very first night market, known as the *pasar malam*, dates back to the 1950s. *Pasar malam*, translated from Malay, means night market or bazaar. Held weekly after sunset, it drew crowds with its eclectic offerings of food and traditional snacks to clothing, household goods, toys, handicrafts, even books and magazines. Today, *pasar malams* are held for up to a month at fixed locations around festive occasions like the Chinese Lunar New Year, Hari Raya Puasa and Deepavali.

ART GALLERIES

Singapore's arts scene comprises a diverse group of local and regional artists and galleries making their mark, with renowned international industry players adding to the mix throughout the year. Culture vultures are in for a visual feast with numerous art galleries around the city showcasing a variety of artistic styles. Visitors who are interested in collecting art should check out these off-the-beaten-path galleries.

Gillman Barracks

Made up of more than 10 galleries, this visual arts enclave located in a defunct British military camp is a one-stop destination for art lovers, showcasing both local and international artists. Popular galleries include FOST (*fostgallery.com*) and Yeo Workshop (*yeoworkshop.com*) of Singapore, Japan's Mizuma Gallery (*mizuma.sg*), ShanghART (*shanghartsingapore.com*) of China and Sullivan+Strumpf (*sullivanstrumpf.com*)

of Australia. The renowned Chan Hampe Galleries rebranded as Chan + Hori Contemporary (*chanhori.com*) and recently moved to Gillman Barracks. It seeks to "provoke, challenge and stimulate" art collectors and the general public with engaging contemporary visual arts.

Also within the complex is Playeum's Children's Centre for Creativity (*playeum.com*), a fun space for families and young children (opening hours: Tue-Sun, 10am-6pm). Year-round, visitors can enjoy dining options such as Timbre (*timbregroup.asia/timbresg/timbre-gillman*) and Creamier (*creamier.com.sg*). Visitors can opt for free guided tours that run from Fridays to Sundays at varied timings to get insights into the artworks exhibited as well as the area's rich heritage. Registration is required and

DID YOU KNOW?

During Singapore Art Week (see Events & Festivals, p19), Gillman Barracks hosts Art After Dark, which showcases cutting-edge contemporary art at its various galleries, alongside myriad lifestyle activities like live music performances and restaurant pop-ups.

tours are subject to a minimum number of participants. Alternatively, a corporate tour can be booked.

Address: 9 Lock Road
Tel: +65 6832 6354 / +65 6346 9400
Website: gillmanbarracks.com
Email: gillmanbarracks@gmail.com / gb.outreach@gmail.com (for corporate tours)

iPreciation

iPreciation (Opening hours: Monday-Friday, 10am-7pm; Saturday, 11am-6pm; Sunday and Public Holidays by appointment only) specialises in modern and contemporary Asian art. Its large-scale exhibitions and art monographs represent lesser-known talents alongside prominent artists such as Nobel Laureate Gao Xingjian and local contemporary art pioneer Tang Da Wu.

Address: 50 Cuscaden Road, HPL House, #01-01
Tel: +65 6339 0678
Fax: +65 6438 2080
Website: ipreciation.com
Email: enquiry@ipreciation.com



The Local People



Gillman Barracks



iPreciation



STPI (Singapore Tyler Print Institute)



Kult Gallery



Bynd Artisan

Choo Yilin



Kult Gallery

Established in 2009, this gallery (opening hours: Monday–Friday, 11am–7pm; Saturday, 2pm–7pm; Closed on Sunday) promotes young street artists and illustrators from around the world, and is

especially known for its strong focus on Asian and local artists. Most of the pieces in Kult Gallery's collection are an eclectic and unconventional mix of signed editions, original works and statement pieces. The gallery accepts submissions from up-and-coming artists, so the space is constantly evolving with new works to make each visit a unique experience. Travellers can also visit Kult Kafé (kultkafe.com) on the ground floor – the neighbourhood bar features cocktails with a local twist and live music.

Address: 11 Upper Wilkie Road, Emily Hill, Block C2-5
Tel: +65 6338 1066
Fax: +65 6338 0544
Website: kult.com.sg
Email: design@kult.com.sg

STPI (Singapore Tyler Print Institute)

This creative workshop and gallery (opening hours: Mon–Fri, 10am–7pm; Sat, 9am–6pm; Closed on Sun & Public Holidays) focuses on contemporary art in the print and paper mediums, and has showcased landmark works such as rare prints by Picasso and watercolours by French-Chinese abstract painter Zao Wou-

Ki. STPI promotes artistic experimentation with print by hosting residencies for renowned international artists whose work spans the full breadth of artistic mediums, including sculpture and performance art. STPI kicked off its 15th anniversary in 2017 by celebrating with a solo exhibition by Singaporean artist Amanda Heng called “We Are The World – These Are Our Stories”. One of the gallery’s blockbuster exhibitions in 2017, “Exquisite Trust (Blindly Collective Collaborations)”, showcased international artists Carsten Höller, Tobias Rehberger, Anri Sala and Rirkrit Tiravanija.

Address: 41 Robertson Quay
Tel: +65 6336 3663
Fax: +65 6336 3553
Website: stpi.com.sg
Email: stpi@stpi.com.sg

Tanjong Pagar Distripark

Located in converted warehouses near the old Tanjong Pagar Railway Station, this visual arts cluster houses a number of notable galleries worth visiting. Gajah Gallery (gajahgallery.com), a pioneer in the Southeast Asian art scene, fosters regional artists with international relevance, such

as Mangu Putra, Semsar Siahaan and Li Jin. Ikkan Art Gallery (ikkan-art.com) showcases international contemporary art in a range of styles, and has previously featured modern masters such as Andy Warhol, Jackson Pollock and Yayoi Kusama. Collectively, the galleries located in this contemporary art hub are some of Singapore’s most forward-thinking, making it a must-visit for contemporary art lovers.

Address: 39 Keppel Road
Tel: +65 6377 6182

LOCAL DESIGNERS

Singapore’s shopping scene has evolved tremendously beyond the usual imported high-end and mass-market fashion labels. These days, uniquely Singaporean brands are also in the market. With contemporary designs tailored for the city’s humid weather, these made-in-Singapore designs that sport the occasional subtle cultural reference make chic souvenirs. Many local labels can be found along the Orchard Road shopping belt (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p77). Up-and-coming local designs can be found in trendy suburban malls and chic neighbourhood stores, as well as at ad-hoc

pop-up events and stores (see Flea Markets & Weekend Bazaars, p134).

Aijek

Started in 2010 by self-taught Singaporean designer Danelle Woo, Aijek is known for pieces that are feminine, effortless and elegant. Travellers will find timeless designs that are perfect for work and leisure. Ms Woo’s lace pieces have become the signature Aijek look, pairing modern silhouettes with high-quality, delicate fabrics sourced from South Korea, Japan, China and Italy.

Where to buy: TANGS Orchard, TANGS VivoCity and other outlets
Website: aijek.com
Email: contact@aijek.com

Beyond The Vines

Clean lines and relaxed silhouettes define Beyond The Vines’ understated, luxe designs. This homegrown womenswear label was founded by couple Daniel Chew and Rebecca Ting in 2015. Visitors can expect to find minimalist

separates such as linen culottes and midi skirts in soft shades of olive, grey and maroon, kimono tops in crisp cotton, sleek shift dresses and belted shorts.

Where to buy: 333 Orchard Road, Mandarin Gallery, #02-21
Tel: +65 8157 0577
Website: beyondthevines.com
Email: hello@beyondthevines.com

Bynd Artisan

More than just a personalised stationery store, Bynd Artisan has been in the book-binding business in Singapore for over 60 years. Beyond its popular leather journal covers and handbound books made of recycled paper, Bynd Artisan has a range of fashion accessories and small leather goods, such as card holders, chic leather cases and tote bags hot-stamped with its logo. The company also hosts workshops on book-binding and leather-making, which can be customised for corporate groups.

Where to buy: 44 Jalan Merah Saga, #01-54; Also available at TANGS Orchard, TANGS VivoCity and other outlets
Tel: +65 6475 1680
Website: byndartisan.com
Email: commune@byndartisan.com

Carrie K. Jewellery

Launched in 2009, Carrie K. is the brainchild of local designer Carolyn Kan, who is known for her quirky approach towards jewellery. Inspired by items such as watch gears, nuts and bolts rather than precious and semi-precious gems, Ms Kan’s beautifully handcrafted accessories are avant-garde, playful and one of a kind. Besides Singapore, her pieces are distributed in seven countries and have been seen on celebrities like Hong Kong actress Angelababy and tennis star Caroline Wozniacki. Carrie K. also accepts bespoke orders.

Where to buy: 111 Middle Road, National Design Centre, #02-03
Tel: +65 6352 2559
Website: carriekrocks.com
Email: contact@CarrieKRocks.com

Choo Yilin

Award-winning jewellery designer Choo Yilin is well known for her modern jade pieces as well as her contemporary take

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on traditional Chinese and Peranakan wedding jewellery. She works with highly skilled artisans in Southeast Asia, who are known for their jade carving, silversmithing and other fine jewellery techniques. Primarily working with Type A Burmese jadeite and semi-precious stones, she often incorporates intricate metalwork details into her designs. Choo Yilin has presented her work at Paris Fashion Week numerous times, and the jeweller is available for bespoke orders.

Where to buy: 333A Orchard Road, Mandarin Gallery, #02-23
Tel: +65 6733 1131
Website: chooyilin.com
Email: hello@chooyilin.com

ELOHIM by Sabrina Goh

Singapore-based designer Sabrina Goh launched ELOHIM in 2009. Since then, she has made a name for herself in the

DID YOU KNOW?

ELOHIM by Sabrina Goh was named after the Hebrew word, meaning "God of creativity, creator, mighty and strong".

indie fashion scene for her minimalist, androgynous apparel that plays up architectural and asymmetrical elements. The versatile designs – sometimes in collaboration with other designers and artists – are flattering for all body shapes, and include oversized dresses, long vests, asymmetrical saris and ruffled shift dresses. ELOHIM is stocked in Singapore, as well as in the US, the UK and Japan.

Where to buy: 13 Stamford Road, Capitol Piazza, #02-14; Also available at TANGS Orchard and other outlets
Tel: +65 6385 2185
Website: www.sabrinagoh.com
Email: info@sabrinagoh.com

In Good Company (IGC)

Co-founded by four friends, two of whom are designers Sven Tan and Kane Tan, IGC's highly coveted ready-to-wear range is now housed within a flagship store at ION Orchard. IGC's brand aesthetic is defined by clean lines, relaxed tailoring and subtle architectural details, which also extends toward a "Mini Me" range for the little ones. IGC's flagship space also includes collaborations with other local creative talents for visitors to discover, like aromatherapy specialist Mmerci

Encore (*mmerciencore.com*). There is also a 20-seater outlet of popular local café Plain Vanilla (*plainvanillabakery.com*), which serves cupcakes, ice cream and coffee along with a menu of savoury items, making the ION Orchard branch a great one-stop shop for the whole family.

Where to buy: 2 Orchard Turn, ION Orchard, #B1-06; Also available at TANGS Orchard, Kapok and other outlets
Tel: +65 6509 4786
Website: ingoodcompany.asia
Email: info@ingoodcompany.asia

MAX.TAN

Singapore designer Max Tan describes his design philosophy as "serious, but never severe, minimal but never simple, fragile but never weak". Each avant-garde collection pushes the boundaries with experimental, quirky cuts that play with volume and shape. The label offers a concierge shop-at-home delivery service where clothes can be selected online and delivered free of charge within Singapore with three days' advance notice.

Where to buy: TANGS Orchard, Isetan Scotts and other outlets
Website: max-tan.com

Ong Shunmugam

This five-year-old contemporary womenswear label has been making headlines since day one. Former lawyer Priscilla Shunmugam's one-of-a-kind designs are highly coveted, timeless and fashion-forward. Working with an in-house team of veteran seamstresses, she pays particular attention to the cut and fit of each piece, and is known for her reinterpretation of the classic cheongsam. Her selection of luxurious silk brocades, plus her use of subtle details, peplums, obis and contrasting fabrics, thoroughly modernise the ultra-feminine dress. Customised and bespoke orders by appointment only.

Where to buy: 43 Jalan Merah Saga, #01-76
Tel: +65 6252 2612
Website: ongshunmugam.com
Email: info@ongshunmugam.com

LAWYER TURNED DRESSMAKER

Priscilla Shunmugam quit her legal career to spend a year in London studying dressmaking and pattern-cutting, before returning home to Singapore to pursue her love for fashion in 2009.

Stolen

Known for her backless pieces, designer Elyn Wong is a self-taught talent with a background in graphic design and advertising. Her keen eye for detail is expressed through geometric designs in classic cuts. Currently stocked in Hong Kong, Malaysia, Vietnam, China, Los Angeles and New York, the brand was awarded a highly sought-after spot in the Fashion Futures 2.0 Programme in a prestigious partnership with the Council of Fashion Designers of America in 2016.

Where to buy: A limited range is available on its website. Also available at Kapok and other outlets
Tel: +65 9117 0430
Website: stolenstolen.com
Email: contact@stolenstolen.com

Supermama

Billed as a gallery shop that aims to "collect, create and curate objects", every item sold at Supermama has a story to tell. It works closely with both local designers and Japanese craftsmen to produce *omiyage* (contemporary giftware), and the items combine Japanese design with

vibrant, Singapore cultural references. Visitors looking to pick up a unique local souvenir will find plenty to choose from here, including the signature Supermama collection of blue-and-white porcelain plates with patterns depicting icons such as the Singapore Flyer and Merlion.

Where to buy: 265 Beach Road; 1 Esplanade Drive, Shop Tema Hima, #02-04; Gillman Barracks, Block 47 Malan Road, #01-26 (by appointment only)
Tel: +65 6291 1946
Website: supermama.sg
Email: info@supermama.sg

DID YOU KNOW?

Supermama's award-winning collaboration with Japanese ceramics maker Kihara came about purely by chance when two representatives from the Japanese company paid a visit to a Supermama pop-up store in Cathay Cineleisure Orchard mall in 2012.





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K+

Up-and-coming designers and artists, many of whom are Singaporean, take centrestage in this former gallery space. Visitors will find jewellery, stationery, homeware, handicrafts, books, toys and more here. K+ also hosts craft-based workshops such as necklace knitting, paper pleating, floral arrangement and calligraphy. It also doubles up as an exhibition space for under-the-radar local talent, as well as international creatives such as British artist Stephen Wiltshire and Russian illustrator Lisa Smirnova.

Address: 6 Scotts Road, Scotts Square, #03-11/12/13
Tel: +65 6694 8896
Website: kplus.sg
Email: enquiries@kplus.sg

Kapok

Well-known for introducing emerging exclusive creators to Hong Kong, Taiwan and Japan, Hong Kong retail store Kapok has set up home at Singapore's National Design Centre (see Attractions, Arts & Design, p35). Find local womenswear design brand In Good Company (see Local Designers, p140), cute and quirky accessories from The Little Dröm Store (*thelittledromstore.com*), artisanal aromatherapy products from Mmerci

DID YOU KNOW?

Named after the kapok tree, Kapok houses and nurtures independent brands, like a tree provides a home for other plants and animals.

Encore (*mmerciencore.com*), unusual fragrances from Code Deco (*codedeco.com.sg*) and eco-friendly Freitag bags, among others. The store hosts occasional wellness events, while its adjoining café, Tanuki Raw (*tanukibar.com*), is known for its comforting Japanese-inspired rice bowls.

Address: 111 Middle Road, National Design Centre, #01-05; and one other location at TANGS Orchard
Tel: +65 6339 7987
Website: ka-pok.com
Email: info@sg.workingunit.com

KEEPERS

A series of pop-up events selling products and works by independent artists, artisans and designers curated by local designer Carolyn Kan (see Local Designers, p139) has become a uniquely Singaporean permanent concept store at the National Design Centre. Visitors can find everything from art, accessories, fashion and books to food, homeware and lifestyle products. KEEPERS changes its showcase quarterly, so shoppers are sure to discover up-and-coming talents, such as artisanal candle maker A Dose of Something Good

(*www.dose.sg*), homeware brand Onlewo (*onlewo.com*) and chocolatier Demochoco (*demochoco.com*).

Address: 111 Middle Road, National Design Centre, #02-03
Tel: +65 6352 2559
Website: keepers.com.sg
Email: info@keepers.com.sg

Naiise

A one-stop destination for quirky, design-centric items, Naiise offers over 1,500 products from nearly 900 emerging brands from Singapore and around the world. A platform for budding designers to showcase their wares – from books and magazines to décor, fashion, lifestyle and food products – Naiise's local collection makes unconventional souvenirs for travellers to bring back home. Shoppers will find curry puff (a local pastry snack with curried potato stuffing) cushions, prints and postcards with illustrations of local dishes, T-shirts with Singlish phrases and words (see Know Singapore, p5) on them and more. For visitors interested in handicrafts, Naiise hosts regular workshops ranging from brush lettering and calligraphy to terrarium building and jewellery making. Group workshops can be arranged.

Address: 2 Handy Road, The Cathay, #B1-08; and other locations
Tel: +65 6252 7701
Website: naiise.com
Email: wecare@naiise.com

Rockstar

Founded in 2009, Rockstar is a lifestyle and multi-label fashion retail store in one of the leading malls catering to young millennials in the Orchard Road area (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p77). Its curated collection of lifestyle-centric products and fashion comprises brands and labels from Singapore and around the world. Here, shoppers can find Singapore hipster clothing label Rockabilly, local cruise wear label, YACHT 21 (*yacht21.com.sg*), Hypergrand watches (*thewatch.co/brand/hypergrand*), Singaporean shoe label Anothersole (*anothersole.com*), cool reads from local bookstore BooksActually (*booksactuallyshop.com*), and more.

Address: 8 Grange Road, Cathay Cineleisure Orchard, #03-08
Tel: +65 6836 8201
Website: rockstar.com.sg
Email: info@rockstar.com.sg

SUPERSPACE

The brainchild of four friends – Bobby Luo of concept store NIGHTVISION, Ritz Lim of Ritz Salon, Samuel Wong of local label evenodd, and Gilda Su of RÉVASSEUR – SUPERSPACE is a multi-label boutique and salon that opened in April 2014. Carrying hip local streetwear and fashion labels like MASH-UP (*mashupcollective.com*) and RÉVASSEUR alongside cult international

brands such as Jeremy Scott, Patricia Field and Joyrich, SUPERSPACE caters to those unafraid of making a loud fashion statement. Visitors can browse cutting-edge men's and women's fashion, bags, accessories, hats and eyewear, then get a cut or touch-up at Ritz Salon.

Address: 277 Orchard Road, orchardgateway, #02-18
Tel: +65 6702 6522
Website: welovesuperspace.com
Email: welovesuperspace@gmail.com

LOCAL PRODUCTS

Axe Brand

Long before essential oils were touted as a cure-all, there was Axe Brand medicated oil. The formula was created in 1928 by founder Mr Leung Yun Chee after meeting German physician, Dr Schmeidler, who gave him a recipe for a medicated oil to cure a range of ailments. Still widely used today and sold in various supermarkets, Axe Brand Universal Oil – with its signature scent of blended menthol, eucalyptus and camphor oil – helps soothe headaches, muscle pains and other ailments.

Where to buy: FairPrice, Cold Storage and other supermarkets across the island
Tel: +65 6533 3057
Fax: +65 6535 7522
Website: axebrand.com.sg
Email: enquiry@lkfmedical.com

Banyan Tree Gallery

Banyan Tree, a hotel and resort chain, drives a sustainable, community-driven approach, thus every gift sold at its Banyan Tree Gallery at Marina Bay Sands® tells a story. This famous Singapore brand supports local communities in Asia by retailing indigenous handicrafts that are also used in Banyan Tree's own properties worldwide. The product range includes home furnishings, spa accessories and kits, apparel and body products.

Where to buy: Banyan Tree Spa Marina Bay Sands®, 10 Bayfront Avenue, Marina Bay Sands Tower 1, Level 55
Tel: +65 6688 8825
Website: essentials.banyantree.com
Email: banyantreespa@marinabaysands.com

Bee Cheng Hiang

In 1933, Mr Teo Swee Ee began selling barbecued pork slices from a humble cart in Chinatown. Little did he know that his homemade snack would grow into a global brand, Bee Cheng Hiang. Its *bak kwa* (barbecued meat), a type of jerky cooked over hot coals, is a local favourite especially during Chinese New Year. Visitors can snack on a slice mid-shopping spree, or have it vacuum-packed to take home. While Bee Cheng Hiang has not altered its recipe since Mr Teo's time, the snack now comes in a variety of shapes and

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sizes: sliced pork, chicken or beef, mini sausages or Mini Ez Pork.

Where to buy: 290 Orchard Road, Paragon, #B1-10A; 69/71 Pagoda Street; and other outlets

Tel: +65 6500 0888

Fax: +65 6500 0880

Website: beechenghiang.com.sg

Email: bch@bch.com.sg

Bengawan Solo

What started out as a home-baking business in 1979 by Ms Anastasia Tjendri-Liew has grown into a multi-million-dollar business selling some of the best traditional cookies, tarts and *kueh* (bite-sized snacks or desserts) in town. Made using age-old recipes and high-quality ingredients, its cakes are a favourite of Singaporeans. Signature treats include the *kueh lapis* (spiced nine-layer cake) and *ondeh ondeh* (glutinous rice balls with palm sugar filling and coated with desiccated coconut).

Where to buy: 2 Orchard Turn, ION, #B4-38; 200 Victoria Street, Bugis Junction, #B1-03A; and other outlets

Tel: +65 6756 9088

Fax: +65 6756 9089

Website: bengawansolo.com.sg

Email: sales@bengawansolo.com.sg

BreadTalk

Founded in 2000, this Singapore bakery sets itself apart from others by using quality ingredients such as Japanese-milled flour and butter from New Zealand. The company's products are so popular that after just a decade, there are 448 BreadTalk outlets spread across 15 countries in Asia and the Middle East (where all products are *halal*). Travellers to Singapore should try BreadTalk's signature pork floss buns, or save space for its cakes as well as creative seasonal offerings such as salted-egg croissants, *ah lemak* bun (inspired by *nasi lemak*, a fragrant coconut rice dish), and SingaShake, a coconut-shaped pastry with *kaya* (spread made with eggs, sugar, coconut and pandan leaves) and coconut custard.

Where to buy: 313 Orchard Road, 313 Somerset, #B1-31/32/33; 290 Orchard Road, Paragon, #B1-11/12; and other outlets

Tel: +65 6854 8360

Website: breadtalk.com.sg

Creative

Tech brand Creative is synonymous with cutting-edge speakers, headphones and amplifiers. It made a name for itself with its

Sound Blaster sound cards, which now have a user base of more than 400 million around the globe. Notable products include Sound Blaster Roar, a lightweight Bluetooth speaker engineered for balanced audio, and Sound BlasterX H7, a gaming headset designed for an immersive surround sound experience. Its Outlier Sports are made for fitness enthusiasts, as these in-ear headphones are wireless, sweat-proof and have a battery life of 11 hours.

Where to buy: Harvey Norman, Challenger and other electronic shops across the island

Website: sg.creative.com

Eu Yan Sang

A household name for high-quality Chinese medicine and herbs since 1879, Eu Yan Sang has stood the test of time. Stocking over 1,000 types of Chinese herbs, it retails more than 300 products to cater to all health and vitality needs in six different countries, including China and Australia. Recommended items include Bottled Bird's Nest for body nourishment and Lingzhi Cracked Spores capsules that support one's immune system. Travellers can also get a box of Teasm, which makes drinking tea a hassle-free experience. This innovative

"tea wand", an alternative to tea bags, is distributed exclusively by My Life Inc, a subsidiary of Eu Yan Sang.

Where to buy: 1 HarbourFront Walk, VivoCity, #B2-11; 2 Orchard Turn, ION, #B4-31/32; and other outlets

Tel: +65 6749 8830

Website: euyansang.com

Lim Chee Guan

There's almost always a queue outside Lim Chee Guan's outlets in Chinatown. No surprise there as the company has been selling *bak kwa* (barbecued meat) since 1938. One of the first few *bak kwa* brands in Singapore, its products are tender and slightly sweeter compared to those sold by others. The *bak kwa* are barbecued on the spot and sold fresh. Visitors can skip queues by placing an order of more than S\$150 and Lim Chee Guan will deliver for free (except during the month leading up to Chinese New Year).

Where to buy: 2 Orchard Turn, ION, #B4-37; 1 Park Road, People's Park Complex, #01-25; and other outlets

Tel: +65 6933 7230

Website: limcheeguan.com.sg

OSIM

Founded by Singaporean Mr Ron Sim in 1980, this maker of health and wellness devices is known for creating innovative massage chairs. The company survived the 1985 recession, and after 30 years, it has more than 600 outlets in 33 countries. It has a line of portable products, including handheld massagers, air purifiers and light-therapy-enabled eye massagers. Its uPamper2, a super sleek handheld massager, is equipped with a retractable plate for *gua sha* (a kind of treatment that involves pressured strokes or 'scraping' massage), which helps in detoxifying the body.

Where to buy: 391 Orchard Road, Takashimaya, Ngee Ann City, Basement 1; 68 Orchard Road, Plaza Singapura, #03-09; and other outlets

Tel: +65 6747 6866

Fax: +65 6747 6769

Website: sg.osim.com

Prima Taste

Established in 1998, Prima Taste is part of the Prima Group, whose main business is flour milling. The group's first venture into food manufacturing focuses on

ready-to-cook meal sauce kits, which makes it easy for travellers to replicate that unforgettable Singaporean meal. Handy to cart around on trips, these packets – most of which are *halal*-certified – do not require any refrigeration; neither are they short on taste. The detailed instructions ensure an authentic re-creation of local favourites, including *laksa*, *bak kut teh* and chilli crab (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p94).

Where to buy: FairPrice, Cold Storage and other supermarkets across the island

Tel: +65 6559 2393

Fax: +65 6852 9535

Website: primataste.com.sg

Email: sales.primataste@prima.com.sg

Spa Esprit

This homegrown apothecary spa, which is under the lifestyle and F&B company Spa Esprit Group, has been creating one-of-a-kind spa treatments and a range of customised skincare products since 1996. The group now has more than 100 beauty shops in the US, the UK and Asia. In Singapore, Spa Esprit has two branches – in Orchard and Dempsey – which can personalise moisturisers, body scrubs and shower gels from its Custom Blend



Bengawan Solo *kueh*



BreadTalk pork floss buns



Creative



Lim Chee Guan *bak kwa*



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range according to skin needs and infuse them with essential oils of one's choice. Its *chavutti* yogic massage, exclusively available at Spa Esprit in Orchard, stimulates one's chakra points to alleviate pain.

Where to buy: 290 Orchard Road, Paragon #05-10; 8 Dempsey Road, Beauty Emporium #01-03

Tel: +65 6836 0500 / +65 6479 0070

Website: spa-esprit.com

Email: customercare@spa-esprit.com

The Cookie Museum

Established in 2004, The Cookie Museum specialises in uniquely flavoured cookies that are made by hand. For Singapore's 50th birthday in 2015, the brand introduced its one-of-a-kind Singapore Heritage Flavours that captured the smells and tastes of delicacies such as *nasi lemak* and *laksa* (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p95). Other popular local flavours include pandan chiffon and chilli crab (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p94), while more conventional flavours include blueberries with macadamia. Visitors can bring home tin sets and festive gift-hampers as souvenirs. The Cookie Museum also sells tea, cake and healthy snacks such as nuts and fruit chips.

Where to buy: 391 Orchard Road, Takashimaya, Ngee Ann City, #B209-3; 6 Raffles Boulevard, Marina Square Shopping Mall, #02-280; and other outlets

Tel: +65 6749 7496

Fax: +65 6749 7498

Website: thecookiemuseum.com

Email: comments@thecookiemuseum.com

Tiger Beer

Tiger Beer was founded in Singapore in 1932 and is a leading beer brand that produces refreshing Asian lagers. The company follows a strict brewing process spanning more than 500 hours, and uses only the finest ingredients from Australia and Europe. Now sold in 75 countries around the world, Tiger Beer has made a name for itself globally since its launch with more than 40 awards and accolades, including a Gold Medal at the World Beer Cup. Visitors can also learn more about the brand and sample the iconic beer on the Tiger Brewery Tour.

Where to buy: FairPrice, Cold Storage and other supermarkets across the island

Tel: +65 6861 6200

Website: tigerbeer.com



The Cookie Museum



Ya Kun Kaya Toast

Ya Kun Kaya Toast

From its humble beginnings as a modest coffee stall established by Hainanese immigrant Ah Koon in the 1940s, Ya Kun (the *hanyu pinyin* transliteration of the founder's name) has become synonymous with unparalleled fragrant coffee and tea, and *kaya* toast (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p95). Travellers can enjoy a typical Singaporean breakfast back at home by getting a jar of Ya Kun *kaya* (a spread made of eggs, sugar, coconut and pandan leaves). Toast some bread, slather on the thick jam with blocks of butter, and voilà! The shop also sells coffee powder and handmade *kaya* cookies.

Where to buy: 14 Scotts Road, Far East Plaza, #01-16; 230 Victoria Street, Bugis Junction, #B1-11; and other outlets

Tel: +65 6222 4567

Fax: +65 6222 9711

Website: yakun.com.sg

Yeo's

Yeo Hiap Seng pioneered selling canned chicken curry sauces in Singapore and bottling chrysanthemum tea and soybean drinks as early as the 1950s. These days, its products are ubiquitous in all supermarkets in the country, so travellers can easily try Yeo's beverages including ready-to-drink teas and Asian drinks, such as *bandung* (rose syrup milk drink) and grass jelly drink, available in packet or canned packaging. Easy-to-cook bottled Yeo's sauces are also readily available and perfect as souvenirs.

Where to buy: FairPrice, Cold Storage and other supermarkets across the island

Tel: +65 6752 2122

Fax: +65 6756 5625

Website: www.yeos.com.sg



From visiting Singapore's colonial landmarks to learning about local customs and soaking up the buzz at trendy nightlife enclaves, there's a tour for every type of traveller and budget. Families, for instance, can take a guided tour to various farms around Singapore and learn how food is grown here. Couples can spend some quality time at the calm and serene Gardens by the Bay. Those who prefer a hassle-free way of getting around can hop on a bus tour, which makes stops at historically and culturally significant sites, and other major attractions. The best way to experience Singapore's food culture is to eat where the locals eat, so there are also a range of local food tours to choose from. For a more luxurious sightseeing experience, travellers can take a leisurely cruise around Asia while enjoying a range of entertainment and dining options on board modern cruise ships that depart from Singapore.



Fullerton Heritage District and Merlion Park

FREE INDEPENDENT TRAVELLERS

Insights into Singapore

Whether visitors are in town for a long leisure holiday or have a few hours before their next flight, these tours are designed to provide them with a better understanding of what makes Singapore unique.

The Way We Live by World Express Pte Ltd

Visitors will begin their day with a visit to Singapore's oldest Indian temple, Sri Mariamman, followed by a stop at Thian Hock Keng Temple, the oldest Buddhist monastery in the city-state, renowned for its historical and architectural value. Afterwards, they get to explore the heartlands, where most Singaporeans live in Housing & Development Board (HDB) flats, for a taste of the daily lives of locals. This part of the journey takes visitors to Toa Payoh, built in the 1960s, and Bishan, built in the early 1990s – where they can learn how these neighbourhoods (see Neighbourhoods, Heartlands, p65)

have evolved over the decades. The final stop will be Marina Barrage (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p76), Singapore's 15th reservoir located in the heart of the city.

Address: 114 Middle Road, #05-01

Tel: +65 6336 3877

Fax: +65 6339 8625

Website: worldexpress.com.sg

Email: wxpsin@worldexpress.com.sg

Cost: Write in to enquire about rates and group deals; Min 4 pax, max 8 pax

Duration: 4 hours

Availability: By appointment only

Language(s) available: English and Chinese

City by the Water Kick Scooter Tour by Betel Box Asia Pte Ltd

Visitors can engage in some exercise while learning about Singapore's history on this fun tour along Singapore's waterways. They can tour the Padang, Singapore River (see Bus and Boat Tours, p155), The Fullerton Hotel Singapore (see Attractions, History & Heritage, p41), the Esplanade area (see Neighbourhoods, Nightlife Precincts, p89), Marina Bay Sands® (see Shopping, Malls, p131), Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p49)

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and Marina Barrage. Participants should be relatively fit as the tour covers about 5km on flat ground and some staircases. Meeting point is at the Cenotaph at Esplanade Park.

Address: 200 Joo Chiat Road

Tel: +65 6247 7340

Website: betelboxtours.com

Email: travel@betelbox.com

Cost: Min 4 pax, max 8 pax. Write in to enquire about rates

Duration: 4 hours

Availability: By appointment only, 9am-1pm

Language(s) available: English

Passage of Life: Birth, Marriage & Death by Tour East Pte Ltd

This unique tour delves into the heart of traditional Chinese customs in Singapore, with visits to a wet market – a key part of local life – a shop selling paper effigies, a wedding shop and a heritage tea shop. Visitors can learn about sacred rituals from birth to death, such as the types of confinement food for women after childbirth and their importance.

Address: 1 Magazine Road, Central Mall Office Tower, #07-05/06

Tel: +65 6735 1221 / +65 6738 2622 / +65 6238

2888 (after hours answering machine)

Fax: +65 6733 3226 / +65 6238 2854

Website: toureast.net

Email: resvn@toureast.net

Cost: Adult S\$32, Child S\$18; Min 2 pax. Write in to enquire about group deals

Duration: 3 hours

Availability: Mon, Thu, Sat, 9am-12pm

Language(s) available: English

LUXURY TRAVELLERS

Indulging the senses

Discerning travellers looking for indulgent experiences have plenty of tours to choose from once they are done combing through the Orchard Road (see Neighbourhoods, Nightlife Precincts, p89) shopping belt for high-end purchases, spa treatments and posh eats.

Luxury Gourmet Experience by Wok 'n' Stroll Pte Ltd

Tailored for the serious gourmand, this luxury package gives visitors the rare chance of being invited into the kitchen

of celebrity restaurants featured in the Michelin Guide Singapore. Visitors can witness the entire process of what goes on behind the scenes before each plate reaches diners and glean tips from the celebrity chefs who helm these restaurants before enjoying a decadent meal.

Address: 192 Depot Road, The Interlace, #18-24

Tel: +65 8338 3571

Website: woknstroll.com.sg

Email: info@woknstroll.com.sg

Cost: Write in to enquire about rates; group sizes can be customised

Duration: Write in to enquire

Availability: By appointment only, all packages can be customised

Language(s) available: English, Chinese, Hebrew, Russian and Greek

Heavenly Match by Crave! Singapore

This culinary adventure is designed for foodies who are also eager cooks. Watch as a Crave! master chef demonstrates the making, styling and plating of canapés in this Singapore-inspired canapés workshop. Visitors will then get a chance to make their own delicious morsels of finger food,

which include *kung pao* chicken *kueh pie tee*, and sauteed shrimps with mango and Asian slaw. Meeting point is at Vanilla Bar & Café (3 Boon Tat Street, #01-01).

Address: 38 Jalan Pemimpin, M38, #08-07

Tel: +65 6796 9343

Website: cravesingapore.com

Email: contactus@cravesingapore.com

Cost: S\$1,560 for a group of 20 pax. Write in to enquire about group deals and bookings with fewer or more than 20 pax

Duration: 2 hours

Availability: By appointment only, 3pm-5pm

Language(s) available: English

Footsteps of Raffles by Tour East Pte Ltd

Travellers can get educated on Singapore's past at the Raffles Landing Site (see Attractions, 10 Free Attractions for Great Photos, p30), where Sir Stamford Raffles, British official and founder of modern Singapore, is believed to have first stepped ashore in 1819. The tour traces the significant milestones of Singapore's colonial history, such as its establishment as a successful trading post. One of the highlights is the sculptures of the Kucinta



Canapés workshop

Crave! Singapore

Cat, Singapore's tourism mascot, along the Singapore River. Travellers can also look forward to a lavish afternoon tea spread at Raffles Hotel Singapore, which opened its doors in 1887. The journey ends with a bumboat cruise along the Singapore River.

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Tel: +65 6735 1221 / +65 6738 2622 / +65 6238

2888 (after hours answering machine)

Fax: +65 6733 3226 / +65 6238 2854

Website: toureast.net

Email: resvn@toureast.net

Cost: Adult S\$106, Child S\$58; Min 2 pax. Write in to enquire about group deals

Duration: 3.5 hours

Availability: Mon-Sat, 2pm-5.30pm. Not available on Sun & Public Holidays

Language(s) available: English

FAMILIES

Close encounters with wildlife

Travelling with children can be challenging, but these fun activities involving sea creatures and all manner of wildlife are bound to keep families with kids entertained.



Singapore Zoo

Ocean Dreams by S.E.A. Aquarium™, Resorts World™ Sentosa

A sleepover with the marine creatures at the S.E.A. Aquarium™ is bound to thrill the young ones. The journey begins at the Typhoon Theatre, where families get to be part of a crew experiencing peril on the high seas. A guide will then take visitors on a 90-minute tour of the aquarium to discover more about sharks, dolphins, coral reefs and other marine animals. The highlight is, of course, bedtime. Visitors get to pick a spot in front of the Open Ocean Habitat and admire the swimming creatures before drifting off to sleep. Meals, snacks, sleeping bags and blankets are provided. Check website for schedule. Minimum 35 pax required for each sleepover.

Address: Sentosa Island, 8 Sentosa Gateway

Tel: +65 6577 7515

Fax: +65 6577 8895

Website: rwsentosa.com

Email: sales@rwsentosa.com / travelagents@

rwsentosa.com / public.programmes@

rwsentosa.com

Cost: Adult S\$158, Child S\$138, Family package (2

adults, 2 children), S\$548; Min 35 pax, max 100 pax

Duration: 2 days, 1 night

Opening hours: Mon-Sun, 10am-7pm; sleepover from 6.30pm (day 1) to 10.30am (day 2)

Language(s) available: English, Chinese and Malay

Sleep with the Beasts – A Family Affair by Wildlife Reserves Singapore

Kids will have an unforgettable experience at the Singapore Zoo (see Attractions, Adventure and Nature, p53) with this tour. Visitors can skip the crowds and book a two-day, one-night camp under the stars surrounded by the inhabitants of the zoo. The adventure includes an international buffet at Ulu Ulu Safari Restaurant, campfire and games, and a night walk, where visitors can spot nocturnal animals at their most active.

Address: 80 Mandai Lake Road

Tel: +65 6210 5363 / +65 6269 3411

Website: zoo.com.sg

Email: enquiry@wrs.com.sg /

eduan.zoo@wrs.com.sg

Cost: Adult S\$181.90, Child S\$155.15; No min pax, max 60 pax. Enjoy 30% for group bookings of more than 40 pax

Duration: 2 days, 1 night

Availability: June and November 2017

Language(s) available: English and Chinese

A taste of the Lion City

Immerse in the rich cultural tapestry and trace Singapore's colourful past through these tours suitable for the whole family.

Scenic Singapore by Wok 'n' Stroll Pte Ltd

This tour takes families to various farms around Singapore that provide local produce. Travellers will get to explore an organic eco farm, a frog farm, a mushroom farm and a dairy farm. Scenic Singapore is an interactive experience that allows visitors to learn more about the process of growing food in Singapore and the origins of fresh ingredients.

Address: 192 Depot Road, The Interlace, #18-24

Tel: +65 8338 3571

Website: woknstroll.com.sg

Email: info@woknstroll.com.sg

Cost: Adult S\$600 (for a group of up to 4 pax)

Duration: 6 hours

Availability: Email to enquire

Language(s) available: English, Chinese,

Hebrew, Russian and Greek



Gardens by the Bay



Tekka Market



Little Nyonya Kitchen by Crave! Singapore



Statue of Sir Stamford Raffles at Raffles Landing Site

Dhobis, Saris and a Spot of Curry by Journeys Pte Ltd

Going through significant cultural areas in Singapore's Little India such as Tekka Market, Little India Arcade and Sri Veeramakaliamman Temple, families will discover the appeal of the Little India neighbourhood and various Hindu traditions and philosophies. This is a hands-on tour that also includes explanations of the importance of flowers and spices in Indian culture, and allows travellers to try on a *sari*, a traditional Indian outfit. Meeting point is at Little India Station, outside Exit E.

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Tel: +65 6325 1631 / +65 6214 2451
Fax: +65 6224 0136
Website: journeys.com.sg
Email: discover@journeys.com.sg / fun@singaporewalks.com
Cost: Adult S\$38, Child S\$18; Min 1 pax.
 Bookings by travel agents enjoy a special rate of Adult S\$34, Child S\$16
Duration: 2.5 hours
Availability: Wed, 9.30am-12pm
Language(s) available: English

COUPLES

Bonding over new discoveries

Couples looking to create fond memories in Singapore can spend some quality time enjoying the serenity of a green oasis in the middle of the city, cycling through the Marina Bay precinct (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p75), or eating their way through Singapore's food streets (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p94).

Outdoor Gardens Audio Tour by Gardens by the Bay

The breathtaking and eco-friendly Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, 10 Free Attractions for Great Photos, p30) is an ideal destination to spend a few quiet moments in the middle of Singapore's bustling city centre. Visitors can enjoy a 25-minute ride on the Garden Cruiser tram around the cooled conservatories, themed gardens and Supertree Grove. The tour

includes an audio commentary.

Address: 18 Marina Gardens Drive
Tel: +65 6420 6848
Website: gardensbythebay.com.sg
Email: feedback@gardensbythebay.com.sg
Cost: Adult S\$8, Child S\$3; Min 1 pax, max 22 pax
Duration: 25 minutes
Availability: Mon-Fri, 9am-5.30pm; Sat-Sun, 9am-5pm
Language(s) available: English, Chinese and Japanese

Little Nyonya Kitchen by Crave! Singapore

This tour takes visitors on a culinary adventure, which includes creating tantalising Peranakan snacks such as *popiah* (fresh spring rolls) and *kueh pie tee* (pastry shell filled with shredded vegetables).
 Visitors will also get to try *chap chye* (vegetable stew) and *babi pongteh* (pork with fermented soya beans). Menu subject to change.
 Other highlights of the tour include a visit to the Chin Mee Chin Confectionery,

an old-school bakery set up in Singapore's east in the 1950s.

Next up, the Katong Antique House and the Peranakan Inn will give visitors a chance to immerse in Peranakan culture and heritage (see Attractions, History & Heritage, p39).

Meeting point is at the main entrance of Joo Chiat Complex (1 Joo Chiat Road).

Address: 38 Jalan Pemimpin, M38, #08-07
Tel: +65 6796 9343
Website: cravesingapore.com
Email: contactus@cravesingapore.com
Cost: Adult S\$1,960 for a group of 20 pax. Write in to enquire about group deals and bookings with fewer or more than 20 pax
Duration: 3 hours
Availability: By appointment only, 10am-1.30pm
Language(s) available: English, Chinese, Hebrew, Russian and Greek

Marina Bay Night Tour by Let's Go Tour Singapore Pte Ltd

Couples can participate in a 15km night cycling adventure around Marina Bay and enjoy the cool evening breeze. Ride along the riverfront

promenade towards the Singapore Flyer and into the lush grounds of Gardens by the Bay.

The route will take visitors as far as the iconic National Stadium before they head back to the starting point at High Street Centre.

Address: High Street Centre, 1 North Bridge Road, #B1-58
Tel: +65 9004 4332
Website: letsgobikesingapore.com
 (all bookings must be made on the website)
Cost: Adult S\$79, S\$60 per pax (2 pax or more); Min 1 pax, max 7 pax
Duration: 2 hours
Availability: Mon-Sun, 7pm-9pm. Unavailable in September due to F1 road closures
Language(s) available: English

ACTIVE SILVERS

Walking down memory lane

Visitors can get to know Singapore's rich past, from its founding and successful establishment as a trading outpost to the dark and tumultuous wartime years.

Along the way, travellers will discover some of Singapore's rich culture by exploring the city's vibrant precincts.

A Walk in the Shadow of Raffles by Betel Box Asia Pte Ltd

This four-hour walking tour will take visitors through Singapore's Colonial District along the Singapore River. Find out about the founding of Singapore, the early colonial period, the contributions of the founder of modern Singapore, Sir Stamford Raffles, and the legacy that he left behind. This tour is suitable for active silvers as the ground covered is generally flat and there will be breaks in between.

Address: 200 Joo Chiat Road
Tel: +65 6247 7340
Website: betelboxtours.com
Email: travel@betelbox.com
Cost: Write in to enquire about rates; group sizes can be customised
Duration: 4 hours
Availability: By appointment only
Language(s) available: English

East Coast and Changi by Tour East Pte Ltd

The tour starts at Kampong Glam (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p58), once the seat of Malay royalty in Singapore, before taking visitors to Changi Museum (see Attractions, History & Heritage, p36), dedicated to those who lived and died in Singapore during World War II. Learn more about Singapore's darkest times through five exhibition zones – covering life in Changi Prison to wartime artists – and the Changi Chapel (see Attractions, History & Heritage, p36), a tribute to the prisoners of war during the Japanese Occupation. Next, visitors will get a glimpse of Changi Village (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p48) and Tampines New Town (see Neighbourhoods, Heartlands, p69), a typical Singapore heartland. There is minimal walking involved as a coach will ferry guests between points of interest.

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Tel: +65 6735 1221 / +65 6738 2622 / +65 6238 2888 (after hours answering machine)
Fax: +65 6733 3226 / +65 6238 2854
Website: toureast.net
Email: resvn@toureast.net
Cost: Adult S\$38, Child S\$19; Min 2 pax. Write in to enquire about group deals
Duration: 3.5 hours
Availability: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun, 2pm
Language(s) available: English

Up close and personal

Active silvers can experience the city like a local – from taking an exclusive tour covering places of interest like Haw Par Villa, to visiting a traditional coffee roasting factory and ordering breakfast at a hawker centre.

Bugis and Little India Trishaw Expedition by Trishaw Uncle Pte Ltd

Trishaws were once a common mode of transportation in Singapore. Visitors can relive this nostalgic period by hopping onto Trishaw Uncle's revamped fleet



Haw Par Villa

of trishaws to explore Little India (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p62) and Bugis (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p73). Weave through Serangoon Road (see Shopping, Ethnic Districts, p133), marvel at elaborate temples and colourful markets, and explore the bustling Bugis Street (see Shopping, Malls, p127) – a multi-storey shopping street set against shiny, new malls. The tour does not require physical exertion and is suitable for visitors of all ages and fitness levels, including the young at heart. It starts from and ends at Albert Mall Trishaw Park.

Address: Albert Mall Trishaw Park, Queen Street
Tel: +65 6337 7111
Website: trishawuncle.com.sg
Email: enquiry@trishawuncle.com.sg
Cost: Adult S\$39, Child S\$29. Enjoy 10% off for group bookings of more than 5 pax
Duration: 30 minutes
Availability: Mon–Sun, at your preferred time
Language(s) available: English

Full-day Round Island Tour by Tour East Pte Ltd

Travellers who are in Singapore for a short time should join the full-day round island tour to experience different facets of the city. Start with a relaxing morning stroll at the Henderson Waves (see Attractions,

10 Free Attractions for Great Photos, p30) before heading to Haw Par Villa for some Chinese folklore and mythology. Next, it's on to Kranji War Memorial, which honours those who died in the line of duty during World War II. Visitors will then proceed to Bright Hill Temple to admire its spectacular architecture. Lastly, visitors will tour the Changi Museum for a slice of history. The seven-hour tour includes lunch at a local restaurant.

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Fax: +65 6733 3226 / +65 6238 2854
Website: toureast.net
Email: resvn@toureast.net
Cost: Adult S\$85, Child S\$42; Min 2 pax. Write in to enquire about group deals
Duration: 7 hours
Availability: Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun, 9am
Language(s) available: English

BUSINESS TRAVELLERS

The cultured soul

Business travellers who are pressed for time can still enjoy what Singapore has to



The Intan

offer with these short tours featuring the city's arts and culture.

The Intan Tea Appreciation by The Intan

On this tour, visitors get to discover rare historical Peranakan artefacts, hear personal stories and have an authentic tea experience at The Intan, a post-war terraced residence located in eastern Singapore. Here, travellers can learn more about various other aspects of Peranakan culture, such as the elaborate customs of a traditional wedding ceremony, through its collections of antiques, jewellery, handmade ornate beadwork and embroidery, traditional costumes and rare furnishings.

Address: 69 Joo Chiat Terrace
Tel: +65 6440 1148
Website: the-intan.com
Email: contactus@the-intan.com
Cost: Write in to enquire about rates; Min 1 pax, no max group size, but it is recommended that groups do not exceed 30 pax
Duration: 1.5 hours
Availability: By appointment only
Language(s) available: English, Chinese and Spanish

Drinks of Singapore by Tribe Pte Ltd

This tour gives visitors an understanding of Singapore's water and local beverages such as NEWater (bottled reclaimed water), *teh tarik* (frothy milk tea), *bandung* (rose syrup with milk) and Tiger beer. The journey starts at Marina Barrage, a water catchment area that doubles as a family-friendly recreational spot, where having picnics and kite-flying are popular. Visitors then get to try famed local drinks and end the tour at a rooftop bar, where they try concocting a special cocktail using local ingredients.

Address: 200 Jalan Sultan, Textile Centre, #03-11
Tel: +65 6463 1031 / +65 8188 4634 (Trade Contact)
Website: tribe-tours.com
Email: bookings@tribe-tours.com, bookings.tribe@gmail.com / Trade Contact: jaclyn@tribe-tours.com / jason@tribe-tours.com / yoke@tribe-tours.com
Cost: Adult S\$109, S\$100 per pax (6 pax or more), S\$93 per pax (12 pax or more); Min 2 pax, max 18 pax
Duration: 4 hours
Availability: Call to enquire
Language(s) available: English

After-dark thrills

After a long day, travellers can relax and have some fun. Singapore has a vibrant nightlife and there are plenty of things to do, from checking out the trendiest clubbing streets to enjoying supper the local way.

Night Out Marina Bay by Tour East Pte Ltd

Travellers will get to explore Gardens by the Bay, see Singapore's skyline from 200m up at Sands SkyPark, and watch the Supertree Grove come alive with music and lights on this night tour of Marina Bay. Another highlight of this tour is visiting Lau Pa Sat to learn about numerous local and international cuisines, as well as sample *satay* (skewered grilled meat) and *ketupat* (rice cakes) from the stalls that pop up in the evenings at the outdoor area of this popular hawker centre.

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Fax: +65 6733 3226 / +65 6238 2854
Website: toureast.net
Email: resvn@toureast.net
Duration: 3.5 hours
Cost: Adult S\$78, Child S\$48; Min 1 pax. Write in to enquire about group deals
Availability: Wed, Fri, 6.30pm–10pm
Language(s) available: English

Secrets of the Red Lantern™ by Journeys Pte Ltd

What goes on in Chinatown (see Eat & Drink, Hawker Centres, p116) and Geylang when the sun goes down? Visitors can experience the thrills on this three-hour guided tour, which takes them through the streets and alleys of the "infamous" districts of Chinatown and Geylang to explore a different side of Singapore. That's not all. Visitors will also get to soak up the buzz at Club Street (see Neighbourhoods, Nightlife Precincts, p86), one of Singapore's trendiest

Tours

enclaves for nightlife, and Chinatown Food Street (chinatownfoodstreet.sg), filled with hawker stalls open till late.

Address: 100 Lorong 23 Geylang, D'Centennial Building, #07-01

Tel: +65 6325 1631 / +65 6214 2451

Fax: +65 6224 0136

Website: journeys.com.sg

Email: discover@journeys.com.sg / fun@singaporewalks.com

Cost: Adult S\$60 (only those aged 18 and above are allowed on this tour); Min 1 pax. Bookings by travel agents enjoy a special rate of S\$54 per pax

Duration: 3 hours

Availability: Fri, 6pm–9pm

Language(s) available: English

MILLENNIALS

Old-school charm

These unique tours – designed for adventurous millennials looking beyond run-of-the-mill itineraries – give an in-depth view of local culture and heritage.

Red Clogs Down the Five-Foot Way™ by Journeys Pte Ltd

A five-foot way is a pedestrian walkway found along many of Singapore's old shophouses dating back to the colonial days. This tour leads visitors through Chinatown's conserved shophouses, where many trade stores can still be found. Enjoy the aroma of freshly baked buns and sweetmeats, search for traditional remedies at a traditional Chinese medical hall, and discover the paper houses used as part of Chinese funeral rituals. A visit to the wet market where visitors get to fully immerse themselves in the sights, smells and sounds is bound to be an unforgettable experience.

Address: 100 Lorong 23 Geylang, D'Centennial Building, #07-01

Tel: +65 6325 1631 / +65 6214 2451

Fax: +65 6224 0136

Website: journeys.com.sg

Email: discover@journeys.com.sg / fun@singaporewalks.com

Cost: Adult S\$45, Child S\$24; Min 1 pax. Bookings by travel agents enjoy a special rate of S\$40 per pax

Duration: 2.5 hours

Availability: Tue, 9.30am–12pm

Language(s) available: English

A Day Out in Changi and Ubin by Tribe Pte Ltd

Changi and Pulau Ubin (see Attractions, Adventure and Nature, p54), both located along the eastern tip of Singapore, offer travellers an escape from the hustle and bustle of city life. This six-hour tour is packed with fun-filled activities for adventure-seekers. The tour includes a visit to Changi Museum, where visitors will learn more about World War II. Tour participants will also find out the historical significance of sites such as the old Changi Prison as they make their way towards the Changi Point Ferry Terminal. From there, visitors can take a short boat trip to Pulau Ubin for a taste of *kampong* “village” in Malay) life.

Address: 200 Jalan Sultan, Textile Centre, #03-11

Tel: +65 6463 1031 / +65 9660 0687 or

+65 8188 4634 (Trade Contacts)

Website: tribe-tours.com

Email: bookings@tribe-tours.com / jaclyn@tribe-tours.com or jason@tribe-tours.com or yoke@tribe-tours.com (Trade Contacts)

Cost: S\$248 per pax for a group of 6 pax; Min 5 pax, max 18 pax

Duration: 6 hours

Availability: Call to enquire

Language(s) available: English

Sips and Suppers

Foodie travellers will not want to miss these tours, which take them to various spots around Singapore to feast on some of the city-state's must-try food and drinks.

Bikes and Bites Tour by Let's Go Tour Singapore Pte Ltd

This nine-hour tour combines cycling and food for a more fulfilling experience. Visitors will get to cycle through the streets of Singapore, and visit a residential town and market to get a glimpse of local life. The tour includes a stopover at a local coffee shop for a breakfast of toast and coffee or tea. The route also takes visitors through the business district, along the scenic Singapore River. A sumptuous lunch in Little India is in store for visitors, followed by a tour of the area.

Address: High Street Centre, #B1-58

Tel: +65 9004 4332

Website: letsgobikesingapore.com (all bookings must be made on the website)

Cost: Adult S\$180, S\$165 (2 pax or more); Min 2 pax, max 7 pax

Duration: 9 hours

Availability: Mon–Fri, 8.30am–5.30pm

Language(s) available: English

Twilight Snacks by Wok 'n' Stroll Pte Ltd

Visitors who enjoy supper can tuck into cheap and hearty meals at hawker centres dotted across the island that stay open till late. These include *sambal* (spicy chilli paste) stingray wrapped in banana leaf at Lau Pa Sat (see Eat and Drink, Hawker Centres, p116) and delicious *satay* (grilled meat on skewers) straight from the grill at East Coast (see Attractions, Adventure and Nature, p49).

Address: 192 Depot Road, The Interlace, #18-24

Tel: +65 8338 3571

Website: woknstroll.com.sg

Email: info@woknstroll.com.sg

Cost: Adult S\$130; Min 3 pax, max 6 pax. Write in to enquire about group deals

Duration: 3 hours

Availability: Email to enquire

Language(s) available: English, Chinese, Hebrew, Russian and Greek

BUS & BOAT TOURS

SIA Hop On-Hop Off (siahopon.com)

The SIA Hop-On touring system is a hassle-free way to enjoy Singapore. It makes strategically located stops across the city and allows travellers to see Singapore at their own pace. Passengers can flag down the bus at a designated stop and buy tickets on board. Visitors can find maps with the bus routes on the website.

Standard rate: Adult S\$39, Child S\$29

Special rate: Adult S\$19.50, Child S\$14.50

Passengers must present their Singapore Airlines or SilkAir boarding pass to enjoy this special rate. Singapore Stopover Holiday (SSH) visitors ride for free with their SSH card.

Operating hours: 9am–6.30pm

Tickets valid for 24 hours. Free walking tours in Little India at 10am and Chinatown at 2pm also included. Ask the bus captain for more details.

Singapore River Cruise (rivercruise.com.sg)

For a different experience, travellers can book a river cruise along Singapore's main waterway.

Singapore River Experience: The 40-minute boat ride will take travellers past major riverside attractions such as

DUCK & HIPPO (ducktours.com.sg)

This tour operator has multiple packages for those who want to tour the city in comfort:

Tour	Duration	Details
Singapore7 Sightseeing	Choose from one-, two-, or three-day tours	Adult S\$43, Child S\$33 (one day, unlimited rides) Adult S\$49, Child S\$39 (two days, unlimited rides) Adult S\$59, Child S\$39 (three days, unlimited rides) Tour highlights: Civic District, Orchard Road, Singapore Botanic Gardens, Little India, Chinatown, Sentosa Island, Night Safari and more
HIPPO Day City Tour	Three hours	Adult S\$57, Child S\$39 Tour highlights: Civic District, Singapore Botanic Gardens, Marina Bay Sands*, Little India, Orchard Road, Merlion Park* and Chinatown* <i>*Hop off and explore on foot with a guide</i>
Duck with Singapore7	Two-day tour	Adult S\$79, Child S\$59 (60 minutes on DUCK and two days unlimited rides on Singapore7 Sightseeing) Tour highlights: DUCK (covers land and sea), Civic District, Orchard Road, Singapore Botanic Gardens, Little India, Chinatown, Sentosa Island, Night Safari and more
Singapore7 with Flyer	Two-day tour	Adult S\$79, Child S\$59 (40 minutes on Singapore Flyer and two days unlimited rides on Singapore7 Sightseeing) Tour highlights: Singapore Flyer, Civic District, Orchard Road, Singapore Botanic Gardens, Little India, Chinatown, Sentosa Island, Night Safari



Singapore River Cruise

Cruise for a different experience on water, which includes one bottle of Singapore Sling, a gin-based cocktail created in Raffles Hotel Singapore, or juice.

Cost: Adult S\$38, Child S\$22

Bumboat Charter: Travel down the Singapore River in style aboard a bumboat and enjoy the sights along the way. A bumboat may hold up to 45 passengers. The charter includes a boat captain and one crew.

Cost: 30 minutes S\$535, 45 minutes S\$749, 60 minutes S\$963

River taxi: The river taxi passes by Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay, Boat Quay, Clarke Quay, Clemenceau and Robertson Quay.

Cost: S\$5 by NETS FlashPay or EZ-Link card. Visit home.ezlink.com.sg and nets.com.sg for information on where to purchase these cards.

Boat Quay and Clarke Quay, and towards Marina Bay.

Cost: Adult S\$25, Child S\$15

Laser Show Cruise: Those who wish to catch the laser show at Marina Bay Sands* from a boat may book the Laser Show



Bikes and Bites Tour

LET'S GO TOUR SINGAPORE PTE LTD

Tours: Itineraries

Fun attractions and sightseeing options, enriching experiences and workshops, tasty dining and exciting shopping – these and more can be included to make an interesting itinerary for visitors. Families can discover animals after dark at the Night Safari, build a terrarium, and go cable wakeboarding, while active silvers can enjoy an art and history tour of Gillman Barracks, relax with a spa treatment or board a unique GOURMETbus tour that combines sightseeing with dinner on board. Here is a round-up of recommended itineraries on Sightseeing & Attractions, Food & Dining, Retail & Shopping as well as for active silvers and families to ensure visitors enjoy a memorable visit to Singapore.

FOUR-DAY ITINERARY FOR ACTIVE SILVERS

DAY 1: Art and history

MORNING

Breakfast with art (Dine)

Artistry (artistryspace.com) – nestled in a corner of the Kampong Glam heritage district – is where food and art collide. Along with great coffee and brunch (the peanut butter and jelly French toast is a must-try), the café also showcases artworks by local and international artists.

Go back in time (Tour)

Visitors can go on a three-hour Kopi and Loti Factory Tour (tribe-tours.com/tours/kopi-and-loti-factory) to learn about Singapore's once-thriving trades. They will get to visit a coffee roasting factory and a traditional bread factory. Visitors can chat with the people behind these businesses and find out the tricks of the trade, the significance of their roles in the past and their place in modern Singapore.

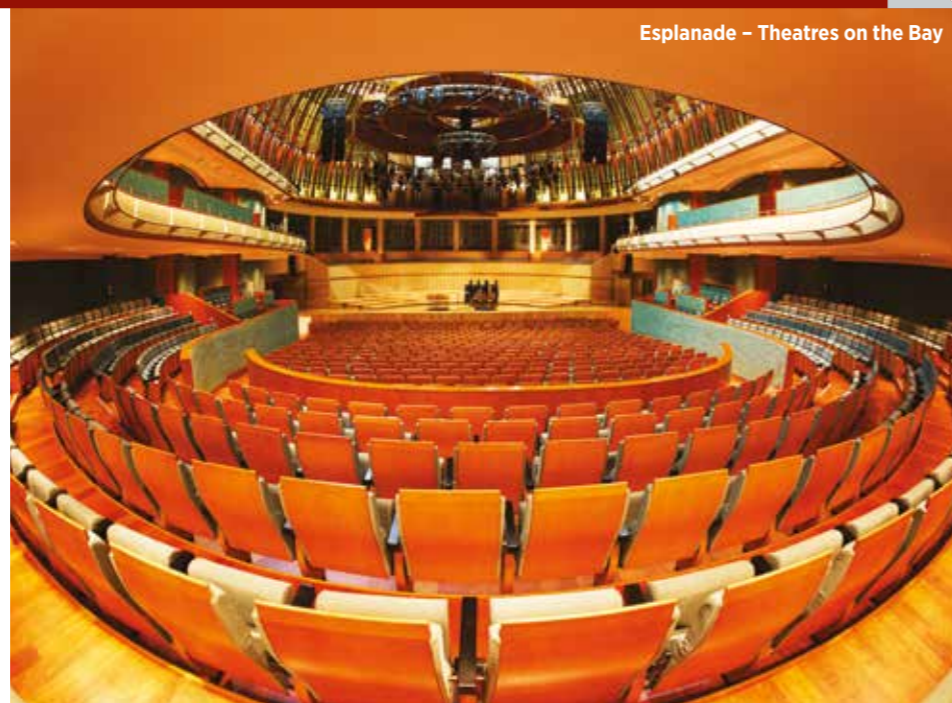
AFTERNOON

Visit the heart of art (Explore)

Built in 1936 as a military encampment for the British Army, Gillman Barracks (gillmanbarracks.com) is today a contemporary arts cluster. It comprises more than 10 art galleries, which feature works from local and international artists, such as Fost, Pearl Lam and Sundaram Tagore. For more insights into the artworks, visitors can join the weekly Art and History Tour or monthly History and Heritage Tour (gillmanbarracks.com/tours/friends-of-the-museum) – both free.

Take a piece of Singapore home (Shop)

Supermama (supermama.sg/gillman-barracks), a gallery shop at Gillman Barracks, works closely with local designers and traditional craft facilities in Japan to produce “omiyage” (contemporary giftware) which represent contemporary Singapore culture. One local designer it works with is Dawn



Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay

Ng – creator of the beloved “Walter” installation, which was featured at the Singapore Art Museum. Must-buys are key chains and porcelain plates which feature iconic images such as the Merlion.

Have a seafood lunch (Dine)

Visitors can stop by The Naked Finn (www.nakedfinn.com), located within Gillman Barracks, for delicious lobster rolls, prawn noodles and other seafood delights. For coffee and desserts, visitors should head to the Red Baron (redbaronsg.com), which is near The Naked Finn.

EVENING

Watch a concert at the Esplanade (Experience/Dine)

Visitors who love music and the arts will appreciate the complimentary concerts at the Esplanade (esplanade.com, visit the ‘Free’ section of the website), an iconic performing arts centre. A complimentary performance is held every evening at the Concourse, while the one at the Outdoor

Theatre is held Fridays through Sundays. Most performances are by homegrown talent, which offer the audience a chance to enjoy the local music scene. After watching a concert or two, visitors can head to Labyrinth (labyrinth.com.sg) for dinner. The modern Singaporean restaurant at the Esplanade features local dishes with a twist such as deep-fried soft shell crab with chilli crab ice cream.

DAY 2: Explore the old and new

MORNING

Go on a morning food walk (Tour)

Visitors can start their morning with the Royal Malay District of Kampong Glam Food Walk (betelboxtours.com/tour-detail/54409413da816227664964a0/royal-malay-district-of-kampong-glam-food-walk), which explores the Kampong Glam heritage district. Highlights of the tour include visits to old fabric and carpet



INDOCHINE GROUP



Carpet shop along Haji Lane

shops along Arab Street and Haji Lane, old Muslim cemeteries, and the iconic Sultan Mosque. Visitors also get to sample local Malay dishes, and discover the trades and crafts of Singapore's Malay community.

OR

Revisit Singapore's wartime history (Explore)

Visitors keen to know more about Singapore during World War II should join the East Coast and Changi Tour (toureast.net/East-Coast-Changi). The 3.5-hour tour starts at Kampong Glam, before taking visitors to The Changi Museum to learn about Singapore's wartime history. Next, visitors will get a glimpse of the rustic Changi Village and Tampines New Town, a typical Singapore heartland.

Enjoy brunch (Dine)

After the tour, visitors can enjoy brunch at Wild Honey (wildhoney.com.sg) – a popular all-day breakfast restaurant on Scotts Road. Must-try breakfast options include “I

Love NY” (bagel served with scrambled eggs, smoked sturgeon, smoked salmon and caramelised onions) and “Canadian” (buttermilk pancakes served with forest berry sauce, maple syrup and chicken sausage).

AFTERNOON

Take a spa break (Relax/Shop)

Visitors can indulge in a pampering session at Spa Esprit (spa-esprit.com), located in Paragon (paragon.com.sg), an upmarket mall along Orchard Road. The spa's slow flow massage and *chavutti* yogic massage are designed to help visitors relax after a day of walking. Visitors can spend the rest of the afternoon shopping at Paragon, which houses art galleries and fashion brands like DKNY and Givenchy. Other luxury malls in the area include ION Orchard (ionorchard.com) and Mandarin Gallery (mandarinalgallery.com.sg). There's also a range of dining options in the area, such as Jamie's Italian (jamieoliver.com/italian/singapore/restaurants/forum-orchard-road), Food Republic@Wisma

Atria (foodrepublic.com.sg/stores/wisma-atria), Din Tai Fung (dintaifung.com.sg) and Maharajah Orchard (maharajah.com.sg/branch/orchard.html).

EVENING

Dine on wheels (Tour/Dine)

The unique GOURMETbus tour (gourmetbus.com.sg) combines a city sightseeing itinerary with dinner on board, complete with a bar and reception area. The tour will take visitors around the Marina Bay area through Chinatown and back. Sights include the Fountain of Wealth, Singapore Flyer and Gardens by the Bay.

Drinks with a view (Experience)

Visitors can end the night with drinks at IndoChine, located atop the tallest Supertree at Gardens by the Bay (gardensbythebay.com.sg) – just in time to get a glimpse of the Garden Rhapsody light and sound show (Mon–Sun, 7.45pm & 8.45pm). They can have their drinks at the rooftop bar or fully air-conditioned lounge – both of which offer 360-degree views of the Marina Bay skyline. Must-try cocktails are the Chocolate Martini (Baileys Irish cream with butterscotch and peppermint) and Butterfly Effect (a blend of honey manuka vodka, Sourz apple schnapps and pineapple juice).

DAY 3: Discover Singapore's food scene

MORNING

Indulge in nasi lemak (Dine)

Visitors can start their day with *nasi lemak* (fragrant coconut rice) at the popular Selera Rasa Nasi Lemak (selerayasa.com) at Adam Road Food Centre. Must-try items are the deep-fried chicken wings and *otah* (grilled fish paste). A local favourite is the Full House, which comes with a fried egg, peanuts and *ikan bilis* (anchovies), deep-fried chicken wings, *otah* and *sambal* (spicy chilli paste).

Become a master chef (Experience)

This four-hour masterclass (tribe-tours.com/tours/peranakan-cooking-masterclass) aims to show visitors what it takes to become a Peranakan master chef. A chef from Kim Choo Kueh Chang (kimchoo.com) – a Peranakan shop renowned for *bak chang* (rice dumplings) – will teach visitors how to cook *ayam buah keluak* (a complex dish of chicken braised in thick, spicy tamarind gravy with *buah keluak* nuts) and one Peranakan dessert. The masterclass is held in a traditional Peranakan shophouse in Joo Chiat.

Tours: Itineraries

AFTERNOON

Go café-hopping (Tour)

A two-hour café-hopping tour ([tribe-tours.com/tours/everton-park-walkabout](#)) that explores quaint alleys and shophouses in Everton Park, an up-and-coming “hipster” neighbourhood. Visitors will get to sample freshly made *ang ku kueh*, a traditional Chinese pastry with mung beans, grated peanuts or desiccated coconut filling, at the Ang Ku Kueh Factory. Other interesting stops include the NUS Baba House (traditional Peranakan House).

EVENING

Eat with the fishes (Dine)

Visitors can experience an underwater dining experience at Ocean Restaurant by Cat Cora ([rwsentosa.com/Homepage/Restaurants/CelebrityChefs/OceanRestaurantbyCatCora](#)), located within S.E.A. Aquarium™ at Resorts World™ Sentosa. The restaurant serves Mediterranean-Californian cuisine with an Asian flair, and is helmed by Cat Cora – Singapore’s first female Iron Chef. Visitors can indulge in dishes such as sous vide salmon and charred grilled wagyu primecuts while watching marine animals swim about behind floor-to-ceiling glass panels.

Get on top of Singapore’s highest observation tower (Experience)

After dinner, visitors can head to the Tiger Sky Tower ([sentosa.com.sg/explore/](#)

[attractions/tiger-sky-tower](#)) along Imbiah Road. Offering 360-degree views of Sentosa and Singapore’s night skyline, the attraction is a fun and relaxing way to end the day. From the tower, visitors may be able to catch glimpses of the daily Wings of Time ([wingsoftime.com.sg](#)) night show.

Day 4: Time out with nature

MORNING

Enjoy a *dim sum* breakfast (Dine)

Visitors can start their day with *dim sum* (bite-sized portions of food served in steamer baskets or small plates) at Yum Cha restaurant ([yumcha.com.sg](#)) in the cultural precinct of Chinatown. Rather than choose from a menu, they can order the old-school way from a pushcart. Favourites include *siew mai* (steamed pork dumpling) and *har gao* (steamed prawn dumpling). It can get crowded on weekends, so visitors are advised to get there early. Reservations can be made via phone for a minimum of eight people.

Go on a treetop walk (Explore)

Nestled within MacRitchie Reservoir, the TreeTop Walk ([nparks.gov.sg](#)) is a 250m-long freestanding suspension bridge, which connects Bukit Peirce and Bukit Kalang. From atop the bridge, visitors can get a bird’s eye view of the forest and try to spot different wildlife creatures.

AFTERNOON

Have local delights for lunch (Dine)

Visitors can enjoy a sumptuous lunch at River Safari Tea House ([riversafari.com.sg/visitor-info/riversafari-teahouse.html](#)), which serves local delights, such as *bak kut teh* (pork rib soup) and fried *bee hoon* (vermicelli) with king prawns and clams. Should visitors still have room for dessert, the yam paste with ginkgo nut is a must-try.

Take off on a river adventure (Explore)

River Safari ([riversafari.com.sg](#)), located next to the Singapore Zoo, has one of the world’s largest collections of freshwater animals. During the safari, visitors get to visit habitats modelled after the Congo River, Amazon River, Mekong River and more. They will also get to see giant pandas Kai Kai and Jia Jia, which dwell in the Giant Panda Forest near Yangtze River, and other animals like the Brazilian tapir.

EVENING

Dine in the air (Dine)

Visitors can indulge in a four-course dinner on the Singapore Flyer ([singaporeflyer.com/unique-experiences/full-butler-sky-dining/](#)) as they take in the dazzling cityscape and enjoy 360-degree views of various attractions, such as the Merlion Park and Marina Bay Street Circuit. Visitors have the option to choose from Western, Chinese or vegetarian dishes.

FOUR-DAY ITINERARY FOR FAMILIES



Henderson Waves

Day 1: Outdoor fun and adventure

MORNING

Start the day with breakfast, Singapore-style (Dine)

Enjoy soft-boiled eggs, warm *kaya* (local jam made from eggs, sugar, coconut, and pandan leaves or *gula melaka* (palm sugar)) toast and fragrant local *kopi* (coffee) at Ya Kun Kaya Toast ([yakun.com.sg](#)) or Killiney Kopitiam Singapore ([killiney-kopitiam.com](#)). Starting out as humble coffee stalls, these long-standing local cafes are known for their traditional breakfasts, now available in numerous outlets across the island.

See the city on a thrilling ride (Tour)

After breakfast, both adults and kids can enjoy a fun DUCKtours ([ducktours.com.sg](#)) ride in a remodelled WWII Vietnamese war craft that cruises on land and water as it goes by places of interest like Marina Barrage and the Civic District.

AFTERNOON

Lunch with a view (Dine)

Families can tuck into café favourites like pastas, pizzas and burgers at Faber Bistro ([faberpeaksingapore.com](#)) – a cosy corner of Mount Faber Park on Faber Peak – while enjoying a view of the city. Other

recommended dishes include Climb to Faber Peak Platter (chicken wings, prawn twister and crispy calamari) – good for kids to share – FB Lovely Crayfish Spaghetti, Baa Baa Bob (braised Murray Ridge *rendang* lamb shank with *achar* and rice cake) and desserts like Mocha Rocker (mocha chocolate mud cake with chocolate sauce, marshmallows and chocolate pearls). There’s also a Sunday brunch menu.

Go on a nature trail (Explore)

Henderson Waves ([nparks.gov.sg](#)), Singapore’s highest pedestrian bridge connecting Mount Faber and Telok Blangah Hill Park, offers families who love the outdoors a chance to explore the area’s lush greenery and spot birds as well as small wildlife. From Mount Faber, visitors can hop onto a cable ride to HarbourFront and Sentosa, and enjoy a panoramic view from above.

OR

Build a terrarium (Workshop)

Head to nearby HortPark ([nparks.gov.sg](#)) where the whole family can learn to create (and take home) their personalised terrarium (a sustainable bottled garden) at a hands-on workshop. The workshop requires a minimum of 20 pax and at least one month’s advanced booking.

EVENING/NIGHT

Experience Singapore’s largest mall and lifestyle destination (Shop/Dine/Play)

Visitors can round off the day at VivoCity ([vivocity.com.sg](#)). There’s something for everyone: a Cineplex (Singapore’s largest), stores such as Toys “R” Us, VivoMart, and TANGS, an outdoor playground and rooftop wading pool for kids, along with a wide variety of local and international dining options, such as Jamie’s Italian, Food Republic food court, Marché Mövenpick, and Sushi Tei. Later, families can step outside for a stroll along the 300m waterfront promenade and hop on the Mini Express Train (operates till 10pm daily) for a fun ride. Tickets are S\$6 per ride per person; kids under 90cm in height must be accompanied by an adult (no additional charge for accompanying adult).

Day 2: Multi-sensory experiences

MORNING

Discover a wet market and have a traditional hawker breakfast (Explore/Dine/Play)

Families can spend the morning exploring Tiong Bahru Market and Food Centre ([tiongbahru.market](#)). On the ground floor is a bustling wet market selling everything



Tiger Sky Tower



TreeTop Walk at MacRitchie Reservoir



Satay by the Bay



BOUNCE Singapore, Cathay Cineleisure Orchard



Open Farm Community, Dempsey Hill



Cable wakeboarding, East Coast Park

from fresh produce and meat to flowers and clothing. The second floor houses food stalls serving popular traditional hawker breakfast favourites like *chwee kueh* (steamed rice cake with preserved radish), *soon kueh* (shredded bamboo and turnip in tapioca flour skin dumpling), and *char siew* (barbecued pork) *wonton* noodles. A five-minute bus ride away is Tiong Bahru Park where the main attraction is a large sandpit and train structure good for kids five years and older, swings, merry-go-round and a mini maze.

OR

Get an educational insight into marine life (Tour)

After breakfast, families should consider the unique S.E.A.™ VIP Tour (rwsentosa.com). During the tour, a guide will give visitors an insight into the marine life at S.E.A. Aquarium™ – home to more than 100,000 marine animals – as well as exclusive back-of-house access to Dolphin Island for an immersive and interactive experience. Tours are conducted in English; for other languages, travel agents should write in or call to enquire. Rates start from S\$88 per adult and S\$58 per child (ages 4–12). Reservations must be made at least two working days in advance. The aquarium is also open to visitors who

prefer to explore on their own (Cost: Adult S\$34, Child and Senior Citizens S\$24).

AFTERNOON

Make your own pancake lunch (Dine)

Slappy Cakes (slappycakes.com.sg), the award-winning American pancake house, serves pancakes all day and lets parents and kids have fun making their own. The choices are endless: visitors can choose their batter flavour (classic buttermilk to zucchini), fixings (strawberries, granola and more), and toppings (lavender honey to maple syrup).

Fun at Universal Studios® theme park (Experience)

After lunch, families can enjoy the afternoon on rides, shows and attractions based on movies and television series at Universal Studios Singapore® (rwsentosa.com). It is advisable to start with less vigorous rides like Madagascar: A Crate Adventure – a gentle river boat ride through a tropical jungle setting – or Sesame Street Spaghetti Space Chase to meet Elmo and favourite Sesame Street characters. Later, families can proceed to more thrilling rides such as TRANSFORMERS The Ride: The Ultimate 3D Battle (USS Singapore was the first to launch this ride), Battlestar Galactica,

and the only ride unique to Singapore USS, Puss in Boots' Giant Journey roller coaster. While other rides are available in USS theme parks around the world, 18 of the 24 movie-themed rides in Singapore USS have been modified to give visitors a special experience. Height limits apply for selected rides; please visit Resorts World™ Sentosa's website (rwsentosa.com) for more detailed information.

OR

Spend an adventure-filled day on Sentosa (Experience)

From Mega Adventure Park (visitors can choose from an aerial rope course or free-fall simulator, sg.megaadventure.com), the Skyline Luge (a fun downhill ride on a three-wheeled cart, skylineluge.com) to Wave House (6,500sqm beachfront venue offering exhilarating wave rides, wavehousesentosa.com), Sentosa offers an action-packed day for the whole family.

EVENING/NIGHT

Satay and grills (Dine)

Visitors can tuck into *satay* (grilled meat on skewers), barbecued chicken wings and sumptuous seafood at Satay by the Bay (sataybythebay.com.sg), a semi alfresco hawker centre located within

Gardens by the Bay. There are *halal*-certified stalls as well as contemporary ones like Wholly Crab, which offers mixed seafood (crab, mussels, prawns) in a bucket.

Catch a stunning light and music show (Experience)

Visitors will be mesmerised by the music and lights of the daily Garden Rhapsody (gardensbythebay.com.sg) light show that transform the Supertrees at the Supertree Grove in Gardens by the Bay into a dazzling spectacle. There are two nightly shows at 7.45pm and 8.45pm.

Day 3: An action-packed itinerary

MORNING

Beancurd breakfast (Dine)

Families can start the day with a bowl of smooth and silky *tau huay* (soybean curd pudding) – a light breakfast favourite among locals. 51 Soya Bean makes their fresh daily and besides the traditional flavour, its *tau huay* also comes in flavours like almond, strawberry and mango. Visitors can head to the outlet at 313@somerset on Orchard Road.

Leaps and Jumps (Play)

BOUNCE Singapore (bounceinc.com.sg), a trampoline park and adrenaline arena in Cathay Cineleisure Orchard, is filled with jumping zones and an obstacle course for family fun. Try the Free Jumping Arena, the Big Bag (a large inflated air bag that catches jumpers as they fall), or basketball with a twist at the Slam Dunk section – the bouncy surface gives jumpers shooting hoops a boost. The minimum age for entry is three years old. A family package is available Mondays through Fridays at S\$75 for four jumpers (maximum of two adults).

AFTERNOON

Lunch on a farm (Dine)

Close to the Singapore Botanic Gardens is Dempsey Hill, where unique eatery Open Farm Community (openfarmcommunity.com) is located. With its focus on fresh, organic produce (much of it sourced from its 35,000sqft farm filled with herbs, fruits and vegetables), a menu of seasonal dishes, including a “Little Diners” menu for kids, two sand playgrounds, and a lawn bowling alley, this is a great place that combines a relaxed lunch with fun activities for all ages.

Go cable wakeboarding at East Coast Park (Experience)

For an adrenaline-packed afternoon, visitors can learn how to wakeboard at Singapore Wake Park (singaporewakepark.com), the only cable-ski park facility in Singapore. Here, families can pick up the finer skill of knee-boarding, wakeboarding, wakeskating and double-skis “cable-style”. The various wakeboarding cable systems mean that kids as young as six can join in the fun. Instructors also focus on one rider at a time, so safety is assured. Older participants (10 years and above) can opt for the Full-size Cable, which allows more freedom, especially for those with wakeboarding experience.

EVENING/NIGHT

Dinner at Marine Cove (Dine/Play)

After wakeboarding, families can enjoy an early dinner at Marine Cove (nparks.gov.sg) at East Coast Park – the venue has numerous dining options and family-friendly amenities. Eateries include McDonald's restaurant, Halal-certified My Briyani House, BABAlicious Peranakan restaurant and Hill Street Coffee Shop offering local hawker favourites, among others. Kids will also enjoy playing at the 3,500sqm outdoor playground with an eight metre-tall lighthouse tower.

Tours: Itineraries

Indulge in sweet treats (Dine)

Families can end the evening on a sweet note at popular local cake company, Chalk Farm (thechalkfarm.com). An array of luscious cakes and tarts greet diners at its outlet in Parkway Parade mall, also in the East Coast. Irresistible treats include 24Karat Brownie, salted caramel macadamia carrot cake, red velvet cake and cakes with Asian-inspired flavours such as pandan and *adzuki* beans.

Day 4: Modern vs tradition

MORNING

Roti prata breakfast (Dine)

A popular local breakfast staple, this flaky Indian flatbread dish is crispy on the outside but soft to the bite. It is often served with fish, chicken, mutton curry, but can also be enjoyed as a sweet treat – served with sugar or combined with fruits and sweeter ingredients like ice cream or chocolate – which kids will love. Try *prata* at Mr and Mrs Mohgan's Super Crispy Roti Prata or Mr Prata (mrprata.com.sg).

See heritage sites on a trishaw (Tour)

The Bugis and Little India Trishaw Expedition (trishawuncle.com.sg) is a unique 30-minute expedition using an old-school mode of transport: trishaws. Visitors will be taken on a ride through

the streets of Bugis and Little India and see heritage sites such as Rex Cinemas, one of the country's oldest theatres, and Sri Veeramakaliamman Temple; iconic wet market Tekka Centre; colonial-style Ellison Building, built in 1924 by Isaac Ellison, a leader in Singapore's Jewish community; traditional Chinese temple, Kwan Im Thong Hood Cho Temple; Fu Lu Shou Complex (famous for selling Taoist and Buddhist paraphernalia); and Bugis Village, with its conservation shophouses of stalls selling all manner of goods. Visitors will also learn the intriguing history behind Selegie and Serangoon Roads.

AFTERNOON

Try modern Singapore cuisine (Dine)

Wild Rocket (wildrocket.com.sg) is known for its creative menu of Western favourites with a local twist. Chef-owner Willin Low remains inspired by the flavours of his childhood. Located at hangout@mt.emily, a backpacker's hostel, it boasts a relaxed atmosphere and a menu that changes every few months. Some new items include *har ji* (dried shrimp roe) spaghetti with *bottarga* (salted, cured fish roe), prawns and kaffir and 48hr beef short rib with green curry. There's also a two- and three-course set lunch.

Play with art and science (Experience)

A permanent exhibition at the ArtScience Museum™ at Marina Bay Sand®, Future

World: Where Art Meets Science (marinabaysands.com) offers interactive indoor fun for all ages. Showcasing 16 stunning digital art installations that respond to behaviour, current exhibit highlights include “Universe of Water Particles”, a 7m-tall virtual waterfall, and “Crystal Universe” – 170,000 LED lights arranged vertically to give the illusion of stars in space. Families can also design a hopscotch game in the Park zone, and draw marine animals as they come to life in a virtual ocean at the giant Sketch Aquarium.

EVENING/NIGHT

Visit the Night Safari (Experience)

No trip to Singapore is complete without a visit to Singapore's famous Night Safari (nightsafari.com.sg). The world's first zoo dedicated to nocturnal animals, the safari leads visitors on an after-dark experience of the Singapore Zoo where they can observe more than 1,000 animals in their natural night habitats.

Before embarking on the safari, families can dine at a range of eateries there. Options include Bongo Burgers; Ulu Ulu Safari Restaurant, which serves local dishes like chicken rice, ice *kachang* and Indian dishes like *biryani* and chicken *tandoori*; Safari Sizzles for hot dogs and fried snacks; and Italian gelato at Casa Italia.

THREE-DAY ITINERARY FOR SIGHTSEEING & ATTRACTIONS



River Safari

Day 1: Adventure with nature

MORNING

Spend the morning at Gardens by the Bay (Experience)

Gardens by the Bay (gardensbythebay.com.sg), an eco-friendly horticultural sanctuary, is an ideal place for visitors to spend a quiet morning in the middle of the bustling city centre. Start with an early morning walk around the gardens' cooled conservatories – which run on self-sustainable cooling systems – for a breath of fresh air amid a diverse range of plants and flower displays. Visitors can pose for a “selfie” at the world's largest indoor waterfall at Cloud Forest (gardensbythebay.com.sg/en/attractions/cloud-forest/visitor-information.html). Alternatively, they can hop on the Garden Cruiser tram (gardensbythebay.com.sg/en/plan-your-visit/tours-and-trails/outdoor-garden-cruiser-tours.html) for a 25-minute audio tour around the conservatories, themed gardens, meadow and Supertree Grove.

Have breakfast at Café Crema (Dine)

Combining Italian and Japanese cuisine, Café Crema (cafecrema.com.sg) serves

breakfast with a view of Gardens by the Bay's Supertrees, which generate solar power and act as air venting ducts for the conservatories. On top of all-day breakfast items, such as blueberry pancakes and eggs benedict, the café also serves artisanal sandwiches, *donburi* (Japanese rice bowl dish with fish, meat, vegetables or other ingredients), and a selection of light bites and takeaway food.

AFTERNOON

Visit the world-class Singapore Zoo (Explore)

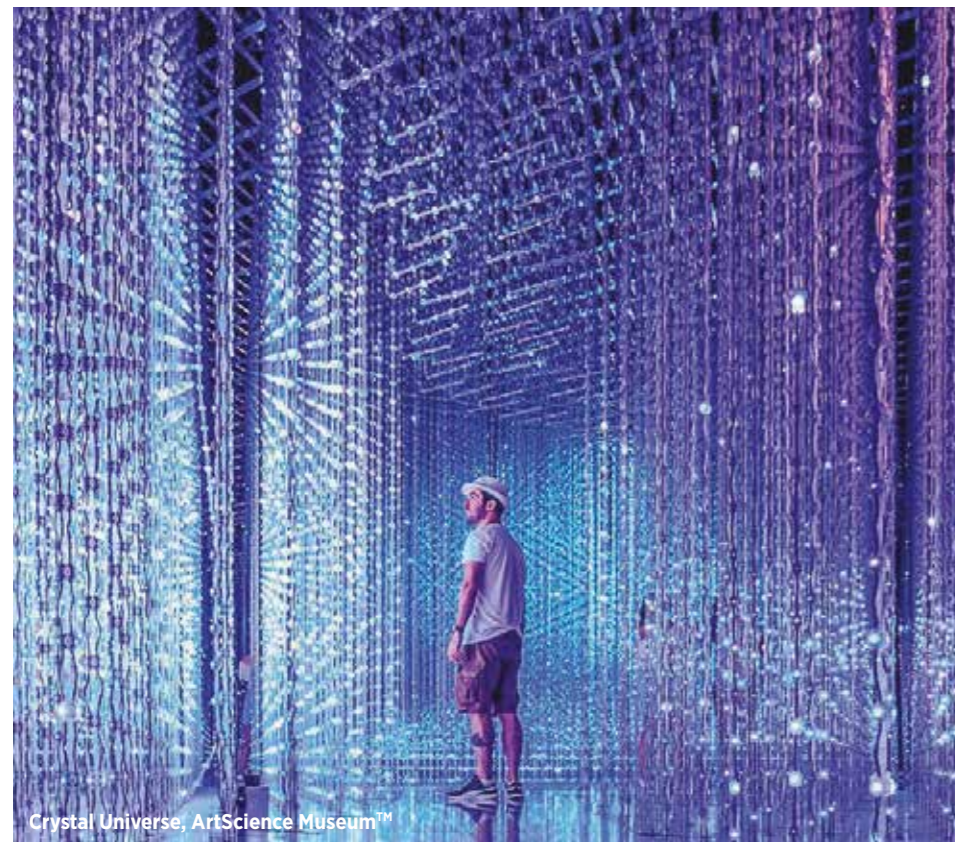
Visitors can spend their afternoon at the award-winning Singapore Zoo (zoo.com.sg), where they will get to see more than 2,600 animals and over 300 species of wildlife roaming around freely in their natural habitats, including endangered creatures like the Malayan tapir. The 26ha zoo, which is divided into 11 zones, also offers educational and discovery experiences, such as the Wild Discoverer Tours – which gives visitors a behind-the-scenes look at some of the zoo's popular exhibits – and Kidzranger Tour, where children aged between five and 12 years old get to be “zookeepers” for 45 minutes. Animal shows are also held several times a day at the Shaw Foundation Amphitheatre.

Stop for lunch at Ah Meng Restaurant (Dine)

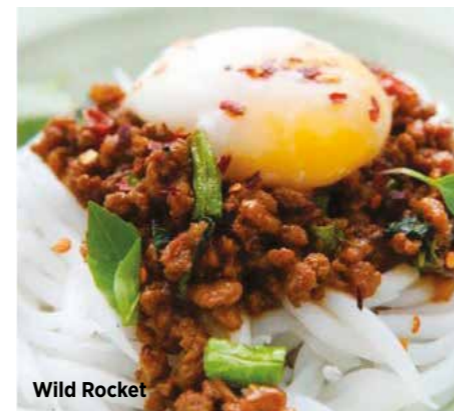
This restaurant (zoo.com.sg/dining/ah-meng-restaurant.html) at the Singapore Zoo is named after the late Ah Meng, a Sumatran orangutan who became popular for her friendly demeanour and met celebrities like Prince Philip and Michael Jackson during her tenure as the zoo's animal ambassador. At the restaurant, visitors can indulge in local favourites, such as Hainanese chicken rice, chicken *biryani* (a South Asian dish of rice, spices and chicken made by a steaming process) and *nasi lemak* (fragrant coconut rice).

Go on a river adventure (Explore)

After lunch, visitors can go on a River Safari (riversafari.com.sg). The river-themed zoo and aquarium has one of the world's largest collections of freshwater animals, housed in habitats modelled after the Mississippi River, River Nile, Mekong River and more. At the Congo River exhibit, visitors will get to see the world's largest puffer fish. Then visit pandas Kai Kai and Jia Jia, on loan from China, as well as Singapore's red panda, at the Giant Panda Forest near the Yangtze River. Visitors will be able to spot other land animals, such as the Brazilian tapir and giant anteater,



Crystal Universe, ArtScience Museum™



Wild Rocket



Night Safari

Tours: Itineraries

during the 10-minute Amazon River Quest boat ride, available at a top-up fee of S\$5 (Adult) and S\$3 (Child).

EVENING

Spend the evening at a beach park (Tour/Dine)

East Coast Park – a scenic beach park stretching more than 15km – has a variety of dining options. Visitors can either choose to have a picnic by the beach or eat at any of the nearby restaurants, bars or cafés while watching the sunset. There's East Coast Lagoon Food Village (located next to the beach), where visitors can feast on local favourites like fried carrot cake.

Alternatively, visitors can go on a three-hour Twilight Snacks (woknroll.com.sg/product/twilight-snacks) tour to the Lau Pa Sat food market and stalls along East Coast Road to enjoy an array of local dishes, such as *satay* (grilled meat on skewers) and spicy *sambal* (chilli paste) stingray.

Day 2: Get into a state of fun

MORNING

Kick off the day at Universal Studios Singapore® (Tour/Dine)

There's no better way for visitors to start their morning than with a VIP Tour of Universal Studios Singapore® (rwsentosa.com/language/zh-TW/Homepage/

Attractions/UniversalStudiosSingapore/VIPtours) – a theme park with cutting-edge rides, shows and movie-themed attractions located in Resorts World™ Sentosa. Universal Studios Singapore® is Southeast Asia's first Hollywood movie theme park, with 18 out of the 24 movie-themed rides designed just for the Singapore park, such as the world's first Puss in Boots' Giant Journey rollercoaster.

During the VIP Tour, visitors will get priority access to popular rides like Transformers: The Ride and Battlestar Galactica. The five-hour tour also includes entry to the WaterWorld show, which visitors can watch from a VIP lounge. The live show is based on the 1995 film *Waterworld*, and features death-defying stunts and explosions of fire and water. There's also a range of dining options at the theme park, such as Loui's NY Pizza Parlor, Mel's Drive-In and Oasis Spice Café, where visitors can enjoy brunch.

AFTERNOON

Get ready for a splashing time (Explore)

Visitors can get their adrenaline pumping at Wave House Sentosa (wavehousesentosa.com/wavehouse) or iFly Singapore (iflysingapore.com). Wave House Sentosa offers exhilarating wave rides, with waves as high as 3m. Those who love surfing can go on the FlowBarrel or Double FlowRider (enormous pools that generate artificial waves). Visitors who prefer not to get wet can head to iFly Singapore, an indoor skydiving facility. iFly recreates the feeling of free-

falling with its 17m-tall wind tunnel. For a more relaxing afternoon, enjoy a walk by Siloso Beach, stop for lunch at Bora Bora Beach Bar (facebook.com/BORA-BORA-Beach-Bar-Singapore-484029851621353) along Palawan Beach, and grab some drinks at Tanjong Beach Club (tanjongbeachclub.com/), located along Tanjong Beach.

OR

Enjoy a mix of fun and adventure (Explore)

Families with children should not miss KidZania Singapore (kidzania.com.sg), an interactive indoor theme park. It features a 7,600sqm kid-sized city – complete with shops, buildings, paved streets and moving vehicles – where children can work, earn, spend money, and pretend to be grown-ups. Next, visitors can go on a 4D movie adventure at Sentosa 4D Adventure Land (4dventureland.com.sg). Previous 4D screenings included *Journey 2: The Mysterious Island*, where visitors got to explore a mysterious island on a rollercoaster.

EVENING

Dinner and drinks with a view (Dine)

Located in the luxurious Sentosa Cove, Quayside Isle is a marina-front dining enclave with restaurants, such as Mykonos On The Bay (mykonosonthebay.com) and Greenwood Fish Market (greenwoodfishmarket.com). It's the perfect place for visitors to relax,

unwind and enjoy dinner. There are also family-friendly restaurants, such as SolePomodoro Trattoria Pizzeria (solepomodoro.com), which offers a kids' menu and has colourful little furniture and toys to keep young children occupied.

Day 3: A taste of history

MORNING

Breakfast at Singapore Botanic Gardens (Experience/Dine)

Start the day with breakfast at the 150-year-old Singapore Botanic Gardens Site. Nestled within the lush greenery of the Gardens is Casa Verde (casaverde.com.sg), a place where visitors can sit back and soak in the tranquillity of the Gardens while enjoying a scrumptious breakfast. Must-try dishes are the prosciutto frittata and eggs benedict. After breakfast, visitors can drop by the SBG Heritage Museum, which chronicles the Gardens' rich history from the time it was established to the time it was taken over by the British colonial government.

Stroll back in time to Singapore's colonial days (Tour)

Visitors can learn about Singapore's colonial legacy in just 2.5 hours with The Time of Empire tour (journeys.com.sg/singaporewalks/tours_timeofempire.asp). The tour traces the history of the Armenian people in Singapore at the

Armenian Church – Singapore's oldest church. Visitors also get to explore the 1860s St Andrews Cathedral and CHIJMES, a former Catholic convent. Visitors then get to explore Coleman Street, named after George Drumgoole Coleman – the architect responsible for the draft layout of Singapore Town in 1822. Other stops include Raffles Hotel, the Supreme Court of Singapore and the National Gallery Singapore.

AFTERNOON

Get a taste of Indian culture (Dine/Explore)

After the tour, travellers can indulge in some authentic North Indian food at Jaggi's North Indian Cuisine (jaggis.com.sg), located along Chander Road in the Little India ethnic district. Dishes like *naan* with *palak paneer* (Indian cottage cheese in spinach gravy) and chicken *tikka masala* (chicken cooked in a sauce of mixed spices, yoghurt and cream) will give visitors a memorable culinary experience. After lunch, visitors can explore Little India, one of Singapore's most colourful districts. They can also try Indian snacks, such as *vadai* (fried savoury doughnut), which are sold along the streets. Must-visits include Sri Veeramakaliamman Temple (sriveeramakaliamman.com), one of Singapore's oldest Hindu temples, and Mustafa Centre (www.mustafa.com.sg), a giant 24-hour shopping mall, where visitors will be able to get just about anything at bargain prices.

Check out Singapore's oldest museum (Explore)

After Little India, visitors can drop by the National Museum of Singapore (nationalmuseum.sg), Singapore's oldest museum. Visitors can immerse in the various exhibitions that detail Singapore's history and culture. A good place to start is the Singapore History Gallery, which chronicles 700 years of Singapore's history, from a fishing village to the modern city-state it is today. Other permanent exhibitions include 'Story of the Forest', a digital and immersive installation that brings 69 drawings from the museum's Glass Rotunda to life, and 'Desire and Danger', which explores the intricate and sometimes disconcerting connection between man and nature.

OR

Visit a Peranakan enclave (Explore/Dine)

Visitors can discover Peranakan culture and lifestyle as they stroll past old terrace houses with intricate designs, quaint eateries and heritage shophouses in the Katong/Joo Chiat heritage precinct (visitsingapore.com/see-do-singapore/places-to-see/joochiat-katong.html). Once the heart of Singapore's Peranakan community, the area was gazetted as a conservation district in 1993. At Rumah Bebe (rumahbebe.com), a Peranakan boutique shophouse, visitors can shop for jewellery, embroidered shoes and *Nonya* outfits, or take a private in-house tour. The tour includes a beading demonstration, dressing up in *Nonya* attire, and savouring Peranakan snacks. The tour takes about an hour, and requires a minimum of two people and a maximum of 20 (advance booking required, visit website for more details). After the tour, visitors can have an early dinner at Guan Hoe Soon Restaurant (guanhoesoon.com), which has been serving authentic Peranakan food since 1953.

EVENING

Enjoy the view from the top (Shop/Relax)

The skyline of Singapore's Central Business District (CBD) is most beautiful at night with all the lights. One of the best places to get a shot of the skyline is from 1-Altitude Gallery & Bar (1-altitude.com). Located at One Raffles Place, 1-Altitude Gallery & Bar is the world's highest alfresco bar, offering 360-degree views of the CBD. The place is best enjoyed during its Sundown Affair (daily from 6pm–8pm), where visitors can also enjoy cocktails and relax to DJ-spun beats. They can also do a bit of shopping at the nearby Raffles City Shopping Centre (rafflescity.com.sg), a five-storey mall which houses more than 200 speciality shops.



Universal Studios Singapore®



Mykonos On The Bay



Tanjong Beach Club



'Story of the Forest' exhibition, National Museum of Singapore

TWO-DAY ITINERARY FOR FOOD & DINING



Chinatown Food Street

DAY 1: Eat and drink like a local

MORNING

Discover local favourites in Chinatown (Explore/Dine/Shop)

Travellers can start the day with a morning stroll around Chinatown, where sightseeing and learning about its culture and heritage can easily be combined with a food walk. Foodies will find a treasure trove of the country's popular dishes in this vibrant district. Besides the quintessential kopi (coffee), Nanyang Old Coffee (nanyangoldcoffee.com) serves *chwee kueh* (steamed rice cakes with preserved radish) and *chee cheong fun* (steamed rice roll with prawn filling/ barbecued pork), while Chinatown Food Street (chinatownfoodstreet.sg; opens at 11am daily) is a great spot for brunch. This alfresco dining area on Smith Street offers many local favourites, including frog leg porridge, prawn fritters and chicken rice. After eating, travellers can also shop for fresh fruits and Chinese spices at the nearby Chinatown Complex wet market, or visit Bee Cheng Hiang's (beechenghiang.com.sg) *bak kwa* (barbecued meat) store, where slices of meat are barbecued on the spot.

AFTERNOON

Learn about brewing an Asian lager (Tour)

One of the most recognisable local brands, Tiger Beer showcases its rich heritage and interesting brewing process at its Tiger Brewery Tour (registration required at tigerbrewerytour.com.sg; minimum two pax). Visitors can have a behind-the-scenes glimpse at how the lager is produced, and see the brand's packaging gallery and vintage memorabilia. The 90-minute tour ends with a tasting session.

OR

Have tea in a Peranakan house (Tour/Dine)

Peranakans – people descended from marriages between Chinese or Indian men and local Malay or Indonesian women in Southeast Asia – have a fascinating culture, and there is no better place to learn about it than at The Intan (the-intan.com), a by-appointment-only museum in a post-war shophouse. Apart from learning about the history of this ethnic group and admiring intricate Peranakan beadwork, costumes and trinkets, travellers can sit down and have high tea with owner

Alvin Yapp, while enjoying an assortment of *Nonya kuehs* (bite-sized snacks or desserts), which are created using the Yapp family's secret recipes.

EVENING

Taste Singapore's most famous fruit (Tour/Dine)

Travellers who would like to find out the hype on durian can join the three-hour Beguiling Geylang tour (woknstroll.com.sg/product/beguiling-geylang), which takes visitors to the bustling district for an evening of sampling the durian and a variety of *dim sum* (bite-sized portions of food served in steamer baskets or small plates), as well as turtle soup and herbal tea.

End the night with a Singapore Sling (Drink)

What better way to cap a night in the country than by having Singapore Sling at the Bar & Billiard Room at Raffles Hotel (raffles.com/singapore). The famous gin-based cocktail was created in the hotel's Long Bar in 1915. Travellers can order the pink drink and play billiards using the original table that dates back to the turn of the 20th century.

DAY 2: A day of food explorations

MORNING

Join a cooking escapade on an island (Tour/Dine)

Held in a 100-year-old village house in one of Singapore's most visited islands, the Pulau Ubin Kampong Cooking Escapade (cookerymagic.com/cooking-class) organised by Cookery Magic offers both a chance to hone your culinary skill and see an off-the-beaten side of the country. The adventure starts at 9am at Changi Point Ferry Terminal, where participants hop on a bumboat to Pulau Ubin. The exciting itinerary includes a walk around the jungle to look for herbs, a cooking demonstration, and making dishes such as butter prawns and chicken curry (recipes and schedule subject to change). Minimum 20 pax.

OR

Visit Wheeler's Yard (Dine/Explore)

One of Singapore's famous themed cafés, Wheeler's Yard appeals to cycling enthusiasts and coffee lovers alike. This café in a bicycle workshop is decorated with different types of cycling equipment, including urban bicycles and helmets. Its menu features tasty dishes such as fish and

chips, chicken wings and wagyu burger, and it serves cocktails – called “coffee-tails” – with espresso shots. After eating, travellers can also rent a bicycle and take a ride around Balestier and surrounding areas.

AFTERNOON

Appreciating art and food (Shop/Explore)

The National Museum (nationalmuseum.sg) houses Janice Wong Singapore restaurant, which offers innovative desserts that look like art works. Visitors can buy the Singapore Signature Series of confectionery, which features chocolates that look like they've been splattered with paint, and includes flavours such as chilli, lemongrass, salted egg and kopi (coffee). At Gallery10, also at National Museum, travellers can admire the immersive video installation while enjoying a snack. This is the first gallery in the country that allows eating and drinking inside its premises.

Tuck into local dishes with a twist (Dine)

For those looking for local dishes with a unique twist, PS.Café (pscafe.com) in Paragon mall offers plenty of choices. The menu's highlights include Tiger Beer-battered fish and chips; coconut, ginger and lemongrass chicken salad; and *laksa* (noodles in coconut milk-based curry broth) leaf pesto spaghetti, which has fishcake and long bean *sambal* (chilli paste). Desserts

are equally innovative, with sweet offerings such as ginger brûlée and dark chocolate banana cheesecake.

EVENING

Have a meal at a Michelin restaurant (Dine)

The inaugural Michelin Guide Singapore (guide.michelin.sg) was launched in 2016, and it is a testament to the rich variety of cuisines and dishes available in the Lion City. Travellers who would like to taste the key culinary influences of Chinese, Indian and Malay cuisines can visit any of the one-star awardees: Crystal Jade Golden Palace (crystaljade.com/goldenpalace) in shopping belt Orchard, The Song of India (thesongofindia.com) near Newton, or Candelnut (comodempsey.sg/candelnut) in Dempsey. Those who like to tease their taste buds with modern Singaporean cuisine must visit the two-star awardee Restaurant Andre (restaurantandre.com) in Outram Park.

Grab a drink by the bay (Drink)

LeVeL33 (level33.com.sg) brewery boasts stunning views of the Marina Bay skyline, thanks to its location on top of the Marina Bay Financial Centre. All its beers are brewed on the premises, and signature brews include blond lager, IPA, wheat beer, stout and porter. They also have wines from artisanal vintners as well as bottles from Bordeaux and Barossa Valley.



LeVeL33



Pulau Ubin Kampong Cooking Escapade



Candelnut

TWO-DAY ITINERARY FOR SHOPPING & RETAIL



Orchard Road

Day 1: Shopaholics' paradise: Orchard Road & Marina Bay Sands®

MORNING

Take a walk down Singapore's famous shopping street (Dine/Shop/Explore)

The 2.2km Orchard Road (orchardroad.org) is lined with more than 30 shopping malls and should be the first stop on any shopping itinerary. Most malls open at 10am, so travellers have enough time for a light bite at their hotels, or they can go to Wild Honey (wildhoney.com.sg) for all-day breakfast. Then, they can head down Singapore's most iconic shopping belt. From luxury fashion brands – many with Southeast Asian flagship stores here – to international high-street brands and department stores such as Robinsons (robinsons.com.sg), as well as local designers and labels, there is something for everyone.

Shoppers looking for local designers and brands can visit TANGS department store (tangs.com) and – around the corner on Scotts Road – Scotts Square. TANGS is home to local fashion labels such as In Good Company (ingoodcompany.asia) and Aijek (aijek.com), while at Scotts Square, beauty junkies can check out Skin Inc (iloveskininc.com), an award-winning homegrown beauty brand that is well-loved

for its custom-blended serums.

For fine jewellery and watches, visitors can go to ION Orchard (ionorchard.com), which also has a dedicated Jewellery Street that includes the glamorous diamond boutique of homegrown brand Lee Hwa Jewellery (leehwajewellery.com). They can also visit luxury emporium Malmaison by The Hour Glass (thehourglass.com/boutique/thematic-malmaison) at Knightsbridge (knightsbridge.com.sg) and Sara Taseer Fine Jewellery (sarataseer.net) at the Hilton Hotel Shopping Gallery (hiltonshoppinggallery.com).

AFTERNOON

Lunch at the food court (Dine)

For a lunch break, visitors can head to Food Republic (foodrepublic.com.sg), a local chain of food courts with four branches on Orchard Road alone. Everyone in a group will find something to munch on, be it local dishes such as *rojak* (sweet and savoury Asian salad), *roti prata* (Indian flatbread), fried prawn noodles and *nasi lemak* (fragrant coconut rice) or snacks, fresh fruit, desserts and all manner of refreshing drinks.

Shopping on the Somerset and Dhoby Ghaut stretches (Shop)

After lunch, shoppers can continue down Orchard, or they can hop on the MRT for one or two stops for direct access to malls at Somerset Station and Dhoby Ghaut Station respectively. At 313@somerset

mall (313somerset.com.sg), they will find high-street brands like Charles & Keith (charleskeith.com.sg), a Singaporean shoe and accessories label that gained international attention when *Game of Thrones* actress Maisie Williams was spotted carrying the brand's handbag. The nearby Orchard Central (orchardcentral.com.sg) is home to Southeast Asia's UNIQLO flagship store, as well as We The People (facebook.com/WeThePeopleStoreSG), the world's first Kickstarter-centric product store. For those looking for quirky local souvenirs, head to the Naiise (naiise.com) flagship at The Cathay (thecathay.com.sg) – it stocks everything from books, magazines and stationery to home décor, fashion and food products, many by local designers.

OR

Shop your own art (Experience/Dine/Shop)

Instead of buying art for their walls, visitors can create their own to bring home at Arteastiq (arteastiq.com). Essentially an art-jamming studio cum cosy tea café, Arteastiq is perfect for shoppers who want a little respite for tired feet, a spot of afternoon tea, and a blank canvas to get their creative juices flowing. Afterwards, they can continue shopping at Mandarin Gallery (mandarinalgallery.com.sg), which houses local names such as womenswear label Beyond The Vines (beyondthevines.com) and Exluniquееее (exluniquееее.com), which

features made-in-Singapore products of design, fashion, arts, crafts, music, cosmetics, food and more for the whole family.

EVENING

Luxury shopping at Marina Bay Sands® (Shop/Experience)

Since The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands® (MBS) (marinabaysands.com/shopping.html) stay open relatively late (Sun–Thu, 10.30am–11pm; Fri & Sat, 10.30am–11.30pm), it's the ideal place to go for some evening retail therapy. The city's largest luxury shopping mall, The Shoppes at MBS, has more than 200 stores and boutiques, including high fashion labels such as Alexander McQueen, Balenciaga and Louis Vuitton, as well as Southeast Asia's largest collection of luxury watch and jewellery brands under one roof.

Dinner with a view (Dine/Experience)

Cap the evening with a lavish meal at a celebrity chef restaurant such as Spago by Wolfgang Puck and enjoy the breathtaking views of Marina Bay and the city skyline. Afterwards, visitors can watch a show or performance at the MasterCard Theatres – which have hosted popular events such as award-winning Broadway musicals *Wicked* and *The Lion King*.

Day 2: Out of the malls and off the beaten track

MORNING

Breakfast at Holland Village (Dine)

For visitors looking to experience a slice of local life, they can head to Holland Village, a lifestyle enclave that's a 10- to 15-minute drive from the city centre and also easily accessible by MRT. They can have a local breakfast at the food stalls of Holland Village Food Centre (try fried savoury carrot cake – made of rice flour and white radish – and the strong local coffee, *kopi*), or head to Crystal Jade Kitchen (crystaljade.com/kitchen) for Cantonese favourites like *congee* (rice porridge) and *dim sum* (bite-sized portions of food served in steamer baskets or small plates).

Explore a local neighbourhood (Shop/Experience)

Besides numerous beauty and wellness outlets, Holland Village is home to Holland Road Shopping Centre, where visitors can buy jewellery, ethnic clothing, beachwear, *batik* (traditional Indonesian fabric) clothes and accessories, and children's toys and clothes. Shoppers can stop by Lims Legacy (limslegacy.com) for stylish Asian homeware and chic accessories. Singapore

hipsters rejoiced when international lifestyle and magazine brand *Monocle* set up its namesake shop and café at Chip Bee Gardens, across the road from Holland Road Shopping Centre, while stationery lovers can visit Bynd Artisan (byndartisan.com), a homegrown bookbinding business. It has expanded to selling handcrafted notebooks, luggage tags, cardholders and other customisable stationery, and visitors can opt to sign up for a leather-working, bookbinding or even calligraphy workshop for a personalised souvenir.

AFTERNOON

Hunt for indie and ethnic buys (Explore/Shop)

Shoppers can head to Bras Basah Complex (bras-basah-complex.com.sg) to hit a number of independent retailers and visit the Kampong Glam ethnic district. Bras Basah Complex is home to secondhand bookshops and indie shop Cat Socrates (catsocrates.com.sg), which offers an eclectic collection of homeware, stationery, vintage memorabilia and music by local and international artists. On Victoria Street, visitors can stop at the National Design Centre (designsingapore.org/NDC) – home of local design collective KEEPERS (keepers.com.sg), which was started by Singaporean jewellery designer Carolyn Kan. Further down, travellers will arrive at Arab Street and Haji Lane between North Bridge Road and Beach Road, the heart of Kampong Glam. Here, they will find shops and boutiques selling everything from traditional textiles and cultural souvenirs to vintage fashion and collectibles, locally designed accessories and independent womenswear and menswear labels.

Lunch in Kampong Glam (Dine)

Shoppers will not go hungry with many cafés and restaurants representing a wide range of cuisines in and around Kampong Glam, which they can duck into for lunch or tea break in between visiting boutiques. For lunch, try Middle Eastern cuisine at Beirut Grill (72 Bussorah Street); classic Asian and North Indian dishes at The Singapura Club (facebook.com/thesingapuraclub); gourmet burgers at shophouse burger joint BERGS (bergsburgers.com); or any number of hipster cafés such as & Why... (facebook.com/andwhyatbalilane) – which is halal – and La Marelle Café & Boutique (facebook.com/lamarellecafe), which also has a small selection of whimsical bags, cards and kids' toys and books for sale.

EVENING

Visit a hipster hood (Dine/Shop/Experience)

A short drive away is the up-and-coming

hipster neighbourhood of Jalan Besar, on the fringe of Little India. In the late afternoon, perk up with a latte at cafés such as Chye Seng Huat Hardware (cshhcoffee.com) or The Bravery (facebook.com/thebravery.sg). Visitors can stop by Tyrwhitt General Company, a boutique located above Chye Seng Huat Hardware that sells an array of design and décor items and accessories by local designers, crafters and makers. The company behind the shop, The General Co (thegeneralco.sg), also hosts private workshops on everything from metal and woodworking to printmaking and shoemaking (email hello@thegeneralco.sg for enquiries).

Immerse in Little India (Shop/Explore/Dine)

Shoppers can enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of Little India Arcade (littleindiaarcade.com.sg) and Tekka Centre, where they can purchase traditional Indian clothing and *saris*, gold jewellery and colourful bangles, sweets, incense, handicrafts and souvenirs. Duck into any number of restaurants along Race Course Road and Serangoon Road for North and South Indian cuisine, such as Banana Leaf Apolo (thebananaleafapolo.com). For those in need of late-night retail therapy, Mustafa Centre (www.mustafa.com.sg) – popular for its wide range of products at affordable prices – is open 24 hours.



Little India

Supper for late-night shoppers (Dine)

Kebabs & Curries (www.mustafa.com.sg/mkebab) on the top level of Mustafa Centre is open till 1am daily, while Swee Choon Tim Sum Restaurant (sweechoon.com) in Jalan Besar is open through the night from 6pm to 6am (closed on Tuesdays). Over on Serangoon Road, Indian restaurant Khansama Tandoori (khansama.net) is open till 11.30pm daily.

CRUISES

As the gateway to Southeast Asia and the rest of the world, Singapore is the preferred homeport for numerous cruise lines. Visitors can fly into the city-state and sail out from either the Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore (MBCCS) or Singapore Cruise Centre (SCC) @ HarbourFront, to explore neighbouring cities with minimal hassle.

For more information about cruise itineraries and travel arrangements, travel agents or visitors should contact the respective cruise companies.

Azamara Club Cruises

One of the things that sets American-based Azamara Club Cruises apart from the rest is that it offers longer stays at destinations. The line's mid-sized ships – which can accommodate up to 690 passengers – sail to a host of destinations from Singapore, such as Goa (the beach capital of India), Da Nang in Vietnam, and even to the doorstep of Bangkok. Packages range from USD1,900 to USD4,000 (call to enquire about prices in SGD).

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Royal Caribbean

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Azamara Club Cruises

Celebrity Cruises

American cruise line Celebrity Cruises distinguishes itself by offering modern luxury – from the contemporary décor and elegant rooms, to topnotch dining options, such as Lawn Club Grill, which features open-air grilling and dining with ocean views, and Main Restaurant for a grand dining experience. Visitors get to choose from over 270 destinations, such as Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Philippines and Sri Lanka. Celebrity Cruises also offers exciting shore excursions (extra charges apply) for cruises departing from Singapore. For instance, visitors can explore Bangkok's canals and visit the Temple of Dawn (located along the Chao Phraya River), or enjoy a panoramic drive through Ho Chi Minh City and see various landmarks like the Notre Dame Cathedral and Municipal Theatre (also known as the Saigon Opera House). Packages range from USD1,000 to USD2,800 (call to enquire about prices in SGD).

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Costa Cruises

An Italian cruise line, Costa Cruises offers amenities and programmes targeted at families. Several ships in the fleet offer Mini

and Maxi Clubs for children aged three to 11, as well as a Teens Club for those aged 12 to 17, making Costa Cruises a preferred choice for families with children. Vacation packages include destinations in Asia, such as Singapore, India and Sri Lanka. Packages range from USD300 to USD3,000 (call to enquire about prices in SGD).

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CTC Travel

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Tel: +65 6317 2838

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Website: pricebreaker.travel

Stamford Discovery Cruise Centre

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Website: stamfordtravel.net

Email: cruise@stamfordtravel.net

Holland America Line

Whether visitors are looking to simply unwind or explore the rich tapestry of Asia, Holland America Line – an American- and British-owned cruise line – offers a diverse range of itineraries to meet the different needs of travellers, from families to couples. Most of the fleet's spacious rooms are ocean-facing



Costa Cruises

with teak-lined verandahs for dining alfresco or private sunbathing, making it especially appealing to couples. What's more, the company's well-crafted Journeys Ashore™ gives travellers the option of joining a guided tour of a destination or exploring on their own with a private driver at extra costs (prices vary depending on excursion). Packages range from USD1,600 to USD3,100 (call to enquire about prices in SGD).

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Email: cruises@citystate.travel

P&O Cruises Australia

From glittering performances to topnotch dining options, such as Salt Grill by celebrity chef Luke Mangan, P&O Cruises Australia – headquartered in Sydney – covers the whole gamut of travel needs. Visitors can choose from family-friendly or adults-only cruises, as well as weekend getaways from Singapore to destinations such as Australia, Indonesia, Thailand and Timor-Leste. Packages range from USD2,900 to USD5,300 (call to enquire about prices in SGD).

Address: 15 Mount Street, North Sydney

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Website: pocruises.com

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Princess Cruises

Visitors can embark on a round-trip cruise from Singapore through the ports of Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and Vietnam with Princess Cruises – an American- and British-owned cruise line – for an unforgettable holiday. New on board is The Come Back New Experience, which offers stargazing tours, exclusive Discovery and Animal Planet tours, dining at speciality restaurants, and award-winning Broadway musicals. Packages range from USD400 to USD6,000 (call to enquire about prices in SGD).

Singapore Representative:

Carnival PLC

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Royal Caribbean

Royal Caribbean provides a seamless experience from land to sea with its first-at-sea features, such as an ice-skating rink, a luxury shopping promenade, zip-lining facilities and a skydiving simulator. The American company offers cruises to Phuket, Langkawi, Hong Kong and Sydney from Singapore, giving travellers a perfect and hassle-free Asian getaway. Packages range from USD200 to USD3,400 (call to enquire about prices in SGD).

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Seabourn Cruise Line

A voyage on any of the American-British Seabourn fleet of ultra-luxury ships is an intimate experience as guests enjoy personalised services, a small community with no more than 300 suites, expansive open decks and inviting social spaces. Travellers can sail into smaller ports and enjoy unique itineraries in some of the world's must-see destinations, with stops at Singapore, Sri Lanka and India. Packages range from USD4,300 to USD106,500 (call to enquire about prices in SGD).

Tours: Cruises



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Silversea Cruises

Travellers can travel in style with Silversea Cruises, which offers all-inclusive ultra-luxury cruises to more than 800 destinations worldwide. Its fleet of small luxury ships is designed for navigating waters in some of the world's most remote locations. Silversea offers cruises to a number of exciting destinations, such as India, Maldives,



an all-inclusive array of dining, spa and entertainment services on board. Targeted at German-speaking travellers, TUI Cruises sails to Malaysia, Vietnam and Thailand from its Southeast Asian hub in Singapore. Packages range from USD800 to USD4,700 (call to enquire about prices in SGD).

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CRUISING FROM SINGAPORE

Travellers can make the most of their trip to Singapore by embarking on a cruise around Southeast Asia. Cruise companies such as Royal Caribbean International and Star Cruises offer packages that depart from and return to Singapore, so travellers can use Singapore as their base to travel around the region. The cruise packages below are suitable for everyone, from families to couples to young single travellers.

It is advisable to check the website of each cruise company for more cruise itineraries and packages other than the ones listed below.

Celebrity Cruises

Celebrity Millennium – 14-Night Vietnam and Philippines Cruise
 This 14-night cruise will give visitors a



chance to experience a range of Asian cultures. Port stops include Ho Chi Minh City and Da Nang in Vietnam, Hong Kong, Manila and Boracay Island in the Philippines, and Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia. In Vietnam, travellers can visit temples, pagodas and tombs located along Perfume River. According to rumours, every autumn, blossoms from nearby orchards fall into the river, giving it a perfumed aroma.

The next stop is Hong Kong, where visitors can take in the skyscrapers as well as visit Aberdeen Fish Village and Man Ho Temple, which pays tribute to the Gods of Literature and War.

In the Philippines, visitors can shop at Manila's backstreets and markets for souvenirs, and enjoy a meal along Puka Beach on Boracay Island.

This package costs USD1,740 (valid for sailing on 12 Nov 2017 only, call to enquire about prices in SGD).

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Holland America Line

MS Volendam – 13-Night Indonesian Discovery
 Travellers can go on a cultural journey through the Indonesian archipelago on

board the MS *Volendam*. This discovery cruise includes stops at exciting destinations like Tanjung Priok, Surabaya and Benoa. Tanjung Priok has a variety of attractions, such as Indonesia's National Monument and the old port of Sunda Kelapa, where auctions for fish, or the catch of the day, take place.

When the ship docks in Surabaya, visitors can travel to the Bajang Ratu Temple in East Java to see its strikingly sculptured *Kala* heads (masks with human and lion features), as well as visit archaeological sites that date to the Majapahit era. In Benoa, visitors can watch traditional Balinese dance performances or go on a tour of the Sangheh Monkey Forest.

Prices start from USD1,600 (valid for sailing on 3 Jan 2018 only, call to enquire about prices in SGD).

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Princess Cruises

Sapphire Princess – 4-Day Malaysia
 Princess Cruises offers a short four-day round-trip Malaysia cruise. The first stop is Penang, home to the UNESCO Heritage Site, George Town. Next visit Langkawi, an archipelago made up of 99 islands on Malaysia's west coast. Finally, visit Port Klang in Kuala Lumpur. Here, visitors can

marvel at iconic landmarks such as the Petronas Twin Towers. Prices start from USD480 (call to enquire about prices in SGD).

Sapphire Princess – 11-Day Southeast Asia

This cruise takes travellers on an adventure through the Southeast Asian region. The first stop is Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, where visitors can explore the 113ha Lok Kawi Wildlife Park, home to species like the pygmy Borneo elephant and proboscis monkeys. Other destinations include Nha Trang in Vietnam, where travellers can explore Cho Dam Market and shop for locally produced foods and wares, and visit Long Son Pagoda, which provides a bird's eye view of Nha Trang. The cruise also stops in Sihanoukville, Cambodia, where travellers can visit Angkor Wat, swim in the beaches of Sihanoukville, or explore Phnom Penh, the capital city of Cambodia. This package costs USD1,896 (call to enquire about prices in SGD).

Prices start from USD1,600 (valid for sailing on 3 Jan 2018 only, call to enquire about prices in SGD).

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Carnival PLC
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Website: princess.com
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Royal Caribbean

Mariner of the Seas – 11D10N Exotic Asia
 This adventure takes travellers to Shanghai by sea. Port stops include

Tours: Cruises

Ho Chi Minh City and Nha Trang in Vietnam, Hong Kong, and Okinawa in Japan before passengers disembark in Shanghai. Enjoy a guided tour at Shanghai's must-see attraction, Chenghuang Temple, where travellers can shop for trinkets, and experience the city's food and local culture. Prices start from USD1,800 (call to enquire about prices in SGD).

Ovation of the Seas – 14D13N Singapore to Tianjin

Ovation of the Seas, one of the newest ships in the Royal Caribbean fleet, comes equipped with some of the best offerings, such as a skydiving simulator, a viewing capsule suspended 300ft above sea level and a roller-skating rink. Passengers get to enjoy all of these while sailing to Ho Chi Minh City, where they will have two days to explore. It's off to Da Nang next, Vietnam's third largest city. Other stops in the itinerary include Hong Kong and Seoul before passengers disembark in Tianjin. A guided tour to Beijing City, including a visit to Juyongguan Great Wall of China, completes the package. Prices start from USD4,000 (call to enquire about prices in SGD).

Voyager of the Seas – 4-Night Penang and Phuket

This cruise takes travellers on an adventure to the charming island of Penang and bustling Phuket city. Penang was once an important port for traders sailing to the Far East in search of spices. Visitors can go beyond its capital, George Town, to explore the beaches, street food and Peranakan culture, which is a unique blend of Chinese, Malay and European cultures. The next and last stop is Phuket, where travellers can indulge in a range of activities – from trekking the Khao Phra Thaeo National Park, to sampling local dishes and shopping for souvenirs at Patong Beach. Prices start from USD300 (valid for sailing on 15 May 2017 only, call to enquire about prices in SGD).

Voyager of the Seas – 9D8N Singapore to Hong Kong

Sail to Hong Kong in style on board the behemoth *Voyager of the Seas*, which can accommodate more than 3,000 passengers. While the ship is making its way to Bangkok, its first stop, passengers can keep themselves entertained at the ice-skating rink, rock-climbing wall or the 14 bars, clubs and lounges. Next on the itinerary are stops in Ho Chi Minh City and Nha Trang, where travellers can get a taste of Vietnam through its food, culture and history. The journey ends in Hong Kong. Prices start from USD1,800 (call to enquire about



Royal Caribbean

prices in SGD). Additional charge of USD36 per pax to alter flight dates.

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Website: royalcaribbean.com.sg

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Star Cruises

SuperStar Gemini – 4D3N Malaysia Cruise

Star Cruises has regular weekly sailings from Singapore. A typical four-day, three-night itinerary includes port calls in Penang and Port Klang. When in Penang, take a stroll along the UNESCO Heritage Site, George Town, and immerse in Penang's rich heritage.

Port Klang is the gateway to Malaysia's capital city, Kuala Lumpur. Here, visitors can marvel at iconic landmarks such as the Petronas Twin

Towers. Prices start from USD700 (call to enquire about prices in SGD).

Address: 3 Lim Teck Kim Road, Genting Centre, #01-05

Tel: +65 6226 1168 / +65 6223 0002 (Booking Hotline)

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Website: starcruises.com

Email: sg.sales@starcruises.com (General Enquiries and Booking Hotline) / corporatesales@starcruises.com (Group Bookings)

TUI Cruises

Mein Schiff 1 – 14-Day Asia

TUI Cruises combines metropolises and beaches in this 14-day adventure on board the *Mein Schiff 1*. The first port of call is Langkawi, where visitors can head to the Kilim Karst Geoforest Park to explore mangroves and rock formations. Other stops in Malaysia include Penang and Port Klang. Next it's off to Koh Samui, known



The Clifford Pier

for its beautiful beaches, and the city of Laem Chabang in Thailand. The last stop is Phu My in Ho Chi Minh City. Here, visitors will get to enjoy views of rice fields, shop at Binh-Tay Market – a wholesale market located in Vietnam's largest Chinatown district – and visit the 19th-century Thien Hau Temple. Prices start from USD1,300 (call to enquire about prices in SGD)

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Website: tuicruises.com

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CRUISE TRANSIT ITINERARIES

Depending on how much time visitors have, here are some things they can do before they return to their ship at the Singapore Cruise Centre @ HarbourFront or Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore. These itineraries are also suitable for first-time visitors to Singapore.

General itinerary 1: Marina Bay precinct

9am: Take a walk around Gardens by the Bay (Explore)

Start the morning by exploring the grounds of Gardens by the Bay and admiring the view of the Marina Bay waterfront and skyline. Admission to the Outdoor Gardens, including the Supertree Grove and World of Plants, is free.

Visitors should not miss the Flower Dome (fees apply) featuring breathtaking floral displays with different themes throughout the year.

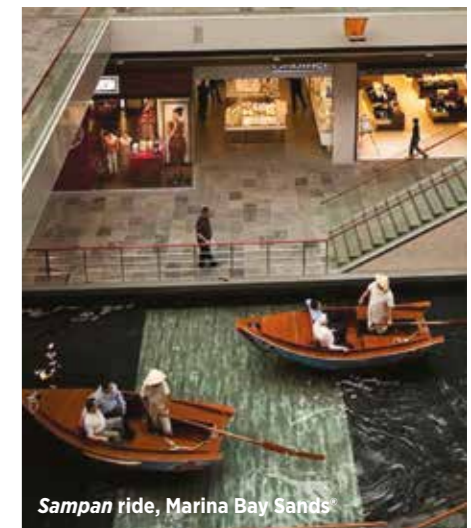
Website: gardensbythebay.com.sg

12pm: Lunch at The Clifford Pier (Dine)

Located within the Fullerton Heritage precinct, The Clifford Pier restaurant at The Fullerton Bay Hotel occupies the space of what was once Singapore's main landing point for maritime traders and immigrants. The restaurant keeps the hawker food



Sop kambing



Sampan ride, Marina Bay Sands

culture of the 1933 pier alive with dishes like *sop kambing* (mutton soup infused with spices) and fried carrot cake with prawns and scallions.

Website: fullertonhotels.com/singapore/the-fullerton-bay-hotel/dine/the-clifford-pier

1.30pm: Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay (Explore)

After lunch, travellers can head to the nearby Esplanade, affectionately known as "The Durian" for its spiky roofs. Travellers can go on a 45-minute guided tour (fees apply) of the Concert Hall, Theatre and front-of-house facilities, to get a glimpse of the daily workings of this world-class arts venue.

Website: esplanade.com

2.30pm: Ride the sampan at Marina Bay Sands® (Shop)

Take a *sampan* (traditional wooden boat) ride along the canal at The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands® – a fun family affair



Skyline Luge Sentosa



DUCK & HIPPO Tour



not to be missed. After the ride, travellers can spend some time shopping at The Shoppes, Singapore's largest luxury mall.

Website: marinabaysands.com/entertainment/sampan-rides.html

3pm: Visit the ArtScience Museum™ (Explore)

The ArtScience Museum™ – with its iconic lotus-shaped structure – houses 21 galleries spread over three storeys. Travellers should not miss its permanent exhibition, Future World: Where Art Meets Science, which features a 1,500sqm digital universe with interactive art installations – something travellers of all ages will enjoy.

Website: marinabaysands.com/museum/about

General itinerary 2: HarbourFront precinct

9am: Cable car ride (Experience)

Hop onto a cable car at Faber Peak Singapore for a bird's-eye view of the city. The journey over jungle, sand and sea will take visitors to Sentosa Island. Visitors can pick their stop at any of the three locations (Siloso Point, Imbiah Lookout

and Merlion) in Sentosa to explore the island and its various attractions.

Website: faberpeaksingapore.com/singapore-cable-car/sky-network

11am: Brunch on Sentosa Island (Dine)

There's an endless list of food options at Resorts World™ Sentosa. For a laidback dining experience, there are beach restaurants like Coastes and Tanjong Beach Club, where visitors can enjoy panoramic views of the beach while savouring brunch. Travellers who prefer something local should head to the Malaysian Food Street.

Website: sentosa.com.sg/explore/dining

12:30pm: Mega Adventure or Skyline Luge (Explore)

Travellers looking for a short burst of adrenaline should head to Mega Adventure, located at the top of Imbiah Hill on Sentosa Island. At the adventure park, visitors can enjoy an exhilarating flying fox ride, navigate wobbly bridges, or experience a simulated parachute landing. Alternatively, they can take a leisurely cruise or race down a 688m Dragon Trail or 628m Jungle Trail at Skyline Luge Sentosa. Then travellers can hop on the Skyride, a four-seater

chairlift, which will take them back to the luge station.

Website: sg.megaadventure.com/skylineluge.com/en/sentosa

2pm: Take a break at Good Old Days (Dine)

Visitors can stop for a break at Good Old Days near Siloso Beach to enjoy local dishes, such as chicken rice and *laksa* (noodles in coconut milk-based curry broth), and delicacies like *cheng tng* (sweet clear soup with longan, red dates, barley, sweet potato, lotus seeds, ginkgo nuts and white fungus) and *tao suan* (sweet dessert made of split mung beans).

Website: [store.sentosa.com.sg/main/events/dining--good-old-days/135#/#/](http://store.sentosa.com.sg/main/events/dining--good-old-days/135#/)

3pm: Madame Tussauds at Imbiah (Experience)

Visitors can save on admission charges with a "saver ticket" (visit website for details) for entries to Images of Singapore LIVE and Madame Tussauds, a wax museum that features more than 60 wax figures of famous local personalities and international stars, such as Singapore's first prime minister, the late Lee Kuan

Yew, Singaporean football legend Fandi Ahmad, and pop star Taylor Swift. It's an opportunity for visitors to snap a "selfie" with their favourite stars.

Website: madametussauds.com/singapore

4pm: Images of Singapore LIVE at Imbiah (Explore)

It's time for a history lesson at the Images of Singapore LIVE, which offers visitors an interactive experience of the city-state's past through live actors, special effects and immersive themed areas. Don't miss the Spirit of Singapore Boat Ride – a simulated journey through the Lion City's historical and cultural landmarks.

Website: imagesofsingaporelive.com

Suggested itinerary for Families

9am: DUCK & HIPPO Tour (Tour)

Travellers can join DUCKtours for an hour-long tour on a remodelled WWII amphibious Vietnam war craft. The unique journey on land and water will take them around the Civic District, Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay and Singapore Flyer, one of the world's largest

observation wheels, from which travellers can catch breathtaking views of Singapore's iconic landmarks and city skyline.

Website: ducktours.com.sg

10am: Breakfast at Tiong Bahru Bakery (Dine)

Tiong Bahru Bakery at Raffles City Shopping Centre serves unique breakfast items, such as squid ink bun with smoked salmon and breakfast pancake burger. It also has a menu of artisan teas, coffees and juices to choose from. Children will enjoy the breakfast snacks like chocolate walnut cookie and coffee eclair.

Website: tiongbahrubakery.com

11.30pm: Singapore Botanic Gardens (Experience)

Singapore Botanic Gardens has something for the whole family. The Jacob Ballas Children's Garden, for instance, is a secret garden just for kids. At the Green Pavilion, families can have fun feeding hungry fish. The Gardens' open lawns also make it ideal for picnics and for children to run around and play.

Website: sbg.org.sg

2pm: Lunch at POMPOMPURIN Café (Dine/Shop)

This family-friendly café in Orchard provides plenty of photo opportunities, and is one of Sanrio's cartoon cafés. Its food, drinks and décor are planned around cartoon characters.

For instance, the café serves its omelette rice shaped like the golden retriever with its brown beret. Children will enjoy the Pompompurin Pudding and Love Love Marshmallow Latte. After lunch, visitors can shop at local independent stores such as Naiise, Pact and Actually along Orchard Road for souvenirs.

Website: facebook.com/pompompurincafesg

4pm: BOUNCE Singapore (Experience)

BOUNCE Singapore, located on level nine of Cathay Cineleisure Orchard, is Singapore's largest trampoline park. It features various activities, such as trampoline dodgeball, a free jumping arena, and "Leap of Faith" – a 5m-high platform jump. The indoor park also houses X-Park, Asia's first Ninja Warrior-style obstacle course.

Website: bounceinc.com.sg

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Suggested itinerary for Active Silvers

9am: Breakfast at Killiney Kopitiam (Dine)

Start the day at Singapore's oldest Hainanese coffee shop, Killiney Kopitiam, along Purvis Street in the Bugis precinct. Travellers should try classic breakfast items, such as *kaya* toast, soft-boiled eggs and *kopi* (coffee). The restaurant also serves other local dishes like *nasi lemak* (fragrant coconut rice), curry chicken with bread, and *bee hoon* (rice vermicelli). After breakfast, travellers can spend some time exploring Bugis.

Website: killiney-kopitiam.com

10.30am: Merlion Park at One Fullerton (Relax)

With the head of a lion and body of a fish, the Merlion takes its pride of place at the Merlion Park at One Fullerton. It is a significant landmark and a great photo opportunity for visitors to capture their holiday moment in Singapore.

11am: Asian Civilisations Museum (Experience)

Travellers can take in some history and culture at the Asian Civilisations Museum, which is housed in a beautiful colonial building along Empress Place. The museum focuses on preserving Singapore and Asia's cultural heritage.

Travellers can visit various galleries, such as Ancient Religions, South Asia and Islamic World, Tang Shipwreck and Chinese Ceramics, to admire the museum's collections and get a glimpse of different cultures.

Website: acm.org.sg

1pm: Lunch at National Gallery Singapore (Dine)

Travellers can head to National Kitchen by Violet Oon at the National Gallery Singapore to enjoy an afternoon of food and art. They can choose to either dine elegantly at the grand hall or at the verandah for views of the Central Business District. The interior of the restaurant is a modern take on traditional Peranakan designs, with floral-patterned

tiles and rattan ceiling fans. Must-try dishes are cod in creamy *laksa* sauce, fish head curry and *sambal* (chilli paste) eggplant wedges.

Website: violetoon.com/national-kitchen-by-violet-oon-national-gallery-singapore/

5pm: Marina Bay Sands® SkyPark (Explore)

It's hard to miss the unique architecture of Marina Bay Sands® as visitors gaze at the city skyline. Travellers can purchase tickets to the Sands SkyPark observation deck – located on the 57th floor of Marina Bay Sands® – where an incredible view of Singapore in all its glory awaits. There, travellers can have cocktails at CÉ LA VI Singapore while admiring the city skyline. After that, they can shop for luxury items and souvenirs at The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands® and enjoy a tea break at TWG Tea Salon & Boutique, a local luxury tea brand, before returning to their ship.

Website: marinabaysands.com/sands-skypark



NATIONAL HERITAGE BOARD





From concert halls and convention centres to more unusual locations, Singapore has a range of world-class venues to suit a variety of events. Being a regional hub for business and entertainment means the country has cutting-edge and state-of-the-art facilities.

There are centrally located venues for Meetings, Incentive Travel, Conventions & Exhibitions (MICE) and business travellers, such as the Raffles City Convention Centre and Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre. There are places rich in history and heritage such as the Victoria Concert Hall and Gillman Barracks.

Visitors can also choose venues such as The Arts House and School of the Arts Singapore for more intimate events. Meanwhile, Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay, Festive Grand Theatre at Resorts World™ Sentosa and Marina Bay Sands® MasterCard Theatres are perfect for musicals and art performances.



PERFORMANCE VENUES

Capitol Theatre

Set in the heart of Singapore's downtown Civic District, the Capitol Theatre is integrated with Capitol Singapore, a luxury lifestyle development that houses a six-star hotel, residences, retail stores and dining establishments. Furnished with the latest audio and visual systems for cinema and performing arts, it has a rotational floor system that allows for flexible seating configurations, whether the event is a film screening, musical production, dance performance or MICE event. Its single-screen cinema is also the largest in Singapore, fitted with approximately 800 seats. Group deals may be available upon request.

Quick facts about Capitol Theatre:

- Beautifully restored historical building from 1929
- Ground-level theatre suitable for red carpet premieres with seating capacity of approximately 800 pax

- Used for screenings, performing arts and MICE events

Address: 11 Stamford Road, Capitol Piazza

Tel: +65 6499 5168

Website: capitolsingapore.com/capitol-theatre

Email: enquiry@capitolsingapore.com

Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay

Fondly nicknamed “The Durian” by Singaporeans for its resemblance to the spiky tropical fruit unique to this part of the world, Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay is one of Singapore's most iconic and busiest performing arts venues, hosting about 3,000 performances yearly. Designed by local firm DP Architects, the structure is made up of two rounded glass domes fitted with over 7,000 triangular aluminium sunshades. It is ideal for musicals, operas, theatre and dance performances. The building also houses cafés, bars, restaurants and retail stores. A stone's throw away is the historic Esplanade Park, which is home to landmarks such as the Lim Bo Seng Memorial, Cenotaph and



Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay

Tan Kim Seng Fountain. Tiered pricing is available for all venues in the Esplanade according to four categories: General Arts, Non-Profit Arts Group Incorporated in Singapore, Fundraising and Charity Events, and Private Hire.

Quick facts about Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay:

- Iconic building overlooking the Marina Bay Waterfront
- Total venue size: 60,000sqm
- Six venues for hire, excluding hospitality spaces for corporate events, with capacities ranging from 220 pax to 2,000 pax

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Festive Grand Theatre

The Festive Grand Theatre located in Resorts World™ Sentosa is ideal for concerts, cabarets and musicals. The theatre has a proscenium apron-style layout with a sub-stage going down to Basement 5 for performers to appear on stage from its basement. Designed around the key concept of flexible space, the theatre also provides a full-service crew to cover all technical aspects of the show. Past performances staged here include homegrown musicals *Voyage de la Vie*,

Ge Tai – The Musical and *Ah Boys to Men*, as well as international shows such as *The Addams Family* and *Cinderella*. Group deals available upon request.

Quick facts about Festive Grand Theatre:

- Located within MICE and leisure destination Resorts World™ Sentosa
- Capacity of 1,600 pax
- Proscenium stage designed for flexible configurations

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Gillman Barracks

This contemporary arts cluster (see Attractions, Arts & Design, p32) consists of art galleries such as the Mizuma Gallery (Japan), Yeo Workshop (Singapore) and the Sundaram Tagore Gallery Singapore (USA). Originally built in 1936 as a military encampment for the British Army, the cluster was redeveloped with a vision to be Asia's visual arts precinct for international and Southeast Asian art. The venue's flagship event is Art After Dark, a late-night open house that gives tenants the opportunity to launch new shows and open studios.

- Quick facts about Gillman Barracks:**
- A contemporary arts cluster with

more than 10 local and international art galleries

- Total venue size: 64,000sqm, including retail and F&B spaces
- Gallery sizes vary; contact respective galleries directly
- Retail stores, cafés, bars and restaurants are located within the compound

Address: 9 Lock Road
Website: gillmanbarracks.com
Email: gillmanbarracks@gmail.com

MasterCard Theatres

The MasterCard Theatres at Marina Bay Sands® houses two theatres side by side – the Grand Theatre and the Sands Theatre – that share an entrance, box office, retail space and foyer. The larger of the two is the Grand Theatre, which was specially designed for Broadway musicals and concerts. It also has special VIP Mezzanine seats and VIP Box seats. The proscenium-style Sands Theatre is spread over two levels and is slightly smaller. The theatres have hosted international musicals such as *Phantom of the Opera*, *The Lion King* and *Wicked*, as well as performers such as the Blue Man Group, Cirque du Soleil, The Rolling Stones, songstress Yuna and jazz singer Michael Bublé.

- Quick facts about MasterCard Theatres:**
- Located at The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands® integrated resort



National Stadium

- Strategically situated across some of the mall's celebrity chef restaurants
- Two theatres for hire: Grand Theatre (2,155 pax) and Sands Theatre (1,677 pax)

Address: 10 Bayfront Avenue
Tel: +65 6688 8888
Website: entertainment.marinabaysands.com
Email: theatres@marinabaysands.com

National Stadium

The National Stadium was reopened in June 2014 after the previous structure was demolished in 2011 to make way for the Singapore Sports Hub, a state-of-the-art, fully integrated sports, entertainment and lifestyle hub. Now an iconic dome-shaped landmark with a retractable roof and an energy-efficient cooling system, the multipurpose National Stadium is able to host a variety of events – from sports competitions to concerts and national events. Past events have included Singapore's National Day Parade 2016, as well as concerts by international superstars Mariah Carey, Jay Chou, One Direction and Madonna. It is part of the Singapore Sports Hub, together with the OCBC Aquatic Centre (used for competitive swimming), the Water Sports Centre (used for canoeing) and the Singapore Sports Museum showcasing the country's sporting achievements and history.

Quick facts about National Stadium:

- Part of the Singapore Sports Hub along with Singapore Indoor Stadium (see Venues, Concert Halls, p182)
- Ideal for sports, entertainment and national events
- Capacity of up to 55,000 pax

Address: 1 Stadium Drive
Tel: +65 6653 8900
Website: sportshub.com.sg
Email: sales@sportshub.com.sg

Singapore Botanic Gardens

Established in 1859, the Singapore Botanic Gardens is a venue partner of the Singapore Symphony Orchestra (SSO) Classics in the Park, a free event for park-goers to enjoy classical music while having a picnic outdoors. Performances are held at the Shaw Foundation Symphony Stage near the Nassim Gate entrance and helmed by the SSO, the nation's flagship orchestra. In previous years, the SSO has performed music from classical favourites such as Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake* and Broadway hits like *West Side Story*.

Note: Shaw Foundation Symphony Stage is not available for hire.

Quick facts about Singapore Botanic Gardens:

- Singapore's first UNESCO World Heritage Site with more than 10,000 species of flora



Singapore Botanic Gardens



St Jerome's Laneway Festival at The Meadow

- Open to the public year-round
- Total venue size: 820,000sqm

Address: 1 Cluny Road
Tel: +65 6475 0558
Website: sbg.org.sg
Email: nparks_sbg_venues@nparks.gov.sg

The Meadow

Set within the lush greenery of Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p49) with spectacular views of the Marina Bay area, The Meadow is Singapore's largest outdoor garden event space. The space comes complete with sitting lawns on both sides – ideal for large concerts, music festivals, carnivals and community events. Since 2013, The Meadow has been home to Australia's indie music festival, St Jerome's Laneway Festival. It also hosts the annual Christmas Wonderland, a carnival featuring Christmas carols, yuletide performances, pipe band parades, school choirs and festive dances.

Quick facts about The Meadow:

- Singapore's largest outdoor garden venue, located within Gardens by the Bay
- Ideal for large concerts, carnivals and community events
- Total venue size: 22,000sqm
- Standing capacity of 30,000 pax,

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seated capacity of 3,600 pax (banquet-style seating) or 7,200 pax (theatre-style seating)

- Free Wi-Fi available
- Chauffeur-driven Garden Cruisers are available to take guests from the Gardens by the Bay arrival lobby or Bayfront Plaza to The Meadow. Fees apply
- No cooking facilities are available

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Tel: +65 6420 6848 / +65 6636 2060
 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6636 2004
Website: garsdensbythebay.com.sg
Email: venue.hire@gardensbythebay.com.sg

CONCERT HALLS

School of the Arts Singapore

School of the Arts Singapore (SOTA) is a performing arts school that houses a concert hall, amongst other venues. With acoustic and theatre consulting provided by Arup – the engineering firm behind the Sydney Opera House – the hall is a flexible space with exceptional acoustics that is designed to host both professional and student performances. Ideal for orchestras, choirs, piano recitals and solo performances, the auditorium is equipped with fabric banners that can be deployed

from the ceiling to vary room reverberation times, as well as an 80-seater motorised choir stall that can move up and down the stage depending on crowd numbers.

Quick facts about SOTA:

- Singapore's first independent pre-tertiary performing arts school
- Total seating capacity of concert hall: 708 pax – Stalls (378 pax), Circle (250 pax, of which 68 are restricted view seats), Choir (80 pax)

Address: 1 Zubir Said Drive
Tel: +65 6594 8411 / +65 6594 8492
Fax: +65 6338 9763
Website: sota.edu.sg
Email: venuebookings@sota.edu.sg

Singapore Chinese Orchestra Concert Hall

The Singapore Chinese Orchestra (SCO) Concert Hall is located within the Singapore Conference Hall in the country's financial district. The hall is decked out in plush carpets and high-back seats that allow for generous legroom. It has theatre-style seating and no structural columns for an unobstructed view of the stage. There are also two premium gallery seating areas – Qing Foyer on the left of the stage and Zhong Foyer to the right. The roof and ceilings are fitted with modern soundproofing systems to

ensure high-quality acoustics. Suitable for choirs, orchestras, musicals and theatrical performances, the venue has a minimum four-hour booking block.

Note: The SCO Concert Hall will be undergoing major renovation works from December 2016 to December 2017. Venue rental is tentatively available from 2018.

Quick facts about SCO Concert Hall:

- Located in the financial district of Shenton Way
- Total seating capacity: 869 pax – Stalls (833 pax), Gallery (36 pax)

Address: 7 Shenton Way, Singapore Conference Hall
Tel: +65 6557 4019 / +65 6557 4030
Fax: +65 6557 2756
Website: sch.org.sg
Email: vmktg@sco.com.sg

Singapore Indoor Stadium

The Singapore Indoor Stadium is known for hosting major sporting events such as the 2010 Summer Youth Olympics, but it is also a major concert venue where international superstars like Coldplay and Black Eyed Peas have performed. There are no pillars inside the stadium, ensuring unobstructed views, while the performing area is made up of a modular stage with flexible configurations to suit all types

of performances. The Indoor Stadium is part of the Singapore Sports Hub, together with the OCBC Arena, OCBC Aquatic Centre and the Water Sports Centre.

Quick facts about Singapore Indoor Stadium:

- Key concert venue in Singapore
- Seating capacity ranges from 6,000 pax to 13,000 pax
- Hospitality options include two ground floor function rooms (150 pax each), the OCBC Premier Suite (144 pax) and Club Seats (234 pax)

Address: 2 Stadium Walk
Tel: +65 6653 8900
Website: sportshub.com.sg
Email: sales@sportshub.com.sg

The Star Theatre

The Star Theatre is a performing arts venue capable of staging musicals, concerts, operas, choirs, orchestras and variety shows. Opened in 2012, it comes equipped with high-definition video projection, live broadcast capabilities, a comprehensive sound system for even coverage and a cavity wall system that prevents sound coming in from the lobbies. With an intimate distance of 56m from the edge of the stage to the last row of Circle 2, The Star Theatre

has flexible configurations and is available for tier bookings for stalls, Circle 1 and Circle 2. International performers who have held concerts here include the Backstreet Boys, Elton John, Air Supply, Jason Mraz and Il Divo.

Quick facts about The Star Theatre:

- Part of The Star Performing Arts Centre located in Buona Vista
- Total seating capacity: 5,142 pax – Stalls (1,903 pax), Circle 1 (1,812 pax), Circle 2 (1,427 pax)

Address: 1 Vista Exchange Green, #04-01
Tel: +65 6636 0055
Fax: +65 6636 0060
Website: thestar.sg
Email: info@thestar.sg

Victoria Theatre & Victoria Concert Hall

The Victoria Theatre & Victoria Concert Hall, one of Singapore's oldest performing arts centres, is housed in a grand neoclassical building with an elegant Victorian façade. Originally built in 1862, the building was reopened in 2014 following a four-year renovation that resulted in improved acoustics and additional rooms. The Victoria Concert Hall retains much of its old-world charm, with a coffered ceiling and a Klais pipe organ taking centre stage, while the Victoria Theatre is a black-box

theatre that is suitable for dance, plays and musical performances. Tiered pricing is available for these two venues according to three categories: Arts General, Non-Profit Arts Group and Private Hire.

Quick facts about Victoria Theatre & Victoria Concert Hall:

- Total seating capacity of Victoria Theatre: 614 pax – Stalls (302 pax), Circle 1 (234 pax), Orchestra Pit 1 (33 pax), Orchestra Pit 2 (45 pax)
- Total seating capacity of Victoria Concert Hall: 673 pax – Stalls (538 pax), Circle (135 pax)

Address: 9 Empress Place
Tel: +65 6908 8818
Website: vtvc.com
Email: enquiries@vtvc.com

Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music

Opened in 2006, the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music is home to classical music venues available for hire. Regular recitals by conservatory students and public concerts are held here. The Concert Hall – featuring classic maple balconies and equipped with two Steinway D grand pianos and sound reflectors – is purpose-built for classical music performances, chamber music and symphony orchestra concerts.



Singapore Chinese Orchestra Concert Hall

SINGAPORE CHINESE ORCHESTRA CO. LTD.



Victoria Concert Hall



Changi Exhibition Centre

EXPERIA EVENTS



Sands Expo and Convention Centre

MARINA BAY SANDS*

The column-less Orchestra Hall is ideal for chamber music performances, solo recitals or as an ensemble rehearsal venue. Discounted rates are available for non-profit organisations, arts groups and educational institutions for the Concert Hall only.

Quick facts about Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music:

- Part of National University of Singapore's (NUS) music department
- Total seating capacity of Concert Hall: 573 pax – Stalls (459 pax), Balcony (114 pax) – excluding space for four wheelchairs
- Seating capacity of Orchestra Hall ranges from 120 pax to 150 pax, with optional orchestral risers

Address: 3 Conservatory Drive
Tel: +65 6516 7482 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6872 6915
Website: music.nus.edu.sg
Email: islinda@nus.edu.sg / musvenues@nus.edu.sg

EXHIBITION & CONFERENCE VENUES

Changi Exhibition Centre

The Changi Exhibition Centre (CEC) is located just 10 minutes' drive from the Singapore Changi Airport and 20 minutes

from Singapore's Central Business District (CBD). Overlooking the sea, it offers both indoor and outdoor exhibition spaces and can accommodate anything from public events to intimate private functions. Home to the biennial Singapore Airshow, the CEC has also hosted motoring shows, concerts, marathons and cycling competitions. Group deals may be available – write in to enquire.

Quick facts about Changi Exhibition Centre:

- Venue size: 300,000sqm
- 40,000sqm fully air-conditioned exhibition hall
- 100,000sqm of outdoor space
- Eight function rooms with seating capacities of 30 pax to 250 pax

Address: 9 Aviation Park Road
Tel: +65 6542 8660
Website: changiexhibitioncentre.com
Email: cec_enquiries@experiaevents.com; ruthcheah@experiaevents.com (Trade Contact)
Nearest MRT: Changi Airport Station

Raffles City Convention Centre

Located in the heart of the city, Raffles City Convention Centre is surrounded by a host of amenities, from hotels and shops to restaurants and bars. Measuring over 2,250sqm, the Fairmont Ballroom is the largest of the three ballrooms.

Its features include five built-in screens, three control rooms and a 90-speaker sound system for an immersive experience. The Fairmont Executive Meeting Rooms are equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, such as a satellite conferencing system, the Visualizer presentation system and touch-screen icons to control lighting and air-conditioning.

Quick facts about Raffles City Convention Centre:

- Venue size: 6,500sqm
- Integrated with Fairmont Singapore, Swissôtel The Stamford and Raffles City Shopping Centre
- Three ballrooms and up to 27 meeting rooms with seating capacities of 10 pax to 3,200 pax

Address: 80 Bras Basah Road
Tel: +65 6339 7777 / +65 6431 5560 (Venue Booking)
Fax: +65 6337 1554
Website: fairmont.com/singapore
Email: conventions.singapore@fairmont.com
Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

Resorts World™ Convention Centre

Resorts World™ Convention Centre is located on Sentosa Island (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p80), a popular island resort and tourist

attraction just 15 minutes from Singapore's CBD. Sentosa, which means "peace and tranquillity" in Malay, is home to an array of themed attractions, spa retreats, hotels, golf courses, sandy beaches and luxury residences. The Resorts World™ Convention Centre has unique event spaces catering to mega conventions, exhibitions or private business meetings, and can comfortably host 35,000 guests at once. The Resorts World™ Ballroom has a ceiling height of 11m and unobstructed floor space of 6,000sqm, making it one of Asia's largest column-free ballrooms.

Quick facts about Resorts World™ Convention Centre:

- Venue size: 9,000sqm
- Resorts World™ Ballroom has a capacity of up to 6,500 pax in theatre-style seating – it can also be divided into three smaller ballrooms or nine halls with retractable walls
- 21 function rooms on Level 1 with capacities of 10 pax to 480 pax
- Direct lift access from Hard Rock Hotel Singapore

Address: Sentosa Island, 8 Sentosa Gateway
Tel: +65 6577 8888 / +65 6577 9977 (Venue Booking)
Fax: +65 6577 9860
Website: rwsentosa.com
Email: mice@rwsentosa.com
Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

Sands Expo® and Convention Centre

The Sands Expo® and Convention Centre at Marina Bay Sands® is one of Singapore's largest exhibition venues and can accommodate 45,000 pax. It has numerous meeting rooms to select from, and one of Southeast Asia's largest ballrooms – the Sands Grand Ballroom – can accommodate up to 8,000 pax. Sands Expo® is equipped with free Wi-Fi for up to 40,000 devices and provides full support in terms of logistics, lighting, catering and audio visual equipment. Group deals are available for first-time group customers. Marina Bay Sands® also offers all-inclusive green meeting packages to help clients reduce the carbon footprint of their events.

Quick facts about Sands Expo® and Convention Centre:

- Venue size: 120,000sqm
- Spread over five levels within the Marina Bay Sands® integrated resort
- Sands Grand Ballroom has a capacity of 8,000 pax
- Up to 250 meeting rooms and space for 2,000 exhibition booths

Address: 10 Bayfront Avenue
Tel: +65 6688 3000
Fax: +65 6688 3014
Website: marinabay Sands.com
Email: sales@marinabay Sands.com
Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station

Singapore EXPO Convention and Exhibition Centre

Singapore EXPO Convention and Exhibition Centre is a five-minute drive from the Singapore Changi Airport and Changi Business Park. It is the largest purpose-built MICE facility in Singapore, and its versatile indoor and outdoor spaces can host a range of events, such as consumer and trade shows, product launches, galas, conferences and award ceremonies. This includes MAX Atria, the convention wing of Singapore EXPO, which offers a variety of spaces spread across two levels. For instance, MAX Atria Gallery on Level 1 – which is connected to Singapore EXPO Hall 1 – can be used as a reception area for events in the hall. Open exhibition spaces at Singapore EXPO's atrium and car parks are also available for hire. Singapore EXPO is powered by Wi-Fimax, a high-speed flexible Wi-Fi system with scalable bandwidth. Visitors may also opt to enjoy a diverse range of dining options available at Flavours East, the group of F&B outlets at Singapore EXPO.

Quick facts about Singapore EXPO Convention and Exhibition Centre:

- Venue size: 123,000sqm (including MAX Atria convention wing)
- 10 exhibition halls, four conference halls and two meeting rooms with seating capacities of 50 pax to 19,000 pax

Quick facts about MAX Atria @ Singapore EXPO:

- Venue size: 12,000sqm
- Convention wing of Singapore EXPO
- Size of MAX Atria Gallery: 2,646sqm
- 32 meeting rooms with seating capacities of 5 pax to 1,000 pax

Address: 1 Expo Drive, #02-01
Tel: +65 6403 2160 / +65 6403 2144 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6822 2616
Website: singaporeexpo.com.sg / maxatria.com.sg
Email: sales@singaporeexpo.com.sg / sales@maxatria.com.sg
Nearest MRT: Expo Station

Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre

Located in the heart of the city, Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre is linked to Suntec City mall (see Shopping, Malls, p130) and five office buildings. It is also within walking distance of Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay (see Performance Venues, p179). Surrounded by over 300 retail establishments, Suntec

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Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre is well-placed to host a wide variety of events, such as government conferences, medical summits, IT shows, contemporary art fairs and university convocations. It offers free high-speed Wi-Fi throughout its premises for up to 6,000 devices.

Quick facts about Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre:

- Venue size: 22,000sqm
- Convention Hall can accommodate up to 10,000 pax
- Meeting rooms with capacities of 5 pax to 5,000 pax
- 12,000sqm of multi-functional halls
- Auditorium with a seating capacity of 6,000 pax

Address: 1 Raffles Boulevard, Suntec City
Tel: +65 6337 2888
Website: suntecsingapore.com
Email: sales@suntecsingapore.com
Nearest MRT: Promenade Station

UNIQUE MICE VENUES

ArtScience Museum™

The iconic ArtScience Museum™ (see Attractions, Arts & Design, p32) is located along the Marina Bay waterfront and is part of the Marina Bay Sands® integrated resort. Designed by renowned architect Moshe Safdie and with an exterior shaped like a lotus flower, the museum offers a variety of

areas for hire, from conference rooms to gallery spaces. The museum has hosted international exhibitions such as 50 Greatest Photographs of National Geographic, Van Cleef & Arpels: The Art and Science of Gems, and Journey to Infinity: Escher's World of Wonder, as well as features a dedicated space for rotating permanent exhibitions. Group deals are available for venue hires – write in to enquire.

Quick facts about ArtScience Museum™:

- Venue size: 6,800sqm
- One conference room and three galleries with capacities ranging from 60 pax to 500 pax

Address: 6 Bayfront Avenue
Tel: +65 6688 8868 / +65 6688 3176 (Trade Contact)
Website: marinabaysands.com/artsciencemuseum
Email: museumgroupbooking@marinabaysands.com
Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station

Gardenasia

Located in the Kranji countryside, Gardenasia is a unique nature-based events company that not only provides event spaces, but also organises team-building and corporate events. The venue is popular for wedding celebrations, and its large canopy-style Kranji Loft can comfortably accommodate up to 500 seated guests. The fully air-conditioned Country Rose Hall and Loft Museum are

ideal for holding corporate seminars, workshops and exhibitions set within idyllic surroundings. Facilities include an indoor flower nursery, tilapia pond, bistro and three farmstay villas designed in the colonial black-and-white style. Gardenasia also has a child-friendly programme called Gardenasia Kids, where young ones can learn about organic farming, environmental conservation and the natural world. Group deals may be available – write in to enquire.

Quick facts about Gardenasia:

- Venue size: 1,751sqm
- Nature and garden setting in Kranji, complete with indoor plant nursery and fish pond
- Eight indoor and outdoor spaces with capacities ranging from 20 pax to 500 pax

Address: 240 Neo Tiew Crescent
Tel: +65 6898 9111
Fax: +65 6793 6511
Website: gardenasia.com
Email: info@gardenasia.com
Nearest MRT: Kranji Station

Gardens by the Bay

Containing more than one million plants, Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p49) was built with an underlying concept of environmental sustainability, designed and run to conserve energy and water. Located next to Marina

Reservoir, it offers six picturesque event spaces for hire that make ideal settings for a variety of events, whether they are fashion shows, gala dinners, rock concerts or corporate seminars. For an exceptionally unique experience, the OCBC Skyway is a 128m-long aerial walkway 22m above ground – suitable for cocktail receptions where guests can admire the Garden Rhapsody light and sound show that bathes the Supertree Grove in fantastic special effects.

Quick facts about Gardens by the Bay:

- Venue size: 1,010,000sqm
- Six unique indoor and outdoor venues with capacities ranging from 80 pax to 30,000 pax

Address: 18 Marina Gardens Drive
Tel: +65 6420 6848 / +65 6636 2060
Fax: +65 6636 2004
Website: gardensbythebay.com.sg
Email: travelagents@gardensbythebay.com.sg
Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station

National Gallery Singapore

National Gallery Singapore (see Attractions, Arts & Design, p34) consists of the restored former Supreme Court and City Hall buildings and features a neoclassical façade that is a testament to its old-world beauty. Today, it houses one of the world's largest public collections of modern art from Southeast Asia. Located in the heart of the CBD with entrances at

St Andrew's Road and Coleman Street, the National Gallery has seven unique indoor and outdoor spaces for hire – suitable for a range of events, from private functions and product launches to corporate seminars and client appreciation nights. The two outdoor decks on Level 6 also provide stunning views of the Padang and Marina Bay skyline.

Quick facts about National Gallery Singapore:

- Venue size: 64,000sqm
- Seven indoor and outdoor spaces with capacities ranging from 14 pax to 265 pax

Address: 1 St Andrew's Road
Tel: +65 6271 7000
Website: nationalgallery.sg
Email: venues@nationalgallery.sg
Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

Night Safari

Head to the Night Safari (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p51) – the world's first nocturnal wildlife park, opened in 1994 – to host a memorable event coupled with animal encounters in the dark. The unique setting makes the park perfect for functions like corporate events or team-building retreats. For a thematic experience, board a tram and enjoy a five-course meal on the Gourmet Safari Express, ending with a Creatures of the Night Show. The Cocktail Safari Express is

a scaled-down experience, offering cocktails, canapés and the chance to mingle with wildlife. The newly launched An Evening in the Wild package offers an itinerary that includes a cocktail reception, a three-course gourmet dinner in a tipi tent and a visit to the secret lakeside park to meet nocturnal animals. There is also the Ulu Ulu Safari Restaurant, open to park visitors for buffet or a la carte dining, which has a charming village atmosphere and can host up to 490 guests banquet-style. About 90% of the park is accessible by wheelchair, with allocated viewing areas for exhibits and shows as well as ramps for easy boarding and alighting on trams. Group deals may be available – write in to enquire.

Quick facts about Night Safari:

- Venue size: 350,000sqm
- Five event spaces for hire with capacities ranging from 16 pax to 490 pax
- Three thematic experiences available: Gourmet Safari Express (15–72 pax), Cocktail Safari Express (15–72 pax) and An Evening in the Wild (min 25 pax)
- Wheelchair accessibility for 90% of the park

Address: 80 Mandai Lake Road
Tel: +65 6269 3411 / +65 6360 8672 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6360 2331 (Trade Contact)
Website: eventsales.wrs.com.sg
Email: sales.enq@wrs.com.sg
Nearest MRT: Marsiling Station



ArtScience Museum™



Night Safari



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S.E.A. Aquarium™

Home to more than 100,000 marine animals, the S.E.A. Aquarium™ in Resorts World™ Sentosa (RWS) is sure to impress guests. Three unique spaces are available for private events – the Ocean Gallery, Ocean Dome and Ocean Restaurant by Cat Cora (see Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p106) – all of which feature large glass panels showcasing panoramic views of the giant aquarium. With diverse marine life as the backdrop, the spaces can host a variety of events, from large-scale corporate meetings and buffet lunches to private sit-down dinners and cocktail receptions. Event packages and programmes can be customised.

Quick facts about S.E.A. Aquarium™:

- Venue size: 1,310sqm
- Located within Resorts World™ Sentosa
- Three unique event venues with capacities ranging from 60 pax to 350 pax

Address: Sentosa Island, 8 Sentosa Gateway
Tel: +65 6577 8888 / +65 6577 9977
(Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6577 8895 / +65 6577 9860
(Trade Contact)
Website: rwsentosa.com
Email: mice@rwsentosa.com
Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

Singapore Botanic Gardens

Inscribed as Singapore's first UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2015, the Singapore Botanic Gardens (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p52) was established in 1859 and has an extensive collection of over 10,000 types of plants, as well as the region's most significant collection of orchids. It is also a unique venue for a variety of functions. The restored Anglo-Malayan plantation house at Burkill Hall overlooks the National Orchid Garden and is ideal for weddings and corporate launches. Seminars and workshops can be held at the Function Hall, which is equipped with an audio-visual system. For networking and training sessions, consider booking the Function Room, which features views of the lush greenery.

Note: Burkill Hall will be closed from 20 February 2017 to 31 December 2017.

Quick facts about Singapore Botanic Gardens:

- Venue size: 820,000sqm
- Singapore's first UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Available spaces for hire are the Function Hall (capacity of 180 pax) and Function Room (50 pax)

Address: 1 Cluny Road
Tel: +65 6471 7138 / +65 6475 0558 (Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6473 7983 / +65 6467 4832 (Trade Contact)
Website: sbg.org.sg
Email: nparks_sbg_venues@nparks.gov.sg
Nearest MRT: Botanic Gardens Station

The Arts House

Housed in a 200-year-old building that once served as Singapore's first Parliament House, the Arts House is now a popular venue for the promotion of arts and culture in Singapore. It features nine unique spaces, such as the Screening Room, ideal for private film showings, and The Chamber, once used by members of Singapore Parliament to gather, is now a unique setting for recitals, conferences and fashion shows. Private board meetings can be held at the Council Room, while seminars can be held at the Living Room. Group deals may be available (for arts-related events only) – write in to enquire.

Quick facts about The Arts House:

- Venue size: 1,063sqm
- Nine spaces for hire, including a screening room and multiple galleries, with capacities ranging from 35 pax to 200 pax

Address: 1 Old Parliament Lane
Tel: +65 6332 6900 / +65 6332 6892
(Trade Contact)
Fax: +65 6336 3021 / +65 6337 1872
(Trade Contact)
Website: theartshouse.sg
Email: venues@artshouse.sg
Nearest MRT: City Hall Station





USEFUL INFORMATION FOR TRAVELLERS

Singapore is an easy city to get around. The city-state offers a safe, reliable and efficient transportation system, ensuring travellers enjoy a great holiday experience. Here is a list of frequently asked questions for travellers planning to visit Singapore.

When should I recommend travellers to visit Singapore?

Any time of the year is a good time to visit, but peak season for travel typically falls between December and June. Singapore's calendar of events is chock-full of exciting activities all year round (see Events & Festivals, p19).

What is the weather like in Singapore?

Singapore sits one degree (137km) north of the equator, so it's typically hot and humid all year round with average temperatures ranging from 27°C to 31°C. The wettest period falls between November and January while the hottest months are May and June. However, be prepared for rain – which can be torrential but brief – at any time.

What advice should be given to visitors on the type of clothing to pack?

Light and comfortable outfits are essential due to Singapore's hot and humid weather. Shorts and T-shirts are acceptable at most places, but visitors should stick to a more modest dress code (see Attractions, Places of Worship, p42) when visiting places of worship. For evenings at a nice restaurant or club, smart-casual is recommended. Bring along a light sweater or shawl as some malls, restaurants, and air-conditioned attractions could get chilly.

What should families with babies and young children take note of?

Almost every mall in Singapore has a dedicated play area and nursing rooms that are clean and equipped with diaper-changing stations, milk bottle warmers and private feeding cubicles. Some malls also offer strollers for rent, which are available at the concierge or customer service/information counters. Visitors can also rent baby care equipment – such as travel cots and infant car seats – from local baby care equipment stores, some of which have websites. Public transportation is free for children under seven years of age. However, if a child under seven

years old is taller than 0.9m, he or she will need a Child Concession Card (which can be obtained from any TransitLink Ticket Office) as proof of age to travel for free.

Several restaurants, too, are equipped with toddler-friendly facilities, such as high chairs, and play corners so couples can enjoy a meal together while their children are at play.

There's also a range of family-friendly accommodation for visitors with children, such as indoor play areas, children's pools and family rooms, and activities catered for the whole family.

What is the age range for children and senior citizens with regards to rates for entry to attractions, experiences and dining discounts, where applicable?

It varies depending on the attraction or establishment. Rates for children generally apply to those between the ages of three and 12 (inclusive). Senior citizen rates generally apply to persons above the age of 60 or 65 (inclusive).

What can travellers do during festive holidays in Singapore?

Most shopping malls, tourist attractions

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and other establishments are open during major holidays, with the exception of the eve of Chinese New Year (CNY), when some establishments may close earlier and remain closed on the first and second day of CNY. However, most major attractions and some outlets in ethnic districts are generally open.

What currency is used in Singapore, where can we exchange cash, and are credit cards widely used?

The Singapore dollar (S\$) is used here. Notes come in denominations of S\$2, S\$5, S\$10, S\$50, S\$100, S\$1,000 and S\$10,000. Coins come in 5, 10, 20 and 50 cents and S\$1. Foreign currencies can be exchanged at licensed moneychangers, which can be found across the city. Most banks handle travellers' cheques and foreign currency exchange. However, some banks don't handle foreign currency exchange on Saturdays. Credit cards are widely accepted, with the most common ones being American Express, Diners, MasterCard and Visa.

How wheelchair-friendly is Singapore? Can disabled travellers get around easily?

Singapore caters to the needs of elderly travellers, wheelchair users and people with hearing or visual impairment. All MRT stations are equipped with ramps, lifts and wheelchair-accessible toilets. Most public buses are also wheelchair-friendly – look out for a blue passenger-in-wheelchair decal at the front of the bus.

Travelling by taxi is convenient too. Any foldable wheelchair can be stored in the taxi's boot. No surcharge will be imposed for passengers with wheelchairs. More information is available at visitsingapore.com/travel-guide-tips/getting-around/accessibility.html

Travel Deals

	Flights & Accommodation	Tours & Activities	Travel information
bemyguest.com.sg		✓	
expedia.com.sg	✓	✓	
natastravel.com			✓
tripadvisor.com.sg	✓	✓	✓
tripzilla.sg	✓	✓	✓
zuji.com.sg	✓		



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TRADE RESOURCES

This section provides useful websites and information for trade agents – including where to find travel deals and how to advise visitors in relation to local practices – and contact details of foreign missions, travel visa centres and STB offices.

Destination Information

STB Websites

visitsingapore.com

STB's destination website that provides up-to-date information on Singapore's attractions, dining scene, events and festivals, stay options and other useful information.

stb.gov.sg

STB's corporate website provides information on the work of the Board, latest tourism news, market reports, research statistics and press releases. Other information available on the website

include statutory acts on travel agents and hotels, as well as STB publications.

visitsingapore.com/mice/en.html

This Meetings, Incentive Travel, Conventions and Exhibitions (MICE)-driven website offers practical information on planning events, industry news, pre- and post-conference tours, as well as supplier and facility listings.

Where can I find a list of licensed Singapore travel agents?

TRUST (Travel Related Users' System), the integrated Internet-based administration and information system, allows all licensed travel agents to refer to and update relevant corporate information online, such as the appointment and resignation of key personnel. TRUST also incorporates a public section where members of the public can get up-to-date information on licensed travel agents, access information on upcoming events and read news releases by STB.

Website: trust.visitsingapore.com

Where can I find a comprehensive list of halal restaurants/eateries in Singapore?

- burpple.com/sg
- muis.gov.sg/halal/Consumer/general.html
- zabihah.com
- halaltag.com

(See Eat & Drink, Halal Restaurants, p109)

What advice should be given to visitors in relation to local practices or cultural norms?

- Singapore is a cosmopolitan city and English is widely spoken, but the language close to the heart of every Singaporean is Singlish. It's a colourful slang that combines English and local dialects. Travellers may take some time to get used to it
- Travellers may notice packs of tissue paper on tables at hawker centres (see Eat & Drink, Hawker Centres, p116). This is the Singaporean way of reserving a table while the patrons are away to place their food orders. Refrain from picking up the pack of tissue and simply look for another table elsewhere
- Singaporeans queue for everything, so join the line and wait for your turn
- The no-smoking law is enforced in most public places, including the outdoors. Travellers who need to light up should do so only in designated smoking areas, usually marked by a yellow box (see Travel Essentials, Legal Matters, p206)
- When taking the escalator, always keep to the left, unless you are in a rush
- Tipping is not necessary as most hotels and restaurants in Singapore levy a 10% service charge on customers' bills. Most hotels and restaurants quote prices as “++”, which denotes 10% service charge and 7% Goods and Services Tax (GST) on top of the total bill. Some restaurants, however, quote “+”, which means they only impose either service charge or GST

Foreign missions in Singapore (including visa centres)

Embassy of the Republic of Angola

3 Temasek Avenue, Centennial Tower, #23-01/02
Tel: +65 6341 9360
Fax: +65 6341 9367 / +65 6884 4304
Website: angolaembassy.sg
Email: embangola@angolaembassy.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Fri, 9am–5pm

Australian High Commission

25 Napier Road
Tel: +65 6836 4100
Fax: +65 6737 7465
Website: singapore.embassy.gov.au/sing/home.html
Email: enquiries-sg@dfat.gov.au
Opening Hours: Mon–Fri, 8.30am–4pm

Embassy of the Republic of Austria

600 North Bridge Road, Parkview Square, #24-04/05
Tel: +65 6396 6350 / +65 6396 6351 / +65 6396 6352
Fax: +65 6396 6340
Email: singapore@advantageaustria.org
Opening Hours: Mon–Fri, 9am–5.30pm

Bangladeshi High Commission

19 Keppel Road, Jit Poh Building, #04-00 (Consular and Labour Wing), #10-00 (Diplomatic and Commercial Wing)
Tel: +65 6255 0075
Fax: +65 6255 1824
Website: bdhc.sg
Email: mission.singapore@mofa.gov.bd
Opening Hours: Mon–Fri, 9am–1pm, 2pm–5pm

Belgium Embassy

8 Shenton Way, AXA Tower, #14-01
Tel: +65 6220 7677
Fax: +65 6222 6976
Website: diplomatie.belgium.be/singapore
Email: Singapore@diplobel.fed.be
Opening Hours: Mon–Fri, 8.30am–4pm

Embassy of Brazil

101 Thomson Road, United Square, #10-05
Tel: +65 6256 6001
Fax: +65 6256 6619
Website: cingapura.itamaraty.gov.br
Email: brasemb.cingapura@itamaraty.gov.br
Opening Hours: Mon–Fri, 9am–5pm

British High Commission Singapore

100 Tanglin Road
Tel: +65 6424 4200
Fax: +65 6424 4218 (Chancery) / +65 6424 4264 (Consular)
Website: www.gov.uk/government/world/organisations/british-high-commission-singapore
Email: enquiries.singapore@fco.gov.uk
Opening Hours: Mon–Fri, 8.30am–5.30pm

High Commission of Brunei Darussalam

325 Tanglin Road
Tel: +65 6733 9055 / +65 6733 0664
Fax: +65 6737 5275 / +65 6737 4298
Email: singapore@mfa.gov.bn
Opening Hours: Mon–Thu, 8.30am–12.30pm, 1.30pm–4.30pm; Fri, 8.30am–12pm, 2.30pm–4.30pm

Royal Embassy of Cambodia

400 Orchard Road, Orchard Towers, #10-03/04
Tel: +65 6341 9785
Fax: +65 6341 9201
Email: camemb.sg@mfa.gov.kh / recamsingapore@gmail.com
Opening Hours: Mon–Fri, 9am–12pm, 2pm–5.30pm

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- AirAsia
- Air China
- Air France
- Air India
- Air India Express
- Air Mauritius
- Air New Zealand
- Air Niugini
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SINGAPORE CHANGI AIRPORT



Arriving in Singapore Changi Airport

Need-to-know information to ensure travellers enjoy their visit to Singapore

Before Arrival

Visas and Customs

Most international visitors do not require a visa to enter Singapore. To be sure, check with the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority of Singapore (ica.gov.sg) for visa requirements.

The period of stay is stamped on the arrival visit pass endorsement on the passport. Periods of stay may vary.

Dutiable Goods

Under Singapore laws, inbound travellers are required to declare and pay the duty and Goods and Services Tax (GST) to bring in dutiable and taxable goods, if they exceed their duty-free concessions and GST relief. This is applicable whether the goods were purchased in Singapore or overseas.

There are four categories of dutiable goods in Singapore:

- Intoxicating liquors (spirits, wine, beer, ale, stout, etc). Beverages and liquors consumed for health reasons and used for cooking are dutiable if the alcoholic strength by volume exceeds 0.5% (e.g. shandy, bottled alcoholic cocktail drinks, D.O.M. Benedictine, Yomeishu, Samsu and rice wine)
- Tobacco products, including cigarettes and cigars
- Motor vehicles, including motorised bicycles
- Petroleum products, including gasoline, petrol and motor fuel

Duty-Free Concessions

Liquor

Travellers arriving into Singapore may enjoy duty-free concessions of liquor only if the following conditions are met:

- He/she is 18 years old or older
- He/she has spent 48 hours or more outside Singapore immediately before arrival
- He/she did not arrive from Malaysia
- The liquors are not prohibited from import into Singapore

Duty-free concessions of liquor

Option	Spirits	Wine	Beer
A	1 Litre	1 Litre	1 Litre
B	-	2 Litres	1 Litre
C	-	1 Litre	2 Litres

Note:

- The above options also apply to liquors consumed for health reasons and used in cooking
- Duty-free concessions are granted on liquor products purchased outside Singapore as well as those purchased at DFS Singapore
- Duty-free concessions are granted on liquor products for personal consumption only. It is an offence to sell or give them away
- Travellers are required to pay taxes on liquor products exceeding their duty-free concessions and on goods carried for or on behalf of other people
- There is no GST relief or duty-free concession for cigarettes and tobacco products, or for motor spirits and diesel products in containers

GST Relief

Travellers will be given GST relief on new articles, souvenirs, gifts and food products (excluding liquor and tobacco) brought into Singapore and intended for personal use up to the following values, depending on the number of hours spent away from Singapore:

Time spent away from Singapore	Value of goods granted GST relief
48 hours or more	S\$600
Less than 48 hours	S\$150

If the value of goods exceeds these limits, travellers will be required to declare and pay the GST for their goods at the Customs Tax Payment Office or at the Self-Service Tax Payment Kiosk at Singapore checkpoints. Travellers should ensure receipts and invoices are on hand to facilitate payment. For more information on GST relief, visit customs.gov.sg

Currency

Travellers entering or leaving Singapore with currency (coins and printed notes) or bearer negotiable instruments (bill of exchange, cheque, promissory note, bearer bond, money order and postal order) with a total value exceeding S\$20,000 (or its equivalent in a foreign currency) are required to complete the Physical Currency and Bearer Negotiable Instruments (CBNI) Report (Traveller) or NP727 form. These forms are available at Singapore



Shop for ethnic homeware in Kampong Glam

checkpoints and police establishments.

Completed forms are to be submitted at the Customs Red Channel upon arrival in Singapore and at the immigration counters on departure from Singapore.

There are no restrictions to the type or amount of CBNI that travellers may take into or out of Singapore. Travellers are only required to report the amount exceeding the equivalent of S\$20,000.

Prohibited Goods

The following are not allowed into Singapore:

- Chewing gum (except for dental and medicated gum approved by HSA)
- Chewing tobacco and imitation tobacco products (e.g. electronic cigarettes)
- Cigarette lighters shaped as revolvers or pistols

- Controlled drugs and psychotropic substances
- Firecrackers
- Obscene articles, publications, video tapes/discs and software
- Reproductions of copyright publications, video tapes, video compact discs, laser discs, records or cassettes
- Seditious and treasonable materials

Controlled Goods

Travellers must produce authorisation or an import licence from the relevant authorities before controlled goods (see table below for examples) are allowed into Singapore.

Travellers who need to take prescription medicine (including sleeping pills, depressants and stimulants) under Singapore laws should carry a prescription from a physician confirming that these medicines are required for their physical well-being. Severe penalties will be imposed for the illegal possession of such medicines.

Climate

Singapore has a tropical climate and stays hot and humid throughout the year, with temperatures ranging from 22°C to 35°C. April and May are the hottest months, with wetter weather from November to January. However, travellers should be prepared for rain at any time – torrential downpours do occur, but are usually brief.

Getting To and Leaving Singapore

BY AIR

Singapore Changi Airport, or simply Changi Airport, is consistently ranked one of the best airports in the world. It serves over 100 airlines, flying to some 380 cities in about 90 countries and territories worldwide.

Changi Airport (see Maps, Singapore Changi Airport, p214) is more than just a transit point; it's a tourist destination in itself. There are hotels, numerous shops and restaurants, tropical gardens, a koi pond, a cinema and a swimming pool – plus other unique features in each terminal – to make travelling an enjoyable experience. Free Wi-Fi is available in both the public and transit areas of Changi Airport with #WiFi@Changi.

Each of the airport's three terminals includes facilities to make travelling seamless, easy and convenient. For a complete list of the airport's facilities and services by terminal, please go to changiairport.com.

Travellers who arrive at the airport early or have long layovers need not look far for ways to pass the time. Changi Airport has plenty of activities within the transit areas that can make waiting for a flight a pleasurable experience.

Transit time: 2-3 hours

Save on shopping. At Changi Airport, travellers can purchase goods cheaper than anywhere else in Singapore. Get deals on beauty products at Cosmetics & Perfumes by The Shilla Duty Free (Terminal 1-3), alcohol at DFS Wines & Spirits (Terminal 1-3), and gadgets and electronics at Sprint-Cass (Terminal 1-3).

Collect local souvenirs. Terminal 2 has shops that are local favourites, such as Bee Cheng Hiang, Bengawan Solo, Fragrance Bak Kwa, and TWG Tea Boutique. Take home stuffed animals from the Singapore Zoo, Night Safari and Jurong Bird Park shops.

Transit time: 4-5 hours

Explore a nature trail. Changi Airport has fabulous green spaces for travellers

to connect with nature: Cactus Garden (Terminal 1), Sunflower Garden (Terminal 2) and Butterfly Garden (Terminal 3).

Be entertained. Catch the latest blockbusters for free at 24-hour movie theatres in Terminals 2 and 3. Or gear up for Xbox action at the gaming consoles within Terminal 2's Entertainment Deck.

Refresh and relax. For travellers who want to freshen up or be pampered with a massage, head to a wellness salon or spa such as Airport Wellness Oasis (Terminal 1), TranSpa (Terminal 2) or Be Relax (Terminal 3).

Travellers can also enjoy a swim at the rooftop pool (Terminal 1, transit area) or go on an art appreciation tour. All three terminals at Changi Airport are filled with wonderful artworks.

Transit time: More than 5 hours

Explore Singapore. Travellers with at least six hours to spare can sign up for a free tour around Singapore. The Heritage Tour and City Sights Tour take 2.5 hours each. The Heritage Tour brings travellers around Singapore's colourful ethnic precincts –

Chinatown, Little India, Kampong Glam; while the City Sights Tour takes a look at Singapore's modern and futuristic side with great views of the Singapore Flyer, Marina Bay Sands® and Gardens by the Bay. For more information, visit changiairport.com

BY SEA

Singapore is one of the world's busiest ports. Cruise operators from around the world – offering luxury, premium and contemporary excursions – dock at one of the city's four terminals.

Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore

Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore (MBCCS), Singapore's second cruise terminal, was built in deep waters without any height restrictions to accommodate new-generation mega cruise vessels. The two-berth cruise facility was built to accommodate up to 6,800 passengers at any given time. The terminal features a spacious arrival and departure hall, as well as a large ground transportation area to ensure a smooth and seamless experience for passengers.

WHO CONTROLS WHAT GOODS?



Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore
ava.gov.sg

- Animals, birds and their by-products
- Plants
- Endangered species of wildlife and their by-products
- Ornamental fish
- Meat and meat products
- Fish and seafood products
- Fruits and vegetables



Singapore Police Force
police.gov.sg

- Arms and explosives
- Bulletproof clothing
- Toy guns, pistols, revolvers
- Weapons, kris, spears, swords



Infocomm Media Development Authority
mda.gov.sg

- Pre-recorded cartridges and cassettes
- Newspapers, books, magazines
- Films, video tapes/discs/laser discs
- CD-ROM and video games
- Telecommunication and radio communication equipment



Health Sciences Authority
hsa.gov.sg

- Medicines
- Pharmaceuticals
- Poisons

Note: For a list of controlled goods, visit customs.gov.sg



Enchanted Garden in Changi Airport, Terminal 2



Pier design	Terminal Design footprint: 120m x 335m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pier length 360m 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Terminal space 28,000sqm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pier width 18m 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Car park & coach bay area 32,000sqm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ability to berth ships of up to: 220,000 GRT, 360m in length with a draft of up to 11.5m 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Design load 6,800 pax ● Capacity to achieve per passenger turnaround of within 30 min

SCC@HarbourFront

Singapore Cruise Centre (SCC) @ HarbourFront has two terminals: the International Passenger Terminal (IPT) and the Regional Ferry Terminal (RFT), both of which are used by more than 4.5 million cruise and ferry passengers each year.

The IPT, serving over one million cruise passengers from over 30 cruise lines each year, was refurbished in 2011 for a more spacious and comfortable passenger experience. Located next to HarbourFront Centre and VivoCity malls, SCC@HarbourFront is well-placed for visitors to explore Sentosa Island, Asia's favourite playground, and Mount Faber, one of Singapore's best-loved nature parks.

There are food and beverage options at IPT, plus amenities such as left luggage services, CIP Lounge services and free Wi-Fi. Ship crew also get their own services such as an Internet café and convenience shop within the restricted area.

The RFT has six berths to serve regional destinations in the south and west of Singapore. The destinations include:

- Batam Centre, Batam
- Harbour Bay, Batam
- Nongsapura, Batam
- Sekupang, Batam
- Tanjong Balai, Karimun
- Telok Senimba (Waterfront City), Batam

Address: 1 Maritime Square
Website: singaporecruise.com.sg

Connectivity:

- 15 min (7km) to Orchard Road
- 25 min (24km) to Changi Airport

Transport:

- Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station
- HarbourFront bus interchange for connections to various parts of Singapore

SCC@Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal

The Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal currently has four berths serving regional ferries that travel to destinations to the south and east of Singapore, including:

- Nongsapura, Batam
- Pulau Lobam, Bintan
- Tanjung Pinang, Bintan
- Telok Sebong (Bintan Resorts), Bintan

Address: 50 Tanah Merah Ferry Road
Website: singaporecruise.com.sg

Changi Point Ferry Terminal

This is the ferry terminal for bumboats to Pulau Ubin (Singapore) and Pengerang (Malaysia). Bumboats to Pulau Ubin carry a maximum of 12 people per boat. The terminal operates from 6am to 8pm daily.

Address: 51 Lorong Bekukong

**BY LAND
Tuas Checkpoint**

Travelling to and from Malaysia through this checkpoint usually takes less time due to smoother traffic in both directions. However, during festive periods, public holidays and long weekends, the traffic is expected to be heavy.

Address: 501 Jalan Ahmad Ibrahim

Woodlands Checkpoint

The Woodlands Checkpoint is at the Singapore end of the Causeway joining Singapore and Malaysia. The 1,056m causeway links the city of Johor Bahru in Malaysia to the town of Woodlands in Singapore.

Address: 21 Woodlands Crossing

Woodlands Train Checkpoint

There is also a railway station and border checkpoint in Woodlands, Singapore. The railway is operated by Malaysian operator Keretapi Tanah Melayu (KTM). Since 2011, the Woodlands Train Checkpoint has been the southern terminus of the KTM Intercity service.

Travellers who do not want to drive or take the coach to and from Singapore and Malaysia have the option of using the KTM-run shuttle train service, Shuttle Tebrau. The ride from Woodlands Train Checkpoint to Johor Bahru (JB) Sentral via the shuttle service takes just five minutes.

Passengers from Singapore clear Singapore immigration and Malaysian customs and immigration at the Woodlands Train Checkpoint before boarding the train for Malaysia. Singapore-bound passengers, meanwhile, clear Malaysian immigration at JB Sentral railway station.

Note: Since December 2016, tickets for the shuttle are only available at KTM Intercity counters the day before departure. Sales will be limited to four tickets per person.

The Eastern and Oriental Express luxury train also has its terminus at Woodlands Train Checkpoint.

Address: 11 Woodlands Crossing

Tourist Refund Scheme

Tourists in Singapore who spend more than S\$100 at participating retailers may claim a refund on the 7% GST paid on purchases. Just look for a "Tax Free Shopping" logo or display sign in the shop to know if it is a



participating outlet in the Tourist Refund Scheme. Travellers may also check with store attendants if purchases are eligible for a GST refund.

A tourist who meets the following criteria is eligible for a GST refund:

- Is not a Singapore citizen or permanent resident
- Has spent 365 days or less in Singapore in the last 24 months before the date of purchase
- Has not been employed in Singapore in the past six months before the date of purchase
- Is not a crew member of the aircraft or ship on which the tourist will be travelling
- Is 16 years old or older at the time of purchase
- Is leaving Singapore via Changi Airport, Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore, or the International Passenger Terminal at HarbourFront Centre (Those who are leaving Singapore on a cruise-to-nowhere, a round-trip cruise or a regional ferry, or by the Causeway are not eligible for a GST refund)

Note: Purchases must have been made within two months from when tourists apply for a refund.

The following purchases are not eligible for a GST refund:

- Goods used and consumed in Singapore
- Goods exported for commercial purposes
- Goods exported by freight
- Accommodation in a hotel or hostel, and services such as car rental and tour charges

Where to get the refund:

Tourists can apply for a GST refund using the Electronic Tourist Refund self-help kiosks (eTRS kiosks) at the following locations:

Venue	Location
Changi Airport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Departure Check-in Hall (before departure immigration) ● Departure Transit Lounge (after departure immigration)
Seletar Airport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Departure Hall (before check-in)
Singapore Cruise Centre @ HarbourFront	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Levels 1 and 2 of the International Passenger Terminal
Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Levels 1 and 2 Mezzanine

Things to note for the refund:

● **When making a purchase:** To facilitate the refund process, travellers may choose one credit/debit card to be used as a Token. Every time a traveller makes a refund-eligible purchase, he or she must present the same Token card at the retailer. This card will be used to link up all purchases. Travellers can then swipe the Token card at the eTRS kiosk to retrieve all purchase details at once before proceeding to make the refund claim. For tourists who do not wish to use a card as a Token, they should collect an eTRS ticket from the store where the purchase was made. Travellers may then scan these tickets at the self-help kiosk and claim the refund by following the given instructions

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When planning to check-in purchases:

Tourists must apply for the GST refund before checking in; purchases that are checked in before applying will not be entitled to the refund, as Singapore Customs may want to inspect the purchases before processing the refund

For hand-carried purchases: Tourists can proceed to the Departure Transit area at the airport or cruise terminals to process their refunds at the kiosks

Collecting the Refund

Tourists departing from Changi Airport may choose to receive their refund in cash or have it credited to their credit/debit card.

Tourists departing from Seletar Airport or the cruise centres may choose to receive their refund by bank cheque or have it credited to their credit/debit card.

Cash: Tourists may head to the Central Refund Counter at Departure Transit Lounge (after departure immigration) with their Notification Slip to collect the money

Credit/Debit card: Tourists must complete their claims at an eTRS kiosk before boarding. Refunds will be recorded to the specified card within 10 days

Bank cheque: Tourists must write their name and mailing address on the Notification Slip and drop it into the cheque refund box. A bank cheque will be mailed out 14 days later

Note:

The actual amount refunded will be less than what was paid for in total GST because of handling fees. Details of handling fees will be shown on respective eTRS tickets

From 1 July 2017, tourists departing by international cruise from Singapore's two cruise terminals will not be eligible to claim GST refunds for their purchases in Singapore. For purchases made before 1 July 2017, international cruise tourists will have until 31 August 2017 to claim refunds, subject to terms and conditions

Singapore Dollars

Singapore's currency is the Singapore Dollar (S\$).

Singapore's notes and coins come in denominations of:



Foreign Exchange

There are many foreign exchange counters all over Singapore, so exchanging foreign currency for Singapore dollars is not difficult.

Similarly, travellers can opt to withdraw money using their bank cards at Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) all over Singapore. Visitors should check with their banks first if their cards can be used abroad. Bank transaction charges may apply.

Credit cards: Major credit cards are accepted almost everywhere in Singapore. To be sure, visitors should ask retailers or restaurants which cards they accept. Travellers can use cards for purchases as well as to pay for cab fares.

Connectivity

Singapore is one of the most connected countries in the world. There are different ways by which tourists can communicate with loved ones, locally and abroad.

Prepaid SIM cards: The three telephone companies (telcos) in Singapore – M1, Singtel and StarHub – offer a wide variety of packages with bundles for local and international calls, SMS and varying amounts of local mobile data. Prepaid SIM cards may be purchased at local convenience stores such as 7-Eleven and Cheers, currency exchange counters and telco retail counters. Travellers need to present their passport for registration when purchasing a prepaid SIM card.

Pocket Wi-Fi: Pocket Wi-Fis are available for rent at Changi Recommends



Visitors can sample a diversity of hawker favourites, like satay

counters at Changi Airport. Devices can be dropped off at these counters just before departure.

Free public Wi-Fi: Most restaurants, cafés and shopping malls in Singapore have their own Wi-Fi networks. Approach the staff to obtain the network name and password, but note that some outlets may require a purchase before allowing access to their Wi-Fi network.

Wireless@SG: A free public Wi-Fi service within Singapore; hotspots can be found across the island, including malls, museums, MRT stations, Changi Airport and Sentosa Island. Wherever this network is available, there will be a Wireless@SG decal on display. Travellers can look for the SSID Wireless@SG on their mobile devices. To enjoy the free Wi-Fi privilege, travellers must register for an account using their foreign mobile number at any Wireless@SG hotspot. Login details will be received through SMS. Overseas charges may apply.

Note: Starting 1 April 2017, all three telcos in Singapore – M1, Singtel and StarHub – will cease the provision of the 2G network in Singapore. Travellers are advised to bring along a 3G/4G mobile phone when visiting Singapore or they may want to consider purchasing

a prepaid card on arrival so that they may be instantly connected.

Electricity and power plugs: Singapore uses 220-240 volts AC (50 cycles). Power plugs with three square prongs are commonly used here.

Health

Singapore's healthcare system is regarded as one of the best in the world. The country's extensive network of public and private hospitals caters to different needs.

Pharmacies can easily be found across the island, with pharmacists able to provide advice on minor ailments.

Food and drink: Eating at food centres and hawker stalls is safe as they maintain a reasonably high standard of food hygiene. Nonetheless, it is advisable to avoid raw vegetables, shellfish and reheated food. Tap water throughout the island is also safe for general consumption.

Vaccinations: Prior to the trip, it is advisable for travellers to check with a doctor for possible health risks, or vaccinations they may be required to get.

Other health risks: Dengue fever is a cause for concern in Singapore,

like many countries in Southeast Asia. Transmitted through the bite of the Aedes mosquito, dengue may present symptoms that include a rash, fever, headaches and pain in muscles and joints. While there is currently no vaccine available for dengue, travellers can take steps to protect themselves against mosquito bites by applying mosquito repellent or mosquito patches.

Emergency Numbers

Emergency Ambulance and Fire	995
Non-emergency Ambulance	1777
Police Emergency	999
Police Hotline	1 800 255 0000
(for crime-related information)	
Traffic Police Hotline	+65 6547 0000
(for traffic-related enquiries)	
Building & Construction Authority (BCA; to report structural defects in condominiums and non-public housing buildings)	1 800 342 5222
PUB (to report floods/drain obstructions)	1 800 225 5782
National Environment Agency (NEA; for littering in areas other than public housing estates)	1 800 225 5632
Weather	+65 6542 7788



GST Cash Refund counter at Singapore Changi Airport



Private ambulance operators

Abella Agency	+65 6744 8978 +65 9690 5665
Ambulance Medical Service	+65 6281 8111
AME Ambulance Services	+65 6247 7080
"A" Team Medic	+65 6354 3343
Carewell Ambulance Services	+65 6858 0700
Citizens Ambulance and Services	+65 6222 1821
CIVIC Ambulance Services	+65 6333 3000
Comfort Ambulance & Services	+65 6445 7300
ECON Ambulance Services	+65 6382 8888
Emergencies First Aid & Rescue	+65 6560 6060
ER Ambulance & Services	+65 6222 2995
Grace Ambulance & Services	+65 6333 8095
Green Crescent Mobile Healthcare Services	+65 6788 8911
Heng-Gref International Assists	+65 6272 6018
HOPE Ambulance Service	+65 6100 1911
I.M.Ambulance Services	+65 6786 3786
Islandwide Ambulance & Transportation Services	+65 6366 6909
Lentor Ambulance	+65 6100 1777
Medic Ambulance	+65 6258 5525
MW Medical	+65 6250 0625 +65 9642 1803

Public hospitals with A&E services

Changi General Hospital	+65 6788 8833
Khoo Teck Puat Hospital	+65 6555 8000
KK Women's and Children's Hospital (O&G (24-hour) Clinic) (Children's A&E)	+65 3394 1190/1197 +65 6394 1177
Mount Alvernia Hospital	+65 6347 6210
National University Hospital	+65 6772 5000
Singapore General Hospital	+65 6321 4311
Tan Tock Seng Hospital	+65 6357 8866



Private hospitals with A&E services

Gleneagles Hospital	+65 6470 5688/5700
Mount Elizabeth Hospital	+65 6731 2218
Mount Elizabeth Hospital Novena	+65 6933 0100
Parkway East Hospital	+65 6340 8666
Raffles Hospital	+65 6311 1555

Getting Around Singapore

With an efficient, integrated and clean public transport system, Singapore has made it convenient for tourists to get to any part of the city.

BY TRAIN

Singapore's Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) system is probably the most efficient way of getting around the city. The extensive rail network covers most parts of the island, making Singapore's key attractions easily accessible as they are within walking distance from most MRT stations. All stations and trains are also accessible to families with strollers, wheelchair users and the visually impaired.

Travellers can buy tickets for single trips, but it may be more cost-efficient to buy a Singapore Tourist Pass, a special stored-value card that allows unlimited travel on trains and buses for one day (S\$10), two days (S\$16) or three days (S\$20). Cards may be bought at the following MRT stations: Ang Mo Kio, Bayfront, Bugis, Changi Airport, Chinatown, City Hall, HarbourFront, Orchard, Lavender and Raffles Place.

For a map of MRT lines and stations, visit transitlink.com.sg

BY BUS

Travelling by bus may be the best and most economical way to get to know the city, as it allows travellers to connect streets and landmarks while enjoying the view. It is also easy to travel across the island as bus routes cover most of Singapore.

Bus fares can be paid either by coins (check the distance fare board at the bus

stop or ask the bus driver); an EZ-Link stored-value card; or a Singapore Tourist Pass, which is tapped on the card reader next to the driver when boarding. Travellers must tap the same card again when they alight. Buses in Singapore are air-conditioned, providing travellers with some respite from the outdoor heat.

BY TAXI

For travelling door-to-door, nothing beats a taxi. Taxis in Singapore are metered, but there are surcharges depending on when and where the journey took place, and the taxi operator used. Travellers can hail a cab from most roadsides or at designated taxi stands.

Taxi booking: Standard booking fees may range from S\$2.30 to S\$3.50 depending on taxi operator, the kind of vehicle, and peak/off-peak hours. For advance bookings, there will be a S\$6-S\$8 surcharge.

Common hotline	+65 6342 5222 (6-DIAL-CAB)
Comfort & CityCab	+65 6552 1111
Premier Taxis	+65 6363 6888
Prime Taxi	+65 6778 0808
SMRT Taxis	+65 6555 8888
Trans-Cab Services	+65 6555 3333
Yellow-Top Taxi	+65 6293 5545

Special services

- MaxiCAB (7-seater) Wheelchair Booking Service +65 6600 9920
- Limousine Taxi Booking +65 6535 3534

Taxi Apps:

- ComfortDelGro Taxi Booking
- SMRT Book-A-Taxi
- Trans-Cab Taxi App

Third-party booking apps:

- Grab
- MoobiTaxi by Maven Lab
- Uber

Vehicle rentals: There are many vehicle rental companies in Singapore. To compare vehicles and operators, visit drive.sg

Enjoying the Best of Singapore

From where to eat and shop, best parks to explore and how to get around, the following are some suggested mobile apps and websites to help visitors navigate Singapore better and enjoy their experience in the city.

Food

- **Burpple:** Find the best places to eat in Singapore. Free on Google Play and iTunes

- **Chope:** Food and restaurant reviews, as well as restaurant reservations. Free on Google Play and iTunes

- **HungryGoWhere:** Food reviews and recommendations

Transportation

- **gothere.sg:** Handy app for navigating Singapore; input origin and destination, and the app will suggest the best routes to take, as well as the fare. gothere.sg lite is free on iTunes

- **iChangi:** All things related to Changi Airport (flights, shopping, dining). Free on BlackBerry World, Google Play and iTunes

- **Iris:** Tracks arrival timings, routes and operating hours of SBS Transit buses. Free on BlackBerry World, Google Play and iTunes

- **MyTransport Singapore:** Tracks arrival timings and routes of buses. Free on Google Play and iTunes

City Guides

- **sParks*:** Info on Singapore's parks and green spaces. Free on Google Play and iTunes

- **Your Singapore Guide:** A comprehensive online guide to Singapore



Clarke Quay by night

Legal Matters

Drug laws

Singapore has some of the strictest laws on drug-related offences in the world. The main legislation for drug offences – Misuse of Drugs Act (MDA) – punishes offenders for trafficking, manufacturing, importation or exportation, possession and consumption of even small amounts of illegal drugs. Under the law, the prescribed penalties for possession of small amounts range from fines of up to S\$20,000 to a maximum of 10 years in prison, or both. The law also prescribes execution if a person is found guilty of trafficking or carrying large amounts of certain drugs. Under Singapore law, the burden of proof lies with the defendant and not the government.

Liquor laws

Under the Liquor Control (Supply and Consumption) Act, drinking of liquor is banned in all public spaces from 10.30pm to 7am. Shops are not allowed to sell takeaway liquor during this period. However, travellers may drink in licensed places such as restaurants, bars and cafés, in private homes and at outdoor events that have obtained the requisite permits. Those holding private get-togethers in public places will need a permit if they want to drink after 10.30pm. Those who have obtained a Barbecue Permit from

the National Parks Board do not require a separate Consumption Permit to consume alcohol during the validity of the Barbecue Permit.

In Geylang and Little India, which are designated Liquor Control Zones, public drinking is banned from 7am on Saturdays to 7am on Mondays. The ban also takes effect at 7pm on the eve of a public holiday to 7am after the holiday. Shops within these two areas are not allowed to sell takeaway alcohol from 7pm on weekends, the eve of a public holiday and on the public holiday itself.

Those found guilty of drinking after 10.30pm in public places are liable to a fine of up to S\$1,000. A repeat offender may face a jail term of up to three months, as well as a fine of up to S\$2,000. For a similar offence within the Liquor Control Zone, the offender will face 1.5 times the penalty.

Overstaying

Visitors who overstay more than 90 days or are guilty of illegal entry into Singapore may face a jail term of up to six months and a minimum of three strokes of the cane. In lieu of the cane, certain offenders (including women and those of an age not punishable by cane) may be fined a maximum of S\$6,000.

Safety

Singapore is one of the safest countries in the world, with one of the world's lowest

crime rates. Even though violent criminal activity is rare, travellers are advised to take the necessary precautions as a form of prevention.

Smoking

Smoking is not allowed in all air-conditioned places such as malls and eateries. Visitors who wish to smoke can look out for a yellow box designated for smoking. According to the National Environment Agency (NEA), smoking is generally allowed in the following areas:

- Approved smoking rooms at entertainment outlets
- Approved smoking corners at outdoor refreshment areas of food establishments
- Beaches
- Residences
- Private vehicles, excluding private buses
- Open spaces in residential estates
- Open public spaces
- Open spaces in town centres
- Surface carparks
- Uncovered areas at the top of multi-storey carparks
- Uncovered walkways
- Vacant land

Note: Facilities or buildings in these areas and 5m from entrances to buildings still fall within the smoking ban. Smoking is also prohibited in queues in any of these areas.

Touting

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Address: 1 Sarkies Road
Tel: +65 6737 8422
Website: alliancefrancaise.org.sg

American Association Of Singapore

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Tel: +65 6738 0371
Website: aasingapore.com

American Women's Association of Singapore

Address: 10 Claymore Hill
Tel: +65 6734 4895
Website: awasingapore.org

Australian & New Zealand Association

Address: 47A Kampong Bahru Road
Tel: +65 6223 7992
Website: anza.org.sg

Belgian & Luxembourg Association of Singapore

Address: 309 Jalan Kampong Chantek
Tel: +65 6404 1164
Website: blas.org.sg

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Tel: +65 6339 8229
Website: britishassociation.org.sg

British Club

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Tel: +65 6410 1100
Website: britishclub.org.sg

Canadian Association of Singapore

Address: One Raffles Quay, North Tower, Level 25



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Website: canadians.org.sg

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Address: 61A Toh Tuck Road
Tel: +65 6467 8802
Website: germanclub.org.sg

Hollandse Club

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Tel: +65 6464 5225
Website: hollandseclub.org.sg

Italian Cultural Institute

Address: 43A Beach Road, Evershine & Century Complex, Level 2
Tel: +65 6336 3705
Website: iic.org.sg

Korean Association in Singapore

Address: 71B Tanjong Pagar Road, #03-01
Tel: +65 6299 8966
Website: koreansingapore.org

Kowloon Club

Address: 93 Toa Payoh Central, Toa Payoh Central Community Club Building, #05-02
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Website: kowloonclub.org.sg

Swiss Club, Singapore

Address: 36 Swiss Club Road
Tel: +65 6591 9420
Website: swissclub.org.sg

The American Club

Address: 10 Claymore Hill
Tel: +65 6737 3411
Website: amclub.org.sg

The Japanese Association, Singapore

Address: 120 Adam Road
Tel: +65 6591 8136 / +65 6591 8137
Website: www.jas.org.sg

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Orchard Road

216 Orchard Road (next to orchardgateway@emerald)
Opening Hours: 8.30am–9.30pm
Nearest MRT: Somerset Station

ION Orchard

ION Orchard, Level 1 Concierge
Opening Hours: 10am–10pm
Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

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2 Banda Street (behind Buddha Tooth Relic Temple and Museum)
Opening Hours: 9am–9pm
Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station

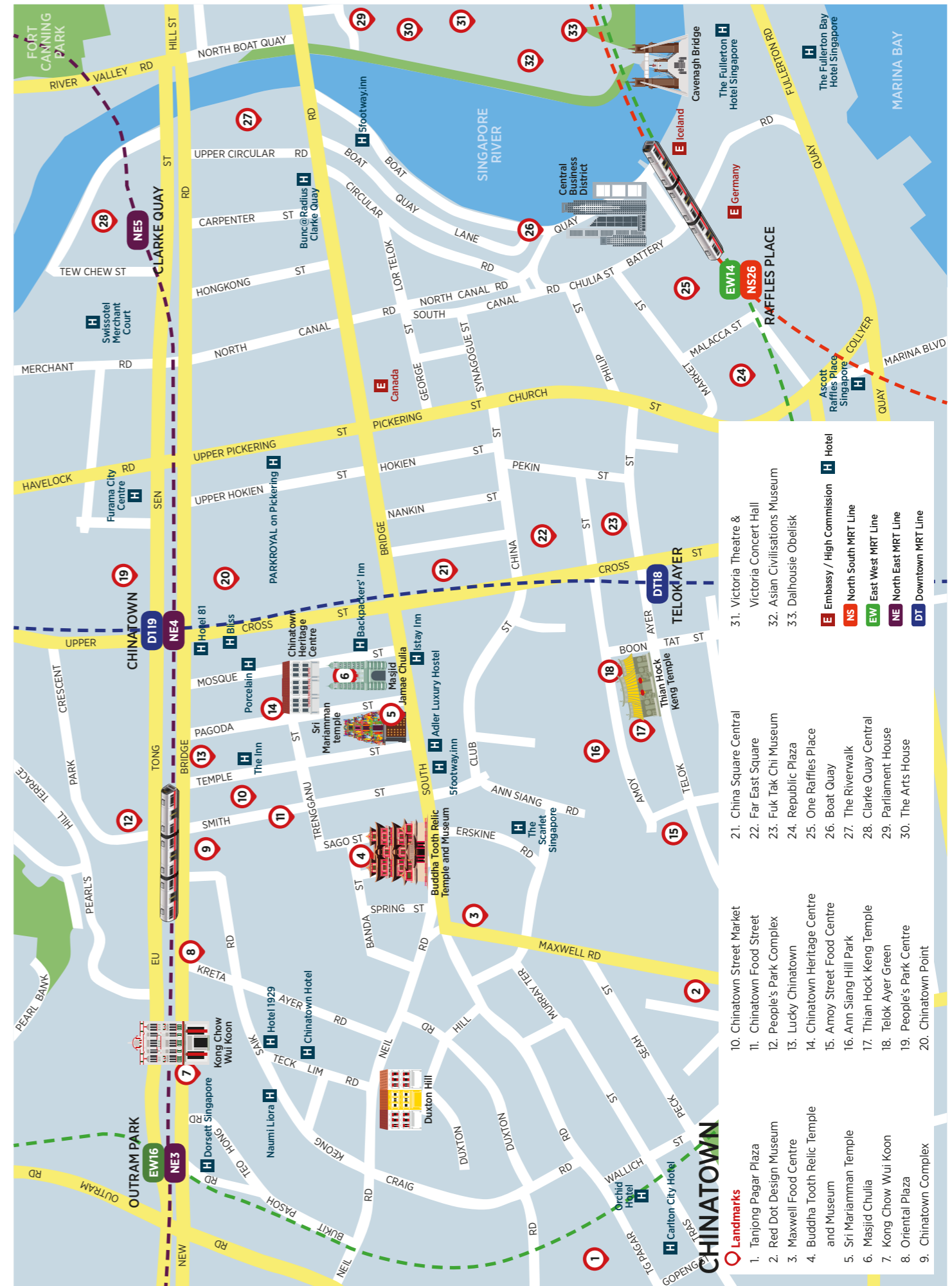
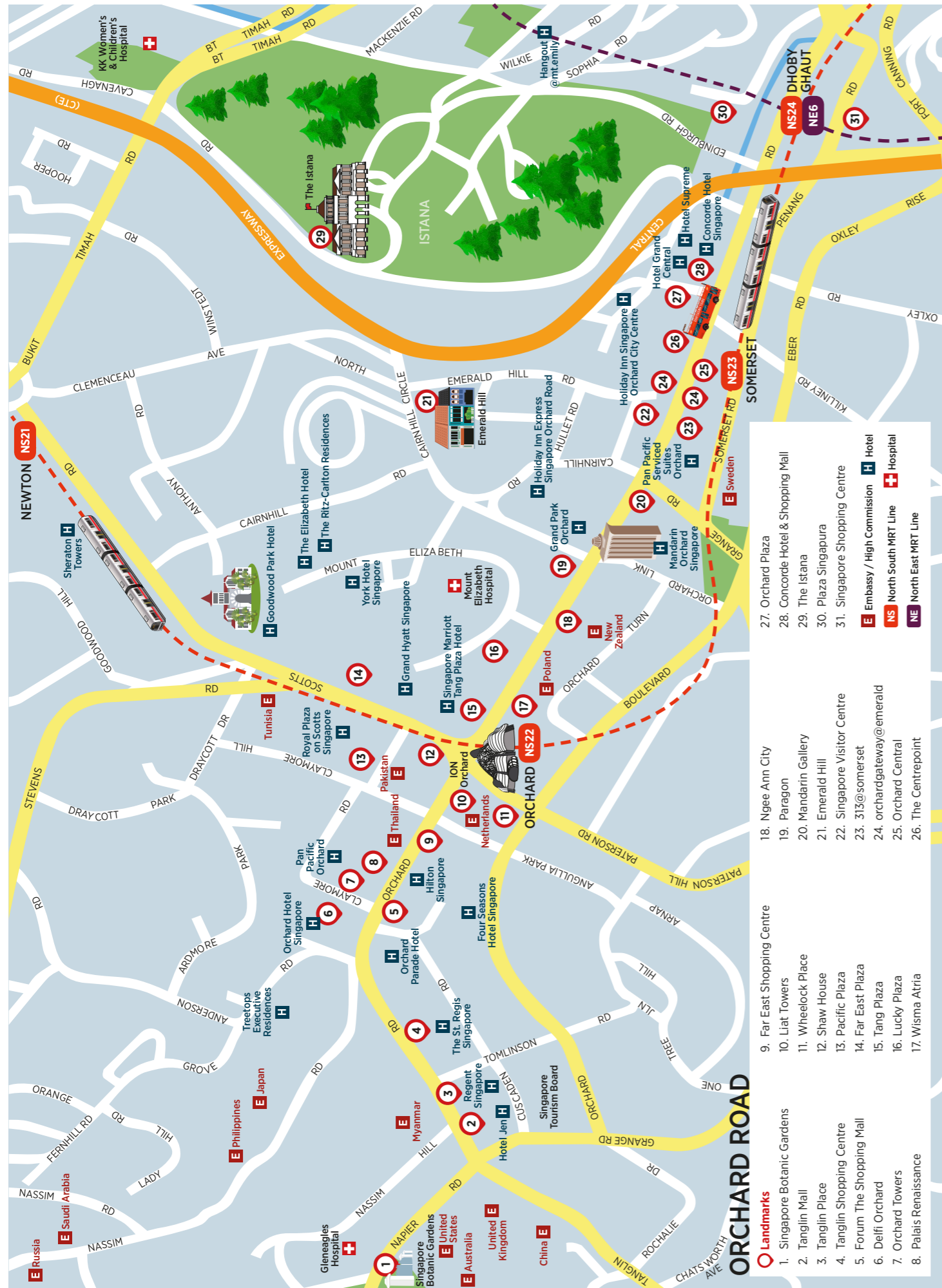


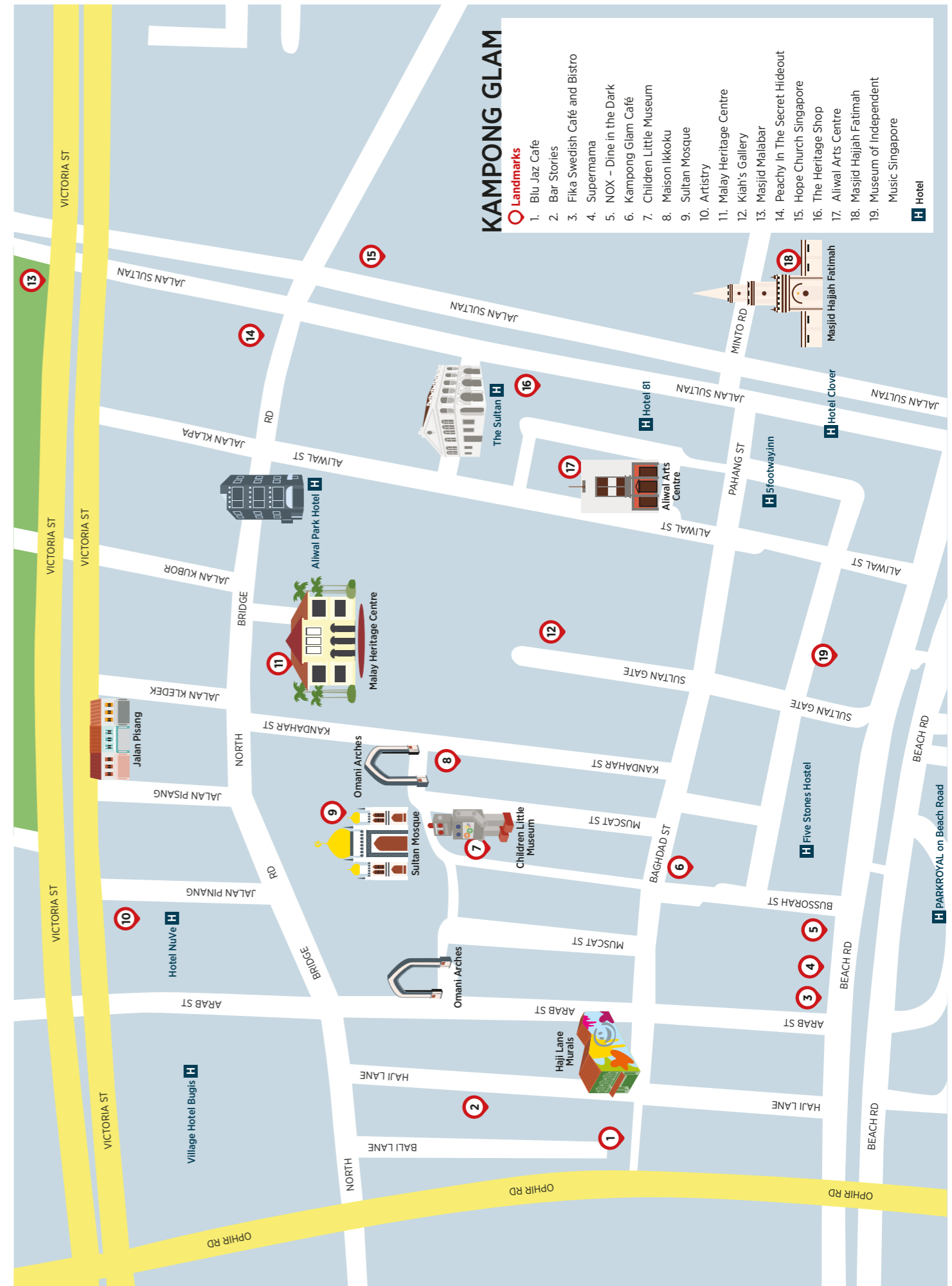
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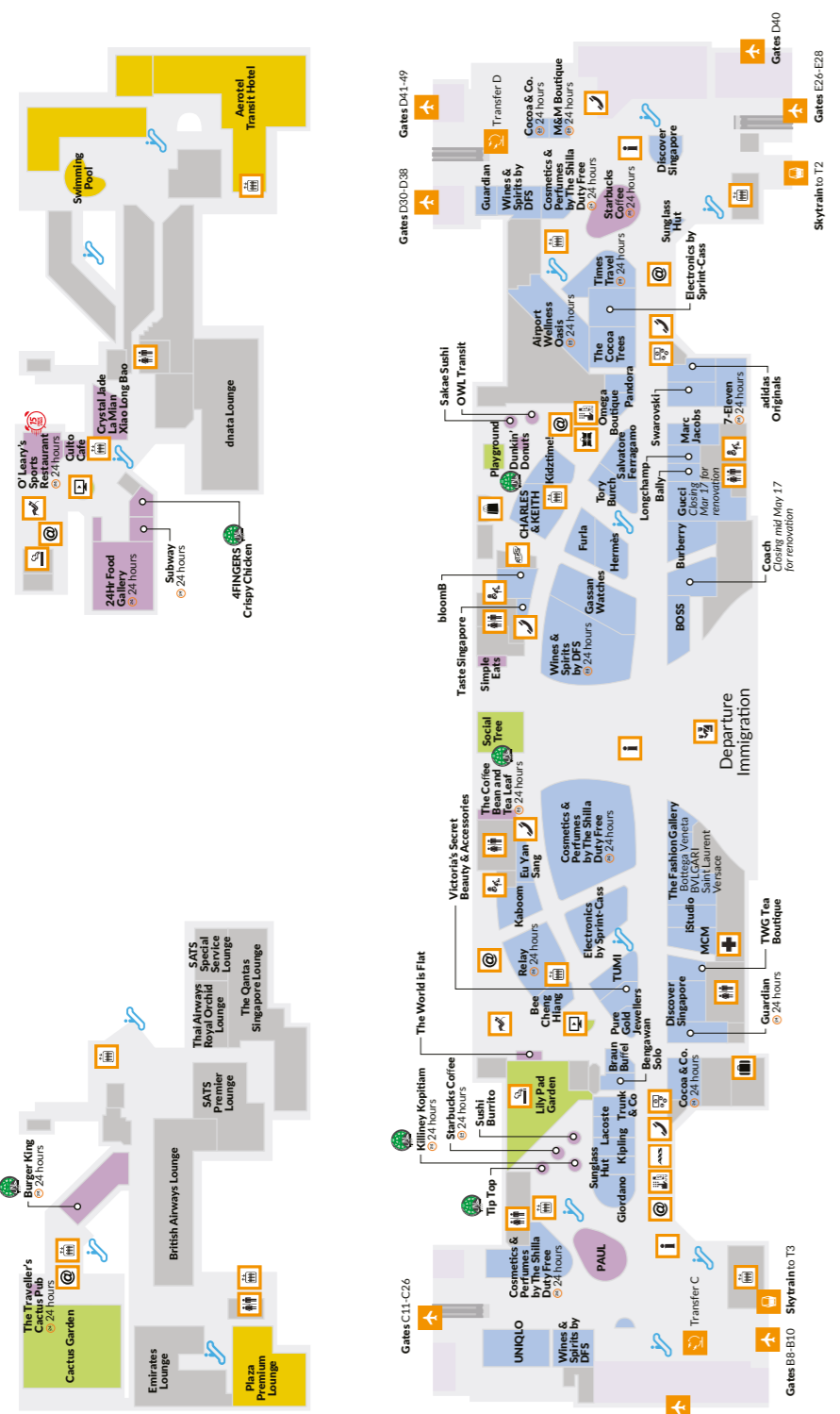
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- Landmark
- EW East West MRT Line
- NS North South MRT Line
- NE North East MRT Line
- CC Circle MRT Line
- DT Downtown MRT Line



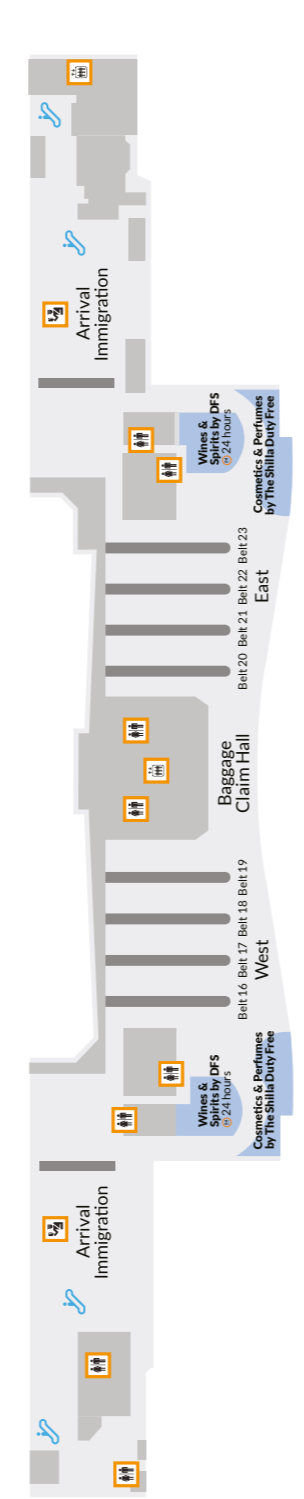


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- Dining
- Pay-per-use Service
- Garden
- Free Singapore Tour
- Gates
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- Lifts
- ATMs
- AXS Machine
- Baby Care Room
- Changi Recommends
- Clinic
- Free Internet
- Free-to-use Rest Area
- GST Refund
- Immigration
- Information Counter
- iShopChangi Collection Centre
- Laptop Access
- Money Changer
- Postal
- Prayer Room
- Public Phone
- Smoking Area
- Toilets
- TV Lounge
- Unaccompanied Baggage / Left Luggage
- Escalators
- Halal Food
- Quick Meal
- Vegetarian Food
- Open 24 Hours



LEVEL 2

- Shopping
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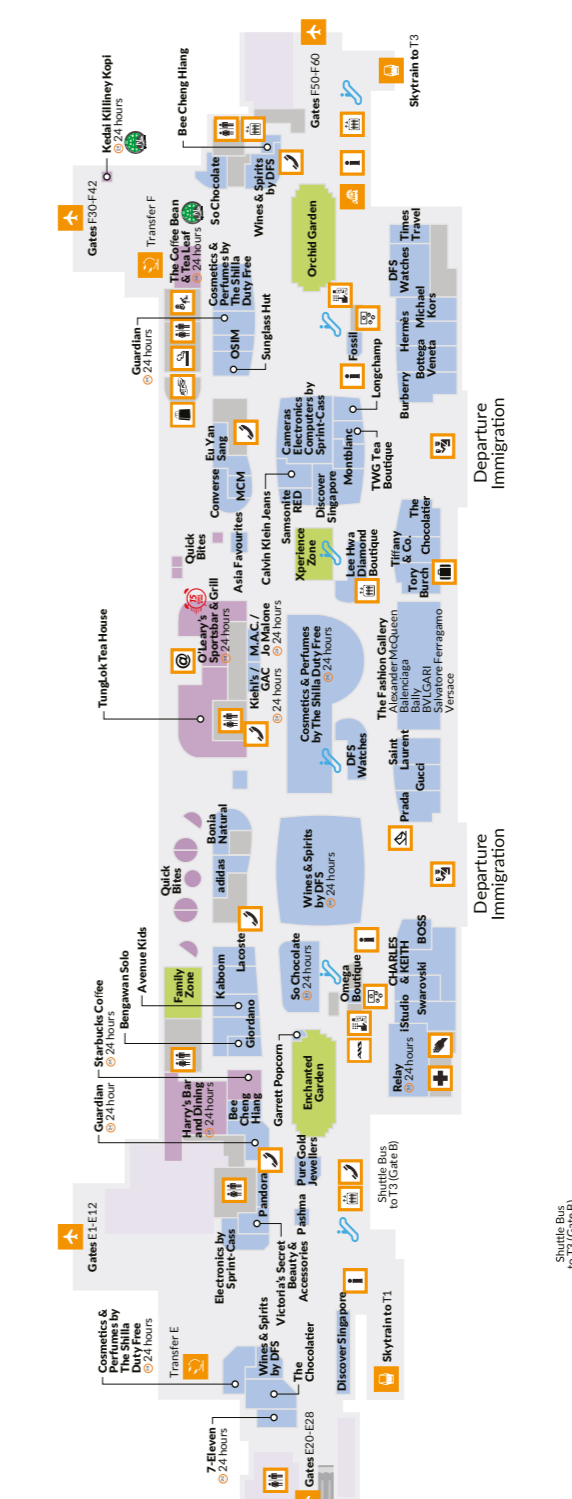
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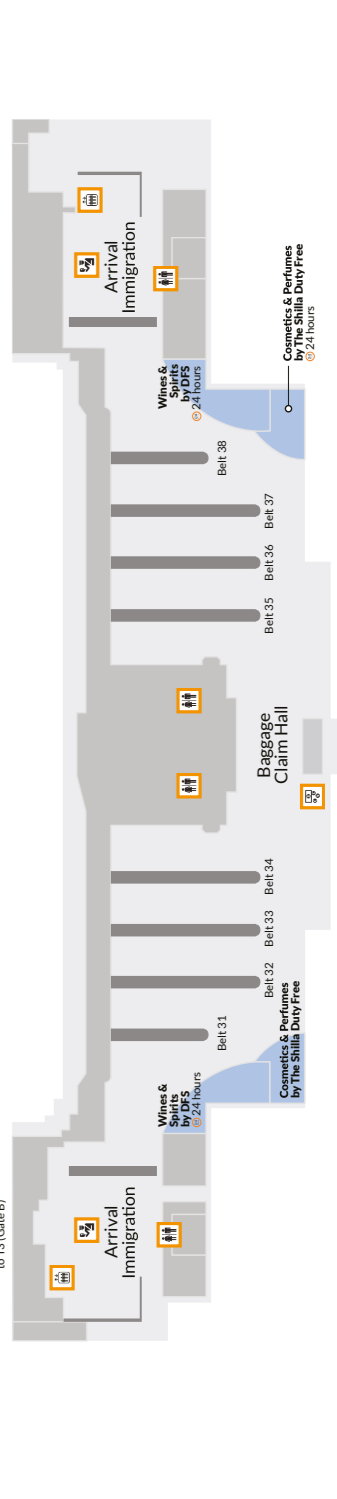
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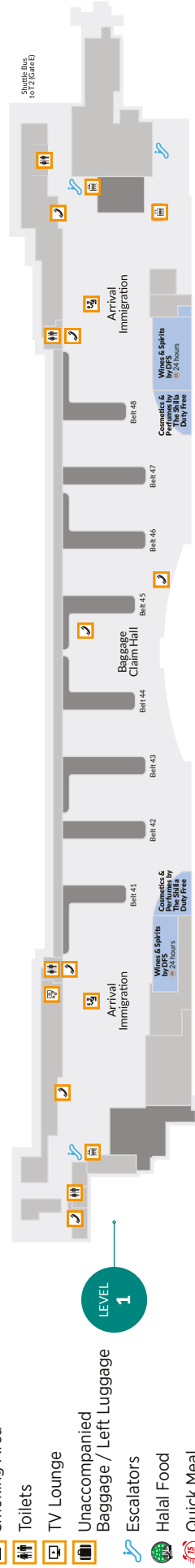
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