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ABOUT OUR BRAND

Our new brand for Singapore, **Passion Made Possible**, celebrates the story of our island-state's ingenuity. It captures the spirit of Singapore, where people with vision and drive forge new possibilities and bring about meaningful change.



**This story of Singapore
is a story of our past.**

With the concerted efforts of our people, Singapore has transformed from a humble trading port to a first-world country in less than 50 years.



This story of Singapore is a story of our people.

Our founding fathers exemplify our passion. As they developed a young, independent country with limited natural resources, they also planned for green sanctuaries to be created for Singaporeans and the community. Today, Singapore is known as a City in a Garden.

This story of Singapore is a story we continue to build.

It is passion that has grown gardens into Supertrees; preserved our distinctive hawker recipes; and taken our designers from local to global. It is this same spirit that inspires our new brand tagline, **Passion Made Possible**.

It celebrates the values of Singaporeans—from those who have achieved great heights, to the people working tirelessly and courageously to turn their dreams into reality.



This is a story for all to tell.

Beneath our glistening city, lies many stories of passionate individuals who have struggled and dedicated their lives to a dream, a cause, a passion and made them happen.

We invite you to join us in telling these Singapore stories to those around you and to bring to life the **Passion Made Possible** spirit, in the products and experiences that you offer.





01

KNOW SINGAPORE

KNOW
SINGAPORE

Where passion and possibilities meet

Singapore is much more than the sum of its numerous attractions. It is constantly evolving, reinventing and reimagining itself, with people who are passionate about creating new possibilities.

WELCOME TO SINGAPORE



A gateway to Asia and beyond, Singapore is a young nation full of vigour and a cosmopolitan city brimming with possibilities. We are home to a bustling Central Business District (CBD), a famous shopping street, a thriving arts and entertainment scene, lively dining and drinking spots, and many must-see attractions. Our rich culture and heritage inspire us, while the future promises to be exciting.

Beyond a vibrant city landscape, Singapore is truly a great city because of our passionate people. Our drive for excellence pushes us to chase our dreams and make waves everywhere we go. Artist Jahan Loh made his name as the first artist to bring street art into the galleries of Singapore and China, while indoor skydiver Kyra Poh constantly wows spectators around the world with her award-winning flying routines.

We are proud of these achievements, but even prouder of our sense of community, diverse cultures, rich heritage, and all the quirks that make us who we are. But most of all, we love being Singaporean, and we're excited to share our passion for Singapore with our visitors.

OLD MEETS NEW

IN SURPRISING WAYS

In Singapore, history is kept alive through active conservation. One example would be the Chinatown enclave ([see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p61](#)) where early immigrants settled when they came to Singapore. Today, the area bears markings of that time passed, but still attracts newcomers. Visitors will find a blend of old and new, where historic temples and traditional medicinal halls sit alongside hip new bars and lifestyle shops.

While dining, shopping and exploring Singapore, visitors will find charming, old-school places that have been woven into the fabric of this cosmopolitan city. One Michelin-starred restaurant Cheek by Jowl has made a quaint shophouse along Boon Tat Road its home, while The Fullerton Hotel, which was once a municipal building, has since been restored to accommodate travellers.



A GREEN HAVEN

Our founding fathers had a vision to transform Singapore into a garden city, with recreational spaces, world-class attractions and skyscrapers set amid lush greenery—earning us the moniker, City in a Garden. Despite the challenges and competing priorities in the early days, they held firmly to this passion, which continues to inspire our green evolution.

An example of our passion for nature and sharing our heritage with the world is the 160-year-old Singapore Botanic Gardens (see [Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p58](#))—our first and only UNESCO World Heritage Site, located just five minutes away from the city centre.

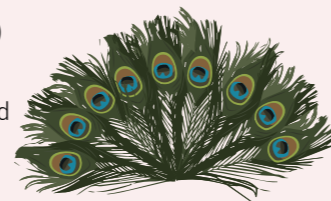
Our network of parks, park connectors linking major green areas, and nature reserves add natural beauty to our living environments while providing a backdrop for our leisure pursuits and family activities.

Nature lover and wildlife consultant Subaraj Rajathurai continues this passion for nature, by campaigning for the preservation of Singapore's biodiversity and sharing his love for nature by conducting eco-tours of Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve (see [Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p59](#)), a 202-hectare wetland and stopover for migratory birds.



CULTURES COME TOGETHER

Aside from its Chinese, Malay and Indian heritage, Singapore is also home to other ethnic groups such as Eurasians and Peranakans (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) and a growing expatriate population. All these diverse cultures with their unique ways have made Singapore a vibrant and harmonious place to live.



FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD

Food is one of our greatest passions. Where to find the best eats is a common topic among Singaporeans. We are even known to discuss what to have for dinner as we're enjoying lunch!

Our strategic position as a shipping port has long enticed people from around the world to set up home here, creating a melting pot of cultures. Many have brought with them a taste of their motherland but infused local flavours, producing a vibrant culinary scene—from lip-smacking dishes by time-tested hawker heroes to scrumptious creations by award-winning homegrown chefs.

Our openness for different cuisines and culinary trends is evident by the number of food establishments across the island. Our famed hawker centres (open-air food courts offering Chinese, Malay, Indian and Peranakan cuisines, among others; see [Eat & Drink, Hawker Centres, p129](#)) provide a delicious crash course in our multiculturalism. Humble hawkers dedicate their lives to their craft, dishing up tasty fare in the way their fathers or grandfathers taught them. In fact, some of them—like Mr Chan Hon Meng of MICHELIN Bib Gourmand Liao Fan Hawker Chan went on to gain international appreciation for his craft.

Food connoisseurs will be spoiled for choice in Singapore. Hip and trendy spots such as indie cafés and craft beer bars; Michelin-starred restaurants such as Candelnut (see [Eat & Drink, Modern Singapore Restaurants, p127](#)) and Odette (see [Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p120](#)); and celebrity chef establishments like Adrift by David Myers and Alma by Juan Amador (see [Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p117 and p118 respectively](#))—our dynamic and vibrant dining scene has it all.



SINGLISH THE COLLOQUIAL SINGAPORE ENGLISH

Singapore is a multicultural society with four main ethnic groups. The country has four official languages—Bahasa Melayu, Mandarin, Tamil and English, which is the main language for education and business. Residents of Singapore are also bound together by one common language, Singlish (a colloquial form of English), which is an intriguing blend of words, phrases and grammar rules of the four official languages.



FAST, EFFICIENT AND CONVENIENT

Accustomed to speed and efficiency in almost all areas of life, we zip from place to place quickly and with ease. Our integrated public transport system enables locals and tourists to travel efficiently. The comprehensive network of buses, taxis and the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) system, which covers the whole island, is an economical way to move around. Visitors will also find that Wi-Fi hotspots are widely available throughout the island.

SINGLISH FOR BEGINNERS

At the hawker centre or food court

Shiok: Expresses appreciation and delight.

Chope: A term used to reserve or call dibs on something.

Other common Singlish expressions

Alamak: Akin to "Oh my god!", "Alamak" is an exclamation of shock or surprise.

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

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

Huat ah!: "Huat" means to prosper while "ah" is used for emphasis.

"Huat ah!" is usually shouted out for luck.

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

Paiseh: A phrase of the Hokkien dialect, "Paiseh" is an expression of embarrassment in a situation.

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

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



A SHOPPING PARADISE

We dare say whatever visitors are looking to buy, they will most likely find it here in Singapore. The best place to start is Orchard Road (see [Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82](#)). Spanning almost 2.2 kilometres, the bustling shopping district has flagship maisons by luxury brands, shops by international brands and big departmental stores. There is something for everyone with products by up-and-coming local designers, souvenirs, cutting-edge fashion, precious jewellery, homeware, quirky accessories and children's toys. Visitors will score unique and reasonably-priced finds in hip shopping enclaves such as Bugis Street, Haji Lane (see [Shopping, Ethnic Districts, p142](#)) and Tiong Bahru (see [Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p89](#)). Shoppers can find beautiful products with thoughtful stories in works of artisanal jeweller Carolyn Kan and her playfully, provocative jewellery label, Carrie K. Jewellery (see [Shopping, Boutiques & Independent stores, p148](#)). Fashionistas will love the fusion of modern and heritage in the timeless cheongsam designs of Lai Chan (see [Shopping, Boutiques & Independent Stores, p149](#)), best known for his combination of traditional techniques and modern influences.



THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

There is never a dull moment in Singapore, with exciting events happening all year round (see [Festivals & Events](#), p27). There are plenty of family-friendly events for visitors with children, while music lovers can enjoy concerts and music festivals featuring top international artistes. For art enthusiasts, Singapore hosts several major art fairs yearly. Whether it's the festive celebration of Chinese New Year or the roar of Formula 1 cars, there's always a party going on somewhere on the island.

TALES AND LEGENDS

- According to legend, Singapore got its name when Sang Nila Utama, a prince from Palembang, Indonesia, caught sight of a lion-like creature while out on a hunting trip.
- He established a settlement 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, Lee Kuan Yew became the first prime minister of Singapore. A nature lover, he introduced the 'garden city' vision in May 1967 and earned himself the unofficial title of 'Chief Gardener' as he encouraged tree-planting and the creation of parks and green spaces all over the island. Today, we are home to more than 300 parks, four nature reserves and the award-winning super park Gardens by the Bay (see [Attractions, Adventure & Nature](#), p56).

LET OUR LOCALS INSPIRE

PASSION



From our hawkers to our designers, our sunny island is home to numerous individuals chasing their dreams and ambitions with passion.

Take Cai Yinzhou, for example. He realised that people had misconceptions about Geylang, the neighbourhood he grew up in. Motivated to make a difference, he founded Geylang Adventures, a series of social initiatives such as organised trails and guided tours to create opportunities for interaction. He also organises projects to work with the different communities living there.

Ruqhana Vasanwala, a self-taught chef and culinary instructor, is another passionate individual who inspires many through her home-based cooking school, Cookery Magic. She welcomes visitors, from all walks of life, with authentic stories about Singapore's rich culinary traditions and joyous food adventures.

These inspiring individuals are passionate about creating new possibilities. For visitors, it is not just what you can do here, but who you can be when you are here. We invite visitors to ignite and rediscover their passions through the possibilities in Singapore.



02

TRIBES &
SEGMENTS

TRIBES & SEGMENTS

**An incredible
experience awaits
every individual**

Understanding our visitor profiles allows you to create a plethora of activities and experiences for every passion, plan or preference



TRIBES & SEGMENTS

There's something for every visitor—no matter the age, passion or agenda. Singapore is more than a destination, we are where passion is made possible.



5 VISITOR SEGMENTS

WORKING MILLENNIALS / EARLY CAREER (AGED 20–34)

Youthful travellers will find some of the best hidden nightlife spots in unique locations in Singapore. Operation Dagger (see *Nightlife & Entertainment, Tanjong Pagar & Chinatown, p100*), one of the World's 50 Best Bars, requires visitors to take a journey underground, down a narrow, non-descript stairwell before entering its doors. The heritage-rich Tiong Bahru (see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p89*) enclave houses a multitude of authentic local delights, trendy cocktail bars and cool cafés. Lovers of arthouse, foreign and classic films are sure to enjoy the art films screened at the indie cinema, The Projector.

ESTABLISHED CAREER (AGED 40–49)

The more affluent visitors can be inspired by culture and tradition as they discover Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) culture at The Intan (see *Attractions, History & Heritage, p49*), a by-appointment-only private museum in a post-war shophouse. Visitors looking for unique finds will appreciate Ong Shunmugan (see *Shopping, Boutiques & Independent Stores, p150*) a contemporary womenswear label with Asian influences, traditional textile techniques and colours. At restaurants such as the two Michelin-starred Odette (see *Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p120*), foodies can get up close with world renowned celebrity chefs like Julien Royer. On the Singapore Flyer (see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82*), one of the world's largest observation wheels, visitors can have a sumptuous meal while taking in the spectacular view of the city skyline.

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN (AGED BELOW 12)

Parents with young children can visit family-friendly malls such as VivoCity (see *Shopping, Malls, p142*) and splash around at the rooftop waterpark in between shopping breaks. The Open Farm Community (see *Eat & Drink, Unique Dining Concepts, p109*) provides a farm-to-table dining concept with child-friendly menus, along with farming and recreational activities for all ages to enjoy. Both adults and the young ones can unleash their inner artist through arts and crafts activities at the National Gallery Singapore Children's Biennale or be entertained with games, rides and live performances at the Singapore Festival of Fun (see *Festivals & Events, p31 and p30* respectively).

ACTIVE SILVERS (AGED 60 OR ABOVE)

The active senior can expect to be immersed in art at galleries like FOST Gallery and Pearl Lam Galleries in Gillman Barracks (see *Attractions, Arts & Design, p41*) which feature the works of emerging and internationally acclaimed artists. Or dine at one Michelin-starred restaurant, Corner House (see *Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p118*). Its nature-themed cuisine, fondly termed by Chef Jason as 'Gastro-Botanica', strikes a balance between the best in fresh vegetable produce and premium quality meats. Those looking for a relaxed getaway can indulge in luxurious spa treatments at a homegrown spa, Spa Esprit, while explorers can uncover the history of Singapore through walking tours or bus tours (see *Tours, p157*) through historically significant sites and other major attractions.

FOR BUSINESS EVENT VISITORS (S, INCENTIVES, CONFERENCES AND EXHIBITIONS)

Attractions that stay open late into the night and well-placed hotels let business event visitors who are pressed for time to make the most of their leisure time in the city. Visitors can opt for a luxurious stay at 5-star hotels such as Grand Park City Hall (see *Stay, p20*), PARKROYAL on Pickering and The Fullerton Hotel which are located just a stone's throw away from popular restaurants and drinking holes. Native (see *Nightlife & Entertainment, Tanjong Pagar & Chinatown, p99*), one of The World's 50 Best Bars, is the perfect spot for business event visitors to unwind while sipping on handcrafted cocktails. Travellers can also indulge in gastronomic experiences at fine dining establishments such as one-Michelin-starred restaurant Iggy's (see *Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p120*) or get their retail fix at Singapore's famed shopping district, Orchard Road (see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82*).



DON'T JUST PARTICIPATE, BE AN ACTION SEEKER.

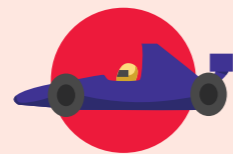


Action seekers looking for heart-pumping, recreational activities or fun-filled spectator action will discover that Singapore is Southeast Asia's premier hub for action and sports, with lots to feed the spirit of adventure. The city houses world-class sporting infrastructure and offers unique sporting activities for thrill-seekers to be part of. With many activities for all ages, Action Seekers can find new and exciting ways to work up a sweat and chase excitement across the island. Families can ride the waves at Wave House Sentosa or try wakeboarding at Singapore Wake Park, the country's only cable-ski park at East Coast Park. Visitors can also challenge themselves by having a go at the 44 adrenaline pumping treetop obstacle courses at Forest Adventure in Bedok (see [Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p56](#)) or get a dose of exhilarating Grand Prix Season Singapore action (see [Festivals & Events, p33](#)).



A HIVE OF HEART-PUMPING ACTIVITIES

Raise the adrenaline limit with these adventurous activities. Sentosa is the perfect spot for Action seekers to start their trip. Be blown away at iFly Singapore (see [Attractions, Thrill Seeking, p60](#)), a simulated indoor skydiving experience in a vertical wind tunnel or get the ultimate thrill rush at AJ Hackett Sentosa (see [Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p85](#)) by dropping 40-metres from the Giant Swing or taking a plunge with the 47-metre Bungee Jump.



A CALENDAR OF SPORTING EVENTS ALL YEAR AROUND

With a full calendar of sporting events all year round, there is a wide range of activities to satisfy an Action Seeker's thirst for a non-stop sporting action and entertainment. Watch the best in the world compete at world class sporting events such as FORMULA 1 SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX and HSBC Singapore Rugby 7s (see [Festivals & Events, p34](#) and [p30](#) respectively), or get in the thick of the heart-pumping atmosphere by participating in activities such as the popular Standard Chartered Singapore Marathon (see [Festivals & Events, p36](#)) or the Sundown Marathon.

DON'T JUST BUY, BE A COLLECTOR.



For Collectors with a passion for shopping, Singapore is a paradise where they can find unique and reasonably priced pieces from both international and local labels. There are many places where Collectors can get their fix—from mega shopping malls with multi-faceted retail options to pop-up events and stores. Singapore designers have been creating everything from art to quirky accessories to fashion, and can be found in trendy malls and chic neighbourhood stores (see [Shopping, p137](#)). One success story is Bynd Artisan (see [Shopping, Boutiques & Independent Stores, p148](#)), a personalised stationery store. It has a history tied to its founding company that dates back over 70 years and has gained a strong fanbase here for its handmade books. Collectors will love local indie stores such as Supermama (see [Shopping, Boutiques & Independent Stores, p151](#)), Naiise (see [Shopping, Boutiques & Independent Stores, p149](#)) and LOVE SG, with their range of quirky Singapore-themed products.



CROSS-CULTURAL RETAIL EXPERIENCES

In Singapore's multicultural environment, every Collector will find a slice of local life that they can take home. Shops in the cultural precincts of Chinatown, Little India, Kampong Glam and Katong (see [Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p61](#)) have unique, made-in-Singapore souvenirs ranging from food such as bak kwa (barbecued meat slices) and kaya (a traditional jam made from coconut and eggs) to intricately embroidered Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) shoes or modern cheongsams.



VARIED RETAIL CONCEPTS

Orchard Road (see [Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82](#)), Singapore's premier shopping belt, is home to multi-concept stores such as In Good Company and SUPERSPACE (see [Shopping, Boutiques & Independent Stores, p148](#) and [p151](#) respectively), as well as international brands such as Victoria's Secret, Michael Kors™ and UNIQLO, which have set up flagship stores here. No trip to Singapore is complete without a visit to Marina Bay Sands® (see [Shopping, Malls, p141](#)) the pinnacle of luxury shopping. Collectors should check out the iconic Louis Vuitton Island Maison and pick up the latest collections from well-known luxury brands such as Hermès and CHANEL.

DON'T JUST LOOK, BE A

CULTURE SHAPER.



Culture Shapers who want to immerse themselves in the arts and culture will find Singapore an inspiring locale to soak up creative energy and find new perspectives. The city is home to multicultural artists who constantly push artistic boundaries across a range of mediums, and also welcomes international artists to perform and stage shows here. There are numerous art and cultural institutions such as the National Gallery Singapore (see [Attractions, Arts & Design, p42](#)) and the National Design Centre and world-class performance venues such as the Victoria Theatre & Victoria Concert Hall (see [Venues, Performance & Concert Venues, p190](#)) and Esplanade—Theatres on the Bay (see [Venues, Performance & Concert Venues, p188](#)). Check out events such as Singapore Art Week, i Light Singapore, and the Singapore International Festival of Arts (see [Festivals & Events, p27](#)), which entrench Singapore's position as a regional hub for the arts with strong ties to the international arts community. The annual calendar is filled with a myriad of lifestyle activities like live music, dance, art shows and theatre performances to keep Culture Shapers on a packed schedule.



DISTINCTIVE ACTIVITIES AND CREATIVE DISTRICTS

Visitors can enjoy an array of arts activities that pay homage to our rich, multicultural heritage. Visit Kampong Glam during the annual Aliwal Urban Art Festival (see [Festivals & Events, p28](#)) for plenty of art and music activities, inspired by Malay culture. Another neighbourhood to visit is Tiong Bahru (see [Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p89](#)), which has drawn artists and indie stores there, including BooksActually, a quaint bookstore that stocks local writers. Visitors can also explore the Bras Basah Bugis precinct (see [Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p78](#)), which is peppered with art galleries, art institutions and museums.



A FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF PASSION FOR THE ARTS

The city plays host to many signature arts and cultural activities that will appeal to Culture Shapers, as well as art practitioners from around the world. There are many engaging platforms such as the Singapore International Festival of Arts (see [Festivals & Events, p31](#)), Singapore Design Week and Singapore Media Festival where passionate local, Southeast Asian and international talents can exchange ideas and opinions on industry trends.

DON'T JUST SIGHTSEE, BE AN

EXPLORER.



Explorers are constantly seeking to uncover new experiences and cultures in an organic way. With a City in a Garden rooted in multiculturalism and a rich heritage, Singapore offers many places and spaces for travellers to create their own adventure. History enthusiasts will delight in visiting museums or decoding the architecture styles of old buildings in Singapore (see [Attractions, History & Heritage, p43](#)), while nature lovers can check into the wonderful green spaces that dot the city and provide respite from the hustle and bustle of the city (see [Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p54](#)). Explorers looking for more unique activities may check-out Singapore's many first-of-its-kind experiences including getting up close with animals at the Night Safari (see [Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p57](#)), the world's first night zoo, and the S.E.A. Aquarium™, which boasts more than 100,000 marine animals.



FOR THE HISTORY BUFFS

The Singapore story—from a mangrove-filled island to a bustling metropolis—is well-told by our museums, memorials and architecture, and is appealing to Explorers seeking to learn more about our city state's journey. National Museum of Singapore (see [Attractions, Arts & Design, p42](#)), the oldest museum in Singapore, inspires with stories of Singapore, while the civic district is the place for Explorers to see historically significant architecture that now houses a modern tenant mix of restaurants, galleries and retail shops.



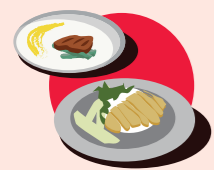
FOR THE NATURE LOVERS

Our bountiful green spaces offer Explorers a treasure trove of places to discover. Explorers can visit attractions such as the Singapore Botanic Gardens (see [Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p58](#)), Singapore's first and only UNESCO World Heritage site, or the Southern Ridges, a ten-kilometre trail that connects parks along the southern ridges of Singapore (see [Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p59](#)). Nature lovers can also discover the biodiversity in Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve (see [Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p59](#)) or get in touch with nature at its offshore islands such as Kusu Island, Pulau Ubin, Sisters' Islands and other Southern Islands.

DON'T JUST EAT, BE A FOODIE.



Foodies to Singapore have countless options when it comes to eating. The city is a gastronomic playground, with much to tickle the taste buds. The influences of Chinese, Malay and Indian cultures have created a unique variety of heritage-rich flavours. From tasty traditional fare that locals swear by to experimental modern Singaporean ('mod-Sin') cuisine where homegrown chefs put a contemporary spin on local dishes, travellers can work their way through the city's delectable offerings. Some of the world's best chefs have also been drawn to the island's eclectic dining scene. So, with a culinary landscape that has lots of local flavours, award-winning restaurants and trendy dining concepts, every foodie traveller is bound to have an adventure.



LOCAL DELIGHTS/ AWARD-WINNING AND CELEBRITY CHEF RESTAURANTS

Singapore's food scene caters to all budgets and dietary preferences. For wallet-friendly fare, foodies can head to hawker centres such as Chomp Chomp Food Centre or Lau Pa Sat (see [Eat & Drink, Hawker Centres, p130](#)) to enjoy local favourites such as chicken rice, *roti prata* (South Indian flatbread) and *satay* (grilled meat skewers) (see [Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p104](#)). Travellers looking to indulge in gourmet food can check out award-winning and celebrity chef restaurants serving a range of cuisines, from Japanese to Italian and French. Travellers can stop by CUT by Wolfgang Puck (see [Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p119](#)), the one Michelin-starred steakhouse by the American chef at Marina Bay Sands® (see [Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82](#)) or pop into National Kitchen by Violet Oon (see [Eat & Drink, Afternoon Tea, p116](#)), for a taste of the homegrown chef's authentic Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) food.



DINING EVENTS

Beyond hawker centres and restaurants, food lovers can gather and mingle at the numerous food festivals that take place all year round. An unmissable event is the World Gourmet Summit (WGS; see [Festivals & Events, p31](#)) a gastronomic food and wine affair that takes place in April. Visitors can expect exclusively crafted WGS menus and workshops by some of the top international and Singaporean chefs. Other food-centric events include the Singapore Food Festival in July, which features different cuisines in Singapore and cooking demonstrations. At the MICHELIN Guide Street Food Festival (see [Festivals & Events, p30](#)) in February, Michelin-starred restaurants and winners of the MICHELIN Bib Gourmand set up stalls selling value-for-money dishes.

DON'T JUST GET TOGETHER, BE A SOCIALISER.

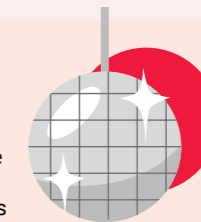


Socialisers, who love to let their hair down and party the night away, will be right at home in Singapore's thriving lifestyle, entertainment and nightlife scene. With parties, festivals, stand-up comedy gigs and a nightlife scene unlike any other in the world, Socialisers will have no lack of options. Those who love a good tippie can bar hop on a trail of award-winning bespoke bars from Tanjong Pagar to Chinatown (see [Nightlife & Entertainment, Tanjong Pagar & Chinatown, p98](#)), while clubbers can dance the night away at the hottest nightspots along the Singapore River (see [Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p88](#)). No matter where their passions lie, Singapore promises to be a good time for Socialisers.



AN OUTSTANDING NIGHTLIFE SCENE

Singapore's cosmopolitan setting means there are many trendy places for Socialisers to be seen at. One of the city's biggest nightlife icons is Zouk™ (see [Nightlife & Entertainment, Boat Quay & Clarke Quay, p92](#)), Asia's top club which is constantly voted as one of the best dancefloors in the world and is always a hit with clubbers. Socialisers should also make it a night out at 28 HongKong Street (see [Nightlife & Entertainment, Boat Quay & Clarke Quay, p91](#)), Manhattan Bar (see [Nightlife & Entertainment, Orchard, p96](#)) and Jigger & Pony (see [Nightlife & Entertainment, Tanjong Pagar & Chinatown, p99](#)), which are on the World's 50 Best Bars list. But for the ultimate insider's guide, Socialisers can get the scoop from Singapore's own Socialisers Peter Chua, Vijay Mudaliar and Tom Hogan. These award-winning bartenders spearhead unique nightlife and entertainment experiences that will keep fellow Socialisers entertained.



AN EXCITING LIFESTYLE CALENDAR

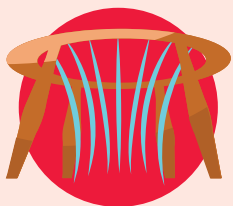
Socialisers can immerse themselves in the city's infectious energy with Singapore's exciting lifestyle calendar, filled with events and activities all year round. The Singapore Cocktail Festival (see [Festivals & Events, p31](#)) promises a memorable night out with bar tours, celebrity guest bartenders and a line-up of innovative cocktail inventions. For those who have a penchant for jazz music, the Singapore International Jazz Festival (see [Festivals & Events, p31](#)) a three-night musical extravaganza, featuring jazz and other genres such as soul, blues, Latin, funk, R&B, hip-hop, world music and electro swing.

DON'T JUST HOST OR ATTEND BUSINESS EVENTS, BE A

PROGRESSOR

CONNECT, NETWORK, LEARN AND EXPAND YOUR HORIZON

Progressors looking to connect, collaborate and innovate will find that Singapore has all they need for a seamless and rewarding MICE event. As a gateway to the region, Singapore has extensive global trade and communications networks as well as access to the fast-evolving Asian region and marquee events across multiple industry sectors. Business event visitors will have invaluable opportunities to network and seek business growth. With unique strengths across various areas from banking and finance to biomedical sciences to infocomm technology and media and more, the country is at the forefront of innovation. Furthermore, Singapore offers Progressors perfect wind-down activities such as shopping, soaking in a vibrant nightlife scene, dining at award-winning eateries and exploring quaint neighbourhoods between or after business events.



PLAN BUSINESS EVENTS WITH EASE

Singapore is a global leader for business events. As the lead government agency for the business events sector in Singapore, the Singapore Exhibition & Convention Bureau™ (SECB) is responsible for helping event professionals, meeting planners and incentive organisers from around the world plan and execute successful events. The bureau provides grants and incentives for Events Organisers such as the Business Events in Singapore (BEIS) scheme and the Approved International Fair (AIF) scheme. For more information on assistance provided by SECB and a calendar of MICE events, Progressors can visit visitsingapore.com/mice/en



A SEAMLESS MICE LEISURE EXPERIENCE

Singapore offers a range of different leisure experiences to enhance one's meeting or incentive travel trip, including distinct dining experiences, a vibrant arts scene and world-class shopping venues. After a day of business events, Progressors can head to cultural precincts such as Kampong Glam and Joo Chiat (see [Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p64 and p66 respectively](#)) or swanky malls in the city centre, such as ION Orchard and Raffles City Shopping Centre (see [Shopping, Malls, p138 and p140 respectively](#)) for some retail therapy or to savour delectable food offerings.



03

STAY

STAY

Discover a home away from home

From luxurious stays to charming boutique accommodations, there is a bed in the city for every traveller.



STAY

From cosy rooms to spacious suites, a great accommodation can enhance a Singapore stay.



Some hotels provide 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, making it easy for travellers to explore the city. 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 Explorers that are not mentioned in guidebooks. Many accommodations in this city are surrounded by clubs, bars and eateries to guarantee Socialisers and Foodies an unforgettable and gastronomic experiences. Culture Shapers will be thrilled to find plenty of museums and art galleries close by to hotels while Collectors can look forward to getting their retail fix as many hotels are within walking distance of malls and shopping districts. Progressors can enjoy a hassle-free stay in the city with hotels located close to Singapore's Central Business District (CBD), equipped with meeting rooms and work spaces.



InterContinental Singapore Robertson Quay

This list features hotels that are newly constructed, gazetted or renovated in 2016/2017 and 2018.

| Hotel | No. of Rooms | Amenities | Services |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------|
| 30 Bencoolen | 131 | | |
| Andaz Singapore™ | 342 | | |
| Ann Siang House | 20 | | |
| AQUEEN Heritage Hotel—Little India | 68 | | |
| Courtyard by Marriott Singapore Novena | 250 | | |
| Grand Park City Hall | 343 | | |
| Hotel G Singapore | 308 | | |
| Hotel Mi | 342 | | |
| InterContinental® Singapore Robertson Quay | 225 | | |
| Mercure Singapore on Stevens | 518 | | |
| Novotel Singapore on Stevens | 254 | | |
| Park Hotel Farrer Park | 300 | | |
| PARKROYAL on Beach Road | 346 | | |
| Shangri-La Hotel Singapore | 792 | | |
| Sofitel Singapore City Centre | 223 | | |
| The Great Madras | 35 | | |
| The Quay Hotel | 41 | | |
| The Warehouse Hotel | 37 | | |
| YOTEL Singapore | 610 | | |

LEGEND

Amenities

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Baby Cot | Family Room | Prayer Facilities | Swimming Pool | Fax/Copying Services |
| Bakery | Free Wi-Fi | Qibla Compass | Vending Machine | Gift Shop |
| Bar/Pub | Gymnasium | Restaurant | Wheelchair Access | Laundry & Dry Cleaning |
| Business Centre | Jacuzzi | Serves Halal Food | Services | Limousine Service |
| Café/Bistro | Kitchenette | Smartphone | 24-hour Shuttle Service | Shuttle Service |
| Children's Playground | Non-smoking Rooms | Smoke-free Hotel | Airport Shuttle | Tour Desk |
| Club Lounge | Parking | Social Space | Automated Room Service | |
| | | Spa | Babysitting Services | |

30 BENCOOLEN

Rooms decorated in warm hues and wooden furnishings set the tone for a cool, contemporary ambience at 30 Bencoolen. From the hotel, it is a short walk to landmarks such as the National Museum of Singapore (see Attractions, Arts & Design, p42) and CHIJMES (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p78). There are also three MRT stations nearby—Bras Basah, Dhoby Ghaut and Bencoolen—that offer direct connections to Esplanade—Theatres on the Bay (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p81), Plaza Singapura shopping mall (capitaland.com/sg/malls/plazasingapura) and Suntec City Convention & Exhibition Centre (see Venues, Exhibition & Conference Venues, p192). The hotel has smart features to ensure guests a comfortable stay, such as the HotSOS maintenance system that monitors and informs the hotel if anything in the room requires fixing. A 24-hour WhatsApp service is available for guests to contact the hotel's staff when they are out of the hotel.

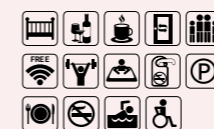
Room rate: S\$101–S\$200

Number of rooms: 131

Lead-in room size: 23sqm

Chain/Group: Bayview International Hotels and Resorts

Amenities:



Services:



Event Spaces:

6 Meeting Rooms

Address: 30 Bencoolen Street

Tel: +65 6337 2882 / +65 6550 9502 (Trade Contact: Athena Kuan)

Fax: +65 6338 2880

Website: 30bencoolen.com.sg

Email: reservations@30bencoolen.com.sg / athena.kuan@bayviewhotels.com (Trade Contact: Athena Kuan)

Nearest MRT: Bencoolen Station / Bras Basah Station / Dhoby Ghaut Station

ANDAZ SINGAPORE™

Located close to Kampong Glam (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p64), Bugis Junction shopping mall (see Shopping, Malls, p138) and Bras Basah Complex is Andaz Singapore™. This hotel offers 342 spacious rooms with floor-to-ceiling windows and great views of the city. Designed by famous interior designer Andre Fu, the hotel is a stunning space, with contemporary accents, furniture and heritage features that pay homage to the area. There are also artworks by acclaimed artists placed all around the property. Foodies can check out the eateries at Andaz Singapore™, including 665°F, a halal-certified steakhouse, Mr. Stork, a rooftop bar, and Alley on 25, which has six dining concepts in one space. World of Hyatt members will enjoy up to 10% off on room bookings.

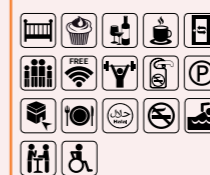
Room rate: S\$301–S\$400

Number of rooms: 342

Lead-in room size: 38sqm

Chain/Group: Hyatt Hotels Corporation

Amenities:



Services:



Event Spaces:

The Glasshouse

Garden Studio

2 Indoor Studios

Address: 5 Fraser Street

Tel: +65 6408 1234 / +65 6408 1284 (Trade Contact: Sherlyn Foo)

Website: andazsingapore.com

Email: singapore@andaz.com / sinaz-sales@andaz.com (Trade Contact: Sherlyn Foo)

Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

ANN SIANG HOUSE

Ann Siang House is a boutique hotel housed in a beautifully restored heritage property. Just minutes away from the Central Business District (CBD), the hotel offers 20 rooms—each decorated with handmade furniture, a flat-screen television and a coffee maker with coffee capsules. Dine at Blue Label Pizza & Wine restaurant (bluelabelpizza.com) that serves up stone-fired pizzas or lounge at the White Label (facebook.com/whitelabelvotd), Singapore's largest vinyl shop that also has a bar. Enjoy light bites and drinks while sifting through their extensive collection of music records. As Ann Siang House is close to a number of vibrant clubs and bars, guests will be provided with sleep aids such as ear plugs, eye masks and a white noise machine.

Room rate: S\$301–S\$400

Number of rooms: 20

Lead-in room size: 40sqm

Chain/Group: 8M Real Estate

Amenities:



Services:



Address: 28 Ann Siang Road

Tel: +65 6202 9377

Website: annsianghouse.com

Email: stay@annsianghouse.com

Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station



Ann Siang House



Courtyard by Marriott Singapore Novena

AQUEEN HERITAGE HOTEL—LITTLE INDIA

AQUEEN Heritage Hotel—Little India is situated at the heart of Little India (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p68), giving guests the perfect spot from which they can explore the cultural precinct. Its contemporary rooms are furnished with Quintessential by Aqueen™ mattresses, the first of its kind in the hospitality industry. Handicap-accessible rooms are also available. Visitors who wish to shop around the area can head to the Little India Arcade or the iconic 24-hour shopping mall, Mustafa Centre (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p69). The hotel is also close by to mosques such as the Masjid Abdul Gafor and Sultan Mosque (see Attractions, Places of Worship, p68 and p53 respectively), making it convenient for Muslim travellers who wish to pray. For those who want to go further, Little India MRT Station is just a four-minute walk away from the hotel and takes guests directly to destinations such as Chinatown and Orchard Road (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p61 and Lifestyle Precincts, p82 respectively).

Room rate: S\$101–S\$200

Number of rooms: 68

Lead-in room size: 20sqm

Chain/Group: Crescendas

Amenities:



Services:



Event Space:

Restaurant with event space

Address: 22 Belilios Lane

Tel: +65 6228 9999 / +65 6867 6867 (Trade Contact: Pansy Long)

Fax: +65 6228 9990

Website: aqueenhotels.com

Email: sales@aqueenhotels.com (Trade Contact: Pansy Long)

Nearest MRT: Little India Station

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT® SINGAPORE NOVENA

With meeting and event facilities, Courtyard by Marriott® Singapore Novena is a great location for business event visitors. The hotel is near to Mount Elizabeth Novena Hospital and a short two-minute walk will bring guests to Novena MRT station where they can hop on a train and reach downtown Singapore quickly. Hotspots such as Orchard Road, Marina Bay (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82 and p81 respectively), and City Hall are nearby. Each of the 250 rooms features soundproof windows and are equipped with USB outlets. A rooftop pool and gym overlooking the city are located on the 33rd floor. Guests who are staying in can head to the hotel's dining spots to enjoy culinary and cocktail delights. SKY22 is an all-day dining restaurant, while rooftop bar Urbana has classic cocktails, gourmet bites and good views of the Novena district. The deli at the Lobby Lounge is another alternative where guests can grab salads, sandwiches, burgers and coffee.

Room rate: S\$201–S\$300

Number of rooms: 250

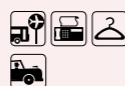
Lead-in room size: 22sqm

Chain/Group: Marriott® International

Amenities:



Services:



Event Spaces:

2 Meeting Rooms

Address: 99 Irrawaddy Road, Singapore

Tel: +65 6250 0303 / +65 6378 2038 (Trade Contact: Courtyard Novena Sales)

Fax: +65 6250 0707

Website: courtyardsingapore.com

Email: contact.courtyardsg@marriott.com / sales.courtyardsg@marriott.com

Nearest MRT: Novena Station

GRAND PARK CITY HALL

Located within the civic district of Singapore, five-star luxury hotel Grand Park City Hall is within walking distance of historical monuments and iconic sites such as the National Gallery Singapore (see Attractions, Arts & Design, p42), Supreme Court of Singapore and Old Parliament House. For an afternoon of shopping, Raffles City Shopping Centre (see Shopping, Malls, p140) is less than ten-minutes away. Six pairs of interconnecting child-friendly rooms complete with colourful bean bag chairs and a magnetic blackboard wall for children to express their creativity are the perfect space for families. Guests can enjoy amenities such as the 24-hour fitness centre, an outdoor pool and complimentary shuttle service to Orchard Road (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82), Clarke Quay (see Nightlife & Entertainment, p91), Suntec City (see Shopping, Malls, p140) and other major landmarks.

Room rate: S\$201–S\$300

Number of rooms: 343

Lead-in room size: 30sqm

Chain/Group: Park Hotel Group

Amenities:



Services:



Event Space:

Rooftop Garden

Address: 10 Coleman Street

Tel: +65 6336 3456 / +65 6432 5517 (Trade Contact: Lim Jiahui)

Fax: +65 6339 9311

Website: parkhotelgroup.com/en/cityhall

Email: info.gpch@parkhotelgroup.com / jiahui.lim@parkhotelgroup.com (Trade Contact: Lim Jiahui)

Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

HOTEL G SINGAPORE

At Hotel G Singapore, guests can stay in elegantly furnished rooms, designed with a vintage aesthetic. Each room has an IPTV where guests can watch movies and surf the internet, as well as complimentary Handy X Phones with free local calls, data roaming and travel tips that can be used by guests when they are travelling around the city. The hotel's communal space, located at Ginett Restaurant & Wine Bar (randblab.com/ginett-sg), comes equipped with internet connectivity and plugs, making it a perfect spot for guests to work. For some shopping or sightseeing, guests

can take a short walk to the Bugis district (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p78), Bugis Junction shopping mall (see Shopping, Malls, p138), Kwan Im Thong Hood Cho Temple—a Buddhist Temple—and Sri Krishnan Temple—an Indian temple.

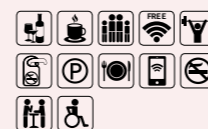
Room rate: S\$101–S\$200

Number of rooms: 308

Lead-in room size: 13sqm

Chain/Group: GCP Hospitality

Amenities:



Services:



Address: 200 Middle Road

Tel: +65 6809 7988 / +65 6818 7995 (Trade Contact: Peachy Tuason)

Website: hotelgssingapore.com

Email: res@hotelgssingapore.com / peachytuason@hotelgssingapore.com (Trade Contact: Peachy Tuason)

Nearest MRT: Bencoolen Station / Rochor Station / Bras Basah Station / Dhoby Ghaut Station



HOTEL MI

Hotel Mi offers comfortable accommodation and is located right at the doorstep of the Bras Basah. Bugis precinct (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p78). Within walking distance of the hotel are the Maghain Aboth Synagogue (singaporejews.com/our-community/maghain-aboth-synagogues), and The Cathay shopping mall (thecathay.com.sg). The hotel's 342 rooms have USB charging ports and include complimentary Handy smartphones with unlimited international calls and 3G/4G access. Travellers can use the maps and GPS functions on the phone to navigate themselves around the city. Amenities include an outdoor pool and gym.

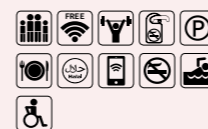
Room rate: S\$101–S\$200

Number of rooms: 342

Lead-in room size: 14sqm

Chain/group: Worldwide Hotels

Amenities:



Address: 41 Bencoolen Street

Tel: +65 6251 8822 / +65 6664 0706 (Trade Contact: Sean Choo)

Fax: +65 6266 3126

Website: hotelmi.com

Email: contact@hotelmi.com / seanchoo@wwhotels.com (Trade Contact: Sean Choo)

Nearest MRT: Bencoolen Station



Hotel G Singapore

VISIT A NATIONAL MONUMENT

A short stroll from Hotel G will take travellers to the Maghain Aboth Synagogue, one of the oldest surviving Jewish buildings in Southeast Asia.

INTERCONTINENTAL® SINGAPORE ROBERTSON QUAY

Indulge in a luxurious stay at the InterContinental® Singapore Robertson Quay. The hotel overlooks the Singapore River (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p88) and is situated near the Clarke Quay nightlife district (see Nightlife and Entertainment, p91). A short walk from the hotel will bring guests to Robertson Walk shopping mall (robertsonwalk.com), the vibrantly coloured Alkaff Bridge (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p88) and the STPI art gallery (see Shopping, Art Galleries, p144). The hotel's Suites, Classic and Executive rooms are fitted with a Bose® sound bar and Nespresso® coffee machines. Guests who stay in the Executive rooms or Suites will get to enjoy exclusive access to the 24-hour Club InterContinental®, where they are served complimentary food and beverages. Dining options at InterContinental® are aplenty. By day, Publico Deli (publico.sg) serves breakfast and coffee and transforms into an Italian bar at night. Grab a light meal and drinks at the Quayside Lounge and end the day with dinner at The Quayside (thequayside.sg), a development of restaurants, cafés and bars along Robertson Quay. Babysitting services are available at a fee.

Room rate: S\$301–S\$400

Number of rooms: 225

Lead-in room size: 23sqm

Chain/Group: RB Capital Group, Intercontinental Hotels Group

Amenities:



Services:



Event Spaces:

5 Event and Meeting Spaces

Address: 1 Nanson Road

Tel: +65 6826 5000

Fax: +65 6826 5055

Website: robertsonquay.intercontinental.com

Email: info.sinic@ihg.com

Nearest MRT: Fort Canning Station

Mercure Singapore and Novotel Singapore on Stevens



MERCURE SINGAPORE ON STEVENS

Stay in one of the chic, sophisticated rooms at Mercure Singapore on Stevens, a hotel that is close to many of the city's attractions and amenities. The hotel is just a ten-minute drive away from Orchard Road (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle precincts, p82), Singapore's prime shopping belt and home to a myriad of restaurants, cafés and local boutiques. With Stevens and Orchard MRT stations close by, guests have easy access to the Central Business District (CBD), as well as the cultural districts of Chinatown and Little India (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p61 and p68 respectively). Dining options within the hotel include Winestone, a restaurant that serves Modern European and Mediterranean food and has a collection of wines from around the world.

Room rate: S\$101–S\$200
Number of rooms: 518
Lead-in room size: 18sqm
Chain/group: Accor Hotels

Amenities: **Services:**



Event Spaces:
 9 Meeting Rooms and Ballrooms
Address: 28 Stevens Road #01-02

Tel: +65 6491 6100 / +65 9790 6031 (Trade Contact: Kelly Lim)
Fax: +65 6491 6085
Website: novotel-singapore-stevens.com
Email: H9561@Accor.com / kelly.lim@accor.com (Trade Contact: Kelly Lim)
Nearest MRT: Stevens Station / Orchard Station / Newton Station

NOVOTEL SINGAPORE ON STEVENS

Equipped with sports facilities, meeting venues and over ten dining outlets, Novotel caters to every traveller's needs. Fitness enthusiasts can work up a sweat at the hotel's tennis court and 24-hour gym. For business event visitors, the hotel features 9 meeting rooms, ballrooms and iMac stations. Guests can have breakfast, lunch or dinner buffet

by the pool at Food Exchange. Coffee connoisseurs can savour barista-made coffees and artisan teas at Fudebar. The kids room with books, Xbox™ games, toys and a television is the perfect place to keep the young ones entertained. The room is designed for children above the age of three years old with adult supervision at all times. The hotel also provides complimentary shuttles that stop by the Singapore Botanic Gardens (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p58), The Metropolis at Buona Vista, Stevens MRT station and T Galleria (Orchard Road). The bus runs from 8am to 9.40pm daily.

Room rate: S\$201–S\$300
Number of rooms: 254
Lead-in room size: 23sqm
Chain/group: Accor Hotels

Novotel Singapore on Stevens



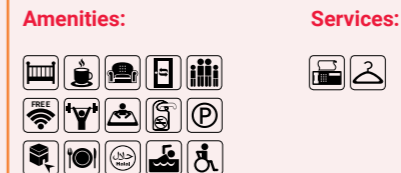
Event Spaces:
 9 Meeting Rooms and Ballrooms

Address: 28 Stevens Road #01-01
Tel: +65 6491 6100 / +65 9790 6031 (Trade Contact: Kelly Lim)
Fax: +65 6491 6085
Website: novotel-singapore-stevens.com
Email: H9543@Accor.com / kelly.lim@accor.com (Trade Contact: Kelly Lim)
Nearest MRT: Stevens Station / Orchard Station / Newton Station

PARK HOTEL FARRER PARK

Park Hotel Farrer Park is located on the periphery of Little India (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p68), a bustling ethnic enclave. Pop by Mustafa Centre (mustafa.com.sg), a 24-hour shopping centre or try Indian wear at Tekka Centre, which are both nearby. Dine at The Blue Jasmine, a Thai restaurant, or grab a sandwich and sip a drink at The Coffee Belt café. Rooms are equipped with an i-Dock, an LED TV and a personal safe. Guests who book Crystal Club rooms will be entitled to Crystal Club Lounge benefits, which includes private check-in and check-out and complimentary breakfast, evening cocktails and light refreshments all day.

Room rate: S\$201–S\$300
Number of rooms: 300
Lead-in room size: 22sqm
Chain/Group: RB Capital Group, Park Hotel Group



Address: 10 Farrer Park Station Road
Tel: +65 6824 8888 / +65 6824 8828 (Trade Contact: Ken Yong)
Fax: +65 6824 8899
Website: parkhotelgroup.com/farrerpark
Email: info.phfp@parkhotelgroup.com / ken.yong@parkhotelgroup.com (Trade Contact: Ken Yong)
Nearest MRT: Farrer Park Station

PARKROYAL ON BEACH ROAD

PARKROYAL on Beach Road is surrounded by a host of dining, entertainment and lifestyle options in the Kampong Glam district (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p64). For shopping, guests can take a ten-minute walk to Suntec City mall (see Shopping, Malls, p140) and the nearby Malay Heritage Centre (see Attractions, History & Heritage, p65) is the perfect spot for guests to learn about the Malay community in Singapore. Eateries surrounding the hotel include NOX - Dine in the Dark and (working title) - Burger Bar (see Eat & Drink, Unique Dining Concepts, p108 and Halal Restaurants, p126 respectively).



Event Spaces:
 2 Ballrooms
 Courtyard
 1 Meeting Room

Address: 7500 Beach Road
Tel: +65 6505 5666
Website: parkroyalhotels.com
Email: enquiry.prsin@parkroyalhotels.com
Nearest MRT: Nicoll Highway Station



Park Hotel Farrer Park



Shangri-La Hotel Singapore

SHANGRI-LA HOTEL SINGAPORE

With the hotel's location close to the vibrant Orchard Road (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82) shopping belt, guests are close to mega malls and trendy restaurants and bars—perfect for chilling out at night. For those who prefer to relax at the hotel, Shangri-La's deluxe and family rooms come with in-house movie channels and a children's meal plan designed in consultation with nutritionists and available both in-room and in restaurants. Families can opt to stay in a Themed Family Suite, where the rooms are decorated with whimsical designs that kids will love. Each of the five suites has a different look—a castle, space explorer, underwater, safari or treetop theme. Each suite has two bedrooms and a pantry stocked with children's amenities by Stokke. The Themed Family Suite can also be connected to a Family Deluxe Room to provide bigger families with a three-bedroom unit. The hotel's nine restaurants and bars—Origin Bar, The Rose Veranda (see Eat & Drink, Afternoon Tea, p117) and Waterfall Ristorante Italiano—offer one of the widest selection of culinary experiences among local hotels. Business event visitors can make use of the Business Centre which is fitted with workstations, laptops, meeting rooms and printing and secretarial services.

Room rate: > S\$401
Number of rooms: 792
Lead-in room size: 38sqm
Chain/Group: Shangri-La Group

Amenities:



Services:



Event Spaces:

2 Ballrooms
 21 Function Rooms
 15 Event Spaces

Address: 22 Orange Grove Road

Tel: +65 6737 3644 / +65 6213 4364 (Trade Contact: Helen Esther Stirrup)

Fax: +65 6737 3257

Website: shangri-la.com/singapore/shangrila

Email: sls@shangri-la.com / helen.stirrup@shangri-la.com (Trade Contact: Helen Esther Stirrup)

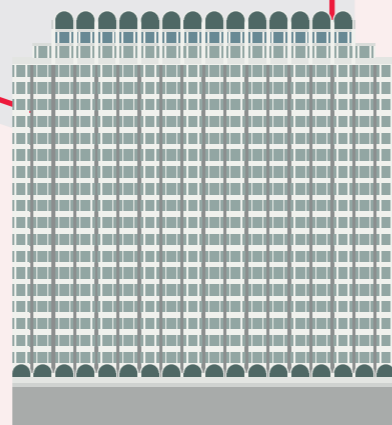
Nearest MRT: Orchard Station / Stevens Station

SOFITEL SINGAPORE CITY CENTRE

This luxury hotel boasts a host of amenities and facilities for guests to indulge in. Sofitel's rooms are equipped with the hotel's signature Sofitel MyBed™ along with a pillow menu, a custom-made stationery box, a rainshower, TWG teas, a Nespresso® machine and a mobile phone that allows for complimentary calls to ten countries such as China, France and the United Kingdom. The hotel has fitness and

LIVE PERFORMANCES BY LOCAL ARTISTS

Origin Bar at Shangri-La hosts live music performances by local artists every Friday and Saturday. The bar also serves drinks inspired by various districts in Singapore. Order the Buona Vista, an ode to journeys and settlements that incorporates Campari, coffee, fig, distilled hazelnut and chocolate. On Wednesday nights, from 6pm onwards, the first 50 ladies to arrive at the bar will receive a complimentary welcome cocktail.



wellness offerings such as the SoFit gym, infinity pool and yoga lessons. Complimentary transport is also provided to take guests to the award-winning SoSpa at Sentosa Island (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p85). Guests who require meeting or event spaces can make use of the hotel's ten flexible venues. Its largest room, the Wallich Ballroom, can accommodate up to 950 pax. Located right above Tanjong Pagar MRT station, visitors will be able to access places around Singapore's Central Business District (CBD) easily.

Room rate: > S\$401

Number of rooms: 223

Lead-in room size: 38sqm

Chain/Group: Accor Hotels Group

Amenities:



Services:



Event Spaces:

1 Ballroom
 8 Meeting Rooms
 1 Lawn

Address: 9 Wallich Street

Tel: +65 6428 5000

Fax: +65 6428 5001

Website: sofitel-singapore-citycentre.com

Email: HA152@sofitel.com

Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station

THE GREAT MADRAS

The Great Madras is a quaint, yet vibrant hotel located in the Little India precinct, and is near the Bugis neighbourhood (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p68 and Lifestyle Precincts, p78 respectively). The heritage building is the perfect Instagrammable getaway, with colourful, retro interiors, neon lights and chic rooms. In the lobby, visitors will find a barber shop and a *halal* bistro. Rooms are artfully decorated with fun prints and equipped with basic amenities such as a kettle, coffee and tea packets. Travellers on a budget can stay in The Great Madras' deluxe hostel, a co-living space with king-sized beds and a sliding door that can be closed to form individual private rooms. Mixed and all-female hostels are also available.

Room rate: S\$101–S\$200

Number of rooms: 35

Lead-in room size: 8sqm

Chain/Group: MES

Amenities:



Services:



Address: 28 Madras Street

Tel: +65 6914 1515

Website: thegreatmadras.com

Email: guestservice@thegreatmadras.com

Nearest MRT: Jalan Besar Station

THE QUAY HOTEL

At The Quay Hotel, guests can choose to stay in one of the hotel's Superior and Deluxe rooms. All rooms include a

flat-screen LED TV with cable channels and complimentary local call service. The hotel has teamed up with Japanese-inspired lifestyle brand tokidoki to transform its lobby, rooftop bar and three rooms, which are decorated with stickers and soft toys. These three rooms are available until 30th June 2019. Located in Raffles Place, The Quay Hotel is within walking distance of the Singapore River (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p88), Clarke Quay, the city's nightlife district (see Nightlife & Entertainment, p91), and the Chinatown cultural precinct (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p61). Guests looking for a quieter spot in the city can take a short walk to One Fullerton (see Nightlife & Entertainment, p97), a nightlife spot, where they will be treated to breathtaking views of the Singapore skyline. The hotel provides handicapped facilities as well as laundry and dry cleaning services.

Room rate: S\$101–S\$200

Number of rooms: 41

Lead-in room size: 23sqm

Chain/Group: Mighty Hotel

Amenities:



Services:



Event Space:

1 Roof Terrace

Address: 57 South Bridge Road

Tel: +65 6532 2482

Website: thequayhotel.sg

Email: info@thequayhotel.sg

Nearest MRT: Clarke Quay Station



The Quay Hotel



Po, flagship restaurant at The Warehouse Hotel

THE WAREHOUSE HOTEL



Best Hotel Experience (2018)

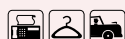
This sleek boutique hotel, along the banks of the Singapore River (see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p88*), is housed in a former godown that was built in 1895. Since its opening, the hotel has received prestigious local and international accolades such as the President's Design Award 2018 and Asia Hotel of the Year 2018. The hotel's location at Robertson Quay is within walking distance of Clarke Quay and Boat Quay (see *Nightlife and Entertainment, p91*), giving guests easy access to the area's shopping and food and beverage offerings. Its rooms are furnished with Bluetooth speakers, custom pillow-top mattresses and eco-certified Ashley & Co bath amenities. Dining options include the hotel's flagship restaurant Pó (*po.com.sg*) which serves modern Singapore cuisine.

- Room rate:** > S\$401
- Number of rooms:** 37
- Lead-in room size:** 34sqm
- Chain/Group:** The Lo & Behold Group

Amenities:



Services:



Event Spaces:

- 1 Meeting Room
- 1 Lobby Bar
- 1 Restaurant

Address: Robertson Quay, 320 Havelock Road

Tel: +65 6828 0000

Fax: +65 6828 0001

Website: thewarehousehotel.com

Email: reservations@thewarehousehotel.com

Nearest MRT: Clarke Quay Station

YOTEL SINGAPORE

YOTEL Singapore offers guests a truly unique experience at its futuristic airline cabin-themed hotel. Located in the heart of Orchard Road (see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82*), the hotel's interiors feature white floors and walls with purple accents, surrounded with glowing white lights. Instead of a traditional front desk, guests will find 24-hour kiosks where they can check in and out easily. Each room is furnished with YOTEL's signature adjustable SmartBed™ with gel memory foam mattress. Room service is brought to rooms by guest service robots, which have built-in storage compartments, motion sensors and talking functions to help with guests' needs such as replacing lost cabin keys and delivering extra toothpaste. For guests pressed for time, the hotel has partnered with food delivery companies Deliveroo and GrabFood to bring food from YOTEL's in-house restaurant,

KOMYUNITI, right to guests' hotel rooms. For rest and relaxation, guests can take a swim at the outdoor pool and enjoy a snack or cocktail at the poolside restaurant and bar.

Room rate: S\$201–S\$300

Number of rooms: 610

Lead-in room size: 16sqm

Chain/Group: YOTEL

Amenities:



Services:



Event Spaces:

Club Lounge and Terrace

Address: 366 Orchard Road

Tel: +65 6866 8000

Website: yotel.com/en/hotels/yotel-singapore

Email: singapore.contact@yotel.com

Nearest MRT: Orchard Station



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FESTIVALS & EVENTS

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

A city pulsating with events all year round

Our diverse and multicultural city offers a vast variety of activities. From shows to festivals and celebrations, there is something for everyone.



FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Singapore's variety of exciting events will capture your passions—from cultural and arts festivals to F&B, shopping and sports.

There's something for everyone.



Singapore Food Festival is perfect for **Foodies** who wish to explore Singapore's culinary richness.



Culture Shapers will connect to the beautiful works on display at Singapore Art Week and other art events.



Explorers can enjoy a stroll down Marina Bay peppered with photo-worthy spots such as the Helix Bridge and Marina Bay Sands®.



From Chinese New Year to Deepavali, Singapore hosts a mix of cultural celebrations where **Collectors** can look forward to vibrant street bazaars.



Action Seekers can soak in the adrenaline surrounding world-class sporting events such as the FORMULA 1 SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX.



Socialisers can party the night away at events such as ZoukOut.

● Public Holiday ☾ Night Activity



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 2019

☾ RAINFOREST LUMINA

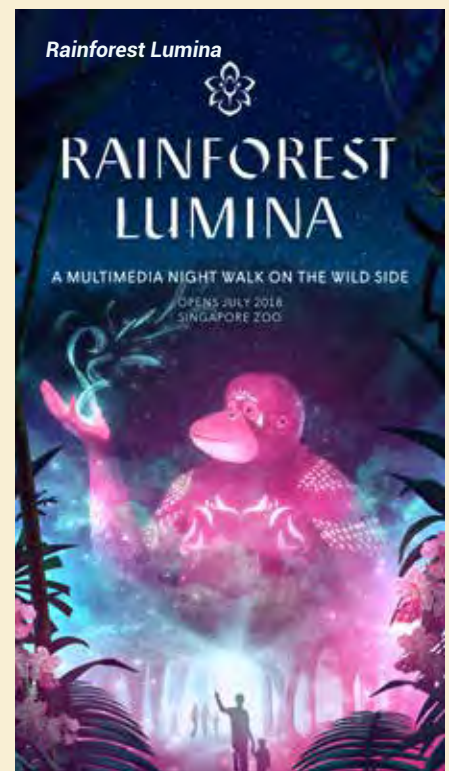
The first of its kind in Southeast Asia, Rainforest Lumina is a multimedia night-walk presented by the Singapore Zoo (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p59) as part of its 45th anniversary celebrations. Visitors can look forward to a mesmerising, audiovisual experience with ten interactive zones. Merging story and setting, Rainforest Lumina will feature a distinctive narrative where visitors will meet the Creature Crew, a quirky group of unlikely heroes who will take visitors through a magical adventure like no other. The Creature Crew believes that nature, humans and animals all have the power to give back to the rainforest. Visitors are invited to come play, sing and discover the enchanted world of Rainforest Lumina.

Date: Ongoing till 9 Feb 2019

Venue: Singapore Zoo

To Book: luminastore.wrs.com.sg

Website: rainforestlumina.wrs.com.sg



DID YOU KNOW?

Pongal derives its name from the Tamil word 'Pongu' which means 'boiling over' or 'spilling over' and represents overflowing fortunes.

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 (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts p68) comes alive with cultural rituals, ethnic performances and a festive light-up, which coincides with Thaipusam. Campbell Lane usually turns into a mini festival village, with street stalls selling everything from Indian outfits and jewellery to festival snacks.

Dates: 11 Jan–9 Feb 2019
Venue: Little India
Website: littleindia.com.sg



Pongal Festival

SINGAPORE ART WEEK

Singapore Art Week (SAW) kick-starts the local arts calendar with a stellar line-up of over 100 arts events happening around the island. These include art fairs, gallery and museum exhibitions, talks and public art festivals. Visitors can also admire art projected on Singapore's historic landmarks in the Civic District during the Light to Night Festival and party among pop-up art installations at Art After Dark at Gillman Barracks (see Attractions, Arts & Design p41). SAW attracts international art collectors and industry professionals, underlining Singapore's reputation as a vibrant arts hub.

Dates: 19–27 Jan 2019
Venues: Islandwide
Cost: Varies depending on event
Website: artweek.sg
Email: artweek@nac.gov.sg

LIGHT TO NIGHT FESTIVAL

Organised by the National Gallery Singapore (see Attractions, Arts & Design, p42), the Light to Night Festival is packed with art, fun and excitement for the whole family. The festival offers activities ranging from live performances and art installations to food stalls and markets. One of the main highlights is a lightshow projection onto the National Gallery Singapore façade.

Dates: 18 Jan–24 Feb 2019
Venues: National Gallery Singapore, The Arts House, Asian Civilisations Museum, Esplanade—Theatres on the Bay, Victoria Theatre & Concert Hall
Cost: Free
Website: lighttonight.sg
Email: info@nationalgallery.sg / james.puah@nationalgallery.sg
 (Trade Contact: James Puah)



ALI WAL URBAN ART FESTIVAL

Aliwal Urban Art Festival is an annual celebration of street culture and subcultures. The festival features a curated selection of art and live performances by local DJs, indie bands and rappers. Visitors can also pick up urban skills such as skateboarding, freestyle football and dancing at the festival.

Date: 19 Jan 2019
Time: 5pm till late
Venue: Kampong Glam
Cost: Varies according to events
Website: aliwalartscentre.sg/events/uaf
Email: aac@artshouse.sg / kennethchng@artshouse.sg (Trade Contact: Kenneth Chng)

JAN 18 ARTWALK LITTLE INDIA

ARTWALK Little India is a multi-disciplinary public art project set in the cultural precinct of Little India (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p68). Centred around the theme, 'Image and Sound of Fragrance', the project aims to bring to life the history and traditions of the community and neighbourhood through a multi-sensory art experience. As visitors explore the streets of Little India, they will get to see murals, artworks and performances by local artists, hear urban Indian legends and participate in workshops.

Date: 18 Jan–2 Feb 2019, with programming and activities happening on Fridays and Saturdays for 3 weekends
Venue: Various locations in Little India
Cost: Varies depending on event
Website: artwalklittleindia.sg

DID YOU KNOW?

It is a common practice for married couples to gift elders, single adults and children with hong baos (money packed in red envelopes) as a symbol of good fortune during Chinese New Year.



JAN 28

CHINATOWN CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

A few weeks prior to Chinese New Year (CNY), Lunar New Year or the Spring Festival, the streets of Chinatown (see Neighbourhood, Ethnic Districts, p61) are decorated with handcrafted lanterns depicting Chinese zodiac animals and symbols for the CNY Street Light-Up. Colourful processions, seasonal street markets and lively lion dance performances will be on display for visitors to soak in the festive mood. On the eve of Chinese New Year itself, Chinatown will be abuzz with live music performances and a spectacular display of fireworks to usher in the new year.

Date: 20 Jan–6 Mar 2019
Venue: Chinatown
Website: chinatownfestivals.sg

i LIGHT SINGAPORE

Asia's only sustainable arts festival returns for the seventh time. This year's i Light Singapore festival, curated to the theme 'Bridges of Time', will kick start the Singapore Bicentennial commemoration with artists illuminating the Marina Bay area (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p81), Singapore River and Raffles Terrace at Fort Canning with innovative and sustainable light art installations. Local industrial designer Yun's new work will be on display—'islands of solar light modules in upcycled PET containers suspended in the air and will come to life as they sway in the wind'.

Dates: 28 Jan–24 Feb 2019
Venue: Marina Bay & Singapore River Waterfront
Cost: General admission is free, charges may apply for some programmes.
Website: ilightsingapore.sg



i Light Singapore

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Chingay

CHINGAY PARADE

The Chingay Parade marks the end of the Chinese New Year celebrations in Singapore. The event brings together colourful floats and performances that celebrate the country's four main races—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; and stunning pyrotechnics and firework displays. The People's Association—the local grassroots organisation which organises Chingay Parade—also brings the parade to some of Singapore's heartland neighbourhoods on subsequent weekends after the main parade.

Dates: 15–16 Feb 2019
Venue: F1 Pit Building, 1 Republic Boulevard
Cost: TBC
Website: chingay.org.sg
Email: PA_SCENE@pa.gov.sg / Felicia_Liu@pa.gov.sg (Trade Contact: Felicia Liu)

HSBC WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (HWWC)

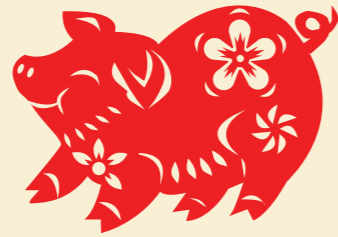
Golf fans and spectators will be filled with excitement for the 12th edition HSBC Women's World Championship (HWWC) when the world's best female golfers battle it out on the New Tanjong Course at Sentosa Golf Club.

Considered the Asia's Major, the tournament brings together all the winners from the previous Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) season as well as the top 20 players from the Rolex® Women's World Ranking of that year. Enjoy breathtaking golf action as well as an exciting line-up of music and food offerings off the greens.

Dates: 28 Feb–3 Mar 2019
Venue: Sentosa Golf Club
Cost: TBC
Website: hsbcgolf.com



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RIVER HONGBAO

This event is an eye-opener for visitors who want a taste of Chinese culture and heritage. The big draw is the interactive lantern set pieces and lavish performances at this Chinese New Year celebration by the riverside. Fireworks are also an integral part of the Chinese New Year celebrations, and visitors can be dazzled by a 12-minute long display of fireworks during the Fireworks Spectacular, which will take place on four special nights (3, 4, 9 & 10 Feb). The firework display will be spread over three timeslots on each of the four nights and the usual nightly fireworks will take place on the other nights. There will also be food stalls, amusement rides, carnival games and cultural performances.

Dates: 3–10 Feb 2019
Venue: The Float@Marina Bay, 20 Raffles Avenue
Website: riverhongbao.sg
Email: riverhongbao@sfcca.sg

MARVEL AT
HANDCRAFTED
LANTERNS

The lanterns on display at River Hongbao depict characters from Chinese myths and legends.

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SINGAPORE FESTIVAL OF FUN

Watch buskers, street performers, and spectacular shows with clowns, acrobats, stilt walkers, magicians and jugglers at the Singapore Festival of Fun. The 2019 festival features a traditional circus installment with a big top tent, entertaining games and roving street acts. It promises to be fun and entertaining for the whole family.

Dates: 13–24 Mar 2019
Venue: Clarke Quay
Cost: Free (except for ticketed shows)
Website: festivaloffun.sg
Email: matt@magicrock.com.sg
 (Trade Contact: Matt)

● 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, p49 for more information on some of Singapore's churches.

Date: 19 Apr 2019

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THE MICHELIN GUIDE STREET FOOD FESTIVAL 2019

The event will host 15 MICHELIN Bib Gourmand, Plate and Starred Hawker stalls and restaurants showcasing their versions of local street food for visitors to enjoy all in one place.

Dates: 22–24 Feb 2019
Venue: The Coliseum, Resorts World™ Sentosa, 1 Garden Avenue
Cost: S\$30 per pax (inclusive of S\$25 credit fully redeemable for food)
To Book: Tickets can be purchased on guide. michelin.com/sg
Website: guide.michelin.com/sg
Email: contact@michelin.sg / Gladys.see@robertparker.com
 (Trade Contact: Gladys See)

HSBC SINGAPORE RUGBY 7S

From tight scrums to exhilarating tries, rugby fans can witness the world's top rugby nations battle it out for the Singapore title. Off the pitch, visitors will be entertained by roving performers, face painters, photo booths, stage performances and various fan engagement activities in a carnival-like atmosphere. Outside of the stadium, spectators can enjoy the island wide rugby carnival and roadshows and party with some of rugby's superstars at the Music After Sevens festival.

Dates: 13–14 Apr 2019
Venue: 1 Stadium Drive, National Stadium
Cost: TBC
To book: singapore7s.sg; Tel: +65 3158 7888
Website: singapore7s.sg
Email: sevens@singapore7s.sg



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WORLD GOURMET SUMMIT

Every year, international and local culinary masters create a spectacular spread of gastronomic experiences at the World Gourmet Summit (WGS). In previous years the list of international culinary stars have included Sang Hoon Degeimbre, Christian Escriba, Lorenzo Cogo and Philippe Mille. Reaffirming Singapore as a dynamic international culinary hotspot, this year's WGS presents no less than a sumptuous line-up of gourmet affairs, masterclasses, events and exclusive WGS menus at award-winning, and much-loved, dining establishments in Singapore.

Dates: 22–28 Apr 2019
Venue: Various venues
Cost: Varies depending on venue
Website: worldgourmetsummit.com
Email: wgs.2019@wgs.sg / zacchary.ng@wgs.sg (Trade Contact: Zacchary Ng)

☾ SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

Some of the world's best jazz artists come together at the Singapore International Jazz Festival—better known as Sing Jazz. While it is one of the most highly anticipated shows in the region for this music genre, the festival also showcases acts from soul, R&B, funk and pop performers. The Singapore International Jazz Festival is a free-seating/free-standing event.

Dates: TBC in Mar/Apr 2019
Venue: Event Theatre at Marina Bay Sands®
Cost: TBC
To book: entertainment.marinabaysands.com
Website: sing-jazz.com
Email: info@sing-jazz.com / alfredo@sing-jazz.com (Trade Contact: Alfredo)



● 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: 19 May 2019

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SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ARTS

For 41 years, the Singapore International Festival of Arts has showcased Singapore's thriving creative and arts scene. Interesting and thought-provoking work from local and international artists are presented through various mediums such as, music and literary, theatre and dance performances. The festival takes place at spots around the city and Civic District. Festival House will be located at The Arts House.

Dates: 16 May–2 Jun 2019
Venue: Various venues
Cost: Varies depending on programme
Website: sifa.sg
Email: sifa@artshouse.sg / elizabethwong@artshouse.sg (Trade Contact: Elizabeth Wong)



☾ SINGAPORE COCKTAIL FESTIVAL

An annual event on Asia's cocktail calendar, Singapore Cocktail Festival is a social and experiential gathering of drink makers and connoisseurs from around the world. The Festival Village kicks off Asia's largest celebration of cocktails and gathers some of the world's best under one roof. Visitors can expect bar pop-ups, sample world-class cocktails, meet master mixologists and enjoy music. Visitors can also attend workshops and masterclasses to learn the intricacies of running a globally ranked bar and secrets of crafting perfect cocktails.

Dates: (Festival Village) 10–12 May 2019; Events around the city till 18 May 2019
Venue: To be advised
Cost: Varies depending on venue
Website: singaporecocktailfestival.com
Email: hello@singaporecocktailfestival.com / mayleng@eventsartery.com
 (Trade Contact: Wai Mayleng)



NATIONAL GALLERY SINGAPORE CHILDREN'S BIENNALE 2019

The National Gallery Singapore Children's Biennale inspires parents and children to use art as a medium to learn about themselves and continue dreaming. Previous editions of the Biennale saw the Gallery being transformed into an immersive playscape filled with interactive artworks, installations and activities such as family art workshops.

Dates: 25 May–30 Dec 2019
Venue: National Gallery Singapore
Cost: General admission applies
Website: nationalgallery.sg
Email: info@nationalgallery.sg

JUN

ULTRA SINGAPORE

The world's premier electronic dance and music festival features state-of-the-art interactive technology across the curated stages and top tier productions. This heart-pumping outdoor party has hosted some of the most legendary DJs, including Nicky Romero, Steve Aoki, Afrojack and DJ Snake.

Dates: Jun 2019
Venue: TBC
Cost: TBC
Website: ultrasingapore.com
Email: info@ultrasingapore.com / kai@umfsingapore.asia
 (Trade Contact: Low Kai Hui)

JUL 12

SINGAPORE FOOD FESTIVAL

An annual celebration of the island's rich culinary traditions, proudly organised by the Singapore Tourism Board, the festival kicks off with STREAT, which showcases both traditional and modern iterations of local flavours, and the incredible talents of our homegrown chefs. Another popular event, The 50 Cents Fest in Chinatown Food Street, invites one and all to savour iconic Singaporean dishes from as little as 50 cents.

Dates: 12–28 Jul 2019
Venue: Various locations
Cost: TBC
Website: www.singaporefoodfestival.com
Email: STB_SingaporeFoodFestival@stb.gov.sg

INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS CUP SINGAPORE

The world's premier annual summer soccer tournament featuring the top European clubs playing across North America, Europe and Asia brings world-class soccer to the masses by organising marquee matches that attract record-breaking crowds. Not only will visitors be able to join fans from around the world to cheer on their favourite clubs and players, they might even catch a glimpse of the stars out and about in the city. Aside from the tournament, there will be soccer-themed games and activities where visitors can practice their moves and soak in the excitement of the event.

Dates: Jul 2019
Venue: National Stadium
Cost: TBC
Website: internationalchampionscup.com/territories/sg

● 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, p63) 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 snacks and drinks. Markets are also set up in Kampong Glam (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p64), and visitors can try delicacies such as *putu piring* (steamed rice cake served with coconut shavings) and *ondeh-ondeh* (glutinous rice balls with palm sugar fillings and desiccated coconut).

Dates: early May to early Jun. Hari Raya Puasa falls on 5 Jun 2019



Hari Raya Night Market

JUN 05



AUG 09



● NATIONAL DAY

Singapore certainly knows how to host a birthday party—especially its own! Since Singapore gained its independence in 1965, The Float@Marina Bay 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 and spectacular fireworks. Visitors can catch the festivities on television or watch the parade and fireworks at various locations such as Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p56).

Date: 9 Aug 2019



National Day

AUG 11

● 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: 11 Aug 2019

SEP



CHINATOWN MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS

To remember the sacrifices of Chang Er, the Chinese goddess of the Moon, the mid-autumn festival celebrates the bright harvest moon. Moon-viewing parties are held when the moon is at its fullest and brightest. Visitors can soak in the festivities in Chinatown (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p61), whose streets will be festooned with colourful lanterns. Pop by street-side stalls and enjoy a delicate brew of Chinese tea and sample mooncakes, which are typically pastries filled with lotus seed paste and a salted egg yolk. The celebrations at Chinatown also include performances such as Chinese dance, opera, musical performances and acrobatics every night.

Dates: TBC in Sep 2019
Venue: Chinatown
Website: chinatownfestivals.sg
Email: info@chinatownfestivals.sg



Chinatown Mid-Autumn Festival

MOONCAKES GALORE

During the festival, travellers will find mooncakes in a variety of flavours, from the traditional with lotus seed paste to modern versions with flavours such as chocolate and champagne truffle.

AUG 23

SINGAPORE NIGHT FESTIVAL

Every August, Singapore's city centre flourishes with outdoor performances, pop-up art installations and interactive light installations titled Night Lights on historic buildings. Night owls will enjoy the many events held late into the night brought together by partners and stakeholders in the district, and they will be entertained by the various street performances by local and international artists.

Dates: 23–31 Aug 2019
Venue: Various venues around the Bras Basah Bugis precinct
Cost: Free
Website: nightfestival.sg
Email: nhb_brasbasahbugis@nhb.gov.sg



Singapore Night Festival

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GRAND PRIX SEASON SINGAPORE (GPSS)

While the fastest cars in the world buzz through Singapore during the world's first night race, there will be a whole slew of week-long exciting off-track activities. Retail, dining, arts, culture and entertainment establishments will roll out race-themed programming and promotions for the specially curated ten-day Grand Prix Season Singapore. After catching international musical sensations at the circuit's many stages, drink and dance the night away at exclusive after-parties like the Podium Lounge and Amber Lounge.

Dates: 13–22 Sep 2019
Venue: Throughout Singapore
Website: singaporegp.sg
Email: info@singaporegp.sg

SINGAPORE TOY GAMES COMIC CONVENTION

Singapore's largest pop culture event, which celebrates the world of toys, games, comics and anime, is back for another run. Highlights include exclusive collectable releases, meet-and-greets with comic artists and anime stars, and live entertainment.

Dates: 14–15 Sep 2019 (TBC)
Venue: Sands Expo® and Convention Centre
Cost: TBC
To book: singaporetgc.com
Website: singaporetgc.com
Email: info@singaporetgc.com



FORMULA 1 SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX

FORMULA 1™ SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX

For one weekend in September every year, downtown Singapore is transformed into a magnificently illuminated racetrack for the Grand Prix Season. This year is the 12th edition of the night race, with a line-up that is bound to excite. Prior to the races, visitors can look forward to local and international entertainment acts. Past performers include the likes of Dua Lipa, Jay Chou and The Killers. Aside from the races, visitors can also participate in the Grand Prix Season Singapore (see p33) and enjoy exciting off-track activities all across the city in the weeks leading up to the F1 race.

Dates: 20–22 Sep 2019
Venue: Marina Bay Street Circuit
Cost: Varies depending on zones/no. of days
Website: singaporegp.sg
Email: tickets@singaporegp.sg

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Deepavali

DEEPAVALI CELEBRATIONS

Deepavali, also known as the Festival of Lights is celebrated by Hindus to mark the triumph of good over evil. In Singapore, the streets of Little India (see Neighbourhood, Ethnic District, p68) become a colourful wonderland with the annual Deepavali Light-Up and bazaar. Visitors can shop for ethnic clothing, ornamental decorations, festive cookies, traditional sweet delicacies and much more.

Dates: Sep–Oct 2019
Time: 10am–10pm
Venue: (Festival Village) Hastings Road & Campbell Lane (TBC)
Website: littleindia.com.sg

SINGAPORE WINE FIESTA

Wine lovers can let their taste buds savour the flavours of more than 200 delectable wines from around the world at this year's Wine Fiesta. There will also be expert-led classes and talks where winemakers will share stories about their profession and provide visitors with in-depth knowledge about different wines. Renowned chefs will be present to whip up gourmet treats to go with the wines.

Dates: TBC in October
Venue: TBC
Website: winefiesta.com.sg
Email: info@sswc.com.sg



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SINGAPORE RIVER FESTIVAL

The Singapore River Festival showcases and celebrates the cultural heritage, people and modern charms that make up the Singapore River. Running through Robertson Quay (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p89), Clarke Quay and Boat Quay (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Boat Quay & Clarke Quay, p91), the river comes alive with waterfront activities. The festival line-up features a host of exciting activities, food, art and performances by Singaporean circus acts, musicians and personalities.

Dates: TBC Oct–Nov 2019
Venue: Singapore River, Robertson Quay, Clarke Quay & Boat Quay
Website: srf.sg
Email: team@singapore-river.com / edmund@singapore-river.com (Trade Contact: Edmund Wong)

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SINGAPORE BIENNALE

The 2019 Singapore Biennale returns, with Patrick D. Flores, curator of the University of the Philippines' Vargas Museum, serving as its artistic director. The international contemporary visual arts exhibition has become a must-see event, with a wide range of work by East, South and Southeast Asian artists. The last Biennale featured the works of 63 artists and art collectives from around Asia. The event drew more than 600,000 visitors and included live performances, hands-on workshops and talks conducted by Biennale artists.

Dates: End Nov 2019–End Mar 2020
Venue: To be advised
Cost: Varies depending on event
Website: singaporebiennale.org
Email: enquiries@singaporeartmuseum.sg



Christmas on A Great Street

CHRISTMAS ON A GREAT STREET

Christmas in Singapore is an experience not to be missed. The festive season truly begins when Orchard Road (see Neighbourhood, Lifestyle Precincts, p82), the city's premier shopping and lifestyle destination, gets dressed up with festive over-street lighting and shopping malls put on intricate holiday displays for the yearly tradition of 'Christmas on a Great Street'. Starting at Tanglin Mall, the entire stretch of Orchard Road will be adorned with Christmas lights and decorations. Snap photos while marvelling at the festive lights, décor and glittering mall displays. Visitors can also look forward to roving performances, experiential pop-ups along the pedestrian walkway and in-mall activities and promotions. There's also a Christmas Village at the Ngee Ann Civic plaza, which holds a countdown concert on the night of 24 Dec, Christmas Eve.

Dates: TBC Nov–Dec 2019
Venue: Orchard Road
Website: orchardroad.org/christmas
Email: info@orchardroad.org (Trade Contact: Juliana Fan)

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ART SG

Organised by Angus Montgomery Arts, Tim Etchells and Magnus Renfrew, the inaugural ART SG launches in 2019. With Art Central's fair director Shuyin Yang, the contemporary Art Fair will showcase up to 80 established and contemporary art galleries from Singapore, the region and the world. Alongside visiting exhibitors, the architect-designed fair will feature a full programme including talks, performances, VIP lounge and program, public art displays and an educational component.

Dates: 1–3 Nov 2019
Venue: Sands Expo® & Convention Centre
Cost: TBC
Website: artsg.com
Email: info@artsg.com



ANIME FESTIVAL ASIA

Asia's number one Japan pop culture event takes place over three days this year. Fans can get up close and personal with celebrity cosplayers and the voices behind popular anime theme songs. Visitors can chat about their favourite anime and manga with fellow enthusiasts and collect rare toys and cards from exhibitors. There are also showcases for visitors to sing along to their favourite anime tunes, which will be belted out by their original singers who will take the stage.

Dates: TBC Nov–Dec 2019
Venue: Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre
Cost: TBC
Website: animefestival.asia
Email: contact@sozo.sg / lyana@sozo.sg (Trade Contact: Lyana Lim)



Anime Festival Asia

A STAR-STUDED LINE-UP

Past acts to have taken the stage at ZoukOut include internationally acclaimed DJs, David Guetta, Armin van Buuren and Tiësto.



DEC

ZoukOut

ZOUKOUT

Long established as one of the best music festivals in Asia, ZoukOut draws thousands of people each year. Partygoers head to Sentosa (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p85) to dance the night away as the world's top DJs and musicians spin pulsating tracks. There are hotel and travel packages available for those who are attending ZoukOut.

Date: TBC Nov–Dec 2019
Venue: Sentosa Island, Siloso Beach
Cost: TBC
To book: zoukout.com
Website: zoukout.com
Email: zouclub@zouclub.com/
messiah@zouclub.com
 (Trade Contact: Messiah Abalos)

STANDARD CHARTERED SINGAPORE MARATHON

Since it was first held in 2002, the Singapore edition of the Standard Chartered Marathon has now become one of the world's most attended marathons. The marathon typically takes runners past the city's famous landmarks. It is divided into categories for different age groups and fitness levels.

Date: TBC First weekend of Dec 2019
Venue: TBC
Cost: TBC
To book: marathonsingapore.com
Website: marathonsingapore.com
Email: singaporeinfo@ironman.com/
singaporetravelpartner@ironman.com (Trade Contact: Pei Xuan)



CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND

Soak up the festivities at the Christmas Wonderland at Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p56). With Christmas festive markets and a myriad of iconic Christmas-themed rides, games and attractive decorations, this extravaganza is a must-see for all ages.

Dates: TBC Dec 2019
Venue: Gardens by the Bay
Cost: TBC
Website: christmaswonderland.sg
Email: info@blueskyevents.com.sg /
kevinsoh@blueskyevents.com.sg (Trade Contact: Kevin Soh)



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MARINA BAY COUNTDOWN

Visitors can ring in the new year in spectacular style at Singapore's biggest year-end party. Aside from the fantastic eight-minute fireworks display, a laser and fire show launches at midnight, with the beautiful Marina Bay skyline as the backdrop (see Attractions, 10 Free Attractions for Great Photos, p38). Many hotels and restaurants in the vicinity organise New Year's Eve parties, and have special menus and promotions. Alternatively, catch the fireworks for free at the Merlion Park or The Promontory@Marina Bay.

Date: 31 Dec 2019
Venue: Marina Bay Waterfront
Cost: General admission is free, charges may apply for some programmes.
Website: marinabaycountdown.sg
Email: mbcountdown@marina-bay.sg

Marina Bay Countdown





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ATTRACTIONS

ATTRACTIONS

**An endless array of
fun-filled activities for
all ages**

From exploring picturesque locations to visiting historical landmarks, there are countless activities to engage in.



ATTRACTIONS

Whether it is admiring beautiful flora and fauna or skydiving indoors, there's no shortage of fun activities and locations to experience in Singapore.

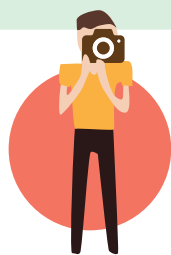


Mega Adventure Park—Singapore

Visitors to Singapore will find lush greenery, world-class theme parks, iconic waterfront attractions and the world's first night safari park. Budget travellers can find fabulous photo opportunities at picturesque places all around Singapore with no admission fees. Culture shapers with a passion for the arts and culture are spoiled for choice with the many places of worship celebrating the nation's rich multi-ethnic society and galleries featuring works by local and international artists. For Explorers eager to traverse the outdoors or learn about the nation's history, the island is dotted with buildings and attractions that commemorate significant historical milestones in Singapore's past. The country's 'City in a Garden' vision means that there is an impressive network of gardens, parks, and nature reserves to explore. Action Seekers can get their heartbeats racing on adrenaline-pumping obstacle courses and thrilling theme park rides.

🌙 Night Activity

10 FREE ATTRACTIONS FOR GREAT PHOTOS

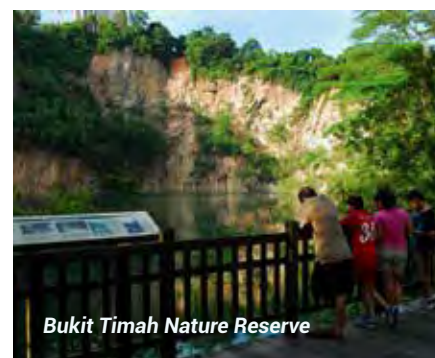


Vacations can be expensive. Luckily for visitors travelling to Singapore, popular spots that do not require entrance fees can be found across the island. Travellers can pack a camera or their smartphones when visiting these attractions as photo opportunities abound—and capture memories of their visit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

1. BUKIT TIMAH NATURE RESERVE

Bukit Timah Nature Reserve (see *Adventure & Nature*, p54) is the second ASEAN Heritage Park here after Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve (see *Adventure & Nature*, p59). One of the largest patches of primary forest in Singapore, it is home to 40% of Singapore's native fauna and flora, 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 163-metres—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, recognising its regional importance and conservational value.

Location: End of Hindhede Drive
Website: nparks.gov.sg
Nearest MRT: Beauty World Station



Bukit Timah Nature Reserve

2. GARDENS BY THE BAY

Gardens by the Bay (see *Adventure & Nature*, p56), 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 (see p38). The Bay South Garden's iconic Supertrees, measuring up to 50 metres each, 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 East Garden and Children's Garden is free.

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



3. HENDERSON WAVES

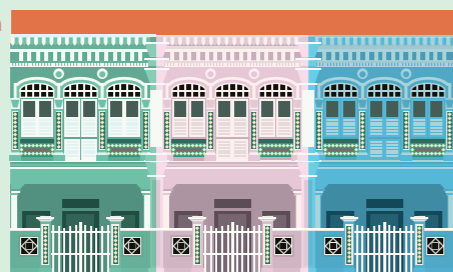
Constructed at 36-metres above ground, Henderson Waves is Singapore's highest pedestrian bridge. Its unique wave-like architecture—comprising a series of undulating curved ribs—makes the 274-metre-long bridge a popular destination for wedding shoots. Here, couples can mark their trip to Singapore with 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*, p59), a ten-kilometre-long 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

4. KATONG HERITAGE SHOPHOUSES

Peranakans are Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage, and their legacy is best witnessed in the Katong & Joo Chiat heritage precinct (see *Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts*, p66). Katong's pre-war architecture—including heritage terrace houses and shophouses with intricate motifs, ceramic tiles, 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 and Joo Chiat 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



5. MARINA BAY SKYLINE

Marina Bay (see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts*, p81) offers some of the best panoramic views of the city skyline in Singapore—the 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 (see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts*, p81), which is lit by thousands of LED lights at night, and the lotus-shaped ArtScience Museum™ (see *Arts & Design*, p40). The Merlion Park, just a short walk away at One Fullerton (see *Nightlife & Entertainment*, p97), offers opportunities for creative photography. A popular pose with visitors is to pretend to drink from the Merlion. Travellers can also head to the nearby Esplanade—Theatres on the Bay (see *Venues, Performance & Concert Venues*, p188), affectionately known as 'The Durian' for its spiky roofs, as it offers a unique photo backdrop.

Location: Marina Bay area. Bayfront Avenue; Merlion Park. 1 Fullerton Road; Esplanade—Theatres on the Bay. 1 Esplanade Drive
Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station / Raffles Place Station

6. RAFFLES STATUE

Visitors looking to photograph a historical Singapore icon should head to the Victoria Theatre & Victoria Concert Hall (see *Venues, Performance & Concert Venues*,

p190), where a dark bronze statue of Sir Stamford Raffles—the founder of modern Singapore—stands 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: Victoria Theatre & Victoria Concert Hall. 9 Empress Place; Raffles Landing Site. 59 Boat Quay
Nearest MRT: City Hall Station / Raffles Place Station

7. SENTOSA

The Sentosa island resort (see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts*, p85) offers plenty of snapshot-worthy attractions. Visitors can stroll along the 700-metre sheltered Sentosa Boardwalk 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™ (see *Thrill Seeking*, p60), the views from the 11-storey Fort Siloso Skywalk, and the Imbiah Lookout for close-ups of the 37-metre-tall Merlion. In the evening, Quayside Isle (see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts*, p86) 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: Universal Studios Singapore™. 8 Sentosa Gateway; Fort Siloso Skywalk. Siloso Road; Merlion Walk. 30 Imbiah Road; Quayside Isle. Sentosa Cove. 31 Ocean Way
Website: sentosa.com.sg
Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve



Singapore Botanic Gardens

8. SINGAPORE BOTANIC GARDENS

Set in lush greenery, the 160-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 vine planted at the fence 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 installed in 1984. Other unique photography spots include 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

9. SUNGEI BULOH WETLAND RESERVE AND KRANJI MARSHES

The Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve (see *Adventure & Nature*, p59), 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_sbwr@nparks.gov.sg in advance.

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

10. TREETOP WALK

Visitors can find the TreeTop Walk along several hiking routes in MacRitchie Reservoir Park. The first of its kind in Singapore, the TreeTop Walk is a suspension bridge 25 metres above the forest ground, connected to the two highest points in MacRitchie. The bird's eye view of the park and the lush greenery and animals in the forest canopy makes a stunning backdrop for photos. The distance to the entrance of the TreeTop Walk is around four and a half kilometres from MacRitchie Reservoir Park and a round trip through the park is about seven to ten kilometres. The TreeTop Walk gate closes at 5pm. Closed on Mondays, except for public holidays.

Location: 601 Island Club Road
Website: nparks.gov.sg
Nearest MRT: Tan Kah Kee Station

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, p81), the iconic structure, designed by world-renowned architect Moshe Safdie, has been called the “welcoming hand of Singapore” as its design comprises ten ‘fingers’—the tallest being 60 metres 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. The museum 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 8826
Website: marinabaysands.com/ArtScienceMuseum
Email: MuseumGroupBooking@MarinaBaySands.com
Cost: Adult S\$19, Child & Senior Citizen S\$14; (Admission fees may vary for special exhibitions)
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 Neighbourhood, Lifestyle Precincts, p88), is committed to preserving Singapore and Asia's cultural heritage. The neoclassical building has over three levels 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. Bulk purchases of 20 or more adult tickets

receive 20% off the admission fees. Advanced booking is required for all group visits with more than 20 people. Guided tours are available in English, French, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin and Spanish.

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

GILLMAN BARRACKS

The history of Gillman Barracks (see Shopping, Art Galleries, p144) 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's 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 Ota Fine Arts alongside homegrown outfits like FOST Gallery (fostgallery.com). There are also several dining options like Masons for European cuisine and Creamier (creamier.com.sg) for ice cream and coffee. Galleries open past their usual hours during the Art After Dark event, which features live music and pop-up food stalls.

Address: 9 Lock Road
Website: gillmanbarracks.com
Email: gillmanbarracks@gmail.com / aaron_chan@nac.gov.sg (Trade Contact: Aaron Chan)
Opening Hours: Varies per gallery. All galleries closed on Mon and Public Holidays
Nearest MRT: Labrador Park Station

LATE NIGHT DRINKS AND ENTERTAINMENT

If travellers visit Gillman Barracks till late, they can head down to Timbre® X for drinks and live performances by local artists and bands.



Asian Civilisations Museum

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 over 70 artists and arts groups. It has more than 40 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
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, p78), 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 and the largest teddy bear collection in Southeast Asia. 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
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

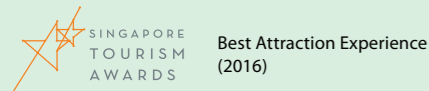
ARTSCIENCE MUSEUM™ AFTER HOURS

ArtScience Late, a monthly night event at the ArtScience Museum™ showcases experimental performances by local and international artists who work at the intersection of art, technology and science.



ArtScience 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: Kelvin Ng)
Website: nationalgallery.sg
Email: kelvin.ng@nationalgallery.sg (Trade Contact: Kelvin Ng)
Cost: Adult S\$20, Child S\$15, Senior Citizen S\$15
Opening Hours: Sun–Thu & Public Holidays 10am–7pm; Fri–Sat & Eve of Public Holidays 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, p78), the National Museum is the country's oldest museum with a progressive mind. Its galleries adopt cutting-edge and multi-perspective ways of presenting history and culture to redefine the conventional museum experience. A cultural and architectural landmark in Singapore, the Museum

hosts innovative festivals and events all year round—the dynamic Night Festival, visually arresting art installations, as well as amazing performances and film screenings—in addition to presenting thought-provoking exhibitions involving critically important collections of artefacts. Visitors can immerse themselves 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. Complimentary guided tours are held daily.

Address: 93 Stamford Road
Tel: +65 6332 3659
Website: nationalmuseum.sg
Email: nhb_nm_hospitality@nhb.gov.sg
Cost: Adult S\$15, Student & Senior Citizen aged 60 years and above with valid identification S\$10; Free admission for child aged six years and below
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–7pm
Nearest MRT: Bras Basah Station / Dhoby Ghaut Station / Bencoolen Station

RED DOT DESIGN MUSEUM

Formerly located in the Red Dot Traffic Building (now known as the Maxwell Chamber Suites), the Red Dot Design Museum is now housed along the Marina Bay Waterfront Promenade. Since 2005, the Red Dot Design Museum has displayed outstanding designs throughout its galleries, 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, handicrafts and accessories. Visitors can look forward to special exhibitions such as 'A Preview of the Future' which displays over 300 award-winning futuristic design concepts over two floors.

Address: 11 Marina Boulevard
Tel: +65 6514 0111 (Museum & Shop), +65 6534 7194 (Office)
Website: museum.red-dot.sg
Email: museum@red-dot.sg
Cost: Locals can pay as you wish. Minimum fee for non-Singapore citizen is S\$6.40, Free admission for children aged six and below (for both local and non Singapore citizen)
Opening Hours: Mon–Thu 10am–8pm; Fri–Sun 10am–11pm
Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station / Downtown Station



VINTAGE CAMERA'S MUSEUM

The Vintage Camera's Museum is Singapore's first and only museum dedicated entirely to antique photography. Its all-white camera-shaped building with an entrance shaped like a lens is hard to miss and its interior boasts a collection just as impressive. With over 1,000 cameras on display, some dating from as far back as the 1800s, the museum is a photography enthusiast's haven and a site where amateur photographers can get an in-depth understanding about the history of photography. Its collection includes a six-metre-long Mammoth Camera as well as miniature spy cameras featured in movies such as James Bond. Visitors can also handle and try some of the cameras for themselves. Email to enquire about group deals.

Address: 8C & 8D Jalan Kledek
Tel: +65 6291 2278
Website: vintagecamerasmuseumsg.com
Email: ram@wemuseums.com
Cost: Adult S\$20, Child S\$15, Senior Citizen S\$15
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10.30am–9.30pm
Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

“A camera documents our precious memories and I want to document the transformation and journey of the camera.”



An avid collector of vintage cameras, S. Ramanathan has amassed over 7,000 vintage cameras in his personal collection. At his museum, the Vintage Camera Museum, he showcases more than 1,000 cameras, some dating from as far back as the 1800s.

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 the Former Ford Factory, which relives how Singapore survived the Japanese occupation during World War II, visitors will find that there is more to this city-state than its skyscrapers, shopping malls 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. Constructed in 1936, it served as an underground command centre for British-led troops in Singapore during World War II. 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 (see Tours, Active Silvers, p164), 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. Travellers can email to enquire about group deals.

Address: Fort Canning Park, 2 Cox Terrace
Tel: +65 6338 6133 / +65 6261 7954 (Trade Contact: Darshini Tamilselvan)
Website: battlebox.com.sg
Email: enquiry@battlebox.com.sg / darshini@shc.com.sg (Trade Contact: Darshini Tamilselvan)
Cost: Adult S\$18, Child S\$9
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 9.30am–5.30pm
Nearest MRT: Dhoby Ghaut 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 (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p61) 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 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 8168 3276 (Trade Contact: Amanda Wong)
Fax: +65 6224 3917
Website: chinatownheritagecentre.com.sg
Email: enquiry@chinatownhc.com.sg / marketing@chinatownhc.com.sg (Trade Contact: Amanda Wong)
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 9.30am–6.30pm; Closed on the first Mon of every quarter
Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station



CIVIL DEFENCE HERITAGE GALLERY AT THE CENTRAL FIRE STATION

The Singapore Civil Defence Force provides fire-fighting, rescue and emergency medical services for Singapore and is recognised as a professional body of well-trained officers and men ever-ready to respond to life threatening emergencies. At the Civil Defence Heritage Gallery, visitors will learn about the history of the Singapore Civil Defence Force, as well as the latest fire-fighting and rescue technology they have developed and used. The gallery also features customised interactive stations for a close-up experience of what fire fighters and rescuers experience in an operation. Visitors can opt for a guided tour through the gallery. The guided tour is available in English only.

Address: 62 Hill Street
Tel: +65 6332 2996
Website: scdf.gov.sg/home/community-volunteers/visit-scdf-establishments
Cost: Free
Opening Hours: Tue–Sun 10am to 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
Website: nparks.gov.sg
Email: nparks_public_affairs@nparks.gov.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 24 hours
Nearest MRT: Esplanade Station / City Hall Station



FORMER FORD FACTORY

Discover how Singapore survived the Japanese Occupation at the historic Former Ford Factory. Through three intertwining narratives on Japanese aggression, British defences and how civilians in Singapore were caught up in the larger forces of imperial struggle and war, the exhibition showcases fresh perspectives on the fall of Singapore. Visitors will have the unique experience of being able to walk into the boardroom where the surrender took place on 15 February 1942. Learn about acts of atrocity such as 'Sook Ching' where there was mass screening of Chinese men and those suspected of being anti-Japanese were mercilessly killed. Discover other harrowing experiences and the different ways people responded to severe challenges and suffering through the display of personal items from that time and the oral history interviews of eye witnesses to actual events. Join the walk-in tours led by experienced volunteer guides to discover more stories behind the rich collections on display. There are 20 places available daily (except for public holidays). Tour schedules are subject to change, so to avoid disappointment, do check the website for details.

Address: 351 Upper Bukit Timah Road
Tel: +65 6332 3255
Website: nas.gov.sg/formerfordfactory
Email: enquiry@nlb.gov.sg
Cost: Admission is free for Singaporeans & Permanent Residents, Foreigners S\$3
Opening Hours: Tue–Sun & Public Holidays 9am–5:30pm; Closed on Mon & first day of Chinese New Year
Nearest MRT: Hillview Station

HAW PAR VILLA

Built in 1937, named after the brothers behind the famous Tiger Balm, Haw Par Villa is the only Chinese mythological theme park in the world. On display are colourful statues and tableaux that include animals, massive deity heads and scenes from Chinese legends like Journey to the West and Eight Immortals. Haw Par Villa is also famous for its gruesome depictions of Chinese folklore's ten stages in the Court of Hell. Admission to the park is free.

Note: Haw Par Villa is closed till end of February 2019.

Address: 262 Pasir Panjang Road
Tel: +65 6325 1631 / +65 6773 0103
Fax: +65 6224 0136
Website: hawparvilla.sg
Email: HPV@journeys.com.sg / discover@journeys.com.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 9am–7pm
Nearest MRT: Haw Par Villa Station

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 30-minute character-guided tour, visitors can interact with the guide and gain insights into Singapore's history through 11 immersive themed 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 (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p86), which houses 60 life-sized 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: Imbiah Lookout, Sentosa Island. 40 Imbiah Road
Tel: +65 6715 4000 / +65 9189 3533 (Trade Contact: Jabin Lim)
Website: imagesofsingaporelive.com
Email: enquiry@madame-tussauds.com / jabin.lim@madame-tussauds.com (Trade Contact: Jabin Lim)
Cost: Adult S\$42, Child aged 12 and below S\$32, Senior Citizen S\$30; Includes admission to Madame Tussauds Singapore
Opening Hours: Mon–Fri 11am–6pm; Sat, Sun & Public Holidays 11am–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 showcases Indian culture and history. It houses one permanent exhibition, 'Indians in Singapore—Past & Present' and special exhibitions such as 'Chetti Melaka of the Straits—Rediscovering Peranakan Indian Communities', which will be open till May 2019. 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 (min 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.

Address: 5 Campbell Lane
Tel: +65 6291 1601
Website: indianheritage.org.sg
Email: nhb_ihc@nhb.gov.sg / IHC_GroupBooking@nhb.gov.sg
Cost: Adult S\$6, Senior Citizen & Student S\$4; Free admission for child under six
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 (See Neighbourhood, Lifestyle Precincts, p84), the official office of Singapore's president, and the role of the president.

It was officially opened in October 2016 by Former President Tony Tan, and its curated collection includes artefacts, artwork and state gifts, as well as a replica of a signing-in 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, and has a maximum capacity of 45 pax. Admission is free, but an advance notice of two weeks is required for group visits.

Address: Istana Park. 35 Orchard Road
Tel: +65 6904 4289
Website: istana.gov.sg/the-istana/istana-heritage-gallery/visitors-information
Email: galleries_enquiry@istana.gov.sg / samira_shah@istana.gov.sg (Trade Contact: Samira Shah)
Opening Hours: Mon, Tue & Thu–Sun 10am–6pm; Closed on Wed
Cost: Free
Nearest MRT: Dhoby Ghaut Station



Images of Singapore LIVE

LEE KONG CHIAN NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Opened in 2015, the public gallery at the Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum is divided into 20 different zones, with interactive displays and exhibits of mammal, amphibian and plant specimens spread over two floors. The star exhibits in this gallery, are the trio of real and near-complete skeletons of dinosaurs found at the Dinosaur Zone, as well as Jubilee the Singapore Whale at the Mammal Zone. Visitors can also learn about the efforts made by Singapore to preserve its natural environment and view specimens that date as far back as the late 1800s. 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. Visitors can email the museum to enquire about the group discounts available.

Address: National University of Singapore, 2 Conservatory Drive
Tel: +65 6601 3333 / +65 6601 5152 (Trade Contact: Belinda Teo)
Fax: +65 6774 8101
Website: lkcnhm.nus.edu.sg
Email: nhmvisit@nus.edu.sg / belindateo@nus.edu.sg (Trade Contact: Belinda Teo)
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



Malay Heritage Centre

MALAY HERITAGE CENTRE

Visitors to the Malay Heritage Centre can find out what the Kampong Glam district (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p64) 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 Gelam—'Istana' in Malay stands 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 workshops and theatre programmes for children and adults 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 child aged six and below
Opening Hours: (Museum) Tue–Sun 10am–6pm; (Compound) Tue–Sun 8am–9pm; Closed on Mon
Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

KAMPONG GLAM HERITAGE TRAIL APP

Download the Kampong Glam Heritage Trail app that comes with interactive features like games and 3D images of notable landmarks and streets to learn more about the vibrant culture and heritage of Singapore.

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 (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) 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

Singapore Discovery Centre



parts of it were excavated. Temporary Peranakan-themed (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) exhibitions are regularly held on the third floor. Visits to the NUS Baba House are strictly by appointment and will cost S\$10 each for tourists. Visitors are advised to sign up in advance for the hour-long free heritage tour (max 13 pax). The tour is available in English and Mandarin.

Address: 157 Neil Road
Tel: +65 6227 5731 / +65 6516 2496 (Trade Contact: Wardah Mohamad)
Website: babahouse.nus.edu.sg
Email: babahouse@nus.edu.sg / wardah@nus.edu.sg (Trade Contact: Wardah Mohamad)
Opening Hours: By appointment only
Nearest MRT: Outram Park Station

PERANAKAN MUSEUM

The Peranakan Museum has ten permanent galleries spread over three floors and houses the world's most comprehensive collection of Peranakan artefacts, such as jewellery, textiles and furniture. The museum also reveals the rich heritage, practices and traditions of the Peranakan community (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage). 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 20 pax and larger can enjoy a 20% discount on group bookings and bookings must be made in advance. Charges apply for special exhibitions; enquire for other promotions.

Address: 39 Armenian Street
Tel: +65 6332 7591 / +65 6332 3583 (Trade Contact: Faiza)
Website: peranakanmuseum.org.sg
Email: nhb_pm_vs@nhb.gov.sg / faiza_abdulrahman@nhb.gov.sg (Trade Contact: Faiza)
Cost: Free admission for Singaporeans, Permanent Residents & children; Foreigners S\$13, Foreign students & seniors S\$9, Foreigner family of five S\$39
Opening Hours: Mon–Thu, Sat & Sun 10am–7pm; Fri 10am–9pm
Nearest MRT: City Hall Station / Bras Basah Station

ALL THINGS PERANAKAN

After visiting the Peranakan Museum, visitors can pop over to the True Blue Shoppe for Peranakan souvenirs and the nearby True Blue Restaurant for authentic Peranakan delicacies.

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, enjoy Singapore stories, hop onto the Singapore Armed Forces Training Institute (SAFTI) bus tour or try out Singapore's first immersive Third Generation Singapore Armed Forces game. Guided tours of the permanent exhibits gallery are available in English and Mandarin and are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. The centre also has an on-site movie theatre, pedal-boating facilities and a Crossfire paintball arena (fees apply for all three). Email to enquire about group deals.

Address: 510 Upper Jurong Road
Tel: +65 6792 6188
Fax: +65 6792 1233
Website: sdc.com.sg
Email: info@sdc.com.sg

Cost: Free admission for Singaporeans & Permanent Residents. Foreigners from S\$10, Youth from S\$7.50, Children from S\$6
Opening Hours: Tue–Sun & Public Holidays 9am–6pm; Closed on Mon (except on public and school term holidays)
Nearest MRT: Joo Koon Station

SINGAPORE MUSICAL BOX MUSEUM

In the 19th century and early 20th century, Singapore played an integral role in the development of musical boxes in Southeast Asia. At the Singapore Musical Box Museum, visitors will get to travel back in time as they pursue more than 40 antique musical boxes exhibited in the museum and learn about the history of musical boxes and how it made its way to Singapore. A 40-minute guided tour, available in English, Mandarin or Japanese, is included in the admissions ticket where in-house curators and research workers will provide detailed information on the museum and its exhibitions. Groups consisting of ten or more people are entitled to discounts and can email or call the museum for more information and to book a tour.

Address: 168 Telok Ayer Street

Tel: +65 6221 0102

Fax: +65 6221 0103

Website: singaporemusicalboxmuseum.org

Email: smbmbbox@gmail.com

Cost: Adult S\$12, Student & Senior Citizen S\$6, Free admission for children aged six and below

Opening Hours: Mon & Wed–Sun 10am–6pm; Closed on Tue

Nearest MRT: Telok Ayer Station



Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall

MADE IN SINGAPORE

Look out for a unique musical box, titled 'China', an early work of Singapore's craftsmen during the colonial days.

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 selected days 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: sysnmh.org.sg

Email: NHB_WQY@nhb.gov.sg

Cost: Free admission for Singaporeans, Permanent Residents & Children under the age of six; Foreigners S\$6; Foreign Students, Senior Citizens & Children from age six to 12 S\$4

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 Promenade, the Fullerton Heritage District (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p81) 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 within walking distance to the Merlion Park 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 can be booked up to one month in advance and 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 at a fee.

Address: 1 Fullerton Road

Tel: +65 6557 2590

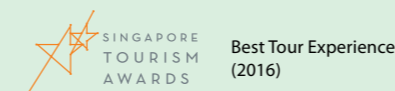
Website: thefullertonheritage.com

Email: enquiries@fullertonhotels.com

Opening Hours: Varies by establishment, see website for more details

Nearest MRT: Raffles Place Station

THE INTAN



Visitors can experience the rich culture and heritage of the Peranakans (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) at The Intan. A gem of a heritage house, The Intan (which aptly means 'rose-cut diamond' in Malay) is nestled in the culturally rich enclave of Joo Chiat (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p66). Visitors will have an authentic Peranakan experience when they sign up for The Intan Tea Tour (by appointment only). They will get to view the carefully curated and conserved antique Peranakan house and marvel at the multitude of vibrant relics like shoes, accessories, tiles and cera mics. Then, tuck into an array of Peranakan dishes, homemade kueh (bite-sized snacks or desserts) and teas.

Address: 69 Joo Chiat Terrace

Tel: +65 6440 1148 / +65 9338 2234

(Trade Contact: Alvin Yapp)

Website: the-intan.com

Email: contactus@the-intan.com / alvin@busads.com.sg (Trade Contact: Alvin Yapp)

Cost: S\$60 per visitor for The Intan Tea Tour. For other tours, contact to enquire.

Opening Hours: By appointments only

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-Abrar Mosque. The area was a lively business hub, so the 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

Fax: +65 6293 3485

Email: info@abdgafoor.mosque.org.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Thu 9am–6pm; Fri 9–11.30am, 2–6pm

Nearest MRT: Rochor Station

TEA AT THE INTAN

After touring The Intan, travellers can pay for a scrumptious meal of tea and an assortment of nonya kuehs (bite-sized snacks or desserts).



The Intan





Buddha Tooth Relic Temple and Museum

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 10am–6pm
Nearest MRT: City Hall 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, p61). 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' class, led by resident monks. Admission to the temple is free, and complimentary tours are conducted every Saturday in English at 2pm and Mandarin at 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

DID YOU KNOW?

The Buddha Tooth Relic Temple and Museum offers meditation classes to teach visitors Buddhist meditation techniques. Call or email the temple for more information.

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 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.sg
Email: cathedral@catholic.org.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Fri 8am–10pm; Sat & Sun 7am–10pm
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 the 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 ten 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: srsrgasstmanager@sikhs.org.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 5.30am–9pm
Nearest MRT: Outram Park Station

KONG MENG SAN PHOR KARK SEE MONASTERY

Founded in 1921 by the Venerable Sik Zhuan 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 over 10,000 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 Bodhi 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: kmspks.org
Email: publicaffairs@kmspks.org
Opening Hours: (Monastery Gate 1) Mon–Sun 5am–10pm; (Most Halls) Mon–Sun 8.30am–5pm
Nearest MRT: Marymount Station / Bishan Station

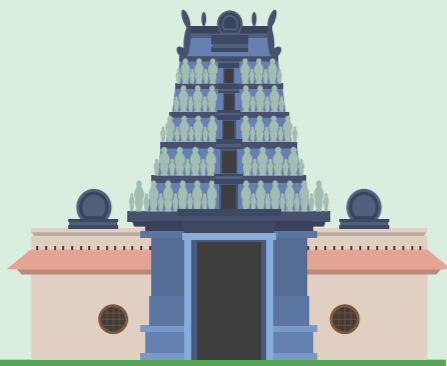
MAGHAIN ABOOTH SYNAGOGUE

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
Fax: +65 6336 2127
Website: singaporejews.org/synagogues/maghain-aboth
Email: enquiry@jwb.org.sg
Opening Hours: By Appointment Only
Nearest MRT: Bencoolen Station



Maghain Aboth Synagogue



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, 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, 6–9pm
Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station

SRI VEERAMAKALIAMMAN TEMPLE

It's hard to miss this temple with its ornate *gopuram* (a tower at the entrance of a temple), packed with statues of Hindu gods and bringing a pop of colour to Serangoon Road in Little India (see *Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p68*). 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–12.15pm, 4–9.15pm
Nearest MRT: Little India Station



Sri Mariamman Temple

OUR DIFFERENT CULTURES

Head to the nearby Chinatown Heritage Centre after visiting the Sri Mariamman Temple to trace the footsteps of Singapore's early pioneers.

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 on weekdays from 10.30am to 3pm 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 to 5pm.

Address: 11 St Andrew's Road
Tel: +65 6337 6104
Fax: +65 6337 6107
Website: cathedral.org.sg
Email: info@cathedral.org.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 9am–4.30pm; Weekend opening hours are subject to service and event timings; Closed on Public Holidays
Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

Sultan Mosque



SULTAN MOSQUE

The iconic Sultan Mosque, built in 1824, is a landmark of the Kampong Glam district (see *Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, 64*), 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, among other languages. Docents vary from day to day depending on their scheduled duties and 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: Mon–Thu, Sat & Sun 10am–12pm, 2–4pm; Fri 2.30–4pm
Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

TELOK AYER CHINESE METHODIST CHURCH

The church was founded in 1889 by Dr Benjamin West, a Methodist missionary and medical doctor who preached from a shophouse in Chinatown (see *Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p61*). He delivered sermons in Malay to a humble crowd of around 30 people. His sermons were then translated into Hokkien, a local dialect. Subsequently, a four-storey structure was built at Telok Ayer Street, in the heart of Singapore's Central Business District (CBD), and became the present-day church building. Reminiscent of its past, visitors will notice that the building is a unique blend of Western and Eastern influences. Familiar architectural touches like a pagoda roof and louvred doors and windows, typically seen in Southeast Asia, are said to have put the local Chinese community at ease. On its 100th anniversary in 1989, the church was gazetted as a national monument. English services are held on Sundays at 8.30am, Hokkien services at 1.30pm followed by Bahasa Indonesia services at 4pm.

Address: 235 Telok Ayer Street
Tel: +65 6324 4001
Fax: +65 6324 4002
Website: tacmc.org.sg
Email: admin@tacmc.org.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Fri 8.15am–4.15pm, Sat & Sun 8.15am–6pm (might vary depending on monthly events)
Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station / Telok Ayer Station



THIAN HOCK KENG TEMPLE

Built in 1840 with the support of prominent members of the Hokkien (Chinese dialect group) community, such as philanthropist Tan Tock Seng, Thian Hock Keng Temple is Singapore's oldest Chinese temple. Dedicated to *Mazu*, the Goddess of the Sea, early Chinese immigrants came here to give thanks for their safe passage across the rough South China Sea. At the temple, visitors can keep an eye out for the detailed carvings and sculptures of dragons, phoenixes and deities, as well as the colourful broken porcelain on the roof ridges, a Fujian decorating technique. Amazingly, not a single nail was used in the original construction of the temple, which is now a gazetted national monument and managed by the Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan.

Address: 158 Telok Ayer Street
Tel: +65 6423 4616
Fax: +65 6423 4626
Website: thianhockkeng.com.sg
Email: admin@shhk.com.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 7.30am–5.30pm
Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station / Telok Ayer 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. NParks' Park Connector Network links visitors to many natural, cultural, historical and recreational sites all around Singapore. Covering 300 kilometres, 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 NParks' website for more 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.

National Parks Board (NParks) Headquarters

Address: 1 Cluny Road
 Tel: 1 800 471 7300 (toll-free)
 Fax: +65 6472 3033
 Website: nparks.gov.sg
 Email: nparks_public_affairs@nparks.gov.sg / Jason_Huang@nparks.gov.sg (Trade Contact: Jason Huang)



BUKIT TIMAH NATURE RESERVE

Only 12 kilometres away from the city centre, the 163-hectare 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 163 metres—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, utilise play areas and enjoy a magnificent view of the Hindhede Quarry.

Address: End of Hindhede Drive
Website: 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 2,000-hectares 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 20-kilometre network of boardwalks and trails of varying difficulties and distances (from one and a half kilometres to six kilometres and beyond) that takes visitors through the forest and around the reservoir. It is worth trekking to the TreeTop Walk (opening hours: Tue–Fri 9am–5pm; Sat–Sun & Public Holidays 8.30am–5pm; see 10 Free Attractions For Great Photos, p40), a 250-metre-long suspension bridge running between the two highest points in MacRitchie where visitors can enjoy expansive 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 Central Catchment Nature Reserve
Address: 601 Island Club Road
Website: 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: 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

CHANGI BEACH PARK

This 3.3-kilometre 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 (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 The Seagrill Changi

Fort Siloso



(seagrill.com.sg) or experience the hawker centre culture at the nearby Changi Village, where *nasi lemak* (rice cooked in coconut milk, served with an array of side dishes) 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.

Address: Along Nicoll Drive and Changi Coast Road
Website: 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

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 15-kilometre 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 eight-metre-tall 'lighthouse' structure, as well as five family-friendly restaurants.

Address: Along East Coast Parkway and East Coast Park Service Road
Website: 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 SILOSO

Fort Siloso was built in the late 19th century to protect Singapore from sea invasions. Today, it stands as a historical site with a wealth of World War II memorabilia including coastal guns and the remains of fortified military structures and tunnels. At the surrender chambers, visitors can take part in an immersive show. Light, sound and video effects will be used to bring visitors on a journey from the start of the Japanese invasion to the Japanese's surrender at the end of World War II.

Address: Along Siloso Road
Tel: 1800 736 8672
Website: sentosa.com.sg/explore/attractions/fort-siloso-skywalk
Email: guest_services@sentosa.com.sg
Cost: Free admission
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–6pm



Cycling path outside Marina Bay Golf Course

FOREST ADVENTURE

Singapore's largest tree top adventure park is home to breathtaking zip lines and 69 obstacles. Visitors can test their wits and determination through the Grand Course. It includes three zip lines over the waters of Bedok Reservoir Park and 44 crossings on shaky bridges and ropes suspended above ground that is guaranteed to get hearts thumping and knees wobbling. Children can participate in the Junior Course or Kids Course, both comprising of over 20 obstacles with two zip lines. The Big Zip is the perfect activity for adrenaline junkies. Step off a 14-metre-high platform and enjoy a bird's eye view of the forest while sailing through the sky on a 300-metre long zip.

Address: Bedok Reservoir Park, 825 Bedok Reservoir Road

Tel: +65 8100 7420 / +65 8100 7421
(Trade Contact: Manjit Singh)

Website: forestadventure.com.sg

Email: info@forestadventure.com.sg / manjit@forestadventure.com.sg
(Trade Contact: Manjit Singh)

Cost: Grand Course S\$50, For four pax S\$190, Kids Course S\$36, Junior Course S\$39

Opening Hours: Tue–Sun 9.30am–6.30pm

FORT CANNING PARK

Set on a hilltop, Fort Canning Park is a respite from the surrounding urban landscape. The iconic 18-hectare 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 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 Tours, Active Silvers, p164), the British nerve centre for operations during World War II.

Address: Bounded by Hill Street, Canning Rise, Clemenceau Avenue and River Valley Road.

Website: 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 / Fort Canning Station



A self-taught naturalist and veteran wildlife consultant, Subaraj is Singapore's first professional tourist guide specialising exclusively in eco-tourism. He conducts nature tours of Sungei Buloh, a 202-hectare wetland and stopover for migratory birds.

“You can spend five lifetimes exploring nature, and there would still be more to learn.”

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 as seasonal flower displays. The Cloud Forest conservatory is a popular spot for photographs—its cascading 35-metre-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 2,000 metres 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 22-metre-tall OCBC Skyway. 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 6636 2048
(Trade Contact: Aurielle Cheok)

Website: gardensbythebay.com.sg

Email: travelagents@gardensbythebay.com.sg / aurielle.cheok@gardensbythebay.com.sg
(Trade Contact: Aurielle Cheok)

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 Holidays 9am–9pm; Closed on Mon;

(Outdoor Gardens) Mon–Sun 5pm–2am

Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station



Gardens by the Bay

HORTPARK

Part of the network of linked green spaces known as The Southern Ridges (see p59), 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 ten. 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.

Address: 33 Hyderabad Road

Website: nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parks-and-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/hortpark

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 6am–11pm

Nearest MRT: Labrador Park Station

JURONG BIRD PARK

The award-winning Jurong Bird Park is Asia's largest bird park at 20.2 hectares. 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 over 600 birds and the Waterfall Aviary features a 30-metre-high waterfall. Other highlights include the Pelican Cove, and families with young children should drop by Birdz of Play, a themed playground with a wet play zone. The park also organises a two-day Bird Quest camp where children will get a behind-the-scenes taste of the bird-keeping experience. To get to the Jurong Bird Park, 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

Fax: +65 6261 1869

Website: birdpark.com.sg

Email: enquiry@wrs.com.sg / sales.szg@wrs.com.sg

Cost: Adult S\$30, Child S\$20

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 8.30am–6pm

Nearest MRT: Boon Lay Station



Labrador Nature Reserve

LABRADOR NATURE RESERVE

Part of The Southern Ridges (see p59), 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 p37). Besides self-guided nature walks, travellers can book a private heritage walking tour (max 20 pax per group).

Address: Along Labrador Villa Road

Website: 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 trails feature threatened and endangered species, such as the pangolin and clouded leopard. Visitors can encounter wallabies,—smaller cousins of the kangaroo—brush-tailed possum and other marsupials on the Wallaby Trail. Visitors can also attend shows such as the Creatures of the Night show and the Thumbuakar Performance

to witness the talents of the Night Safari's animals alongside their trainers. Shows are weather permitting and visitors to the Creatures of the Night shows are seated on a first-come, first-served basis. To get to the Night Safari, 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

Fax: +65 6360 2331

Website: nightsafari.com.sg

Email: enquiry@wrs.com.sg / sales.szg@wrs.com.sg

Cost: Adult S\$47, Child S\$31

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 7.15pm–12am

Nearest MRT: Ang Mo Kio Station / Choa Chu Kang Station / Marsiling Station / Woodlands Station

PULAU UBIN (CHEK JAWA)

Tucked away in a corner of Pulau Ubin—an island off mainland Singapore—is an approximately 100-hectare wetlands teeming with wildlife. Visitors will need to catch a ferry to get to this treasure trove of biodiversity. Once on the island, they can hire a van or rent a bicycle from the main village. The more adventurous can hike to the wetlands in about 40 minutes. The one kilometre boardwalk along the coast is a convenient way to view the rich plant and marine life, while a 20-metre-tall viewing tower also gives visitors a chance to observe birds like the Collared Kingfisher and Straw-headed Bulbul. Guided tours are available, while educational information about Chek Jawa can be found at the Visitor Centre and viewing jetty.

Address: Chek Jawa Trail, Pulau Ubin
Website: nparks.gov.sg/pulau-ubin/biodiversity/places-of-interest/chek-jawa-wetlands
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 8.30am–6pm

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, via the Tanjong Pagar Railway Station and the Woodlands Train Checkpoint. Today, this 24-kilometre route—which connects vast stretches of greenery in Singapore—is also known as the 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 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
Website: nparks.gov.sg/railcorridor/rail-corridor
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, p57, Night Safari, p57 and Singapore Zoo, p59). It holds one of the world's biggest repositories of freshwater animals, housed in habitats modelled after the Mississippi River, Ganges River, the Nile and more. During an exclusive Manatee Mania behind-the-scenes tour participants will get to meet the River Safari's manatee family, take part in their training and have a chance to feed them during their meal time. The park also holds animal shows such as Once upon a River, where visitors will see and learn about the animals in the River Safari. Shows are seated on a first-come, first-served basis and weather permitting. 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
Fax: +65 6360 2331
Website: riversafari.com.sg
Email: enquiry@wrs.com.sg / sales.szg@wrs.com.sg
Cost: (Entry) Adult S\$32, Child S\$21; (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



JOURNEY ON THE AMAZON RIVER QUEST

Designed to simulate a journey along the Amazon River, travellers will be able to spot animals like Jaguars and Brazilian Tapirs during the ten-minute boat ride.

SINGAPORE BOTANIC GARDENS

The Singapore Botanic Gardens (SBG), with its 82-hectares 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 (see Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p118). There are free monthly tours happening every weekend, led by experienced volunteer guides to discover the different theme around the gardens. For group bookings (more than 20 pax), contact them two weeks in advance for arrangement.

Address: 1 Cluny Road
Tel: 1800 471 7300
Fax: +65 6473 7983
Website: nparks.gov.sg/sbg
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

SINGAPORE ZOO



Set in a rainforest environment of 26 hectares, the Singapore Zoo is home to over 300 species of animals. These mammals, birds and reptiles live in spacious and landscaped areas that simulate that of their natural habitat and the zoo's 'open concept' offers visitors the opportunity to be inspired by these animals and the wildlife they live in. The Singapore Zoo has been named one of the top five zoos in the world in 2017 by TripAdvisor among other accolades. For group bookings, visitors can sign up for special behind-the-scenes tours like the RepTopia Tour, where guests can get up close and feed reptiles such as snakes and bearded dragons. Visitors can also embark on the Private Buggy Tour. On this tour visitors will ride on a seven-seater limousine buggy accompanied by a personal guide who will expound on the various animals and nature in the zoo. The Singapore 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
Fax: +65 6360 2331
Website: zoo.com.sg
Email: enquiry@wrs.com.sg / sales.szg@wrs.com.sg
Cost: Adult S\$35, Child S\$23
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

Singapore's first ASEAN Heritage Park, Sungei Buloh is home to rich biodiversity. There are numerous walking trails and wheelchair-accessible paths throughout the 202-hectare 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 ten-minute drive from Sungei Buloh is Kranji

Marshes (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: 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 ten kilometres 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 p57), Kent Ridge Park and the Labrador Nature Reserve (see p57), 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 (see 10 Free Attractions for Great Photos, p38)—a picturesque bridge with wave-like arcs—is another highlight of the walk. Set 36 metres 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 (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: 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 ten- 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 1,020-hectare 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 40-hectare 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—most of them do not have F&B stalls. Visit nparks.gov.sg for more information.



THRILL SEEKING



ADVENTURE COVE WATERPARK™

Seven thrilling water rides, such as Pipeline Plunge, will get heart rates up while dropping visitors down an elevated chute and then sending them careening down banked turns, radical twists and dips before splashing out in a pool of water. Those who prefer a lazy day in the sun can take a leisurely ride down Adventure River on a tube, drifting past 14 stunning habitats including a lush jungle garden, a mysterious grotto and an underwater tunnel with a sea of marine life swimming all around.

Address: Sentosa Island. 8 Sentosa Gateway
Tel: +65 6577 6000

Website: rwsentosa.com/en/attractions/adventure-cove-waterpark/explore

Email: enquiries@rwsentosa.com / feedback@rwsentosa.com

Cost: Adult S\$38; Children aged four to 12 S\$30; Seniors aged 60 and above S\$30; Promotion and packages subject to availability

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–6pm; Subjected to changes

IFLY SINGAPORE

To live out the dream of soaring like a superhero, drop by iFly Singapore, Southeast Asia's largest wind tunnel for indoor skydiving. The 18-foot-tall acrylic 'glass walls'—allow visitors to enjoy panoramic views of the South China Sea and Siloso Beach. State-of-the-art technology will lend visitors wings in an experience that gives visitors a taste of skydiving and simulates free falls from heights of 12,000- to 3,000-feet. First timers needn't fret, as trained professionals will be on hand to guide them.

Address: 43 Siloso Beach Walk

Tel: +65 6571 0000

Fax: +65 6571 0005

Website: iflysingapore.com

Email: info@iflysingapore.com / Advancesales@iflysingapore.com

Cost: 1 Skydive S\$89; 2 Skydives S\$119 (walk-in); 2 Skydives S\$109 (2 day in advance online rate); 2 Skydives S\$89 (2 day in advance online off-peak rate)

Opening Hours: Mon, Tue & Thu–Sun, 9am–9.30pm; Wed, 11am–9.30pm

MEGA ADVENTURE PARK—SINGAPORE

Mega Adventure Park is the perfect place for adrenaline junkies to test limits and experience exhilarating action. Visitors can take a ride on Southeast Asia's steepest zip wire, MegaZip. It is the first three-wire zip line where action seekers can sail through the air, 75 metres above ground and at heart pounding speed of 60 kilometres per hour together with family and friends. At five to 15-metre-high, visitors can climb through a series of courses in the jungle hilltops of Sentosa. Experience endless thrills while climbing through wobbling plants and enjoy a panoramic view of the forest.

Address: 10A Siloso Beach Walk

Tel: +65 6722 3785

Website: sg.megaadventure.com

Email: info@megaadventure.com / za@megaadventure.com (Trade Contact: Zishan Amir)

Cost: Conquerer—All Attractions & Free Express Pass S\$90; High Flyer—Megazip, Megaclimb & Megajump S\$76.50; Adventurer—Megazip & Megaclimb S\$67.50; Thrill Seeker—Megazip & Megajump S\$58.50; Little Explorer—Megazip & Megabounce S\$54

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 11am–7pm

SKYLINE LUGE SENTOSA

Hop on the Skyline Luge Sentosa for a unique go-karting experience, but not before taking the Skyride chairlift to the top of the Luge track, where a stunning view of Sentosa awaits. Once at the top, board the Luge and navigate over 600 metres worth of trails. Visitors can go at whatever speed they fancy—go daringly fast or cruise along at a leisurely pace. Age and height restrictions apply.

Skyride

Min. height 85cm to ride with an adult.

Min. height 135cm to ride alone.

Luge

Six years and 110cm or taller to ride Luge alone.

Address: 45 Siloso Beach Walk

Tel: +65 6274 0472 / +65 9820 5424 (Trade Contact: Fabian Lee)

Website: skylineluge.com

Email: sentosa@skylineluge.com / fabian.lee@skylineluge.com (Trade Contact: Fabian Lee)

Cost: 2 Luge & Skyrides S\$23.50; 4 Luge & Skyrides S\$28; 6 Luge & Skyrides S\$33; Child Doubling S\$3 per ride (ride the Luge in tandem with an adult)

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–9.30pm

UNIVERSAL STUDIOS SINGAPORE™

Southeast Asia's first Hollywood movie theme park, Universal Studios Singapore™, features an enticing selection of attractions, rides and entertainment for families and thrill seekers. Visitors will find 15 movie-themed rides that were designed just for the Singapore park. Find the renowned Hollywood Walk of Fame at the Hollywood zone. Move on to Ancient Egypt and face mummies and scarab beetles on an indoor roller coaster in total darkness. Performances here are equally spectacular. The young ones will love the Shrek 4-D Adventure at Far Far Away. In the Lost World, witness death-defying stunts and explosions in WaterWorld, a live performance. Visitors can replenish their energy between the attractions and step in to the many themed restaurants across the parks.

Address: 8 Sentosa Gateway

Tel: +65 6577 6000

Website: rwsentosa.com/en/attractions/universal-studios-singapore

Email: enquiries@rwsentosa.com / feedback@rwsentosa.com

Cost: Adult S\$76; Child S\$56; Senior S\$38

Opening Hours: Varies according to season; Mon–Sun 10am–8pm (General Opening Hours)

WILD WILD WET

Wild Wild Wet is one of Singapore's largest water parks that feature adrenaline pumping rides as well as a selection of relaxed and family-friendly ones that will delight children and adults alike. At Torpedo, visitors will watch the ground disappear from under them as they free fall from a 18-metre-high capsule into a series of twist and turns in an enclosed tunnel. Families can have a splashing good time at the Professor's Playground, a playground in a swimming pool packed with slides, ladders, water cannons and fountains. After a day of thrilling rides, unwind at the Jacuzzi where fluid jets are available to massage tired muscles and visitors can sit back and relax with family and friends. Life jackets and baby water carriers are available for free at the park.

Address: 1 Pasir Ris Close

Tel: +65 6581 9128

Fax: +65 6585 0680

Website: wildwildwet.com

Cost: Adult S\$24; Child S\$18 (Off-Peak); Adult S\$32; Child S\$24 (Peak); Family (2 Adults & 2 Children) S\$78 (Off-Peak) S\$102 (Peak)

Opening Hours: Weekdays (Off-Peak) 1–7pm; Weekend, School & Public Holidays (Peak) 10am–7pm

Nearest MRT: Pasir Ris Station



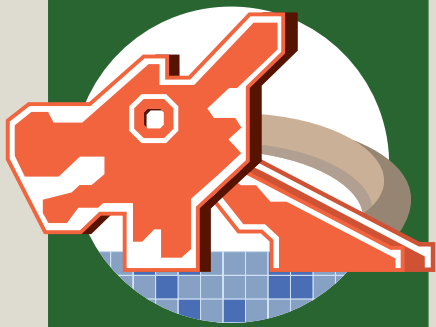
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NEIGHBOURHOODS

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Uncover multi-faceted spaces beyond the city centre

Explore the uniqueness of Singapore's neighbourhoods. From our quaint suburbs to ethnic enclaves, uncover hidden gems at every turn.



NEIGHBOURHOODS

There is plenty to see and do in Singapore's many neighbourhoods.



Neighbourhood Bird Singing Corner

From well-known precincts—such as the iconic shopping belt of Orchard Road and the sparkling waterfront Marina Bay—to quaint suburbs and ethnic enclaves, each neighbourhood has its own distinct character and points of interest. Singapore's vibrant ethnic districts celebrate and showcase the city-state's multicultural heritage, where Culture Shapers can immerse in the cultures of the main ethnic groups who call Singapore home: Chinese, Malay, Indian, Eurasian and Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage). For a slice of suburban life, visitors can traverse through the 'heartlands' precincts of the city centre, where most local residents live and work. Lifestyle precincts such as Bras Basah, Bugis, Marina Bay and the Civic District offer thriving hubs of activities for everyone in the family—Collectors, Foodies, Culture Shapers and Explorers can shop, dine and explore to their heart's content.

🌙 Night Activity

ETHNIC DISTRICTS



Chinatown

CHINATOWN

A walk down Chinatown's narrow streets with their picturesque shophouses reveals Singapore's rich Chinese heritage. Now repurposed as retail shops, hipster-café, restaurants and offices, they remind of 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 the Chinatown Heritage Centre (chinatownheritagecentre.com.sg; see Attractions, History & Heritage, p43) to get a glimpse into the lives of Singapore's early Chinese migrants. Visitors to Chinatown will also get to experience the interesting and harmonious mix of cultures, where the Buddha Tooth Relic Temple and Museum is just a two-minute walk away from the Sri Mariamman Temple (see Attractions, Places of Worship, p50 and p52 respectively). Travellers can easily spend a few days exploring shops and family-run businesses, selling everything from traditional Chinese pastries to Chinese teas and medicinal concoctions to tasselled trinkets and the latest electronic gadgets. 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 hipster cafés to established hawker stalls and Michelin-starred restaurants (see Eat & Drink, Hawker Centres, p129 and Celebrity Fine Dining, p117 respectively). Visitors can sign up for a variety of ticketed or free tours in the area (see Tours, p157).

Website: chinatown.sg

Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station / Outram Park Station

Points of Interest

ANN SIANG HILL & CLUB STREET

Now lined with colourful and elegantly restored shophouses, Ann Siang Hill was once 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 stomping ground for both locals and visitors alike (see *Nightlife & Entertainment, Tanjong Pagar & Chinatown*, p98). 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. On the fringe of Chinatown, once home to upscale Chinese clubs and associations in the 1800s and 1900s, Club Street—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.

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*, p129.

Address: Along Smith Street

Website: chinatownfoodstreet.sg

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 a museum—displaying artefacts and dioramas showing life in the district during its heyday—and part of a hotel, as it adjoins the boutique hotel, AMOY.

Address: 76 Telok Ayer Street

Tel: +65 6580 2888

Website: fareastmalls.com.sg/Far-East-Square/index.aspx?key=fuktakchmuseum

Cost: Free admission

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Ann Siang Hill is close to some of Singapore's oldest places of worship that travellers can visit such as Thian Hock Keng Temple and Al-Abrar Mosque that were built in the 1800s.

PEK SIN CHOON

Founded in 1925, Pek Sin Choon is Singapore's oldest tea merchant. The tea house is renowned for its premium grade tea leaves which are mainly imported from the provinces in China. After more than 90 years in the business, Pek Sin Choon continues to wrap tea leaves by hand—rather than use machinery—in pink paper used by traditional Chinese medical halls. Visitors can also purchase handmade ceramic tea caddies and ceramic tea bowls from the store. Pek Sin Choon provides a heritage tour of the company where visitors will learn about the tea production process, get to try brewed teas and bring home a specially designed Pek Sin Choon tea brewing set. Visitors will have to book tours in advance and tours are subject to availability. For more information, call or email Pek Sin Choon.

Address: 36 Mosque Street

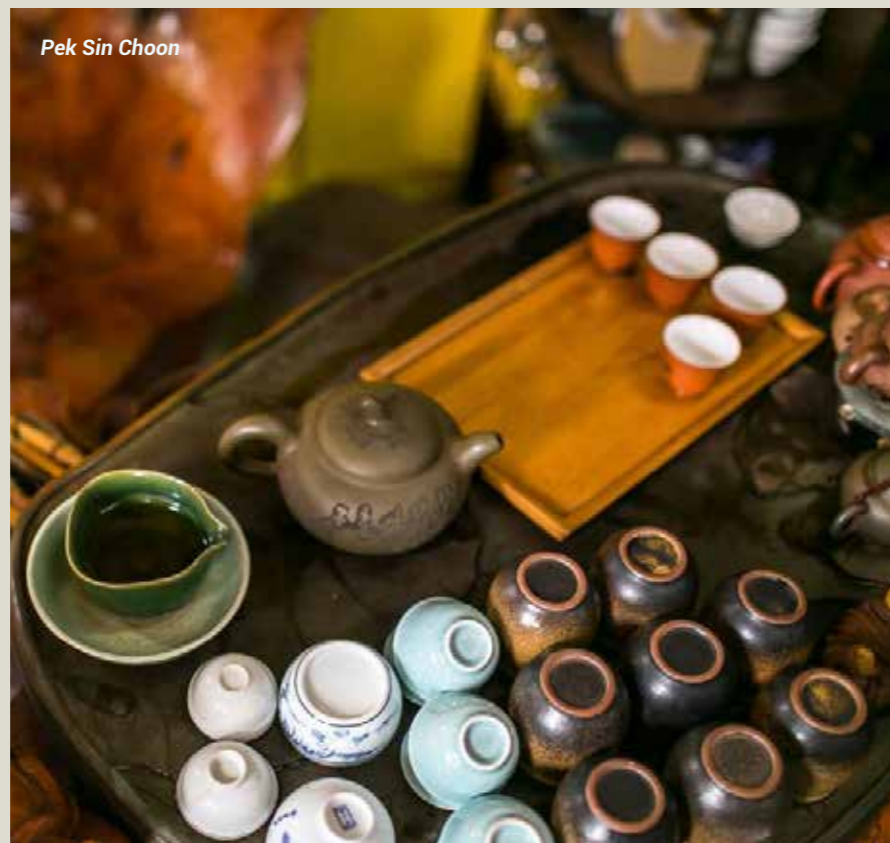
Tel: +65 6323 3238 / +65 9750 8171 (Trade Contact: Eng Wah)

Fax: +65 6323 3005

Website: peksinchoon.com

Email: ask@peksinchoon.com / engwah@peksinchoon.com (Trade Contact: Eng Wah)

Opening Hours: Mon–Sat 8.30am–8.30pm; Closed on Sun & Public Holidays



Pek Sin Choon

TONG HENG

Tucked between Ann Siang Hill and Erskine Road is one of Singapore's most famous egg tart makers, Tong Heng. Other than its signature 'melt in your mouth' diamond shaped egg tarts, the Chinese pastry shop also sells Chinese cakes with red bean paste, barbecued pork crisps and pork buns. Visitors can also stop by Tong Heng for their refreshing Chinese desserts which include Snow Fungus Soup and Longan Orange Soup.

Address: 285 South Bridge Road

Tel: +65 6223 3649 / +65 6223 0398

Website: tongheng.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 9am–9pm

CHINATOWN STREET ART

While Chinatown is known for its cultural landmarks and conserved shophouses, visitors can also seek out the many murals that adorn the walls along the street. Mural artists such as Yip Yew Chong, Tom Civil, Didier Jaba Mathieu, Ceno2 and Ripple Root have filled the walls of the streets around co-sharing spaces with scenes from old Singapore and old crafts and trades—providing visitors with Instagram-worthy photo opportunities. To view these murals, visitors can take a stroll towards Keong Saik Road and from there, make their way towards the Working Capitol Building.

Address: Various locations around Chinatown

GEYLANG SERAI



The heart of the Malay community in Singapore is Geylang Serai. This was where the natives of Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia settled after the British dispersed the Malay settlements at the mouth of the Singapore River (see *Lifestyle Precincts*, p88) in the 1840s. In the early 1920s, more Malays moved into the area from Kampong Glam (see p64). 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, leading up to Hari Raya Aidilfitri, or the festival of Eid, which marks the end of Ramadan (see *Festivals & Events*, p32). 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

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. 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 an extensive selection of dishes such as *nasi lemak* (rice cooked in coconut milk, served with an array of side dishes), beef *rendang* (braised meat cooked in coconut milk and spices), *asam pedas* stingray (spicy stingray), *briyani* (an Indian spiced rice dish with meat or vegetables) and *pisang goreng* (fried banana), among others.

Address: 1 Geylang Serai

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—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

Fax: +65 6747 5929

Website: khadijahmosque.org

Opening Hours: By Appointments Only



Geylang Serai Market and Food Centre

WISMA GEYLANG SERAI

A one-stop location for cultural and community events, the Wisma Geylang Serai features art and dance studios and plays host to an array of events and festivals. The centre is built at the site of the former Malay Village and is a space where visitors can find out more about the Malay community in Singapore. Explore the history of the Geylang Serai cultural precinct at the Malay Heritage Gallery, attend one of the hub's many events such as the MESRA Youth Festival or watch *Silat* (Southeast Asian martial arts), dance and open mic performances. The center holds regular contests and free movie screenings that visitors can attend.

Address: 1 Engku Aman Turn

Website: facebook.com/WismaGeylangSerai/

Email: wisma_geylang_serai@pa.gov.sg



Kampong Glam

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, p53) and the Istana Kampong Gelam (Glam), which used to be a sultan's palace but has now been restored as the Malay Heritage Centre (see Attractions, History & Heritage, p46). Once populated by Arab, Boyanese, Bugis and Javanese people, the area today is an eclectic blend of history, culture and a 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, p142). Kampong Glam truly comes alive during Ramadan (the Muslim fasting month) leading up to Hari Raya Aidilfitri (see Festivals & Events, p32) where a *pasar malam* (night market) 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 (see Festivals & Events, p28)—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 such as pop-up flea markets. Members of the public can sign up for workshops such as introduction to DJ-ing and salsa dance classes. 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 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 (traditional nonya dress) and handmade perfumes (see Shopping, Ethnic Districts, p142). The area also has many *halal* eateries featuring Malay and Middle Eastern cuisines (see Eat & Drink, Halal Restaurants, p122).

HAJI LANE (STREET ART)

A short ten minute walk from Bugis MRT station will bring visitors to the vibrant streets of Haji Lane. The area is lined with multi-label stores, quirky boutiques as well as hip bars and cafes. Another draw to Haji Lane is the collection of street art murals in vibrant hues of blues, yellows, greens and reds that adorn the facades of bars and stores along the street. These works were created by local and international names such as Didier Jaba Mathieu, Sheryo x The Yok and Oak. Visitors will be able to admire these artworks as they explore Haji Lane and use them as a backdrop for Instagram-worthy photographs.

Address: Various Locations within Kampong Glam

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 with pre-cooked dishes) and the Rich and Good Cake Shop (facebook.com/richandgoodcakeshop), an old-school bakery famous for its Swiss rolls that come in local flavours like *kaya* (a traditional jam made from coconut and eggs), durian (a spiky tropical fruits that is native to Southeast Asia) 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 175 years ago and formerly the royal residence of Malay sultans in Singapore, the museum houses six permanent galleries with historical artefacts, interactive multimedia exhibits from Singapore's national collection, as well as contributions from the Malay community. In 2005, the museum was

gazetted as a National Monument. Groups of 20 and above will enjoy 20% off the museum's entry cost. For more information, see Attractions, History & Heritage, p46.

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 child aged six and below

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



The Sultan



THE SULTAN

Formerly the Al-Ahmadiyah Press, this distinctive structure was very much a 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 60-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 room types, with no two the same.

Address: 101 Jalan Sultan

Tel: +65 6723 7101

Fax: +65 6723 7110

Website: thesultan.com.sg

Email: info@thesultan.com.sg

VISIT THE OLDEST MUSLIM CEMETERY IN SINGAPORE

Close to the The Sultan is the Jalan Kubor Cemetery where visitors can find the graves of Malay royalty who lived in Singapore.





KATONG & JOO CHIAT

The residential neighbourhoods of Katong and Joo Chiat 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 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, p106) and *nonya* cakes (*nonya* is a term for Peranakan women, while *baba* refers to Peranakan men; see sidebar on right 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 these areas (see Tours, p162).

Nearest MRT: Paya Lebar Station / Eunos Station

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 Chinese New Year (see Festivals & Events, p29).

Address: 6 Chapel Road

Tel: +65 6344 0046

Fax: +65 6348 0552

Website: holyfamily.org.sg

Email: secretariat@holyfamily.org.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Fri 9am–10pm; Sat 9am–8pm; Sun 8.30am–6pm; Closed on Public Holidays

Peranakan Houses at Katong & Joo Chiat



What's in a community?

The term Peranakan is a Malay/Indonesian word that translates to 'local born' or 'local descendants'. Most Peranakan families have roots in Malacca and Penang where their Chinese ancestors 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.

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. Next door, the Holiday Inn Express Singapore Katong also retains the Peranakan charm of the neighbourhood.

Address: 86–88 East Coast Road

MASJID KHALID

The neighbourhood's distinct Malay cultural influence is evident in this mosque. 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.

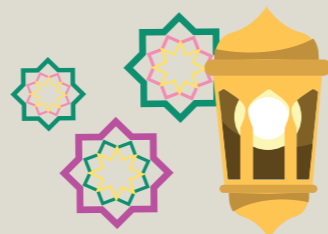
Address: 136 Joo Chiat Road

Tel: +65 6345 2884

Fax: +65 6346 1279

Website: masjidkhalid.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 5.30am–9pm



WEAR A KEBAYA

Visitors can learn how to wear a *kebaya* (a traditional *nonya* dress), shop for jewellery, embroidered shoes or take a private in-house tour at 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 testament to authentic Peranakan heritage and architecture. Rumah Bebe showcases the ethnic group's exquisite embroidery, beadwork, jewellery and textiles. Visitors can also try Peranakan delicacies such as pineapple tarts and home-made curry puffs (deep-fried or baked pastry with curried fillings) 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 be booked in advance.

Address: 113 East Coast Road

Tel: +65 6247 8781

Website: rumahbebe.com

Email: contact@rumahbebe.com

Opening Hours: Tue–Sun 9.30am–6.30pm

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 21-metre-high *rajagopuram* (an ornate tower at the entrance of a temple), making it one of the tallest Indian temples in Singapore, Sri Senpaga Vinayagar is remarkable for its unique features such as the over 1.5-metre-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/history.asp

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 6am–11pm

Rumah Bebe



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. They will be taken on a tour of the museum by Alvin himself and learn about the significance and history of the items from his collection (by appointment only and admission fee applies; see Attractions, History & Heritage, p49). The heritage space can accommodate up to 40 pax, 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 / +65 9338 2234 (Trade Contact: Alvin Yapp)

Website: the-intan.com

Email: contactus@the-intan.com / alvin@busads.com.sg

Opening Hours: By appointments only



Alvin Yapp's fascination with the rich Peranakan culture led him to collect intricate jewellery, pots and other items representative of the culture. He now conducts tours for visitors to view his extensive collection at his home museum, The Intan.

“As a young boy, I started collecting little things that represented the Peranakan culture. Today, every piece collected is rewarding and teaches me something new about the culture.”



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 (a long cloth traditionally worn in India) 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; see Festivals & Events p28) and Deepavali (Festival of Lights; see Festivals & Events p34). Visitors can sign up for a variety of tours in the area (see Tours, p157).

Website: littleindia.com.sg

Nearest MRT: Little India Station / Farrer Park Station / Rochor Station

Points of Interest

ABDUL GAFOOR MOSQUE

The Abdul Gafoor Mosque was built in 1910 to serve the religious needs of South-Indian Muslim merchants and syces who were settling down in Little India at that time. Its unusual symmetry and incorporation of Indian, Arabian and European influences in its architecture sets it apart from other mosques and it was gazetted as a National Monument in 1979. Inside, visitors will find stained glass and Arabic calligraphy adorning its walls. In 2000, the mosque underwent various reconstructions to strengthen its foundations and converted its basement to support an air-conditioned prayer hall. It has since reopened and now accommodates up to 3,000 worshippers.

Address: 41 Dunlop Street

Tel: +65 6295 4209

Fax: +65 6293 3486

Website: facebook.com/masjidabdulgafoor

Email: info@abdgafoor.mosque.org.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Thu 9am–6pm; Fri 9–11.30am, 2–6pm



Abdul Gafoor Mosque

INDIAN HERITAGE CENTRE

Visitors can rekindle their passion for history, art and culture at the Indian Heritage Centre, the first museum in Southeast Asia to focus on the diverse heritage of the Indian diaspora. This four-storey architectural gem is home to a range of permanent and temporary art exhibits from around South Asia. From religious sculptures to South Asian artwork, visitors are certain to be inspired by the passionate culture and beautiful art of Singapore's Indian community. Come nightfall, the building's translucent façade transforms into a flamboyant tapestry. Visitors who'd like to learn a traditional craft under the guidance of experts and master craftsmen should sign up for one of the many free workshops on offer at this venue. For more information, see Attractions, History & Heritage, p45.

Address: 5 Campbell Lane

Tel: +65 6291 1601

Website: indianheritage.org.sg

Email: nhb_ihc@nhb.gov.sg / IHC_GroupBooking@nhb.gov.sg

Cost: Adult S\$6, Senior Citizen & Student S\$4; Free admission for child aged six and below

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

JALAN BESAR

Parallel to Serangoon Road (see p69), 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 Hardware (cshhcoffee.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 (grilled meat on skewers) restaurant on the first floor, a bespoke cocktail bar on the second floor and a craft workshop on the third floor.

Address: 145 Syed Alwi Road

Tel: +65 6295 5855

Fax: +65 6295 5866

Website: mustafa.com.sg

Email: mms786@mustafa.com.sg

LITTLE INDIA ARCADE

At its two-storey building dating back to the 1920s, shoppers will find handicrafts, costume jewellery, souvenirs, Indian clothing, silks and so much more. If visitors get hungry while shopping, they can head over to the sweet shops along the area to sample a selection of Indian sweets and pastries. 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

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 9am–10pm

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, sports shoes and everything else in between. There are six entrances: visitors are recommended to enter through Entrance 1 (on Syed Alwi Road), so they only have one direction to go. For more information, see Shopping, Ethnic Districts, p143.

Address: Various locations around Little India

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 affordable, but good Indian curry should try vegetarian restaurant Komala Vilas (komalavilas.com.sg; see Eat & Drink, Vegetarian, p133).

SRI SRINIVASA PERUMAL TEMPLE

Sri Srinivasa Perumal Temple is one of Singapore's oldest temples, dedicated to the Hindu deity, Sri Perumal, otherwise known as Lord Vishnu. While the structure of the temple standing today was built in the 1960s, the temple's history dates back to the 1800s. The temple constructed in 1885 was called the Narasinga Perumal Temple, but was later rebuilt and reinstated as the Sri Srinivasa Perumal Temple. Since then, it has been declared a National Monument and has undergone various redevelopments and improvements. Today, visitors will see various brightly coloured carvings and statues of Lord Vishnu along with other Hindu gods and goddesses adorning the temple's façade. Inside they will find well laid out sanctums and a pillared pavilion built for the worship of processional deities.

Address: 397 Serangoon Road

Tel: +65 6298 5771

Fax: +65 6298 9884

Website: sspt.org.sg

Email: sspt@heb.org.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Fri & Sun 6am–noon, 6–9pm; Sat 5.30am–12.30pm, 5.30–9.30pm





Sri Veeramakaliamman Temple

SRI VEERAMAKALIAMMAN TEMPLE

Towards the middle of Serangoon Road (see p69) stands this imposing temple dedicated to Kali, Hindu goddess and destroyer of evil. 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 6293 4634 / +65 6295 4538
Fax: +65 6392 4249
Website: sriveeramakaliamman.com
Email: info@sriveeramakaliamman.com
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 5.30am–12.15pm, 4–9.15pm

TEKKA CENTRE

Located at the junction of Serangoon Road (see p69) 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 site of the old Tekka Market, Tekka Centre is a good place to try out some great Indian food, such as *briyani* (an Indian spiced rice dish with meat or vegetables), piping-hot *naans* (an oven-baked flatbread), and Indian *rojak*. Shoppers can also head to Little India Arcade (see p69) in the vicinity.

Address: 665 Buffalo Road

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Though Tekka Centre serves predominantly Indian food, visitors will find a wide spectrum of stores selling mouth-watering dishes from various cultures such as Thai, Chinese, Malay and Western.



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

Points of Interest

AMK HUB

At 48,250sqm, spread over four storeys and three basement levels, AMK Hub 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
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–10pm

BISHAN-ANG MO KIO PARK

One of the largest urban parks in central Singapore, the Bishan-Ang Mo Kio park sports a three-kilometre meandering river and wildflowers. Take a walk along the lush greenery at Pond Gardens and River Plains. The tracks along the river is well-maintained for visitors to cycle or jog. Families can visit the playground at River Plains, an all-access play facility with a wheelchair-accessible merry-go-round and wheelchair swing for children with different abilities. Grab a bite to eat at the park's burger bistro, Grub (grub.com.sg) or tuck into the hearty lunch and dinner menu at Canopy Garden Dining (canopygardendining.com.sg).

Address: Along Bishan Road and Ang Mo Kio Avenue 1

Website: nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parks-and-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/bishan--ang-mo-kio-park

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 known as MacRitchie Reservoir Park, see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p55), 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

Website: nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parks-and-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/upper-peirce-reservoir-park; nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parks-and-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/lower-peirce-reservoir-park

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 coffee shop with alfresco seating, everyone is here for one thing: crab. The crustacean is cooked in 15 ways, from classic chilli crab (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p104) 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



Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park



BIRD WATCH AT A RESERVOIR

With various species of birds living in its dense forests, the Lower and Upper Peirce reservoirs are ideal for bird watching. Visitors might even get to see one of Singapore's largest bird of prey, the white-bellied sea-eagle gliding through the reservoirs.





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 88-hectare 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 dragon boat 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 head to Forest Adventure (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p56), which offers aerial obstacle courses suitable for different age groups and skill levels.

Address: Along Bedok Reservoir Road

Website: nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parksand-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/bedokreservoir-park

Email: nparks_public_affairs@nparks.gov.sg

BOROBUDUR SNACKS SHOP

Borobudur has been selling *kuéh*, delicious bite-sized snacks or 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

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 7.30am–10pm

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 offers authentic chilli crab (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p104), 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 faced the sea before Singapore's land reclamation project was completed in 1970.

Address: 462 Upper East Coast Road

Tel: +65 6442 9313

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 4–11.30pm

THE BEDOK MARKETPLACE

A revamp of the traditional foodie haunt Simpang Bedok, this is essentially a hawker centre championing modern food concepts, with stalls helmed by young Singaporeans. From upmarket hawker fare to *yakitori* (grilled meat on skewers), speciality meatballs and even a wine bar, this 'hipster hawker' place will appeal to everyone from families to millennials.

Address: 348 Bedok Road #02-01

Phone: +65 6694 8480

Website: facebook.com/thebedokmarketplace

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 11.30–12am

Chinese Garden



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 Central Business District'.

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. 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 or February and the Mid-Autumn Festival in mid-September (see Festivals & Events, p29 and p33 respectively). Visitors can cross the Double Beauty Bridge to the Japanese Garden, which was modelled after Japanese gardens in the Middle Ages.

Address: Chinese Garden Road / Japanese Garden Road (off Yuan Ching Road)

Website: nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parksand-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/juronglake-gardens

Email: nparks_public_affairs@nparks.gov.sg

Opening Hours: (Chinese Garden) Mon–Sun 5.30am–11pm; (Japanese Garden) Mon–Sun 5.30am–7pm

IMM OUTLET MALL

Singapore's largest outlet mall, IMM (see Shopping, Malls, p138), has more than 90 outlet stores of popular brands including Calvin Klein® Jeans, Michael Kors™, COACH, Furla, Kate Spade New York®, Timberland® and Onitsuka Tiger®. 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 Centre (Level 1). To enjoy the offers, visitors should present their passport and the booklet at participating outlet stores. Visitors 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 capitaland.com/sg/malls/imm/en/tourist-privileges

Address: IMM Building, 2 Jurong East Street 21

Tel: +65 6665 8268

Website: imm.sg

Email: retail@capitaland.com

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–10pm



Forest Adventure

JURONG BIRD PARK

At Asia's largest bird park (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p57), 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 30-metre-high man-made waterfall.

Address: 2 Jurong Hill

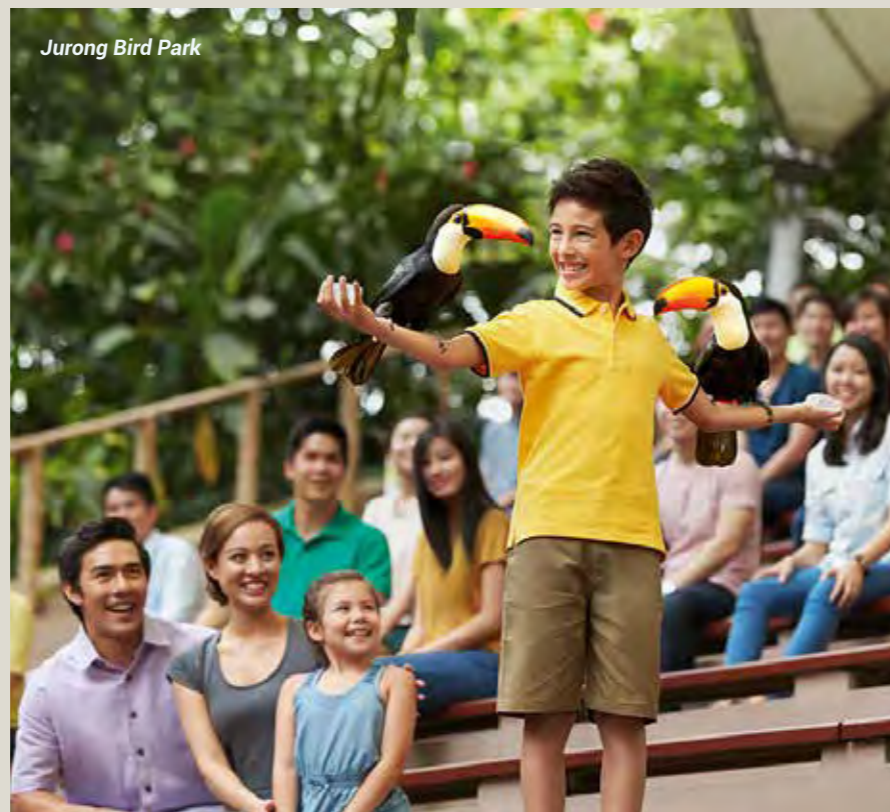
Tel: +65 6269 3411

Fax: +65 6360 2331

Website: wrs.com.sg/en/jurong-bird-park/

Email: enquiry@wrs.com.sg / sales.szg@wrs.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 8.30am–6pm; ticketing counter is open till 5.30pm



Jurong Bird Park

SCIENCE CENTRE SINGAPORE

The Science Centre Singapore, has more than 1,000 exhibits for visitors to explore the wonders of science, technology, engineering and mathematics through interactive activities. Some of the centre's exhibitions include Asia's largest mirror maze, Professor Crackitt's Light Fantastic, as well as The Mind's Eye: An Exhibition on Illusions and Human Perception. On Friday nights (7.45–10pm), the Science Centre Singapore Observatory ([facebook.com/SCOBservatory](https://www.facebook.com/SCOBservatory)) is open free to the public for star-gazing sessions. The Centre is also home to the Omni-Theatre, Southeast Asia's first 8K-resolution 3D digital-dome theatre and Snow City, Singapore's first indoor snow centre. Corporate group bookings to the Centre and its group of attractions are welcome.

Address: 15 Science Centre Road

Tel: +65 6425 2500 / +65 6425 2741 (Trade Contact: Jason Choo)

Fax: +65 6565 7032

Website: science.edu.sg

Email: jyotika_thukral@science.edu.sg / Jason_Choos@science.edu.sg (Trade Contact: Jason Choo)

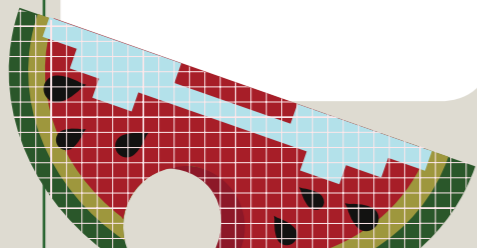
Opening Hours: Tue–Sun 10am–6pm

TAMPINES



Spread over 20.89 square kilometres, 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 Housing & Development Board (HDB) flats, 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



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

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 24 Hours

TAMPINES ECO GREEN

A haven of biodiversity, this 36-hectare 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 at the main entrance of the park before entering.

Address: Tampines Avenue 9 & Tampines Avenue 12

Website: nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parksand-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, p129), the place gets pretty busy during lunchtime. Popular stalls include Yi Le Shu Shi (#01-10)—famed for its *nasi lemak* (rice cooked in coconut milk, served with an array of side dishes) which usually sells out a few hours after the store has opened—and Chai Chee Pork Porridge (#01-39), known for its smooth Cantonese style porridge garnished with chopped *you tiao* (fried dough sticks).

Address: 137 Tampines Street 11



TOA PAYOH

Toa Payoh has the distinction of being the first town designed and developed entirely by the Housing & Development Board (HDB). This is the quintessential modern Singapore town and boasts a list of firsts, such as the first Residents' Association, neighbourhood police post, cooperative 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, *kampung*s (villages or settlements) sprouted up in the area before finally evolving into the town visitors see today.

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

Points of Interest

DINOSAUR AND DRAGON PLAYGROUNDS

Located along Lorong 6 are two iconic playgrounds. The Dragon Playground features a concrete dragon, a motif that was part of the Housing & Development Board's (HDB) design brief in the late 1970s to feature objects and concepts easily identifiable with local culture. The design of this playground is one of two in Singapore; the other is located in Ang Mo Kio (Block 571 Avenue 3). The Dinosaur Playground at Block 27 was built in 2000. Besides the dinosaur-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 charming photo opportunity (for more photo opportunity ideas, see Attractions, 10 Free Attractions for Great Photos, p37).

Address: Along Lorong 6 Toa Payoh

LIAN SHAN SHUANG LIN MONASTERY

Singapore's oldest monastery 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. 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 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.

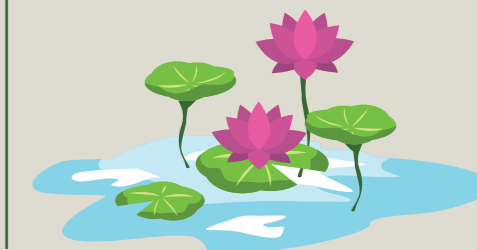
Address: 184 Jalan Toa Payoh

Tel: +65 6259 6924

Website: shuanglin.sg

Email: enquiry@shuanglin.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 8.30am–5pm



Lian Shan Shuang Lin Monastery

MASJID MUHAJIRIN

The first to be built with the help of the country's Mosque Building Fund, the Muhajirin mosque 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

Opening Hours: Mon–Fri 9am–6pm; Sat 9am–1pm; Closed on Sun



TOA PAYOH TOWN PARK

This 4.8-hectare 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 & Toa Payoh Lorong 6

Website: nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parksand-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/toapayoh-town-park

Email: nparks_public_affairs@nparks.gov.sg

HAVE A REFRESHING RUN

With large leafy trees providing shade and a path that winds through the park, visitors can have a rejuvenating run at the Toa Payoh Town Park and take a rest at one of the park's gazebos after.



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 ten movie theatres), and Northpoint, Yishun's first shopping mall, propelled the precinct towards 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 has about 60 stalls serving local favourites. From popular breakfast dish *chwee kueh* (steamed rice cakes topped with preserved radish) to braised duck rice and *nasi lemak* (rice cooked in coconut milk, served with an array of side dishes; see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p106), hungry visitors will be spoilt for choice. On a hot day, nothing refreshes like a glass of cold soya bean milk from Lian Yin Hot & Cold Drinks (#01-148).

Lower Seletar Reservoir



Chong Pang heartland itself is popular among foodies seeking out value-for-money durians (a spiky tropical fruit that is unique to Southeast Asia).

Address: 104 Yishun Ring Road

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 6am–10pm

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 4.3 hectare park? Aside from the scenic reservoir, there is a fishing jetty, kayaks for rent and a water play area for children.

Address: Yishun Avenue 1 & Lentor Avenue

Website: nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parksand-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/lowerseletar-reservoir-park

Email: nparks_public_affairs@nparks.gov.sg

MASJID ASSYAFAAH

Designed by local firm Forum Architects, the mosque integrates traditional Islamic symbols with a modern aesthetic. The ten-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

Opening Hours: Mon–Fri 8am–6pm; Sat & Sun 8am–1pm

DID YOU KNOW?

Sembawang is home to the only hot spring in Singapore. Many believe in the healing properties of the water and that it can even bring good luck.

SEMBAWANG PARK

Popular with families, Sembawang Park has one of the last natural beaches in Singapore. It is 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, 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

Website: nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parksand-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

Opening Hours: Mon–Sat 11am–2.30pm, 6–11pm; Sun & Public Holidays 11am–11pm



Residents doing tai chi (ancient Chinese martial art)





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.



Chijmes

BRAS BASAH & BUGIS



Straddling Singapore's Civic District and Kampong Glam (see Ethnic Districts, p64), 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, p42). The precinct's strategic location within the Central Business District (CBD) 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 five-star hotel called The Capitol Kempinski Singapore and the city's first integrated luxury lifestyle complex. Capitol Piazza encompasses designer boutiques, galleries and eateries in a picturesque sheltered promenade beside Capitol Theatre (see Venues, Performance & Concert Venues p187). The Arcade and Neue sections contain lifestyle, accessories and fashion retailers, while the Galleria 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. 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@perennialrealestate.com.sg

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, 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 (see p82) and the Singapore Botanic Gardens (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p58), 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 *kopitiams* (local coffeeshops) offer plenty of local flavours. This quaint area plays host to an abundance of live music (see Nightlife & Entertainment, p94). 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 (see p80).

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 (2amdessertbar.com) 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

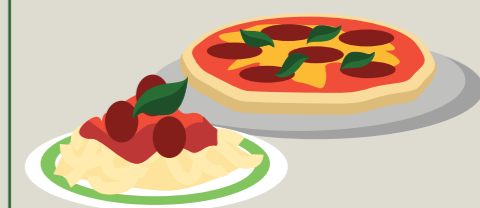


The Substation

CHIP BEE GARDENS

A short walk from the Holland Village MRT station, Chip Bee Gardens is a food lover's haven. From neighbourhood fixtures like vegetarian Mediterranean restaurant Original Sin (originalsin.com.sg; see Eat & Drink, Vegetarian, p134) and an Italian deli and pizza bar both managed by the family-owned Da Paolo Group (dapaolo.com.sg), to relative newcomers like bakery Baker & Cook (bakerandcook.biz) and dessert café Sunday Folks (sundayfolks.com), all visitors will find something to satisfy their taste buds here. To beat the heat, visitors can head to ice cream parlour The Daily Scoop (thedailyscoop.com.sg), which is known for its creative and local flavours (brave souls can try the Mao Shan Wang durian (a spiky tropical fruit that is unique to Southeast Asia) flavour, while others can opt for *chendol*—a dessert with jelly, coconut milk and palm sugar syrup—or lychee martini).

Address: Along Jalan Merah Saga Road (opposite Holland Road Shopping Centre)



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

Tel: +65 6291 9727

Website: 2amdessertbar.com

Email: 2amdessertbar@gmail.com

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 diced 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. 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: JTC LaunchPad @ one-north, 73A Ayer Rajah Crescent
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, two weekends a year in March and November, the public is invited to visit the homes and galleries for the self-guided ArtWalk@Wessex (artwalkwessex.com).

Address: Woking Road & Whitchurch Road, off Portsdown Road

WATCH LOCAL BANDS

Every night, Timbre®+ hosts live music performances. Visitors can catch acts by local bands such as The Common People, Collective and SuperSonic.



“Twice a year, we connect to people, see them engaging with our artistic creations and understand our passion. This all together is what ART means for us!”



Homegrown sculptor Joyce Loo and Patricia Cabaleiro, a Brazilian abstract artist who welcome visitors into their studio during the self-guided ArtWalk@Wessex.



Timbre®+

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 p82) and the lit-up Supertrees of Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, Nature & Adventure, p56) 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, p43), renowned luxury shops and stunning waterfront views, but it is also the site of the Marina Bay Street Circuit, which plays host to the FORMULA 1 SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX night race (see Festivals & Events, p34). 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 (see Eat & Drink, Supper Spots, p136), offers some of the city's most-loved food. Visitors may also be interested in taking a back-of-house tour of this premier performing arts venue (see Tours, Cruise Transit Itineraries, p186).

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, The 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 280-metre-long, is a striking steel duplex bridge that overlooks Marina Bay. Its double-helix design is inspired by the spiralling shape of the human 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

Esplanade—Theatres on the Bay





Marina Barrage

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. Its stable water surface makes it an ideal venue for water and recreational activities, 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

MARINA BAY GOLF COURSE

Touted as one of Asia's best public golf courses, the Marina Bay Golf Course is an 18-hole public golf course strategically located at Singapore's city centre. It is also one of the few golf courses in Singapore to offer night golfing. The course is equipped with three practice greens for golfers, a pro shop, club fitting center and golf academy. After a game of golf, visitors can grab a bite at the Canopy café and enjoy a panoramic view of the golf course.

Address: 80 Rhu Cross
Tel: +65 6345 7788
Fax: +65 6348 1923
Website: mbgc.com.sg
Email: enquiry@mbgc.com.sg
Opening Hours: Varies depending on the day and type of course; Check out their website for details

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, casino, convention hall, museum, luxury shopping mall (see Shopping, Malls, p141) 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 200-metre-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 8868 (Retail enquiries)
Website: marinabaysands.com
Email: inquiries@marinabaysands.com (Hotel enquiries) / box_office@marinabaysands.com (Entertainment ticketing) / RetailConcierge@MarinaBaySands.com (Retail enquiries)

SINGAPORE FLYER

A 30-minute ride on one of the world's largest observation wheels allows visitors to take in the spectacular panoramic views of the Central Business District (CBD), the Civic District, the Marina Bay area, and as far out as the South China Sea. Next to the 165-metre-high attraction is the F1 Pit Building and Paddock, a hive of activity during the FORMULA 1 SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX night race (see Festivals & Events, p34).

Address: 30 Raffles Avenue
Tel: +65 6333 3311 / +65 6854 5210 (Trade Contact: Veronique Ye)
Website: singaporeflyer.com
Email: travel_agents@singaporeflyer.com (Trade Contact: Veronique Ye)
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 8.30am–10.30pm



Singapore Flyer



ORCHARD ROAD

Arguably Asia's most famous shopping street, this 2.2-kilometre-long stretch of sprawling malls (see Shopping, Malls, p137) is a hub of retail therapy, gastronomic indulgence 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.fraserscentrepointmalls.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, 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 noon–10pm) targeted at teen shoppers. 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
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10.30am–10.30pm

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 (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) community, some of the shophouses have been transformed into trendy alfresco restaurants and bars—perfect for chilling out at night (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Orchard, p95).

Address: 180 Orchard Road (along Emerald Hill Road)
Website: peranakanplace.com



Peranakan Place (Alley Bar)

FAR EAST PLAZA

Located on Scotts Road around the corner from TANGS, this five-storey shopping centre 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
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–10pm

ION ORCHARD

Since opening in 2009, this iconic mall 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, p138). 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. With a minimum spend of S\$20 at ION Orchard, visitors will get one ticket to the ION Sky. Visitors can make bookings up to seven days in advance to access the ION Sky.

Address: 2 Orchard Turn
Tel: +65 6485 5200
Fax: +65 6485 5222
Website: ionorchard.com
Email: customer-care@ionorchard.com.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–10pm

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, p141). The retail stalwart is lauded for championing independent local and regional fashion designers alongside international brands. Upon presenting their passport, tourists can enjoy various discounts and promotions at selected stores. Visit tangs.com/content/in-store-happenings/tourist-privileges for a full list of stores offering discounts and promotions.

Address: 310 Orchard Road
Tel: +65 6737 5500
Website: tangs.com
Email: customer_service@tangs.com
Opening Hours: Mon–Sat 10.30am–9.30pm; Sun 11am–8.30pm

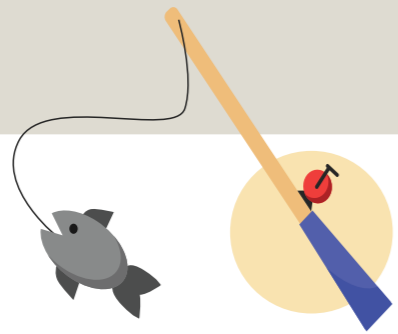


Lorong Halus

THE ISTANA

As the official 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, p45) at Istana Park across the street.

Address: 35 Orchard Road
Tel: +65 6904 4289
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 district coming into its own, as Singapore's Housing & Development Board (HDB) 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 chargrilled seafood by the water at Channel Sam Restaurant, or rent a boat for a deep-sea fishing excursion. The country club also has four wakeboarding schools, Ryders (rydersatpunggol.com), Wakemusters Wakeboarding (wakemusters.com), Wake Time (waketime.com.sg) and Edge Wakeboarding (edgewake.com), 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

PUNGGOL WATERWAY PARK / WATERWAY POINT

Hailed as the Venice of Punggol and winding through Punggol Town, this is Singapore's longest man-made waterway at 4.2 kilometres. 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 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 Park

Address: Along Sentul Crescent Road

Website: 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.com.sg

THE PUNGGOL SETTLEMENT

This one-stop seafront destination at Punggol Point overlooks the Straits of Johor. Visitors can savour delectable dishes at notable eateries including Balinese concept bistro, Georges By the Bay 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 (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p104) and signature *mee goreng* (spicy fried noodles).

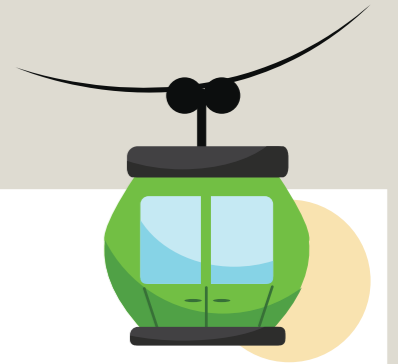
Address: 3 Punggol Point Road

Website: punggolsettlement.com

Email: propertydiv@fragrancegroup.com.sg



The Punggol Settlement



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 and the big labels and quirky shops of VivoCity (see Shopping, Malls, p142). The Singapore Cable Car Sky Network takes visitors on a beautiful aerial ride to Sentosa Island—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 (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.

Website: sentosa.com.sg

Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

Points of Interest

AJ HACKETT SENTOSA: BUNGY JUMP, VERTICAL SKYWALK, SKYBRIDGE AND GIANT SWINGS

AJ Hackett Sentosa offers Singapore's first and only Bungy Jump, Giant Swing and Skybridge for adrenaline seekers. Take a leap of faith from 47 metres off the ground at the Bungy Jump or swing at speeds up to 120 kilometres per hour while being suspended 40 metres above the ground on the Giant Swing. At the Skybridge, visitors can test their wits as they walk across a bridge located

47 metres above the sands of Siloso Beach. The S\$159 Bungy package and S\$59 Giant Swing package includes an electronic certificate, AJ Hackett International Membership and access to the Skybridge. Visitors can obtain the Skybridge package at S\$16 for access to the Skybridge and the bungy and swing viewing area.

Address: Sentosa Island.

30 Siloso Beach Walk

Tel: +65 6911 3070

Website: ajhackett.com/sentosa

Email: Sentosa.info@ajhackett.com

DID YOU KNOW?

At the Istana, Foreign dignitaries and guests are served the 'Istana Harvest', a drink which uses ingredients found in the Istana's Spice Garden.



Madame Tussauds Singapore

FABER PEAK SINGAPORE / SINGAPORE CABLE CAR SKY NETWORK

Formerly known as The Jewel Box, this vibrant cluster of dining and entertainment is situated 100 metres 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, p59), visitors can take in the picturesque surrounds over a meal at Arbora (onefabergroup.com/arbora) or Dusk Restaurant & Bar (onefabergroup.com/dusk), then walk on the wooden walkways of Henderson Waves (see Attractions, 10 Free Attractions for Great Photos, p38) 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 harbor to Sentosa. For set-dining options, which include Cable Car Sky Pass combos, visitors can check out Singapore Flavours Cabin. On Singapore Flavours Cabin, visitors can dine with their family and friends with a maximum of four persons per cabin. They will be served local favourites such as chicken rice and wok fried chilli crab (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p104) meat. Group packages are available.

Address: 109 Mount Faber Road
Tel: +65 6377 9688
Fax: +65 6273 4639
Website: faberpeaksingapore.com
Email: guestrelations@mountfaber.com.sg / enquiry@mountfaber.com.sg

MADAME TUSSAUDS SINGAPORE / TRICK EYE MUSEUM SINGAPORE

At Madame Tussauds Singapore, 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 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 S\$10 when booking is done online. Enquire about group deals. Bundle tickets to Madame Tussauds are also available with entry to Trick Eye Museum Singapore, where paintings and installations on the walls, ceilings and ground appear three-dimensional—thanks to optical illusions. Visitors are encouraged not to touch and step on (and into) them. For groups of over 20 pax, call to enquire about group

deals. Team bonding and corporate packages are also available.

Madame Tussauds Singapore
Address: Imbiah Lookout, Sentosa Island. 40 Imbiah Road
Tel: +65 6715 4000 / +65 9189 3533 (Trade Contact: Jabin Lim)
Website: madametussauds.com/singapore
Email: enquiry@madame-tussauds.com / jabin.lim@madame-tussauds.com (Trade Contact: Jabin Lim)
Opening Hours: Mon–Fri 10am–7.30pm; Sat, Sun & Public Holidays 10am–9pm

Trick Eye Museum Singapore
Address: Waterfront @ Resorts World™ Sentosa, Sentosa Island. 26 Sentosa Gateway #01-43/44
Tel: +65 6795 2370 / +65 6795 2371 / +65 6795 2379 (Trade Contact: Daniel Khor)
Fax: +65 6795 2364
Website: trickeye.com/singapore
Email: enquiries@trickeye.com / sales@trickeye.com (Trade Contact: Daniel Khor)
Opening Hours: Mon– Sun 10am–9pm

QUAYSIDE ISLE

Along with The Residences at W Singapore and the W Singapore—Sentosa Cove (wsingaporesentoscove.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, 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 7am to 9.40pm at 30-minute intervals, and alight at the W Singapore less than a minute's walk away.

Address: Sentosa Cove, Sentosa Island. 31 Ocean Way
Tel: +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 49 hectares, Resorts World™ Sentosa comprises world-class attractions—including Universal Studios Singapore™ (see Attractions, Thrill Seeking, p60), a spa, casino, six unique hotels, the most number of Michelin stars in one destination (see Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p117), and luxury retail boutiques. Its Resorts World™ Theatre

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, p191). 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 6000
Website: rwsentosa.com
Email: enquiries@rwsentosa.com / feedback@rwsentosa.com

Points of Interest



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 (Chinese dialect) 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, p131) and hip hangouts, it is now a foodie's paradise that draws many discerning locals and travellers looking to take their taste buds on a culinary adventure.

Nearest MRT: Serangoon Station / Lorong Chuan Station



CHONG HOE CHINESE MEDICAL STORE

A family-run business that started in 1957, this is the neighbourhood's oldest traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) store 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
Website: chonghoe61.com
Email: chonghoe61@yahoo.com.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Sat 8am–7pm; Sun & Public Holidays, 8am–1pm

MYVILLAGE

A quaint boutique shopping mall, myVillage has an eclectic mix of retail and food and beverage tenants, including jewellery label U-design, which offers affordable fashion accessories; and Little Wimby Lu (wimblylu.com), a café that will delight sugar addicts with a weakness for chocolate (Ethel's Blackout Cake is a must-try). The mall's open-air rooftop deck often 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
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–10pm

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 morning and brave long queues, as hot favourites such as curry buns and bread with ota (spicy fish paste grilled in banana leaf) are usually sold out by noon.

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





SINGAPORE RIVER

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 & Entertainment, Boat Quay & Clarke Quay*, p91). 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



Singapore River

Points of Interest

ALKAFF BRIDGE

Built in 1997 in the shape of a *tongkang*—a light boat that shipped goods along the river—this 55-metre 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 colours.

Address: 1 Havelock Road

HONGKONG STREET

HongKong Street is a one-way road and it is named after the vibrant city of Hong Kong. The street boasts a high concentration of hidden dining and drinking gems like hip café Ronin (*ronin.sg*). Most famous, though, is 28 HongKong Street (*28hks.com*), the eight-year-old speakeasy that spearheaded Singapore's cocktail revolution and is consistently recognised as one of Asia's best bars.

Address: Hongkong Street (Between New Bridge Road & South Bridge Road)

LIANG COURT

Locals and residents mainly flock to this shopping mall 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* (a thick Japanese wheat noodle) 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
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–10pm

DID YOU KNOW?

The Alkaff Bridge was painted in six different base colours and the 2,350 cherry circle stencil designs were placed by hand onto the bridge.



Old Hill Street Police Station



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 & 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.

Address: 140 Hill Street
Website: mci.gov.sg/about-us/old-hill-street-police-station/purpose-and-history

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 & Entertainment, Boat Quay & Clarke Quay*, p91).

DID YOU KNOW?

The streets of Tiong Bahru are named after prominent early Chinese pioneers, many of whom were wealthy merchants who contributed to society.



Tiong Bahru



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 Modern 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* (local coffeeshops) 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*, p131). With its unique heritage-meets-hipster vibe, Tiong Bahru is a neighbourhood worth exploring on foot.

Nearest MRT: Tiong Bahru Station

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: 78 Moh Guan Terrace

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 1.2-metre-high 'Dancing Girl' sculpture was commissioned to be the centrepiece of the landscaped garden in 1972.

Address: Seng Poh Road near Moh Guan Terrace



Journey East

QI TIAN GONG TEMPLE

A neighbourhood fixture since the 1920s, this temple 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 ten 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: qitiangong88@gmail.com

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 7am–5pm



Anita Sam's appreciation for antique craftsmanship was what inspired her to set up her furniture store, Journey East over 20 years ago. Today, it has evolved to include eco-friendly and modern wood pieces and has made its name as one of Singapore's most beloved furniture brands.

“I love working with emerging design brands, and hope that Journey East will continue to be a part of Singapore’s design scene.”

SENG POH ROAD

Located just opposite Tiong Bahru Market and Food Centre (see Eat & Drink, Hawker Centres, p131), a cluster of small streets between Seng Poh Road and Tiong Poh Road is home to murals and many local establishments that embody the district's hipster appeal. Pop into Tiong Bahru Bakery (tiongbahrubakery.com) or Drips Bakery Café (drips.com.sg) for a cuppa, then browse bespoke bouquets and small gifts at One Olive (oneolive.net), which sometimes hosts flower arranging and craft workshops.

Address: Eng Hoon Street, Seng Poh Lane & 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 (see Eat & Drink, Hawker Centres, p131), is a treasure trove for furniture hunters. Showrooms and retail spaces offer all kinds of unique home décor—from Emperor's Attic (emperorsattic.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; and Plain Vanilla (plainvanilla.com.sg) makes some of the best cupcakes on the island.

Address: Yong Siak Street



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NIGHTLIFE & ENTERTAINMENT

NIGHTLIFE

A vibrant city from dusk to dawn

From bustling nightspots where big-name DJs spin to late-supper spots, there are plenty of activities for everyone after dusk.



NIGHTLIFE & ENTERTAINMENT

Boasting a lively nightlife scene, Singapore is one of the best cities in Asia for staying out late and after-dark escapades.



The city state is home to 12 of Asia's 50 Best Bars, one of the top dance clubs in Asia, Zouk™ (according to DJ Mag) and a host of award-winning and vibrant establishments to guarantee a unique and unforgettable night-out. Socialisers who have a passion for nightlife and entertainment can chill out to live music, dance the night away at bars and clubs or enjoy an evening of side-splitting laughs at stand-up comedy shows. With a host of distinctive and diverse entertainment experiences, Socialisers can easily meet and connect with fellow fun-loving individuals who share their passion and energy.



BOAT QUAY & CLARKE QUAY

This historic, eye-catching riverside enclave, situated upstream from the mouth of the Singapore River (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p88) and Boat Quay, once held warehouses where goods from barge lighters were stored in the colonial era. Today, these warehouses are home to various clubs and bars that locals and visitors flock to for their popular waterfront drinking and live music performances.

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 ranked 12th on the Asia's 50 Best Bars list in 2018 and listed as one of the World's 50 Best Bars 2018. This 'secret' bar is famed for its artisanal spirits (S\$25++) and American-style craft cocktails (S\$23++) such as Fernet about Dre, a potent mixture of Fernet Branca, rum, cacao and orange bitters. Guests can also choose from a rotating selection of craft beers, fine wines and featured cocktails. Groups can order one of their punch bowls to share—The Bengal Lancer's Punch (S\$250++, minimum five people) is a mix of Jamaican rum, red wine, orange curacao, sparkling wine, orange, pineapple and lime. Reservations are recommended.

Address: 28 HongKong Street

Operating Hours: Mon–Thu 6pm–2am;
Fri & Sat 6pm–3am

Tel: +65 6533 2001

Website: 28hks.com

Email: findus@28hks.com

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. The space is split into four areas: Bar Rose, an outdoor cocktail and champagne bar overlooking the Singapore River (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p88); R&B and Top 40s on Level 1; house, trance and progressive dance on Level 2; and an alfresco area, The Courtyard. Call or email to enquire about trade discounts and group privileges. For entry to Attica, guests will have to pay a cover charge.

Address: 3A River Valley Road #02-05
Operating Hours: Tue–Thu 10pm–3am; Fri & Sat 10pm–5am
Tel: +65 6333 9973 / +65 9008 3359 (Trade Contact: Eve Lam)
Website: attica.com.sg
Email: enquiry@attica.com.sg / eve@attica.com.sg (Trade Contact: Eve Lam)
Nearest MRT: Clarke Quay Station / Fort Canning Station

CELEBRITY SIGHTINGS

Billy Zane and Craig David are some of the celebrities who have been hosted in Attica.



CANVAS

Inspired by legendary New York club, The Factory, Canvas is a creative space by day and an underground nightclub by night. Catering to young indie clubbers, the eclectic music here spans Afro-Latin, swing, nu-disco, hip-hop and techno. Guests DJs from all over the world are often hosted at Canvas and past acts include Will Atkinson from the United Kingdom, Menno De Jong from the Netherlands and Super8 and Tab from Finland. The bar also holds regular events such as comedy nights and acoustic performances. Call or email to enquire about drink packages. For entry to Canvas, guests will have to pay a cover charge.

Address: The Riverwalk, 20 Upper Circular Road #B1-01/06
Operating Hours: Tue 7pm–12am; Wed–Fri 7pm–3am; Sat 7pm–4am
Tel: +65 8125 0166 / +65 9382 1870 (Trade Contact: Roy Ng)
Website: canvasvenue.sg
Email: info@canvasvenue.sg / roy@canvasvenue.sg (Trade Contact: Roy Ng)
Nearest MRT: Clarke Quay Station / Fort Canning Station



ZOUK™

The club that cemented Singapore's global super-club status—and brought avid clubbers the annual ZoukOut dance music festival (see Festivals & Events, p36). Its main Zouk™ room, with an eye-catching LEDSCONTROL light structure above the dance floor, accommodates over 1,500 revellers. The Phuture room, with its graffiti artwork, caters to hip-hop and R&B fans. Also part of the complex is RedTail Bar, a restaurant and bar serving cocktails and East-meets-West bar bites. Working professionals and guests with a preference for luxury experiences can head to Capital Zouk™. Housed in a nondescript room within Capital, guests will find QUEENS, an intimate cocktail bar. The bar serves drinks inspired by hip-hop culture, such as the Shaolin Swordsmen (S\$25 Nett), an Old Fashioned mixed with cynar and coffee liquor and named after the legendary hip-hop group, Wu-Tang Clan. For the complete Zouk™ experience, order the signature Tropical House (S\$18++). For entry to Zouk™, guests will have to pay a cover charge.

Address: The Cannery, 3C River Valley Road
Operating Hours: (Zouk™) Wed & Fri 10pm–3am; Sat 10pm–4am; (Phuture) Wed & Fri 10pm–3am; Thu 10pm–2am; Sat 10pm–4am; (Capital) Thu 10pm–2am; Fri 10pm–3am, Sat & Eve of Public Holiday 10pm–4am
Tel: +65 6738 2988 / +65 9826 1652 (Trade Contact: Messiah Abalos)
Website: zoukclub.com
Email: zoukclub@zoukclub.com / messiah@zoukclub.com (Trade Contact: Messiah Abalos)
Nearest MRT: Clarke Quay Station / Fort Canning Station

BRAS BASAH & BUGIS

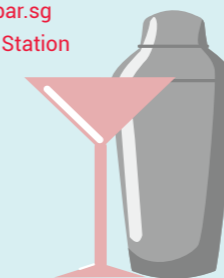


A vibrant arts enclave home to museums and monuments, the Bras Basah Bugis precinct is also well-loved for the various entertainment hub of bars and clubs that get especially lively at night. The area is especially popular for its live music venues that hosts performances by popular local artists and up-and-coming musicians for visitors to enjoy while savouring delectable bar bites and drinks.

ATLAS

Listed 4th on Asia's 50 Best Bars 2018 and 8th on the World's 50 Best Bars 2018 is ATLAS, a bar that celebrates the culinary and beverage traditions of the glamorous and romantic 1920's era. Located at the heart of Singapore's iconic Parkview Square, its grandiose Art Deco interior boasts stunning ceiling murals, lavish granite, marble and gilded gold decor and a massive eight-metre gin tower. There are over 1,000 gins in ATLAS' collection, earning the bar the reputation of having one of the world's largest gin collections. Guests can pair exquisite gins, spirits, champagnes and cocktails with the extraordinary European cuisine served at ATLAS.

Address: Parkview Square, 600 North Bridge Road
Operating Hours: Mon–Thu 10–1am; Fri 10–2am; Sat 3pm–2am; Closed on Sun
Tel: +65 6396 4466
Website: atlasbar.sg
Email: press@atlasbar.sg
Nearest MRT: Bugis Station



LOOF

Opened in 2005, Loof has been touted as Singapore's best rooftop bar and it is easy to see why. The bar celebrates Singapore's culture and serves innovative and whimsical bites and Southeast Asian inspired cocktails. The cocktail menu features drinks such as the Kaya Lumpur (S\$19++), a concoction of house bitters, pineapple and kaya (traditional jam made from coconut and eggs). Guests can tuck into bar snacks with a local twist like Chilli Crab Waffle Fries (S\$15++) and B.C.M Grilled Cheese (S\$18++), a grilled cheese sandwich with a bak chor mee (minced meat and noodles) filling. Enjoy discounts on drinks during happy hour from 5 to 8pm daily. For more unique treats and trinkets, guests can head to the Mama Shop (a Singaporean convenience store) located at the entrance of the bar, which sells a curated list of old school local snacks and souvenirs.

Address: Odeon Towers Extension Rooftop, 331 North Bridge Road #03-07
Operating Hours: Mon–Thu 5pm–1am; Fri & Sat 5pm–2am; Closed on Sun
Tel: +65 6337 9416
Website: loof.com.sg
Email: loof@loof.com.sg
Nearest MRT: City Hall Station / Bras Basah Station



MAISON IKKOKU

Maison Ikkoku, is a bespoke cocktail bar and restaurant that serves up custom-made cocktails crafted from the best and freshest ingredients. Guests can choose from an impressive selection of spirits, from common concoctions like Hendricks gin to more exclusive options such as Whitley Neil gin. The bespoke cocktails averages at S\$25–S\$28++ per person and diners can also opt for a nine-course modern Japanese omakase dinner (S\$88++).

Address: 20 Kandahar Street
Operating Hours: Mon–Thu 11.30am–3pm, 6pm–1am; Fri–Sun 11.30–1am/2am
Tel: +65 6294 0078 / +65 9387 7197 (Trade Contact: Germaine Tjir)
Website: ethanleslieleong.com
Email: info@ethanleslieleong.com / marketing@ethanleslieleong.com (Trade Contact: Germaine Sim)
Nearest MRT: Bugis Station / Nicoll Highway Station



In his 23 years of bartending, Ethan Leslie Leong has made his way to become one of Singapore's most celebrated mixologist. He has won numerous awards and fronts his bespoke cocktail bar, Maison Ikkoku.

“We craft every bespoke cocktail to surprise our guests— to give them an aesthetically pleasing and a multisensorial experience.”



Smoke & Mirrors

SMOKE & MIRRORS

Perched on the rooftop of the iconic National Gallery Singapore (see Attractions, Arts & Design, p42), Smoke & Mirrors is a destination bespoke bar that provides a spectacular panoramic view of the Padang and Marina Bay (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p81). The bar serves up riveting menu concepts, carefully crafted spirits, draft beers as well as signature cocktails. Its innovative cocktail menu, 'The Playful Eye' features ten invigorating cocktails which pay whimsical homage to the imagination. These include concoctions such as God's Own (S\$24++), a tropical cocktail with rum and coconut sake, garnished with a slice of potato flavoured with pistachio and Mighty Duck (S\$20++), a cocktail made with jackfruit-infused rum and spiced honey and served in a nest with edible egg shells. With plenty of woods, copper tones and warm lighting, Smoke & Mirrors exudes magnetic intimacy.

Address: National Gallery Singapore, 1 St. Andrew's Road #06-01

Operating Hours: Mon–Thu 3pm–1am; Fri 3pm–2am; Sat & Eve and Day of Public Holiday noon–2am; Sun noon–1am

Tel: +65 9380 6313 / +65 9119 5357 (Trade Contact: Cyndiana Ho)

Website: smokeandmirrors.com.sg

Email: reserve@smokeandmirrors.com.sg / cyndiana.ho@smokeandmirrors.com.sg (Trade Contact: Cyndiana Ho)

Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

SWITCH™ BY TIMBRE® X

This 300-seater venue located at the arts and heritage district of Bras Basah (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p78) sets the stage for the best up-and-coming Singaporean musicians. Switch™ by Timbre® X hosts live English and Mandarin pop-rock performances nightly and full six-piece bands on weekend nights. Visitors can enjoy these performances while savouring delectable options from the food and drinks menu. Favourites include innovative Asian-inspired dishes like fries with minced beef and a spicy peanut sauce adapted from the local dish satay (grilled meat skewers) and Spicy Szechuan Pizza. Check the website for monthly updates on Food and drink packages.

Address: 73 Bras Basah Road #01-01/02

Operating Hours: Mon–Thu 5pm–1am; Fri & Sat 6pm–2am; Closed on Sun

Tel: +65 6336 7739 / +65 9643 6300 (Trade Contact: Joey Wong)

Website: switchmusic.sg

Email: switch@timbregroup.asia / joey.wong@timbregroup.asia (Trade Contact: Joey Wong)

Nearest MRT: Bras Basah Station



DEMPSEY HILL & HOLLAND VILLAGE

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. Come sunset, a mix of wine bars and eateries offer visitors a relaxed night out amid tranquil natural surroundings. At Holland Village, travellers will find a laid back neighbourhood with a vibrant night atmosphere popular among locals and expatriates, thanks to the lively bars lining Lorong Mambong.

REDDOT® BREWHOUSE

RedDot® BrewHouse is the first independent craft beer brewery in Singapore and famed for their range of unfiltered, unpasteurised, flavourful premium craft beers. The brewery is helmed by Ernest Ng, a self-trained brewer who spent years researching and building his own brewing equipment to experiment and create different types of beer. Almost a decade after, Ernest opened RedDot® BrewHouse at Dempsey Hill and Boat Quay which feature breweries designed and built by Ernest himself. The historical settings of RedDot's two outlets provides the perfect backdrop to savour the age old historical beverage. To complement its craft beers, the restaurant serves dishes inspired by cuisines from around the world such as Mediterranean Burger (S\$20++) and chicken seasoned with Szechuan pepper (S\$13++).

Address: 25A Dempsey Road #01-01

Operating Hours: Mon–Thu noon–12am; Fri & Sat and eve of public holiday noon–2am; Sun 10.30am–11pm

Tel: +65 6475 0500

Website: reddotbrewhouse.com.sg

Email: rd@reddotbrewhouse.com.sg

Nearest MRT: Farrer Road Station / Orchard Station

TAWANDANG MICROBREWERY

This authentic Thai-German microbrewery prides itself on its pairing of delectable Thai dishes with the finest quality German beers.

Tawandang Microbrewery's beers are freshly brewed using high quality ingredients imported from Germany and the highest-grade brewing system, promising an unforgettable mug of fresh and luxuriously smooth beer. Their signature beers are the all-time favourite Lager Beer, Weizen Beer and Dunkel Beer. The deep-fried Pork Knuckle served with homemade mashed potatoes and sauerkraut is a must try.

Address: 26 Dempsey Road #01-01

Operating Hours: Mon–Sun 11.30–12am

Tel: +65 6476 6742

Website: facebook.com/Tawandang-Microbrewery-118856771508998/

Email: tawandangsg@hotmail.com

Nearest MRT: Farrer Road Station / Orchard Station

THE RABBIT HOLE

Situated at former British army barracks, Dempsey Hill, and set within a garden with lush green foliage, The Rabbit Hole provides a verdant after-dinner spot that escapes the city. As Singapore's first speciality gin garden bar, The Rabbit Hole's menu comprises 15 gin types categorised according to flavour profiles. Signature cocktails include the Raspberry and Mint Collins (S\$18++), an American Bluecoat Gin paired with raspberry and mint cordial and the Peach and Pecan Ice Tea (S\$24++), a pecan-infused bourbon mixed with peach, maple and breakfast tea. Diners can also enjoy premium French crepes made with ingredients imported from Brittany.

Address: 39C Harding Road

Operating Hours: Tue–Thu & Sun, 6–11.30pm; Fri & Sat, 6pm–12.30am;

Closed on Mon

Tel: +65 6473 9985

Website: thewhiterabbit.com.sg

Email: eat@thewhiterabbit.com.sg

Nearest MRT: Farrer Road Station / Orchard Station

THE WINE COMPANY

The Wine Company is the perfect spot to relax and dine alone or with family and friends. The wine-centric restaurant offers a wine list with more than 300 labels of Red and White wines, cocktails, beers as well as non-alcoholic beverages. Guests can try award-winning labels such as Bladen, Simonsig and Vergelegen. Guests can also pair their wines with menu items which range from Western food options like Carbonara (S\$12.90++) and Filet Mignon (S\$39.90++) to Asian favourites such as Hokkien Beancurd roll (S\$7.90++) and fried rice (S\$7.90++). Call or email to enquire about travel trade packages.

Address: Dempsey Road Block 14D

Operating Hours: Mon–Thu noon–12am; Fri, Sat & Eve of Public Holidays noon–2am

Tel: +65 9181 7004 (Trade Contact: Belinda Lim)

Fax: +65 6479 9351

Website: thewinecompanyonline.com.sg

Email: info@thewinecompany.com.sg / belinda@thewinecompany.com.sg (Trade Contact: Belinda Lim)

Nearest MRT: Farrer Road Station / Orchard Station

WALA WALA CAFÉ BAR

An atmospheric cafe bar famed for its drinks and live performances, Wala Wala Café Bar has become one of the best places to enjoy music in Singapore. The two-storey breezy café makes a good spot for guests to soak up the vibrant atmosphere and enjoy a selection of more than 30 bottled beers from around the world, including local brew, Brewlander Love (S\$13++)). For food, the Wala Wala Chicken Wings (S\$13++) are a best seller and the Pizza Honey with Cheese (S\$10++) is a must-try.

Address: 31 Lorong Mambong

Operating Hours: Mon–Thu 4pm–1am; Fri 4pm–2am; Sat & Eve of Public Holidays 3pm–2am; Sun 3pm–1am

Tel: +65 6462 4288

Website: www.walawala.sg

Email: info@walawala.sg

Nearest MRT: Holland Village Station

WIND DOWN AND RELAX

For a quiet spot, the nearby Chip Bee Gardens, a military estate established in the 1950s is great for some food and retail before a night out at Wala Wala Café Bar.

ORCHARD



Where nutmeg, fruit orchards and pepper plantations once thrived is now a site with modern shopping malls and hotels. More than just a retail haven, visitors can find a thriving nightlife scene here, and indulge in a world class drinking experience at the award winning bars that are situated in this district.

ALLEY BAR

Tucked away in a snug passageway along Orchard Road (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82) is the chic and intimate Alley Bar. The 15-metre-long bar seamlessly weaves old world charm with contemporary design and is dotted with hanging lights. Their best-selling dishes include the Crispy Buttermilk Chicken with Waffle (S\$26++) and Wagyu Beef Burger (S\$20++). Alley Bar's extensive drinks list features handcrafted cocktails like Waterfall (S\$35++), a flaming cocktail with Kahlua, Galliano and Sambuca and bartender specials such as Dragon Heart (S\$20++), dragon fruit shaken with gin. During happy hour (Mon–Sun 5–9pm), visitors can enjoy house spirits for S\$6++, house wines for S\$8++ and draught beers for S\$10++. Call or email to enquire about travel trade discounts and event packages.

Address: 180 Orchard Road, Peranakan Place Complex

Operating Hours: Sun–Thu 5pm–2am; Fri, Sat & Eve of Public Holiday 5pm–3am

Tel: +65 6738 8818 / +65 6732 6966 (Trade Contact: Debby Lim)

Website: alleybar.sg

Email: alleybar@peranakanplace.com / debby.lim@peranakanplace.com (Trade Contact: Debby Lim)

Nearest MRT: Somerset Station



Alley Bar



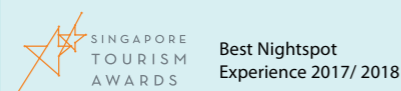
KPO Café Bar

KPO CAFÉ BAR

KPO Café Bar opened in 2009 following a dramatic makeover of the iconic Killiney Post Office. With spacious indoor seating and several outdoor terraces accommodating up to 500 people, KPO has become a bar staple on Orchard Road (see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts*, p82). The drinks offering are centred around draft beers on tap, signature cocktails, an extensive selection of French champagnes, wines and malt whiskies. Guests can also tuck into KPO's variety of local and western dishes. Every Wednesday, ladies can enjoy one-for-one spirit bottles such as Hendrick's Gin and Nikka Taketsuru Pure Malt and discounts off premium wine bottles. Happy hour runs daily from opening until 8pm. Call or email to enquire about event packages.

Address: 1 Killiney Road
Operating Hours: Mon–Thu 3pm–1am; Fri 3pm–2am; Sat 6pm–2am
Tel: +65 8339 5368 / +65 6299 0092 (Trade Contact: Brenda Lim)
Website: facebook.com/KPO.sg
Email: kpo@imaginings.com.sg / brenda@imaginings.com.sg (Trade Contact: Brenda Lim)
Nearest MRT: Somerset Station

MANHATTAN BAR



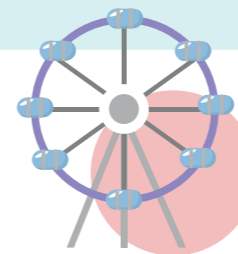
Award-winning Manhattan Bar has its own rickhouse with over 100 American oak barrels that are used for ageing spirits and bitters. This sophisticated watering hole came in 1st on Asia's 50 Best Bars in both 2017 and 2018 and also came in 3rd in the World's 50 Best Bars 2018. It is known for its selection of whisky and experimental cocktails with ingredients such as wild cherry bark and Schisandra berries. The bar's newly launched American Whiskey Embassy programme puts a spotlight on the great whiskies from the United States of America and features over 150 bottles of whiskies. Unique offerings include Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve 20 years at S\$290++ per shot and for a more traditional whiskey, guests can try the Michter's 10 years at S\$45++ per shot.

Address: 1 Cuscaden Road Level 2
Operating Hours: Mon–Thu & Sun 5pm–1am; Fri & Sat 5pm–2am
Tel: +65 6725 3377 / +65 6725 3190 (Trade Contact: Maria Singh)
Website: regenthotels.com/regent-singapore/dining/manhattan
Email: manhattangrm.rsn@fourseasons.com / maria.singh@fourseasons.com (Trade Contact: Maria Singh)
Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

THE OTHER ROOM

Listed as one of Asia's 50 Best Bars 2018, The Other Room is helmed by multi award-winning cocktail wizard Dario Knox. It is inspired by the darkness of the Prohibition Era and serves over 150 spirits finished in different ways. The bar is discreetly hidden behind black velvet drapes on the ground floor of The Marriott®. Guests can savour The Balvenie Julep (S\$23++), a bitter and refreshing concoction or the Reversed Gin & Tonic (S\$23++). Majority of their drinks carry a punch as they are made with a higher amount of spirit proportion and guests are more than welcomed to ask the bartenders for classics or recommendations. Every Thursday night, ladies will enjoy complimentary oysters with every drink order.

Address: 320 Orchard Road #01-05
Operating Hours: Mon–Thu 6pm–3am; Fri–Sun 6pm–4am
Tel: +65 6100 7778
Website: theotherroom.com.sg
Email: reservations@theotherroom.com.sg / quattroville@theotherroom.com.sg (Trade Contact: Nicholas Quattroville)
Nearest MRT: Orchard Station



MARINA BAY, ESPLANADE, FULLERTON

The Marina Bay, Fullerton and Esplanade areas offer a variety of after-dark options and these modern waterfront developments are heavily frequented by travellers and locals. At these districts, visitors can savour drinks and party at lively nightclubs while taking in the stunning view of the city skyline including the iconic Marina Bay Sands®, Singapore Flyer (see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts*, p82), Merlion Park and Gardens by the Bay (see *Attractions, Adventure & Nature*, p56).



1-Altitude

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 282 metres above sea level, 1-Altitude Gallery & Bar is the world's highest alfresco bar. With 360-degree views of the CBD, visitors can enjoy a cocktail in hand and relax to laidback DJ-spun beats, while admiring the stunning city skyline. At Altimate, the view of the skyline is an impressive backdrop for visitors to party the night away. This club impresses partygoers with state-of-the-art audiovisuals and a premium cocktail and liquor list. Signature cocktails start from S\$20++. Call or email to enquire about event packages. For entry to 1-Altitude, guests will have to pay a cover charge.

Address: One Raffles Place, 1 Raffles Place Level 63
Operating Hours: Mon, Tue & Sun 6pm–2am; Wed, Fri & Sat 6pm–4am; Thu 6pm–3am
Tel: +65 6438 0410 / +65 8163 3432 (Trade Contact: Immelia Izalena)
Website: 1-altitude.com
Email: info@1-altitude.com / immelia@1-altitude.com (Trade Contact: Immelia Izalena)
Nearest MRT: Raffles Place Station

BANG BANG

This cheekily named nightclub, which can house 400 partygoers in its intimate setting, is all about top-notch bottle service (bottles of champagne from S\$198++) and VIP service. Bang Bang is also known for its club anthems and electronic dance music (EDM), as well as giant bear mascots parading the dance floor, sexy go-go dancers and hostesses. For special occasions such as birthdays and anniversaries, guests can enjoy special packages which include express entry, a VIP table and bottle service. The club's mid-week ladies night, Wild Wednesdays, are extremely popular. Ladies who RSVP their attendance for Wild Wednesdays online will receive three complimentary drinks. Visitors to Bang Bang will have to adhere to strict dress code requirements; button-down shirts, long pants and shoes for males and cocktail attire and heels for females.

Address: Marina Square, 7 Raffles Boulevard
Operating Hours: Wed, Fri & Sat 10pm–6am
Tel: +65 8127 2808
Website: bangbangclub.sg
Email: vip@bangbangclub.sg
Nearest MRT: Promenade Station

CÉ LA VI SINGAPORE



CÉ LA VI is a restaurant, sky bar and club lounge elevated above the observation deck of the SkyPark at Marina Bay Sands® (see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts*, p82). It boasts arguably the best views of Singapore, and is a popular venue for visiting celebrities. Its sunset session (from 6–9pm) is the perfect time for visitors to snap a rooftop selfie. CÉ LA VI's restaurant menu features modern Asian cuisine by executive chef Joseph Sergentakis. The tender and succulent Rice Flake Crusted Lobster and Tuna Tartare Jicama Rolls are crowd favourites. On selected days, guests will have to pay a cover charge for entry to CÉ LA VI. Guests of CÉ LA VI will require a Skypark Observation Deck ticket to enter. Tickets are available from the Skypark Ticketing Counter at B1 of Marina Bay Sands® Tower 3.

Address: Marina Bay Sands® Skypark, 1 Bayfront Avenue Level 57
Operating Hours: Mon–Sun noon till late
Tel: +65 6508 2188
Website: sg.celavi.com
Email: reservation-sg@celavi.com
Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station



EMPIRE SKY LOUNGE

Taking advantage of its 45th floor penthouse, Empire offers breathtaking views of the Marina Bay skyline (see Attractions, 10 Free Attractions for Great Photos, p38) and a spacious indoor and outdoor area with seating capacity of 84 pax and standing capacity of 150 pax. The lounge sports an avant-garde interior with statement skull seats and an eclectic collection of paintings. With happy hour specials running from Monday to Saturday, a late-night party series, and live DJ performances from Wednesday to Saturday, this spot is always buzzing with its mix of Top 40s, hip-hop and electro tunes. To support local artists, the lounge conducts 'Open Deck Nights' where DJs with no prior experience will have the opportunity to spin for visitors on every last Saturday of the month. Visitors will enjoy free entry all night from Monday to Thursday. Call or email to enquire about event packages and table and drink packages. For entry to Empire Sky Lounge on Fridays and Saturdays (10pm onwards), guests will have to pay a cover charge.

Address: Singapore Land Tower, 50 Raffles Place Level 45
Operating Hours: Mon–Thu 5pm–1am; Fri 5pm–3am; Sat 5pm–4am
Tel: +65 9336 1443 / +65 8183 7703 (Trade Contact: Erica Ng)
Website: hiddendoorconcepts.com/empire
Email: empire@hiddendoor.com.sg / Erica@hiddendoor.com.sg (Trade Contact: Erica Ng)
Nearest MRT: Raffles Place 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, p81) and its surrounding skyscrapers. Visitors should come by at dusk for a sunset cocktail. The speciality drinks are the Lantern Slings (S\$25++), a take on the classic Singapore Sling with ingredients such as dragon fruit, raspberries, peach and passionfruit. Advanced dining reservations are recommended.

Address: 80 Collyer Quay
Operating Hours: Mon–Thu & Sun 10–1am; Fri, Sat & Eve of Public Holidays 10–2am
Tel: +65 6597 5299
Website: fullertonhotels.com/the-fullerton-bay-hotel/lantern-rooftop-bar
Email: lanterngre@fullertonbayhotels.com
Nearest MRT: Raffles Place Station

TANJONG PAGAR & CHINATOWN:
 AMOY STREET, ANN SIANG HILL, CLUB STREET, CROSS STREET AND TELOK AYER STREET

The Chinatown and Tanjong Pagar area (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p61) is where the old meets the new. Visitors will find temples standing alongside lively clubs and bars. The many watering holes and laid-back hangouts clustered in this area and the nearby streets of Ann Siang Hill, Club Street, Cross Street and Telok Ayer Street, make it perfect for bar-hopping.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Lantern rooftop bar derives its name from Clifford Pier's historical Chinese name, Red Lantern Pier, from when the pier was lit by red lanterns to direct seafarers.



Daiki Kanetaka from D.Bespoke



D.BESPOKE

D.Bespoke exudes luxury and style with leather armchairs, a bar counter that lines the entire shophouse and a meticulously curated selection of spirits adorning its shelves. This Ginza-style bar, listed as one of Asia's 50 Best Bars 2018, is helmed by Japanese bartender Daiki Kanetaka and uses state-of-the-art equipment to deliver finely crafted spirits in elegant glassware and guarantees a tailored experience for each guest. Cocktails are served with complimentary snacks like dehydrated kiwis and roasted almonds. Visitors can also opt for more substantial dishes such as the Cold Cut Platter (from S\$30++), with freshly carved jamón Ibérico de Bellota and salami. Customised cocktails start at S\$27++ and there is a minimum order policy of S\$60++ per person. As the space is limited to a maximum of 28 guests, reservations are highly recommended.

Address: 2 Bukit Pasoh Road
Operating Hours: Mon–Sun 6pm–2am
Tel: +65 8141 5741 / +65 9386 0900 (Trade Contact: Ng Ching Jie)
Website: dbespoke.sg
Email: reservations@dbespoke.sg / kelvin.ngcj@gmail.com (Trade Contact: Ng Ching Jie)
Nearest MRT: Outram Park Station

EMPLOYEES ONLY SINGAPORE

The award winning bar, Employees Only Singapore is a New York speakeasy bar on Amoy Street. The bar debuted its second outpost in Singapore in June 2016 and was listed as one of Asia's 50 Best Bars in 2018. Led by Igor Hadzismajlovic, one of the founding five of the original Employees Only in New York, the bar offers signature concoctions such as the Ready Fire Aim (S\$26++), served with Del Maguey VIDA Mezcal, fresh lime juice and house-made honey-pineapple syrup with dashes of Bittermens Hellfire Bitters. Visitors can whet their appetite with Employees Only's selection of delicious menu offerings like the homemade Tagliatelle (S\$20++).

Address: 112 Amoy Street
Operating Hours: Mon–Fri & Sun 5pm–1am; Sat 5pm–2am
Tel: +65 6221 7357
Website: employeesonlysg.com
Email: reservations@employeesonlysg.com
Nearest MRT: Telok Ayer Station

GIBSON BAR

Under the leadership of co-founder Indra Katono and Group Bar Programme Director Aki Eguchi, Gibson Bar has been listed as one of Asia's 50 Best Bars 2018. The cosy and vintage ambience of the bar is a welcomed getaway from crowded speakeasy bars and their charismatic bartenders guarantee a professional yet fun and memorable service. The menu categorises 17 cocktails into Classics, Southeast Asia and Japan-inspired. Must-try cocktails include, The Gibson (S\$23++), a classic dry cocktail with pickled wasabi leaves, pearl onion and smoked quail's egg. The Mango PX (S\$23++) is a Southeast Asian version of a Pedro Ximenez sherry and features fermented mangoes with dark rum infused with charred French Oak. Happy hour is from 6pm to 8pm.

Address: 18 Bukit Pasoh Road
Operating Hours: Mon–Thu 6pm–1am; Fri & Sat 6pm–2am
Tel: +65 9114 8385 / +65 9651 5924 (Trade Contact: Charmaine Cheong)
Website: gibsonbar.sg
Email: info@gibsonbar.sg / charmaine@jiggerandpony.com (Trade Contact: Charmaine Cheong)
Nearest MRT: Outram Station



Jigger & Pony

JIGGER & PONY

Bringing back the art of classic cocktails, this award-winning bar is a favourite amongst young professionals working in the Central Business District (CBD). Listed as one of Asia's 50 Best Bars 2018, Jigger & Pony has a diverse menu of cocktails curated by a multi-cultural group of bartenders from Italy, Japan, Korea, Malaysia and Singapore. Visitors should try the Tokyo-Hi (S\$23++), a highball with Japanese fruit and liqueurs as well as the bar's pre-Prohibition Corpse Reviver 101 (S\$23++) made with vodka and served with absinthe jelly on the side. Groups can order the customised punch bowls from S\$230++ (serves 15–20).

Address: Amara Singapore, 165 Tanjong Pagar Road
Operating Hours: Mon–Thu & Sun 5pm–1am; Fri & Sat 5pm–3am
Tel: +65 9621 1074 / +65 9651 5924 (Trade Contact: Charmaine Cheong)
Website: jiggerandpony.com
Email: info@jiggerandpony.com / charmaine@jiggerandpony.com (Trade Contact: Charmaine Cheong)
Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station

KILO LOUNGE

This hidden gem located at the back alley of Tanjong Pagar Road provides the perfect atmosphere to party and unwind after a long week. Guests will walk through walls of graffiti and artwork created by local artist Samantha Lo before reaching the lounge. Once inside, the extensive dance floor provides ample space for guests to party the night away. The lounge has hosted international acts like Grandmaster Flash and A Guy Called Gerald, as well as world class DJs like Petar Dundov and DJ W!ld. For food and drinks, Kilo Lounge offers Asian fusion cuisine and inventive drinks such as Truffles Tai Yuzu Roll and even shots of deadly jalapeno tequila.

Address: 21 Tanjong Pagar Road, #01-02/04
Operating Hours: Wed 5.30pm–12am; Thu–Fri 5.30pm–3am; Sat 9.30pm–4am
Tel: +65 9824 9747
Website: kilokitchen.com/lounge
Email: lounge@kilokitchen.com / karlene@seriesofintentions.com (Trade Contact: Karlene Liew)
Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station/ Tanjong Pagar Station

NATIVE

Tucked away in Amoy Street is Native, a bar that has been listed 13th on the World's 50 Best Bars 2018 and 8th on Asia's 50 Best Bars 2018. Native focuses on inventive mixology, individually sourced spirits from around Asia and locally foraged ingredients like weaver ants, betel leaves and starfruit flowers. Try one of a kind creations like Red Light District which uses *tongkat ali* (a Southeast Asian medicinal root), pink dragon fruit water kefir, rose aperitif and basil seeds.

Address: 52A Amoy Street
Operating Hours: Tue–Sun 6pm–12am
Tel: +65 8869 6520
Website: tribenative.com
Email: info@tribenative.com
Nearest MRT: Telok Ayer Station



NUTMEG & CLOVE

Nutmeg & Clove has been listed as one of Asia's 50 Best Bars and serves a cocktail menu inspired by the William Farquhar Collection of Natural History Drawings which features 477 illustrations of Singapore's flora and fauna. The bar adds a local twist into avant-garde cocktails by incorporating native herbs, fruits, flowers and spices. The King and Queen (S\$22++) is a twist on the Milk Punch (S\$18++) and is named after the king and queen of fruits, the durian (a spiky tropical fruit that is unique to Southeast Asia) and mangosteen, used in the cocktail. Oh My Jasmine (S\$22++) uses house-made jasmine syrup and matcha and is a spin on a Scotch Sour (S\$18++). Call or email to enquire about group and event packages.

Address: 10A Ann Siang Hill

Operating Hours: Mon–Thu 6pm–1am;
Fri & Sat 6pm–2am

Tel: +65 9833 1540 (Trade Contact: Colin Chia)

Website: nutmegandclove.com.sg

Email: colin@estb.co
(Trade Contact: Colin Chia)

Nearest MRT: Telok Ayer 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. The bar came in 19th on Asia's 50 Best Bars 2018 and 23rd on the World's 50 Best Bars 2018. In the bar, guests will be greeted with minimalist décor and an eye-catching chandelier and they will be able to select drinks based on flavour preferences. More unique cocktail creations include the Pork Soda (S\$25++), roast pork belly with apple and creamed soda.

Address: 7 Ann Siang Hill #B1-01

Operating Hours: Mon–Sat 6pm till late;
Closed on Sun

Tel: +65 6438 4057

Website: operationdagger.com

Email: info@operationdagger.com

Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station



Tippling Club

TIPPLING CLUB

The Tippling Club has been listed as one of Asia's 50 Best Bars two years in a row, in 2017 and 2018, and has become a favourite amongst gastronomes. The club's décor is a mix of elegance and flair. Guests will be welcomed with 12 gummy bears infused with the flavours of the bar's 12 Dreams and Desires cocktails (S\$24++), to give a preview of the drinks prior to ordering. The drink Baby, a concoction of milk, vanilla, apricot, honey, citrus and gin is served in an actual baby milk bottle and the champagne based concoction, Beauty, is served with an edible sorbet lipstick. Classic cocktails are also available upon request.

Address: 38 Tanjong Pagar Road

Operating Hours: Mon–Fri noon–3pm, 6–11pm; Sat 6–11pm

Tel: +65 6475 2217

Website: tipplingclub.com

Email: enquiries@tipplingclub.com

Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station



LATE-NIGHT EATS

Singapore is home to plenty of late-night eateries (see *Eat & Drink, Supper Spots*, p135). From casual eateries to restaurants, travellers will find something to satisfy their taste buds here.



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EAT & DRINK

**A culinary paradise for
every palette**

There is no shortage of mouth-watering dishes and delectable flavours to savour.



EAT & DRINK

From the humble local favourites served in hawker centres to refined plates at celebrity chef restaurants, the country's culinary landscape has it all.



NOX - Dine in the Dark

Foodies travelling to Singapore have countless options when it comes to eating. Our dining scene is steeped in heritage and tradition and at the same time filled with a great hunger to try anything new and different. For foodies looking for a culinary adventure, 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. Every meal is a chance to indulge in something different, in new atmospheres, and in new ways.



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MICHELIN Two Star



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CULINARY TRENDS FOR 2019

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.

BRUNCH GETS SERIOUS

With a plethora of cafes that have opened across the island, heading out for a hearty brunch is fast becoming a favourite weekend activity among many Singaporeans. Visit Arteastiq Boutique Tea House (see *Afternoon Tea*, p115) along Orchard Road (see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts*, p82) for comforting breakfast food items such as the Farmer's Breakfast, scrambled eggs, turkey bacon and sausage with a side of salad and toast. To wash it all down, guests can choose from the café's selection of teas and coffees. At The White Rabbit (thewhiterabbit.com.sg), guests can dine in a restored 1930s colonial chapel with stained glass windows amidst modern furnishings. The White Rabbit's brunch menu includes delectable offerings such as the Wagyu Quarter Pounder and the Seafood Pot Pie. For a lighter meal, guests can opt for dishes such as the Açai Bowl and Sautéed Fried Mushroom.



The White Rabbit



Lau Pa Sat

CHEERS TO LOCAL MICROBREWERIES

Most are familiar with Tiger Beer, a local brewery founded in 1932, which has made its name as a leading beer brand producing refreshing Asian lagers. While Tiger Beer (see *Shopping, Local Products*, p155) is a must-try, visitors may be interested to sample a cold brew from a local microbrewery. 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, offering five delicious brews on tap along with panoramic views of the Marina Bay skyline (see *Attractions, 10 Free Attractions For Great Photos*, p38).

CHEF COLLABORATION

Chef collaborations, in which visiting chefs 'guest-cook' in local restaurant's kitchen, are gaining popularity in Singapore.

In 2018, Australian restaurant, Salted & Hung (*saltedandhung.com.sg*) held a series of dining events in collaboration with owner of bespoke cocktail bar, Bar Stories, David Koh. Owner of Salted & Hung, chef Drew Nocente combined his expertise in grilling, curing and fermenting with Koh's love for fishing to present a menu centered around seafood. Middle Eastern restaurant, The Ottomani (*theottomani.com*) introduced The Nomad Series where internationally renowned chefs will develop distinctive menus each month. Among the notable names are chef Alejandro Saravia and Brazilian chef Ivan Brehm who will marry their distinctive styles with the restaurant's Middle Eastern cuisine to create unique dishes for guests to indulge in.

FARM-TO-TABLE DINING

The global farm-to-table movement is gaining popularity in Singapore. Already, restaurants like Open Farm Community (*openfarmcommunity.com*; see *Unique Dining Concepts*, p109) and The Summerhouse (*thesummerhouse.sg*; see *Unique Dining Concepts*, p111) 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 Garden City (*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*), Farmer's Market at Loewen Gardens and The Common Man Green Project.

HAWKER CULTURE

Populated by passionate foodies, Singaporeans enjoy a wide variety of good food at affordable prices. Hawker centres, which are an indispensable pillar of the Singaporean way of life, each offer numerous cuisines. Lau Pa Sat (see *Hawker Centres*, p130) is a historic market designed in the 1830s and located in the heart of the Central Business District (CBD). It is home to local favourites and international cuisines like North Indian, Korean and Vietnamese. Singapore's famous Satay Street runs parallel to Lau Pa Sat, where Stalls 7 and 8 arguably sell the best rendition of grilled beef and chicken skewers (*satay*). At the heart of the cultural precinct of Little India, is Tekka Centre (see *Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts*, p70). Ethnic garments and accessories are sold on its upper floor, while the *dum bryani* (an Indian spiced rice dish with meat) and Indian *rojak* (mixed fritters of dough, potato and shrimp) of its food stalls below are touted as some of the best in the country.

HEALTHY EATING GETS BIGGER

Healthy eating in Singapore extends beyond salad bars. Besides vegetarian and vegan eateries, there are also fast-dining concepts like The Daily Cut and Grain Traders (*grain-traders.com*) where visitors can pick and choose their grilled meats, vegetables (fresh and cooked) and toppings. At Le Garden Seafood (*legardenseafood.com*), the traditional steamboat is replaced by a high-speed steaming cooking technique, which locks in the food's natural juices and nutrients, resulting in a healthier, less fatty meal.

LOCAL INSPIRATION/BACK TO YOUR ROOTS

Visitors game to try local food with a twist will find restaurants that incorporate creative and traditional cooking methods to prepare dishes that are reflective of the major racial cuisines in Singapore. Diners at CreatureS (see *Modern Singapore Restaurants*, p127) will find dishes that incorporate both Asian and Western ingredients and styles of cooking such as the Pulled Rendang Lamb Risotto, lamb stewed in coconut milk and spices and served with risotto, and Har Cheong Pork Burger, pork collar marinated with

an in-house prawn paste (*har cheong*) blend and served between toasted burger buns. At Folklore, chef Damian D'silva has crafted a menu that pays homage to his Eurasian-Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) heritage and uses mostly manual kitchen methods. The Singgang is an Eurasian dish of slow cooked wolf herring that is deboned, a process that can take up to three hours, while the Beef Cheek Rendang and Oxtail is cooked for hours over low heat. The time and effort used to create these dishes serve as an ode to the laborious methods used to prepare local dishes in the past.

MORE AWARD-WINNING RESTAURANTS

The gourmet visitor will be delighted at the number of award-winning eateries in Singapore. In the MICHELIN Guide Singapore 2018, 39 eateries were awarded Michelin stars and 50 establishments received the MICHELIN Bib Gourmand award. Of note are restaurants helmed by local chefs such as Corner House (see *Celebrity Fine Dining*, p118) by chef Jason Tan, Candelnut by chef Malcolm Lee and Restaurant Labyrinth by chef-owner Han Li Guang (see *Modern Singapore Restaurants*, p127 and p128 respectively) and hot restaurants such as The Kitchen at Bacchanalia, JAAN and Waku Ghin (see *Celebrity Fine Dining*, p120 and p121 respectively). Hawkers were also honoured: Liao Fan Hong Kong Soya Sauce Chicken Rice & Noodle retained its one Michelin star (see *Hawker Centres*, p130). Others like Bismillah Biryani (see *Halal Restaurants*, p122)

and Depot Road Zhen Shan Mei Claypot Laksa were recognised with MICHELIN Bib Gourmand awards. At the Asia's 50 Best Restaurants awards ceremony held early in 2018, seven Singapore-based restaurants made it to the top 50 list. Restaurant Odette—which also got two Michelin stars—was named the fifth-best restaurant in Asia (see *Celebrity Fine Dining*, p120).

HAVE A MICHELIN-STAR MEAL UNDER S\$5

At Singapore's Liao Fan Hong Kong Soya Sauce Chicken Rice & Noodle, visitors can order the cheapest Michelin soya sauce chicken rice or stick-to-your-ribs fare, such as the roasted pork rice and pork ribs rice.

MORE RENOWNED ESTABLISHMENTS

In 2018, restaurants and eateries from the region have set up shop in Singapore. Award-winning New York burger joint, Black Tap (*blacktapnyc.com*), famed for

its gourmet burgers and CrazyShake™ milkshakes, opened its first outlet in Asia at the Marina Bay Sands® Singapore (see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts*, p82). Isaac Toast, a famous Korean breakfast toast shop, saw daily snaking queues at Plaza Singapura, while LIANG Sandwich Bar created quite a stir for its Taiwanese celebrity, Jay Chou-endorsed Liang Chicken Sandwich, filled with marinated smoked chicken chunks, egg and vegetables.

NEW SINGAPORE CUISINE

Over the years, Singapore's cuisine has evolved beyond its traditional hawker dishes such as chilli crab and chicken rice (see *Local Favourites*, p104). 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. Pioneered by chef Han Li Guang, New Singapore Cuisine includes dishes such as 'Ang Moh' Chicken Rice, a rice dumpling filled with diced chicken served with chili and a sauce made with chicken stock, is a creative reinterpretation of a Singaporean favourite, the Hainanese chicken rice. At local bistro, The Quarters (see *Modern Singapore Restaurants*, p128), guests can order creations that fuse Singaporean flavours with Western cuisine such as the Satay Burger, spiced meat drizzled with peanut sauce and served between two rice patties.



CreatureS

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. MICHELIN Bib Gourmand awardee A Noodle Story utilises modern European techniques to create unique Singapore-style ramen, which is a cross between Japanese ramen and Hong Kong-style wonton noodles (a noodle dish with Chinese 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 third-generation family member.

SINGLE-SPIRIT BARS

Bars dedicated to just one type of drink are fast becoming popular in Singapore as locals become more discerning with their drinks. The Rabbit Hole (see [Nightlife & Entertainment, Dempsey & Holland Village, p95](#)) is a speciality gin bar that carries 15 gin types categorised according to flavour profile. Nestled within a garden at the former British army barracks, Dempsey Hill (see [Nightlife & Entertainment, p94](#)), the bar serves house-made tonics and fresh herbs harvested from its garden. Another gin-

focused bar is Cin Cin (cincin.com.sg) whose bar boasts a collection of almost 100 labels of gin along with a variety of whiskies, vodka, rum, tequila and cognac for guests to customise their drinks in over 500 different ways.

USE OF LOCAL INGREDIENTS FROM VICINITY

Despite being a nation with limited natural resources, our locals have foraged for a variety of ingredients grown on our land and around the region and found creative ways to incorporate them into an array of unique dishes and drinks. Every day, freshly caught seafood from local kelongs (fish farms built on offshore platforms) are delivered to Scaled by Ah Hua Kelong (ahhuakelong.com). The restaurant that offers dishes inspired by local flavours and made with fresh seafood such as Curry Mussels with Mantou (a type of Chinese bun). Native Bar (see [Nightlife & Entertainment, Tanjong Pagar & Chinatown, p99](#)) clinched number 13 on the World's 50 Best Bars list for 2018. The bar whips up innovative concoctions like Antz, a tropical cocktail that includes weaver ants, coconut yoghurt, salt-baked tapioca and soursop in its list of ingredients.

FORAGING IN SINGAPORE

Owner of Native Bar, Vijay Mudaliar forages many of his ingredients from areas such as Ann Siang Hill where he finds wild sorrel, betel leaves and more.



Vijay Mudaliar from Native Bar

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

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–10pm

Nearest MRT: Novena Station

Tian Tian Hainanese Chicken Rice 🍴

Address: Maxwell Food Centre,

1 Kadayanallur Street #01-10/11, and other locations

Tel: +65 9691 4852

Opening Hours: Tue–Sun 11am–8pm

Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station

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

Chilli Crab



menu of Roland Restaurant in Marine Parade Central. A more modern and widely common recipe these days includes sambal (spicy 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 fried or steamed buns, called mantou (a type of Chinese bun), to dip into the gravy. From S\$30 per crab (based on weight).

Where to have it:

Jumbo Seafood

Address: East Coast Seafood Centre, 1206 East Coast Parkway #01-07/08 and other locations

Tel: +65 6442 3435

Website: jumboseafood.com.sg

Email: eastcoast@jumbogroup.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Fri 5–11:45pm; Sat & Sun 11:30–12am

Nearest MRT: Bedok Station

Roland Restaurant

Address: Block 89 Marine Parade Central #06-750

Tel: +65 6440 8205

Website: rolandrestaurant.com.sg

Email: sales@RolandRestaurant.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sat 11:30am–2:30pm, 6–10:30pm; Sun 11am–2:30pm, 6–10:30pm

Nearest MRT: Eunos Station

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 (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) 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.

Where to have it:

Muthu's Curry 🍴

Address: 138 Race Course Road #01-01 and other locations

Tel: +65 6392 1722

Fax: +65 6392 1382

Website: muthusc Curry.com

Email: enquiries@muthusc Curry.com

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10:30am–10:30pm

Nearest MRT: Little India Station

Ocean Curry Fish Head

Address: Block 92 Toa Payoh Lorong 4 #01-264 and other locations

Tel: +65 6252 2168

Website: oceancurryfishhead.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 11am–9pm; Closed on every alternate Tuesday and the following day after a Public Holiday

Nearest MRT: Braddell Station

FRIED CARROT CAKE

There's no carrot in this carrot cake. Instead, blocks of white radish are steamed, cut into cubes and stir-fried with garlic, eggs and chye poh (Chinese 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: Bukit Merah View Market and Food Centre, 115 Bukit Merah View #01-37

Nearest MRT: Tiong Bahru Station

Carrot Cake Chomp Chomp Food Centre

Address: Chomp Chomp Food Centre, 20 Kensington Park Road #01-36

Nearest MRT: Lorong Chuan Station

HOKKIEN PRAWN MEE

The yellow noodles and thick bee hoon (rice 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 extra zest. A big contributor to the overall taste lies in the skill of the hawker imparting wok hei—literally 'breath of the wok', a cooking technique that involves tossing food in a wok—for a fuller, bolder flavour. Some places add fried pork lard as a crunchy topping. From S\$3 per serving.

Where to have it:

Ah Hock Fried Hokkien Noodles

Address: Chomp Chomp Food Centre, 20 Kensington Park Road #01-27

Nearest MRT: Lorong Chuan Station

Nam Sing Hokkien Fried Mee

Address: Old Airport Road Food Centre, 51 Old Airport Road #01-32

Nearest MRT: Dakota Station

KAYA TOAST

A popular breakfast item amongst locals, *kaya* toast is also eaten as a snack during teatime. The rich *kaya* spread—a traditional jam made from coconut, eggs and pandan leaves (which results in green *kaya*) or palm sugar (which makes brown *kaya*)—is slathered between slabs of cold butter and crusty bread. Pair it with a local *kopi* (coffee) or *teh* (tea), and the sugar rush is complete. Many locals also eat it with two soft-boiled eggs mixed with dark soy sauce and a dash of pepper. Heritage coffee shop chains are popular spots to try this local delight, which is credited to the Hainanese. From S\$3.50 per serving.

Where to have it:

Killiney Kopitiam

Address: 67 Killiney Road and other locations

Tel: +65 6734 3910

Website: killiney-kopitiam.com

Email: contactus@killiney-kopitiam.com

Opening Hours: Mon, Wed–Sat 6am–10pm; Tue & Sun 6am–6pm

Nearest MRT: Somerset Station

Ya Kun Kaya Toast

Address: Orchard Central, 181 Orchard Road #05-33 and other locations

Tel: +65 6884 9552

Website: yakun.com.sg

Email: info@yakun.com

Opening Hours: Mon–Thu & Sun 9am–9pm; Fri–Sat 9am–9:30pm

Nearest MRT: Somerset Station

LAKSA

This spicy dish 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: 51 East Coast Road

Nearest MRT: Dakota Station

Sungei Road Laksa 🍲

Address: Jin Shui Kopitiam, Block 27 Jalan Berseh #01-100

Nearest MRT: Jalan Besar Station

Laksa



NASI LEMAK

Visiting foodies can expect a mix of flavours and textures from *nasi lemak*, a popular breakfast meal with the locals. It comprises rice cooked in coconut milk—some cook the rice with pandan leaves to give it extra fragrance and a green colour—with side servings of deep-fried fish or chicken wings, *otah* (spicy fish paste grilled in banana leaf), fried *ikan bilis* (anchovies) with peanuts, eggs, 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

Opening Hours: Mon–Sat 11:30am–8pm

Nearest MRT: Little India Station

Selera Rasa Nasi Lemak

Address: Adam Road Food Centre, 2 Adam Road #01-02

Nearest MRT: Botanic Gardens Station

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 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: Whampoa Food Centre, Block 90 Whampoa Drive #01-06

Nearest MRT: Boon Keng Station

Kampong Rojak

Address: East Coast Lagoon Food Village, 1220 East Coast Parkway #01-09

Nearest MRT: Bedok Station

ROTI PRATA

Roti prata is a flaky South Indian 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 skillful twirl of the dough till it is paper-thin before folding it in and cooking it on a greased griddle. From S\$1 per serving.

Where to have it:

Mr and Mrs Mohgan's Super Crispy Roti Prata

Address: 300-302 Joo Chiat Road

Nearest MRT: Dakota Station

The Roti Prata House

Address: 246 Upper Thomson Road

Nearest MRT: Marymount Station



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, unconventional dining experiences await visitors.

HANDLEBAR SINGAPORE

Located in Gillman Barracks (see Attractions, Arts & Design, p41), 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 laidback 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, 10 Free Attractions for Great Photos, p38).

Address: 10 Lock Road

Tel: +65 6268 5550

Website: handlebaroriginal.com

Email: support@handlebaroriginal.com

Opening Hours: Tue–Thu & Sun noon–12am; Fri & Sat noon–12am; Closed on Mon

Nearest MRT: Labrador Park Station

CAMP KILO CHARCOAL CLUB

Dig into a selection of roasted meats at barbecue restaurant Camp Kilo Charcoal Club. The outdoor seating venue allows guests to watch as chefs roast a 30kg hog over a self-made spit in an open kitchen. Camp Kilo's whole Roasted Pig (S\$12++ for 100g) is marinated with spices, lemongrass, garlic and spring onions and cooked for more than 4 hours. Other barbecue options include the Chipotle BBQ Ribs (S\$15++ for half, S\$30++ for whole), Crispy Pork Belly (S\$10++ for 100g) and Roast Chicken (S\$10++ for half, S\$18++ for whole). Pair these succulent meats with a refreshing glass of Kilo's iced tea (S\$6++), freshly squeezed orange juice (S\$6++) or one of Kilo's classic cocktails such as Kilo's Margarita (S\$18++).

Address: 66 Kampong Bugis #01-01

Tel: +65 9830 6252

Website: kilokitchen.com/camp-kilo-charcoal-club

Email: campkilo@kilokitchen.com

Opening Hours: Fri 5.30–11pm; Sat & Sun 11am–11pm

Nearest MRT: Lavender Station

Camp Kilo Charcoal Club



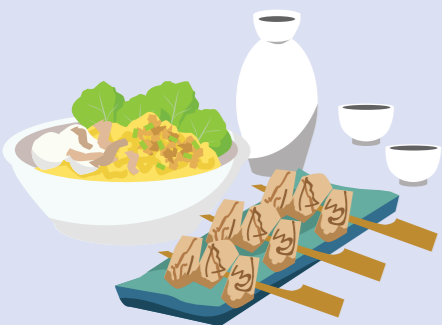
POSE WITH MOTORCYCLES

Set up by bikers, Handlebar is decorated with various bike-themed props, including traffic lights, a car-shaped pool table, helmets and motorcycles, perfect for bike enthusiasts to pose with for photographs.





Hua Bee / Bincho



HUA BEE / BINCHO

Located in the heritage-rich Tiong Bahru enclave (see *Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts*, p89) is a dual concept eatery. In the day, it is Hua Bee *kopitiam* (traditional coffee shop) where diners can tuck into *mee pok* (flat yellow egg noodles), toast and local coffee. At night, *yakitori* (grilled meat on skewers) restaurant Bincho takes over the space—part of which retains the classic Singapore *kopitiam* décor with marble tables, wooden chairs and tiled walls. Charcoal-grilled chicken is the main focus of the three set menus (S\$68++, S\$90++, S\$180++). After dinner, step into Bincho's bar area where Japanese-inspired cocktails, whiskey and *sake* (a Japanese alcoholic beverage) 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 noon–3pm, 6pm–12am
Nearest MRT: Tiong Bahru Station

JUSTIN FLAVOURS OF ASIA

Justin Flavours of Asia is helmed by Singapore's leading celebrity chef Justin Quek. The all-day diner serves Franco-Asian and contemporary European dishes using premium seasonal ingredients. Chef Justin's expertise in French fine dining and Asian cuisine has brought numerous politicians and dignitaries such as Microsoft founder, Bill Gates and Singapore's founding Prime Minister, the late Lee Kuan Yew, to the restaurant. His breakfast menu include Singapore-style options of soy sauce soft-boiled eggs and abalone porridge paired with a glass of *kopi peng* (iced coffee). For lunch, diners can enjoy the umami packed prawn noodles with pork belly along with Gula Java (coconut blossom sugar) ice cream on brioche bread for dessert. The foie gras *xiao long bao* (steamed meat buns) and wok fired lobster Hokkien mee (fried prawn noodles) are some of Justin's signature dishes that diners can look forward to on the dinner menu.

Address: The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands®. 2 Bayfront Avenue #01-83,
Tel: +65 6688 7722
Website: justinquek.com
Email: just.in@justinquek.com
Opening Hours: Mon–Fri 11.30–12am (last order 11.30pm); Brunch: Sat & Sun 11am–3pm;
 All day dining: 11–12am (last order 11.30pm)
Nearest MRT: Bayfront 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 (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. Group bookings can be arranged.

Address: 269 Beach Road
Tel: +65 6298 0708
Website: noxdineinthedark.com
Email: enquiries@noxdineinthedark.com
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 6pm–late
Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

OPEN FARM COMMUNITY

Open Farm Community focuses on serving diners locally sourced, seasonal and innovative dishes. The open concept kitchen allows guests to see how their food is being prepared and the eye-catching dishes are garnished with edible flowers, herbs and leaves. The venue offers a perfect setting for nature-inspired meals or family-friendly gardening workshops. Free range eggs are used in the Smoked Chicken 'Caesar' (S\$17) brunch bowl and the Braised Canadian Pork Belly (S\$30) includes homemade *kimchi* (fermented vegetables with garlic and chilli). For drinks, guests can choose from one of the Garden Cocktails (S\$18) which uses freshly plucked herbs and ingredients from the restaurant's edible garden.

Address: 130E Minden Road
Tel: +65 6471 0306
Website: openfarmcommunity.com
Email: enquiries@ofcsingapore.com.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Thu noon–4pm, 6–11pm; Fri noon–4pm, 6pm–12am; Sat & Public Holidays 11am–5pm, 6pm–12am; Sun 11am–5pm, 6–11pm
Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

ROYAL ALBATROSS

Dine aboard one of the largest charter yachts in Singapore, the Royal Albatross on the Sunset Sail dinner cruise. Guests who have signed up for the cruise can indulge in a curated menu that features a delectable International three-course dinner or buffet as well as signature

cocktails and drinks from the ship's bar. The ship's kitchen comes equipped with an Italian stone hearth oven and modern kitchen appliances to ensure guests are served superbly prepared dishes. While dining on cuisines from around the world, enjoy the breath-taking night-time scenery and picturesque, photo-worthy views as the cruise sets sail from Resorts World™ Sentosa (RWS; see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts*, p86) to the southern coast of Singapore. As a safety requirement, shoes are not allowed on board the ship and they can be stored in the shoe cabinets at the docking area.

Address: HarbourFront Centre. 1 Maritime Square #10-31
Tel: +65 6863 9585
Website: tallship.com.sg
Email: sanchit@tallship.com.sg
Opening Hours: Fri, Sat & Sun, restaurant and bar opening hours dependent on booking availability.
Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

DID YOU KNOW?

The Royal Albatross was featured as Bruce Wayne's private yacht in the movie *Dark Knight*. The sails and rigging of the ship were designed by Jim Barry, the master rigger behind the ships featured in the *Pirates of the Caribbean* movies.

SINGAPORE GOURMETBUS

A first-of-its-kind in Asia, the Singapore GOURMETbus offers a novel dining experience on the move. The three-course chicken rice (see *Local Favourites*, p104) and curry puff (deep-fried or baked pastry with curried fillings) lunch (S\$57++) is prepared by MICHELIN Bib Gourmand Award-winning eateries, Tian Tian Hainanese Chicken Rice and J2 Crispy Curry Puff. MICHELIN Bib Gourmand Award winning restaurant, Kok Sen serves the five-course *tze char* (Chinese home-style dishes) dinner (S\$97++). While diners enjoy their meals, the double-decker bus will take them on a tour of the city centre, cruising past popular landmarks such as the Singapore Flyer (see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts*, p82), Merlion Park and Suntec City's Fountain of Wealth. Each show includes a stop at Gardens by the Bay (see *Attractions, Adventure & Nature*, p56) before dessert. During dinner, visitors can catch the Garden Rhapsody light and sound show at the Supertree Grove. The bus is wheelchair-accessible and can accommodate up to 32 pax. Reservations with payment required at least one day prior to tour.

Address: Suntec Singapore Convention and Exhibition Centre. 3 Temasek Boulevard #01-330
Tel: +65 6338 6877
Website: GOURMETbus.com.sg
Email: sales@gourmetbus.com.sg
Opening Hours: Tue–Sun noon–1.30pm, 7–9pm; high tea service on Tue, Thu & Sun 4.30pm–5.30pm
Nearest MRT: Esplanade Station



Royal Albatross

SOEK SENG 1954 BICYCLE CAFÉ

Far from the hustle and bustle of the city, Soek Seng 1954 Bicycle Café is a retro bicycle-themed café uniquely decorated with the owner's collection of 20 vintage Pinarello and Bianchi bikes mounted on its walls. The Seletar Airport is located right beside the café, giving diners the opportunity to watch the occasional private plane take off or land while enjoying the café's Asian and Western offerings. These include fish and chips (S\$11.80), lamb chop (S\$17.80), beef *rendang* (braised beef cooked in coconut milk and spices; S\$10.80) and *katsudon*, 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 #01-01

Tel: +65 6659 6124

Website: facebook.com/SoekSeng1954BicycleCafe

Email: mail@soekseng1954.com

Opening Hours: Tue–Sun 10am–10pm, closed on Mon

Nearest MRT: Yio Chu Kang Station



SUM YI TAI

Located in a conserved shophouse in Telok Ayer, this triple-concept venue combines a Chinese tapas bar, a dining club and a rooftop bar in a three-storey shophouse. Sum Yi Tai's Asian-inspired interior with dim lighting, plush couches, large dragon murals and birdcages overhead pays tribute to the 1980s era in Hong Kong. Prices range from S\$8++ for lunch menu items such as Crispy Roast Pork 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 chrysanthemum, 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: Chinatown Station



SUPERTREE BY INDOCHINE

Perched on the tallest Supertree at Gardens by the Bay (see *Attractions, Adventure & Nature*, p56), SuperTree by IndoChine offers guests a panoramic view of the city's skyline. The restaurant serves a wide range of organically produced dishes such as the Russian sturgeon classic caviar, which is grown in farms that use advanced technologies to emulate the natural environment sturgeons grow in. Vegetarian options like the Crispy Potato Beignets and Truffle Mayo Dip (S\$18++) and Grilled Portobello Mushroom Steak (S\$32++) are also available. Visitors dining in groups can order the Supertree Platter (S\$88++) which includes crispy rice cake rolls with minced chicken, grilled sea squid with a chili lime dip and Vietnamese scallop rolls in crispy silver threadskin. There is a minimum spending requirement of S\$80++ per person, exempting children below the age of 12.

Address: 18 Marina Gardens Drive #03-01

Tel: +65 6694 8489

Website: IndoChine-group.com

Email: manager.supertree@indochine-group.com

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun noon–12am

Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station

The Plant Story



THE SUMMERHOUSE

Located close to Seletar Airport in northeastern Singapore, The Summerhouse serves farm-to-table cuisine. Visitors can opt to dine inside The Summerhouse Dining Room or in the Garden Dome—an air-conditioned 'igloo' situated amid the restaurant's lush edible garden. Each Dome has a different theme that visitors can choose from, Bohemian, Scandinavian and Lounge and is able to accommodate up to 10 pax. The Summerhouse uses the freshest ingredients sourced directly from its garden and farms around the region in its dishes. Its signatures include the charcoal-grilled Tajima Wagyu Oyster Blade as well as the Iberico Pork Collar which is smoked, brined and sous vide over three days. For vegetarian options, the Moroccan Eggplant ragout, an eggplant 'caviar' served with goat cheese, leek ash and coriander crouton, is highly recommended. At the ground level of The Summerhouse, visitors can dine at Wildseed, a café and bistro bar that uses locally sourced ingredients from neighbouring farms. Wildseed's menu offers a choice of salads, sandwiches, cakes, pastries and more.

Address: 3 Park Lane

Tel: +65 6262 1063

Website: thesummerhouse.sg

Email: enquiry@thesummerhouse.sg

Opening Hours: Wed–Sun 6pm–10pm; Sat & Sun 11.30am–3pm

Nearest MRT: Yio Chu Kang 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 items 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 workshop voucher to secure the booking. The Starter set (S\$58) includes the materials required to make one acrylic terrarium, while the Deluxe Workshop set (S\$88) offers visitors a choice of plants and jars to select from for their terrarium.

Address: PAssion WaVe @ Marina Bay, 11 Rhu Cross #02-03

Tel: +65 6348 8040 / +65 9722 0438

Website: theplantstory.com

Email: ihaveaquestion@theplantstory.com

Opening Hours: Mon & Tue, Thu & Fri 11am–7pm; Sat & Sun 9am–8pm; Closed on Wednesday

Nearest MRT: Stadium Station

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 (see *Nightlife & Entertainment, Dempsey Hill & Holland Village*, p94) paired with the grand dining hall's high ceilings and bespoke furniture pieces create a tranquil space. It serves a Modern European menu with signature dishes like the 36-hour Brandt Short Ribs (S\$48++) and Warm Chocolate Tart (S\$16++). There are also affordable two-course (S\$38++) and three-course (S\$42++) set lunches and a weekend brunch menu to consider.

Address: 39C Harding Road

Tel: +65 6473 9965

Website: thewhiterabbit.com.sg

Email: eat@thewhiterabbit.com.sg

Opening Hours: Tue–Fri 12.30–2.30pm, 6.30–10.30pm; Sat & Sun 10.30am–3pm, 6.30–10.30pm

Nearest MRT: Farrer Road Station / Orchard Station

TIMBRE®+

Gastro park Timbre®+ at one-north offers visitors a collection of traditional hawker food at stalls such as Wong Kee Wanton Noodles (a noodle dish with Chinese dumpling) and MICHELIN Bib Gourmand awardee The Fishball Story alongside more contemporary eateries, like Food Anatomy and Kopifellas. Bottle Shop, which serves more than 120 craft beers and ciders. With live music performances from 7pm on Mondays to Sundays, 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: JTC Launchpad at One North, 73A Ayer Rajah Crescent

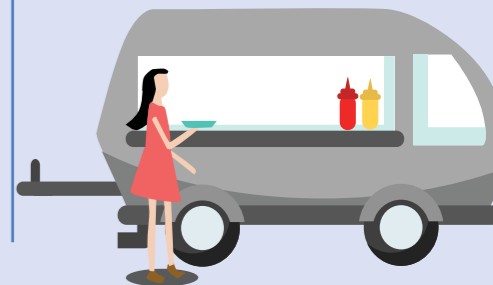
Tel: +65 6252 2545

Website: timbreplus.sg

Email: info@timbregroup.asia

Opening Hours: Mon–Thu 6–12am; Fri & Sat 6–1am; Sun 11am–10pm

Nearest MRT: One-North Station





HERITAGE RESTAURANTS

Several restaurants in the country, with some dating back to pre-war days, have stood the test of time. Serving anything from Russo-Hainanese dishes to dim sum (bite-sized portions of food served in steamer baskets or small plates), 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 *briyani* (an Indian spiced rice dish), but the real draw lies in fuss-free items like the *boli* (sweet lentil flatbread) and *pani puri* (crispy shells stuffed with tamarind chutney). It prides itself on the fact that no monosodium glutamate (MSG) preservatives or additives are used, keeping the wellness of guests in mind. Main courses from S\$9.

Address: Various locations
Tel: +65 6291 1943 (Tekka Centre branch)
Website: anandabhavan.com
Email: admin@anandabhavan.com
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 7am–10pm (Tekka Centre branch)
Nearest MRT: Little India Station



Fatty Weng



Goldleaf Restaurant

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 flat noodles)—*chai poh kway teow* (flat noodles with preserved radish) cooked with the right amount of *wok hei* (literally 'breath of the wok', a cooking technique that involves tossing food in a 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: Grand Building, 17 Phillip Street #01-01/02
Tel: +65 8387 4943
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 11.30–3pm, 6–10pm
Nearest MRT: Raffles Place Station

FATTY WENG

Once a roadside stall, this heritage Cantonese *tze char* style (Chinese home-style dishes) restaurant is known for its affordably priced Cantonese dishes starting from just S\$10.80, such as a deep-fried *soon hock* fish (a species of fish native to Asia). 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 (see *Local Favourites*, p104) with thick and spicy sauce. Main courses from S\$11.

Address: 39 Smith Street
Tel: +65 6221 3822
Website: fattyweng.com.sg
Opening hours: Mon–Sun 11am–11pm
Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station

GOLDLEAF RESTAURANT

Goldleaf Restaurant was the first restaurant in Singapore to sell Taiwanese Porridge in 1971 and can now be found in the newly restored, former Joo Chiat Police Station serving classics, as well as new dishes. Signature dishes include steamed pork patty with salted fish and omelette with *chye poh* (Chinese preserved radish). The Goldleaf Double Beancurd Platter, a fusion dish with Taiwanese style bonito flakes, Singapore styled pork floss and Japanese beancurd is one of the restaurant's new menu options. Guests can be assured of freshness as all items are cooked upon order and no monosodium glutamate (MSG) is added to dishes. Main courses from S\$10.

Address: Katong Square, 86 East Coast Road #01-02
Tel: +65 6344 1735
Website: goldleaf.com.sg
Email: contact@goldleaf.com.sg
Opening hours: Mon–Fri 11am–2.30pm, 5.30–10pm; Sat, Sun & Public Holidays 11am–3pm, 5.30–10pm
Nearest MRT: Eunos Station

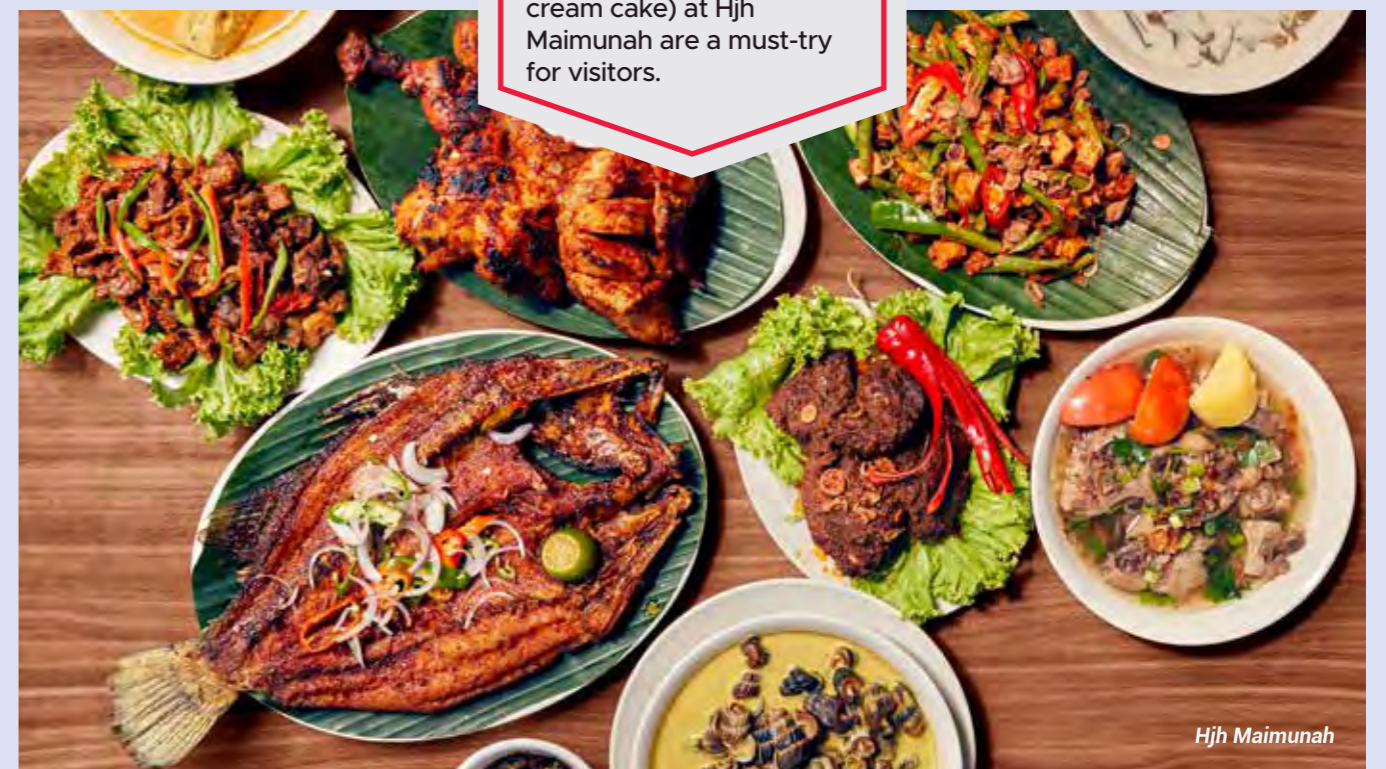
GUAN HOE SOON

Singapore's oldest Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) restaurant, Guan Hoe Soon has been serving authentic Peranakan cuisine in Joo Chiat since 1953. Their extensive menu features iconic Peranakan dishes such as *babi asam goreng* (fried tamarind pork), *otah* (spicy fish paste grilled in banana leaf) and *ayam buah keluak* (chicken braised in a thick spicy tamarind gravy with buah keluak nuts). Main courses start from S\$10.80.

Address: 38 & 40 Joo Chiat Place
Tel: +65 6344 2761
Fax: +65 6440 5650
Website: guanhoesoon.com
Email: sales@guanhoesoon.com
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 11am–3pm, 6pm–9pm
Nearest MRT: Eunos Station

HJH MAIMUNAH

Established in the 90s, Hjh Maimunah has become a familiar name in the Muslim community in Singapore for its variety of mouth-watering *nasi padang* dishes (steamed rice with pre-cooked dishes). Diners can choose from more than 40 dishes offered at the eatery. The restaurant's signature dishes include the Sudanese grilled chicken and *lemak siput* (shellfish cooked in a spicy coconut gravy). Hjh Maimunah offers 2 types of serving, '*campur*', having all chosen dishes on a single plate or '*hidang*', having each dish served on separate small plates so they can be shared. Diners can indicate their preference to servers beforehand.



Hjh Maimunah

Address: 11 & 15 Jalan Pisang (Kampong Glam) / 20 Joo Chiat Road #01-02
Tel: +65 6297 4294 (Kampong Glam) / +65 6348 5457 (Joo Chiat)
Website: hjhaimunah.com
Email: hjh.maimunah@gmail.com
Opening Hours: Mon–Sat 7am–8pm (Kampong Glam); Tue–Sun 8am–9pm (Joo Chiat)
Nearest MRT: Jalan Besar Station / Eunos Station

ISLAMIC RESTAURANT

Serving *halal* Asian heritage food in Kampong Glam (see *Neighbourhoods*, *Ethnic Districts*, p64), this restaurant was founded in 1921 by M. Abdul Rahman and is well known for dishing out the island's best *dum briyani* (an Indian spiced rice dish with meat). 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\$11++.



TASTY DESSERTS AT HJH MAIMUNAH

Other than their delectable *nasi padang* (steamed rice accompanied by various pre-cooked dishes), the traditional *kuehs* (bite-sized snacks or desserts) such as *kueh talam* (a green pandan and coconut cream cake) at Hjh Maimunah are a must-try for visitors.

Address: 745 North Bridge Road
Tel: +65 6298 7563
Website: islamic.sg
Email: enquiry@islamic.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–10pm; Closed Fri 1–2pm
Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

PRIMA TOWER REVOLVING RESTAURANT

Established in 1977, this is the only revolving restaurant in Singapore and was built for diners to enjoy the panoramic views of the sea. It 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* (bite-sized portions of food served in steamer baskets or small plates) remains highly rated. The goldfish-shaped dumplings of crabmeat, prawn paste and fish roe are perfect for Instagram-worthy shots. Set meals for two from S\$128++.

Address: 201 Keppel Road
Tel: +65 6272 8822 / +65 6272 8988
Website: pfs.com.sg
Email: feedback.pfs@prima.com.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Sat 11am–2.30pm, 6.30–10.30pm; Sun & Public Holidays 10.30am–2.30pm, 6.30–10.30pm
Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station



Samy's Curry

RED STAR RESTAURANT

This is one of Singapore's most famed *dim sum* (bite-sized portions of food served in steamer baskets or small plates) restaurants that still serves some of the best *dim sum* from old-school pushcarts. Must-orders include the *char siew bao* (barbequed pork buns), century egg *congee* (rice porridge) and juicy roast meats. Located in the heart of Chinatown (see *Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts*, p61), 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: 54 Chin Swee Road #07-23

Tel: +65 6532 5266

Website: redstarrestaurant.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sat 8am–3pm, 6–10pm; Sun & Public Holidays 7am–3pm, 6–10pm

Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station / Clarke Quay Station

SAMY'S CURRY

This family owned business opened more than 50 years ago in a corner of Dempsey Road and continues to draw diners to that very same location today. The Indian restaurant, simply decorated and ventilated by ceiling fans, seats up to 300 guests and serves dishes on fresh banana leaves. Diners can choose dishes like *briyani* (an Indian spiced rice dish with meat or vegetables), fried cauliflower, Mysore mutton and *masala* chicken (roasted chicken marinated in spiced curry sauce) and their bestsellers are the fish cutlet and curry fish head, fresh snapper fish head stewed in a curry with assorted vegetables.

Address: 25 Dempsey Road #01-03

Tel: +65 6472 2080

Email: samyscurry96@gmail.com

Opening Hours: Mon–Fri 11am–3pm, 6–10pm; Closed on Tue

SHASHLIK RESTAURANT

Since the 1980s, Shashlik Restaurant has been serving up Russo-Hainanese cuisine in Singapore. Its interior bears nostalgic details and its dishes are wheeled out on trolleys. The main courses start from S\$20 and include favourites that have been featured in the media such as the chicken à la Kiev and beef stronganoff. No meal is complete without the theatrical tableside service of baked Alaska for dessert.

Address: Far East Shopping Centre, 545 Orchard Road #06-19

Tel: +65 6732 6401

Website: shashlik.sg

Email: enquiry@shashlik.sg

Opening Hours: Tue–Sun noon–2.30pm, 6–9.30pm

Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

DID YOU KNOW?

Samy's Curry is housed in the former Dempsey clubhouse. This building used to be a sergeant's mess that served as a clubhouse for the Singapore Civil Service Sports Council from 1971 to 1975.

SPRING COURT RESTAURANT

Dating back to 1929, Spring Court Restaurant remains a family-run establishment and is one of the oldest restaurants in Singapore. It is known for its signature Peking duck and specialty dishes such as 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 sang 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

Website: springcourt.com.sg

Email: reservations@springcourt.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 11am–3pm, 6pm–10pm

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 crepes suzette and enjoy the relaxing ambience. Mains start from S\$15.

Address: Shaw Centre, 1 Scotts Road #03-16/18 (Shaw Branch) / 23 Serangoon Central #01-61/62 (Nex Branch)

Tel: +65 6235 2235 (Shaw Branch) / +65 6834 3733 (Nex Branch)

Website: theship.com.sg

Email: enquiry@theship.com

Opening Hours: Mon–Thu 11am–3pm, 5.30–9.30pm; Fri–Sun 11am–3pm, 5.30–10pm (Shaw Branch) / Mon–Sun 11am–10pm (Nex Branch)

Nearest MRT: Orchard Station (Shaw Centre Branch) / Serangoon Station (Nex Branch)

WARONG NASI PARIAMAN

Established in 1948, Warong Nasi Pariaman is one of the oldest eateries for *nasi padang* (steamed rice with pre-cooked dishes) in Singapore. The restaurant's rich legacy shines through its unbeatable Padang-style dishes (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* (green beans and fermented soya bean cake stir-fried with chilli paste), dry-style beef *rendang* (braised meat cooked in coconut milk and spices) and *ayam bakar* (charcoal grilled chicken).

Address: 736 & 738 North Bridge Road

Tel: +65 6292 2374 / +65 6292 5958

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 7.30am–6pm

Nearest MRT: Bugis Station / Lavender Station

DID YOU KNOW?

Staying true to tradition, Warong Nasi Pariaman continues to use original recipes from 1948 to prepare its dishes today.



AFTERNOON TEA

From elegant hotel settings to cafe 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 2 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

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 a caramel almond 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 Pate and caters for two pax with a choice of two specialty 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: Mandarin Gallery, 333A Orchard Road #04-14/15

Tel: +65 6235 8370

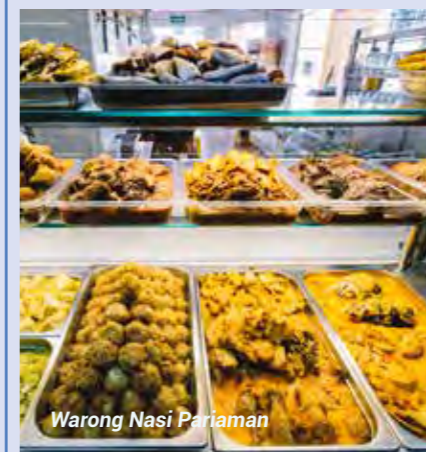
Website: arteastiq.com

Email: mandaringallery@arteastiq.com

Cost: From S\$38++ for two pax

Opening Hours: Mon–Fri 11am–10pm; Sat & Sun 10am–10pm

Nearest MRT: Somerset Station



Warong Nasi Pariaman

JANICE WONG RESTAURANT

Janice Wong Restaurant Bar serves High Tea for two at S\$58++ from 3 to 6pm daily. The high tea set includes whimsical buns with liquid egg, minced vegetables and braised veal fillings and plasma crispy nests. Chocolate bonbons in the shape of jewels, chocolate praline poprocks cake and a selection of three ice creams or sorbets with flavours ranging from coconut marshmallow sherbet to pandan are just some of desserts that guests can indulge in. The high tea menu showcases Janice's penchant for creating imaginative and creative desserts. Guests have the option of tea or coffee to accompany their meal.

Address: National Museum of Singapore, 93 Stamford Road

Tel: +65 9712 5338

Website: janicewong.com.sg/restaurant-bar

Email: info@janicewong.com.sg

Cost: S\$58++ for two pax

Opening Hours: Tue–Sun 11am–6pm; Closed on Mon

Nearest MRT: Bras Basah Station



Janice Wong Restaurant

NATIONAL KITCHEN
BY VIOLET OON

Housed in the National Gallery Singapore (see Attractions, Arts & Design, p42), National Kitchen by Violet Oon offers a high tea set for two daily. The high tea sets come with three tiered stand that hold six Peranakan-style (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) savouries and six nonya-style sweets. These include crostini topped with *buah keluak* (a black nut indigenous to Southeast Asia) and *otah* (spicy fish paste grilled in banana leaf), *roti jala* (nonya-style lace pancake) with *gula melaka* (palm sugar) drizzled with banana sauce, and *kueh lapis* (layered cake) sago. Travellers are recommended to try the restaurant's signature dry *laksa* (see Local Favourites, p106) 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: National Gallery Singapore, 1 St. Andrew's Road #02-01

Tel: +65 9834 9935

Website: violetoon.com

Email: eat@violetoon.com / events@violetoon.com

Cost: From S\$56++ for two pax



National Kitchen by Violet Oon

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun noon–2:30pm, 3–5pm, 6–10:30pm

Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

POLLEN

Located within Gardens by the Bay's Flower Dome (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p56), Pollen serves afternoon tea at the Pollen Terrace on Level 2 of the restaurant every day except Tuesday, and includes complimentary entry to the Flower Dome. Each afternoon tea set comes with six sweet and six savoury nibbles such as Devilled Egg Dip with Vegetable Chips and Rosemary, Honey Chocolate Cake. The 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 and the service runs every five minutes from 11.30am.

Address: Flower Dome, 18 Marina Gardens Drive

Tel: +65 6604 9988

Website: pollen.com.sg

Email: info@pollen.com.sg

Cost: S\$38++ per pax

Opening Hours: Mon, Wed–Sun noon–3pm, 6–10pm; Closed on Tue

Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station

PS.CAFÉ

Any of PS. Café'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. PS. Café 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: 28B Harding Road; and other locations

Tel: +65 9070 8782

Website: pscafe.com

Email: fristene.whang@pscafe.com

Cost: Cakes from S\$12++, drinks from S\$6++

Opening Hours: Mon–Thu, Sun & Public Holidays 8am–11pm; Fri, Sat & Eve of Public Holidays 8am–12am

Nearest MRT: Farrer Road Station / Orchard Station

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, p104), an iconic Singaporean dish, is served in a stuffed fried *mantou* (a type of Chinese bun), while *bak kwa* (barbecued meat slices) is made into a jam and served in an egg tart. On the sweet side, highlights include *bandung* (rose syrup drink) macarons, pillow-soft pandan swiss rolls and *bika ambon*, a 'honeycomb' pandan-flavoured *kueh* (bite-sized snacks or desserts). Aside from classic coffee and tea, the drinks menu also features *kopi-O kosong* (black coffee without sugar), *teh tarik* (frothy milk tea) and *bandung* (rose syrup drink).

Address: The Fullerton Bay Hotel, 80 Collyer Quay

Tel: +65 6333 8388

Website: fullertonhotels.com/the-fullerton-bay-hotel/the-clifford-pier.html

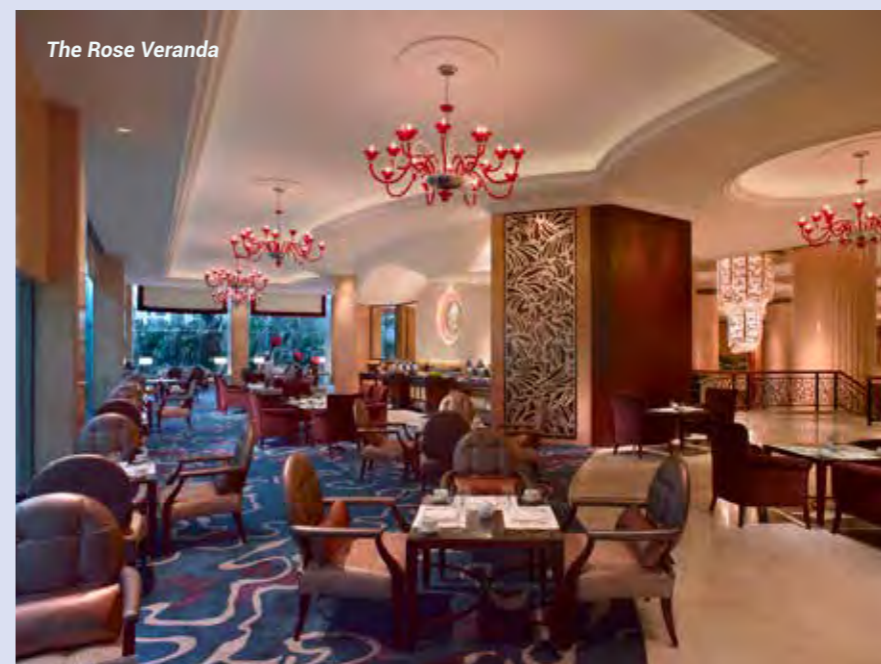
Email: fbh.info@fullertonhotels.com

Cost: S\$48++ per pax

Opening Hours: Mon–Thu & Sun noon–12am; Fri & Sat noon–1am

Nearest MRT: Raffles Place Station

The Rose Veranda



THE ROSE VERANDA

One of Singapore's best-known and most popular spots for afternoon tea, The Rose Veranda has been serving high tea buffets since 1991. Diners can choose from 164 premium tea blends and a mini-buffet spread that features sashimi, *laksa* (spicy coconut milk-based noodle soup), a carving station that serves succulent roast meats, an extensive dessert section, and a chocolate fountain. The high tea buffet is available daily at S\$54++ on weekdays and S\$58++ on weekends. 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. Contact the restaurant for more details.

Address: Shangri-la Hotel, 22 Orange Grove Road

Tel: +65 6213 4398

Website: shangri-la.com/en/singapore/shangrila

Email: dining.sls@shangri-la.com

Cost: From S\$54++ per pax

Opening Hours: Mon–Fri 11:30am–5pm; Sat, Sun & Public Holidays 11:30am–2pm, 3–5:30pm

Nearest MRT: Orchard Station / Stevens Station

TWG TEA

Established in Singapore in 2008, TWG Tea offers more than 800 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: The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands®, 2 Bayfront Avenue B2-65/68A; and other locations

Tel: +65 6565 1837

Website: twgtea.com

Cost: From S\$19++ per pax for Tea Time sets

Opening Hours: Mon–Thu & Sun 10am–11pm; Fri, Sat & Eve of Public Holidays 10am–12am

Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station

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.

ADRIFT BY DAVID MYERS

Started by Boston celebrity chef David Myers, Adrift by David Myers prepares dishes using fresh Californian ingredients with Asian inspiration. The restaurant's large seating area is adorned with sofas, cushions and floor to ceiling windows that flood the space with natural sunlight by day and provides an intimate backdrop by night. Guests can order signature dishes such as the Wagyu Cheeseburger (S\$28++), Japanese Flying Squid (S\$32++) and Kagoshima Wood Fired Steak (S\$125++ per 100g). For a bespoke dining experience, guests can opt for the Omakase dinner and let the chef curate a specially designed meal. The Ginza-inspired cocktail bar serves handcrafted cocktails including the Harajuku and Penicillin (S\$24++ each) created by New York bartender Sam Ross. Brunch is available on weekends from 12 to 3pm and the four course Shared Chef's Table menu is available daily from 5.30 to 7pm.

Address: Marina Bay Sands®, 10 Bayfront Avenue Tower 2

Tel: +65 6688 5657

Website: marinabaysands.com/Adrift

Email: Adrift.Reservations@marinabaysands.com

Cost: Mains from S\$35

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 7–10.30am, noon–2.30pm; (Bar & Lounge) Mon–Sun noon–2am; Sun–Wed 6pm–11pm; Thu–Sat 6pm–2am; (Weekend Brunch) Sat & Sun noon–3pm

Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station

TEA
ACCESSORIES AT
TWG TEA

At TWG's stores, visitors can purchase tea scented candles, tea cups, tea pots and other tea accessories or take home a Tea-infused treats such as French earl grey short bread cookies and black tea chocolate bars.



ALMA BY JUAN AMADOR 

Awarded a Michelin Star in the Singapore MICHELIN Guide 2018, 2017 and 2016, Alma by Juan Amador is helmed by Executive Chef Haikal Johari whose distinguished culinary career saw him establish the highly-acclaimed Water Library restaurants in Thailand. Located at the Goodwood Park Hotel, the restaurant serves Spanish-European dishes combined with Asian influences. The set menu changes according to the ingredients in season, offering guests a new gastronomic experience each time they visit the restaurant. Guests can order the three-course lunch set (S\$39++) or choose a four-course (S\$117++) , six-course (S\$158++) or eight-course (S\$197++) set for dinner.

Address: Goodwood Park Hotel,
22 Scotts Road

Tel: +65 6735 9937

Website: alma.sg

Email: reservations@alma.sg

Cost: Set menus range from 39++ to 197++

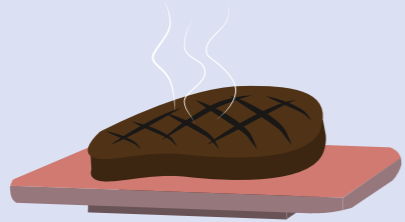
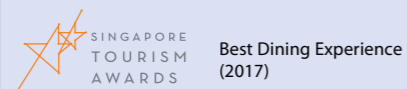
Opening Hours: Restaurant: Tue–Fri noon–2.30pm; Mon–Fri 6–10pm; Sat noon–2.30pm, 6–10pm; Bar: Mon–Thu 6–11pm; Fri–Sat 6pm–noon

Nearest MRT: Orchard Station


DID YOU KNOW?

Alma by Juan Amador is situated in the Goodwood Park Hotel, a building that served as an elite enclave for the expatriate German community in the 1900s.

Alma by Juan Amador

BURNT ENDS 

Burnt ends is an Australian barbecue restaurant that has been listed on Asia's 50 Best Restaurants. Helming the restaurant is the winner of the Electrolux Australian Chef of the Year and S.Pellegrino Young Chef, Jake Kellie. The menu changes daily, but what doesn't change is the intense flavours that come out of its wood-fired oven. Everything from meat and fish to pineapple and quail eggs are smoked, slow and hot roasted, baked, grilled or cooked in a dual-cavity wood burning oven. The open kitchen offers visitors an opportunity to be in the thick of an action. Visitors who book the Chef's Table will enjoy a personally curated menu. The Chef's Table is available for up to eight people.

Address: 20 Teck Lim Road

Tel: +65 6224 3933

Website: burntends.com.sg

Email: eat@burntends.com.sg

Cost: Prices may vary for daily à la carte menu items.

Opening Hours: Wed–Sat 11.45am–2pm; Tue–Sat 6pm–late

Nearest MRT: Outram Park Station

CHINOISERIE

Founded by local celebrity chef, Justin Quek, Chinoiserie serves Asian food with haute French culinary touches. At the restaurant's centre is a cooking station where guests can watch and interact with chef Justin as he whips up light bites and canapés. The lunch and dinner menus range from S\$88++ to S\$200++ and includes chef Justin's signature wok fried live Maine lobster Hokkien prawn noodles. Guests can also make reservations for the chef's bespoke menu.

Address: The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands®. 2 Bayfront Avenue #B1-13/14/15

Tel: +65 6688 7782

Website: justinquek.com

Email: chine@justinquek.com

Cost: Set menus range from S\$80++ to S\$200++, à la carte menu items from S\$22++

Opening Hours: Mon–Fri noon–2pm, 6–10pm; Sat & Sun noon–3pm (last order 2.30pm); Soufflé High Tea: 2.30–5pm (last order 4.30pm)

Nearest MRT: Bayfront 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, p58). 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 des Cévennes (Cévennes onion done four ways)—which comprises 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: Nassim Gate, E J H Corner House, Singapore Botanic Gardens. 1 Cluny Road

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.

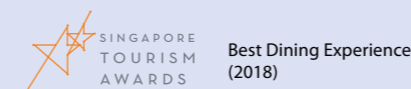
Opening Hours: Tue–Fri noon–3pm, 6.30–11pm; Sat & Sun 11.30am–3pm, 6.30–11pm

Nearest MRT: Botanic Gardens Station

Corner House



CURATE



Every year, Curate—a 62-seater restaurant at Resorts World™ Sentosa (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p86) 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 work with an in-house chef to create a line-up of dishes to be served in between the events. Past events have seen collaborations between chef Bee Satongun and resident chef de Cuisine Benjamin Halat. Between each series, resident chef Benjamin Halat prepares a five-course or eight-course menu, which reflects his experimentation with Eastern and Western flavours and ingredients. Strictly by reservation only.

Address: The Forum, Resorts World Sentosa™. 8 Sentosa Gateway

Tel: +65 6577 7288 / +65 6577 6688

Website: rwsentosa.com/curate

Email: curate@rwsentosa.com / dining@rwsentosa.com

Cost: Prices vary according to series. Degustation menus only

Opening Hours: Mon–Sat 6.30–10pm

Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station


DID YOU KNOW?

Before it became a restaurant, the Corner House was home to renowned botanist and Assistant Director of the Singapore Botanic Gardens, E. J. H. Corner.

CUT BY WOLFGANG PUCK 

Serving up Prime-Aged Australian Angus, Japanese A5 Kobe Beef and Wagyu selections from across the world, Michelin Star restaurant, CUT by Wolfgang Puck is a haven for the steak connoisseur. Guests can indulge in a three-course early dining menu from 5.30 to 7pm daily at S\$88++, with choices such as the Maryland Blue Crab Cake and New York Sirloin Steak. On Sundays to Wednesdays, 5.30 to 7pm, guests dining in groups can choose the four-course Family CUT menu for four at S\$450++.

Address: The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands® 2 Bayfront Avenue B1-71

Tel: +65 6688 8517

Website: marinabaysands.com/restaurants/celebrity-chefs/cut

Email: cutreservations@marinabaysands.com

Cost: Set menus from S\$175 to S\$350

Opening Hours: Mon–Thu & Sun 5.30–10pm; Fri & Sat 5.30–11pm

Nearest MRT: Bayfront 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. This one-Michelin-starred restaurant sources its ingredients from as far as France, Italy and Japan to preserve the authenticity and quality of its food. Its two private rooms can accommodate 14 guests.

Address: Hilton™ Singapore. 581 Orchard Road Level 3

Tel: +65 6732 2234

Website: iggys.com.sg

Email: info@iggys.com.sg

Cost: Prices may vary for set menu, no à la carte menu items.

Opening Hours: Tue–Sat noon–1.30pm; 7–9.30pm

Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

JAAN



Awarded one Michelin star in 2018, 2017 and 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. Visitors can choose from a four-course (S\$98++) to six-course set menu (S\$158++) for lunch and an eight-course set menu at S\$268++ for dinner.

Address: Swissôtel The Stamford. 2 Stamford Road 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 items.

Opening Hours: Mon–Sat noon–2.30pm, 7–10.30pm; Closed on Sun

Nearest MRT: City Hall Station



JAAN

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 seat up to 36 guests, or be partitioned off 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: Shaw Centre. 1 Scotts Road #01-16

Tel: +65 6733 2225

Website: lesamis.com.sg

Email: lesamis@lesamis.com.sg (Reservations)

Cost: Prices vary for set menus. À la carte menu for lunch only.

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun noon–1.30pm, 7–8.30pm

Nearest MRT: Orchard 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™ (see Venues, Unique MICE Venues, p194) and helmed by Cat Cora—the first female Iron Chef. Her sustainable approach to food shines through her signature dishes, such as the charred grilled wagyu prime cuts and sous-vide salmon. Menus change seasonally, but visitors can expect enticing dishes such as mango and pomelo soup, crisp brick duck foie gras, braised-seared beef short rib and brine-cured duck breast.

Address: S.E.A. Aquarium™, Sentosa Island. 8 Sentosa Gateway

Tel: +65 6577 6688

Website: rwsentosa.com

Email: dining@rwsentosa.com

Cost: Prices are seasonal and vary for set menus.

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 11.30am–2.30pm, 6–10.30pm

Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

ODETTE



Best Dining Experience (2016)

This fine-dining French restaurant was awarded two Michelin stars in 2016 and 2017. Located within the



beautiful grounds of the National Gallery Singapore (see Attractions, Arts & Design, p42), 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 pax—that is 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, and Hokkaido uni.

Address: National Gallery Singapore. 1 St. Andrew's Road #01-04

Tel: +65 6385 0498

Website: odetterestaurant.com

Email: enquiry@odetterestaurant.com

Cost: Prices vary for set menus. No à la carte menu items.

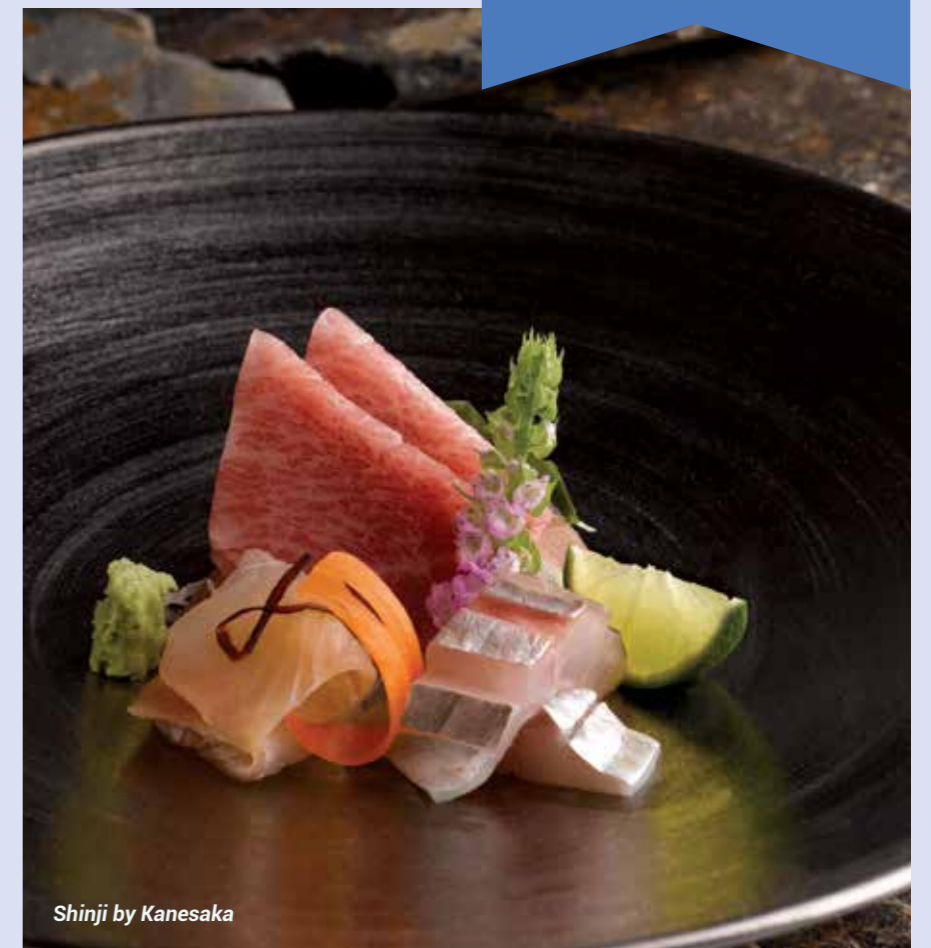
Opening Hours: Mon 7–9pm; Tue–Sun noon–1.30pm, 7–9pm

Nearest MRT: City Hall Station



With the philosophy of using fresh ingredients and simple methods, Julien Royer set up his Michelin-starred restaurant Odette. The restaurant serves modern French Cuisine that is guided by Chef Julien's lifelong respect for seasonality, terroir and artisanal produce.

“Odette is ultimately a celebration of people. The people who grow and nurture our produce; the people who cook and serve; and the people who entrust us with the honour of serving them.”



Shinji by Kanesaka

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-piece, 12-piece 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: Carlton Hotel Singapore. 76 Bras Basah Road

Tel: +65 6338 6131

Website: shinjibykanesaka.com

Email: reservations@shinjibykanesaka.com

Cost: Prices vary for set menus. No à la carte menu items.

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun noon–3pm, 6–10.30pm

Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

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 two-Michelin-starred restaurant. The ten-course degustation menu includes 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 (see Attractions, 10 Free Attractions for Great Photos, p38)—for coffee and desserts.

Address: The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands® 10 Bayfront Avenue #02-01

Tel: +65 6688 8507

Website: marinabaysands.com/restaurants/celebrity-chefs/waku-ghin

Email: wakughinreservation@marinabaysands.com

Cost: Prices vary for set menus. No à la carte menu items.

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 5.30–10.30pm

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; also known as Islamic Religious Council of Singapore). Travellers can find halal cafes and restaurants around the country, especially in the Muslim ethnic enclaves, such as Arab Street and Kampong Glam (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p64). From cafe fare to Asian-inspired Mexican dishes, halal food in Singapore is aplenty.



Badoque



AFTERWIT—MEXICAN TAQUERIA

Travellers who would like to pair gourmet tacos (S\$15–S\$17++) with artisanal coffee should head to Afterwit—Mexican Taqueria, where its chef serves up street-style tacos along with burritos and quesadillas packed with cheese, mexican-style rice and spices. Menu offerings include the Cangrejo (S\$17++), a taco filled with mud crab, artichokes and salsa verde, and Solomillo (S\$17++), a spicy taco with grilled sirloin, fresh jalapenos and salsa cruda.

Address: 778 North Bridge Road

Tel: +65 6291 1773

Website: afterwit.sg

Email: ask@theblackhole.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sat noon–10.30pm; Closed on Sun

Nearest MRT: Outram Park Station

BADOQUE

Badoque boasts an internationally inspired menu of Mediterranean, Middle Eastern and Asian Fusion cuisines. Indulge in restaurant signatures such as the braised lamb shank served over pommel puree (S\$24), the seafood tomato concasse (S\$18) or the Indonesian grilled chicken with traditional Javanese sauce (S\$16). A must-try for meat lovers is the Badoque beef ribs—signature Badoque ribs glazed in a homemade barbecue sauce (S\$24). 100% alcohol-free wines with

halal certifications are available. The restaurant accepts reservations from noon to 9.45pm.

Address: 298 Bedok Road

Tel: +65 6446 6928

Website: badoquecafe.com.sg

Email: info@badoquecafe.com.sg

Opening Hours: Tue–Sun noon–11pm; Fri 3–11pm; Closed on Mon

Nearest MRT: Tanah Merah 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* (an Indian spiced rice dish with meat or vegetables) 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 many reasons that this eatery made the MICHELIN guide's Bib Gourmand list in 2018 and 2017.

Address: 48 & 50 Dunlop Street

Tel: +65 6935 1326

Website: bismillahbiryani.com

Email: bismillahbiryanisg@gmail.com

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 11.30am–9pm

Nearest MRT: Rochor Station

HALIA

The Halia (Malay for ginger) is nestled in the Ginger Garden of the Singapore Botanic Gardens (see Attractions, Nature & Adventure, p58). Guests can choose to dine amid the lush foliage on a shaded deck or inside the air conditioned restaurant with full height glass windows that look out onto the surrounding greenery. Crowd favourites include the Singapore-style Chilli Crab (see Local Favourites, p104) Spaghetini (S\$26++) and the Paperbag Oven-baked Halibut (S\$33++). Groups of 4 can tuck into the communal menu, available during dinner for S\$240++. Three-course (S\$34++) or two-course (S\$28++) set lunches are available on weekdays.

Address: Ginger Garden, Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road

Tel: +65 8444 1148

Website: thehalia.com

Email: general.hsbg@thehalia.com

Opening Hours: Mon–Thu 9am–9.30pm; Fri 9am–10pm; Sat 10am–10pm; Sun & Public Holidays 10am–9.30pm

Nearest MRT: Botanic Gardens Station



Halia

CAROUSEL

This restaurant at Royal Plaza on Scotts, situated near the Orchard Road shopping belt (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82), is famous for its extensive buffets (lunch: S\$58++ to S\$68++; dinner: S\$78++ 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

Tel: +65 6589 7799

Website: carouselbuffet.com.sg

Email: carousel@royalplaza.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 6.30–10am, noon–2pm, 3.30–5.30pm, 6.30–9.30pm

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 monosodium glutamate (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

Tel: +65 6396 9096

Website: fikacafe.com

Email: info@fikacafe.com

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 11am–10pm

Nearest MRT: Bugis Station / Nicoll Highway Station



Fika Swedish Cafe and Birstro



Harāru Izakaya

DID YOU KNOW?

Harāru Izakaya, the first Muslim owned Izakaya, imports most of its produce directly from Japan to provide guests with an authentic Japanese experience.

HARĀRU IZAKAYA

Singapore's first Muslim-owned Izakaya, Harāru Izakaya specialises in Japanese charcoal-grilled items. The two-storey restaurant sports a traditional Japanese-style interior with a tatami dining space on the second floor. Choose from charcoal grilled options such as the Surume Ika (S\$16+), grilled whole squid or Wagyu Nitsuke Kushi (S\$44+), grilled Wagyu beef skewers with garlic miso sauce. The Kushiyaki sticks include the chicken thigh and leek skewer (S\$5+), quail egg skewers (S\$5+) and grilled diced beef with ponzu sauce skewers (S\$8.50+). Those spoilt for choice can opt for the eight sticks skewers, an assortment of skewers for S\$19+.

Address: 16 Bussorah Street
Tel: +65 6291 5373
Website: hararuizakaya.com
Email: info@hararuizakaya.com
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun noon–11pm
Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

I AM...

Established in 2013, this café on Haji Lane (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p64) 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 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
Tel: +65 6295 5509
Website: iam.com.sg
Email: enquiry@iam.com.sg
Opening Hours: Mon–Thu 9am–11pm; Fri 9–1am; Sat 8–1am; Sun 8am–10pm
Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

KAW KAW SG BY MAKAN STATE

Tucked away in a quiet spot at Aliwal Arts Centre (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p64) 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: Aliwal Arts Centre, 28 Aliwal Street #01-01
Tel: +65 6444 8349
Website: kawkawsg.com
Email: makanstate@gmail.com
Opening Hours: Sun–Thu noon–9pm; Fri 3–10.30pm; Sat noon–10pm
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 Chef's Special (S\$23.90+), a pizza topped with anchovies, beef salami, sun dried tomatoes, buffalo mozzarella and zucchini is one of the restaurant's signatures. Guests who enjoy spicy food can try the NDUJA (S\$24.90+)—seafood pasta tossed in a spicy pasta-sauce. For dessert, the Cannoli (S\$8+) is a must-try. Visitors may also opt for budget-friendly options, such as the lunch sets (S\$12.90+), consisting of a main (pizza, pasta or a meat dish), soup and dessert.

Address: KINEX, 11 Tanjong Katong Road B1-09/10
Tel: +65 6493 2154
Website: kucinaitalian.com
Email: askme@kucinaitalian.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 in Ancient Egypt—one of the seven themed zones in Universal Studios Singapore™ (see Attractions, Thrill Seeking, p60). Its combo sets are popular, such as the Butter Chicken Briyani (an Indian spiced rice dish) Set and the Vegetarian Briyani Set (set menus start from S\$15 and include a dessert). Entry to this restaurant will require an admission ticket to Universal Studios Singapore™.

Address: Universal Studios Singapore™, Sentosa Island, 8 Sentosa Gateway,
Tel: +65 6577 8888
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–7pm
Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station



OLD BIBIK PERANAKAN KITCHEN

From a hawker stall in 2009, Old Bibik Peranakan Kitchen is now a restaurant serving up Peranakan dishes along the Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/ Indonesian heritage) heritage precinct, Joo Chiat (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p66). A crowd favourite is the Six Piece Crispy Wings (S\$9), mid-section wings marinated in the restaurant's secret seasoning and double fried till crispy. Signatures include the Nonya Beef Rendang (S\$21), beef marinated in a blend of spices and Chinchalok Omelette (S\$15), fried egg omelette with prawns, vegetables and fermented shrimp. For dessert, guests can indulge in the Goreng Pisang (fried banana) ice cream (S\$10).

Address: 328 Joo Chiat Road #01-02
Tel: +65 8450 7996
Website: oldbibik.com
Email: oldbibik@gmail.com
Opening Hours: Mon, Wed–Sun noon–10pm; Closed on Tue
Nearest MRT: Dakota Station / Paya Lebar 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 Brazen Beef (S\$32.90+), Smoked Duck (S\$26.90+) and Beef Short Ribs (S\$42.90+). 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–Sun 10am–4pm (Telok Ayer branch); Mon–Sun 11am–4pm, 5–11pm (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 *briyani* (an Indian spiced rice dish) from S\$6.50 and crispy mutton *murtabak* (pan-fried bread stuffed with meat and spices; S\$6), 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: 697-699 North Bridge Road
Tel: +65 6298 6320
Website: zamzamsingapore.com
Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 7am–11pm
Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

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\$56++; dinner: S\$68++), including dishes of the Peranakans (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage), Chinese and Indian cuisine, and popular hawker staples such as *satay* (grilled meat skewers), *laksa* (spicy coconut milk-based noodle soup) and chicken rice (see *Local Favourites*, p104), 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 not to be missed at StraitsKitchen. Child rates available.

Address: Grand Hyatt® Kitchen,
10 Scotts Road

Tel: +65 6738 1234

Fax: +65 6732 1696

Website: straitskitchen.com.sg

Email: straitskitchen.sg@hyatt.com

Opening Hours: Mon–Fri 6.30–10.30am,
noon–2.30pm, 6–10.30pm; Weekends &
Public Holidays 6.30–11am, 12.30–3pm,
6–10.30pm

Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

STREATS ASIAN CAFÉ

This café in Resorts World™ Sentosa (see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts*, p86) serves street food from all over Asia. Its menu features more than 100 popular dishes, such as salted egg yolk pumpkin fries, Hong Kong shrimp dumpling noodle, Indonesian *mee tek tek* (stir-fried noodles), Chongqing chicken in a basket and black pepper beef bento to cater to the diverse taste of travellers.

Address: Resorts World™ Sentosa,
26 Sentosa Gateway #01-205

Tel: +65 6292 4748

Fax: +65 6292 4328

Website: streats.com.sg

Email: lena@katrinagroup.com

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 11am–10pm

Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station



StraitsKitchen

IN-HOUSE
CONCOCTIONS

Visitors can wash down a hearty meal at The Mad Sailors with in-house creations such as the refreshing Pink Lemonade and alcohol-free Butter Beer.

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*, p142) shophouse. Visitors can look forward to savouring bar food such as Marmite Honey Wings (S\$10), Fried Mars Bars served with ice cream (S\$10), and Classic Chip Butty (S\$12), a sandwich of fries and cheese topped with turkey bacon.

Address: 24 Haji Lane

Tel: +65 8768 0465

Website: themadsailors.sg

Email: ask@themadsailors.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Thu noon–10pm;
Fri noon–11pm; Sat 10am–11pm; Sun
10am–10pm

Nearest MRT: Bugis Station /
Nicoll Highway 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\$18++), and Côte De Boeuf (S\$78++), which uses 150-day grain-fed Black Angus beef. 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: royalcakes.com

Email: order@royalcakes.com

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 1–10.30pm

Nearest MRT: Bugis Station /
Lavender Station

(WORKING TITLE) - BURGER
BAR

Located below The Social Hostel on Haji Lane (see *Shopping, Ethnic Districts*, p142), 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 (see *Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts*, p64). Guests will relish the Garlic Tater Tots (S\$10), Portobello Strips (S\$10)—freshly battered portobello strips served with garlic aioli dip—or any of the burgers, such as the Baconator (S\$20) with turkey bacon.

Address: 48 Arab Street

Tel: +65 6291 4529

Website: workingtitle.sg

Email: ask@workingtitle.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Thu 11am–10pm; Fri
11am–11pm; Sat & Sun 10am–11pm

Nearest MRT: Bugis Station /
Nicoll Highway Station

MODERN
SINGAPORE
RESTAURANTS

Over the years, Singapore's cuisine has evolved beyond its traditional hawker dishes such as chilli crab and chicken rice (see *Local Favourites*, p104). 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 offering flavours that are best described as *Modern Singapore*.

CANDLENUT

This 92-seat restaurant on Dempsey Hill (see *Nightlife & Entertainment, Dempsey Hill & Holland Village*, p94) 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 Kueh Pie Tee (deep-fried pastry cups filled with shredded turnip, pork belly and prawns; S\$20++), Wagyu beef short ribs (S\$32++) and blue Swimmer Crab Curry (S\$32++). The Buah Keluak (a black nut indigenous to 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\$118++) at dinner that highlights the nuances of Peranakan cuisine. A private dining room for eight pax is available.

Address: 17A Dempsey Road

Tel: +65 6250 5085

Website: comodempsey.sg/restaurant/
candlenut

Email: henry.tan@comodempsey.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun noon–3pm; Mon–
Thu & Sun 6–10pm; Fri, Sat, Eve of Public
Holidays & Public Holidays 6–11pm

Nearest MRT: Farrer Road Station /
Orchard Station



Candlenut



Under the tutelage of his Mother and grandmother, Malcolm Lim honed his cooking skills in Peranakan cuisine. He is the chef behind Candlenut, the world's first Michelin-starred Peranakan restaurant which serves the traditional Straits Chinese cuisine with a contemporary twist.

“A traditional Peranakan meal can take a week to prepare. Food is love, and I hope people can feel that.”

CREATURES

Housed close to the 24-hour shopping mall Mustafa Centre (see *Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts*, p69) and along the culturally rich Desker Road, an area regarded as one of Singapore's oldest and most notorious red light districts in the past, is CreatureS. Inside, the restaurant is adorned with turquoise walls, warm golden lights and vases of flowers and lush green foliage. In this cosy atmosphere, guests can tuck into hearty Asian dishes with a contemporary twist. The CreatureS Laksa (S\$24++) is a modern take on the traditional Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) dish, *laksa* (see *Local Favourites*, p106), and is served with fresh prawns, quail eggs, chicken, fish cakes and cucumber laces in a rich coconut *laksa* (spicy coconut milk-based noodle soup) broth. Guest can also try the Italian Godfather 'Yong Tau Foo' & Ah Ma Noodles (S\$22++), a vegetarian dish comprising of chilli, aubergine and *okra* (lady's finger) packed with herb feta cheese and accompanied by *la-mien* (Chinese noodles made by stretching and folding dough into strands).

Address: 120 Desker Road

Tel: +65 6291 6996

Website: creatures.com.sg

Email: eat@creatures.com.sg

Opening Hours: Tue–Sun noon–10:30pm; Closed on Mon

Nearest MRT: Jalan Besar Station

RESTAURANT IBID

Founded by chef Woo Wai Leong, winner of MasterChef Asia 2015, Restaurant Ibid pays homage to chef Woo's Chinese heritage as well as the Western culinary skills he has acquired over the years. A favourite from the restaurant's menu is the Escargot Skewers, charcoal grilled escargot brushed with a chilli bean sauce and wrapped in betel leaf. The Beef Short Rib is cooked sous vide for 48 hours before being served alongside Chinese pear and black fungus. From the dinner menu, diners can choose from a four-course (S\$78++), six-course (S\$88++) or eight-course (S\$118++) meal.

Address: 18 North Canal Road

Tel: +65 9151 8698

Website: restaurantibid.com

Email: hello@restaurantibid.com

Opening Hours: Wed–Fri noon–3pm; Mon–Sat 6.30–10.30pm

Nearest MRT: City Hall Station / Esplanade Station

Rice, 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 one of Singapore's iconic dishes—chicken rice (see *Local Favourites*, p104). 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, Lifestyle Precincts*, p81). The menus change from time to time, and guest can check the restaurant's website or call for updated menus and prices. Visitors may also inform the restaurant of any dietary restrictions.

Address: Esplanade Mall, 8 Raffles Avenue #02-23

Tel: +65 6223 4098

Website: labyrinth.com.sg

Email: info@labyrinth.com.sg

Opening Hours: (Lunch) Tue–Fri noon–1.30pm; (Pre-theatre) Thu–Sun 6pm; (Chef's tasting menu) Tue–Sun 6.30pm–8.30pm

Nearest MRT: City Hall 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 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 Duriancanbole (S\$9++)—a crème brûlée flavoured with durian (a spiky tropical fruit that is unique to Southeast Asia)—is worth a try. Bigger groups can opt for the Omakase style dinner where they can name their budget and a special menu can be catered. The Omakase dinner will include speciality items not available on the normal menu.

Address: Icon Village, 16 Enggor Street #01-09

Tel: +65 6834 4174

Website: thequarters.sg

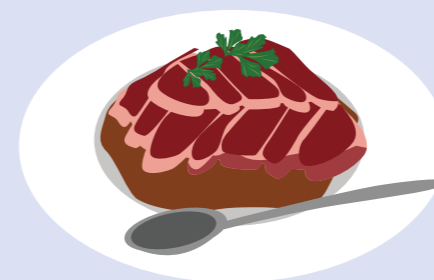
Email: info@thequarters.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–10pm

Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station

QUIRKY FOOD NAMES

Find mod-sin dishes with creative and comical names such as 'Wonderffle', waffles topped with ice cream, at The Quarters.



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 London 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. Vegetarian menus are available in the restaurant, which also has three private rooms that can seat four to 12 for groups who prefer private dining.

Address: Resorts World™ Sentosa, 26 Sentosa Gateway #02-142/143 Hotel Michael Lobby

Tel: +65 6884 7888

Website: tunglokheen.com

Email: tunglokheen@tunglok.com

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 11.30am–3pm, 6.30–10.30pm

Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

WANTON, SENG'S NOODLE BAR

Wanton, Seng's Noodle Bar, which comfortably sits 28 pax, serves a revamped version of wonton mee (a noodle dish with Chinese dumplings) with free-flow crispy pork lard and broth. For lunch, there are six bowls (from S\$7.50++) to choose from, along with add-ons like Soft Boiled Eggs (S\$2++). At dinner, guests can customise their basic bowl of plain noodles (S\$1++) or rice noodle (S\$2++) with small sharing plates (from \$10++) such as double roasted pork belly, slow-cooked torched Char Siew, Sichuan wontons and Stir-fried Oriental Shrooms. Creative cocktails such as Ju Hua, chrysanthemum tea spiked with vodka or a full pint Hendricks Gin & Tonic. Reservation are only for dinner.

Address: 52 Amoy Street

Tel: +65 6221 1336

Website: wantonsg.com

Email: shiok@wantonsg.com

Opening hours: Mon–Sun 11.30am–2.30pm, 6–9.45pm

Nearest MRT: Telok Ayer Station



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*, p122 and *Vegetarian*, p132). 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.

RESTAURANT LABYRINTH



Restaurant Labyrinth, which received one Michelin star in 2018, serves innovative dishes created by chef-owner Han Li Guang, who uses a range of culinary techniques to reinvent traditional local recipes. An example is Ang Moh Chicken



The Quarters



WANTON, Seng's Noodle Bar

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 MICHELIN 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, p61*) to enjoy local food at these two spots. At Chinatown Complex Food Centre, seek out one-Michelin-starred Liao Fan Hong Kong Soya Sauce Chicken Rice & Noodle Stall (#02-126), 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.

Address: Chinatown Food Street. Along Smith Street

Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station

EAST COAST LAGOON FOOD VILLAGE

Opened in 1977 along East Coast Beach Park, East Coast Lagoon Food Village is a popular hawker centre among beach-goers and residents in the Bedok neighbourhood. With tables built close to the beach, visitors can sample a variety of local favourites while enjoying the sea-breeze and a view of the calm sea waters. Dig into a plate of fragrant carrot cake (see *Local Favourites, p105*) from Lagoon Carrot Cake (#01-44) or *char kway teow* (stir-fried flat noodles) from Choon Hiang (#01-46), whose owner has been cooking since the age of 12. For a complete seaside experience, visitors can order seafood such as *sambal* (spicy chilli paste) stingray from Stingray Forever BBQ Seafood (#01-43).

Address: 1220 East Coast Parkway

Nearest MRT: Bedok 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 transformed into a mini *satay* (grilled meat skewers) street. 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

NEWTON FOOD CENTRE

This famous hawker centre located near Orchard Road (see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82*) 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 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 San Ren Cold and Hot Dessert (#01-05).

Address: 500 Clemenceau Avenue North

Nearest MRT: Newton Station

DID YOU KNOW?

A popular eating spot among locals, Newton Food Centre, along with its delectable dishes such as *satay* (grilled meat skewers) and *laksa* (spicy coconut milk-based noodle soup), were also featured in the movie, *Crazy Rich Asians*.

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.

Address: 1 Kadayanallur Street

Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station



Maxwell Food Centre



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 a full-bodied version of the hawker staple. Mattar Road Seafood Barbeque (#01-63) offers four 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 Beancurd (#01-107).

Address: 51 Old Airport Road

Nearest MRT: Dakota Station

CHOMP CHOMP FOOD CENTRE & SERANGOON GARDEN MARKET AND FOOD CENTRE

Serangoon Garden's residents are envied for the variety of good hawker fare available at their doorstep (see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p87*). 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 Garden 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 & 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

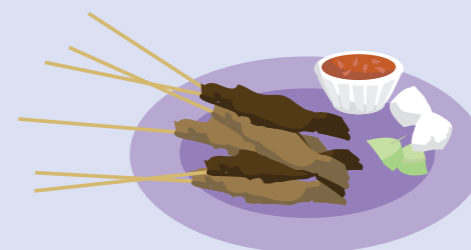
Address: 20 Kensington Park Road

Nearest MRT: Lorong Chuan Station

Serangoon Garden 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 (see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p89*), 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 rice cakes topped with preserved radish), 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* (Chinese dumplings), all for S\$3 per bowl. Dessert stall Tian Tian Yuan Dessert House (#02-15) has over 80 hot and cold desserts to choose from. Order the S\$2 *ice kacang* (sweet shaved ice with toppings) for a refreshing treat.

Address: 30 Seng Poh Road

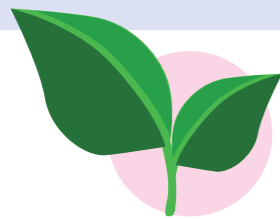
Nearest MRT: Tiong Bahru Station

SHOP AROUND TIONG BAHRU

After a hearty meal, visitors can shop around the indie boutiques around the Tiong Bahru neighbourhood, Singapore's first public housing development.



Ice Kachang



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*, p61) 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\$22++) and nut 'cheese' made from cashews (S\$14++). Other popular items are the non-processed raw desserts (from S\$10++) like the Raw Chocolate Salted Caramel Fudge. In the evenings, diners can soak in the ambience over wine, craft beer or spirits.

Address: 24 Keong Saik Road

Tel: +65 6224 8921

Website: afterglow.sg

Email: kampong@anglowgroup.com

Opening Hours: Mon–Sat noon–10.30pm;
Closed on Sun

Nearest MRT: Outram Park Station

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 restaurant's name is derived from the



Afterglow by Anglow

Hindu goddess of abundance and is a compound word made up of 'anna', which means 'food', and Lakshmi, the name of the goddess. Annalakshmi has a longstanding practice of offering diners the option to pay any amount they want for their meal. There will be a charge of S\$15 per person for lunch and S\$18 per person for dinner for dining groups larger than ten. 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: Central Square. 20 Havelock Road #01-04

Tel: +65 6339 9993

Website: annalakshmi.com.sg

Email: annagov@singnet.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon 11am–3pm; Tue–Sun
11am–3pm, 6.15–9.30pm

Nearest MRT: Clarke Quay Station

CAFÉ SALIVATION

Vegetarian-friendly, Vegan-friendly, Jain-friendly

Café Salivation is the first Western vegetarian café in Little India (see *Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts*, p68) 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 with green chutney and a mix of grilled potatoes, tomatoes and cucumbers. The café can omit onion and garlic upon request. For sweets, there are the vegan options such as the Coconut Rose Pannacotta (S\$6.50++) and the Chai Spice Cheesecake (S\$8++). A weekday tea-time set with a choice of cake and coffee is available from 3 to 6pm.

Address: 176 Race Course Road

Tel: +65 6298 1412

Fax: +65 6341 5546

Website: cafesalivation.com

Email: cafesalivation@gmail.com

Opening Hours: Sun–Thu 10am–10.30pm; Fri & Sat 10am–11pm

Nearest MRT: Farrer Park Station

DID YOU KNOW?

At Annalakshmi, diners will be treated to cultural performances by the Temple of Fine Arts, an artistic and cultural organisation dedicated to bringing Indian art, music and dance to all races and cultures in Singapore.



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* (a dish with 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 its cooking.

Address: Fortune Centre. 190 Middle Road #01-13/14

Tel: +65 6333 1612

Website: herbivore.sg

Email: info@herbivore.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Fri 11.30am–3pm,
5pm–9.30pm; Sat, Sun & Public Holidays
11.30am - 9.30pm

Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

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: Orchard Central. 181 Orchard Road #12-01

Tel: +65 6838 6966

Fax: +65 68386967

Website: joierestaurant.com.sg

Email: reservation@joierestaurant.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun noon–3.30pm,
6pm–10.30pm

Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

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\$3)—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 around Little India

Tel: +65 6293 6980 (Serangoon Road Branch)

Website: komalavilas.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 7am–10.30pm
(Serangoon Road Branch)

Nearest MRT: Little India



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 (a round stainless steel platter with various Indian dishes; S\$9.50). Each comes with more than ten 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. No meal here is complete without a cup of its signature *masala* tea (spiced tea; S\$3.40).

Address: 14 Upper Dickson Road

Tel: +65 6297 1594

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 7.30am–10.30pm

Nearest MRT: Jalan Besar Station /
Little India Station



Komala Vilas



Real Food

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, p79) 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. A children's menu is also available at the restaurant.

Address: Chip Bee Gardens. 43 Jalan Merah Saga

Tel: +65 6475 5605

Website: originalsin.com.sg

Email: info@originalsin.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 11.30am–2.15pm, 6–10pm

Nearest MRT: Holland Village Station

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 full-flavoured, hearty dumplings made with finely chopped mushrooms, chestnuts, carrots, tofu and French beans (S\$10.80 for eight). A selection of organic and vegan-friendly groceries, such as teas and pasta sauces, are also available for sale.

Address: Orchard Central. 181 Orchard Road #02-16 and other locations

Tel: +65 6737 9516 (Orchard Central branch)

Website: realfoodgrocer.com

Email: enquiries@realfoodgrocer.com

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–9pm (Orchard Central Branch)

Nearest MRT: Somerset Station (Orchard Central branch)

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\$10.90) made with minced mushrooms and the Creamy Shrooms burger (S\$8.90) with tofu and mushrooms. Also popular are sides like the Shrooms Pops (S\$5.90) and seaweed fries (S\$2.90). 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

Nearest MRT: Eunos Station

WHOLE EARTH



Vegetarian-friendly, Vegan-friendly

Awarded the MICHELIN guide Singapore Bib Gourmand three years in a row since 2016, Whole Earth is popular for its Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage)-Thai vegetarian dishes. Highlights include sambal kang kong (water spinach with spicy chilli paste; S\$15), olive rice (S\$10), and its version of Penang rendang (braised meat cooked in coconut milk and spices) made with pan-fried mushrooms instead of meat (S\$22).

Address: 76 Peck Seah Street

Tel: +65 6221 6583

Website: wholeearth.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 11.30am–3pm, 5.30–10pm

Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station



SUPPER SPOTS

As one of the world's most vibrant culinary capitals, Singapore takes every meal seriously—including supper. A night-time meal here is not just a quick snack before hitting the sack. It is typically a feast with friends that involves hours of conversation and catching up. Experience this slice of local culture at these spots that most Singaporeans will want to keep a secret.

126 WAN DOU SEK DIM SUM

This 24-hour eatery has been serving Hong Kong style dim sum since its opening in 1985. The fried yam cake, prawn dumplings and fried scallops are some of the signature options in the Dim Sum menu. From the lunch and dinner menus, the White Pepper Crab Bee Hoon (rice vermicelli) is a must-try. To complement their meal, guests can choose from a list of refreshing drink options such as sugarcane juice with lemon, chrysanthemum tea and lime juice with sour plum.

Address: 126 Sims Avenue (Geylang Branch) / 1086 Serangoon Road (Boon Keng Branch)

Tel: +65 6746 4757 (Geylang Branch) / +65 62975032 (Boon Keng Branch)

Website: 126.com.sg

Email: contact@126.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 24 hours (Geylang Branch) / Mon–Sun 5pm–2am (Boon Keng Branch)

Nearest MRT: Aljunied Station (Geylang Branch) / Boon Keng Station (Boon Keng Branch)

BOON TONG KEE

Boon Tong Kee first opened in 1983 as a humble stall selling Cantonese chicken rice (see Local Favourites, p104). It now has eight outlets across the island and features a range of tze char (Chinese home-style dishes) options on its menu. Recommended menu items are the Barbequed Suckling Pig, Fried Eggplant with Minced Pork and Deep Fried Fish Fillet with Thai Style Sauce. The eatery (Balestier outlet) opens till 4.30am. Menu starts from S\$5++.

Address: 399, 401 & 403 Balestier Road; and other locations

Tel: +65 6254 3937 (Balestier branch)

Website: boontongkee.com.sg

Email: general@boontongkee.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sat 11am–4.45pm, 5.30pm–4.30am; Sun 11am–4.45pm, 5.30pm–3am (Balestier branch)

Nearest MRT: Novena Station



Haidiao Hot Pot

Haidilao Hot Pot (VARIOUS OUTLETS)

Haidilao Hot Pot is a Sichuan style hot pot restaurant that opens till 6am daily. The restaurant prides itself on customer service, providing diners in the queues with complimentary hot towels, snacks and even manicures to while away the time. There are also puzzles and games to engage children and certain outlets even have a kids playground. Once seated, choose from a variety of soup bases such as the Spicy Sichuan, Mushroom and Seafood, as well as ingredients to cook in the bubbling pot. The hand pulled noodles is one of Haidilao Hot Pot's highlights, where a staff member will theatrically pull, stretch and twirl the noodles tableside before dunking them in the pot. For birthday celebrations, a staff member will sing a birthday song and present a complimentary fruit platter.

Address: 3D River Valley Road #02-04; and other locations

Tel: +65 6337 8626 / +65 6337 8627 (River Valley branch)

Website: haidilao.com

Email: xjphdl@haidilao.com

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10.30–6am (River Valley branch)

Nearest MRT: Clarke Quay Station

J.B. AH MENG

Listed under the Singapore MICHELIN Bib Gourmand Guide 2016, J.B. Ah Meng is a *tze char* (Chinese home-style dishes) restaurant helmed by chef Wang Feng from Ipoh, Malaysia. The restaurant has hosted visiting chefs like Ferran Adria, Gordon Ramsay and the late Anthony Bourdain. It is famous for their J.B. San Lou Bee Hoon (S\$7++), rice vermicelli fried with shrimps, egg and vegetables, White Pepper Crab (S\$42–S\$52++), Salted Egg Prawn Roll (S\$20++) and Fried Fish Head (S\$16++). Reservations can be made via phone.

Address: 534 Geylang Road

Tel: +65 6741 2418

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 5.30pm–2.30am

Nearest MRT: Aljunied Station

KKO KKO NARA KOREAN FRIED CHICKEN

Kko Kko Nara Korean Fried Chicken is one of the pioneering restaurants to bring Korean fried chicken to Singapore. As its name suggests, the restaurant's signature dish is its Korean Fried Chicken. The chicken comes in four different flavours— original, soy garlic sauce, sweet & spicy and hot & spicy at S\$18++ for 8 pieces during lunch and at 8 pieces for S\$20++ during dinner. Other than its chicken, the restaurant also offers a variety of Korean delicacies such as spicy rice cakes (S\$20++), kimchi stew (S\$28++), marinated beef BBQ (S\$38++) and ox-bone soup (S\$23++). Wash down the hearty meal with the selection of Korean liquors, including *soju* (an alcoholic beverage; S\$19++), rice wine (S\$25++) and plum wine (S\$28++).

Address: 68 Tanjong Pagar Road

Tel: +65 6224 8186

Website: kkokkonara.com

Email: kkokkosg@gmail.com

Opening Hours: Mon–Sat 11am–3pm, 6pm–3am; Sun 6pm–1am

Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station

MAKANSUTRA GLUTTONS BAY

Visitors can enjoy the city skyline while feasting on *satay* (grilled meat skewers) and sipping on a refreshing glass of sugarcane juice at Makansutra Gluttons Bay. This alfresco hawker centre is located right next to one of Singapore's iconic landmarks, Esplanade–Theatres on the Bay (see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts*, p81). Founded by photojournalist KF Seetoh, Makansutra Gluttons Bay boasts a compilation of the city's most-loved local favourites like chilli crab, *sambal* (spicy chilli paste) stingray and chicken rice (see *Local Favourites*, p104).

Address: Esplanade Mall, 8 Raffles Ave, #01-15

Tel: +65 6438 4038

Fax: +65 6294 1739

Website: makansutra.com

Email: contact@makansutra.com

Opening Hours: Mon–Thu 5pm–2am; Fri & Sat 5pm–3am; Sun, 4pm–1am

Nearest MRT: Esplanade Station

SWEE CHOON

A well-loved supper spot among locals, Swee Choon has been dishing out baskets of steaming hot *dim sum* (bite-sized portions of food) to hungry customers for over 40 years. Once located in a single unit-shophouse along Jalan Besar, the eatery has expanded to occupy multiple shop-houses with tables set up in the back alley to

accommodate the many guests that patronise its premises for its affordable and delectable dishes. Swee Choon's signature is the *mee sua kueh* (deep-fried vermicelli cake), a dish created by the restaurant's chef. Guests are also recommended to try the Big Pau, a Chinese bun packed with minced pork, chicken, egg and mushrooms.

Address: 183-191 Jalan Besar road

Tel: +65 6225 7788

Fax: +65 6294 1089

Website: sweechoon.com

Email: admin@sweechoon.com

Opening Hours: Mon, Wed–Sat 11am–2:30pm, 6pm–6am; Sun & Public Holidays 10am–3pm, 6pm–6am; Closed on Tue

Nearest MRT: Jalan Besar Station

THE RAMEN STALL

Nestled in a corner of North Bridge Road, The Ramen Stall is a *halal* eatery that serves a range of Japanese dishes till 5am daily. Their chicken-based broth is prepared by boiling meat and bones for 30 hours to achieve a milky-texture and rich flavour. Classics include the Volcano Ramen which comes with 3 levels of spiciness to choose from, the Chicken Cha-Shu Ramen and the Dry Ramen. Other Japanese dishes include the Wasabi Mayo Prawns (S\$16.90++), Teppanyaki Beef (S\$16.90++) and Grilled Edamame (S\$6.90++).

Address: 787 North Bridge Road

Tel: +65 6655 0800

Website: theramenstall.com.sg

Email: feedback@theramenstall.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Fri 5pm–5am; Sat, Sun & Public Holidays noon–5am

Nearest MRT: Bugis Station / Lavender Station



Makansutra Gluttons Bay



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SHOPPING

**The best place to
indulge in retail
therapy**

We carry the best of local labels and major international brands to ensure every shopper goes home with the perfect piece, gift or keepsake.



SHOPPING

With plenty of glitzy malls, indie boutiques and niche pop-up stores, Singapore's retail scene caters to all budgets and preferences.



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In our culturally diverse and cosmopolitan city, Collectors with a love for shopping will find an exciting, multi-faceted retail scene. The best place to start is Orchard Road. This famous shopping belt fuses the best of both local and international fashion, alongside excellent options for food, drink and entertainment. Beyond Orchard Road (see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts*, p82), there are many malls within walking distance of MRT stations. As most malls close at 10pm, Collectors will have ample time to shop late into the evening. A good day of window shopping can be done anywhere from Marina Bay Sands® (see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts*, p82) to the heart of the Central Business District (CBD), as well as in ethnic districts such as Kampong Glam and Little India (see *Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts*, p64 and p68 respectively). Art galleries and boutiques also showcase one-of-a-kind designs and products—a tangible reminder of how truly unique Singapore is.

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 shopping malls to know more about these privileges.

313@SOMERSET

Located directly above Somerset MRT station, 313@Somerset mall offers over 150 retail outlets for visitors to peruse. From international fashion labels such as Zara and Forever 21 and local brands like Charles & Keith, a Singaporean shoe and accessories label, to lifestyle stores

like Samsung, Sony and MUJI, visitors can shop to their heart's content here. A hidden gem is the mall's Sky Terrace on the fifth level. It has rotating columns of plants that are irrigated using harvested rainwater, and a toddler's play area for parents looking to put their feet up after exploring the mall. To refuel, head to JiBiru for its Japanese small plates and craft beer, Brotzeit® for hearty Bavarian fare, or Marché Mövenpick for a smorgasbord of European dishes.

Address: 313 Orchard Road

Tel: +65 6496 9313

Fax: 65 6496 9301

Website: 313somerset.com.sg

Email: 313somerset@lendlease.com

Opening Hours: Mon–Thu & Sun 10am–10pm; Fri & Sat 10am–11pm

Nearest MRT: Somerset Station



313@Somerset

BUGIS JUNCTION

This mall draws shoppers in with its youthful tenant mix (including bag brand Timbuk2 and Casio's G-Factory) and fast-fashion retail stores such as ALDO™, Calvin Klein® and local footwear brand Charles & Keith. Opened in 1995, Bugis Junction is one of the first malls in Singapore to have air-conditioned 'indoor streets' inside the complex, which has pushcarts selling everything from electronics to fashion accessories. The mall is also popular with families because of its outdoor water fountain where children can play amid spraying water. Bugis Junction is directly connected to neighbouring mall, Bugis+ by an overhead link bridge. Tourist discounts are available at participating outlets.

Address: 200 Victoria Street

Tel: +65 6557 6557 (Bugis Junction) / +65 6634 6810 (Bugis+)

Website: bugisjunction-mall.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–10pm

Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

DESIGN ORCHARD

Featuring more than 60 home grown brands across categories such as fashion, home and beauty, Design Orchard is a one-stop shop for local designers and brands. Try on contemporary womenswear with heritage designs at fashion brand Matter Prints (see Local Designers, p146) or scarves with brightly coloured patterns that draw inspiration from the Singaporean landscape and its iconic locations at Binary Style. Luxury handbag label LING WU (see Boutiques & Independent Stores, p149) offers handbags made from leathers and exotic skins in a variety of shapes and colours for visitors to choose from. At Pew Pew Patches, visitors will find funky tote bags as well as stick-on and iron-on patches with quirky designs such as dinosaurs in pastel colours, dogs in sunglasses and sweatshirts and the Singapore Merlion riding on a skateboard. Visitors can also look forward to monthly product showcases, fashion shows, workshops, talks and other events that will be held at Design Orchard.

Address: 250 Orchard Road

Website: designorchard.sg

Email: hello@designorchard.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10.30am–9.30pm

Nearest MRT: Somerset Station

ION ORCHARD



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Called the 'jewel of Orchard Road', ION Orchard is known for its spectacular architecture and its impressive 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, which offers free admission, or visit TWG Tea Salon & Boutique (see Eat & Drink, Afternoon Tea, p117). 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, p104). Registration required at least three days in advance. Maximum ten people per session.

Address: 2 Orchard Turn

Tel: +65 6485 5200

Fax: +65 6485 5222

Website: ionorchard.com

Email: customercare@ionorchard.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–10pm

Nearest MRT: Orchard Station



A SENSORY SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

ION Orchard is perfumed with a unique custom-blend of 20 fragrances from fruits and flowers such as white tea, peony and wild lavender.

IMM

Singapore's largest outlet mall with more than 90 outlet stores offers shoppers up to 80% discount all year round. Aside from outlet stores, there are over 220 other retail stores and over 50 food and beverage stores spread over 5 levels. Find leading fashion brands like Adidas, Calvin Klein® Jeans, COACH, Hush Puppies®, Juicy Couture, Kate Spade New York® and Nike housed in one location and whet your appetite with a wide selection of food offerings ranging from fast food options like McDonald's® and Burger King® to restaurants such as Haidilao Hot Pot (see Eat & Drink, Supper Spots, p135) and Bali Thai. There are also wet and dry playgrounds located on the third floor of the mall designed to entertain children of all ages. With a varied retail mix, clever use of space and thoughtful interior design, IMM is a mall that will be enjoyed by both the young and old.

Address: 2 Jurong East Street 21

Tel: +65 6665 8268

Fax: +65 6562 3933

Website: imm.sg

Email: retail@capitaland.com

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–10pm

Nearest MRT: Jurong East Station

KALLANG WAVE MALL

From high street fashion shops and top quality food options to arcades and an indoor climbing wall, Kallang Wave Mall caters to every visitor's lifestyle preference. Their anchor tenants include Singapore's first sports-themed hypermart, FairPrice Xtra, fashion icons H&M, UNIQLO and Cotton On, as well as Singapore's first authentic Japanese *onsen* and spa—Yunomori Onsen & Spa. Try authentic Indonesian cuisine at Ayam Penyet President or a delectable selection of Italian cuisine at Al Capone's. Sports enthusiasts will be able to satisfy their desire for fun when embarking on guided biking adventures at Shimano Cycling World or exploring more than 1000sqm of climbing surfaces at Climb Central. There are plenty of entertainment options for children too; The Petite Park provides an imaginative, challenging and safe play space for children to explore and Jolly Fields by ZOOMOV provides fun rides and a sand pit to thrill the young ones.

Address: 1 Stadium Place

Tel: +65 6702 5168

Website: sportshub.com.sg/directory

Email: mail@thekallangwave.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–10pm

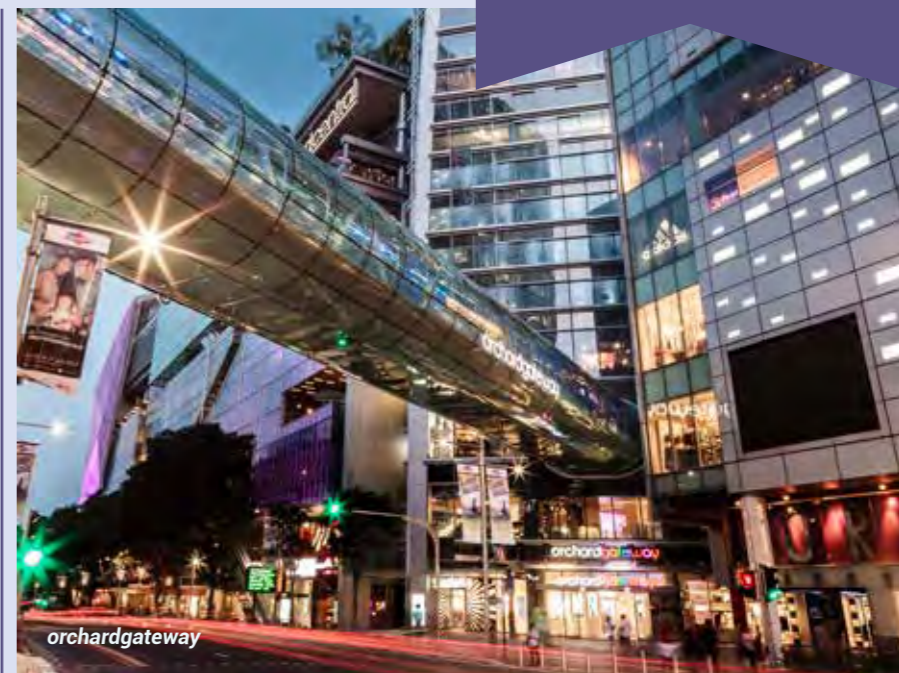
Nearest MRT: Stadium Station

DID YOU KNOW?

The Kallang Wave Mall is named after the classic crowd gesture, the 'Kallang Wave', seen at football matches in Singapore.

MARINA SQUARE

Just a stone's throw away from the Esplanade—Theatres on the Bay, Singapore Flyer (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p81 and 82 respectively) and world class hotels such as Mandarin Oriental Singapore and Pan Pacific Singapore, is the Marina Square shopping mall. It offers over 200 fashion, food and beverage, children and lifestyle stores. Shop at homegrown brand Charles & Keith (see Local Products, p152), international labels Lacoste, Desigual® and British India or at duplex store Marks & Spencer. The mall is



also home to the largest Rolex® boutique in Southeast Asia. Enjoy cuisines from around the world at Rong Hua Bak Kut Teh, Bao Today, Seoul Garden and Gu Thai Noodle Café. After a day of shopping visitors can treat themselves to massages and facial treatments at Kenko Reflexology & Spa or Posh Wellness, a beauty salon which offers tourists privileges. On the third floor of Marina Square, visitors will find an Outdoor Piazza and The Roof Garden where they can relax and enjoy the view of the Esplanade—Theatres on the Bay. The Pororo Park with its indoor playground and sing-along show is the perfect place for families with young children. Visitors can catch a free ride from The Clifford Pier, The Sail@Marina Bay and Marina Bay Financial Centre to Marina Square on the Lunch Time Shuttle from 11.30am to 2.30pm on weekdays.

Address: 6 Raffles Boulevard

Tel: +65 6339 8787

Fax: +65 6339 7626

Website: marinasquare.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–10pm

Nearest MRT: Esplanade Station

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. Japanese store Don Don Donki offers a wide variety of products ranging from fresh fruit to bento boxes, cosmetics and toys. There are plenty of food options too; try irresistible mille crêpes from Lady M®, or visit Walking on Sunshine, a beauty salon that provides hairstyling and make-up services along

with a café that serves up fresh and healthy food such as chicken quinoa salad and honey ham panini. Those looking for substantial meals can visit the Dancing Crab restaurant for seafood.

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 (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82), it houses homeware shop Crate & Barrel, and multi-label boutique SUPERSPACE (see Boutiques & Independent Stores, p151). The shopping mall also has a 60-metre 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\$80 is required to use the voucher). Nearby, 313@Somerset (313somerset.com.sg) shopping mall has over 150 retail outlets, including global fashion labels Zara, Forever 21 and Cotton On, and tech brands Sony and Samsung.

Address: 277 Orchard Road

Tel: +65 6513 4633

Website: orchardgateway.sg

Email: promotions@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 Strip, while there are Toys“R”Us® and Mothercare for families with young children. Those looking for high-quality accessories and gemstones can visit Larry Jewelry or browse the latest watch designs at Cortina Watch and The Hour Glass. Art enthusiasts can drop by White Space Art Asia or LUMAS Photo Art Gallery. The mall's Music En Vogue, a series of live musical performances happening from Thursday 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.

Address: 290 Orchard Road

Tel: +65 6738 5535

Website: paragon.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–10pm

Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

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\$280 for American Express cardholders) can claim a S\$20 CapitaVoucher (while stocks last), which can be used in participating outlets.

Tourists will receive a S\$10 CapitaVoucher with minimum of S\$200 spent. Spend S\$300 you will receive S\$20 CapitaVoucher. American Express Card Members+ only need to charge S\$180 to receive a S\$10 CapitaVoucher or charge S\$280 to receive S\$20 CapitaVoucher.

Address: 252 North Bridge Road

Tel: +65 6318 0238

Website: capitaland.com/sg/malls/rafflescity/en

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–10pm

Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

DID YOU KNOW?

The Fountain of Wealth's circular structure symbolises unity and completeness. At various times of the day, travellers can circle the fountain and touch the water for good luck.



ROBINSONS THE HEEREN

Robinsons The Heeren, the flagship store of Robinsons Department Stores, is packed with over 380 exclusive brands. Here, fashion, beauty and homeware take centre stage, with brands that range from sophisticated to accessible, from international to local. Shoppers can slip on shoes at Schutz, hop over to designer labels Karl Lagerfeld™ and PUMA® for edgy threads, check out the latest makeup products at M.A.C or get timeless watch pieces at Arbutus®. Shoppers can also book a complimentary appointment with a personal shopper for a fashion or style makeover.

Address: 260 Orchard Road

Tel: + 65 6735 8838

Website: robinsons.com.sg

Email: orch@robinsons.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10.30am–10pm

Nearest MRT: Somerset Station

SUNTEC CITY

With over 350 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 Benjamin Barker or versatile womenswear at GG<5. 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, p192). 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\$150 and above will receive a S\$10 Suntec City voucher.

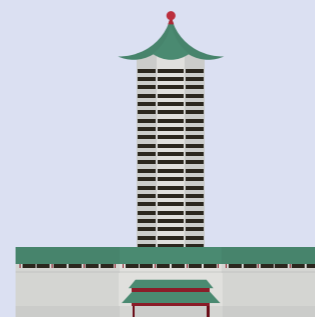
Address: 3 Temasek Boulevard

Tel: +65 6266 1502

Website: sunteccity.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–10pm

Nearest MRT: Promenade Station



TANGS AT TANG PLAZA

Modelled after a Chinese palace, the present Tang Plaza has been standing at the junction of Orchard and Scotts Road since 1982. An iconic local retail brand, TANGS' first store in Orchard Road (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82) 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 (see Boutiques & Independent stores, p148), Aijek and Marilyn Tan Jewellery (see Local Designers, p145 and p146 respectively), 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. There's free local delivery for purchases of S\$100 and above, a click-and-collect online shopping option, as well as local and overseas delivery services. Shoppers can also request for their shopping to be delivered to their hotel at TANGS' Customer Service counters.

Address: 310 Orchard Road

Tel: +65 6737 5500

Website: tangs.com

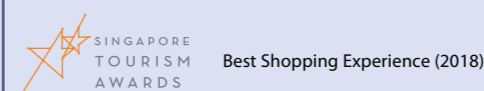
Email: customer_service@tangs.com

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 The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands® (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82), the pinnacle of luxury shopping. There are more than 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

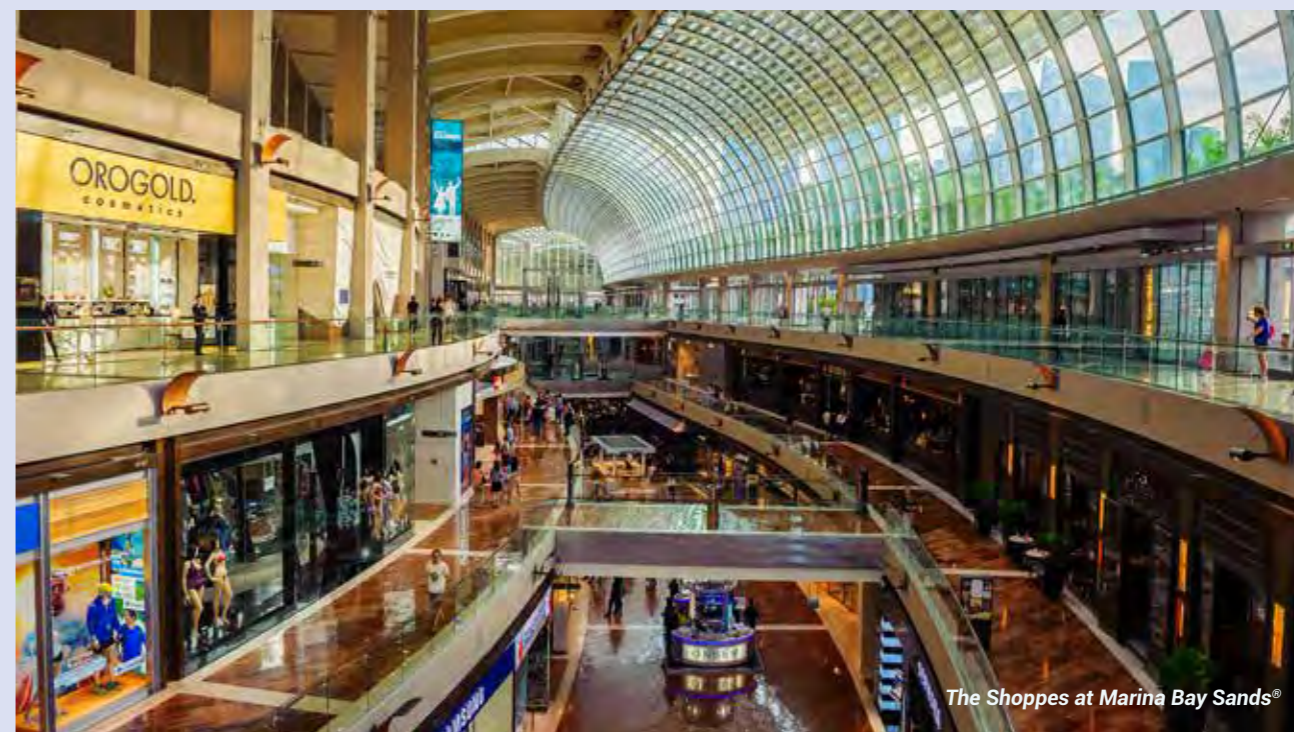
Tel: +65 6688 8868

Website: shoppes.marinabaysands.com

Email: RetailConcierge@MarinaBaySands.com

Opening Hours: Mon–Thu, Sun and Public Holidays 10.30am–11pm; Fri, Sat and Eve of Public Holidays 10.30am–11.30pm

Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station



The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands®

FUN FOR KIDS AT VIVOCITY

The knee-deep rooftop pool at VivoCity Sky Park is an ideal spot for older children to play and paddle around in. Alternatively, parents can take the young ones to Kids Club, a play area for children equipped with trampolines, slides and a ball pit.



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.



Bugis Street

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®, Kate Spade New York® and Converse. 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 a full calendar of exciting festivals and events to keep all entertained. Visitors can register at the Customer Service Counter for the HarbourFront Centre (a three-level shopping mall next door) and VivoCity Experience (HAVE) Privilege Card to enjoy a range of free treats and discounts, including a S\$5 Food Republic voucher (limited to 200 redemptions per month). Shoppers who spend S\$200 may redeem a travel organiser (limited to 180 redemptions per month). Complimentary Wi-Fi is also available upon request at the Customer Service Counter.

Address: 1 HarbourFront Walk

Tel: +65 6377 6870

Website: vivocity.com.sg

Email: enquiries@vivocity.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–10pm

Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

ARAB STREET AND HAJI LANE

The historic Arab Street (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p64), which lies between Victoria Street and Beach Road in Singapore's Kampong Glam district (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p64), is 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* (traditional Indonesian fabric) 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 concept stores such as Hygge, as well as an array of independent multi-label and multi-concept stores. Shop for home accessories and fashion pieces at the Salad Shop (www.facebook.com/SaladShopHajiLane), bespoke jewellery and apparel at SSFW (ssfw.com.sg), edgy menswear at Sup Clothing (supclothing.bigcartel.com), and timeless feminine gowns at VainGloriousYou (vaingloriousyou.co).

BUGIS STREET

In the past, Bugis Street Market was crammed with entertainment and al fresco dining, along with nightly adult-themed shows. Today, the bustling street market offers bargain hunters an array of apparel, accessories, quirky local souvenirs and eats. While wandering through the maze of shops, grab a bite at one of the snack stalls located within. With over 600 stores spread across three levels, shoppers will find something that appeals to them.

CHINATOWN

Singapore's cultural precinct of Chinatown (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p61) is a hive of activity day and night, with shops

Chinatown



DID YOU KNOW?

Chinatown, (also known as *Niu Che Shui*) which translates to 'cow car water', was where water supply in the area was transported by bullock carts from the wells of Ann Siang Hill in the 19th century.

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. Egg tarts and other Chinese pastries at Tong Heng (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p63) are the perfect treat for visitors with a sweet tooth. For tea connoisseurs, a visit to one of Singapore's oldest tea merchants, Pek Sin Choon (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p62) along Mosque Street is a definite must.

Visitors who are interested to learn about traditional Chinese medicine should stop by the Eu Yan Sang (see Local Products, p153) 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 Ann Siang Road, visitors who love fashion can step into *innitbangkok* (innitbangkok.com) and browse the collection of fashion merchandise.

JOO CHIAT AND KATONG

A heady mix of old and new, visitors will find traditional shophouses alongside chic yoga studios and traditional coffee shops beside hip cafés that crank out cold-brewed coffees in the Joo Chiat and Katong neighbourhood (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p66). Visit Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) heritage shop Rumah Bebe (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p67) to pick up rich fabrics and

embroidered pouches, and then head over to Cat Socrates (catsocrates.wixsite.com/catsocrates). This charming shop, founded by Hellen Jiang, specialises in Singaporean literature and quirky local-inspired bric-a-brac—think cushions that resemble *kueh tutu* (steamed cakes with crushed peanut or grated coconut filling), terrariums, feline-related merchandise and Singlish (a colloquial form of English; see Know Singapore, p7) postcards.

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, p68), 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; see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p69) 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, p69). 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 bags at the security desk outside each entrance.

ART GALLERIES

Singapore's arts scene comprises a diverse group of local and regional artists and galleries making their mark, with renowned international 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 ten 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 (see Attractions, Arts & Design, p41). Popular galleries include FOST Gallery (fostgallery.com) and Yeo Workshop (yeoworkshop.com) of Singapore, Japan's Mizuma Gallery (mizuma.sg), ShanghART Gallery (shanghartsingapore.com) of China and Sullivan+Strumpf (sullivanstrumpf.com) of Australia. The renowned Chan Hampe Galleries, which has been

rebranded as Chan + Hori Contemporary (chanhori.com), recently moved to Gillman Barracks. It seeks to "provoke, challenge and stimulate" art collectors and the general public with engaging contemporary visual arts.

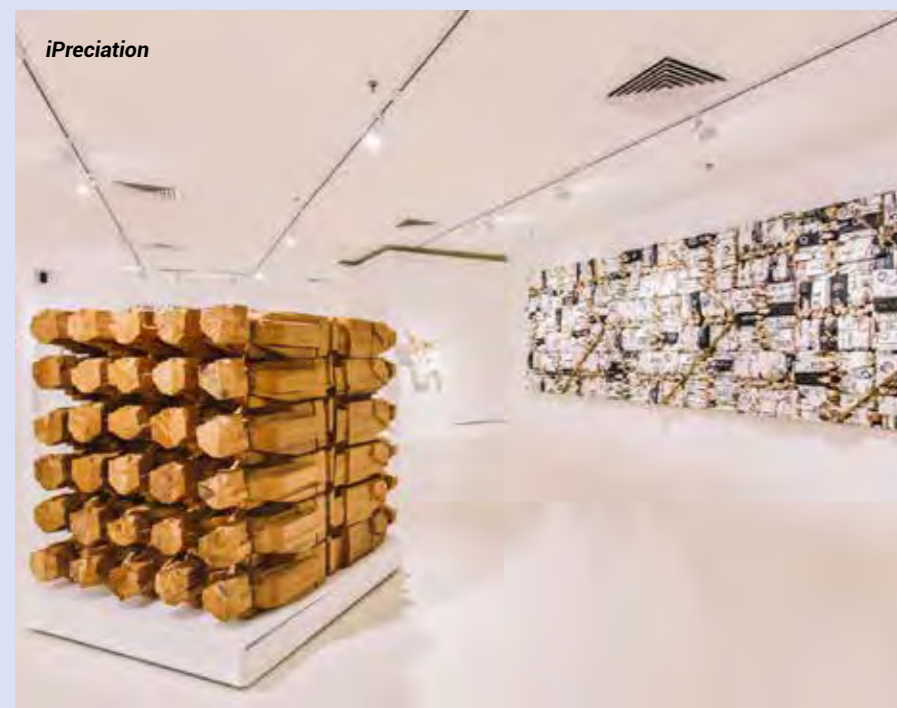
Also within the complex is Playeum's Children's Centre for Creativity (playeum.com), a fun space for families and young children (opening hours: Tue–Sun 10am–6pm). Year-round, visitors can enjoy dining options such as Timbre® X @ Gillman (timbregroup.asia/timbresg/timbre-gillman) and Creamier (creamier.com.sg). 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 tours are subject to a minimum number of participants. Alternatively, a corporate tour can be booked.

Address: 9 Lock Road
Website: gillmanbarracks.com
Email: gillmanbarracks@gmail.com

IPRECIATION

iPreCiation (opening hours: Mon–Fri 10am–7pm; Sat 11am–6pm; Sun & 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: HPL House, 50 Cuscaden Road #01-01
Tel: +65 6339 0678
Fax: +65 6438 2080
Website: ipreciation.com
Email: enquiry@ipreciation.com



OBJECTIFS

Objectifs (opening hours: Tue–Sat noon–7pm; Sun noon–4pm; Closed on Mon & Public Holidays) was established in 2003 with a mission to broaden perspectives and inspire through the power of images. Located in Middle Road Church, at the junction of Middle Road and Waterloo Street, this non-profit arts space presents a year-round programme of exhibitions, film screenings, workshops and talks, aimed at fostering dialogue and advancing the practice and appreciation of photography and film. Past events held by Objectifs include the Women in Photography exhibition. It featured works by female photographers and filmmakers such as Karen Miranda Rivadeneira and Izumi Miyazaki that shed light on the issues faced in the societies where they live and work. Visitors can also learn basic photography skills and how to use Adobe® Lightroom at workshops organised by Objectifs. For artists and filmmakers, the centre offers residencies where residents will be provided with space at the Objectifs Artist Studio to develop their projects.

Address: 155 Middle Road
Tel: +65 6336 2957
Fax: +65 6336 2957
Website: objectifs.com.sg
Email: info@objectifs.com.sg

SINGAPORE TYLER PRINT INSTITUTE (STPI)

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 media, 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 media, including sculpture and performance art. At retail space, The Corner Shop @ STPI, visitors can purchase artworks produced by artists in collaboration with the STPI Creative Workshop, scholarly art catalogues, STPI merchandise and creative magazines.

Address: 41 Robertson Quay
Tel: +65 6336 3663
Website: stpi.com.sg
Email: stpi@stpi.com.sg

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, p82). 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.

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: Available online or at TANGS at Tang Plaza, 310 Orchard Road and other outlets islandwide
Website: aijek.com
Email: contact@aijek.com

BIRO COMPANY

Started by brothers Keng How and Kage Chong, Biro company combines carefully sourced premium materials with precise tailoring by Japanese artisans to provide original designs that express individuality, passion and style. Visitors will find minimalist menswear made from fabrics such as the finest grade Supima, 100% natural yarn dyed moleskin and premium Selvedge chambray. With a focus on quality and detail, visitors can look forward to purchasing timeless wardrobe staples from Biro Company.

Where to buy: Available online or at Mandarin Gallery, 333A Orchard Road #03-23 and other outlets islandwide
Tel: +65 9748 7347
Website: birocompany.com
Email: contact@birocompany.com

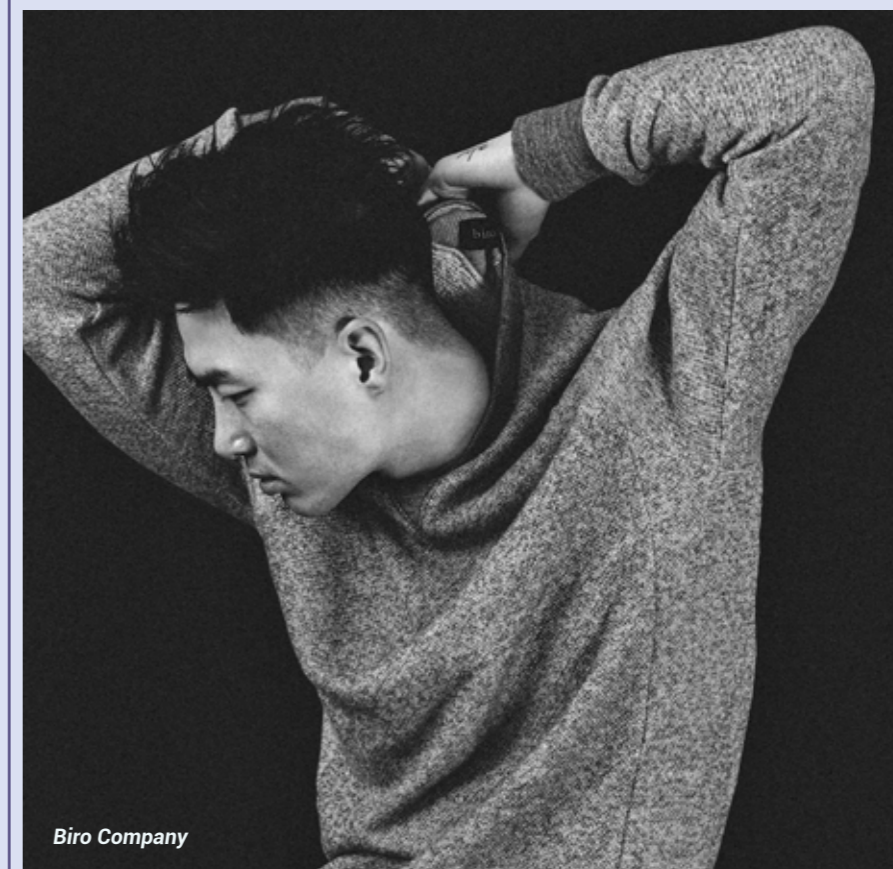


GINLEE

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Gin Lee founded the label GINLEE Studio in Tel Aviv Israel in 2011. Her objective was to ensure that her studio had an edge that stood out from mass-market brands. Her independent fashion house values giving women the confidence to be confident in who they are and being the best they can be. The relaxed and flattering silhouettes of her designs are comfortable yet stylish and gives the modern woman the perfect pieces to both work and play in.

Where to buy: Available online or at Raffles City Shopping Centre, 252 North Bridge Road #02-35; TANGS at Tang Plaza, 310 Orchard Road Level 2
Tel: +65 8200 4347
Website: ginleestudio.com
Email: info@ginleestudio.com



Biro Company

MARILYN TAN JEWELLERY

Designs inspired by everything from nature to fine art, handcrafted with patience, precision and attention to detail are what customers can expect from Marilyn Tan Jewellery. Founder Marilyn Tan gave up a career in law to embrace her passion for designing and crafting jewellery. She works with white, yellow and rose gold, 925 silver, bronze, brass, and a variety of crystals, gems, and stones to create earrings, rings, necklaces and unique pieces such as pendants which double as brooches or bangles, cocktail rings and hinged chokers.

Where to buy: TANGS at Tang Plaza. 310 Orchard Road; Millenia Walk. 9 Raffles Boulevard #01-70
Tel: +65 6737 5500
Website: marilyntanjewellery.com.sg
Email: marilyn@marilyntanjewellery.com.sg

MATTER PRINTS

Renyung Ho reinterprets heritage prints and styles in a modern manner for her womenswear label, Matter. With a mission to make rural artisan production sustainable, Matter works closely with rural textile artisans and fair factories that adhere strictly to international compliance standards. The brand seeks to inspire customers to value where and why fabrics and designs are made. At Matter's stores, visitors can try on dresses, pants, jumpsuits and tops that combine contemporary silhouettes with bold prints and patterns. The store also carries cotton handprinted scarves and bags for visitors to pair with their outfits.

Where to buy: Available Online or at National Design Centre. 111 Middle Road #01-05 & other outlets islandwide
Tel: +65 6389 1539
Website: matterprints.com
Email: hello@matterprints.com



MATTER Prints



MAX.TAN

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: Available online or at The Comma Store, Orchard Gateway. 277 Orchard Road #03-16; ReStyle, Isetan Scotts. 1 Scotts Road Level 2
Website: max-tan.com
Email: pr@maxtan.com.sg

“Our rebellion doesn’t come from a bad place, it comes from a freedom we crave.”



With a penchant for expanding on simple ideas, experimenting with various cuts and challenging boundaries, Max Tan from MAX.TAN produces fashion designs that have garnered international acclaim.

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.

Address: Available online or at Mandarin Gallery. 333 Orchard Road #02-21 and; OUE Downtown. 6 Shenton Way 01-08
Tel: +65 8157 0577
Website: beyondthevines.com
Email: hello@beyondthevines.com



BOUTIQUES & INDEPENDENT STORES

For travellers who love collectibles or desire a one-of-a-kind piece, look beyond the typical racks and shelves. Our country's offering of boutiques and independent stores, some with tailors, craftsmen and jewellers who can create customised designs, are sure to provide travellers with unique finds and bespoke items to take home.

ON THE RED CARPET

Founder of luxury brands, The Artling and Luxglove, Talenia Phua Gajardo sported a dress custom-designed by Stolen and inspired by the label's Concur collection on the 2017 Oscars® Red Carpet.

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 12 different cities around the world, 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: Available online
Tel: +65 9476 4967
Website: stolenstolen.com
Email: Contact@stolenstolen.com

YING THE LABEL

It was Ying's passion for painting and desire to transform her paintings to prints and clothing that spurred her to create Ying The Label. Ying aims to bring more vibrancy and colour into the Singaporean fashion scene and running on the philosophy that "less is more, odd is beautiful", Ying The Label creates dresses, tops, skirts and pants with designs that are instinctive, arty and one-of-a-kind.

Where to buy: Available online or at 9 King Albert Park #01-18
Tel: +65 6935 3881
Website: yingthelabel.com
Email: info@yingthelabel.com



Stolen

BYND ARTISAN



More than just a personalised stationery store, Bynd Artisan is born from a 71-year old book-binding business in Singapore. 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.

Address: Available online or at 44 Jalan Merah Saga #01-54 and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 6475 1680

Website: byndartisan.com

Email: hello@byndartisan.com



Bynd Artisan

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 three countries and have been seen on celebrities like Hong Kong actress Angelababy and tennis star Caroline Wozniacki. Carrie K. also accepts bespoke orders.

Address: Available online or at National Design Centre. 111 Middle Road #02-03 and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 9061 2880

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 on traditional Chinese and Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) wedding jewellery. She works with highly skilled artisans across the region, who are known for their jade carving, silversmithing and other fine jewellery techniques. Primarily working with Type A Burmese jadeite and 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.

Address: Available online or at Mandarin Gallery. 333A Orchard Road #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 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, Korea and China.

Address: Available online or at Capitol Piazza. 13 Stamford Road #02-14 and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 6385 2185

Website: sabinagoh.com

Email: info@sabinagoh.com

IN GOOD COMPANY (IGC)

Helmed by designers Sven Tan and Kane Tan, In Good Company's highly coveted ready-to-wear range is now housed within a flagship store at ION Orchard (see Malls, p148). In Good Company's brand aesthetic is defined by clean lines, precise tailoring, and soft drape work, which also extends toward a 'Mini Me' range for the little ones. The brand's flagship space includes collaborations with other local creative talents for visitors to discover. 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.

Address: Available online or at ION Orchard. 2 Orchard Turn #B1-06 and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 6509 4786

Website: ingoodcompany.asia

Email: customerservice@ingoodcompany.asia



Kapok

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. Find local womenswear design brand In Good Company (see p148), as well as graphic prints and minimal Parisian-inspired designs from Maison Kitsuné. The store hosts occasional wellness events, while its adjoining café, Tanuki Raw (*tanukibar.com*), is known for its comforting Japanese-inspired rice bowls.

Address: National Design Centre. 111 Middle Road #01-05 and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 9060 9107

Website: ka-pok.com

Email: kapok.ndc@ka-pok.com

LAI CHAN

Best known for his timeless designs of the figure-flattering Chinese cheongsam or the Qipao, local fashion designer Lai Chan creates pieces using a combination of traditional techniques and newer style influences. With his refined fashion sensibilities and unwavering commitment towards beauty and quality, Lai Chan has earned a reputable name in the local fashion circuit.

Address: Available online or at Paragon. 290 Orchard Road #03-20

Tel: +65 6235 0049

Website: laichan.com

Email: eddiegoh@laichan.com



LING WU

LING WU

Homegrown brand LING WU creates luxurious handbags for the modern, independent women. Founder and mother of three, Goh Ling Ling focuses on incorporating function and style into her designs. Her bags are made from sustainably sourced exotic leather and range from crossbody bags to larger, more functional work totes.

Address: Available online or at 43 Jalan Merah Saga #02-78; The Heeren. 260 Orchard Road

Tel: +65 9696 3118

Website: lingwu.sg

Email: ling@lingwu.sg

NAIISE

A one-stop destination for quirky, design-centric items, Naiise offers more than 8,000 products from over 650 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 (deep-fried or baked pastry with curried fillings) cushions; prints and postcards with illustrations of local dishes; T-shirts with Singlish phrases and words (see Know Singapore, p7) 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: Available online or at The Cathay. 8 Grange Road #B1-08 and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 6266 8418

Website: naiise.com

Email: wecare@naiise.com



NODEN

Marko Yeo and Tawan Conchonnet's love for the effortless look and timeless design of Scandinavian design led them to open the vintage furniture store, Noden. The furniture pieces there include Hans Wagner chairs, Kai Kristiansen's chests and sideboards and tables by Arne Vodder. Besides their wooden furniture pieces, the store also carries ceramic tableware, vases, artwork and frames.

Address: Available online or at 39 Ubi Road #04-03

Tel: +65 6471 0190

Website: nodenhome.com

Email: hello@nodenhome.com

HANDPICKED SCANDINAVIAN FURNITURE

Noden's founders, Marko Yeo and Tawan Conchonnet, personally try and test the functionality and practicality of all their refurbished furniture in their own home before making them available.



Noden

ONG SHUNMUGAM

This contemporary womenswear label has been making headlines since it first opened over seven years ago. 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.

Address: Available online or at Atelier Ong Shunmugam. 43 Jalan Merah Saga #01-76

Tel: +65 6252 2612

Website: ongshunmugam.com

Email: info@ongshunmugam.com

RETRO COLONY

Retro Colony values simplicity, functionality and the ability to transcend trends in its furniture designs. The furniture boutique carries the products of Japanese furniture maker Karimoku and is the exclusive distributor of the brand in Singapore. Taking into consideration small living spaces, Retro Colony provides classic and minimal pieces that are compact and able to fit into even the smallest spaces. Visitors can find vinyl leather armchairs, oak cupboards and tables at Retro Colony's showroom nestled among a row of shophouses at Niven Road.

Address: Available online or at 19 Niven Road

Tel: +65 6259 2609 / +65 9296 8886

Website: retrocolony.com

Email: sales@retrocolony.com

STATE PROPERTY

Edgy, minimalist designs are central to Singapore's fine jewellery label, State Property. Afzal Imram and Lin Ruiyin are the designers behind the company and the duo handcraft their jewellery in materials like gold and precious gemstones to create timeless yet bold pieces. With a belief that jewellery can capture precious moments in time, the label provides bespoke service where jewellers will get to know customers before crafting a piece reflective of their story and journey.

Address: State Property Atelier. 81 McNair Road and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 6803 8005

Website: thisisstateproperty.com

Email: team@thisisstateproperty.com



With a desire to fuse contemporary designs with traditional craftsmanship, Ruiyin Lin and Afzal Imram started, State Property, designing quality and sophisticated fine jewellery with inspiration from art, science, nature and architecture.

“What drew us to fine jewellery is the place they hold within our lives. They are, amongst many things, objects of legacy, aspiration, achievement and endearment.”

Supermama



SUPERMAMA

“A jazzed-up *mama* shop” (a Singaporean convenience store) that's Supermama summed up in four words by founders Edwin and Meiling Low. Supermama is a labour of love for the husband-and-wife duo, who sold their Housing & Development Board (HDB) flat to fund their dream of opening a homeware and crafts store. Supermama's flagship store is chock-full of minimalist design pieces, each a result of collaborations with Japanese craft facilities. Ultra-thin drinking glasses were produced with Shotoku, small-batch furniture with Legnatec and porcelain ware with KIHARA. Better yet are the porcelain tableware sets (each comprises a chopstick rest, saucer and plate). The sets were made in Arita, Japan and depict scenes and motifs inspired by Singaporean icons such as public housing flats and tembusu trees. The tableware in the Singapore Icon's series was designed by five designers and design studios and even won the President's Design Award in 2013.

Address: Available online or at 265 Beach Road (Flagship Store); Wheelock Place. 501 Orchard Rd #02-13 (Craft Store)

Tel: +65 6291 1946

Website: supermama.sg

Email: info@supermama.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 11am–8pm (Flagship Store) / Mon–Sun 11am–9pm (Craft Store)

Nearest MRT: Nicoll Highway Station (Flagship Store) / Orchard Station (Craft Store)

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 RÉVASSEUR alongside cult international brands such as Irregular Choice, KTZ® 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: Orchard Gateway. 277 Orchard Road #02-18

Tel: +65 6702 6522

Website: thesuperspace.myshopify.com

Email: welovesuperspace@gmail.com



LOCAL PRODUCTS

BANYAN TREE ESSENTIALS

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® (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82) tells a story. This famous Singapore brand supports local communities in Asia by retailing

indigenous handicrafts that are also used in its 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 Level 55

Tel: +65 6688 8825

Website: essentials.banyantree.com

Email: essentials@banyantree.com

BEE CHENG HIANG

In 1933, Mr Teo Swee Ee began selling barbecued pork slices from a humble cart in Chinatown (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p61). Little did he know that his homemade snack would grow into a global brand, Bee Cheng Hiang. Its *bak kwa* (barbequed meat slices) is a local favourite especially during Chinese Lunar New Year (see Festivals & Events, p29). Visitors can snack on a slice during a 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 sizes: sliced pork, chicken or beef, mini sausages or Mini EZ Pork.

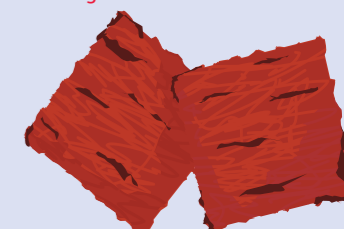
Where to buy: The Grillery. 1359 Serangoon Road; Paragon. 290 Orchard Road #B1-10A; FairPrice, Cold Storage and other outlets islandwide

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 *kueh lapis* (layered cake) and *ondeh ondeh* (glutinous rice balls with palm sugar filling and coated with desiccated coconut).

Where to buy: ION Orchard. 2 Orchard Turn #B4-38; Bugis Junction. 200 Victoria Street #B1-03A and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 6756 9088

Fax: +65 6756 9089

Website: bengawansolo.com.sg

Email: sales@bengawansolo.com.sg



Bengawan Solo

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, BreadTalk® has set up outlets all around Singapore, Asia and the Middle East (where all products are *halal*). Travellers to Singapore should try BreadTalk®'s signature pork floss buns. Its cakes as well as creative seasonal offerings, such as Sweet Potato Volcano and Mala Chicken Chicken, a bun filled with chicken and mushrooms mixed with *mala* (a spicy Chinese sauce made from Sichuan chillis and perppercorns) are also well worth sampling.

Where to buy: 313@Somerset. 313 Orchard Road #B2-31/32/33; Paragon. 290 Orchard Road #B1-11/12 and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 6854 8336

Website: breadtalk.com.sg

Email: enquiry@breadtalk.com

CHARLES & KEITH

Charles & Keith's elegant yet affordable footwear and accessories have been making headlines in the fashion industry. Founders, Charles and Keith Wong, embarked with a vision to empower women to express themselves through fashion. By constantly reinventing and curating their collection of shoes, bags and other accessories, the brand garnered attention both locally and internationally and has since opened more than 600 stores worldwide. Visitors can take home a pair of the brand's footwear or accessories at its ION Orchard (see Malls, p138) outlet.

Where to buy: Bugis Junction. 200 Victoria Street #01-06/07/08; ION Orchard. 2 Orchard Turn #B3-58 and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 6488 2688

Fax: +65 6488 1649

Website: charleskeith.com

Email: customers@charleskeith.com

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 the Creative Outlier Black, a wireless Bluetooth over-ear headphone with a built-in microphone and 13 hours of battery life, and Sound BlasterX7, a high resolution amplifier with Bluetooth designed for gamers and audio enthusiasts to provide a powerful and immersive audio. Its Outlier ONE Plus is made for fitness enthusiasts, as these in-ear headphones are designed with behind-the-neck wires, are sweat-proof and have a battery life of ten hours.

Where to buy: Harvey Norman stores, Challenger stores and other electronic stores islandwide

Website: sg.creative.com

Email: support@creative.com



BreadTalk®



Fossa Chocolate

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 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 Teatism, 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: VivoCity. 1 HarbourFront Walk #B2-11; ION Orchard. 2 Orchard Turn #B4-31/32 and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 6749 8830

Website: euyansang.com.sg

Email: info@euyansang.com

FOSSA CHOCOLATE

Founded by a trio of chocolate lovers, Fossa Chocolate makes chocolates and confections that are handcrafted

at their workshop in Singapore. Instead of using semi-finished products like pre-grounded cacao liquor and cocoa butter, Fossa chooses to make their chocolate from scratch, bringing out the rich flavours of this decadent treat. Made with top quality craftsmanship, sleek packaging and pure dedication, these chocolates are the perfect gift for making a classy impression.

Where to buy: The Providore at OUE Downtown Gallery. 6A Shenton Way #B1-07 and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 9679 8088

Website: fossachocolate.com

Email: hello@fossachocolate.com

HOME'S FAVOURITE

A well-loved brand among locals, Home's Favourite has been baking handmade pastries and cookies since 1997. The brand whips up traditional treats such as pineapple tarts and mooncakes while incorporating unique flavours into these baked goods. Try the *laksa* (spicy coconut milk-based noodle soup) and golden chicken *bak kwa* (barbecued meat slices) cookies and best sellers like the sweet potato pineapple tart and snow-skin durian (a spiky tropical fruit that is unique to Southeast Asia) mooncake.

Where to buy: Tangs Market at Tang Plaza. 320 Orchard Road and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 6272 2028

Website: homesfavourite.com

Email: info@homesfavourite.com

IRVINS SALTED EGG

Touted as a dangerously addictive snack, Irvins Salted Egg outlets have seen snaking lines even before they open. The salted egg-coated chips and fried fish skins were founded by former restaurant owner, chef Irvin Gunawan after seeing the popularity of his bottled salted egg chips among restaurant patrons. The chips are home-made by a group of chefs and helpers who spend hours frying and coating the chips and fish skins with their golden salted egg sauce. Visitors can stock up on Irvins' salted egg potato chips, fish skins and cassava chips at their orchardgateway (see Malls, p139) and Plaza Singapura cartels.

Where to buy: orchardgateway. 277 Orchard Road #01-03; Plaza Singapura. 68 Orchard Road #B2-56 and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 6264 3073 / +65 6264 3076

Website: irvinsaltedegg.com

Email: sg@irvinsaltedegg.com

DID YOU KNOW?

BreadTalk®'s best selling bun, Flosss, is lathered with butter on the inside and coated with a secret egg sauce for the meat floss to adhere to on the outside, to ensure a rich creamy taste with each bite.

LIM CHEE GUAN

Lim Chee Guan has been selling *bak kwa* (barbecued meat slices) since 1938 and was one of the first few *bak kwa* brands to set up shop in Singapore. The store is known for its sweet and tender *bak kwa* which are roasted over charcoal and sold fresh daily. Visitors can choose *bak kwa* in flavours such as pork, chilli pork, bacon, chicken and beef. Lim Chee Guan offers free local delivery on orders above \$100 except during the month leading up to Chinese Lunar New Year (see Festivals & Events, p29).

Where to buy: People's Park Complex. 1 Park Road #01-25 and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 6933 7230

Website: limcheeguan.com.sg

Email: info@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 400

outlets in 21 countries. It has a line of portable products, including handheld massagers, air purifiers and light-therapy-enabled eye massagers. Its Ulove2 massage chair is equipped with four sets of powerful massage rollers that work synchronously to massage the upper and lower body concurrently.

Where to buy: Available online or Takashimaya at Ngee Ann City. 391 Orchard Road Basement 1; Plaza Singapura. 68 Orchard Road #03-09 and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 6747 6866

Fax: +65 6747 6769

Website: sg.osim.com

Email: customerservice@osim.com.sg

PRIMA TASTE

Established in 1999, 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* (spicy coconut milk-based noodle soup), *bak*

kut teh (peppery pork soup) and chilli crab (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p104).

Where to buy: FairPrice, Cold Storage and other supermarkets islandwide

Tel: +65 6559 2393

Fax: +65 6852 9535

Website: primataste.com.sg

Email: sales.primataste@prima.com.sg

DID YOU KNOW?

The Prima Taste Wholegrain Lamian is made with 51% Superfine Wholegrain Flour and with no added monosodium glutamate (MSG) or preservatives, the noodles make for a delicious yet nutritious meal.



Lim Chee Guan



RAZER™

With a host of awards ranging from Best PC, Best Gaming Device and Best Concept under its belt and outlets all across the globe, Razer™ has become the world's leading lifestyle brand for gamers. The homegrown brand was founded by Min-Liang Tan and Robert Krakoff in 2005 as a company that developed and marketed the Razer™ Diamondback gaming mouse. Razer™ now boasts an arsenal of hardware and software products including the Cortex Game Booster, gaming surround sound, laptops, desktops and keyboards. Visitors can find Razer™'s products at various electronics stores around Singapore such as Challenger and COURTS.

Where to buy: Available online or at Courts, Harvey Norman, Challenger, and other electronics stores islandwide

Tel: +65 6505 2188

Website: razer.com

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. Today, the group has over 100 beauty outlets in the US, UK and Asia. In Singapore, Spa Esprit's Orchard outlet carries personalised moisturisers, body scrubs and shower gels made from its Custom Blend.

Where to buy: Wheelock Place. 501 Orchard Road #03-19

Tel: +65 6479 0070

Fax: +65 6475 4815

Website: spa-esprit.com

Email: customercare@spa-esprit.com

THE 1872 CLIPPER TEA CO.

Visitors can have a taste of the tropics with The 1872 Clipper Tea Co.'s assortment of tea blends. Founded in 1872 by Sri Lankan-born businessman Balage Porolis de Silva, the brand offers

quality Ceylon tea brews that range from herbal to floral, in flavours such as *masala chai* (spiced tea), passion fruit and lemongrass. The brand also stocks tea blends inspired by tropical notes—the 'Tropics Gift Set' comes with three types of tea in flavours such as passion fruit, mango and peach.

Where to buy: Available online or at ION Orchard. 2 Orchard Turn #B4-07 and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 6509 8745

Website: clippertea.com.sg

Email: info@clippertea.com.sg

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* (rice cooked in coconut milk, served with an array of side dishes) and *laksa* (spicy coconut milk-based noodle soup; see

Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p106). Other popular local flavours include pandan chiffon and chilli crab (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p104), while conventional flavours include blueberries with macadamia. Visitors can bring home tin sets and festive hampers as souvenirs. The Cookie Museum™ also sells tea-cakes and healthy snacks such as nuts and fruit chips.

Where to buy: Available online or at Raffles City Shopping Centre. 252 North Bridge Road #B1-49 and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 6749 7496 / +65 6333 1965

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 learn more about the brand and sample the iconic beer on the Tiger Brewery Tour (Tue–Sun 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm). Visitors will be required to bring along a photo identity card for age verification. Tour slots are subjected to availability, online booking preferred.

Where to buy: FairPrice, Cold Storage and other supermarkets islandwide

Tel: +65 6861 6200

Fax: +65 6860 3113

Website: tigerbeer.com

Email: enquiries@apb.com.sg

REFRESHING ASIAN LAGERS

For unique Asian notes, visitors should try the Tiger Black, an Asian black lager brewed with black rice and Tiger White, a cloudy Asian wheat beer with flavours of clove, coriander and orange peel.

TWIG TEA

TWG Tea is a luxury tea company that offers an impressive selection of over 800 teas, specially harvested from around the world, which makes it one of the largest tea ranges globally. Browse their extensive tea collection, or select some gifts from their range of unique products, from secret tea tins (numbered tins that come in mystery flavours) to tea-scented candles. At The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands® Singapore (see Malls, p141), visitors will find the TWG Tea Garden Tea Salon perched directly above the Canal that runs through the mall. Visitors can dine on tea infused dishes and sip on TWG's selection of teas and mocktails there before heading over to the TWG Tea Boutique opposite the Tea Salon to purchase teas, desserts and gifts.

Where to buy: Available online or at The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands®, 2 Bayfront Avenue #B1-122/125; ION Orchard. 2 Orchard Turn #02-21 and other outlet islandwide

Tel: +65 6733 7997

Fax: +65 6737 9030

Website: twgtea.com

Email: digital@twgtea.com



TWG Tea

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 (a traditional jam made from coconut and eggs) toast (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p106). Travellers can enjoy a typical Singaporean breakfast when they return home by getting a jar of Ya Kun kaya. 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: Far East Plaza. 14 Scotts Road #01-16; Bugis Junction. 230 Victoria Street #B1-11 and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 6222 4567

Fax: +65 6222 9711

Website: yakun.com

Email: info@yakun.com



Singapore's edible souvenirs: Bengawan Solo Kueh Lapis and Ondeh-Ondeh, Bee Cheng Hiang Bak Kwa, Prima Taste Nonya Sambal Chicken with Rice packet, Ya Kun Kaya Toast, 1872 Clipper Tea and Irvins Salted Egg

YEO'S

Yeo Hiap Seng started out as a humble store selling soy sauce in the 1900s. These days, its products can be found in all supermarkets across the country, so travellers can easily try Yeo's beverages including ready-to-drink teas and Asian drinks, such as *bandung* (rose syrup drink) and grass jelly drink, available in packet or canned packaging. Yeo's easy-to-cook bottled sauces are also readily available and make perfect souvenirs.

Where to buy: FairPrice, Cold Storage and other supermarkets islandwide

Tel: +65 6752 2122

Fax: +65 6752 3122

Website: yeos.com.sg

Email: enquiries@yeos.com



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TOURS



**Convenient and
exciting tours
tailor-made for
every traveller**

Our tours will let visitors discover local delights and hidden gems or dive deeper to uncover stories behind colonial landmarks and local customs.



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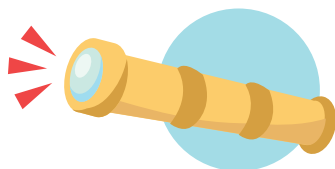
From visiting Singapore's colonial landmarks to learning about local customs and soaking up the buzz at trendy nightlife enclaves, there's a tour for every type of traveller and budget.



Singapore Sidecars Vespa Tour

Families 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 serene and picturesque Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, 10 Free Attractions for Great Photos, p38). Explorers can opt to go on a bus tour for a hassle-free way of exploring historic sights and other major attractions. The best way for Foodies to experience Singapore's food culture is to eat where the locals eat on the many food tours available. For a more luxurious sightseeing experience, travellers can take a cruise around Asia. Cruise passengers can enjoy the many entertainment and dining options located close to Singapore's cruise centres.

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.

DRINKS OF SINGAPORE BY TRIBE TOURS

Learn about the various types of drinks Singapore has to offer on this tour. Visitors will visit the NEWater Visitor Centre and learn how drinking water is produced from treated used water. There will also be a demonstration of 'tea pulling' and introduction to famed local drinks such as sugarcane juice, *bandung* (rose syrup drink) and Milo dinosaur (an iced chocolate and malt-powdered drink topped with a spoonful of Milo powder). Finally, get the opportunity to try out a refreshing local speciality, the Singapore Sour, (a concoction of sour plum, calamansi juice and vodka) at Loof (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Bras Basah & Bugis, p93) the city's first standalone rooftop bar.

Address: Textile Centre. 200 Jalan Sultan #03-11

Tel: +65 6463 1031 / +65 9660 0687 (Trade Contact: Jason)

Website: tribe-tours.com

Email: bookings@tribe-tours.com / jason@tribe-tours.com (Trade Contact: Jason)

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 required for the tour to proceed

Duration: 4 hours

Availability: Tue & Sat 2.30-6.30pm

Language(s) available: English

FULL DAY ROUND ISLAND TOUR BY TOUR EAST

Travellers who are in Singapore for a short time can 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, p38) before heading to Haw Par Villa (see Attractions, History & Heritage, p44) for some Chinese folklore and mythology that is sure to fascinate Culture Shapers. Next, it is on to Kranji War Memorial where those who died in the line of duty during World War II (WWII) are honoured. After lunch at a local restaurant, visitors will then proceed to Bright Hill Temple to admire its spectacular architecture. Moving to the east of Singapore, on the way to the final stop at Changi Beach facing the Straits of Johor, Malaysia, Explorers curious about history can catch a glimpse of Changi Air Base and Selarang Barracks—where a revolt of the British and Australian prisoners of war took place during WWII.

Note: Haw Par Villa will be closed from 1 Dec 2018 to 28 Feb 2019 for repair works

Address: Central Mall Office Tower, 1 Magazine Road #07-05/06

Tel: +65 6735 1221

Fax: +65 6733 3226

Website: toureast.net/destinations/tour-east-singapore

Email: resvn@toureast.net / lilim@toureast.net (Trade Contact: Lena Lim)

Cost: Adult S\$92, Child S\$50; Min 2 adults. Write in to enquire about group deals.

Duration: 7 hours

Availability: Tue, Thu, Sat & Sun 9am

Language(s) available: English

HARMONY OF SENSES WALKING TOUR BY EMBASSY ALLIANCE

Experience the beauty of Singapore with your five senses. This tour is perfect for Socialisers keen to explore what Singapore's nightlife scene has to offer. Visit Fort Sanctuary @ Esplanade, for a taste of Wuyi rock-essence tea, one of the finest teas in the world. See and hear an outdoor light and water show and experience a story of Singapore's journey as a multicultural society told through music, lights, advanced lasers, fountain jets and visual projectors at the Marina Bay Sands® (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82) promenade. At Gardens by the Bay, (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p56) travellers will be treated to the Garden Rhapsody light show before getting a bird's-eye view from the 57th floor, at CÉ LA VI Singapore (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Marina Bay, Esplanade, Fullerton, p97). At Singapore's premier rooftop nightclub, visitors can sip on cocktails and enjoy the stellar view of the city with DJ-spun beats.

Address: The Esplanade Mall, 8 Raffles Avenue #01-18

Tel: +65 8339 3989

Website: thewalkingsingapore.com

Email: info@thewalkingsingapore.com

Cost: S\$60 per pax (Travellers will be required to pay a deposit of S\$25 for the audio receiver they will be using during the tour)

Write in to enquire about private / group deals.

Duration: 3 hours

Availability: Fri 6.30–9.30pm

Language(s) available: English

CRAZY RICH ASIANS

Peranakan Supper by Wok 'n' Stroll offers a Crazy Rich Asians-'Behind the Scenes' food tour at night where travellers will get to taste food like carrot cake and visit places featured in the movie such as Newton Hawker Centre and Joo Chiat.

**KATONG EVENING TOUR BY SINGABITES**

Dive right into the tour with an introduction to a local curry puff (deep fried or baked pastry with curried fillings) eatery, where visitors get to go behind the scenes and into the kitchen to see how the pastry is made, an experience that will thrill Foodies. The chef will be on-site to relay her passion story—an engaging treat for both the mind and stomach. Head down to Katong (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p66) to try chicken rice (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p104) at a famed chicken rice stall in the area. Thereafter, Explorers can look forward to a trip to East Coast Road where they will learn about the history of the area and local myths and legends. Visitors will get to try Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) classics such as *otah* (spicy grilled fish paste) and *kueh lapis* (spiced layered cake), and enjoy some Indian snacks down at Joo Chiat Road. Visit a Hindu temple and watch as worshippers conduct Hindu prayer ceremonies. The tour will end with a visit to an eatery where visitors can try the award winning, world famous Katong *laksa* (spicy coconut milk-based noodle soup).

Website: singabites.com

Email: info@singabites.com

Cost: S\$120 per pax; Min 2 pax

Write in to enquire about private / group deals.

Duration: 3 hours

Availability: Tue, Thu & Sat 4.30–7.30pm

Language(s) available: English

PERANAKAN SUPPER BY WOK 'N' STROLL

When the sun goes down, this three-hour food tour commences, allowing Foodies, Culture Shapers and Explorers to learn about the food, architecture and history of the Joo Chiat and Katong district (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p66).

From walking down the streets that are lined with beautiful heritage shophouses to relishing Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) *laksa* (spicy coconut milk-based noodle soup), *popiah* (fresh spring rolls) and *nonya* rice dumplings, this eye-opening tour shows participants the liveliness of the neighbourhood at night.

Tel: +65 8338 3571

Website: woknstroll.com.sg

Email: info@woknstroll.com.sg

Cost: S\$120 per pax

Write in to enquire about private / group bookings.

Duration: 3 hours

Availability: Wed & Fri 7–10pm

Language(s) available: English, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Hebrew and Russian

RED CLOGS DOWN THE FIVE FOOT WAY™ BY JOURNEYS

Under the glow of bright red lanterns, the shophouses that line the bustling five-foot-ways of Chinatown (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p61) are home to traditional tea-houses and street hawkers where Foodies can sample a host of local dishes. Businesses sell everything from groceries to famous chilli crabs (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p104). Visitors can stroll the streets, soak up the atmosphere and stop over at the traditional wet market in the neighbourhood to discover the ingredients used in Chinese cooking. Collectors can also pick up quirky souvenirs from the street stalls located around the precinct before snapping a selfie in front of a giant red clog.

Address: Haw Par Villa Management Office, 262 Pasir Panjang Road

Tel: +65 6325 1631

Fax: +65 6224 0136

Website: journeys.com.sg

Email: discover@journeys.com.sg / fun@singaporewalks.com

Cost: Adult S\$38, Child S\$18 (subject to change)

Duration: 2.5 hours

Availability: Wed 9.30am–12pm

UNITY IN DIVERSITY BY A+B EDU TOURS AND TRAVEL

As Singapore is a multicultural society with four main ethnic groups—Chinese, Malay, Indian and Eurasian, it is important that everyone is respected and differences are celebrated. On this tour, visitors will head to the Bras Basah precinct (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p78) to find out more about the traditions of some of Singapore's major religions, including Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism and Taoism. Explorers will learn the



history of Singapore's various cultures and ethnicities and be mesmerised by the many places of worship this tour will cover. Along the way, visitors will pass fortune tellers and massage therapists giving open-air massages. After a tour of the area, visitors will be taken to a local hawkker centre to try local drinks.

Address: Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road #18-04

Tel: + 65 6339 2114 / +65 9653 9998 (after office hours)

Website: abedutours.com.sg

Email: tours@abedutours.com.sg

Cost: Adult S\$70, Child below 12 years old S\$45

Write in to enquire about private / group bookings.

Duration: 3 hours

Availability: Mon–Thu, Sat & Sun 4–7pm

Language(s) available: English

TRY MIDDLE EASTERN INSPIRED FOOD

After travellers tour Waterloo Street on the Unity in Diversity tour by A+B Edu Tours and Travel, they can head over to Artichoke, an award winning Middle Eastern inspired restaurant for kebabs and baklava soft serve ice cream.

FAMILIES**BIKES AND BITES TOUR BY LET'S GO TOUR**

Foodies and Culture Shapers can satisfy their desire for good food and arts and culture as they sample local delights and cycle through cultural precincts such as Chinatown, Kampong Glam and Little India (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p61) with a local guide. The colourful streets of these precincts and the many places of worship, perfumeries, spice and flower shops are sure to dazzle both adults and the young ones. While navigating through these streets, visitors will stop by local eateries to try dishes from various cultures such as chicken rice and *roti prata* (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p104 and p107 respectively).

Address: 462 Crawford Lane #01-57

Tel: +65 9001 4226

Website: letsgotoursingapore.com

Email: robin@letsgotoursingapore.com

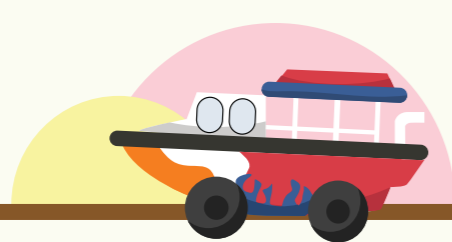
Cost: Adult S\$135, S\$90 per pax (for 2 pax or more); Min 1 pax, Max 7 pax

Write in to enquire about Travel Trade deals.

Duration: 3 hours

Availability: Mon–Sun 2–5pm

Language(s) available: English, Chinese



BIG BUS SINGAPORE & DUCKTOURS (DUCKTOURS.COM.SG)

This tour operator has multiple packages for those who want to tour the city in comfort.

| Tour | Duration | Details |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Big Bus Tours | 1- or 2-day tour | <p>Classic Ticket (1-Day) Adult S\$47, Child (aged 3–12) S\$37</p> <p>Premium Ticket (2-Day + 2 Walking Tours) Adult S\$57, Child (aged 3–12) S\$47</p> <p>Deluxe Ticket (2-Day + 2 Walking Tours + Night City Tour) Adult S\$77, Child S\$67</p> <p>Tour Highlights: Big Bus Tours will bring visitors to Marina Bay Sands®, Civic District, Orchard Road, Singapore Botanic Gardens, Little India, Chinatown, Sentosa Island, Night Safari, and many other iconic locations</p> <p>Walking Tours: Guests with Premium/Deluxe Tickets can enjoy 2-hour guided Walking Tours (in English) to Chinatown and Little India</p> <p>Night City Tour: Guests with Deluxe Tickets can join a 3-hour fully guided (in English) Night City Tour</p> |
| Singapore DUCKtours | 1-hour tour | <p>Adult S\$43, Child (aged 3–12) S\$33, Toddler (under the age of 3) S\$10 (60 minutes DUCKtours on land and sea)</p> <p>Tour Highlights: 60 minutes DUCKtours with 30 minutes on land (Supreme Court of Singapore, Singapore Flyer, Fountain of Wealth) and 30 minutes on sea (Gardens by the Bay, Marina Bay Sands® and Merlion Park)</p> |
| Flyer with Singapore DUCKtours | 2-day tour | <p>Adult S\$73, Child (aged 3–12) S\$53, Toddler (under the age of 3) S\$10 (Singapore Flyer and 60 minutes DUCKtours on land and sea)</p> <p>Tour Highlights: 1 ride on Singapore Flyer (approximately 30 minutes), 60 minutes DUCKtours with 30 minutes on land (Supreme Court of Singapore, Singapore Flyer and Fountain of Wealth) 30 minutes on sea (Gardens by the Bay, Marina Bay Sands® and Merlion Park)</p> |
| Singapore DUCKtours with Big Bus Premium Ticket | 2-day tour | <p>Adult S\$93, Child (aged 3–12) S\$73, Toddler (under the age of 3) S\$10 (60 minutes DUCKtours on land and sea and 2-day unlimited rides on Big Bus Tours + 2 Walking Tours)</p> <p>Tour Highlights: 60 minutes DUCKtours with 30 minutes on land (Supreme Court of Singapore, Singapore Flyer and Fountain of Wealth) and 30 minutes on sea (Gardens by the Bay, Marina Bay Sands® and Merlion Park). Big Bus Tours: Marina Bay Sands®, Civic District, Orchard Road, Singapore Botanic Gardens, Little India, Chinatown, Sentosa Island, Night Safari and more</p> |

CHINATOWN FOOD WALK BY BETEL BOX TOURS

This tour opens a back door into Chinatown's famous alleyways (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p61), where street hawkers serve some of Singapore's most celebrated dishes to locals and tourists alike. Discover how chefs source for and prepare ingredients according to recipes that were handed down through generations and learn about the significance of various Chinese dishes. What food tour would be complete without a food tasting? Food will be provided and Foodies will get to sample over ten popular and delectable Singaporean Chinese dishes on the tour, an activity sure to delight the whole family. Beverages are not included in the tour's cost.

Address: 200 Joo Chiat Road

Tel: +65 6247 7340

Website: betelboxtours.com

Email: travel@betelbox.com

Cost: S\$50 per pax

Duration: 4 hours

Availability: Tue 9.30am–1.30pm

Language(s) available: English

DHOBIS, SARIS & A SPOT OF CURRY™ BY JOURNEYS

Home to some of Singapore's most famous temples, food stalls and enchanting murals, Little India (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p68) constantly buzzes with life. On this tour, families will discover the appeal of this ethnic enclave and various Hindu traditions and philosophies. Visitors will get a glimpse of colourful stalls peddling jasmine garlands, and be captivated by the aromas from nearby spice shops as they wander through bustling bazaars and hidden alleyways. Other interesting stops include visits to temple compounds, where Culture Shapers passionate about different cultures and religions can learn about Hinduism, and visits to garment shops where visitors can try on a *sari* (a long cloth traditionally worn in India). Food is provided on this tour—once visitors have worked up an appetite, they will be taken to one of Little India's oldest restaurants. There, Foodies can tantalise their taste buds with mouth-watering curry.

Address: Haw Par Villa Management Office, 262 Pasir Panjang Road

Tel: +65 6325 1631

Fax: +65 6224 0136

Website: journeys.com.sg/tosw

Email: discover@journeys.com.sg / fun@singaporewalks.com

Cost: Adult S\$38, Child S\$18 (subject to change)

Duration: 2.5 hours

Availability: Tue 9.30am–12pm

HISTORICAL SINGAPORE BICYCLE TOUR BY LET'S GO TOUR

On this tour, visitors will explore various historical locations in Singapore while riding a bicycle. Venture into the cultural district of Chinatown (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p61) to get a glimpse of a mosque, as well as Indian and Chinese temples all on the same street. Culture Shapers will be fascinated as they learn about Singapore's diverse cultures and see how various religions live in harmony. Visitors will then bike over to the Singapore River (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p88) where Explorers can look out for important historical landmarks such as the statue of Sir Stamford Raffles, the founder of modern Singapore. Cycle past Boat Quay, Clarke Quay (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Boat Quay & Clarke Quay, p91) and Robertson Quay, before winding through Kampong Glam (see Neighbourhood, Ethnic Districts, p64) and ending off at the Museum District and the Civic District.

Address: 462 Crawford Lane #01-57

Tel: +65 9271 0978

Website: letsgotoursingapore.com

Email: robin@letsgotoursingapore.com

Cost: Adult S\$120, S\$80 per pax (for 2 pax or more); Min 1 pax, Max 7 pax

Write in to enquire about Travel Trade deals.

Duration: 4 hours

Availability: Mon–Sun 8.30am–12.30pm

Language(s) available: English, Chinese

MARINA BAY NIGHT TOUR BY LET'S GO TOUR

Delve right into the bicycle tour by cycling to places such as the Marina Bay Sands® (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82), arguably the most recognisable structural silhouette in the modern Singapore skyline. Ride to places such as the Formula One Pit Building and the Singapore Flyer, Marina Barrage (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82), Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p56) and the Civic District. Look out for the iconic domed-shaped landmark of the National Stadium.

Address: 462 Crawford Lane #01-57

Tel: +65 9271 0978

Website: letsgotoursingapore.com

Email: robin@letsgotoursingapore.com

Cost: Adult S\$90, S\$60 per pax (for 2 pax or more); Min 1 pax, Max 7 pax

Write in to enquire about Travel Trade deals.

Duration: 2 hours

Availability: Mon–Sun 7–9pm

Language(s) available: English, Chinese



TRISHAW UNCLE—SINGAPORE TRISHAW TOURS

Visitors can relive the mid-1900s by hopping onto trishaws, a three-wheeled vehicle used before cars, buses and trains took over Singapore roads. Trishaw Uncle will bring visitors on a trishaw expedition to marvel at elaborate temples and colourful, quaint and bustling streets of Singapore. 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 at Albert Mall Trishaw Park.

| Tour | Duration | Details |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Little India Trishaw Experience | Approximately 30 mins Subject to traffic conditions | <p>Adult Ticket S\$39, Child Ticket (aged 3–12) S\$29</p> <p>Tour Highlights: Little India and Bugis</p> <p>Available Languages: English, Japanese, Korean</p> <p>Description: Embark on a multi-sensory journey through the oldest streets of Singapore. Immerse in the colourful sights and sounds and catch the scent of spices and flowers in the air, while travelling through Little India and Bugis Village.</p> |
| Kampong Glam Trishaw Experience | Approximately 45 mins Subject to traffic conditions | <p>Adult Ticket S\$49, Child Ticket (aged 3–12) S\$39</p> <p>Tour Highlights: Little India, Arab Street and Bugis</p> <p>Available Languages: English, Japanese, Korean</p> <p>Description: Explore Singapore's Little India and Kampong Glam ethnic precincts. These areas were designated for Singapore's early migrant communities and have kept their unique identity and enchanting character until today.</p> |
| Chinatown Trishaw Experience | Approximately 45 mins Subject to traffic conditions | <p>Adult Ticket S\$49, Child Ticket (aged 3–12) S\$39</p> <p>Tour Highlights: Bugis and Chinatown</p> <p>Available Languages: English, Japanese, Korean</p> <p>Description: Discover our uniquely Singapore Chinatown with Trishaw Uncle—the only Chinatown in the world where Hindu temples and mosques sit right next to Chinese temples. Bustling with life, rich in heritage charm and full of things to see, eat and buy, Chinatown is certainly not to be missed.</p> |
| Singapore River Trishaw Experience | Approximately 45 mins Subject to traffic conditions | <p>Adult Ticket S\$49, Child Ticket (aged 3–12) S\$39</p> <p>Tour Highlights: Little India, Bugis, Civic District and the Singapore River</p> <p>Commentary: English, Japanese, Korean</p> <p>Description: Journey through Singapore's heritage and history from Little India to Singapore River. Trace the footsteps of Singapore's early migrants back to Singapore River—once a historic thriving port with godowns transformed into a must-see lifestyle entertainment hub today.</p> |

COUPLES



FLAVOURS OF SINGAPORE BY LET'S GO TOUR

Food is definitely the heart of Singapore's soul. Foodies will have a unique culinary experience as they learn to make local dishes on this tour. Learn how local food is prepared, starting with the variety of ingredients used. An experienced chef will then teach visitors how to whip up local savoury dishes such as *nasi lemak* (rice cooked in coconut milk, served with an array of side dishes), *laksa* (spicy coconut milk-based noodle soup) and chilli crab (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p104) in a cosy and modern kitchen.

Address: 462 Crawford Lane #01-57

Tel: +65 9271 0978

Website: letsgotoursingapore.com

Email: robin@letsgotoursingapore.com

Cost: S\$99–S\$129 per pax; Min 4 pax, Max 30 pax

Duration: 2-4 Hours, depending on session

Availability: Mon–Sun 9am, 2 & 5pm (If booking is done less than 48 hours, call to enquire availability)

Language(s) available: English, Chinese

MAGICAL RIVER WALKING TOUR BY THE WALKING SINGAPORE

Enjoy Singapore from a different perspective. Start the tour by hopping on board a river taxi that goes up the Singapore River (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p88) to see where the early settlers first landed. Visitors will then try a local cocktail, the Singapore Sling, and end the tour at Makansutra Gluttons Bay (see Eat & Drink, Supper Spots, p136) where visitors will be presented with a selection of pre-ordered local dishes for dinner that introduces Singapore's hawker culture to tour participants.

Address: The Esplanade Mall, 8 Raffles Avenue #01-18

Tel: + 65 8339 3989

Website: thewalkingsingapore.com

Email: info@thewalkingsingapore.com

Cost: S\$70 per pax (Travellers will be required to pay a deposit of S\$25 for an audio receiver)

Write in to enquire about private / group bookings.

Duration: 3 hours

Availability: Tue 6.30–9.30pm

Language(s) available: English



MAKAN MAKAN—LET'S EAT BY A+B EDU TOURS AND TRAVEL

Foodies with a love for culinary experiences can get a hands-on experience at making truly Singaporean dishes. Learn to make *popiah* (fresh spring rolls) in Joo Chiat (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p66) or *otah* (spicy grilled fish paste) in the heartlands. For a slice of local life, the tour takes visitors to Geylang Serai Market and Food Centre, the only *halal* wet market and food centre in Singapore which has been around since 1964. Coffee lovers will appreciate seeing the traditional coffee roasting process up close.

Address: Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road #18-04

Tel: + 65 6339 2114 / +65 9653 9998 (after office hours)

Website: abedutours.com.sg

Email: admin@abedutours.com.sg

Cost: Adult S\$90, Child below 12 years old S\$70

Write in to enquire about private / group bookings.

Duration: 4 hours

Availability: Tue–Fri 9am–1pm

Language(s) available: English, Chinese

SINS & SALVATION: A GEYLANG FOOD WALK BY BETEL BOX TOURS

During the four-hour tour, a knowledgeable guide will not only shed light on the area's diverse history, new migrant communities, religions and after-hours activities, but will also encourage Foodies to eat their way around the district. Highlighting the juxtaposition that defines Geylang, visitors will also visit beautiful temples, where Culture Shapers can learn about the culture and history

of the various religions in Singapore, and Singapore's 'red light' district.

Address: 200 Joo Chiat Road

Tel: +65 6247 7340

Website: betelboxtours.com

Email: travel@betelbox.com

Cost: S\$80 per pax

Duration: 4 hours

Availability: Fri 6.30–10.30pm

Language(s) available: English

STREET ART & FOOD TOUR BY WOK 'N' STROLL

Discover the stories of Singapore on a tour through a labyrinth of back alleys in an open-air gallery of contemporary street art amidst curated food stops. Work up an appetite while appreciating artworks of local and international mural artists such as Yip Yew Chong and Ernest Zacharevic from Lithuania.

Is street art illegal in Singapore? What is that delicious smell that wafts through the back door of the shophouses? From rich and flavourful snacks such as *vadai* (fried savoury doughnut), *dosai* (pancake made from fermented rice and lentil batter), sweet desserts and *kueh koswee* (a dessert made with palm sugar and tapioca flour and coated with shredded coconut), this is a walking tour specially tailored for Culture Shapers with a love for the arts and Foodies with a passion for food.

Tel: +65 8338 3571

Website: woknstroll.com.sg

Email: info@woknstroll.com.sg

Cost: S\$110 per pax

Write in to enquire about private / group bookings.

Duration: 3-4 hours

Availability: Mon–Tue 9.30am–12.30/1.30pm

Language(s) available: English, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Hebrew and Russian

SULTANS OF SPICE BY JOURNEYS

A long time ago, Singapore was sold to the British for \$60,000 Spanish dollars. Who did it and why? Uncover Singapore's deepest secrets on the Sultans of Spice tour, which mixes history and myth; perfect for Explorers seeking out historical facts and stories and Culture Shapers who love understanding more about various cultures. Explore the old Royal Palace, Sultan Mosque and Tombs of Malayan Princes, an oft-overlooked burial ground hidden inside a cemetery. Visitors will learn about the rich heritage and culture of Singapore's Malay community as they wander through Kampong Glam's (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p64) back alleys.

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Website: journeys.com.sg

Email: discover@journeys.com.sg / fun@singaporewalks.com

Cost: Adult S\$38, Child S\$18 (subject to change)

Duration: 2.5 hours

Availability: Thu 9.30am–12pm

ACTIVE SILVERS



A WALK WITH OUR ANCESTORS: A FENGSHUI TOUR BY TOUR EAST

Feng Shui is the ancient art of orienting buildings and objects according to a system that harmonies everything with its surrounding environment. This practice has influenced the designs of many buildings here. On this tour, visitors will see how traditions and innovations come together in Singapore's landmarks such as the iconic Marina Bay Sands® (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82), which is designed according to auspicious Feng Shui principles. Also, visitors will learn how Feng Shui influences how Singaporeans live, work, play and pray. The tour stops by a traditional cemetery that is so well-hidden, locals may not even know it exists.

Address: Central Mall Office Tower, 1 Magazine Road #07-05/06

Tel: +65 6735 1221

Fax: +65 6733 3226

Website: toureast.net/destinations/tour-east-singapore

Email: resvn@toureast.net / llim@toureast.net (Trade Contact: Lena Lim)

Cost: S\$268 per pax; Min 2 pax

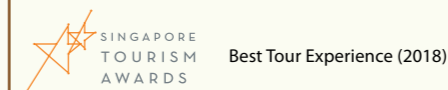
Write in to enquire about Travel Trade deals.

Duration: 4 hours

Availability: Mon, Wed & Fri 9am–1pm (call to enquire about pick-up and drop-off points)

Language(s) available: English

BLACK & WHITE HOUSES TOUR BY JANE'S SINGAPORE TOURS



Visitors will step back in time and experience the grandeur of beautiful colonial houses, nestled amidst lush greenery on this heritage tour. The four-hour tour takes participants to several black and white houses around Singapore. Perfect for Explorers, this tour will expound on the history and architecture of these houses and the role they played in Singapore's heritage. Hear stories of their former residents, why they were built, and how they are being used today both as residences and commercial establishments.

Tel: +65 8297 9177

Website: janestours.sg

Email: info@janestours.sg

Cost: S\$95 per pax

Write in to enquire about private / group bookings.

Duration: 4 hours

Availability: 9am–1pm (tour will be conducted twice monthly; check website for schedule)

Language(s) available: English

FOOTSTEPS OF OUR COLONIAL PAST BY TOUR EAST

Marvel at the contrasts of colonial and modern architecture on this three-hour stroll around Singapore's Civic District. Post a letter at the Fullerton Heritage Gallery in Singapore's first General Post Office, which has since been transformed into a hotel. Indulge in an exquisite English afternoon tea within the hotel's lavish setting. End off with a journey down the Singapore River (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p88) in a traditional bumboats and take in the charming sights of the Merlion Park, Boat Quay and Clarke Quay (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Boat Quay & Clarke Quay, p91).

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Fax: +65 6733 3226

Website: toureast.net/destinations/tour-east-singapore

Email: resvn@toureast.net / llim@toureast.net (Trade Contact: Lena Lim)

Cost: Adult S\$100, Child S\$60; Min 2 pax, Max 20 pax (no limit for private bookings; prices vary depending on requirements).

Write in to enquire about Travel Trade deals.

Duration: 3.5 hours

Availability: Mon–Sat 1.30–5pm (call to enquire about pick-up and drop-off points)

Language(s) available: English

HAVE A MEAL AFTER THE TOUR

A Walk With Our Ancestors tour by Tour East will end at the Marina Bay Sands®. While there, visitors can grab a meal at one of the top Indian restaurants in Singapore, Punjab Grill.



A Walk with Our Ancestors: A Fengshui Tour



The Battlebox Tour: A Story of Strategy & Surrender

HERBAL & HEALTH FOOD TOUR: CHINATOWN AND LITTLE INDIA BY SINGABITES

Embark on a discovery tour to learn about health techniques that have been passed down for centuries. The tour stops by local medicinal retailers in Chinatown (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p61) where participants can find out about various health techniques. For tips on picking healthy, fresh produce, the tour makes a pit stop at a wet market. At Little India (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p68), participants will visit an Ayurvedic doctor and learn about the herbs and spices that are used in Indian medicine.

Website: singabites.com

Email: info@singabites.com

Cost: S\$120 per pax; Min 2 pax

Write in to enquire about private / group bookings.

Duration: 3 hours

Availability: Wed 9.45am–12.45pm

Language(s) available: English

THE BATTLEBOX TOUR: A STORY OF STRATEGY & SURRENDER BY SINGAPORE HISTORY CONSULTANTS

Hidden beneath Fort Canning Hill's leafy exterior lies a secret: the former British command centre called the Battlebox (see Attractions, History & Heritage, p43), where the decision to surrender Singapore was made in 1942. Wander along the cool corridors and dark rooms to learn the full story of the disastrous fall of Malaya and Singapore to the Japanese, as well as the rich history of Fort Canning Hill itself.

Address: Fort Canning Park. 2 Cox Terrace

Tel: +65 6338 6133

Website: battlebox.com.sg

Email: enquiry@battlebox.com.sg

Cost: Adult S\$18, Child S\$9 (7–12 years old)

Write in to enquire about private / group bookings.

Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes

Availability: Mon 1.30pm, 2.45pm & 4pm (Starting Timing); Tue–Sun 9.45am, 11am, 1.30pm, 2.45pm & 4pm (Starting Timing)

Language(s) available: English



BUSINESS EVENT VISITORS

MADE IN SINGAPORE BY TRIBE TOURS

Singapore's stunning economic growth, which took the city from a fishing village to a hub for many industries, is a fascinating evolution. The tour will bring participants to discover urban farms, mushroom germination labs and local factories, as well as a meet up with the vibrant community of farmers who built a remarkable ecosystem on the island.

Address: Textile Centre. 200 Jalan Sultan #03-11

Tel: +65 6463 1031 / +65 9660 0687 (Trade Contact: Jason)

Website: tribe-tours.com

Email: bookings@tribe-tours.com / jason@

tribe-tours.com (Trade Contact: Jason)

Cost: Write in to book (min 12 pax required).

Duration: 4 hours

Availability: By Appointment Only

Language(s) available: English

SINGAPORE MIRACLE TOUR BY BETEL BOX TOURS

Singapore's transformation into a global powerhouse is as inspirational as it is impressive. From Kampong Glam to Chinatown (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p64 and p61 respectively), the Singapore River to Marina Bay (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p88 and p81 respectively), travellers will learn about key events that led to Singapore's independence in 1965. The city is also a melting pot of different cultures, which tour participants can experience through the rich variety of cuisines available in the Lion City. It's the perfect adventure for Explorers with a love for history.

Address: 200 Joo Chiat Road

Tel: +65 6247 7340

Website: betelboxtours.com

Email: travel@betelbox.com

Cost: Write in to enquire about Travel Trade deals; group sizes can be customised.

Duration: 4 hours

Availability: By appointment only

Language(s) available: English



MILLENNIALS

DOWN TO THE BARE WALL BY A+B EDU TOURS AND TRAVEL

Explore the back lanes of Little India (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p68) at night and uncover the gems in Indian culture. Participants may try on saris (a long cloth traditionally worn in India) or turban tying. Colourful murals dot the neighbourhood and showcase how life was in the past. Visitors will also visit a temple in Little India with a 24-carat Golden Dome that is sure to impress. A sumptuous Mughlai dinner in a North Indian restaurant is in store for participants after the tour.

Address: Golden Mile Tower. 6001 Beach Road #18-04

Tel: + 65 6339 2114 / +65 9653 9998 (after office hours)

Website: abedutours.com.sg

Email: admin@abedutours.com.sg

Cost: Adult S\$70, Child below 12 years old

S\$45

Write in to enquire about private / group bookings.

Duration: 3 hours

Availability: Tue–Fri 6.30–9.30pm

Language(s) available: English

FEAR FACTOR TOUR BY MONSTER DAY TOURS

Check out some of the most extreme, thrilling and one-of-a-kind activities in Singapore. Visitors will take on three exciting challenges that will test their wits and nerve. For Action Seekers, this tour is a definite must. First stop will be at iFly Singapore (see Attractions, Thrill Seeking, p60) where visitors will enjoy two indoor skydives simulating a sky drop from 12,000 to 3,000 feet. Next, zip through the air on MegaZip's 450-metre-long zip line at Mega Adventure Park (see Attractions, Thrill Seeking, p60). After completing these activities, visitors will face the ultimate challenge, bungee jumping from Singapore's one and only 50-metre-tall platform at AJ Hackett Sentosa (see Neighbourhoods, Sentosa & HarbourFront, p85)!

Address: Tong Eng Building. 101 Cecil Street #13-12

Tel: +65 9151 7567

Website: monsterdaytours.com

Email: info@monsterdaytours.com

Cost: Adult S\$250, Family of 3 (3 adult tickets) S\$700, Groups larger than 8 pax can email to enquire about discounts; Min 2 pax, Max 8 pax

Duration: 4 hours

Availability: Mon–Sun 10am–2pm (Bookings are to be made 3 days in advance)

Language(s) available: English

NEXT GENERATION HAWKER FOOD TOUR BY WOK 'N' STROLL

This culinary tour promises first-hand experiences with local 'hawkerpreneurs' who will share their personal stories of preserving the hawker tradition. Savour stories of their persistence in keeping the original flavours of traditional local dishes while catering to changing palates of the younger generation. Key highlights include Teochew braised duck, *nasi lemak* (rice cooked in coconut milk, served with an array of side dishes) and a western-influenced fusion noodle dish at a hawker centre. This tour is sure to tantalise the taste buds and offer a gastronomic experience perfect for Foodies.

Tel: +65 8338 3571

Website: woknstroll.com.sg

Email: info@woknstroll.com.sg

Cost: S\$130 per pax

Write in to enquire about private / group

bookings.

Duration: 2.5–3 hours

Availability: Tue & Thu 5–7.30 / 8pm

Language(s) available: English, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Hebrew and Russian

SINGAPORE AFTER DARK TOUR BY MONSTER DAY TOURS

Explore the best of Singapore's nightlife with this four-hour tour. At the start of the tour, visitors will sample local dishes at Lau Pa Sat (see Eat & Drink, Hawker Centres, p130), a local hawker centre. Visitors will be introduced to various local cuisines and be provided with recommendations on what they can order for dinner. After their meal, visitors will take a walk to Raffles Place before visiting a speakeasy rooftop bar where they can enjoy drinks such as the Singapore Sling. As they continue to tour the area, visitors will pass by iconic landmarks such as the Marina Bay Sands® and the Singapore Flyer (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82). The tour will end at the popular nightlife district, Clarke Quay (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Boat Quay & Clarke Quay, p91) where visitors can dance the night away at the various clubs in the district or visit nearby pubs for drinks and live music performances. Visitors can also opt to experience the tour on-board a one-way party bus. The bus can be booked for up to ten pax at S\$120.

Address: Tong Eng Building. 101 Cecil Street #13-12

Tel: +65 9151 7567

Website: monsterdaytours.com

Email: info@monsterdaytours.com

Cost: Adult S\$150, Bundle package for family are available (more than 2 pax); Min 2 pax

Duration: 4 hours

Availability: Tue, Thu & Fri 6.30–10.30pm

Language(s) available: English

SOAR WITH THE WIND AT IFLY SINGAPORE

iFly Singapore, one of the stops on the Fear Factor Tour by Monster Day Tours, is the world's largest themed vertical wind tunnel.

SINGAPORE SIDECARS VESPA TOUR BY SINGAPORE SIDECARS

Breeze through the island with the world's first vintage vespa sidecar tour. Choose from night rides, heritage rides or bespoke tours, with each tour ranging between one and four hours. The most popular tour, the 'Joo Chiat + Katong, Nyonya, Babas and Peranakans' tour is ideal for Explorers with a desire to learn about the history of Singapore's neighbourhoods and Culture Shapers who love learning about different cultures. The tour includes an hour-long exploration of historic neighbourhoods like Joo Chiat and Katong (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p66). Visitors will visit the places of worship and ride along the colourful shophouses that reflect the multicultural and varied community of Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage), Eurasian, Malay, Chinese and Indian cultures in Singapore.

Address: Shaw Centre. 1 Scotts Road #24-19

Website: singaporesidecars.sg

Email: ride@singaporesidecars.sg

Cost: Adult S\$160 per hour

Write in to enquire about private / group bookings and Travel Trade deals.

Duration: 1–4 hours

Availability: Email to enquire

Language(s) available: English

TREASURES OF KAMPONG GLAM: THE INSIDER'S TOUR BY RUBY DOT TRAIL

Kampong Glam (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p64), one of Singapore's most charming precincts, exudes a heritage chic vibe with the perfect blend of history, trendy boutiques, hip bars and cafés. Visit old-school businesses that have been running for generations and uncover new retail treasures, set up by entrepreneurs who put their own spin on heritage and art. End the tour at one of Singapore's hippest streets, Haji Lane (see Shopping, Ethnic Districts, p142). Grab a trinket, a kebab, a beer or even a tattoo.

Tel: +65 9760 0071

Website: rubydottrails.com

Email: gems@rubydottrails.com

Cost: Starting from S\$130 for 2 pax;

Write in to enquire private / group bookings and Travel Trade deals.

Duration: 2 hours

Availability: Wed 5–7pm

Language(s) available: English

A 1-DAY ITINERARY FOR ACTION SEEKERS.

MORNING

A TOUR TO GET HEARTS RACING (TOUR)

The Fear Factor Tour (see Millennials, p165) is perfect for thrill seekers and one who will do anything for an extraordinary selfie. The tour will bring visitors to Sentosa Island (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p85) where they will get to experience some of the island's most extreme and thrilling activities (see Attractions, Thrill Seeking, p60) such as indoor skydiving at iFly Singapore, zip-lining at Mega Adventure Park and the ultimate adrenaline pumping activity, bungee jumping at AJ Hackett Sentosa (see Neighbourhoods, Sentosa & HarbourFront, p85).



Fear Factor Tour

AFTERNOON

THRILLS ON SENTOSA ISLAND (EXPERIENCE)

Explore exciting activities (see Attractions, Thrill Seeking, p60), all around Sentosa Island. At Skyline Luge Sentosa, visitors can ride down tracks riddled with twists, turns and tunnels for a thrilling and challenging outdoor experience. Head over to Adventure Cove Waterpark™ and step onto high-speed water slides or snorkel with tropical fish at the Rainbow Reef. Head to Universal Studios Singapore™ and take a ride on the 42.7-metre-high, Battlestar Galactica: Human vs Cylon, roller coaster or enjoy a bird's eye view of the park while soaring on the Canopy Flyer.

RELAX AT TANJONG BEACH CLUB (DINE)

Grab some drinks at Tanjong Beach Club (tanjongbeachclub.com), where visitors can enjoy panoramic views of the beach while savouring hearty meals such as the Tanjong burger, made with USDA wagyu beef, or light bites such as the crispy calamari.



EVENING

ENJOY THE VIEW FROM THE KALLANG WATERFRONT (DINE/EXPLORE)

Visitors can dine on pizzas, burgers and other hearty Western dishes at Brewerkz (brewerkz.com) while taking in the scenic night view from the Kallang Waterfront. They will be able to spot iconic landmarks such as the Singapore Flyer and Esplanade—Theatres on the Bay (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82 and p81 respectively).



Tanjong Beach Club

A 1-DAY ITINERARY FOR COLLECTORS.

MORNING

BREAKFAST AT A BOUTIQUE (DINE/SHOP)

Housed within the In Good Company Concept Store (see Shopping, Boutiques & Independent Stores, p148) at ION Orchard (see Shopping, Malls, p138), Plain Vanilla Bakery is a small 20-seater café within the boutique. The cafe serves aromatic coffee and tea along with their signature cupcakes. Visitors can pick from the daily selection of fresh salads, savoury tarts and deli-style sandwiches, or choose a sweet treat from their bake shop offering of brownies, tarts and other confections. The ION outlet is the flagship store of In Good Company, a Singaporean ready-to-wear brand which sells well-designed pieces to build a modern wardrobe of functional looks—a great one-stop shop for the whole family.



Plain Vanilla Bakery

SHOP DOWN ORCHARD ROAD (SHOP)

Singapore's premier shopping belt (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82) houses the ION Art gallery, big name designers such as CHANEL and Yves Saint Laurent and international brands H&M, Zara and UNIQLO. At ION Orchard, homegrown craft atelier, Bynd Artisan (see Shopping, Boutiques & Independent Stores, p148) gives visitors the chance to customise notebooks, bags and other leather products. Visitors can head over to Design Orchard (see Shopping, Malls, p138) for apparel and products by homegrown designers and brands.



EVENING

DINNER WITH SEAFOOD AND COCKTAILS (DINE)

Experience a unique pairing of seafood with cocktails at Scaled by Ah Hua Kelong (ahhuakelong.com). Sharing a small two-storey shophouse with Bar Stories (facebook.com/barstories.sg), Scaled makes full use of this cosy space by having the bartenders at Bar Stories come up with drinks that will pair well with the fresh seafood they serve. The restaurant incorporates a farm to table dining concept by using ingredients from local *kelongs* (offshore platforms built for fishing) and seafood farms. Menu offerings include curry mussels pasta, clams with sake sauce and garlic confit toast, and roasted black grouper.



ELOHIM by Sabrina Goh

A 1-DAY ITINERARY FOR CULTURE SHAPERS.

MORNING

GO ON A STREET ART AND FOOD TOUR (TOUR)

Check out the colourful street art in Little India and Haji Lane (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p68 and Shopping, Ethnic Districts, p142 respectively). The tour (woknstroll.com.sg/product/street-art-food-tour) is about three and a half hours long and will take visitors through the well-preserved shophouses and back alleys. Visitors will discover the stories of Singapore and appreciate artworks of local and international mural painters such as Yip Yew Chong and Ernest Zacharevic from Lithuania. Besides art, visitors also get to sample local street snacks such as *vadai* (fried savoury doughnut) and *kueh kosui*, a nonya dessert.



Little India street art

AFTERNOON

EXPLORE AN ART ENCLAVE (EXPLORE/EXPERIENCE)

Set in a former military barracks dating back to 1936 and surrounded by lush tropical greenery, Gillman Barracks (see Attractions, Arts & Design, p41) is a contemporary arts cluster in Singapore. It is home to leading international and homegrown art galleries such as Chan + Hori Contemporary (chanhori.com), FOST Gallery (fostgallery.com), Pearl Lam (pearllam.com) and more. Visitors can expect to see international art, local art, Southeast Asian art, and may even meet local artists at the art residences. Parents with young children can visit Playeum's Children's Centre for Creativity (playeum.com), Singapore's first dedicated creative space for children aged one to 12. The venue offers hands-on displays to encourage children to interact with art and creative workshops designed to teach art expression.

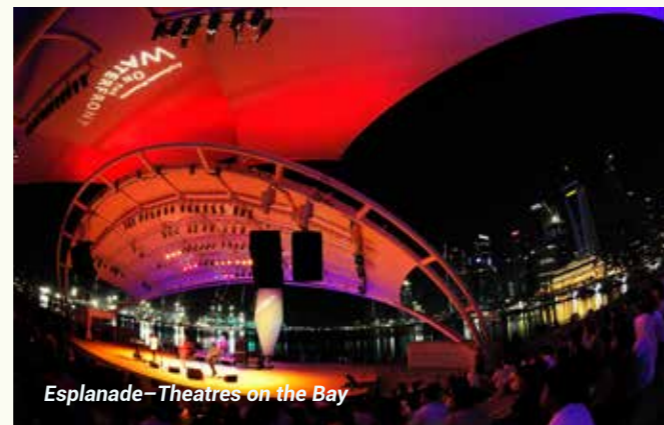
Visitors can end their visit with a break at Creamier (creamier.com.sg) located opposite Block 6 of Gillman Barracks, to enjoy home-made ice-cream, waffles and coffee. Creamier is distinctly known for their well-loved flavours such as Sea Salt Gula Melaka, Roasted Pistachio and Earl Grey Lavender.



EVENING

WATCH A CONCERT AT THE ESPLANADE—THEATRES ON THE BAY (EXPERIENCE/DINE)

Visitors who love music and the arts will appreciate the complimentary concerts at the Esplanade—Theatres on the Bay (esplanade.com; visit the "Free" section of the website), an iconic performing arts centre (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p81). A complimentary performance is held every evening at the Concourse, while free shows are held at the Outdoor Theatre Fridays through Sundays. Most performances are by homegrown talents, which offer the audience a chance to enjoy the local music scene. After watching a concert or two, visitors can head to Restaurant Labyrinth (see Eat & Drink, Modern Singapore Restaurants, p128) for dinner. The modern Singaporean restaurant features local dishes with a twist such as deep-fried soft-shell crab with chilli crab ice cream.



Esplanade—Theatres on the Bay



GET HANDS ON WITH ART (WORKSHOP)

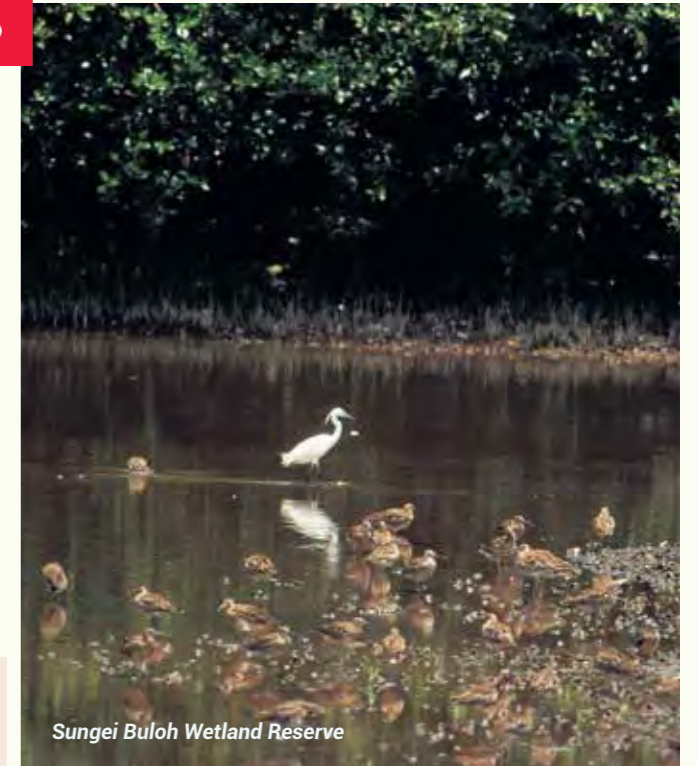
After spending time appreciating art, visitors can channel their inspirations with an art jamming session at My Art Space (myartspace.com.sg). Located amidst the greenery of Istana Park, visitors can relax and let their creative spirit take over. The studio provides materials, tools, music and free flow coffee for a hassle-free, laidback experience.

A 1-DAY ITINERARY FOR EXPLORERS.

MORNING

DISCOVER SINGAPORE'S BIODIVERSITY (EXPLORE/TOUR)

Discover a world filled with rich biodiversity while wandering through wetlands and mangrove forests at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p59). This ecological jewel includes many trails where visitors can spot its native inhabitants such as mudskippers, water snakes, birds and otters. Visitors who want more in depth knowledge of Sungei Buloh and its wildlife can take a guided weekly tour by NParks. Visitors must register for the tour in advance on the NParks website (nparks.gov.sg) and can register one week before the tour. Each tour can accommodate a maximum of 20 participants.



Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve

AFTERNOON

LUNCH AT ALBERT FOOD CENTRE (DINE)

Visitors will find Albert Food Centre surrounded by religious sites such as the Sri Krishnan Temple and Kwan Im Thong Hood Cho Temple. Touted as one of the best places for affordable and good food in the Bugis precinct (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p78), visitors will find a spectrum of local delights housed at the Albert Food Centre. For breakfast, visitors can order a bowl of fishball noodles from Hock Lee Fish Ball Noodle (#01-102) or a traditional Singaporean comfort food, *congee* with *youtiao* (rice porridge with Chinese fried dough sticks) at Li Fang Congee (#01-78).

RIDE ON A TRISHAW (TOUR)

Visitors can choose to tour Kampong Glam, Chinatown or Little India (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p61) with trishaw tour group, Trishaw Uncle (see Families, p161). Relax on a 45-minute trishaw expedition that will give visitors an overview of Singapore's various precincts and a glimpse of the architecture around these areas. After the tour, visitors can explore more of the precincts on their own.

EVENING

DISCOVER THE CITY AT NIGHT (TOUR)

Enjoy the cool evening breeze and scenic views of the city on a two-hour guided Marina Bay Night Tour by Let's Go Tour (see Families, p161). Starting at 7pm, visitors will cycle to iconic landmarks around Marina Bay towards the Singapore Flyer (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p81 and p82 respectively) and into the lush grounds of Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, 10 Free Attractions for Great Photos, p38). Visitors will also pass the iconic National Stadium before they head back to the starting point at High Street Centre.



DINE AT THE HISTORIC CLIFFORD PIER (DINE)

Situated within the Fullerton Heritage precinct, The Clifford Pier restaurant (see Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p116) at The Fullerton Bay Hotel occupies the space of what was once Singapore's main landing point for maritime traders and immigrants. Today, the restaurant honours its historic location by serving the best of Singapore's culinary delicacies represented by a melting pot of diverse cultures. Visitors will find local dishes such as seafood *la mian* (hand-pulled wheat noodles) and spicy grouper curry. One of the restaurant's signatures and a must-try for visitors is the soup *kambing* (traditional mutton soup infused with local spices).



Marina Bay Bicycle Night Tour

A 1-DAY ITINERARY FOR FOODIES.

MORNING

SAVOUR SINGAPORE'S MOST CELEBRATED DISHES (TOUR)

Book a four-hour Chinatown Food Walk tour by Betel Box Tours (see Families, p160), where visitors will take a walk down Chinatown's alleyways (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p61), famous for street hawkers who whip up iconic local dishes. Visitors will be able to sample local delights. Some examples of local food would include *kaya* toast, chicken rice (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p106 and p104 respectively) and *chwee kueh* (steamed rice cakes topped with preserved radish), and learn about the meaning and history behind each dish. They will be brought through the process of how chefs source for ingredients and prepare them in accordance to family's secret recipes.

PICK UP TRADITIONAL FOOD SOUVENIRS (SHOP)

After the tour, shop around the streets of Chinatown for food souvenirs to take home. Lim Chee Guan (see Shopping, Local Products, p154), sells savoury *bak kwa* (barbequed meat sliced) in flavours such as prawn and chilli pork. Visitors can also treat themselves to egg tarts from Tong Heng (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p63), arguably one of Singapore's most famous egg tart shops.



Chinatown Food Walk

AFTERNOON

HAVE AFTERNOON TEA AT JANICE WONG RESTAURANT (DINE)

Take a break from the fast-paced morning at Janice Wong Restaurant (see Eat & Drink, Afternoon Tea, p115). Local chef Janice Wong has learnt from some of the world's best chefs including French pastry chef Pierre Hermé and is known for her spectacular pairing of food with art. At her restaurant, visitors will be treated to imaginative creations such as chocolate crayons and butter popcorn cookies.

STROLL THROUGH THE CIVIC DISTRICT (EXPLORE)

Visitors can venture through the Civic District and Marina Bay area (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p81) to view iconic architectural structures such as the Marina Bay Sands® (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82) and Victoria Theatre & Victoria Concert Hall (see Venues, Performance & Concert Venues, p190). The nearby Esplanade Park is home to historical landmarks such as the Lim Bo Seng Memorial. Visitors can also opt for a guided tour of the area on Footsteps of Our Colonial Past by Tour East (see Active Silvers, p163).



EVENING

DINNER AT THE WORLD'S FIRST MICHELIN-STARRED PERANAKAN RESTAURANT (DINE)

Head to the quaint and tranquil Dempsey Hill (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Dempsey Hill & Holland Village, p94) for dinner at the world's first Michelin-starred Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) restaurant, Candlenut (see Eat & Drink, Modern Singapore Restaurants, p127) by chef Malcolm Lee, who serves traditional Straits-Chinese cuisine with a contemporary twist at his restaurant. Menu highlights include homemade *kueh pie tee* (deep-fried pastry cups filled with shredded turnip) and ice cream with chilli. After dinner, visitors can head to the nearby RedDot® BrewHouse (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Dempsey Hill & Holland Village, p94) for refreshing craft beers.



Tong Heng

J.B. Ah Meng

A NIGHT TO MORNING ITINERARY FOR SOCIALISERS.

EVENING

EXPERIENCE SINGAPORE AFTER DARK (TOUR)

On the four-hour guided tour, Singapore After Dark by Monster Day Tours (see Millennials, p165), visitors will experience authentic hawker dining and visit bustling nightlife venues along the Singapore River (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p88). They will have beer at a local pub and visit a speakeasy rooftop bar where they will be introduced to a local cocktail, the Singapore Sling. Visitors might also be able to catch the daily night light show at Marina Bay Sands® (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82). The tour will end at Clarke Quay (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Boat Quay & Clarke Quay, p91), a lively nightlife hotspot.



Singapore After Dark Tour

NIGHT



Maison Ikkoku

CONTINUE THE PARTY AT CLARKE QUAY (EXPERIENCE)

Travellers looking to party the night away with excellent dance music can head to clubs such as Canvas and Zouk™ (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Boat Quay & Clarke Quay, p92), a club ranked number three on DJ Mag Top 100 clubs. At watering holes Crazy Elephant (*crazyelephant.sg*) and Cuba Libre™ Café and Bar (*cubalibre.asia*), visitors can enjoy drinks and light bites while crooning along to live music performances by local and international talents.

FIND WATERING HOLES AT THE NEIGHBOURING BRAS BASAH.BUGIS PRECINCT (EXPERIENCE)

Travellers can visit more renowned watering holes (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Bras Basah & Bugis, p93) in the Bras Basah.Bugis neighbourhood (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p78). Visitors can sample Southeast Asian inspired cocktails at Loof, one of Singapore's best roof top bars. For a bespoke experience, visitors can pay a visit to bespoke bar, Maison Ikkoku or take a pick from ATLAS Bar's thoughtfully curated gin collection which features over 1,000 gins from around the world.

PAST MIDNIGHT

SATISFY MIDNIGHT CRAVINGS (DINE)

Singapore boasts plenty of supper options with places that open till at least 4am. Visitors can tuck into a warm bowl of ramen at The Ramen Stall or try Hong Kong style *dim sum* (bite-sized portions of food served in steamer baskets or small plates) at 126 Wan Dou Sek Dim Sum (see Eat & Drink, Supper Spots, p136 and p135 respectively). With large seating spaces, Haidilao Hot Pot and J.B. Ah Meng (see Eat & Drink, Supper Spots, p135 and p136 respectively) are the perfect supper spots for groups.



J.B. Ah Meng

A 2-DAY ITINERARY FOR ACTIVE SILVERS.

DAY 1:
Explore the old and the New

MORNING

TOUR THE OLD COLONIAL HOUSES (TOUR)

On the Black and White Houses Tour by Jane's Singapore Tours (see Active Silvers, p163), visitors will learn about the history, architecture and heritage behind the iconic black and white colonial houses in Singapore. Hear stories about who lived in them, why they were built and how they are currently used as residences and commercial establishments.



Black and White House Tour

AFTERNOON

LUNCH AT AN AWARD-WINNING RESTAURANT (DINE)

Head to one Michelin-starred Crystal Jade Golden Palace (crystaljade.com/goldenpalace) for Teochew and Cantonese favourites like cold crab, sugar-coated yam, Cantonese barbecued meat and assorted seafood dishes. Visitors with a more adventurous palate should opt for contemporary offerings such as the Chilled Foie Gras with Sake and Stir-fried Ramen with Lobster in XO Sauce.

TAKE A SPA BREAK (RELAX/SHOP)

Indulge in a pampering session at the homegrown apothecary, Spa Esprit® (spa-esprit.com), located in Wheelock Place, an upmarket mall along Orchard Road (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82). The spa's slow flow massage and chavutti yogie massage are designed to help visitors relax after a day of exploring Singapore. Post-massage, 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 (see Shopping, Malls, p138) and Mandarin Gallery (mandarinalgallery.com.sg).



EVENING

ENJOY A SCENIC TOUR AND A SUMPTUOUS MEAL (EXPLORE/DINE)

On board the GOURMETbus, visitors are taken on a novel dining experience on the move. They will get to enjoy classic tze char (Chinese home-style dishes) dishes from Kok Sen Restaurant, a MICHELIN Bib Gourmand coffee shop while touring the city centre, driving past popular landmarks such as the Singapore Flyer (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82), 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, p56) during a scheduled 20- to 30-minute stop.



Supertree by IndoChine

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, 7.45 & 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 (see Attractions, 10 Free Attractions for Great Photos, p38). Order from a selection of premium sake (a Japanese alcoholic beverage) and baijiu (a Chinese hard liquor) from their comprehensive beverage menu lists.

DAY 2:
Time Out with Nature

MORNING

GO ON A TREETOP WALK (EXPLORE)

Nestled within MacRitchie Reservoir Park (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p55), the TreeTop Walk (nparks.gov.sg) is a 250-metre-long freestanding suspension bridge, which connects to the two highest points in MacRitchie. From atop the bridge, visitors get a bird's-eye view of the forest and is a prime position to spot wildlife creatures.



TreeTop Walk

AFTERNOON

VISIT THE SINGAPORE ZOO (EXPLORE)

Visitors can spend their afternoon at the award-winning Singapore Zoo (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p59), where they will get to see more than 2,800 animals and over 300 species of wildlife roaming around freely in their natural habitats, including endangered creatures like the Malayan tapir. The 26-hectare zoo, which is divided into nine 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.

LUNCH AT AH MENG RESTAURANT (DINE)

This restaurant (wrs.com.sg/en/singapore-zoo/explore-singapore-zoo/dine-and-shop.html) at the Singapore Zoo is named after the late Ah Meng, a Sumatran orangutan, famed for her friendly demeanour. During her tenure as the zoo's animal ambassador, she met celebrities like Prince Philip and Michael Jackson. At the restaurant, visitors can indulge in local favourites such as Hainanese chicken rice and nasi lemak (rice cooked in coconut milk served with an array of side dishes; see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p104 and p106 respectively).

TAKE OFF ON A RIVER ADVENTURE (EXPLORE)

River Safari (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p58), located next to the Singapore Zoo, has one of the world's largest collections of freshwater animals, housed in iconic habitats modelled after the Congo River, Amazon River, Mekong River and more. Coo over the giant pandas Kai Kai and Jia Jia, who dwell in the Giant Panda Forest near a replica of the Yangtze River, and other animals such as the Brazilian tapir.



EVENING

DINE AT SINGAPORE BOTANIC GARDENS (DINE)

The Halia is a halal restaurant located in the Ginger Garden of Singapore Botanic Gardens (Attractions, Adventure & Nature, Pg 58). The establishment, whose name is Malay for ginger, is a chic spot where diners can get up close with more than 250 species of ginger and their colourful foliage. Try Halia's alluring range of specialty drinks with herb infusions such as Grapefruit and Tarragon. The beautifully plated dishes are designed to be communal, so diners can pick a variety of them to share.



The Halia

A 2-DAY ITINERARY FOR

EARLY CAREERS.

DAY 1:
Live Authentic Experiences

MORNING

VISIT THE HEARTLAND (DINE/EXPLORE)

Take a trip to Toa Payoh (see Neighbourhoods, Heartlands, p75), the first town designed and developed by the Housing & Development Board (HDB). Visitors can tuck into a local breakfast of fishball noodles at one of the many coffee shops in the area. After breakfast, visit the Lian Shan Shuang Lin Monastery, Singapore's oldest monastery and keep a look out for the Dinosaur and Dragon Playgrounds (see Neighbourhoods, Heartlands, p75).



Lian Shan Shuang Lin Monastery

AFTERNOON

DINE AT OPEN FARM COMMUNITY (EXPLORE/DINE)

Stop for lunch at Open Farm Community (see Eat & Drink, Unique Dining Concepts, p109), a restaurant that focuses on produce sourced from local and regional farms. Visitors can dine on dishes such as the Sweet Potato Tortellini and sip on cocktails that incorporate freshly plucked ingredients from the farm's own garden.

SHOP AT INDEPENDENT STORES AT CHIP BEE GARDENS (SHOP)

At Chip Bee Gardens (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p79), visitors will find a wide range of independent boutiques and stores to explore (see Shopping, Boutiques & Independent Stores, p147). One example would be homegrown craft atelier, Bynd Artisan, where visitors can customise notebooks, bags and other leather products. A short walk from there are local womenswear labels Ong Shunmugam and Our Second Nature. Visitors can purchase designs with Asian influences at Ong Shunmugam and comfortable outfits for both work and play at Our Second Nature.



Ong Shunmugam

EVENING

MEET THE NEXT GENERATION OF SINGAPORE HAWKERS (TOUR)

Get inspired by young 'hawkerpreneurs' who have set up hawker stalls and eateries to preserve Singapore's hawker heritage. On the three-hour Next Generation Hawker Food Tour by Wok 'n' Stroll (see Millennials, p165), visitors will meet the next generation of hawkers and hear their stories of keeping the hawker traditions alive. Following that, visitors will also get to try dishes whipped up by young hawkers such as Teochew braised duck and *nasi lemak* (rice cooked in coconut milk, served with an array of dishes).

ENJOY UNIQUE COCKTAIL CREATIONS AT NATIVE (DRINK)

After dinner, have drinks at Native (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Tanjong Pagar & Chinatown, p99), the brainchild of Singaporean bartender, Vijay Mudaliar. On the menu are cocktail concoctions that make use of ingredients foraged by Vijay from places around Singapore and the region. Visitors can sip on drinks such as Red Light District which uses tongkat ali (a Southeast Asian medicinal root) and other Asian ingredients while talking to Vijay about the stories behind his drinks.

DAY 2:
Photo-Worthy Discoveries and Experiences

MORNING

TAKE A VESPA TOUR (TOUR)

On this hour-long tour by Singapore Sidecars, visitors will explore the historic neighbourhoods like Joo Chiat and Katong (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p66) while riding a Vespa (see Millennials, p165). They will see the award-winning shophouses—with intricate motifs, ceramic tiles, ornate façades, wooden shutters and residential terraces that line the precinct. Other highlights of the tour include the Sri Senpaga Vinayagar Temple, a temple with 150 years of history and the colourful street art of Joo Chiat which lends the perfect backdrop for creative photography.

VISIT AN AWARD-WINNING HOME MUSEUM (EXPLORE)

Hidden in a terrace house along Joo Chiat Terrace, is the Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) museum, The Intan (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p67). The museum, which won Tripadvisor®'s Travellers' Choice™ award in 2018, showcases the collection of owner Alvin Yapp. Apart from learning about the Peranakan culture and admiring intricate Peranakan beadwork, costumes and trinkets, travellers can sit down and have tea with Alvin.



The Intan

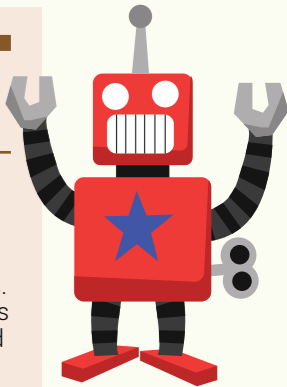
AFTERNOON

CHOOSE FROM THE MANY FOOD OPTIONS IN BRAS BASAH.BUGIS (DINE/SHOP)

Head to Bras Basah.Bugis precinct (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p78) for lunch at Sumo Bar Happy (sumobarhappy.com), a quaint ramen bar and izakaya and pop by Mellow Coffee ([facebook.com/MellowCoffeeSG](https://www.facebook.com/MellowCoffeeSG)) for some drinks and sweet treats. Visitors will be delighted by the café's photo-worthy signature creation, Sweet Little Rain, a suspended fluff ball of cotton candy over a cup of Americano which drizzles slightly from the heat of the coffee.

A SPOT OF NOSTALGIA (EXPLORE)

At the MINT Museum of Toys (see Attractions, Arts & Design, p41), visitors will find a world-class collection of vintage toys and collectable items, originating from more than 40 countries. Visitors will recognise favourites such as Betty Boop™ dolls, Batman figurines and Star Wars™ action figures.



EVENING

WANDER THE STREETS OF KAMPONG GLAM AND HAJI LANE (SHOP/EXPLORE)

Spend the evening exploring and shopping along the streets of Kampong Glam (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p64) and Haji Lane (see Shopping, Ethnic Districts, p142). Take photos with the colourful murals by Didier 'Jaba' Mathieu, Ceno2 and many other artists that line the exterior walls of shophouses. Traverse through alleyways lined with boutiques and hole-in-the-wall shops for unique keepsakes. One of these shops is bespoke perfume maker, Sifr Aromatics (sifr.sg), an experimental offshoot by third-generation owner Johari Kazura. Visitors can experiment with innovative scents like the heady 'East', a blend of oud (agarwood), rose absolute, amber and neroli. At home goods store Whenicreate + Zakka, visitors will find an eclectic mix of homeware and trinkets.



Haji Lane

A 2-DAY ITINERARY FOR

ESTABLISHED CAREERS.

DAY 1: Multisensorial experiences

MORNING

VIEW MARINE ANIMALS AT S.E.A. AQUARIUM™ (EXPLORE)

S.E.A. Aquarium™ (see Venues, Unique MICE Venues, p194) in Resorts World™ Sentosa (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p86) offers visitors an impressive showcase of over 100,000 marine creatures like rays, sharks and dolphins. Be sure to seek out the Open Ocean habitat where a 36-metre-wide and 8.3-metre-high giant viewing panel provides an unobstructed view of the marine life swimming in the waters.



S.E.A. Aquarium™

AFTERNOON

EAT WITH THE FISHES (DINE)

Visitors can continue their exploration of marine life at the Ocean Restaurant by Cat Cora™ (see Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p120). The restaurant boasts Southeast Asia's only underwater aquarium dining experience and serves visitors exceptional cuisine and service that is just as memorable as the view. Visitors can feast on the sight of fishes, rays and sharks swimming past while they savour the freshest Mediterranean-Californian cuisine from the recipes of America's first lady iron chef Cat Cora.

SHOP FOR LOCAL DESIGNS (SHOP)

After a delectable and memorable lunch, head over to Design Orchard (see Shopping, Malls, p138) to shop for unique pieces created by local designers. Envisaged as a one-stop shop for local designers and brands, visitors will find at least 60 brands across categories such as fashion, home and beauty.

BE SPOILT FOR CHOICES AT ION ORCHARD (SHOP)

The list of over 300 retail, F&B and entertainment stores featured at ION Orchard (see Shopping, Malls, p138) is almost overwhelming. Try on designer clothing at cult and luxury labels like Valentino, Louis Vuitton and PRADA. Sports enthusiasts can shop for sportswear at labels such as Lululemon Athletica and Adidas®. In the beauty section, visitors will find brands such as Origins and Kiehl's amidst big names like Estee Lauder and CHANEL.



EVENING

EXPERIENCE SINGAPORE THROUGH THE SENSES (TOUR)

On the three-hour Harmony of Senses Walking Tour by Embassy Alliance (see Free Independent Travellers, p158), visitors will taste one of the rarest teas on the island, enjoy the breathtaking views of the city skyline—located on the 57th floor of the Marina Bay Sands® (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82), and watch a spectacular light and laser show. After the tour, visitors can visit CÉ LA VI Singapore, an award winning bar and club (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Marina Bay, Esplanade, Fullerton, p97).



Spectra – A Marina Bay Sands® Light and Water Show

DAY 2: A day for the cultured soul

MORNING

APPRECIATE THE ART DECO ARCHITECTURE AT TIONG BAHRU NEIGHBOURHOOD (DINE/EXPLORE)

Start the morning with breakfast at Tiong Bahru Bakery, a place renowned for its buttery croissants. Visitors can then take a stroll around Tiong Bahru (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p89) and admire its Art Deco architecture with rounded corners, external spiral staircases and porthole windows. These buildings were some of the first blocks constructed in the 1930s, inspired by the popular art deco movement of the time. Visitors can also seek out Instagram-worthy murals depicting Singapore in the past by artists like Yip Yew Chong located around the Tiong Bahru precinct.

At local bookstore BooksActually (booksactuallyshop.com), visitors can browse through books by Singaporean authors and poets. Music lovers can visit Curated Records ([facebook.com/curatedrecords](https://www.facebook.com/curatedrecords)) which offers a wide selection of vinyl records. For lunch, visitors can savour the curry rice at Loo's Hainanese Curry Rice.



Tiong Bahru

AFTERNOON

LEARN ABOUT SINGAPORE'S NATIONAL GALLERY (TOUR/VISIT)

Learn about the restored former Supreme Court and City Hall buildings, the two structures that now make up the National Gallery Singapore (see Attractions, Arts & Design, p42), a museum that oversees the largest public collections of modern art in Southeast Asia.



EVENING

HAVE DINNER AT ODETTE OR NATIONAL KITCHEN BY VIOLET OON (DINE)

Visitors can choose to either dine at the two Michelin-starred Odette restaurant or National Kitchen by Violet Oon (see Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p120 and Afternoon Tea, p116 respectively) to enjoy Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) dishes like *garam assam* fish (red snapper fillets cooked in a spicy sour gravy) and *chop chye* (braised mixed vegetables and bean curd skin served in a rich prawn bisque).

ENJOY THE SCENIC VIEW AND HAVE A DRINK AT LOOF (DRINK)

Perched on the rooftop of Odeon Towers, visitors can take in the spectacular views of the city's Central Business District (CBD) at night while sampling Southeast Asian inspired cocktails at Loof (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Bras Basah & Bugis, p93). Try creations such as Kopi Cat, a concoction of rum, orange liqueur, mocha and salted caramel foam.



National Kitchen by Violet Oon

A 2-DAY ITINERARY FOR

FAMILIES.

MORNING

START THE DAY WITH BREAKFAST, SINGAPORE-STYLE (DINE)

Enjoy soft-boiled eggs, warm *kaya* (a traditional jam made from coconut and eggs) 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 cafés are known for their traditional breakfast, now available in numerous outlets across the island.

SEE THE CITY ON A THRILLING RIDE WITH DUCKTOURS (TOUR)

After breakfast, both adults and kids can enjoy a fun DUCKtours (see Families, p160). Ride in a remodelled World War II Vietnamese war craft that cruises on land and water as it goes by places of interest like Marina Barrage (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82) and Civic District.

AFTERNOON

LUNCH WITH A VIEW AT ARBORA (DINE)

Families can tuck into restaurant favourites like the smoked duck and mushroom ragout at Arbora (onefabergroup.com/arbora), a hilltop dining restaurant perched atop the lush greenery of Mount Faber Park. For children, the kid's menu with dishes such as golden chicken nuggets and beef bolognese is sure to whet the appetite of young ones.

GO ON A NATURE TRAIL AT HENDERSON WAVES (EXPLORE)

Henderson Waves (see Attractions, 10 Free Attractions for Great Photos, p38), 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 wildlife. From Mount Faber, hop onto a cable car ride to HarbourFront and Sentosa (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p85), and enjoy a panoramic view from above.

BUILD A TERRARIUM AT HORTPARK (WORKSHOP)

Head to nearby HortPark (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p57) 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 15 pax and at least one month's advanced booking.

EVENING

EXPERIENCE SINGAPORE'S LARGEST MALL AND LIFESTYLE DESTINATION (SHOP/DINE/PLAY)

Visitors can round off the day at VivoCity (see Shopping, Malls, p142). 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 300-metre 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 90 centimetres in height must be accompanied by an adult (no additional charge for accompanying adult).



Kaya Toast



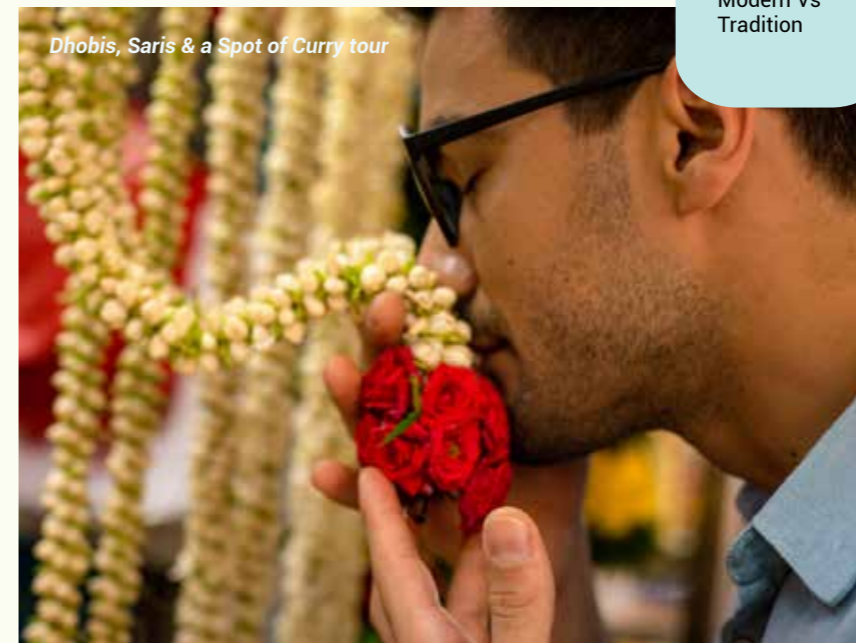
VivoCity

DAY 2: Modern Vs Tradition

MORNING

EXPLORE LITTLE INDIA (DINE/TOUR)

Visitors can start the day with breakfast in Little India (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p68) at Ananda Bhavan (see Eat & Drink, Heritage Restaurants, p112). Try the restaurant's Masala Thosai, an Indian pancake stuffed with spiced potatoes. After breakfast, explore the Little India precinct on the two-and-a-half hour tour, Dhobis, Saris & a Spot of Curry™ by Journeys (see Families, p160). Visitors will tour the Tekka Centre (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p70), and have a meal at one of Little India's oldest restaurants. Families are sure to enjoy exploring the wall-to-wall shops at the Little India Arcade (littleindiaarcade.com.sg) where they will learn to tie a *sari* (a long cloth traditionally worn in India).



Dhobis, Saris & a Spot of Curry tour

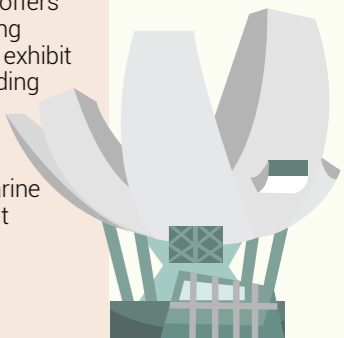
AFTERNOON

LUNCH AT OLD CHANG KEE CAFÉ (DINE)

Located opposite the renowned Rex Cinema, the Old Chang Kee Café @ Mackenzie Road marks a homecoming as it takes the spot of Old Chang Kee's first store in Singapore. The flagship store combines Old Chang Kee and other affiliated brands—Curry Times, Bun Times, and Dip 'n' Go all under one roof. The café's wide selection of local delights will satisfy the appetites of both the young and old. Visitors can also admire the rattan chairs, plastic tables and other retro furniture decorating the Old Chang Kee cafe.

PLAY WITH ART AND SCIENCE AT ARTSCIENCE MUSEUM™ (EXPERIENCE)

A permanent exhibition at the ArtScience Museum™ (see Attractions, Arts & Design, p40) at Marina Bay Sands® (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82), 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, Transcending Boundaries', a seven-metre-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

VISIT THE NIGHT SAFARI (EXPLORE)

No trip to Singapore is complete without a visit to Singapore's famous Night Safari (see Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p57). The world's first zoo dedicated to nocturnal animals, the safari leads visitors on an after-dark experience where they can observe more than 1,000 animals in their natural night habitats. Before embarking on a tram ride, families can dine at a range of eateries there. Options include Jungle Rotisserie; Ulu Ulu Safari Restaurant, which serves local dishes like chicken rice (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p104), ice *kachang* (shaved ice with syrup, beans, jelly and other toppings) and Indian dishes like *biryani* (an Indian spiced rice dish with meat or vegetables) and chicken *tandoori* (chicken roasted with spices); Safari Sizzles for hot dogs and fried snacks; and ice cream at Ben & Jerry's®.



Night Safari

A 1-DAY ITINERARY FOR BUSINESS EVENT VISITORS.

MORNING

HAVE A HEARTY MEAL AT PS CAFÉ AT PALAIS RENAISSANCE (DINE)

For breakfast, visitors can visit PS. Café Palais Renaissance (pscafe.com) for its delectable Western and Asian offerings. Try the café's speciality sandwiches which include the PS. Club, a sandwich packed with bacon, chicken, fried egg, cheddar and creamed spinach. For local dishes with a twist, choose from PS Café's street food selection such as Suzy's Spaghetti Crab 'Mee Goreng', noodles fried with fresh crab, king prawns and a spicy tomato sauce.



Choo Yilin

AFTERNOON

HEAD TO THE SHOPPER'S PARADISE, ORCHARD ROAD (SHOP)

After a delicious meal, stroll down Singapore's famed shopping belt, Orchard Road (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82). Find some designed-in-Singapore brands at Design Orchard or international fashion labels and luxury brands like Burberry® and Miu Miu at ION Orchard (see Shopping, Malls, p138). For brunch, visitors can dine at TWG Tea Garden (see Eat & Drink, Afternoon Tea, p117) within Marina Bay Sands® (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82). The tea house boasts a collection of over 800 single-harvest teas and tea-infused cuisine. Marina Bay Sands® also offers an extensive range of shopping and entertainment options for visitors to enjoy.



Gardens by the Bay

EVENING

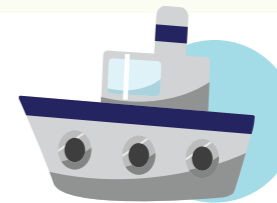
TAKE A GUIDED TOUR THROUGH GARDENS BY THE BAY (EXPLORE)

Visitors who prefer to learn more about Singapore's iconic cityscape could consider the Gardens by the Bay Guided Tour. On the tour, visitors will learn more about this multi-award winning horticultural destination as they are brought through the two Cooled Conservatories, Flower Dome and Cloud Forest. The Outdoor Gardens which houses the Supertree Grove, Heritage Gardens and the World of Plants is one of the tour's highlights. Prior registration for the tour is required and travelers can visit gardensbythebay.com.sg for more information.

DINE WITH A VIEW (DINE)

Visitors can have an exclusive dining experience at the top of SuperTree by IndoChine, a restaurant situated atop one of the iconic Supertrees (metal structures resembling trees) at Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, Nature & Adventure, p56). The restaurant offers a spectacular view of the Singapore city skyline, which visitors can enjoy while dining on menu items such as sautéed beef and baked Atlantic lobster.

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.

Cruise companies such as Royal Caribbean International and Dream Cruises offer packages that depart from and return to Singapore, so travellers can use Singapore as their base to travel around the region. The sample cruise itineraries 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 other than the ones listed here.

For more information about cruise itineraries and travel arrangements, travel agents or visitors should contact the respective cruise companies.

LEGEND

- C Contemporary**
Least expensive; offers basic amenities, food and service. Typically large ships that can accommodate 2,001–6,500 passengers
- P Premium**
More attention to detail; greater differentiation of amenities, food and services. Typically mid-sized ships that can accommodate 751–2,000 passengers
- L Luxury**
More personal comfort, space, amenities and services (including butler service). Typically small ships that can accommodate 251–750 passengers.



AIDA CRUISES **C**

AIDA cruises boasts over ten ships for passengers to choose from, with their newest ships being the AIDA blu, AIDA mar, AIDA sol and AIDA stella. From Singapore, passengers can travel to locations such as Malaysia, Dubai, Thailand, Vietnam and Australia. On board, passengers can explore the host of activities provided. AIDA's ships come equipped with an outdoor area for jogging and sports, a gym overlooking the sea, yoga classes and much more. The ship's dining options provide a unique experience for passengers. The ocean seafood restaurant features wide windows looking into the oceans for guests to view marine life swimming past them as they dine. The time machine restaurant is decorated with metal and cushion furnishings to create an old-fashioned setting that makes passengers feel that they have travelled back in time. Passengers can also enjoy the cruise's extensive entertainment program which includes musicals, rock shows, live music bars, pool parties and comedy shows. For young children and teenagers, the Kids Club and Teens Club are sure to keep them entertained. At the Kids Club, children will participate in fun themed workshops, football and swimming pool activities, children's spas and other activities. In the Teens Club, teenagers will get to play Nintendo® Wii games, enjoy movies with popcorn and use the club's spa and sports facilities. Children under two years of age will get to travel for free on AIDA and children from two to 15 years of age will be able to travel for free during selected seasons.

Website: aida.de
Email: info@aida.de

AZAMARA CLUB CRUISES **L**

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.

Website: azamaracruises.com
Email: APACRes@rcclapac.com



CELEBRITY CRUISES **P**

American cruise line Celebrity Cruises distinguishes itself by offering modern luxury—from the contemporary décor and elegant rooms, to top-notch 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).

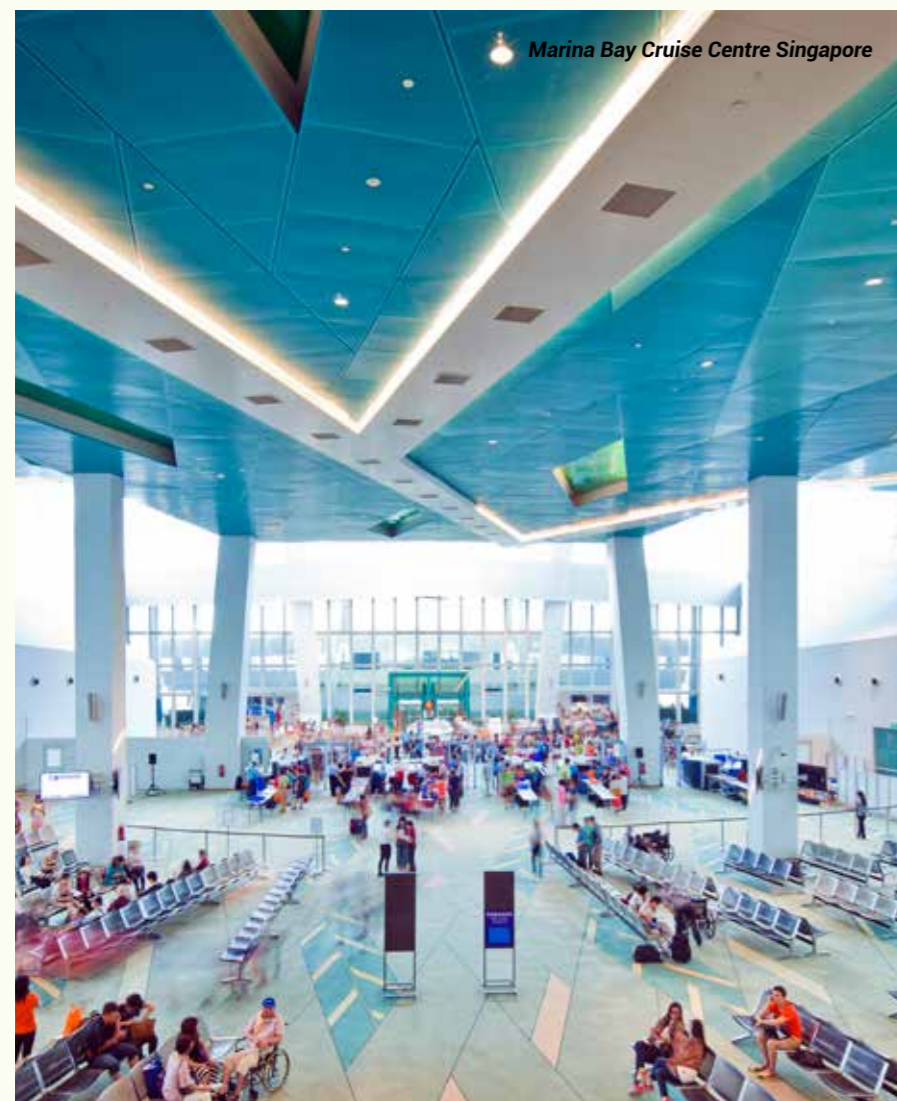
Sample cruise itinerary:

Celebrity Millennium—15-Day 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 in Malaysia. In Vietnam, travellers can visit temples, pagodas and tombs located along the 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.

Website: celebritycruises.com

Email: APACRes@rcclapac.com



Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore

COSTA CRUISES **C**

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. Visitors can also take a trip aboard the Costa Fortuna, an elegant yet comfortable ship that pays homage to the luxurious Italian ocean liners of the past. The cruise is furnished with 1,358 cabins and boasts facilities such as a pools with water slides, a theatre and an outdoor jogging track.

Sample cruise itinerary:

Costa Fortuna—7-Day Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand Cruise

From Singapore, this cruise will head to the Malaysian archipelago, Langkawi. There, visitors can explore the mangrove forests and peaceful beaches. The cruise will then depart for Phuket, where visitors can enjoy the sandy white beaches on one of the biggest islands in Thailand for two days. The cruise's next stop will be at Penang, Malaysia. This island is known for its rich wildlife and nature. Visitors can also pick up trinkets and try local food as they stroll through the island's streets and markets. The cruise will then head for Klang before returning to Singapore.

Website: costacruise.com

Email: info-pao@costa.it

CRYSTAL CRUISES **P**

Winners of The World's Best Luxury Cruise Line, Crystal Symphony and Crystal Serenity takes guests on a luxurious voyage to exciting locations such as Mumbai, Rome, Mombasa, Dubai and Perth. Both liners boast theatres, a tennis court, complimentary golf lessons, an award-winning spa, Crystal Spa and Resorts World at Sea® casino. Children will be thoroughly entertained in the games room on board Crystal Symphony, fully equipped with Wii, PlayStation®, Xbox, Kinect, widescreen televisions, and supervised age-specific activities. In their rooms, guests will enjoy complimentary drinks and fresh fruits, ETRO S.P.A Exclusive Sea bath products, unlimited Wi-Fi and internet access. Opt for the special themed cruises where guests can enjoy Broadway, jazz, musical performances and lectures led by experts on topics such as politics and world affairs.

Website: crystalcruises.com

Email: internationalsales@crystalcruises.com

DREAM CRUISES **C**

Over 35 restaurant and bar concepts on board, live music performances, fashion boutiques, a water slide park, zip lines and an outdoor beach club are just some of the facilities and activities that guests can enjoy onboard the Dream Cruise—Genting Dream. This award-winning cruise has received accolades such as the Star Performer Top Ten Rating under the Large Resort Category by Berlitz Cruising and Cruise Guide 2018 and the ocean's most luxurious rooms by CNN. Not just for play, the ship is fully equipped with meeting and conference rooms that can accommodate up to 999 guests and enables event planners to execute their business events with ease.

Sample cruise itinerary:

Genting Dream—6-Day South East Asian Splendour I & III

Explore Southeast Asia's spectacular beaches, lakes, wildlife and mountains on board this six-day cruise. From Singapore, the cruise will travel to and make its first stop at Langkawi, Malaysia, a land home to colourful coral reefs, mangrove forests and mountains. Next, passengers will head to Phuket, Thailand. There, they can relax along the island's beaches before the cruise embarks for Penang and Kuala Lumpur (Port Klang) in Malaysia.

Website: dreamcruiseline.com

Email: sg.sales@dreamcruiseline.com

HOLLAND AMERICA LINE **P**

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 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).

Sample cruise itinerary:

Westerdam—13-Day Far East Discovery Holiday

This cruise will first stop in the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Halong Bay in Vietnam where travellers can explore the stalagmite and stalactite formations in the Thien Cung Cave. From there, the cruise will stop along other exciting destinations such as Da Nang and Phu My in Vietnam as well as Sihanoukville in Cambodia and Bangkok in Thailand. In Bangkok, travellers can visit the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, the most ornate temple



Princess Cruises

in Thailand decorated with glittering gold statues and murals or see more than 185 Bengal tigers at the Sriracha Tiger Zoo. Travellers will be able to explore the city for two days before departing for Nathon (Koh Samui), Thailand.

Website: hollandamerica.com

Email: worldcruisereservations@hollandamerica.com

NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE **C**

Travel to Hiroshima, Ho Chi Minh City, Bali, Brisbane and a whole host of other destinations from Singapore, on board Europe's leading cruise line, the Norwegian Cruise Line. The award-winning Studios accommodation, a 100-square-foot area with a big screen television and complimentary snacks, is the perfect sanctuary for solo travellers. The cruise's mini-suites and balconies are furnished with convertible beds to ensure ample area for storage and movement. Guests looking for a luxurious stay can enjoy the suites and penthouse accommodations with butler and concierge services. The special interest cruises such as the Musical Themed Cruise is perfect for music lovers who will get to see artists such as Kesha, Brentley Gilbert and Chris Jericho perform live while sailing across the sea.

For families looking to spend quality time together on a holiday, the family themed cruises offer a host of games and activities including dodgeball, cupcake decorating, bowling and mini-golf to bond and entertain the entire family.

Website: ncl.com

Email: resoffice@ncl.com

P&O CRUISES AUSTRALIA **C**

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.

Website: pocruises.com

Email: information@pocruises.com.au



PRINCESS CRUISES **P**

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.

Sample cruise itineraries:

Sapphire Princess—5-Day Malaysian Peninsula

Princess Cruises offers a short five-day round-trip Malaysian Peninsula cruise. The first stop is in Port Klang in Kuala Lumpur. Here, visitors can marvel at iconic landmarks such as the Petronas Twin Towers. Next stop is Penang, home to the UNESCO World Heritage Site, George Town. Finally, stop in Phuket, Thailand, where visitors can explore the island's beaches and forested hills.

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 113 hectare Lok Kawi Wildlife Park, home to species like the pygmy Borneo elephant and proboscis monkey. 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, relax on the beaches of Sihanoukville, or explore Phnom Penh, the capital city of Cambodia.

Website: princess.com

Email: support@carnival-sg.com

REGENT SEVEN SEA CRUISES **L**

Sail on an award-winning fleet of ships from Regent Seven Sea Cruises with all-suite accommodations, custom-crafted furnishings and private teak balconies. From Singapore, travel to Bangkok, Dubai, Rome and Abu Dhabi and stay up to 21 days on board. The cruise offers free unlimited shore excursions where guests can take as many tours in a day for their duration on the cruise and experience the history, culture and cuisine of the ports of call with knowledgeable local guides. Enjoy activities such as wine and cheese tastings and cooking classes at the



Royal Caribbean

Culinary Arts Kitchen. Guests can try their luck at the ship's casino and relax at the show lounge while watching musical productions by a team of Broadway professionals. Free unlimited internet connection is included in the cruise fare and guests will be able to use their mobile phones for calls, text messages and data services while at sea.

Website: rssc.com

Email: information@rssc.com

ROYAL CARIBBEAN SINGAPORE **C**

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.

Sample cruise itineraries:

Spectrum of the Seas—8-Day Spice of Southeast Asia Cruise

This adventure takes travellers around Southeast Asia by sea. The cruise will stop at Malacca, Kuala Lumpur (Port Klang) and Penang in Malaysia. In Penang, passengers can venture around the state's capital and a UNESCO World Heritage zone, George Town. They can explore traditional Chinese architecture at the Taoist Goddess of Mercy Temple and visit 18th century Fort Cornwallis. Next stop will be in Phuket, Thailand where passengers can relax on the island's

beaches or hike through its mountains before they disembark in Singapore.

Quantum of the Seas—13-Day Tianjin to Singapore

The cruise's first stop will be at Fukuoka, Japan where travelers can explore the Machiya Folk Museum to immerse themselves in the area's history and traditions. Next stop is the capital of Taiwan, Taipei. Travellers can visit one of the world's tallest buildings, Taipei 101. Travellers will then head to Hong Kong, where they will have two days to explore. Other stops in the itinerary include Ho Chi Minh and Hue in Vietnam before passengers disembark in Singapore.

DID YOU KNOW?

Royal Caribbean cruises are equipped with facilities such as zip liners, rock climbing walls, surf simulators and the tallest slide at sea so that travellers will never be short of exciting activities onboard.

Voyager of the Seas—5-Day 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 (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) 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.

Voyager of the Seas—9-Day 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. Travellers will first stop at Bangkok where they can visit the Wat Pho temple, famous for its reclining Buddha and massage school. 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.

Website: seabourn.com

Email: seareservations@seabourn.com / seagroupsales@seabourn.com (Group Bookings)

SEABOURN CRUISE LINE **L**

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.

Website: seabourn.com

Email: seareservations@seabourn.com / seagroupsales@seabourn.com (Group Bookings)

SILVERSEA CRUISES **L**

Anyone can travel in style with Silversea Cruises, which offers all-inclusive ultra-luxury cruises to more than 900 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, Hong Kong and Abu Dhabi, from Singapore.

Website: silversea.com

Email: melvynny@silversea.com

TUI CRUISES **C**

Based in Germany, TUI Cruises has a fleet of large contemporary-style ships offering 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.

Website: tuicruises.com

Email: info@tuicruises.com



The Clifford Pier



CRUISE TRANSIT ITINERARIES

Depending on how much time visitors have, here are some things they can do before they return to their ship at Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore or the Singapore Cruise Centre @ HarbourFront. These itineraries are also suitable for first-time visitors to Singapore.

GENERAL ITINERARY 1: MARINA BAY PRECINCT

Close to the Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore (MBCCS) is the Marina Bay precinct (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p81). Located 1.3 kilometres from the MBCCS is one of Singapore's most iconic attractions, Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, 10 Attractions for Great Photos, p38). Visitors can take a 22-minute walk on foot or a 15-minute bus ride to the attraction or alternatively arrive at their destination in less than 10 minutes by car.

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 (see Attractions, 10 Attractions for Great Photos, p38). 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 (see Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p116) 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 culture of the 1933 pier alive with dishes like soup *kambing* (mutton soup infused with spices) and fried carrot cake with prawns and scallions (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p105).

Website: fullertonhotels.com/singapore/the-fullerton-bay-hotel/dine/the-clifford-pier



Skyline Luge

11am: Esplanade—Theatres on the Bay (Experience)

After lunch, travellers can head to the nearby Esplanade—Theatres on the Bay (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p81), affectionately known as 'The Durian' for its spiky roofs. Travellers can go on a 60-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® (see Shopping, Malls, p141)—a fun family affair 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™ (see Attractions, Arts & Design, p40)—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

The HarbourFront precinct (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p85) is situated 6.9-kilometres away from the MBCCS and a short nine minute drive will take visitors from the cruise centre to the 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 (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, 85). 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 (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p86). 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. For a truly unique dining experience, visit Southeast Asia's only underwater aquarium restaurant, Ocean Restaurant™ by Cat Cora (see Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p120) at the S.E.A. Aquarium™. Visitors can watch captivating marine life swimming past them as they dine on hearty dishes such as beef short ribs and sea bass.

Website: sentosa.com.sg/explore/dining

12:30pm: Mega Adventure Park - Singapore or AJ Hackett, Sentosa (Experience)

Travellers looking for a short burst of adrenaline should head to Mega Adventure Park—Singapore (see Attractions, Thrill Seeking, p60), 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 experience adrenaline-pumping action at AJ Hackett (see Neighbourhoods, Sentosa & HarbourFront, p85) where they can fly at speeds up to 120 kilometres per hour on a giant swing or bungee jump off a 47-metre high platform.

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 (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p104) and *laksa* (spicy coconut milk-based noodle soup), and delicacies like *cheng tng* (a light, sweet soup with longan, barley and white fungus) and *tao suan* (a sweet dessert made of split mung beans).

Website: store.sentosa.com.sg/main/events/dining--good-old-days/135#!/

3pm: Madame Tussauds™ Singapore at Imbiah (Experience)

Visitors can save on admission charges with a 'saver ticket' (visit website for details) for entries to Images of Singapore LIVE (see Attractions, History & Heritage, p44) and Madame Tussauds™ Singapore (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p86), 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 and Singaporean football legend Fandi Ahmad.

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 (see Attractions, History & Heritage, p44), 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

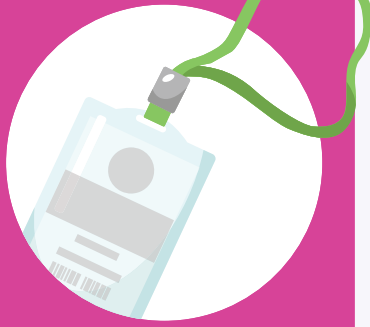


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VENUES

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event and convention**

From large events to intimate private functions, we offer a line-up of locations to suit a variety of events.



VENUES

From concert halls and convention centres to unique locations, the country houses a range of state-of-the-art venues to suit a variety of events.



Victoria Theatre & Concert Hall

Progressors with a drive to connect, collaborate and innovate can turn their passion for growth into fresh opportunities in Singapore. Being a regional hub for business and entertainment, Singapore has constructed cutting-edge facilities all across the island. World-class events, exhibitions and conferences are frequently held at these venues, providing Progressors with plenty of opportunities to upgrade themselves and network with one another. With centrally located venues such as the Raffles City Convention Centre and Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre, Progressors can easily access entertainment, shopping, dining and accommodation options to make the most of their stay in the city. Venues such as the Victoria Theatre & Concert Hall and The Arts House are located in the Civic District, where Singapore's historical, architectural and cultural heritage started. Esplanade-Theatres on the Bay is perfect for orchestra and musical performances. For additional information and tips on organising events in Singapore, Progressors can download the Meeting Planner Guide (visitsingapore.com/content/dam/MICE/Global/useful-downloads/2017-meeting-planners-guide.pdf).

PERFORMANCE & CONCERT VENUES

CAPITOL THEATRE

Set in the heart of Singapore's downtown Civic District, Capitol Theatre is integrated with Capitol Singapore, a luxury lifestyle development that houses a five-star hotel, residences, retail stores and dining establishments. Furnished with the latest audio and visual systems for cinema and the performing arts, it has a rotational floor system that allows for flexible seating configurations, be it for a film screening, musical production, dance performance or MICE event. Its single-screen cinema is the largest in Singapore, with approximately 977 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 977 pax
- Can be used for screenings, performances and MICE events

Address: Capitol Piazza, 17 Stamford Road

Tel: +65 6499 5168

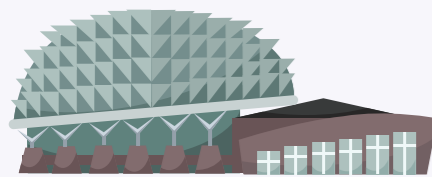
Website: capitolsingapore.com/capitol-theatre

Email: enquiry@capitolsingapore.com

Nearest MRT: City Hall Station



Capitol Theatre



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 (see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p81*) 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 aluminum 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 Tan Kim Seng Fountain. Both indoor and outdoor venues in the Esplanade are available for rental and tiered pricing is available for all venues 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

Address: 1 Esplanade Drive

Tel: +65 6828 8366

Fax: +65 6337 3633

Website: esplanade.com

Email: venues@esplanade.com

Nearest MRT: City Hall Station / Esplanade Station

FORT CANNING GREEN

Fort Canning Green, an iconic hilltop landmark has witnessed many of Singapore's historical milestones. Its sprawling lawn is surrounded by lush greenery and hedged by 18th century gateways and gazebos. It is just a ten-minute walk away from Dhoby Ghaut MRT Station. Today, the historical Fort Canning Park (see *Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p56*) is a venue for celebrations and the gentle slopes of Fort Canning Green serves as a seating or standing area during outdoor concerts, plays and movie events.

Quick facts about Fort Canning Green:

- Seating capacity of 500 pax and standing capacity of 7,000 pax.
- Requires marquee for shelter

Address: Canning Rise

Tel: +65 6444 2440

Website: 1-host.sg/wedding/locations/fort-canning-green

Email: nparks_fcp@1-host.sg

Nearest MRT: Dhoby Ghaut Station / Fort Canning Station

NATIONAL STADIUM

Back in 2010, the National Stadium was demolished to make way for a bigger, newer facility. In 2014, the Singapore Sports Hub was unveiled as the new state-of-the-art, fully integrated sports, entertainment and lifestyle complex. Now an iconic dome-shaped landmark with a retractable roof and energy-efficient cooling system, the multi-purpose space is designed to host a variety of events—from sports competitions to concerts and national events. Past events included concerts by international superstars Mariah Carey, Jay Chou, One Direction and Madonna. Other facilities in the Hub include the OCBC Aquatic Centre (with two types of pools used for training and competitive swimming), the Water Sports Centre (used for canoeing) and the Singapore Sports Museum, which showcases 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, Performance & Concert Venues, p189*)
- 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: contactus@sportshub.com.sg (General Enquiry) / sales@sportshub.com.sg (Booking of venues)

Nearest MRT: Stadium Station



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: 628 pax—Stalls (378 pax), Circle (250 pax, of which 68 are restricted-view seats)

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

Nearest MRT: Dhoby Ghaut Station

SINGAPORE INDOOR STADIUM

The Singapore Indoor Stadium is a massive concert venue where international superstars such as 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. Besides concerts, the indoor arena has also played host to sporting events such as the UFC Fight Night Singapore. 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 4,000 pax to 12,000 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: contactus@sportshub.com.sg (General Enquiry) / sales@sportshub.com.sg (Booking of venues)

Nearest MRT: Stadium Station

THE MEADOW

Set within the lush greenery of Gardens by the Bay (see *Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p56*) with spectacular views of the Marina Bay area (see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p81*), The Meadow is Singapore's largest outdoor garden event space. The area comes complete with spacious lawns—ideal for large concerts, music festivals, carnivals and community events. The Meadow hosts the annual Christmas Wonderland (see *Festivals & Events, p36*), 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, 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

Address: 18 Marina Gardens Drive

Tel: +65 6420 6848 / +65 6636 2060 (Trade Contact: Alloysius Teng)

Fax: +65 6636 2004

Website: gardensbythebay.com.sg

Email: venue.hire@gardensbythebay.com.sg

Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station



Esplanade—Theatres on the Bay

THE STAR THEATRE

The Star Theatre is a performing arts venue suitable for 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 a distance of just 56 metres from the edge of the stage to the last row, 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:

- The Star Theatre is part of The Star Performing Arts Centre
- 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

Nearest MRT: Buona Vista Station

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 reopened in 2014 after a four-year renovation to improve its acoustics and add new spaces. The Victoria Concert Hall retains much of its old-world charm, with a coffered ceiling and a Klais pipe organ taking centre stage. The Victoria Theatre is a black box theatre that is suitable for dance performances, plays and musicals. 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: vtch.com

Email: enquiries.vtch@artshouse.sg

Nearest MRT: City Hall Station / Raffles Place Station



EXHIBITION & CONFERENCE VENUES



Victoria Theatre & Victoria Concert Hall

CHANGI EXHIBITION CENTRE

The Changi Exhibition Centre (CEC) is just a 15-minute drive from the Singapore Changi Airport and 20 minutes from the Central Business District (CBD). Overlooking the sea, it offers both indoor and outdoor exhibition spaces and can accommodate anything from exhibitions and conferences to corporate or incentive events. 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:

- 100,000sqm Outdoor Display Area
- 40,000sqm Indoor Exhibition Hall (fully air-conditioned)
- 4,000sqm Mezzanine Level (including viewing deck)
- 6 Function rooms (seating capacity of 30 to 250 pax)
- VIP lounge

Address: 9 Aviation Park Road

Tel: +65 6542 8660 / +65 6595 6325

(Trade Contact: Karen Tan)

Fax: +65 6546 6062

Website: changiexhibitioncentre.com

Email: cec_enquiries@experiaevents.com

/ karentan@experiaevents.com

(Trade Contact: Karen Tan)

Nearest MRT: Changi Airport Station

PARK AVENUE CONVENTION CENTRE

Park Avenue Convention Centre is the next generation of business meeting

spaces. Its unique circular layout with built-in operable walls makes it a flexible venue for different kinds of events and seating arrangements such as theatre, banquet, exhibition or any customised layout. Equipped with large-scale screen projectors, theatrical lightings and convention hall acoustics, the venue caters to large-scale meetings, seminars, conferences, exhibitions and other special events. Park Avenue's dedicated team will also provide support for needs ranging from operations and logistics to catering and hospitality. Housed within Changi Business Park, the convention centre is located next to Park Avenue Changi Hotel and is a ten-minute drive away from Singapore Changi Airport.

Quick facts about Park Avenue Convention Centre:

- Venue size: 631sqm
- Seating capacity of 650 pax
- Three-minute walk away from Expo MRT Station

Address: 2 Changi Business Park Avenue 1

Tel: +65 6809 7300 / +65 6809 7359

(Trade Contact: Mr Shak)

Fax: +65 6808 8642

Website: parkavenueintl.com

Email: pareservations@uel.sg /

liqun.shak@uel.sg (Trade Contact: Mr Shak)

Nearest MRT: Expo Station

RAFFLES CITY CONVENTION CENTRE

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 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 Visualiser presentation system, and touch-screen controllers for 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 (see Shopping, Malls, p140)
- Three ballrooms and up to 27 meeting rooms with seating capacities of up to 3,000 pax

Address: 80 Bras Basah Road

Tel: +65 6431 5560 / +65 6339 7777

(Trade Contact: Rob Mclytyre)

Website: fairmont.com/singapore

Email: conventions.singapore@fairmont.com /

rob.mclytyre@fairmont.com (Trade Contact: Rob Mclytyre)

Nearest MRT: City Hall Station



Raffles City Convention Centre

DID YOU KNOW?

Designed as a 'city within a city', Raffles City Convention Centre is surrounded by a host of amenities from hotels, shops to restaurants and bars.

RESORTS WORLD™ CONVENTION CENTRE

Resorts World™ Convention Centre is located on Sentosa Island (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p86), a popular island resort and tourist attraction just 15 minutes from Singapore's Central Business District (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. For a mega event, consider the Resorts World™ Ballroom, which has a ceiling height of 11-metre and 6,000sqm of unobstructed floor space, making it one of Asia's largest column-free ballrooms.

Quick facts about Resorts World™ Convention Centre:

- 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 a combined area of up to 2,800sqm and a capacity of over 4,500 pax
- Direct lift access from Hard Rock® Hotel Singapore

Address: Sentosa Island, 8 Sentosa Gateway

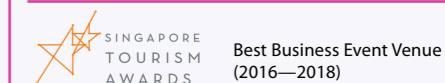
Tel: +65 6577 9977

Website: rwsentosa.com/en/meetings-and-events

Email: mice@rwsentosa.com

Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

SANDS EXPO® AND CONVENTION CENTRE



Sands Expo® and Convention Centre at Marina Bay Sands® (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82) is one of Singapore's largest exhibition venues and can accommodate 45,000 pax. It has numerous meeting rooms and halls to choose from, including the Sands Grand Ballroom, one of Southeast Asia's largest ballrooms which 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 for logistics, lighting, catering and audiovisual equipment. Marina Bay Sands® also offers '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 which can comfortably accommodate 45,000 pax

Address: 10 Bayfront Avenue

Tel: +65 6688 3000

Website: marinabaysands.com

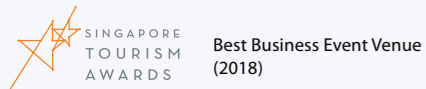
Email: sales@marinabaysands.com

Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station



Singapore EXPO Convention and Exhibition Centre

SINGAPORE EXPO CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE



Singapore EXPO Convention and Exhibition Centre is a five-minute drive from 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 consumer and trade shows, product launches, gala events, conferences and award ceremonies. MAX Atria, the convention wing of Singapore EXPO, 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 WiFiMAX, a high-speed flexible Wi-Fi system with scalable bandwidth. Visitors may also opt to enjoy a 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: 100,000sqm (indoor), 23,000sqm (outdoor)
- 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
Tel: +65 6403 2160

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 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE

Located in the heart of the city, Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre is linked to Suntec City mall (see *Shopping, Malls, p140*) and five office buildings. It is also within walking distance of the Esplanade—Theatres on the Bay (see *Performance and Concert Venues, p188*). With direct access to hotels, restaurants and 1,000 retail shops and services nearby, Suntec 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 8,000 devices.

Quick facts about Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre:

- Venue size: 42,000sqm
- A system of 28 operable walls across 12,000sqm of plush carpeted floor space, creating up to 36 meeting rooms of any size
- 12,000sqm of multi-purpose halls
- Two auditoriums; one with a seating capacity of 6,000 pax, the smaller one with the seating capacity of 850 pax

Address: 1 Raffles Boulevard
Tel: +65 6337 2888
Fax: +65 6825 2222
Website: suntecsingapore.com
Email: sales@suntecsingapore.com
Nearest MRT: City Hall Station / Esplanade Station / Promenade Station

UNIQUE MICE VENUES

ARTSCIENCE MUSEUM™

The iconic ArtScience Museum™ (see *Attractions, Arts & Design, p40*) is situated along the Marina Bay waterfront and is part of the Marina Bay Sands® (see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82*) integrated resort. Designed by renowned architect Moshe Safdie, it was dubbed the 'Welcoming Hand of Singapore' (inspiration for the design was taken from the shape of a lotus flower). The museum offers a variety of areas—from conference rooms to gallery spaces—for hire. 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. It also has a dedicated space for rotating permanent exhibitions. Group deals are available for museum entry and venue hires. Write in to enquire.

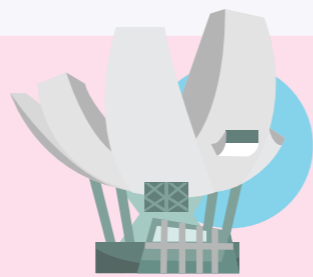
Quick facts about ArtScience Museum™:

- Over 7,000sqm of gallery space
- 5 levels of gallery and event spaces with capacity ranging from 40 pax to 600 pax

Address: 6 Bayfront Avenue
Tel: +65 6688 3176
Website: marinabaysands.com/museum
Email: sales@marinabaysands.com
Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station

GET A VIRTUAL TOUR GUIDE

Get information about exhibitions, promotions and events easily, by using the ArtScience Museum™'s friendly Facebook chatbot guide.



GARDENASIA

Nestled in the Kranji countryside, Gardenasia is a unique nature-based company that provides event spaces for team-building and corporate events. Its large canopy-style Kranji Loft can comfortably accommodate up to 400 guests. The fully air-conditioned Loft Museum is ideal for holding corporate seminars and workshops in idyllic surroundings. Other facilities include an indoor flower nursery, a tilapia pond, a bistro and three farmstay villas designed in the familiar colonial black-and-white style. It 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, with indoor plant nursery and fish pond
- Four indoor and outdoor spaces with capacities ranging from 20 pax to 400 pax

Address: 240 Neo Tiew Crescent
Tel: +65 6898 9111
Website: gardenasia.com
Email: events@gardenasia.com / kennyeng@gardenasia.com (Trade Contact: Kenny Eng)
Nearest MRT: Kranji Station

GARDENS BY THE BAY

Home to more than one million plants, Gardens by the Bay (see *Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p56*) was built on the principle of environmental sustainability, with great care taken to ensure efficient use of energy and water. It offers eight event spaces for hire 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 128-metre-long aerial walkway, 22-metres above ground—suitable for cocktail receptions where guests can watch the Garden Rhapsody light and sound show that bathes the iconic Supertrees in fantastic special effects.

Quick facts about Gardens by the Bay:

- Venue size: 69,000sqm of event space to cater to a variety of formats
- Eight unique indoor and outdoor venues with capacities ranging from 80 pax to 30,000 pax

Address: 18 Marina Gardens Drive
Tel: +65 6420 6849
Website: gardensbythebay.com.sg
Email: venue.hire@gardensbythebay.com.sg
Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station

MARINA BAY CRUISE CENTRE SINGAPORE

The picturesque Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore is known for its contemporary architecture and provides a panoramic view of the Straits of Malacca and Singapore's city skyline. Occupying 28,000sqm, its design mimics waves breaking onto a shore. It is close to attractions such as the Esplanade—Theatres on the Bay (see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p81*) and Gardens by the Bay (see *Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p56*). The Cruise Centre offers four exquisite event halls that are tailored to suit corporate and private functions as well as entertainment and MICE events. On top of providing catering, security and cleaning services, the centre is able to arrange and create firework displays. Special needs facilities are also available.

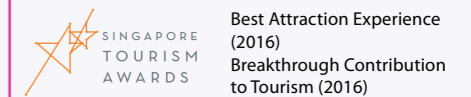
Quick facts about Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore:

- Venue size: 28,000sqm
- 22,000sqm (For Rental)
- Arrival Hall can accommodate up to 6,400 pax (standing)
- Departure Hall can accommodate up to 2,160 pax (standing)
- VIP Lounges can accommodate up to 60 pax (standing)
- Mezzanine Area can accommodate up to 960 pax (standing)

Address: 61 Marina Coastal Drive
Tel: +65 6604 8305
Fax: +65 6604 8307
Website: mbccs.com.sg
Email: enquiries@mbccs.com.sg / mastura_lubis@satscreuers.com.sg (Trade Contact: Mastura Lubis)
Nearest MRT: Marina South Pier Station



NATIONAL GALLERY SINGAPORE



The National Gallery Singapore (see *Attractions, Arts & Design, p42*) is a visual arts institution that takes up residence in the premises of the former Supreme Court and City Hall buildings. Today, it houses one of the world's largest public collections of modern art in Singapore and Southeast Asia. Besides the art, visitors can also drop by to enjoy a diverse range of dining establishments, including the much celebrated two Michelin-starred restaurant Odette (see *Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p120*). It also has seven unique indoor and outdoor spaces for hire—suitable for a range of events from conferences to product launches and cocktail events. The two outdoor decks on Level 6 provide stunning views of the Padang and Marina Bay skyline. Docent-led tours for groups are available.

Quick facts about National Gallery Singapore:

- Venue size: 64,000sqm
- Seven indoor and outdoor spaces with capacities ranging from 16 pax to 220 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 🌙



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Opened in 1994, the Night Safari (see *Attractions, Adventure & Nature*, p57) is the world's first nocturnal wildlife park. The park is perfect for corporate events or team-building retreats, and offers various thematic experiences.

Guests can hop on the Gourmet Safari Express, a first-of-its-kind experience that includes a five-course meal and a stop at the popular Creatures of the Night Show. The Cocktail Safari Express is a scaled-down experience, offering cocktails, canapés and a chance to observe animals in their natural night habitats. Guests can also choose the package, An Evening in the Wild which comes with a four-course gourmet dinner complete with dessert and free-flow wine in Singapore's first tipi tent. Guests will visit a secret lakeside camp, where they will get to see nocturnal animals.

Another dining option is the charming Ulu Ulu Safari Restaurant, which is open to all park visitors and offers buffet or à la carte dining. About 90% of the park is accessible by wheelchair, with allocated viewing areas and ramps for easy boarding and alighting on trams. Group deals may be available. Write in to enquire.

Quick facts about Night Safari:

- Two event spaces for hire with capacities ranging from 16 pax to 120 pax
- Three thematic experiences available: Gourmet Safari Express (15–72 pax), Cocktail Safari Express (15–72 pax) and An Evening in the Wild (25–40 pax)

Address: 80 Mandai Lake Road

Tel: +65 6360 2285

Website: eventsales.wrs.com.sg

Email: sales.enq@wrs.com.sg

Nearest MRT: Marsiling Station

S.E.A. AQUARIUM™

Home to more than 100,000 marine animals, the S.E.A. Aquarium™ in Resorts World™ Sentosa (RWS; see *Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts*, p86) is a spectacular venue for private events. Three unique spaces are available—Ocean Gallery, Ocean Dome or Ocean Restaurant™ by Cat Cora (see *Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining*, p120). Each space is fitted with large glass panels, allowing for panoramic views of the giant aquarium. With diverse marine life as the backdrop, the spaces can host a variety of events, from large-scale meetings and buffet lunches to private sit-down dinners and cocktail receptions. Event packages 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 40 pax to 220 pax (banquet)

Address: Sentosa Island, 8 Sentosa Gateway

Tel: +65 6577 9977

Website: rwsentosa.com

Email: mice@rwsentosa.com

Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station



S.E.A. Aquarium™

SINGAPORE BOTANIC GARDENS

Crowned Singapore's first UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2015, the Singapore Botanic Gardens (see *Attractions, Adventure & Nature*, p58) has an extensive collection of over 10,000 types of plants, as well as the region's most significant collection of orchids. Established in 1859, the tropical garden is also an exclusive 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 audiovisual system. For networking and training sessions, consider booking the Function Room, which features views of the lush greenery.

Quick facts about Singapore

Botanic Gardens:

- Singapore's first UNESCO World Heritage Site
- The Function Hall can accommodate up to 180 pax
- Burkill Hall Level 1 can accommodate up to 80 pax
- Burkill Hall Level 2 can accommodate up to 100 pax
- The Function Room can accommodate up to 50 pax

Note: Burkill Hall will be closed from May 2018 till mid-2019 for upgrading.

Address: 1 Cluny Road

Tel: 1800 471 7300 (General: NParks) / +65 6475 0558 (Venue Contact: 1-Host)

Website: nparks.gov.sg/sbg

Email: nparks_sbg_venues@nparks.gov.sg (NParks) / nparks_sbg@1-host.sg (Venue Contact: 1-Host)

Nearest MRT: Botanic Gardens Station

THE ARTS HOUSE

Housed in a building that was once Singapore's first Parliament House and almost 200 years old, The Arts House is now a popular venue for arts and culture events in Singapore. It features nine unique spaces such as the Screening Room, which is ideal for private film showings and the Play Den, a venue equipped with lighting and sound systems for performances. The Chamber was where members of Singapore's Parliament used to gather and is now a unique setting for recitals, conferences and fashion shows. Private board meetings can be held in the Council Room, while the Living Room is perfect for seminars. With ample standing room, the Blue Room is ideal for cocktail events and the Arts House's two galleries are suited for exhibitions and large parties. The Film Gallery is a long corridor where art works can be exhibited. 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

(Trade Contact: Lucas Chew)

Website: theartshouse.sg

Email: enquires@artshouse.sg / lucaschew@artshouse.sg (Trade Contact: Lucas Chew)

Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

ESSENTIAL INFO



Useful Information for travellers

Practical information on planning a trip to Singapore—tips on local transportation, local laws, customs, embassies' contacts, frequently asked questions and more.

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION (TRADE RESOURCES)



Southern Ridges - Canopy Walk and Forest Walk

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 are our answers to frequently asked questions by travellers planning a trip to Singapore.

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME FOR 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 packed with exciting activities all year round (see Festivals & Events, p27).

WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE IN SINGAPORE?

Singapore sits one degree north of the equator, so it is 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.

HOW SHOULD VISITORS BE ADVISED 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 when visiting places of worship (see Attractions, Places of Worship, p49). 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 can 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. Public transportation

is free for children under seven years of age and below 0.9m in height. If he or she is taller than 0.9m in height, a Child Concession Card (which can be obtained from any TransitLink Ticket Office) is required as proof of age to travel for free.

Several restaurants 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, which have amenities such as indoor play areas, children's pools and family rooms, and fun activities for the whole family.

WHAT ARE THE RATES FOR CHILDREN AND SENIOR CITIZENS TO ENTER ATTRACTIONS AND ESTABLISHMENTS?

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).





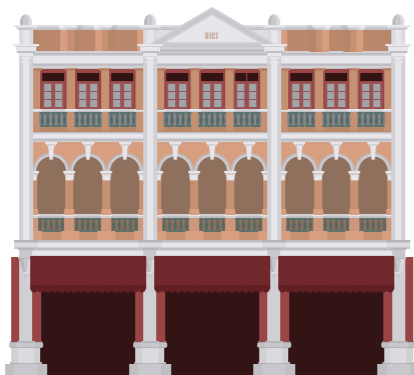
Chinatown during Chinese New Year

WHAT CAN TRAVELLERS DO DURING FESTIVE HOLIDAYS IN SINGAPORE?

Most shopping malls, tourist attractions and other establishments are open during major public 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, key attractions and some outlets in ethnic districts are generally open during CNY (see Festivals & Events, p29).

WHAT CURRENCY IS USED IN SINGAPORE, WHERE CAN WE EXCHANGE CASH, AND ARE CREDIT CARDS WIDELY USED?

The Singapore dollar (S\$) is the official currency of Singapore. 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 Club®, MasterCard® and Visa.



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

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 Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) stations are equipped with ramps, lifts and wheelchair-accessible toilets as well as two wheelchair-accessible carriages on each train. Most public buses are also wheelchair-friendly (look out for a blue decal at the front of the bus).

TRADE RESOURCES

This section provides useful websites and information for travel 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 Singapore Tourism Board (STB) offices.

DESTINATION INFORMATION

STB Websites

VisitSingapore.com
STB's destination website 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 projects done by the Board, the 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
The Meetings, Incentive Travel, Conventions & Exhibitions (MICE)-driven website offers practical information on planning events, industry news, pre- and post-conference tours, as well as supplier and venue 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 new releases.

Website: trust.yoursingapore.com

WHERE CAN I FIND A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF HALAL RESTAURANTS/ EATERIES IN SINGAPORE?

- halaltag.com
- muis.gov.sg/Halal/Halal-Certification/Certified-Eating-Establishments
- zabihah.com

(see Eat & Drink, Halal Restaurants, p122)

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 (see Know Singapore, p7). 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, p129). 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.

- Singaporeans queue for everything, so visitors can join the line and wait for their 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, p211).
- Unless they are in a rush, visitors should always keep to the left when taking the escalator.
- Tipping is not necessary as most hotels and restaurants in Singapore impose a service charge of 10% on their goods and services provided. 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 may quote "+", which means they only impose either service charge or GST.

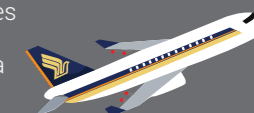


DID YOU KNOW? Orchard Road Precinct No Smoking Zone

From end 2018, all public areas within Orchard Road (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82) will become a designated No Smoking Zone (NSZ). Designated Smoking Areas (DSAs) will be available at specified locations within the precinct. For more information, visit nea.gov.sg/ORNsz.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS IN SINGAPORE (INCLUDING VISA CENTRES)**Embassy of the Republic of Angola**

Centennial Tower, 3 Temasek Avenue #23-01/02, Singapore 039190.
Tel: +65 6341 9360
Fax: +65 6341 9367 / +65 6884 4304
Website: angolaembassy.sg
Email: embangola@angolaembassy.sg
Office & Consular Hours: Mon–Fri 9am–5pm

Australian High Commission

25 Napier Road, Singapore 258507.
Tel: +65 6836 4100
Fax: +65 6737 5481
Website: singapore.embassy.gov.au
Email: enquiries-sg@dfat.gov.au
Office Hours: Mon–Fri 8.30am–5pm
Consular Hours: Mon–Fri 8.30am–4pm

Austrian Embassy

Parkview Square, 600 North Bridge Road #24-04/05, Singapore 188778.
Tel: +65 6396 6350
Fax: +65 6396 6340
Website: bmeia.gov.at/en/oeb-singapur
Email: singapur-ob@bmeia.gov.at
Office Hours: Mon–Fri 9am–5.30pm
Consular Hours: Tue & Thu 9am–noon; Wed 1–4pm (by appointment)

Bangladesh High Commission

Jit Poh Building, 19 Keppel Road #04-00 (Consular and Labour Wing); #10-00 (Diplomatic and Commercial Wing), Singapore 089058.
Tel: +65 6255 0075
Fax: +65 6255 1824
Website: bdhc.sg
Email: mission.singapore@mofa.gov.bd
Office & Consular Hours: Mon–Fri 9am–1pm, 2–5pm

Embassy of Belgium

AXA Tower, 8 Shenton Way #14-01, Singapore 068811.
Tel: +65 6220 7677
Fax: +65 6222 6976
Website: diplomatie.belgium.be/singapore
Email: singapore@diplobel.fed.be
Office & Consular Hours: Mon–Fri 8.30am–noon, 1.30–4pm

Embassy of Brazil

United Square Building, 101 Thomson Road #29-01/03, Singapore 307591.
Tel: +65 6603 9365
Fax: +65 6256 6619
Website: cingapura.itamaraty.gov.br
Email: consular.cingapura@itamaraty.gov.br
Office Hours: Mon–Fri 8am–4pm
Consular Hours: Mon–Fri 9.30am–12.30pm

British High Commission Singapore

100 Tanglin Road, Singapore 247919.
Tel: +65 6424 4200
Website: gov.uk/world/organisations/british-high-commission-singapore
Email: enquiries.singapore@fco.gov.uk / consular.singapore@fco.gov.uk
Office Hours: Mon–Fri 8.30am–5pm
Consular Hours: Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri 9–11am (by appointment)

High Commission of Brunei Darussalam

325 Tanglin Road, Singapore 247955.
Tel: +65 6733 9055
Fax: +65 6737 5275 / +65 6737 4298 / +65 6733 7082
Email: singapore@mfa.gov.bn
Office Hours: Mon–Thu 8.30am–12.30pm, 1.30–4.30 pm; Fri 8.30am–noon, 2.30–4.30 pm
Consular Hours: Mon–Fri 9am–noon, 1.30–4pm

Royal Embassy of Cambodia

Orchard Towers, 400 Orchard Road #10-03/04, Singapore 238875.
Tel: +65 6341 9785
Fax: +65 6341 9201
Email: camemb.sg@mfaic.gov.kh / recamsingapore@gmail.com
Office, Consular & Visa Hours: Mon–Fri 9am–noon, 2–5pm

High Commission of Canada

1 George Street #11-01, Singapore 049145.
Tel: +65 6854 5900
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Website: singapore.gc.ca
Email: spore@international.gc.ca
Office Hours: Mon–Thu 8.15am–12.30pm, 1–4.30pm; Fri 8.15am–1pm
Consular Hours: Mon–Fri 8.15am–12.15pm

Embassy of Chile

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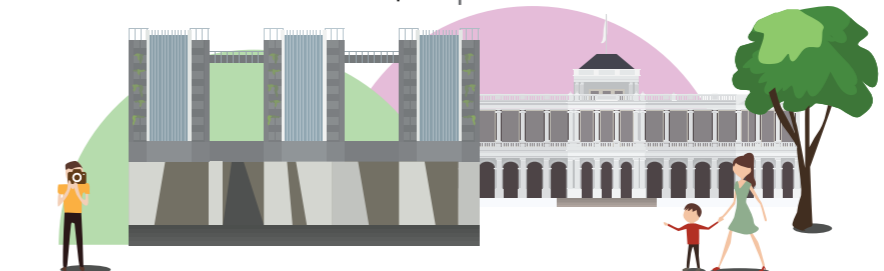
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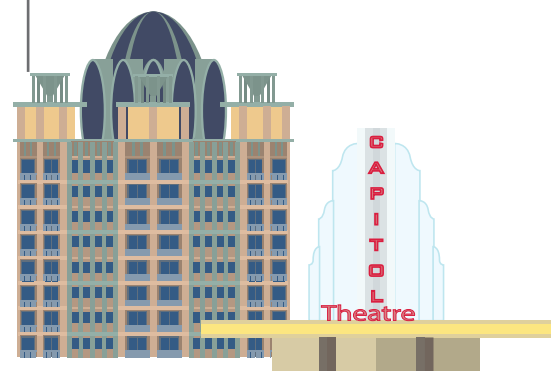
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**ESSENTIAL
INFORMATION**
(TRAVEL ESSENTIALS)



Central Business District (CBD)

**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. Visitors will not be able to enter Singapore with less than six months validity remaining on their passports. Immigration Officers will stamp a Visit Pass onto visitors' passports upon arrival and the period of stay will be indicated on the Visit Pass stamp.

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:

- 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% (eg. shandy, bottled alcoholic cocktail drinks, Bénédictine D.O.M, Yomeishu and rice wine)
- Tobacco products, including cigarettes and cigars
- Motor vehicles, including motorised bicycles
- Petroleum products, including gasoline, petrol, motor fuel and automotive diesel fuel

All goods imported into Singapore are subject to 7% Goods and Services Tax (GST). Payment of Duties and GST can be made via the following payment modes :

- All major credit cards (MasterCard®, Visa and American Express), mobile wallets, NETS and Cashcard at the Singapore Customs Tax Payment Office
- Visa or Master credit cards on the Customs@SG Mobile and Web Application (credit card).

DUTY-FREE CONCESSIONS

Liquor Products

Travellers arriving in 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 liquor is for his/her own consumption.
- The liquors are not prohibited from import into Singapore.

| Option | Spirits | Wine | Beer |
|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| A | 1 Litre | 1 Litre | 1 Litre |
| B | – | 2 Litre | 1 Litre |
| C | – | 1 Litre | 2 Litre |

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 |

Travellers are required to pay GST only on the value of goods that exceeds their GST relief. Payment should be made at the Customs Tax Payment Office or via the Customs@SG Mobile & Web Application (credit card). Travellers should ensure receipts and invoices are on hand to facilitate payment. For more information on GST relief, visit customs.gov.sg

GST REFUND

Tourists who have made a purchase of more than S\$100 (including GST) at participating shops, may claim a refund on the 7% Goods and Services Tax (GST) paid on their purchases. Tourists can apply for a GST refund using the Electronic Tourist Refund self-help kiosks (eTRS kiosks) found at Changi Airport Departure Check-in Hall (before departure

immigration) and Departure Transit Lounge (after departure immigration); and at Seletar Airport Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) duty office. Alternatively, they can apply for tax refunds online with the Tourego app (tourego.com), a mobile tourist tax refund solution, free on Google Play and iTunes. Their refund ticket is issued digitally, sent directly into an e-wallet.

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 for download or at Singapore 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

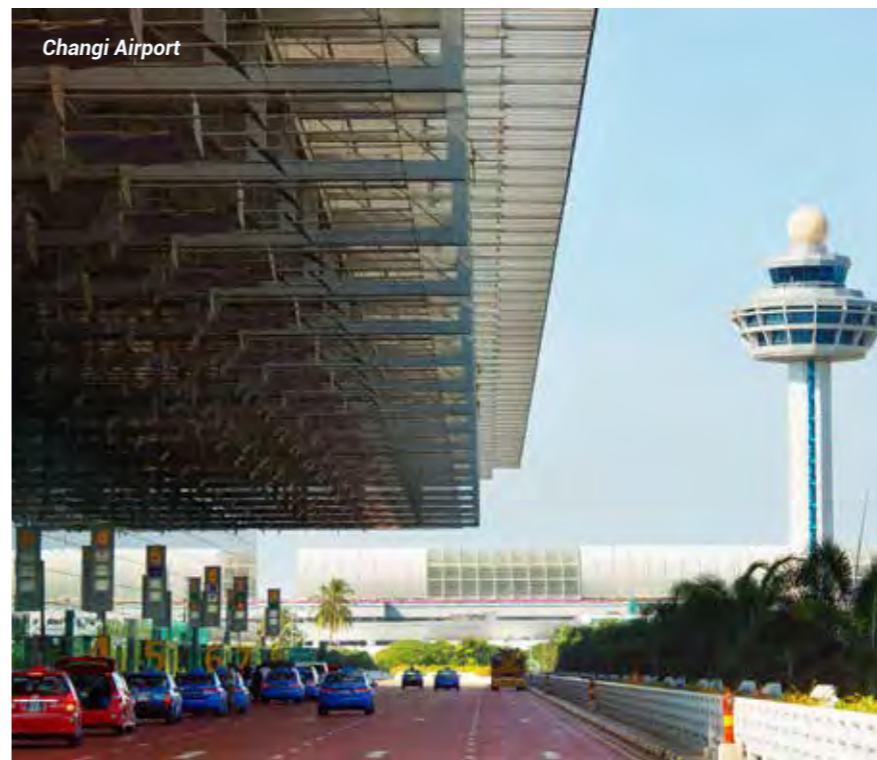
The following are not allowed into Singapore:

- Chewing gum (excluding Health Sciences Authority approved oral dental and medicinal chewing gum)

- Chewing tobacco (Loose leaf chewing tobacco, Plug chewing tobacco, Twist chewing tobacco, Tobacco bits intended for chewing)
- Cigarette lighters shaped as revolvers or pistols
- Fire crackers
- Scanning receivers
- Military communication equipment
- Telephone voice changing equipment
- Radio-communication equipment operating in frequency bands 880-915 MHz, 925-960 MHz, 1900-1980 MHz and 2110-2170 MHz except cellular mobile phones or such other equipment approved by the Authority; and
- Radio-communication jamming devices operating in any frequency band
- Obscene articles, publications and video tapes or discs
- Reproduction of copyright publications, software, video tapes, video compact discs, laser discs, records or cassettes
- Seditious and treasonable materials
- Imitation tobacco products (electronic cigarettes, vaporisers) and components of imitation tobacco products
- Shisha
- Smokeless cigars, smokeless cigarillos or smokeless cigarettes
- Dissolvable tobacco or nicotine
- Nasal snuff
- Oral snuff
- Gutkha, khaini and zarda
- Rhinoceros horn, worked, unworked or prepared and worked and powder of this product
- Endangered species of wildlife and their by-products
- Controlled drugs listed under 4th Schedule of Misuse of Drugs Regulation

Source: customs.gov.sg/businesses/importing-goods/controlled-and-prohibited-goods-for-import

Changi Airport



Controlled Goods

Travellers must produce an authorisation or 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.

GETTING TO AND LEAVING SINGAPORE

BY AIR

Singapore Changi Airport, or simply Changi Airport, is consistently ranked as one of the best airports in the world. It serves over 100 airlines that fly to some 400 cities in about 100 countries and territories worldwide.

Changi Airport (see [Maps, Singapore Changi Airport, p219](#)) 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. Wheelchairs are also available for rental in all four terminals.

Each of the airport's four terminals includes facilities to make travelling seamless, easy and convenient. For a complete list of the airport's facilities and services by terminal, please visit 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 1–4), DFS Wines & Spirits (Terminal 1–4), and Electronics & Computers by Sprint-Cass (Terminal 1–3).

Collect local souvenirs. Terminal 2 has shops that are local favourites, such as Bee Cheng Hiang, Bengawan Solo and TWG Tea Boutique (see [Shopping, Local Products, p156](#)). Visitors can purchase snacks from these shops or choose one of the soft-toys from the Singapore Zoo shop to take home as a souvenir.

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), Butterfly Garden (Terminal 3) and Steel in Bloom (Terminal 4).

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 grab some shut-eye at the Snooze Lounge (Terminal 1–4), a free-to-use rest area with lounge chairs.

Transit time: More than 5 hours

Explore Singapore. Travellers with at least five hours to spare, can sign up for a free tour around Singapore. The Heritage and City Sights Tours take 2.5 hours each. The Heritage Tour brings travellers around Singapore's colourful ethnic precincts—Chinatown, Little India, Kampong Glam (see [Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p64](#)). The last tour timing is from 4 to 6.30pm. The City Sights Tour takes place in the evenings from 6pm onwards and will give visitors a look at Singapore's modern and futuristic side with great views of the Singapore Flyer, Marina Bay Sands® (see [Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82](#)) and Gardens by the Bay (see [Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p56](#)). Visitors can register for the tours at registration booths located at the transit area of Terminals 2 and 3. Visitors from other terminals should stay in the transit area and proceed to the booth at Terminal 3 or enquire with the nearest Information Counter. Passport, boarding passes and entry visa (if applicable) are required to register for the tours. For more information, visit changiairport.com

BY SEA

Singapore is one of the world's busiest cruise centres. Cruise operators from around the world—offering luxury, premium and contemporary excursions—dock at one of the city's two terminals, providing visitors from around the region the option of travelling to Singapore by ferry.

Cruise 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. Its waterfront location at Marina Bay (see [Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p81](#)) makes it convenient for passengers to enjoy attractions in the area such as Gardens by the Bay (see [Attractions, Adventure & Nature, p56](#)), Esplanade—Theatres on the Bay and Marina Bay Sands® (see [Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p81 and p82](#) respectively).

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 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
imda.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

CruiseFly service: Arriving cruise passengers flying off on the same day may utilise the region's first sea-to-air baggage transfer service. The service allows passengers to check-in, deposit their bags and collect their boarding passes at the cruise terminal. Airlines currently available for CruiseFly are: Singapore Airlines, SilkAir, Air China, China Eastern, China Southern, Qantas, Scoot, Eva Airways and Turkish Airlines.

Other facilities within MBCCS include a ground transfer desk, left luggage counter, visitor centre, retail shops and restaurants. Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the premises.

Address: 61 Marina Coastal Drive
Website: mbccs.com.sg

Connectivity:

- 16 min (6.7km) to Orchard Road (timing might vary according to peak traffic hours)
- 17 min (18.7km) to Changi Airport (timing might vary according to peak traffic hours)

Transport:

- Nearest MRT: Marina South Pier Station
- Bus 402 to Central Business District

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 (see Shopping, Malls, p142), SCC@HarbourFront is well-placed for visitors to explore Sentosa Island (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p85), 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 connections. 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:

- 18 min (6.6km) to Orchard Road (timing might vary according to peak traffic hours)
- 22 min (23.5km) to Changi Airport (timing might vary according to peak traffic hours)

Transport:

- Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station
- HarbourFront Bus Interchange for connections to various parts of Singapore

Ferry Terminals

SCC@Tanah Merah

The Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal has four berths serving regional ferries that travel to destinations to the south and east of Singapore, including:

- Batam Centre, Batam
- Bintan Lagoon, Bintan
- 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

Changi Point Ferry Terminal is a departing point to Pulau Ubin (Singapore) and Pengerang (Malaysia). Bumboats to Pulau Ubin carry a maximum of 12 people per boat. The earliest bumboat departs at 7am on weekends and the last bumboat service is around 4pm. The schedule varies on weekdays.

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. Websites such as One Motoring (onemotoring.com) provide traffic updates and real-time footage from traffic cameras of conditions on the road.

Address: 501 Jalan Ahmad Ibrahim

Woodlands Checkpoint

The Woodlands Checkpoint is at the Singapore end of the Causeway joining



Peranakan Museum

Singapore and Malaysia. The 1,056m causeway links the city of Johor Bahru in Malaysia to the town of Woodlands in Singapore. Traffic is expected to be heavy during festival periods, public holidays and long weekends. Websites such as One Motoring (onemotoring.com) provide traffic updates and real-time footage from traffic cameras of conditions on the road.

Address: 21 Woodlands Crossing
Website: ica.gov.sg

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 Berhad (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, KTM Shuttle Tebrau. The ride from Woodlands Train Checkpoint to Johor Bahru (JB Sentral) via the shuttle service takes just five minutes.

Passengers departing from Singapore have to 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: Tickets for the shuttle can be purchased one month in advance via:

- KTMB's official website (www.ktmb.com.my); max six tickets can be purchased in one transaction.
- By downloading Mobile application

(KTM Mob Ticket); max two tickets can be purchased in one transaction.

- ETS/Intercity Counters stations.

The Eastern and Oriental Express luxury train also has its terminus at Woodlands Train Checkpoint.

Address: 11 Woodlands Crossing

CONNECTIVITY

There are different ways to stay in touch with loved ones and enjoy wireless connectivity.

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, SMSes 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 counters which can be found in all four terminals at Changi Airport. Devices can be dropped off at these counters just before departure. There are other pocket Wi-Fi rental companies available in Singapore such as Y5 Buddy located at Tanjong Pagar or Klook located at Clarke Quay.

Free Public Wi-Fi: Most restaurants, cafés and shopping malls in Singapore have their own Wi-Fi networks. The service is usually displayed prominently

for customers, but do feel free to enquire directly or at the malls' information counters for Wi-Fi access.

Wireless@SG: A free public Wi-Fi service across Singapore; with hotspots available at many locations, 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: From 1 April 2017, all three telcos—M1, Singtel and StarHub—have ceased 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 purchase a prepaid card on arrival.

Electricity and power plugs: Singapore uses 230volts AC (50 cycles). Power plugs with three square pins are commonly used here.



Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore

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. Tap water throughout the island is also safe for general consumption.

Vaccinations: Prior to the trip, it is advisable for travellers to make an appointment with a doctor to determine if vaccination is required.

Other health risks: Dengue fever is a cause for concern in many countries in Southeast Asia, including Singapore. 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 sticking mosquito patches.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- Emergency Ambulance and Fire 995
- Non-Emergency Ambulance 1777
- Police Emergency 999
- Police Hotline (for crime-related information) 1 800 255 0000
- Traffic Police Hotline (for traffic-related enquiries) +65 6547 0000
- 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
- Automated 24-hour Weather Hotline +65 6542 7788

Private ambulance operators

- Abella Agency +65 6744 8978
- 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
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- MW Medical +65 6250 0625

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- Khoo Teck Puat Hospital +65 6555 8000
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- Children's A&E +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 8754

Private hospitals with A&E services

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- Mount Elizabeth Hospital Novena +65 6933 0100
- Mount Elizabeth Hospital Orchard +65 6731 2218
- 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, Farrer Park, HarbourFront, Jurong East, Kranji, Lavender, Orchard, Raffles Place, Somerset, Tanjong Pagar and Woodlands. They are also available at the Automated STP Kiosks at Changi Airport MRT Station (Terminal 2 and 3) near the Transitlink Ticket Office.

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 explore the island's charming streets. 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 captain); 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, where and which taxi operator is used. Travellers can hail a cab on the streets or at designated taxi stands.

Taxi booking: Standard booking fees may range from S\$2.30 to S\$3.30 depending on taxi operator, the type of vehicle and peak/off-peak hours. For advance bookings of at least half an hour, there will be an 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
- Mercedes Taxi +65 6589 8779

Taxi apps:

- ComfortDelGro Taxi Booking
- SMRT BookATaxi

Third-party booking apps:

- Grab
- Ryde
- GOJEK

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. Free on Google Play and iTunes

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
- **MyTransport Singapore:** Tracks arrival timings and routes of buses. Free on Google Play and iTunes
- **SBS Transit:** Tracks arrival timings, routes and operating hours of SBS Transit buses. Free on BlackBerry World™, Google Play and iTunes

Singapore Travel Guides

- **52 Weekends:** A guide to events, sites to visit and activities to do in Singapore.
- **Singapore Insider:** Read recommendations from locals and discover the best places to shop, eat and visit in the city.
- **VisitSingapore Travel Guide:** Get travel tips, directions and recommendations on places to see in Singapore on this app. Free on Google Play and iPhone.

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 ten 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 may look out for areas demarcated by yellow lines designated for smoking.

List of areas where smoking is generally allowed:

- Approved smoking rooms at entertainment outlets, offices and Changi Airport. Approved smoking corners at outdoor refreshment areas of food establishments
- Designated smoking areas
- Beaches
- Residential Homes
- 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. Visitors should also be mindful of any additional house rules or by-laws put in place by owners/managers of premises against smoking in their premises. Refer to p197 for more information about Designated Smoking Areas (DSA) within Orchard Road.

Touting

Singapore has strict laws on touting. Touting is defined as persistently soliciting business from another person in a manner as to cause annoyance. Those who are found guilty of touting may be subjected to a fine ranging from S\$1,000 to S\$5,000, up to six months in prison, or both. Repeat offenders will be fined between S\$2,000 to S\$10,000, or face imprisonment for up to a year, or both.

TIPPING

There is a 10% service charge added by most restaurants and hotels. While it is not usual practice to tip in Singapore, tips are welcomed and encouraged if travellers experience good service during their visit.





Singapore Visitor Centres

Visit the Singapore Visitor Centres (SVCs) for tourist enquiries and to enjoy free Wi-Fi. Travellers can also book tours and hotels or purchase souvenirs and attractions tickets at selected SVCs. For a complete list of services and facilities available at these SVCs, visit VisitSingapore.com

Orchardgateway

216 Orchard Road, Singapore 238898.
(next to orchardgateway@emerald)

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 8.30am–9.30pm

Nearest MRT: Somerset Station

ION Orchard

2 Orchard Turn, Singapore 238801.
(Level 1 Concierge)

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–10pm

Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

Chinatown Visitor Centre @ Kreta Ayer Square

2 Banda Street, Singapore 059962. (behind Buddha Tooth Relic Temple and Museum)

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 9am–9pm

Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station

Kampong Glam

55 Bussorah Street, Singapore 199471.

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 8am–6pm

Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & CLUBS

Alliance Française de Singapour

Address: 1 Sarkies Road, Singapore 258130.

Tel: +65 6737 8422

Website: alliancefrancaise.org.sg

Email: courses@alliancefrancaise.org.sg

Opening Hours: Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat 9.30am–6.30pm; Tue 9.30am–8.30pm

American Association of Singapore

Address: AAS Office, Thong Teck Building. 15 Scotts Road #03-02, Singapore 228218.

Tel: +65 6738 0371

Website: aasingapore.com

Email: aas@aasingapore.org

Opening Hours: Mon–Fri 9am–5pm

American Women's Association of Singapore

Address: Thong Teck Building. 15 Scotts Road #03-01, Singapore 228218.

Tel: +65 6734 4895

Website: awasingapore.org

Email: office@awasingapore.org

Opening Hours: Mon–Fri 10am–5pm

APICS Association for the Promotion of the Italian culture in Singapore

Address: Evershine & Century Complex. 43A Beach Road 2nd floor, Singapore 189681.

Tel: +65 6336 3705

Website: apics.com.sg

Email: admin@apics.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Thu 9am–6pm; Fri 9am–3pm

Australian & New Zealand Association

Address: 47A Kampong Bahru Road, Singapore 169361.

Tel: +65 6223 7992

Website: anza.org.sg

Email: info@anza.org.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Fri 9am–5pm

British Association of Singapore

Address: Thong Teck Building. 15 Scotts Road #04-08, Singapore 228218.

Tel: +65 6339 8229

Website: britishassociation.org.sg

Email: info@britishassociation.org.sg

Opening Hours: Mon, Tue & Wed 9.30am–5pm

Canadian Association of Singapore

Address: One Raffles Quay North Tower. 8 Marina Blvd 25th floor, Singapore 018981.

Tel: +65 6622 5485

Website: canadians.org.sg

Email: info@canadians.org.sg / tfrgeneralsg@gmail.com

Opening Hours: Mon–Fri 9am–6pm

German Association (Deutsches Haus)

Address: 61A Toh Tuck Road, Singapore 596300.

Tel: +65 6467 8802

Website: german-association.org.sg

Email: info@german-association.org.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Fri 9.30am–12.30pm

Hollandse Club

Address: 22 Camden Park, Singapore 299814.

Tel: +65 6464 5225

Website: hollandseclub.org.sg

Email: reception@hollandseclub.org.sg

Opening Hours: (office) Mon–Fri 9am–6pm; (club) Mon–Sun 7am–11pm

Korean Association in Singapore

Address: 71B Tanjong Pagar Road #03-01, Singapore 088492.

Tel: +65 6299 8966

Website: koreansingapore.org

Email: info@koreansingapore.org

Opening Hours: Mon–Fri 9am–6pm

Swiss Club, Singapore

Address: 36 Swiss Club Road, Singapore 288139.

Tel: +65 6591 9420

Website: swissclub.org.sg

Email: recept@swissclub.org.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–8pm

The American Club

Address: 10 Claymore Hill, Singapore 229573.

Tel: +65 6737 3411

Website: amclub.org.sg

Email: info@amclub.org.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Fri 9am–7pm; Sat 10am–6pm

The British Club

Address: 73 Bukit Tinggi Road, Singapore 289761.

Tel: +65 6410 1100

Website: britishclub.org.sg

Email: enquiries@britishclub.org.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 8am–11pm

The Japanese Association, Singapore

Address: 120 Adam Road, Singapore 289899.

Tel: +65 6591 8136 / +65 6591 8137

Website: jas.org.sg

Email: info@jas.org.sg

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 9am–9pm



MAP LEGEND

-  Expressway
-  Landmark



MAP OF SINGAPORE



Sembawang Park

To Malaysia

Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve

To Malaysia

Pulau Tekong

Pulau Ubin

Punggol Waterway Park

Singapore Zoo and Night Safari

Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve

Pasir Ris Town Park

Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park

Bukit Timah Nature Reserve

Singapore Discovery Centre

Singapore Changi Airport

Punggol Park

Tree Top Walk

Singapore Botanic Gardens

Chinese Garden

East Coast Park

Katong and Joo Chiat

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Marina Bay Cruise Centre

Merlion Park

Singapore Cruise Centre

Jurong Island



Singapore Strait



Sentosa Island

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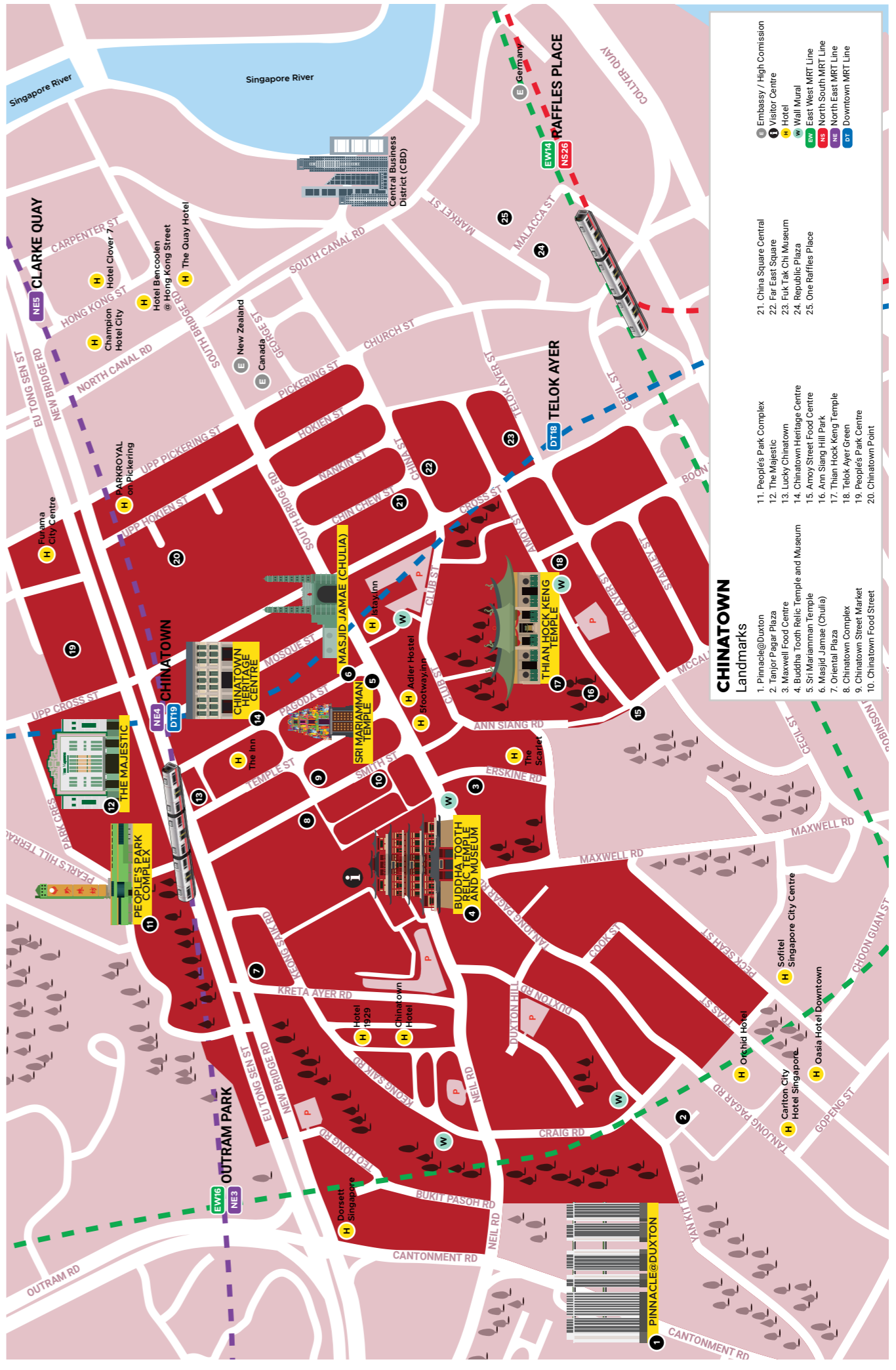
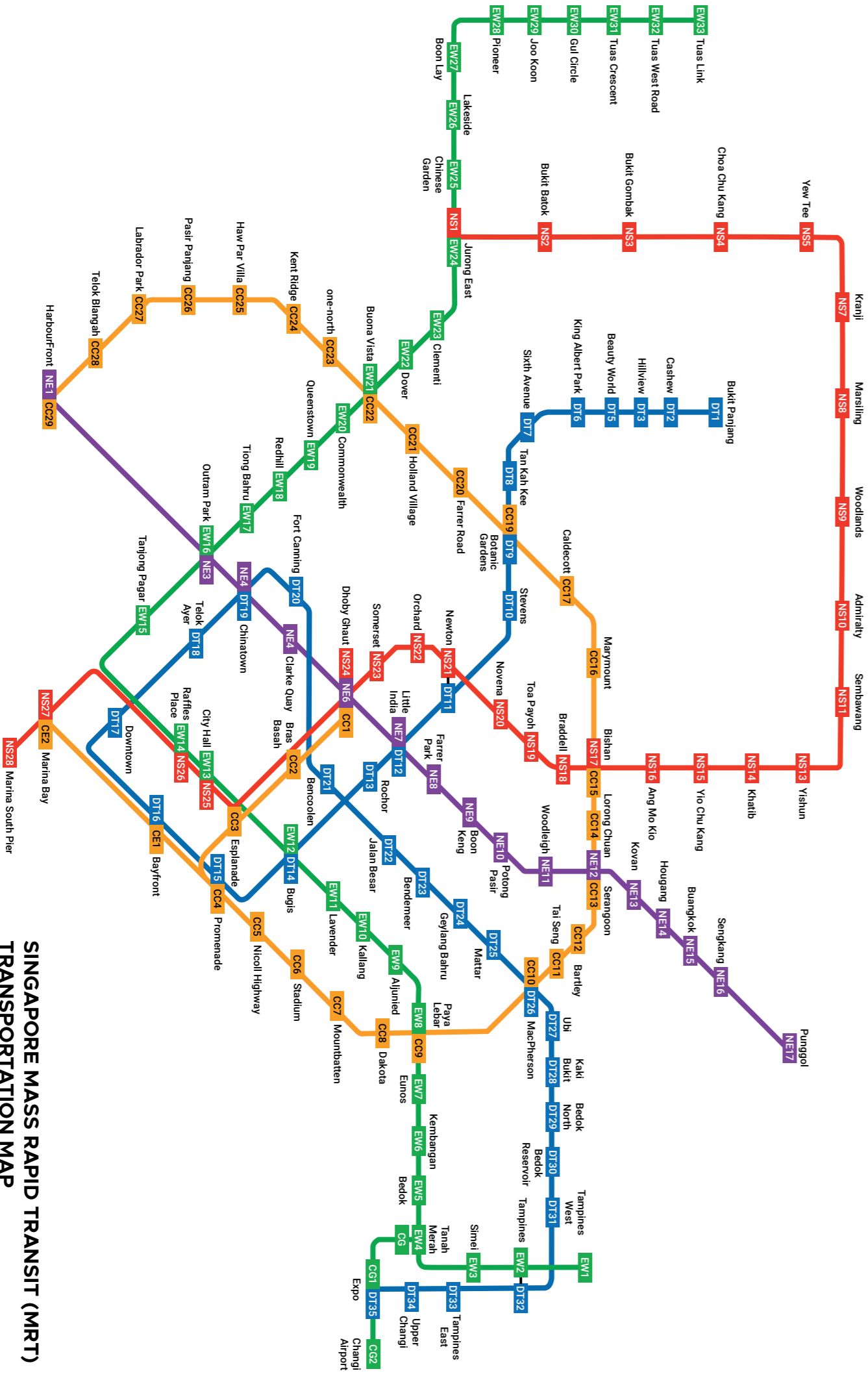
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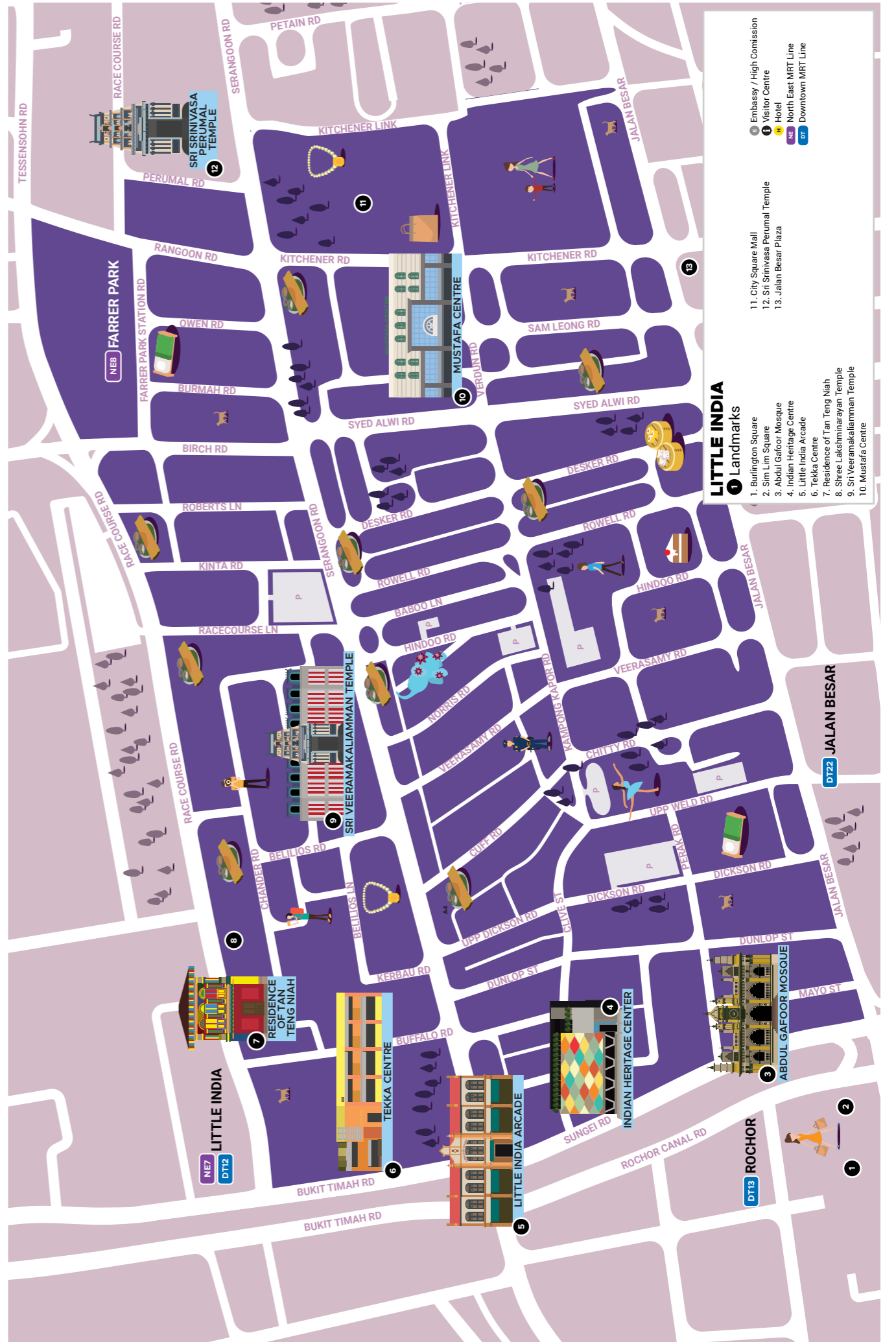
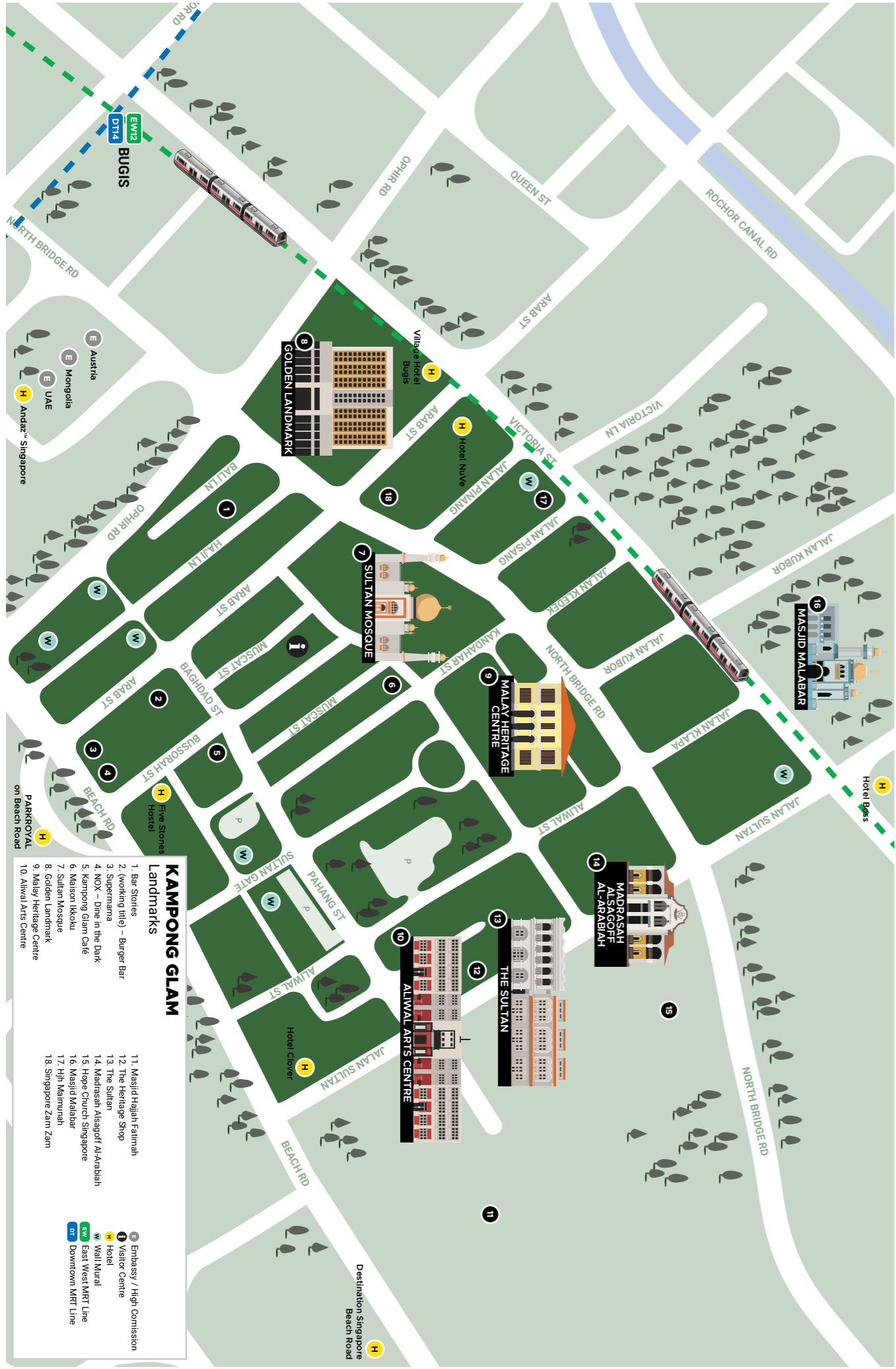
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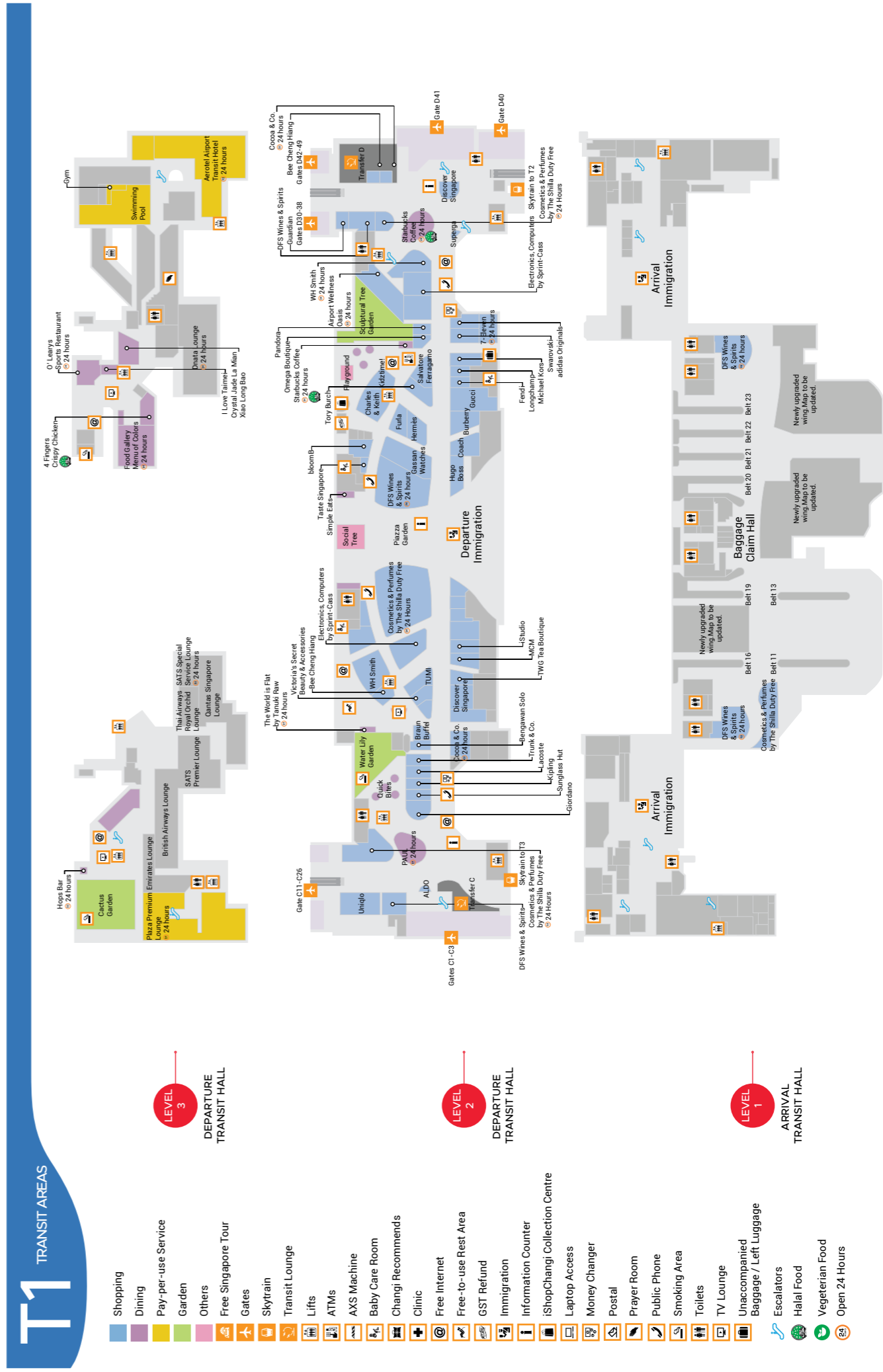
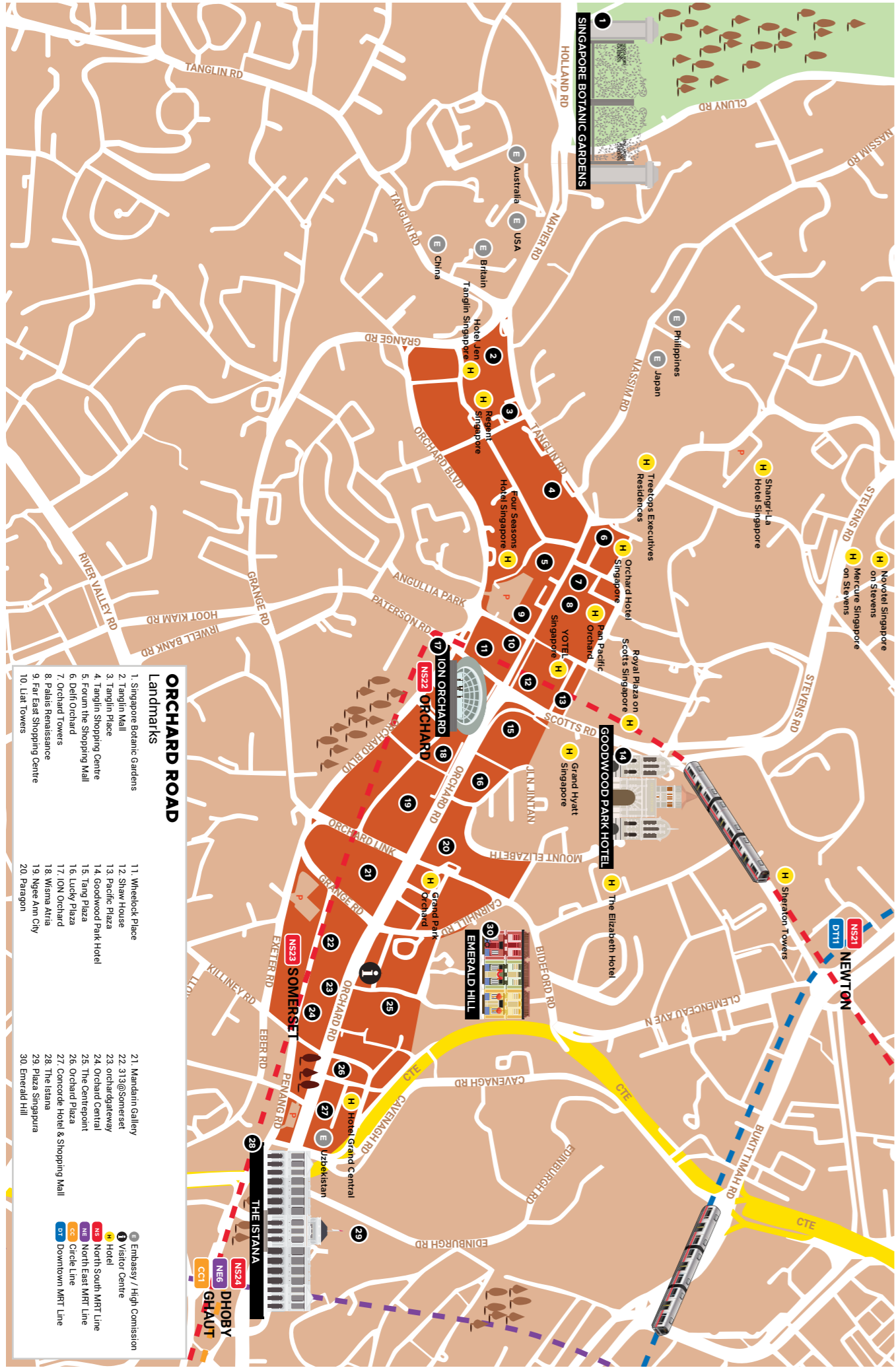
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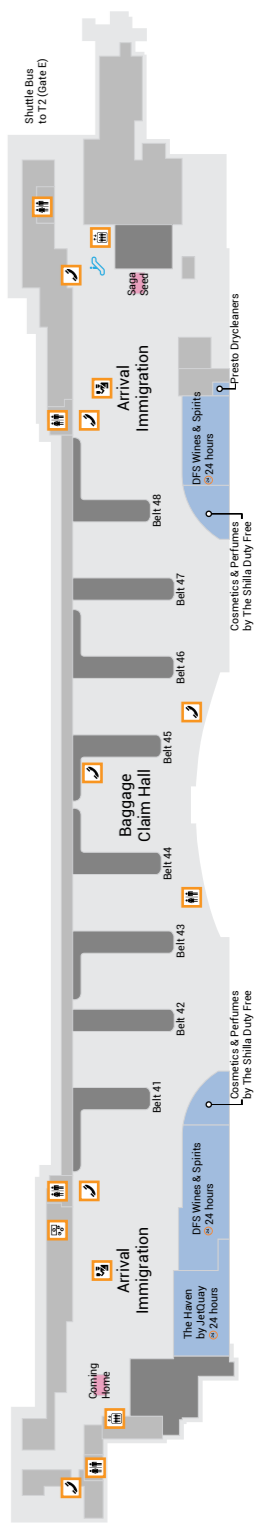


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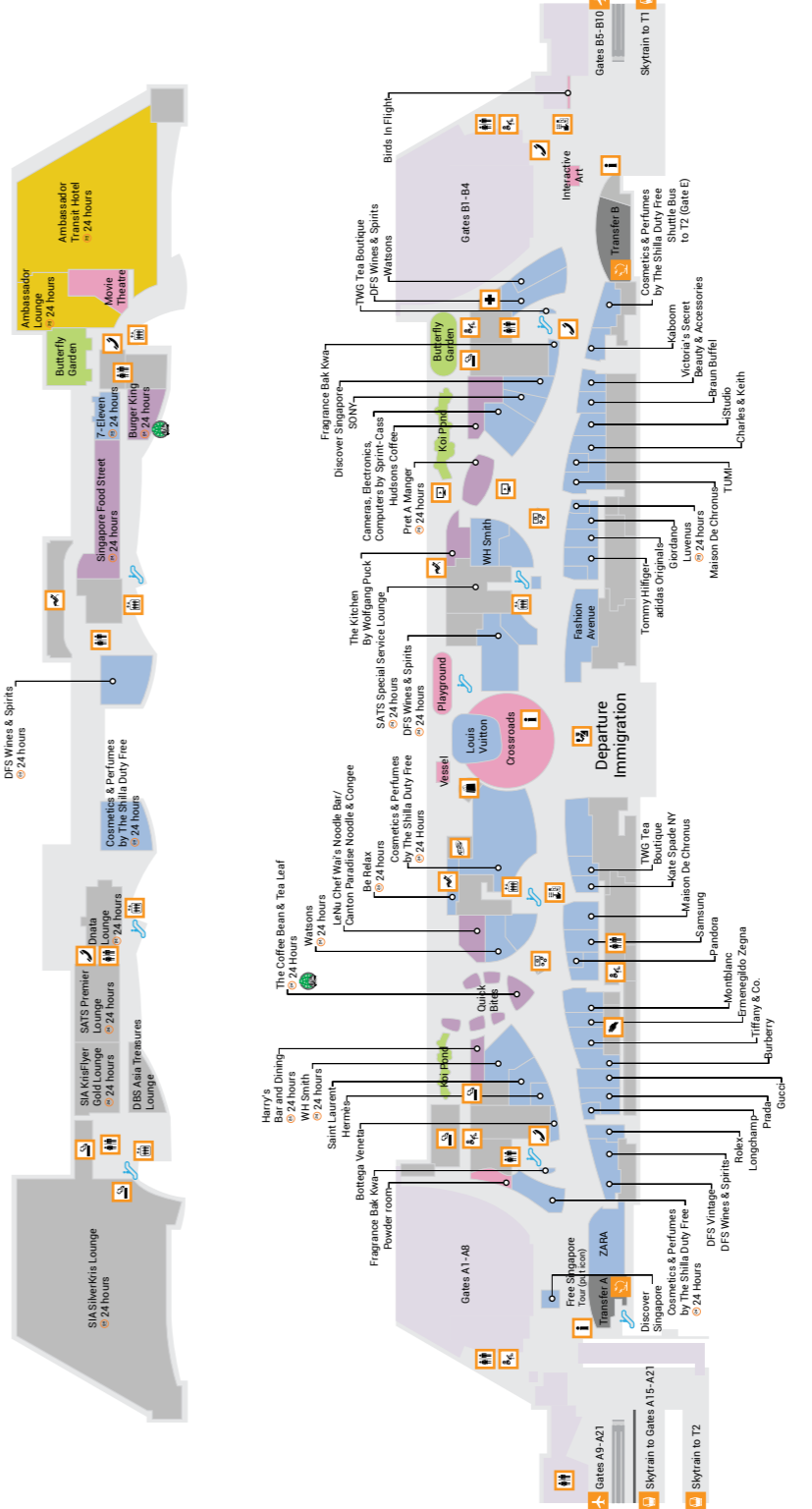
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- 7. Oriental Plaza
- 8. Chinatown Complex
- 9. Chinatown Street Market
- 10. Chinatown Food Street
- 11. People's Park Complex
- 12. The Majestic
- 13. Lucky Chinatown
- 14. Chinatown Heritage Centre
- 15. Amoy Street Food Centre
- 16. Ann Siang Hill Park
- 17. Thian Hock Keng Temple
- 18. Telok Ayer Green
- 19. People's Park Centre
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- 23. Fuk Tak Chi Museum
- 24. Republic Plaza
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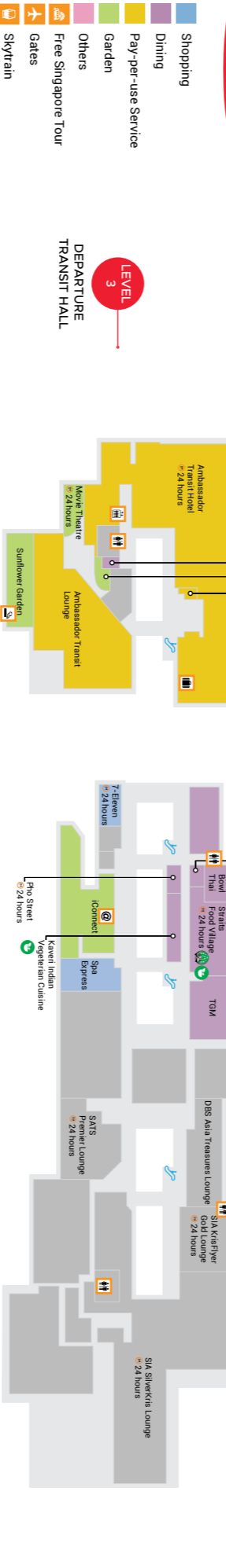
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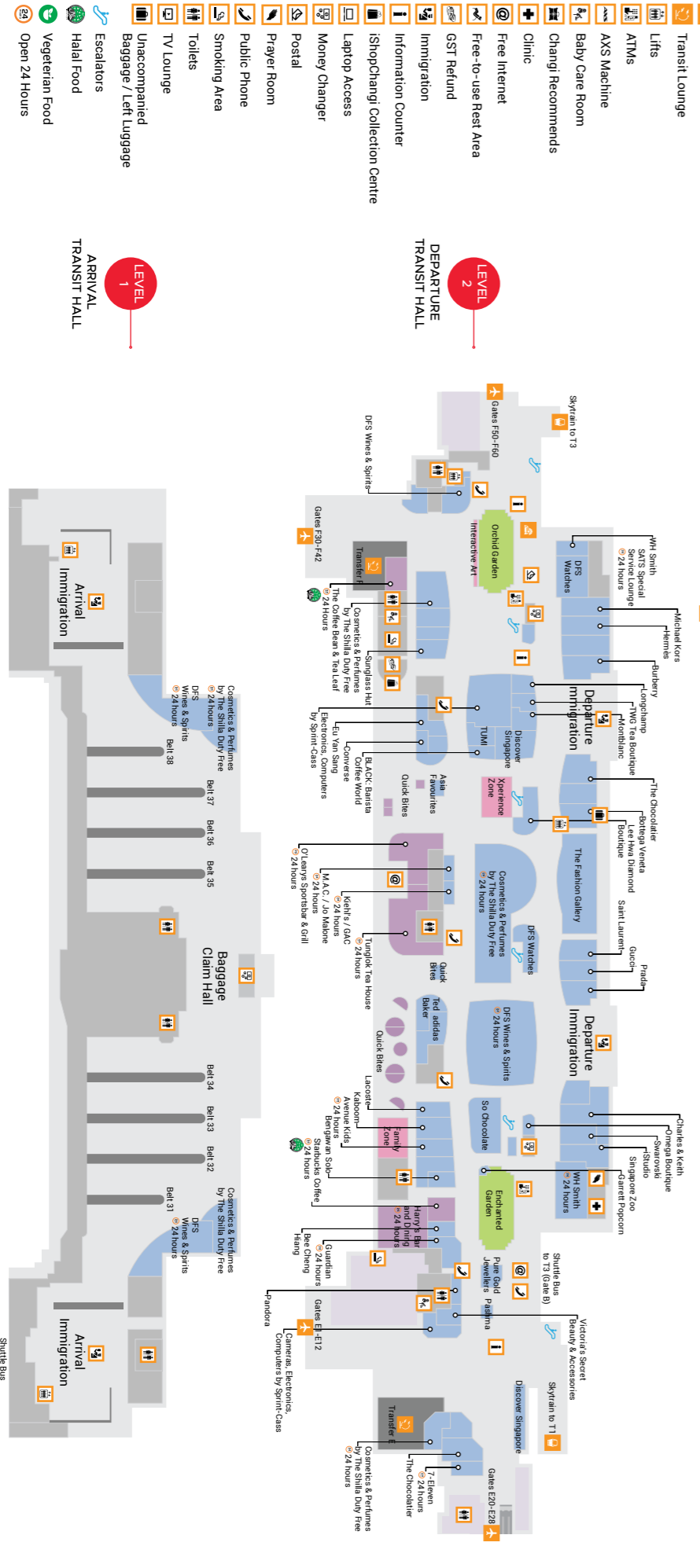
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- Garden
- Others
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- Lifts
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- Baby Care Room
- Changi Recommends
- Clinic
- Free Internet
- Free-to-use Rest Area
- GST Refund
- Immigration
- Information Counter
- iShopChangi Collection Centre
- Laptop Access
- Money Changer
- Postal
- Prayer Room
- Public Phone
- Smoking Area
- Toilets
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T3 TRANSIT AREAS

T2 TRANSIT AREAS





- LEVEL 3
- DEPARTURE TRANSIT HALL
- Shopping
- Dining
- Pay-per-use Service
- Garden
- Others
- Free Singapore Tour
- Gates
- Skytrain
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- LEVEL 1
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T4 TRANSIT AREAS

-  Shopping
-  Dining
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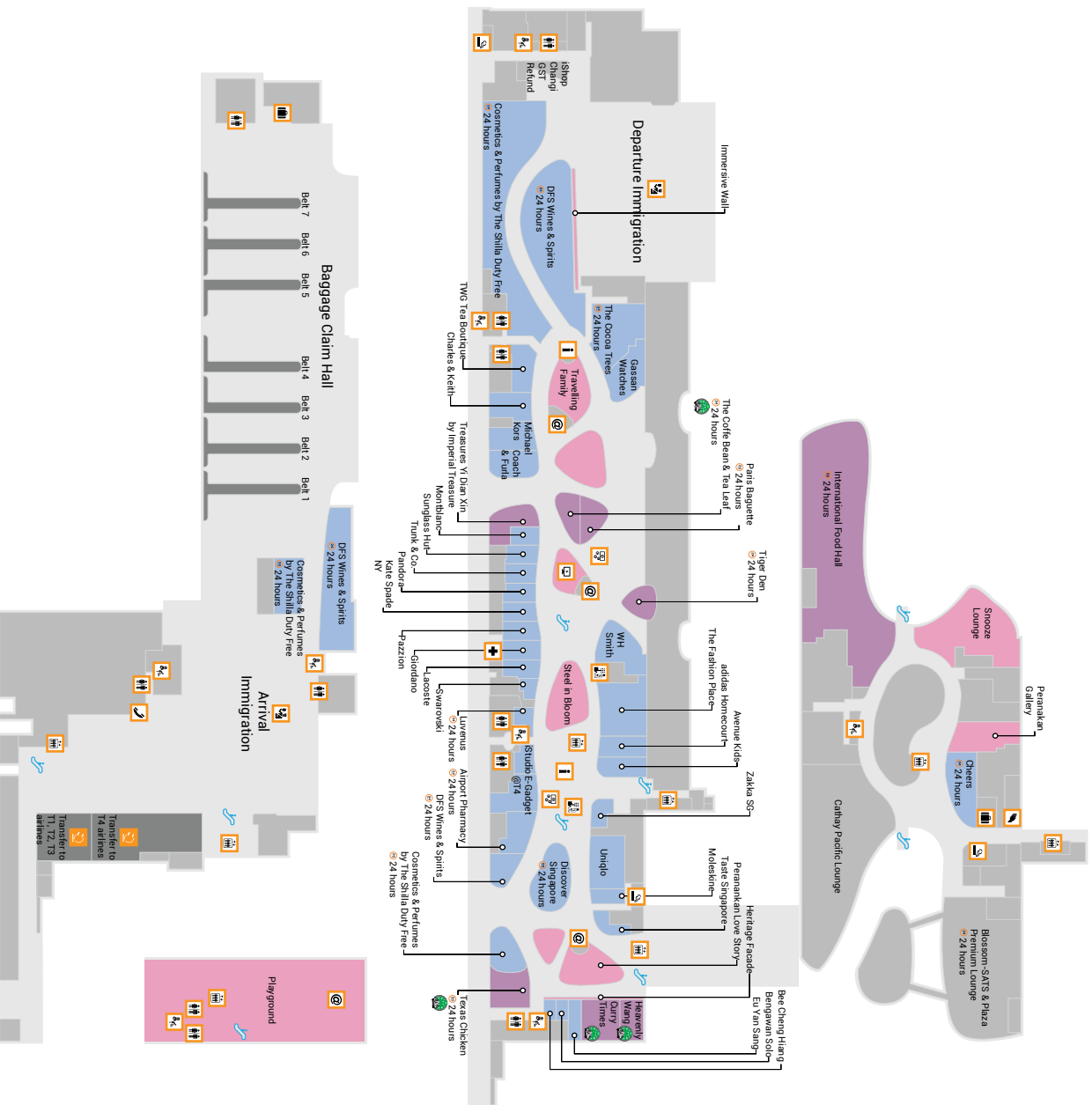
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