

# DESTINATION SINGAPORE

The Complete City Guide





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# **AT A GLANCE**

Singapore offers a host of attractions, culinary gems, tours and more.

As the city continues to evolve, reinvent and reimagine itself, visitors will be able to discover new places on every visit. Those looking for unique finds and experiences can look forward to uniquely Singapore sovenirs and spots. Foodies will be delighted to know that Singapore is home to numerous MICHELIN Bib Gourmand winners as well as Michelin-starred restaurants. The icons in the legend on the right provide a quick indication on some of the experiences to look out for when visitors are here.

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### STAY

There is a wide range of hotels available in Singapore that cater to various budgets and preferences. Business Travellers can find hotels located in the Central Business District (CBD) that will provide comfort and convenience for a fuss-free trip.



### TOURS

Learn more about the vibrant city's transformation from colony to a city-state and global powerhouse today. Embark on tours that provide insight into Singapore's past and gain access to some of the learnings from experienced industry experts.



### **NIGHTLIFE & ENTERTAINMENT**

After a long day of busines meetings and events, Business Travellers can wind down with a good tipple or two. Singapore is home to many bars that have been ranked on the lists of World's 50 Best Bars 2019 and Asia's 50 Best Bars 2019.



### **ITINERARIES**

Not sure where to start? Take a look at the specially customised itineraries in the guide. Whether it is to gain economic insights, shop for luxury goods or enjoy well-deserved leisure, Business Travellers are sure to find something that will suit their interest.



### **EAT & DRINK**

Singapore is home to an array of fine dining and hawker gems that appeals to all visitors. Business Travellers will be able to choose from a selection of dishes from diverse cultures and enjoy Michelin-starred cuisine in this tropical food paradise.



### VENUES

Singapore is an amazing place for any business event. Event spaces range from contemporary to classic, cosy to large-scale, simple to extravagant. Each one is located near different leisure experiences that will enhance every traveller's trip.



# ABOUT OUR BRAND

Our brand, **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

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 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 brought them into reality.

We invite you to join us in sharing these Singapore stories and to bring to life the Passion Made **Possible** spirit, through products and experiences offered to visitors.

Where



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. Singer-songwriter Nathan Hartono constantly inspires with his musicianship and talents, while Singaporean chef Malcolm Lee has turned his life long passion for food into a career and now helms Michelin-starred Candlenut (see Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p119).

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. 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, p70) where early immigrants settled when they came to Singapore. Today, the area houses fresh lifestyle offerings but still bears markings of its heritage. Visitors will find a blend of old and new, where historic temples and traditional medicinal halls sit alongside hip 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-Michelinstarred restaurant Nouri (see Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p120) has made a quaint shophouse along Amoy Street its home, while The Fullerton Hotel, which was once a municipal building, has since been restored to accommodate travellers.





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 over 150-year-old Singapore Botanic Gardens (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p66)—our first and only UNESCO World Heritage Site, just a fiveminute drive from the city centre. It features sprawling greens, unique floral and lush foliage worth a day of exploration.

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.

### CULTURES COME TOGETHER

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



### 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 homeland 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) (see Eat & Drink, Hawker Centres, p129) provide a delicious crash course on our multiculturalism. Humble hawkers dedicate their lives to their craft, dishing up tasty fare in the way their forefathers taught them. In fact, some of them—like Mr Chan Hon Meng of MICHELIN Bib Gourmand Hawker Chan went on to gain international appreciation for his craft.

Food connoisseurs will be spoilt for choice in Singapore. Hip and trendy spots such as indie cafés and craft beer bars; Michelin-starred restaurants such as Candlenut (see Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p119) and Odette (see Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p121); and celebrity chef establishments like Adrift by David Myers and table65 by Richard van Oostenbrugge (see Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p118)—our dynamic and vibrant dining scene has it all.



# SINGLISH THE COLLOQUIAL SINGAPORE ENGLISH

Singapore is a multicultural society made up of four main ethnic groups with 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.

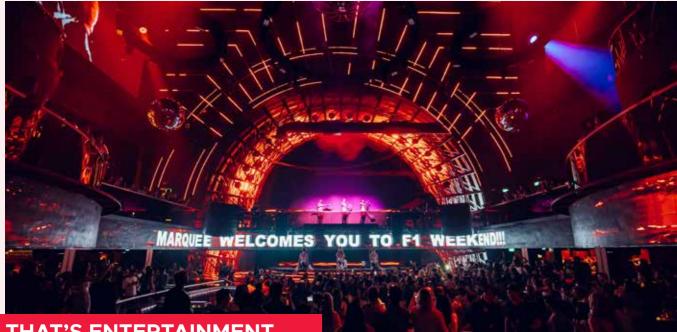
**Huat ah!:** "Huat" means to prosper while "ah" is used for emphasis. "Huat ah!" is usually shouted out for luck.

**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!:** 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, p85). 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 Tiong Bahru, Bugis Street (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p91 and p81 respectively) and Haji Lane (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p75). 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, Local Shopping, p154). Fashionistas will love the fusion of modern and heritage in the timeless cheongsam (a body-hugging traditional Chinese dress) designs of Lai Chan (see Shopping, Local Shopping, p147), 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, p36). There are plenty of family-friendly events for visitors with children, while music lovers can enjoy concerts and music festivals featuring top international artists. 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 hunting.
- 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 across the island. Today, we are home to more than 300 parks, four nature reserves and the award-winning Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p63).

### LET OUR LOCALS INSPIRE PASSION



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

Take James Quan and Winnie Chan, for example. The married couple founded Bynd Artisan (see Shopping, Local Shopping, p149), personalised paper and leather atelier, in 2014. The brand revived the dying trade and has since created a community of craftsmen and artisanal collaborators. It is well on its way to become an iconic Singapore brand.

Sasha Wijidessa is another individual who has pursued her passion relentlessly. Forgoing her parents' expectations of a pharmaceutical career, Sarah has made it her life's calling to be an artisan bartender. She dreams to one day create cocktails in her own establishment, inspiring through fresh menus.

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.







# TRIBES & SEGMENTS

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

A Visitor Segments
B Action Seeker
C Collector
D Culture Shaper
E Explorer
F Foodie
G Socialiser



# 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.



### Early Careers (aged 25-34)

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Youthful travellers will find some of the best hidden nightlife spots in unique locations in Singapore. Operation Dagger (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Cocktail and Spirit Bars, p99), on the list of The World's 50 Best Bars 2019, requires visitors to take a journey underground, down a narrow, non-descript stairwell before entering its doors. The heritagerich Tiong Bahru (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p91) 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 Careers (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, Arts, Museums & Heritage, p58), a by-appointmentonly private museum in a post-war shophouse. Visitors looking for unique finds will appreciate Ong Shunmugam (see Shopping, Local Shopping, p147) a contemporary womenswear label with Asian influences, traditional textile techniques and colours. At restaurants such as the three-Michelin-starred Odette (see Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p121), Foodies can get up-close with world-renowned celebrity chefs like Julien Royer. On the Singapore Flyer (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p85), one of the world's largest observation wheels, visitors can have a sumptuous meal while taking in spectacular views 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, p144) and splash around at the rooftop waterpark in between shopping breaks. The Open Farm Community provides a farm-to-table dining concept, along with farming and recreational activities for all ages to enjoy. Both adults and the young ones can look forward to exciting roving performances, Christmas street-lights and decorations, and in-mall activities during the Christmas on *A Great Street* festivities (see Festivals & Events, p44).

### Active Silvers (aged 55 or above)

The active senior can expect to be immersed in art at galleries like FOST Gallery and Mizuma Gallery in Gillman Barracks (see Attractions, Arts, Museums & Heritage, p53) 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, p119). 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 (see Shopping, Local Shopping, p153), while explorers can uncover the historic attractions of Singapore through walking tours or bus tours (see Tours, p158).

### Business Event Visitors (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions)

Attractions that stay open late into the night and well-placed hotels allow 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 The Capitol Kempinski Hotel Singapore, Six Senses Maxwell (see Stay, p30) and The Fullerton Hotel, which are located just a stone's throw away from popular restaurants and drinking holes. NATIVE (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Cocktail & Spirit Bars, p99), on the list of The World's 50 Best Bars 2019, 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 table65 (see Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p122) or get their retail fix at Singapore's famed shopping district, Orchard Road (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p85)

# DON'T JUST PARTICIPATE, BE AN ACTION SEEKER.



ction Seekers looking for heartpumping, recreational activities or fun-filled spectator action will discover that Singapore is Southeast Asia's premier hub for action and sports. 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 go on aerial adventures at Mega Adventure Park - Singapore in Sentosa (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p88) or try wakeboarding at Singapore Wake Park, the country's only cable-ski park at East Coast Park. Visitors can also have a go at the 44 adrenaline pumping treetop obstacle courses at Forest Adventure in Bedok (see Attractions, Adventure & Rides, p49) or get a dose of exhilarating Grand Prix Season Singapore (see Festivals & Events, p43).

### 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, Adventure & Rides, p49), a simulated indoor skydiving experience in a vertical wind tunnel or get the ultimate thrill rush at AJ Hackett Sentosa (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p88) by dropping 40 metres from the Giant Swing or taking a plunge with the 47-metre-tall Bungy 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<sup>™</sup> SINGAPORE AIRLINES SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX 2019 and International Champions Cup Singapore (see Festivals & Events, p43 and p42 respectively), or get your heart pumping with sports activities such as volleyball and kayaking at Singapore Sports Hub, an integrated sports, entertainment and lifestyle hub.

# DON'T JUST BUY, BE A COLLECTOR



ingapore is a paradise where Collectors with a passion for shopping 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 and fashion to guirky accessories, which can be found in trendy malls and chic neighbourhood stores (see Shopping, p138). One success story is Bynd Artisan (see Shopping, Local Shopping, p149), a craft atelier. Its history dates back over 70 years to its founding company and has since gained a strong fan base in Singapore for its handmade books. Collectors will love local indie stores such as Supermama (see Shopping, Top Ten Souvenirs, p139) and LOVE SG, for their range of guirky Singaporethemed products.



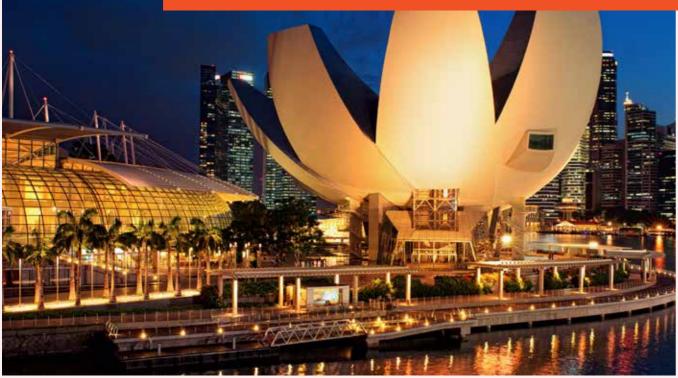
### Only in Singapore

In Singapore's multicultural environment, every Collector will find a slice of local life to take home. Shops in the cultural enclaves of Chinatown, Little India, Kampong Glam and Katong & Joo Chiat (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p70) 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 modern *cheongsams* (a body-hugging traditional Chinese dress). For delightful fragrances that soothe the soul and nourishing body products, visit homegrown brand To Be Calm at 112 Katong and other outlets.

### One-of-a-kind experiences

Orchard Road (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p85), Singapore's premier shopping belt, is home to multiconcept stores such as IN GOOD COMPANY (see Shopping, Local Shopping, p147), as well as international brands such as Victoria's Secret, Michael Kors™ and UNIQLO, which have set up flagship stores here. Find unique shop experiences at Design Orchard (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p86), a new space showcasing Singapore's most beloved brands, lauded designers and talented newcomers, or pick up leather crafting at workshops in Naiise. Be sure not to miss out on lifestyle destinations like Jewel Changi Airport and Funan (see Shopping, Malls, p142 and p141 respectively). They offer not just an array of retail and dining options but a fresh perspective on shopping that integrates play, retail and new experiences.

# DON'T JUST LOOK, BE A **CULTURE SHAPER.**



ulture Shapers who want to immerse themselves in arts and culture will find Singapore an inspiring locale to soak in creative energy and find new perspectives. Apart from being home to local artists who constantly push artistic boundaries across a range of mediums, the city also welcomes international artists to perform and stage shows here. In the Civic District, numerous arts and cultural institutions such as the National Gallery Singapore (see Attractions, Arts, Museum & Heritage, p55), Singapore Art Museum and National Design Centre can be found. For an experiential look into arts, exhibitions at the ArtScience Museum<sup>™</sup> (see Attractions, Arts, Museum & Heritage, p51) are not to be missed. Check out events such as the sixth edition of the Singapore Biennale, ending in March 2020, and ART SG 2020 (see Festivals & Events, p44), which entrench Singapore's position as a regional hub for the arts. The annual calendar is filled with a myriad of lifestyle activities 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 Chinatown during the Mid-Autumn Festival celebrations (see Festivals & Events, p42) for plenty of performances and activities, inspired by Chinese culture. To learn about Little India's rich stories, heritage and traditions, check out ARTWALK Little India (see Festivals & Events, p37) where they are brought to life through murals, installations, film screenings and workshops. Another neighbourhood to visit is Tiong Bahru (s Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p91), which has drawn in artists and indie stores, including BooksActually, a quaint bookstore that stocks local writers. Visitors can also explore the Bras Basah.Bugis neighbourhood (see Neiahbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p81)-peppered with art galleries, art institutions and museums.

### A forum for exchange of passion for 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 ART SG (see Festivals & Events, p44) and Singapore Biennale where passionate local and international talents can exchange ideas and opinions on industry trends.

# **DON'T JUST** SIGHTSEE, BE AN

# EXPLORER



xplorers are constantly seeking to uncover new experiences and cultures in an organic way. As 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 historic buildings in Singapore (see Attractions, Arts, Museums & Heritage, p51), 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, Nature & Parks, p60). 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, Nature & Parks, p64), the world's first night zoo, and the S.E.A. Aquarium<sup>™</sup>, which boasts more than 100,000 marine animals.

**TRIBES & SEGMENTS** 

### 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 appeals to Explorers seeking to learn more about our city state's journey. National Museum of Singapore (see Attractions, Arts Museums & Heritage, p56), the oldest museum in Singapore, inspires with stories of Singapore, while 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 Nature & Parks, p66), 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, Nature & Parks p67). Nature lovers can also discover the biodiversity in Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p67) or get in touch with nature at its offshore islands such as Kusu Island, Pulau Ubin, Sisters' Islands and other Southern Islands (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p66)

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ingaporeans are obsessed with food and there's no doubt why-the city is a gastronomic playground, with much to tickle the taste buds. Foodies to Singapore have countless options when it comes to eating. The influences of Chinese, Malay and Indian cultures have created a unique variety of heritage-rich flavours rooted in culture and tradition. From tasty traditional fare that locals swear by to experimental modern Singaporean ('mod-Sin') cuisine (see Eat & Drink, Modern Singapore Restaurants, p127) where homegrown chefs put a contemporary spin on local dishes, travellers can work their way through the city's delectable offerings just like a local. With a culinary landscape that has lots of local flavours, award-winning restaurants and trendy dining concepts, every foodie traveller is bound to have a feast.

# 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, p106). Travellers looking to indulge in gourmet food can check out awardwinning and celebrity chef restaurants such as CUT by Wolfgang Puck, the one-Michelin-starred steakhouse or National Kitchen by Violet Oon (see Eat & Drink, Afternoon Tea, p117), for a taste of the homegrown chef's authentic Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) food.

### Experiences for the food-obsessed

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 Singapore Food Festival (see Festivals & Events, p41) in July, where visitors can experience the different cuisines in Singapore, dishes that put a modern twist on local favourites and cooking demonstrations. At Chinatown Food Street (see Eat & Drink, Hawker Centres, p129), visitors can enjoy The 50 Cents Fest and savour local dishes from as low as 50 cents (S\$0.50). Wine enthusiasts can look forward to the Singapore Wine Fiesta (see Festivals & Events, p44), where they can try over 200 wines from across the globe and attend talks and classes led by wine experts.

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# SOCIALISER



ocialisers, who love to let their hair down and party the night away, will feel 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 tipple can bar hop on a trail of award-winning bespoke bars in Chinatown, while clubbers can dance the night away at the hottest nightspots along the Singapore River (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p89). Immerse in distinctive and diverse entertainment, nightlife experiences, and connect with great company all in the bustling city-state.

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### 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™ ( Entertainment, Clubs, p101), 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 spend a night out at 28 HongKong Street (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Cocktail & Spirit Bars 997), Manhattan Bar and NATIVE (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Cocktails & Spirit Bars, p99 and p99 respectively), which are highly raved about and also ranked on the list of Asia's 50 Best Bars 2019. For the ultimate insider's guide into a city filled with music, Socialisers can get the scoop from one of Singapore's own Socialisers-singer-songwriter Nathan Hartono (www.VisitSingapore.com/singapore-itineraries/2-dayguide-to-social-singapore).

# 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 Marina Bay Singapore Countdown (see Festivals & Events, p45) is Singapore's biggest year-end party and promises an unforgettable night out for visitors. The countdown will feature performances by some of the island-state's most beloved entertainers and DJs. The night will culminate in a spectacular firework display to welcome the new year.

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



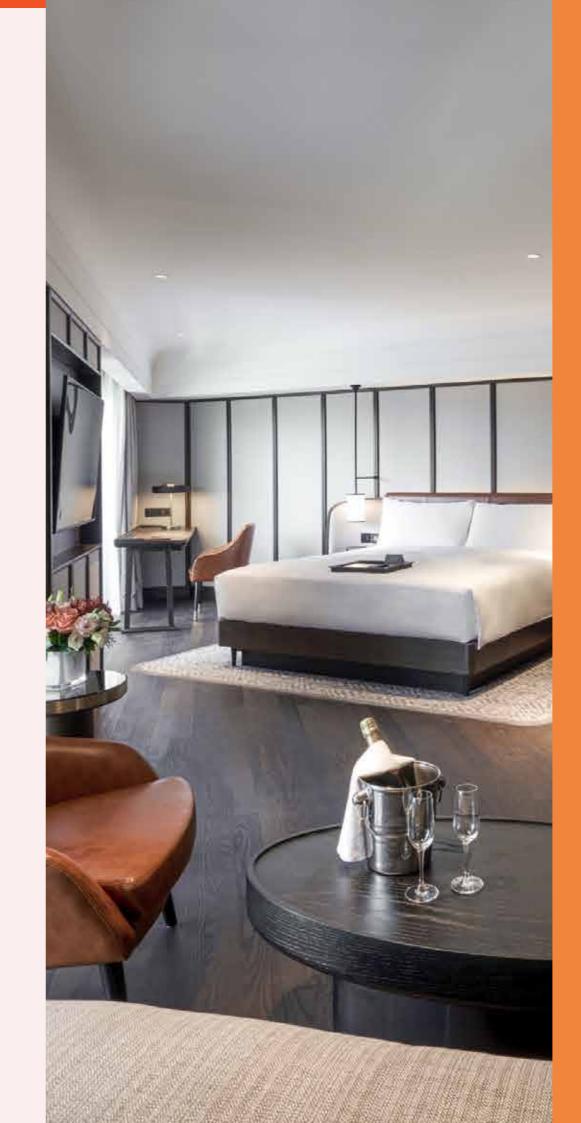
rogressors looking to connect, collaborate and innovate will find that Singapore has all they need for a seamless and rewarding MICE event. As a gateway to the region, Singapore has extensive global trade and communications networks as well as access to the fast-evolving Asian region and marquee events 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 infocomm technology and media, 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<sup>™</sup> (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, visit *www.VisitSingapore.com/mice* 

### 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 meetings, Progressors can head to cultural precincts such as Kampong Glam and Katong & Joo Chiat (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p74 and p76 respectively) or swanky malls in the city centre, such as ION Orchard and Raffles City Shopping Centre (see Shopping, Malls, p141 and p143 respectively) for some retail therapy or to savour delectable food offerings.







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

### LEGEND

NEW New in Singapore

Visitors will delight in exploring each interesting neighbourhood these hotels are found in.



### **STAY** 02

The city is home to numerous options for accommodation each one offering a comfortable stay for every traveller.

With the vast number of travel options-from taxi booking apps to buses and trains in Singapore's public transportation network, visitors do not have 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 unforgettable and gastronomic experiences. Culture Shapers will be thrilled to find plenty of museums and art galleries close by hotels while Collectors can look forward to getting their retail fix at malls and shopping districts in the vicinity.



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Hotel	No. of Rooms	Amenities	Services	LEGENDS Amenities Services	
Capri by Fraser, China Square	304	₩₽:: ;; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ;		Baby Cot Bakery Airport Shuttle	
Fairmont Singapore	778			Bar/Pub       Solution       Automated Room         Business Centre       Babysitting Service         Café/Bistro       Fax/Copying Service         Children's Playground       Gift Shop         Club Lounge       Laundry & Dry Cle	
Holiday Inn Express Singapore Serangoon	119	e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	4	Connecting Rooms Limousine Service	
lyf Funan Singapore	279			Free Wi-Fi Tour Desk	
Oakwood Premier AMTD Singapore	268		₽₽₽₽₽	Kitchenette Non-smoking Rooms Parking	
Raffles Hotel Singapore	115			Prayer Facilities         Qibla Compass         Image: Compass Restaurant         Image: Compass Restaurant         Image: Compass Restaurant         Image: Compass Restaurant	
Six Senses Maxwell	138	₩ <b>\$</b> ££ ¥\$P@&H ££		Smartphone Smoke-free Hotel	
Swissôtel The Stamford	1,252			Spa Swimming Pool Vending Machine Wheelchair Access	
The Barracks Hotel Sentosa	40	₩ <b>₩</b> ₽₹Y& §008#& <b>i</b> &		? AMENITIES & SERVICES	
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Village Hotel Sentosa	606	₩ <b>₩</b> ₽₩₩®Y §P©&₩& ₩\$			

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### Capri by Fraser, China Square

Located near Singapore's Central Business District (CBD), Capri by Fraser, China Square is built on the concept of social living, and is ideal for both business and leisure travellers. Visit The Den, the hotel's new social space, to co-work, entertain, network or simply relax with some board games. Capri by Fraser, China Square has an interactive gym as well as a launderette that features an Atari Pong Table and PlayStation 4 for guests to play games and socialise. Guests can have a drink at one of the many Asia and World's 50 Best Bars in the vicinity, such as Operation Dagger (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Cocktail and Spirit Bars, p99). Otherwise, they can immerse in the heritage and culture of Chinatown (Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p70), which is just a short walk away.

Room rate: S\$201 - S\$300 Number of rooms: 304 Lead-in room size: 26 sqm Chain/Group: Frasers Hospitality





Services:

Event spaces: 2 Meeting Rooms

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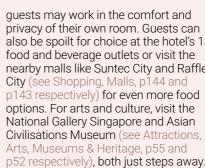
Address: 181 South Bridge Road Tel: +65 6437 0888 / +65 6437 0847 (Trade Contact: Kurt Chevrez)

Website: www.chinasquare.capribyfraser. com

Email: sales.chinasquare@capribyfraser. com / kurt.chevrez@capribyfraser.com (Trade Contact: Kurt Chevrez) Nearest MRT: Telok Ayer Station

### Fairmont Singapore NEW (Renovated 2019)

Newly renovated, the hotel sits in quiet elegance in the middle of key attractions and is a restful retreat from the city's fast-paced lifestyle. Fairmont Singapore houses an award-winning 50,000 sqft luxury spa to relax in as well as the Raffles City Convention Centre (Venues, Exhibition & Conference Venues, p200) that offers prime, flexible function space-34 meetings rooms and three ballrooms, for event and meeting needs. From a global conference to a state-ofthe-art presentation, or a lavish charity ball to a romantic wedding under the stars, Fairmont Singapore will be able to accommodate the space to guests' needs. All 778 rooms are equipped with dual-line phones and a dataport so that



**Room rate:** S\$301 - S\$400 Number of rooms: 778 Lead-in room size: 45 sqm Chain/Group: Accor Hotels

### Amenities:



Event spaces: 34 Meeting Rooms 3 Ballrooms

Address: 80 Bras Basah Road Tel: +65 6339 7777 / +65 6431 5560 (Trade Contact: Rob McIntyre) Fax: +65 6337 1554 Website: www.fairmont.com/singapore Email: sales.singapore@fairmont.com / conventions.singapore@fairmont.com (Trade Contact: Rob McIntyre) Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

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also be spoilt for choice at the hotel's 13 nearby malls like Suntec City and Raffles

Services:



# CHERLY CHANG

"My guests expect the best, I'm here to deliver my best!"



Assistant Manager of Fairmont Singapore, Cherly wows quests with her dedication to exceed guests' expectations and her thoughtful sensitivity to situational needs. Ever willing to make special arrangements to ensure guests have a comfortable stay, Cherly is simply happy when others are as well. Many a time, she would choose to stay beyond her shift or use time during her day off to run errands for specific guest requests. It is no surprise that she is a finalist for Customer Service Excellence for Hotels in the Singapore Tourism Awards 2019 as many guests become raving fans of her over time.



### Holiday Inn Express Singapore Serangoon NEW

Designed with a carnival concept that pays homage to one of Singapore's earliest amusement parks-the nowdefunct New World Amusement Park, Holiday Inn Express Singapore Serangoon brings fun to smart and simple accommodation. The hotel is surrounded by hip cafés like industrial-style café Chye Seng Huat Hardware (www.cshhcoffee.com), local restaurants and colourful shophouses. Follow heritage trails meandering though Serangoon (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p79) to learn about life in the 1900s and discover the rich heritage of Little India (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p77), located a ten-minute drive away. Retail options nearby include the famous 24-hour Mustafa Shopping Centre (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p79) and City Square Mall, both a few minutes' walk away.

**Room rate:** S\$101 - S\$200 Number of rooms: 119 Lead-in room size: 19 sqm Chain/Group: InterContinental Hotels Group

Amenities:



Address: 270 Jalan Besar **Tel:** 1800 101 3848 / +65 6260 0500 / +66 91497 9593 (Trade Contact: Vikanda Givanon)

Website: www.holidayinnexpress.com/ serandoon

**Email:** info.sinsg@ihg.com / vikanda. givanon@ihg.com (Trade Contact: Vikanda Givanon)

Nearest MRT: Farrer Park Station

### lyf Funan Singapore NEW

A fresh concept to Singapore's hotel industry, lyf Funan Singapore is a new coliving brand designed and managed by millennials, for millennials and the millennial-minded. It boasts of a dynamic work-live-play concept. lyf stands for 'Live Your Freedom' which is the hotel's mantra for quests staving with them. to live freely in their own way. Guests can socialise in communal spaces and participate in events, workshops and activities to learn about the local culture with the local community. Within the mixed-use development of the hotel is Funan mall (see Shopping, Malls, p141), an industrial-chic mall with an extensive array of tech shops, local clothing brands and even a rock-climbing wall.

Room rate: S\$101 - S\$200 Number of rooms: 279

Lead-in room size: 18 sqm Chain/Group: The Ascott Limited



**Event spaces:** 1 Communal Area

Address: 67 Hill Street Tel: +65 6970 2288

Website: www.lyfbyascott.com

Email: lyf.funan@the-ascott.com / kylie.wong@the-ascott.com (Trade Contact: Kylie Wong)

Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

Services:

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### Oakwood Premier AMTD Singapore

Located right in the heart of Singapore's Central Business District (CBD), Oakwood Premier AMTD Singapore is a 268-unit serviced apartment and hotel that offers luxury living for the sophisticated traveller. In addition to services like the 24-hour guest relations and airport transfers, its interior embodies an urban style along with nature-inspired elements, presenting an exclusive residence for all guests. Guests may also participate in complimentary monthly resident events that involve local cultural celebrations or visits to attraction sites. The serviced apartment has also recently introduced a Mobile Club Lounge experience-the first hotel club lounge experience in the comfort of guests' apartments-the first of its kind in all Oakwood Premier properties, allowing quests to enjoy unlimited personalised nightcaps and delectable canapés in the comfort of their apartments. Food offerings are aplenty, with options such as contemporary fusion dishes at the in-house restaurant SE7ENTH, local tipples at the lobby bar or Amoy Street Food Centre (see Eat & Drink, Hawker Centres, p129). Visitors can also end off the night with a drink at NATIVE (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Cocktail and Spirit Bars, p99), one of Asia's 50 Best Bars 2019, as well as World's 50 Best Bars 2019.

**Room rate:** S\$301 - S\$400 Number of rooms: 268 Lead-in room size: 28 sqm Chain/Group: Oakwood®

Amenities:



### Event spaces:

- 1 Bar
- 1 Restaurant
- 1 Lounge **1 Executive Boardroom**
- The Oakwood Executive Club

Address: OUE Downtown 1, 6 Shenton Way #07-01 Tel: +65 6812 6000

Fax: +65 6812 6059

Website: www.oakwoodasia.com/ singapore-cbd

Email: general.premier-singapore@ oakwood.com / cecilia.cai@oakwood.com (Trade Contact: Cecilia Cai) Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station

Trade Discount: 15% off best available rates

### Raffles Hotel Singapore NEW (Renovated 2019)

A destination unto itself, the grand historic hotel exudes old-world grandeur infused with the unique charm of Singapore and timeless luxury. First opened in 1887, the hotel has since been given a new lease of life after an extensive two-year revamp. Visitors can look forward to immersing themselves in striking colonial architecture and graceful service as well as newly opened bars, restaurants, courtyards and social spaces. Innovative and contemporary in-suite technology touchpoints are also available, along with refreshed bathroom facilities and amenities. Rooms at Raffles Hotel Singapore offer complimentary minibars, part of the hotel's enriched guest offerings. Guests looking to wind down after a day of exploration should try the hotel's signature Singapore Sling experience.

Room rate: >S\$401 Number of rooms: 115 Lead-in room size: 46 sgm Chain/Group: Accor Hotels





Event spaces: 2 Social Bars

2 Ballrooms 3 Meeting Room & Suite 2 Lawn & Garden

**Event spaces:** 

Address: 1 Beach Road Tel: +65 6337 1886 / +65 6412 1289 (Trade Contact: Amy Ang) Website: www.rafflessingapore.com Email: singapore@raffles.com / amy.ang@raffles.com (Trade Contact: Amy Ang) Nearest MRT: City Hall Station







Services:



1 Meeting Room

Address: 2 Cook Street Tel: +65 6914 1400 / +65 6914 1419 (Trade Contact: Helen Lee) Website: www.sixsenses.com/maxwell Email: reservations-maxwell@sixsenses.com Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station Trade Discount: 20% off best flexible rates

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Housed in a block of beautifully restored shophouses in Chinatown (Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Distric p70), each of the 138 rooms in Six Senses Maxwell is decorated with custom furnishing and original artwork. Together with Six Senses Duxton. the two hotels become Six Senses Singapore and showcase the brand's ongoing commitment to responsible restoration and conservation. Choose from several concept restaurants and bars in-house or visit the nearby Maxwell Food Centre or Chinatown Food Street (see Eat & Drink, Hawker Centres, p130 and p129 respectively) for some local fare. On breezy afternoons, explore places of worship like the Buddha Tooth Relic Temple and Museum and the Sri Senpaga Vinayagar Temple (Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p71 and p77 respectively).

### Room rate: S\$301 - S\$500

Services:



### Swissôtel The Stamford

One of the tallest hotels in Southeast Asia, Swissôtel The Stamford offers panoramic cityscape views of Singapore from its 73<sup>th</sup> floor. The five-star hotel's amenities comprise of six outdoor tennis courts, two outdoor swimming pools, 13 in-house restaurants and bars, an executive lounge on the 65<sup>th</sup> floor and more. Notably, Michelin-starred JAAN by Kirk Westaway (see Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p119), one of Asia's 50 Best Restaurants, is included in the hotel's dining options. The hotel stands in close proximity to CHIJMES (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82), once a school and chapel that has now been transformed to an enclave of restaurants and bars in the middle of the city. It is also next to St Andrew's Cathedral (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p82), Singapore's largest cathedral and oldest Anglican house of worship. The hotel is right above Raffles City (see Shopping, Malls, p143), a large shopping complex for all shopping needs.

### Room rate: S\$201 - S\$300 Number of rooms: 1,252 Lead-in room size: 40 sqm Chain/Group: Accor Hotels

### Amenities:



Services:



**Event spaces:** 34 Meeting Rooms 3 Ballrooms

Address: 2 Stamford Road Tel: +65 6338 8585 / +65 6431 5560 (Trade Contact: Rob McIntyre) **Fax:** +65 6338 2862 Website: www.swissotel.com/singaporestamford Email: sales.singapore@fairmont.com / conventions.singapore@fairmont.com (Trade Contact: Rob McIntyre)

Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

### **EXCLUSIVE LOUNGE**

The Barracks Hotel Sentosa features an exclusive lounge-The Living Room, for guests to enjoy communal dining from 7am-2pm. Each afternoon at the lounge is a delightful affair with afternoon tea and homely cuisine.

### The Barracks Hotel Sentosa NEW

An exclusive sanctuary on Sentosa (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts p88) tucked away in a heritage building that was restored from a military outpost in 1904, The Barracks Hotel Sentosa exudes romance and charm effortlessly with its architecture. The hotel has four thematic pool experiences, a private lounge with all-day refreshments, and 40 elegant rooms, some offering semiprivate jacuzzi access. Services include shuttle services and a tour desk for tourism information. For a heart-pumping time, spend a day at Universal Studios Singapore<sup>™</sup> (see Attractions, Adventures & Rides, p51), or enjoy a day out in the sun at Siloso Beach, Palawan Beach and Tanjong Beach.

Room rate: >S\$401 Number of rooms: 40 Lead-in room size: 29 sqm Chain/Group: Far East Hospitality



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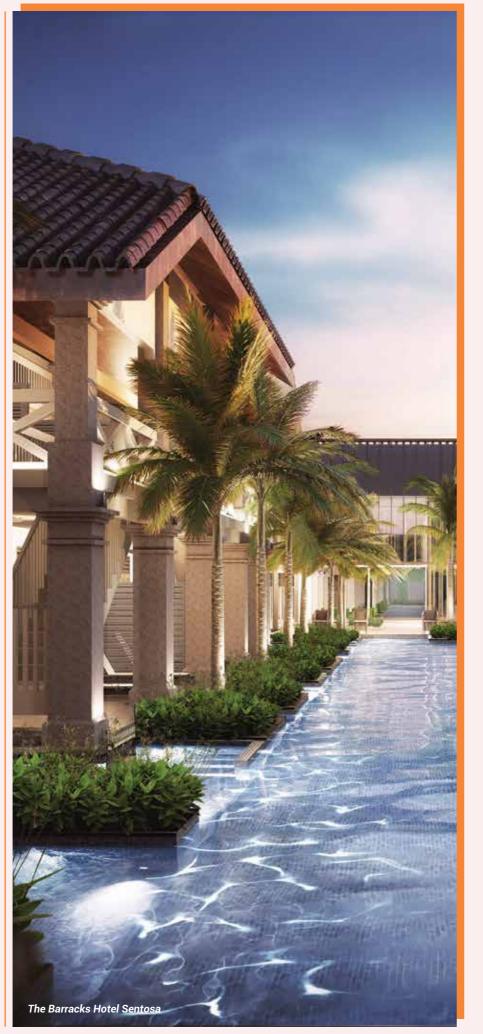
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Event spaces: 4 Meeting Rooms 2 Function Halls 1 Ballroom

Address: Sentosa Island, Palawan Ridge, 2 Gunner Lane Tel: +65 6722 0802 / +65 6512 2202 (Trade Contact: Chen Shu Ping) Website: www.thebarrackshotel.com.sg Email: info.tbh@fareast.com.sg / sales.sentosa@fareast.com.sg (Trade Contact: Chen Shu Ping) **Nearest MRT:** HarbourFront Station





### The Capitol Kempinski Hotel Singapore

Housed within the same compound as the restored Capitol Theatre (see Venues, Performances & Concert Venues, p196), a theatre and events space, the ultra-luxe hotel has been through years of meticulous restoration and renovation by acclaimed architect and Pritzker Architecture Prize winner Richard Meier. It provides an exquisite experience of European hospitality featuring automated room service and luxury rooms with Victorian interiors. The hotel also features an elegant theatre-style hall, the Atelier, that is adorned with hand-painted chinoiserie designer wallpaper by de Gournay. Iconic Singapore landmarks, including the Singapore River, Marina Bay, Merlion Park (Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p89, P84 and p85 respectively), Padang, and National Gallery Singapore, (see Attractions, Arts, Museums & Heritage, p55) are also

steps away. Room rate: >S\$401 Number of rooms: 157 Lead-in room size: 45 sqm

Chain/Group: Kempinski Hotels

Amenities:





Services:

Event spaces:

1 Meeting Room 1 Hall

Address: 15 Stamford Road Tel: +65 6368 8888 / +65 6715 6812 (Trade Contact: Capitol Kempinski Hotel Sales Team)

Fax: +65 6384 1929

Website: www.kempinski.com/singapore Email: reservations.singapore@kempinski. com / sales.singapore@kempinski.com (Trade Contact: Capitol Kempinski Hotel sales team)

Nearest MRT: City Hall Station Trade Discount: 30% off best available rates

### The Outpost Hotel Sentosa NEW

Exclusively catered to adults who want an island getaway with equal measures of fun and romance, the upscale hotel reinterprets the golden age of travel. Guests are treated to a welcome drink, toiletries by Australian beauty brand APPELLES Apothecary & Lab, a pillow mist kit for turndown service, a sun deck and an exclusive rooftop pool. The adults-only Pamukkale pool, one of the four thematic pools on the level three pool deck, also has a pool bar for guests to wind down with unique cocktails. The Outpost Hotel Sentosa is near thrilling attractions like Universal Studios Singapore™, iFly Singapore, Skyline Luge Sentosa and Sentosa 4D AdventureLand (see Attractions, Adventure & Rides, p51, p49, p50 and p50 respectively).

Room rate: \$\$301 - \$\$400 Number of rooms: 193 Lead-in room size: 24 sqm Chain/Group: Far East Hospitality

Amenities:

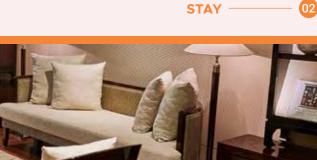


### Event spaces:

4 Meeting Rooms 2 Function Halls 1 Ballroom

Artillery Avenue #03-01 Tel: +65 6722 0801 / +65 6512 2202 (Trade Contact: Chen Shu Ping)

Website: www.theoutposthotel.com.sg Email: info.toh@fareast.com.sg / sales.sentosa@fareast.com.sg (Trade Contact: Chen Shu Ping)



The Capitol Kempinski Hotel Singapore

Services:



- Address: Sentosa Island, Palawan Ridge, 10
- Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station





### CUSTOMISED MINIBAR

On top of a welcome drink, The Outpost Hotel Sentosa also customises a complimentary minibar from a selection of premium snacks and drinks for quests.

### Village Hotel Sentosa NEW

Catered to families, the hotel offers an experiential stay featuring services like children recreation, family activities, beach games and face painting at the pool deck. The hotel's 606 rooms are themed with sun-washed hues of nature by the sea. Family Rooms consist of two connecting rooms with bathroomscomfortable for a family of four. Parents can bring their children to KidZania Singapore (see Attractions, Edutainment & Lifestyle, p58), a nearby indoor theme park, for children to role-play realworld professions and earn play money. Additionally, Palawan Beach, S.E.A. Aquarium<sup>™</sup> (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p65) and the star-studded wax museum Madame Tussauds<sup>™</sup> Singapore (see Attractions, Edutainment & Lifestyle, p59) are easily accessible as well.

### Room rate: S\$201 - S\$300

Number of rooms: 606 Lead-in room size: 22 sqm Chain/Group: Far East Hospitality

Services:

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### Amenities:



Event spaces: 4 Meeting Rooms 2 Function Halls 1 Ballroom

Address: Sentosa Island, Palawan Ridge, 10 Artillery Avenue #02-01 Tel: +65 6722 0800 / +65 6512 2202 (Trade Contact: Chen Shu Ping) Website: www.villagehotels.asia/sentosa Email: info.vhs@fareast.com.sg / sales.sentosa@fareast.com.sg (Trade Contact: Chen Shu Ping)

Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

### YOTELAIR Singapore Changi Airport NEW

Located in-terminal at Changi Airport, it is the only hotel in the Jewel Changi Airport complex and is great for busy international travellers and transit passengers. The hotel offers cleverly designed cabins with adjustable mood lighting and refreshing rain showers as well as a 24-hour gym. Catering to the needs of the modern traveller, the hotel can be booked for a minimum of four hours, with check-in/check-out options around the clock. Guests can explore and enjoy the extensive retail, entertainment and food offerings Jewel Changi Airport (see Shopping, Malls, p142) has, including the Changi Experience Studio, a virtual world of games and shows on the inner workings of an airport. For a taste of Singapore, check out restaurant Violet Oon Singapore at Jewel Changi Airport to savour the sumptuous Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) cuisine.

Room rate: S\$101 - S\$200 Number of rooms: 130 Lead-in room size: 10 sqm Chain/Group: YOTEL



Address: Jewel Changi Airport, 78 Airport Boulevard #04-280

Tel: +65 6407 7888 / +65 6407 7861 ext 1861 (Trade Contact: Raudah Ahmad) Website: www.yotel.com/en/hotels/yotelairsingapore-changi-airport

**Email:** singaporechangi.reservations@yotel. com / raudah.ahmad@yotel.com (Trade Contact: Raudah Ahmad)

Nearest MRT: Changi Airport Station

### NICK CHEESMAN ELAIR Singapore Changi Airport

"Every guest's transit experience is unique. We're passionate about enabling smarter travel with a brand of hospitality that's efficient, inspiring, honest and empathetic."



Having amassed over 14 years of hospitality experience, Nick has worked for prominent hotels such as Shangri-La's Villingili Resort & Spa in Maldives, Four Seasons Hotel London, and Four Seasons Hotel Tokyo at Marunouchi. At YOTELAIR Singapore Changi Airport, Nick oversees all aspects of operations and technology implementation and constantly seeks to bring the hotel to greater heights. The hotel redefines luxury on-the-go for the modern traveller with hotel bookings available for a minimum of four hours at a time and around the clock check-in/check-out options.







# FESTIVALS & EVENTS

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

### LEGEND

NEW New in Singapore

With countless exciting festivals and events, visitors will always have something to look



### **FESTIVALS &** (02) **EVENTS**

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

Singapore is a bustling hub where people around the world gather for events across various genres. Art lovers will be inspired by Singapore Art Week (see p37) while visitors looking for bespoke finds will love Boutique Fairs Singapore (see p39). For thrills and spills, the Halloween Horror Nights (see p43) at Universal Studios Singapore<sup>™</sup> (see Attractions, Adventure & Rides, p51) is sure to get any visitor's heart pumping.

### **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 will enjoy a visit to the acclaimed Singapore Zoo as well as exploring the multimedia night walk, Rainforest Lumina.



Collectors can look forward to festivals like Boutique Fairs Singapore and JeweLuxe<sup>®</sup> Singapore for bespoke finds and fresh shopping experiences.



Action Seekers can soak in the adrenaline surrounding world-class sporting events such as the FORMULA 1<sup>™</sup> SINGAPORE AIRLINES SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX.



Socialisers can party the night away at events such as the Marina Bay Singapore Countdown party.

Public Holiday J Night Activity



# JANUARY

### Rainforest Lumina

Embark on an enchanted journey into the luminous rainforest and discover the magic of Rainforest Lumina at Singapore Zoo (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p66). This multi-sensory night experience is the first in Southeast Asia. Pull the vines aside, meander through misty paths and experience over ten multi-sensory zones with four interactive play elements. Be acquainted with the protectors of the rainforest, the Creature Crew, a guirky group of unlikely heroes who will take visitors through a magical adventure like no other. Visitors are invited to come play, sing and discover the enchanted world of Rainforest Lumina.

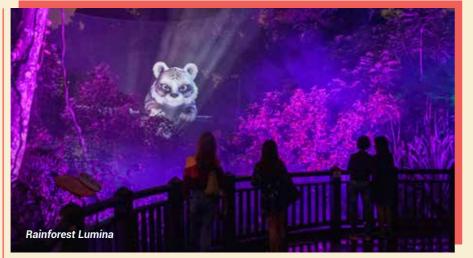
Date: Ongoing till 9 Feb 2020 **Venue:** Singapore Zoo Website: www.rainforestlumina.sg

### **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, p77) 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.

Date: 10 Jan-9 Feb 2020 Venue: Little India Website: www.littleindia.com.sq





### **ARTWALK Little India**

ARTWALK Little India is a multidisciplinary public art project set in the cultural precinct of Little India. Through artworks such as wall murals, performances and music centres around the theme "Passage of Time", the project aims to bring to life the history and traditions of Little India, as well as the personal stories of its community through a multi-sensory art experience.

Date: 10–18 Jan 2020 (with activities happening on 10, 11, 17 & 18 Jan) Venue: Various locations in Little India **Cost:** Varies depending on event Website: www.artwalklittleindia.sq

### Singapore Art Week

Art takes over in January as 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 trails. Visitors can also admire art projected onto Singapore's historic landmarks in the Civic District during the Light to Night Festival and party among pop-up installations at Art After Dark at Gillman Barracks. SAW also attracts international art collectors and industry professionals through S.E.A. Focus, a boutique art fair focusing on Southeast Asian modern and contemporary art, underlining Singapore's reputation as a vibrant arts hub.

### Date: 11-19 Jan 2020

Venue: Various locations islandwide **Cost:** Varies depending on event Website: www.artweek.sg Email: artweek@nac.gov.sg

### Light to Night Festival

The marquee event of Singapore Art Week, Light to Night Festival returns to the heart of Singapore's Civic District, bringing a fusion of art, innovation and ideas. During the two-week festival, the most iconic cultural institutions of the Civic District will be transformed with light, sound and movement under the theme of Invisible Cities. An extensive line-up of programmes is set to bring visitors on an exploratory journey through invisible geographies of the Civic District and discover how perceptions of places are shaped by influences like memory, desire, loss, cultural forces, history and media.

### Dates: 10-19 Jan 2020

Venue: National Gallery Singapore, The Arts House, Asian Civilisations Museum, Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay, Victoria Theatre & Concert Hall

Cost: Free

Website: www.lighttonight.sg

Email: info@nationalgallery.sg / steven.lee@nationalgallery.sg (Trade Contact: Steven Lee)

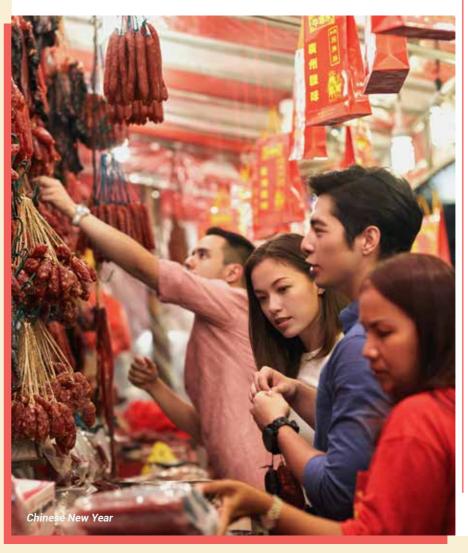
### J Aliwal Urban Art Festival

The Aliwal Urban Art Festival is an annual celebration of Singapore Art Week supported by the National Arts Council of Singapore. Visitors will be immersed in carefully-curated art inspired by international street culturefrom graffiti to graphic art, rock to afrobeat, skateboarding to breakdancing. Organised by Aliwal Arts Centre, the festival's location in Kampong Glam (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p74) is apt as the district has been named one of Singapore's coolest neighbourhoods by international press, with its rich history and culture, mixed with on-trend shops and cafes.

Dates: 18 Jan 2020 Venue: Aliwal Arts Centre Cost: Free Website: www.aliwalartscentre.sg/events/uaf/

### • Chinese New Year

Festival, is undoubtedly the most important event in the Chinese attack villagers every spring. The colour red and loud noise were the only things able to drive away the beast and hence, they characterise the Chinese celebrations of the new year. During this 15-day festive season, Singapore will be lit up with colourful processions, seasonal markets and lively lion dances. At the heart of the celebrations to share this important meal with their loved ones. In the following new year, and visit their relatives whose houses would be thoroughly spring-cleaned to get rid of bad luck. Married relatives will prepare scarlet paper packets with money to bless children and younger relatives with.



### **Celebrations**

A few weeks prior to Chinese New Year (CNY), the streets of Chinatown (see Neighbourhood, Ethnic Districts, p70) will be decorated with handcrafted lanterns depicting Chinese zodiac animals and symbols. They are part of the CNY Street Light Up, which will be launched with the Official Light Up and Opening Ceremony on 4 January 2020. Happening from 4 January to 22 February 2020, the Street Light Up will also feature lion dancers and fire-eaters who will perform at Kreta Ayer Square. From 3 to 24 January 2020, the Festive Street Bazaar will take place along Chinatown's streets. The neighbourhood will be lined with booths overwhelmed with goods of red and gold to symbolise good luck and prosperity. On the eve of Chinese New Year itself, Chinatown will be abuzz with the Chinatown Chinese New Year Countdown Party. Held at the Kreta Ayer Square and open to all, live music performances and a spectacular display of fireworks will usher in the new year amidst a festive atmosphere.

Date: 4 Jan-22 Feb 2020 Venue: Chinatown Website: www.chinatownfestivals.sg



### **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 nightly firework displays. The Chingay procession take place on the event ground on 31 January and 1 February 2020; while food stalls, amusement rides, carnival games and cultural performances are also available for visitors to indulge in.

Dates: 23 Jan-1 Feb 2020 Venue: The Floating Platform @ Marina Bay Website: www.riverhongbao.sg Email: riverhongbao@sfcca.sg

### **J** Chingay Parade

The Chingay Parade, one of Asia's largest street performance and float parade, marks the end of the Chinese New Year celebrations in Singapore. The event brings together a dazzling display of colourful floats and performances that celebrate the country's rich and unique multi-ethnic and cosmopolitan cultures. Every year, Chingay promises exciting highlights, huge intricate props and structures; cultural performances by local talents and international acts; and stunning pyrotechnics and firework displays. The People's Association (PA)-the local grassroots organisation which organises Chingay Paradealso brings the parade to some of Singapore's heartland neighbourhoods on subsequent weekends after the main parade. This year, Chingay Parade 2020 will be themed "Colours in Harmony" and celebrates different communities in Singapore. It will also be a milestone event to commemorate PA's 60th anniversary and the PA will present a segment titled "Bridge of Harmony". The segment will symbolise the efforts of the PA and the various communities in bringing people from different backgrounds together to work and live in harmony over the last six decades.

### Dates: 31 Jan-1 Feb 2020 Time: (Main Parade) 8–9.45pm; (Carnival) Fri 5-11pm, Sat 5pm-1am

Venue: F1 Pit Building, 1 Republic Boulevard **Cost:** (Main Parade) S\$28.50 to S\$60 depending on day and tier; (Carnival) Free Website: www.chingay.org.sg

Email: PA\_SCENE@pa.gov.sg / Felicia\_Liu@pa.gov.sg (Trade Contact: Felicia Liu)

### **FESTIVALS & EVENTS**

# **FEBRUARY**

### **HSBC Women's World Championship (HWWC)**

Golf fans and spectators will be filled with excitement for the 13th 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 the top 20 players from the Rolex<sup>®</sup> Women's World Ranking of that year. It is a platform to celebrate the sport of golf, the brilliant women competitors and inspirational women from all walks of life in Asia. Enjoy breathtaking golf action as well as an exciting line-up of music and food offerings off the greens. Families can look forward to a host of fun golf-themed activities in between the spectacular rounds of golf as well.

### Dates: 27 Feb-1 Mar 2020

Venue: Sentosa Golf Club Cost: General single day ticket prices range from S\$22-S\$29





### J i Light Singapore

Asia's leading sustainable light art festival returns for the eighth time. Curated around the theme 'Re: Light, Re: Live, Re: Imagine', this edition of i Light Singapore will take place in the month of March 2020. The festival will illuminate the Marina Bay Singapore (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p84) with innovative and sustainable light art installations, created by artists from Singapore and around the world.

Dates: 6-29 Mar 2020 Time: 7.30-11pm Venue: Marina Bay Cost: Free Website: www.ilightsingapore.sg Email: info@ilight.sg





### **Boutique Fairs Singapore**

At this three-day-only showcase, visitors can discover over 350 independent, design-forward, Singapore-based small businesses at the F1 Pit Building. With goodies across women's and men's fashion and accessories, home décor, lifestyle products, and children's fashion, toys, and decor, Boutiques is a cult favourite, one-stop destination for special finds and first-hand conversations with designers. Over 80% of featured brands

are socially responsible and over 90% launch products exclusively at Boutiques. In addition to shopping, visitors can also indulge in a line-up of immersive fringe activities and dedicated food and drink spaces on-site.

Dates: 20-22 Mar 2020; 13-15 Nov 2020 Venue: F1 Pit Building, 1 Republic Boulevard Cost: Free

Website: www.boutiquefairs.com.sg Email: boutiques.singapore@gmail.com

# $\left(\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{1} \\ 4 \end{array}\right)$ APRIL

### Hydeout Singapore 2020 NEW

More than just a Music Festival, promoting a universal passion for music, Hydeout is a celebration of a multielemental music scene that tells a story of free-spirited adventures. Over two weekends in April, the festival will feature four days of international and regional artist showcases from various genres in a re-imagined arena. Experience what it feels like to be truly free as the sun goes down. Featuring globally renowned artists such as A\$AP Rocky, Rita Ora, Gucci Mane, DJ Snake and Martin Garrix, with more names to be announced, Hydeout aims to be the ultimate social playground in Southeast Asia.

Dates: 10, 11, 17 & 18 Apr 2020 Venue: The Meadow, Gardens by the Bay, 18 Marina Gardens Drive

Cost: Early bird single day ticket S\$158; Early bird single day weekend ticket S258 Website: www.hydeout.sg

### **Indian Cultural Fiesta**

An extravagant cultural carnival that showcases the multitude of Indian art forms, customs, heritage and culture. Visitors will be able to catch cultural performances and interactive activities; they can also sample mouth-watering Indian dishes. An array of workshopsfrom dancing to sari (traditional Indian womenswear) draping-will also be available for visitors to try a hand in.

Dates: 11 Apr-9 May 2020 Venue: Little India Website: www.littleindia.com.sg

### ONLY IN SINGAPORE

The HSBC World Rugby Sevens is held all around the world in countries such as the United States and Dubai. In the region of Southeast Asia, Singapore is its only stop.



### HSBC Singapore Rugby Sevens

From tight scrums to exhilarating tries, rugby fans can witness the world's top 16 rugby nations battle it out for the Singapore title in this two-day eventthe biggest celebration of rugby in Southeast Asia. Off the pitch, visitors will be entertained by an extensive range of highlights including a Family Fun Zone, Splash Party, rugby-themed games and live music.

# Dates: 11 & 12 Apr 2020

Hub Cost: (Premium Individual) S\$199-S\$249; (Category 1, Individual) S\$45-S\$159; Category 2, Individual) S\$19-S\$49;

To book: www.singapore7s.sg / +65 3158 7888

Website: www.singapore7s.sg Email: info@singapore7s.sg

### World Gourmet Summit

The World Gourmet Summit (WGS) is Asia's premier gastronomy festival that celebrates fine cuisine, excellent wine and unique dining experiences. Gourmands will be treated to a thematic culinary experience with a stellar line-up of masterchefs and themed masterclasses. It will feature a diversified line-up of culinary starsfrom young, up-and-coming chefs, to renowned culinary influencers from across Asia, Eastern and Central Europe, as well as North and South America, each presenting the best of the world's exciting cuisines.

### Dates: 20-27 Apr 2020

Venue: Various venues around Singapore restaurants and hotels Cost: From S\$10 to S\$500 To book: www.worldgourmetsummit.com Website: www.worldgourmetsummit.com Email: wgs.2019@wgs.sg / zacchary.ng@ wgs.sg (Trade Contact: Zacchary Ng)

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Venue: National Stadium at Singapore Sports

(Category 1, Family package) S\$299-S\$349; (Category 2, Family package) S\$99–S\$120

MAY

### **RWS Street Eats**

The much-awaited RWS Street Eats is back for its fourth year! As the event rounds up the region's hidden gems, visitors may satisfy street food cravings in one mega foodie extravaganza Amidst a whirl of authentic flavours and experience, the wide range of delicious delights will leave visitors spoilt for choice and craving for more.

### Date: May–Jun 2020

Venue: Resorts World™ Sentosa, Malaysian Food Street

Cost: Free

Website: www.rwsentosa.com Email: enquiries@rwsentosa.com

### J Singapore Cocktail Festival

An annual event on Asia's cocktail calendar, Singapore Cocktail Festival gathers drink makers and connoisseurs worldwide. The Festival Village kicks off Asia's largest celebration of cocktails and 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: 15–17 May 2020 Venue: Marina Bay Sands®

**Cost:** Varies depending on venue

Website: www.singaporecocktailfestival.com Email: hello@singaporecocktailfestival.com / mayleng@eventsartery.com (Trade Contact: Wai Mayleng)

### **Singapore International Festival** of Arts

For 42 years, the Singapore International Festival of Arts has been showcasing 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. The Festival House will be located at The Arts House.

Dates: 15-31 May 2020 Venue: Various locations **Cost:** Varies depending on event Website: www.sifa.sg

### • Hari Raya Aidilfitri

The period leading up to this day is a good time for visitors to immerse in local Malay culture. Happening from 18 April to 7 June 2020, the Hari Raya Light Up will see a stretch of Geylang Serai (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p73) filled with colourful lights. The area will also come 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, p74), 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, coated with desiccated coconut).

Date: 24 May 2020

### Skechers Sundown Festival

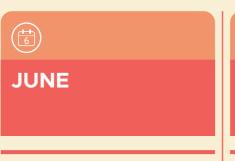
Skechers Sundown Festival is Asia's definitive music and arts festival. Designed for anyone with a love for Asian music and its diverse entertainment scene, the festival is programmed to celebrate all things Asian, and promote its values and spirit during the 3D2N event (across three music stages)-through uniting music, food, art, culture and aspirations in the region.

### Dates: 29-31 May 2020 Venue: Siloso Beach, Sentosa Island

**Cost:** Prices vary onsite and online Website: www.sundownfestival.com Email: contact@redspade.sg (General and trade enquiries)







### **DBS Marina Regatta**

Singapore's biggest festival held by the bay at Marina Bay (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p84), the DBS Marina Regatta is the place to be for a fun-filled weekend with friends and family. In the past years, its exciting lineup of activities have included Singapore's largest outdoor eco-maze, international dragon boat races and other water sport programmes. For visitors looking for a more relaxing time, the festival also offers musical performances, craft workshops, drinks and hawker fare.

Date: Jun 2020 Venue: The Promontory, Marina Bay, 11 Marina Boulevard Cost: Free Website: www.dbs.com/marina-regatta

# JULY

### Singapore Food Festival

An annual celebration of the island's rich culinary traditions, 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 that is part of the Singapore Food Festival line-up is The 50 Cents Fest at Chinatown Food Street. The event invites all to savour iconic Singaporean dishes from as little as 50 cents (S\$0.50).

Date: 10-26 Jul 2020

Venue: Various locations

**Cost:** Varies depending on event

Website: www.singaporefoodfestival.com Email: STB\_SingaporeFoodFestival@stb. gov.sg

### **International Champions Cup** Singapore

The world's premier annual summer football tournament, featuring the top European clubs, brings world-class football to the masses by organising marquee matches that attract recordbreaking crowds. Football fever hits a frenzied pitch this July, where visitors can join fellow fans from around the world to cheer on their favourite teams and catch a glimpse of these football stars as they go around the city.

Dates: Jul 2020

Venue: National Stadium Cost: TBC Website: www.internationalchampionscup.sg



# AUGUST

### 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) eight 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, Nature & Parks, p63).

### Date: 9 Aug 2020





### **J** Singapore Night Festival

Every August, Singapore's Bras Basah. Bugis district (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p81) flourishes with outdoor cultural performances, pop-up art installations and interactive light installations titled Night Lights. Night owls will enjoy the many events held late into the night, including various street performances by local and international artists, as well as festival offerings brought together by partners and stakeholders in the district.

### Dates: 21-29 Aug 2020 Venue: Various venues around the Bras Basah.Bugis precinct Cost: Free

Website: www.nightfestival.sg

### **Singapore River Festival**

The Singapore River Festival showcases and celebrates the cultural heritage, people and modern charms that make up the Singapore River (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p89). Running through Robertson Quay (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p90), Clarke Quay and Boat Quay, the river comes alive with waterfront activities. The festival line-up features a host of exciting activities, food, art and performances by local acts, musicians and personalities.

Dates: Aug-Sep 2020 (TBC) Venue: Singapore River, Robertson Quay, Clarke Quay & Boat Quay **Cost:** General admission is free, charges may apply for some programmes Website: www.singapore-river.com Email: team@singapore-river.com / onathan@singapore-river.com (Trade Contact: Jonathan Koh)

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### **SEPTEMBER**

### **Chinatown Mid-Autumn Festival** Celebrations

Mid-Autumn Festival celebrates the bright harvest moon. Moon-viewing parties are held when the moon is at its fullest and brightest. The celebration often sees the retelling of lunar legends. One of the most notable is the story of Chang Er, the wife of a merciless king who downed the elixir of immortality he had intended to drink, so as to save her people from his tyrannical rule. She ascended to the moon upon her brave act and has been worshipped as a Moon Goddess by the Chinese ever since. Visitors can soak in the festivities in Chinatown (see Neighbourhoods. Ethnic Districts, p70), whose streets will be festooned with colourful lanterns. Pop by street-side stalls and enjoy a delicate brew of Chinese tea and sample mooncakes (sweet pastries traditionally eaten during the Mid-Autumn Festival), which are typically filled with lotus seed paste and a salted egg yolk. The daily celebrations at Chinatown during this period also include performances such as Chinese dance, opera, musical performances and acrobatics.

### Dates: 15 Sep-15 Oct 2020 Venue: New Bridge Road, Eu Tong Sen Street, Kreta Ayer Square Cost: Free Website: www.chinatownfestivals.sg Email: info@chinatownfestivals.sg



### **J** 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 and GPSS block parties. Visitors can look forward to the excitement around some of the lifestyle precincts like Clarke Quay, Sentosa and Orchard Road (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p89, p88 and p85 respectively), where there will be unique events and promotions exclusively created for the 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:** 11–20 Sep 2020

**Venue:** Throughout Singapore

Website: www.visitsingapore.com/festivalsevents-singapore/annual-highlights/grandprix-season-singapore

### Halloween Horror Nights

(see Attractions, Adventure & Rides, p51) Halloween Horror Nights returns for its tenth edition. Visitors can steel their nerves as they brave five all-new haunted zones and more. Only at Singapore's largest and most iconic Halloween event.

Dates: 27 Sep-31 Oct 2020 (TBC) Time: 7.30pm-12.30pm/1.30am Venue: Universal Studios Singapore" Cost: TBC

### Website: www.halloweenhorrornights.com.sg

J FORMULA 1<sup>™</sup> SINGAPORE AIRLINES SINGAPORE GRAND **PRIX 2020** 

For one weekend in September every year, downtown Singapore is transformed into a magnificently illuminated racetrack for the Formula 1<sup>™</sup> Singapore Grand Prix. The 13th edition of the night race is bound to excite. In between the track activities, visitors can look forward to world-class entertainment acts. Past years' lineups have included artists like Swedish

House Mafia, Ariana Grande and The Chainsmokers, and more. Aside from the races, visitors can also participate in the Grand Prix Season Singapore and enjoy exciting off-track activities all across the city in the week leading up to the F1 race.

Dates: 18-20 Sep 2020 Venue: Marina Bay Street Circuit **Cost:** Varies depending on zones/no. of days Website: www.singaporegp.sg

# Universal Studios Singapore HALLOWEEN HORROR NIGHTS





### **OCTOBER**

about different wines.

Wine Fiesta Wine lovers can savour the flavours of hundreds of delectable wines from around the world at this year's Wine Fiesta. Gourmet treats will be available to pair with the wines, with recommendations from the wine

experts. Guests can interact with the winemakers' themselves and join in our expert-led masterclasses where winemakers will share their stories and provide visitors with in-depth knowledge

### ART SG NEW

Dates: Oct 2020 Venue: TBC Website: www.winefiesta.com.sg Email: info@sswc.com.sg

### **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, p77) transform into 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: Oct-mid Nov 2020 Time: 10am-10pm Venue: (Festival Village) Hastings Road & Campbell Lane (TBC) Website: www.littleindia.com.sg

### JeweLuxe<sup>®</sup> Singapore

The only curated festival converging up to 100 internationally acclaimed independent jewellery houses, designers and watch-makers, JeweLuxe® is also the largest and only multi-brand jewellery and timepiece showcase held in a tent. Visitors can experience a ten-day festival of jewellery and timepiece appreciation and shopping, which also includes red carpet events, runway shows and masterclasses on rare gems, timepieces and jewellery art.

Dates: 8-18 Oct 2020 Venue: Tent@Ngee Ann City Cost: Free

Website: www.jeweluxesingapore.com Email: nelson@jeweluxe-international.com (Trade Contact: Nelson Lee)

Set to be the leading art fair in Southeast Asia, ART SG is a dynamic new platform that showcases the most visionary contemporary art from the region and across the globe. Launching at the heart of Singapore's financial district in Sands® Expo and Convention Centre, ART SG will welcome 60-70 significant international galleries alongside a cutting-edge programme of commissioned and sitespecific installations, experimental film and thought provoking talks and performances.

### Date: 30 Oct-1 Nov 2020

Venue: Sands Expo and Convention Centre Website: www.artsg.com Email: info@artsg.com

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tradition of 'Christmas on A Great Street'. Starting from 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. The fourth edition of the Great Christmas Village will be held at \*SCAPE (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p85) and the Grange Road Carpark. There will be food, exciting amusement rides and also a countdown concert on 24 Dec, Christmas Eve.

### Dates: Nov-Dec 2020

Venue: Orchard Road

Website: www.orchardroad.org/christmas **Email:** info@orchardroad.org (Trade Contact: Juliana Fan)

### **C3 AFA Singapore**



Best Leisure Event (2019)

Southeast 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 Japanese voice actors, get the latest updates on their favourite anime and manga, and buy exclusive items on irresistible offers. They can also enjoy the premier concert experience, I LOVE ANISONG, featuring top singers flown in from Japan.

Dates: 27-29 Nov 2020 (TBC) Venue: Suntec Singapore Convention & **Exhibition Centre** Cost: TBC Website: www.animefestival.asia Email: contact@sozo.sg / alex.ng@sozo.sg (Trade Contact: Alex Ng)

# DECEMBER

### **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 participated marathons. An iconic national event and a highlight on Singapore's sporting calendar, the Standard Chartered Singapore Marathon is the only IAAF Gold label race in the region and attracts an average of 50,000 runners to run past the city's famous landmarks. The event is divided into categories for different age groups and fitness levels.

### Dates: 5-6 Dec 2020

Venue: TBC

Cost: TBC

To book: www.singaporemarathon.com

Website: www.singaporemarathon.com

**Email:** singaporeinfo@ironman.com / peixuan.sng@ironman.com (Trade contact: Pei Xuan)

### **Culture Cartel Convention**

Culture Cartel is a street-culture convention dedicated to illuminating the different subcultures across Singapore, South-East Asia and the world. With a mission to do justice to the belied and reinvent the image of street culture, the event represents everything from art, fashion, toys, tattoos and everything in between. In its 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Culture Cartel gathered over 18,000 people to the Singapore F1 Pit Building for Asia's premier street-culture convention. Attendees were served a cultural awakening of epic proportions-intricate tattoos were inked, street art lined the walls, toys displayed like fine art and rare kicks throughout history were on show. Guests to Culture Cartel will be sure to experience the past, present and future of subcultures.

### Dates: Dec 2020 Venue: TBC Website: www.culturecartel.com

Email: info@culturecartel.com



### Christmas Wonderland

Soak up the festivities at the Christmas Nonderland at Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p63). With stunning light sculptures, a Christmas market, and a myriad of iconic rides, games and festive attractions, this extravaganza is a must-see for all ages.

Dates: Nov-Dec 2020 Venue: Gardens by the Bay, 18 Marina Gardens Drive

Cost: Prices vary onsite and online Website: www.christmaswonderland.sg Email: info@blueskyevents.com.sg

### J Marina Bay Singapore Countdown

Visitors can ring in the new year in spectacular style at Singapore's biggest year-end party-Marina Bay Singapore Countdown 2021. Aside from the stunning countdown fireworks display that will light up the iconic Singapore city skyline at midnight, visitors can soak in the festive atmosphere on New Year's Eve with a host of exciting celebratory programmes. The fireworks can be viewed for free at various vantage points around the bay.

### Date: 31 Dec 2020

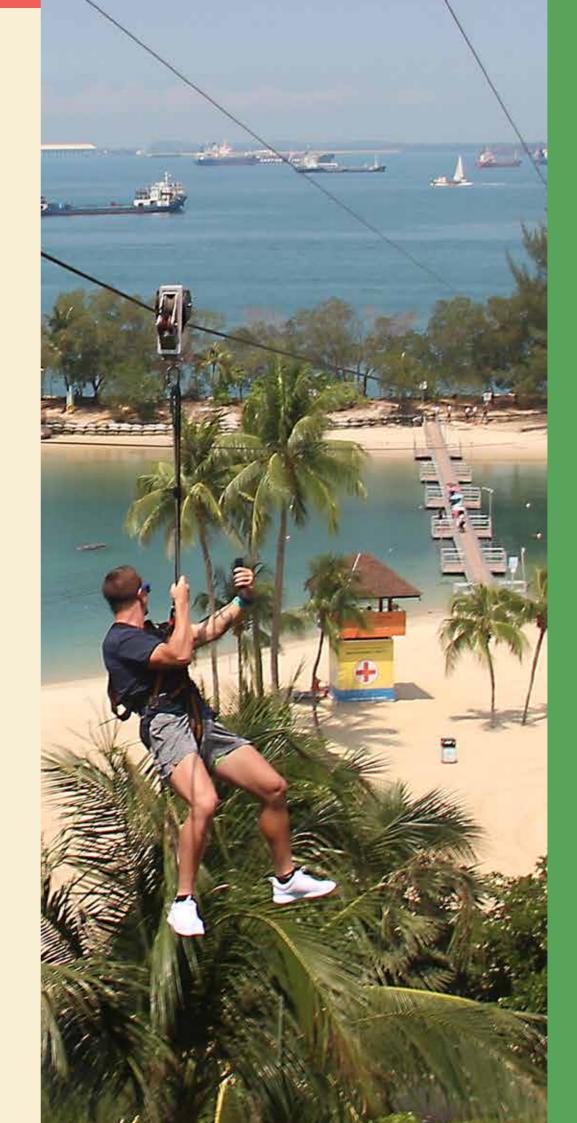
Venue: Marina Bav Cost: General admission is free, charges may apply for some programmes Website: www.marinabaycountdown.sg **Email:** ura\_mbsc@ura.gov.sg

### **Singapore International Photography Festival**

The biennial gathering of minds from around the world with the common pursuit of advancing the art and appreciation of photography, the Singapore International Photography Festival (SIPF) aims to be a platform for critical thought and academic discussion on photography in Southeast Asia. Its 7<sup>th</sup> edition will focus on stories of societies in Singapore under the working title "Departing and Arriving". The festival hopes to explore the notion of identity, belonging and inclusiveness. Encompassing migrant history, SIPF also seeks to explore the end as the new beginning and what cultural root is, among many other topics. The theme also spotlights artistic journey and exploration, where artists depart from an idea or inspiration to arrive at a myriad of explorations and possibilities.

### Date: TBC

Venue: Various locations islandwide Cost: TBC Website: www.sipf.sg Email: info@sipf.sg





# ATTRACTIONS

From exploring picturesque activities to engage in.





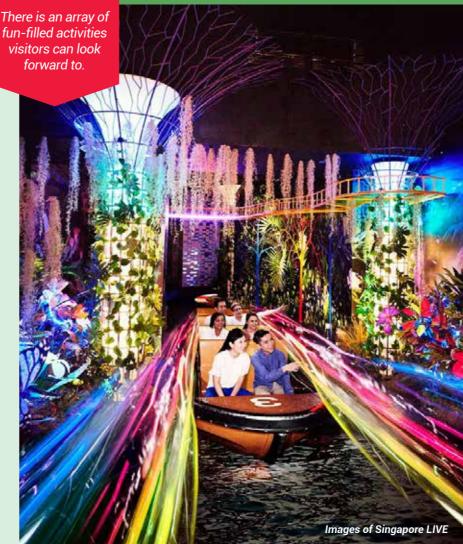
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### LEGEND

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fun-filled activities visitors can look forward to.



### **ATTRACTIONS** (04)

From natural sights and fascinating exhibitions to thrilling theme park rides, visitors will be spoilt for choice.

Visitors to Singapore will find lush greenery, world-class theme parks, iconic waterfront attractions and the world's first night safari park. Culture Shapers will be spoilt for choice with many different galleries featuring works by local and international artists. Explorers can delve into the island's impressive network of gardens, parks, and nature reserves as well as buildings and attractions that commemorate Singapore's historical milestones. Action Seekers can get their hearts racing on adrenaline-pumping obstacle courses and thrilling theme park rides.



### **ADVENTURES** & RIDES



Adventure Cove Waterpark<sup>™</sup>

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 above you. For more immersive experiences, snorkel at Rainbow Reef to enjoy up-close encounters with 20,000 friendly fishes. For a top up rate of \$\$18 for adults and S\$16 for children or seniors, feed dozens of friendly rays at the Ray Bay and feel their velvety wings on your fingertips as they swim by gracefully.

### Address: Sentosa Island, 8 Sentosa Gateway Tel: +65 6577 9788

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

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

**Cost:** Adult S\$38; Child aged four to 12 and Senior Citizen aged 60 and above S\$30; Promotion and packages subject to availability

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

**Nearest MRT:** HarbourFront Station

### **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, which includes three zip lines over the waters of Bedok Reservoir Park, 44 crossings on shaky bridges and ropes suspended above ground. Children can participate in the Junior Course or Kids Course, both comprising 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: www.forestadventure.com.sg Email: manjit@forestadventure.com.sg (Trade Contact: Manjit Singh)

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

**Opening Hours:** Tue–Sun 9.30am–6.30pm Nearest MRT: Bedok Reservoir Station

### **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 them a taste of skydiving and simulates free falls from heights of 12,000- to 3,000-feet. Firsttimers 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: www.iflysingapore.com

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

**Cost:** 1 Skydive S\$89; 2 Skydives S\$119 (walk-in); 2 Skydives S\$109 (Two-day in advance online rate); 2 Skydives S\$89 (Twoday in advance online off-peak rate) **Opening Hours:** Mon, Tue & Thu-Sun, 9am-9.30pm; Wed, 11am-9.30pm Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

### Jewel Canopy Park

One of the latest additions to Singapore's list of attractions, Jewel Canopy Park is a 14,000 sqm space consisting of seven iconic play attractions and creative gardens, designed by top designers from Britain, France, Germany, Singapore and The Netherlands. Guests can anticipate navigating their way through or snapping Instagrammable shots at the Mirror Maze and Hedge Maze and bouncing on the Manulife Sky Nets. They can also explore the sculptural



playscape of Discovery Slides, and enjoy a gripping view of the HSBC Rain Vortex and Shiseido Forest Valley from the Canopy Bridge-a bridge with glass panel flooring suspended 23 metres above ground. The park's interactive garden spaces-the misty Foggy Bowls, whimsical Topiary Walk and its animal topiaries or the floral Petal Garden and its seasonal displays of flowers-will bring delight to many.

### Address: 78 Airport Boulevard Tel: +65 6956 9898

Website: www.jewelchangiairport.com Email: sales@jewelchangiairport.com **Cost:** Adult, Child, Senior Citizen S\$5 (Separate access to the various attractions will range from S\$8 to S\$22); Promotion and packages subject to availability Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 9-3am Nearest MRT: Changi Airport Station

### 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 a heart pounding speed of 60 kilometres per hour. At the five- to 15-metre-high MegaClimb, 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. Visitors can also leap from an elevated point at MegaJump for a jump much like a free-fall parachute jump-without the costly plane ride; or bounce away on dynamic bundeeassisted trampolines, to heights of almost eight metres at MegaBounce. Height and weight restrictions apply.

Address: 10A Siloso Beach Walk Tel: +65 6722 3785

Website: www.sg.megaadventure.com

**Email:** info@megaadventure.com

**Cost:** MegaZip S\$55; MegaClimb S\$37; MegaJump S\$18; MegaBounce S\$15; Zip Climb Jump Package (MegaZip, MegaClimb and MegaJump) S\$75; Zip and Bounce Package (MegaZip and MegaBounce) S\$65

**Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 11am–7pm (MegaZip Last Admission: 6.45pm; MegaClimb, MegaJump and MegaBounce Last Admission: 5.30pm)

Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station



### Sentosa 4D AdventureLand

Sentosa 4D AdventureLand is a hightech interactive entertainment zone located at the Imbiah Lookout on Sentosa Island. It is home to a diverse collection of highly sensorial and exciting experiences for every age group. Experience 4D movie, 'Journey 2: The Mysterious Island', where you will be integrated into the show through a synchronisation of life-like visuals, wind, water and other special effects. Ride on the 4D motion-simulated 'Extreme Log Ride' through ravines and down valleys; or consider 'Haunted Mine Ride 4D' for an exhilarating adventure in a dilapidated and haunted gold mine. For Action Seekers, get into the middle of an action-packed shoot-out in 'Desperados', the first 4D interactive shoot-out game in Asia.

Address: Imbiah Lookout Sentosa. 51B Imbiah Road

Tel: +65 6274 5355 (Trade Contact: Meggie Kok) Fax: +65 6274 3933

Website: www.4dadventureland.com.sg Email: enquiry@4dadventureland.com.sg (Trade Contact: Meggie Kok) Cost: Adult S\$46.90. Child S\$33.90 (4-In-1

Combo) Opening Hours: Mon-Thu & Sun 10am-

7.30pm; Fri, Sat, Eve & Days of Public Holidays 10am-9pm

Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

### **Skyline Luge Sentosa**

Hop on the Skyline Luge Sentosa for a unique go-kart 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, visitors can board the Luge and begin their go-kart experience as they navigate over 600 metres worth of trails. Visitors can choose to travel along a gentle and leisurely trail or speed down a steep and adventurous track. When night falls and darkness settle in, the track comes to life in vibrant colours, giving visitors a brandnew Luge experience. Age and height restrictions apply.

# Skyride

Luge

ride Luge alone. Address: 45 Siloso Beach Walk **Tel:** +65 6274 0472 / +65 9820 5424 (Trade Contact: Fabian Lee)

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

Cost: 2 Luge & Skyride Combo S\$24; 3 Luge & Skyride Combo S\$27; 4 Luge & Skyride Combo S\$29; Child Doubling S\$3 per ride (ride the Luge in tandem with an adult) **Opening Hours:** Mon-Sun 10am-9.30pm (Last Admission: 9.15pm) Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

Min. height of 85cm to ride with an adult. Min. height of 135cm to ride alone.

Six years and min. height of 110cm to

### **Snow City**

Singapore's first permanent indoor snow centre, Snow City is a family-centric attraction with an array of activities for all ages. Explore different zones, filled with interactive arctic exhibitions, lifesized snow sculptures and slide down a thrilling 60-metre snow slope. Visitors can also hop onto bumper cars at Drift on Ice, Singapore's coldest bumper car arena, and enjoy belly laughs while whizzing past other riders. For visitors who wish to challenge themselves to high elements, Snow City also houses two climbing facilities—The Cliff@Snow City Singapore and The Indoor Boulderfor them to scale.

Address: Snow City Building, 21 Jurong Town Hall Road **Tel:** +65 6560 2306

Website: www.snowcity.com.sg Email: contact@snowcity.com.sg **Cost:** Adult S\$21, Child S\$17 (1 hour snow play session + 1 hour bumper call ride)

**Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 10am–6pm (Last Admission: 5pm); Public Holidays 10am-7pm (Last Admission: 6pm)

Nearest MRT: Jurong East Station

### **Universal Studios** Singapore™

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theme park, Universal Studios Singapore™, features an enticing selection of attractions rides and entertainment for families and thrill seekers. Visitors will find 24 moviethemed rides that were designed just for the Singapore park. Enter the Ancient Egypt zone to face mummies and scarab beetles on an indoor roller coaster in total darkness. Young ones will love the indoor 4-D film experience at Shrek 4-D Adventure in Far Far Away zone; while the bolder ones can head to The Lost World<sup>™</sup> zone, where they will stunts and explosions in WaterWorld™. There are also many themed restaurants across the various park zones for visitors to take a break and replenish their energy.

### Address: Sentosa Island, 8 Sentosa Gateway **Tel:** +65 6577 9788

Website: www.rwsentosa.com/en/ attractions/universal-studios-singapore Email: enquiries@rwsentosa.com / feedback@rwsentosa.com

Cost: Adult S\$79; Child S\$59; Senior Citizen S\$41

Opening Hours: Varies according to season; (General Opening Hours) Mon–Sun 10am– 6pm (with extended hours till 10pm on Fri, Sat and select Public Holidays) Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

### Wild Wild Wet

Wild Wild Wet is one of Singapore's largest water parks that promises thrills and spills for the whole family with 16 water rides, including seven exciting new additions. At Free Fall, visitors will plunge down one of Asia's longest free fall water slides at speeds of up to 50 feet per second. Friends and families can race each other down the Kraken Racer, Singapore's first four-lane mat racer slide. Families with young children can head over to Kidz Zone, a child-friendly paradise packed with kid-sized versions of Wild Wild Wet's exhilarating rides. Life jackets and baby water carriers are free to rent at the park.

Address: Downtown East, 1 Pasir Ris Close **Tel:** +65 6581 9128 / +65 6582 4153 (Trade Contact: Luke Wong)

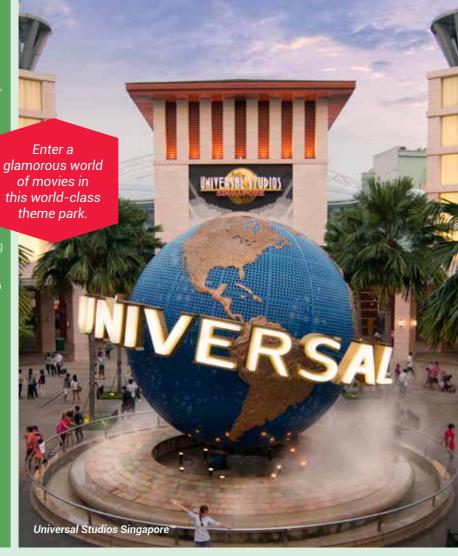
Website: www.wildwildwet.com

Email: luke.wong@ntucclub.com.sg (Trade Contact: Luke Wong)

Cost: (Off-Peak) Adult S\$24, Child S\$18; (Peak) Adult S\$32, Child S\$24

**Opening Hours:** Weekdays (Off-Peak) noon-6pm; Weekend, Public Holidays (Peak) 10am-6pm

Nearest MRT: Pasir Ris Station



# B **ARTS, MUSEUMS** & HERITAGE

### ArtScience Museum<sup>™</sup>

Since its opening in 2011, the ArtScience Museum<sup>™</sup>-with its eye-catching lotus-inspired design—has become an icon of the Singapore skyline. ArtScience Museum™ at Marina Bay Sands<sup>®</sup> is Southeast Asia's leading cultural institution that explores the interrelationship between art, science, technology and culture. Featuring 21 galleries totalling 6,000 sqm, the iconic lotus-inspired building has staged major exhibitions by some of the world's major artists, including Leonardo da Vinci, M.C. Escher, Salvador Dalí, Andy Warhol and Vincent Van Gogh, as well as exhibitions that explore aspects of science and technology-including particle physics,

big data, robotics, palaeontology, marine biology and space science. It houses Singapore's largest permanent digital art gallery-Future World by Japanese art collective teamLab, an immersive world of art, science, magic and metaphor. Last year, its whimsical Wonderland exhibition was widely received for its playful installations, eye-catching props and amazing audiovisual artworks, that celebrates Lewis Carroll's timeless tale of Alice's adventures. The museum also runs regular programmes, workshops, tours and activities that are suitable for visitors of all ages.

Address: 6 Bayfront Avenue **Tel:** +65 6688 8345

Website: www.marinabaysands.com/museum Email: MuseumEnguiries@MarinaBaySands. com

Cost: Adult S\$19, Child & Senior S\$14; (Admission fees may vary for different exhibitions)

**Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 10am–7pm (Last admission to the exhibitions: 6pm) Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station

### **Asian Civilisations Museum**

The Asian Civilisations Museum is the only museum in the region devoted to exploring the rich artistic heritage of Asia-with a focus on the ancestral cultures of Singaporeans. The museum focuses on the many historical connections between the cultures of Asia, and between Asia and the world. Objects on display tell stories of the trade and exchange of ideas that were the result of international commerce, as well as the flow of religions and faith through the region. The Asian Civilisations Museum currently features a Season of Chinese Art till mid-2020, showcasing blockbuster exhibitions in collaboration with leading Chinese institutions and artists that will spotlight the best of Chinese art.

Address: 1 Empress Place Tel: +65 6332 7798

Website: www.acm.org.sg

Email: nhb\_acm\_vs@nhb.gov.sg **Cost:** Admission fees vary depending on visiting exhibitions; Refer to website for the latest ticketing information Opening Hours: Mon-Thu, Sat & Sun 10am-7pm; Fri 10am-9pm

Nearest MRT: Raffles Place Station

### **Battlebox**

Located inside Fort Canning Hill, the Battlebox was once a top-secret bunker that was built to be bombproof and selfsufficient. 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, 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. Entry to Battlebox is via guided tours only

Address: Fort Canning Park, 2 Cox Terrace Tel: +65 6338 6133 / +65 6261 7954 (Trade Contact: Darshini Tamilselvan)

Website: www.battlebox.com.sg

Email: enquiry@battlebox.com.sg / darshini@shc.com.sg (Trade Contact: Darshini Tamilselvan)

Cost: Adult S\$20, Child S\$10 Write in to enquire about group bookings. Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 9.30am-5.30pm Nearest MRT: Dhoby Ghaut Station

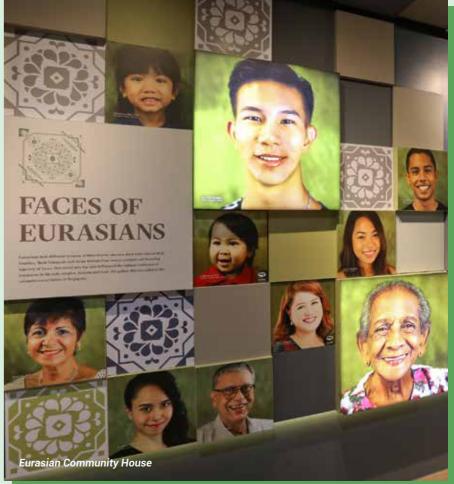
### Chinatown Heritage Centre

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, p70) 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 guarters and a tailor shop that once existed in the area. Guided tours are conducted three times a day.

Address: 48 Pagoda Street **Tel:** +65 6224 3928

Fax: +65 6224 3917 Website: www.chinatownheritagecentre.com.sg Email: enguiry@chinatownhc.com.sg Cost: (General admission with multimedia guide) Adult S\$18, Child S\$14; (General admission with guided tour) Adult S\$25, Child S\$20. These rates apply to non-tour aroups only.

Write in to enquire about group bookings. **Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 9.30am–6.30pm Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station







### ATTRACTIONS



### Eurasian Community House NEW (Renovated 2019)

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Managed by The Eurasian Association, The Eurasian Community House was established in 1919 to oversee the education and welfare of the local Eurasian community. At its fourth floor is the newly renovated Eurasian Heritage Gallery that gives visitors an interesting overview of the culture and heritage of the Eurasian community through multimedia exhibits and over 100 artefacts. Visits to the gallery will deepen the understanding of Singapore's multi-racial roots-the hallmark of the nation's success.

Address: 139 Ceylon Road Tel: +65 6447 1578 (Trade Contact: Jacqueline Peeris) Fax: +65 6447 3189

Website: www.eurasians.org.sg Email: gallery@eurasians.org / Jacqueline@eurasians.org (Trade Contact: Jacqueline Peeris) Cost: Free admission for Singapore Citizens

and Permanent Residents; Foreigners S\$5 **Opening Hours:** Tue-Sun 10am-5pm; Closed on Mon

Nearest MRT: Dakota 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. Through the display of personal items of that time in history as well as oral interviews of eye witnesses, visitors will understand the harrowing experiences people went through and how they dealt with severe challenges. Join the walking 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) for the walking tours. To further enhance the experience, visitors can download the Former Ford Factory mobile application from the Google Play Store or Apple App Store. Tour schedules are subject to change, do check the website for the latest updates.

Address: 351 Upper Bukit Timah Road

**Website:** www.nas.gov.sg/formerfordfactory Email: enquiry@nlb.gov.sg

**Cost:** Free admission for Singapore Citizens and 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 / **Beauty World Station** 

### **Gillman Barracks**

The history of Gillman Barracks 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 international galleries such as Mizuma Gallery (www.mizuma.sg) and Sullivan + Strumpf (www.sullivanstrumpf.com) alongside homegrown outfits like FOST Gallery (www.fostgallery.com) and Chan + Hori Contemporary (www.chanhori. *com*). There are also several dining options like Masons (*www.masons.sq*) for European cuisine and The Naked

Finn (www.nakedfinn.com) for top quality seafood dishes. Galleries open past their usual hours during the Art After Dark event (www.gillmanbarracks. com/others/gillman-barracks/current), which features live music and pop-up food stalls.

### Address: 9 Lock Road

Website: www.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

### **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 centre is set within old-school buildings and houses over 40 arts groups. It has 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 family-friendly workshops, where visitors can learn different skills such as ceramic arts, singing and contemporary or cultural dances. Workshops require registration, and charges apply. Visitors can also enjoy a meal at casual dining restaurant Café Melba (www.cafemelba.com.sg), while young ones are sure to enjoy the games and activities available at Cafe Melba's activities corner, outdoor lawn and bouncy castle.

Address: 90 Goodman Road

Tel: +65 6342 5790

Website: www.goodmanartscentre.sg Email: gac@artshouse.sg

**Opening Hours:** Mon-Sun 7-1am (Except dining establishments)

Nearest MRT: Mountbatten Station

### Haw Par Villa

Built in 1937, named after the brothers behind the famous Tiger Balm, Haw Par Villa is a unique Asian cultural park, the last of its kind in the world. On display are colourful statues and tableaux that include animals and scenes from Chinese



classics like Journey to the West and Eight Immortals. Haw Par Villa is also famous for its vivid depictions of the Ten Courts of Hell from Chinese folklore. Guided tours are available and visitors can visit www.hawparvilla.sg for more information. Admission to the park is free.

Address: 262 Pasir Panjang Road Tel: +65 6773 0103 Fax: +65 6224 0136 Website: www.hawparvilla.sg Email: HPV@journeys.com.sg Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 9am-10pm (Last Admission: 9.30pm) 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 its past as a Malay fishing village 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 nine 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<sup>™</sup> Singapore (see Edutainment & Lifestyle, p59), which houses approximately 60 life-sized wax figures, including Singapore's first Prime Minister, late Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew, who is depicted with his wife Kwa Geok Choo. Also featured are international personalities such as Formula 1 racing driver Lewis Hamilton, martial artist Bruce Lee and actor Shah Rukh Khan.

### Address: Imbiah Lookout Sentosa, 40 Imbiah Road

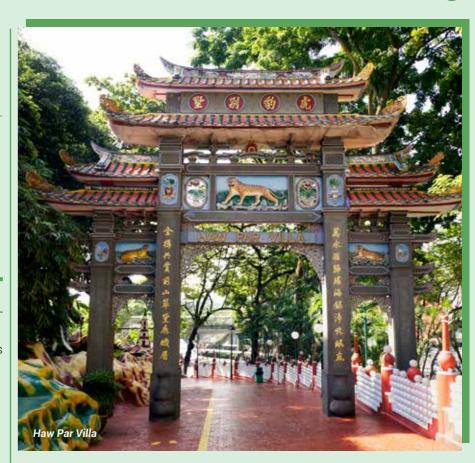
Tel: +65 6715 4000 / +65 9189 3533 (Trade Contact: Jabin Lim)

Website: www.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; Includes admission to Madame Tussauds Singapore

Write in to enquire about group bookings. **Opening Hours:** Mon-Sun 10am-8.30pm (Last Admission: 7pm)

Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station



### Indian Heritage Centre

The four-storey Indian Heritage Centre fuses traditional and modern architectural elements. Inspired by the 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, and houses a permanent exhibition titled, 'Indians in Singapore -Past & Present'. 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. The centre also provides venues ideal for conducting events, seminars and workshops. Grab a Little India Heritage Trail booklet from its Visitor Services Counter and embark on three specially curated thematic routes around the Little India neighbourhood (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p77) that features over 40 heritage sites. The trail is available till 8 July 2020.

### Address: 5 Campbell Lane Tel: +65 6291 1601

Website: www.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 children 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** 

### **ATTRACTIONS**

### Istana Heritage Gallery

The Istana Heritage Gallery offers visitors the opportunity to learn about the history of the Istana (see Neighbourhood, Lifestyle Precincts, p86) and learn about the President's constitutional, ceremonial and community roles. It was officially opened in October 2016 by Singapore's former President Tony Tan, and its curated collection includes artefacts 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 reference piece of the bust of Singapore's late first president, Encik Yusof Bin 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 can accommodate a maximum capacity of 45 pax. Admission is free, but an advance notice of two weeks is required for group visits. Visitors are to conduct themselves in a respectable and careful way in the gallery; selfie sticks and tripods are prohibited, and children below the age of 12 have to be accompanied by an adult at all times.

### Address: 35 Orchard Road **Tel:** +65 6904 4289 Website: www.istana.gov.sg/Visit-And-Explore/Istana-Heritage-Gallery **Email:** gallery\_enquiry@istana.gov.sg Cost: Free admission **Opening Hours:** Mon, Tue, Thu–Sun & Public Holidays 10am–6pm; Closed on Wed Nearest MRT: Dhoby Ghaut Station



### Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum

Opened in 2015, the public gallery at the Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum is divided into 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 tickets to the museum, visitors have to choose a preferred admission time upon purchase.

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 & Senior S\$13 Write in to enquire about group bookings. **Opening Hours:** Tue-Sun & Public Holidays 10am-7pm

### **Malay Heritage Centre**

Visitors to the Malay Heritage Centre can learn about the rich heritage, culture and contributions of Singapore's Malav community, as well as the community's connections to the wider Nusantara (Malay Archipelago) through artefacts and exhibitions. The centre occupies the grounds of the original Istana Kampong Gelam-'Istana' in Malay stands for 'palace'-which was built by Sultan Hussein Mohamed Shah (the then Sultan of Johor), and was home to Malay royalty for more than 50 years. The centre organises a variety of programmes for children and adults throughout the year. Purchase 20 or more adult tickets to receive 20% off the admission fee.

Address: 85 Sultan Gate

**Tel:** +65 6391 0450

Website: www.malayheritage.org.sg

Email: nhb\_mhc@nhb.gov.sg

**Cost:** Free admission for Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents, 1st caregiver of Persons with Disabilities and visitors aged six and below; Adult S\$6, Child & Senior Citizen S\$4

**Opening Hours:** Tue-Sun 10am-6pm (Last admission: 5.30pm; Closed on Mon)

Nearest MRT: Bugis Station / Nicoll Highway Station

### **MINT Museum of Toys**

Located in the Bras Basah.Bugis district (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p81), 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, of which 8,500 are curated for display, originating from more than 40 countries and the 1840s to 1970s eras. Its key collections include the only Batman robot toy complete with cape and sword, 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 Singapore (see Stay p30) and the National Library. Families can email in to book a Make & Play session that is designed as a unique bonding opportunity through exploration of the museum's collection, toy-making and other craft activities.

### Address: 26 Seah Street

Tel: +65 6339 0660 / +65 9851 1973 (Trade Contact: Christopher Ho) Fax: +65 6283 4889

Website: www.emint.com

Email: info@emint.com / Christopher@ebullworks.com (Trade Contact: Christopher Ho) **Cost:** Adult S\$20, Child aged two to 12 and

Senior Citizen aged 60 and above S\$10 Write in to enquire about group bookings

and travel trade deals. **Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 9.30am–6.30pm

Nearest MRT: Bras Basah Station / Bugis Station / City Hall Station / **Esplanade Station** 

### **National Gallery Singapore**



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Located in the heart of the Civic District, National Gallery Singapore is a stateof-the-art facility that oversees the world's largest public collection of modern Southeast Asian art from the 19<sup>th</sup> century to the present. Housed in two of the nation's most historic monuments-the former Supreme Court and City Hall-the 64,000-sqm gallery is the biggest visual arts venue in the city. Visit the gallery for exhibitions that create dialogues between the art in Singapore, Southeast Asia and the world with the goal of fostering a creative and inclusive society. The gallery is also ideal



for visitors travelling with children. It was the first museum in Asia to receive the Children in Museums Award by the European Museum Academy and Hands On! International Association of Children in Museums in 2018. At the Keppel Centre for Art Education, the young are invited to embark on a journey of art exploration at a series of immersive spaces such as the Art Playscape and Project Gallery. Complimentary hourlong tours for the various exhibitions are held daily for up to 20 people, in English and Mandarin. There is a group deal of 25% off admission tickets.

### Address: 1 St Andrew's Road

Tel: +65 6271 7000 / +65 6690 9443 (Trade Contact: Steven Lee)

Website: www.nationalgallery.sg Email: info@nationalgallery.sg /

stevenlee@nationalgallery.sg (Trade Contact: Steven Lee)

**Cost:** Adult \$20, Child & Senior Citizen S\$15 Opening Hours: Mon-Thu, Sat & Sun 10am-7pm; Fri 10am-9pm Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

### **National Museum of Singapore**

Fully constructed in 1887 and located within the Bras Basah.Bugis neighbourhood (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p81), 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. Visitors can immerse themselves in innovative festivals, events and 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. Visitors can also visit the Story of the Forest installation at the museum's Glass Rotunda, an immersive installation that transforms the 69 drawings from the William Farguhar Collection of Natural History Drawings into threedimensional animations. Complimentary guided tours are held daily.

### Address: 93 Stamford Road

Tel: +65 6332 3659 Website: www.nationalmuseum.sg **Email:** nhb\_nm\_hospitality@nhb.gov.sg Cost: Free admission for Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents and Children; Adult S\$15, Senior Citizen S\$10 **Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 10am–7pm Nearest MRT: Bras Basah Station / Dhoby Ghaut Station / Bencoolen Station

Nearest MRT: Clementi Station

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### **Opera Gallery**

Founded by Giles Dyan in 1994, Opera Gallery is one of the leading international dealers and representatives of modern and contemporary art, with galleries worldwide. Since its inception, Opera Gallery has been exhibiting an eclectic inventory of important works by countless modern and contemporary masters which include Pablo Picasso. Marc Chagall, Bernard Buffet, Alexander Calder, Jean Dubuffet, Lucio Fontana, Andy Warhol, Keith Haring, Fernando Botero and Pierre Soulages among many other key art figures. The gallery curates an extensive and varied programme of exhibitions, ensuring a fresh line-up for visitors to enjoy each time they visit.

### Address: ION Orchard, 2 Orchard Turn #02-16 Tel: +65 6735 2618 (Trade Contact: Irene Chee)

Website: www.operagallery.com Email: spore@operagallery.com (Trade Contact: Irene Chee) Cost: Free admission

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 11am-8pm; Sat, Sun 10am-8pm Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

### Singapore Discovery Centre

Visitors to the Singapore Discovery Centre will be able to immerse themselves in Singapore's past, present and future through interactive and hands-on multi-sensory exhibits. They may 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 on a firstcome, first-served basis, in English and Mandarin at scheduled timings. The centre also has an on-site movie theatre-iWerks Theatre, pedal-boating facilities and a Crossfire Paintball arena (fees apply for all three).

### Address: 510 Upper Jurong Road **Tel:** +65 6792 6188

Fax: +65 6792 1233

Website: www.sdc.com.sg

Email: info@sdc.com.sg

**Cost:** Free admission for Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents. Foreigner from S\$10, Youth from S\$7.50, Child from S\$6, Senior Citizen S\$9

Write in to enquire about group bookings.

**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

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In the 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> 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 admission ticket where in-house curators and research workers will provide detailed information on the museum and its exhibitions.

Address: 168 Telok Ayer Street **Tel:** +65 6221 0102

Fax: +65 6221 0103

Website: www.singaporemusicalboxmuseum. org

Email: smbmbox@gmail.com

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

Write in to enquire about group bookings. Opening Hours: Mon & Wed-Sun 10am-6pm; Closed on Tue

Nearest MRT: Telok Ayer Station

### **STPI – Creative Gallery &** Workshop

This creative workshop and contemporary gallery focuses on promoting artistic experimentation in the mediums of print and paper media. Centred on artist collaborations, visiting artists are hosted at STPI's guests guarters and are frequently invited to give public talks to share their inspirations and experiences with the public. Past collaborations include exhibitions such as 'Fragments From A Collective Unity' by Aaron Curry from the United States in 2017 and 'Freely Freely' by local artist, Jane Lee in 2015. At its retail space. STPI x The Corner Shop, 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: www.stpi.com.sg Email: stpi@stpi.com.sq

**Opening Hours:** Mon-Fri 10am-7pm; Sat 9am-6pm; Sun 10am-5pm; Closed on Public Holidays

**Nearest MRT:** Fort Canning Station



The Fullerton Heritage Singapore

Located along the Marina Bay Waterfront Promenade, the Fullerton Heritage precinct (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p85) 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 district's rich history. The district 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 Fullerton Monument Tour, visitors will be led by a tour guide to discover the rich history of the Fullerton Building, where Singapore's General Post Office was once located. The tour is open to the public on Mondays and Thursdays at 11.15am and Saturdays at 3.45pm. Another tour, A Maritime Journey Tour, steers visitors on the story of Singapore's historic waterfront that began as a trading post in 1819. The tour is also open to public on Fridays at 3.45pm and Sundays at 11.15am. Tours can be booked up to one month in advance and 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 6733 8388

Website: www.thefullertonheritage.com Email: enquiries@fullertonhotels.com **Opening Hours:** Varies by establishment: Refer to website for more details Nearest MRT: Raffles Place Station

### INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED EXHIBITIONS

In 2019, STPI also presented milestone exhibition 'From Superflat to Bubblewrap' by acclaimed Japanese artist, Takashi Murakami, as well as artworks of Thai artist, Natee Utarit.

### The Intan

Visitors can experience the rich culture and heritage of the Peranakans (Straitsborn 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, p76). 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 ceramics.

Address: 69 Joo Chiat Terrace Tel: +65 6440 1148 / +65 9338 2234 (Trade Contact: Alvin Yapp) Website: www.the-intan.com

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

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

**Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 7am–10pm

### **Red Dot Design Museum**

Housed along the Marina Bay Waterfront Promenade, the Red Dot Design Museum showcases a collection of outstanding design works. This includes winners of the Red Dot Award (product design category) such as the PUMA evoKNIT Driver Pro fireproof shoe that was created for Formula 1 drivers. Do robots have souls? Visitors can look forward to special exhibitions such as the Human-Nature exhibition that highlights the value of good design, demonstrated through parallel guestioning in a world where humans achieve enhanced abilities through technology, algorithm and machine learning, and where co-existing with robots is a reality. The museum also houses a design shop where visitors can purchase curated design objects from Singapore and around the world. Additionally, visitors can indulge in unique local desserts at the museum café. Trade discount is at 40% off admission fees.

Address: 11 Marina Boulevard Tel: +65 6514 0111 / +65 6534 7194 (Trade Contact: Carrie Lim)

Website: www.museum.red-dot.sg Email: museum@red-dot.sg / carrie@red-dot.sg (Trade Contact:

Carrie Lim) **Cost:** Adult S\$11.80, Child aged seven to 12

S\$6.40; Free admission for children aged six years old and below

**Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 11am–8pm Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station / Downtown Station / Marina Bay Station



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### AIRZONE

The world's first concept of an indoor elevated playground with distinct themed zones, AIRZONE presents a unique experience for the young and old. The suspended net playground is segmented into three levels that visitors can explore. Have a go at the threedimensional maze, bounce on the floaty, bouncy nets and dive into the suspended ball pits. Action Seekers can scale the playground to get to the big slide at its very top for an exhilarating ride down. The nets were originally designed to catch falling gymnasts, so visitors can be reassured on the aspect of safety.

Address: City Square Mall, 180 Kitchener Road #02-K4, K10 Tel: +65 3159 0767 / +65 8793 1819 (Trade Contact: Irin Fairos) Website: www.airzone.sg

Email: info@airzone.sg / sf@airzone.sg (Trade Contact: Irin Fairos) Cost: (Standard) S\$20 for one-hour session; Promotion and packages subject to availabilitv

**Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 11am–10pm Nearest MRT: Farrer Park Station

### **BOUNCE Singapore**

Get active at this air-conditioned indoor adventure and trampoline park, equipped with Asia's first "Ninja Warrior"-like adventure course and Singapore's first "Leap of Faith", a challenging jump station. Enter a massive warehouse located in Cineleisure Orchard mall and jump right into an atmosphere of adrenaline and fun. BOUNCE Singapore

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caters to a wide range of visitors, from families with children as young as three years old to aerial sports athletes. Difficulty levels may be customised to visitors' liking and stamina; and the park's friendly staff are always on standby to ensure safety.

Address: Cineleisure Orchard, 8 Grange Road #09-01

Tel: +65 6816 2879

Website: www.bounceinc.com.sg **Email:** enquiries@bounceinc.com.sg **Cost:** General Admission S\$25 per pax; Refer to website for more info on pricing **Opening Hours:** Mon-Fri 10am-10pm; Sat, Sun & Public Holidays 9am-10pm Nearest MRT: Somerset Station

### **KidZania Singapore**

KidZania is an interactive indoor edutainment centre that immerses children aged three to 17 in realistic role-play within a kid-sized cityproviding a platform for inspiration. fun and learning. Kids can experience different professions, discover how cities work and pick up financial literacy, independence, social skills and life skills, all within a fun setting. Some of its 50 over establishments and roleplay activities available are unique to Singapore's heritage and culture. Kids can look forward to having a close-up view of a Boeing 737 plane and take a simulated flight within KidZania Singapore's Aviation Academy. KidZania Singapore is the first of all worldwide branches to offer these experiences.

Address: Palawan Kidz City, 31 Beach View #01-01/02

Tel: +65 6653 6888

Website: www.kidzania.com.so Email: share@kidzania.com.sg / explore@kidzania.com.sg **Cost:** Adult S\$35; Child aged three to 17 S\$62; Senior Citizen aged 60 and above S\$25; Free admission for toddlers & infants aged three years and below **Opening Hours:** Mon-Sun 10am-6pm; Closed on selected Wed for maintenance Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station



### Madame Tussauds<sup>™</sup> 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, Aishwarya Rai, Michelle Yeoh, Beyoncé, Michael Jackson, Lady Gaga and more. Local personalities include Singapore's first Prime Minister, late Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore Airlines' iconic Singapore Girl, footballer Fandi Ahmad, and Mandopop stars Stefanie Sun and JJ Lin. The newly opened Ultimate Film Star Experience features special effects and technology that allows visitors to get up-close and interact with wax figures of celebrities from the Indian film industry, such as Priyanka Chopra, Varun Dhawan and Karan Johar. 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. Bundle tickets to Madame Tussauds and Trick Eye Museum Singapore (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p89) are also available, where visitors

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will find paintings and installations on the walls, ceilings and ground to appear threedimensional-thanks to optical illusions.

Address: Imbiah Lookout Sentosa, 40 Imbiah Road

**Tel:** +65 6715 4000 / +65 9189 3533 (Trade Contact: Jabin Lim)

Website: www.madametussauds.com/ sindapore

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; Includes admission to Images of Singapore LIVE

Write in to enquire about group bookings. **Opening Hours:** Mon-Sun 10am-8.30pm

(Last Admission: 7pm)

Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

### NERF Action Xperience NEW

The first of its kind in the world, NERF Action Xperience provides fun-filled experiences in an arena packed with multiple-themed zones. Step into the

Compete zone and load up foam bullets in NERF guns to battle it out in a zombie apocalypse or planetary invasion. Visitors looking for a challenge should head to the Conquer zone to scale high terrains and overcome challenging obstacles while shooting down targets. The young ones will love the Challenge zone, where race tracks, obstacle courses and a pool of giant NERF dart balls await them. Lastly, enter the Create zone and get artistic with paint-filled NERF squirt guns to create colourful paint designs on shirts and tote bags to bring home. For more information on ticket details, visit NERF Action Xperience's website.

Address: Marina Square, 6 Raffles Boulevard #01-208

Website: www.nerfax.com.sg

Email: info@nerfax.com.sg / pamelawong@kingsmen-int.com (Trade Contact: Pamela Wong)

Cost: (Kick Off) S\$29; (Massive) S\$39; (Challenge) S\$22; (Create & Challenge Duo) S\$29; (Kick Off 10) S\$260; (Massive 10) S\$329 **Opening Hours:** Mon-Sun 10am-10pm (Last Admission: 7pm)

Nearest MRT: Esplanade Station / Promenade MRT Station / City Hall Station

### 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 Eve: An Exhibition on Illusions and Human Perception. On Friday nights (7.45–10pm), the Science Centre Singapore Observatory (www.facebook. com/SCOBservatory) has free access 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.

Address: 15 Science Centre Road Tel: +65 6425 2500 / +65 6425 2741 (Trade Contact: Jason Choo) Fax: +65 6565 7032

Website: www.science.edu.sg

Email: jyotika\_thukral@science.edu.sg / Jason\_Choo@science.edu.sg (Trade Contact: Jason Choo) Write in to enquire about group bookings.

**Opening Hours:** Tue–Sun 10am–6pm Nearest MRT: Jurong East Station

### **Zero Latency**

One of the world's best and largest multiplayer Free-Roam Virtual Reality (VR) gaming experiences, Zero Latency offers an expansive virtual space in its selection of five different games. Games include the adrenaline-pumping apocalyptic Zombie Survival and Outbreak Origins, the action-packed Sol Raiders and Singularity, and the imaginative and colourful Engineerium, the first game to use VR to experience physics-based puzzles. Each game comes with an interesting narrative and exciting objective. Visitors can choose from five different fixed packages that

### Bukit Timah Nature Reserve

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Bukit Timah Nature Reserve is the second ASEAN Heritage Park here, after Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve (see p67), giving it recognition for its regional importance and conservational value. As one of the largest patches of primary forest in Singapore, it is home to a high percentage of Singapore's native fauna and flora, including thorny rattans, the Singapore freshwater crab



are either a combination of two games, two gameplays of one game or a single gameplay of a one game. Visitors should dress comfortably with covered and flat non-slip footwear; long hair should be tied in a low ponytail. Glasses cannot be worn during the experience, however, the VR headsets to be worn can be adjusted to correct myopia by up to 500 degrees.

Address: Suntec City Mall, 3 Temasek Boulevard #03-346/347 Tel: +65 6931 0331 / +65 6817 9862 (Trade **Contact:** George Suhaimi) Website: www.zerolatencyvr.com.sg Email: contact\_us@zerolatencyvr.com.sg / george\_suhaimi@zerolatencyvr.com.sg (Trade Contact: George Suhaimi) **Cost:** (Mon-Thu 11am-4.30pm) S\$48 per pax; (Other timings) S\$59 per pax

Opening Hours: Mon-Thu 11am-10pm; Fri 11am-11pm; Sat 10am-11pm; Sun & Public Holidays 10am-10pm (Last game session starts 30 mins before closing) Nearest MRT: Promenade Station / Esplanade Station / City Hall Station

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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 photograph by the iconic summit stone. Also not to be missed is the spectacular guarry views from the lookout point at the far end of the trail.

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

### **Butterfly Park & Insect Kingdom**

Located in Sentosa (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p88) and set in a tropical rainforest with multi-sensory and interactive experiences, the Butterfly Park & Insect Kingdom is a colourful kaleidoscope with free-flying butterflies and insect displays. See how the metamorphosis of a butterfly occurs through its Learning Journey Program and discover lesserknown facts about butterflies. Guided tours happen 2pm daily and visitors can observe hanging butterfly pupa every Tuesday and Thursday at 4pm. On weekends, visitors can marvel at butterfly releases at 3pm. Tickets purchased online will enjoy a 10% discount.

Address: 51 Imbiah Road **Tel:** +65 6275 0013 / +65 9297 5749 **Fax:** +65 6275 5350 Website: www.jungle.com.sg Email: admin@jungle.com.sg / sales@jungle.com.sg **Cost:** Adult S\$20, Child S\$14; Singapore Citizens enjoy S\$4 off each ticket **Opening Hours:** Mon-Sun 9.30am-7pm (Last Admission: 6.30pm) Nearest MRT: HarbourFront 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), 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, and observe the beauty of nature from the glistening reservoir waters. The park has an amenities centre with lockers, showering facilities, drinking water points and food kiosks.

### **Central Catchment Nature Reserve**

Address: 601 Island Club Road (Located close to Singapore Island Country Club, via Venus Drive) Website: www.nparks.gov.sg/gardensparks-and-nature/parks-and-naturereserves/central-catchment-nature-reserve

**Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 7am–7pm **Nearest MRT:** Marymount Station

### MacRitchie Reservoir Park

Address: Along Lornie Road Website: www.nparks.gov.sg/gardensparks-and-nature/parks-and-naturereserves/ 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 (www.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 (see p64).

### Address: Along Nicoll Drive and Changi Coast Road

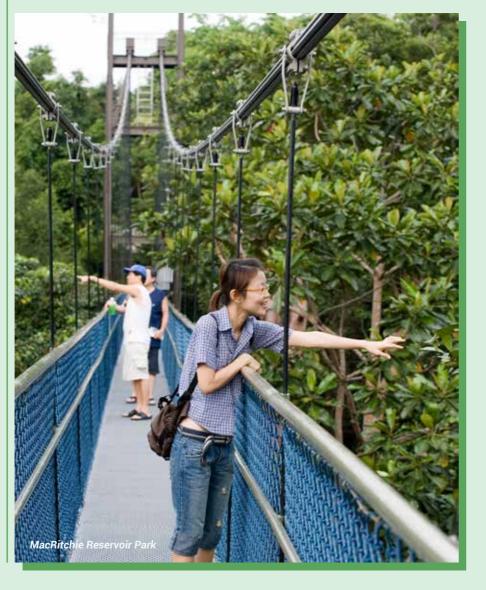
Website: www.nparks.gov.sg/gardensparks-and-nature/parks-and-naturereserves/changi-beach-park **Opening Hours:** Mon-Sun 24 hours Nearest MRT: Pasir Ris Station / Changi Airport Station

### **Coney Island**

Formerly known as Serangoon Island, Coney Island was owned by the Haw Par brothers—the duo behind the famed Tiger Balm brand-back in the early 1900s. Today the island has retained its rustic charm and is a sanctuary for a diverse range of plant and animal species. Explore the coastal forests, mangroves and various plants and flowers, some of which are critically endangered. Bird watchers can look out for resident Baya Weavers, Oriental Magpie-robins and flocks of parakeets. A popular activity among visitors is to cycle along the 2.5-kilometre Coney Island Park Connector which offers a breath-taking view of the Serangoon Reservoir. To preserve the park's natural habitat, there is no electricity or piped water available on the island and visitors are advised to bring along a bottle of water.

Address: Beside Punggol Promenade Nature Trail Website: www.nparks.gov.sg/gardens-

parks-and-nature/parks-and-naturereserves/coney-island-park **Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 7am–7pm Nearest MRT: Punggol 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 (www.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 3,500-sqm playground with wheelchair-accessible equipment and an eight-metre-tall 'lighthouse' structure, as well as a few family-friendly restaurants.

### Address: Along East Coast Parkway and East Coast Park Service Road Website: www.nparks.gov.sg/gardens-

parks-and-nature/parks-and-naturereserves/east-coast-park **Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 24 hours Nearest MRT: Bedok Station

### Fort Canning Park

Set on a hilltop, Fort Canning Park is a respite from the surrounding urban landscape. The iconic 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, is also located in the park. Visitors will stumble upon these sites, as well as interesting flora and fauna on a self-guided 45-minute Colonial History Trail following storyboards and maps around the area. Visitors can also take a ticketed tour of the Battlebox, the British nerve centre for operations during World War II.

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

Website: www.nparks.gov.sg/gardensparks-and-nature/parks-and-naturereserves/fort-canning-park

**Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 24 hours Nearest MRT: Dhoby Ghaut Station / Clarke Quay Station / Fort Canning Station

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### **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. Fort Siloso also has a newly built Fort Siloso Skywalk, an 11-storey-tall and 181-metre-long treetop trail that visitors can stroll on to admire scenic views from. Visitors at the Mega Adventure Park – Singapore (see Adventure & Rides, p49) and Siloso Beach can easily access Fort Siloso from the Fort Siloso Skywalk to discover Singapore's heritage.

### Address: Siloso Point, along Siloso Road **Tel:** +65 6736 8672

Website: www.sentosa.com.sg/explore/ attractions/fort-siloso

Email: guest\_services@sentosa.com.sg **Cost:** Free admission

**Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 10am–6pm (Last entry 5.30pm); (Fort Siloso Skywalk) Mon-Sun 9am-7pm

Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

### Gardens by the Bay



Best Attraction Experience (2019)

In the heart of this City in a Garden, 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 flower field displays that changes seasonally. The Cloud Forest conservatory is a popular spot for photographs-its cascading 35-metretall indoor waterfall is one of 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 Superfree 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

Website: www.gardensbythebay.com.sg Email: travelagents@gardensbythebay.com.sg Cost: (Two Conservatories) Adult S\$28, Child S\$15; (OCBC Skyway) Adult S\$8, Child S\$5 **Opening Hours:** (Conservatories, OCBC Skyway) Mon-Sun 9am-9pm (Last admission: 8pm); (Far East Organization Children's Garden) Tue-Fri 10am-7pm; Sat-Sun & Public Holidays 9am-9pm; Closed on Mon; (Outdoor Gardens) Mon-Sun 5-2am Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station

### Jurong Bird Park

The award-winning Jurong Bird Park is Asia's largest bird paradise and is home to approximately 3,500 birds across 400 species. The bird park is famed for its large and immersive walk-in aviaries such as Lory Loft, Jungle Jewels and Waterfall Aviary. Other unique exhibits include Penguin Coast and Pelican Cove. Check out the world's rarest raptors-the Philippine Eagle and catch the breathtaking High Flyers Show where visitors will be impressed by the birds' beauty, agility and intelligence. Visitors will have a wild time at the Bird's Eye Tour and can also get a chance to fly a raptor. Call or email to enquire about travel trade discounts.

Address: 2 Jurong Hill Tel: +65 6269 3411

**Fax:** +65 6261 1869

Website: www.birdpark.com.sg Email: enquiry@wrs.com.sg / sales.szg@wrs.com.sg Cost: Adult S\$32, Child S\$21 **Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 8.30am–6pm (Last Admission: 5.30pm)

Nearest MRT: Boon Lay Station

### Jurong Lake Gardens NEW

A recent addition to Singapore's list of national gardens, Jurong Lake Gardens can be found in the heartlands of Jurong and comprises the Lakeside Garden, Chinese Garden, Japanese Gardens, and Garden Promenade. Spaces have been landscaped and designed for families and communities to come together. The 90-hectre garden also consist of play pools that mimic tidal patterns and coastal water movements, grasslands, a natural garden playground for children, a freshwater swamp, naturalised waterways and People's Association PAssion WaVe facility that offers many

water sports activities. The northern strip of Lakeside Garden as well as Chinese and Japanese Gardens are closed for redevelopment from 1 June 2019 and will be completed from 2021 onwards.

Address: Along Yuan Ching Road and Boon Lay Way **Tel:** 1800 471 7300

Website: www.nparks.gov.sg/gardensparks-and-nature/parks-and-naturereserves/jurong-lake-gardens

Email: juronglakegardens@nparks.gov.sg **Opening Hours:** 

•(Lakeside Garden) Mon-Sun 24 hours •(Forest Ramble) Tue-Sun 8am-10pm; Closed on Mon, except when it falls on a Public Holiday

•(Clusia Cove) Tue-Sun 8am-7pm; Closed on Mon, except when it falls on a Public Holiday

•(Dog Run) Mon-Sun 9am-10pm

•(Passion Wave) Tue-Fri 9am-6pm; Sat, Sun 8am-6pm; Closed on Mon Nearest MRT: Lakeside Station

### Live Turtle & Tortoise Museum

Step into a world of fascinating creatures bearing reminisce of the pre-historic era at the Live Turtle & Tortoise Museum. Turtles range in size-from miniature to enormous-and visitors can get upclose and personal with them alongside tortoises in a staged area. Be fascinated by an array of turtle and tortoise species-the museum houses the Sulcata Tortoise, Golden Temple Turtle, Golden Terrapin, Six Legged Tortoise, Indian Star Tortoise, Soft Shell Turtle and more. Many of the turtles and tortoises from the museum are rescued and rehabilitated into healthy environments for them to thrive and flourish in. Visitors to the museum can look forward to live turtle races on the weekends and race remote-controlled turtles on any operating day. Turtle feeding sessions also happen sporadically throughout the day. After visiting, visitors will be able to take home turtle-themed memorabilia from the gift shop. Trade discount will be 5% off ticket prices.

Address: ORTO, 81 Lorong Chencharu #01-16

Website: www.turtle-tortoise.com Email: enquiries@turtle-tortoise.com / connie@turtle-tortoise.com (Trade Contact:

Connie Tan)

**Cost:** Adult S\$14. Child aged three to six & Senior Citizen aged 62 and above S\$10; Singapore Citizens enjoy S\$4 off each ticket **Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 10am–6pm Nearest MRT: Khatib Station

### **J**Night Safari

SINGAPORE TOURISM AWARDS

Best Attraction Experience (2018)

Opened in 1994, the Night Safari is the world's first nocturnal wildlife park. Guests can take a tram ride through the rainforest and catch a glimpse of animal life in habitats ranging from the Himalayan foothills to the iungles of Southeast Asia. The park's four interlinked walking trails feature threatened and endangered species, such as the pangolin and clouded leopard. Visitors can encounter freeranging wallabies- smaller cousins of the kangaroo—on the Wallaby Trail. At Singapore's first man-made cave, visitors can also get close to Asian black forest scorpion and three-horned rhinoceros beetle. Groups can start the evening with dinner at Jungle Rotisserie while enjoying Thumbuakar Performance, a heart-thumping fire show. Catch the entertaining Creatures of the Night Show which showcases the predatory and survival instincts of nocturnal animals. Join the Safari Adventure Tour and get exclusive encounters with majestic elephants and more. Call or email to enquire about travel trade discounts. Zoom down to Night Safari in 15 minutes with Mandai-Khatib shuttle from Khatib MRT station to Singapore Zoo coach bay. Payment can be made by EZlink or NETS FlashPay card.

Address: 80 Mandai Lake Road Tel: +65 6269 3411 Fax: +65 6365 2331

Website: www.nightsafari.com.sg Email: enquiry@wrs.com.sg / sales.szg@wrs.com.sg

Cost: Adult S\$57, Child S\$40 (Inclusive of Rainforest Lumina; valid till 9 Feb 2020); Wildlife Reserves Singapore reserves the right to make amendments without prior notice Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 7.15pm-midnight (Last Admission: 11.15pm) Nearest MRT: Khatib Station

### MEET CHAWANG, THE ASIAN ELEPHANT

Keep a look out for Chawang, 4.5-tonne male Asian elephant along the Tram Trail. Besides being the park icon, Chawang is a symbol for the park's commitment towards preserving the endangered species.

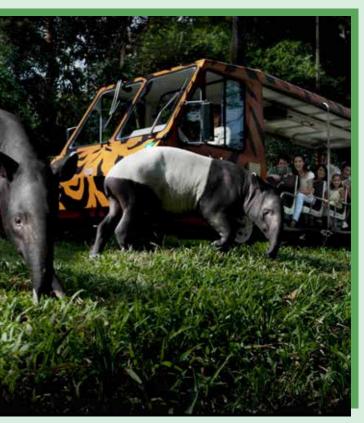
"The passion to share how we protect wildlife drives me to do better every day, for my guests and the organisation."



Emmey Mohamed bin Nenpari is a stellar team member of Night Safari's Operations team. Once, he went out of his way to help a child locate a lost stuffed toy in the 35-hectare park. His service excellence was recognised by Singapore Tourism Awards 2018 when he was awarded Best Customer Service For Attractions. Today, Emmey Mohamed bin Nenpari continues to be dedicated to what he does. Entrusted to make onthe-ground decisions, he takes pride in every detail of his job, ensuring every visitor has a great experience.



### **ATTRACTIONS**



EMMEY MOHAMED BIN NENPARI Park Manager of Night Safari

### **Pulau Ubin and Chek Jawa**

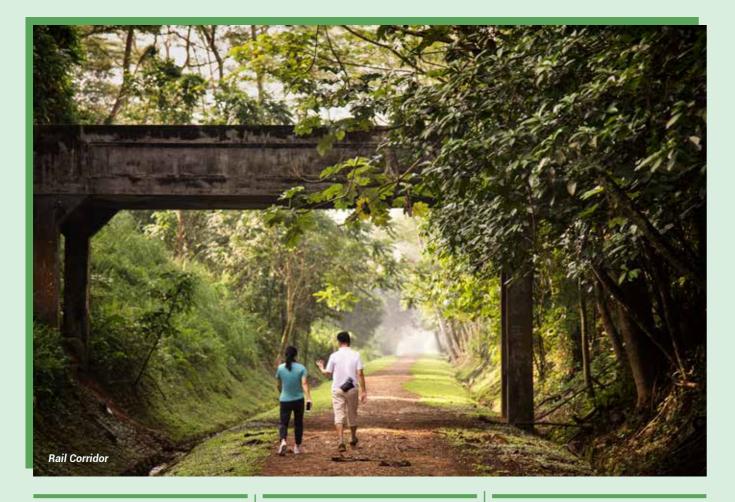
Tucked away in a corner of Pulau Ubinan island off mainland Singapore-is an approximately 100-hectare wetlands teeming with wildlife. Visitors will need to catch a ferry to get to this treasure trove of biodiversity. Once on the island, they can hire a van or rent a bicycle from the main village. The 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: www.nparks.gov.sg/pulau-ubin/ biodiversity/places-of-interest/chek-jawawetlands

**Cost:** One-way boat trip to or from Pulau Ubin S\$3

**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, 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 sports enthusiasts like runners and hikers. Two distinct truss bridges found at Upper Bukit Timah Road near The Rail Mall (www.railmall.com.sg) are a popular backdrop for photographs amongst visitors. The mall has a number of dining and retail establishments, and makes a great stopover for lunch or afternoon tea break. Singapore's Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), which manages the Rail Corridor, has a detailed walking map on its website (www. thegreencorridor.org/tag/rail-corridormap) that visitors can consider.

Address: Tanjong Pagar Railway Station to Woodlands Train Checkpoint Website: www.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 Asia's first and only river-themed wildlife park. It houses freshwater aquariums and luscious walk-through exhibits, including the Giant Panda Forest and the world's largest freshwater aquarium-the Amazon Flooded Forest. From primitive alligator snapping turtles, to deadly flesh-eating piranhas, playful giant river otters, mischievous squirrel monkeys and more. there is no shortage of exciting animals to see. At the Once Upon A River animal presentation, visitors will get to discover a variety of fascinating creatures along the water's edge. Jump in for awesome behind-the-scenes discoveries with the Manatee Mania tour and get up-close with river dwelling animals. Call or email to enquire about travel trade discounts. Zoom down to River Safari in about 15 minutes with the Mandai-Khatib shuttle from Khatib MRT station to Singapore Zoo coach bay. Payment can be made by EZ-link or NETS FlashPay card.

### Address: 80 Mandai Lake Road Tel: +65 6269 3411 **Fax:** +65 6365 2331

Website: www.riversafari.com.sq Email: enquiry@wrs.com.sg / sales.szg@wrs.com.sg

Cost: (Entry) Adult S\$36, Child S\$24; (Amazon River Quest) Adult S\$5, Child S\$3 Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-7pm (Last Admission: 6.30pm) Nearest MRT: Khatib Station

S.E.A. Aquarium<sup>™</sup>

Enter and explore the marine realm of S.E.A. Aquarium<sup>™</sup> with more than 100,000 marine animals from over 1,000 species, across 50 different habitats, each one as fascinating as the next. Unique experiences await visitorsthere's the Ocean Dreams, an enchanting sleepover in the aquarium itself, and Sea Trek<sup>®</sup> Adventure, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to walk in the ocean realm while breathing easily in a special suit. Courageous visitors can come faceto-face with sharks and watch them in awe from the safety of a customised acrylic enclosure. Visitors can even make a booking to get their Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) scuba diving certificate at S.E.A. Aquarium. Certified divers can also make a booking to dive in the Open Ocean Habitat, Shark Seas Habitat or Open Water Habitat.

Address: Sentosa Island, 8 Sentosa Gateway Tel: +65 6577 9788

Website: www.rwsentosa.com/en/ attractions/sea-aquarium/explore

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

**Cost:** Adult S\$40, Child aged four to 12 and Senior Citizens aged 60 and above S\$29; Promotion and packages subject to availability

Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-7pm; Subject to changes

Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

### Singapore Botanic Gardens UNESCO

its 82 hectares of lush landscapes, photogenic pavilions and sculptural landmarks, is Singapore's first UNESCO heritage site. It 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 where visitors can learn about SBG's rich heritage. Located in the Central Core tourist belt are the Nassim Gate Visitor Centre and the popular National Orchid plants and orchids across 1,000 species. Besides exploring the park's open spaces, travellers can visit specialized gardens like the Ethnobotany Garden and the Centre for Ethnobotany. The garden features plants native to Southeast Asia, which are traditionally used for medicinal and craft purposes. Through interactive displays, centre, visitors will discover the roles plants have played in shaping the world we know today. Young visitors can cultivate a love for nature and the environment at the interactive play areas in Jacob Ballas Children's Garden. After exploring the gardens, visitors can opt for plenty of dining options in and around the area, including Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p119). Happening every weekend, visitors can sign up for free monthly tours led by experienced volunteer guides to discover the different 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: www.nparks.gov.sg/sbg Email: NParks\_sbg\_visitor\_services@nparks.

Cost: (National Orchid Garden) Adult S\$5, Senior Citizen S\$1; Free admission for children below 12 years old

### **Opening Hours:**

• (General) Mon-Sun 5am-midnight • (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 Botanic Gardens

### **Singapore Zoo**



of which roam freely in naturalistic habitats. A popular programme for with the adorable orang utan family. 360-degree views of the creatures Asia exhibits are great educational about travel trade discounts. Zoom down to Singapore Zoo in about 15 link or NETS FlashPay card.

### **Tel:** +65 6269 3411 Fax: +65 6365 2331

Website: www.zoo.com.sg Email: enquiry@wrs.com.sg / sales.szg@wrs.com.sg Cost: Adult S\$39, Child S\$26 **Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 8.30am–6pm (Last Admission: 5.30pm) Nearest MRT: Khatib Station



Southern Islands

Best Attraction Experience (2017)

Since its opening in 1973, the awardwinning Singapore Zoo has established itself as a world-class wildlife park that houses more than 2,400 animals, many most visitors is the 'Jungle Breakfast with Wildlife', where they will get to dine Thereafter, quests can see more of these charismatic apes at the world's first free-ranging orang utan habitat, where a raised boardwalk allows for almostplaying amongst the trees. The park's Fragile Forest zone and Elephants of experiences for visitors of all ages, while Rainforest Kidzworld allows children to spend time with farmvard animals. Visitors can sign up for special behindthe-scenes tours like RepTopia tour where they can get up close with and even feed snakes, bearded dragons and other reptiles. Call or email to enquire minutes with Mandai-Khatib shuttle from Khatib MRT station to Singapore Zoo coach bay. Payment can be made by EZ-

Address: 80 Mandai Lake Road

Singapore's offshore Southern Islands are made up of a total of eight islands. Full of undisturbed natural landscapes, three of these islands-Saint John's Island, Kusu Island and Sisters' Islandsare great for camping, picnicking, snorkelling and sightseeing. They are easily accessible by ferry from Marina South Pier; round trip tickets are at S\$18 for adults and S\$12 for children. Saint John's Island (www.nparks.gov.sg/ gardens-parks-and-nature/parks-andnature-reserves/sisters-islands-marinepark/st-johns-island-trail) was once a quarantine centre for infectious diseases and later a drug rehabilitation centre. It has since undergone transformation and is now known for many friendly felines, swimming lagoons, beaches, picnic grounds and trekking routes. Legend has it that Kusu Island was a result of a giant tortoise turning itself into an island in order to save two shipwrecked sailors who then returned to the island to give thanks. In a nod to its origins story, the island is also home to a famous tortoise sanctuary, which houses them in hundreds. Sisters' Islands are two islands separated by a narrow channel and is said to be named after varied versions of a folktale where two sisters drown at sea. The Sisters' Islands Marine Park (www.nparks.gov.sg/gardensparks-and-nature/parks-and-naturereserves/sisters-islands-marine-park) located on the island is home to plenty of Singapore's native marine biodiversity and is definitely worth a visit.

Address: Southern Islands (Saint John's Island, Kusu Island and Sisters' Island) **Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 7am–7pm

#### Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve

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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 Centrewhere 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 for more information on the activities. A ten-minute drive from Sungei Buloh is Kranji Marshes (www.nparks.gov.sg/ gardens-parks-and-nature/parks-and-

nature-reserves/kranji-marshes), which also supports a rich biodiversity of flora and fauna. Address: (Visitor Centre) 60 Kranji Way #01-00; (Wetland Centre) 301 Neo Tiew Crescent

**Tel:** +65 6794 1401 **Fax:** +65 6793 7271 Website: www.nparks.gov.sg/sbwr Email: nparks\_sbwr@nparks.gov.sg

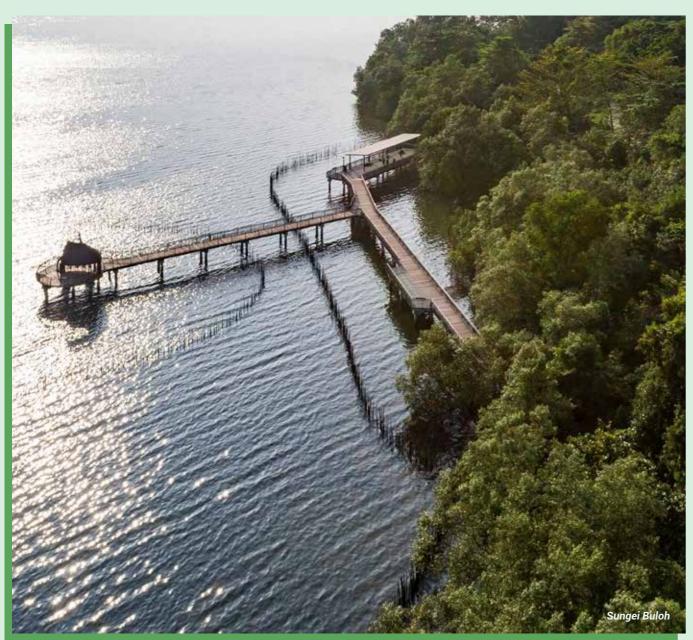
**Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 7am–7pm Nearest MRT: Kranji Station

#### The Southern Ridges

Spread over 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, Kent Ridge Park and the Labrador Nature Reserve, which are linked by park connectors. As part of the journey, travellers cross bridges through the Adinandra Belukar, a distinct secondary forest, and can observe a variety of bird species. Henderson Waves-a picturesque bridge with wave-like arcsis 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 (www.nparks.gov.sg) for self-guided walking tours. For the suggested routes, the difficulty level is moderate to challenging, and the walking time is three to five hours.

Address: Southern Singapore (Bukit Merah, Henderson Road and Mount Faber Park) Website: www.nparks.gov.sg/gardensparks-and-nature/parks-and-naturereserves/the-southern-ridges **Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 24 hours Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station /

Labrador Park Station







# **NEIGHBOURHOODS**

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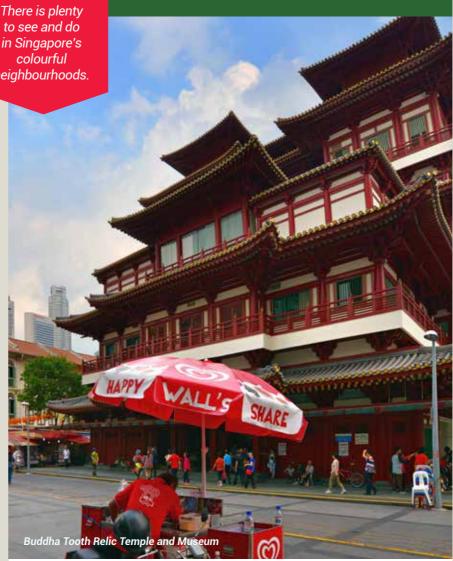


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to see and do in Singapore's colourful neighbourhoods.



### **NEIGHBOURHOODS** 05

Singapore is made up of a myriad of diverse neighbourhoods travellers can explore and experience.

From well-known lifestyle precincts 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 and Eurasian. Lifestyle precincts such as Bras Basah.Bugis (see Lifestyle Precincts, p81), Marina Bay (see Lifestyle Precincts, p84) and the Civic District offer thriving hubs of activities for everyone in the family.

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## **ETHNIC DISTRICTS: CHINATOWN**

An ethnic district like no other, Chinatown is a melting pot of diverse cultures and traditionsan enclave of storied heritage mirroring the history of Singapore. Travellers will be able to witness different cultures blend in harmony, just like how the Sri Mariamman Temple (see p71) sits alongside Buddha Tooth Relic Temple and Museum (see p71) and where traditional boutiques exist side-byside to hip new establishments. Uncover the neighbourhood's shopping gems that range from traditional wares to modern ecoconscious goods. Chinatownwhich encompasses the Kreta Ayer, Bukit Pasoh, Keong Saik, Telok Ayer and Duxton Hill neighbourhoods—is also home to some of the best dining on the island, from hipster cafés to established hawker stalls and Michelin-starred restaurants (see Eat & Drink, Hawker Centres, p129 and Celebrity Fine Dining, p118 respectively). Wind down after a day of exploration at awardwinning bars and hot supper spots (see Nightlife & Entertainment, p94 and Eat & Drink, Supper Spots, p134) and revel in the buzzing nightlife that will invigorate visitors late into the night.

Website: www.chinatown.sg Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station / Outram Park Station / Telok Ayer 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 p70). As its name suggests, the building houses a tooth relic of Buddha, as well as other revered artefacts. Built in 2007, 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 and a vegetarian restaurant in the basement. Admission to the temple is free, and complimentary tours are conducted every Saturday.

Address: 288 South Bridge Road

Tel: +65 6220 0220

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Website: www.btrts.org.sg

**Opening Hours:** (Temple) Mon-Sun 7am-7pm; (Museum & Stupa Chamber) Mon-Sun 9am-6pm

#### **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. The area is open from 11am to 11pm daily. For more information, see Eat & Drink, Hawker Centres, p129.

Address: Along Smith Street Website: www.chinatownfoodstreet.sg

### 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 Belinda Low, Ceno2, Didier Jaba Mathieu, Ripple Root, Tom Civil and Yip Yew Chong have filled the walls of the streets around co-sharing spaces with scenes from old Singapore and old crafts and trades. Each mural provides visitors with Instagram-worthy photo opportunities that will surely stand out on their social media feed. To fully appreciate artwork of local mural artist Yip Yew Chong, visitors can choose to embark on the Yip Yew Chong Street Art Trail by LocoMole (www.locomole.com/yyctrail/#gref).

Address: Various locations around Chinatown

#### 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 (www.theamoy.com.sq).

#### Address: 76 Telok Ayer Street Tel: +65 6580 2888

Website: www.fareastmalls.com.sg/Far-East-Square/index.aspx?key=fuktakchimuseum Cost: Free admission

#### **Keong Saik and Bukit Pasoh**

An urban enclave of world-class restaurants, hip bars and bustling creative hubs, Keong Saik and Bukit Pasoh attracts local artists, discerning gourmands and lifestyle enthusiasts alike. Visitors can enjoy



bespoke cocktails at sophisticated speakeasies Gibson Bar and Ginzastyle bar D.Bespoke (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Cocktail and Spirit Bars, p98 and p98 respectively) along Bukit Pasoh Road-both ranked in Asia's 50 Best Bars 2019. Old-school eats can also be found in the area such as Keong Saik Bakery (www.keongsaikbakery. oddle.me). The bakery fuses old-world charm with modern baking techniques to give rise to locally-inspired creations like Chendol Delight, a cake that fuses traditional chendol (traditional local dessert which includes shaved ice, green rice flour jelly, adzuki beans, coconut milk and palm sugar) ingredients with rich coconut custard. Travellers can also savour gourmet food at Michelinrecognised restaurants, hunt down whimsical street art and if they have not had their fill of the neighbourhood, spend a night in one of the boutique hotels nestled in conservation shophouses.

#### Pagoda Street

The name draws inspiration from Sri Mariamman Temple's (see p71), gopuram—the word for pagoda in Tamil over the main gate of the temple. Jamae Mosque (www.masjidjamaechulia.sg), also known as Masjid Chulia, flanks Pagoda Street on the other side. Both places of worship are gazetted as national monuments.

#### 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 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 7am-noon, 6-9pm



#### **Tea Chapter**

Dedicated to educating people on Chinese tea appreciation, Tea Chapter shares their knowledge in Chinese tea culture through their services. Its ambience and fine oriental décor make it an ideal place to seek solace and enjoy some peace and quiet from the hustle and bustle of life. The shop offers different setting styles-an oriental style, a Japanese style, a Korean style and more. Tea Chapter is helmed by Grand Tea Master Patrick Kang who has over 20 years of experience in Chinese tea art and Chinese culture. Notable figures he has met and shared his art and knowledge with include Singapore's former President Tony Tan and Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong. Visitors can contact Tea Chapter to book a session with the Grand Master as well.

Address: 9 & 9A Neil Road

Tel: +65 6226 1175 / +65 6226 1917 (Trade Contact: Tay Wei Wah) Fax: +65 6221 0604

Website: www.teachapter.com

**Email:** inquiry@teachapter.com (Trade Contact: Tay Wei Wah)

**Opening Hours:** Mon-Thu & Sun 11am-9pm; Fri & Sat 11am-10.30pm Website: www.tacmc.org.sg Email: admin@tacmc.org.sg Opening Hours: Mon-Wed & Fri 9am-10pm; Thu, Sat & Sun 9am-6pm

Tel: +65 6324 4001

Fax: +65 6324 4002

#### 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. 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, 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 9am while Hokkien and Bahasa Indonesia services are held at 1.30pm.

#### Address: 235 Telok Ayer Street

#### 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 one of Singapore's oldest Chinese temples. Dedicated to Mazu, the Goddess of the Sea, devotees came here to give thanks and pray for safe passage across the 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 porcelain on the roof ridges-a Fujianese decorating technique. Amazingly, not a single nail was used in the original construction of the temple, which is now a gazette national monument and managed by the Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan. Bookings for free guided tours covering the temple's history, architecture, customs and faith can be made three weeks in advance. Content and duration varies depending on the season and requirements.

Address: 158 Telok Ayer Street Tel: +65 6423 4616 Fax: +65 6423 4626 Website: www.thianhockkeng.com.sg Email: admin@shhk.com.sg Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 7.30am-5.30pm

#### **Tong Heng**

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Tucked between Ann Siang Road and Erskine Road is one of Singapore's most famous handmade Chinese pastry shops, Tong Heng. Besides their signature melt-in-your-mouth diamond shaped egg tarts, other must-tries include traditional pastries such as their Baked Pork Bun and Wife Pastry. Visitors can also drop by Tong Heng for their refreshing Chinese desserts like Chilled Rose Peach Gum, Warm Almond Soup, and many others. Visitors can also shop a selection of souvenirs in the form of delicious cookies in beautifully designed tins or jars of fragrant kaya (a traditional jam made from coconut and eggs).

Address: 285 South Bridge Road Tel: +65 6223 0398 / +65 9008 0260 (Trade Contact: Ana Fong)

Website: www.tongheng.com.sg Email: info@tongheng.sg / anafong@tongheng.sg (Trade Contact: Ana Fong)

Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 9am-9pm

ANA FONG General Manager, Tong Heng

"Being young at heart is the key to keeping traditions alive and meaningful, so that younger people can relate to Tong Heng and desire to experience what we have to offer."



As the 4<sup>th</sup> generation of the family, Ana Fong has been running Tong Heng with her aunts over the past eight years. She understands the importance of upholding brand heritage and values even as she strives to sustain the pioneer Cantonese bakery that dates back to 1935. The answer thus far is to keep to the roots of Tong Heng-to create pastries that bring happiness to customers-but to speak fluently in the today's language of social and visual engagement.



## (2)(A)ETHNIC

GEYLANG SERAI

**DISTRICTS:** 

#### Once a trade emporium, and one of Singapore's oldest Malay settlements, Geylang Serai 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, p89) in the 1840s. In the early 1920s, more Malays moved into the area from Kampong Glam (see p74). 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 19<sup>th</sup> century.

One of the best times to visit the neighbourhood to experience Malay culture and heritage is during Ramadan, the Muslim fasting month, leading up to Hari Raya Aidilfitri (see Festivals & Events. p41), or the festival of Eid, which marks the end of Ramadan. 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

#### **Geylang Serai Market and Food** Centre

Located just a ten-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 rendand (braised meat cooked in coconut milk and spices), brivani (an Indian spiced rice dish with meat or vegetables) and goreng pisang (fried banana), among others. It is recommended to visit the food centre early in the day as more food stalls open for breakfast and lunch than for dinner. Wholesale shops open as early as 3am in the market as well.

#### 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 structureopened 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: www.khadijahmosque.org **Opening Hours:** By appointment only

#### Paya Lebar Quarter NEW

A multi-faceted development, Paya Lebar Quarter is the key catalyst in transforming the Paya Lebar district into a dynamic lifestyle and sub-regional business hub. Its urban spaces bring together workplaces, retail offerings, entertainment options and exclusive residences. Located in between Changi Airport and the Central Business District (CBD), Paya Lebar Quarter's façade, interior and landscape are inspired by the Songket fabric, a traditional Malay brocade textile, unifying the buildings and public areas, and seamlessly weaving the four plots into a single tapestry. Its shopping mall houses over 200 shops and has indoor and experiential parkside alfresco dining set in a generous lush green space of 100,000 sqft. Visitors can check out social café concept kómma (www. facebook.com/kommasocialcafe), located on the first level of the Paya Lebar Quarter mall, where they can browse unique local designer products and participate in workshops led by local creatives.

Address: 10 Paya Lebar Road Tel: +65 6955 8000

Website: www.payalebarquarter.com Email: concierce.retail@pavalebarguarter. com / marketing@payalebarquarter.com

(Trade Contact: PLQ Marketing Team) Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-10pm

#### Wisma Geylang Serai

A one-stop location for social, cultural and community events, Wisma Geylang Serai, features arts 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. Explore the Geylang Serai Heritage Gallery where visitors will learn about the Geylang Serai precinct and attend one of the hub's many events such as the annual bazaar, cultural performances and free nightly movie screeninas.

Address: 1 Engku Aman Turn Website: www.facebook.com/ WismaGeylangSerai Email: wisma\_geylang\_serai@pa.gov.sg Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-10pm

# (A) - (3)ETHNIC **DISTRICTS:**

The word *kampong* means 'compound' in Malay, while glam is often attributed to the gelam tree (long-leaved paperbark 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 Ethnic Districts, p75) 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, Arts, Museums & Heritage, p75). 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 or to Arab Street (see Ethnic Districts, p74) and Bussorah Street to pick up traditional wares. Kampong Glam truly comes alive during Ramadan (the Muslim fasting month) leading up to Hari Raya Aidilfitri (see Festivals & Events, p41) where a pasar malam (night market) near the Sultan Mosque lures locals and visitors with delicious Malay food.

Website: www.facebook.com/ OneKampongGelam Nearest MRT: Bugis Station / Lavender Station



# **KAMPONG GLAM**

#### **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, p37)—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 popup 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: www.aliwalartscentre.sg Email: aac@artshouse.sg

#### Arab Street

Flanked by Victoria Street and Beach Road, Arab 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 (a traditional blouse-dress incorporating Malay and Chinese motifs) and handmade perfumes (see Shopping, Cultural & Lifestyle, p145). The area also has many halal eateries featuring Malay and Middle Eastern cuisines (see Eat & Drink, Halal Restaurants, p122).Visitors can also stop by Bajupura (www.bajupura.com) to rent kebayas and walk around the area to take Instagrammable photos in front of art murals and colourful architecture.





#### Gelam Gallery NEW

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Located along two Muscat Streets, Gelam Gallery was birthed through the transformation of a dirty bin storage area to a cool outdoor art gallery for both locals and tourists. The gallery features artworks of an eclectic international mix of artists from Singapore, Malaysia, China, Myanmar, France and UK. The artists range from professionals to graduates from LASALLE College of the Arts, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts and also some self-taught artists from various professional backgrounds. The art pieces range from contemporary art to art pieces that reflect the culture and heritage of the district as well as the artists' reflection on the present, past and future.

#### Address: Along the back lanes of Muscat Street Tel: +65 6292 9329

Website: www.theadmin.sg/gelam-gallery Email: admin@theadmin.sg

#### Haji Lane

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, guirky 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 Instagramworthy photographs. Haji Lane is also home to an exciting bar scene. Visit Going Om (www.going-om.com.sg) to enjoy live music and a variety of drinks including vodka, gin, wine and beer as well as mains, bar grubs and even desserts.

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 served with various pre-cooked dishes) and the Rich and Good Cake Shop (www. 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 fruit that is unique to Southeast Asia) and mango.

#### Malay Heritage Centre

The Malay Heritage Centre is a mustvisit for visitors who are keen to learn about the rich heritage and culture of Singapore's Malay community. Formerly the royal residence of Malay sultans in Singapore, the museum houses exhibitions and a diverse collection of artefacts from the National Collection and the Malay community. In 2015, the museum was gazetted as a National Monument. Groups of 20 and above will enjoy 20% off the museum's entrance fee. For more information, see Attractions, History & Heritage, p55.

Address: 85 Sultan Gate

Tel: +65 6391 0450

Website: www.malayheritage.org.sg

Email: nhb\_mhc@nhb.gov.sg

**Cost:** Free admission for Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents, First caregiver of Persons with Disabilities and visitors aged six years and below; Adult S\$6, Student & Senior Citizen S\$4

**Opening Hours:** Tue-Sun 10am-6pm (Last Admission: 5.30pm)

## Sultan Mosque

The iconic Sultan Mosque, built in 1824, is a landmark of the Kampong Glam district (see p74), 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. Visitors can write in two months in advance to arrange for a more specific and detailed tour than a walk-in visit. Tours are subject to availability of the presenter on the group's chosen day and will range from 30 minutes to an hour.

Address: 3 Muscat Street

Tel: +65 6293 4405 / +65 6293 4043 Fax: +65 6293 2463

Website: www.sultanmosque.sg

Email: info@sultan.mosque.org.sg

Opening Hours: Mon-Thu, Sat & Sun 10amnoon, 2-4pm; Fri 2.30-4pm

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## **ETHNIC DISTRICTS: 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 19<sup>th</sup> century, when wealthy English, Portuguese, French and Chinese settlers established coconut, cotton and gambier plantations here. In the early 20<sup>th</sup> 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, indie retail shops and famous local delicacies such as Katong laksa (spicy coconut milk-based noodle soup; see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p108), Devil's Curry (spicy Eurasian curry flavoured with candlenuts and vinegar) and nonya cakes (nonya is a term for Peranakan women). It is also home to many homegrown businesses like Kim Choo Kueh Chang and Kway Guan Huat Joo Chiat Popiah. Visitors and locals alike enjoy taking photos of and with the many restored heritage buildings in the area. Visitors can opt to book a walking or food tour of these areas

#### 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 (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) masses on the eve of Chinese New Year (see Festivals & Events, p38).

Address: 6 Chapel Road Tel: +65 6344 0046 Fax: +65 6348 0552 Website: www.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

#### 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 (www.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 (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) charm of the neighbourhood.

Address: 86-88 East Coast Road



(see Tours, p158).

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#### Kway Guan Huat Joo Chiat Popiah NEW

An 82-year-old establishment extremely popular for its handmade popiah (fresh spring roll with vegetables and assorted filling) skins, Kway Guan Joo Chiat Popiah has just undergone a major renovation and reopened as a new four-storey building with brand new offerings for patrons. Alongside their usual takeaway shop is a new dine-in restaurant on the ground floor. Visitors can look forward to live popiah skin making demonstrations, while digging into dishes centred around a popiah theme such as Popiah Appetiser, DIY popiah set and varying desserts made using popiah skins. On the second floor, visitors can explore the new Popiah Heritage centre to learn the history behind the classic local dish and the shop and take part in workshops.

Address: 95 Joo Chiat Road Tel: +65 6344 2875 / +65 9237 7976 (Trade Contact: Michael Ker)

Website: www.joochiatpopiah.com Email: joochiatpopiah@gmail.com (Trade Contact: Michael Ker)

**Opening Hours:** (Popiah Skin Takeaway Shop) Mon-Sun 9am-2pm; (Popiah Restaurant) Tue-Sun 11.30am-3pm, 6-9.30pm

### Kim Choo Kueh Chang

Founded by Madam Lee Kim Choo since 1945, Kim Choo Kueh Chang's nonya (Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) term for women) rice dumplings and kuehs (bite-sized snacks or desserts) have since become a favourite amongst locals and visitors alike. At Kim Choo Kueh Chang's East Coast Road outlet, visitors will not only get to savour popular nonya snacks but they can also learn the art of wrapping nonya dumplings and kebaya (a traditional blouse-dress incorporating Malay and Chinese motifs) dressing at organised demonstrations. The brand-new Singapore Visitor Centre can also be found here, where travellers can drop by for maps, tickets and more. They can also enrich themselves in the culture and heritage of the district at the Katong Joo Chiat Gallery and take part in workshop experiences.

Address: 109/111 East Coast Road Tel: +65 6741 2125 / +65 9423 3785 (Trade Contact: Edmond Wong) Website: www.kimchoo.com Email: customerservice@kimchoo.com / edmond@kimchoo.com (Trade Contact: Edmond Wong) **Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 9am–9pm



#### **Masjid Khalid**

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Rich in heritage, Masjid Khalid was first built in 1917 as a place of worship for Indian Muslims. It has since undergone several restorations and transformed into one of the places where the Malay community of Joo Chiat gathers, bringing a distinct Malay cultural influence into the neighbourhood.

Address: 136 Joo Chiat Road Tel: +65 6345 2884

Website: www.masjidkhalid.org Email: admin@masjidkhalid.org

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm; Sat-Sun 8.30am-2pm

#### **Rumah Bebe**

For a dose of Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) 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, textiles and kebayas (a traditional blouse dress incorporating Malay and Chinese motifs). Private in-house tours (min 2 pax, max 20 pax) can be booked in advance. Visitors can also try Peranakan delicacies such as rice with buah keluak (black nut indigenous to Southeast Asia) and traditional pineapple tarts handmade at its on-site café-bake shop. It also organises workshops to make beaded keychains, beaded pendants, beaded brooches, porcelain spoons and painted tiles. Workshops where participants can bead their own shoes to bring home are also available. Originally meant for two sessions, Rumah Bebe is able to cater to travellers' time constraints for the shoe beading workshops.

#### Address: 113 East Coast Road

Tel: +65 6247 8781 / +65 9816 2177 (Trade Contact: Bebe Seet)

Website: www.rumahbebe.com

Email: contact@rumahbebe.com (Trade Contact: Bebe Seet) **Opening Hours:** Tue–Sun 9.30am–6.30pm

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.

Sri Senpaga Vinayagar Temple

Dedicated to the Elephant God, Ganesha

or Lord Vinayagar, this temple-

Address: 19 Ceylon Road **Tel:** +65 6345 8176 Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 6.30am-noon, 6.30-9pm

#### 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, Arts, Museums & Heritage, p58). 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: www.the-intan.com

Email: contactus@the-intan.com / alvin@the-intan.com (Trade Contact: Alvin Yapp) **Opening Hours:** By appointment only

### ART MURALS THAT **TELL A STORY**

On the facade of Kim Choo Kueh Chang's building, right next to Rumah Bebe, visitors can find the illustrative 'An Introduction to Peranakan Culture' art mural, among many others in the district.

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## ETHNIC **DISTRICTS:** 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 (traditional Indian womenswear) browsing through boutiques. Gaily painted shophouses along Serangoon Road (see p79) 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 and traditional Indian restaurants. Picturesque on regular days, the neighbourhood is at its vibrant best during festivals such as Pongal (celebrating the harvest; see Festivals & Events p37) and Deepavali (Festival of Lights; see Festivals & Events p44). Visitors can sign up for a variety of tours in the area (see Tours, p158).

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

#### **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: www.abdulgafoormosque.sg Email: info@abdgafoor.mosque.org.sg

Opening Hours: Mon-Thu & Sat-Sun 10am-noon, 2-5.30pm; Fri 10am-noon, 3-5.30pm



Address: Various locations around Little India



#### **NEIGHBOURHOODS**

#### Art Murals around Little India

Little India has many cultural sights stunning art murals that bring an artistic flair to the district. Many of the murals depict cultural symbolism specific to Little India. Some of them tell tales of the social and economic landscapes of the past and present as well. Singaporean Yip Yew Chong and well-known visual hand in adorning the neighbourhood's Mathieu. Travellers meandering through the streets of Little India will be able to Visitors seeking out these murals can www.artwalklittleindia.sg/walking-trail-

#### TraseOne Street artist

"There is a story to every wall that is built. My job as a street artist is to uncover those stories."



TraseOne is highly regarded as one of the leading pioneers who is always pushing boundaries in the scene since 1999. What started as an adolescent hobby of just scrawling his name on the streets, Trase has evolved his approach in making art to create a more intellectual dialog of his work-most of which contain cleverly embedded subliminal messages. His work has won many awards in projects and exhibitions on the local and global platform.

#### 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 can check out Indian Heritage Centre's website for details on periodic special exhibitions. For more information, see Attractions, Arts, Museums & Heritage, p54.

Address: 5 Campbell Lane Tel: +65 6291 1601

Website: www.indianheritage.org.sg

Email: nhb\_ihc@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

#### 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: www.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 37,161 sqm 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, Culture & Lifestyle, p146.

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

#### 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 (see Eat & Drink, Vegetarian, p132).

#### 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 Website: sspt.org.sg Email: sspt@heb.org.sg Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 6.15am-noon, 6-9pm

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THE JALAN BESAR ENCLAVE

Parallel to Serangoon

Road, 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 (www.cshhcoffee.com), while foodies will love the baked goodies at The Butter Studio (www. thebutterstudio.com). Crafters and hobbyists will find much to occupy them at The Refinery (www.therefinery.sg), which houses a *vakitori* (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.

#### Sri Veeramakaliamman Temple

Towards the middle of Serangoon Road (see p79) 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 place of worship, so basic respect and care is necessary so as not to disturb worshippers.

Address: 141 Serangoon Road Tel: +65 6293 4634 / +65 6295 4538 Website: www.srivkt.org Email: admin@srivkt.org Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 5.30am-noon, 4–9nm

#### Tekka Centre

Located at the junction of Serangoon Road (see p79) 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 (a sweet and savoury salad of vegetables, fruits and dough fritters). Shoppers can also head to Little India Arcade (see p79) in the vicinity.

Address: 665 Buffalo Road

# $(\mathsf{B})$ **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 infrastructurefrom 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 of their own.

#### 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. In April 2019, the town centre was given a new lease of life with several photo-worthy 3D art murals in different locations. 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** 

#### Bedok

A housing estate in the eastern part of Singapore, Bedok was once a guiet 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 vibeperhaps because of its eclectic mix of hip cafés, guirky restaurants and old-school family-run shops.

Nearest MRT: Bedok Station / Kembangan Station

#### Jurona

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 resourceits people-to drive the budding manufacturing sector. But where to build these factories? The answer lay in utilizing 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



#### **NEIGHBOURHOODS**

#### **Tampines**

Spread over 20.89 sqkm, 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 guarries, 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. The suburban neighbourhood boasts of a golden trio of retail therapy: Century Square, Tampines 1 and Tampines Mall. These malls offer over 400 shops and boutiques, which will sure be able to satisfy the avid shopper.

#### Nearest MRT: Tampines Station





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**PRECINCTS:** 

BRAS BASAH.

Straddling Singapore's Civic

district was named after the

settled in the area in the early

19th century before the British

arrived. Now, the bustling Bras

Basah.Bugis neighbourhood is

a historical haven and the city's

boasting a large concentration

of notable museums, including

the iconic National Museum of

Singapore (see Attractions, Arts,

The precinct's strategic location

(CBD) means there are dining,

options aplenty, often housed in

converted conservation buildings

lend nostalgic charm to modern

Website: www.brasbasahbugis.sg

Nearest MRT: Bras Basah Station /

Bugis Station / City Hall Station

restaurants and retail destinations.

shopping and entertainment

and heritage shophouses to

within the Central Business District

nucleus of arts and culture,

Museums & Heritage, p56).

District and Kampong Glam (see

Ethnic Districts, p74), the Bugis

Buginese people, seafarers from

South Sulawesi in Indonesia. who

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#### **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 19<sup>th</sup> century who cleared swathes of swampland to settle here. Later on, kampongs ('village' in Malay) sprouted up in the area before finally evolving into the town visitors see today.

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

#### 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 Yishun's first shopping mall Northpoint, now upgraded and renamed Northpoint City, added vibrancy to the neighbourhood.

Nearest MRT: Khatib Station / Sembawang Station / Yishun Station / Canberra Station

#### **Armenian Church**

Built in 1835, the Armenian Church is Singapore's oldest Christian church and is dedicated to St. Gregory the Illuminator, the first Armenian monk. In 1973, the building was gazetted as a national monument and restored two decades later. Renowned Irish architect George D. Coleman included a dome roof and bell turret in its original design, but these were subsequently removed for safety reasons. Today, the building has a pitched roof and spire. Still, visitors may recognise the church's traditional interior-its vaulted ceiling, cupola and porticoes-as features central to what is regarded as a Coleman masterpiece. Visitors should leave time for a stroll through the serene Memorial Garden, where a commemorative tombstone of Agnes Joaquim stands. She crossbred the iconic Vanda 'Miss Joaquim' orchid, Singapore's national flower.

Address: 60 Hill Street Tel: +65 6334 0141 Website: www.armeniansinasia.org Email: singapore@armeniansinasia.org Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-6pm

#### **Bugis Street**

Said to contain more than 600 shops and stalls across three levels peddling clothes, local street 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. Tourists who are referred to Bugis Street by officially appointed tour operators will receive a free tourist goodie bag from the Bugis Street Management.

Address: 3 New Bugis Street

Tel: +65 6338 9513

Fax: +65 6339 3776

Website: www.bugisstreet.com.sg

Email: enquiries@bugisstreet.com.sg

#### **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 neo-classical 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. There are free heritage tours of the Cathedral on the fourth Sunday of every month at 10.30am and 7.30pm. Visit www.bit.ly/cgstour for more details.

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

#### **Capitol Singapore**

This historical conservation block has recently been restored into one of the city's first few integrated lifestyle complexes-Capitol Singapore. Capitol Singapore houses the newly-opened five-star The Capitol Kempinski Hotel Singapore (see Stay, p32), Capitol Theatre (see Venues, Performance & Concert Venues, p196), Capitol Piazza, and Eden Residences. The Arcade @ The Capitol Kempinski features an oasis of bars, cafes and restaurants including brands such as Frieda restaurant with

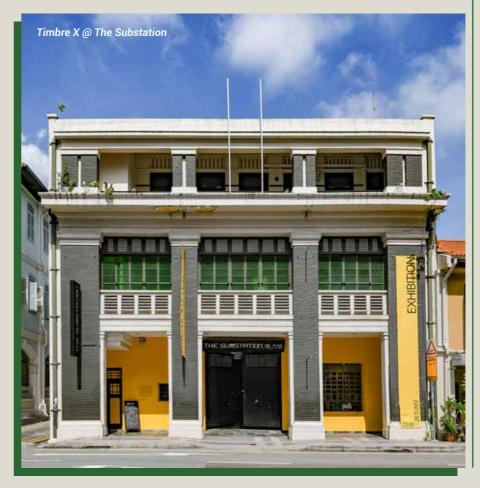
their wide variety of German beers and cuisine, and Berthold Delikatessen, a cosy café with fresh coffee, cakes, and sandwiches. Look out for the Capitol Building's distinctive architectural feature; the concave curved corner facing the junction of Stamford Road and North Bridge Road.

Tel: +65 6499 5168 Website: www.capitolsingapore.com Email: enquiry@capitolsingapore.com Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10.30am-10.30pm

#### CHIJMES

This 19<sup>th</sup>-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 alass 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: www.chijmes.com.sg Email: chijmes@perennialrealestate.com.sg



#### **NEIGHBOURHOODS**

#### Address: 13 Stamford Road

#### St Andrew's Cathedral

After the original chapel on the site of the present building was destroyed by two lightning strikes in 1852, it was torn down. In its place, a cathedral with early English Gothic influences was built. Designed by Colonel Ronald MacPherson in 1856, St Andrew's Cathedral is Singapore's largest cathedral and the most established Anglican place of worship. Located in the bustling Civic District, where modern Singapore began, its design pays fitting tribute to key historical figures. Stained glass windows on the apse honour Singapore's founder, Sir Stamford Raffles, and other British officials. In 1942 during World War II, there were frequent Japanese air raids and the cathedral was used as an emergency hospital. It was gazetted as a national monument in 1973. Free guided tours are available for advance booking on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10.30am to 3pm and on Thursday at 3pm. Its 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: www.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

#### 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 X @ The Substation (www.timbregroup.asia/ timbresg/timbrex-the-substation/), the bar and bistro in The Substation's openair garden, which hosts live-music gigs till late every night.

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



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## LIFESTYLE **PRECINCTS:** HOLLAND **VILLAGE & ONE-NORTH**

A short bus ride from Orchard Road (see p85) and the Singapore Botanic Gardens (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p66), 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. Just a stone's throw away from Holland V is the district of one-north, which is a cluster of research and development technology centres. Here, visitors will find green corners and lots of dining options. A small detour between Holland V and one-north will take visitors to Ghim Moh Market and Food Centre.

Website: www.jtc.gov.sg/industrialland-and-space/Pages/one-north.aspx Nearest MRT: Holland Village Station / one-north Station

#### 2am:dessertbar

Fronted by one of Singapore's culinary stars. 2am:dessertbar showcases pastry chef Janice Wong's creative and luxurious creations. Named so because its closing time is at 2am, the dessert bar caters to night owls and diners with a sweet tooth. Visitors can expect delicious classics-such as chocolate tarts and tiramisu-alongside Wong's signature one-of-a-kind creations, like Cacao Forest, a seasonal dessert with four variations that reflect the four seasons. The summer Cacao Forest for example, comprises chocolate mousse, passion fruit chocolate, banana ice cream and mango lime lychee consommé. A limited savoury menu is also available.

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

## **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 (see Eat & Drink, Vegetarian, p133) and an Italian deli and pizza bar both managed by the family-owned Da Paolo Group (www. dapaolo.com.sq), to relative newcomers like bakery Baker & Cook (www. bakerandcook.biz) and dessert café Sunday Folks (www.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 (www.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 the chendol flavour-traditional local dessert which includes shaved ice, green rice flour jelly, adzuki beans, coconut milk and palm sugar-or the lychee martini flavour

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

#### 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. MICHELIN Bib Gourmand 2019 winners Chuan Kee Boneless Braised Duck (#01-04) and Guan Kee Friend Kway Teow (#01-19) are not to be missed. Most stalls close in the evening, so it is best for visitors to head down for breakfast or lunch.

Address: 20 Ghim Moh Road

#### Holland Piazza

With a façade that lights up in different colours in the night, Holland Village Piazza stands out in the neighbourhood. The mall offers a variety of food and drink options-from traditional local fare to modern eats, as well as contemporary barbers, a grocer and a premium bedding store.

Address: 3 Lorong Liput

Website: www.facebook.com/ hollandpiazzaso

#### **Raffles Holland V Mall**

Raffles Holland V Mall is part of Raffles Medical Group's second integrated multidisciplinary medical centre. Visitors can find a range of medical and beauty services together with a selection of cafés and restaurants in the mall. To try Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) treatment, drop by Raffles Chinese Medicine for a consultation or just some acupuncture to restore balance to your body.

Address: 118 Holland Avenue Tel: +65 6262 3501 Website: www.facebook.com/raffleshollandv

#### Timbre+

Timbre+ brings together a wide range of food offerings in the one-north area together with nightly live local music acts. Visitors will find permanent food caravans, casual eats and restaurantgrade fare at reasonable prices. The Bottle Shop (www.timbreplus.sg/bottleshop) has a rotating cider and beer menu of close to 120 different types of drinks from around the world plus a range of wines.

Address: JTC LaunchPad @ one-north, 73A Ayer Rajah Crescent Tel: +65 6252 2545 Website: www.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 (www.facebook.com/ArtWalkWessex).

Address: Woking Road & Whitchurch Road, off Portsdown Road

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# LIFESTYLE **PRECINCTS: 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<sup>®</sup> and the lit up Supertrees of Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, Nature & Adventure, p63) at night, this commercial and tourism hub not only delivers some of the city's most popular museums and historical attractions (see Attractions, Arts, Museums & Heritage, p51), renowned luxury shops and stunning waterfront views, it is also the site of the Marina Bay Street Circuit, which plays host to the FORMULA 1™ SINGAPORE AIRLINES SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX night race (see Festivals & Events, p43). 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

**Esplanade – Theatres on** 

glass-covered construction that

Nicknamed 'The Durian' for its spiky,

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

the Bay

### **Helix Bridge**

Tel: +65 6828 8377

Fax: +65 6337 3633

The longest pedestrian bridge in Singapore, is a striking 28-metre-long 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



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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, p135), 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 Venues, Performance & Concert Venues, p197).

Address: 1 Esplanade Drive

Website: www.esplanade.com

#### Marina Barrage

Built across the Marina Channel, the Marina Barrage is Singapore's 15th reservoir. It 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 and visitors can also enjoy a picnic and kite flying against the stunning city skyline at the barrage's Green Roof. It is a showpiece of environmental sustainability where green principles are applied in the design, construction and operation of the barrage. Pay a visit to the Sustainable Singapore Gallery (SSG), housed in Marina Barrage, to learn about Singapore's sustainability measures.

Address: 8 Marina Gardens Drive Tel: +65 6514 5959 Website: www.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. Besides being one of the few golf courses in Singapore to offer night golfing, it is also the first on the island to introduce the longest and only Par 6 hole, and two configurations in one course. The facility includes a four-tier, state-of-the-art driving range, a uniquelydesigned six-hole putting course and three practice greens for golfers, a pro shop, club fitting centre 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

Website: www.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

#### **Merlion Park**

The Merlion Park is where visitors can admire Singapore's iconic Merlion-a must-see for tourists visiting the island. The water-spouting Merlion has a body of a fish, symbolising Singapore's humble beginnings as a fishing village, while its lion head symbolises Singapore's original name, Singapura, or 'lion city' in Malay. It was built by local craftsman, Lim Nang Seng, and was unveiled on 15 September 1972 by then Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew at the mouth of the Singapore River, to welcome all visitors to Singapore. A smaller Merlion statue can also be found in the park. Both statues are the most wellknown among the seven approved Merlion statues in Singapore. Visitors can then take a stroll along the Esplanade Bridge to another icon of Singapore, Esplanade -Theatres on the Bay (see p84)

#### **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-metrehigh attraction is the F1 Pit Building and Paddock, a hive of activity during the FORMULA 1<sup>™</sup> SINGAPORE AIRLINES SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX night race (see Festivals & Events, p43).

#### Address: 30 Raffles Avenue

**Tel:** +65 6333 3311 / +65 6854 5210

Website: www.singaporeflyer.com

Email: customer\_service@singaporeflyer.com / travel\_agents@singaporeflyer.com Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 8am-10pm (Flights are available from 8.30am to 10.30pm)

#### **The 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 The Fullerton Waterboat House consist of upscale restaurants and cocktail bars, while the renowned The Fullerton Hotel Singapore and The Fullerton Bay Hotel Singapore (www.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 Square **Tel:** +65 6733 8388 Website: www.thefullertonheritage.com Email: enguiries@fullertonhotels.com

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## LIFESTYLE **PRECINCTS: ORCHARD ROAD**

Arguably Asia's most famous shopping street, this 2.2-kilometrelong stretch of sprawling malls (see Shopping, Malls, p140) 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 (www.thecentrepoint. com.sg) 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 evergrowing assortment of restaurants, bars, events and entertainment for all ages.

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

#### \*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 Website: www.scape.sq Email: enquiries@scape.sg Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10.30am-10.30pm

#### Design Orchard NEW

An integrated retail and incubation space that features Singapore's designers and their creations, Design Orchard is a 2.5-storey building that comprises a retail showcase selling local products, a co-working space exclusively for designers, and a public amphitheatre. Its public space features a view of Singapore's cityscape and plays host to a range of lifestyle events and workshops all year round.

Where to buy: 250 Orchard Road

Website: www.designorchard.sg Email: hello@shopdesignorchard.sg Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10.30am-9.30pm

#### **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, p94).

Address: 180 Orchard Road (along Emerald Hill Road)

Website: www.peranakanplace.com

#### **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 p141). 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  $56^{th}$ 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: www.ionorchard.com Email: customercare@ionorchard.com.sg Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-10pm



From luxury

fashion to

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#### TOURISM AWARDS Orchard Road's first department store, opened by entrepreneur Tang Choon Keng in 1958, is a local treasure and

Tel: +65 6737 5500

Sun 11am-8.30pm

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#### **NEIGHBOURHOODS**

#### TANGS at Tang Plaza

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iconic landmark. 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 www.TANGS. com for a full list of brands, promotions and tourist privileges.

#### Address: 310 Orchard Road

### Website: www.tangs.com

Email: customer\_service@tangs.com Opening Hours: Mon-Sat 10.30am-9.30pm;

#### The Istana

As the official residence of the President of the Republic of Singapore, the Istana, which means 'palace' in Malay, was gazetted as a National Monument in 1992. The national treasure features a Neo-Palladian architectural style that was designed and completed in 1869. It is both architecturally beautiful and rich in history. While the Istana grounds are only open to the public on certain public holidays, visitors can get a glimpse of its history at the Istana Heritage Gallery (see Attractions, Arts, Museums & Heritage, p54) at Istana Park across the street.

Address: 35 Orchard Road Tel: +65 6737 5522 Website: www.istana.gov.sg Email: istana\_feedback@istana.gov.sg





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# LIFESTYLE **PRECINCTS:** 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

#### **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: www.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 with a drink and quiet dinner of char-grilled seafood by the water at Channel Sam Restaurant, or rent a boat for a deepsea fishing excursion. The country club also has four wakeboarding schools, Ryders (www.rydersatponggol.com), Wakemusters Wakeboarding (www. wakemusters.com), Wake Time (www.waketime.com.sg) and Edge Wakeboarding (www.edgewake.com), making it Singapore's largest operator for this watersport.

Where to buy: 11 Northshore Drive Tel: +65 6385 6166 Fax: +65 6387 6166 Website: www.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: www.nparks.gov.sg/gardensparks-and-nature/parks-and-naturereserves/punggol-waterway-park

#### Waterway Point

Address: 83 Punggol Central Tel: +65 6812 7300 Website: www.waterwaypoint.com.sg Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-10pm

#### **The Punggol Settlement**

This one-stop seafront destination at Punggol Point overlooks the Straits of Johor. The area houses a range of thirteen noteworthy restaurants and cafes where visitors can savour Western, Thai and Japanese dishes as well as popular local favourites such as chilli crab (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p107) and mee goreng (spicy fried noodles). In the day time, visitors can also opt to rent a bicycle from Jomando Adventure & Recreations to ride around Punggol Waterway Park and enjoy waterfront views.

Address: 3 Punggol Point Road Tel: +65 6346 6888 Website: www.punggolsettlement.com Email: propertydiv@fragrancegroup.com.sg





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## LIFESTYLE **PRECINCTS: 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 VivoČity (see Shopping, Malls, p144). 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 (www. sentosagolf.com), theme and water parks, various courses and structures designed for sports lovers and adrenaline junkies, and countless dining options. Within Sentosa, travellers can get around via the free monorail, shuttle bus and beach tram. Bicycles are also available for rent, allowing cycling enthusiasts to enjoy the scenic sites of the island via three interconnected tracks.

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

#### 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\$69 Giant Swing package includes an electronic certificate, AJ Hackett International Membership and access to the Skybridge. Visitors can obtain the Skybridge package at S\$10 for access to the Skybridge, and the bungy and swing viewing area.

Address: Sentosa Island, 30 Siloso Beach Walk

Tel: +65 6911 3070 Website: www.ajhackett.com/sentosa Email: Sentosa.info@ajhackett.com

#### 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, Nature & Parks, p66), visitors can take in the picturesque surrounds over a meal at Arbora (www.onefabergroup. com/arbora) or Dusk Restaurant & Bar (www.onefabergroup.com/dusk), then walk on the wooden walkways of Henderson Waves or view Faber Point's carved murals, which depict key moments of Singapore's history.

#### **NEIGHBOURHOODS**

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, p107) meat. Group packages are available.

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

#### **Resorts World<sup>™</sup> Sentosa**

As a popular one-stop destination and massive lifestyle destination resort spanning 49 hectares, Resorts World<sup>™</sup> Sentosa comprises world-class attractions-including Universal Studios Singapore<sup>™</sup> (see Attractions, Adventures & Rides, p51), a spa, casino, six unique hotels, the most number of Michelin stars in one destination (see Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p118), 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, p200). 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: www.rwsentosa.com

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

> BEST INTEGRATED RESORT FOR NINE YEARS

Resorts World<sup>™</sup> Sentosa has been named "Best Integrated Resort" since 2011 for nine consecutive years at the TTG Travel Awards. The Awards recognises the best of Asia-Pacific's travel industry.

#### **Trick Eye Museum Singapore**

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Trick Eye Museum Singapore is where paintings and installations on the walls, ceilings and ground appear threedimensional-thanks to optical illusions. Visitors are encouraged to get up close, feel and take photographs with the exhibits. With the Augmented Reality Technology (AR:T) implemented into its installations and the thrilling sound, lights and effects in the museum, visitors will be treated to an immersive experience of illusions coming to life. For groups of 15 pax and over, ticket prices are at S\$10 per pax. Usual prices are S\$25 per adult and S\$20 for children and seniors. Team bonding and corporate packages are also available.

#### Address: Sentosa Island, 26 Sentosa Gateway #01-43/44 Tel: +65 6795 2370 / +65 6795 2371 /

+65 6795 2379 (Trade Contact: Angie Peh) Fax: +65 6795 2364

Website: www.trickeye.com/singapore

Email: enquiries@trickeye.com / sales@trickeye.com (Trade Contact: Angie Peh)

Write in to enquire about travel trade deals.

#### Quayside Isle

Along with The Residences at W Singapore and W Singapore - Sentosa Cove (www.wsingaporesentosacove. 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 Island, Sentosa Cove, 31 Ocean Way Tel: +65 6694 3410 Fax: +65 6694 3409 Website: www.guaysideisle.com



# **PRECINCTS:** 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. 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.

Website: www.clarkeguay.com.sg / www.boatquay.com.sg Nearest MRT: Clarke Quay Station /

**Raffles Place Station** 

#### Alkaff Bridge

Built in 1997 in the shape of a tongkang—a light boat that shipped goods along the river-this 55-metrelong 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

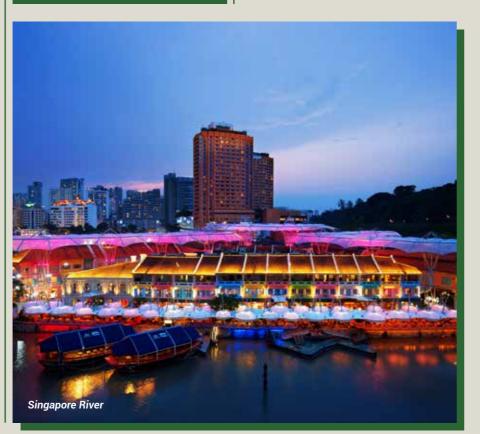
#### HongKong Street

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.sq). Most famous, though, is 28 HongKong Street (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Cocktail and Spirit Bars, p97), the nine-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)

#### 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)

#### Nanyang Sauce

The oldest artisan sauce brewer in Singapore, Nanyang Sauces has been producing soy sauce traditionally through natural fermentation since 1959. The fermentation process is handmade and takes a total of 9 months. Visitors can look forward to special workshops such as the Sauce Appreciation Workshop at S\$28 per pax and Sauce Pairing Workshop at S\$38 per pax. Trade discount is at 20-30% off.

#### Address: 70 South Bridge Road

Tel: +65 6289 9288 / +65 9002 2500 (Trade Contact: Ken Koh)

Website: www.nanyangsauce.com Email: ken@nanyangsauce.com (Trade Contact: Ken Koh) Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 8am-10pm

### **KEN KOH**

Business Development Director, Nanyang Sauce\_\_\_\_\_

"My mission is to build on my Grandfather's legacy and brew the best Soy Sauce in the world, made with love, right here in Singapore!"



3<sup>rd</sup> generation owner of Nanyang Sauce, Ken Koh is well acquainted with the craft of soya sauce production, having spent childhood days working in the family business. Up till today, the soya sauce is still made traditionally, the same way Ken's late grandfather, the founder of Nanyang Sauce, did it. Non-genetically modified soya beans are steamed before they are placed into large clay vats with salt water and wheat flour to ferment under the sun for nine months.

**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 used to house living quarters for policemen and their families.

Address: 140 Hill Street

Website: www.mci.gov.sg/about-us/old-hillstreet-police-station/purpose-and-history

#### **NEIGHBOURHOODS**

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#### **Robertson Quay**

A former wharf in the late 19<sup>th</sup> 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.



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## LIFESTYLE **PRECINCTS: 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: lowrise buildings in the Streamline Moderne architectural style, characterised by smooth curving forms and horizontal lines. 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

#### **Block 78 Moh Guan Terrace**

Affectionately known as 'the horse-shoe block' for its iconic U-shape, this fivestorey 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-metrehigh 'Dancing Girl' sculpture was commissioned to be the centrepiece of the landscaped garden in 1972.

Address: Seng Poh Road near Moh Guan Terrace

# 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 Godincluding 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: www.qitiangong.com Email: gitiangong88@gmail.com

**Opening Hours:** Mon-Sun 7am-5pm

#### 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 (www. tiongbahrubakery.com) or Drips Bakery Café (www.drips.com.sg) for a cuppa, then browse bespoke bouquets and small gifts at One Olive (www.oneolive. net), which sometimes hosts flower arrangement 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 (www.emperorsattic.com) and industrial furniture (www.journeyeast. com) to contemporary lamps (www. theshophouse.com) and plush carpets (www.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 (www. booksactuallyshop.com) champions local authors; Forty Hands café (www.40handscoffee.com) kick-started the speciality coffee scene in Singapore; and Plain Vanilla (www.plainvanilla.com. sq) makes some of the best cupcakes on the island.

Address: Yong Siak Street









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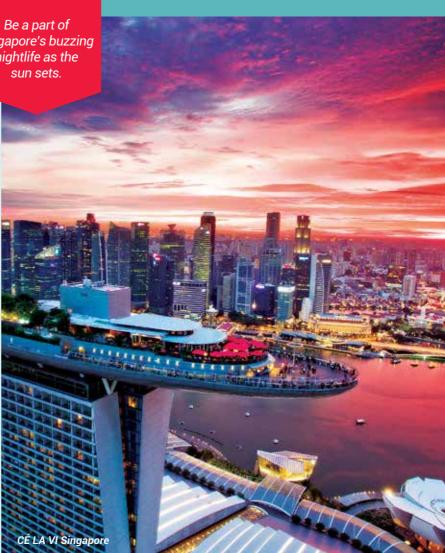
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Boasting a lively nightlife scene, Singapore is one of the best cities in Asia for nightlife experiences.

The city state is home to 11 of Asia's 50 Best Bars and a host of award-winning and vibrant establishments, which will guarantee Socialisers an unforgettable night out. Socialisers who enjoy the energy of the nightlife and entertainment scene, 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, while creating new connections with fellow fun-loving individuals.



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#### Holey Moley Golf Club

For a unique nightlife experience, check out Holey Moley Golf Club's mash-up of a full-service bar and mini golf coursefeaturing 27 unique holes that will keep visitors on their toes. From 8pm to 2am on Fridays and Saturdays, visitors can enjoy two hours of free flow on selected beer, wine and spirits for S\$39++. House signature cocktails range from S\$19++ to S\$21++. Food options are also aplenty should visitors work up an appetite while golfing. The establishment offers delectable pizzas, burgers, hotdogs and platters for sharing. For an epic feast for a party of four, try the Monster Gold Burger (S\$99++), stuffed with a twopound beef patty and pulled beef brisket, accompanied by a side of truffle fries. Happy hour happens daily from noon to 8pm; with promotions on selected food and drinks.

Address: 3B River Valley Road #01-01 **Operating Hours:** Mon noon-10pm; Tue noon-1am; Wed-Fri noon-2am; Sat & Public Holiday 10am-2am; Sun 10am-10pm **Tel:** +65 3129 0000 / +65 9767 1255 (Trade Contact: Jason Leo Carroll) Website: www.holeymoley.com.sg Email: info@holeymoley.com.sg / jcarroll@holeymoley.com.sg (Trade Contact: Jason Leo Carroll) Nearest MRT: Clarke Quay Station / Fort Canning Station

#### Idlewild NEW

The establishment's retro-luxe interiors channel the golden age of air travel and visitors can expect an intimate yet energetic atmosphere with a live band and world-class cocktails. Drinks and dining menus are inspired by ten cities along the popular Transatlantic Route-Dublin, Rome, Lima, Lisbon, New York, Casablanca, London, Paris, Mexico City and Havana. The selection of 20 signature cocktails (from S\$20++ each) available include a variety of artisanal spirits often sourced from small batch distilleries in each location, and rare vintages. The bar also features a Cabinet of Curiosities that invites guests on an exploration of the world through 50 rare and exotic spirits, and a plethora of trinkets and drink paraphernalia curated from travels across the globe.

Address: InterContinental Singapore, 80 Middle Road

**Operating Hours:** Mon-Thu, Sun & Public Holidays 5pm-1am; Fri, Sat & Eve of Public Holiday 5pm-2am

**Tel:** +65 6825 1045 / +65 6825 1089 (Trade Contact: Mandy Chan)

Website: www.idlewild.sg Email: info@idlewild.sg /

mandy.chan@ihg.com (Trade Contact: Mandy Chan) **Nearest MRT:** Bugis Station

#### NINETEEN80

discotheque NINETEEN80 pays homage to the 1980s and 1990s. It is the one of the few venues in Singapore's party scene for quintessential retro music. Throwback to a world of old-school arcade games, nostalgic cocktails and bop to classic beats and all-time favourites, played by Singapore's top DJs. Taste specialty

# Address: 21 Tanjong Pagar Road

**Operating Hours:** Tue & Thu 6.30pm-1am; Wed & Fri 6.30pm-3am; Sat 9pm-4am Tel: +65 9183 6073 (Trade Contact: Francesca Aurora Way) Website: www.nineteen80.sg **Email:** insertcoin@nineteen80.sg (Trade Contact: Francesca Aurora Way)

Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station

#### Level Up

Singapore's first arcade-bar Level Up located at Clarke Quay takes visitors on a trip down memory lane with its vibrant, neon-themed décor and arcade games. Visitors will find its walls plastered with graffiti murals of iconic video game characters like Chun-Li, Mario and Pac-Man. The bar area features over ten exciting arcade games including air hockey, basketball and racing machines. For food and drinks, visitors will find classic cocktails like Margaritas and Daiquiris (S\$16++) as well as Asian-Western fusion dishes such as Tom Yum Seafood Pasta (S\$20++) and Pandan Waffles with Vanilla Ice Cream (S\$18++).

Address: 3A River Valley Road #02-04

**Operating Hours:** Mon-Thu 5pm-2am; Fri & Sat 5pm-3am; Sun 4pm-1am **Tel:** +65 6266 2276

Website: www.1-levelup.com

Email: general@1-levelup.com /

mark@1-levelup.com (Trade Contact: Mark Huang) Nearest MRT: Clarke Quay Station /

Fort Canning Station

#### Lulu's Lounge

Lulu's Lounge showcases live bands, interactive and immersive performances, bottle service and a carefully curated cocktail and international bar menu. The luxurious and eccentric establishment has a tiled dance floor, outdoor patio and a stage well-known for reviving the burlesque movement in Singapore. Hosted by local favourite drag queen Becca D'Bus, ladies' night happens every Wednesday at 8pm. Ladies will be able to enjoy free cocktails that night. A 'dress nice, be nice' dress code applies to all patrons.

Address: Pan Pacific Hotel, 7 Raffles Boulevard

**Operating Hours:** Wed 8pm-3am; Thu 9pm-3am; Fri & Sat 9pm-5am

**Tel:** +65 9829 1922

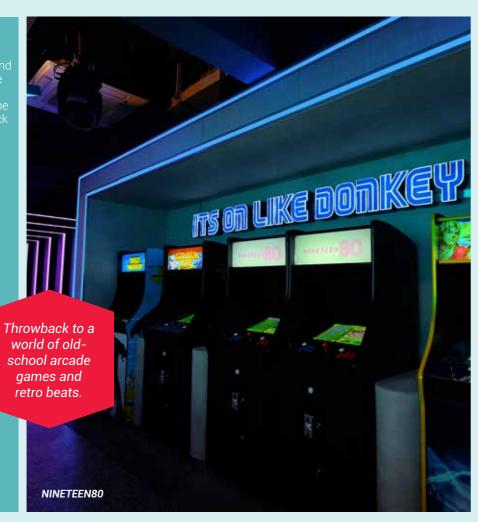
Website: www.lulus.sq

Email: info@lulus.sg

**Nearest MRT:** Esplanade Station

#### Switch by Timbre X

This newly renovated 220-seater venue located at the arts and heritage district of Bras Basah.Bugis (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p81) sets the stage for the best up-and-coming Singaporean musicians. Switch by Timbre X hosts nightly live English and Mandarin popballad performances with 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



modern Singaporean ('mod-Sin') dishes like Roasted Laksa Marinated Chickenhalf chicken marinated with laksa (spicy coconut milk-based noodle soup) spices (S\$26++). Check the website for monthly updates on food and drink packages.

Address: 73 Bras Basah Road #01-01/02 **Operating Hours:** Mon-Thu 11am-1am; Fri 11am-2am & Sat 6pm-2am Tel: +65 6336 7739 Website: www.switchmusic.sa Email: info@timbregroup.asia Nearest MRT: Bras Basah 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 quests to soak up the vibrant atmosphere and enjoy a selection of more than 30 bottled beers from around the world, including the local brew, Brewlander Love. Drink options are definitely aplenty; the walls of its bar are lined with a diverse range of spirits and at the forefront-five taps of brew (Stella Artois, San Miguel, Asahi, Kronenbourg 1664 Blanc and Guinness).

#### Address: 31 Lorong Mambong

**Operating Hours:** Tue-Thu 4pm-1am; Fri 4pm-2am; Sat 3pm-2am; Sun 3pm-1am Tel: +65 6462 4288

Website: www.facebook.com/walawala.sg Email: info@walawala.sg Nearest MRT: Holland Village Station

# **ROOFTOP BARS**

Address: One Raffles Place, 1 Raffles Place Level 63

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## 6pm-2am; Wed, Fri & Sat 6pm-4am Contact: Immelia Izalena)

Website: www.1-altitude.com Email: info@1-altitude.com / 1-Altitude Gallery & Bar is the world's Immelia Izalena) Nearest MRT: Raffles Place 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.

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**1-Altitude** Perched 282 metres above ground.

highest alfresco rooftop bar and club. With 360-degree views of Singapore, visitors can enjoy a cocktail in hand during 1-Altitude's Sundown Affair (6-9pm) and relax to laidback DJ-spun beats, while admiring the stunning city skyline. At night, the atmosphere livens up with top hits and high-energy rave beats by 1-Altitude's resident party band and DJs. This club impresses partygoers with weekly revelries from Wednesdays to Saturdays with state-of-the-art audio by Pequod Acoustics. Signature cocktails from their premium cocktail

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and liquor list start from S\$20++. For entry to 1-Altitude, guests will have to purchase a cover charge, which includes two premium pours. For more information about its event space, see Venues, Unique MICE Venues, p201.

Operating Hours: Mon, Tue, Thu & Sun Tel: +65 6438 0410 / +65 8163 3432 (Trade

immelia@1-altitude.com (Trade Contact:

The cocktail menu features drinks such as the Kaya Lumpur (S\$20++), a concoction of house bitters, pineapple and kaya (a 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) inspired filling. 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 selection of old-school knick-knacks and new age souvenirs.

#### Address: Odeon Towers Extension Rooftop, 331 North Bridge Road #03-07

Operating Hours: Mon-Thu & Sun 5pm-1am; Fri & Sat 5pm-2am

Tel: +65 6337 9416 / +65 9686 1833 (Trade Contact: Elaine Lau)

Website: www.loof.com.sg Email: loof@loof.com.sg / elaine.lau@lobehold.com (Trade Contact: Elaine Lau) Nearest MRT: City Hall Station / Bras Basah Station



#### **Mr Stork**

Nestled at the top of hotel Andaz Singapore on Level 39, Mr Stork is a destination rooftop bar providing 360-degree views of the city. Inspired by how storks build large nests atop trees and buildings, the bar houses ten teepee huts set amid lush, locallyinspired tropical landscaping and cobbled paving-providing a cosy and unique seating. Its garden-inspired menu consists of various fruity and floral cocktails created using garden herbs and fresh fruits such as ginger, thyme, basil, mint, rhubarb and lemon. Highlights include Rhubarb (S\$22++), a fizzy and refreshing concoction of fresh rhubarb puree, strawberry and lemon juice, sparkling wine and a shot of vodka; and Ruby (S\$22++), a citrusy drink concocted with lemon, ginger, fresh mint, vermouth and Ceylon Arrack, a traditional Sri Lankan spirit, served in an adorable elephant mug. Mr Stork is also the only establishment at Andaz Singapore that serves Andaz Pale Ale on tap, a special collaboration with local microbrewery RedDot<sup>®</sup> Brewhouse that is exclusive to Andaz Singapore.

Address: Andaz Singapore, 5 Fraser Street Level 39

Operating Hours: Mon-Thu 5pm-midnight; Fri 5pm-1am: Sat 3pm-1am: Sun 3pmmidnight

Tel: +65 6408 1234 / 6408 1285 (Trade Contact: Priscilla Tan)

Website: www.andazsingapore.com Email: mr.stork@andaz.com / priscilla.tan@andaz.com (Trade Contact: Priscilla Tan)

Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

#### Potato Head & Three Buns Singapore

Housed in a conserved shophouse from 1939, Potato Head Singapore brings a whimsical childhood touch to its historical surroundings on Keong

Districts, p71). The four-storied establishment offers two spaces for serious and casual drinking-Studio 1939, a decadent drinking den with an everevolving cocktail menu, and The Rooftop,

Saik Road (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic

an open-air rooftop bar with tropical cocktails and a city view. Try its ZOMBIE 36 (S\$22++), a refreshing mix of the bar's 5-rum blend with tropical fruit flavours. It also has two spaces catered to dining, as part of its Three Buns Restaurant that offers Asian-fusion burgers like beef rendang (braised meat cooked in coconut milk and spices) burgers. Minimum spending is applicable to groups of ten and above visiting Potato Head & Three Buns Singapore to reserve a table, rates will depend on the day and space of booking.

#### Address: 36 Keong Saik Road

**Operating Hours:** Studio 1939 Cocktail Bar and The Rooftop Tue-Sun 5pm-midnight; Three Buns Restaurant Tue-Sun 11ammidnight

Tel: +65 6327 1939 (Trade Contact: Christian P. Salamat)

Website: www.potatohead.co/Singapore

Email: singapore@potatohead.co / christian.salamat@potatohead.co (Trade Contact: Christian P. Salamat) Nearest MRT: Outram Park Station

#### **Smoke & Mirrors**

Perched on the rooftop of the iconic National Gallery Singapore (see Attractions, Arts, Museums & Heritage, p55), Smoke & Mirrors is a destination bespoke bar that provides a spectacular panoramic view of the Padang and Marina Bay (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p84) and sets out to elevate the cocktail experience by exploring classic drinks with experimental new twists. Helmed by Head Bartender Jorge A. Conde, the bar's innovative cocktail menu is driven by modern techniques, unique flavour combinations and named 'Illusion of Flavours'-featuring sixteen progressive

cocktails that reimagine classic cocktails. These include concoctions such as Dali's Self Portrait (S\$28++), which pay homage to Salvador Dali's artwork-'Soft Self-Portrait with Grilled Bacon' and puts a twist on the classic Manhattan by adding bacon fat and artichoke to a whiskey and vermouth base. With plenty of woods, copper tones and warm lighting, Smoke & Mirrors exudes magnetic intimacy. Visitors to Smoke & Mirrors should adhere to its casual city chic dress code-slippers are strictly prohibited. The outdoor seating is only available to guests who have exceeded a minimum spend of S\$45 per pax.

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) Fax: +65 6384 5575

Website: www.smokeandmirrors.com.sg

Email: reserve@smokeandmirrors.com.sg / cyndiana.ho@smokeandmirrors.com.sg (Trade Contact: Cyndiana Ho) Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

**COCKTAIL AND SPIRIT BARS** 

#### 28 HongKong Street 🧐

Situated on the ground floor of an old shophouse behind a nondescript door is 28 HongKong Street. Ranked on Asia's 50 Best Bars 2019, this 'secret' bar is famed for its artisanal spirits and American-style craft cocktails. Its menu comprises of 28 HongKong Street's own take on classics, unique cocktail creations and experimental drinks. Offthe-menu classics are also available. For food options, 28 HongKong Street dishes out American comfort food that is made in-house and ideal for sharing. Reservations are recommended.

Address: 28 HongKong Street **Operating Hours:** Mon-Thu 6pm-2am; Fri & Sat 6pm-3am Tel: +65 6533 2001 Website: www.28hks.com Email: findus@28hks.com Nearest MRT: Clarke Quay Station

#### ATLAS 👩 👩

Listed 5<sup>th</sup> on Asia's 50 Best Bars 2019 and 8<sup>th</sup> on the World's 50 Best Bars 2019 is ATLAS—a bar that celebrates the culinary and beverage traditions of the glamourous and romantic 1920s. 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 1,300 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. Visitors to ATLAS have to adhere to a smart casual dress code, with no shorts or slippers.

Address: Parkview Square, 600 North Bridge Road **Operating Hours:** Mon–Thu 10–1am; Fri 10-2am; Sat noon-2am Tel: +65 6396 4466 Website: www.atlasbar.sg Email: info@atlasbar.sg Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

#### Barbary Coast NEW

On the corner of North Canal and Lor Telok, a historic building dating back to the early 1800s has been transformed by dual-concept Barbary Coast. Occupying the lower level, Deadfall reminisces the style of bars that peppered the original Barbary Coast in San Francisco, and features creatively crafted cocktails that are affordable. The upper level of Barbary Coast is a contrast to Deadfall-named The Ballroom, its offerings are highbrow and elegant. Guests to The Ballroom should adhere to its 'no slippers' dress code.

As a space with varied options across both levels, the bar caters to visitors of different calibre and is inviting to all.

Address: 16 North Canal Road Level 01 & 02 Operating Hours: Mon & Sun 4pm-1am; Tue & Wed 4pm-2am; Thu-Sat 4pm-3am Tel: +65 8124 0579 (Trade Contact: Celia Schoonraad) Website: www.barbarycoastsg.com Email: info@barbarycoastsg.com / celia@barbarycoastsg.com (Trade Contact: Celia Schoonraad) Nearest MRT: Clarke Quay Station / Raffles Place Station

#### 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, ranked on Asia's 50 Best Bars 2019, 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 quests, reservations are highly recommended.

Address: 2 Bukit Pasoh Road **Operating Hours:** Mon–Sun 6pm–2am **Tel:** +65 8141 5741 Website: www.dbespoke.sg Email: reservations@dbespoke.sg Nearest MRT: Outram Park Station



### Employees Only Singapore 🧐

An 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 on the list of Asia's 50 Best Bars in 2019. 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 ranked 15<sup>th</sup> on Asia's 50 Best Bars 2019. It has been ranked on Asia's 50 Best Bars every year since the list's inception in 2016. 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 experience. The cocktail menu focuses on Asian ingredients in classic cocktail structures. Must-try cocktails include The Gibson (S\$23++), a classic dry cocktail with nukazuke (Japanese fermented vegetables), pearl onion and smoked quail's egg, and Mango PX (S\$23++), a Southeast Asian version of a Pedro Ximenez sherry and features fermented mangoes with dark rum infused with charred French Oak. Another highlight cocktail is the Sugarcane Daiquiri (\$\$23++), a concoction that using sugarcane nectar to brighten the flavour of the rum, mirroring the way agave nectar is used in a Tommy's Margarita. Happy hour is from 6–8pm.

#### Address: 18 Bukit Pasoh Road

**Operating Hours:** Mon-Thu 6pm-1am; Fri & Sat 6pm-2am Tel: +65 9114 8385 / +65 9112 0824 (Trade

Contact: Sarah Tsang)

Website: www.gibsonbar.sg Email: info@gibsonbar.sg / sarah@jiggerandpony.com (Trade Contact: Sarah Tsang) Nearest MRT: Outram Park Station

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#### Jigger & Pony 🚳 🧐

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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 9th on Asia's 50 Best Bars 2019 and on the list of the World's 50 Best Bars 2019, Jigger & Pony has a diverse menu of cocktails curated by a multicultural 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 Mango Hazelnut Daiguiri (S\$23++) a daiguiri made with Clairin Communal Rhum, an interesting Haitian rhum that's intensely aromatic. Martini lovers can try the sweet and fragrant Rice Martini (S\$23++), its delicate aroma is a result of brown jasmine rice cooked into gin at low heat. 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 9112 0824 (Trade Contact: Sarah Tsang)

Website: www.jiggerandpony.com

**Email:** info@jiggerandpony.com / sarah@jiggerandpony.com (Trade Contact: Sarah Tsang)

Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station

#### Manhattan Bar 💿 💿

SINGAPORE TOURISM AWARDS

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 2<sup>nd</sup> on the list of Asia's 50 Best Bars in 2019 and also

Best Nightspot Experience

(2017 / 2018 / 2019)

Bars 2019. 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 200 bottles of whiskies. Unique offerings include Singapore's first and only Adults-only Sunday Cocktail Brunch at S\$158++, and a Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve 20 years at S\$290++.

11<sup>th</sup> in the list of the World's 50 Best

#### Address: Regent Singapore, 1 Cuscaden Road Level 2

**Operating Hours:** Mon-Thu 5pm-1am; Fri & Sat 5pm-2am; Sun noon-3pm, 5pm-1am **Tel:** +65 6725 3377 (Trade Contact: Gabriel Carlos)

Website: www.regenthotels.com/regentsingapore/dining/manhattan

Email: manhattan@regentsingapore.com.sg / gabriel.carlos@regentsingapore.com.sg (Trade Contact: Gabriel Carlos) Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

#### NATIVE 💿 💿

Tucked away in Amoy Street is NATIVE, a bar that has been listed 4<sup>th</sup> on list of Asia's 50 Best Bars 2019 and 12<sup>th</sup> on the list of the World's 50 Best Bars 2019. 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: Mon–Sat 6pm–midnight

Tel: +65 8869 6520 Website: www.tribenative.com Email: info@tribenative.com 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 22<sup>nd</sup> on the list of Asia's 50 Best Bars 2019 and on the list of the World's 50 Best Bars 2019. Minimalist décor and an eye-catching chandelier occupy the bar and guests may 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 Tel: +65 6438 4057 Website: www.operationdagger.com

Email: info@operationdagger.com Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station

#### THOMAS GIRARD ad Bartender. Operation Dagge

"You can spend weeks turning around an idea. And someday the solution lies just before your eyes. As simple as the naked truth."



With over ten years of experience in pioneering drink trends, Head Bartender and Creative Director Thomas Girard is used to making headlines in his home in France and around the world. The birth of his career began in London, which eventually led to him spearheading the opening of highly acclaimed Le Coq in Paris. Now at Operation Dagger, Thomas seeks to craft experiences for the world's most discerning drinkers.

#### The Other Room 🧐

Taking a spot on the list of Asia's 50 Best Bars 2019, 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 Singapore Marriott<sup>®</sup> Tang Plaza Hotel. 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 bubbled drinks from 8.30pm onwards.

Address: 320 Orchard Road #01-05 Operating Hours: Mon-Thu 6pm-3am; Fri & Sat 6pm-4am; Sun 6pm-3am Tel: +65 6100 7778

Website: www.theotherroom.com.sg Email: reservations@theotherroom.com.sg / quattroville@theotherroom.com.sg (Trade Contact: Nicholas Quattroville) Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

#### Tippling Club 🧐

Tippling Club is on the list of Asia's 50 Best Bars three years in a row-2017 to 2019, and has become a favourite amongst gastronomes. The club's décor is a mix of elegance and flair. Tippling Club encloses an innovative cocktail bar; an experiential dining room; and an upper-storey private dining room and Research and Development (R&D) facility, BIN 38. It brings affordable avantgarde cuisine to the neighbourhood in the form of a flexible, everyday dining and drinking destination. Tippling Club's menus offer cocktails, wine, vegetarian dishes, lunch and bar snacks. Its fascinating menu of cocktails (S\$25++) feature drinks such as Melba Toast, which is made of toasted sourdough milk, barley, amaro and rum. Classic cocktails (S\$25++) are also available. Check out Tippling Club's social media to be updated on their events and guest takeovers-a specialty for the club.

#### Address: 38 Tanjong Pagar Road Operating Hours: Mon-Fri noon-3pm, 6midnight; Sat 6pm-midnight Tel: +65 6475 2217

Website: www.tipplingclub.com Email: enquiries@tipplingclub.com / andrew.loudon@tipplingclub.com (Trade Contact: Adnrew Loudon)

Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station



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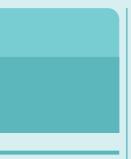
#### Bang Bang

This cheekily named nightclub, which can house 400 partygoers in its playful and intimate setting, is all about celebrating youth. Bang Bang is also known for its club anthems and electronic dance music (EDM), as well as giant bear mascots parading the dance floor. Expect immersive routines from resident dancers and perhaps even a glimpse of international superstars such as Sean Kingston. 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 online for Wild Wednesdays will receive two 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–Sat 10pm–6am Tel: +65 8127 2808 Website: www.bangbangclub.sg Email: vip@bangbangclub.sg Nearest MRT: Promenade Station

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-midnight; Wed-Fri 7pm-3am; Sat 7pm-4am Tel: +65 8125 0166 / +65 9382 1870 (Trade Contact: Roy Ng) Website: www.canvasvenue.sg Email: info@canvasvenue.sg / roy@canvasvenue.sg (Trade Contact: Roy Ng) Nearest MRT: Clarke Quay Station / Fort Canning Station

#### CÉ LA VI Singapore



Best Nightspot Experience (2016)

CÉ LA VI Singapore is a restaurant, sky bar and club lounge elevated above the Observation Deck of the SkyPark at Marina Bay Sands<sup>®</sup>. It boasts arguably the best views of Singapore, and is a popular venue for visiting celebrities. Its Sunset Sessions (from 5–10pm) is the perfect time for visitors to snap a rooftop selfie. CÉ LA VI Restaurant menu features contemporary Asian cuisine by executive chef Joseph Sergentakis. The tender and succulent Rice Flake Crusted Lobster and Rangers Valley 'Black Market' Tomahawk are crowd favourites. On selected days, guests will have to pay a cover charge for entry to CÉ LA VI Singapore. 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®, 1 Bayfront Avenue Tower 3 Operating Hours: Mon-Fri noon till late; Sat-Sun 11am till late Tel: +65 6508 2188 Website: www.sg.celavi.com Email: reservation-sg@celavi.com Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station

#### f.Club x Attica SG NEW

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f.Club x Attica SG is a union of two distinguished Singapore nightlife brands under one roof at Clarke Quay. The club features an extravagant interior inspired by Paris renaissance baroque styling and has a combined history of party entertainment stretching over decades and retains its legacy while staying on top of global nightlife trends. f.Club x Attica SG caters to all party preferences with two party areas-the Ruby Club, which plays hip-hop, R&B and charttopping remixes, and the White Lounge (Courtyard), which plays deep house and tech house music. Whichever area partygoers are at, they will be immersed in an exhilarating audio-visual experience. Visitors can also choose to indulge in the club's premium bottle service that offers the finest champagnes and spirits. The dress code prohibits slippers, shorts, singlets and sweatpants, while collared shirts are highly recommended. Smoking is also not allowed in the premise.

#### Address: 3A River Valley Road #02-05

Operating Hours: Wed 9pm-3am; Fri-Sat 10pm-4am Tel: +65 6338 3158 Website: www.attica.com.sg / www.f-club.sg Email: info@fxa.sg Nearest MRT: Fort Canning Station / Clarke Quay 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 be greeted by a wall adorned with graffiti and artworks 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 FKJ, as well as world class DJs like Mano Le Tough and Derrick May. Kilo Lounge offers inventive drinks such as the Makgeolli Passion, a concoction of makgeolli (Korean raw rice wine) syrup with citrus, passionfruit and egg white. For a light bite, head to Merienda, a food kiosk serving tacos and hot dogs located at the doorstep of Kilo Lounge.

#### Address: 21 Tanjong Pagar Road #01-02/04 Operating Hours: Wed 5.30pm-midnight;

Thu-Fri 5.30pm-3am; Sat 9.30pm-4am Tel: +65 9824 9747

Website: www.kilokitchen.com/lounge Email: lounge@kilokitchen.com / daniel@kilo-collective.com (Trade Contact: Daniel Peters) Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station/

Tanjong Pagar Station



#### Marquee Singapore NEW

Revel in a fully immersive nightclub experience incorporating design, technology, and cutting-edge audio across three floors. The crowning glory of Singapore's largest nightclub is the massive Ferris Wheel located inside. Get into one of the eight pods and soak in the electrifying atmosphere from 20 metres in the air. Marquee Singapore also boasts a Funkton One DJ console and features compelling entertainment programming with renowned DJ and artist performances.

Address: The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands<sup>®</sup>, 2 Bayfront Avenue B1-67

**Operating Hours:** Fri, Sat 9pm till late; Eve of Public Holiday 10pm till late **Tel:** +65 6688 8660

Website: www.marqueesingapore.com Email: marquee.reservations@

marinabaysands.com
Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station

#### Zouk™

The club that cemented Singapore's global super-club status is a must-visit for party-goers. The entire complex comprises several rooms; a main room, Phuture, Capital, and RedTail Bar by Zouk<sup>™</sup>. Fitted with a stunning LEDSCONTROL light structure above the dance floor, its main room accommodates over 1,500, and has seen the likes of Diplo. Paul van Dvk. Above & Beyond and Alan Walker, among other internationally-renowned DJs grace its decks. Fans of hip-hop, R&B and those with a penchant for underground sounds can seek revelry in Phuture, while working professionals with a preference

for a more lavish experience can head to Capital, which doubles up as a lounge and club space. Housed in a nondescript room within Capital is also QUEENS, an intimate cocktail bar helmed by veteran bartenders, and serves up 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. RedTail Bar is Zouk<sup>™</sup>'s designated pre-game spot, where guests can enjoy an array of drinks, sharing plates, a liquid buffet and drinking games such as beer pong. For the complete Zouk™ experience, guests should order the signature Sour Plum shots (S\$118 nett per bottle). The cover charge for Zouk<sup>™</sup> is typically on the upwards of S\$30, inclusive of two standard housepour drinks.

# Address: The Cannery, 3C River Valley Road **Operating Hours:**

 (Zouk<sup>™</sup>) Wed 10pm-3am; Fri 10pm-3am (first two Fridays) / 4am (last two Fridays), Sat & Eve of Public Holiday 10pm-4am
 (Phuture) Wed 10pm-3am; Thu 10pm-

2am; Fri 10pm–3am (first two Fridays) / 4am (last two Fridays), Sat & Eve of Public Holiday 10pm–4am

• (Capital) Thu 10pm-2:30am; Fri 10pm-3am (first two Fridays) / 4am (last two Fridays), Sat & Eve of Public Holiday 10pm-4am

• (**RedTail**) Sun-Tue & Thu 6-11pm; Wed 7pm-3am; Fri 10pm-3am (first two Fridays) / 4am (last two Fridays), Sat & Eve of Public Holiday 7pm-4am

**Tel:** +65 6738 2988

Website: www.zoukclub.com

Email: zoukclub@zoukclub.com / samanthakhoo@zoukclub.com (Trade Contact: Samantha Khoo)

**Nearest MRT:** Clarke Quay Station / Fort Canning Station







# EAT & DRINK

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

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Look forward to a plethora of diverse culinary options that will tantalise taste buds.



### **EAT & DRINK** (07)

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

Foodies travelling to Singapore have countless options when it comes to eating-from restaurants steeped in heritage and tradition to establishments serving up contemporary delicacies in unique settings. For foodies looking for a culinary adventure, the influences of the Chinese, Malay and Indian cultures have created a unique variety of flavourful dishes. Those who would like to have *halal*, vegan or vegetarian food will also be 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.



# **CULINARY TRENDS FOR** 2020

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.

#### **Casual Fare From Michelin Chefs**

Singapore's dining scene is decorated with star-studded Michelin restaurants and several have chosen to take the road less travelled-casual open concepts that are accessible to the mass public. Travellers will be able to find Meatsmith Western BBQ, a hawker stall at Makansutra Gluttons Bay (see Supper Spots, p135) opened by chef Dave Pynt of Michelinstarred Burnt Ends (see Celebrity Fine Dining, p118). Travellers may also check out Elfuego™ by COLLIN'S® (see Halal Restaurant, p123), a halal dining establishment opened by chef Koh Han Jie, one of the youngest Singaporean head chefs and who was previously from Les Amis (see Celebrity Fine Dining, p120). Chef Rishi Naleendra has even made a bold move to close down one-Michelinstarred Cheek by Jowl. It was rebranded as Cheek Bistro-offering a casual concept for all diners that has also earned its own Michelin star in 2019.

#### **Cheers To Local Microbrewery**

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 is a must-try, visitors may be interested to sample a cold brew from a local microbrewery. Located at the swanky neighbourhood of Dempsey Hill, RedDot<sup>®</sup> Brewhouse (www.reddotbrewhouse. *com.sa*)–Singapore's first locally-owned microbrewery, serves hand-crafted beers that emanate a unique aroma from its unfiltered and unprocessed brew. Crafted by an aeronautical engineer, the Manuka Stout is refreshing with its honeyed flavours. LeVeL33 (www.level33.com. sq) 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.

#### **Hawker Culture**

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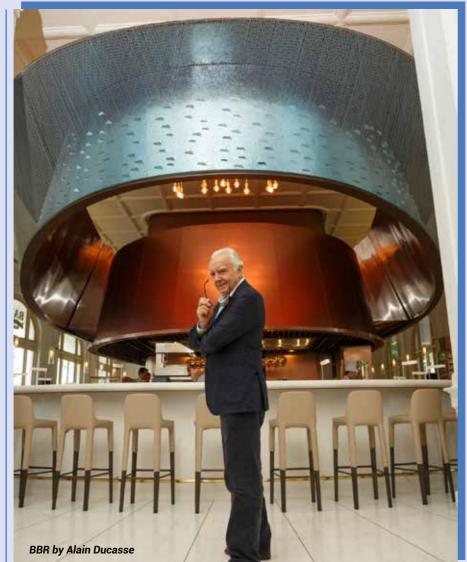
Populated by passionate foodies, Singaporeans enjoy a wide variety of good food at affordable prices. Hawker centres, which are an indispensable pillar of the Singaporean way of life, each offer numerous cuisines. Lau Pa Sat (see Hawker Centres, p130) is a historic building designed in the 1830s and 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 Hawker Centres, p131). Ethnic garments and accessories are sold on its upper floor, while the dum briyani (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 (www.thedailycut.sg) and Grain Traders (www.grain-traders.com) where visitors can pick and choose their grilled meats, vegetables (fresh and cooked) and toppings. At Le Garden Seafood (www.facebook.com/legardenseafood), 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. At Project Acai (www.project-acai.com)-Singapore's first dedicated acai café that has grown to four outlets islandwide, travellers can delight in fruity or nutty acai bowls. Instead of visiting one or two spots, visitors can also tour several and taste a variety of delectable vegan dishes on vegan food crawls by VegThisCity (www. facebook.com/vegthiscity).

#### Modern 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, p106 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 with Modern Singaporean Cuisine or 'mod-sin' cuisine. Pioneered by chef-owner Han Li Guang of Restaurant Labyrinth (see Modern Singapore Restaurants, p128), 'modsin' dishes include Local Wild Caught



Crab, a creative reinterpretation of a Singaporean favourite, the chilli crab (see Local Favourites, p107). At local bistro, The Quarters (see Modern Singapore Restaurants, p128), quests can order creations that fuse Singaporean flavours with Western cuisine such as the Satay Burger, comprising spiced meat drizzled with peanut sauce and served between two rice patties.

#### More Renowned International **Establishments**

In 2019, restaurants and eateries from around the world have set up shop in Singapore. BBR by Alain Ducasse (see Celebrity Fine Dining, p118) has made its debut in Southeast Asia right in Raffles Hotel Singapore (see Stay, p30) and it is joined in by La Dame de Pic (see Celebrity Fine Dining, p120)-also making its debut in Asia. New York burger joint, Shake Shack has also opened its first outlet in Singapore at Jewel Changi Airport (see Shopping, Malls, p142). It boasts of uniquely Singapore offerings such as Pandan Shake-a vanilla frozen custard blended with pandan, coconut, and topped with gula melaka (palm sugar) crumble, and Jewel Melaka-vanilla frozen custard

mixed with coconut salted caramel, Lemuel chocolate chunks, shortbread, and gula melaka.

#### **Rise of Next Generation** Hawkers

Singapore's hawker food is getting a boost, thanks to second-generation and third-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 (www.facebook.com/ anoodlestory) utilises modern European techniques to create 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 Popiah (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p76) is a legacy family business that started in 1938. Singaporeans from all over the island come here for the home-style popiah (fresh spring roll with vegetables and assorted filling). Famed for their delicate, paper-thin yet sturdy popiah skins, they are still handmade daily by a third-generation family member.

#### Sustainability Is Here To Stay

Climate change has been a growing issue over the decades and unsurprisingly, the younger generation are jumping onto the sustainability bandwagon, giving rise to a trove of restaurants and eateries that champion the cause. Coined by a Californian company, Impossible™ meat has been making waves in the food industry with meat products that are substituted with plant-based ingredients. These juicy burgers deliver the taste and look of a meaty burger to the tee without the potential health and environmental issues associated with livestock products. One of the places to sayour these sustainable burgers is VeganBurg (see Vegetarian, p133) in the Euros neighbourhood. Farm-to-table concepts are very popular as well, Open Farm Community (www.openfarmcommunity. com) serves locally sourced, seasonal and innovative dishes with the very concept as well. Yet another trend is nose-to-tail dining where chefs incorporate as many parts of an animal into their dish as possible. Ding Dong (see Modern Singapore Restaurants, p127) at Amoy Street does just that, offering exotic dishes like five spice lamb tongue with pickled cucumber and black pepper sauce.

#### **Vegan And Vegetarian Dining**

Vegans and vegetarians can look forward to a plethora of food options on the sunny island. Chinese options can be found at homegrown vegetarian restaurant chain Grove Café (www. facebook.com/grove.singapore) and vegan/vegetarian restaurant chain Greendot (www.greendot.sg). Restaurants like Afterglow by ANGLOW and Whole Earth (see Vegetarian, p131 and p133 respectively) serve up mouth-watering vegetarian and vegan-friendly dishes with unique twists. For a more indulgent meal, visitors can dine at VeganBurg's Singapore outlet (see Vegetarian, p133) in the Eunos neighbourhood. The fast food eatery's juicy burgers deliver the taste and look of a meaty burger to the tee but is completely vegetarian-with its Impossible<sup>™</sup> patties made with plantbased ingredients.

### **INCREASED INTEREST IN** VEGANISM

Google trends show that there is a seven-fold increase in interest in veganism from 2014 to 2019. Veganism is truly here to stay.

# (B)LOCAL **FAVOURITES**

The country's reputation as a food reason. Thanks to its multi-ethnic from Chinese, Malay and Indian cultures, Singapore offers a variety others would argue that chilli crab, the 1950s, also deserves that label. Regardless of dietary or religious preferences, visitors to Singapore 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-



**Chicken Rice** 

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lover's paradise is not without good make-up and key culinary influences of food and flavours. While chicken rice is often called the national dish, which was concocted in Singapore in will have plenty of dishes to try and

end restaurants. Visitors can sample different versions of the traditional 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 with a distinct taste. Pay attention to the quality of rice and chilli sauce served-the rice should be lightlyoiled and fragrant, while the chilli dip should have a zing of ginger to it. From S\$5 per serving.

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Where to have it:

Loy Kee Chicken Rice

Address: 342 Balestier Road (Balestier Outlet); 30 Woodlands Ave 1 #01-06 (Woodlands Outlet)

Tel: +65 6252 2318 (Balestier Outlet); +65 6364 6771 / +65 6364 6772 (Woodlands Outlet)

Website: www.loykee.com.sg

Email: customerservice@loykee.com

**Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 10am–10pm

Nearest MRT: Novena Station (Balestier Outlet); Woodlands Station (Woodlands Outlet)

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 crabmud crabs stir-fried with tomato and chilli sauce—is still on the menu of Roland Restaurant in Marine Parade Central. A more modern and widely common recipe these days includes sambal (chilli paste), eggs and tomato paste for a rich, umami taste that's finger-licking good. Most restaurants offer Sri Lankan crabs and there is also a more deluxe option of Alaskan king crabs. Diners can order mantous (fried or steamed buns), to dip into the gravy. From S\$30 per crab (depending 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

Fax: +65 6444 5373

Website: www.jumboseafood.com.sg **Opening Hours:** Mon-Fri 5-11.45pm; Sat & Sun 11.30am-midnight Nearest MRT: Bedok Station

#### **Roland Restaurant**

Address: Block 89 Marine Parade Central #06-750

**Tel:** +65 6440 8205

Nearest MRT: Eunos Station

Website: www.rolandrestaurant.com.sg Email: sales@RolandRestaurant.com.sg Opening Hours: Mon-Sat 11.30am-2.30pm, 6-10.30pm; Sun & Public Holidays 11am-2.30pm, 6-10.30pm

#### One of the country's most iconic

**Fish Head Curry** 

dishes, it aptly represents Singapore's multicultural tradition. There are Chinese, Malay, Indian and Peranakan (Straitsborn 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 Website: www.muthuscurry.com Email: reservation@muthuscurry.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: www.oceancurryfishhead.com.sg **Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 11am–9pm; Closed on every alternate Tuesday and the 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 (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 (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

### HAWKER STALLS OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

Both Ah Hok Fried Hokkien Noodles and Nam Sing Hokkien Fried Mee are one of the few hawker stalls that trace its lineage back to the founder of the dish.

#### 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 kava)—is slathered between slabs of cold butter and crusty bread. Pair it with a local kopi (coffee) or teh (tea), and the meal is complete. Many locals also eat it with two soft-boiled eggs mixed with dark soy sauce and a dash of pepper. From S\$3.50 per serving.

#### Where to have it:

**Killiney Kopitiam** Address: 67 Killiney Road and other locations

#### Tel: +65 6734 3910

Website: www.killinev-kopitiam.com Email: contactus@killiney-kopitiam.com **Opening Hours:** Mon, Wed–Sat 6am–10pm; Tue & Sun 6am-6pm Nearest MRT: Somerset Station

#### Ya Kun Kava Toast

Address: Orchard Central, 181 Orchard Road #05-33 and other locations Tel: +65 6884 9552 Website: www.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 renditions of this dish. Visitors should try the Katong *laksa*, which has short noodles swimming in the spicy coconut broth. Other versions include the currylike Sarawak laksa and the tamarindinfused 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

It comprises rice cooked in coconut leaves to give it extra fragrance and flavour of shallots and ground dried

Nasi Lemak

Where to have it:

The Coconut Club Address: 28 Ann Siang Road **Tel:** +65 6635 2999 Website: www.thecoconutclub.sg **Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 11am–3pm; Mon-Sat 6-9.30pm Nearest MRT: Telok Aver Station / Chinatown Station / Tanjong Pagar Station

Selera Rasa Nasi Lemak Address: Adam Road Food Centre, 2 Adam Road #01-02 Nearest MRT: Botanic Gardens Station

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Visiting foodies can expect a mix of flavours and textures from nasi lemak, a popular breakfast meal with the locals. milk-some cook the rice with pandan 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 (chilli paste). The sambal is a key ingredient; it should be robust and spiked with the shrimp. From S\$3 per serving.

#### 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 (dough fritters) 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 roiak by mixing the sauce in a large bowl, before tossing in all the other ingredients. From S\$3 per serving.

#### Where to have it:

**Toa Pavoh Roiak** Address: Old Airport Road Food Centre, 51 Old Airport Road #01-108 Tel: +65 6958 9380 Nearest MRT: Dakota Station

#### Lau Hong Ser Rojak

Address: Dunman Road Food Centre, 271 Onan Road #02-14 **Tel:** +65 6346 6519 Nearest MRT: Dakota Station



#### **Roti Prata**

Roti prata is a flaky South Indian flatbread, that is crispy on the outside but soft to the bite-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 roti 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. Modern renditions of *roti prata* sees it served with ice cream or chicken floss. 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

#### Springleaf Prata

Address: The Rail Mall, 396 Upper Bukit Timah Road and other outlets islandwide **Nearest MRT:** Botanic Gardens Station

# **UNIQUE DINING CONCEPTS**

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Dining in Singapore can be an exciting and unusual affair. From dining amidst nature to meals enjoyed on board a sightseeing bus, unconventional dining experiences await visitors.

#### **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 30 kg hog over a self-made spit in their open kitchen. Camp Kilo's whole Roasted Pig (S\$12++ for 100g) is marinated with spices, lemongrass, garlic and spring onions before cooking it for more than four hours. Other barbeque options include the Chipotle BBQ Ribs (S\$15++ for half, S\$30++ for whole), Crispy Pork Belly (S\$10++ for 100g) and Sambal



Stingray (S\$25++)-stingray grilled with dried shrimp chilli paste (S\$25++). Kilo's Grilled Eggplant (S\$10++), topped with miso mayo, bonito flakes, sesame seeds and spring onions, makes an excellent side dish for the meaty mains. To complete the meal, pair the succulent meats with a refreshing glass of Kilo's Rum Punch (S\$17++ per glass; S\$85 per cooler) or Coquito Colada-homemade orange-infused rum (S\$18++).

#### Address: 66 Kampong Bugis #01-01 Tel: +65 9830 6252

Website: www.kilo-collective.com/en/campkilo-charcoal-club

Email: campkilo@kilokitchen.com Cost: Snacks & Sweets range from S\$5-

10++; á la carte menu items from S\$10++ **Opening Hours:** Fri 5.30pm-midnight; Sat & Sun 11am-midnight Nearest MRT: Lavender Station

#### Hua Bee/Bincho

Located in the hip Tiong Bahru enclave (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p91) is a dual concept eatery. In the day, it is Hua Bee kopitiam (local coffeeshop) where diners can tuck into mee pok (flat yellow egg noodles), toast and local coffee. At night, vakitori (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 lunch and dinner set menus that range from S\$25++ to S\$90++ per pax. After dinner, step into Bincho's bar area where Japaneseinspired cocktails, whiskey and sake (a Japanese alcoholic beverage) are served.

#### Address: 78 Moh Guan Terrace #01-19 Tel: +65 6438 4567

Website: www.bincho.com.sg

Email: info@bincho.com.sg

**Cost:** Lunch from S\$25++ to S\$50++ per pax; Dinner S\$90++ per pax; á la carte menu available

Opening Hours: Tue-Sun noon-3pm, 6pmmidnight

Nearest MRT: Tiong Bahru Station

#### Indigo Blue Kitchen NEW

A personal tribute from Les Amis Group Chairman Desmond Lim to his grandmother, Indigo Blue Kitchen offers Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) cuisine made with Desmond's grandmother's recipes. Decorated with Peranakan motifs and traditional batik (a traditional art of decorating cloth with wax and dye) patterns, the restaurant creates a beautiful, soothing space to appreciate the comforting flavours of heritage Peranakan cuisine. Dishes on

the menu include the signature IB's Nyonya Poh Piah (fresh spring roll with vegetables and assorted filling; S\$16++ per roll) as well as classics like Bakwan Kepiting Soup (S\$22++)-hand-rolled balls of crab, prawn, minced pork and julienne bamboo shoots served in a robust chicken, pork & crustacean broth. Complimentary "Apom with Two Penyats" and coffee or tea will be given to guests brought by travel trade.

#### Address: Shaw Centre, 1 Scotts Road #03-09/10/11

Tel: +65 6235 3218 / +65 9797 8842 (Trade Contact: Andrew Cheong)

Website: www.indigobluekitchen.com.sg Email: indigobluekitchen@lesamis.com.sg (Trade Contact: Andrew Cheong)

Cost: Set menu from S\$36++ to S\$88++; á la carte menu available

Opening Hours: Tue-Sun noon-3pm, 6.30-10pm

Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

#### Kausmo NEW

system of thought, Kausmo promotes thoughtful living by challenging food norms that bring about unnecessary wastage. Brain child of co-founders Lisa Tang and Kuah Chew Shian, the concept hopes to creatively repurpose aesthetically filtered fruits and vegetables that are overstocked, over-ripened, and oddly-shaped and from small farming communities in which are often overlooked in favour of prime cuts, and forgotten native greens and florals. Created using European techniques with Asian influences, each dish presents a thoughtful approach for guests to think about how they can in their everyday lives and contribute to a more sustainable ecosystem, in Singapore and beyond. Kausmo's menu is seasonal and visitors will be delighted by its everchanging offerings with every visit. Its six-course Carte Blanche Menu is at S\$75++ per diner and S\$95++ per diner with Kombucha tasting. Flight of three Kombuchas will be complimentary for every diner brought by travel trade.

Address: Shaw Centre, 1 Scotts Road #03-07 Tel: +65 8126 8538 (Trade Contact: Kuah Chew Shian)

Website: www.kausmo.com

**Email:** kausmo@lesamis.com.sg (Trade Contact: Kuah Chew Shian)

**Cost:** 6-course Carte Blanche Menu (\$75++; \$95++ with Kombucha tasting) **Opening Hours:** Tue-Sun (First Seating) 6.30pm, (Second Seating) 8.30pm; Closed on Mon & alternate Sun

Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

KOMA Singapore NEW

A new concept from TAO Group, KOMA Singapore is a Japanese restaurant and sushi bar offering a modern interpretation of Japanese cuisine. Located at Marina Bay Sands<sup>®</sup>, the fine dining establishment features original creations from executive chef Kunihiro Moroi. It takes a bold and distinct approach in its menu, incorporating fresh and seasonal produce and ingredients from Japan. Enter the restaurant through a striking 20-metre passageway lined with orange arches-reminiscent of the Fushimi Inari Shrine in Kyoto-into an intimate lounge where one can experience creative new cocktails or choose from the venue's extensive sake list. The centrepiece of the main dining room is a dramatic 2.5-metre-tall oneof-a-kind Japanese "bell," which presides above a traditional Japanese foot bridge.

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It is complemented by high ceilings, an oversized sushi bar and a private dining room at the mezzanine. KOMA Singapore presents a next-level dining experience where guests can enjoy great food and conversation in a dramatic, unique setting created by the world-renowned design firm Rockwell Group.

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Address: The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands<sup>®</sup>, 2 Bayfront Avenue #B1-67 Tel: +65 6688 8690 / +65 8202 2674 (Trade Contact: Amanda Png) Website: www.komasingapore.com Email: koma.reservations@marinabaysands. com / amanda.png@marinabaysands.com (Trade Contact: Amanda Png)

**Cost:** Prices of á la carte menu varies Opening Hours: Mon-Thu & Sun 5pmmidnight; Fri & Sat 5pm-2am 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, where they will be invited 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. This dining experience is 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: www.noxdineinthedark.com Email: enquiries@noxdineinthedark.com

Cost: Set menu S\$88++

**Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 6pm–late

Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

#### Preludio NEW

Situated in the heart of the city's Central Business District (CBD) is Preludio, a newly-opened fine dining restaurant that uses finest quality ingredients to present guests with a fresh experience and perspective on fine dining. With a desire to offer ever-changing and yet constantly memorable dining experiences, the restaurant will release a new chapter chosen by chef and owner, Fernando Arévalo every 12 to 18 months. With its debut theme 'Monochrome', the dishes on the restaurant's menu are mainly in shades of black and white, exploring flavour, colours, textures and styles surrounding this theme.

Address: Frasers Tower, 182 Cecil Street #03/01-02

Tel: +65 6904 5686

Website: www.preludio.sq Email: somebody@preludio.sg

**Cost:** Lunch from S\$58++ to S\$98++ per pax; Dinner from S\$188++ to S\$238++ per pax; á la carte menu available

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 11.30am-2.30pm: Mon-Sat 6-10pm; Closed on Sun

Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station

#### **Royal Albatross**

Dine aboard one of the largest charter yachts in Singapore, the Royal Albatross on the Sunset Sail dinner cruise. The Royal Albatross is Asia's only 22-sail four-masted and traditionally-rigged Tall ship and is also one of the world's few remaining Tall ships. 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. While dining, 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, p88) to the

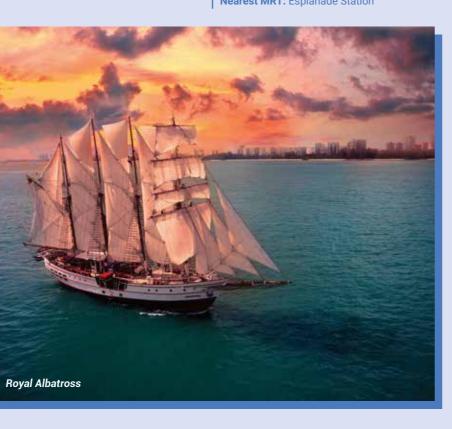
southern coast of Singapore. As a safety requirement, shoes are not allowed on board the ship and they can be stored in the shoe cabinets at the docking area.

Address: Berth adjacent to the SEA Aquarium at Resorts World Sentosa **Tel:** +65 9350 7475 Website: www.tallship.com.sg Email: reservations@tallship.com.sg **Cost:** Prices vary for different cruise

packages; Please visit Royal Albatross's website for seasonal packages Opening Hours: Fri-Sun, 5-7.30pm, 8.30-11pm; Check sailing schedule for availability Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

Address: Suntec Singapore Convention and Exhibition Centre, 3 Temasek Boulevard #01-330

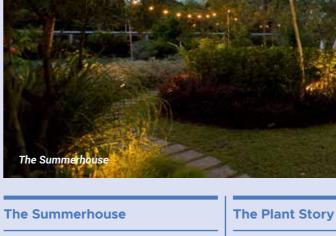
**Tel:** +65 6338 6877 Website: www.GOURMETbus.com.sg Email: sales@gourmetbus.com.sg **Cost:** Lunch S\$67 per pax; Dinner S\$97 per pax Opening Hours: Tue, Thu & Sat noon-1.30pm, 7–9pm Nearest MRT: Esplanade Station



#### Singapore GOURMETbus

A first-of-its-kind in Asia, the Singapore GOURMETbus offers a novel dining experience on the move. The threecourse chicken rice (see Local Favourites, p106) and curry puff (deep-fried or baked pastry with curried fillings) lunch (S\$67 nett) 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 zi char (traditional dishes influenced by homecooked Chinese food) dinner (S\$97 nett). 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, Merlion Park (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p85 and p85 respectively) and Suntec City's Fountain of Wealth. The bus will also make a stop at Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p63) where visitors can catch the Garden Rhapsody light and sound show at the Supertree Grove before enjoying a dessert on board. The bus is wheelchair accessible and can accommodate up to 32 pax. Reservations with payment are





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 with a different theme, the Garden Dome is able to accommodate up to eight pax. The Summerhouse uses the freshest ingredients sourced directly from its garden and farms around the region in its dishes. Its signatures include the 100 Hour Mayura Wagyu Brisket Mbs 9+ that is served with kale, crispy arugla and inka grilled broccolini as well as the tender Confit Duck Leg accompanied by flavourful duck fat, roasted baby potatoes and red onion jam. For vegetarian options, the Moroccan Eggplant ragout, an eggplant 'caviar' served with goat cheese, leek ash and coriander crouton, is highly recommended. Communal Brunch starts at S\$48++ per pax while Communal Dinner is at S\$70++ per pax. 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 and pastries.

Address: Seletar Aerospace Park, 3 Park Lane Tel: +65 8809 5840 / +65 6819 0421 (Trade Contact: Shona Williams) Website: www.thesummerhouse.sg

Email: enquiry@thesummerhouse.sg / shona.williams@1-group.sg (Trade Contact: Shona Williams)

Cost: Brunch S\$48++ per pax; Dinner S\$70++ per pax; á la carte menu available

Opening Hours: Wed-Fri & Eve of Public Holidays 6-10pm; Sat, Sun & Public Holidays 11.30am-3pm, 6-10pm

Nearest MRT: Yishun Station

Established by Cath Lim. a horticulturist. forest therapy guide and culinarian, The Plant Story was established in 2009 to help urbanites recalibrate their soul through nature-based workshops. Visitors can find respite from city life as they pick up new skills and sip handpicked tea, like Butterfly Pea, Mexican Taragon and Spearmint from the garden. One can learn to create their own miniature garden, grow their own edible plants, concoct home remedies and participate in nature bath walks inspire by Japanese practice, Shinrin-Yoku. These private and exclusive workshops start from S\$100 and may be conducted even for just one person. Email workshop@ theplantstory.com to enjoy a sublimely unforgettable experience in Singapore.

Address: Colonial Home in Seletar (opp The Summerhouse) and various nature-rich venue in Singapore **Tel:** +65 9863 8112 Website: www.theplantstory.com Email: workshop@theplantstorv.com **Cost:** Workshops start from S\$100 **Opening Hours:** By appointment only

#### Timbre+

Gastro park Timbre+ brings together a wide range of food offerings and nightly live local music acts in the one-north area. It 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 restaurants like Food Anatomy and Kopifellas. For a refreshing bottle of beer, visitors can head to the Bottle Shop (www.timbreplus. sa/bottle-shop), which offers over 120 craft beers and ciders. With live music performances from 7pm on Mondays to Sundays, this lively space, which features

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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: www.timbreplus.sq Email: info@timbregroup.asia **Cost:** Prices vary for different stalls **Opening Hours:** Mon–Thu 6am–midnight; Fri & Sat 6-1am; Sun 11am-10pm Nearest MRT: one-north Station

#### **Tiong Bahru Bakery Safari**

Go glamping under Tiong Bahru Bakery Safari's expansive tent, and enjoy aromatic pastries baked fresh every two hours. The café invites guests to soak in the cosy atmosphere, catch whiffs of its signature croissants and Kouign Amanns (specialty pastries of Douarnenez in Finistère, Brittany)-made with 100% French flour and French butter-and watch the world go by. Other than the variety of sweet and savoury artisanal pastries available, the café also has Safariexclusive items such as Apple Bircher Muesli With Rojak Flower. Specially designed skylights have been installed in the 46-seater café to mimic a blue sky in the day and a starry night sky at night, giving visitors a natural ambience.

#### Address: Dempsey Hill, 130 E Minden Road Tel: +65 6877 4876 / +65 6474 5964 (Trade Contact: Gwen Thiam)

Website: www.tiongbahrubakery.com Email: enquiries@tiongbahrubakery.com / gwen.thiam@spa-esprit.com (Trade Contact: Gwen Thiam) Cost: á la carte items starts from S\$6++;

Safari exclusive items are seasonal **Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 8am–6pm Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

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# 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 local 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 with vegetables), 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: 663 Buffalo Road #01-10 and other locations

Tel: +65 6291 1943 (Tekka Centre branch) Website: www.anandabhavan.com Email: admin@anandabhavan.com Cost: Mains from S\$9++ **Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 7am–10pm (Tekka Centre branch) Nearest MRT: Little India Station

### **Chao Shan Cuisine**

This go-to spot for Teochew cuisine can take up to 200 diners across three private rooms, and has 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, vam paste, steamed fish and oyster omelette. A favourite is their version of char kway teow (stir-fried rice noodles in dark soya sauce)-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 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 Cost: Mains from S\$20++ Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 11.30am-3pm, 5.30-10pm Nearest MRT: Raffles Place Station

#### Fatty Weng

Once a humble roadside stall, this heritage Cantonese zi char (traditional dishes influenced by home-cooked Chinese food) style restaurant is known for its affordably priced Cantonese dishes starting from just S\$10.80, such as a deep-fried soon hock (a species of fish native to Asia). While it has 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, p107) with thick and spicy sauce. Set menus start from S\$58++ for two.

Address: 39 Smith Street **Tel:** +65 6221 3822 Website: www.fattyweng.com.sg **Cost:** Set menus from S\$58++ for two **Opening hours:** Mon–Sun 10am–11pm

Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station

#### **Goldleaf Restaurant**

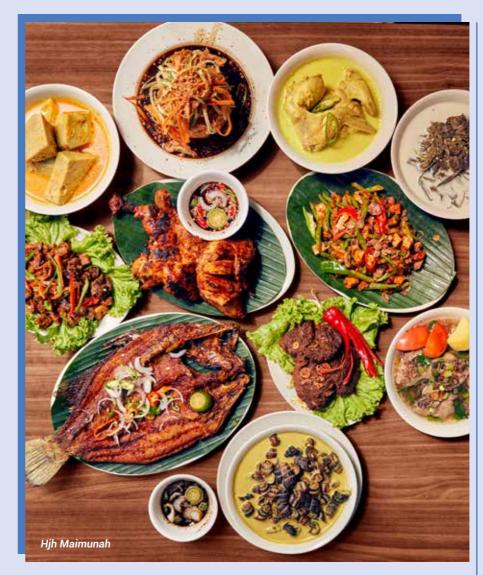
Goldleaf Restaurant was the first restaurant in Singapore to sell Taiwanese Porridge in 1971 and can now be found in the newly restored, former Joo Chiat Police Station. Amongst the classic and new dishes, signature ones include steamed pork patty with salted egg yolk and salted fish, the omelette with *chye poh* (Chinese preserved radish) and Goldleaf's Signature Fried Rice. Guests can be assured of freshness as all dishes 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: www.goldleaf.com.sg Email: contact@goldleaf.com.sg Cost: Mains from S\$10++ **Opening hours:** Mon-Sun & Public Holidays 11am-2.30pm, 6-10pm Nearest MRT: Eunos Station

#### Guan Hoe Soon

Singapore's oldest Peranakan (Straitsborn 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 black nuts indigenous to Southeast Asia). Main courses from S\$10.80++.

Address: 38 & 40 Joo Chiat Place **Tel:** +65 6344 2761 **Fax:** +65 6440 5650 Website: www.guanhoesoon.com Email: sales@guanhoesoon.com Cost: Mains from S\$10.80++ Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 11am-3pm, 6–9nm Nearest MRT: Eunos Station



#### Hih Maimunah 🌺

Established in the 90s, Hjh Maimunah has become a familiar name in the local Muslim community for its variety of mouth-watering nasi padang dishes (steamed rice served with various 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). Hih Maimunah offers two 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.

Address: 11 & 15 Jalan Pisang (Kampong Glam) / 20 Joo Chiat Road #01-02 (Joo Chiat)

Tel: +65 6297 4294 (Kampong Glam) / +65 6348 5457 (Joo Chiat)

Website: www.hjmaimunah.com

Email: hjh.maimunah@gmail.com **Cost:** Prices of á la carte menu varies

Opening Hours: Mon-Sat 7am-8pm (Kampong Glam); Tue-Sun 8am-9pm (Joo Chiat)

Nearest MRT: Bugis Station / Eunos Station

#### Islamic Restaurant 🚇

Serving halal Asian heritage food in Kampong Glam (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p74), 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 late Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew, and the late President S.R. Nathan have patronised this heritage restaurant. Main courses from S\$10++.

Address: 745 North Bridge Road #01-01 **Tel:** +65 6298 7563 Website: www.islamic.sg Email: enquiry@islamic.sg Cost: Mains S\$10++ Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-10pm; Closed on Fri from 1–2pm Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

#### Prima Tower Revolving Restaurant

Established in 1977, this is one of the only two revolving Chinese restaurants in Singapore. At 15-storeys high, the





restaurant gives diners panoramic views of the city skyline, Sentosa (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p88) and the surrounding waters. It specialises in Beijing cuisine with a wide selection of *dim sum* (bite-sized portions of food served in steamer baskets or small plates) and signature dishes such as Peking duck and Shredded Scallops with Fish and Egg White. The Peking duck is superbly done with crispy duck skin on a wafer-thin pancake.

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Address: 201 Keppel Road **Tel:** +65 6272 8822 / +65 6272 8988 Website: www.primatower.com.sq Email: feedback.pfs@prima.com.sg **Cost:** Set menus from S\$288++ for 10 pax 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

#### **Red Star Restaurant**

This is one of Singapore's most fabled 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, p70), the restaurant has a seating capacity of 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: www.redstarrestaurant.com.sg

Cost: Set menu from S\$448++ for 10 pax; á la carte menu and dim sum are available **Opening Hours:** Mon–Sat 8am–3pm, 6-10pm; Sun & Public Holidays 7am-3pm, 6-10pm

Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station / **Clarke Quay Station** 



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Red Star Restaurant's retro interiors and menus have hardly changed since 1971. It is also one of the last surviving push cart *dim sum* restaurants in Singapore.

#### Samy's Curry

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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 mostly ventilated by ceiling fans, seats up to 300 quests and serves dishes on fresh banana leaves. Diners can choose from dishes like brivani (an Indian spiced rice dish with meat or vegetables), fried cauliflower, Mysore mutton and masala (a marinade of mixed Indian spices) chicken; or order their bestsellers such as the fish cutlet and curry fish head-fresh red snapper fish head stewed in a curry with assorted vegetables.

#### Address: 25 Dempsey Road #01-03 Tel: +65 6472 2080

Website: www.samyscurry.com Email: info@samyscurry.com Cost: Fish Head Curry from S\$21 to S\$33; á la carte menu from S\$2.10 a serving Opening Hours: Mon & Wed-Sun 11am-3pm, 6–10pm; Closed on Tue

#### **NAGAJYOTHI MAHENDRAN** Director of Samy's Curry

"Running a restaurant is tough. Long hours, shortage of staff, high costs and high competition. And then a customer comes up to me and says "I love your food ." And suddenly, it makes it all worthwhile."



It was at 19 when Nagajyothi Mahendran, fresh out of junior college, had to step up to lead her family's business-Samy's Curry. As a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation successor, she works hard to improve and innovate in the restaurant. No ordinary restaurant, it has over 50 years of culinary heritage and is one of Singapore's oldest South Indian restaurants. Her father has since recovered and watches over as Nagajyothi and her brother helm the business.

#### **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: www.shashlik.sq Email: enquiry@shashlik.sg Cost: Mains from S\$20++

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

Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

#### **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 equ. 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 staff member. Festive sets and group dining deals are available. Main courses from S\$20++.

- Address: 52-56 Upper Cross Street Tel: +65 6449 5030 Website: www.springcourt.com.sg Email: reservations@springcourt.com.sg **Cost:** Mains from S\$20 Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 11am-3pm, 6-10pm
- Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station



#### The Ship Restaurant & Bar

An institution of Singapore's dining scene since 1977, this charming Hainanese steakhouse is designed like the interior of a ship with numerous nautical details that add to a fun dining experience. The nautical-themed restaurant is one of the remaining old-school Western restaurants in Singapore. 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: www.theship.com.sg

Email: enquiry@theship.com.sg Cost: Mains from S\$15++

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 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 served with various 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 **Cost:** Mains from S\$5 **Opening Hours:** Mon-Sun 7am-4pm Nearest MRT: Bugis Station / Lavender Station

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and lounge spaces with scenic views, these establishments offer afternoon and indulge in delicious tea and nibbles. Afternoon tea is it is recommended to call ahead to

#### Arteastig Boutique Tea House

Arteastig Boutique Tea House offers two afternoon tea sets daily. Besides regular tea, alcoholic teas are also available. The National Treasure High Tea set features

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# AFTERNOON TEA

From elegant hotel settings to café the perfect excuse to while away the generally served from 2 to 5.30pm; check the timings and secure a table. four savoury and four sweet local bites such as chicken satay (grilled meat skewers) and banana pancake wrapped in pandan leaves, with the choice of two non-alcoholic specialty teas from Arteastig's comprehensive tea menu. Meant for two pax, the Signature High Tea set also comes with four sweet and four savoury nibbles such as the Vol Au Vent with Tuna and Cheese, with a choice of two specialty teas. Visitors can also get creative at art jam sessions (S\$48++ per session) in Arteastig's social painting studio before or after afternoon tea.

#### Address: Mandarin Gallery, 333A Orchard Road #04-14/15 and other locations **Tel:** +65 6235 8370

Website: www.arteastiq.com Email: mandaringallery@arteastiq.com / luth@arteastiq.com (Trade Contact: Luth Seah)

**Cost:** From S\$38++ for two pax **Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 11am–10pm Nearest MRT: Somerset Station

#### National Kitchen by Violet Oon

Housed in the National Gallery Singapore (see Attractions, Arts, Museums & Heritage, p55), National Kitchen by Violet Oon offers a daily high tea set for two. The high tea set come with a threetiered stand that hold six Peranakanstyle (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) savouries and six nonya-style (Peranakan term for women) 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, p108) 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: www.violetoon.com Email: eat@violetoon.com / events@violetoon.com **Cost:** From S\$56++ for two pax

Opening Hours: Mon-Sun noon-3pm (Lunch), 3–5pm (High Tea), 6–10pm (Dinner) Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

#### **The Clifford Pier**

The Clifford Pier is located in The Fullerton Bay Hotel Singapore, a modern hotel that pays tribute to a bygone era, and where diners can enjoy a luxurious afternoon tea experience in a chic setting. The Singapore Heritage Afternoon Tea set is offered daily and features sweet and savoury dishes inspired by Singapore's culinary specialities. For example, chilli crab (see Local Favourites, p107), an iconic Singaporean dish, is served in a stuffed fried mantou (fried buns), while bak kwa (barbecued meat slices) is transformed into a jam and served on an egg tart. On the sweet side, highlights include bandung (rose syrup drink) macarons fluffy 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 (pulled milk tea) and bandung.

#### Address: The Fullerton Bay Hotel, 80 Collyer Quay

**Tel:** +65 6877 8911 / +65 6877 8912 Website: www.fullertonhotels.com/fullertonbay-hotel-singapore/dining/the-clifford-pier Email: fbh.info@fullertonhotels.com **Cost:** From S\$50++ per pax **Opening Hours:** Mon-Fri noon-midnight;

Sat & Public Holidays noon-1am Nearest MRT: Raffles Place Station



#### The Rose Veranda

One of Singapore's best-known and most popular spots for afternoon tea, The Rose Veranda has been serving high tea since 1991. An authentic afternoon tea experience awaits with The Rose Veranda's collection of more than 50 varieties of premium tea. This is paired with a buffet selection of classic European favourites, such as roast beef and warm scones, as well as Asian delights including sushi and sashimi. Must-try dishes include the laksa (spicy coconut milk-based noodle soup), which guests can DIY at a dedicated station, as well as an extensive selection of pastries and desserts. An exclusive experience awaits in the restaurant's location at the mezzanine level above the hotel lobby, complete with views of the hotel's free-form swimming pool and lush tropical gardens.

The high tea buffet is available daily at S\$56++. Weekday sessions start as early as 11.30am and end only at 5pm. For visitors who want more flexibility, there are two-seat settings for the buffet on weekends and public holidays. Contact the restaurant for more details.

Address: Shangri-La Hotel, 22 Orange Grove Road, Tower Wing Mezzanine Level Tel: +65 6213 4398

Website: www.shangri-la.com/singapore/ shangrila/dining/bars-lounges/rose-veranda/ Email: dining.sls@shangri-la.com

**Cost:** S\$56++ per adult, S\$28++ per child (six to 11 years old)

**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 Salon & Boutique

Established in Singapore in 2008, TWG Tea offers more than 800 types of tea, and has salons and boutiques in various locations islandwide. The tearooms are dine-in areas for guests to enjoy afternoon tea in a chic setting that features objets d'art, ornate mirrors and brass counters. Diners can choose from four Tea Time sets or from the all-day à la carte menu.

Address: The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands<sup>®</sup>, 2 Bayfront Avenue B2-65/68A and other locations

**Tel:** +65 6565 1837

Website: www.twgtea.com **Cost:** From S\$20++ per pax for Tea Time sets

Opening Hours: Mon-Thu & Sun 10am-0.30pm; Fri, Sat & Eve of Public Holidays 10am-midnight

#### learest MRT: Bayfront Station

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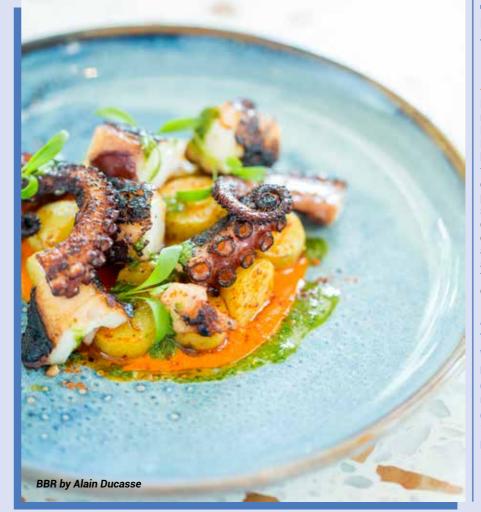
## **CELEBRITY FINE** DINING

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 generally have a smart casual dress code (no shorts, slippers or sandals) but some restaurants like JAAN by Kirk Westaway (see p119), have a stricter elegant dress code (suit and tie, formal dress, pant suit).

Adrift by David Myers

# prepares dishes using fresh Californian ingredients with Asian inspiration. The windows that fill the space with natural backdrop by night. Guests can order signature dishes such as the Wagyu Cheeseburger Spring Roll with Caviar (S\$8++) and the Striploin A5 from Saga (S\$115++ per 100g). For a bespoke

Address: Marina Bay Sands<sup>®</sup>, 10 Bayfront Avenue, Tower 2 Hotel Lobby **Tel:** +65 6688 5657 Website: www.marinabaysands.com/Adrift Email: Adrift.Reservations@ marinabaysands.com Cost: Mains from S\$28++ **Opening Hours:** (Dining Room) Mon-Sun 7am-11pm; (Bar & Lounge) Mon-Sun 11pm-2am **Nearest MRT:** Bayfront Station



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Started by Los-Angeles based celebrity chef David Myers, Adrift by David Myers restaurant's large seating area is adorned with sofas, cushions and floor-to-ceiling sunlight by day and provides an intimate Prefecture served with Asian condiments dining experience, guests can opt for the Omakase dinner and let the chef curate a special menu. The Ginza-inspired cocktail bar serves handcrafted cocktails including signature concoctions Lepak Local and One Last Night (S\$24++ each). Brunch is available on weekends from noon to 3pm.

#### BBR by Alain Ducasse NEW

Acclaimed chef Alain Ducasse presents BBR, his first Mediterranean sharing and grill restaurant and bar in Southeast Asia-the new chapter of Raffles Hotel Singapore's (see Stay, p30) muchloved Bar & Billiard Room. The dining menu encapsulates the essence of Portugal, Spain, Italy and France, bringing guests on a culinary journey along the Mediterranean coast. Dining experiences at BBR will be complemented by a lively bar scene that is fun, relaxed and perfect for social gatherings. The 122-year-old restaurant, which started as a club during British colonial rule, continues to be the social gathering space of choice for travellers and the local community alike. Its bar also offers a selection of spirits, cocktails, beers, wines and wine cocktails that guests can wind down with after a delightful meal.

#### Address: Raffles Hotel, 1 Beach Road Tel: +65 6337 1886

Website: www.bbr-byalainducasse.com.sg Email: bbr@raffles.com

Cost: Starters & Desserts range from S\$10 to S\$30++; Main courses range from S\$40 to S\$80++

Opening Hours: Mon-Thu noon-2.30pm, 6-10.30pm; Fri & Sat noon-2.30pm, 6–11pm; Sun noon–2.30pm, 6–9pm Nearest MRT: Esplanade Station

#### Burnt Ends 👯 👩



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Burnt Ends is a modern barbecue restaurant ranked 10<sup>th</sup> on Asia's 50 Best Restaurants 2019. Helmed by chef Dave Pynt, 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-available for up to eight pax-will enjoy a personally curated menu.

Address: 20 Teck Lim Road **Tel:** +65 6224 3933 Website: burntends.com.sq Email: eat@burntends.com.sg **Cost:** Prices may vary for daily à la carte menu items Opening Hours: Tue-Sat 6pm-late; Wed-Sat 11.45am-2pm Nearest MRT: Outram Park Station



#### Candlenut 🛱

The world's first Michelin-starred Peranakan restaurant, Candlenut takes a contemporary yet authentic approach to traditional Straits-Chinese cuisine. The restaurant serves up refined Peranakan cuisine that embody the essence and complexities of traditional food, with savvy twists that lift the flavourful dishes to a different level. Helmed by chef Malcolm Lee-the first Singaporean recipient of the Miele Guide Scholarship, Candlenut is committed to continually create inspired and elevated Peranakan dishes using the freshest seasonal produce available. Dishes are made with ingredients and spices that may not be suitable for specific dietary requirements, quests with dietary restrictions should inform the restaurant in advance.

#### Address: 17A Dempsey Road

**Tel:** 1800 304 2288 (For local calls only) Website: www.comodempsey.sg/restaurant/ candlenut

Email: candlenutres@comodempsey.sg Cost: Lunch S\$88++; Dinner S\$128++

Opening Hours: Mon-Sun noon-3pm; Mon-Thu & Sun 6–10pm; Fri, Sat & Eve of Public Holidays 6–11pm

Nearest MRT: Farrer Road Station / **Orchard Station** 

## Corner House 🖧 🚳

At Corner House, chef Jason Tan's culinary philosophy takes vegetables to a whole new level. The one-Michelinstarred restaurant is located in a two-storey colonial black and white bungalow in Singapore Botanic Gardens (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p66) and has also been ranked on Asia's 50 Best Restaurants 2019. 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 puree with sous-vide egg topped with black truffle. The eightcourse Discovery Menu Experience is designed for visitors who prefer to leave the menu decision to the chef. The restaurant's Claret Corner, which accommodates up to eight people, is ideal for groups.

Address: E J H Corner House at Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road, Nassim Gate **Tel:** +65 6469 1000 **Fax:** +65 6469 0136

Website: www.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

#### CUT by Wolfgang Puck 🛱

Serving up prestigious Kobe and Hokkaido Snow beef from Japan, rare heritage breeds such as Red Poll and Longhorn alongside other Wagyu selections from across the world, Michelin-starred CUT by Wolfgang Puck is a haven for steak connoisseurs. Guests can enjoy a wide array of signature entrees such as Pan-Roasted Maine Lobster with Black Truffle Sabayon, as well as a range of aged beef options. CUT also features a bar and lounge offering hand-crafted cocktails and bites such as the popular Mini Kobe "Sliders".

#### Address: The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands<sup>®</sup>, 2 Bayfront Avenue B1-71 Tel: +65 6688 8517

Website: www.marinabaysands.com/ restaurants/cut.html

Email: cutreservations@marinabaysands.com **Cost:** Prices may vary for daily à la carte menu items; Corporate packages available

from S\$175++ to S\$350++ per pax **Opening Hours:** (Dining Room) Mon-Thu & Sun 5.30–10pm, Fri & Sat 5.30–11pm; (Bar & Lounge) 5.30pm-midnight

Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station

#### JAAN by Kirk Westaway 🛱 🙆

Consecutively awarded one Michelin star in 2019 and 2018, and ranked 32<sup>nd</sup> in Asia's Best 50 Restaurants 2019, JAAN by Kirk Westaway is an internationally celebrated restaurant on the highest floor of Singapore's iconic Swissôtel The Stamford (see Stay, p30). Helmed by executive chef Kirk Westaway, the establishment serves a perpetually evolving menu embodving 'Reinventing British'; a philosophy to showcase British dining in a new light. Enjoy nature's finest in this intimate 40-seater restaurant and witness a harmonious interplay of quality ingredients kept true to nature's perfection.

Address: Swissôtel The Stamford, 2 Stamford Road Level 70 Tel: +65 9199 9008

Website: www.jaan.com.sg

Email: jaan.bookings@swissotel.com

**Cost:** Prices vary for seasonal set menus: Please visit JAAN's website for more information

**Opening Hours:** Mon-Sat 11.45am-1pm, 6.45–8pm; Closed on Sun and Public Holidavs

Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

#### La Dame de Pic NEW

La Dame de Pic by Anne-Sophie Pic, marks the third-generation Michelinstarred chef's debut into Asia. Enter the restaurant's beautiful heritage space and be invited to discover exquisite signature creations such as the Berlingots-iconic pasta parcels found in all of Anne-Sophie Pic's restaurants around the world. The dish has been slightly adapted to Singapore, incorporating a new flavour association using herb of grace, also known as chou cao, which enhances the Berlingots' French cheese fondue filling. A highlight of La Dame de Pic's gastronomical fare are the desserts such as Anne-Sophie Pic's signature White Mille-feuille, featuring ginger flower light cream, confit grapefruit and Litsea cubeba emulsion; and the refreshing Gariguette Strawberry and Rosat Geranium, which consists of confit Batak berries, strawberry consommé and geranium rosat sorbet.

#### Address: Raffles Hotel, 1 Beach Road Tel: +65 6337 1886

Website: www.ladamedepic.com.sg

Email: ladamedepic@raffles.com

**Cost:** Lunch from S\$128++ to S\$328++ per pax (Not available on Saturdays and Public Holidays); Dinner from S\$198++ to S\$328++ per pax

Opening Hours: Tue-Sat noon-1.45pm (Last seating), 6.30–9pm (Last seating) **Nearest MRT:** Esplanade Station

Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

**Tel:** +65 6733 2225

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The three-Michelin-starred Les Amis made her maiden debut back in 1994 as Singapore's first independent fine dining restaurant. Today, under the leadership of the highly decorated chef Sebastien Lepinoy, Les Amis timeless elegance is echoed in every single detail which has been carefully crafted to take guests on an exceptional culinary journey. The restaurant's uncompromising dedication to deliver a memorable dining experience has not only earned them the coveted three Michelin stars, but international recognition from several established institutions such as Forbes Travel Guide, Asia's 50 Best Restaurants, Wine Spectator and Les Grandes Tables Du Monde to name a few. Chef Lepinov's collection of recipes features a plethora of prized seasonal ingredients sourced from all over France. All his dishes are prepared with finesse and a high level of technicality, displaying true mastery of French gastronomy.

Address: Shaw Centre, 1 Scotts Road

Website: lesamis.com.sg Email: lesamis@lesamis.com.sg (For

**Cost:** Prices vary for set menus

Opening Hours: Mon-Sun noon-1.45pm (Last seating 1.30pm, last order 1.45pm), 7-8.45pm (Last seating 8.30pm, last order

### Nouri 🖧 👩

One-Michelin-starred Nouri serves up delicacies with the philosophy that all great cuisines are the product of intersecting cultures across time. Led by this philosophy, the restaurant has a research arm-Appetite-that delves into material culture with a focus on food. Ranked on Asia's 50 Best Restaurants 2019, Nouri provides a cosy setting where diners can experience an open kitchen concept and a chef's tasting menu-a representation of Nouri's cuisine, that changes every nine months. Guests can enjoy an excellent wine and sake list that comes with an emphasis on natural wines and rare finds.

Address: 72 Amoy Street Tel: +65 6221 4148 / +65 9230 2477 (Trade Contact: Matthew Chan)

Website: www.nouri.com.sg

Email: info@nouri.com.sg / matthew@nouri.com.sg (Trade Contact: Matthew Chan)

**Cost:** Lunch set from S\$48++; Dinner set from S\$180++; Supper set from S\$55++

Opening Hours: (Lunch) Tue-Fri 11.30am-2.30pm; (Dinner) Mon-Sat 6-10pm Nearest MRT: Telok Ayer Station / Tanjong **Pagar Station** 

#### Ocean Restaurant<sup>™</sup>

Enjoy a meal at Ocean Restaurant™ while watching over 100,000 marine animals swim behind floor-to-ceiling glass panels. The restaurant, which serves Mediterranean-Californian cuisine with an Asian flair, is housed within the S.E.A. Aquarium™ (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p65). The restaurant's sustainable approach to food shines through its signature dishes, such as the chargrilled wagyu prime cuts and sousvide 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: Resorts World<sup>™</sup> Sentosa, Equarius Hotel, West B1M Carpark **Tel:** +65 6577 6688 / +65 6577 6869 Website: www.rwsentosa.com/en/ restaurants/ocean-restaurant Email: dining@rwsentosa.com / ocean@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 \*\*\* 6

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(2016 / 2019)

This fine dining French restaurant was awarded two Michelin stars in 2016, 2017 and 2018 and is ranked 1<sup>st</sup> on Asia's 50 Best Restaurants 2019 and 18<sup>th</sup> on World's 50 beautiful grounds of the National Gallery Odette serves modern French cuisine that's inspired by co-owner and award-winning chef Julien Royer's <u>grandmother, whom the restaurant is</u> named after. It even has a private dining room-which can accommodate up to ten 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 / +65 9089 7407 (Trade Contact: Amelia Yim)

Website: www.odetterestaurant.com

Email: enquiry@odetterestaurant.com Cost: Prices vary for set menus; No á la carte menu items

Opening Hours: (Lunch) Mon-Sat noon-1.15pm; (Dinner) Tue-Sat 7-8.15pm; Closed on Sun & Public Holidays Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

#### Restaurant JAG NEW

Inspired by the beauty and nature of the mountainsides in Savoie, France, Restaurant JAG takes an artisanal approach in creating culinary masterpieces that inspire. 40 thoughtfully selected indigenous herbs were exclusively flown in from France and their distinctive traits are highlighted in each of Restaurant JAG's dishes. The establishment also houses The Lounge Bar, Singapore's only French craft cocktail bar. It offers a nature-inspired menu and incorporates the 40 herbs flown directly from the stunning French Alps into its dedicated drink selection. A smart casual dress code that prohibits shorts and flip flops applies, and children have to be at least ten years old to dine at the restaurant.

Address: 76 Duxton Road

Tel: +65 3138 8477 / +65 9686 5440 (Trade Contact: Anant Tyagi)

Website: www.restaurantjag.com Email: reservations@restaurantjag.com / anant@restaurantjag.com (Trade Contact: Anant Tyagi)

Cost: Omakase Lunch Experience from S\$58++; Omakase Dinner Experience from S\$168++

**Opening Hours:** (Lunch) Tue-Fri noon-2pm; (Dinner) Tue-Sat 6-10pm; (Bar) Tue-Sat 6-11.30pm; Closed on Mon, Sun & Public Holidays

Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station



"Food to me is about sharing. International producers share their best ingredients with us, which we carefully prepare to create an unforgettable moment for our diners."



Inspired by a herb forager who had a collection of herbs with medicinal properties from the French Alps, chef-owner Jeremy Gillion has been experimenting with these herbs in his dishes even before he opened Restaurant JAG. Now whenever he wishes to create a dish, he envisions the flavours he wishes to bring out and matches them with specific French herbs-resulting in culinary masterpieces.

#### Restaurant Zén 않않

Restaurant Zén is the Singapore outpost of three-Michelin-starred contemporary Nordic restaurant-Restaurant Frantzén in Stockholm, Sweden. It is the only international restaurant under the Frantzén Group to serve a tasting menu exclusively. Restaurant Zén is only open for dinner and guests will have to make reservations in advance, it offers only one tasting menu that comprises nine courses and canapés. Its setting is intimate and cosy, with a space that can accommodate up to 24 guests, and the cuisine served encapsulates modern Nordic food with a touch of inspiration from Japanese ingredients. The restaurant's service has also been highly praised for being engaging, friendly and attentive.

Address: 41 Bukit Pasoh Road **Tel:** +65 6534 8880 Website: www.restaurantzen.com Email: reservations@restaurantzen.com Cost: Fixed menu at S\$450++ **Opening Hours:** Dinner reservations only Nearest MRT: Outram Park Station

#### table65 NEW 🕄

As the first restaurant of chefs Richard van Oostenbrugge and Thomas Groot outside of the Netherlands, table65 artfully combines fun and fine dining for a refreshing dining experience. table65 prides itself in being a 'no pretence', fine-casual dining establishment where guests can interact with chefs at the communal chef's table. Cuisine served are delightful outcomes of creative takes on modern European cuisine, bringing diners rich flavours and innovative plating. Diners will have a truly immersive experience with visual projections on their dining plates as well. For dessert, diners can look forward to the widely Instagrammed Apple dessert-sweet on the taste buds and picture-perfect on cameras.

Address: Resorts World<sup>™</sup> Sentosa, Hotel Michael, 8 Sentosa Gateway **Tel:** +65 6577 7939 / +65 6577 6688 Website: www.rwsentosa.com/table65 Email: table65@rwsentosa.com / dining@rwsentosa.com / restaurantsales@rwsentosa.com **Cost:** Set Menu from S\$148++

Opening Hours: Tue-Sat noon-2pm, 6.30-10.30pm; Closed on Mon, Sun, Eve of & Public Holidays Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

#### 藝 yÌ by Jereme Leung NEW

藝 yì, which stands for art in the Chinese language, references centuries of culinary mastery to bring the best in the fine art of Chinese dining. The classy restaurant features artistic adaptations of provincial cuisine from all the different regions of China. The restaurant brings guests on an exploration to China's diverse cultural regions with dishes incorporating singlesourced and seasonal ingredients with a contemporary approach. Its signature dish, the Hundred-ring Cucumber with Sea Whelk, is skilfully sliced and served with refreshing vinaigrette and sea whelk-presenting a refreshing experience for visitors' taste buds.

Allergens and dietary specifications are highlighted in the menu and staff will able to assist with any dietary requirements.

Address: Raffles Arcade, 328 North Bridge Road #03-02 Tel: +65 6337 1886 / +65 6412 1331 Website: www.yi-restaurant.com.sg Email: yi@raffles.com **Cost:** Á la carte menu prices vary Opening Hours: Mon-Sun (Lunch) 11.30am-1.30pm; (Dinner) 6-9.15pm Nearest MRT: Esplanade Station

# HALAL RESTAURANTS

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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 across the island, especially in the Muslim ethnic enclaves, such as Arab Street and Kampong Glam (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p74). From café fare to Asian inspired Mexican dishes, halal food in Singapore is aplenty.





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### (working title) – Burger Bar 🎂

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This unassuming café offers delicious options for brunch, lunch and dinner. Visitors can look forward to savouring bites such as the popular Ribena wings (\$9.90+). Burger lovers can feast on the signature Tower of Power (S\$23.90+), a burger stuffed with three freshly ground beef patties with cheddar cheese, caramelised onions crushed tater tots, romaine lettuce, tomatoes, and homemade BBQ sauce. Diners can even get creative and build their own burger from an array of ingredients available on the menu.

Address: 783 North Bridge Road Tel: +65 8768 0463 Website: www.workingtitle.sg Email: ask@workingtitle.sg Cost: Snacks from S\$6.90 to S\$9.90+; Mains from S\$9.90+ **Opening Hours:** Mon-Thu 11am-10pm; Fri 11am-11pm; Sat & Sun 10am-11pm Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

#### Badoque 🌺

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Badoque boasts an internationally inspired menu of Mediterranean, Western and fusion cuisines. Indulge in restaurant signatures such as the 90-day aged Australian Wagyu Steak (S\$55++), the Seafood Aglio Olio (S\$24++) and Kepak Bing Bing (S\$12++)-ultra-spicy chicken wings. A must-try for meat lovers is the Beef Ribs-signature Badoque ribs glazed in a homemade barbecue sauce (S\$42++). The restaurant accepts reservations for up to 30 pax.

#### Address: 298 Bedok Road

Tel: +65 6446 6928 / +65 9139 6557 (Trade Contact: Khadijah Johar)

Website: www.badoquecafe.com.sg Email: info@badoguecafe.com.sg / khadijahjohar@badoquecafe.com.sg (Trade Contact: Khadijah Johar)

**Cost:** Starters from S\$2.50++ to S\$12.50++; Mains from S\$16++ to S\$95++

**Opening Hours:** Tue–Sun noon–11pm 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 heritage brand with four outlets. Unlike other briyani (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 restaurant serves dum style (steaming) briyani, which involves cooking the rice and meat together evenly and allowing the ingredients to soak up the flavours and spices. The secret to its Biryani (from S\$6) 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 dish is cooked digitally in ovens to ensure a controlled setting for cooking to be even and quality to be consistently maintained. The result? Tender chunks of meat and the irresistible aroma of authentic dum *brivani*, one of the many reasons that this eatery made the MICHELIN guide's Bib Gourmand list for four consecutive years, from 2016 to 2019.

Address: 48 & 50 Dunlop Street Tel: +65 6935 1326 / +65 9118 7142 (Trade Contact: Zara Salahuddin) Website: www.bismillahbiryani.com Email: bismillahbiryanisg@gmail.com (Trade Contact: Zara Salahuddin)

Cost: Mains from S\$6 Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 11.30am-8.45pm (Last order) Nearest MRT: Rochor Station

#### Carousel 🔛

This newly renovated restaurant at Royal Plaza on Scotts, situated near the Orchard Road shopping belt (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p85), is famous for its extensive buffets (Lunch: S\$58++ to S\$68++; Dinner: S\$80++ to S\$88++), 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\$35++ per adult) and high tea (S\$42++ to S\$48++). Rates for children aged four to 11 are available.

#### Address: Royal Plaza on Scotts, 25 Scotts Road

#### **Tel:** +65 6219 3780

Website: www.carouselbuffet.com.sg Email: carousel@royalplaza.com.sg **Cost:** S\$35 to S\$88++ per adult; S\$20 to S\$49++ per child; Dining promotion available during festive seasons

**Opening Hours:** Mon-Sun 6.30-10am, noon-2pm, 3.30-5.30pm, 6.30-9.30pm Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

### Elfuego<sup>™</sup> by COLLIN'S<sup>®</sup> 🌺

Located at Jewel Changi Airport (see Shopping, Malls, p142), Elfuego™ is the newest concept by local western food chain, COLLIN'S®, that aims to

with quality European cuisine crafted by a team of award-winning chefs. The restaurant's head chef, Koh Han Jie, has amassed a wealth of experience in French and Europe culinary techniques, been trained in Les Amis (see Celebrity Fine Dining, p120) and even attained the champion title in the Young Talent Escoffier World Culinary Competition in 2018. At Elfuego™, quests will be treated to a curated selection of charcoal grilled meats, seafood dishes and sharing plates for large groups and original desserts. Recommended dishes include the Glazed Spiced Duck Breast with Roasted Plum and Wilted Spinach (S\$22++) as well as the Charcoal Grilled Australian Lamb Shoulder (S\$78++) that is slow-cooked for up to 12 hours and finished over a charcoal grill oven. For those looking for a sweet treat, Elfuego™ recommends Cacao (S\$16++), a popular dessert made of variations of chocolate flavours and textures.

redefine the dining experience for guest

Address: Jewel Changi Airport, 78 Airport Boulevard #02-216

Tel: +65 6513 0716 / +65 6509 0777 (Trade Contact: Audrey Ng)

Website: www.elfuego.sg

Email: enquiry@elfuego.sg / audrey.ng@collins.sg (Trade Contact: Audrey Na) Cost: Mains from S\$19++; Lunch set from

S\$19.90++

Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-11pm Nearest MRT: Changi Airport Station



#### FATPAPAS

Created by the makers of Fatboy's The Burger Bar and Singaporean rapper Sheikh Haikel, diner chain FATPAPAS is the halal version of Fatboy's The Burger Bar. Its menu offers an array of delicious mains and sides. Recommendations include specialty fries such as Beef Chili Cheese Fries (S\$7.50++) and Parmesan Truffle Fries (S\$7.50++) as well as specialty burgers like Wimpy Burger (S\$15++). Must-order off-the-menu items include The Sheikh Shack and Country Fried Sheikh Burger, both exclusive to FATPAPAS's three outlets. Non-burger mains such as Country Fried Steak (S\$19.80++), BBO Beef Ribs (S\$28.80++), Spaghetti Meatballs (S\$14++) and Salmon on Greens (S\$15++) are available as well. Diners also have the option of building their own burger or tucking into plant-based dishes from the FATPAPAS IMPOSSIBLE™ menu. FATPAPAS is also known for their delectable milkshakes (S\$10++) that come in six flavours and can be customised with an assortment of toppings.

Address: 17 Bali Lane and other locations Tel: +65 6291 8028 (Bali Lane outlet) / +65 9005 0342 (Trade Contact: Anna Belle) Website: www.fatpapas.sg

Email: reservations@fatpapas.sg /

annabelle@fatpapas.sg (Trade Contact: Anna Belle)

**Cost:** Speciality Burgers from S\$11.80++

Opening Hours: Mon-Thu noon-10pm; Fri-Sun, Eve of & Public Holidays noon-10.30pm (Bali Lane outlet)

Nearest MRT: Bugis Station (Bali Lane outlet)

#### Harāru Izakaya 🔛

Singapore's first Muslim-owned Izakaya, Harāru Izakaya specializes in Japanese charcoal-grilled items. The two-storey restaurant sports a traditional Japanesestyle interior with a tatami dining space on the second floor. Choose from charcoal grilled options such as the Surume Ika (S\$17+), a grilled whole squid. The Kushiyaki sticks include the chicken thigh and leek skewers (S\$5+), quail egg skewers (S\$5+) and grilled diced beef with ponzu sauce skewers (S\$8+). Those spoilt for choice can opt for the eight sticks skewers, an assortment of skewers for S\$20+.

Address: 16 Bussorah Street Tel: +65 6291 5373

Website: www.hararuizakaya.com Email: info@hararuizakaya.com **Cost:** Prices of á la carte menu varies Opening Hours: Mon-Thu noon-3pm, 5-11pm (Last order 10pm); Fri-Sun, Eve of & Public Holidays noon-11pm (Last order 10pm)

Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

#### FATPAPAS

Jiak Modern Tzechar 🤬 Indulge in an array of authentic, home-style zi char (traditional dishes influenced by home-cooked Chinese food) dishes at a contemporary restaurant situated within an iconic Singaporean landmark, the Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay. Jiak Modern Tzechar serves up classic *zi char* dishes and crowd favourites such as Curry Fish Head (S\$26++). Clavpot Golden Chicken (S\$12++), Chilli Crab (S\$46++; see Local Favourites, p107) and Salted Egg Prawns (S\$20++). A selection of Asian desserts is also available, with options like Red Tea Jelly with Lychee/Longan (S\$5++) and Traditional Herbal Jelly with Lychee/Longan (S\$4++).

#### Address: The Esplanade Mall, 8 Raffles Avenue #02-14

Tel: +65 6252 8765 / +65 9456 0302 (Trade Contact: Jason Tan) Website: www.jiak.com.sg Email: enquires\_epn@jiak.com.sg (Trade Contact: Jason Tan) **Cost:** Prices of á la carte menu ranges from S\$5 to S\$50++

**Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 11.30am–9.30pm Nearest MRT: Esplanade Station

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#### Oasis Spice Café<sup>™</sup> 🄬

Located in Ancient Egypt—one of the seven themed zones in Universal Studios Singapore™ (see Attractions, Adventures & Rides, p51), this Egyptian-themed cafeteria offers amusement park-goers an array of Middle-Eastern specialities. Its combo sets are popular, such as the Mutton Masala Set, mutton marinated with a mix of Indian spices, and the Butter Chicken Brivani Set (an Indian spiced rice dish with meat or vegetables); set menus start from S\$15++ and include a dessert). Entry to this restaurant will require an admission ticket to Universal Studios Singapore™.

Address: Resorts World<sup>™</sup> Sentosa, Universal Studios Singapore<sup>™</sup>, 8 Sentosa Gateway **Tel:** +65 6577 8888 Cost: Set menus from S\$15++ **Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 10am–7pm Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

#### Old Bibik Peranakan Kitchen 🔮

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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, p76). Signature dishes include the Chinchalok Omelette (S\$15), fried egg omelette with prawns, vegetables and fermented shrimp and Nyonya Beef Rendang (S\$21), beef marinated in a blend of spices and braised till soft. Visitors can also choose from the restaurant's selection of rice sets (S\$8.90-S\$13.90) such as the Beef Rendang Rice set (S\$9.90) and Mutton Rendang Rice set (S\$10.90).

#### Address: 328 Joo Chiat Road #01-02

Tel: +65 8450 7996 / +65 9738 6931 (Trade Contact: Clara Chang)

Website: www.oldbibik.com

**Email:** oldbibik@gmail.com (Trade Contact: Clara Chang)

Cost: Rice Sets from S\$8.90; á la carte menu available

Opening Hours: Mon-Sun noon-10pm Nearest MRT: Dakota Station / Paya Lebar Station

### Positano Risto 🌺

An Italian restaurant birthed from its co-founder's inspiration of the Italian cliffside village Positano, Positano Risto serves affordable halal Italian cuisine. The restaurant boasts of a menu curated by its own customers-each dish voted into the menu by its customers. Its signature mains include the Positano Signature Boston Lobster Fettuccine (S\$59.95++), Beef Ragu Fettuccine (S\$19.95++), Positano Super Supreme Calzone (S\$29.95++) and Positano Signature Short Rib (S\$29.95++). Complete the meal with the Positano Signature Oreo Chocolate Lava Stack (S\$13.95++), a decadent sweet treat.

#### Address: 66 Bussorah Street

**Tel:** +65 6292 1866 / +65 9172 0250 (Trade Contact: Jess Choo)

Website: www.positanoristo.com

Email: events@positanoristo.com / jess@positanoristo.com (Trade Contact: Jess Choo)

Cost: Mains from S\$12.95++ Opening Hours: Mon-Thu & Sun 11.30am-10pm; Fri & Sat 11.30am-11pm Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

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### 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 with meat) 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: www.zamzamsingapore.com **Cost:** Briyani from S\$6.50; á la carte items available

**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 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\$58++; dinner: S\$69 to 71++), 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, p106), all in a chic steel-and-marble dining hall. For

dessert, the freshly made nonya kueh (bite-sized snacks or desserts) and softserve ice creams are not to be missed. Prices for children are available.

Address: Grand Hyatt Singapore, 10 Scotts Road

**Tel:** +65 6738 1234 Fax: +65 6732 1696

Website: www.straitskitchen.com.sg

Email: straitskitchen.sg@hyatt.com

**Cost:** Lunch buffet S\$58++: Dinner buffet ranges from S\$69++ to S\$71++

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 6.30-10.30am. noon-2.30pm, 6-10.30pm; Sat, Sun & Public Holidays 6.30-11am, 12.30-3pm, 6-10.30pm

Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

#### Streats Café 🔐

This café in Resorts World™ Sentosa (see Neighbourhoods, Lifest Precincts, p88) 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 noodles, nasi lemak (see Local Favourites, p108), Chongging chicken in a basket and black pepper beef bento (home-packed meal) to cater to the diverse taste of travellers.

Address: Resorts World<sup>™</sup> Sentosa, 26 Sentosa Gateway #01-205 **Tel:** +65 6570 0420 Fax: +65 6292 4238 Website: www.streats.com.sg Email: marketing@katrinagroup.com Cost: Mains from S\$9.80++ **Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 11am–10pm Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

#### The Co-Op NEW

The Co-Op is a new dining concept that has two outlets, one in the East and one in the West; each outlet's menu catering to the specific district. The Co-Op Bukit Batok dubs itself as the 'Meathouse', with a dedicated menu serving grilled cuts and chops such as the Chargrilled Chicken (S\$10.90) that comes with two free sides and a sauce. Wash it down with a Cotton Candy Bandung Latte Milkshake (S\$6.90) - a twist on the local favourite beverage-bandung (rose syrup drink). On the other hand, Co-Op Tampines is specialises in its freshly made pasta dishes. A house favourite is the Truffle Cream & Shrooms (S\$15.90). which can be complemented by the Mango Sago Milkshake (S\$6.90). Both establishments have a cosy ambience that is family-friendly.

Address: HomeTeamNS. 2 Bukit Batok West Avenue 7 #01-07 A/B (Bukit Batok outlet); HomeTeamNS Tampines, 1 Tampines Walk, #03-04 (Tampines outlet)

Tel: +65 6258 2843 (Bukit Batok outlet) / +65 6214 9350 (Tampines outlet)

Website: www.thecoop.sg

Email: ask@thecoop.sg

**Cost:** Mains from S\$9.90

**Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun noon–11pm Nearest MRT: Bukit Gombak Station (Bukit Batok outlet) / Tampines Station (Tampines outlet)

#### The Halia 🌺

The Halia (Malay for ginger) is nestled in the Ginger Garden of Singapore's first World Heritage Site-the Singapore Botanic Gardens (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p66). 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, p107) Spaghettini (S\$26++) and the Paperbag Oven-baked Halibut Fillet (S\$33++). Groups of four can tuck into the communal menu, available during dinner for S\$240++. Two-course (S\$28++) or three-course (S\$34++) set lunches are available on weekdays.

Address: Singapore Botanic Gardens, Ginger Garden, 1 Cluny Road **Tel:** +65 8444 1148

Website: www.thehalia.com

Email: general.hsbg@thehalia.com

Cost: Mains from S\$25++; Lunch set menus available

**Opening Hours:** Mon-Thu 9am-9.30pm; Fri 9am-10pm; Sat 10am-10pm; Sun & Public Holidays 10am-9.30pm

Nearest MRT: Botanic Gardens Station

#### The Hashtag Café 🌺

The Hashtag Café serves up western fusion cuisine that will tantalise taste buds. On its menu are signature oneof-a-kind dishes like Spaghetti Wanton (S\$20.50+)-spaghetti tossed with homemade wanton (Chinese dumpling) sauce and topped with crispy seafood wantons as well as the Has#tag Samyang Ribs (S\$34.70+)-tender Black Angus beef ribs served with Asian spicy sauce. Chef recommendations include the Poulet Supreme (S\$19.70+) and the Slipper Lobster & Mussel (S\$23.50+). Diners can complete their meal with a signature D24 Durian Molten Lava Cake (S\$12.90+), rich with the flavours of durians (a spiky tropical fruit that is unique to Southeast Asia).

#### Address: 743 North Bridge Road

**Tel:** +65 9722 4628 (Daily 11am-9pm) Cost: Mains from S\$19.50+ Opening Hours: Mon-Thu & Public Holiday 11am-10pm; Eve of Public Holiday 11am-11pm

Nearest MRT: Jalan Besar Station / Nicoll Highway Station / Lavender Station



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#### The Royals Steakhouse 🎂

Despite its simple menu of steaks and burgers, The Royals Steakhouse will satisfy visitors who have a craving for meats. The restaurant's standout items include the lamb burger and Côte De Boeuf (S\$95++) 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: www.royalcakes.com Email: order@royalcakes.com **Cost:** Lunch sets from S\$20++: á la carte steak menu available Opening Hours: Mon, Wed, Thu & Sun 1-10.30pm; Fri 2-11pm; Sat 1-11pm Nearest MRT: Bugis Station / Lavender Station



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## 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, p106). 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.

#### **Ding Dong**

A modern Southeast Asian restaurant well-loved for its playful and eclectic take on traditional Asian cuisine, Ding Dong takes diners on an experiential journey of culinary surprises. Lip-smacking starters include Blue Swimmer Chilli Crab, Tomato Relish And Kuih Pie Tee (S\$22++) as well as Scallop Cheong Fun, Ginger Flower Gel and Thai Basil Oil (S\$24++). Signature mains are Pork Collar Char Siew, Baby Leeks and Pineapple Mousse (S\$33++) and Lamb Shank, Chickpeas and Soup Merah (S32++). Diners will be immersed in the region's culture and culinary tastes as Ding Dong explores contemporary yet nostalgic textures and ingredients, drawing inspiration from Southeast Asian flavours. Ding Dong's selection of specially handcrafted Asian cocktails and boutique wines make great pairings with the sumptuous dishes as well.

#### Address: 115 Amoy Street

**Tel:** +65 6557 0189 / (Trade Contact: Nino)

Website: www.dingdong.com.sg Email: reservations@dingdong.com.sg / nino@dingdong.com.sg (Trade Contact: Nino)

**Cost:** Four-course set \$68++; Six-course set \$108++; á la carte menu available

Opening Hours: Mon-Sat noon-3pm, 6-11.30pm

Nearest MRT: Telok Ayer Station



JustIN Flavours of Asia and **Chinoiserie Modern Asian by Justin Quek** 

Singapore's pioneer celebrity chef Justin Quek redefines the guintessential Singaporean gourmet experience at his casual all-day diner JustIN Flavours of Asia and Chinoiserie Modern Asian by Justin Quek. As a leading chef from Asia, he has served numerous politicians and dignitaries such as former Chinese president Jiang Zemin and Microsoft founder Bill Gates. He was also the chef for Singapore's late Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew's birthday dinners since 1993. At lunchtime, 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. In the evening, the foie gras xiao long bao (soup dumplings with meat filling) and wok-fired lobster Hokkien noodle are some of chef Justin's signature dishes, which are not to be missed. The outdoor dining area is a prime seating area to have a cocktail and watch the Spectra - A Light & Water Show in the Marina Bay.

Address: The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands®, 2 Bayfront Avenue #01-83 & #B1-13/14/15

Tel: +65 6688 7722 (JustIN Flavours of Asia) /+65 6688 7782 (Chinoiserie Modern Asian)

#### Website: www.justinquek.com

Email: just.in@justinguek.com (JustIN Flavours of Asia) / chine@justinquek.com (Chinoiserie Modern Asian)

**Cost:** Lunch set from S\$24++; á la carte menu available

**Opening Hours:** Mon-Thu noon-11pm; Fri noon-midnight: Sat 11am-midnight: Sun 11am-11pm (JustIN Flavours of Asia); Mon-Sun noon-2pm, 6-10pm (Chinoiserie Modern Asian)

**Nearest MRT:** Bayfront Station

#### Po

Po takes the position of the flagship restaurant of The Warehouse Hotel-a meticulously restored godown on the banks of the Singapore River (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts. p89). Po-or a syllable of the Chinese term for grandmother-serves up local classics refined and elevated with premium ingredients. Highlights include its Popiah Platter (from S\$28++)-best savoured with a fine bubbly, Carabinero Prawns & Konbu Mee (S\$32++) and Herbal Pork Bone Broth (S\$24++). The restaurant brings culture, heritage and cuisine together to celebrate local flavours and remind diners of the simple joys of having heart-warming meals with their loved ones.

#### Address: The Warehouse Hotel, 320 Havelock Road

Tel: +65 6828 0007 / +65 9686 1833 (Trade Contact: Elaine Lau)

Website: www.po.com.sq

Email: po@thewarehousehotel.com / elaine.lau@lobehold.com (Trade Contact: Elaine Lau)

**Cost:** Mains from S22++; á la carte and sharing menus available

Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 7-10.30am, noon-2.30pm, 6-10pm

Nearest MRT: Fort Canning 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. Chef Woo's guiding principles in cooking comes from his combined experiences and knowledge gleaned from various

stints in the food and beverage industryfrom bartendering to dinner hosting. A favourite from the restaurant's menu is the Ibid Roast Duck (S\$88++, preorder for groups of four and above) and baked black glutinous rice mochi. The restaurant's Beef Short Rib is cooked sous vide for 72 hours before being served alongside Chinese pear and crispy black fungus. Diners can choose from a six-course (S\$98++) or nine-course (S\$138++) tasting menu. Contact chef Wai Leong for travel trade deals.

Address: 18 North Canal Road Tel: +65 9151 8698 / +65 9010 1638 (Trade Contact: Woo Wai Leong)

#### Website: www.restaurantibid.com

Email: hello@restaurantibid.com / waileong@restaurantibid.com (Trade Contact: Woo Wai Leong)

**Cost:** Tasting menus from S\$98++ for a six-course

Opening Hours: Mon-Sat 6.30-10.30pm Nearest MRT: Raffles Place Station / **Clarke Quay Station** 

Restaurant Labyrinth, which received one Michelin star in 2017, 2018 and 2019, 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 the Labyrinth Roiak that features a mixture of herbs that thrive in Singapore's climate. The herbs are tossed in rojak (a sweet savoury salad of vegetables and assorted filling) sauce made with fermented prawn paste and natural raw unpasteurized honey from Batam collected from a single varietal stingless bee breed. In support of the local farming community, the restaurant's menus are 90% locally-sourced. It offers lunch and dinner set menus as well as a pre-theatre set menu from Thursday to Sunday for guests attending performances at the Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p84). The menus change from time to time, and guest can check the



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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: www.labyrinth.com.sg Email: info@labryinth.com.sg

Cost: Lunch, Pre-Theatre and Dinner from S\$78++ per pax

**Opening Hours:** Tue-Fri noon-1.30pm (Lunch); Thu-Sun 6pm (Pre-theatre); Tue-Sun 6.30–8.30pm (Chef's tasting menu) Nearest MRT: City Hall Station / Esplanade Station

#### The Quarters

The Quarters celebrates Singaporean culture and food through innovative takes on local classics. The familiar flavours of local food are reimagined into bite-sized morsels of delicious that would tantalize visitors and locals alike. Fwah! (S\$18++), a kaya (a traditional jam made from coconut and eggs) toast inspired dish topped with foie gras is iconic while the Ayam Shiok Burgers (S\$14++) (oat battered chicken burgers) are popular and can be enjoyed with Salted Egg, Lemak Curry or Buah Keluak Sauces. Their Duriancanboleh (S\$9++)-a crème brûlée flavoured with durian (a spiky tropical fruit that is unique to Southeast Asia)-is their signature take on what they believe in Singapore's best durian dessert experience. Starting from S\$50++, The Quarters Experience is an omakase menu that can be enjoyed during dinners. Tucked into a cosy corner in Tanjong Pagar, the restaurant's cosy ambience makes a comfortable space for couples and small groups to enjoy their evenings.

Address: Icon Village, 16 Enggor Street #01-09 **Tel:** +65 6834 4174 Website: www.thequarters.sg Email: info@thequarters.sg Cost: Mains from S\$12++ **Opening Hours:** Mon-Sat 10am-10pm Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station

#### WANTON: Seng's Noodle Bar

WANTON: Seng's Noodle Bar, which comfortably sits 28 pax, serves a revamped version of wanton mee (a noodle dish with Chinese dumplings) accompanied by free-flow crispy pork lard and broth. Hailing from the famous Seng's Wanton Mee of Dunman Food Centre, Seng's has been serving their famous noodles to generations of loyal customers since 1968. For lunch, there are five bowls (from S\$8++) to choose from, along with add-ons like Soft Boiled Eggs (S\$2++). At dinner, guests can customize their basic bowl of mee kia (handmade egg noodles) (S\$1++) or pho (thai rice stick noodles) (S\$2++) with small sharing plates (from S\$10++) such as double roasted pork belly, slow-cooked torched Char Siew, Sichuan wantons and Stir-fried Oriental Shrooms. Creative cocktails such as Ju Hua, chrysanthemum tea spiked with vodka or a full pint Hendricks Gin & Tonic. Reservations are only for dinner.

#### Address: 52 Amoy Street

Tel: +65 6221 1336 / +65 9782 7999 (Trade Contact: Benson Ng)

Website: www.wantonsg.com

Email: shiok@wantonsg.com / benson@wantonsg.com (Trade Contact: Benson Na)

**Cost:** Lunch bowls from S\$8++; á la carte and sharing menus available

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11.30am-2.30pm, 6-9.45pm; Fri 11.30am-2.30pm, 6-10.45pm; Sat noon-3pm, 6-9.45pm

Nearest MRT: Telok Ayer Station / Tanjong Pagar Station

#### Xiao Ya Tou

Restaurant bar Xiao Ya Tou serves up modern Asian cuisine with a fun twist. Visitors will be greeted by an array of lanterns and tuck into dishes that evoke memories of the sights and sounds of Asia. Diners can expect humble Otak-Otak Rolls (S\$14++) wrapped in phyllo pastry and XYT Hokkien Mee (S\$24++) served with a myriad of seafood. When the sun sets, gourmands will be thrilled to dig into signature dishes like the Truffle Roast Duck (S\$26++), that is freshly prepared daily and only available in limited portions, and the melt-inyour-mouth Twice-Cooked Angus Short Ribs (S\$36++). Complete the meal with curated cocktails, a mix of familiar local drinks like Yuan Yang and Milo Dinosaur with a good dose of spirits.

Address: 6 Duxton Hill #01-01 **Tel:** +65 6226 1965

Website: www.xyt.sg

Email: 1314@xyt.sg /

rachel@symmetry.com.sg (Trade Contact: Rachel Tang)

Cost: Mains from S\$17++; á la carte and sharing menus available

**Opening Hours:** Mon-Thu noon-11pm; Fri noon-midnight; Sat 10am-midnight; Sun 10am-5pm

Nearest MRT: Outram Park Station / **Chinatown Station** 



# HAWKER **CENTRES**

A visit to Singapore would not be complete without a meal at a hawker centre. It is where visitors can find Singaporeans from all walks of life tucking into affordable local food in a casual setting. 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—as well as halal and vegetarian options (see Halal Restaurants, p122 and Vegetarian, p131). From the hustle and bustle to the sights and smells, visiting a lively hawker centre is a sensory experience not to be missed. Though stalls may operate at different timings, hawker centres generally open from early morning till late.

#### Amoy Street Food Centre

Located in the heart of the Central Business District (CBD), this popular two-storey food centre is always crowded during weekday lunch (generally from 11.30am to 1.30pm). It is home to 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 SS3 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 visitors are advised to go early or risk having to queue for 30 minutes.

Address: 7 Maxwell Road

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 6.30am-9pm 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, p70) 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 (#02-198/199), 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

**Opening Hours:** (Chinatown Complex Food Centre) 7am-9pm; (Chinatown Food Street) Mon-Sun 11am-11pm

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 families 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 char kway teow (stir-fried rice noodles in dark soya sauce) 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 (chilli paste) stingray from Stingray Forever BBQ Seafood (#01-43).

Address: 1220 East Coast Parkway Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 11am-midnight

Nearest MRT: Bedok Station

#### **Geylang Serai Market and Food** Centre

Housing a wide variety of Malay and Indian food, Geylang Serai Market and Food Centre makes a great stop for hungry travellers. For tasty bites. visit Kueh Talam Asli (#02-148) for an assortment of kueh talam, a two-layered Malaysian dessert, and Otak-Otak Kampung (#02-164) for otah (spicy fish paste grilled in banana leaf). For a hearty meal, tuck into Malay-style chicken rice at Nasi Ayam Sambal (#02-129). Its unique spicy sambal adds a kick to the dish and is highly recommended. To cool down, enjoy smooth and deliciously rich chendol (a dessert with jelly, coconut milk and palm sugar syrup) from Cendol Geylang Serai (#02-107).

Address: 1 Geylang Serai **Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 6am–9pm Nearest MRT: Paya Lebar Station / **Funos Station** 



#### Lau Pa Sat

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 Korean. Japanese. Indian and Vietnamese. At 7pm, the satay (grilled meat skewers) street. Some satay stalls are halal-certified. elegant old-world setting.

Address: 18 Raffles Quay **Opening Hours:** Select stalls are open 24 hours daily

Nearest MRT: Raffles Place Station

#### **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 the crispy, deep fried oyster cake snack at Maxwell Fuzhou Oyster Cake (#01-05) that has become a rare speciality. Another highlight is Zhen Zhen Porridge (#01-54) for its comforting bowls of thick porridge cooked with chicken or fish. The stall closes after selling out so be sure to get there early before it's all wiped out.

Address: 1 Kadayanallur Street Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 6.30am-9pm Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station

# Built in the 19<sup>th</sup> century with distinctive outdoor area is transformed into a mini Stalls 7 and 8 are popular for their tasty skewers of chicken, lamb, beef and pork. 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

#### **Newton Food Centre**

This famous hawker centre located near Orchard Road (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p85) 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 nonseafood 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 roll with vegetables and assorted filling); 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 **Opening Hours:** Mon-Sun noon-2am Nearest MRT: Newton Station

#### **Old Airport Road Food Centre**

Built over 40 years ago, this is one of the largest hawker centres in Singapore and a highly recommended food stop for its abundance of Singapore hawker legends. Nam Sing Hokkien Fried Mee (#01-32) cooks a full-bodied version of the hawker staple. Western Barbeque (#01-53) offers and array of Western fare such as lamb chops, fish and chips and grilled meats. 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). Visitors should end their meal with a bowl of smooth and silky Lao Ban Soya Beancurd (#01-107).

Address: 51 Old Airport Road **Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 6am–11pm Nearest MRT: Dakota Station

#### **Tekka Market Food Centre**

#### Housed in one of the most iconic buildings in Little India (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts,

p77), Tekka Market Food Centre has many hidden hawker gems offering great local food. Hungry travellers can find delicious old-school eats like prawn noodles from 545 Whampoa Prawn Noodles (#01-326), which is run by a third-generation hawker, and braised duck rice at Heng Gi Goose and Duck Rice (#01-335). For stellar Indian dishes, dig into Indian *rojak* (a sweet savoury salad of vegetables, fruits and dough fritters) at Temasek Indian Rojak (#01-254) and fragrant *briyani* (an Indian spiced rice dish with meat or vegetables) at Allauddin's Briyani Pte Ltd (#01-229).

#### Address: 665 Buffalo Road

Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 6.30am-9pm Nearest MRT: Little India Station

#### Tiong Bahru Market and Food Centre

Indicative of Tiong Bahru's old-meetsnew appeal (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p91), 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 houses many famous stalls. These includes 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 wanton (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 kachang (sweet shaved ice with toppings) for a refreshing treat.

Address: 30 Seng Poh Road Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 6am-11pm Nearest MRT: Tiong Bahru Station

# (J) 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 second on the Top 10 Vegan-Friendly Cities in Asia list unveiled by international animal rights group PETA in December 2016.

## Afterglow by ANGLOW Ø Vegetarian-friendly, Vegan-friendly

A number of hip restaurants have opened along Keong Saik Road in Chinatown (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p70) 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. The restaurant works closely with local and regional farms to obtain fresh produce for its vibrant vegan dishes. 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,

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 chutneys and dhal (Indian dish of cooked lentils) are always available. The restaurant's name is derived from the 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

craft beer or spirits. Carefully curated

sustainable food are also available.

Email: kampung@anglowgroup.com

**Cost:** Mains from S\$16++; á la carte and

**Opening Hours:** Mon–Sat noon–10pm

Nearest MRT: Outram Park Station

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Address: 24 Keong Saik Road

Website: www.afterglow.sg

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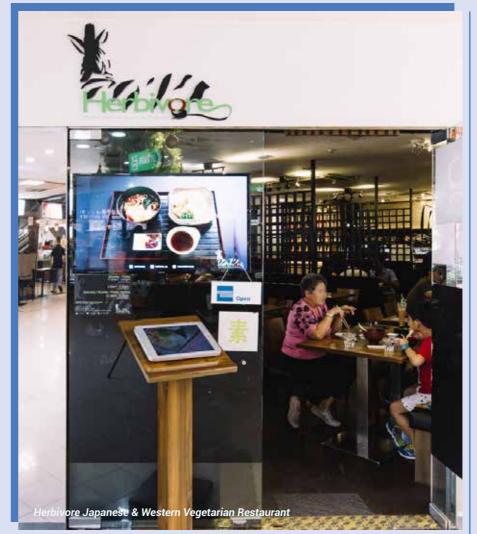
Annalakshmi 🖉

**Tel:** +65 6224 8921

aining 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: www.annalakshmi.com.sg
- Email: annagov@singnet.com.sg
- **Cost:** Pay any amount for your meal **Opening Hours:** Mon 11am–3pm; Tue–Sun
- 11am-3pm, 6.15-9.30pm Nearest MRT: Clarke Quay Station





#### Café Salivation Ø

# Vegetarian-friendly, Vegan-friendly, Jain-friendly

Café Salivation is the first Western vegetarian café in Little India (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p77) 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++). A weekday teatime set with a choice of cake and coffee is available throughout the day.

#### Address: 176 Race Course Road Tel: +65 6298 1412

#### Fax: +65 6298 1512

Website: www.cafesalivation.com

Email: cafesalivation@gmail.com Cost: Acai bowls from S\$8++; Mains from S8.50++; Sweets, Breakfast and Starter

menus available **Opening Hours:** Sun-Thu 10am-10.30pm;

Fri & Sat 10am–11pm Nearest MRT: Farrer Park Station

#### Herbivore Japanese & Western Vegetarian Restaurant Ø

#### 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: www.herbivore.sg Email: info@herbivore.sg Cost: Prices of á la carte menu varies Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 11.30am-2.30pm, 5-9pm; Sat, Sun & Public Holidays 11.30am-9pm Nearest MRT: Bencoolen Station / Rochor Station

#### Joie Restaurant by Dozo Ø

#### Vegetarian-friendly, Vegan-friendly

This rooftop meat-free dining spot is popular for its elaborate yet affordable six-course lunch (S\$38.80++) and sevencourse 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 any 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 6838 6967 Website: www.joierestaurant.com.sg Email: reservation@joierestaurant.com.sg Cost: Six-course lunch sets S\$39.80++; Seven-course dinner sets S\$69.80++ Opening Hours: Mon-Sun noon-3pm, 6-10pm

Nearest MRT: Somerset 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 *thosai* (Indian pancake made from fermented rice and lentil batter). The Thair Vadai (fried savoury Indian doughnut) set (S\$4.80+)—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.

Address: 76–78 Serangoon Road and other locations around Little India Tel: +65 6293 6980 (Serangoon Road Branch) Website: www.komalavilas.com.sg

**Cost:** Meal varieties ranges from S\$4.70+ to S\$10+; á la carte and tandoori specials menus available

**Opening Hours:** Mon-Sun 7am-10.30pm (Serangoon Road Branch) **Nearest MRT:** Little India

#### **Madras New Woodlands** Restaurant Ø

#### Vegetarian-friendly, Vegan-friendly, Jain-friendly

Madras New Woodlands Restaurant has been in business since 1983 and is known for its curries, chutneys, fullflavoured 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; \$\$10.90). 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 thosai (Indian 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 (a marinade of mixed Indian spices) tea (S\$3.40).

#### Address: 14 Upper Dickson Road **Tel:** +65 6297 1594

Cost: VIP Thali Set \$10.90; á la carte menu available

**Opening Hours:** Mon-Sun 7.30am-10.30pm Nearest MRT: Jalan Besar Station / Little India Station

#### Original Sin Ø

#### 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, p83) 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 #01-62 Tel: +65 6475 5605

Website: www.originalsin.com.sg Email: info@originalsin.com.sg Cost: Lunch set menus S\$24++; Mains S\$21++ Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 11.30am-2.15pm, 6-10pm Nearest MRT: Holland Village Station

### Real Food Ø

#### 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 customized to suit specific dietary needs. Garlic, onion and root vegetables can be omitted for selected dishes upon request. No processed, pre-cut or prepacked ingredients are used and sauces are made from scratch. The slowpressed juices and smoothies are highly recommended, as are the signature fullflavored, hearty dumplings made with finely chopped mushrooms, chestnuts, carrots, tofu and French beans (S\$10.80 for eight dumplings). 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: www.realfoodgrocer.com

Email: enquiries@realfoodgrocer.com

Cost: Mains S\$9.50

**Opening Hours:** Mon-Sun 10am-9pm (Orchard Central Branch)

Nearest MRT: Somerset Station (Orchard Central branch)

### VeganBurg Ø

#### 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\$11.90) made with minced mushrooms and the Creamy Shrooms burger (S\$10.90) with tofu and mushrooms. Also popular are sides like the Shrooms Pops (\$\$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: www.veganburg.com Email: hello@veganburg.com Cost: Burgers from S\$8.90; Sides available Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 11.30am-10pm Nearest MRT: Eunos Station

#### Whole Earth 🛞 🖉

#### Vegetarian-friendly, Vegan-friendly

Awarded the MICHELIN Bib Gourmand four 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 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: www.wholeearth.com.sg **Cost:** Set menus from S\$198 for six pax onwards; á la carte menu available Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 11.30am-3pm, 5.30-10pm

Nearest MRT: Tanjong Pagar Station



# (K)SUPPER SPOTS

As one 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.

#### **Beauty in The Pot**

Hotpot concept Beauty in The Pot is a great place for travellers to relish in steaming pots of rich soup. The restaurant offers six signature soup bases that are refillable-Signature Beauty Collagen Broth, Signature Spicy Nourishing Soup (pork bone soup), Herbal Drunken Chicken Broth, Cooling Coconut Broth, Longevity Wild Pine Mushroom Broth (vegetarian) and Vitamin C Tomato Sweet Corn Broth. Each adds its own flavour to the wide variety of premium hotpot ingredients available. Must-try items include the Signature Homemade Fish Tofu (S\$2.20++/piece), which follows a secret recipe, and the Ebiko Prawn Paste (S\$18.80++) that is handmade daily. All outlets have a children's playground for children to enjoy playtime while the parents can enjoy the food. For a more intimate dining setting, most outlets have private rooms that are available for booking.

Address: Jewel Changi Airport, 78 Airport Boulevard B2-224 and other locations Tel: +65 6242 5131 (Jewel Changi Airport branch)

#### Fax: +65 6280 2273

Website: www.paradisegp.com/brandbeauty-in-the-pot

Email: aliciatay@paradisegroup.com.sg (Trade Contact: Alicia Tay)

**Cost:** Single pot from S\$16++; Prices vary depending on the number and type of dishes Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 11.30-6am

(Jewel Changi Airport branch) Nearest MRT: Changi Airport Station (Jewel Changi Airport branch)

#### Boon Tong Kee

Boon Tong Kee first opened in 1983 as a humble stall selling Cantonese chicken rice (see Local Favourites, p106). It now

**Beauty in The Pot** has eight outlets across the island and features a range of *zi char* (traditional dishes influenced by home-cooked Chinese food) options on its menu. Recommended menu items are the Barbequed Suckling Pig 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: www.boontongkee.com.sg Email: general@boontongkee.com.sg Cost: From S\$5++ Opening Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-4.45pm,

5.30pm-4.30am; Sun 11am-4.45pm, 5.30pm-3am (Balestier branch) Nearest MRT: Novena Station

### Haidilao Hot Pot

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, puzzles, fruit, snacks and even manicures to while away the time. Every outlet features a kids playground that is monitored by staff. 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, diners may



inform the restaurant and staff members will sing a birthday song and present a complimentary fruit platter.

Address: 3D River Valley Road #02-04 and other locations Website: www.haidilao.com Email: xjphdl@haidilao.com **Cost:** Prices vary depending on the number and type of dishes **Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 10.30–6am Nearest MRT: Clarke Quay Station (River Valley branch)

#### J.B. Ah Meng

Listed under the Singapore MICHELIN Bib Gourmand Guide 2016, J.B. Ah Meng is a zi char (traditional dishes influenced by home-cooked Chinese food) restaurant helmed by chef Wang Feng from Ipoh. Malavsia. 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 (from S\$42 onwards), Salted Egg Prawn Ball (S\$20++) and Fried Fish Head (S\$16++). Reservations can be made via phone.

Address: 534 Geylang Road Tel: +65 6741 2418 **Cost:** á la carte menu from S\$7++ **Opening Hours:** Mon-Sun 5.30pm-2.30am Nearest MRT: Aljunied Station

#### Kko Kko Nara Korean Fried Chicken

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Owned by Madam Eon Lee from Korea who permanently resides in Singapore, 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, Kko Kko Nara Korean Fried Chicken was one of the first to introduce "Ma Neul Gan Jang" or Garlic Soy Sauce Chicken in Singapore served in wings and drumsticks. Made of hand crushed garlic and other secret ingredients imported from Korea, the sauce of the dish takes many hours to prepare to ensure its flavours are strong enough to envelope the chicken. Other than its chicken, the restaurant also offers a variety of Korean delicacies such as its best-selling soup, Army Stew-a stew with a myriad of ingredients: noodles, spam, sausage, rice cakes, baked beans, mushrooms, vegetables and a special paste.

#### Address: 68 Tanjong Pagar Road Tel: +65 6224 8186 / +65 6225 9282 Fax: +65 6224 7901

Website: www.kkokkonara.com Email: kkokkosg@gmail.com Cost: Set menu S\$75+ for two to three pax; á la carte menu available Opening Hours: Mon-Sat noon-3pm, 6pm-3am; Sun 6pm-3am 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, p84). Founded by photojournalist KF Seetoh, Makansutra Gluttons Bay boasts a compilation of the city's most-loved local favourites like *sambal* (chilli paste) stingray, chilli crab and chicken rice (see Local Favourites, p107 and p106 respectively).

Address: Esplanade Mall, 8 Raffles Ave, #01-15 Tel: +65 6438 4038 Fax: +65 6294 1739 Website: www.makansutra.com Email: contact@makansutra.com Cost: Prices vary for different stalls Opening Hours: Mon-Thu 5pm-2am; Fri & Sat 5pm-3am; Sun, 4pm-1am Nearest MRT: Esplanade Station



#### Ponggol Nasi Lemak

A heritage brand serving one of the most iconic dishes in Singapore, Ponggol Nasi Lemak consists of three specialty stores and prides itself in its signature taste. Visitors to any of its outlets can customise the dish with its expansive list of side dishes to their liking. A classic rendition of nasi lemak (rice cooked in coconut milk, served with an array of side dishes) would be its aromatic rice paired with a crispy chicken wing or drumstick and crispy anchovies with peanuts. Premium house specials diners can choose from include Grilled Japanese Whole Souid with Special Sauce and Signature Chinese Sausage or Ngo Hiang.

# Address: 965 Upper Serangoon Road and other locations

Tel: +65 6281 0020 (Upper Serangoon outlet) Website: www.ponggolnasilemak.com.sg Email: info@ponggolnasilemak.com.sg Cost: Set menus from S\$4.30+; á la carte menu available Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 5.30pm-3.30am

(Upper Serangoon outlet) Nearest MRT: Kovan Station (Upper Serangoon outlet)

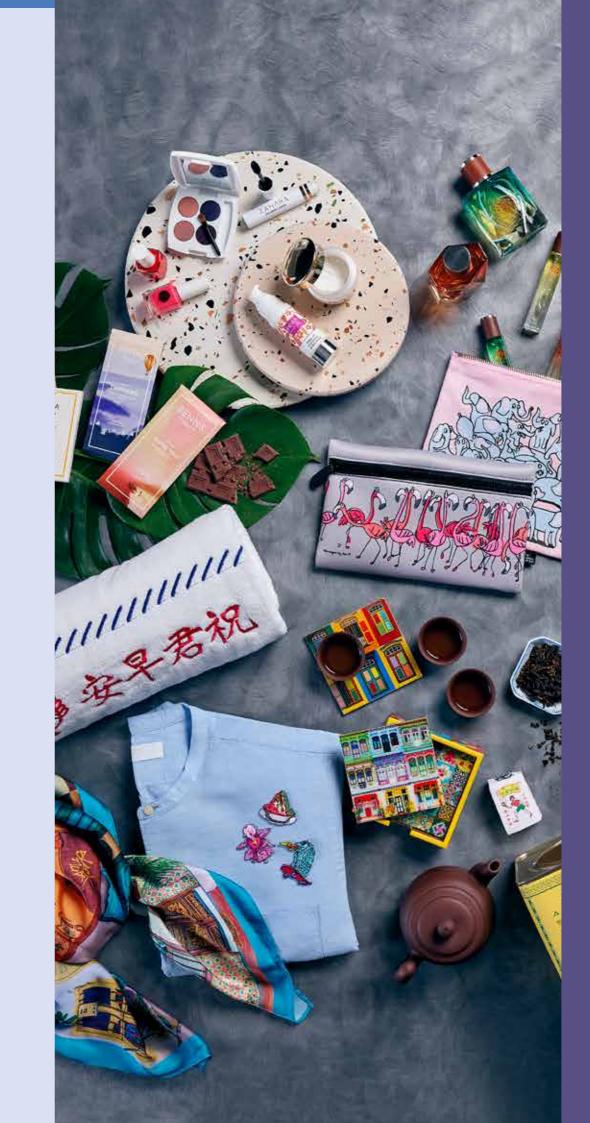
#### Swee Choon Tim Sum

A well-loved supper spot among locals, Swee Choon Tim Sum has been dishing out baskets of steaming hot dim sum (bite-sized portions of food served in steamer baskets or small plates) to hungry customers for over 40 years. Once located in a single unit-shophouse along Jalan Besar, the eatery has expanded to occupy multiple shophouses 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 Tim Sum'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: 183-193 Jalan Besar road

Tel: +65 6225 7788 Fax: +65 6294 1089 Website: www.sweechoon.com Email: admin@sweechoon.com Cost: Prices of á la carte menu varies Opening Hours: Mon, Wed-Sat 11am-2.30pm, 6pm-6am; Sun & Public Holidays 10am-3pm, 6pm-6am

Nearest MRT: Jalan Besar Station





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# **SHOPPING**

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From boutiques to swanky malls, Singapore offers numerous spots that will bring delight to all shoppers.

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 (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p85), Singapore's famous shopping belt fuses the best of both local and international fashion, alongside options for food, drinks and entertainment. Art galleries and boutiques also showcase one-of-a-kind designs and products—a tangible reminder of how unique Singapore truly is.





# **TOP TEN SOUVENIRS**

#### Bak Kwa from Bee Cheng Hiang

In 1933, Mr Teo Swee Ee began selling barbecued pork slices from a humble cart in Chinatown (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p70). Little did he know that his homemade snack would grow into a brand that is well-loved by locals, Bee Cheng Hiang. Its bak kwa (barbequed meat slices) is a hit especially during Chinese Lunar New Year (see Festivals & Events, p38). Its versatile packaging, which includes bite-sized and individually packaged products, makes it a good souvenir. At its flagship concept store, the Bee Cheng Hiang Grillery, visitors can decorate and customise their Bee Cheng Hiang packaging with stamps of various Singapore motifs and have a go at grilling their own bak kwa.

Where to buy: Bee Cheng Hiang Grillery, 1359 Serangoon Road; Paragon, 290 Orchard Road #B1-10A and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 6500 0880 / +65 6291 5753 (For reservation at Grillery)

Website: www.beechenghiang.com.sg Email: bch@bch.com.sg

**Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 9.30am–10.30pm (Grillery)

# Cilicuka Original by Shermay's Singapore Fine Food

Founded by food consultant Shermay Lee, Shermay's Singapore Fine Food has its own range of sauces and dry spice mix. The brand has the most authentic Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) chilli sauce, Cilicuka Original, made with late Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew's mother's recipe that is at least half a decade old. Another signature item is their Nonya Curry Powder that has won a Great Taste award from the United Kingdom.

Where to buy: TANGS at Tang Plaza, 310 Orchard Road and other outlets islandwide Tel: +65 6479 8442 (Trade Contact: Shermay Lee)

Website: www.shermay.com Email: info@shermay.com (Trade Contact: Shermay Lee)

**Opening Hours:** Mon-Sat 10.30am-9.30pm; Sun 11am-8.30pm

#### **IRVINS Salted Egg Fish Skin by** IRVINS Salted Egg 🔮

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#DangerouslyAddictive snack from Singapore, IRVINS Salted Egg are handcrafted with love by dedicated production teams who spend hours frying and coating the chips and fish skin with their golden salted egg sauce. The halalcertified salted egg-coated chips and fried fish skins were founded by former restaurant owner, Irvin Gunawan, after seeing the popularity of his bottled salted egg chips among restaurant patrons. The outlets have seen snaking lines even before they open. Visitors can stock up on IRVINS' salted egg potato chips, fish skins and cassava chips at the orchardgateway (see Malls, p143) and Plaza Singapura cartels or the newly opened flagship Jewel cartel. For delivery or reservation of these snacks, visitors may place orders via IRVINS' website.

Where to buy: orchardgateway, 277 Orchard Road L1-K3; Plaza Singapura, 68 Orchard Road #B2-56 and other outlets islandwide Tel: +65 6264 3073 / +65 6264 3076 Website: www.irvinsaltedegg.com

Email: sg@irvinsaltedegg.com

Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-8.30pm

#### **Chocolates by Janice Wong** Singapore

Chocolate Bon Bons from Janice Wong Singapore come in a wide variety of decadent flavours. The brand's Signature Singapore Series features local flavours like Chilli Padi and Gula Melaka Pandan. Each chocolatey creation is handpainted and splattered with colourful hues, leaving an artistic touch on the outside to complement the flavourful chocolate filling on the inside.

Where to buy: 21A Lorong Liput, Holland Village and other outlets islandwide

**Tel:** +65 6291 9727 / +65 6280 2325 (Trade Contact: Natasha Shariff)

Website: www.janicewong.com.sg Email: info@janicewong.com.sg / natasha@2amlab.org (Trade Contact: Natasha Shariff)

**Opening Hours:** Tue-Fri 3pm-2am (Last order at 1.30am); Sat & Sun 2pm-2am (Last order at 1.30am)

#### Kaya, Pineapple Tarts, Cookies by Violet Oon Singapore

Violet Oon Singapore, by highly acclaimed culinary creator and chef Violet Oon, offers a gourmet selection of nonya kaya (a traditional jam made from coconut and eggs), pineapple tarts and cookies with flavours like *gula* melaka (palm sugar), cashew nut and ginger. Made using the best and freshest



Chocolates by Janice Wong Singapore

ingredients, the selection captures the essence of the region's vibrant selection of flavours. These delectable pieces, packed in portable and attractive packaging, make great souvenirs to take home and share.

Where to buy: ION Orchard, 2 Orchard Turn #03-28/29; Jewel Changi Airport, 78 Airport Boulevard #01-205/206

Tel: +65 9834 9935 / +65 9067 0410 (Trade Contact: Beth Ng)

Website: www.violetoon.com

Email: eat@violetoon.com / beth@mercurymc.com (Trade Contact: Beth Na)

**Opening Hours:** Mon-Sun 10am-10pm; Breakfast 10am-11am; All-day Dining 11am-10pm (Last order 9.30pm); High Tea 3pm-5.30pm

#### Local Homeware and Crafts by Supermama

Supermama works with some of the best designers and craft facilities to produce authentic souvenirs and design pieces. A unique souvenir to bring home would be the Singapore Recipe Tea Towels which made its debut at Moma Design Store, New York. Other bespoke finds from the brand includes homeware such as handcrafted wooden teacups, porcelain plates, toys, furniture and accessories. In 2019, Supermama

opened its second boutique in Jewel Changi Airport (see Malls p142). Visitors will find minimalist design pieces produced in collaborations between local designers and Japanese craft facilities, as well as a changing showcase of locally designed porcelain that they can browse and even bring home.

Where to buy: Jewel Changi Airport, 78 Airport Boulevard #02-207 and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 9745 5147 (Trade Contact: Lee Mei Ling)

Website: www.supermama.sg Email: info@supermama.sg (Trade Contact: Lee Mei Ling)

Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-10pm

#### Local Knick-Knacks by Naiise

A one-stop destination for guirky, design-centric items, Naiise offers more than 25,000 products from over 1,000 emerging and established 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 presents 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 printed with Singlish phrases and words (see Know Singapore, p12), and more. For visitors interested in handicrafts, Naiise hosts regular workshops ranging from brush lettering and calligraphy to terrarium building and jewellery making.

Where to buy: Jewel Changi Airport, 78 Airport Boulevard #02-205/206 and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 6266 8418 / +65 6252 7701 (Trade Contact: Amanda Eng)

Website: www.naiise.com Email: wecare@naiise.com / Amanda@naiise.com (Trade Contact: Amanda Eng)

Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-10pm

#### Pattern Designs by Onlewo

Drawing inspiration from its Singaporean roots, Onlewo creates pattern designs with stories. Each design is a contemporary rendition of heritage, places and culture in Singapore and has been donned by public figures such as Singapore's Minister for Communications and Information, S Iswaran. Look out for Onlewo's rendition of ethnic neighbourhoods like Tiong Bahru, Little India and Chinatown (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p70) that takes a modern and artistic approach in encapsulating their heritage. The brand

seeks to connect people and memories, enliven conversations and ignite new passions. Visitors will find all-original designs, including gifts, ladies' and men's fashion, scarves, fabric, cushion covers, bags, and many more. These specialty goods are available in Design Orchard (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p86) and Naiise Iconic at Jewel Changi Airport (see Shopping, Malls, p142). Write in for trade discounts.

Where to buy: Design Orchard, 250 Orchard Road; Jewel Changi Airport, 78 Airport Boulevard #02-205/206

Tel: +65 9112 4685 / +65 8100 9800 (Trade Contact: Eugene Yip)

Website: www.onlewo.com

Email: eugene@onlewo.com (Trade Contact: Eugene Yip)

Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10.30am-9.30pm

#### **Photographic Prints by Photo Phactory**

Photo Phactory encapsulates Singapore's heritage and history through vibrant photographic prints on various lifestyle products-from clutch bags and silk scarves to canvas prints and coasters. Its prints are inspired by various districts of Singapore and features architecture, patterns, pop-up art and more. Many of them are presented in a colourful quilt-style that showcases different designs and places.

The brand's design vision seeks to take classic elements and create them anew through everyday lifestyle products. The designs make great statement pieces and even better conversational pieces to tell tales of visitors' trip to the city-state.

Where to buy: Design Orchard, 250 Orchard Road and other outlets islandwide Tel: +65 9061 9772 (Trade Contact: Valley Arora)

Website: www.photophactorysg.com Email: valleyaroraphotophactory@gmail.com (Trade Contact: Valley Arora) Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10.30am-9.30pm

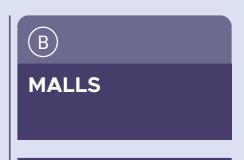
#### Singapore Scarves by **Binary Style**

A pair of twin sisters founded the local boutique brand in 2015. As trained architects with a keen eye for design, the duo choose to set up Binary Style as a means of distilling key elements of Singapore's architecture and weaving it with local patterns, shapes and colours to tell a captivating tale. Primarily inspired by Singapore's culture, heritage, urban life and nature, Binary Style uses its collection of over 60 beautiful scarves as a medium to illustrate and narrate Singapore's story-be it from the past or present. These scarves are made of either cotton, silk, cotton silk or chiffon, making them classic and comfortable pieces to wear and own.

Where to buy: Design Orchard, 250 Orchard Road and other outlets islandwide Tel: +65 9030 6465 (Trade Contact: Santhi Tunas)

Website: www.binarystyle.co Email: binarysingapore@gmail.com (Trade Contact: Santhi Tunas) Write in to enquire about travel trade deals. Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10.30am-9.30pm





#### 313@somerset

Located directly above Somerset MRT station, 313@somerset mall offers over 150 retail outlets for visitors to browse. From international brand Sony and local brands like Playdress and Style Theory, to lifestyle stores like Samsung and MUJI, visitors can shop to their heart's content here. A hidden gem is the mall's Sky Terrace on the fifth level, equipped with a toddler's play area for parents looking to put their feet up after exploring the mall. To refuel, head to CHICHA San Chen for bubble tea made with high-guality freshly-brewed tea. Brotzeit German Bier Bar & Restaurant for hearty Bavarian fare or Sichuan hot pot restaurant, Haidilao Hot Pot (see Eat & Drink, Supper Spots, p134).

Address: 313 Orchard Road **Tel:** +65 6496 9313 Website: www.313somerset.com.sg Email: 313somerset@lendlease.com Opening Hours: Mon-Thu & Sun 10am-10pm; Fri & Sat 10am-11pm Nearest MRT: Somerset Station

#### **Bugis Junction**

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This mall draws shoppers in with its youthful tenant mix (including bag brand Timbuk2 and Casio's G-Factory), fastfashion retail stores such as ALDO™. Calvin Klein<sup>®</sup>, local footwear brand Charles & Keith and a wide range of international cosmetic brands. Opened in 1995. Bugis Junction is the only mall in Singapore to have air-conditioned sky-lit shopping streets inside the complex, which has pushcarts and shops selling everything from electronics to fashion accessories. Bugis Junction is directly connected to neighbouring mall, Bugis+, by a sheltered link bridge. Tourist discounts are available at participating outlets.

Address: 200 / 201 Victoria Street Tel: +65 6557 6557 (Bugis Junction) / +65 6634 6810 (Bugis+) Website: www.capitaland.com/sg/malls/ bugisjunction (Bugis Junction) / www.bugisplus.com.sg (Bugis+) Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-10pm Nearest MRT: Bugis Station

#### Funan NEW

Following a swanky revamp, Funan has reopened with innovative retail experiences supported by a host of hightech amenities. Visitors can spend the day at Funan enjoying an array of activities such as a game of rooftop futsal, indoor rock-climbing wall, cooking lessons or live performances at the WILD RICE @ Funan theatre (see Venues, Performance & Concert Venues p199). Local brands such as Carrie K. Jewellery (see Local Shopping, p154), SIX, Montifs and Love, Bonito are amongst the many homegrown options that span the six-storey mall Visitors can also check out Noka's curated farm-to-table concept where the produce is harvested straight from Funan's level 7 urban farm. Incorporating an indoor cycling path that is open from 7am to 10am, and a bicycle hub that provides lockers, pumps, bicycle repair tools and shower facilities that visitors can utilise, cycling to Funan is an alternative travel option. As Southeast Asia's flagship store, Brompton Junction at Funan is one of the must-visits for cycling enthusiasts. Visitors can also opt for a stay at lyf Funan Singapore (see Stay p29), Asia's largest co-living serviced apartment, designed by millennials for millennials and the millennial-minded.

Address: 107 North Bridge Road **Tel:** +65 6970 1668 Website: www.capitaland.com/sg/ malls/funan/en Email: funan.partners@capitaland.com Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-10pm Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

#### 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 80 other retail stores and over 50 F&B stores spread over three levels. Find leading fashion brands like adidas, Calvin Klein® Jeans, COACH, FURLA, Kate Spade New York<sup>®</sup>, Michael Kors<sup>™</sup> and Nike housed in one location. 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, p134) 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 appeal to both the young and old.

Address: 2 Jurong East Street 21 Tel: +65 6665 8268 **Fax:** +65 6562 3933 Website: www.imm.sg Email: marcom.imm@capitaland.com Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-10pm Nearest MRT: Jurong East Station

#### **ION Orchard**



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Affectionately 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 66,000 sqm of retail space. Travellers looking for fine jewellery can visit British multinational jeweller, Graff, and the diamond boutique of homegrown brand Larry Jewelery. The world's leading watch manufacturers, including IWC® Schaffhausen, A. Lange & Söhne, TAG Heuer and Vacheron Constantin, also have stores in this eight-level mall. Those who would like to take a break from shopping can view the exhibitions of established and emerging artists at ION Art Gallery or visit TWG Tea Salon & Boutique (see Eat & Drink, Afternoon Tea, p117). Travellers can enjoy exclusive dining and shopping tourist offers at participating stores via the ION Orchard Mobile App or follow the mall's WeChat account to redeem these deals (one redemption per shopper per day, while stocks last). They can also register for a complimentary 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 p106). Registration required at least three days in advance, with a maximum of ten people per session. Mandarinspeaking tours are also available every Thursday.

Address: 2 Orchard Turn Tel: +65 6485 5200 Fax: +65 6485 5222 Website: www.ionorchard.com Email: customercare@ionorchard.com.sg Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-10pm Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

#### Jewel Changi Airport NEW

Designed by globally-acclaimed architect Moshe Safdie, Jewel houses a myriad of breath-taking attractions that fuse nature with human ingenuity. Moshe Safdie was also the architect behind Singapore's iconic Marina Bay Sands® integrated resort. Jewel provides shoppers the opportunity to engage in retail amidst the lush greenery of Shiseido Forest Valley. Pay a visit to Nike's largest retail space in Southeast Asia, as well as local labels like Onlewo and IN GOOD COMPANY (see Top Ten Souvenirs, p140; Local Shopping, p147). With over 80 F&B outlets to choose from, dining options are aplenty. Indulge in a hearty burger at all-American burger joint Shake Shack or try local Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) cuisine at Violet Oon Singapore. A definite must-visit is the 40-metre-high HSBC Rain Vortex-the world's largest indoor waterfall and the Manulife Sky Nets, a walking net and a bouncing net for both adults and children to play on.

Address: 78 Airport Boulevard Tel: +65 6956 9898

Website: www.jewelchangiairport.com Email: sales@jewelchangiairport.com **Opening Hours:** Mon-Sun 24 hours Nearest MRT: Changi Airport Station

#### Marina Square

Just a stone's throw away from the Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay, Singapore Flyer (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p84 and p85 respectively) and world-class hotels such as Mandarin Oriental Singapore and Pan Pacific Singapore, is the Marina Square shopping mall. It has a wide range of F&B outlets, lifestyle, kids and edutainment store concepts spread over five exciting levels. Shop at homegrown brand Charles & Keith (see Local Shopping, p146), international labels-Zara, Massimo Dutti, Levi's and the largest Rolex<sup>®</sup> boutique



in Southeast Asia. Enjoy cuisines from around the world at Carl's Jr, Gyu-Kaku Japanese BBQ Restaurant, Seoul Garden. The Manhattan FISH MARKET. COLLIN'S® and Haidilao Hot Pot (see Eat & Drink, Supper Spots, p134). Have a blast at the new NERF Action Xperience (see Attractions, Edutainment & Lifestyle, p59)—the first of its kind in the world-where the multiple activity zones encourage active play and teamwork amongst visitors. After a day of shopping and fun, visitors can treat themselves to massages and facial treatments at Kenko Wellness Spa and Reflexology, or at beauty salon, Posh Wellness. Visitors can find The Roof Garden at level three where they can relax and enjoy the view of the Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p84). Families with young children

can head to the brand new Kiztopia, a in its 18,000-sqft space. Each play zone is designed to cultivate social, emotional and motor skills in the little one child and parent.

Address: 6 Raffles Boulevard Tel: +65 6339 8787 Fax: +65 6339 7626 Website: www.marinasquare.com.sg **Opening Hours:** Mon-Sun 10am-10 pm Nearest MRT: Esplanade Station / Promenade MRT Station

fun-filled park featuring 18 play concepts ones, and to encourage parents to foster stronger bonds with their children. Each admission pass accounts for the entry of

#### Naee Ann Citv/ **Takashimaya Shopping Centre**

A distinctive landmark in the heart of Orchard Road, Ngee Ann City/ Takashimaya Shopping Centre is the shopping destination for luxury and beauty products. The mall houses over 130 specialty stores spanning across seven levels of shopping and dining. Ngee Ann City/Takashimaya Shopping Centre boasts of signature flagship stores from a global collection of top luxury brands such as Goyard, BOSS, Kiton, RED VALENTINO, Shanghai Tang, Sincere Fine Watches and Stuart Weitzman. It also features top fashion houses and luxury watch & jewellers such as Cartier, Celine, Chanel, Chopard, Dior, Fendi, Louis Vuitton and The Hour Glass. Visitors to the mall will also be able to find Singapore's largest bookstore, Books Kinokuniya and alternative retail therapy options like Japan's leading cookery studio-ABC Cooking Studio, that also conducts cooking workshops. Japan retail giant, Takashimaya Department Store, can also be found in Ngee Ann City/ Takashimaya Shopping Centre.

Address: 391A Orchard Road Tel: +65 6733 0337 Fax: +65 6735 0243 Website: www.ngeeanncity.com.sg Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-9.30pm Nearest MRT: Orchard Station / Somerset 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 entrance. But the retail offerings here, such as artsy clothing line Desigual<sup>®</sup> 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 fruits to bento (homepacked meal) boxes, cosmetics and toys. There are plenty of food options too; try irresistible mille crepês from Lady M<sup>®</sup>, 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 or meals great for sharing can visit the Dancing Crab restaurant for seafood.

Address: 181 Orchard Road Tel: +65 6238 1051

Website: www.orchardcentral.com.sg Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 11am-10pm Nearest MRT: Somerset Station

> KRISHNAVANE D/O S.K. RAJOO Concierge Officer of Orchard Central

"Behind everything I do, I hold strongly onto the core value of love. It lets me love my job and it's what guides me to do my best."



Awarded Best Customer Service For Retail by Singapore Tourism Awards 2018. Krishnavane strongly believes that being a Concierge Service Officer means offering assistance to shoppers from all walks of life. Behind everything she does, she is fuelled by love to serve her shoppers and give her best to achieve excellence. She hopes to inspire the hospitality industry to love what they do and experience the same sense of accomplishment she feels in her job.



#### orchardgateway

Linked by a tubular glass bridge and underpass, orchardgateway is the only shopping mall located on both sides of Orchard Road (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p85), representing the 'gateway' to Singapore's famous shopping stretch. The shopping mall also has a 60-metre illuminated fashion runway, a dedicated Men's Zone and library@orchard-a chic library with winding bookshelves. Visitors can also shop for a wide selection of high-street brands and indie fashion from the mall's many retail offerings.

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).

Address: 277 Orchard Road

**Tel:** +65 6513 4633

Website: www.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 Gucci, PRADA, Salvatore Ferragamo and Givenchy. Quick beauty

while those looking for high-quality accessories and gemstones can browse the latest watch designs at Cortina Watch, The Hour Glass and Larry Jewelry. Children labels such as Château de sable and First Few Years as well as retail brand Mothercare will appeal to families with young children. Art enthusiasts can drop by White Space Art Asia or LALIQUE. After a day of shopping, visitors can relax and savour delectable flavours at Michelinstarred restaurants, Crystal Jade Golden Palace and Ha-Oh Hototogisu Ramen. Visitors who present their passport at participating shops can enjoy special discounts and offers, and with \$\$3,000 spent in the mall, they can redeem shopping vouchers at the Concierge.

Address: 290 Orchard Road Tel: +65 6738 5535 Website: www.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 fivestorey 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<sup>®</sup>, Godiva Chocolatier and

Din Tai Fung restaurant. Personalized paper and leather craft atelier, Bynd Artisan (see Local Shopping, p149), is definitely worth a visit in the mall as well. Travellers can get up to 20% off regular-priced items at participating stores (www.capitaland.com/sg/malls/ rafflescity/en/tourist-privileges/touristoffers.html).

Address: 252 North Bridge Road Tel: +65 6318 0238 Website: www.capitaland.com/sg/malls/ rafflescity/en **Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 10am–10pm Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

#### Suntec City

With over 360 retail and F&B concepts spread across four zones, Suntec City is a one-stop shopping mall for all visitors. Travellers can visit high-street label stores such as H&M and UNIQLO, multibrand beauty store Sephora and local footwear and accessories brand, Charles & Keith (see Shopping, Fashion, p146). Food concepts such as Old Street Bak Kut Teh and Ya Kun Family Cafe, which offers local favourites and drinks, are convenient refuelling options. Travellers

can also enjoy entertainment options from city tour operators, BIG BUS & DUCK tours to SuperPark, a mega indoor activity park. With a minimum spend of S\$150, visitors can redeem S\$15 worth of Suntec City vouchers. Pick up a copy of the Suntec City Tourist Booklet at any Customer Service Counter for more information and exclusive deals.

Address: 3 Temasek Boulevard Tel: +65 6266 1502 Website: www.sunteccity.com.sg **Opening Hours:** Mon-Sun 10am-10pm Nearest MRT: Promenade Station / Esplanade Station

#### The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands<sup>®</sup>



No trip to Singapore is complete without a visit to The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands®, the pinnacle of luxury shopping. There are more than 170 luxury and premium brands represented here, spanning across bespoke menswear,



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women's collections, luxury children's labels as well as luxury watch and jewellery brands. Visitors will find the world's first Louis Vuitton 'Island Maison' housed in the Crystal Pavilion and 17 luxury duplex stores, many of which are the brands' biggest stores in Singapore. The Shoppes offers a by-appointmentonly Shopping Concierge service, which provides customized shopping experiences and first-hand access to the newest collections and Shoppes exclusive pieces debuting in Southeast Asia. It is also the first and only mall in Singapore to house a complimentary shoe-shine service.

#### Address: 10 Bayfront Avenue Tel: +65 6688 8868

Website: www.MarinaBaySands.com/ Shopping

Email: RetailConcierge@MarinaBaySands.com Opening Hours: Sun-Thu and Public Holidays 10.30am-11pm; Fri, Sat and Eve of Public Holidays 10.30am-11.30pm Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station

#### VivoCity

Singapore's largest mall is not short on attractions. Catering to all ages and budgets, it houses outlets of well-loved brands such as SuperDry, Kate Spade New York and Yves Saint Laurent Beauté. 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 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 paddle boats. 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 Privilege Card (HAVE) to enjoy a range of free treats and discounts. Complimentary Wi-Fi is also available upon request at the Customer Service Counter.

Address: 1 HarbourFront Walk **Tel:** +65 6377 6870

Website: www.vivocity.com.sg Email: enquiries@vivocity.com.sg Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-10pm Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station



#### **Bras Basah.Bugis**

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In the past, Bugis Street Market, located in the Bras Basah.Bugis district (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p81), was filled with entertainment and alfresco 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 numerous 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, p70) is a hive of activity day and night and a heady mix of old and new. Retail options range from traditional wares to indie boutiques and

bespoke finds. Visitors can head to On Cheong Jewellery (www.oncheong. *com*) for gold jewellery that feature not only traditional Chinese motifs, but also contemporary designs. Egg tarts and the new contemporary cookie tin series at Tong Heng (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p73) 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 along Mosque Street is a definite must. Visitors who are interested to learn about Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) should stop by the Eu Yan Sang (see Local Shopping, p1 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 Ann Siang Road nearby, visitors who love fashion can step into innitbangkok (www. innitbangkok.com) and browse the collection of fashion merchandise.

#### Kampong Glam

The historic Arab Street (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p74), which lies between Victoria Street and Beach Road in Singapore's Kampong Glam district (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p74), 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 (www.molkanfabrics. *com*) and Collezione La Prima. For modern *batik* designs, visit stores such as Ozel (www.ozel.com.sg) and utopia Apparels (www.utopiaapparels. com). Today, an array of cafés and concept stores, such as All Things Delicious (www.allthingsdelicious. sg), Scene Shang (shop.sceneshang. com) and bespoke perfume-maker Sifr Aromatics (www.sifr.sq), can also be found alongside the textile and carpet shops. Just off Arab Street is Haji Lane, a vibrant alley covered with colourful street art. Shop for home accessories and fashion pieces at the Salad Shop (www.facebook.com/saladshophajilane), bespoke jewellery and apparel at SSFW (www.ssfw.com.sg) and edgy menswear at Sup Clothing (www.facebook.com/ supclothing/). Visitors looking for unique lifestyle products can check out the numerous pop-up shops at So Gelam Market-a kampong-style (villages) weekend street market held monthly in Kampong Glam.

#### **Katong and Joo Chiat**

Visitors will find traditional shophouses alongside chic yoga studios and traditional coffee shops beside hip cafés that crank out cold-brewed coffees in the Katong and Joo Chiat neighbourhood (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p76). Visit quaint Peranakan (Straitsborn people of Chinese and Malay/ Indonesian heritage) boutique Rumah Bebe (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p77) to pick up exquisite fabrics and embroidered pouches, and then head over to Cat Socrates (www. catsocrates.wixsite.com/catsocrates). This charming shop, founded by Hellen Jiang, specialises in Singaporean literature and quirky local-inspired brica-brac-think cushions that resemble tutu kueh (steamed cakes with crushed peanut or grated coconut filling), felinerelated merchandise and Singlish (a colloquial form of English; see Know Singapore, p12) postcards. Take a trip down to MOX (www.themox.co), a co-creative working space, for fresh finds by young entrepreneurs. Visitors to MOX can take home contemporary renditions of traditional clothing from modern batik (traditional Indonesian fabric) fashion brand Baju by Oniatta (www.facebook.com/bajubyoniatta) and modern cheongsam (a body-hugging traditional Chinese dress) brand Studio HHFZ (www.facebook.com/studio. hhfz). Lovers of timeless fashion from the 1950s to 1990s should head to A Vintage Tale (www.avintagetale.com), a concept store showcasing carefully curated collections from across the globe. For specialty coffee, travellers can pop by Choice Cuts Goods + Coffee (www.facebook.com/choicecutsgoods) for a cuppa and enjoy it while browsing vinyl records in a relaxed atmosphere.

## Little India

A wide variety of shops like goldsmiths and traditional Indian beauty parlours can be found along Serangoon Road, the main thoroughfare of Singapore's Little India district

see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p77). On the corner of Serangoon Road and Bukit Timah Road is Tekka Centre see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p79), which houses a wet market and food centre on level 1 and retails traditional Indian clothing, textiles and footwear, on the upper floor. Located off Serangoon Road is one of Singapore's most famous shopping centres: Mustafa Centre (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p79). Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, this emporium sells an incredibly wide range of productsfrom sportswear, electronics to groceries and jewellery-plus it has a 24-hour pharmacy. In the heart of Little India, Jothi Store & Flower Shop (www.jothi com.sg) is worth a visit to catch whiffs of fragrant jasmine garlands and peruse traditional indian beauty products, homeware and kitchen ware. After exploring the area, bring home Little India-inspired fabrics, cushion covers and more from Onlewo's Jalan Besar outlet nearby (see Shopping, Top Ten Souvenirs, p140).

## LOCAL **SHOPPING: FASHION**

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#### **Beyond The Vines**

Clean lines and relaxed silhouettes define Beyond The Vines' understated, luxe designs. This homegrown womenswear label was founded by couple Daniel Chew and Rebecca Ting in 2015. Visitors can expect to find minimalist separates such as linen culottes and midi skirts in soft shades of olive, grey and maroon, kimono tops in crisp cotton, sleek shift dresses and belted shorts.

Where to buy: Funan, 107 North Bridge Road #02-08 (Flagship Store) and other outlets islandwide Tel: +65 8112 0332

Website: www.beyondthevines.com Email: hello@beyondthevines.com / pr@beyondthevines.com Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-10pm

Be immersed in colourful cultural shops and bring home traditional Indian memorabilia.



## **Charles & Keith**

footwear, bags, clutches and wallets have been making headlines in the Keith Wong, embarked on a vision to through fashion. By constantly can take home a pair of the brand's its many outlets islandwide.

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 6338 0537 (Bugis Junction outlet) / +65 6238 1840 (ION Orchard outlet) Website: www.charleskeith.com

Email: customers@charleskeith.com Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-10pm



Charles & Keith's elegant yet affordable fashion industry. Founders, Charles and empower women to express themselves 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 footwear or one of its chic bags at any of

#### **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 designssometimes in collaboration with other designers and artists-are flattering for all body shapes, and include oversized dresses, long vests, asymmetrical saris (traditional Indian womenswear) and ruffled shift dresses. ELOHIM is stocked in Singapore, as well as in the US, Korea and China.

Where to buy: Raffles City Shopping Centre, 252 North Bridge Road #02-36 (Flagship Store) and other outlets islandwide Tel: +65 6385 2185

Website: www.sabrinagoh.com

Email: info@sabrinagoh.com

**Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 10am–9pm

#### IN GOOD COMPANY

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Helmed by designers Sven Tan and Kane Tan, Singapore's fashion brand IN GOOD COMPANY has full-fledged stores at ION Orchard and Jewel Changi Airport (see Malls, p142). IN GOOD COMPANY's brand aesthetic is defined by clean lines, precise tailoring and soft drape work, which also extends towards menswear, and a 'Mini Me' range for the little ones. The homegrown brand frequently works with other local creative talents on collaborations that will appeal to Collectors. Going beyond just clothes, visitors can also enjoy food and dessert offerings at their lifestyle concept stores: popular local café Plain Vanilla (www.plainvanillabakery.com), which serves cupcakes and coffee at IN GOOD COMPANY's ION Orchard outpost, or indulge in botanical-infused gelato inspired by Southeast Asian flavours from homegrown gelato-makers Birds of Paradise (www.facebook.com/bopgelato), at their Jewel Changi Airport store.

Where to buy: ION Orchard, 2 Orchard Turn #B1-06; Jewel Changi Airport, 78 Airport Boulevard #01-214/215/216 and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 6509 4786 (ION Orchard) / +65 6241 3786 (Jewel Changi Airport)

Website: www.ingoodcompany.asia Email: customerservice@ingoodcompany.

Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-9.30pm

#### Lai Chan

Best known for his timeless designs of the figure-flattering Chinese cheongsam or the *qipao* (a body-hugging traditional Chinese dress), 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.

Where to buy: Paragon, 290 Orchard Road #03-20

Tel: +65 6235 0049

Website: www.laichan.com

Email: eddiegoh@laichan.com

**Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 11am–8pm

#### LING WU

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Homegrown brand LING WU creates luxurious handbags for the modern, independent women. Founder and mother of three, Goh Ling Ling focuses on incorporating function, sustainability and style into her designs. Inspired by the rich heritage of Asia, the brand's bags are dressed in a rich colour palette of saffron, chilli, cinnamon, turmeric and star anise.



Each item is made with traditional Asian craftsmanship, using the best sustainable materials sourced around the world-leathers are sourced from Italy while the buttery soft exotic skins are ethically sourced from Indonesia.

Where to buy: 43 Jalan Merah Saga #02-78; Design Orchard, 250 Orchard Road Tel: +65 9696 3118 (Trade Contact: Goh Ling Ling)

Website: www.lingwu.sg

Email: ling@lingwu.sg (Trade Contact: Goh Ling Ling)

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 11am-5.30pm; Sat by appointment only

#### **MATTER Prints**

Visitors will find heritage prints and styles reinterpreted in a modern manner at womenswear label. MATTER Prints. With a mission to make rural artisan production sustainable, MATTER Prints works closely with rural textile artisans and 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 Prints's stores, visitors can try on fashion apparel 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: kapok at National Design Centre, 111 Middle Road #01-05 and other outlets islandwide Tel: +65 6389 1539

Website: www.matterprints.com

Email: hello@matterprints.com **Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 11am–8pm

#### MAX.TAN

Singapore designer Max Tan describes his design philosophy as "serious, but

never severe, minimal but never simple. fragile but never weak". Each avantgarde 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: Society-A, Ngee Ann City, 391A Orchard Road #03-14A; MAX.TAN Studio, 29 Mcnair Road (By appointment only) and other outlets islandwide Website: www.max-tan.com

Email: pr@maxtan.com.sg **Opening Hours:** Mon-Sun 10am-9.30pm

#### **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-akind 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 (a body-hugging traditional Chinese dress). Her selection of luxurious silk brocades, plus her use of subtle details, peplums, obis and contrasting fabrics, thoroughly modernise the ultra-feminine dress. Customised and bespoke orders by appointment only.

Where to buy: Atelier Ong Shunmugam at Chip Bee Gardens, 43 Jalan Merah Saga #01-76 (By appointment only) **Tel:** +65 6252 2612

Website: www.ongshunmugam.com Email: info@ongshunmugam.com

#### 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: 31 Bukit Pasoh Road (By appointment only) Tel: +65 9476 4967 Website: www.stolenstolen.com Email: contact@stolenstolen.com

#### ELYN WONG Founder of Stolen

"With Stolen, it is always about opening minds and celebrating cross disciplinary creations. Fashion can be more than just a dress."



A Visual Communications graduate and former Creative Group Head at Ogilvy & Mather, Elyn Wong's journey into fashion in 2007 was an unconventional one. Her designs takes cue from architecture and installation art-things Elyn also has passion for. This adaptation has resulted in lines of clothing featuring a structured rather than decorative form. More than a clothing label, Elyn's brand is an ode to feminine allure in all its strength and fragility.

#### 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. With the vision to story-tell through her art, Ying aims to bring more vibrancy and colour into the Singaporean fashion scene. 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: Ying's Atelier at KAP Shopping Mall, 9 King Albert Park #01-18; Design Orchard, 250 Orchard Road **Tel:** +65 6935 3881 / +65 9040 2532 Website: www.yingthelabel.com Email: info@yingthelabel.com **Opening Hours:** Mon-Fri 9am-6pm; Sat & Sun by appointment only

#### SHOPPING

#### ONE-OF-A-KIND DESIGNS AND PRINTS

At Ying The Label, visitors can look forward to beautiful self-designed prints with whimsical colour palettes to patterns inspired by origami-folding. The exquisite brand seeks to inspire shoppers' everyday lives with their original creations.





## LOCAL **SHOPPING:** LIFESTYLE

#### **Bynd Artisan**



Born from a rich heritage of craftsmanship, Bynd Artisan offers customised and personalised leather and paper gifts for everyone, for any occasion. Immerse in the process of creating the perfect gift, and have it personalised on the spot for a truly unique touch. To experience something new, join one of the brand's calligraphy or leather-crafting workshops, and learn a useful skill. Bynd Artisan also offers corporate gifting services, enabling clients to share the perfect gift from the heart.

Where to buy: Chip Bee Gardens, 44 Jalan Merah Saga #01-54 and other outlets islandwide

- **Tel:** +65 6475 1680 / +65 6267 5066
- Website: www.byndartisan.com

Email: hello@byndartisan.com

Opening Hours: Tue-Fri noon-9pm; Sat & Sun 10am-9pm

#### Creative

Tech brand Creative is synonymous with cutting-edge speakers, headphones and other audio solutions. 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. Creative's latest breakthrough is an all-new game changing technology for headphones called Super X-Fi Headphone Holography. This technology recreates the listening experience of a high-end multi-speaker system in a professional studio, with the same depth, detail, realism, and spaciousness, in headphones. Super X-Fi has won multiple accolades worldwide, including an unprecedented 15 awards at CES 2019.

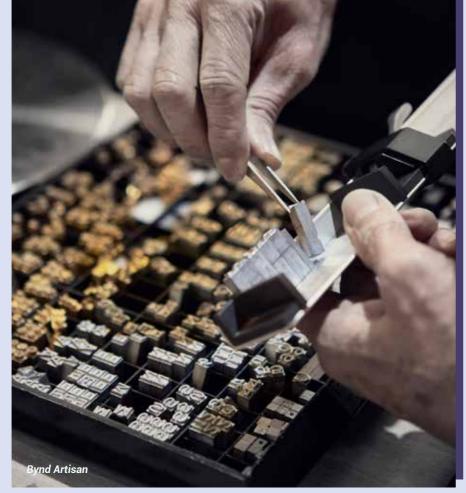
Where to buy: Harvey Norman stores, Challenger stores and other electronic stores islandwide

Tel: +65 6895 4000 / +65 6895 4138 (Trade Contact: Ernest Sim)

Website: www.creative.com Email: support@creative.com /

ernest\_sim@clt.creative.com (Trade Contact: Ernest Sim)

**Opening Hours:** Varies according to store



#### kapok

Well-known for introducing emerging exclusive creators to Hong Kong, Hong Kong retail store kapok has set up its flagship outlet at Singapore's National Design Centre. Here, visitors can find local womenswear design brands Rye (www.r-y-e.co) and MATTER Prints (see p147) 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 (www.tanukibar.com), is known for its comforting Japanese-inspired rice bowls.

Where to buy: National Design Centre, 111 Middle Road #01-05 and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 9060 9107 (Trade Contact: Jiayi Wang / Karen Lee)

Website: www.ka-pok.com

Email: kapok.ndc@ka-pok.com (Trade Contact: Jiavi Wang / Karen Lee) Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 11am-8pm

#### 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. Co-founded by Singaporean

entrepreneur Min-Liang Tan in 2005, Razer<sup>™</sup> has grown to dominate the hardware, software and services landscape. Razer™'s award-winning hardware includes high-performance gaming peripherals and Razer<sup>™</sup> Blade laptops. Razer™'s software platform, with over 70 million users, includes Razer™ Synapse, Razer™ Chroma and Razer<sup>™</sup> Cortex. Visitors can find Razer<sup>™</sup>'s products at various electronics stores around Singapore such as Challenger and COURTS.

Where to buy: Challenger stores, COURTS, Harvey Norman stores, and other electronic stores islandwide

Tel: +65 6505 2188

Website: www.razer.com Opening Hours: Varies according to store

## PROFESSIONAL ESPORTS ATHLETE SPONSOR

Razer<sup>™</sup> is the sponsor of homegrown professional esports athlete, Ho Kun Xian. Supported by Razer<sup>™</sup>, Kun Xian has won multiple premiers throughout his career.

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## LOCAL **SHOPPING:** FOOD

#### **Bengawan Solo**

Bengawan Solo was founded in 1979 by Ms Anastasia Tjendri-Liew who started out as a home-baker. Today, Bengawan Solo 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 popular amongst Singaporeans and visitors. Signature treats include kueh lapis (layered cake) and ondeh ondeh (glutinous rice balls with palm sugar filling, 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: www.bengawansolo.com.sg Email: sales@bengawansolo.com.sg Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-10pm

#### Fossa Chocolate

Founded by a trio of chocolate lovers, Fossa Chocolate has since earned the accolade of being Singapore's first International Chocolate Awards winner. Its confections and chocolates are handcrafted at their workshop in Singapore and instead of using semifinished products like cocoa butter, Fossa chooses to make its chocolate from scratch. Bestsellers include Fossa's local flavour range which features flavours like Chilli Peanut Praline, which is inspired by local satay (grilled meat skewers) sauce and Nanyang Kaya (a traditional iam made from coconut and equs). Made with sleek packaging and pure dedication, Fossa's chocolates are the perfect gift for making a classy impression.

Where to buy: Glasshouse at CHIJMES, 20 Victoria Street #01-03 and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 9679 8088 (Trade Contact: Yilina) Website: www.fossachocolate.com

Email: hello@fossachocolate.com / vilina@fossachocolate.com (Trade Contact: Yilina)

**Opening Hours:** Mon-Thu 8am-5pm; Fri 8am-9pm; Sat 9am-10pm; Sun 9am-6pm

## 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 (sweet pastry traditionally eaten during Mid-Autumn Festival) while incorporating unique flavours into these baked goods. Try the laksa (spicy coconut milk-based noodle soup), lychee and hae bee hiam (dried shrimp and spicy sambal) cookies, and best sellers like the snow skin durian (a spiky tropical fruit that is unique to Southeast Asia) mooncake. For a more memorable souvenir, take home Home's Favourite Tingkat sets-cookies packaged in colourful tingkats, metal lunch boxes widely used in Southeast Asia in the past.

Store, 391 Orchard Road Basement 2 and other outlets islandwide Tel: +65 6272 2028

Website: www.homesfavourite.com Email: info@homesfavourite.com Sun 11am-8.30pm



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Where to buy: Tangs Market at Tang Plaza, 320 Orchard Road; Takashimaya Department

Opening Hours: Mon-Sat 10.30am-9.30pm;

#### **JEWELS by Cheng**

Cheng, short for Cheng Yew Heng Candy Factory, is Singapore's oldest and only sugar manufacturer since 1947. Its retail brand JEWELS was created to encourage people to take a breather from fast-paced lifestyles and enjoy their favourite beverages with their JEWELS Rock Sugar Sticks. The sticks are made from the finest and purest naturally-crystallised rock sugar, which is a healthier substitute to table sugar, and carries several health benefits. They are ideal to pair with coffee, tea, sparkling water, cocktails or simply as a candy.

Where to buy: Naiise, orchardgateway, 277 Orchard Road and other outlets islandwide Tel: +65 6266 3530 / +65 9828 7371 (Trade **Contact:** John Cheng) Fax: +65 6266 2821

Website: www.chengsugar.com Email: sales@chengsugar.com / John@chengsugar.com (Trade Contact: John Cheng)

**Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 10.30am–9.30pm

#### Lim Chee Guan

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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 *slices* 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 S\$100 except during the month leading up to Chinese Lunar New Year (see Festivals & Events, p38).

Where to buy: 203 New Bridge Road; ION Orchard, 2 Orchard Turn #B4-37 and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 6933 7230

Website: www.limcheeguan.com.sg

Email: info@limcheeguan.com.sg

Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 9am-10pm

#### Mala Mala

Singapore's first homegrown mala brand (spicy, numbing Chinese sauce) reinterprets the exotic flavours of mala with a contemporary twist. The result is crunchy hand-cut mushroom chips and potato wedges coated with mouthwatering *mala* sauce. These snacks are made with an impeccable blend of premium spices and exudes Asian flavours with every bite. Mala Mala holds special sampling sessions for travel groups and can be contacted for an appointment. Trade discount is at 20 - 25%.

Where to buy: Jewel Changi Airport, 78 Airport Boulevard #B2-266 and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 6735 8059 (Trade Contact: Ow Zhihong)

Website: www.malamala.com.sq

Email: whatsup@malamala.com.sg (Trade Contact: Ow Zhihong)

Opening Hours: Mon-Thu, Sun 7ammidnight; Fri, Sat & Eve of Public Holiday 7am-1am

#### Old Seng Choong

Founded by renowned local pastry chef Daniel Tay, Old Seng Choong offers traditional bakes and cakes to celebrate every joyous occasion. Bringing back heritage recipes and nostalgic local flavours of Singapore, Old Seng Choong offers a wide range of homemade cookies, pies, butter cakes and other seasonal festive items that preserves the food memories of the older generation. Best-selling cookie flavours include cereal prawn, smokey bak kwa (barbecued meat slices), laksa (spicy coconut milk-based noodle soup) and satay (grilled meat skewers). Old Seng Choong has also crafted a special series of cookies-Singapore Stars, which features special collaboration with local personalities & landmarks. The brand was created as a tribute to Daniel's father, a baker and confectioner himself for over 30 years. It is named after the well-loved Seng Choong Confectionery, which was established in 1965 and run by Daniel's parents until its closure in 1996. Travellers will recognise The Red House in Katong & Joo Chiat (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic District, p76), the historical landmark that housed Seng Choong Confectionery before its closure.

Where to buy: The Central, 6 Eu Tong Sen Street #01-48; Design Orchard, 250 Orchard Road

Tel: +65 6224 0915 / +65 9023 0648 (Trade Contact: Yeo Chiu Ping)

Website: www.oldsengchoong.com

Email: enguiries@oldsengchoong.com / chiuping@oldsengchoong.com (Trade Contact: Yeo Chiu Ping)

**Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 11am–10pm

#### 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-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), chicken rice and chilli crab (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p107).

Where to buy: FairPrice, Cold Storage and other supermarkets islandwide Tel: +65 6559 2393 Fax: +65 6852 9535 Website: www.primataste.com.sg Email: sales.primataste@prima.com.sg **Opening Hours:** Varies according to store

> DANIEL TAY Founder of Old Seng Choong

"Our aim is to savour Singapore's delicacies in every bite. Old Seng Choong offers more than just cookies, we embody local heritage."



Daniel Tay has come a long way in his journey as a homegrown pastry chef and entrepreneur. His latest business venture, Old Seng Choong is named after his father's now-defunct confectionery shop that was first opened in 1965. In 1995, he converted the shop into the retail arm of his wholesale bakery business. The move proved to be unsuccessful and the business fell into debt. In spite of the happenings, Daniel persevered, took on the role of a pastry chef at Les Amis (see Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p120) and sold homebaked cheesecakes to pay off the debts. Debt-free within two years, he opened Baker's Inn bakery which later evolved into patisserie-cafe chain Bakerzin, which he sold off in 2007. Following that, he opened a few other businesses, which includes the highly-requested Old Seng Choong.



#### Raffles Boutique

Previously known as the Raffles Gift Shop, the new Raffles Boutique features a brand new retail concept where shoppers will be able to enjoy a cuppa and homemade pastries at the refreshed Ah Teng's Cafe while browsing well-loved souvenirs and gourmet products that are set amidst a heritage gallery that showcases the illustrious heritage of Raffles Hotel Singapore (see Stay, p30). Its gourmet selection include special tea blends, premium coffee blends, cookies and nuts.

Where to buy: Raffles Hotel Singapore, 328 North Bridge Road Tel: +65 6337 1886 Fax: +65 6339 7650 Website: www.rafflesarcade.com.sg/rafflesboutique Email: boutique@raffles.com **Opening Hours:** Mon–Sun 9am–9pm

The Cookie Museum™

Established in 2004, The Cookie Museum<sup>™</sup> specialises in uniquely flavoured cookies that are made by hand. Its one-of-a-kind Singapore Heritage Flavours capture 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, p108). Other popular local flavours include pandan chiffon and chilli crab (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p107), while classic flavours include blueberries with macadamia. Visitors can bring home

limited-edition gift tins as souvenirs. The Cookie Museum™ also sells their signature barrel liqueur cakes and healthy snacks such as nuts and fruit chips.

Where to buy: Jewel Changi Airport, 78 Airport Boulevard #01-234; Raffles City Shopping Centre, 252 North Bridge Road #B1-49 and other outlets islandwide **Tel:** +65 6749 7496 / +65 6288 1965 Fax: +65 6749 7498 Website: www.thecookiemuseum.com Email: comments@thecookiemuseum.com Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-10pm

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## LOCAL **SHOPPING: HEALTH &** WELLNESS

#### alche{me}

A Singapore- based skincare brand, alche{me} offers personalised and conscious skincare through the use of cutting-edge facial recognition technology. State-of-the-art facial recognition technology is used to provide an objective and scientific assessment of one's skin, the results are then interpreted and paired with the suitable active ingredients to address the skin's specific requirements and improve and enhance complexion. Rooted in the

intimate understanding of Asian women's skin needs, alche{me}'s innovative and sustainable products were designed with the aspirations and lifestyles of women today. Products are formulated to suit humid weather and/or conditions that are common in Southeast Asia

Where to buy: Naiise Iconic @ Jewel Changi Airport, 78 Airport Boulevard #02-205/206 and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 9428 4471 / +65 8139 3693 (Trade Contact: Constance Mandefield)

Website: www.alcheme.one

Email: hello@alcheme.one / constance.mandefield@alcheme.one (Trade Contact: Constance Mandefield)

Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-10pm; alche{me} skin experts present Thu-Sun noon-7pm

## SKINCARE THAT NOURISHES AND PROTECTS

alche{me}'s classic range of cleansers, toners, serums and masks are natural and cruelty-free, and do not contain PEG, parabens, sulfates, phenoxyethanol, silicon or animal-derived ingredients. Visitors can be assured that their skin will be protected and nourished well.

#### **Eu Yan Sang**

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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 is one of the best stocked Traditional Chinese Medicine retailers in the region. It also 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 bring home vacuum-packed soup incredients to prepare tonic soups. If they are feeling under the weather, visit one of Eu Yan Sang's Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) clinics or Premier Centres and Wellness Centres for diagnosis by experienced practitioners. Eu Yan Sang Premier TCM Centres specialise in complex and chronic health conditions, one of which located in Singapore's shopping district in Paragon (see Malls, p143).

Where to buy: Changi Airport Terminals; ION Orchard, 2 Orchard Turn #B4-31/32 and other outlets islandwide Tel: +65 6749 8830 / +65 6749 9729 (Trade Contact: Cindy Tay) Fax: +65 6749 8692 Website: www.euyansang.com.sg

Email: info@euyansang.com /

airport\_preorders@euyansang.com

**Opening Hours:** Varies according to terminal

#### 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 390 outlets in 18 countries in Asia, Oceania, Middle East, Europe and North America. It has a line of portable products, including handheld massagers, air purifiers and light therapy-enabled eye massagers. Its uLove 2 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: 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: www.osim.com Email: customerservice@osim.com.sg Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-9.30pm



#### **RE:ERTH Skincare**

RE:ERTH (abbreviation of "Reencountering Earth") is a minimalist skincare label by four Singaporeans and one Japanese. Designed in Singapore and made in Japan, the brand's products provide a unique, mindful experience to achieve healthy, mochi-like skin. They are created with natural ingredients that are fast absorbing and cruelty free. Patented ingredients include Japanese White Turmeric and Japanese Spring Tumeric, grown exclusively in RE:ERTH's farms in Kyushu, Japan, bringing about a farm to vanity concept.

Where to buy: Design Orchard, 250 Orchard Road; OUE Downtown Gallery, Beauty Bar, 6A Shenton Wav

Tel: +65 9336 9559 (Trade Contact: Toh Zilina)

Website: www.reerth.com

Email: hello@reerth.com / ziling@reerth.com (Trade Contact: Toh Ziling)

Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10.30am-9.30pm

#### Spa Esprit

A homegrown apothecary spa, Spa Esprit has been creating one-of-akind spa treatments and a range of customised skincare products since 1996. With the help of bio-feedback energy machines, the spa also offers new-age therapy services that map out visitors' energetic blueprint to better prescribe an effective remedial essential oil blend for massages. One of the services that incorporates this technology is its newly-launched new-age therapy, Super Vibrator, that re-centres energy and rebalances from the inside-out. It utilises a combination of touch (massage), scent (customised essential oil blend) and sound (Tingsha cymbals and Tibetan singing bowl),

leaving customers relaxed and revitalised. Spa Esprit is offering 10% off all single services until 31 December 2020. contact Spa Esprit Wheelock at +65 6479 0070 to find out more.

Where to buy: Wheelock Place, 501 Orchard Road #03-19; Raffles City, 252 North Bridge Road #B2-24 and other outlets islandwide Tel: +65 6479 0070 / +65 6474 5964 (Trade Contact: Micaela Choo)

Website: www.spa-esprit.com

Email: customercare@spa-esprit.com / micaela.choo@wonderscapeholdings.com (Trade Contact: Micaela Choo)

Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-9pm (closed on selected Eve of and Public Holidays)

#### To Be Calm

Whether it be to energise, relax, sleep or simply to be surrounded by delightful fragrances to soothe the soul, To Be Calm is committed to creating an optimal state of mind through the thoughtful use of fragrance and nourishing body products. The brand specialises in iconic imagery of Singapore, coupled with beautiful fragrances to recreate visits to Singapore. To Be Calm also has a 'Journey' Artist Series that captures great cites and countries around the world, through a collection of iconic artist inspired images and interpretive, delightful fragrances.

Where to buy: I12 Katong, 112 East Coast Road; VivoCity, 1 HarbourFront Walk #02-189 and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 9139 1784 (Trade Contact: Cherylynne Clews)

Website: www.tobecalm.com

Email: info@tobecalm.com / c.clews@tobecalm.com (Trade Contact: Cherylynne Clews)

Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-10pm

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## LOCAL SHOPPING: WATCHES & **JEWELLERY**

#### **BOLDR Supply Co.**

Based in Singapore and Malaysia, BOLDR Supply Co. is an outfitter brand for urban explorers of the world. BOLDR watches are created to be stylish yet super-tough and functional. The brand has a passion and mission of seeking out the adventurous side of life, hence, the impeccably designed, uniquely assembled timepieces are made to withstand everyday use-traversing forests of the world or striding through urban jungles. The newly launched BOLDR Expedition 2019, is a tried, tested and tough tactical timepiece that features automatic Swiss movement, a multi-function rotating inner bezel, dual screw-down crowns, sapphire glass lens and caseback adorned with custom artwork-a signature touch of the brand.

Where to buy: Design Orchard. 250 Orchard Road; Orchard Central, 181 Orchard Road #04-29 (By appointment only) and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +1 303 952 0388

Website: www.boldrsupply.co

Email: support@boldrsupply.co Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10.30am-9.30pm

#### Carrie K. Jewellerv

Launched in 2009. Carrie K. is the brainchild of local designer Carolyn Kan who has achieved accolades such as the Singapore Fashion Awards 'Designer of the Year' 2016 and 'Bespoke Designer of the Year' 2017. Inspired by Singapore's multicultural heritage, Carrie K.'s beautifully handcrafted modern heirlooms are modular and one-of-a-kind. Its flagship store in Funan (see Malls, p141) features The Pearl Bar that includes the reinvention of the pearl necklace which allows the iewellery to be styled in over 100 different, modern ways. This has been hailed by fashion gurus like Buro as "this century's most ingenious and liberating way to wear them".

Where to buy: Funan, 107 North Bridge Road #02-K05

Tel: +65 9061 2880

Website: www.carriekrocks.com

Email: contact@carriekrocks.com

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 11am-9pm; Sat & Sun 10am-10pm

## State Property

State Property is a contemporary fine jewellery label rooted in Singapore, offering subtle yet distinctive pieces for those with an appetite for style and guality. Afzal Imram and Lin Ruivin are the designers behind the company and the duo handcraft their iewellerv in materials like gold and precious gemstones to create timeless yet bold pieces. Designed for the modern-day wearer, State Property is quickly becoming a cult favourite across the globe, with fans that include some of the most influential women in the world, like Michelle Obama, Taylor Swift and Lady Gaga.

Where to buy: State Property Atelier, 81 McNair Road (By appointment only); Red Dot Design Museum, 11 Marina Boulevard and other outlets islandwide Tel: +65 9859 8196 / +65 9792 1463 (Trade Contact: Afzal Imram) Website: www.thisisstateproperty.com Email: team@thisisstateproperty.com / afzal.imram@thisisstateproperty.com (Trade Contact: Afzal Imram)

**Opening Hours:** By Appointment Only



#### Watch Wonderland

Watch Wonderland works in tandem with a curated selection of independent watchmakers to deliver a collection of unique watches with exceptional build quality that resonate with every individual. It takes pride in its watches from over 20 brands from the region. that have been handpicked and make great conversation starters. They have been chosen based on their mechanical integrity, aesthetics, material distinction, longevity and genuine brand story.

Where to buy: Suntec City, 3 Temasek Boulevard #01-470/472: ION Orchard. 2 Orchard Turn #B3-03; Raffles City, 252 North Bridge Road #02-08

Tel: +65 6732 6043 / +65 9758 2200 (Trade Contact: Benjamin Ng)

Website: www.wonderland.watch

Email: hello@wonderland.watch / ben@wonderland.watch (Trade Contact: Benjamin Ng)

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 11am-9pm; Sat & Sun 11am-9.30pm





## LOCAL SHOPPING: MEN'S

#### **Benjamin Barker**

Benjamin Barker is a purveyor of smartcasual, heritage-inspired apparel and a lifestyle destination for the discerning gentleman. The brand's clothes exude style and personality as each design, fit, construction, form and material are thoroughly thought through. Benjamin Barker also works closely with partners who are committed to a high degree of handcraftsmanship. Suits, shoes and accessories can be found in its stores, making it a one-stop retail destination for the distinguished connoisseur. Benjamin Barker is offering up to 50% off in-stores, while stocks last.

Where to buy: Funan, 107 North Bridge Road #02-26/27; VivoCity, 1 HarbourFront Walk #02-08 and other outlets islandwide

Tel: +65 6732 0823

Website: www.benjaminbarker.co

Email: contactus@benjaminbarker.com.au

**Opening Hours:** Mon-Thu & Sun 11am-10pm; Fri, Sat & Eve of Public Holiday 12pm-11pm

#### DUXTON

Singaporean menswear brand DUXTON is driven by a simple vision-a comfortable top that fits well and gives the wearer confidence for any scenario. Created by husband-wife founders Dustin Ramos and Iris Sangalang. DUXTON focuses on men's essentials. Each collection curated is inspired by a city-its Spring Summer 2019 Collection was inspired by New York, presenting a combination of floral patterns and Japanese fabrics. The brand is adamant about the quality of its clothing. To ensure the highest quality, knit fabrics are sourced, cut, sewn and packaged in Los Angeles while woven fabrics are sourced in Japan and cut, sewn and packaged in Los Angeles.

Where to buy: Monument Lifestyle, 75 Duxton Road Website: www.duxton.com Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 8am-7pm; Sat-Sun 10am-6pm

#### The Authority

The Authority is a Singapore-based lifestyle outfit that takes a functional and minimalistic approach to menswear. The brand features collections that are designed in-house, evergreen in every season and brought to life through high quality fabrics. Holding true to the belief that fashion is an expression of individuality; influenced by what is current in the world of art, culture and design, menswear pieces from The Authority reflect trends and serve as a form of dialogue between fashion and culture.

Where to buy: orchardgateway, 277 Orchard Road #03-03

Website: www.theauthority.co Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 1pm-9pm

#### The Shirt Bar

A menswear specialist, The Shirt Bar exists to bring customers products with superior quality and fit by using sustainable practices, ensuring that they bring real value to customers. The brand offers a comprehensive collection ranging from classic formals to quirky casuals with specially engineered shirts with technologically advanced finishing and functions that make them extra comfortable to wear. For instance, The Shirt Bar's spill resist shirts allow beverage spills to be wiped off effortlessly. The brand sees fashion as an expression of one's individuality, hence each design they have is produced in limited quantities. New designs are constantly created to offer a wide and fresh selection to meet different needs for every occasion.

Where to buy: Jewel Changi Airport, 78 Airport Boulevard #B1-240 and other

outlets islandwide **Tel:** +65 6713 0304 / +65 8100 8600 (Trade Contact: Ruth Ng)

Website: www.the-shirt-bar.com/

Email: wecare@the-shirt-bar.com / ruth@the-shirt-bar.com (Trade Contact: Ruth Ng)

Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-10pm

# The Shirt Bar

#### We Need A Hero

An all-male one-stop grooming destination, We Need A Hero is dedicated to help men get styled from head to toe. Created to groom the 'he' in 'hero', We Need A Hero taps into its specialised experience to provide a complete range of services such as haircuts and colouring, brow grooming, shaves, waxing and hair removal. The specialty concept seeks to answer the growing demand for male personal grooming services in a way that allows men to enjoy total grooming in a comfortable setting.

Where to buy: 57 Eng Hoon Street #01-86 Tel: +65 6222 5590 / +65 6474 5964 (Trade Contact: Sue Lynn)

Website: www.weneedahero.sg Email: eh@weneedahero.sg / suelynn.teo@wonderscapeholdings.com

(Trade Contact: Sue Lynn) Opening Hours: Mon–Fri 11am–9pm; Sat

10am-9pm; Sun 10am-8pm

#### W.H.Y & CO

Singapore artisan shoe brand W.H.Y & CO has established itself in the lion city with a heritage of over 60 years handcrafting shoes. The brand's shoes are crafted with leathers directly sourced from tanneries in France and deliver utmost quality and comfort. Abiding its philosophy of "Every shoe a journey, every pair a story", each pair of W.H.Y & CO's shoes are meticulously hand-painted and presented as unique and individual footwear. Travel trade discount is at 15% off.

Where to buy: International Plaza, 10 Anson Road, #02-92 Tel: +65 9017 4843 (Trade Contact: Goh Wei Han)

Website: www.whyandco.com

Email: contactus@whyandco.com (Trade Contact: Goh Wei Han) Opening Hours: Mon-Fri noon-5pm







## TOURS

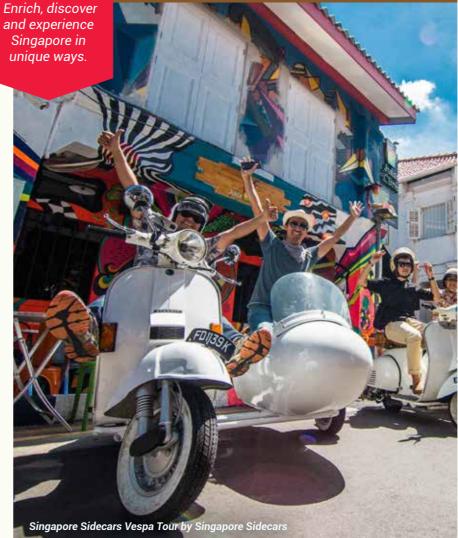
Our tours will let visitors discover local delights and hidden gems or dive deeper to uncover stories behind colonial landmarks and local customs.

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B Families
C Couples
D Active Silvers
E Business Travellers
F Millennials
G Cruises

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## **TOURS** (09)

From visiting Singapore's colonial landmarks to learning about local customs and soaking up the buzz at trendy nightlife enclaves, there's a tour for every type of traveller and budget.

Families can take guided farm tours to learn how food is grown locally. Couples can spend quality time at the serene and picturesque Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p63). Explorers can go on a bus tour for a hassle-free way of exploring historic sights and other major attractions. Foodies can embark on the many food tours available to experience Singapore's food culture by eating where locals eat. For a more luxurious sightseeing experience, travellers can take a cruise around Asia.



## FREE INDEPENDENT TRAVELLERS



#### Everyday Secrets Of Singapore Public Housing HDB Tour by **Everyday Tour Company**

Visit three different types of public housing estates in Singapore and learn about the cultures each house within their walls. The first stop is the Everton estate where one of the earliest types of public housing still stands. Visitors will be guided to traditional stores and have a cuppa at a local café. Visitors will also explore the architecture of the Cantonment estate and gain insights on how public housing has evolved over the years. The tour ends at Pinnacle@ Duxton, one of Singapore's iconic public housing projects. Visitors can choose to pay a S\$6 fee to go up to its 50th storey for a panoramic skyline view of Singapore. Trade discount available at 10% off published rate.

## **Tel:** +65 8749 4007 (Trade Contact: P S Yeo) Web: www.everydaytourcompany.com **Email:** hello@everydaytourcompany.com (Trade Contact: P S Yeo) Cost: S\$60 per pax Duration: 2-2.5 hours

Availability: Mon Write in to enquire about private bookings. Language(s) available: English

#### Full Day Round Island Tour by Tour East Singapore

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 in The Southern Ridges (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p67) before heading to Haw Par Villa (see Attractions, Arts, Museum & Heritage, p53) for some Chinese folklore and mythology that is sure to fascinate Culture Shapers. Next, visit the Kranji War Memorial where those who died in the line of duty during World War II (WWII) are honoured. Visitors will have lunch at a local restaurant and head to Bright Hill Temple to admire its spectacular architecture. 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. This tour will only be available until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

Address of Tour Operator: Central Mall Office Tower, 1 Magazine Road #07-05/06 Tel: +65 6738 2622 / +65 6238 2884 (Trade Contact: Jolene Goh)

Fax: +65 6238 2854

Website: www.toureast.net

Email: resvn@toureast.net / jolenegoh@toureast.net (Trade Contact: Jolene Goh)

Cost: Adult S\$92, Child S\$50; Min 2 adults Write in to enquire about travel trade deals.

Availability: Tue, Thu, Sat & Sun 9am

#### Harmony Of Senses Walking Tour by The Walking Singapore Tours@Marina Bay

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. Catch an outdoor light and water show, and experience Singapore's journey as a multicultural society told through music, lights, advanced lasers, fountain jets and visual projectors at the Marina Bay Sands<sup>®</sup> promenade. At Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p63), travellers will be treated to the Garden Rhapsody light show before getting a bird's-eye view from the 57<sup>th</sup> floor, at CÉ LA VI Singapore (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Clubs, p100) At this premier rooftop nightclub, visitors can sip on cocktails and enjoy the stellar view of the city with DJ-spun beats.

Address of Tour Operator: The Esplanade Mall, 8 Raffles Avenue #01-18 Tel: +65 8339 3989 Website: www.thewalkingsingapore.com Email: info@thewalkingsingapore.com Cost: S\$80 per pax Write in to enquire about travel trade deals. Duration: 3 hours Availability: Fri 6.30-9.30pm

Language(s) available: English

Duration: 7 hours

Language(s) available: English

#### Katong Walking Tour by **Original Food Tours** Discover tastes of Singapore along heritage shophouses housing multi-ethnic eateries in Katong (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p76) on this 3.5-hour tour. Relish in Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) cuisine like nonya (Peranakan

term for women) dumplings and dig into local hawker favourites like popiah (fresh spring roll with vegetables and assorted filling), curry puff, chicken rice, roti prata (South Indian flatbread) (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p106 and p109 respectively), Teochew kueh (bite-sized snacks or desserts). Enjoy Katong laksa (spicy coconut milk-based noodle soup) from the famous 328 Katong Laksa, that bested celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay in a 2013 cooking showdown. Through this tour, visitors pick up not just souvenirs but basic Singlish (colourful slang that combines English and local dialects; see Know Singapore, p12) terms, a language commonly spoken by Singaporeans.

Tel: +65 9839 5792 (Trade Contact: Olivia Chey) Website: www.singapore.originalfoodtours.

Email: singapore@orginalfoodtours.com

(Trade Contact: Olivia Chey) Cost: S\$120 per pax

Duration: 3.5 hours

Availability: Tues-Sun 11.00am-2.30pm / 4.30-8pm

Language(s) available: English

Other language requests may be arranged under Private Tour at a S\$60 surcharge.



#### Peranakan Supper by Wok 'N' Stroll

When the sun goes down, this threehour 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, p76). 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 roll with vegetables and assorted filling) and nonva (Peranakan term for women) rice dumplings, this eye-opening tour shows participants the liveliness of the culture and neighbourhood at night.

#### Tel: +65 8338 3571

Website: www.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, Mandarin, Japanese, Korean, Hebrew and Russian

#### **Red Clogs Down The Five Foot** Way<sup>™</sup> by Journeys

Under the glow of bright red lanterns, the shophouses that line the bustling five-foot-ways of Chinatown (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p70) are home to traditional teahouses 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, p107). 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 district before snapping a selfie in front of a giant red clog (wooden footwear that was preferred in Singapore before World War II) located outside Chinatown Heritage Centre.

#### Address of Tour Operator: Haw Par Villa Management Office, 262 Pasir Panjang Road Tel: +65 6325 1631

Fax: +65 6224 0136

Website: www.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-noon Language(s) available: English

#### 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. Bugis precinct (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p81) 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. After a tour of the area, visitors will be taken to a local hawker centre to try local drinks.

# 6001 Beach Road #18-04

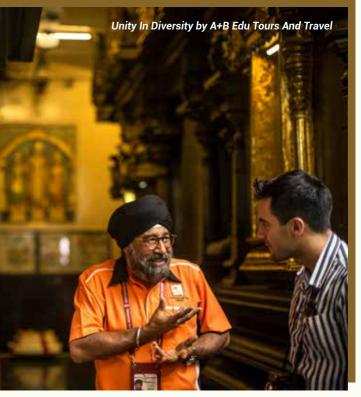
Tel: + 65 6339 2114 (Trade Contact: Angie Lau) Website: www.abedutours.com.sg Email: admin@abedutours.com.sg / tours@abedutours.com.sg / nanak@abedutours.com.sg (Trade Contact:

Angie Lau)

S\$45 Write in to enquire about private / group bookings. Duration: 3 hours Availability: Mon-Thu, Sat & Sun 4-7pm Language(s) available: English Please contact Angie Lau for other languages.

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Address of Tour Operator: Golden Mile Tower,

Cost: Adult S\$70, Child below 12 years old

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## FAMILIES

#### A Melting Pot Of Tea by **Lion Heartlanders**

Culture Shapers can immerse in a unique experience of appreciating Singapore' history through tea. Being a country with a "melting pot" of different races, Singapore's tea culture developed to be as diverse. Gain a fresh perspective of Singapore's multi-racial society through four cups of tea from different cultural backgrounds at varied coffeeshops and tea establishments. Explore cultural sights of Chinatown (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p70), learn its history and try a hand at traditional tea brewing and tea packing. Guided by a modern tea artist, visitors can also blend personal tea flavours that they can bring home.

#### Address of Tour Operator: 55 Lengkong Empat #05-04

Tel: +65 9172 8212 Website: www.lionheartlanders.com Email: hello@lionheartlanders.com **Cost:** Adult S\$125 (2-4 pax), S\$115 (5-9 pax), S\$105 (10-12 pax), S\$95 (>20 pax), S\$85 (>30 pax) per pax, Child below 12 years old S\$55; Min 2 adults Duration: 4 hours Availability: Mon-Sat 9am-1pm, 2-6pm Language(s) available: English

#### Bikes And Bites Tour by Let's Go Tour

Foodies and Culture Shapers can satisfy their desire for good food, arts and culture as they sample local delights and cycle through cultural neighbourhoods such as Chinatown, Kampong Glam and Little India (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p77) with a local guide. The colourful streets of these neighbourhoods 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* (South Indian flatbread) (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p106 and p109 respectively).

Address of Tour Operator: 462 Crawford Lane #01-57 **Tel:** +65 9004 4332 / +65 9271 0978

(Trade Contact: Robin Loh) Website: www.letsgotoursingapore.com

Email: admin@letsgobikesingapore.com / robin@letsgotoursingapore.com (Trade Contact: Robin Loh) 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, Mandarin

#### **Chinatown Food Walk by Betel Box Tours**

This tour opens a back door into Chinatown's famous alleyways (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p70), 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? 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 of Tour Operator: 200 Joo Chiat Road

Tel: +65 6247 7340 Website: www.betelboxtours.com Email: travel@betelbox.com Cost: S\$60 per pax Duration: 4 hours Availability: Tue 9.30am-1.30pm Language(s) available: English

#### Dhobis, Saris & A Spot Of Curry<sup>™</sup> by Journeys

Home to some of Singapore's most famous temples, food stalls and enchanting murals, Little India (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p77) 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 (traditional Indian womenswear). Food will be provided on this tour-once visitors have worked up an appetite, they will be taken to one of Little India's oldest restaurants for traditional Indian breakfast items like thosai (Indian pancake made from fermented rice and lentil batter) paired with mouth-watering curry.

Address of Tour Operator: Haw Par Villa Management Office, 262 Pasir Panjang Road Tel: +65 6325 1631 Fax: +65 6224 0136 Website: www.journeys.com.sg/tosw Email: discover@journeys.com.sg / fun@singaporewalks.com Cost: Adult S\$38, Child S\$18 (subject to change)

A Spot of Curry™ by Journeys

Duration: 2.5 hours Availability: Tue 9.30am-noon

Language(s) available: English



"I love it that I am in the business and capacity to create wonderful memories of Singapore for our guests."



Let's Go Tour began from a simple inspiration-a sightseeing bike tour in Bangkok that gave a local's perspective of the bustling city. With that, Robin and his friend, Daniel, rolled up their sleeve and started planning and travelling around Singapore to recreate the bike tour. Each attraction on the the routes they offer are carefully selected to curate a memorable journey for participants.

> Collectors Take home a slice of local life as you explore ethnic neighbourhoods.

#### **Historical Singapore Bicycle** Tour by Let's Go Tour

On this tour, visitors will explore various historical locations in Singapore on a bicycle. Venture into the cultural district of Chinatown (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p70) 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 cycle over to the Singapore River (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p89) 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 and Robertson Quay (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p89), before winding through Kampong Glam (see Neighbourhood, Ethnic Districts, p74) and ending off at the Museum District and the Civic District.

#### Address of Tour Operator: 462 Crawford Lane #01-57

Tel: +65 9004 4332 / +65 9271 0978 (Trade Contact: Robin Loh)

Website: www.letsgotoursingapore.com Email: admin@letsgotoursingapore.com / robin@letsgotoursingapore.com (Trade Contact: Robin Loh)

Cost: Adult S\$120, S\$80 per pax (for 2 pax or more), Min 1 pax, Max 7 pax

Duration: 4 hours

Availability: Mon-Sun 8.30am-12.30pm Language(s) available: English, Mandarin

#### 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<sup>®</sup>, arguably the most recognisable structural silhouette in the modern Singapore skyline. Ride to places such as the Formula 1 Pit Building, Marina Barrage (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p84), Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p63) and the Civic District. Along the way, look out for the iconic domed-shaped landmark of the National Stadium.

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Tel: +65 9004 4332 / +65 9271 0978 (Trade Contact: Robin Loh)

Website: www.letsgotoursingapore.com Email: admin@letsgotoursingapore.com / robin@letsgotoursingapore.com (Trade Contact: Robin Loh)

Cost: Adult S\$90, S\$60 per pax (for 2 pax or more); Min 1 pax, Max 7 pax Duration: 2 hours

Availability: Mon-Sun 7-9pm

Language(s) available: English, Mandarin

#### 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. All tours start at Albert Mall Trishaw Park.

Tel: +65 6337 7111 Website: www.trishawuncle.com.sg

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Email: enquiry@trishawuncle.com.sg

Duration	Details		
Approximately 30 mins Subject to traffic conditions	Adult Ticket S\$39, Child Ticket (aged 3–12) S\$29 <b>Four Highlights:</b> Little India and Bugis <b>Available Languages:</b> English, Japanese, Korean <b>Description:</b> Embark on a multi-sensory journey through the oldest streets of Singapore. Immerse n the colourful sights and sounds and catch the seent of spices and flowers in the air, while travelling through Little India and Bugis Village.		
Approximately 45 mins Subject to traffic conditions	Adult Ticket S\$49, Child Ticket (aged 3–12) S\$39 <b>Tour Highlights:</b> Little India, Arab Street and Bugis <b>Available Languages:</b> English, Japanese, Korean <b>Description:</b> 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.		
Approximately 45 mins Subject to traffic conditions	Adult Ticket S\$49, Child Ticket (aged 3–12) S\$39 <b>Tour Highlights:</b> Bugis and Chinatown <b>Available Languages:</b> English, Japanese, Korean <b>Description:</b> 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.		
Approximately 45 mins Subject to traffic conditions	Adult Ticket S\$49, Child Ticket (aged 3–12) S\$39 <b>Tour Highlights:</b> Little India, Bugis, Civic District and the Singapore River <b>Available Languages:</b> English, Japanese, Korean <b>Description:</b> 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.		



#### 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 savoury local dishes such as nasi lemak (rice cooked in coconut milk, served with an array of side dishes), laksa (spicy coconut milkbased noodle soup) and chilli crab (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p107) in a cosy and modern kitchen.

Address of Tour Operator: 462 Crawford Lane #01-57 Tel: +65 9001 4226 /

+65 9271 0978 (Trade Contact: Robin Loh)

Website: www.letsgotoursingapore.com Email: robin@letsgotoursingapore.com

(Trade Contact: Robin Loh) Cost: S\$99 to 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 prior to intended session, call to enquire availability) Language(s) available: English, Mandarin

#### Magical River Walking Tour by The Walking Singapore Tours@ Marina Bay

Enjoy Singapore from a different perspective. Start the tour by hopping onboard a river taxi that goes up the Singapore River (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p89) to see where the early settlers first landed. Visitors will then get to try the Singapore Sling, a famous local gin-based cocktail first created in Raffles Singapore, and end the tour with dinner at Makansutra Gluttons Bay (see Eat & Drink, Supper Spots, p135), where visitors will be introduced to Singapore's hawker culture through a selection of preordered local dishes.

#### Address of Tour Operator: The Esplanade Mall, 8 Raffles Avenue #01-18

Tel: + 65 8339 3989

Website: www.thewalkingsingapore.com Email: info@thewalkingsingapore.com

Cost: S\$80 per pax

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**

On this tour, Foodies with a love for culinary experiences will take a trip to stalls serving authentic local fare. Feast on popiah (fresh spring roll with vegetables and assorted filling) in Katong & Joo Chiat (see

Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p76) and otah (spicy fish paste grilled in banana leaf) in the heartlands. Then, learn about soya sauces and the difference they make to food. For a slice of local life, the tour takes participants to Geylang Serai Market and Food Centre, the only halal wet market and food centre in Singapore that has been around since 1964. Coffee lovers will appreciate seeing the traditional coffee roasting process up close.

#### Address of Tour Operator: Golden Mile Tower. 6001 Beach Road #18-04 Tel: + 65 6339 2114 (Trade Contact:

Angie Lau)

Website: www.abedutours.com.sg

Email: admin@abedutours.com.sg / tours@abedutours.com.sg / nanak@abedutours.com.sg (Trade Contact: Angie Lau)

Cost: Adult S\$90, Child below 12 years old S\$70; Min 6 pax, Max 20 pax

Write in to enquire about private / group bookings.

Duration: 4 hours

Availability: Tue-Fri 9am-1pm

Language(s) available: English

Please contact Angie Lau for other languages.

#### 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 afterhours activities, but 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 of Tour Operator: 200 Joo Chiat Road

- Tel: +65 6247 7340
- Website: www.betelboxtours.com Email: travel@betelbox.com
- Cost: S\$80 per pax (Only 18 years old and above allowed)
- Duration: 4 hours
- Availability: Fri 6.30-10.30pm Language(s) available: English

Try your hand at whipping up savoury local dishes under the guidance of an experienced chef.

#### Sultans Of Spice<sup>™</sup> 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 learn about the rich heritage and culture of Singapore's Malay community while wandering through Kampong Glam's (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p74) back alleys.

#### Address of Tour Operator: Haw Par Villa Management Office, 262 Pasir Panjang Road Tel: +65 6325 1631 Fax: +65 6224 0136 Website: www.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-noon Language(s) available: English

## The Playground by Kayak Fishing Fever

Experience the most thrilling way to fish in Singapore. Action Seekers will be delighted to hop onto Hobie fishing kayaks—highperformance kayaks for fishing—and paddle out to the hottest fishing spots for a fresh catch. Visitors will be accompanied by fishing guides who, on top of comprehensive instructions and guidance, will also provide them with Penn and Shimano tackles and high-quality vests. There are different trips with varying levels of difficulty that cater to beginners and seasoned fishermen alike. Ree in tropical species like snappers and groupers and admire Singapore's landscape from out in the glistening waters. Tour begins from the shores of East Coast Park (see Attractions. Nature & Parks, p62). 15% commission for travel partners available.

#### Address of Tour Operator: Sentosa Cove, 11 Cove Drive

Tel: +65 9660 9928 (Trade Contact: Aaron Ang) Website: www.fever.sg Email: aaron@fever.sg (Trade Contact: Aaron Ang) **Cost:** S\$199 for 1 pax, S\$159 for 2 pax, S\$129 for 3 pax, S\$99 for 4 pax Duration: 4 hours Availability: Mon-Sun 7am Language(s) available: English, Mandarin

Reel in tropical fishes like a professional on high-performance kayaks







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Tel: +65 8686 8207

Cost: S\$95 per pax

Duration: 4 hours

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#### Black & White Houses Tour by Jane's Singapore Tours

Best Tour Experience (2018)

Participants 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.

Website: www.janestours.sg Email: info@janestours.sg

Write in to enquire about private / group

Availability: 9am-1pm (tour will be conducted once a month, check website

Language(s) available: English

#### Night Out At Marina Bay Tour by Tour East

Delight in the best Marina Bay (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p84) has to offer. The tour kicks off with a sumptuous dinner of local cuisine by the Singapore River (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p89). Visitors will then get to visit Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p63) and discover an array of exotic plants-from five continents and nine different gardensin its Flower Dome. Alternatively, visitors can choose to stroll through the Cloud Forest and marvel at the 35-metre-tall indoor waterfall as well as unique and delicate plants. The night only gets better as the tour leaves the conservatories to watch an exhilarating display of light and sound at the Garden Rhapsody Show in the Supertree Grove. Finally, visitors are treated to a bird's-eye view of Singapore's night cityscape from the top of the Skypark of Marina Bay Sands<sup>®</sup>, 200 metres up in the clouds.

#### Address of Tour Operator: Central Mall Office Tower, 1 Magazine Road #07-05/06 Tel: +65 6738 2622 / +65 6238 2884 (Trade Contact: Jolene Goh) Fax: +65 6238 2854 Website: www.toureast.net Email: resvn@toureast.net / jolenegoh@toureast.net (Trade Contact: Jolene Goh) Cost: Adult S\$88, Child S\$74 Duration: 4 hours

Availability: Nightly, April 2020 onwards (may not be available during Grand Prix Season Singapore) Language(s) available: English



**Our Singapore Story: An Artist's** Journey by Oriental Travel & Tours

The tour begins bright and early in the heartlands of Ang Mo Kio (see Neighbourhoods, Heartlands, p80), where visitors and enjoy a little-known hobby that has transcended the kampong ('village' in Malay) era-bird singing. Following that, visitors get to enjoy a hearty breakfast at a local coffeeshop and explore a wet market, a hawker centre and a community centre before heading to the cultural enclave of Chinatown (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p70). Discover public murals along the way that symbolise life in Singapore in the past.

Tel: +65 8262 6266 / +65 9729 6699 (Trade Contact: Stanley Foo) Website: www.oriental.tours Email: stanleyfoo@live.com.sg (Trade Contact: Stanley Foo) Cost: S\$82 per pax; Min 2 pax

Write in to enquire about private / group bookings.

Duration: 4 hours Availability: Thu & Sun 9am-noon

Language(s) available: English

#### **Picturing Places Of Colonial** Singapore by Culture Curious Singapore Tours NEW

Singapore is a vibrant cultural capital shaped by the stories of our diverse community. How did artists view and portray everyday scenes of Singapore? The tour brings visitors back in time with riveting stories of people and places, told through public art, architecture, paintings and photographs. They will get to tour the Civic District, Chinatown (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p70), Marina Bay (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p84) and the National Gallery Singapore (see Attractions, Arts, Museums & Heritage, p55). Local pastries and drinks are also included in the tour.

#### Tel: +65 9115 3874 (Trade Contact: **Bachel** Chen)

Website: www.culturecurious.biz

Email: rachel@culturecurious.biz (Trade Contact: Rachel Chen) Cost: S\$68 per pax

Write in to enquire about private / group

bookings.

Duration: 3 hours

Availability: Thu 9.30am-12.30pm Language(s) available: English, Mandarin



#### 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 Singapore's 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 Indian doughnut), dosai (Indian 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: www.woknstroll.com.sq 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, Mandarin, Japanese, Korean, Hebrew and Russian

#### The Artisan Experience by Singabites

Embark on a discovery tour in Katong & Joo Chiat (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p76) to learn about our local food scene and the history of Singaporean food and culture. These districts carry the rich heritage of

Peranakans (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) and Eurasians who lived there in the 1990s. Visitors will not only get to try some of Singapore's most beloved foods, but they will get a behind-thescenes look at how these multicultural dishes are prepared by the food artisans of Singapore-our chefs and hawkers. Visitors will meet our local chefs and hawkers, hear their stories and learn the different techniques required to create our local dishes. Visitors will even get to try their hand preparing their very own local dish.

#### Tel: +65 9769 4845 (Trade Contact: James Pelham)

Website: www.singabites.com

Email: info@singabites.com / james@singabites.com (Trade Contact: James Pelham)

Cost: S\$150 per pax

Write in to enquire about private / group bookings.

Duration: 3 hours

Availability: Fri 3pm Language(s) available: English



#### Made In Singapore by Tribe Tours

Essentially a tour about Singapore's economy post-development years, travellers get to learn about constant pivots and shifts Singapore had to make to adjust to changing market conditions. The tour will bring participants to discover urban farms, mushroom germination labs and local factories, as well as meet up with the vibrant community of farmers who built a remarkable ecosystem on the island.

#### Address of Tour Operator: Textile Centre, 200 Jalan Sultan #03-11

Tel: +65 6463 1031 / +65 9660 0687 (Trade Contact: Jason)

Website: www.tribe-tours.com

Email: bookings@tribe-tours.com / jason@tribe-tours.com (Trade Contact: Jason)

**Cost:** Write in make a booking; Min 12 pax Duration: 4 hours

Availability: By appointment only Language(s) available: English

#### "Silicon Valley" Of Singapore Insider Tour by UBE NEW

Gain uncommon insights from Singapore's start-up, be inspired by disruptive companies and glean wisdoms from industry experts. Begin the day at one-north (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p83) with an exclusive visit to the one-north Gallery, which is not open to the public, to learn about the conceptualisation and development of the Research & Development (R&D) cum Business park. Visitors will then have a guided exploration of JTC LaunchPad, a space designed to spur the growth of over 250 start-ups and 30 incubators, accelerators and venture capitalists. There will also be a fireside sharing session with a selection of these idealists, subject to the tour group's preference, who will share about their companies, products and practices.

#### Address of Tour Operator: 71 Ayer Rajah Crescent #03-04/05

Tel: +65 9151 7567 (Trade Contact: TY Suen) Website: www.ubesg.com

Email: info@ubesg.com (Trade Contact: TY Suen)

Cost: From S\$1,500 for group of max 30 pax **Duration:** 1.5–3 hours (depending on programme)

Availability: On demand, any time between 9am-6pm

Language(s) available: English, Mandarin

#### 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, p74 and p70 respectively), the Singapore River to Marina Bay (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p89 and p84 respectively), travellers

will learn about key events that led to Lion City. It's the perfect adventure for Explorers with a love for history.

Address: 200 Joo Chiat Road. Tel: +65 6247 7340 Website: www.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

#### Singapore Southern Island Yacht Tour by Yachtcruisesg

Get aboard luxury yacht Le Tara and explore the Southern Islands in style. Sail to islands like Sisters' Islands. known for its folklore and beautiful corals and wildlife, Saint John's Island, once a guarantine and penal settlement, and Kusu Island, where hopes and dreams are wished for. Refreshments. souvenirs and insurance are all part of the package, ensuring visitors have an enjoyable, worry-free time.

Address of Tour Operator: Marina at Keppel Bay. 2 Keppel Bay Vista. Tel: +65 8111 6168 Website: www.yachtcruisesg.com Email: sales@yachtcruisesg.com Cost: S\$89 per pax; Min 6 pax Duration: 2.5 hours Availability: Mon-Fri 10am, 3 & 5.30pm (departure time) Language(s) available: English, Mandarin



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#### Best Of Jewel Tour by Tour East Singapore NEW

Singapore's latest attraction, (see Shopping, Malls, p142) is multifaceted in its offerings. Follow the tour's experienced quide to Jewel Changi Airport's best from the Crystal Clouds, to the HSBC Rain Vortex, to the Shiseido Forest Valley. Make stops at selected shops that were made possible by their founders' passion. Collectors can pick up a variety of goods from local heritage brands. The tour ends at Jewel Canopy Park (see Attractions, Adventures & Rides, p49), where attractions like the Topiary Walk, Petal Garden, Foggy Bowls and Discovery Slides can be found. Visitors who wish to enjoy local cuisine at some of the restaurants after the tour. will get to have priority queue as well.

#### Address of Tour Operator: Central Mall Office Tower. 1 Magazine Road #07-05/06

Tel: +65 6735 2622 / +65 6238 2884 (Trade Contact: Jolene Goh)

Fax: +65 6238 2854 Website: www.toureast.net

Email: resvn@toureast.net / jolenegoh@toureast.net (Trade Contact: Jolene Goh) Cost: S\$23 per pax Duration: 2.5 hours Availability: Mon-Fri (excluding public holidays) Language(s) available: English





#### Down To The Bare Walls by A+B Edu Tours And Travel

Explore the back lanes of Little India (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p77) at night and uncover the gems in Indian culture. Participants may try on a *sari* (traditional Indian womenswear) 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 of Tour Operator: Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road #18-04

**Tel:** + 65 6339 2114 (Trade Contact: Angie Lau)

Website: www.abedutours.com.sg Email: admin@abedutours.com.sg /

tours@abedutours.com.sg / nanak@abedutours.com.sg (Trade Contact:

Angie Lau) **Cost:** Adult S\$70, Child below 12 years old

S\$45; Min 6 pax Write in to enquire about private / group

bookings.

Availability: Tue-Fri 6.30-9.30pm Language(s) available: English

Please contact Angie Lau for other languages.

#### Kampong Glam: Of Malay Royalty And Colourful Landscapes by Culture Curious Singapore Tours NEW

Tread into the Malay Quarters, a thriving district where Singapore's indigenous culture meets bold and beautiful expressions of urban art. Kampong Glam (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p74) was home to Malay royalty as well as early immigrants— Arabs, Javanese, Bugis, and even the Chinese. Explorers and Culture Shapers will enjoy uncovering historical stories of the Malay community on this tour. Visitors will get to manoeuvre along the nooks and crannies of Kampong Glam with a street artist who will give insights into the colourful urban art on the buildings' facades. Visitors will also get to meet a master potter and design their own graffiti mash-up under the guidance of a professional street artist.

#### **Tel:** +65 9115 3874 (Trade Contact: Rachel Chen)

Website: www.culturecurious.biz Email: rachel@culturecurious.biz (Trade Contact: Rachel Chen)

Write in to enquire about private / group bookings.

Cost: S\$118 per pax

Duration: 3 hours

Availability: Fri 9am-noon

Language(s) available: English, Mandarin, German and Japanese

#### 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 on 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) as well as 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: www.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, Mandarin, Japanese, Korean, Hebrew and Russian

#### Singapore After Dark Tour: Local Street Food & Nightlife Tour by Monster Day Tours

Explore the best of Singapore's nightlife on 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<sup>®</sup> and the Singapore Flyer (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p85). The tour will end at the popular nightlife district, Clarke Quay (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p89), where visitors can dance the night away at the various clubs or visit nearby pubs for drinks and live music performances. For an elevated experience, visitors can also request to travel from one point of the tour to another on a party bus. Each trip on the bus can be booked for S\$100 for up to ten pax.

#### Tel: +65 9151 7567

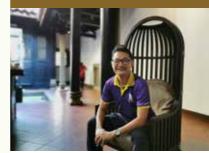
Website: www.monsterdaytours.com Email: info@monsterdaytours.com Cost: Adult S\$160; Min 2 pax Write in to enquire about private / group bookings and travel trade deals. Duration: 3 hours Availability: Wed–Sat 6.30–9.30pm (Bookings to be made 3 days in advance) Language(s) available: English, Mandarin

Discover Singapore after dark through its party scene and local fare.



#### **SUEN TAT YAM** Founder of Monster Day Tours

"Live for the moment. Experience everything to the fullest. Go Big or Go Home!"



Having abandoned the auditing industry in an audacious move to disrupt the tour industry, Tat Yam founded Monster Day Tours under Woopa Travels Pte Ltd and started offering free cultural walking tours. His business planning strategy proved to be pivotal and Monster Day Tours continued to grow under his leadership to become Singapore's #1 walking tour operator today.

#### 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 'Joo Chiat + Katong Nonya, Babas and Peranakans' tour is a favourite amongst visitors and 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 Katong & Joo Chiat (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p76). Visitors will visit the places of worship and ride along the colourful shophouses that reflect the multicultural Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage), Eurasian, Malay, Chinese and Indian communities in Singapore.

Website: www.singaporesidecars.sg Email: ride@singaporesidecars.sg Cost: Adult S\$160 per hour Write in to enquire about travel trade deals. Duration: 1–4 hours Availability: Mon–Sun 9am–11pm (email to enquire)

Language(s) available: English Other languages available upon request.



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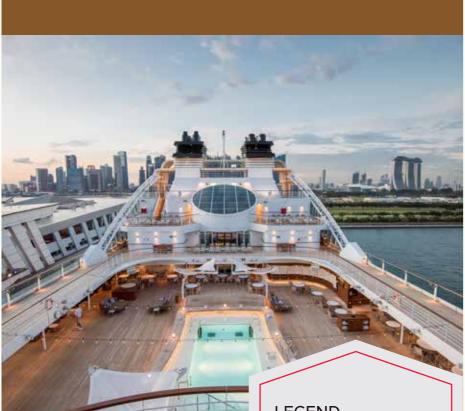
#### Treasures Of Kampong Glam: The Insider's Tour by Ruby Dot Trails

Kampong Glam (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p74), one of Singapore's most charming districts, 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, Cultural & Lifestyle, p145). Grab a trinket, a kebab, a beer or even a tattoo. Trade discount for the tour is available at 15% off.

# **Tel:** +65 9760 0071 (Trade Contact: Shalini Lalwani)

Website: www.rubydottrails.com Email: gems@rubydottrails.com (Trade Contact: Shalini Lalwani) Cost: Starting from S\$180 for 2 pax Write in to enquire about private / group bookings and travel trade deals. Duration: 2 hours Availability: Wed 5–7pm Language(s) available: English





As the gateway to Southeast Asia, Singapore is the preferred homeport in the region 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.

Most international cruise lines such as Royal Caribbean International and Dream Cruises offer packages that depart from and return to Singapore, so travellers can use Singapore as their port to travel around the region. The following sample cruise itineraries are updated as of the time of publication and are subject to change.

For the most updated cruise itineraries and travel arrangements, travel agents or visitors should contact the respective cruise lines. It is also advisable to check the website of each cruise line for more cruise itineraries other than the ones that are listed here.

#### 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

#### 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 AIDAstella, AIDAprima, AIDAperia and AIDAnova. From Singapore, passengers can travel to locations such as Hong Kong, Dubai, Indonesia. Vietnam and Australia. AIDA's ships come equipped with facilities such as an outdoor area for jogging and sports, yoga and fitness classes, and much more. The ships' dining options provide a unique experience for passengers. The fleet has in total 17 restaurants quests can taste a variety of cuisine from. With sophisticated furnishings, an extensive wine list and award-winning cuisines, Gourmet Restaurant Rossini provides quests with an elegant and cosy atmosphere to dine in. 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 with fun themed workshops, multimedia games and more. 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.

#### Tel: 1 800 953 8509

Website: www.aida.de Email: info@aida.de

#### Azamara Club Cruises

One of the things that sets Americanbased Azamara Club Cruises apart from the rest is that it offers longer stays at destinations. The line's mid-sized shipswhich can accommodate up to 690 passengers-sail to a host of destinations from Singapore, such as Mumbai in India, Da Nang in Vietnam, and even to the doorstep of Bangkok in Thailand.

#### Sample cruise itinerary: Azmara Journey®-18-Night Australia & Bali Voyage

Embark at Sydney before heading to Brisbane to explore the streets filled with buskers, unique shops and a vibrant culinary scene. The cruise then heads to nature-rich destinations like Mooloolaba, Airlie Beach, Cairns and Darwin for visitors to enjoy pristine parks and sprawling beaches. After that, escape into black sand beaches, hot springs and lush forests at Benoa in Bali, Indonesia. The final stop is in the vibrant garden city of Singapore.

#### Tel: 1 833 292 2292

Website: www.azamara.com Email: azamaracustomerservice@azamara. com

#### Celebrity Cruises

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 300 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 Basilica of Saigon 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, Manila and Boracay Island in the Philippines, and Hong Kong. In Vietnam, travellers can visit temples, pagodas and tombs located along the Perfume River. The next stop is the Philippines, where visitors can shop at Manila's backstreets and markets for souvenirs and enjoy a meal along Puka Beach on Boracay Island. In Hong Kong, visitors can take in the skyscrapers as well as visit Aberdeen Fish Village and Man Ho Temple, which pay tribute to the Gods of Literature and War. Lastly, end the cruise in the garden city of Singapore. Explore all it has to offer-from its glistening shopping paradise Orchard Road to lush gardens.

#### Tel: 1 305 341 0205

Website: www.celebritycruises.com Email: reservationcelebrity@celebrity.com

to Singapore. Tel: 1 800 462 6782 Website: www.costacruises.com Email: info-pao@costa.it

jogging track.

## Crystal Cruises

Cruise Line, Crystal Symphony and Crystal Serenity take quests on a



#### 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 has 1,358 cabins and boasts facilities such as pools with water slides, a theatre and an outdoor

#### Sample cruise itinerary: Costa Fortuna-8-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. 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

Winners of The World's Best Luxury luxurious voyage to exciting locations such as Mumbai, Athens, Dubai, Manila and Sydney. Both liners boast theatres, a tennis court, golf lessons, a Crystal Life 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<sup>®</sup>, Xbox, Kinect, widescreen televisions, and supervised age-specific activities. Guests will enjoy butler service in every suite as well as 24-hour room service. The liners are also equipped with 360° promenade decks, a rarity on ships today, giving guests unforgettable panoramic views.

#### Tel: 1 888 722 0021

Website: www.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 Čruise—Genting Dream. This awardwinning cruise has received accolades such as the Best Cruise Operator by TTG Travel Awards 2018, Asia Best Cruise Ship by Asia Cruise Awards 2018, the Star Performer and Top Ten Rating under the Large Resort Category by Berlitz Cruising and Cruise Guide 2019. Not just for play, the ship is fullyequipped 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 Wonders of Asia Explore Asia's spectacular beaches, wildlife, cities and architecture on board this six-day cruise. From Singapore, the cruise will travel to and make its first stop at Pulau Redang, Malaysia, one of the best spots for diving and snorkelling. Next, passengers will head to Sihanoukville, Cambodia. There, they can explore temples, quaint villages and traditional markets before the cruise embarks for Bangkok (Laem Chabang).

Tel: +65 6808 2288 Website: www.dreamcruiseline.com **Email:** sg.sales@dreamcruiseline.com

Be spoilt for choice when it comes to dining, entertainment and event venues.



#### Holland America Line

Whether visitors are looking to simply unwind or explore the rich tapestry of Asia, Holland America Line–an American-and British-owned cruise line-offers a diverse range of itineraries to meet the different needs of travellers, from families to couples. Most of the fleet's spacious rooms are ocean-facing with teak-lined verandas for dining alfresco or private sunbathing, making it especially appealing to couples. What's more, the company's well-crafted shore excursions, available at over 470 ports, give travellers the option of joining a guided tour at a destination or exploring on their own.

#### Sample cruise itinerary: Westerdam-14-Day Far East Discovery Holiday

This cruise's first stop is in Koh Samui, Thailand, where quests can disembark and lounge on beach-fringed coasts or have a thrilling time at water sport activities. The cruise then heads on to Thailand's capital, Bangkok, and

guests can explore its many Buddhist temples and gilded palaces, have a meal at one of the world's top Michelinstarred restaurants before shopping for exquisite silk garments. Next, guests can enjoy serenity in the small town of Sihanoukville, Cambodia before arriving at Phu My, Vietnam, just 80 kilometres, from the bustling Ho Chi Minh City. Other destinations include Nha Trang, Da Nang, where quests will stay overnight, and Halong Bay. Finally, the cruise ends at vibrant, cosmopolitan city, Hong Kong.

Tel: 1 877 932 4259 Website: www.hollandamerica.com

#### Marella Cruises P

Operated by British Cruise Line TUI, Marella Cruises sails to Bangkok, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and other destinations from Singapore. On Marella Discover, one of TUI's biggest ships, quests can lounge beneath the stars and watch a movie at the outdoor theatre, enjoy unique entertainment options such as

hi-tech dance performances or scale a rock-climbing wall in the middle of the ocean. Dining options include pan-Asian specialty restaurant, Kora La, where guests can try dishes created by renowned chef Ian Pengelley.

Tel: 0203 636 1931

Website: www.tui.co.uk/cruise Email: cares@tui.co.uk

#### Norwegian Cruise Line C

Travel to Hiroshima, Ho Chi Minh City, Bali, Brisbane and a host of other destinations from Singapore, on board Europe's leading cruise line, the Norwegian Cruise Line. The awardwinning Studios accommodation, a 100-square-feet 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. Guests can even catch smash-hit Broadway shows AFTER MIDNIGHT and Rock of Ages on cruises Norwegian Escape and Norwegian Breakaway respectively. 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.

#### Tel: +65 31 651 680

Website: www.ncl.com

#### P&O Cruises C

P&O Cruises offers an exciting selection of themed cruises. Foodies can dig into curated dining experiences out at sea on Food Heroes cruises and dancers can shimmy away on Strictly Come Dancing cruises. There are also sports-themed, music-themed and festive-themed cruises. Visitors can also choose from family-friendly or adults-only cruises, as well as weekend getaways from Singapore to destinations such as Australia, Indonesia and Malaysia.

#### Tel: 0344 338 8592

Website: www.pocruises.com

#### Email: information@pocruises.com.au

#### Princess Cruises P

Visitors can embark on an unforgettable holiday with Princess Cruises, an American- and British-owned cruise line. The round-trip cruise will take visitors from Singapore through the ports of

Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and Vietnam. On board are various specialty restaurants for guests to dine in, as well as an exclusive Chocolate Journeys<sup>™</sup> programme, helmed by Norman Love whose rich confections have been recognised by Martha Stewart Living, and O, The Oprah Magazine.

#### Sample cruise itineraries: Sapphire Princess-5-Day Malavsian 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. Next, the cruise brings travellers to Bangkok and Ko Samui in Thailand where they can explore Buddhist temples, or go on nature walks, before returning to Singapore.

#### Tel: +65 6922 6788

Website: www.princess.com Email: support@carnival-sg.com

#### Regent Seven Sea Cruises

Sail on an award-winning fleet of ships from Regent Seven Sea Cruises with all-suite accommodations, customcrafted furnishings and private teak balconies. From Singapore, travel to Bangkok, Dubai, Rome and Abu Dhabi and stay up to 131 nights 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 various ports of call with knowledgeable local guides. Enjoy activities such as wine and cheese tastings and cooking classes at the Culinary Arts Kitchen. Guests can try their luck at the ship's casino and relax at the show lounge while watching musical productions and performances by live bands.

Sample cruise itinerary: The Greatness of Australia

Climb aboard at Singapore and sail on away to the capital and largest city of Indonesia, Jakarta. Visitors can shop to their heart's content before enjoying the natural landscapes of Semrang, Bali and Komodo. The cruise's first stop in Australia will be Darwin, followed by Cooktown, Cairns, Airlie Beach and Brisbane. After getting an immersive overview of Australia, visitors will disembark at the bustling city of Sydney.

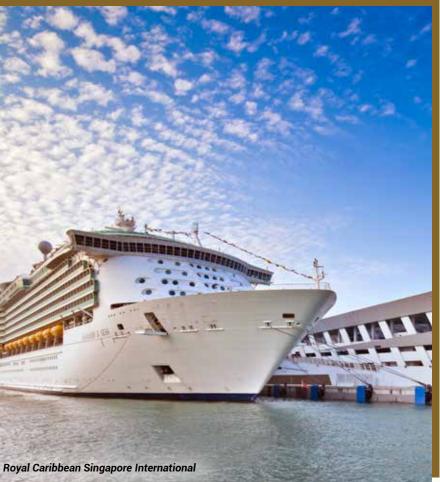
Tel: +65 3165 1679 Website: www.rssc.com

#### Royal Caribbean Singapore International 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: Quantum of the Seas-8-Day Spice of Southeast Asia Cruise This adventure takes travellers around Southeast Asia by sea on one of Asia's

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largest ships. 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 18<sup>th</sup>-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.

#### 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 stop before disembarking in Singapore 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.

Tel: +65 6675 0413 Website: www.royalcaribbean.com Email: APACRes@rcclapac.com



#### Seabourn Cruise Line

A voyage on any of the American-British Seabourn fleet of ultra-luxury ships is an intimate experience as quests enjoy luxury amenities such as custom-built mattress and Italian linens, a personal suite stewardess for each suite, expansive open decks and inviting social spaces. Dining experiences are aplenty, with settings ranging from casual to luxury, patio to in-suite. Guests can even make reservations for skilled chefs to create exquisite sushi before their eyes for a delightfully visual meal experience. 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.

#### Sample cruise itinerary: Seaborn<sup>®</sup>-14-Day Holiday Thailand & Vietnam

From Singapore, the cruise brings travellers to the shopping paradise of Bangkok and the tropical island of Ko Kood in Thailand. Next stops are the sandy beaches of Sihanoukville. Cambodia and vibrant Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Travellers will enjoy a day at sea before experiencing picturesque Halong Bay, filled with families of the fishing community. Lastly, end the trip in Hong Kong, a cosmopolitan city with a myriad of exciting activities for everyone.

#### Tel: +1 866 755 5619

Website: www.seabourn.com

Email: seareservations@seabourn.com / seagroupsales@seabourn.com (Group Bookings)

#### Silversea<sup>®</sup> 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 exclusive 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 from Singapore, such as Japan, Indonesia, Hong Kong, India, Greece and Vietnam.

#### Sample cruise itinerary: Silversea® Cruises-12-Day Manila to Singapore

From Manila, the cruise takes visitors to Coron, a snorkeler and scuba diver's paradise and Puerto Princess, where an amazing underground river flows close by. After that, the cruise goes to Sandakan, Kota Kinabalu and Kuching in Malaysia where visitors can explore great outdoors and buzzing street markets. Its final stop is Singapore where visitors can immerse in its melting pot of cultures and top-notch attractions.

Tel: 800 616 7056 Website: www.silversea.com

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Based in Germany, TUI Cruises has a fleet of large contemporary-style ships offering an all-inclusive array of dining, spa and entertainment services, including live music and comedic acts onboard. State-of-the-art facilities like climbing walls and cinemas are also available. TUI Cruises sails to Malaysia, Vietnam and Thailand from its Southeast Asian hub in Singapore. Tipping and service charges are included in the cruise's prices so that guests can have an ease of mind knowing they do not need to pay extra.

Website: www.tuicruises.com Email: info@tuicruises.com



Ships of Silversea<sup>®</sup> Cruises are specifically designed to accommodate small capacities of 50 to 304 suites. This allows guests to enjoy serenity and intimacy on their cruiseaway from the hustle and bustle of busy lifestyles.

## **CRUISE TRANSIT ITINERARIES**

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Depending on how much time cruise passengers have, here are some things they can do to experience a few highlights of the sunny island before they return onboard at Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore or the Singapore Cruise Centre. From amazing sights to culinary delights and new experiences, these itineraries bring visitors to different hotspots for a taste of what Singapore can offer. They also cater to a wide range of interests and are suitable for first-

pier alive with dishes like soup kambing (mutton soup infused with spices) and char kway teow (stir-fried rice noodles in dark soya sauce).

#### Website: www.fullertonhotels.com/fullertonbay-hotel-singapore/dining/the-clifford-pier

#### 1pm: Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay (Experience)

After lunch, travellers can head to the nearby Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p84), 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: www.esplanade.com

2.30pm: Go on a shopping spree at Marina Bay Sands® (Shop) The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands® (see Shopping, Malls, p144) is the

#### **General Itinerary 1: Marina Bay**

time visitors to Singapore.

Close to the Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore (MBCCS) is the Marina Bay district (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p84), where one of Singapore's most iconic attractions, Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p63) can be found. 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 ten 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 (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p63) and admiring the view of the Marina Bay waterfront and skyline. Visitors will find a range of gardens featuring plants of different species as they enjoy their leisurely walk. Admission to the Outdoor Gardens, including the Supertree Grove and World of Plants, is free.

Visitors should not miss the Flower Dome and its spectacular flower field display or the 35-metre-tall waterfall at the Cloud Forest. Admission fees to these cooled conservatories apply.

#### Website: www.gardensbythebay.com.sg

#### 12pm: Lunch at The Clifford Pier (Dine)

Located within the Fullerton Heritage precinct, The Clifford Pier restaurant at The Fullerton Bay Hotel occupies the space of what was once Singapore's main landing point for maritime traders and immigrants. The restaurant keeps the hawker food culture of the 1933

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place to be for a wide range of luxury international brands. As Singapore's largest luxury mall, it houses 170 brands spanning across high-end fashion, luxury watch and jewellery brands as well as premium children's labels.

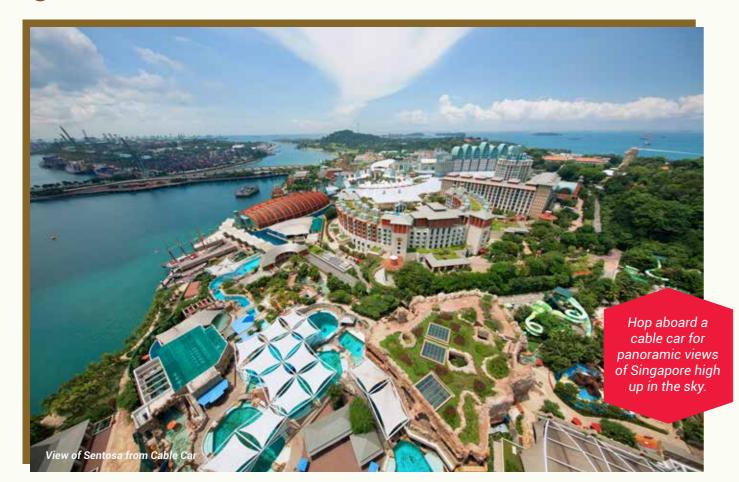
Website: www.marinabaysands.com/ shopping.html

#### 3pm: Visit the ArtScience Museum™ (Explore)

The ArtScience Museum™ (see Attractions, Arts, Museums & Heritage, p51)-with its iconic lotus-shaped structure-houses 21 galleries spread over three stories. Travellers should not miss its permanent exhibition, Future World: Where Art Meets Science, which features a 1,500 sqm digital universe with interactive art installations-something travellers of all ages will enjoy.

Website: www.marinabaysands.com/ museum/about





#### **General Itinerary 2: Sentosa**

Just a short distance from the Singapore Cruise Centre (SCC), visitors will be able to spend a fun-filled day at Sentosa island (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p88) or a relaxing nature walk through Mount Faber Park.

#### 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, p88). 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:** www.onefabergroup.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, p88). 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 hawker-style dishes should head to the Malaysian Food Street. For a truly unique dining experience, visit Southeast Asia's only underwater aquarium restaurant, Ocean Restaurant™ (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: www.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, Adventure & Rides, p49), 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 Sentosa (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p88) where they can fly at speeds up to 120 kilometres per hour on a giant swing or bungee jump off a 47-metrehigh platform.

## Website: www.sg.megaadventure.com / www.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, p106) 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: www.onefabergroup.com/good-old-days

#### 3pm: Madame Tussauds<sup>™</sup> 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, Arts, Museums & Heritage, p54) and Madame Tussauds<sup>™</sup> Singapore (see Attractions, Edutainment & Lifestyle, p59), a wax museum that features 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: www.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, Arts, Museums & Heritage, p54), 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: www.imagesofsingaporelive.com





## ITINERARIES

From Explorers to Foodies, Families to Active Silvers, there is an experience for everyone.

A	Action Seekers
В	Collectors
C	Culture Shapers
D	Explorers
E	Foodies
F	Socialisers
G	Active Silvers
H	Early Careers
	Established Careers
J	Families
K	Business Event Visitors

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able to experience Singapore through their own passions.



## **ITINERARIES** 10

local delights, these itineraries are sure to show them the way.

With a myriad of endless possibilities in Singapore, travellers can follow their interests and be guided to the best the city has to offer. Recommended routes for all tribesfrom the Culture Shapers to the Foodies, are curated to delight and satisfy. Families will enjoy attractions and restaurants that cater to all ages while independent Business Event Visitors can rest and recharge with leisurely activities. A day of art and nature will rejuvenate Active Silvers while Established Careers can look forward to fine dining experiences and luxurious pampering. Early Careers will get to explore quaint neighbourhoods in fresh ways as well. The sunny island has so much to offer, beyond what travellers have in mind.

# Whether travellers are looking to immerse in culture or feast on

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## A 1-DAY ITINERARY FOR ACTION SEEKERS

Action Seekers can get their adrenaline pumping with an array of fun activities on the sunny island of Singapore. Revel in exciting new experiences and action-packed adventures. After working up an appetite, visitors will be able to feast on a substantial lunch before recounting their exhilarating day over a healthy dinner.







## DAY 1: Fast-Paced Fun

## MORNING

#### Test your agility with jet blading

**EXPERIENCE / PLAY** Ola Beach Club

#### HIGHLIGHT

Get propelled up to 30 feet in the air on a water-powered device at Ola Beach Club (*www.olabeachclub.com*) in Sentosa (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p88)– the only place in Singapore that offers jet blading.

## AFTERNOON

#### Chinese cuisine with a stunning view

DINE

Prima Tower Revolving Restaurant

#### HIGHLIGHT

Enjoy specialties such as Peking Duck with its crispy skin wrapped in a thin Chinese crepe in this heritage revolving restaurant (see Eat & Drink, Heritage Restaurants, p114), while enjoying a panoramic view of the sea.

#### Challenge the NERF experience

PLAY

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NERF Action Xperience

#### HIGHLIGHT

Conquer exciting challenges in multiple-themed activity zones and foster meaningful connections with fellow players (*www. nerfax.com.sg*). Suitable for all ages, visitors can look forward to fun-filled time handling and shooting NERF blasters while working in teams. (See Attractions, Adventure & Rides, p59)

## EVENING

#### Tear up a kart circuit

PLAY KF1 Karting Circuit

#### HIGHLIGHT

Equipped with a circuit created by a FORMULA 1 track designer, KF1 Karting Circuit (*www.kf1karting.com*) offers go kart rides tackling the track at 30 km/h or 50km/h depending on whether the participant has a valid driver's license. Visitors will be decked out in full racing regalia and be able to chase excitement at its tailwinds.

#### Tuck into farm-to-table cuisine

**DINE / EXPERIENCE** The Summerhouse

#### HIGHLIGHT

After working up an appetite, visitors can dig into dishes at The Summerhouse (Eat & Drink, Unique Dining Concepts, p112)-made using the freshest ingredients sourced directly from its garden and farms around the region. For a special dining experience, dine under the stars in the Garden Dome-an air-conditioned 'igloo' in the restaurant's lush garden.

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## A 1-DAY ITINERARY FOR COLLECTORS

Find a treasure trove of only-in-Singapore pieces and international goods in one of the most vibrant shopping hubs in Asia. Check out traditional shops and concept stores, where you can bring home unique memorabilia or souvenirs.









## DAY 1: Delight In Treasured Finds

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#### Start the day by creating new scents

**WORKSHOP** Sifr Aromatics

#### HIGHLIGHT

Learn the art of perfume making and create new scents that suit your liking. Sifr Aromatics (*www.sifr.sg*), located along Arab Street, offers basic, premium and customised workshops for up to 30 pax.

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#### Dine and shop at Haji Lane

**DINE / SHOP** Haji Lane

#### HIGHLIGHT

Dig into mouth-watering *nasi padang* (steamed rice served with various precooked dishes) at heritage restaurant Hjh Maimunah (see Eat & Drink, Heritage Restaurants, p114). After a filling lunch, take a stroll down Haji Lane and find hip boutiques and multi-label stores. Close by, local crafts store Supermama (see Shopping, Top Ten Souvenirs, p139) offers pieces inspired by local culture.

#### Score local products at Design Orchard

#### SHOP

Design Orchard NEW

#### HIGHLIGHT

Located along Singapore's premier shopping belt, Orchard Road, Design Orchard (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p85 and p86 respectively) showcases products from over 60 homegrown designers. Ranging from artisanal wares to fashion, visitors will be able to take home world-class products that are made in Singapore.

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#### Taste gourmet flavours and shop international

DINE / SHOP

## Marina Bay Sands®

#### HIGHLIGHT

Located in integrated resort Marina Bay Sands<sup>®</sup>, JustIN Flavours of Asia and Chinoiserie Modern Asian by Justin Quek (see Eat & Drink, Modern Singapore Restaurants, p127) serves up a redefined Singaporean gourmet experience. After a fine meal, visitors can shop to their heart's delight from a selection of luxury brands from across the globe in The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands<sup>®</sup>.

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## A 1-DAY ITINERARY FOR CULTURE SHAPERS

Culture Shapers who love arts and culture can look forward to a myriad of lifestyle activities like live music, dance, art shows and theatre performances in Singapore. The island brims with local and international artists and art pieces that will inspire any Culture Shaper.







## DAY 1: Enrich In Art And Local Culture

## MORNING

#### Visit an enclave of contemporary art

#### VISIT

Gillman Barracks

#### HIGHLIGHT

From international galleries such as Mizuma Gallery to homegrown outfits like FOST Gallery and Chan + Hori Contemporary, Gillman Barracks (see Attractions, Arts, Museums & Heritage, p53) provides a fulfilling art experience.

## AFTERNOON

#### **Tuck into dishes where East-meets-West**

DINE

The Malayan Council 🏖

#### HIGHLIGHT

Located at 22 Dunlop Street, this halal eatery (*www. facebook.com/themalayacouncil*) serves up an array of Western dishes incorporated with Asian flavours. Cakes and pies available showcase local flavours as well.

#### Tour Singapore's art scene

#### TOUR

Picturing Places of Colonial Singapore by Culture Curious Singapore Tours

#### HIGHLIGHT

Follow a tour (see Tours, p165) to discover Singapore's history through public art, architecture, paintings and photographs in the Civic District, Chinatown (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p70) and Marina Bay (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p84).

## EVENING

## Ride to dine

TOUR / DINE

Chinatown

#### HIGHLIGHT

Explore Singapore's heritage on a trishaw (a threewheeled vehicle used before cars, buses and trains took over Singapore roads) from Albert Mall Trishaw Park to Chinatown (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p70) with Trishaw Uncle—Singapore Trishaw Tours (see Tours, p162). At the ethnic enclave, visitors can tuck into local fare at Chinatown Complex Food Centre & Chinatown Food Street (see Eat & Drink, Hawker Centres, p129).

#### End the day with a world-class tipple

DRINK / EXPERIENCE Gibson Bar 💿

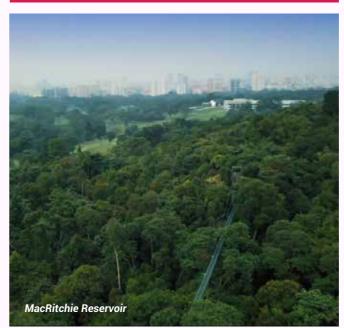
#### HIGHLIGHT

Ranked 15<sup>th</sup> on Asia's 50 Best Bars 2019, Gibson Bar (see Nightlife, Cocktail and Spirit Bars, p98) is known for its focus on Asian ingredients in classic cocktail structures.

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## A 1-DAY ITINERARY FOR EXPLORERS

Explorers will be enthused to uncover the endless places and spaces Singapore has to offer. Singapore's historic buildings adorned with intricate architecture styles will appeal to history buffs while the nation's lush greenscapes will be adored by nature lovers.









## DAY 1: Explore Singapore's Natural Landscapes

## **MORNING**

Enjoy a morning hike

#### EXPLORE

MacRitchie Reservoir

#### HIGHLIGHT

Go on one of MacRitchie Reservoir's (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p61) nature trails and discover tropical floral and fauna on the way to the TreeTop Walk. Visitors can enjoy tranquility above lush green foliage on the 250-metre-long free-standing suspension bridge.

## AFTERNOON

#### **Dine amidst lush greenery**

**DINE / EXPLORE** The Halia

#### HIGHLIGHT

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The Halia (see Eat & Drink, Halal Restaurants, p126) serves up dishes that fuse European techniques with Southeast Asian ingredients and flavours. It takes its nature theme seriously, shaping the layout of its architecture to the contours of the land to preserve the foliage around it.

#### **Uncover historical gems**

#### **EXPLORE** Fort Siloso

#### HIGHLIGHT

Scout out World War II memorabilia including coastal guns and the remains of fortified military structures and tunnels. After visiting Fort Siloso, utilise the Fort Siloso Skywalk, a new treetop trail, to access other areas of Sentosa (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p88).

## EVENING

#### Dine while surrounded by marine life

**DINE / EXPERIENCE** Ocean Restaurant<sup>™</sup>

#### HIGHLIGHT

Offering Southeast Asia's only underwater aquarium dining experience, Ocean Restaurant™ (see Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p120) brings visitors on a gastronomic adventure with Mediterranean-Californian creations procured from sustainable sources.

#### End the night with a spectacular show

#### **EXPERIENCE** Garden Rhapsody

#### HIGHLIGHT

At the Supertree Grove in Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p63), visitors will be treated to the Garden Rhapsody, a nightly music and light show that is free for all.

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## A 1-DAY ITINERARY FOR FOODIES

Foodies can look forward to tasting all kinds of cuisine in the gastronomic playground of Singapore. Whether it is fine dining, heritage-rich cuisine, local favourites or modern Singaporean ('mod-Sin') cuisine, the city is sure to serve up a dining experience like no other.







## **DAY 1: Singaporean Gastronomic Adventure**

## MORNING

#### Start the day with a hearty breakfast

#### **DINE / EXPERIENCE**

Old Airport Road Food Centre

#### HIGHLIGHT

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One of the largest hawker centres in Singapore, Old Airport Road Food Centre (see Eat & Drink, Hawker Centres, p130) boasts an abundance of Singapore hawker legends that visitors can check out. In the early morning, the wet market nearby will be open, and visitors can drop in to experience the buzz of a Singaporean wet market.

## **AFTERNOON**

#### Feast on the Singapore Chillli Crab

DINE Red House Seafood

#### HIGHLIGHT

Specialising in Asian seafood dishes and Singaporean cuisine since 1976, Red House Seafood (www. redhouseseafood.com) is one of the places offering the iconic Singaporean dish-Chilli Crab (see Eat & Drink, Local Favourites, p107). Diners can order fried or steamed buns, called mantou (fried/steamed buns), to dip into the gravy.

#### Take a stroll along Singapore River

EXPLORE

Singapore River

#### HIGHLIGHT

After a sumptuous lunch, visitors can stroll along Singapore River (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p89) to view 14 heritage markers that detail the history of each site. The sites comprise of historic buildings, places of worship and iconic bridges.

## EVENING

#### Taste Michelin-starred gourmet cuisine

**DINE / DRINK** 

Nouri 🖧 🚳

#### HIGHLIGHT

Diners at one-Michelin-starred Nouri (see Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p120) can look forward to an open kitchen concept and a chef's tasting menu that changes every nine months. Fine wine and sake are also available for diners to enjoy along the gourmet cuisine.

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## A 1-DAY ITINERARY FOR SOCIALISERS

Socialisers will be treated to a thriving lifestyle, entertainment and nightlife scene in Singapore. They can party all night at parties, festivals and clubs or simply kick back with a good tipple while making new friends from across the globe.









## **EVENING**

#### Uncover gems of Singapore's nightlife

#### TOUR

Nocturnal Gems by Oriental Travel & Tours 🧕

#### HIGHLIGHT

The tour (www.oriental.tours/product/nocturnal-gems) begins with an authentic local dining experience of signature local dishes in the bustling enclave of Chinatown (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p70). After dinner, visitors will be led to two bars, one of which is ranked on the list of World's 50 Best Bars 2019. At these bars, they can enjoy drinks and participate in a gin masterclass.

## NIGHT

#### Be a part of a 'secret' bar crowd

#### DRINK

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28 HongKong Street 🧔

#### HIGHLIGHT

Ranked 21<sup>st</sup> on the list of Asia's 50 Best Bars 2019 and on the list of the World's 50 Best Bars 2018, cocktail bar 28 HongKong Street (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Cocktail and Spirit Bars, p97) sits on the ground floor of an old shophouse behind a nondescript door. Visitors looking for a good tipple can choose from a selection of artisanal spirits and American-style craft cocktails.

#### Party, party, party

PLAY

Marquee Singapore NEW

#### HIGHLIGHT

Dance the night away in an electrifying atmosphere with programming by renowned DJs and artist performances in Marquee Singapore (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Clubs, p101)-Singapore's largest nightclub. Party-goers can look forward to riding 20 metres in the air within the club's massive indoor ferris wheel.

## AFTER MIDNIGHT

#### Feast at a well-loved supper spot

#### DINE

Swee Choon Tim Sum Restaurant

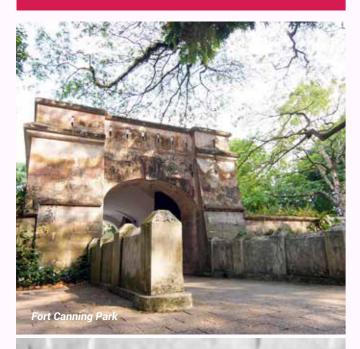
#### HIGHLIGHT

Dim sum (bite-sized portions of food served in steamer baskets or small plates) at Swee Choon Tim Sum Restaurant (see Eat & Drink, Supper Spots, p135) will satisfy any peckish party-goer; the restaurant offers an array of dim sum that diners can pick from. To elevate the dining experience, visitors are encouraged to order several dishes to share and get a taste of each variation.

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## A 2-DAY ITINERARY FOR ACTIVE SILVERS

Active Silvers will enjoy exploring the city, appreciating art and fine dining as well as indulging in luxury experiences. These energetic seniors can also look forward to cultural activities, relaxing getaways, nature walks and guided tours. Wherever their interest lies, there will surely be something Singapore can offer.







## DAY 1: From The Old To The New

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#### Get active while learning Singapore's history

**EXPLORE** Fort Canning Park

#### HIGHLIGHT

A historical enclave set on a hilltop covered in greenery, Fort Canning Park (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p62) is a great place to get acquainted with Singapore's history. Fort Canning Hill was a major communication centre where key historic events took place at. Fort Gate, the remnant of a 19<sup>th</sup>-century fortress, is also located in the park.

## AFTERNOON

#### **Delight in healthy eats**

#### DINE

Afterglow by ANGLOW Ø

#### HIGHLIGHT

Active Silvers who have worked up an appetite can find Afterglow by ANGLOW (see Eat & Drink, Vegetarian, p131) located in the cultural neighbourhood of Chinatown (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p70). The vegetarian-friendly and vegan-friendly eatery serves vegetarian, vegan and raw food for a healthy and environmentally-sustainable meal.

#### Visit the world's first ArtScience museum

#### **VISIT / EXPERIENCE**

ArtScience Museum™

#### HIGHLIGHT

ArtScience Museum<sup>™</sup> (see Attractions, Arts, Museums & Heritage, p51) is Southeast Asia's leading cultural institution that explores the interrelationship between art, science, technology and culture. The museum features 21 galleries-many of which are experiential, as well as regular programmes, workshops, tours and activities.

## **EVENING**

#### **Experience Singapore's nightlife**

#### TOUR

Night Out @ Marina Bay Tour by Tour East Singapore

#### HIGHLIGHT

Explore Singapore's nightlife from food to attractions and views along the Singapore River and Marina Bay district (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p89 and p84 respectively; Tours, p164). Highlights include the conservatories of Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p63), the spectacular Garden Rhapsody Show in the Supertree Grove and a bird's-eye view of Singapore's night cityscape from the top of the Skypark of Marina Bay Sands<sup>®</sup>.

## DAY 2: Inspire And Be Inspired

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#### Admire delicate orchids

VISIT The National Orchid Garden UNESCO

#### HIGHLIGHT

A highlight of the Singapore Botanic Gardens (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p66), The National Orchid Garden showcases the world's largest orchid display with over 60,000 plants and orchids. Active Silvers will enjoy admiring the gorgeous orchids, among which Singapore's national flower, Papilionanthe Miss Joaquim, can be found.

## AFTERNOON

#### Enjoy a luxurious high tea experience

#### DINE / SHOP / EXPERIENCE

Raffles Hotel Singapore NEW (Renovated 2019)

#### HIGHLIGHT

The Raffles Afternoon Tea, held in the elegant lobby of the iconic Raffles Hotel Singapore (see Stay, p30), delights diners with a delectable spread. Savour finger sandwiches, housemade scones and cakes, as well as seasonal delicacies along with fine teas and champagnes. Before leaving, drop by the Raffles Boutique (see Shopping, Local Shopping, p152) and bring home signature *kaya* jams (a traditional jam made from coconut and eggs) and custom-blended teas.

## **EVENING**

#### Indulge in gourmet French cuisine

**DINE** Les Amis <del>ပြို့ပြို့ပြို့</del> စြ

#### HIGHLIGHT

Three-Michelin-starred Les Amis (see Eat & Drink, celebrity Fine Dining, p120) features a collection of recipes consisting of prized seasonal ingredients sourced from all over France. Helmed by chef Sebastien Lepinoy, the internationally-recognised restaurant takes diners on an exceptional culinary journey.

#### **Recline in comfort with nostalgic drinks**

**DRINK** Manhattan Bar 🙆 💿

#### HIGHLIGHT

The award-winning bar (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Cocktail and Spirit Bars, p99) has been ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> on the list of Asia's 50 Best Bars 2019 and 11<sup>th</sup> on the list of World's 50 Best Bars 2019. Look forward to an exquisite selection of whiskies and experimental cocktails inspired by the golden age of cocktails and fine drinking. Its luxe setting makes for a great space to enjoy a whisky and reminisce of the good old days.

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## A 2-DAY ITINERARY FOR EARLY CAREERS

Early Careers who love cool spots and chic cafés will enjoy the hipster neighbourhoods and vibrant nightlife of Singapore. These youthful travellers can get a dose of fun and nostalgia as they experience the old and new of Singapore.







## DAY 1: Throwback To The Classics

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#### Brunch while glamping

**DINE / EXPERIENCE** Tiong Bahru Bakery Safari

#### HIGHLIGHT

Taste baked goods that are a fusion of French and local food. Set under an expansive tent surrounded by foliage in the Dempsey neighbourhood, Tiong Bahru Bakery Safari (see Eat & Drink, Unique Dining Concepts, p112) gives visitors a natural ambience to enjoy brunch in.

## **AFTERNOON**

#### Check out a wet market and food centre

#### DINE / EXPERIENCE

Tiong Bahru Market and Food Centre

#### HIGHLIGHT

At Tiong Bahru Market and Food Centre (see Eat & Drink, Hawker Centres, p131), visitors will be able to experience a wet market at the ground floor and a hawker centre with over 80 stalls at the second floor.

#### Explore Tiong Bahru in a vespa sidecar

#### TOUR

Singapore Sidecars Vespa Tour by Singapore Sidecars

#### HIGHLIGHT

Hop aboard the world's first vintage vespa sidecar tour (see Tours, p168) for a guided exploration of the Tiong Bahru (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p91) and Tanglin district. The tour brings travellers to discover the enclave, witness splendid architecture and talk to the easy-going shop owners.

## **EVENING**

#### Dine like a Peranakan

#### DINE

Indigo Blue Kitchen NEW

#### HIGHLIGHT

Indigo Blue Kitchen (see Eat & Drink, Unique Dining Concepts, p109) offers Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) cuisine such as its signature IB's Nonya Poh Piah (fresh spring roll with vegetables and assorted filling).

#### **Catch vintage films**

#### EXPERIENCE

The Projector

#### HIGHLIGHT

Film buffs will adore cult classics, psychological horror and world cinema shown at this indie cinema (*www. theprojector.sg*). After a good movie, visitors can engage in late night talks at The Projector's Intermission Bar with craft beers, creative cocktails and tasty finger food.

## DAY 2: The Old And The New

## MORNING

Visit Singapore's first musical box museum

VISIT / TOUR

Singapore Musical Box Museum

#### HIGHLIGHT

Visitors will travel back in time as they step into a world of over 40 antique musical boxes exhibited in the museum (see Attractions, Arts, Museums & Heritage, p57).

## **AFTERNOON**

#### Slurp noodles at a noodle bar

#### DINE

WANTON: Seng's Noodle Bar

#### HIGHLIGHT

WANTON: Seng's Noodle Bar's (see Eat & Drink, Modern Singapore Restaurants, p129) revamped version of *wanton mee* (a noodle dish with Chinese dumplings) comes with the option to add on toppings like Sichuan Mince & Sauce (S\$2++). Diners can also enjoy an array of beers, cocktails, sake, wines, house brews and soft drinks along with their meals.

#### Enjoy a little retail therapy

SHOP / PLAY Funan NEW

#### HIGHLIGHT

Funan (see Shopping, Malls, p141) has recently been transformed from a tech mall to an integrated space with innovative retail experiences. Visitors can challenge themselves with its indoor rock-climbing wall and shop for homegrown products from local brands like Carrie K. Jewellery (see Shopping, Local Shopping, p154).

## EVENING

#### Explore the best of Singapore's nightlife

#### TOUR

Singapore After Dark Tour: Local Street Food & Nightlife Tour by Monster Day Tours

#### HIGHLIGHT

The four-hour tour (see Tours, p167) brings visitors to sample local dishes, taste drinks like the Singapore Sling at a speakeasy rooftop bar and visit iconic landmarks like the Marina Bay Sands<sup>®</sup> and the Singapore Flyer (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p85).

#### Supper with a view

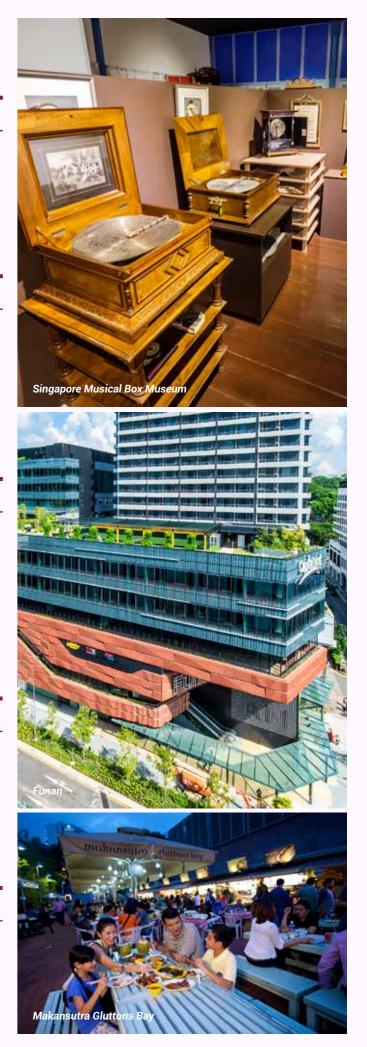
#### DINE

Makansutra Gluttons Bay

#### HIGHLIGHT

Delight in late-night eats like *satay* (grilled meat skewers) and *sambal* (chilli paste) stingray while admiring the cityscape at Makansutra Gluttons Bay (see Eat & Drink, Supper Spots, p135).

#### **ITINERARIES**



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## A 2-DAY ITINERARY FOR ESTABLISHED CAREERS

Here for the best Singapore has to offer, Established Careers will be able to enjoy a luxurious and enriching vacation as they stop to appreciate art and nature, admire the city skyline and savour gourmet food. The upmarket districts of Singapore will surely appeal to these affluent travellers.







## DAY 1: Enjoy The Finer Things In Life

## MORNING

#### Have a leisurely walk amongst lush gardens

## VISIT

Gardens by the Bay

#### HIGHLIGHT

Be enthralled by two tranquil conservatories at Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p63). The Flower Dome features a diverse range of plants and flowers, and the Cloud Forest features one of the world's largest indoor waterfall as well as tropical plants from highlands.

## AFTERNOON

#### Lunch in a three-Michelin-starred restaurant

#### DINE

## Odette 않않않 @

#### HIGHLIGHT

Fine-dining French restaurant Odette (see Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p121) features prettily plated and perfectly executed creations made from seasonal produce and pure ingredients.

#### Immerse in Peranakan culture

#### VISIT

Rumah Bebe

#### HIGHLIGHT

Visit the 90-year-old shop (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p77) for Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) wares and cuisine that are true testaments of its heritage.

## **EVENING**

#### Taste modern Asian-inspired European fare

#### DINE

The Dempsey Cookhouse and Bar

#### HIGHLIGHT

Helmed by Chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten, the classy restaurant (*www.comodempsey.sg/restaurant/the-dempsey-cookhouse-and-bar*) features an enticing menu that showcases contemporary European fare inspired by Asian flavours.

#### Kick back with a good tipple

#### DRINK

RedDot® Brewhouse

#### HIGHLIGHT

Singapore's first locally owned, independent commercial microbrewery, RedDot® Brewhouse (*www. reddotbrewhouse.com.sg*) stems from brewmaster Ernest Ng, who has been self-trained since 1997. Travellers can look forward to enjoying unfiltered and unprocessed beer–served straight from the fermenter to retain all the yeast nutrients, original flavour and unique aroma.

## DAY 2: Elevated Experiences

## MORNING

#### Wake up with a cup of joe

**DINE** Oriole Coffee and Bar

#### HIGHLIGHT

Coffee at Oriole Coffee and Bar (*www.oriole.com.sg*) has been sourced from various smallholder farmer communities, roasted in-house, and certain to tantalise the taste buds of coffee connoisseurs. The café offers hearty breakfast options-great to sip a cuppa with.

## AFTERNOON

#### Prepare to be pampered

#### RELAX

Spa Esprit

#### HIGHLIGHT

A homegrown apothecary spa, Spa Esprit (see Shopping, Local Shopping, p153) has over 100 beauty outlets in the US, UK and Asia. Visitors can have a one-of-a-kind spa treatment customised just for them or choose from a range of customized skincare products available. Its outlet in Orchard (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p85) carries personalised moisturisers, body scrubs and shower gels made from its Custom Blend.

#### Overlook the city

EXPERIENCE / DINE ION Sky

#### HIGHLIGHT

Located above ION Orchard (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p141), visitors will be surrounded by panoramic views of the city skyline at ION Sky. Up in the sky, they can also experience the retelling of Singapore's history through an immersive multimedia show by local singer-songwriter Dick Lee. At dinner time, head to the 55<sup>th</sup> level for mouth-watering Asian classics and Australian beef at Salt Grill & Sky Bar (*www.saltgrill.com*).

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#### Enjoy one of the world's largest gin collections

DRINK ATLAS 🍻 🍻

#### HIGHLIGHT

Visitors will be spoilt for choice at ATLAS (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Cocktail and Spirit Bars, p98), its collection of over 1,000 gins is one of the largest in the world. Its new menu, Interbellum, pays homage to the Art Deco era with classic European cocktails. Listed 5<sup>th</sup> on Asia's 50 Best Bars 2019 and 8<sup>th</sup> on the World's 50 Best Bars 2019, visitors to this glamourous bar will surely have a great drinking experience.

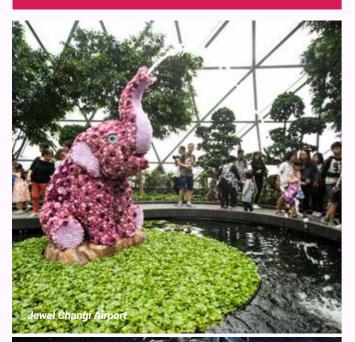
#### **ITINERARIES**



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## A 2-DAY ITINERARY FOR **FAMILIES**

Families will be able to find exciting attractions for all age groups, child-friendly restaurants and great edutainment for young ones. Children will spend each day having fun and being exposed to new environments while parents can relax and bond with their children over new experiences.







## DAY 1: Day Of Fun

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#### **Tour Jewel Changi Airport**

#### **TOUR** Best of Jewel by Tour East Singapore

#### HIGHLIGHT

Follow the tour's professional guide to experience the best of Jewel Changi Airport's (see Tours, p142; Shopping, Malls, p142) multi-faceted offerings. Visitors will be able to immerse in a lush green sanctuary as they hike through the Shiseido Forest Valley and marvel at the HSBC Rain Vortex. The tour ends at Jewel Canopy Park (see Attractions, Adventures & Rides, p49), where childfriendly attractions like the Topiary Walk, Petal Garden, Foggy Bowls and Discovery Slides can be found.

## AFTERNOON

#### Enter a world of excitement and thrills

#### PLAY

Universal Studios Singapore™

#### HIGHLIGHT

Internationally-acclaimed, Universal Studios Singapore<sup>™</sup> (see Attractions, Adventures & Rides, p51) is the destination theme park for all ages. It features seven movie-themed zones—Madagascar, Hollywood, Far Far Away (Shrek), The Lost World, Ancient Egypt (The Mummy), Sci-Fi City (Transformers) and New York (Sesame Street). Young ones will delight in the indoor 4-D film experience at Shrek 4-D Adventure in Far Far Away zone; while the bolder ones can challenge the Battlestar Galactica: HUMAN vs. CYLON<sup>™</sup>-the world's tallest pair of duelling rollercoasters. When lunchtime comes around, families can visit one of the park's numerous themed restaurants for lip-smacking meals.

## **EVENING**

#### **Dinner next to waterfront views**

#### DINE / SHOP / PLAY VivoCity

#### HIGHLIGHT

Situated near Sentosa (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p88), VivoCity (see Shopping, Malls, p144) is filled with dining options like Haidilao Hot Pot (see Eat & Drink, Supper Spots, p134) and Marché Mövenpick (*www.marche-movenpick.sg*). After a sumptuous dinner, enjoy some retail therapy or bring the young ones for a splashing good time at the rooftop water play area in the SkyPark. Level 2 of VivoCity is also equipped with a large playground children will love.

## DAY 2: Journey To Discover Nature

## MORNING

#### Take off on a river adventure

VISIT / EXPERIENCE River Safari Singapore

#### HIGHLIGHT

See and learn about primitive alligator snapping turtles, deadly flesh-eating piranhas, playful giant river otters, mischievous squirrel monkeys and more at is Asia's first and only river-themed wildlife park (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p65). Visitors can even get up-close with river dwelling animals at the Manatee Mania tour.

## AFTERNOON

#### Cultivate a love for nature

## EXPLORE / PLAY

Singapore Botanic Gardens UNESCO

#### HIGHLIGHT

The Singapore Botanic Gardens (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p66) presents visitors with 82 hectares of lush landscapes, photogenic pavilions and sculptural landmarks. It also features the Jacob Ballas Children's Garden that has interactive play areas for young ones.

#### Indulge in frozen treats

## EXPLORE / PLAY

#### HIGHLIGHT

After an afternoon of exploring and playing, visit takeaway café concept, JUJU (www.nparks.gov.sg/sbg/shop-anddine/food-and-beverage/juju), located at Bukit Timah Gate of Singapore Botanic Gardens (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p66). JUJU serves up frozen treats like signature smoothie bowls as well as snacks and drinks like grilled sandwiches, kale chips and slow-pressed juices. Families will be able to pick from a variety of healthy bites that will delight both parents and children.

## EVENING

#### Bond over delicious local delights

**DINE / PLAY** Newton Food Centre

#### HIGHLIGHT

Situated near shopping district Orchard Road (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p85), this hawker centre (see Eat & Drink, Hawker Centres, p130) is wellknown for the plethora of famous hawkers serving up local fare. For a diverse dining experience, order from a wide selection of food delights, from duck noodles to oyster omelettes and even traditional desserts.







Singapore Botanic Gardens



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## A 1-DAY ITINERARY FOR **BUSINESS EVENT VISITORS**

Business Event Visitors can look forward to making the most of their time during their trip. The itinerary covers all their needs in relaxation, shopping and dining. Visitors will be able to leave feeling refreshed and recharged, ready to tackle their busy schedules head-on.







## **DAY 1: Rest And Recharge**

## O MORNING

#### **Glean economical insights**

TOUR Made In Singapore by Tribe Tours

#### HIGHLIGHT

Discover how the cosmopolitan city adapted to the changing market conditions through constant pivots and shifts. The tour (see Tours, p165) brings visitors to survey urban farms, local factories and more.

## 

#### Visit one of Singapore's heritage icons

## DINE / SHOP

Raffles Hotel Singapore NEW (Renovated 2019)

#### HIGHLIGHT

Newly renovated, the iconic hotel, established in 1887, has been given a new lease of life. Visitors can browse well-loved souvenirs and a gourmet selection of special tea blends and premium coffee blends at Raffles Boutique (see Shopping, Local Shopping, p152). They can also choose to dine in gourmet restaurants such as BBR by Alain Ducasse, La Dame de Pic and 藝yì by Jereme Leung (see Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p118, p120 and p122 respectively).

#### Play a game of golf with a drink in hand

#### PLAY / DRINK

Holey Moley Golf Club

#### HIGHLIGHT

Wind down with a game of indoor golf with 27 unique holes at Holey Moley Golf Club (see Nightlife & Entertainment, Arcade/Entertainment Bars, p94). Couple the game with beer, spirits or wine and pizza, burgers, hotdogs or sharing platters for a one-of-a-kind experience.

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#### Experience the pinnacle of luxury shopping

#### SHOP

The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands®

#### HIGHLIGHT

Be spoilt for choice at The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands® (see Shopping, Malls, p144) which houses more than 170 luxury and premium brands.

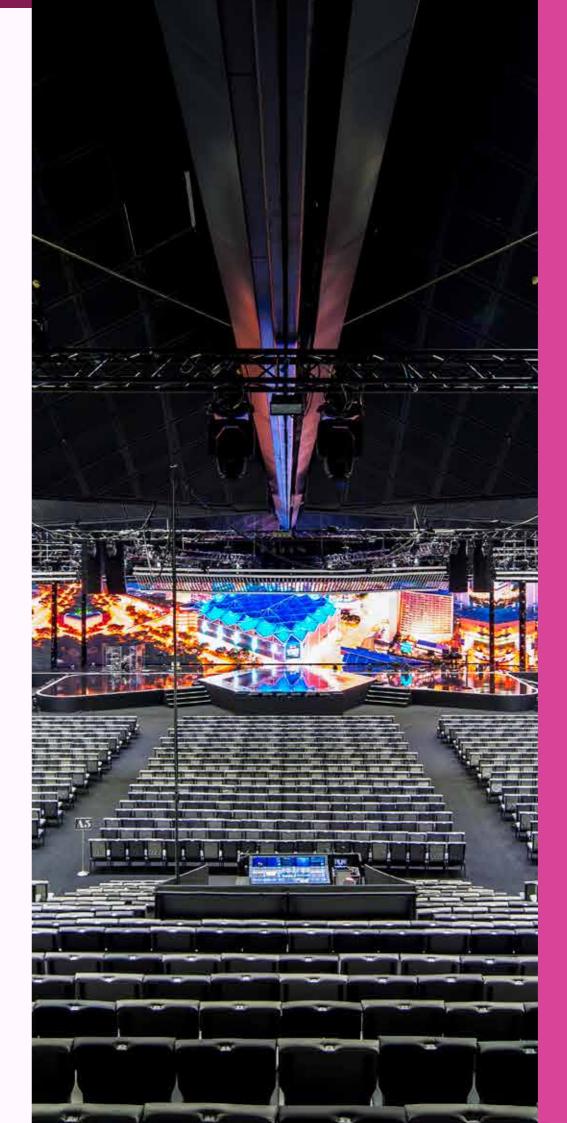
#### Top the night off with a gastronomic affair

## DINE / DRINK

Adrift by David Myers

#### HIGHLIGHT

Tuck into gourmet dishes inspired by Asia and created with fresh Californian ingredients at Adrift by David Myers (see Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p118). The restaurant also houses a Ginza-inspired cocktail bar that serves handcrafted cocktails.





## VENUES

From large events to intimate private functions, we offer a line-up of locations to suit a variety of events.



Performance & Concert Venues



B Exhibition & Conference Venues



C Unique MICE Venues

#### LEGEND

NEW New in Singapore

Located in the heart of Southeast Asia, Singapore is a prime location for all events.



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Singapore is home to many diverse locations that can play host to different types of events, meetings and parties.

Progressors with a drive to 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 cuttingedge facilities to hold world-class events, exhibitions and conferences, providing Progressors with plenty of opportunities to network and upgrade themselves. Venues such as the Victoria Theatre & Victoria Concert Hall and The Arts House are located in the Civic District, where Singapore's historical, architectural and cultural heritage started. For more information and tips on organising events in Singapore, Progressors can download the Meeting Planner's Guide (www.VisitSingapore.com/mice/en/useful-downloads).



## PERFORMANCE & CONCERT **VENUES**

## **Capitol Theatre**

Set in the heart of Singapore's downtown Civic District, Capitol Theatre is integrated with Capitol Singapore, the city's first integrated lifestyle development that houses a five-star hotel, residences, retail stores and dining establishments. Furnished with the latest audio and visual system, the 977-seat venue is the first in Southeast Asia to have a rotational floor system that allows for flexible seating configurations-be it for a film screening, musical production, dance performance or MICE event. 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: 17 Stamford Road

**Tel:** +65 6499 5168 Website: capitolsingapore.com/ theatre/#venue-section Email: enquiry@capitolsingapore.com Nearest MRT: City Hall Station



#### **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, p84) is one of Singapore's most iconic and busiest performing arts venues, hosting about 3,500 performances yearly. Designed by local firm DP Architects, the structure is made up of two rounded glass domes fitted with over 7,000 triangular aluminium sunshades. It is ideal for musicals, operas, theatre and dance performances. The building also houses cafés, bars, restaurants and retail stores. A stone's throw away is the historic Esplanade Park, which is home to landmarks such as the Lim Bo Seng Memorial, Cenotaph and Tan Kim Seng Fountain. Both indoor and outdoor venues in the Esplanade are available for rent 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: 60,000 sqm

• 6 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: www.esplanade.com

Email: venues@esplanade.com Nearest MRT: City Hall Station / **Esplanade Station** 

#### **Sands Theatre**

Housed in Marina Bay Sands<sup>®</sup>, Sands Theatre is a world-class theatre specially designed to showcase internationally acclaimed performances and give guests an elegant experience. The theatre has its own box office and a spectacular foyer to usher guests in

for efficient and seamless set-change · Custom-designed audio system and to ensure the highest quality sound Strategically positioned surround sound speakers to ensure optimal sound throughout the venue

2,155 over three levels

style. Its interiors, with high ceilings and

extravagant layout, are adorned with

a traditional proscenium-style interior

design and plush furnishings. The

theatre is also equipped with a large

orchestra pit, seat wagons and trap

award-winning Broadway musical

The Lion King, the most successful Broadway show in Singapore's history.

Quick facts about Sands Theatre:

· Total capacity across three levels:

Stage allows multiple configurations

rooms. Since its opening, the theatre has

hosted many signature shows, including

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#### Singapore Indoor Stadium

The iconic Indoor Stadium is Asia's premier entertainment and sports venue. It has hosted a wide variety of sports and entertainment events, including Western and Asian superstar music acts, family entertainment, award shows, sports matches and other large-scale events. Examples include the electrifying ONE Championship and Bruno Mars' 24K Magic World Tour. Similar to the Singapore National Stadium, it is a part of the Singapore Sports Hub.

#### **Quick facts about Singapore Indoor** Stadium:

· Pillar-less indoor facility for maximised event space Flexible configuration to accommodate

up to 12,000 spectators

Address: 2 Stadium Walk

Tel: +65 6653 8900

Website: www.sportshub.com.sg

Email: contactus@sportshub.com.sg (General Enquiry) / sales@sportshub.com.sg (Booking of venues) Nearest MRT: Stadium Station

Situated along scenic Marina Bay, Singapore's premier arts centre adds a creative touch to any event.

## Singapore Repertory Theatre

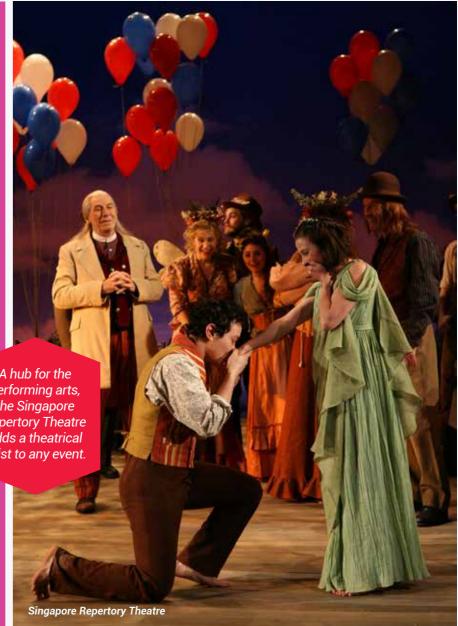
380-seater theatre, the Singapore Repertory Theatre is a hub for the to a wide range of events-from networking events to performances and product launches, giving a theatrical twist to each one. The theatre has an array of in arranging additional equipment at a

#### **Quick facts about Singapore Repertory** Theatre:

Sign language for patrons who are deaf or hard of hearing is available blind or visually impaired is available • A relaxed performance setting, that has toned down lighting and sound enter and exit the theatre any time and a designated quiet space, to benefit patrons with diverse learning and communication needs, is available • Wheelchair users will be able to access the theatre from the front and rear entrances

Address: KC Arts Centre. 20 Merbaru Road Tel: +65 6733 8166 Fax: +65 6221 1936 Website: www.srt.com.sg Email: boxoffice@srt.com.sg Nearest MRT: Geylang Bahru Station

A hub for the performing arts, the Singapore **Repertory Theatre** adds a theatrical twist to any event.



#### **The Meadow**

Set within the lush greenery of Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p63) with spectacular views of Marina Bay (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p84), 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, p45), a carnival featuring Christmas carols, yuletide performances, pipe band parades, school choirs, festive dances, and a Christmas village selling food and unique trinkets.

#### **Ouick 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: 22.000 sam Standing capacity of 30,000 pax,

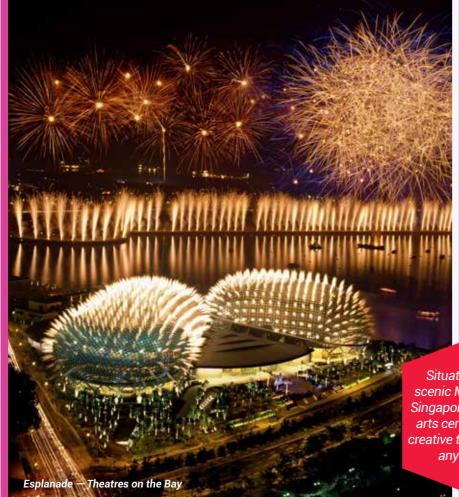
# Chauffeur-driven Garden Cruisers are to The Meadow. Fees apply. Address: 18 Marina Gardens Drive

seating)

Tel: +65 6420 6849 / 6636 2014 (Trade Contact: Sharon Lim) Fax: +65 6636 2004 Website: www.gardensbythebay.com.sg **Email:** venue.hire@gardensbythebay.com.sg Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station

## The Star Theatre

The Star Theatre is a performing arts venue suitable for musicals, concerts, operas, choirs, pop orchestras and meetings. Opened in 2012, it is equipped with high-definition video projection, live broadcast capabilities and a comprehensive sound system. The Star



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seated capacity of 3,600 pax (banquetstyle seating) or 7,200 pax (theatre-style

available to take guests from the Gardens by the Bay Main Arrival or Bayfront Plaza

Theatre has flexible configurations and can be booked by tiers-namely Stalls, Circle 1 and Circle 2, to suit event sizes. International performers who have held concerts here include Backstreet Boys, The Piano Guys and Charlie Puth. Complementing venues include a 770-seat multi-purpose function hall, an outdoor amphitheatre and a rooftop venue. Contact for a site visit.

#### 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 Website: www.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 facade. Originally built in 1862, the building reopened in 2014 after a four-vear 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: www.vtvch.com

**Email:** enquiries.vtvch@artshouse.sg Nearest MRT: City Hall Station / **Raffles Place Station** 

#### WILD RICE @ Funan NEW

One of the country's leading professional theatre companies, WILD RICE has been taking pride in bringing the very best of Singapore theatre to Singapore and to the world for the past two decades. WILD RICE @ Funan is its state-of-the-art theatre complex that includes studios and offices, designed by an award-winning team, including leading Singaporean architecture studio Zarch Collaboratives and renowned international theatre design consultancy Charcoalblue. It is Singapore's first theatre to be designed, managed and programmed by a theatre company. Its main theatre-The Ngee Ann Kongsi Theatre, is a 358-seat venue featuring Singapore's first thrust stage, inspired by the Royal Shakespeare Company's Swan Theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon.

#### Quick facts about WILD RICE @ Funan:

• Total venue size: 18,000 sqft Housed in Funan, a hub for local creative talents as well as many retail and food options

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## **EXHIBITION &** CONFERENCE VENUES

#### **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, this distinctive multi-dimensional facility is designed for functionality. Built on a sprawling 30-hectare site, it is fully capable of meeting all the requirements of both national and international conventions, large scale public and trade exhibitions as well as specialised events in the aviation, automotive, sporting, lifestyle and marine industries. The centre provides total exclusivity and privacy while still retaining an open space ambience, unhindered by noise limits or operating hours. Visitors can be reassured to hold high-profile or private events in the centre surrounded by peaceful and quiet surroundings. In support of measures to mitigate climate change, CEC has a fully solarpanelled its roof with 15,000 solar panels to reduce carbon footprint. The solar energy system helps to avoid over 3.2 million kilogrammes of carbon dioxide emissions a year, equivalent to emissions avoided from taking around 715 cars off the road a year or planting over 39,000 trees a year. Write in to enquire about group deals.

#### Quick facts about Changi Exhibition Centre:

• 100,000 sqm Outdoor Display Area • 40,000 sgm Indoor Exhibition Hall (fully

- air-conditioned) • 4,000 sqm 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 Fax: +65 6546 6062 Website: www.changiexhibitioncentre.com Email: cec\_enquiries@experiaevents.com

Nearest MRT: Changi Airport Station / Expo Station

#### **Raffles City Convention Centre**

Raffles City Convention Centre offers 10,000 sgm of prime, flexible function space and is a short walk to Marina Bay and Orchard Road (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p84 and p85 respectively). Key highlights of the exciting venue include contemporary design, cutting-edge technology and panoramic city views and its location above two Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) stations. Its 34 exclusive meeting rooms and three ballrooms are equipped with world-class audio-visual systems and are located on a single floor. It is also surrounded by a host of amenitiesfrom hotels and shops, to restaurants and bars-making it convenient for guests. Raffles City Convention Centre also offers direct access to 2,000 guestrooms and suites as well as 13 distinctive restaurants at the newly renovated Fairmont Singapore and Swissôtel The Stamford (see Stay, p28 and p30 respectively).

#### **Quick facts about Raffles City Convention Centre:**

Venue size: 10,000 sqm

 Integrated with Fairmont Singapore, Swissôtel The Stamford and Raffles City Shopping Centre (see Shopping, Malls,

 Three expansive ballrooms and up to 27 meeting rooms with seating capacities of up to 3,000 pax

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Tel: +65 6339 7777 / +65 6431 5560 (Trade Contact: Rob McIntyre) Fax: +65 6337 1554

Website: www.fairmont.com/singapore Email: sales.singapore@fairmont.com / conventions.singapore@fairmont.com (Trade Contact: Rob McIntyre) Nearest MRT: City Hall Station



Home to the region's largest columnfree ballroom and a number of function rooms. Resorts World<sup>™</sup> Convention Centre makes a great space for meeting and events. Its ballroom boasts of an 11-metre ceiling height and 6,000 sqm of unobstructed space for grand conferences, power-packed concerts and unforgettable dinners. At any one time. Resorts World™ Convention Centre can comfortably host 35,000 delegates and guests. Catering needs can also be taken care of by its team of experienced chefs who can even curate customised cuisines for themed parties. It is also equipped with a new state-of-the-art 270-degree projection that can transform the space into any landscape imaginable.

## **Convention Centre:**

• Venue size: 11,000 sqm • Resorts World<sup>™</sup> Ballroom has a capacity of up to 6,500 pax in theatrestyle seating-it can also be divided into 3 smaller ballrooms or 9 halls with retractable walls Resorts World<sup>™</sup> hotels are easily accessible from the centre • 21 function rooms on Level 1 with a combined area of up to 2,800 sgm and a capacity of over 4,500 pax

# **Tel:** +65 6577 9977

Website: www.rwsentosa.com/en/meetingsand-events Email: mice@rwsentosa.com Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station

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## Quick facts about Resorts World™

Address: Sentosa Island, 8 Sentosa Gateway



Sands Expo<sup>®</sup> and Convention Centre

SINGAPORE TOURISM AWARDS

Best Business Event Venue (2015 / 2016 / 2017) **Exceptional Achievement** (2018)

Sands Expo<sup>®</sup> and Convention Centre at Marina Bay Sands<sup>®</sup> is one of Singapore's largest exhibition venues and can accommodate 45,000 delegates. It has numerous meeting rooms and halls to choose from, including the Sands Grand Ballroom, Southeast Asia's largest ballroom, which can accommodate up to 8,000 delegates. 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: 120,000 sqm

• 5 floors of exhibition and convention space

 Sands Grand Ballroom can seat up to 6,600 diners for a banquet

• Up to 250 meeting rooms and space for 2,000 exhibition booths

• Since 2010, the integrated resort has welcomes more than 650 new-to-Singapore MICE activities, including trade shows

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#### PRIME, FLEXIBLE **FUNCTION SPACE**

The 10,000 sgm venue offers 34 exclusive meeting rooms and three ballrooms, with seating capacities up to 3,000 pax. Located in the heart of Singapore's Central Business District (CBD) and above two Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) stations, guests will find it convenient to access the Raffles City Convention Centre.

#### **Singapore EXPO Convention** and Exhibition Centre

#### Best Business Event Venue SINGAPORE (2018) TOURISM Best Business Event Venue AWARDS Experience (2019)

Situated at the doorstep of the Changi Business Park and an easy five-minute drive from Changi Airport, Singapore EXPO & MAX Atria is the largest purpose-built MICE facility in the country. Singapore EXPO Convention and Exhibition Centre provides the ideal event venue with versatile and customisable spaces and top-notch facilities for a wide variety of business and consumer shows, including industry forums, trade fairs and conferences, product launches, gala events and award ceremonies. Its convention wing, MAX Atria offers additional meeting spaces spread across two levels, including a spacious gallery connected to Singapore EXPO, which can serve as a reception area for events in Halls 1 and 2. Together, Singapore EXPO & MAX Atria hosts over 600 events annually and six million visitors.

#### Quick facts about Singapore EXPO Convention and Exhibition Centre: • Venue size: 100,000 sgm (indoor),

23,000 sqm (outdoor)

• 10 column-free and contiguous exhibition halls and three conference halls with seating capacities of 50 pax to 19,000 pax

#### Quick facts about MAX Atria @ Singapore EXPO:

 Venue size: 12,000 sqm • Size of MAX Atria Gallery: 2,646 sqm • 32 meeting rooms with seating capacities of five pax to 1,500 pax

#### Address: 1 Expo Drive **Tel:** +65 6403 2160

**Fax:** +65 6822 2616

Website: www.singaporeexpo.com.sg Email: sales@singaporeexpo.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, p144) and five office buildings. It is also within walking distance of the Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay (see Performance & Concert Venues, p197) and surrounding hotels-Mandarin Oriental Singapore, Marina Mandarin Singapore and Pan

Pacific Singapore. With flexible and customisable spaces, world-class meeting facilities, a wide range of culinary choices and a dedicated team of service professionals, 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. Spaces are bordered by movable walls, offering flexible and customisable space for different needs. Menus, signages and even the direction of escalators can all be adapted as well. It also offers highspeed Wi-Fi throughout its premises for up to 8,000 devices.

#### **Quick facts about Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre:**

• Venue size: 42,000 sqm • Up to 36 meeting rooms created by a system of 28 operable walls across 12,000 sqm of carpeted floor space • 12,000 sgm of multi-purpose halls • A 6,000-seat concert arena and a smaller adjacent 850-seat auditorium

## Address: 1 Raffles Boulevard

Tel: +65 6337 2888

Website: www.suntecsingapore.com Email: sales@suntecsingapore.com Nearest MRT: City Hall Station / Esplanade Station / Promenade Station

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VENUES

#### 1-Altitude

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1-Altitude is a lifestyle destination with 360-degree views and professional inhouse planners. The three-level multiconcept venue can cater to a variety of corporate and social events. Its rooftop bar, 1-Altitude Gallery & Bar, is the highest alfresco bar in the world, ideal for exclusive parties and networking events. Romantic proposals and solemnisations have been orchestrated here, against the spectacular cityscape of Singapore. 1-Altitude also has an elegant restaurant, Stellar at 1-Altitude, designed for formal dinners or cocktail receptions. For a hyped luxe experience, VIP club Altimate is an excellent venue for premium events from networking to product launches, themed parties and other VIP events. Dining packages available range from delectable canapés to specially curated set menus and extensive buffets.

#### Quick facts about 1-Altitude:

 Total venue size: 16,000 sqft • 1-Altitude can accommodate up to

550 pax Stellar can accommodate up to 180 pax

 Altimate can accommodate up to 250 pax

 Projector, screen, wireless microphones are available. External sound system and stage are available for rent

#### Address: One Raffles Place, 1 Raffles Place Level 61 to 63

Tel: +65 6438 0410 / +65 8163 3432 (Trade Contact: Immelia Izalena) Website: www.1-altitude.com Email: info@1-altitude.com / immelia@1-altitude.com (Trade Contact: Immelia Izalena)

Nearest MRT: Raffles Place Station

## MUHAMMAD DANISH

**BIN DON HARRIMAN** SERVICE CREW OF 1-ALTITUDE

"Service excellence is not a one-man show, it's a team effort to provide comfort and connect with the guests."



Muhammad Danish Don Harriman has been working with 1-Altitude for over five years. Even with his extensive experience as a service staff, he has not become jaded in his craft. Ever passionate about hospitality, his motivation to give his best comes from seeing the smiles on his guests' faces. Driven to hone his skills, he constantly learns new things to improve himself and keep himself on top of the service game. However, he does not simply focus on himself, he is a strong believer of teams and loves the synergy of his team coming together to provide the best service for visitors to 1-Altitude.

#### ArtScience Museum™

The iconic ArtScience Museum<sup>™</sup> (see Attractions, Arts, Museum & Heritage, p51) is situated along the Marina Bay waterfront and is part of the Marina Bay Sands<sup>®</sup> 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). It is also the first museum in Asia Pacific to achieve the LEED® Gold certification. The museum offers a variety of areas-from activity rooms to gallery-for hire. The destination museum has played host to international exhibitions, namely: Da Vinci: Shaping the Future and Wind Walkers: Theo Jansen's Strandbeests, 50 Greatest Photographs of National Geographic, Van Cleef & Arpels: The Art and Science of Gems, and Journey to Infinity: Escher's World of Wonder. Group deals are available for museum entry and venue hires. Write in to enquire.

#### **Quick facts about ArtScience** Museum™:

• 6,000 sgm of event space with capacity up to 1,000 pax

Address: 6 Bayfront Avenue Tel: +65 6688 8345 Website: www.marinabaysands.com/ museum

com

Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station



· Three levels of gallery and event spaces

Email: MuseumEnquiries@MarinaBaySands.

#### CHIJMES

CHIJMES (see Neighbourhoods,

Lifestyle Precincts, p82) boasts of an array of venues available for booking in the heart of Singapore's Central Business District (CBD). Notably, two of these spaces have been gazetted as National Monuments in 1990-the CHIJMES Hall, an exquisitely restored early Gothic-style 19th-century chapel with intricate design and detail, and the beautiful Alcove at Caldwell House, its neoclassical style design is one of the few surviving works of renowned architect, G.D Coleman. Both are suitable for weddings and corporate events. For a lush green setting accompanied by a stunning backdrop of the CHIJMES Hall, The Lawn offers flexibility in alfresco gatherings and sheltered events on a sprawling green.

#### Quick facts about CHIJMES:

• CHIJMES Hall can seat up to 300 pax • The Lawn can accommodate up to 300 pax (standing) Alcove at Caldwell House can seat up to 100 pax CHIJMES is also an enclave of restaurants, some of which have private meeting rooms available for reservation

Address: 30 Victoria Street Tel: +65 6337 7810

Website: www.chijmes.com.sg **Email:** chijmes@perennialrealestate.com.sg Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

#### Gardenasia

Nestled in the Kranji countryside, Gardenasia aims to draw people closer to nature through curated experiences that are nature-inspired. Its large canopy-style Bluesky, can comfortably accommodate up to 250 guests. Facilities also include an indoor flower nursery, a tilapia pond, a bistro and three farmstay villas designed in the familiar colonial black-and-white style. The fully air-conditioned Loft Museum is ideal for holding corporate seminars and workshops in idyllic surroundings. It also has a child-friendly programme called Gardenasiakids, where young ones can learn about organic farming and environmental conservation. Group deals may be available. Write in to enquire.

#### Quick facts about Gardenasia:

• Venue size: 1,741 sqm • Nature and garden setting in Kranji, with indoor plant nursery and fish pond · Bistro by Gardenasia offers a farm-totable menu concept

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, Nature & Parks, p63) 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 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: 69,646 sqm 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: www.gardensbythebay.com.sg Email: venue.hire@gardensbythebay.com.sg Nearest MRT: Bayfront Station

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#### 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. Occupving 28.000 sam. 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, p84) and Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p63) 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 for firework displays. Facilities for special needs are also available.

#### **Quick facts about Marina Bay Cruise** Centre Singapore:

• Venue size: 28,000 sqm; 22,000 sqm (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: www.mbccs.com.sg
- Email: enquiries@mbccs.com.sg /

mastura\_lubis@satscreuers.com.sg (Trade Contact: Mastura Lubis)

Nearest MRT: Marina South Pier Station



#### Night Safari

SINGAPORE TOURISM AWARDS

Best Attraction Experience (2018)

Opened in 1994, the Night Safari (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p64) is the world's first nocturnal wildlife park. The park is perfect for corporate events or teambuilding retreats, and offers various thematic experiences. An Evening in the Wild is a unique and exclusive dining experience at Night Safari. Starting with a guided tram ride traversing different zones to see nocturnal animals and ending at a secret lakeside location where you will be treated to a four-course gourmet dinner complete with dessert and freeflow wine in Singapore's first tipi tent. 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. Call or

### **Screening Room**

email to enquire about bookings.

destination spanning over five levels in a heritage building. Private spaces for booking include The Coriander Leaf Studio, a multi-purpose space able to accommodate up to 60 quests for private Screening Room, a boutique theatre space equipped with cosy couches and carpeted flooring. Food and drink options well. Sultry cocktail bar, Catchfly, can be found in the basement while rooftop bar, Rooftop at Screening Room, offers spirits from around the world paired with contemporary Asian bar bites.

#### Quick facts about Screening Room:

Screening Room's boutique theatre space also hosts monthly thematic movie screenings Cocktail bar Catchfly offers must Honey Badger, Choke and Smoke Coriander Leaf @ Ann Siang presents guests with the view of Chinatown on one side, and street

Address: 12 Ann Siang Road Tel: +65 6221 1694 / +65 6532 3357 (Trade Contact: Shahliza Mahfodz) Website: www.screeningroom.com.sg Email: info@corianderleaf.com / shahliza@corianderleaf.com (Trade Contact Shahliza Mahfodz)

Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station

Quick fact about Night Safari: Two event spaces for hire with capacities ranging from 16 pax to 120 pax

Address: 80 Mandai Lake Road **Tel:** +65 6360 8672 Website: www.wrs.com.sg/en/host-anexperience-with-us.html Email: sales.eng@wrs.com.sg Nearest MRT: Ang Mo Kio Station / Khatib Station

#### S.E.A. Aquarium<sup>™</sup>

Rooftop at

Screening Room

offers amazing city

views and spirits from around the

world.

S.E.A. Aquarium<sup>™</sup> also houses three one-of-a-kind MICE spaces, each one with a backdrop of its marine life. The Ocean Dome provides an intimate setting, along with views of the marine creatures through an acrylic panels installed in its ceiling as well as five other panels circling the space. The threetiered Ocean Gallery is grand on scale and innovative in design, making it an ideal venue for large-scale meetings and events. The Ocean Restaurant<sup>™</sup> (see



#### Eat & Drink, Celebrity Fine Dining, p120)

offers top-tier hospitality, exceptional Mediterranean-Californian cuisine and magical views from its expansive floor to ceiling acrylic viewing panels.

## Quick facts about S.E.A. Aquarium<sup>™</sup>:

 Home to more than 100,000 marine animals

- One of the world's largest aquariums • Venue size: 1,310 sqm
- Located within Resorts World<sup>™</sup> Sentosa
- Three unique event venues with capacities ranging from 40 pax to 220 pax (banquet)

 The entire aquarium can be booked for guests to enjoy the marine life in their own time

Address: Sentosa Island, 8 Sentosa Gateway **Tel:** +65 6577 9977 Website: www.rwsentosa.com Email: mice@rwsentosa.com Nearest MRT: HarbourFront Station





#### **Singapore Flyer**

Put a new spin to your event at the various venues at Singapore Flyer. For intimate and awe-inspiring events, wine and dine from private capsules on the Singapore Flyer in the sky while enjoying the panoramic view of the city skyline. Each capsule is able to accommodate up to 28 guests and can be hired together with other indoor and outdoor event spaces at the Flyer. Themed capsules can be arranged upon request. Guests will be impressed by the Flyer Event Hall, a premier space that features full-length glass windows that open out to breathtaking views of Marina Bay (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts p84). The space can also be divided into two smaller venues with flexible seating configurations. Information for Singapore Flyer's other indoor and outdoor spaces can be found at www.singaporeflyer.com.

Quick facts about Singapore Flyer:

to 28 pax (standing)

to 400 pax (standing)

100 pax (standing)

Private capsules can accommodate up

Flyer Event Hall can accommodate up

Flyer Lounge can accommodate up to

## Sky View Pavilion can accommodate up to 150 pax (seated) Greek Theatre can accommodate up to

- 300 pax (standing) • Sky Deck can accommodate up to 300
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  Waterfront Promenade can
- accommodate up to 600 pax (standing) • West Promenade can accommodate
- up to 300 pax (standing)
- Thoroughfare can accommodate up to 100 pax (standing)

#### Address: 30 Raffles Avenue

- **Tel:** +65 6854 5210
- Fax: +65 6339 9167
- Website: www.singaporeflyer.com Email: travel\_agents@singaporeflyer.com Nearest MRT: Promenade 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 may be exhibited. Group deals may be available (for arts-related events only). Write in to enquire.

#### Quick facts about The Arts House:

Venue size: 1,063 sqm
9 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: www.theartshouse.sg Email: enquiries@artshouse.sg / lucaschew@artshouse.sg (Trade Contact: Lucas Chew)

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Nearest MRT: City Hall Station
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## ESSENTIAL INFO

Practical information on planning a trip to Singapore - tips on local transportation, local laws, customs, embassies' contacts, frequently asked questions and more.



A Useful Information for travellers





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## **USEFUL** INFORMATION FOR TRAVELLERS

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, p36).

Are there special 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).

festive holidays in Singapore?

Most shopping malls, tourist attractions and establishments are open during major public holidays, with the exception of the eve of Chinese New Year (CNY) (see Festivals & Events, p38), when some establishments may close earlier and remain closed on the first and second day of CNY. However, key attractions and some outlets in Singapore's ethnic districts are generally open during CNY.

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

## What can travellers do during

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<sup>®</sup>, Mastercard<sup>®</sup> and Visa.

#### How wheelchair-friendly is Singapore? Can disabled travellers get around easily?

Singapore caters to the needs of elderly travellers, wheelchair users and people with hearing or visual impairment. All 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 wheelchair decal at the front of the bus).

Travelling by taxi is convenient too. Any foldable wheelchair can be stored in the taxi's boot at no additional charge. More information is available at www. VisitSingapore.com/travel-guide-tips/ getting-around/accessibility



## TRADE RESOURCES

**Destination Information** 

#### STB Websites

#### www.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.

#### www.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.

#### www.VisitSingapore.com/mice

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 Internetbased 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.stb.gov.sg

#### Where can I find a comprehensive list of halal restaurants/eateries in Singapore?

• www.halaltag.com • www.muis.gov.sg/Halal/Halal-Certification/Certified-Eating-Establishments • www.zabihah.com www.VisitSingapore.com/diningdrinks-singapore/halal-guide/ (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, p12). It's a colourful slang that combines English and local dialects. • 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 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.

• 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. • 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, p226).



## (?)ORCHARD ROAD PRECINCT **NO SMOKING ZONE**

Since 1 Jan 2019, all public areas within Orchard Road (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts. p85) have become a designated No Smoking Zone (NSZ). Designated Smoking Areas (DSAs) will be available at specified locations within the precinct. For more information, visit www. nea.gov.sg/ORNSZ





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Foreign missions in Singapore (including visa centres)

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Embassy of the Republic of Angola Suntec City Tower 2, 9 Temasek Boulevard #17-02, Singapore 038989 Tel: +65 6341 9360 Fax: +65 6341 9367 / +65 6884 4304 Website: www.angolaembassv.sg Email: embangola@angolaembassy.sg Office & Consular Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

#### Embassy of the Argentine Republic

Suntec City Tower 1, 7 Temasek Boulevard #15-03, Singapore 038987 Tel: +65 6887 9808 (General) / 6887 9820 (Consular) Fax: +65 6887 9809 Website: www.esing.cancilleria.gob.ar/en Email: esing@mrecic.gov.ar (General) / secon\_esing@mrecic.gov.ar (Consular) Office & Consular Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

#### **Australian High Commission**

25 Napier Road, Singapore 258507 Tel: +65 6836 4100 Fax: +65 6737 5481 (High Commission) / +65 6737 7465 (Consular) Website: www.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 / +65 6396 6351 / +65 6396 6352 Fax: +65 6396 6340 Website: www.bmeia.gv.at/en/oebsingapur Email: singapur-ob@bmeia.gv.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 / +65 6253 0790 Fax: +65 6255 1824 Website: www.bdhc.sq 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: www.singapore.diplomatie. belgium.be/en Email: singapore@diplobel.fed.be / singapore.visa@diplobel.fed.be Office & Consular Hours: Mon-Fri 8.30am-noon, 1.30-4pm Visa Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-noon



#### 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: ambassador.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 Fax: +65 6424 4264 Website: www.gov.uk/world/ organisations/british-high-commissionsingapore Email: enquiries.singapore@fco.gov.uk / consular.singapore@fco.gov.uk Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8.30am-5pm Consular Hours: Mon, Wed & Fri 9-11am (By appointment; excluding Public Holidavs)

#### High Commission of Brunei Darussalam

325 Tanglin Road, Singapore 247955 Tel: +65 6733 9055 / +65 9673 0300 Fax: +65 6737 5275 / +65 6737 4298 Website: www.mfa.gov.bn/singapore/ theme/Home2.aspx Email: singapore@mfa.gov.bn Office Hours: Mon-Thu 8.30am-12.30pm, 1.30-4.30 pm; Fri 8.30amnoon, 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 Website: www.cambodiaimmigration. org/embassy/singapore 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 Fax: +65 6854 5930 Website: www.canadainternational. gc.ca/singapore-singapour Email: spore@international.gc.ca Office Hours: Mon-Thu 8am-4.30pm; Fri 8am-1.30pm Consular Hours: Mon-Fri 8am-12.15pm Visa Hours: Mon-Fri 8am-12.30pm

#### **Embassy of Chile**

Suntec City Tower 3, 8 Temasek Boulevard #24-01, Singapore 038988 Tel: +65 6223 8577 Fax: +65 6225 0677 Website: www.chile.gob.cl/republica-desingapur/en Email: consulate@embassyofchile.org sg Office Hours: Mon-Thu 9am-5pm; Fri 9am-3pm Consular Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-1pm

#### Embassy of the People's Republic of China

150 Tanglin Road, Singapore 247969 Tel: +65 6471 2117 Fax: +65 6479 5345 Website: www.chinaembassy.org.sg Email: chinaemb\_sg@mfa.gov.cn Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8.30am-noon. 2.30-5pm Consular Hours: Mon-Fri 9-11.30am, 3-4pm

#### **Embassy of Colombia**

Gateway East, 152 Beach Road #03-04, Singapore 189721 Tel: +65 6341 7155 / +65 6391 7156 Fax: +65 6293 0565 Website: singapur.embajada.gov.co/en Email: esingapur@cancilleria.gov.co / csingapur@cancilleria.gov.co Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-1pm, 2-5pm Consular Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-12.30pm, 2.30-4.30pm (by appointment)

#### **Embassy of Costa Rica**

Sime Darby Centre, 896 Dunearn Road #03-02B, Singapore 589472 Tel: +65 6467 1355 Fax: +65 6467 8275 Website: www.embassycrsg.com Email: info@embassycrsg.com Office & Consular Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-1pm, 2-5pm (By appointment)

#### **Embassy of the Republic of Cuba**

King's Centre. 390 Havelock Road #08-04, Singapore 169662 Tel: +65 6635 8172 / +65 6635 8173 / +65 6635 8174 Email: embajada@sg.embacuba.cu / embajador@sg.embacuba.cu Office & Consular Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm

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United Square, 101 Thomson Road #13-01/02, Singapore 307591 Tel: +65 6355 5010 Fax: +65 6253 3764 Website: www.singapore.um.dk/en Email: sinamb@um.dk Office Hours: Mon-Thu 9am-4pm; Fri 9am-1pm (By appointment) Consular Hours: Mon-Thu 2-4pm (By appointment)

#### Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt

The Central, 8 Eu Tong Sen Street #25-82-86. Singapore 059818 Tel: +65 6225 5991 / +65 6225 5503 Fax: +65 6225 8182 Email: admin@egyptemb-sin.org Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9.30am-4pm Consular, Visa & Documentation Submission Hours: Mon-Fri 10.30am-12.30pm Consular, Visa & Documentation Collection Hours: Mon-Fri 3-4pm

#### **Embassy of The Republic of Finland**

United Square, 101 Thomson Road #21-03, Singapore 307591 Tel: +65 6254 4042 Fax: +65 6253 4101 Website: www.finland.org.sg Email: sanomat.sin@formin.fi / may.loh@formin.fi Office, Consular & Visa Hours: Mon-Thu 8.30am-5pm; Fri 8.30am-2.15pm

#### **Embassy of France**

101–103 Cluny Park Road, Singapore 259595 Tel: +65 6880 7800 Fax: +65 6880 7801 (General) / +65 6880 7833 (Consular) Website: www.sg.ambafrance.org/english Email: invitations.singapour-amba@ diplomatie.gouv.fr / scg.singapouramba@diplomatie.gouv.fr / cad. singapour-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr Office Hours: Mon-Fri Mon-Fri 9am-1pm, 2.30-6pm Consular Hours: Mon-Fri 8.30am-1pm Visa Hours: Mon-Thu 9am-noon (By appointment)

Germany Singapore Land Tower, 50 Raffles Place #12-00, Singapore 048623 Tel: +65 6533 6002 Fax: +65 6533 1132 Website: www.sing.diplo.de Email: info@sing.diplo.de / visa@sing.diplo.de Office Hours: Mon-Thu 8am-3.45pm; Fri 8am-2pm Consular & Visa Hours: Mon-Fri 8.30am-11.30am

**Embassy of Greece** Goldbell Towers, 47 Scotts Road #06-03/04, Singapore 228233 Tel: +65 6732 3011 Fax: +65 6732 3012 Website: www.mfa.gr/missionsabroad/ en/singapore Email: gremb.sg@mfa.gr / visa.sg@mfa.gr (Visa) Office, Consular & Visa Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm (By appointment only)

#### **Embassy of Hungary**

Raffles City Tower, 250 North Bridge Road #29-01/01A, Singapore 179101 Tel: +65 6883 0882 / +65 6337 9431 (Consular) Fax: +65 6883 0177 Website: szingapur.mfa.gov.hu/eng Email: mission.sin@mfa.gov.hu / huembsin@mfa.gov.hu/ consulate.sin@mfa.gov.hu (Consular) Office Hours: Mon-Thu 9am-5pm; Fri 9am-3pm Consular. Visa: Mon & Thu 10am–noon



#### **TRADE RESOURCES**

#### **Embassy of the Federal Republic of**

#### **High Commission of India**

31 Grange Road, Singapore 239702 Tel: +65 6737 6777 / +65 6238 2538 (After working hours) Fax: +65 6732 6909 Website: www.hcisingapore.gov.in Email: hoc.singapore@mea.gov.in / hc.singapore@mea.gov.in Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm Consular Hours: Mon-Fri 9.15-11.30am

#### Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia

7 Chatsworth Road, Singapore 249761 Tel: +65 6737 7422 Fax: +65 6737 5037 / +65 6734 7552 Website: www.kemlu.go.id/singapore Email: info@indonesianembassy.sg / protkons@indonesianembassy.sg Office & Consular Hours: Mon-Fri 8am-5pm

#### Embassy of Ireland

Liat Towers, 541 Orchard Road 8th floor, Singapore 238881 Tel: +65 6238 7616 Fax: +65 6238 7615 Website: www.embassyofireland.sg Email: singaporeembassy@dfa.ie Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9.30am-1pm, 1.30-4.30pm Consular & Visa Hours: Mon-Fri 9.30am-noon, 2.30-4pm

#### **Embassy of Israel**

24 Stevens Close, Singapore 257964 Tel: +65 6834 9200 / +65 6834 9212 Fax: +65 6834 9299 Website: embassies.gov.il/singapore Email: consul@singapore.mfa.gov.il Office Hours: Mon-Thu 8.30am-5pm; Fri 8.30am-2.30pm Consular Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-12.30pm



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#### **Embassy of Japan**

16 Nassim Road, Singapore 258390 Tel: +65 6235 8855 Fax: +65 6733 1039 Website: www.sg.emb-japan.go.jp Email: ryoji@sn.mofa.go.jp Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8.30am-12.30pm, 1.30-5.15pm Consular Hours: Mon-Fri 8.30am-noon. 1.30-4pm

#### **Embassy of The Hashemite Kingdom of** Jordan

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#### **Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan**

Great World City East Office Tower, 1 Kim Seng Promenade #09-04/05, Singapore 237994 Tel: +65 6536 6100 / +65 6235 7150 / +65 6236 2367 Fax: +65 6438 8990 Website: www.mfa.gov.kz/en/singapore Email: Singapore@mfa.kz Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-1pm, 2.30-6.30pm Consular Hours: Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri 9.30am-12.30pm

#### Embassy of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North)

High Street Centre, 1 North Bridge Road #15-01, Singapore 179094 Tel: +65 6265 9766 Fax: +65 6348 2026 Email: embdprk@singnet.com.sg Office, Consular & Visa Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-noon, 2-5pm

#### Embassy of the Republic of Korea (South)

Goldbell Towers, 47 Scotts Road #08-00, Singapore 228233 Tel: +65 6256 1188 / +65 6258 0789 (Consular) Fax: +65 6254 3191 / +65 6258 3302 (Consular) Website: overseas.mofa.go.kr/sg-en/ index.do Email: korembsg@mofa.go.kr / consg@mofa.go.kr (Consular) Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-12.30pm. 2-6pm Consular Hours: Mon-Fri 9-12.30am, 2–5pm

#### Embassy of the State of Kuwait

170 Bukit Timah Road, Singapore 229847 Tel: +65 6804 9550 Fax: +65 6316 9074 Website: www.kuwait.org.sg Email: embassy@kuwait.org.sg Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-3pm Consular & Visa Hours: Mon-Fri 9.30am-1.30pm (Submission of documents); Mon-Fri 2-3pm (Collection of documents)

#### Embassy of the Lao People's **Democratic Republic**

Goldhill Plaza, 51 Goldhill Plaza #13-04/05. Singapore 308900 Tel: +65 6250 6044 Fax: +65 6250 6014 Website: www.my-laos-visa.com/laos\_ embassy/singapore.html Email: laoembsg@gmail.com / laoembsg@singnet.com.sg Office, Consular & Visa Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-noon, 2-5pm



#### **High Commission of Malaysia**

301 Jervois Road, Singapore 249077 Tel: +65 6235 0111 / +65 6732 8067 Fax: +65 6733 6135 Website: www.kln.gov.my/web/sgp\_ singapore Email: mwsingapore@kln.gov.my / protocol@mhc.org.sg Office Hours: Mon-Thu 8am-1pm, 2-5pm; Fri 8am-12.15pm, 2.15-5pm Consular & Visas Hours: Mon-Fri 8.30-11.30am. 2.30-4pm

#### **Embassy of Maldives**

United Square, 101 Thomson Road #30-01A, Singapore 307591 Tel: +65 6720 9012 / +65 6720 9013 Fax: +65 6720 9015 Website: www.maldivesembassy.sg Email: info@maldivesembassy.sg Office & Consular Hours: Mon-Fri 9.30am-noon, 1.30-5pm

#### **Embassy of Mexico**

The Gateway East, 152 Beach Road #03-01/03, Singapore 189721 Tel: +65 6298 2678 Fax: +65 6293 3484 Website: embamex.sre.gob.mx/ singapur/ Email: embsingapur@sre.gob.mx Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm Consular & Visa Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-1pm (Visa services by appointment only)

#### **Embassy of Mongolia**

Parkview Square, 600 North Bridge Road #24-08, Singapore 188778 Tel: +65 6348 0745 Fax: +65 6348 1753 Website: www.mongolianembassy.sg Email: singapore@mfa.gov.mn Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-12.30pm, 2-6pm Consular Hours: Mon-Fri 9.30am-12.30pm (Visa application submission), 3-5pm (Visa collection)

#### Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

15 St Martin's Drive, Singapore 257996 Tel: +65 6735 0209 / +65 6735 1672 Fax: +65 6735 6236 Website: www.myanmarembassy.sq Email: ambassador@myanmarembassy. sg / ambassador@mesingapore.org.sg Office. Consular & Visa Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-1pm, 2-5pm

#### Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Liat Towers, 541 Orchard Road #13-01, Singapore 238881 Tel: +65 6737 1155 Fax: +65 6737 1940 Website: www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/ countries/singapore Email: sin@minbuza.nl Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-1pm. 2-5pm Consular Hours: Mon-Thu 9am-12.30pm, 2-4.30pm; Fri 9am-12.30pm (By appointment only)



#### **New Zealand High Commission**

1 George Street #21-04, Singapore 049145 Tel: +65 6235 9966 Fax: +65 6536 8180 Website: www.nzembassy.com/ singapore Email: nzhc.sin@mfat.govt.nz Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8.30am-5pm Consular Hours: Mon–Fri 9am–1pm

#### High Commission of The Federal

Republic of Nigeria EON Shenton, 70 Shenton Way #08-01, Singapore 079118 Tel: +65 6732 1743 Fax: +65 6732 1742 Website: www.nigerianhcsingapore.gov.ng Email: admin@nigeriahc.sg Office, Consular & Visa Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

#### Royal Norwegian Embassy

Hong Leong Building, 16 Raffles Quay #44-01, Singapore 048581 Tel: +65 6818 2000 Fax: +65 6818 2099 Website: www.norway.no/en/singapore Email: emb.singapore@mfa.no Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-4pm Consular Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-2pm

#### High Commission for The Islamic Republic of Pakistan

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**Embassy of The Republic of Panama** Hong Leong Building, 16 Raffles Quay #41-06, Singapore 048581 Tel: +65 6221 8677 Fax: +65 6224 0892 Website: www.panamaemb.org.sg Email: general@panamaemb.org.sg Office, Consular & Visa Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-4pm

### Papua New Guinea High Commission

Parkway Centre, 1 Marine Parade Central #08-05, Singapore 449408 Tel: +65 6222 9177 Fax: +65 6222 9179 Email: kundusgp@pnghcom.org.sg Office & Consular Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-4.30pm

### Embassy of the Republic of Peru

Palais Renaissance, 390 Orchard Road #12-03, Singapore 238871 Tel: +65 6738 8595 Fax: +65 6738 8601 Website: www.embassyperu.org.sg Email: peru@embassyperu.org.sg / jgarcia@embassyperu.org.sg Office, Consular & Visa Hours: Mon-Fri 10.30am-1pm, 3-5pm

#### **Embassy of the Philippines**

20 Nassim Road, Singapore 258395 Tel: +65 6737 3977 Fax: +65 6734 9544 Website: www.philippine-embassy.org. sa

Email: php@philembassysg.org / singapore.pe@dfa.gov.ph Office & Consular Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm Visa Hours: Mon-Thu 9am-noon (Visa Application); 4–5pm (Visa Collection)

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#### Embassy of the Republic of Poland

Wisma Átria Office Tower, 435 Orchard Road #17-02/03, Singapore 238877 Tel: +65 6235 9478 Fax: +65 6235 9479 Website: www.singapur.msz.gov.pl Email: singapur.amb.sekretariat@msz. lq.vop Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm Consular & Visa Hours: Tue-Thu 10am-1pm

#### **Embassy of Portugal**

Winsland House 1, 3 Killiney Road #05-08, Singapore 239519 Tel: +65 6224 2256 Fax: +65 6224 2356 Website: www.singapura. embaixadaportugal.mne.pt/en Email: singapura@mne.pt Office & Consular Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-1pm, 2-4pm (By appointment)

#### Embassy of the State of Qatar

Suntec City Tower 3, 8 Temasek Boulevard #41-02, Singapore 038988 Tel: +65 6593 9900 Fax: +65 6836 5731 Website: singapore.embassy.ga Email: info@gatarembassy.sg Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm Consular & Document Submission Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-noon Consular & Document Collection Hours (except visas): Mon-Fri 3-4pm

#### Embassy of Romania

King's Centre, 390 Havelock Road #03-04/05, Singapore 169662 Tel: +65 6735 5023 / +65 6735 5025 Fax: +65 6735 5021 Website: singapore.mae.ro/en Email: singapore@mae.ro / singapore.consul@mae.ro (Consular) Office, Consular & Visa Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-3pm (Consular & Visa Services by appointment only)

#### Embassy of the Russian Federation

51 Nassim Road, Singapore 258439 Tel: +65 6235 1832 / +65 6235 1834 / +65 6737 0048 (Consular) Fax: +65 6733 4780 / +65 6836 4921 (Consular) Website: www.singapore.mid.ru Email: russian\_embassy@singnet.com. sg / russia-sg@yandex.ru / consulsg@ mid.ru / rusconsin@gmail.com (Consular) Òffice Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-1pm, 2-5.15pm Consular Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-noon

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Suntec City Tower 3, 8 Temasek Boulevard #14-03, Singapore 038988 Tel: +65 6884 4621 Fax: +65 6884 4206 Website: www.rwandahighcomm.org.sg Email: info@rwandaembassy.org.sg Office, Consular & Visa Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm

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#### High Commission of The Republic of South African

Odeon Towers, 331 North Bridge Road #15-01/06, Singapore 188720 Tel: +65 6339 3319 Fax: +65 6339 6658 Website: www.dirco.gov.za/singapore Email: singapore.political@dirco.gov.za / singapore.consular@dirco.gov.za Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8.30am-5pm Consular Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-noon

#### Embassy of the Kingdom of Spain

Suntec City Tower 1, 7 Temasek Boulevard #39-00, Singapore 038987 Tel: +65 6725 9220 Fax: +65 6333 3025 Website: www.exteriores.gob.es/ embaiadas/Singapur Email: emb.singapur@maec.es Office, Consular & Visa Hours: Mon-Thu 9am–5pm, Fri 9am–2.30pm

#### High Commission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

Goldhill Plaza, 51 Newton Road #13-07/12, Singapore 308900 Tel: +65 6254 4595 / +65 6254 4596 / +65 6254 4597 Fax: +65 6250 7201 Website: www.lanka.com.sg Email: slhcs@lanka.com.sg Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-1pm, 2-5.15pm Consular, Visa Hours: 9am-12.30pm

#### **Embassy of Sweden**

Millenia Tower, 1 Temasek Ave #14-03, Singapore 039192 Tel: +65 6415 9720 Fax: +65 6415 9747 Website: www.swedenabroad.com/ singapore Email: ambassaden.singapore@gov.se Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8.30am-noon, 2–5pm Consular Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-noon

#### **Embassy of Switzerland**

1 Swiss Club Link, Singapore 288162 Tel: +65 6468 5788 Fax: +65 6466 8245 Website: www.eda.admin.ch/singapore Email: sin.vertretung@eda.admin.ch Office Hours: Mon-Thu 8am-5.15pm; Fri 8am–1pm Consular Hours: Mon–Fri 9am–noon



#### **Roval Thai Embassv**

370 Orchard Road, Singapore 238870 Tel: +65 6737 2475 / +65 6737 2476 Fax: +65 6732 0778 Website: www.thaiembassy.sg Email: thaisgp@singnet.com.sg / consular@thaiembassy.sg (Consular) Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9.30am-noon, 2-5.30pm Consular & Visa Submission Hours: Mon-Fri 9.15-11.30am Consular & Visa Collection Hours: Mon-Fri 2–3pm

#### **Embassy of the Democratic Republic of** Timor-Leste Crown @ Robinson, 140 Robinson Road #09-04/05, Singapore 068907 Tel: +65 6235 6318

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#### Embassy of the Republic of Turkey

SGX Centre 1, 2 Shenton Way #10-03, Singapore 068804 Tel: +65 6422 7322 Fax: +65 6533 3360 Website: www.singapur.be.mfa.gov.tr Email: embassy.singapore@mfa.gov.tr Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-12.30pm, 2-6pm Consular & Visa Submission Hours: Mon-Fri 9.30am-noon Consular & Visa Collection Hours: Mon-Fri 2.30-4.30pm

#### Embassy of Ukraine

Singapore Land Tower. 50 Raffles Place #16-05, Singapore 048623 Tel: +65 6535 6550 Fax: +65 6535 2116 Website: singapore.mfa.gov.ua/en Email: emb\_sg@mfa.gov.ua Office Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-6pm Consular & Visa Hours: Mon. Tue. Thu & Fri 9–11.30am; Wed & Thu 2–3.30pm

**Embassy of the United Arab Emirates** Parkview Square, 600 North Bridge Road

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#### Embassy of the United States of America

27 Napier Road, Singapore 258508 Tel: +65 6476 9100 Fax: +65 6476 9340 Website: www.sq.usembassy.gov Email: singaporefrontoffice@state.gov Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8.30am-5.15pm Consular Hours: Mon-Fri 8.30-11.30am Visa Services: Via appointment

#### Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan

United House, 20 Kramat Lane #04-01/02, Singapore 228773 Tel: +65 6734 3942 / +65 6734 3943 Fax: +65 6734 5849 Website: www.singapore.mfa.uz Email: office@uzbekistan.org.sg Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm Consular & Visa Hours: Mon-Thu 10am-12.30pm

#### Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Winsland House II, 163 Penang Road #02-01, Singapore 238463 Tel: +65 6491 1172 Fax: +65 6235 3167 Email: embassy@embavenez.org.sg / consular@embayenez.org.sg Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-1pm, 2.30-5pm Consular & Visa Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-12.30pm

#### Embassy of the Socialist Republic of

Vietnam 10 Leedon Park, Singapore 267887 Tel: +65 6462 5938 / +65 6462 5994 (Consular) Fax: +65 6468 9863 / +65 6462 5936 (Consular) Website: www.vietnamembassysingapore.org

Email: vnemb.sg@mofa.gov.vn Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-noon, 3-5pm Consular Hours: Mon, Wed & Fri 3–5pm

#### Embassy of the Republic of Zimbabwe

Visa Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-noon

The Plaza, 7500A Beach Road #13-308, Singapore 199591 Tel: +65 6297 7753 / +65 6297 7754 Fax: +65 6297 7761 Email: repofzimbabwe@singnet.com.sg / zimsingapore@zimfa.gov.zw Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm Consular Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-1pm, 2-4.30pm

#### **Travel Visa Centres**

#### Application of India Visa

International Plaza, 10 Anson Road #30-08. Singapore 079903 Tel: +65 3163 5611 / +65 3163 2615 Document submission: Mon-Fri 9am-3.45pm

Sim Lim Tower, 10 Jalan Besar #14-02/04/05, Singapore 208787 Tel: +65 3163 5611 / +65 3163 2615 Website: www.blsindia.sg Email: info@blsindia.sg / infoblsindia@gmail.com Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm Document submission: Mon-Fri 9am-3.45pm; Sun 10.30am-1.30pm

#### Application of Italy Visa

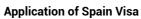
Tel: +65 3158 1938 Website: www.blsitalysingapore.com Email: infoitaly.sg@blshelpline.com Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8am-3pm Document Submission Hours: Mon-Fri 8am-2pm

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Website: singapore.blsspainvisa.com Email: info.sin@blshelpline.com Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm Document Submission Hours: Mon-Fri

**Chinese Visa Application Service Centre** 80 Robinson Road #16-01/02/02A,

Website: www.visaforchina.com.sg/

Email: singaporecentre@visaforchina.

Document Submission Hours: Mon-Fri

Document Collection Hours: Mon-Fri

(Availability of the visa application depending on resident country)

For resident country: Singapore, Address: 79 Anson Road #15-02, Singapore 079906 (Visiting Countries: Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Malta, New Zealand, Norway, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, United Kingdom)

MYP Plaza, 135 Cecil Street #08-01. Singapore 069536 (Visiting Countries: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Russia) Tel: Varies depending on visiting country. Website: www.vfsglobal.com Document Submission Hours: Varies depending on visiting country. Please

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### **ESSENTIAL** (12)**INFORMATION**

**Travel Essentials** 

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### **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 (www.ica.gov.sg) for visa requirements. All visitors to Singapore must hold a passport or travel document that has a validity of at least 6 months. 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.

To enjoy a more seamless travel experience to Singapore, from Jan 2020, the SG Arrival Card (SGAC) will be made available on the Visit Singapore Travel Guide App (in iOS and Android). This is a new e-service where visitors can now electronically submit their arrival cardsup to 14 days in advance before arrival in Singapore.

#### **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, or 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% 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

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Travellers arriving in Singapore may enjoy duty-free concessions on liquor only if the following conditions are met: • He/she is 18 years and above

• He/she has spent 48 hours or more outside Singapore immediately before arrival

• He/she did not arrive from Malavsia • The liquor is for his/her own consumption

• The liquors are not prohibited from import into Singapore

Travellers are given duty-free concession for liquors on one of the following options:

Option	Spirits	Wine	Beer
А	1 Litre	1 Litre	_
В	1 Litre	-	1 Litre
С	-	1 Litre	1 Litre
D	-	2 Litre	_
E	-	-	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 the duty-free retailer.

• 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 duty-free concession on liquor products for people arriving from Malaysia.

• If you are bringing in more than 10 litres of liquor products, a Customs permit would be required for clearance.

#### **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\$500
Less than 48 hours	S\$100

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 www. customs.gov.sg

There is no GST relief or duty-free concession for cigarettes and tobacco products, or for motor spirits and diesel products in containers.

#### **GST Refund**

Tourists who have made a purchase of more than S\$100 (including GST) at participating shops. They may accumulate up to three same-day invoices/receipts from retailers bearing the same GST registration number and shop name to meet this minimum purchase amount, 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) located at Changi Airport Departure Check-in Hall (before departure immigration for check-in items) and Departure Transit Lounge (after departure immigration for handcarry items); and at Seletar Airport Immigration & Checkpoints Authority

(ICA) duty office. Tourists can verify

the details of their transactions by registering and logging into the eTRS e-Services at touristrefund.sg/en/index. page or via the "eTRS Singapore" app downloadable from Google Play or Apple App Store.

#### 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 from the Singapore Police Force website 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 in 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 chewina)

 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 Radio-communication jamming

devices operating in any frequency band

 Nasal snuff Oral snuff Gutkha, khaini and zarda

this product

their by-products

Shisha

### **CONTROLLED GOODS**

Before controlled goods can be imported into Singapore, an import permit or authorisation form from the relevant controlling authority is required and should be produced at the Red Channel for clearance.

The list of goods includes (but is not limited to):



Arms & Explosives

Handcuffs & Nightsticks





Medicine & Pharmaceutical Products

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 Obscene articles, publications and video tapes or discs

• Seditious and treasonable materials Imitation tobacco products (electronic cigarettes, vaporisers) and components of imitation tobacco products

• Smokeless cigars, smokeless cigarillos or smokeless cigarettes

 Dissolvable tobacco or nicotine • Any product containing nicotine or tobacco that may be used topically for application, by implant or injected into any parts of the body

• Any solution or substance, of which tobacco or nicotine is a constituent, that is intended to be used with an electronic nicotine delivery system or vaporizers

 Rhinoceros horn, worked, unworked or prepared and worked and powder of

• Endangered species of wildlife and

 Controlled drugs listed under 4<sup>th</sup> Schedule of Misuse of Drugs Regulation

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(Source: www.customs.gov.sg/ businesses/importing-goods/controlledand-prohibited-goods-for-import)

#### **Controlled Goods**

Travellers must produce an authorisation or import licence from the relevant authorities at the Red Channel before controlled goods are allowed into Singapore.

The non-exhaustive list of goods includes arms, explosives, handcuffs, nightsticks, telecommunication and radio communication equipment, medicines, pharmaceutical products, CDs, DVDs, films, video games, animals, birds, fishes, plants and their by-products.





Telecommunication & **Radio Communication** Equipment

CDs. DVDs. Films & Video Games



Animals, Birds, Fishes, Plants & their By-Products

**Getting To and Leaving** Singapore

#### By Air

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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 380 cities in about 100 countries and territories worldwide.

Beyond a transit point, Changi Airport (see Maps, Singapore Changi Airport, p234) is a tourist destination in itself. There are hotels, numerous shops and restaurants, tropical gardens, a cinema and a swimming pool plus other unique features in each terminal to make travelling an enjoyable experience. Its latest extension, Jewel Changi Airport (see Shopping, Malls, p142), is a majestic, ten-storey nexus with over 80 restaurants and global retail labels. 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 and Jewel Changi Airport (see Shopping, Malls, p142).

The airport's four terminals as well as Jewel Changi Airport, includes facilities to make travelling seamless, easy and convenient. For a complete list of the airport's facilities and services by terminals, please visit www. changiairport.com

Travellers who arrive at the airport early or have long layovers need not look far for ways to pass time. Changi Airport has plenty of activities within the transit areas that can make waiting for a flight a pleasant experience.

#### Transit time: 2-3 hours

#### Save on shopping.

At Changi Airport, travellers can purchase goods at competitive prices. Get deals on beauty products at Cosmetics & Perfumes by The Shilla Duty Free (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 (see Shopping, Top Ten Souvenirs, p138), Bengawan Solo (see Shopping, Local Shopping, p150) and TWG Tea Boutique. 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), Steel in Bloom (Terminal 4) and Canopy Park (Jewel Changi Airport; See Attractions, Adventures & Rides, p49).

#### 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), Be Relaxed (Terminal 3) or Ning Foot & Back Spa (Jewel Changi Airport).

Travellers can also enjoy a swim at the rooftop pool (Terminal 1, transit area) or get 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 vibrant ethnic precincts-Chinatown. Little India, Kampong Glam (see Neighbourhoods, Ethnic Districts, p74). 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® and Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p63). Visitors can register for the tours at registration booths located at the transit area of Terminals 2 and 3. Visitors from other terminals can register for tours at the nearest Information Counter. Passport, boarding passes and entry visa (if applicable) are required to register for the tours. For more information, visit www. 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 with 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 to accommodate new-generation mega cruise vessels. The two-berth cruise facility can 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, p84) makes it convenient for passengers to enjoy attractions in the area such as Gardens by the Bay (see Attractions, Nature & Parks, p63), Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p84) and Marina Bay Sands®.

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: www.mbccs.com.sq

#### 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:

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, p144), SCC@ HarbourFront is well-placed for visitors to explore Sentosa Island (see Neighbourhoods, Lifestyle Precincts, p88), Asia's favourite playground, and Mount Faber, one of Singapore's bestloved 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: www.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: www.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

Nearest MRT: Marina South Pier Station

**Clarke Quay** 



### 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 heavier. Websites such as One Motoring (www.onemotoring. *com.sq*) 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 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 (www. onemotoring.com.sg) provide traffic updates and real-time footage from traffic cameras of conditions on the road.

Address: 21 Woodlands Crossing Website: www.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 purchase one month in advance via: • KTMB's ticketing website (ticket. ktmb.com.my); max six tickets can be purchased in one transaction. • By downloading Mobile application (KTMB 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 main 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 and Seletar 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 (www. y5buddy.sg) located at Tanjong Pagar or Klook (www.klook.com) located at various locations around Singapore.

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.

#### 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 professional advice on minor ailments.

Food and drink: Eating at food centres and hawker stalls is safe as Singapore maintains a reasonably high standard for 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 Emergency SMS (if not possible to call) 71999

• Police Hotline (for crime-related information) 1 800 255 0000

 Fire Hazard Reporting Hotline (SCDF) 1 800 280 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

 Public Utilities Board (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

• SP PowerGrid Power (to report any power failure / blackout) 1 800 778 8888

#### 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



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• ECON Ambulance Services +65 6382 8888	Public hospitals with A&E services	
• Emergencies First Aid & Rescue +65 6560 6060	• Changi General Hospital +65 6788 8833	
	• Khoo Teck Puat Hospital +65 6555 8000	
• ER Ambulance & Services +65 6222 2995		
• Grace Ambulance & Services +65 6333 8095	<ul> <li>KK Women's and Children's Hospital</li> <li>O&amp;G (24-hour) Clinic</li> <li>+65 6394 1199</li> <li>Children's A&amp;E</li> </ul>	
• Green Crescent Mobile Healthcare Services	+65 6394 1177	
+65 6788 8911	<ul> <li>Mount Alvernia Hospital</li> <li>+65 6347 6210</li> <li>National University Hospital</li> </ul>	
Heng-Gref International Assists     +65 6272 6018		
HOPE Ambulance Service	+65 6772 5000	
+65 6100 1911	Singapore General Hospital     +65 6321 4311	
I.M. Ambulance Services     +65 6786 3786		
	• Tan Tock Seng Hospital +65 6357 8754	
Islandwide Ambulance & Transportation Services +65 6366 6909	Private hospitals with A&E services	
Lentor Ambulance	• Gleneagles Hospital +65 6470 5688	
+65 6100 1777	• Mount Elizabeth Hospital Novena	
Medic Ambulance     +65 6258 5525	+65 6933 0100	
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	• 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. Tourists can also now use their Mastercard® and Visa contactless bank cards issued outside of Singapore for the payment of public transport fares (for travel by train and bus) in Singapore. Foreign admin fee applies, please visit TranstLink's SimplyGo website (*simplygo.transitlink. com.sg*) for more information.

#### 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 storedvalue 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 www.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 \$\$3.20 to \$\$3.90

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\$6.50 to S\$8.00 surcharge.

• Common hotline +65 6342 5222 (6-DIAL-CAB)

- Comfort & ĆityCab +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:

- Maxi Cab +65 6589 8551
- Limousine Cab Booking +65 6535 3534
- Mercedes Taxi +65 6589 8779

#### Taxi apps:

ComfortDelGro Taxi Booking
 SMRT BookATaxi

#### Third-party booking apps:

- Grab • GOJEK
- Ryde

Vehicle rentals: There are many vehicle rental companies in Singapore. To compare vehicles and operators, visit www.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 guides to help visitors navigate Singapore better and enjoy their experience in the city.

#### Dining

Burpple: Find the best places to eat in Singapore. Available for free on both Google Play and Apple App Store.
Chope Restaurant Reservations: Food and restaurant guide, as well as restaurant reservations. Available for free on both Google Plav

#### and Apple App Store.

• HungryGoWhere: Food reviews, recommendations and reservations. Available for free on both Google Play and Apple App Store.

#### 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 Apple App Store.
iChangi: All things related to Changi Airport (flights, shopping, dining). Available for free on both Google Play and Apple App Store.

 MyTransport.SG: Tracks arrival timings and routes of buses. Free on Google Play and Apple App Store.
 SBS Transit: Tracks arrival timings, routes and operating hours of SBS Transit buses. Free on Google Play and Apple App Store.

#### Singapore Travel Guide • Visit Singapore Travel Guide App:

Get travel tips, directions and recommendations on places to see in Singapore on this app. Available for free on both Google Play and Apple App Store.

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 airconditioned places such as malls and eateries. Visitors who wish to smoke may look out for areas demarcated by yellow lines designated for smoking.



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### 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
- Uncovered walkway
   Vacant land
- vacant land

**Note:** Facilities or buildings in these areas and five metres 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 p209 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.

#### Unmanned Aircraft

In Singapore, any unmanned aircraft, with a total weight of above 250 grams must be registered before it can be operated. Other permits and requirements may also apply. Visit *www.caas.gov.sg/ flyitsafe* to find out more.



**TRAVEL ESSENTIALS** 

**International Associations &** Clubs

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#### Alliance Française de Singapour

Address: 1 Sarkies Road, Singapore 258130 Tel: +65 6737 8422 Fax: +65 6733 3023 Website: www.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: Thong Teck Building, 15 Scotts Road #03-02, Singapore 228218 Tel: +65 6738 0371 Website: www.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: www.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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Singapore 189681 Tel: +65 6336 3705 Website: www.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: www.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 6716 9773 Website: www.britishassociation.org.sg Email: info@britishassociation.org.sg Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm

#### The British Club

Canadian Association of Singapore

8 Marina Boulevard, 25th floor,

Website: www.canadians.org.sg Email: info@canadians.org.sg /

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm

Address: Bank of China Building, 4

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 9.30am-

Address: 22 Camden Park, Singapore

Website: www.hollandseclub.org.sg

6pm; (Club) Mon-Sun 7am-11pm

Korean Association in Singapore Address: 71B Tanjong Pagar Road

Website: www.koreansingapore.org

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm

Address: 36 Swiss Club Road, Singapore

Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-8pm

Address: 10 Claymore Hill, Singapore

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm; Sat

Email: info@koreansingapore.org

Website: www.swissclub.org.sg

Email: recept@swissclub.org.sg

#03-01, Singapore 088492 Tel: +65 6299 8966

Fax: +65 6746 1953

Swiss Club, Singapore

Tel: +65 6591 9420

The American Club

Tel: +65 6737 3411

Fax: +65 6732 8308

Website: www.amclub.org.sg

Email: info@amclub.org.sg

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10am-6pm

Email: reception@hollandseclub.org.sg

Opening Hours: (Office) Mon-Fri 9am-

German Association (Deutsches Haus)

Battery Road #25-01, Singapore 049908

Website: www.german-association.org.

Email: info@german-association.org.sg

Singapore 018981

Tel: +65 6622 5485

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tfrgeneralsg@gmail.com

Address: One Raffles Quay North Tower, Address: 73 Bukit Tinggi Road, Singapore 289761 Tel: +65 6410 1100 Fax: +65 6468 6161 Website: www.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 Fax: +65 6467 1430 (1F) / +65 6469 6958 (2F) Website: www.jas.org.sg Email: info@jas.org.sg Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 9am-9pm

#### **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 www.VisitSingapore.com

#### **Chinatown Visitor Centre**

2 Banda Street (behind Buddha Tooth Relic Temple and Museum) Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 9am-9pm Nearest MRT: Chinatown Station

#### Esplanade Waterfront

8 Raffles Ave #01-18 Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 8.30am-8.30pm Nearest MRT: Esplanade / City Hall Station

#### Funan Mall

Basement 2, 107 North Bridge Road Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-10pm Nearest MRT: City Hall Station

#### ION Orchard

2 Orchard Turn (Level 1 Concierge) Opening Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-10pm Nearest MRT: Orchard Station

#### Kampong Glam

55 Bussorah Street Dpening Hours: Mon-Sun 8am-6pm learest MRT: Bugis Station

#### Katong & Joo Chiat

Kim Choo Kueh Chang, 111 East Coast Road pening Hours: Mon-Sun 9am-9pm learest MRT: Eunos Station

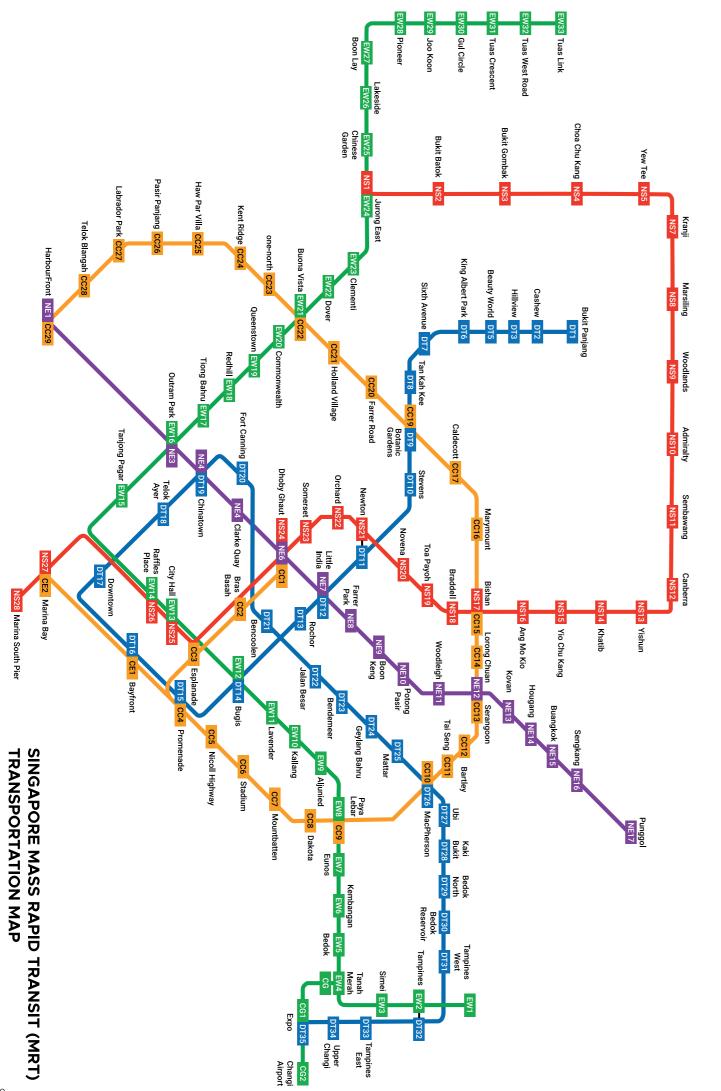
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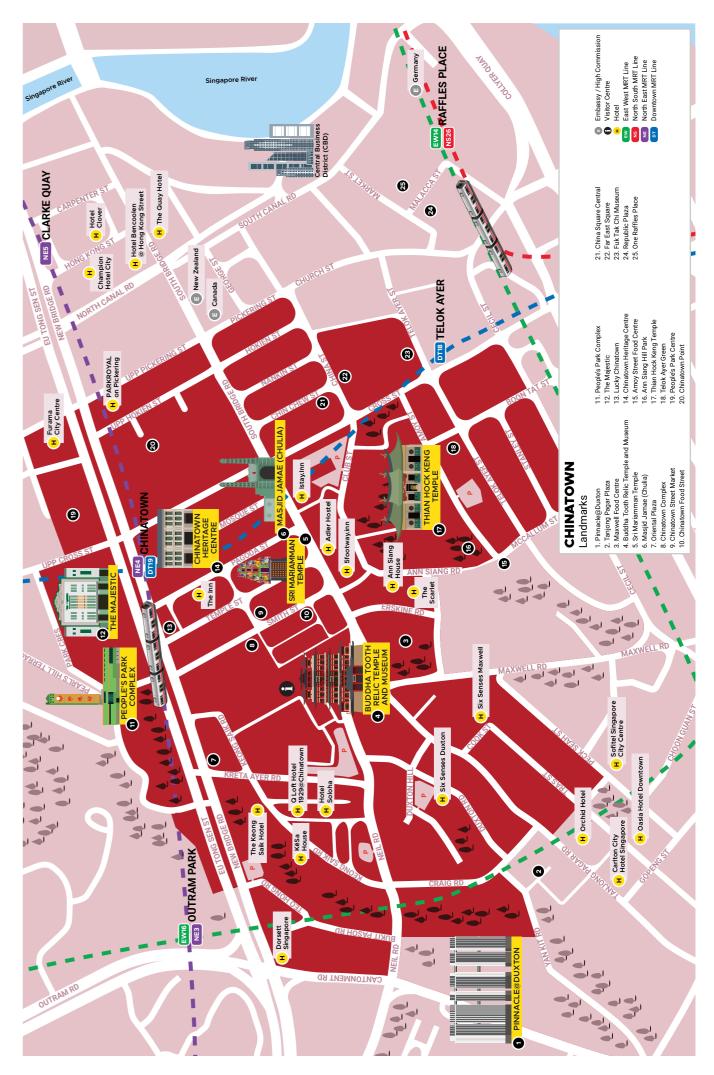
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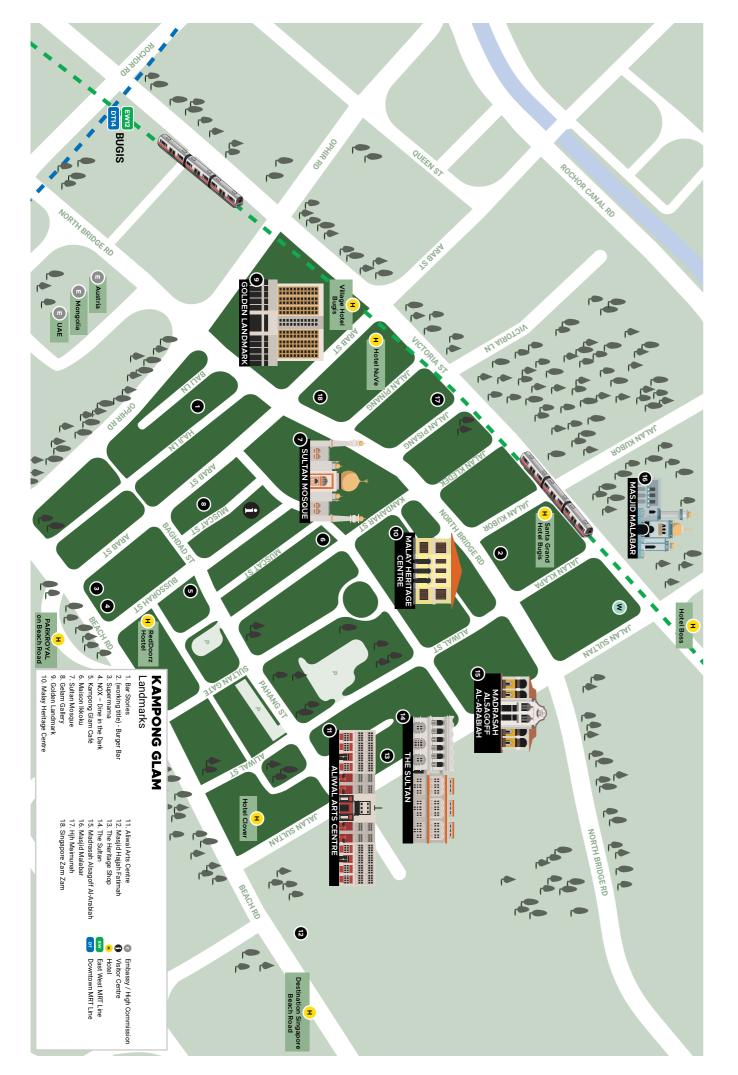
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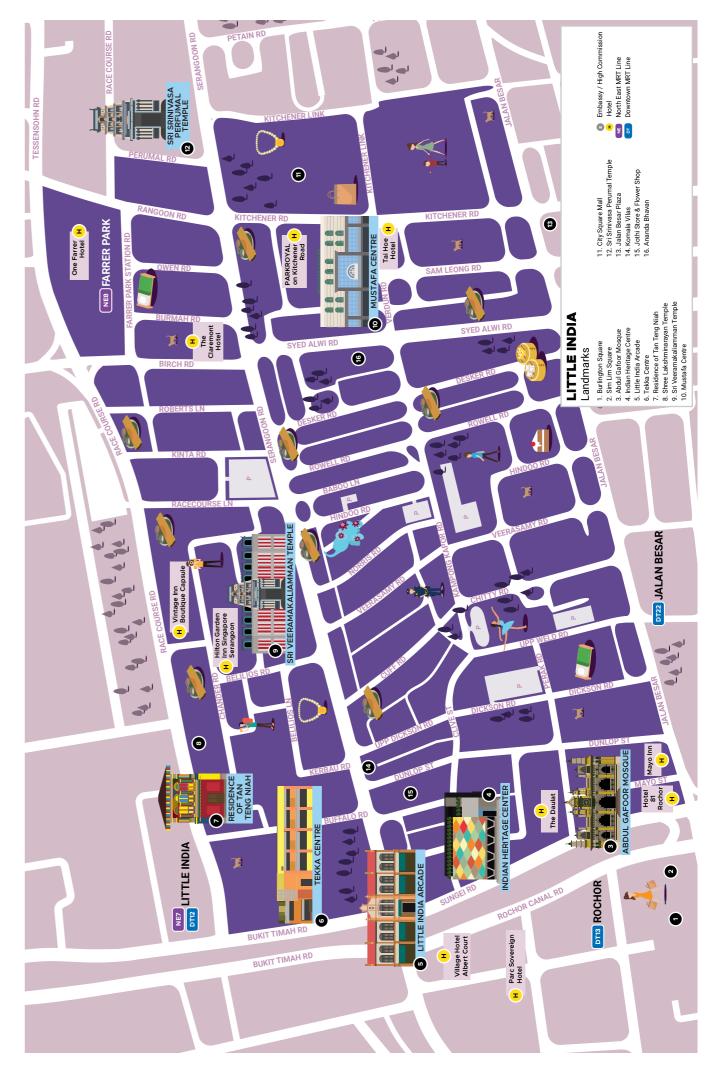


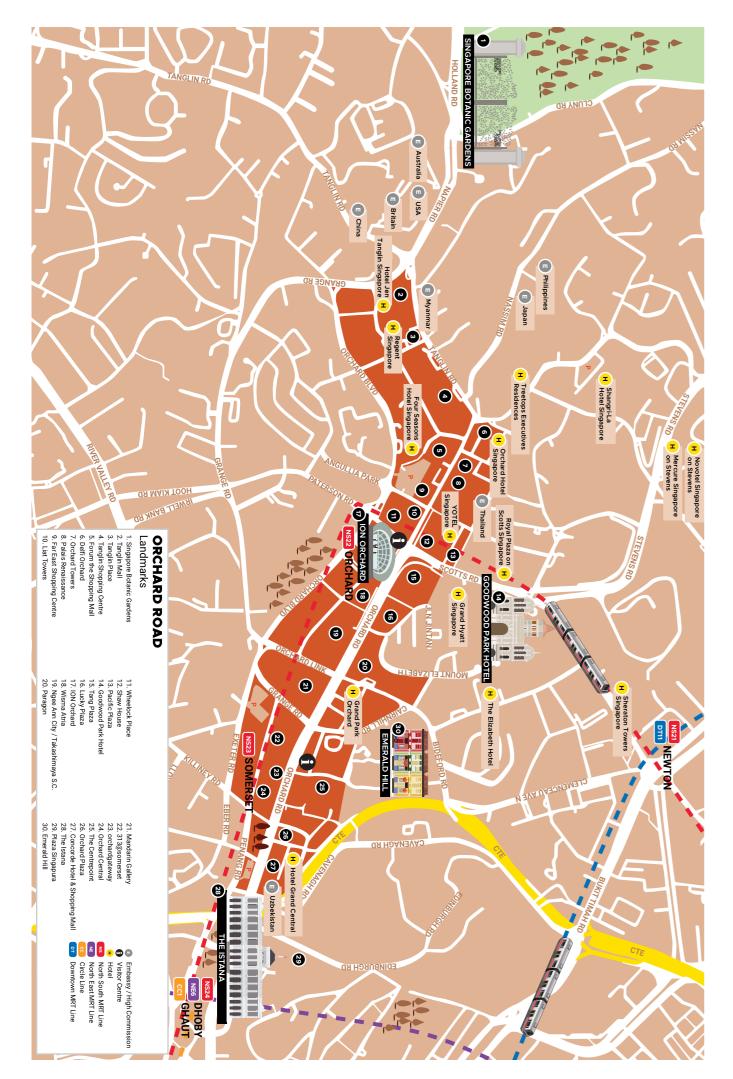


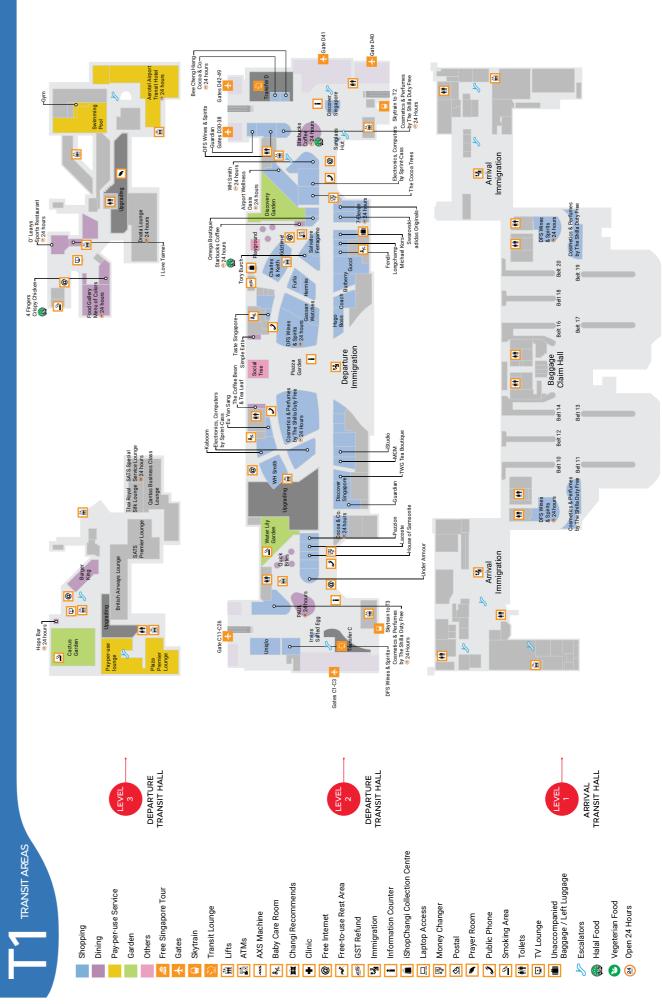




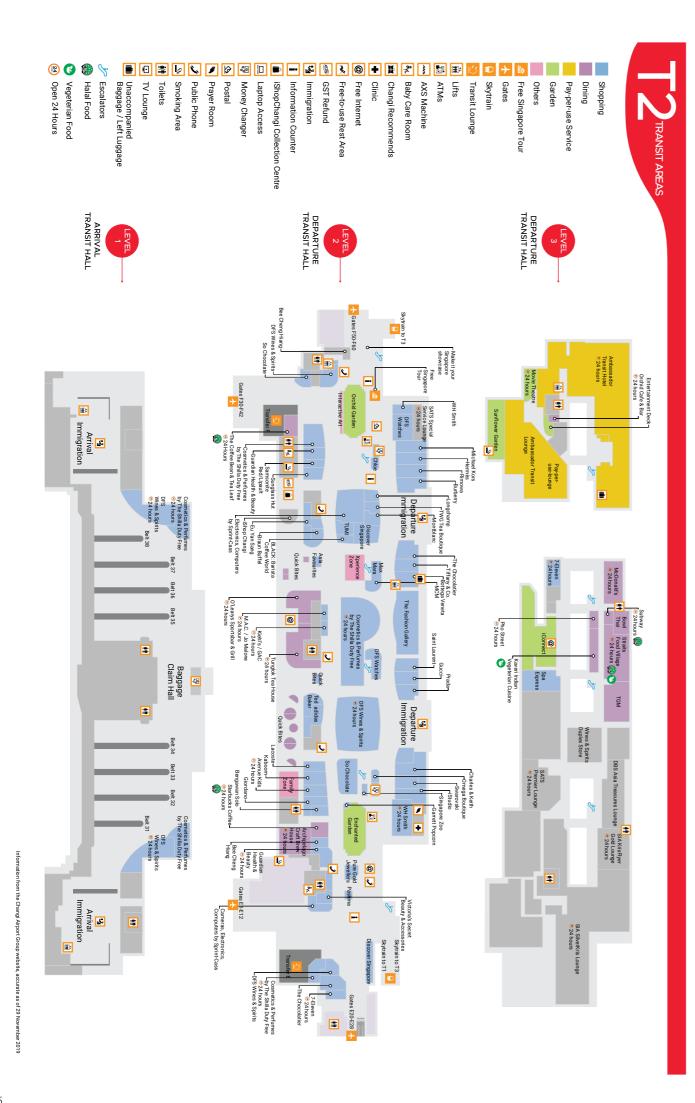


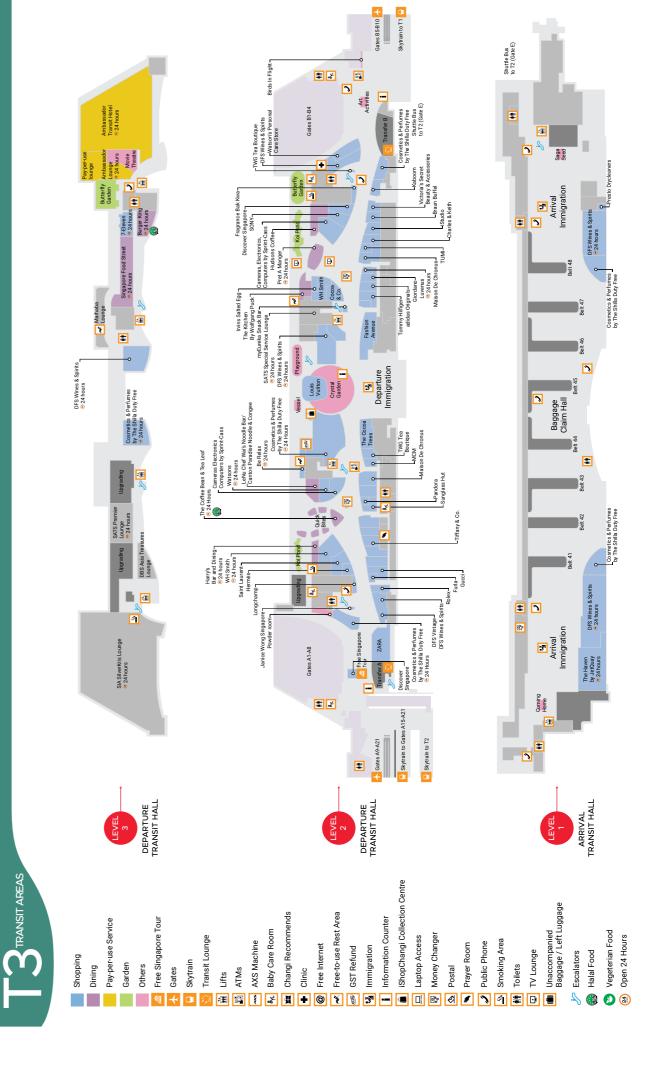




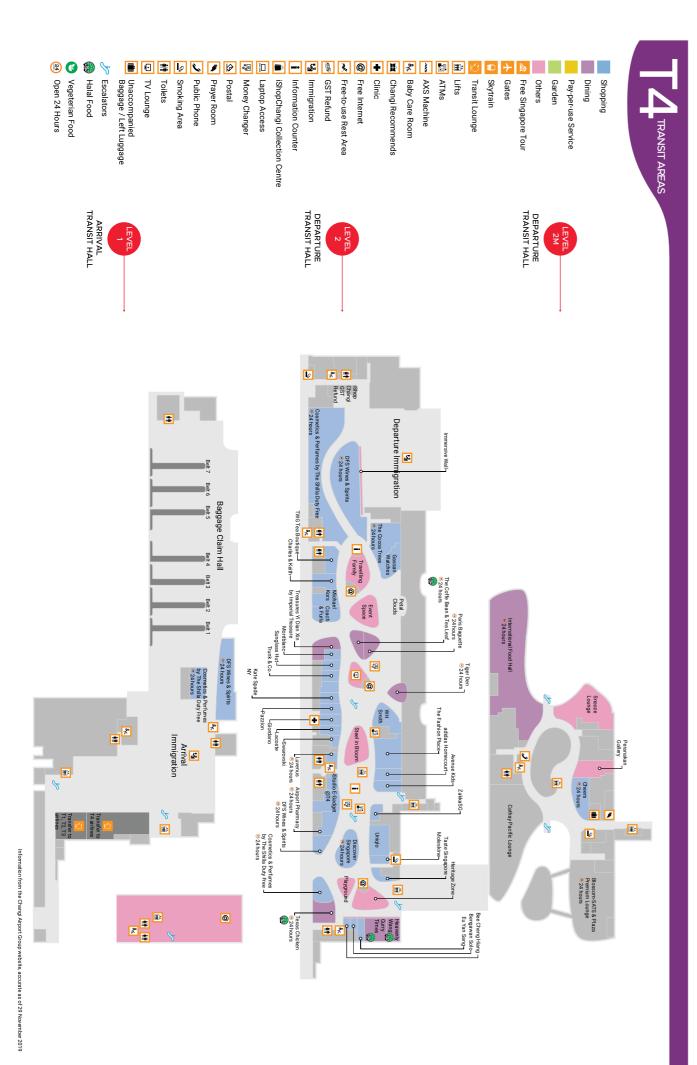


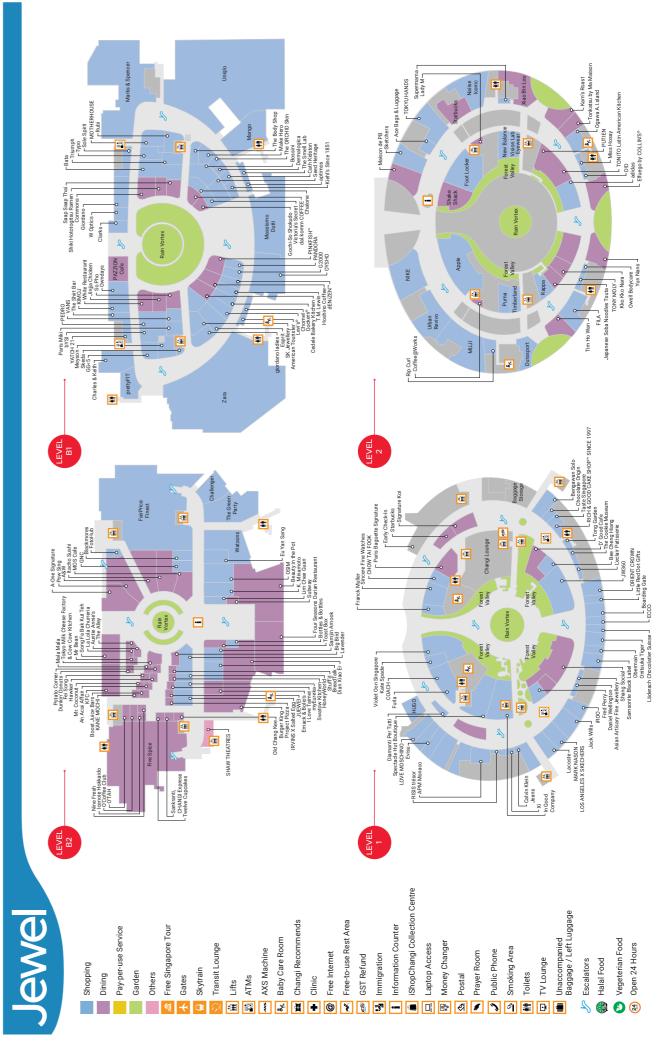
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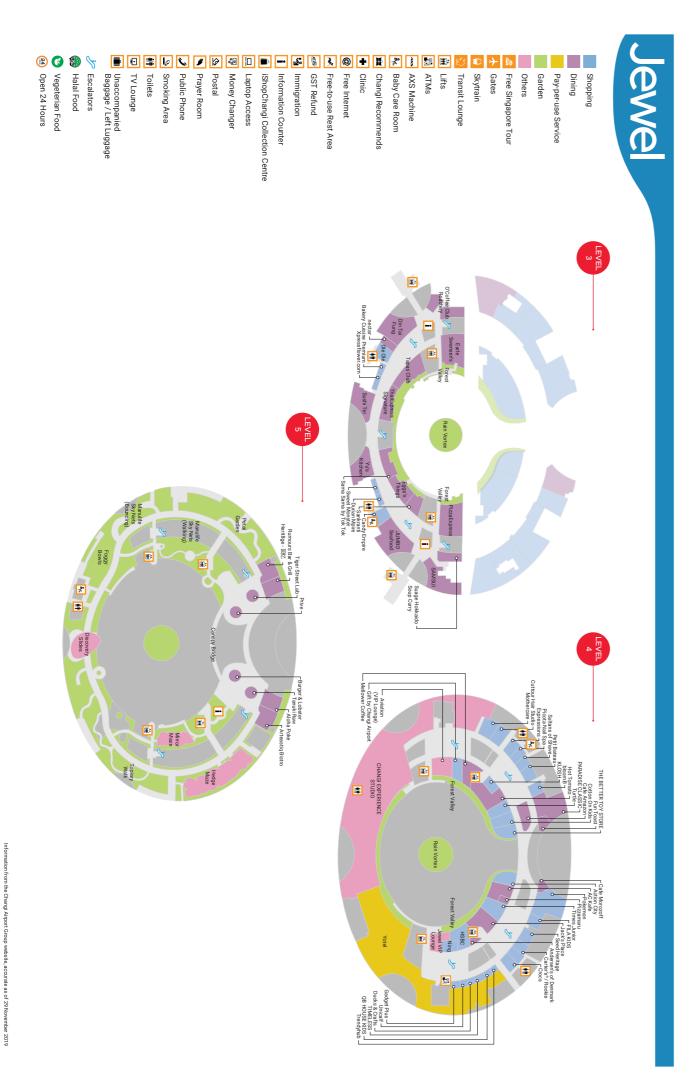


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### **Cai Yinzhou** Tour Guide & Founder of Geylang Adventures

As an idealistic urban explorer and tour guide, Cai Yinzhou has channelled his idealism into activism through social initiatives. In 2013, he founded Geylang Adventures, a local community group that sets out to unpack social issues through sightseeing. Geylang Adventures aims to break down social barriers and make Singapore a more gracious society. The group regularly brings visitors and locals through the busy streets and hidden back alleys of Geylang to tell them stories of the colourful neighbourhood. It also recognises the efforts migrant workers have made in the society today and seeks to create opportunities for interaction with them.

Travellers to the Geylang district will be able to find heritage shophouses and diverse places of worship along its meandering lanes. Its urban landscape also comprises durian stalls, modern barbershop The Panic Room (*www. thepanicroom.com.sg*) and Eng Tiang Huat Chinese Cultural Shop (*www. facebook.com/chineseculturalshop*), where traditional Chinese opera instruments and costumes are available for sale.

# Cai Yinzhou

Tour Guide & Founder of Geylang Adventures

# **O1** J.B. Ah Meng Restaurant

"I used to study at the back alley of their restaurant's old location. When things got busy, I would help them to take orders and serve food. I've made friends with many celebrities and chefs who come here for supper!"

### **04** Tanjong Beach

"I used to study on the sandy beach during my schooling days. The peaceful environment makes it both conducive for studying and for jogging. On top of that, there are lifeguards on duty to ensure safety and lockers nearby to secure your belongings in."

### **02** Old Airport Road Food Centre

"It is one of the top recommended hawker places in Singapore to find a wide variety of good local dishes. My personal recommendations include J & J Special Beef Noodle, Lao Fu Zi Fried Kway Teow and Nam Sing Hokkien Fried Mee."

# **03** Park Connector Network

"I enjoy cycling along the Park Connector Network that runs from the Geylang neighbourhood to the Marina Bay district. It is very convenient and during the night, it is well-lit and cooling. Another plus point is the scenic view that can be enjoyed from the route."

### 05 Pulau Ubin

"There are several camping sites on Pulau Ubin island where people can enjoy tent pitching and a night out in the nature. It is my place of choice to be close to nature and get away from the hustle and bustle of the city life."

#### Explorer

Once an inquisitive young boy set on having an adventurous childhood, Cai Yinzhou has since brought his passion for exploration into what he does today as an urban explorer and tour guide. Follow his footsteps as he leads the way to places of interest and natural spaces that he holds close to his heart on the sunny island.



### Jane lyer

Founder of Jane's SG Tours

#### ABOUT

### Jane lyer Founder of Jane's SG Tours

Jane's passion for Singapore is truly expansive. One can say that she carries a wealth of wisdom about the city-state. She has accumulated years of experience guiding in three museums, coordinating the Explore Singapore! Team and volunteering in Friends of the Museums. A true citizen of the world, she is able to converse in English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, Italian and more.

Out of her love for heritage and culture, Jane's SG Tours was birthed. It offers cultural tours that highlights Singapore's heritage and melting pot of faiths and ethnicities. Jane and her team conduct small group tours not just for visitors but also expats and locals who truely want to understand the neighbourhoods, green spaces and how Singapore's past informs its present.

### **O1** The Armenian Church

"George Coleman was one of Singapore's first architects, and the Armenian Church is one of his few remaining masterpieces. As Singapore's oldest Christian church, it holds a special place in history. Whenever I visit, I feel the love that George put into this gem."



# **02** Yip Yew Chong's Street Murals

"I find that mural artist Yip Yew Chong captures the heart and soul of 'old' Singapore in the nostalgic murals he has painted on the walls of buildings in heritage neighbourhoods across Singapore."

### 03 Emerald Hill

"Just a stone's throw from Orchard Road's bustle, Emerald Hill is another world. I first encountered this enclave with its delightful architecture some 25 years ago on a business trip, never dreaming that five years later I would live there!"

### **04** Chesed-El Synagogue

"The beautiful Chesed-El Synagogue in Oxley Rise is a testament to one of our small but important ethnic and religious groups, the Jewish community. Visiting this temple and chatting with its personable rabbi is always a treat."

### **05** Colonial Black & White Houses

"I love the gorgeous colonial heritage homes, colloquially known as black and whites, that dot the Alexandra Park district. The area's historical background is fascinating—from the Sepoy Mutiny of 1915 through the WWII years to present-day Hort Park."

#### Explorer

When she first arrived in Singapore as a young girl back in 1963, Jane Iyer fell in love with what she saw and experienced. Having called the island home for close to two decades, she is a passionate ambassador of Singapore and is particularly keen on heritage and history. Discover the heritage gems hidden within the contemporary city while visiting Jane's top picks of Singapore's heritage spots.



### **Jereme Leung**

MasterChef of 藝yì by Jereme Leung

ABOUT

### Jereme Leung MasterChef of 藝yì by Jereme Leung

One of the most influential chefs in the modern Chinese culinary scene, Singaporean chef Jereme Leung started his career at a tender age of 13. Working his way from the ground up in Hong Kong, he strived to perfect the art of Chinese cooking in the form of *dim sum* (bite-sized portions of food served in steamer baskets of small plates), Chinese barbecue, wok-cooking and knife work.

Having worked in the most prestigious hotels in Southeast Asia and travelled around various regions of China, Jereme has extensive experience and exposure to different types of cuisine. He now owns over 9 restaurants worldwide, 藝yì by Jereme Leung being the first in Singapore and his longawaited homecoming at the newly renovated Raffles Hotel Singapore.

### **O1** Mansor D'Cafe

"Whenever my schedule allows, I will head to the fourth floor of Far East Plaza for some fragrant *nasi padang* (steamed rice served with various pre-cooked dishes) at this small nondescript stall."

### **03** Hong Lim Food Centre

"I love food from well-loved hawker stalls in Singapore. One of my choices for comfort food is a piping bowl of savoury prawn noodles from Hoe Lee Prawn Mee at Hong Lim Food Centre. With each bite, I feel as if I am reliving my teenage memories."



# **02** Golden Mile Complex

"Singapore is a melting pot of cultures with so much diversity in its food scene. When sourcing for new inspiration, I enjoy visiting different places for different ingredients. One such place is Golden Mile Complex where you can find an excellent selection of Thai spices and condiments."

### **04** Civic District

"During my days off, I enjoy appreciating art and architecture in the Civic District. Museums that I would usually be found at are National Museum of Singapore at Stamford Road, National Gallery Singapore at St Andrew's Road and Asian Civilization Museum at Empress Place."

#### Foodie

Singaporean chef Jereme Leung has decades of culinary mastery under his belt. His dishes celebrate culinary tradition and craftsmanship and captures the essence of provincial ethnic cuisines. Join him on a gastronomic adventure to discover places of inspiration and mouth-watering dishes.



### **Jerrold Khoo**

Bar Manager of Jigger & Pony

#### ABOUT

### **Jerrold Khoo** Bar Manager of Jigger & Pony

Jerrold first joined the home of creative cocktails, Jigger & Pony in 2013. The cocktail bar's strong focus on craft matched his personal dedication to craft and he soon rose from a Bartender to a Principal Bartender then the Group Operations Manager in a span of five years.

Known for his earnest commitment to share knowledge and coach the newcomers, it is also Jerrold's personal mantra that every customer must leave happier than when they came in, no matter how bad or busy his day is.

He also clinched 4<sup>th</sup> in the prestigious Diageo World Class Competition Singapore 2017, and champion in 2018. Despite his accolades, Jerrold is known for his personal mantra to bring joy to his guests and commitment to impart his knowledge to up-and-coming bartenders in Jigger & Pony.

# **O1** Junior The Pocket Bar

"One of my favourite bars is Junior, a cosy backroom bar tucked away in an alley along Tanjong Pagar Road. It offers a rotating concept and menu every six months that visitors can look forward to."



### Socialiser

Champion of the prestigious Diageo World Class Competition Singapore 2018, Jerrold Khoo of Jigger & Pony has come a long way in his love for making drinks. He first dabbled in making drinks in Starbucks before striving to be promoted into the craft that captivated him– bartending. One can say the rest was history. Take a trip to discover the places that inspire Jerrold in his passion of bartending.

### **02** Holland Village

"In my line of work, we must continue to innovate. For flavour inspirations, I seek out my favourite dessert bars like Sunday Folks and 2am:dessertbar in the hip Holland Village neighbourhood or Pantler along Telok Ayer street."

### 03 Mustafa

"To get regional and some cultural influence, I visit Mustafa and Golden Mile. The rich diversity in these places enables me to be bold in creating drinks that surprise and yet allow my guests to find comfort."

### **04** Maxwell Food Centre

"After work, I always look for something to warm my belly. My usual haunt will be Maxwell Food Centre for Teochew *mui* which is traditional Chinese plain rice porridge served with a range of small dishes. It reminds me of my grandmother's cooking during my childhood days."



### Kyra Poh

Singapore Indoor Skydiving Champion

#### ABOUT

### **Kyra Poh** Indoor Skydiving World Cup Champion

Kyra Poh may be young, but she has achieved successes her peers may not have even fathomed–all while still giving her best in her studies. Fuelled by passion and perseverance, the indoor skydiving champion has accumulated many hours of training to perfect her airborne manoeuvres. She was first captured by the limitless potential of indoor skydiving at the tender age of eight before being fully immersed in the thrilling sport.

In 2016, Kyra came in first at the Indoor Skydiving World Cup and just a month later, bagged two gold medals at the Wind Games 2017, earning the title of World's Fastest Flyer. She is also the record-holder for the greatest number of backward somersaults done in a wind tunnel. Looking forward, Kyra hopes to continue expanding her horizons and experience all that indoor skydiving has to offer.

### **O1** East Coast Lagoon Food Village

"Our local food is one of the most unique aspects of our country. I often travel overseas for competitions, and I always miss it. Once home, I would usually head to East Coast Lagoon Food Village to feast on chicken wings or grilled garlic bamboo clams."



#### Action Seeker

Indoor skydiving champion Kyra Poh is highly acclaimed, but behind the many accolades and awards, is simply a burning passion to fly. From her initial dream of being an astronaut, she now dreams to fly in all the different tunnels around the world. Check out what Kyra does during her free time when she's not riding winds at 230 km/h.

# 02 Pulau Ubin

"Another activity that I enjoy doing very much is kayaking. My favourite place to kayak at is the waterfront around Pulau Ubin with a rented kayak from Kayakasia."



### **03** Punggol Marina

"Wakeboarding is my latest interest. Whenever I have days off from training and competitions, I will be found on a board, pulled by a boat and launching off waves at Punggol Marina."

### 04 iFly Singapore

"Whenever I am feeling stressed with school, or I just need time to unwind and relax, somehow, I will find my way to iFly Singapore in Sentosa. Being able to be in the wind sets my spirit free, and I feel like I am in my own world."



### **Goh Ling Ling**

**Designer & Founder of LINGWU** 

ABOUT

### **Goh Ling Ling** Designer & Founder of LINGWU

As a young girl, Ling Ling was inspired by her mother's work in garment manufacturing during the 1970s. In 1999, she started LINGWU, a luxury handbag label for the modern, independent woman. The label then garnered more attention, after making its debut during Singapore Fashion Week 2017.

Ling Ling's designs are beautifully made with exotic skins that are sustainably sourced. They range from work totes to dainty crossbody bags–each piece a conversation-starter for any fashionista.

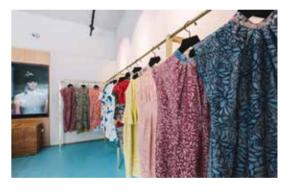


# **O1** Asian Civilisations Museum

"With its beautiful permanent collections and thought-provoking exhibitions, the Asian Civilisation is a constant source of inspiration to me; a melting pot of different cultures that represents Singapore."

# **02** Boutique Fairs Singapore

"Boutique Fairs Singapore is a bi-annual event that features over 100 Singapore designers and lifestyle brands. I recommend looking out for women's fashion labels like Rye, Reckless Ericka, MAX.TAN as well as lifestyle brand A Dose of Something Good."



#### Collector

Mother of three, Goh Ling Ling founded homegrown luxury bag label, LINGWU, back in 2012. Her designs are created for modern, independent woman of today and range from small crossbody bags to bigger functional work totes made with a variety of animal skins. Follow her trail of unique experiences and shopping spots for a one-of-a-kind journey through Singapore.



### **O3** Chip Bee Gardens

"Wander around under-the-radar cult boutiques, cafes, and old-school terrace houses built in 1950s and lose yourselves to this beautiful neighbourhood where time stands still. A few of my usual hangouts are Le Salon by LINGWU, Our Second Nature and Ong Shunmugam."



### **Yeoh Siew Hoon**

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Back in 2005, online publications were only beginning to emerge and establish themselves in Singapore. Siew Hoon seized the opportunity and launched a travel newspaper online, Web In Travel (WIT). In the same year, WIT launched their very first event, with a vision of acclerating travel innovation, standing out in style and delivery as well as being contentdriven. Today, the company has grown to stage conferences in in Indonesia, Australia, Japan, Seoul, Thailand and Hong Kong, to name just a few.

Business event visitors to Singapore can look forward to unique experiences in its host of Meetings, Incentive Travel, Conventions & Exhibitions (MICE) venues. Performance and concert venues like the Singapore Indoor Stadium and WILD RICE @ Funan are aplenty while exhibition and conference venues such as the Sands Expo® and Convention Centre as well as the Singapore EXPO Convention and Exhibition Centre have been acclaimed as one of the best business event venues. Singapore also offers one-of-a-kind event experiences at venues such as the ArtScience Museum<sup>™</sup> and Night Safari.



# **O1** Arab Street

"I love it when art captures the sense of place. The bold and colourful art of Arab Street do just that, characterising the vibrancy and culture the street, making it fascinating to admire."

### **O2** Gardens By The Bay

"When I travel, I try not to go for the obvious and seek out the more under-appreciated sights. In Gardens by the Bay, I prefer the quieter side of Gardens East. From here, you can see the Supertree Grove framed by the amazing colours of tropical Singapore."



### **03** Changi Experience Studio

"I love creating experiences around content. That is why I am inspired by the Changi Experience Studio at Jewel Changi Airport. It blends technology with creativity and imagination to tell stories of Singapore's aviation jewel and the people behind it."

#### Progressor

Writer and tourism veteran Yeoh Siew Hoon, is fairly familiar with the shifts and changes of life. She started out as a crime reporter. travelled around the world and wrote for decades. Now. she is the founder and Managing Director of Web In Travel, an online travel technology publication that also organises events and travel conferences. Siew Hoon's list of recommended experiences in Singapore is sure to bring new insights to anyone.





# Violet Oon

Chef & Co-creator of Violet Oon Singapore

#### ABOUT

### **Violet Oon** Chef & Co-creator of Violet Oon Singapore

Co-creator of Violet Oon Singapore, Violet's life mission is to curate, collate and celebrate Singapore's food. Born a Singapore Nonya in 1949, Violet Oon is the grande dame of Singaporean cooking and is widely considered to be an authority on Asian cuisine, specialising in Nonya food.

Violet Oon was recently conferred the Lifetime Achievement for Outstanding Contribution to Tourism at the Singapore Tourism Awards 2019 to honour her extensive body of work in the culinary world. She has also been inducted into the Singapore Women's Hall of Fame and was awarded two Lifetime Achievement Awards by the World Gourmet Summit and Asian Masters.

### **O1** Geylang Serai Market

"As a teenager in the 1960s, I was very much drawn by wet markets in Singapore. One of them, Geylang Serai Market showcase Malay ingredients and culinary techniques that are part of Singapore's culinary heritage and culture even up till today."



# **02** Haig Road Food Centre

"Now, at a more advanced age, I am on a quest is to eat as much as I can at old-school hawker stalls—which may soon be a thing of the past. One of my favourites is *putu piring*, steamed rice cakes with a centre of melted palm sugar, from Haig Road Food Centre."



### **03** National Gallery Singapore

"After appreciating art in National Gallery Singapore, choose from a selection of fine dining experiences such as: three-Michelinstarred French restaurant Odette, Chinese restaurant Yàn and our National Kitchen by Violet Oon which serves Singaporean cuisine."

### **04** Eu Yan Sang

"Buy some freshwater seed pearls, said to keep skin complexions young, from Chinese medicinal shops. Have the pearls pounded into powder in a marble pestle and mortar and watch every single bit be brushed onto thin white wafer paper to bring home—it is a fascinating experience."

#### Foodie

Violet Oon is widely known for being an author, publisher, speaker, teacher, television presenter, restaurateur, consultant, food ambassador and chef. Violet presently co-owns five restaurants that also carry a range of food merchandise that embodies Singapore's diverse culinary heritage. Explore Singapore's culinary landscape while visiting her recommended spots in the city.



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### Zero

Co-founder of RSCLS

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#### ABOUT

### Zero Co-founder of RSCLS

Co-founder of collective RSCLS and a lecturer with LASALLE College of The Arts, Zul Othman–better known as Zero–is one of Singapore's best street artists. His designs are intertwined with aspects of the Malay community. He prefers to dwell on the bigger collective picture and narrative of things, creating murals from the concerns of the society, the street art community and more. That is why each one tells a story and communicates much more than visuals which are pleasing to the eye.

During ARTWALK Little India 2019, his work DIFF/FUSION masterfully displayed the scents of traditional Indian spices such as chilli powder and cumin through strong colours.



# **O1** Little India

"Over the last couple of years, many murals have been amassed in the colourful neighbourhood. You will be able to find my works there as well as the works of many other mural artists. Didier Matthieu's murals are definitely worth a visit."

# 02 Toa Payoh

"To fully experience life as a local, take a trip down to the Toa Payoh neighbourhood. Despite being a mature neighbourhood, it is vibrant as it is the venue of many community activities such as *tai chi* (ancient Chinese form of exercise) sessions in the park."

### O3 Soul Food

"Dine at a quaint non-descript *nasi lemak* (rice cooked in coconut milk, served with an array of side dishes) stall, Soul Food, along Aliwal Street. It is a familiar haunt of the graffiti artist community in Kampong Glam who enjoy tucking into the fragrant rice and delicious side dishes."



### **04** Aliwal Arts centre

"This is the place to go for arts and music performances and events such as pop-up flea markets. I thoroughly enjoy the Aliwal Urban Art Festival, where activities like graffiti and graphic art, skateboarding and music take centrestage."

#### Culture Shaper

Zul Othman-better known as Zero-is the urban artist behind most of the murals in the Bras Basah.Bugis neighbourhood. Skilfully crafted, his creations are not just astounding or simply to leave a trail, each one communicates a deeper meaning. His list of beloved haunts allows travellers to experience the diverse cultures of Singapore.





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