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Farewell 2017 and Hello 2018!

'Tis the season to be jolly! Waste no more time and make the best of what you have left with 2017 – using our handy guide, of course.

When in Singapore, don't just eat; be a foodie and treat your taste buds to flavourful local cuisines. For starters, check out Newton Circus Food Centre or Ayer Rajah Food Centre, as recommended by local chef Haikal Johari. Creatures of the night can hit the city's coolest bars such as Native and Ah Sam Cold Drink Stall to enjoy local-inspired tipples.

Shopaholics, take your shopping to the next level by being a keeper of local artisanal goods. For retail therapy with a distinctly local spin, flip to our favourite section of the guide, Take Me Home (page 22 & 23), where you'll find hip local gems.

Want a fun day out with the little ones? Explore a different side of Singapore with your kids through various day tours or visit unique spots on our island such as The Live Turtle and Tortoise Museum, and The Karting Arena.

Lastly, beyond immersing yourself in these festivities, socialise with other hip scenesters at the myriad of exciting events happening across our tropical city-state – from the BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore presented by SC Global and Singapore Wine Fiesta to Singapore Fashion Week and ZoukOut 2017.

2017 is set to close with a big bang – see you around the city!

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Handy Tips

A guide to surviving Singapore



Transport

MRT

Trains typically run from 5.30 am to 12.00 am. Standard tickets vary from \$1.40 to \$2.70. See page 32 for map.

- 📍 www.smrt.com.sg
- ☎ (65) 1800 336 8900

BUS

Fares start from as low as \$0.78. Try to have the exact fare as bus drivers do not give change on public buses.

- 📍 www.sbstransit.com.sg
- 📍 www.smrt.com.sg
- ☎ (65) 1800 336 8900

TAXI

Cab fares start from \$3.20.

- SMRT Taxis
- ☎ (65) 6555 8888
- Premier Cabs
- ☎ (65) 6363 6888
- Comfort Taxis & CityCab
- ☎ (65) 6552 1111

Visitor Centres



CHINATOWN

21 Banda Street (Behind Buddha Tooth Relic Temple and Museum)
9 am - 9 pm daily

- 📍 Chinatown

ION ORCHARD

Level 1 Concierge, 2 Orchard Turn
10 am - 10 pm daily

- 📍 Orchard

ORCHARD

216 Orchard Road
(Next to orchardgateway@emerald)
8.30 am - 9.30 pm daily

- 📍 Somerset

Connectivity

FREE WIFI

Register for free public Wi-Fi service with your foreign mobile number at any Wireless@SG hotspot across Singapore, and receive your login details via an SMS message. Overseas charges may apply. Alternatively, you can rent a pocket Wi-Fi device at Singapore Visitor Centre (orchardgateway) or Changi Recommends at Changi Airport.



SIM CARD

From April onwards, telcos in Singapore will cease the provision of the 2G network in Singapore. Buy a Singapore prepaid SIM card to support 3G/4G roaming from Singapore Visitor Centre (orchardgateway), Changi Recommends and telecommunication retail shops located at the airport, major shopping malls and convenience stores island-wide.



Don't Miss!

Head up to the second floor of the Singapore Visitor Centre at orchardgateway! Free culinary and hands-on activities are curated each month for visitors who wish to find out more about Singapore's culture. For the month of October to December, join in on the activities such as Henna, *popiah* (spring roll) making and card making workshops. See pages 4 to 9 for more details.

Local Quirks

Uncle / Auntie

Out of respect, locals address older folks on the street, like a shopkeeper or taxi driver, as “auntie” or “uncle”, even if they are not related.

Chope

It means to reserve a place or call dibs on something. If you see a pack of tissues on a seat or table at a hawker centre during lunch hour, try your luck elsewhere: the spot has been *choped*.

Queuing Up

Waiting in line for the latest and the best in the city is a way of life for Singaporeans. We do it all the time – and whatever you get at the end of the queue might be worth your while, too.

Singlish, explained

Shiok

Fantastic, or to convey feelings of satisfaction and pleasure
“This plate of chicken rice is damn *shiok!*”

Tapao

The Singlish equivalent of takeaway
“I’m going to *tapao* lunch from the hawker centre.”

Har-nor

The Singlish equivalent of “I agree”, or “Exactly!”
A: “The movie is exciting!”
B: “*Har-nor!*”

Boleh

A Malay word for “can” or “possible”
“You check on the movie timings and I’ll handle the bookings. *Boleh?*”

Language

English is the spoken language, though Singlish – a collection of colloquial catchphrases and lingo – dominates everyday conversations among locals. Mandarin, Malay, Tamil and various other dialects are also used.

Lah




A suffix used to place emphasis on the sentence; used to express certainty
“Don’t worry about it *lah!*”

Gostan

A contraction of the nautical phrase “go astern”. It means to reverse or turn around
“You need to *gostan* your car for the driver to move out of the parking lot.”

GST Refunds

As a tourist in Singapore, you can claim a refund on the 7% Goods and Services Tax (GST) under the Tourist Tax Refund Scheme if you make any purchases of more than \$100 at the participating shops – and it’s super easy too!

- 1 Look out for these signs at the shops.   
- 2 Choose one credit/debit card as a Token for tagging your purchases. Don’t forget to ask for your eTRS Ticket, original invoice or receipt.
- 3 Apply for your tax refund at the eTRS self-help kiosk located at the airport or international cruise centres. Be sure to file your GST claims before checking in your goods.
- 4 At the eTRS kiosk, swipe your assigned Token to retrieve your purchase details. Otherwise, scan your eTRS tickets to retrieve your purchase details.
- 5 You can choose to have the refund credited directly into your credit card at the eTRS self-help kiosk, or get cash refund. If you choose the latter (available only at Changi International Airport), proceed to the Central Refund Counter after the immigration checks.

Shopping

For a pleasant shopping experience, compare prices, enquire about refund policies, and check the invoice as well as the warranty of the product before making a purchase. More information and shopping tips can be found on the Consumer Advisory section at VisitSingapore.com (under “Traveller Essentials”).

For assistance or to flag inappropriate retailer behaviour, call 1800 736 2000 or email feedback@stb.gov.sg.

Tipping

It is not usual practice to tip in Singapore, although it is appreciated by service staff. Most hotels and restaurants quote price as “++,” which includes 10% service charge and 7% Goods and Services Tax (GST).

Oct

Your October will hardly be dull; start filling your calendars with cultural celebrations like Deepavali and Halloween, and exciting locally-led events like Singapore Fashion Week and Singapore Wine Fiesta. But the fun doesn't stop there, as sports enthusiasts can catch nail-biting tennis action at The BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore presented by SC Global. Looking for an evening-friendly jaunt? Head down to Sentosa and discover a slew of cool bars on this fun-tastic island!

Ongoing SPECTRA - A LIGHT & WATER SHOW

Set to an orchestral soundtrack composed by award-winning Singaporean producer, Kenn C, this free-to-public outdoor light and water show is a four-act journey that starts off with Singapore's origin as a multicultural hub, and closes with a sneak peek into a future using projections. The show takes place nightly after 8pm.

-  www.MarinaBaySands.com/Spectra
-  The Event Plaza at Marina Bay Sands
-  Bayfront



Till Nov 12 DEEPAVALI CELEBRATIONS 2017

Join in the merrymaking as the Hindus in Singapore celebrate the 'Festival of Lights' with Henna art, performances, and plenty of shopping in Little India and beyond. See page 10 for more details.

-  Various venues



Oct 1 to 31 NIGHT AT SENTOSA

More than just a leisure destination, Sentosa Island (also known as The State of Fun) is one of Singapore's hottest nightlife stops with its selection of the finest bars such as Tanjong Beach Club and Mambo Beach Club. This October, the popular island resort is hosting an Oktoberfest party – a boozy celebration of bratwurst, beer and Bavarian vibes.

-  www.sentosa.com.sg
-  Sentosa Island
-  HarbourFront

Oct 6 to 18 HENNA WORKSHOP

An ancient form of body art, henna are temporary tattoos created using the dye from the henna plant. During Deepavali, Hindus will usually have intricate henna designs drawn on their hands to signify blessings that will "light up the soul". Head down to the Singapore Visitor Centre and discover the best Henna artist in town.

-  www.visitsingapore.com/travel-guide-tips/getting-around/tourism-centre.html
-  Singapore Visitor Centre, orchardgateway@emerald
-  Somerset



Oct 11 to 29

FOREVER CRAZY BY CRAZY HORSE PARIS

The iconic Parisian cabaret, Crazy Horse Paris, makes its way to our little red dot for an extraordinarily mesmerising cabaret showcase that encapsulates feminine beauty with a mischievous artistic charm – featuring a thoughtfully curated medley of the best acts from their legendary repertoire.

- 📄 www.sistic.com.sg/events/crazy1017
- 📍 The MasterCard® Theatres at Marina Bay Sands
- 📅 Bayfront



Oct 13 to 28

SIRRI NA PESSE: NAVIGATING BUGIS IDENTITIES IN SINGAPORE

The Malay Heritage Centre invites visitors to check out the fourth instalment of the Se-Nusantara (meaning 'From the same [Malay-Indonesian] archipelago') series of exhibitions called Sirri na Pesse. This exhibition aims to rediscover the rich heritage and culture of the Malay-Bugis community in Singapore.

- 📄 www.malayheritage.org.sg
- 📍 Malay Heritage Centre
- 📅 Bugis

Oct 20 to 29

BNP PARIBAS WTA FINALS SINGAPORE PRESENTED BY SC GLOBAL

The most prestigious tournament in women's tennis returns with 10 days of non-stop sporting action and entertainment on and off the court. See page 10 for more details.

- 📄 www.wtafinals.com
- 📍 Singapore Indoor Stadium
- 📅 Stadium



Oct 26 to 29

SINGAPORE WINE FIESTA 2017

This largest outdoor wine fair in Singapore features winemakers from around the world and offers four days of wine tastings, masterclasses, live performances, and other exciting activities.

- 📄 www.winefiesta.com.sg
- 📍 Clifford Square
- 📅 Raffles Place

Oct 26 to 28

SINGAPORE FASHION WEEK 2017

Supported by Council of Fashion Designers of America, Singapore Fashion Week 2017 returns to the Lion City with more dazzling designer debuts and high-profile headliners. This extravagant fashion event has been graced by a strong global line-up such as Guo Pei, Carolina Herrera, Victoria Beckham, Thakoon Panichgul and Dion Lee. Also, don't miss talks and special programmes happening at the same time.

- 📄 www.singaporefashionweek.com.sg
- 📍 National Gallery Singapore
- 📅 City Hall



Till Oct 29 (selected nights)

HALLOWEEN HORROR NIGHTS® 7

Universal Studios Singapore® returns for its seventh instalment – bringing you the most intense and immersive Halloween event with horrifying haunted houses, terrifying scare zones, and more.

- 📄 www.halloweenhorrornights.com
- 📍 Universal Studios Singapore®
- 📅 HarbourFront


Nov

While we're almost reaching the finishing line, our calendar this November is packed with over-the-top events in Singapore to kick-start the year-end festivities. For an artsy experience, catch a film, or two, at the 28th Singapore International Film Festival or check out the newly revamped galleries at the Asian Civilisations Museum. Getting into the holiday spirit? Join in the revelry at Singapore River Festival. For that extra razzle-dazzle, be sure not to miss the second instalment of Singapore's only Boat Light Parade by ONE*15 Marina Club!

Nov 2 to 26

ART OF POPIAH SKIN MAKING

Visit the Singapore Visitor Centre located at orchardgateway@emerald and try your hand at learning the art of making a traditional *popiah* (spring roll) with ingredients like turnip, bean sprouts, fried tofu, peanuts and shredded omelette.




-  visitsingapore.com/travel-guide-tips/getting-around/tourism-centre.html
-  Singapore Visitor Centre, orchardgateway@emerald
-  Somerset



Nov 7 to 19

THE SOUND OF MUSIC




Prepare to be enchanted and enthralled by one of the world's most renowned musicals, *The Sound of Music*. Back again after its 2014 run, the production hails from West End's iconic London Palladium – conveying the true story of Maria, a governess who injects new life and love for music into the Von Trapp family home. You'll be singing along to familiar tunes such as *The Sound of Music*, *My Favourite Things*, *Do-Re-Mi* and *Edelweiss*.

-  www.sistic.com.sg/events/sound1217
-  The MasterCard® Theatres at Marina Bay Sands
-  Bayfront

Nov 3 to 4

SINGAPORE RIVER FESTIVAL 2017

It's time to 'Turn Up The River' at this year's Singapore River Festival; join the celebration of heritage, people and places that make up the iconic Singapore River. Held along the three quays - Clarke Quay, Boat Quay and Robertson Quay, the festival will bring an exciting line-up of activities that will delight visitors of all ages.




-  www.srf.sg/
-  Along the Singapore River
-  Clarke Quay



Nov 11 to Jan 1

CHRISTMAS ON A GREAT STREET

For a spectacular display of Christmas lights, hit the Singapore's famed shopping belt, Orchard Road. With no shortage of exciting events, Instagram-worthy sights and a myriad of retail and restaurant choices, there's no better place to embrace the season of joy.

-  www.orchardroad.org/christmas
-  Orchard Road
-  Orchard, Somerset and Dhoby Ghaut

From Nov 10

FAITH AND BELIEF

Explore spirituality with Asian religions and find out how their art has developed over the centuries at this newly revamped gallery nestled within the beautiful Asian Civilisations Museum.

-  www.acm.org.sg
-  Asian Civilisations Museum
-  Raffles Place



Nov 11 & 12

ED SHEERAN LIVE IN SINGAPORE 2017

Everyone's beloved ginger-haired, multi-platinum singer-songwriter, Ed Sheeran, is coming back to Singapore. Expect two nights of his soulful vocals, folk blues vibes and hip-hop hooks.

- 📄 www.sportshub.com.sg/sportshubtix/Pages/Ed-Sheeran-2017.aspx
- 📍 National Stadium
- 📄 Stadium

Nov 17 to Dec 30

TWILIGHT ENCOUNTERS

See Night Safari in a whole new light as it comes alive with dazzling animal light sculptures and spectacular animal character parades at this annual year end festive event.

- 📄 www.nightsafari.com.sg
- 📍 Night Safari
- 📄 Chua Chu Kang + connecting bus service 927



Nov 18 & 19

ONE°15 CHRISTMAS BOAT LIGHT PARADE

Watch a parade of Christmas lights on water as participating boats sail from ONE°15 Marina Sentosa Cove to the VivoCity Promenade. The event's highlights include activities on land, such as a party at the Club and a holiday market.

- 📄 www.one15marina.com
- 📍 ONE°15 Marina Sentosa Cove
- 📄 Sentosa

Nov 23 to Dec 3

28TH SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Movie buffs, get in line for this 11-day film festival that highlights a series of movies from all over the world, with a focus on avant-garde Asian flicks. Also, don't miss the enriching post-screening discussions, masterclasses and talks during the Festival.

- 📄 www.sgiff.com
- 📍 Various venues



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Nov 23

HARRY STYLES LIVE ON TOUR

In conjunction of the release of his self-titled solo album, boyband graduate Harry Styles is doing an intimate world tour. Set to perform at The Star Theatre during his visit here in Singapore, expect a night of full-blown pop music and entertainment.

- 📄 www.livenationlushington.net
- 📍 The Star Theatre, The Star Performing Arts Centre
- 📄 Buona Vista

Nov 23 to Dec 3

SINGAPORE MEDIA FESTIVAL 2017

This festival is set to be Asia's leading international media event, where the industry folks gather to explore the latest trends, talents and content ideas in Asia for film and TV.

- 📄 www.imda.gov.sg/informm-and-media-news/sgmediafestival
- 📍 Various venues


Dec

Before we bid adieu to 2017, let's welcome the joyous month of December. With Christmas celebrations taking centrestage, expect a great assortment of festive events across our island – from A Universal Christmas at Universal Studios Singapore® to celebrations in Sentosa. If running's part of your resolutions this year, it's time to dust off your trainers and hit the ground running at the Standard Chartered Singapore Marathon 2017. For those who want to party the night away, join beach bash, ZoukOut 2017 or have a rocking time at a Taiwanese rock concert by MayDay.

Dec 1 to 31

CELEBRATIONS AT SENTOSA

This festive season, head down to Singapore's premier island resort getaway and join in these series of activities held across the island.




-  www.sentosa.com.sg
-  Sentosa
-  HarbourFront



Dec 2 & 3

STANDARD CHARTERED SINGAPORE MARATHON 2017

Running enthusiasts, come feel the adrenaline and join thousands of participants from all around the world at the Standard Chartered Singapore Marathon - the largest marathon in South East Asia. This year's edition features six categories, including a 10km race for runners of all levels, Ekiden (relay team run), kids dash, and half and full marathons.




-  singaporemarathon.com
-  Orchard Road
-  Orchard



Dec 8 to 10

SANTA'S LITTLE HELPER

Looking for a kid-friendly activity this festive season? Guaranteed to entertain the young ones, this delightful Christmas show, direct from the UK, comes to life with an irresistible blend of music, puppetry and storytelling.

-  www.blunderbul.co.uk
-  SOTA Drama Centre
-  Dhoby Ghaut

Dec 8 to 10

ZOUKOUT 2017

Asia's highly-anticipated dance music festival returns to Sentosa. Hardcore partygoers from around the world fly in just to catch the star-studded lineup of international DJs and regional acts. The two-day event will also feature exciting food concepts where you can eat your heart out.




-  www.zoukout.com
-  Siloso Beach, Sentosa
-  Harbourfront






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Colossal Photos



Dec 15 to 17

MAYDAY 2017 LIFE TOUR




Catch this renowned Taiwanese rock band on their 10th concert tour at the Singapore Indoor Stadium for a three-night show as they celebrate their 20th anniversary.

-  www.sportshub.com.sg/sportshubtix/Pages/Mayday-2017.aspx
-  Singapore Indoor Stadium
-  Stadium

Dec 31

MARINA BAY SINGAPORE COUNTDOWN

Celebrate in the New Year in true style at this landmark event, which promises a night of revelry with musical performances and magnificent fireworks displays around the Marina Bay area.

-  www.marinabaycountdown.sg
-  Marina Bay
-  Esplanade / City Hall / Raffles Place / Promenade / Bayfront / Downtown



Till Jan 1

A UNIVERSAL CHRISTMAS

Experience one of Singapore's largest Christmas celebrations as Universal Studios Singapore® transforms for the festive season. Meet and greet your favorite characters, catch snowfall, watch multimedia lights after dark and see special Christmas-inspired performances. Enjoy festive dining treats and bring home exclusive merchandise. Even better, select rides and attractions will be available all night.

-  www.rwsentosa.com/uss
-  Universal Studios Singapore®
-  HarbourFront

Don't miss

BNP PARIBAS WTA FINALS SINGAPORE PRESENTED BY SC GLOBAL

Calling all tennis fans – the **BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore presented by SC Global** returns to the court for the fourth year running. From 22 to 29 October, the Singapore Indoor Stadium will see the greats of the sport serve amazing aces and vie for the trophy. Even if you're not a major sports fan, the non-stop action will win you over in no time.

Get ready for eight days of exciting tennis action courtesy of both Singles and Doubles tournaments. The key highlight of this major tennis event is the **Singles Tournament**. The top eight singles players will compete for the coveted Billie Jean King trophy and US\$7 million prize. All eyes will be on Dominika Cibulková to see if she qualifies and retains her 2016 title.

Another event to keep your eyes peeled for is the **Doubles Tournament**. Here you'll witness tennis maestros pair up to contend for the Martina Navratilova trophy and US\$7 million prize. Will heavyweights Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina be able to defend their 2016 title or will another team clinch the top spot? The final showdown for both tournaments will take place on Sunday, 29 October, so get ready for epic gladiatorial battles!

If the excitement of the matches isn't enough to get your adrenaline pumping, be sure to check out other festival-esque activities and tennis-themed shenanigans lined up to complement the main tournament. Kids can join in the action at the **Fan Village**, from 21 October.

There will be plenty of fun-filled activities and goodies for budding tennis stars at the OCBC Square located in Singapore Sports Hub.

What's more? Stop by the practice courts at the OCBC Arena and you might also catch a glimpse of your favourite players practising.

Tickets are on sale at www.wtafinals.com/tickets. For more information, visit www.WTAFinals.com.



Exposé

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DEEPAVALI

As one of Singapore's festive holidays – also known as the festival of lights, **Deepavali** marks the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness, where Hindus honour this significance by lighting oil lamps and offering thanksgiving prayers. Here in Singapore, Hindu families typically prep for these festivities by cleaning and decorating their homes, purchasing new clothes, and stocking up on sweet and savoury treats to share with relatives and friends.

There's no better time to visit Little India than from 2 Sep to 12 Nov, as the cultural precinct transforms into a bustling enclave dotted with night bazaars and street stalls selling ethnic fashion, jewellery, home decor items

and food. Also, witness the light-up of Little India, and get your cameras ready for the sparkling lights and brightly-lit arches – that captures the intricate architecture and elements of the Indian royalty during the early 1900s – along the streets. Looking for pretty souvenirs? The **Deepavali Festival Village** (16 Sep to 17 Oct) is a great place to shop for gifts.

But that's not all – the celebrations extend beyond the Little India precinct. The Deepavali spirit continues thanks to Esplanade's **Kalaa Utsavam** (17 to 26 Nov). For a giant slice of Indian arts and culture, do not miss this annual extravaganza showcasing an impressive line-up of award-winning

Indian artists from Singapore and beyond showcasing popular and classical music, dance, theatre, literature, storytelling, and more! Through this much-loved cultural festival, visitors can acquaint themselves with Indian art and culture through music and dance performances, plays, exhibitions and workshops featuring the work of Indian artists.



Dyn

Award-winning local artist and painter, Safaruddin Abdul Hamid (also known as Dyn), impresses us with his unique interpretation of this issue's cover. Dyn is known for his locally influenced and colourful paintings that are usually inspired by old photographs and memories – thoughtfully evoking the intricate concept of nostalgia. Here, we find out more about his muse behind his cover art, his go-to hawker centres and shopping spots, and how he plays guide to tourist friends.



This issue's cover is greatly inspired by...

past icons and symbols of Singapore that eventually shape who he is today. As we progress into the future, history and heritage play an important role as we can always look back to learn from it. Artistically, I've chosen a harmonious yet vibrant colour scheme for the cover as it encapsulates the Singapore I know.

The local art scene is...

definitely thriving. Compared to yesteryears, there are more platforms (and support) for artists today to showcase their works. In comparison to international standard, I feel that we are not that far off in terms of quality of artwork. While the art scene here in Singapore is still in its infancy compared to our neighbouring countries, I believe that we are gradually catching up with them.

Hawker centres in Singapore that I usually frequent include...

East Coast Park Lagoon Food Village (1220 East Coast Parkway) for its wide selection of seafood as well as the seaside ambience; and **Geylang Serai Market & Food Centre** (1 Geylang Serai) for its endless option of flavourful Malay dishes.

For shopping...

I'll visit Bras Basah. Bugis to give my wardrobe a facelift. Here, you can find a great mix of shopping malls and street markets. I'll typically start with **Bugis Junction** (200 Victoria Street) and **Bugis+** (201 Victoria Street) before moving over to the **Bugis Street Market** (3 New Bugis Street) where you can get affordable, trendy threads. As an action figure collector, I'll usually head down to **China Square Central** (18 Cross Street) on Sundays to check out the toys flea market.

If friends from out of town are here for a visit...

I'll bring them to the **Merlion Park** at One Fullerton for the mandatory snapshot with the Merlion; I always believe that a trip here is incomplete without a photograph with this famous national icon. I'll also take them to Little India to have a taste of the smorgasbord of scrumptious Indian food available here. While we're in the area, we'll make a pit stop at **Mustafa Centre** (145 Syed Alwi Road) for some retail therapy session. For adrenaline junkies, a stopover at **Universal Studios Singapore** (8 Sentosa Gateway) is a must! We'll conclude our adventure at **Lau Pa Sat** (18 Raffles Quay) for its delicious *satay* (skewered grilled meat served with peanut sauce).

Unbelievable Tours

Looking to experience a day trip with a difference? It's time to explore this sunny island and discover a different side of Singapore you've probably never seen through these brilliantly curated tours.



Tour East Singapore

FOOTSTEPS OF OUR COLONIAL PAST

Journey into the past with Footsteps of Our Colonial Past by Tour East Singapore. Perfect for history buffs, this three-and-a-half hour trail will commence at the famous Raffles Landing Site. Participants will then proceed to the Singapore River to learn more about its history before making a pit stop at the Fullerton Hotel for afternoon tea. The heritage tour will conclude with a bumboat cruise chronicling the transformation of modern Singapore from a fishing village.

📄 www.toutheast.net
 ☎ (65) 6735 1221 / (65) 6738 2622

Singapore History Consultants

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An important landmark in Singapore's wartime history at Fort Canning Hill, the battlebox served as a former underground command centre for the British. Join The Battlebox Tour: A Story of Strategy & Surrender™ to explore this historical attraction, and relive the momentous decision to surrender Singapore to the Japanese.

📄 www.battlebox.com.sg
 ☎ (65) 6338 6133



Trishaw Uncle

BUGIS, LITTLE INDIA & SINGAPORE RIVER TRISHAW EXPEDITION

Explore this little red dot without walking. Thanks to Trishaw Uncle's Bugis, Little India & Singapore River Trishaw Expedition, you can take a leisurely ride around Singapore and hit the scenic streets of Bugis, Little India, as well as along the Singapore River on board a three-wheeled trishaw.

📄 www.trishawuncle.com.sg
 ☎ (65) 6337 7111

Betel Box and Singapore Sideways

SINGAPORE SIDEWAYS VESPA TOUR

Those who are keen to explore this tropical city-state in a quirkier manner with content created by award-winning tour agency Betel Box, hop onto a vintage Vespa scooter with sidecar – it will take you to various popular food stops around the island and bring you to old haunts through off-the-beaten-path alleyways.

📄 www.sideways.sg
 ☎ (65) 6247 7340





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SHINE A LIGHT OF THANKS ON YOUR BEST SINGAPORE TOURISM EXPERIENCES

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The Singapore Tourism Awards celebrates both establishments and individuals for delivering outstanding experiences and exceptional customer service. Organised by the Singapore Tourism Board, the Awards is always open for nominations, and is held annually to recognise the best within Singapore's tourism sector.

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PICK A CATEGORY

Tell us the type of tourism experience you enjoyed.



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10 Must-dos in Singapore

Singapore is many things at once: a vibrant multi-cultural state, a lush Garden City, a renowned business hub, a foodie's paradise, a world-class shopping destination, and a nation with history and depth. Here are 10 incredible experiences you can't miss:

01 EXPLORE CHINATOWN

More than just a heritage 'hood with Chinese temples, Chinatown is also a buzzy district for restaurants and cocktail bars.

📍 Various locations

02 VISIT THE NATIONAL GALLERY SINGAPORE

Take a look inside the National Gallery Singapore which houses the largest public collection of Singapore and Southeast Asian art in the world. And it certainly isn't a modest place; the building alone is breathtaking, occupying two historical landmarks – the former Supreme Court and City Hall – which have borne witness to many pivotal events in the nation's history.

📄 www.nationalgallery.sg
 📍 National Gallery Singapore,
 1 Saint Andrew's Road
 ☎ (65) 6271 7000
 🚶 City Hall



Potato Head Folk



Photo credit:
Darren Soh

National Gallery Singapore

03 WOLF DOWN MOD-SIN CUISINE

Relish innovative, fusion dishes that revamp local hawker fare – like laksa pesto linguine at Wild Rocket, and prawn noodles served in umami-rich prawn broth at Coo Bistro.

📄 www.wildrocket.com.sg &
www.staycoo.com/eat
 📍 Wild Rocket & Coo Bistro
 10A Upper Wilkie Road &
 259 Outram Road
 ☎ (65) 6339 9448 & (65) 6221 7060
 🚶 Bugis & Outram Park

04 ENJOY GREAT SHOPPING DEALS

Shopaholics, welcome to heaven. From high-end and high street, to designer and discount finds, there's something for everyone on this sunny island. See pages 20-21 for more details.

📍 Various locations



Coo Bistro



Mandarin Gallery



Singapore Zoo

05 WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Get up close and personal with the animal kingdom at the Singapore Zoo and River Safari. Cozy up to resident giant pandas Kai Kai and Jia Jia by day, then hit the Night Safari when dusk falls to see nocturnal creatures in action.

📄 www.wrs.com.sg
 📍 Singapore Zoo, River Safari and Night
 Safari, 80 Mandai Lake Road
 ☎ (65) 6269 3411
 🚶 Choa Chu Kang +
 connecting bus service 927

06 GO ISLAND HOPPING

Hop on a ferry and discover Singapore's offshore islands. Relax on Kusu Island's pristine beaches, trek the forests of St. John's Island and cycle through the lush greenery and beautiful nature of Pulau Ubin.

📍 Various locations



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Danny Santos

Pulau Ubin



7

Climb Central

07 ENJOY A QUICK CLIMBING SESSION

Looking for a fuss-free climbing session? Head over to Climb Central – Singapore’s tallest indoor air-conditioned sport climbing venue. Even if you’re not certified, sit in on one of their quick safety briefings and you’re good to go.

- 📄 climbcentral.sg
- 📍 Climb Central, #B1-01 Kallang Wave Mall
- ☎ (65) 6702 7972
- 🚗 Stadium

08 COMMUNE WITH NATURE AT GARDENS BY THE BAY

Take a walk 22 metres above ground at the Supertrees vertical gardens or marvel at the world’s tallest indoor waterfalls in the Cloud Forest within this award-winning horticultural park.

- 📄 www.gardensbythebay.com.sg
- 📍 Gardens by the Bay, 18 Marina Gardens Drive
- ☎ (65) 6420 6848
- 🚗 Bayfront



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Gardens by the Bay



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Colossal Photos

CÉ LA VI



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Photo credit:
Colossal Photos

Zouk Singapore

09 GET UP HIGH ON A ROOFTOP BAR

From historic shophouses to Marina Bay Sands®, drink up at local rooftop bars with spectacular views to reel in. Some must-visits include CÉ LA VI at Marina Bay Sands or I-Altitude at Raffles Place.

- 📍 Various locations

10 PARTY AT ONE OF THE BEST CLUBS IN SINGAPORE

Dance the night away at one of Singapore’s finest mega clubbing institutions, Zouk Singapore. This premier party venue typically sees international DJs such as Sven Väth and John Digweed as well as EDM crowd pleasers like Diplo and R3hab.

- 📄 zoukclub.com
- 📍 3C River Valley Road
- ☎ (65) 6738 2988
- 🚗 Clarke Quay

Singapore on a shoestring

From wandering in nature to sampling local street food, here’s how to have the most fun on a budget.

1
STARGAZE AT THE SCIENCE CENTRE OBSERVATORY

2
FIND THE CITY’S TALLEST MERLION (IN SENTOSA)

3
ENJOY FREE LIVE PERFORMANCES AT THE ESPLANADE

4
SHOP ‘TIL YOU DROP AT MUSTAFA CENTRE

5
VISIT SINGAPORE’S LAST VILLAGE – KAMPONG LORONG BUANGKOK

6
ART-HOP AT GILLMAN BARRACKS

7
ENJOY LOCAL CUISINE AT OLD AIRPORT ROAD FOOD CENTRE

8
HIKE ALONG CHESTNUT NATURE PARK

9
VISIT SINGAPORE’S ICONIC DRAGON PLAYGROUND IN TOA PAYOH

10
VISIT ONE OF SINGAPORE’S OLDEST CHINESE TEMPLES – THIAN HOCK KENG TEMPLE

Orchard Road



Little India



Kampong Glam



Civic District



Tiong Bahru



Chinatown



Marina Bay

Sentosa



Navigator **NEIGHBOURHOOD** **WATCH**

Think of Singapore and the image of a shiny modern metropolis probably comes to mind: towering skyscrapers, world-class attractions and, of course, endless shopping streets. You will also find that there's much more to Singapore when you explore our neighbourhoods, each with its own history, identity and highlights. These are the city's finest 'hoods to explore:

Katong

Geylang



Good for culture and nightlife CHINATOWN

You'll know you're in Chinatown when you're walking on narrow five-foot-ways (five-feet-wide walkways) surrounded by street hawkers, medicinal halls, souvenir stalls, and Chinese architecture. In the evening, head over to Ann Siang Hill and Club Street to check out some of Singapore's hottest restaurants and bars.

Good for heritage KATONG

A residential suburb rooted in wealth and traditionally associated with the Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) and Eurasian community, Katong is a charming picture of old and new, with hip cafes, shopping malls, cool bars and modern eateries situated alongside heritage establishments such as museum-shop **Katong Antique House** (208 East Coast Road), restaurant-slash-retail store **Rumah Bebe** (113 East Coast Road) and Peranakan snacks specialist **Kim Choo Kueh Chang** (109-111 East Coast Road).

Good for hip cafes TIONG BAHRU

Before it became one of the city's coolest neighbourhood, Tiong Bahru – also one of Singapore's oldest housing estates – was notorious for housing the mistresses of the rich and powerful during the pre-World

War II years. Now, it's a hotspot for scenesters, expats and out-of-towners looking for artisanal coffee, books, local grub and more.

Good for a swanky night out MARINA BAY

Though Marina Bay was only constructed in the last four decades on reclaimed land, it wasn't long before the area became the ultimate representation of Singapore. Its collection of architectural wonders includes **Marina Bay Sands** (10 Bayfront Avenue), an integrated resort comprising of a luxury hotel, a museum, a theatre, and a shopping mall.

Good for kid-friendly activities SENTOSA

Zip-lining, skydiving, snorkelling and golfing – Sentosa is where everyone goes to have the most fun away from the city. Carve out a day for **Resorts World™ Sentosa** (8 Sentosa Gateway), where you'll find Universal Studios Singapore®, S.E.A. Aquarium, Adventure Cove Waterpark™, as well as celebrity restaurants, retail stores and spas.

Good for high-street and luxury boutiques ORCHARD ROAD

No shopping jaunt in Singapore is complete without a visit to Orchard Road. Lined with sparkly malls, the renowned shopping belt is decked with high-street and luxury boutiques such as **Prada** (#01-01 & #02-15, ION Orchard), and the first global flagship **UNIQLO** store at Orchard Central (181 Orchard Road).

Good for historical sights CIVIC DISTRICT

Founded as a master plan in 1822 by founder of Singapore, Sir Stamford Raffles, to cater to the needs of a thriving trade post, the Civic District is where Singapore's most important buildings stand. On the banks of Singapore River, you'll find the **Old Parliament House** at 1 Old Parliament Lane (now The Arts House), the former **City Hall and Supreme Court** at 1 Saint Andrew's Road (now National Gallery Singapore), and the **Victoria Theatre and Concert Hall** (9 Empress Place).

Good for bargain shopping LITTLE INDIA

This vibrant neighbourhood is a slice of India in multi-cultural Singapore, with spice shops, jewellery stores, flower vendors, sari boutiques, trendy cafes and hip watering holes at every turn. And of course, this is where you'll find some of the most authentic Indian food around town; grab a seat at **The Banana Leaf Apolo** (54 Race Course Road) and **Komala Vilas** (76-78 Serangoon Road) for a taste.

Good for culture and food GEYLANG

Known as the island's infamous red light district, Geylang is also associated with historic architecture, cultural diversity, and cult-status eateries. But take a stroll through its meandering lanes and bustling back alleys and you'll discover a buzzing neighbourhood lined with colourful shophouses, mosques, temples and more that puts Geylang firmly on the must-visit tourist trail.

Good for hip boutiques and cafes KAMPONG GLAM

Once an ethnic enclave for the Muslim community, Kampong Glam is now a thriving neighbourhood with highlights like the majestic **Sultan Mosque** (3 Muscat Street), eclectic shopping street **Haji Lane**, as well as **Blu Jaz Café** (11 Bali Lane), a magnet for the hip and funky.

Navigator

BRAS BASAH. BUGIS

Explore Bras Basah.Bugis – one of Singapore’s oldest districts. This precinct boasts a trinity of arts, heritage and culture, and it’s home to the city’s most notable museums, art schools and religious sites. Need a little guide? Get the most out of this heritage-rich enclave with these morning/evening itineraries that cover the best spots:

In the day

1

Start your day in Bras Basah.Bugis with silky smooth sweet beancurd, fried dough fritters, egg tarts and soybean milk at the popular **Rochor Original Beancurd** (2 Short Street).

2

Built in 1884, **Kwan Im Thong Hood Cho Temple** (178 Waterloo Street) draws hordes of believers praying to Guanyin, Goddess of Mercy, for blessings and good luck.

3

Visit **Trishaw Uncle** at Albert Mall Trishaw Park and hop on one of its three-wheeled vehicles for an eye-opening half an hour ride around Bugis.

4

Shop till you drop at **Bugis+** (201 Victoria Street) where you can find makeup haven **Sephora** (#02-06/09), high street stores **Bershka** (#02-20/21), **UNIQLO** (#01-16 to #02/15), and more.

5

Stop by **Sri Krishnan Temple** (152 Waterloo Street), a South Indian Hindu temple in Singapore, to take photos of its charming exterior architecture as well as beautiful interior design.

6

Check out **Cat Socrates** (231 Bain Street) at Bras Basah Complex – a quirky indie store for books, accessories, stationery, and other adorable knick-knacks.

7

Head down to **Saveur** (5 Purvis Street) for lunch. This no-frills restaurant offers hearty French standards like beef bourguignon and duck confit, at pocket-friendly prices.

8

After a filling lunch, drop by the **Cat Museum** (8 Purvis Street) to learn more about adorable felines. You might even get to play with them!



In the evening

1

Start your afternoon by visiting the **National Library** (100 Victoria Street), the island's flagship public library. Also, check out the gardens at Level 5 and 10 which offer a scenic view of the city.

2

Get your artsy fix at the **National Design Centre** (111 Middle Road) as you explore its gallery spaces. While you're at it, visit **KEEPERS** (#02-03) and **kapok** (#01-05) for a dose of local artisanal goods.

4

If you want to know more about the history of this city-state, go museum hopping at **Singapore Art Museum** (71 Bras Basah Road) and **National Museum of Singapore** (93 Stamford Road).

3

Savour local street food at nearby hawker centres such as **Waterloo Street Food Centre** (269B Queen Street) and **Albert Mall Food Centre** (270 Queen Street).

5

For a gastronomic dining experience, reserve a table at the one Michelin-starred **Jaan** (2 Stamford Road) at Swissotel. Revered as one of the best restaurants in Singapore, this high-flying restaurant pairs modern French cuisine with a breathtaking view of the Singapore skyline.

6

Drop by **Anti:dote** (80 Bras Basah Road) to enjoy its selection of award-winning cocktails that use only premium spirits, house-made bitters and liqueurs, and herbs from the hotel's very own herb garden.

7

Make your way down to **Bugis Street** (3 New Bugis Street) – a bustling day-to-night shopping destination that offers the trendiest threads and more – for any last minute retail therapy.

8

Conclude your adventure at **The Ramen House** (6 Short Street) for much needed late night fuel. Settle your hunger pangs with a hearty bowl of chicken-based or pork-based ramen.



Shopping Hotspots

The next best thing about Singapore – besides the food – is its amazing shopping scene. On one hand, there are the glitzy, world-class malls that house the world's biggest brands. On another, there's a crop of groovy independent retailers selling everything cool, unique and creative all around the island. Here's a guide to the city's top shopping enclaves:

ORCHARD ROAD

One of Asia's most famous shopping streets, Orchard Road is a dream destination for those seeking serious retail therapy in the heart of the city, with its wide variety of shopping malls.



HIGHLIGHTS

TANGS at TANG Plaza (310 Orchard Road)

An iconic structure modelled after Chinese palaces, this heritage-rich homegrown department store offers top local labels such as IN GOOD COMPANY, Aijek, Carrie K. and other big-name international offerings.

Mandarin Gallery (333A Orchard Road)

Aside from housing Michael Kors' and Victoria Secret's flagship boutiques, this shiny mall also houses several independent shops like **What Women Want** (#02-28/29) and **Atomi x Furniture** (#04-26).

Scotts Square (6 Scotts Road)

True to its sleek, art-adorned interiors, this luxury mall houses a mix of designer brands like **Alexander McQueen** (#01-01/02) and cool multi-label boutiques such as local designer champion **K+ Curatorial Space** (#03-11/12/13) and shoe paradise **Pedder on Scotts** (#02-03/16).



BRAS BASAH. BUGIS

A thriving district with a colourful past, Bras Basah. Bugis offers a mix of hip malls, charming boutiques, and bustling street markets.

HIGHLIGHTS

Supermama Flagship Store (265 Beach Road)

Uncover quirky, witty treasures at this tranquil gallery-shop, which is a firm supporter of local designers and Japanese artisans.

Editor's Market at Bugis+ (#01-04, 201 Victoria Street)

Offering the latest in womenswear, bags, and shoes, this quirky store is known for its signature step pricing system – the more you buy, the cheaper it gets!

Haji Lane

Shop from local indie retailers like **Mondays Off** (76 Haji Lane) and **Tokyobike** (38 Haji Lane).

CHANGI AIRPORT

As one of the world's top airports for its efficiency and world-class facilities, it comes as no surprise that Changi Airport is also a top-notch shopping destination, brimming with upscale boutiques and duty-free stores.



HIGHLIGHTS

Charles & Keith

As one of Singapore's most successful fashion brands, **Charles & Keith** (www.charleskeith.com/sg) offers a wide range of on-trend yet affordable footwear and accessories.

Shilla Duty Free Cosmetics & Perfumes

A beauty wonderland that stocks over 190 of the hottest international brands such as Estée Lauder, Shiseido, and MAC. **The Shilla** (sg.shilladutyfree.com/en/) also offers relaxing in-house spa services for weary travellers.

SENTOSA/HARBOURFRONT

Sentosa, the buzzing leisure destination at the southern tip of Singapore, isn't just all fun and games. It also boasts quite a shopping scene both in and around the island.



HIGHLIGHTS

VivoCity

(1 Harbourfront Walk)

The largest shopping mall in the city houses a variety of exciting lifestyle stores like **Bimba Y Lola** (#01-140) and **Benjamin Barker** (#02-08).

Sentosa Fun Shop

Pick up some unique Sentosa-themed souvenirs like magnets and Merlion plush toys on your way out of the island. Check out their website at www.sentosa.com.sg.

Resorts World Sentosa

(8 Sentosa Gateway)

Find an array of speciality retail outlets like **Swiss Watch Gallery** (Galleria Level 2) and **LEGO® Certified Store** (Festive Hotel, #02-114).

CIVIC DISTRICT

Upscale malls stand tall in this precinct at every turn, offering a gamut of shopping deals in fashion, furniture, food and more.



HIGHLIGHTS

Gallery & Co. at National Gallery Singapore

(1 Saint Andrew's Road)

Spanning the entire frontage of the City Hall Wing on the ground floor, this hip retail-art-F&B space offers some lust-worthy goods including books, design collectibles, and prints, as well as savoury bites, cakes, coffee and sweets at the cafeteria.

The Reckless Shop at Capitol Piazza

(#02-32, 13 Stamford Road)

With two in-house labels sitting under The Reckless Shop umbrella – whether your vibe is youthful and understated, casual and street-chic, or classic tailoring all the way – you're bound to find something to covet.

Louis Vuitton at The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands

(#B1/38/39, 2 Bayfront Avenue)

Housed in a stunning Crystal Pavilion atop the waters of Marina Bay, LV's Island Maison store is an architectural masterpiece extensively stocked with the luxury brand's leather goods, ready-to-wear collection and accessories.



Kenny Leek

Founder of BooksActually

“ If you would like to avoid cookie-cutter shopping malls, the quaint neighbourhood of Tiong Bahru is the perfect alternative. Stop by **BooksActually** (9 Yong Siak Street) where you'll discover good reads by local writers, artists and designers. Be greeted by our resident felines when you visit us! Also, some of my favourite shops in this vicinity include **Woods In The Books** (3 Yong Siak Street) – a bookstore specialising in children's picture books; **Hua Bee Kopitiam** (#01-19, 78 Moh Guan Terrace) where you'll find no avocados or eggs benedict on the menu but can surely get a satisfying cup of local coffee; and **Plain Vanilla** (1D Yong Siak Street) for the sweet tooth shopaholics who can't get enough of cupcakes. ”

Take Me Home

Don't leave Singapore without these must-have local gems.





1. Complete your outfit with this statement necklace by **Thepigbakesclay** which is inspired by a local bite-sized dessert, *ondeh ondeh*, \$39.90. Available at NAIISE, various locations
2. Commemorate Singapore's independence with a National Day tote bag by local designer **Olivia Lee**, \$27.90. Available at Gallery & Co.
3. Dress up your kiddo with an adorable onesie by **The Thievery** featuring a printed illustration of the iconic heritage Dragon Playground, \$31.90. Available at NAIISE, various locations
4. Heads up tea aficionados: A Sip of Singapore by **1872 Clipper Tea Co.** consists of two tins of tea – Garden Tea and Orchid Tea – that perfectly encapsulate the island's mix of culture and ethnicities, \$29. Available at Gardens by the Bay gift shops
5. Cheers to better skin with these fuss-free range of products from **Aulive**, a local skincare line catering to those who seek an easy beauty routine, from \$58. Available at TANGS at Vivo City
6. Designed by **Foreign Policy Design Group** and produced by socially conscious local label **MATTER**, this unique lkan lkan scarf is a great addition to your wardrobe, \$149. Available at Gallery & Co.
7. Make a fashion statement with **Arete Goods'** San sleeveless dress – a contemporary take on a classic cheongsum (a one-piece Chinese dress for ladies), \$205. Available at kapok (National Design Centre)
8. Treat your skin with a luxurious body scrub by a homegrown skincare brand, **MANDY T**, \$45.90. Available at kapok (National Design Centre)
9. Discover the different quirks of this tropical city through unique local phrases on the cover of the Strangely Singaporean Notebooks by **The Little Dromstore**, \$6.90 each. Available at The Farm Store
10. This simple black watch by **Lee Pei Qi** has a red dot on its face which refers to the term Singapore is affectionately known as – “the little red dot”, \$45. Available at The Farm Store
11. Gentlemen, complete your spiffy transformation with a pair of dress shoes – meticulously handcrafted by skilled local artisans from **Ed et al**, from \$289. Available at Ed et al (120A Telok Ayer Street)
12. Calling all beauty warriors, bring home a bottle of eco-friendly post-grooming care products by **Farm To Beauty** from Spa Esprit, \$35. Available at STRIP and Browhaus outlets at Raffles City Shopping Centre
13. A bottle of **Tiger beer**, Singapore's very own lager, anyone? Go on, you deserve it, from \$3.50. Available at all major supermarkets
14. Treat yourself to **Beehivee's** delicious honeycomb-shaped cookies – a popular traditional snack that's typically served during local festivities, \$14. Available at Woobbee (Chinatown Point)
15. Jazz up your daily breakfast with **Kayamila** – sweet coconut jams infused with the aromatic flavour of freshly squeezed pandan leaves, fresh juices and premium ingredients, \$12. Available at The Farm Store

Hawker Highlights

Chomp your way through Singapore's vibrant street food culture with eight of the most popular local dishes found in hawker centres all over the island. From tucking into a plate of chicken rice to slurping down a spicy bowl of laksa, get your taste buds ready for a gastronomical adventure!



CHICKEN RICE

A much-beloved national dish, the Hainanese chicken rice is made of three signature ingredients: fragrant pandan rice, roasted or poached chicken chunks, and the irresistible chilli and ginger condiments.

WHERE TO EAT:
Boon Tong Kee
(#01-93, 34 Whampoa West)

CHILLI CRAB

Another true blue Singaporean specialty, the chilli crab is a staple served at *zi char* (Chinese home-style cooking) restaurants here. The invention of this dish can be attributed to a pushcart hawker, Madam Cher Yam Tian. The original recipe was then reinvented by the owner of Dragon Phoenix restaurant, who added the popular mix of eggs, *sambal* (chilli paste), and tomato paste.

WHERE TO EAT:
Roland Restaurant
(#06-750, 89 Marine Parade Central)
by Madam Cher's son, and
Dragon Phoenix Restaurant
(#06-00 Novotel Clarke Quay, 177A River Valley Road).

LAKSA

Spicy, creamy and yummy. This Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) dish features an indulgent broth simmered with chicken stock, coconut milk, fish sauce, dried shrimp paste, *ikan bilis* (fried anchovies) and various spices. Each bowl is also loaded with a hearty mix of rice noodles, prawns, *tau pok* (fried bean curd skin), fishcakes, cockles and egg.

WHERE TO EAT:
328 Katong Laksa (53 East Coast Road)

NASI LEMAK

The allure of *nasi lemak* lies in its aromatic rice, cooked with coconut milk and pandan leaves. This traditional Malay dish is served with deep-fried *ikan kuning* (yellowstripe scad), *ikan bilis* (fried anchovies), *kangkong* (water spinach) and *sambal* (chilli paste), all wrapped in banana leaves. Ingredients like peanuts, cucumber slices and fried sunny side-up eggs are popular modern-day additions to this indulgent meal.

WHERE TO EAT:
Boon Lay Power Nasi Lemak
(#01-106, Blk 221B Boon Lay Place)

FISH HEAD CURRY

This tantalising broth may have borrowed influences from the traditional South Indian curry, but it's a creation that's unique to Singapore. The brainchild of

Fish Head Curry



an Indian man, M.J. Gomez, the head of the fish was used in the dish to suit local tastes. The fish head curry is also available in different variations; the assam fish curry uses a tangy tamarind paste, while other renditions feature a generous dose of coconut milk.

WHERE TO EAT:
Muthu's Curry (#01-01, 7 Dempsey Road)

ROTI PRATA

Introduced to Singapore by Indian immigrants, *roti prata* literally means flat bread (*roti*) in Hindi. Making this dish is a theatrical process that involves deftly twirling the stretched dough until it is paper thin, and it is then cooked on an oiled griddle. Try the plain or egg version with sugar and curry, or explore unorthodox creations ranging from the crepe-like *roti* tissue to cheese *prata*.



Laksa



Indian Rojak

WHERE TO EAT:
The Roti Prata House (246M Upper Thomson Rd)

INDIAN ROJAK

A salad made up of fried dough fritters, boiled potatoes, cuttlefish, hard-boiled eggs, and more, the Indian *rojak* is a local delicacy that offers a medley of flavors — think savoury, sweet and spicy!

WHERE TO EAT:
Temasek Indian Rojak (#01-254 Tekka Centre, 665 Buffalo Road)

KAYA TOAST

Visit any coffeeshop in Singapore for breakfast, and chances are, you'll spot locals ordering crispy slices of bread slathered with thin slabs of butter and *kaya*, an aromatic spread made of coconut, *pandan* (a tropical plant) and eggs.

WHERE TO EAT:
Ya Kun Kaya Toast (#01-01, 18 China Street)



Chef Haikal Johari

of Alma by Juan Amador

My favourite local dishes include...

nasi lemak from Selera Rasa at Adam Road Food Centre (#01-02, 2 Adam Road); chicken rice from ABC Brickworks Market & Food Centre (6 Jalan Bukit Merah); and *nasi goreng* (fried rice) from Ayer Rajah Food Centre (503 West Coast Drive).

One of my favourite supper spots in Singapore is...

Newton Circus Food Centre (500 Clemenceau Avenue). Usually frequented by locals, this popular hawker centre offers a myriad of food stalls that offers seafood and local specialties.

For a local culinary experience that is lesser-known...

visit Simpang Bedok Food Centre (288A Bedok Road). Here, you'll be greeted by a good array of local flavours and contemporary dishes.

Hot Tables

THE EAT LIST



Asian-influenced French fare

VENUE BY SEBASTIAN

Despite its upscale impressions, VENUE's dining style is distinctively unpretentious – ordering is done dim sum-style via a ticked paper slip and the dishes are often sharing plates. On the menu, you'll find cold pasta with konbu and truffle oil, cauliflower fritti with spicy mint aioli, and more substantial dishes like the grilled US ribeye with salsa verde.

- www.venuebysebastian.com
- #01-02, 6A Shenton Way
- (65) 6904 9688
- Tanjong Pagar

Celebrity chef-helmed restaurant

THE DEMPSEY COOKHOUSE AND BAR

This open-kitchen concept at Dempsey Hill is Michelin-starred chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten's first foray into Singapore's dining scene. Housed in a colonial-era building, the restaurant focuses on communal dining with a menu that showcases the chef's signatures such as the egg caviar, and the black truffle and fontina cheese pizza.

- www.comodempsey.sg/the-dempsey-cookhouse-and-bar
- 17D Dempsey Road
- 1800 304 5588
- Holland Village



Thai Galore

BLUE JASMINE

This Halal dining outlet serves up authentic Thai flavours in a contemporary setting. The buffet-focused casual restaurant offers live cooking stations featuring popular Thai classics like stir-fried minced lamb with yellow curry sauce, roast duck red curry, and desserts like mango sticky rice and sweet sago with chendol.

- www.parkhotelgroup.com/en/farrerpark/blue-jasmine
- 10 Farrer Park Station Road,
- (65) 6824 8851
- Little India

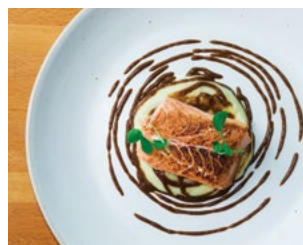


Fine dining on a shoestring

BRINE

For affordable fine dining, drop by this restaurant in Hotel Clover at Bugis, co-founded by the owners of hipster hangout The Laneway Market. Choose from a la carte items or four to five-course set meals, and dig into unique dishes like tenderloin tartare with wasabi mayo and lotus root, and torched salmon mi cuit paired with basil tomato concasse and burnt eggplant.

- www.facebook.com/brine.singapore
- 775 North Bridge Road
- (65) 8748 0788
- Bugis



Pocket friendly French cuisine

THE MASSES

This joint on Beach Road is named after its goal: to bring French fine dining to the masses by making it less pricey. Here, you'll be treated to indulgent dishes like crab and caviar pasta and chicken collagen veloute at wallet-friendly prices.

- www.facebook.com/themassessg
- #01-02, 85 Beach Road
- (65) 6266 0061
- Bugis

All-day communal dining

CRACKERJACK

The folks behind the award-winning speakeasy 28 Hongkong Street offers a new all-day drinking and dining joint with a welcoming and communal environment. Tuck into the well-balanced "Trays", inspired by school lunches, such as the lentil mushroom scotch egg plate, or for a heartier option, the bourbon glazed pork collar chop. Top that all off with unique cocktails, artisanal spirits and craft beers on tap.

- www.crackerjack.sg
- 43 Tanjong Pagar Road
- (65) 8121 1462
- Tanjong Pagar

Hot Tables

MICHELIN-STARRED DINING

Pop into guide.michelin.sg for further details on the MICHELIN Guide Singapore



SAINT PIERRE One Michelin Star





The contemporary French restaurant offers palate-pleasing European fine-dining dishes in the city. Three menus are available here – Classic, Discovery and Adventure – all reflecting the chef's methodology of using the essence of natural ingredients for base stocks and seasonings to bring out the flavours of the dishes in a natural way.

-  www.saintpierre.com.sg
-  #02-02B One Fullerton, 1 Fullerton Road,
-  (65) 6438 0887
-  Raffles Place

ODETTE

 Two Michelin Stars

Named after his grandmother, this contemporary French fine dining restaurant is helmed by award-winning chef Julien Royer. Like its location at the National Gallery Singapore, the dishes here are works of art, such as the colourful heirloom beetroot variation, and the creative 55 degrees pine-smoked organic egg.

-  www.odetterestaurant.com
-  #01-04 National Gallery, 1 St Andrew's Road
-  (65) 6385 0498
-  City Hall



IGGY'S One Michelin Star

This long-standing fine dining joint has recently earned a Michelin star and it's no wonder – gastronomers keep coming back for its Gastronomic Menu comprising foie gras royale (with egg, beef consomme and black truffles), black throat sea perch (with eggplant, ginger flower and yuzu) and Toriyama striploin and Blackmore flank (with endive, burnt egg and mushrooms). Serving tapas, pastas, burgers and tacos, the restaurant's new mini gastro-bar also offers an exquisite dining affair.

-  Lvl 3 The Hilton Hotel, 581 Orchard Road
-  (65) 6732 2234
-  Orchard

JOËL ROBUCHON RESTAURANT

 Three Michelin Stars


As one would expect from celebrated French chef Joel Robuchon, this ultra luxe fine dining restaurant offers a creative take on French dishes like foie gras with turmeric jelly and sea urchin royale with wasabi.

-  www.rwsentosa.com/Homepage/Restaurants/CelebrityChefs/JoelRobuchonRestaurant
-  #01-104/105 Hotel Michael, 26 Sentosa Gateway
-  (65) 6577 7888
-  Harbourfront

HONG HENG FRIED SOTONG PRAWN MEE

 Bib Gourmand (exceptional food at moderate prices)

Tucked away in Tiong Bahru Market, this stall is a must-try if you like seafood. Brave the queue and you'll get to enjoy a piping hot plate of noodles fried in prawn-based broth, served with fresh squids and prawns.

-  #02-01 Tiong Bahru Market, 30 Seng Poh Road
-  Tiong Bahru

Drink up

LOCAL INSPIRED COCKTAILS



Check out this all-female highball-focused cocktail bar at Kampong Bahru



From arrack to ants, Native's innovative concoctions will surprise even the most seasoned cocktail connoisseur

NATIVE

Fancy some ants in your drinks? Head down to this CBD bar and sip on all-Asian tipples, including the Antz cocktail, which includes coconut yogurt, salt-baked tapioca, soursop, Chalong Bay rum, and (yes) real ants. For something lighter, opt for the Red Light District – a refreshing concoction of pink dragonfruit water, kefir, rose aperitif, basil seeds and *tongkat ali* (a type of Southeast Asian medicinal root).

- www.tribenative.com
- 52A Amoy Street
- (65) 8869 6520
- Telok Ayer

NUTMEG & CLOVE

Old-world oriental glamour takes centre stage at this bar inspired by Singapore's heritage. A must-try is their spirit-forward take on the national cocktail, the Barrel Aged Singapura Sling, made of hibiscus-infused Tanqueray London dry gin, Cointreau, Benedictine, cherry liqueur, pineapple and house bitters.

- www.nutmegandclove.com.sg
- 10A Ann Siang Hill
- (65) 9389 9301
- Telok Ayer

AH SAM COLD DRINK STALL

This intimate bespoke cocktail bar in Boat Quay may serve up hawker pub grub and locally-inspired drinks, but don't mistake it for a typical *kopitiam* (coffee shop) drink stall. You'll find no menus here; just order any flavour that strikes your fancy and be treated to unique cocktails incorporating soya bean milk, *milo* (a chocolate malt drink), and *chin chow* (grass jelly).

- www.facebook.com/AhSamColdDrinkStall
- 60A Boat Quay
- (65) 6535 0838
- Clarke Quay

JEKYLL & HYDE

With an intriguing menu based on the seven deadly sins, Jekyll & Hyde's creations are certainly one-of-a-kind. If you're a fan of local dessert *tau huay* (tofu pudding), don't miss Mr Bean – a cocktail made with butterscotch liqueur, kaya, Frangelico, vodka and *tau huay*.

- www.jekyllandhyde.sg
- 49 Tras Street
- (65) 6222 3349
- Tanjong Pagar

HIGHBALL

It's all about girl power – with an all-female team, including the award-winning owner, Kino Soh – at this drinking hole in the quiet Kampong Bahru neighbourhood. Highball elevates simple cocktails with their Asian-influenced concoctions like the Matcha *bingso* (Korean shaved iced dessert), made with green tea ice cream, dark rum, shoyu black malt beer and toasted marshmallows.

- www.highball.com.sg
- #01-01, 79 Kampong Bahru
- (65) 6222 0179
- Outram Park

TESS BAR & KITCHEN

Helmed by award-winning bartender Steve Leong, this cosy bar in a shophouse serves up bespoke cocktails and creative concoctions inspired by local hawker fare, such as the Seah St Power Nasi Lemak cocktail. This savoury drink is made with gin, lemon, barley, coconut water, pandan syrup and topped with *sambal* (chilli sauce) and *ikan bilis* (fried anchovies).

- www.tessbar.com
- 38 Seah Street
- (65) 6337 7355
- City Hall

Drink up NEW WATERING HOLES

LULU'S LOUNGE

This kitschy new bar pays tribute to the eclectic arts scene of the 1960s, mixing sleek and luxe design with raw, graffiti-tainted brick walls. The tipples are just as fascinating – try the creamy and milk Big Coconuts, or the Whisky Pucker that's garnished with a lipstick motif.

- 📄 www.lulus.sg
- 📍 Level 1 Pan Pacific Hotel, Singapore,
7 Raffles Boulevard
- ☎ (65) 9829 1922
- 📍 Promenade



LUCKY BAR

Located on the rooftop of Full of Luck Club, Lucky Bar is a hipster *bao* (steamed buns) joint at Holland Village. Here, you can try the noteworthy Dragon's Breath – a blend of High West Campfire whisky, mescal, lemon, goji and watermelon syrup – while digging into yummy bar bites from the restaurant below.

- 📄 www.facebook.com/luckybar.sg
- 📍 243 Holland Avenue
- ☎ (65) 6208 6845
- 📍 Holland Village

INTERMISSION BAR

After catching an arthouse flick at the indie cinema The Projector, kick back at their new bar with a drink or two. Knock back beers on tap, wines, cocktails and house pours, while enjoying some unusual bar bites like freshly baked *ondeh-ondeh*, lemon rosemary and Earl Grey orange dessert loaves.

- 📄 www.facebook.com/intermissionbarsg
- 📍 #05-00 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road
- ☎ (65) 9637 9201
- 📍 Nicoll Highway



MOJO

This restaurant serves up healthy grain bowls to hungry office workers by day and transforms into a bustling izakaya by night. The new addition to the lively Telok Ayer bar scene specialises in Japanese sake, whisky and craft beers. Have a go at the signature cocktail Gomashio, which is a refreshing mix of Japanese cucumber, sake and gomashio mix (black and white sesame).

- 📄 www.mojosingapore.com
- 📍 204 Telok Ayer Street
- ☎ (65) 6220 0723
- 📍 Telok Ayer

CAPITAL (ZOUK)

The beloved Singapore nightlife institution welcomes this swanky cigar lounge-slash-whisky bar to its repertoire, located on the second floor of the Zouk complex in Clarke Quay. Expect a posh atmosphere in the four main areas: an island bar, a whisky bar, a cigar room and a plush seating area.

- 📄 www.zoukclub.com/outlets/capital
- 📍 #02-05 The Cannery, 3C River Valley Road
- ☎ (65) 6738 2988
- 📍 Clarke Quay

Fam-tastic Day Out

10 great things to do with kids in Singapore



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Bird watching

CONEY ISLAND PARK

With over 80 species of birds on the island, it's not hard to spot them busy at work in their natural habitat. Observe the resident male Baya Weaver as it weaves large and intricate nests from flowering Acacia trees and listen out for the oriental magpie-robin's songs from the forests.

- 📄 www.nparks.gov.sg
- 📍 Beside Punggol Promenade Nature Walk
- 🚗 Punggol

Strike a pose

TRICK EYE MUSEUM

Enjoy an afternoon of optical illusions at the Trick Eye Museum. Be amazed by the art of turning two-dimensional paintings into three-dimensional scenes and create the wackiest visual narratives at the various themed galleries.

- 📄 www.rwsentosa.com
- 📍 #01-43/44, 26 Sentosa Gateway
- ☎ (65) 6795 2370
- 🚗 HarbourFront



Explore a wet market

WET MARKET ADVENTURE BY WOK 'N' STROLL

Join in this tour by Wok 'n' Stroll and catch a glimpse of local life with as you navigate Singapore's largest wet market, Tekka Market. Formerly a slaughterhouse, it is a maze brimming with colourful fresh produce, exotic ingredients and yummy grub from the hawker stalls.

- 📄 www.woknstroll.com.sg/product/wet-market-adventure/
- ☎ (65) 8338 3571
- 📍 Little India

Get close to reptilians

THE LIVE TURTLE AND TORTOISE MUSEUM

Get up close and personal with the reptilians at The Live Turtle and Tortoise Museum in the Chinese Garden. While most are kept in pens or tanks, some are allowed to roam around – don't miss the opportunity to pet and feed them!

- 📄 www.turtle-tortoise.com
- 📍 1 Chinese Garden Road
- ☎ (65) 6268 5363
- 🚗 Chinese Gardens

Have a splashing good time

PALAWAN PIRATE SHIP

Formerly known as Port of Lost Wonder, Palawan Pirate Ship is now free to visit. Kiddos can have a blast cooling off in the pirate-themed water playground as they fire the water canons at each other.

- 📄 www.sentosa.com.sg
- 📍 54 Palawan Beach Walk
- 🚗 HarbourFront



Photo credit: Darren Soh

Escape into a virtual wildlife sanctuary

ARTSCIENCE MUSEUM

Bring your little ones to the interactive Into the Wild exhibit at the ArtScience Museum, where virtual reality meets a lush virtual rainforest exploration adventure. This exhibition can surely help to increase environmental awareness in your little explorers.

- 📄 www.marinabaysands.com/museum
- 📍 6 Bayfront Avenue
- ☎ (65) 6688 8888
- 🚗 Bayfront

Ride the Ferris wheel

SINGAPORE FLYER

Marvel at the panoramic views of Marina Bay, the Central Business District and beyond from the Singapore Flyer, Asia's largest observation wheel.

- 📄 www.singaporeflyer.com
- 📍 30 Raffles Avenue
- ☎ (65) 6333 3311
- 🚗 Promenade



Photo credit: Toh Ming Zong

Shop for new shiny toys

THE CHILDREN'S SHOWCASE

This one-stop store for mums and kids stocks a fantastic range of high-quality products from all over the world – think colouring sets, card making kits, scooters and pretty picnic and homeware collections!

- 📄 thechildrensshowcase.com
- 📍 #03-16A Tanglin Mall, 163 Tanglin Road
- ☎ (65) 6735 0884
- 🚗 Orchard

Race in a Go-Kart

THE KARTING ARENA

Grab your adrenaline-junkie kids and head to the tracks for hours of endless fun. Designed with safety as a priority, go-karting is an exhilarating experience not to be missed.

- 📄 www.thekartingarena.com
- 📍 #01-01B The Grandstand, 200 Turf Club Road
- ☎ (65) 9627 6771
- 🚗 Sixth Avenue



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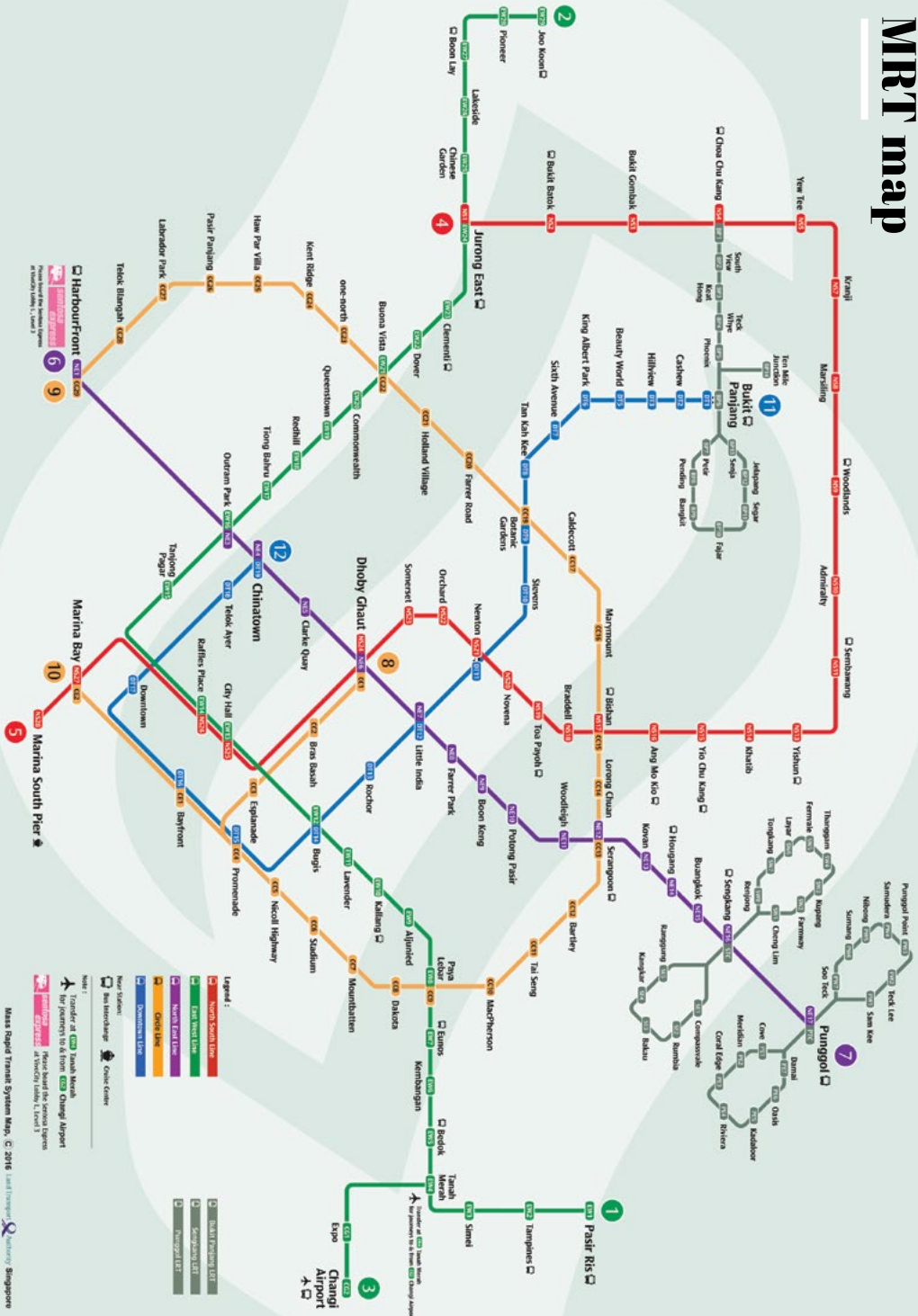
Uncover Singapore's history

SINGAPORE DISCOVERY CENTRE (SDC)

Your pint-sized visitors will have a deeper understanding of Singapore's past, present and future after a day spent interacting with the exhibits at SDC. Don't miss the thrilling 4D simulation ride, or let your kids assume the role of the Commander at the Battlefield Command.

- 📄 www.sdc.com.sg
- 📍 510 Upper Jurong Road
- ☎ (65) 6792 6188
- 🚗 Joo Koon + connecting bus services 182 or 182M

MRT map



Legend 1

- █ North-South Line
- █ East-West Line
- █ North-Eastern Line
- █ Circle Line
- █ Downtown Line

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