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SINGAPORE BOTANIC GARDENS IS NOW A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

What incredible news; excuse us while we bust out a celebratory dance!

Speaking of dancing, there are plenty of opportunities to let your hair down at this time of year, with the entire city prepping for a colourful plethora of year-end festivities. Exciting!

Just arrived and still finding your way around? Make this issue of *Singapore Insider* your secret weapon. Its vibrant pages are filled with the best of Singapore; a rich cultural city offering fabulous hawker food, impressive shopping, stylish restaurants, innovative bars, and so much more. With this guide, you'll discover more than the iconic sights – a wonderful array of authentic local experiences awaits!



Even before the Christmas lights flicker to life and holiday tunes take over the airwaves, Singapore will be rammed with incredible events and standout festivals. These include the WTA Finals Singapore, Singapore River Festival, Singapore Wine Fiesta, and of course, Halloween.

For a dose of art and culture, visit the recently-revamped Asian Civilisations Museum and National Gallery Singapore, catch a movie at the Singapore International Film Festival, or get your hands on unusual pieces at the Affordable Art Fair.

Finally, be sure to save some energy for when November and December roll around; 'tis the season to feast, shop and play! Until the end of the year, expect great shopping deals, heaps of festive activities and endless countdown parties.

2015 is absolutely set to close with a bang – see you there!

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SMRT Hotline

☎ (65) 6331 1000

www.smrt.com.sg

Bus

Fares start from as low as 65 cents. Try to have the exact fare as bus drivers do not give change.

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☎ (65) 6331 1000

www.sbstransit.com.sg

www.smrt.com.sg

Taxi

Fares start from \$3.00.

Comfort and CityCab

☎ (65) 6552 1111

Premier Cabs

☎ (65) 6363 6888

SMRT Taxis

☎ (65) 6555 8888



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TIPPING

It is not usual practice to tip in Singapore, although it is appreciated by service staff. Most hotels and restaurants quote prices as “++,” which includes 10 percent service charge and 7 percent goods and services tax (GST).

HANDY HINTS



WORRY-FREE SHOPPING

For a pleasant shopping experience, compare prices, enquire on refund policies, and check the invoice as well as the warranty of the product before making a purchase. More information on the above shopping tips can be found on the Consumer Advisory section at YourSingapore.com (under “Traveller Essentials”). For assistance or to flag inappropriate retailer behaviour, call 1800 736 2000 or email feedback@stb.gov.sg.



VISITOR CENTRES

Orchard

216 Orchard Road (Next to orchardgateway@emerald)
9.30am-10.30pm daily

☎ Somerset

Don't miss! Visit **CRAFT SINGAPORE**, an exhibition located at the second floor of the Singapore Visitor Centre (Orchard), to learn about the evolution of Singapore's creative industry. Let the stories and works of local creative talents inspire you to explore and uncover hidden gems of Singapore.

ION Orchard

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

☎ Orchard

Chinatown

2 Banda Street (Behind Buddha Tooth Relic Temple and Museum)
Mon-Fri 9am-9pm and
Weekends and Public
Holidays 9am-10pm

☎ Chinatown

Tourist Hotline

☎ (65) 1800 736 2000

(toll-free in Singapore)

☎ (65) 6736 2000 (overseas)



LANGUAGE

English is the spoken language, though Singlish – a collection of colloquial catch phrases and lingo – dominates everyday conversations among locals (see page 25). Mandarin, Malay, Tamil, and various dialects are also used.

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OCTOBER

Trick or treat? Looks like October is serving the best of both, with BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore presented by SC Global as well as a slew of marvellous festivals this month, including Singapore Jewel Fest, Da:ns Festival, Singapore River Festival, and the highly-acclaimed Singapore Wine Fiesta 2015. Before we bid October goodbye, Halloween celebrations are, of course, in order. Dress to spook, and scare yourself silly at the terrifying Halloween

PRESIDENT'S YOUNG
TALENTS

Singapore's premier exhibition showcases the contemporary works of five emerging local artists. Members of the public can take part in talks, curator tours, and also play judge by voting for their favourite artist.

Until Mar 27, 2016
Singapore Art Museum
www.singaporeartmuseum.sg
📍 Bras Basah

HALLOWEEN
HORROR NIGHTS® 5

Universal Studios Singapore® brings you the most intense and immersive Halloween event with four horrifying haunted houses, three terrifying scare zones and thrilling rides.

Oct 2 to 31
Universal Studios Singapore®
www.halloweenhorrornights.com.sg
📍 HarbourFront

DA:NS FESTIVAL

Celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, Esplanade's da:ns festival showcases a range of dance forms featuring world-renowned performers, new works and free programmes.

Oct 9 to 18
Esplanade
www.dansfestival.com
📍 City Hall

SINGAPORE
JEWELFEST 2015

Be dazzled by stunning collections of the best jewels and gems from around the world at one of Singapore's most extravagant showcase.

Oct 9 to 18
Ngee Ann City Civic Plaza
www.singaporejewelfest.com
📍 Orchard Road

SINGAPORE WINE
FIESTA 2015

This highly-anticipated festival features winemakers from around the world and offers four days of wine tastings, complimentary masterclasses, live performances and other exciting activities.

Oct 22 to 25
Clifford Square
www.winefiesta.com.sg
📍 Raffles Place

TAG HEUER "DON'T
CRACK UNDER
PRESSURE" – MARIA
SHARAPOVA
EXHIBITION MATCH

In conjunction with the launch of TAG Heuer x Maria Sharapova SG60 limited edition watch, catch Maria Sharapova and Michael Chang in an exhibition match at Singapore's first floating tennis court.

Oct 22 to 25
Clifford Pier
www.tagheuer.com
📍 Raffles Place

SINGAPORE RIVER
FESTIVAL

The three-day extravaganza celebrates the diverse offerings, history and heritage of Singapore River with aerial theatrical performances, art installations and a market featuring homegrown music and crafts.

Oct 23 to 25
Along the Singapore River
www.singaporeriverfestival.sg
📍 Clarke Quay

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.

Oct 23 to Nov 1
Singapore Indoor Stadium
www.yoursingapore.com/wtafinals
📍 Stadium

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL –
TOTEM

Get ready for a jaw-dropping performance as the famous circus troupe returns with a fascinating show that explores human evolution – from primordial, amphibian state toward the aspiration of flight.

Oct 28 to Nov 22
Under the Big Top next to
Marina Bay Sands®
www.cirquedusoleil.com
📍 Bayfront

DIGITAL FASHION
WEEK SINGAPORE

Up-and-coming fashion designers from Singapore and the world over parade their latest creations at this annual style-meets-tech event, which has welcomed notable names including Naomi Campbell, Guo Pei and Hilary Alexander.

Oct 29 to Nov 1
Capitol Theatre
www.digitalfashionweek.com
📍 City Hall



Christmas by the River



Christmas On A Great Street



Skechers Sundown Festival



Christmas at Sentosa HarbourFront



The 26th Singapore International Film Festival



National Gallery Singapore



Singapore: Inside Out



Anime Festival Asia

NOVEMBER

Is it November already? Well, time to kick-start the year-end festivities! Get into the holiday spirit with events like Christmas by the River and Christmas on a Great Street, or feed your appetite for the arts with highlights like Singapore: Inside Out, Affordable Art Fair, and the 26th Singapore International Film Festival. Either way, you'll have one helluva of a vacation.

AFFORDABLE ART FAIR

Go shopping for inexpensive art pieces at this recurring event. The artworks, which include paintings, sculptures, prints and photographs, start from \$100 and cost no more than \$10,000.

Nov 12 to 15
F1 Pit Building
www.affordableartfair.com/singapore
 Promenade

CHRISTMAS BY THE RIVER

Soak in the lights and festivities along Singapore River and check out the delectable SR Signatures' food and drinks along Boat Quay, Clarke Quay, and Robertson Quay.

Nov 13 to Jan 4 2016
Various venues
www.singapore-river.com/christmas

OFFICIAL REOPENING OF ASIAN CIVILISATIONS MUSEUM

Dive deep into both Asian and Singaporean cultures as you explore the museum's new wing, revamped galleries, as well as exciting dining and retail spaces.

Nov 14 onwards
Asian Civilisations Museum
www.acm.org.sg
 City Hall

CHRISTMAS ON A GREAT STREET

For spectacularly-elaborate Christmas lights, hit the world famous shopping street, Orchard Road, and prepare to marvel at the glittering displays.

Nov 14 to Jan 3 2016
Orchard Road
www.orchardroad.org
 Orchard, Somerset and Dhoby Ghaut

SKECHERS SUNDOWN FESTIVAL

One of Asia's hottest music festivals is back. Snag front row seats to catch your favourite bands from across Asia.

Nov 21
Marina Promenade
www.sundownfestival.sg
 Promenade

CHRISTMAS AT SENTOSA HARBOURFRONT

Ring in Christmas at Sentosa HarbourFront with a slew of fun activities, live performances, and dining promotions. Marvel at the dazzling light displays, including a Christmas Boat Light Parade.

Nov 21 to Jan 3 2016
Sentosa-HarbourFront precinct
www.shba.org.sg
 HarbourFront

NATIONAL GALLERY SINGAPORE

Opening in November, Singapore's largest Southeast Asian museum consists of two core galleries featuring long-term displays of the National Collections of Singapore and Southeast Asian art. There is also an art education facility that provides learning opportunities for kids of all ages.

Nov 23 onwards
National Gallery Singapore
www.nationalgallery.sg
 City Hall

THE 26TH SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Movie buffs, get in line for this 10-day-long film festival that highlights a series of movies from all over the globe, with a main focus on the avant-garde of Asian flicks.

Nov 26 to Dec 6
Various venues
www.sgiff.com

SINGAPORE: INSIDE OUT

Discover the city through a series of multi-sensorial experiences at this international showcase that features the masterpieces of local creative talents.

Nov 27 to Dec 6
Open field beside Tan Quee Lan Street
www.singaporeinsideout.com
 Bugis

ANIME FESTIVAL ASIA

Fans of anime and J-Pop culture, make a beeline for this three-day affair that features all-things manga, musical performances, and plenty of cosplay action.

Nov 27 to 29
Suntec Singapore Convention and Exhibition Centre
www.animefestival.asia
 Esplanade

DECEMBER

2015 is coming to an end, and December is truly a month of merry-making. Partygoers will be spoilt for choice with not just one, but two beach bashes at Sentosa – ZoukOut 2015 and Siloso Beach Party. If family-friendly activities are on your itinerary, bring the little ones to the Singapore Zoo, River Safari, and Jurong Bird Park for heaps of wholesome fun. And what better way to end 2015 than taking part in the festivities at the Marina Bay Singapore Countdown 2016? Happy New Year, everyone!

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West!Siloso Beach
Party

ZoukOut 2015



SCREENSINGAPORE

Held in collaboration with Singapore International Film Festival and Asia TV Forum & Market, this marketplace is where filmmakers, producers, buyers, and film professionals come together to network.

Dec 1 to 4
Marina Bay Sands®
www.screensingapore.com.sg
Bayfront

YEAR-END
CELEBRATIONS
AT FABER PEAK
SINGAPORE

Ring in the New Year on a high at Faber Peak Singapore, whether it's Festive Sky Dining onboard a cable car or enjoying a meal at its many dining options.

Dec 1 to 31
Faber Peak Singapore
www.faberpeaksingapore.com
HarbourFront

8TH ASEAN PARA
GAMES 2015

Cheer on 1,300 athletes with disabilities as they compete over 15 different sporting events including football, sailing, and swimming in this year's ASEAN Para Games, held for the first time in Singapore.

Dec 3 to 9
Singapore Sports Hub
www.aseanparagames2015.com
Stadium

STANDARD
CHARTERED
MARATHON
SINGAPORE 2015

Gear up for the largest running event in Southeast Asia, and watch 54,000 participants from all around the world compete to set new records. Don't miss the action, come join us!

Dec 5 to 6
Padang
www.marathonsingapore.com
City Hall

KOALAMANIA

Enjoy an entire day of wild fun at Singapore Zoo with exciting activities planned for the whole family. Take part in games, meet and greet adorable mascots and make your own koala crafts at our koala farewell party before they head back Down Under!

Dec 5 to 27 (Weekends only)
Singapore Zoo
www.zoo.com.sg
Choa Chu Kang + connecting
bus service 927

WILD FESTIVITIES

The festive spirit comes to River Safari, where visitors can get up close to the park's wild inhabitants while revelling in activities such as mascot meet-and-greet sessions, special performances and fun craft activities!

Dec 5 to 27 (Weekends only)
River Safari
www.riversafari.com.sg
Choa Chu Kang + connecting
bus service 927

WILD WOW WEST!

This December, Jurong Bird Park comes alive with Western-themed festivities for the little ones. Kids will have a wild time the good old fashion Western way with fun games, craft activities and photo opportunities with a horse!

Dec 5 to 27
Jurong Bird Park
www.birdpark.com.sg
Boon Lay + connecting bus
service 194 or 251

ZOUKOUT 2015

Asia's largest and highly-anticipated dance music festival returns to Siloso Beach for two days of non-stop partying – this time, boasting a line-up of international and regional musical acts including Tiësto and DJ Snake.

Dec 11 to 12
Siloso Beach, Sentosa
www.zoukout.com
HarbourFront

MARINA BAY
SINGAPORE
COUNTDOWN 2016

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

Dec 31
Marina Bay
www.marinabaycountdown.sg

SILOSO BEACH PARTY

Sentosa's iconic countdown party at Siloso Beach is the place to welcome the New Year, with 12 hours of non-stop electronic music, Asia's largest foam pool, and a spectacular fireworks display at midnight.

Dec 31
Siloso Beach, Sentosa
www.silosobeachparty.com
HarbourFront



Sofie Chandra and Eugene Lim

MEET OUR COVER COUPLE SOFIE CHANDRA AND EUGENE LIM: SHE'S THE HEAD OF MARKETING FOR DANCE CLUB ZOUK, AND HE'S THE FOUNDER OF THE PRIDE, A COLLECTIVE OF INFLUENCERS.

This dynamic duo (also a real-life couple!) sure knows a thing or two about nightlife and fashion in Singapore. After all, Sofie has been working with local clubbing institution, Zouk Singapore, for a decade now, while Eugene, who does marketing for local brands Tocco Tenero and Tocco Toscano, is also the brains behind The Pride, which promotes the idea and lifestyle of a modern gentleman in Singapore. They share with us what they love about the city, and the best things to do in town.

Singapore is... safe. We can take late night runs in peace, and there are great food options at any time of the day. Most importantly, it is home.

While the city sleeps, you can... grab a cup of *teh halia* (ginger tea) at one of Arab Street's late-night coffee shops, shop at Mustafa Centre, catch a midnight movie, enjoy a reflexology session, and dine at various eateries that open round the clock.

Our favourite local designers and shops are... Evenodd for its clean yet bold style; Yesah for its mad textures and colours; The Assembly Store for dapper accessories; Young Hungry Free for party-ready pieces; Ong



Shunmugam for traditional-meets-contemporary designs.

The nightlife scene in Singapore is... constantly evolving. There's always something new knocking on the door with unique experiences.

If you only have a day in Singapore... have *roti prata* (South Indian flat bread) and *teh tarik* (pulled tea) from a coffee shop near you, then hit Orchard Road for a shopping spree at Flesh Imp, Tocco Toscano, and Superspace. Before leaving the famed shopping belt, stop by one of the scooter stalls along the road for ice cream sandwiched in rainbow-hued bread. For dinner, visit Bismillah

Biryani on Dunlop Street, then head to The Druggist on Tyrwhitt Road for craft beers.

Not many people know that... Velvet Underground at Zouk used to be a karaoke outlet within the premises, and later became a microbrewery before transforming into a club space.

Green spaces are aplenty in Singapore, and we love... MacRitchie Reservoir, Gardens by the Bay, and the National Orchid Garden at Singapore Botanic Gardens.

Credits: Sofie Chandra wears Young Hungry Free and Eugene Lim wears Evenodd and Benjamin Barker; photographed by Eleonora Graziani of Boom Boom Studios

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WHAT'S ON
BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore
presented by SC Global

It's been an exhilarating year for Singapore, what with back-to-back events like the glitzy Asia Fashion Exchange, record-breaking SEA Games and star-studded 2015 Formula 1 Singapore Airlines Singapore Grand Prix taking over the city.

This October, things are about to get even more exciting as the most prestigious tournament in women's tennis – the **BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore presented by SC Global** (October 23 to November 1) – returns to our shores for the second time. The best players in the world will be in town to serve up thrilling, non-stop action both on and off the court during the 10-day sports entertainment extravaganza, so brace yourselves!

One of the main highlights of this tennis spectacle is the **Singles Tournament** (October 25 to November 1), where the Top 8 singles players battle it out for the revered Billie Jean King WTA Finals Singles Trophy. Last year's winner, Serena Williams, beat all odds (including a prior knee injury) and scooped up her fifth WTA Finals title. The tennis powerhouse will return to Singapore this year, with Maria Sharapova and Simona Halep expected to make up the Elite Eight line-up as well.

The **Doubles Tournament** (25 October to 1 November) is set to be just as gripping, thanks to the inclusion of a the introduction of a new Round Robin format. This expanded format will see the competition running over eight days and 13 sessions, an increase

from seven days and 11 sessions in 2014.

Longtime tennis fans can look forward to watching tennis legends like Official Legend Ambassador Martina Navratilova compete in the **WTA Legends Classic**. Budding stars will also take the spotlight as warriors from Asia battle with the rest of the world's emerging talents in the **WTA Rising Stars Invitational**. For a completely immersive experience, drop by the **Fan Zone** (October 23 to November 1) for a slew of tennis-themed activities, games and celebrity appearances. This is a chance to witness sports history in the making, so mark your calendars!

Tickets are on sale at www.sportshub.com.sg/WTAFinals. For more information, visit www.yoursingapore.com/WTAFinals.



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Want more? Visit www.YourSingapore.com

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CULTURE EXPOSE
Dazzling Deepavali



Little India Shopkeepers & Heritage Association

Each year, Hindus celebrate Deepavali (November 10) – the 'Festival of Lights' that marks the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. Streets are decked out with dazzling lights; bold, bright colours are found in every corner and the atmosphere is buzzing. It's a huge festival across the world, and Singapore is no exception!

If you're in town during the month of November, be sure to make your way to Little India to take part in the merrymaking. The vibrant ethnic enclave will be decorated with rows and rows of elaborately-designed arches, and thousands of stunning lights – so don't forget your camera!

Not sure where to start? Begin your cultural adventure with

some shopping at the many festive bazaars lining the streets of Little India. Hop from stall to stall and look forward to gold jewellery, sweet treats, Ayurvedic massage oils, beautiful flowers and garlands, oil lamps, traditional arts and crafts, gorgeous saris that come in a multitude of dazzling hues, and more.

Another thing you've simply got to experience during this time is henna art. An ancient form of body art, henna are temporary tattoos created using the dye from the henna plant. Most beauty salons in the area (you'll have no trouble finding one) offer henna at wallet-friendly prices – so take your pick, choose your favourite design, and let the artist do beautiful, intricate work on your hands.

For a big slice of arts and culture, head over to performing arts venue Esplanade for **Kalaa Utsavam** (November 20 to 29), an annual 10-day festival that celebrates Indian arts. Launched in 2002, this exciting fiesta highlights a stellar selection of contemporary and traditional performances by an impressive line-up of award-winning Indian artists from Singapore and beyond. You can also look forward to classical Indian music workshops, shadow puppet shows, and intriguing exhibitions during Kalaa Utsavam. Happy Deepavali!

See page 14 for more things to do in Little India.

Had a good time? Share it with us at #YourSingapore

Little India

The name says it all; this vibrant neighbourhood is a slice of India in a multi-cultural Singapore. Toeing the line between old and new, the buzzing ethnic enclave is peppered with spice shops, jewellery stores, flower vendors, sari specialists, trendy cafes and hip watering holes; each offering a heady experience like no other. A great time to visit is in October during Deepavali (see page 13), but even if you're not here in time for the dazzling Festival of Lights, there's still plenty to see and do in this lively district.

 **Little India**

1. WANDERLUST HOTEL

This funky boutique hotel houses 29 rooms, all of which are uniquely-decorated with themes like Spaceman, Pop Art, and Pantone. But Wanderlust isn't just a pretty face; look forward to stellar amenities like Shanghai Tang toiletries, monsoon showers, and a rooftop Jacuzzi. Be sure to dine at Cocotte, the casual French bistro within the whimsical property.

2 Dickson Road
www.wanderlusthotel.com
☎ (65) 6396 3322

2. ZSOFI TAPAS BAR

This breezy, Spanish-themed rooftop bar serves complimentary plates of tasty nibbles with every drink ordered. Make the first thing on your agenda be their potent sangrias while you're up there.

68 Dunlop Street
www.tapasbar.com.sg
☎ (65) 6297 5875



3. PRINCE OF WALES

This no-frills hostel has an adjoining alfresco bar that ticks all the right boxes: cheap craft beers, live indie music, weekly quiz nights, and a laid-back crowd of backpackers and locals to have interesting conversations with.

101 Dunlop Street
www.pow.com.sg
☎ (65) 6299 0130

4. INDIAN HERITAGE CENTRE

For a hefty dose of arts and culture, head to the Indian Heritage Centre for its permanent and temporary exhibitions that traces the history of the Indian and South Asian Communities in the Southeast Asian region.

5 Campbell Lane
www.indianheritage.org.sg
☎ (65) 6291 1633

5. LITTLE INDIA ARCADE

Take a walk around this bustling shopping destination to pick up souvenirs like beautiful silk saris, handicrafts, and dazzling jewellery.

48 Serangoon Rd
☎ (65) 6295 5998

6. TEKKA CENTRE

A wet market, food centre, and shopping complex all rolled into one, Tekka Centre is where to get an Indian cuisine fix. The biryani's legendary (choose from either stalls, Yakader or Allauddin), and the Indian *rojak* (a salad made up of fried dough fritters, boiled potatoes, cuttlefish, hard boiled eggs, and more) from Temasek Indian Rojak is a must-try. Finish your meal with a sweet glass of *teh tarik* (milk tea) from any of the drink stalls!

665 Buffalo Road

7. KOMALA VILAS

This 67-year-old establishment is the closest you'll get to authentic South Indian vegetarian cuisine. It's always packed, thanks to the signature *masala dosai* (pancake made from rice and lentil batter, filled with mashed potato) served with free-flow *sambar* (lentil based vegetable stew).

12-14 Buffalo Road
www.komalavilas.com.sg
☎ (65) 6293 6980

8. SRI VEERAMAKALIAMMAN TEMPLE

Dedicated to Kali, the Hindu goddess of power, the grand, intricately-designed Sri Veeramakaliamman Temple has a South Indian architectural style and was established in 1855 – making it one of the oldest religious sites in Singapore.

141 Serangoon Road
www.sriveeramakaliamman.com
☎ (65) 6295 4538

9. THE BANANA LEAF APOLO

An institution in this part of town, The Banana Leaf Apolo has over 30 years of experience under its belt. Though it offer a mix of North and South Indian fare, like chicken masala, mutton curry, and tandoori chicken, its signature is definitely the rich fish head curry.

56 Race Course Road
www.bananaleafapolo.com
☎ (65) 6293 8682

10. MUSTAFA CENTRE

Think shopping in Little India and only one name springs to mind: Mustafa. There's no place quite like it; a 24-hour shopping behemoth selling just about anything under one roof. This is paradise for bargain-hunters and hardened shopaholics.

145 Syed Alwi Road
www.mustafa.com.sg
☎ (65) 6295 5855

10 MUST-DOS IN SINGAPORE



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1. VISIT SINGAPORE BOTANIC GARDENS

This lush botanical oasis is home to stunning flora and fauna as well as attractions like the National Orchid Garden and Jacob Ballas Children's Garden.

Singapore Botanic Gardens
1 Cluny Road
www.sbg.org.sg
☎ (65) 6471 7361
📍 Botanic Gardens

2. GO MUSEUM-HOPPING

Take a tour of the two latest additions to Singapore's art scene; the National Gallery Singapore (NGS) and Singapore Pinacothèque De Paris (SPDP). Be sure to get on board the free museum shuttle bus service in the Civic District or Bras Basah for a ride to the SPDP!

Various locations

3. CHILL OUT AT QUAYSIDE ISLE

Situated in the exclusive Sentosa Cove, this luxury waterfront arcade is where you can take a breather from the bustle of the city and enjoy world-class dining at Saint Pierre, Blue Lotus, and Sabio By The Sea.

Quayside Isle
31 Ocean Way
Sentosa Cove
www.quaysideisle.com
☎ (65) 6887 3502
📍 HarbourFront

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4. SAIL TO THE OFFSHORE ISLANDS

Hop on a boat and head out to sea to explore the pristine, unspoilt beaches of the neighbouring Lazarus, Saint John's, Kusu, and Sister's Islands. Ferry cruises to these destinations in the south of Singapore are available from Marina South Pier.

Marina South Pier
31 Marina Coastal Drive
www.islandcruise.com.sg
☎ (65) 6534 9339
📍 Marina South Pier

5. GO ON A GASTRONOMIC TRAIL

Hungry for some homegrown delights? Go on an all-access food trail around the island with Food Prowlers for a taste of the best local cuisine Singapore has to offer.

Various locations
www.foodprowlers.com

6. DISCOVER PERANAKAN CULTURE

Get acquainted with the fascinating culture of Singapore's Straits Chinese immigrants – their origins, language, customs, and rituals – at the heritage-rich Baba House, Katong Antique House, and the Peranakan Museum.

Various locations

7. EXPLORE KAMPONG GLAM

Spend the day delving into the historic ins and outs of this bustling ethnic enclave – from the 191 year-old Sultan Mosque to the Malay Heritage Centre,

plus the quirky boutiques along Haji Lane.

Various locations
📍 Bugis

8. INDULGE IN RETAIL THERAPY AT ORCHARD ROAD

Shopaholics, welcome to your heaven. For your fix of high-end brands, amazing deals, and one-of-a-kind buys, head to ION Orchard, TANGS, Robinsons The Heeren, and orchardgateway.

Various locations
www.orchardroad.org
📍 Orchard

9. GET INTO A STATE OF FUN

Have a ball hitting the surf at Siloso Beach, going on thrilling rides at Universal Studios Singapore®, flowboarding at Wave House Sentosa, and finally, relaxing by the shore with cocktails at Tanjong Beach Club.

Sentosa Island
www.sentosa.com.sg
☎ (65) 1800-SENTOSA
📍 HarbourFront

10. INDOOR SKYDIVING AT IFLY SINGAPORE

With wind speeds of up to 300km/hour, experience the thrill of indoor skydiving at the world's first and largest wind tunnel.

iFly Singapore
43 Siloso Beach Walk
www.iflysingapore.com
☎ (65) 6571 0000
📍 HarbourFront

Singapore Botanic Gardens

WHEN IT COMES TO TAKING A TOUR OF OUR CITY'S GREENEST ATTRACTION, IS THERE ANYONE MORE SUITED TO THE JOB THAN THE DIRECTOR OF SINGAPORE BOTANIC GARDENS, DR NIGEL TAYLOR, HIMSELF? WE THINK NOT.

Gardening is a serious business for Dr Nigel Taylor (naturally). As the director of the Singapore Botanic Gardens (SBG), Dr Taylor spearheaded the efforts in clinching the landmark's prestigious UNESCO World Heritage Site title in July, as well as leads the team in cultivating rare plant species and promoting the conservation of the region's flora. Here, the good doctor walks us through the must-sees of the 156 year-old Gardens, and shares some fun snippets along the way.

1. KICK OFF YOUR STROLL AT THE SBG HERITAGE MUSEUM

A stone's throw away from the gorgeous Tanglin Gate entrance is this two-storey museum in Holttum Hall, situated next to the Botany Centre. Built in 1921, it served as the office and laboratory of the Director of the Gardens back in the day. This was also where Professor Eric Holttum – the Director from 1925 to 1949 – developed innovative orchid breeding techniques.

2. MEET THE FAMOUS FIVE-DOLLAR TREE

After learning about the Gardens' rich heritage, head north to Lawn E to see the old Tembusu tree; the same one featured on the \$5 note. It's estimated to be around 170 years old. Its low-hanging branch is supported by a dynamic system, which is designed to prop the branch up without restricting its growth. Besides this majestic icon, there are 46 other Heritage Trees in

the Gardens (some more than 30-metres tall!).

3. TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE PRISONER-OF-WAR BRICK STEPS

During the Japanese Occupation, the Australian prisoners of war (PoWs) marked out arrows on the bricks that they made at a brickworks in Changi. These were used to create this flight of stairs along the Lower Ring Road. Arrows were common symbols used at that time, serving as an act of defiance. You can still see those marks on the bricks today.

4. PLAY YOUR AIR GUITAR AT THE BANDSTAND

Make your way up the hill to the Bandstand; a octagonal gazebo that has retained its original structure since 1930. In its heyday, the lovely structure was used as a stage by regimental bands, who would perform lively sets among the terraced flowerbeds and palms. Though no longer used for

musical performances, it's a very popular spot for wedding photographs!

5. FEEL OH-SO-SMALL IN THE RAIN FOREST

Across from the Bandstand lies a six-hectare tropical forest along Maranta Avenue, which contains 314 species of plants. Some trees here reach 50 metres in height and existed before the founding of modern Singapore.

6. SNAP A SELFIE IN THE ORCHID GARDEN

Wander along Maranta Avenue towards Lower Palm Valley Road and you'll find yourself at the entrance of the National Orchid Garden. Opened in 1995, it houses more than 2,000 varieties of orchid hybrids and 1,000 varieties of orchid species. The VIP Orchid Naming

Programme started in 1956, and the first flower was named after Lady Anne Black, the British Governor's wife. Since then, more than 200 dignitaries (from over 90 sovereign states) have received VIP orchids.

7. MAKE LIKE A VIP AND FINISH OFF AT BURKILL HALL

While you're inside the National Orchid Garden, don't forget to

stop by Burkill Hall. This restored colonial house, which overlooks the garden, was constructed between 1867 and 1868. It is believed to be the only example of an Anglo-Malayan plantation-style building in the region. Plus, it's the oldest structure in SBG and currently serves as the VIP Orchid Exhibition Hall.

Singapore Botanic Gardens
1 Cluny Road
www.sbg.org.sg
☎ (65) 6471 7138
🕒 Botanic Gardens
Open 5am-midnight.



Eat



OPEN DOOR POLICY

Irresistible plates like the English breakfast with smoked pancetta and roast wagyu rump are on offer at chef Ryan Clift's popular brunch spot Open Door Policy. But what's even more tempting is their weekend Champagne deal: the first glass starts at the price of \$20, and each glass that follows is reduced by \$5. Essentially, you'll be paying a total of \$50 for five (or more) glasses of Champagne!

19 Yong Siak Street
www.odpsingapore.com
(65) 6221 9307
Tiong Bahru



ESQUINA

Started by renowned Michelin-starred chef Jason Atherton (who's trained with big names like Ferran Adrià and Gordon Ramsay), this cool tapas bar features innovative and modern Spanish small plates. On the menu, you'll find items like a saffron paella with pan-fried local fish and chorizo, sea urchin and crab bisque, and coconut panna cotta with mango sorbet and raw melon salad.

16 Jiak Chuan Road
www.esquina.com.sg
(65) 6222 1616
Outram Park



MASTER CRAB SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

Singaporeans certainly love their seafood, and this is especially true for crab. If you're looking for a great spot where the locals go to enjoy the freshest catch, head to this open-air coffee shop-style outlet for a dizzying array of crab creations. From the iconic chilli crab to other classics like crab *bee hoon* (thin rice noodles) and salted egg crab, you'll find them all in one place.

#01-229, 19 Ghim Moh Road
(65) 6314 1868
Buona Vista

Eat



GEYLANG LORONG 9 FRESH FROG PORRIDGE

Game for some smooth frog meat? This well-known joint offers chunks of frog legs in two variations – the spicy version is cooked in dried chilli and dark sweet soya sauce, while the sweet, non-spicy version has ginger and spring onions. Order a bowl or two of piping hot porridge to go with your main dish for a real treat your taste buds won't forget.

New Lai Lai Hong Yun Food Centre
235 Geylang Road
(65) 8136 9858
Kallang



THE BEDOK MARKETPLACE

For a hawker experience like no other, head to the hip Bedok Marketplace. Here, stalls are designed to look like mini shophouses, and local favourites like chicken rice, *roti prata* (Indian flat bread), and *laksa* (spicy coconut-based noodle soup) are replaced with modern food concepts that serve dishes such as yakitori (The Burning Oak, #02-16), meatballs (Ballistic, #02-02/03), and pies.

348 Bedok Road
www.thebedokmarketplace.com.sg
Tanah Merah



SOI 60 THAI

Helmed by award-winning chef Martin Boetz (formerly of Sydney's Longrain Restaurant & Bar), Soi 60 brings a fresh taste of Thailand to the bustling foodie haven that is Robertson Quay. Dig into Chef Boetz's contemporary creations like crispy duck pancake, grass-fed sirloin steak salad, and a bowl of tantalising Panaeng beef rib curry with peanuts and basil. Be sure to finish your meal with one of Soi 60's refreshing Thai-inspired cocktails!

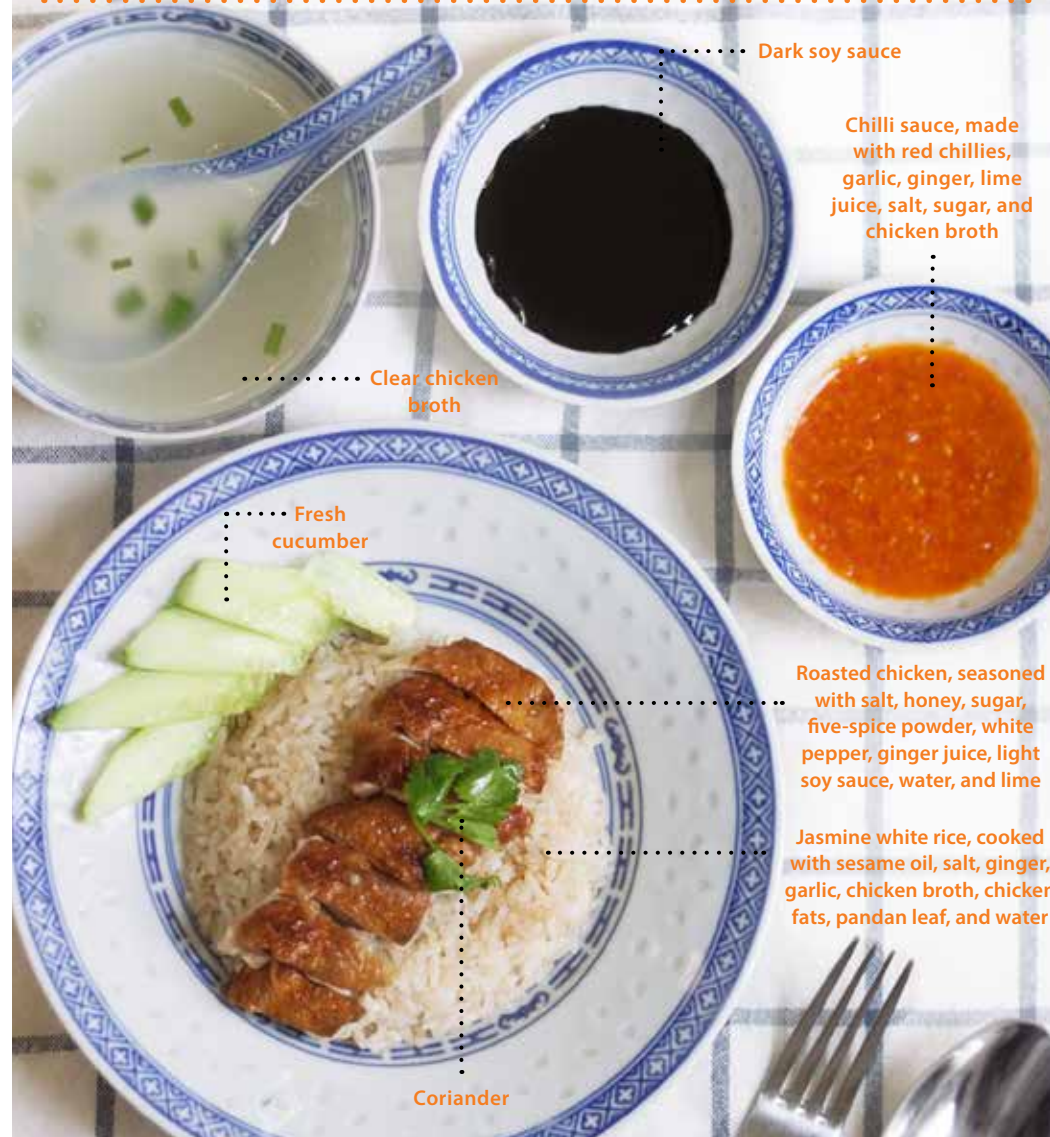
#01-04, 60 Robertson Quay
www.soi60.com.sg
(65) 6635 6675
Clarke Quay

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DISHES DECONSTRUCTED

Hainanese Chicken Rice

NOM!

One of Singapore's national dish, which comes complete with bite-sized roasted or poached chicken pieces, fragrant rice, and a spicy chilli and ginger paste, is a common sight in hawker centres, restaurants and even hotels across the country. For a taste of this Hainan-originated meal, pop by the famed **Tian Tian Chicken Rice** (#01-10/11 Maxwell Food Centre), or visit **Boon Tong Kee** (425 River Valley Road). For more chicken rice specialists, visit thehoneycombers.com/chickenrice.



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DISH IT UP

Bruno Ménard



CELEBRATED FRENCH CHEF BRUNO MÉNARD, THE FIRST MICHELIN-STARRED CHEF TO BE BASED IN SINGAPORE, TELLS US WHERE TO GO FOR A DOSE OF NATURE, AND HOW STOKED HE IS ON BEING A JUDGE IN LIFETIME'S MASTERCHEF ASIA.

I'm definitely proud... to be part of the first ever MasterChef Asia. I'm looking forward to an exciting series with fantastic and delicious cooking by contestants from all across Asia, as well as the emotions that come with it.

To me, cooking... is a form of communication – a universal language in the kitchen that binds people together no matter where they're from and what language they speak.

A MasterChef has... a basic level of cooking skills and technique, determination, flair, and - most importantly – humility and passion. Food always tastes better when cooked with love.

Singapore has been... extremely welcoming to my family and I. The city is beautiful and green; I feel great everywhere I go; and the diversity of cultures brings through so many colours and flavours. Geographically, Singapore is also a perfect location for me to take up residence, especially since I travel across Asia frequently for work.

When in Singapore... head to Orchard Road for the shopping – it is world class! I also enjoy going

to Dempsey and Singapore Botanic Gardens.

In my free time... I take my bicycle out for a spin along the North Eastern Riverine Loop cycling trail, which links to four nearby parks including the Punggol Waterway Park from where I live – in Serangoon. It's relaxing, quiet and beautiful, with lots of great food available along the way.

My favourite Singaporean dish is... laksa! The flavour, the spiciness and the otah (grilled fish cake) that goes along with it are the true tastes of Singapore to me.

I can definitely see... an evolution in gastronomy that has taken place here. Singapore is at a fantastic crossroad of cultures – from Chinese to Indian, Malaysian and Indonesian. The result is an explosion of flavours not just from heritage-rich street food, but also from innovative local talents, big-name brands, and celebrity chefs.

Catch Bruno Ménard in MasterChef Asia from 3 September, Thursdays at 9pm, exclusively on Lifetime Asia (StarHub TV Ch 514).

Drink



HOUSE OF DANDY

A bar after our own heart, House of Dandy encapsulates the opulence of the roaring twenties perfectly with its slick interior – think Oscar Wilde's quotes scrawled on the walls, Tom Dixon designers lamps, and British Airforce Spitfires-inspired chairs – and an extensive whiskey list. Not big on single malts? There is a range of boutique spirits, classic cocktails, and cigars, which are just as delightful.

74 Tras Street
www.facebook.com/houseofdandy
☎ (65) 8661 2340
📍 Tanjong Pagar



THE BEAST

Chicken and waffles, pulled pork hash, freshly-baked cornbread, a mac and cheese burger – these are just some of the amazing Southern treats you can feast on at The Beast, a bourbon bar located in the hip Kampong Glam precinct. They also do brunch on Sundays; don't miss out on the bacon maple-glazed donut and the signature sweet tea!

17 Jalan Klapa
www.thebeast.sg
☎ (65) 6295 0017
📍 Bugis



SUM YI TAI

Housed in a heritage shophouse, this restaurant-bar follows a retro 1980s Hong Kong theme. Chinese tapas – like crispy roast pork and XO carrot cake – is served on the ground floor, a dining club (there's a private dining room as well) is located on the second floor, and on the third you'll find a private rooftop bar – which can only be accessed if you have an invitation or a reservation.

25 Boon Tat Street
www.sumyitai.com
☎ (65) 6221 3665
📍 Telok Ayer

Drink



THE LIBRARY

Only folks who know the password of the week are allowed past the secret doors of this speakeasy, which are disguised as a large bookshelf. You'll be greeted by dim lights and a sleek copper bar top when you enter. The drinks are fun (smooth, too), and served in unique glasses, like a little bathtub in the case of the Shrub-A-Dub-Dub cocktail. Psst... you can cheat and get the password from neighbouring British-style bistro, The Study.

47 Keong Saik Road
www.the-study.sg
☎ (65) 6221 8338
📍 Outram Park



1-ALTITUDE

Elevate yourself up and away from the bustle of the Central Business District (CBD) at the city's tallest bar. Standing at 282 metres above sea level, this three-in-one venue houses a fully alfresco bar (that's 1-Altitude), award-winning restaurant Stellar, and dance club Altimate. Between 6pm and 8pm, head up to the highest level for a glorious sundown soiree that's filled with summery cocktails, jazzy beats, and, of course, a killer view to boot.

Level 61, 1 Raffles Place
www.1-altitude.com
☎ (65) 6438 0410
📍 Raffles Place



NEON PIGEON

Everything about this modern Japanese hangout spells hip, from the graffiti mural walls to quirky ninja cocktail glasses. On the menu, you'll find Asian-inspired sharing plates like tsukune sliders, miso roasted pumpkin rice, and even soup like the Hokkaido buttered corn broth with oxtail. Drink-wise, go ahead and challenge the bartenders to craft something to your liking, or order one of their cocktails, such as Harajuku Girl – a mix of Fords Gin, Fee Brothers plum bitters and shisho leaf.

1 Keong Saik Road
www.neonpigeonsg.com
☎ (65) 6222 3623
📍 Outram Park

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#LIKEALOCAL
Speak Singlish

CHOPE

To reserve a place or call dibs on something
"Can you chope a seat for me?"

BOLEH

A Malay word for "can", or "possible"
"You check on the movie timings and I'll handle the bookings. Boleh?"

LAH

A suffix used to place emphasis on the sentence or word before
"Don't worry about it lah!"

KIASU

A fiercely competitive spirit
"She queued for four hours to get the latest iPhone – so kiasu!"

SHIOK

Fantastic, or to convey feelings of satisfaction and pleasure
"This plate of chicken rice is damn shioik."

ALAMAK

The Singlish equivalent of "Oh my gosh", or "Oh man"
"Alamak! Tickets for the concert are all sold out!"

DON'T BLAME US IF YOU GET FUNNY LOOKS WHEN USING THESE PHRASES IN FRONT OF A SINGAPOREAN!

Types of kueh (aka bite-sized snacks or dessert foods)

1. TUTU KUEH

Steamed rice flour cakes filled with sugared ground peanuts, or a combination of *gula melaka* (palm sugar) and shredded coconut

3. CHWEE KUEH

Steamed rice cakes topped with diced preserved radish and chilli sauce

5. ANG KU KUEH

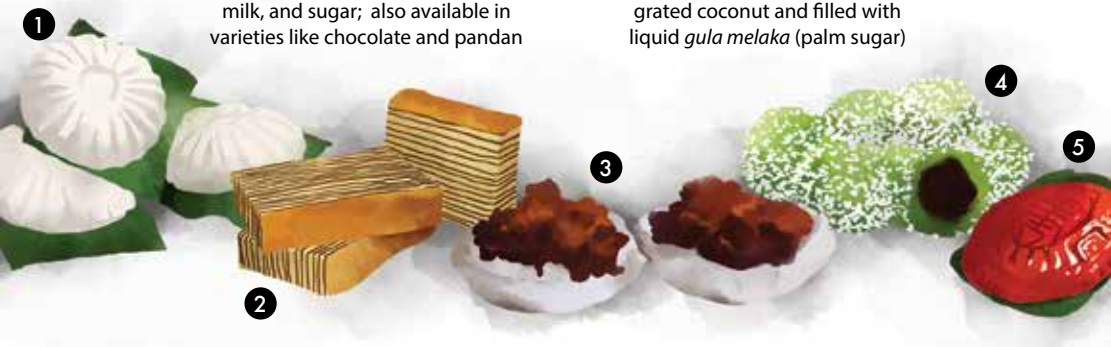
Soft and round glutinous rice cakes with a sweet filling, usually mung bean or peanut paste

2. KUEH LAPIS

A sweet layered cake primarily made from rice flour, coconut milk, and sugar; also available in varieties like chocolate and pandan

4. ONDEH ONDEH

Boiled rice cakes – typically round and green in colour – coated with grated coconut and filled with liquid *gula melaka* (palm sugar)



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SHOPPING
Marina Bay

No shopping jaunt would be complete without a visit to the Marina Bay area. With upscale malls at every turn and a slew of shopping deals to be had, your retail therapy session starts here.



1. CAPITOL PIAZZA

It doesn't get more chic than Capitol Piazza; the new mall boasts Art Deco interiors, a host of world-class dining options, and upscale boutiques like **Marimekko**, **max.tan**, and **Benjamin Barker**.

13 Stamford Road
www.capitolpiazza.com
(65) 6499 5599
City Hall

2. RAFFLES CITY

Ready to shop 'til you drop? Hit the stores of this bustling mall for the latest fashion collections at **Robinsons**, **Shanghai Tang**, **Jack Wills**, and **Charles & Keith**.

252 North Bridge Road
www.rafflescity.com.sg
(65) 6318 0238
City Hall

3. SUNTEC CITY

With over 120 retail stores spread across four shopping zones, the sprawling Suntec City is a one-stop shop for all visitors. Be sure to check out **H&M**, **Uniqlo**, and other high street labels.

3 Temasek Boulevard
www.sunteccity.com.sg
(65) 6822 1537/6822 0118
City Hall

4. MILLENIA WALK

Marvel at the sky-high ceilings of Millenia Walk while you shop at hip home décor stores such as **Dreamweave & other stories** and **Grafunkt** plus local fashion labels like **Ed Et Al** and **Déjà Vu Vintage**.

9 Raffles Boulevard
www.milleniawalk.com
(65) 6883 1122
City Hall

5. MARINA SQUARE

A crowd favourite with locals and visitors alike, Marina Square is where you can shop, eat, and play under one roof. Must-visits include **ZARA**, **Massimo Dutti**, **Lacoste**, and **Daniel Yam**.

6 Raffles Boulevard
www.marinasquare.com.sg
(65) 6335 2627
City Hall

6. MARINA BAY SANDS

With stunning waterfront views and a plethora of luxury brands, The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands is undoubtedly the swankiest mall of them all. Choose from the likes of **Burberry**, **Hermès**, and **Louis Vuitton**.

10 Bayfront Avenue
www.marinabaysands.com
(65) 6688 6888
Bayfront

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28 SHOPPING *Souvenirs*

BRING HOME A PIECE OF SINGAPORE WITH THESE FIVE MUST-HAVE LOCAL SOUVENIRS

1. CARRIE K. JEWELLERY

Equal parts playful, innovative, and provocative, Carrie K. certainly isn't your average jewellery label. Handcrafted by designer Carolyn Kan, each of these avant-garde baubles, like the Razor Cuff and Forget Me Knot Cufflinks, will make stylish additions to your jewellery collection.

TANGS Orchard
310 Orchard Road
www.tangs.com
(65) 6737 5509
Orchard

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3. CODE DECO PERFUME

Can't find your perfect fragrance at Duty Free? Code Deco's line of artisanal scents, which range from fresh, florals and masculine musks to sensual scents inspired by exotic, far-flung destinations, may be your answer. The local perfumery also creates bespoke fragrances that are customised to your tastes.

PACT
#02-22 Orchard Central
181 Orchard Road
www.codedeco.com.sg
(65) 9627 7885
Somerset

4. CHOO YILIN JEWELLERY

Icons of Singapore's rich heritage get a modern update, thanks to this homegrown jeweller. Feast your eyes on the selection of luxurious Peranakan-inspired baubles, which feature a stunning mix of vibrant gemstones, intricate metalwork, and feminine accents.

331 Joo Chiat Road
www.chooyilin.com
(65) 6348 1010
Eunos

2. SILKSCREEN TOTE BAG

These quirky silkscreened bags, made by the creative folks at hip multi-label store The General Company, hark back to the good ol' times with their whimsical illustrations of old school snacks such as kueh lapis and ang ku kueh.

The General Company
150A Tyrwhitt Road
www.thegeneralco.sg
(65) 8444 5589
Lavender

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5. TWG HERITAGE TEA SET

Celebrate Singapore's Golden Jubilee in true style with TWG's luxury limited-edition tea set. Comprising two specially blended teas – the Legacy and Jubilee Tea – the set features distinctly local flavours like Chinese oolong, lychee, and spicy ginger.

TWG
#02-21 ION Orchard
2 Orchard Turn
www.twgtea.com
(65) 6735 1837
Orchard

29 SHOPPING *Buy Local*

KEEPERS: SINGAPORE DESIGNER COLLECTIVE

This painfully cool pop-up space along Orchard Road puts together some of Singapore's best design talents under one roof. Look forward to a curated mix of fashion and home accessories from the likes of Dzojchen, Carrie K., and In Good Company. No time to visit the Orchard Road outlet? Stop by KEEPERS' second pop-up store at Changi Airport (#02-K25 Departure/Transit Lounge East, Terminal 1) for stylish, travel-friendly pieces like jewellery, pashmina scarves, and leather bags.

Orchard Green (Junction of Cairnhill Road and Orchard Road)
www.keepers.com.sg
(65) 8299 7109
Somerset

Local artisans' market

BENJAMIN BARKER

For the best of dapper menswear, Benjamin Barker is the name to remember. Suit-makers by trade, this local gentlemen's outfitters is a cut above the rest. It offers an unbridled selection of sharply-tailored suits, bespoke shirts, custom-made leather brogues, and handsome accessories that even the ladies might be tempted by.

#03-01 Orchard Cineleisure, 8 Grange Road
www.benjaminbarker.myshopify.com
(65) 6281 1521
Somerset

Suits for the gentleman

EXHIBIT

Adding a dose of high-end chic to trendy one-stop-shops at Far East Plaza is exhibit, an emerging women's label by streetstyle star and fashion maven, Yoyo Cao. Shop the racks of the beautifully-appointed boutique for runway-ready pieces including luxe leather jackets, menswear-inspired suits, edgy accessories, and footwear – that take minimalist-chic to the next level.

#04-115 Far East Plaza, 14 Scotts Road
www.exhibitstore.co
(65) 6737 9708
Orchard

Runway-ready fashion

Best day
ever



1. VISIT A DAIRY FARM

Hay Diaries has over 1,000 goats of different breeds, such as Alpine goats from Minnesota. Swing by before 10.30am to catch the milking process.

3 Lim Chu Kang Lane 4
www.haydairies.com.sg
 ☎ (65) 6792 0931
 🚗 Choa Chu Kang

2. GET A DOSE OF FELINE-LOVIN'

Cuddle up to a clowder of 13 adorable kitties – lovingly-rescued by owners Sue Lynn and Sam at cat café Neko No Niwa. The cosy spot is also bestowed with a great view of the Singapore River, and serves yummy ice cream cookies.

Neko No Niwa
 Level 2, 54A Boat Quay
www.catcafe.com.sg
 ☎ (65) 6536 5319
 🚗 Raffles Place

3. SPEND A DAY IN PULAU UBIN

Hop on a bumboat at Changi Point Ferry Terminal and head to the neighbouring island of Pulau Ubin. Explore the island on a rented bike, admire abundant wildlife at Chek Jawa Wetlands, and step back in time to spot Singapore's last remaining *kampongs* (Malay hamlets or villages).

Pulau Ubin, Singapore

4. DISCOVER SINGAPOREAN LIFE

Look deep into the lives of locals at Once Upon This Island, a specially curated art exhibition

31 FAMILY FUN

that explores the amazing stories of people living in contemporary Singapore.

Singapore Art Museum
 71 Bras Basah Road
www.singaporeartmuseum.sg
 ☎ (65) 6589 9580
 🚗 Bras Basah

5. WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Get up close and personal with fascinating nocturnal animals on a guided tram at the world's first Night Safari. Keep your eyes open for free-range animals wandering around the park!

Night Safari
 80 Mandai Lake Road
www.nightsafari.com.sg
 ☎ (65) 6269 3411
 🚗 Choa Chu Kang + connecting bus service 927

6. KICKSTART YOUR CAREER

Suitable for those aged four to 14, Kidzania is a new educational theme park that lets children experience over 80 different real-life scenarios, including working in a replica newsroom as a journalist.

Siloso Beach View
www.kidzania.com.sg
 ☎ (65) 6653 6888
 🚗 HarbourFront

7. TAKE THE FUN OFFSHORE

Experience island life at its best with the SG50 Tourist Package and visit world-class entertainment options like Madame Tussauds, and the Merlion. The package includes a

free child's ticket for every two paying adults.

Sentosa Island
www.sentosa.com.sg
 ☎ (65) 6736 8672
 🚗 HarbourFront

8. BE ONE WITH NATURE

Good news! If you're heading to the conservatories, one child enters free with every two adult tickets purchased (\$28 each for entry to both conservatories). Then, run free and play at Garden's by the Bay's Children's Garden.

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

9. REACH FOR THE SKY

Marvel at the panoramic views of Marina Bay, the Central Business District and beyond from the world's second-tallest Ferris wheel. Kids fly free with every two adult Singapore Sling or Cocktail Flights purchases.

Singapore Flyer
 30 Raffles Avenue
www.singaporeflyer.com
 ☎ (65) 6333 3311
 🚗 Promenade

10. SET SAIL

Jump on board a remodelled WWII Vietnamese war craft and explore Singapore on land and sea with DUCKtours. One child gets a free ticket with every two adult tickets purchased.

DUCKtours
 #01-330, Suntec City
 3 Temasek Boulevard
www.ducktours.com.sg
 ☎ (65) 6338 6877
 🚗 Esplanade

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Practical apps

Available for download on App Store and Google Play



BURPPLE

A restaurant and food app that guides you to places recommended by locals.



TRIP ADVISOR

Read millions of travel reviews on the best places to eat, sleep, shop and play.



sPARKS

Get directions to Singapore's parks as well as information on events and activities.



iCHANGI

Get information on flight times, departure gates as well as shopping and dining.

GST REFUNDS



To enjoy the 7 percent Goods and Services Tax (GST) refunds paid on your purchases under the **Tourist Tax Refund Scheme**, you must make at least S\$100 worth of purchases from participating outlets. Such shops will display a 'Tax Refund' logo or a Global Blue 'Tax Free Shopping' logo. On your day of departure from **Singapore Changi Airport**, proceed to the Tax Refund Counter and present your purchases together with the tax claim forms for customs inspection. Take note that Customs will not process the tax claim forms if the goods are not presented for inspection. For more information, please log on to the Tourist Refund Scheme page on the **Singapore Customs** website at www.customs.gov.sg.

eTRS TAX FREE



Skip the queues and file your GST claims at the **eTRS** self-help kiosk at Changi Airport before you fly! All you need to do is shop at places that display the eTRS sign and use one credit card as a Token for tagging your purchases. Tourists departing on international cruises from Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore and the International Passenger Terminal at HarbourFront Centre may also qualify for tax refund. Log on to www.iras.gov.sg for more information.

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www.thehoneycombers.com