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## Islamic restaurant

"Triple As! Authentic, Atmospheric & Affordable"



Reviewed December 2015

## Sultan Mosque

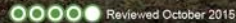
"Spectacular Architecture"



Reviewed December 2015

## Malay Heritage Centre

"Good for some history"



Reviewed October 2015

## Mrs Pho

"Authentic Vietnamese Pho"



Reviewed January 2016

## Haji Lane

"Funky and Trendy"



Reviewed January 2016

## Maison Ikkoku

"A wonderful café"



Reviewed September 2015

## Ready, set, shop!

Shopping is one of Singapore's national pastimes, and you couldn't have picked a better time to be here in this amazing city if you're looking to nab some great deals. Score the latest Spring/Summer goods at the annual Fashion Steps Out festival; discover emerging local and regional designers at trade fair Blueprint; or shop up a storm when The Great Singapore Sale (3 June to 14 August) rolls around.

At some point, you'll want to leave the shops and malls for authentic local experiences in Singapore. Well, that's where we come in – we've curated the best and latest of the city in this nifty booklet to make sure you'll never want to leave town.

Whether you have a week to deep dive or a weekend to scratch the surface, you'll discover Singapore's secrets at every turn. There are rich cultural experiences, stylish bars, innovative restaurants, authentic local hawkers, incredible landscapes and so much more.

Inside, you'll find a heap of handy guides – from neighbourhood trails to the best eats, drinks and events in Singapore – to help you make the best of your visit to this sunny island. And these aren't just our top picks: we've asked some of the city's tastemakers and experts to share their favourite haunts (and then some), so you'll never have a dull moment exploring this beautiful city we call home.

There's no rest for the wicked,

Chris

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# Transport

## TAXI

Fares start from \$3.00.



**SMRT Taxis**  
☎ (65) 6555 8888



**Premier Cabs**  
☎ (65) 6363 6888



**Comfort Taxis & CityCab**  
☎ (65) 6552 1111



## MRT

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

☎ (65) 1800 336 8900  
🌐 [www.smr.com.sg](http://www.smr.com.sg)



## BUS

Fares start from as low as 79 cents. Try to have the exact fare as bus drivers do not give change.

☎ (65) 1800 336 8900  
🌐 [www.sbstransit.com.sg](http://www.sbstransit.com.sg)  
🌐 [www.smr.com.sg](http://www.smr.com.sg)

# Language



English is the spoken language, though Singlish – a collection of colloquial catch phrases and lingo – dominates everyday conversations among locals (see page 15). Mandarin, Malay, Tamil and various dialects are also used.

# 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 per cent service charge and 7 per cent goods and services tax (GST).

# 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 [YourSingapore.com](http://YourSingapore.com) (under “Traveller Essentials”). For assistance or to flag inappropriate retailer behaviour, call 1800 736 2000 or email [feedback@stb.gov.sg](mailto:feedback@stb.gov.sg).

# Visitor Centres

## ORCHARD

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

📍 Somerset

Need recommendations on what to do or where to go? Come by the Singapore Visitor Centre and talk to our friendly Customer Service Officers. You can create a customized itinerary using our interactive kiosk, buy tickets to events and attractions, and surprise your loved ones with gifts from the largest range of locally designed souvenirs on Orchard Road!

## 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)

# Connectivity



Register for free public Wi-Fi service with your foreign mobile number at any Wireless@SG hotspots 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



Buy a Singapore prepaid SIM card from Singapore Visitor Centre (orchardgateway), Changi Recommends and telecommunication retail shops located at the airport, major shopping malls and convenience stores island-wide.

# April

GIVE YOUR GREY MATTER A LITTLE STIMULATION THIS MONTH! BE SURE TO MAKE TIME FOR AFFORDABLE ART FAIR SINGAPORE TO SEE SOME INTRIGUING WORK, EXPLORE A BUTTERFLY "JUNGLE" AT THE SCIENCE CENTRE, DISCOVER THE LATEST SPRING/SUMMER FASHION TRENDS, AND MORE. DON'T FORGET TO ENJOY SOME THRILLS BY SEEING THE WORLD'S TOP RUGBY PLAYERS IN ACTION!

## EXPLORING OUR WORLD'S HERITAGE EXHIBITION

How did Singapore Botanic Gardens earn its title as a UNESCO World Heritage Site? The answer is in this bi-yearly changing exhibition, which also features other iconic landmarks around the world.

📅 Until Nov 20  
📍 Singapore Botanic Gardens  
🌐 [www.sbg.org.sg](http://www.sbg.org.sg)  
📱 Botanic Gardens



Image credit: Orchard Road Business Association

## BUTTERFLIES: UP-CLOSE EXHIBITION

Be surrounded by fluttering butterflies from around the region at the Science Centre's latest indoor exhibition gallery, and gain deeper insights into their life cycle through fun and interactive exhibits.

📅 Mar onwards  
📍 Science Centre Singapore  
🌐 [www.science.edu.sg](http://www.science.edu.sg)  
📱 Jurong East

## SAMSUNG FASHION STEPS OUT 2016

The six-week fashion festival heralds the Spring/Summer season with plenty of lifestyle activities and events. What's more, be rewarded when you shop at Orchard Road with MasterCard! Visit the Fashion Steps Out website to find out more.

📅 Mar 25 to May 8  
📍 Orchard Road  
🌐 [www.orchardroad.org/fso/](http://www.orchardroad.org/fso/)  
📱 Orchard

## KIDZANIA SINGAPORE

Spanning over 81,000 square feet, this new indoor city challenges the little ones to think, work, play and feel like a grown-up with various role-play activities. The Singapore outpost is also the first KidZania in the world to have a full-wing fuselage of a Boeing 737!

📅 Apr onwards  
📍 31 Beach View, Sentosa Island  
🌐 [www.kidzania.com.sg](http://www.kidzania.com.sg)  
📱 HarbourFront



## GOURMET JAPAN 2016

Show your love for all things Japanese as this gastronomic festival returns for yet another exciting instalment. Take part in a multitude of gourmet activities such as themed dinners and culinary workshops.

📅 Apr to May  
📍 Various venues  
🌐 [www.gourmet-japan.com](http://www.gourmet-japan.com)



## UB40 FEAT. ALI CAMPBELL, MICKEY VIRTUE & ASTRO

Catch the original members of Britain's greatest reggae band, UB40 perform their hit singles like "Red Red Wine", "I can't help) Falling In Love With You" and many more live on the Singapore stage.

📅 Apr 2  
📍 MasterCard® Theatres at Marina Bay Sands®  
🌐 [www.livescape.asia](http://www.livescape.asia)  
📱 Bayfront



## HSBC WORLD RUGBY SINGAPORE SEVENS

The prestigious HSBC Sevens World Series returns to Singapore after a decade with 16 international teams battling it out for Rio qualification at the National Stadium. See page 10 for more info.

📅 Apr 16 to 17  
📍 National Stadium  
🌐 [www.singapore7s.sg](http://www.singapore7s.sg)  
📱 Stadium



## AFFORDABLE ART FAIR SINGAPORE

Join Singapore's most affordable and fun art fair at its yearly Spring/Autumn editions. Artworks on display include paintings, sculptures, prints and photographs starting from \$100 and costing no more than \$10,000.

📅 Apr 22 to 24  
📍 F1 Pit Building  
🌐 [www.affordableartfair.com/singapore](http://www.affordableartfair.com/singapore)  
📱 Promenade



## THE VORTEX BY SIR NOEL COWARD

Written by world-famous British playwright Sir Noel Coward, this stage production directed by acclaimed West End director Bob Tomson tells a tale of a socialite named Florence Lancaster (played by legendary Bond girl Jane Seymour), whose uninhibited lifestyle takes a turn for the worse when her son returns home from Paris.

📅 Apr 27 to May 15  
📍 Jubilee Hall Theatre, Raffles Hotel  
🌐 [www.britishtheatreplayhouse.com/vortex.html](http://www.britishtheatreplayhouse.com/vortex.html)  
📱 City Hall



## SINGAPORE HERITAGEFEST 2016

Delve deeper into Singapore's diverse culture and heritage through various engaging activities such as thoughtfully curated exhibitions, heritage trails, and cultural performances.

📅 Apr 29 to May 15  
📍 Various venues  
🌐 [www.heritagefest.sg](http://www.heritagefest.sg)



# May

LOOKS LIKE WE'LL BE HEADING TO THE THEATRES PRETTY FREQUENTLY THIS MONTH, AS THE THREE DEGREES, THE ILLUSIONISTS, LITTLE MIX, AND SONGS OF JACQUES BREL MAKE THEIR APPEARANCES ON STAGE. IF YOU'VE GOT LITTLE ONES IN TOW, KEEP THEM ENTERTAINED WITH CHILDREN'S SEASON AT SINGAPORE'S MUSEUMS, THE ISTANA OPEN HOUSE, AS WELL AS THE COLD STORAGE KIDS RUN. BE SURE TO ALSO POP INTO THE MASSIVE SINGAPORE FOOD EXPO 2016 FOR A LOCAL FEAST!

## ISTANA OPEN HOUSE

Set foot in the Istana - the official residence and office of the President of Singapore - during its open house and join the guided nature walk to learn more about the venue's beautiful flora and fauna.

- May 1
- The Istana
- [www.nparks.gov.sg/events](http://www.nparks.gov.sg/events)
- Dhoby Ghaut

## THE THREE DEGREES LIVE IN CONCERT

Spend an evening with Valerie Holiday, Helen Scott, and Freddie Pool as they bring their famous hits such as "When Will I See You Again" and slick dance routines to the Esplanade stage.

- May 2
- Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay
- [www.sistic.com.sg/events/three0516](http://www.sistic.com.sg/events/three0516)
- Esplanade



## FALLING BY PANGDEMONIUM

Local theatre company Pangdemonium's second production of the year follows the ups and downs of Tami and Bill, ordinary parents raising their two teenage kids - Lisa, a typical hot-headed 16 year-old; and Josh, an 18 year-old with autism. This emotional and enlightening family drama explores what it means to love unconditionally in the face of adversity.

- May 13 to 29
- DBS Arts Centre
- [www.pangdemonium.com](http://www.pangdemonium.com)
- Clarke Quay



## THE ILLUSIONISTS

Let The Illusionists, a troupe of world-famous magicians, amuse and amaze you with spellbinding tricks including levitation, mind-reading, and disappearance. The highlight? A heart-stopping full-view water torture escape.

- May 6 to 15
- MasterCard® Theatres at Marina Bay Sands®
- [www.baseentertainmentasia.com](http://www.baseentertainmentasia.com)
- Bayfront



## COLD STORAGE KIDS RUN 2016

If your family is keen to eat healthy and get active, sign everyone up for this fun run through Gardens by the Bay, complete with carnival activities for all to enjoy!

- May 22
- Gardens by the Bay
- [www.kidsrun.com.sg](http://www.kidsrun.com.sg)
- Bayfront



## LITTLE MIX, THE GET WEIRD TOUR 2016

British girl group Little Mix is taking on the Singapore stage with hit songs like "Wings" and "Little Me" from their two platinum albums, DNA and Salute.

- May 23
- The Star Performing Arts Centre
- [www.midaspromotions.com](http://www.midaspromotions.com)
- Buona Vista



## ASIAN FESTIVAL OF CHILDREN CONTENT 2016

If you love children's books and stories, this annual festival will tickle your fancy with its exciting line-up that includes a book fair, book illustrators showcase, title launches, conferences, masterclasses, performances, and more.

- May 25 to 29
- National Library, Singapore
- [afcc.com.sg](http://afcc.com.sg)
- Bugis



## JACQUES BREL IS ALIVE AND WELL AND LIVING IN PARIS

This off-Broadway musical revue of the songs of Jacques Brel, last staged in Singapore in 2008, returns to our shores with new features including video projections and innovative staging.

- May 26 to Jun 4
- SOTA Drama Theatre
- [www.singtheatre.com](http://www.singtheatre.com)
- Bras Basah



## SINGAPORE FOOD EXPO 2016

Eat your fill of local grub and the latest culinary creations at this enormous, four-day food fair that features more than 100 exhibitors.

- May 27 to 31
- Singapore Expo Hall 4
- [www.singaporefoodexpo.org.sg](http://www.singaporefoodexpo.org.sg)
- Expo



## CHILDREN'S SEASON 2016

Discover Singapore's heritage, art, culture, science, and everyday life as you chase down some fun at the ninth Children's Season. Look forward to delightful exhibitions and interactive activities, such as *Masak Masak* at the National Museum and *Shaking It With Shakespeare* at the Singapore Philatelic Museum!

- May 28 to Jun 26
- Various venues
- [www.museums.com.sg/cs16](http://www.museums.com.sg/cs16)

# June

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? IT'S ALREADY JUNE! BEFORE THE NEXT HALF OF THE YEAR ROLLS AROUND, WE SAY TREAT YOURSELF TO DOING THE THINGS YOU LOVE THE MOST, WHETHER IT'S CATCHING A MUSICAL (OR TWO), EXPERIENCING WILDLIFE IN SINGAPORE, DRINKING PLENTY OF GOOD COFFEE, OR SHOPPING YOUR HEART OUT AT THE ANNUAL CITY-WIDE SALE. WHO SAYS YOU CAN'T HAVE IT ALL?

## CAMERON MACKINTOSH'S LES MISÉRABLES

Legendary theatrical producer Cameron Mackintosh has given his renowned Broadway musical an updated stage set, re-orchestrated score, and reimagined scenery in this new production.

📅 May 31 to Jul 17  
📍 Esplanade Theatre  
🌐 [www.lesmis.com/singapore](http://www.lesmis.com/singapore)  
📺 Esplanade



## THE GREAT SINGAPORE SALE

Ready your wallets for eight weeks of incredible shopping deals on everything from fashion and beauty to food and technology during this annual city-wide sale.

📅 Jun 3 to Aug 14  
📍 Various venues  
🌐 [www.greatsingaporesale.com.sg](http://www.greatsingaporesale.com.sg)

## GENERATIONS OF FUN

Jurong Bird Park is celebrating its 45th anniversary with a walk down memory lane – in the form of a nostalgic rendition of the renowned High Flyers Show, family-bonding activities, and plenty of learning opportunities!

📅 Jun 4 to 26  
📍 Jurong Bird Park  
🌐 [www.birdpark.com.sg](http://www.birdpark.com.sg)  
📺 Boon Lay + connecting bus service 194



## SHREK THE MUSICAL

Catch the world's most loveable ogre live on stage in this musical adaption of the Oscar®-winning DreamWorks Animation film. Root for Shrek and Donkey as they outdo a dozen fairytale misfits in their mission to save Princess Fiona.

📅 Jun 8 to 19  
📍 MasterCard® Theatres at Marina Bay Sands®  
🌐 [www.baseentertainmentasia.com](http://www.baseentertainmentasia.com)  
📺 Bayfront



## GHOST WRITER

Don't miss this brand new interdisciplinary theatre production by The Necessary Stage that traces the lives of characters intertwined by blood and ties that bind – and suffocate.

📅 Jun 9 to 12  
📍 Esplanade Theatre Studio  
🌐 [www.necessary.org](http://www.necessary.org)  
📺 Esplanade



## SINGAPORE COFFEE FESTIVAL

Coffee obsessives, clear your schedule for Singapore's first coffee festival. You'll get to sip (or gulp, if you like) the world's top coffee roasts, learn more about local brews, taste some decent grub, and be entertained by live acts while you get your caffeine fix at the four-day event.

📅 Jun 9 to 12  
📍 F1 Pit Building  
🌐 [www.singaporecoffeefestival.sg](http://www.singaporecoffeefestival.sg)  
📺 Promenade



## BEERFEST ASIA® 2016 WITH UOB CARDS

Get your beer goggles ready for the return of this annual four-day showcase, which features a mind-boggling parade of over 500 kinds of beers and spirits alongside live entertainment.

📅 Jun 16 to 19  
📍 Marina Promenade  
🌐 [www.beerfestasia.com](http://www.beerfestasia.com)  
📺 Promenade

## HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS: A BANDSTAND MUSIC SERIES

Have a romantic picnic with your loved ones at the Singapore Botanic Gardens and be serenaded by local bands performing soulful tunes.

📅 Jun 18  
📍 Singapore Botanic Gardens  
🌐 [www.sbg.org.sg](http://www.sbg.org.sg)  
📺 Botanic Gardens



## THE O.P.E.N.

Short for Open, Participate, Engage, Negotiate, this pre-festival of ideas delves deep into the theme of the Singapore International Festival of Arts (SIFA, 11 August to 17 September) through five platforms - O.P.E.N. films, O.P.E.N. exhibitions, O.P.E.N. concerts, O.P.E.N. salons and O.P.E.N. performances.

📅 Jun 23 to Jul 9  
📍 Various venues  
🌐 [www.sifa.sg](http://www.sifa.sg)



## BAYBEATS 2016

Rock out to electrifying homegrown acts and international artists at Singapore's very own alternative music festival.

📅 Jun 24 to 26  
📍 Esplanade  
🌐 [www.baybeats.com](http://www.baybeats.com)  
📺 Esplanade



## Don't miss HSBC World Rugby Singapore Sevens

Rugby devotees, rejoice! As well as hosting the high-profile Singapore Grand Prix and WTA Finals, Singapore is all set for the return of the **HSBC World Rugby Singapore Sevens** from 16 to 17 April 2016 after a decade-long hiatus. Never experienced a Sevens tournament? Well, get ready to rock, ruck and rumble as the world's top players crash and tackle their way to the try line at the National Stadium.

Singapore is the eighth leg of the HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series, joining Dubai, Cape Town, Wellington, Sydney, Las Vegas, Vancouver, Hong Kong, Paris, and London as host cities. In each leg, 15 core teams and one wild-card team will compete in as many as

45 gripping matches. The stakes are even higher this year: players are also battling for a spot in the 2016 Rio Olympics for the first time. Expect a boisterous weekend of non-stop rugby action as you watch current champions Fiji defend its title against crowd-favourites such as Australia, England, 12-time Seven Series champion New Zealand and wild-card Japan.

There's more to be had in and around the stadium apart from the exciting games. Flaunt your fanciest costumes at the bustling carnival, and enjoy excellent food and drink options, live music performances, and other fun-filled activities with your friends and family. Don't miss the slew of family-friendly events at Sentosa during the Singapore Sevens, too!

Come nightfall, head to the Clarke Quay After 7s Music Festival, where local music talents and regional bands get your heart pumping with high-energy performances. Ticket holders also enjoy exclusive offers at some of Clarke Quay's popular outlets.

Standard tickets start from \$50 for free seating and are available at [www.sportshubtix.sg](http://www.sportshubtix.sg), Singapore Indoor Stadium Box Office, all SingPost outlets, as well as via the ticketing hotline at (65) 3158 7888.

For more information, visit [www.YourSingapore.com/singapore7s](http://www.YourSingapore.com/singapore7s)



HSBC World Rugby Singapore Sevens

## Exposé Fashion Steps Out



Image credit: Orchard Road Business Association

You know Spring/Summer has arrived when Orchard Road, Singapore's famous shopping belt, buzzes with exciting events, shopping promotions and designer showcases as part of Fashion Steps Out (FSO). Save the dates: the annual six-week-long fashion extravaganza is happening from 25 March and 8 May this year.

Keen to see more beyond what's in the stores? Check out The Style Challenge exhibition by local design

schools that showcases fashion-forward creations based on the festival's themes.

Think knitting is for grandmothers? A large-scale knitting project conceptualised by crafter Adeline Loo of It Takes Balls will change your mind, and anyone can join at participating malls to weave a knit. Find out how you can catch her in action and other fringe activities happening along Orchard Road with the OneOrchard mobile app!

Of course, no fashion festival is ever complete without great deals within the malls and shops on Orchard Road. MasterCard holders (locals and tourists both), receive \$30 worth of shopping vouchers when you spend \$300 on your card. Plus, tourists stand a chance to win the grand prize, a 'Priceless Experience in Orchard Road', at the end of the event in May. Happy shopping!

For more information, visit [www.orchardroad.org/fso](http://www.orchardroad.org/fso)





Edmond Wong at Kim Choo Kueh Chang  
on East Coast Road

## Culture Insider *Edmond Wong*

NOT MANY FAMILY BUSINESSES SURVIVE INTO THE THIRD GENERATION, BUT THE OWNERS OF KIM CHOO KUEH CHANG, A TRADITIONAL RICE DUMPLING AND SNACKS SPECIALIST, HAVE BEATEN THE ODDS TO CONTINUE THE LEGACY. WE DIVE DEEP INTO THE PERANAKAN CULTURE WITH ITS CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR) DIRECTOR.



A traditional Nyonya dressing table



Nyonya rice dumplings

### The story of Kim Choo Kueh Chang...

began with my grandmother, Lee Kim Choo, who first sold Nyonya (Straits-Chinese Peranakan woman) rice dumplings under a banyan tree along Joo Chiat Place. My father, the eldest in his family, later took over the helm of the business together with my mother. My brothers and I are now continuing the family's legacy.

### Kim Choo Kueh Chang today...

isn't just a place for rice dumplings and Peranakan snacks. We do customisations of *sarong kebaya* and *batik* (traditional Peranakan costumes), wholesaling of Peranakan porcelain, and hold guided tours, talks, and workshops to promote our Nanyang-Peranakan heritage.

### Contrary to popular belief...

Peranakans are not linked to a particular race, nor are they people who inherited the bloodline. The word "Peranakan" literally means "locally born descendants of foreigners". It is very much about the marriage of different cultures, and not about the marriage of two different races.

### Did you know...

that pineapple tarts are also eaten and shared during Hari Raya, Diwali, Easter, and Christmas – not just during Chinese New Year?

These sweet, bite-sized pastries are a distinctive Peranakan snack.

### I have lived...

in Katong and Joo Chiat my whole life. I have fond memories of my childhood, where I would play in mud, climb trees, and shoot marbles with my neighbours in the *kampung* (village).

### I love that...

the Katong-Joo Chiat neighbourhood has a harmonious charm. Here, different religious buildings are located in close proximity. You'll also find narrow roads with no names. It's also where you can find Mempat trees, a Southeast-Asian plant that bears small pink flowers that resemble cherry blossoms sometime in February and August.

### Singapore has plenty of...

cultural hidden gems. Bukit Brown tells much of our untold story; and Jalan Bahar is home to the last two dragon kilns in Singapore. These places in our Little Red Dot give us a glimpse into our past, and how different cultures come together in a rapid and harmonious manner for prosperity.

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Eunos



Traditional Peranakan bridal bed



# Unbelievable Tours

LOOKING TO EXPERIENCE A DAY TRIP WITH A DIFFERENCE? THESE BRILLIANT TOURS AROUND THE GEYLANG PRECINCT SHOW YOU THE ALTERNATIVE SIDES OF SINGAPORE.

Historic architecture, cultural diversity, and cult-status eateries are accolades not commonly associated with Singapore's Geylang district – which is frequently written off as the island's infamous nightlife zone. But take a stroll through the meandering lanes and bustling back alleys of this unique enclave, and you'll find a buzzing hub filled with colourful shophouses, mosques, temples, bars and more that put Geylang firmly on the must-visit tourist trail.

With a rich history steeped in multicultural migration, the Geylang of today is a melting pot of ethnicities and religions. And unlike the rest of the island, it remains largely untouched by urban redevelopment; if you're looking for a slice of old school authentic Singapore charm, you'll likely find it here. And we say it's high time to delve into this unique neighbourhood through a series of brilliant immersive local tours. During the four-hour Betel Box **Sins and Salvation: a Geylang Food Walk**, a loquacious guide will not only shed light on the area's diverse

history, new migrant communities, religions and after-hours activities, but will also encourage you to eat your way around the district. Highlighting the juxtaposition that defines Geylang, you'll find yourself passing massage parlours one second, and beautiful temples the next.

Meanwhile, the Betel Box **Kampung Geylang Serai Uncovered** tour takes you straight to the heart of one of Singapore's oldest Malay enclaves. Discover the past and present of the neighbourhood as you make your way from Geylang Serai Market & Food Centre to Joo Chiat Road. Sample traditional street food while experiencing the culture, trades and crafts of Singapore's Malay community. Look out for the bird-singing corner, where elders with prized birds in cages compete to see which feathered friend is the most tuneful. Talk about going off the beaten path!

Also famed for its durian shops, a trip to Geylang wouldn't be complete without a taste of the pungent king of fruit itself – an experience that Karni Torner of Vwok 'n' Stroll claims to be the "ultimate foodie courage test". Try it for yourself during her **Beguiling Geylang** food tour through authentic hawker centres and illuminated night markets. This three-hour night crawl will expose you to other local delicacies including dim sum, turtle soup, black herbal tea, and more. Brace yourself, and your tastebuds!



Hectic by day and night, it's also a must visit for those keen to explore a totally unique side to the city. Uncover the neighbourhood's interesting past, and multi-faceted present with the **Secrets of the Red Lantern™: A Chinatown & Geylang Night Tour**; first you'll take in the buzz of Chinatown – famed for its back alley opium and gambling dens in the 19th century – before a jaunt around Geylang. It's an eye-opening experience brimming with tales of vice and tragedy; not for the faint of heart, nor the kids!

**Sins and Salvation: A Geylang Food Walk**  
☎ (65) 6247 7340  
🌐 [www.betelboxtours.com](http://www.betelboxtours.com)

**Kampung Geylang Serai Uncovered**  
☎ (65) 6247 7340  
🌐 [www.betelboxtours.com](http://www.betelboxtours.com)

**Beguiling Geylang**  
☎ (65) 8338 3571  
🌐 [www.vwoknroll.com.sg](http://www.vwoknroll.com.sg)

**Secrets of the Red Lantern™: A Chinatown & Geylang Night Tour**  
☎ (65) 6325 1631  
🌐 [www.journeys.com.sg](http://www.journeys.com.sg)



# Singlish, explained

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

*Aiyoh*

An expression of surprise, and/or annoyance  
"Aiyoh, why is the bus taking so long to arrive?"

*Lah*

A suffix used to place emphasis on the sentence; used to express certainty  
"Don't worry about it lah!"

*Chope*

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

*Paiseh*

A Hokkien term for embarrassing and shy  
"Paiseh – can you lend me some cash?"

*Tapao*

The Singlish equivalent of takeaway  
"I'm going to *tapao* lunch from the hawker centre."

*Shiok*

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

## Order your local drinks

**KOPI**  
Coffee with condensed milk



**BANDUNG**  
Rose cordial syrup with water and evaporated milk



**MILO DINOSAUR**  
Milo, a chocolate milk drink served with ice and topped with Milo powder



**TEH TARIK**  
Frothy hot milk tea made by pouring and "pulling" the beverage between two vessels from a height

**CHENDOL**

A dessert drink consisting of coconut milk, green-coloured rice flour jelly, red beans, shaved ice and palm sugar

**MICHAEL JACKSON**  
Soy milk mixed with *chin chow*, or grass jelly

# City must-dos



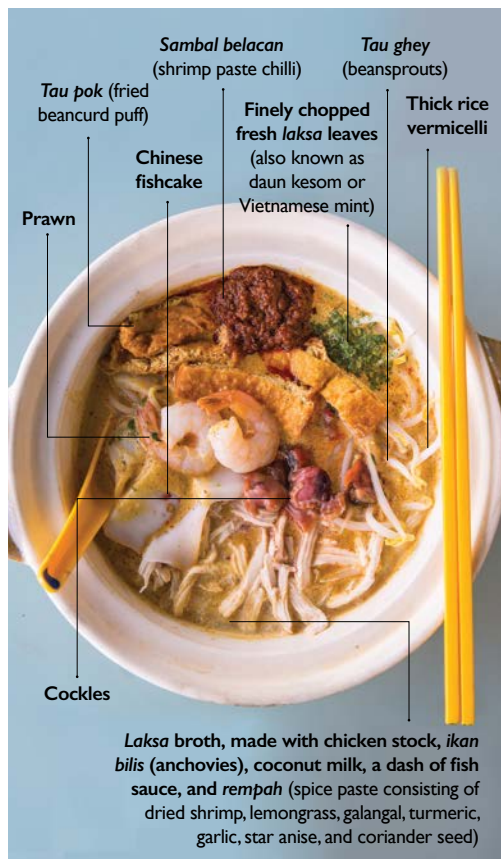
THIS SUN-DRENCHED ISLAND IS MANY THINGS: A VIBRANT MULTI-CULTURAL STATE, A LUSH GARDEN CITY, A RENOWNED BUSINESS HUB, A FOODIE'S PARADISE, A WORLD-CLASS SHOPPING DESTINATION, AND A NATION WITH HISTORY AND DEPTH. TO WIT, SINGAPORE IS DELIGHTFULLY COMPLEX, AND IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START, THIS MAP OF THE CITY'S FINEST SHOULD POINT YOU IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION(S).

1. Spore Discovery Centre
2. Jurong Bird Park
3. Sungei Buloh Nature Reserve
4. River Safari
5. MacRitchie Reservoir
6. Singapore Botanic Gardens
7. Orchard Road
8. Little India
9. Lau Pa Sat
10. Resorts World Sentosa
11. Gardens by the Bay
12. Katong
13. Changi Airport



# One dish, three ways

THINK YOU'VE TRIED IT ALL WHEN IT COMES TO LAKSA? WE FOUND SOME APPETISING VARIATIONS THAT JUST MIGHT SURPRISE YOU – AND YOUR TASTEBUDS.



Many locals would stand by the traditional Singapore *laksa*: a harmonious blend of rice noodles, coconut milk-infused broth, *tau pok*, prawns, fishcakes, cockles, and eggs – best perfected by **328 Katong Laksa** (53 East Coast Road), which won a cook-off against celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay in 2013. But you can also dig into diverse interpretations of the iconic noodle dish at **Laksania** (#04-04 Bugis+, 201 Victoria Street). Try its Penang *laksa* if you prefer tangy *assam* (sour, tamarind-based soup) flavours (no coconut milk in this one!), or the not-so-spicy Kelantan *laksa* served with mackerel and a yellow ginger soup base.



## NATIONAL KITCHEN BY VIOLET OON DRY LAKSA

It is unorthodox to serve *laksa* without its signature broth, but we have no qualms whatsoever when it's in the good hands of celebrated Peranakan chef, Violet Oon. Fresh rice noodles are instead tossed in Oon's flavoursome *laksa* gravy, ensuring they stay firm and springy. Expect brilliance in every bite.

📍 National Kitchen by Violet Oon, #02-01 National Gallery Singapore (City Hall Wing),  
1 St. Andrew's Road, Singapore 178957  
☎ (65) 9834 9935



## SAN LAKSA STEAMBOAT RESTAURANT LAKSA STEAMBOAT

On the flipside, some of us love *laksa* soup so much we want to dip everything in it. Here, you can cook ingredients like pork belly, beef striploin, fish paste, cockles and more in a boiling, free-flowing *laksa* soup base. Slurp to your heart's content!

📍 San Laksa Steamboat Restaurant,  
404 Telok Blangah Road, Singapore 098840  
☎ (65) 6275 7069

# Woo Wai Leong

ASIA'S FIRST MASTERCHEF AND BARTENDER AT SLICK LOCAL SPEAKEASY, THE HORSE'S MOUTH, TELLS US WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS SINCE WINNING THIS INAUGURAL COMPETITION, WHY HE LOVES HAWKER FOOD, AND WHERE HIS FAVOURITE SPOTS ARE TO SAMPLE A COCKTAIL OR TWO.



## Since winning MasterChef Asia...

I've continued to bartend at The Horse's Mouth (#B1-39 Forum The Shopping Mall), where our cocktails are inspired by the classics. I'm also working on a cookbook, planning a few pop-ups and there's also talk of some exciting collaborations in the near future.

## L'Aiglon and Anti:dote...

are two of my favourite cocktail bars in Singapore, aside from The Horse's Mouth – of course! I enjoy making – and drinking – a dry Martinez or a Last Word. Try either or both the next time you visit a cocktail bar!

## I love the intense flavours of hawker food...

and how it has influenced the Singapore restaurant scene to profile the flavours in their menus.

## My top three local dishes...

are a good bowl of *bak chor mee* (minced pork noodles) from Tai Hwa (#01-12, 466 Crawford Lane) in Lavender or the controlled smokiness of the Hokkien mee (stir-fried prawn noodles, 396 East Coast Road) cooked over charcoal at Geylang Lor 29. But, for comfort food, nothing beats the chicken rice that I get from one of my favourite hawkers such as Wee Nam Kee, Loy Kee, or Tian Tian.

## Enjoying a cup of kopi (coffee with condensed milk)...

brings back so many memories of growing up. I just love the overly-roasted bitterness of this local brew.

## There's so much to do in Singapore...

I love running through the Singapore Botanic Gardens or the Central Business District, visiting numerous art exhibitions, and checking out the local music scene.

# Hot Tables



*Killer views*

## AURA

Furnished with Uragano wicker chairs and lighting sculptures by local artist Mona Choo, this elegant Italian establishment will win your affection with its culinary masterpieces. Look out for the scallops crudo with truffle and smoked quail eggs, or tagliolini with scampi and avruga caviar. Another trump card in Aura's hand is the Aura Sky Lounge, one level up. Take in a top-notch view of The Padang and the city's skyline while tucking into saccharine treats like Amedei chocolate and banana cake, or Bailey's and hazelnut feuillantine.

📍 #05-03, #06-02  
National Gallery Singapore  
1 St Andrew's Road  
☎ (65) 6866 1977  
🌐 [www.aura.sg](http://www.aura.sg)  
🚗 City Hall



*Cool tunes*

## LONG PLAY

The place to be – or rather, eat – for music lovers. Long Play doesn't just offer delicious bites and classic drinks, it also houses an impressive collection of vintage vinyl records for your listening pleasure. While you're soaking up warm analog sounds, tuck into dishes like the buttermilk chicken or *togarashi* (Japanese chilli pepper) squid, and sip classic drinks like the Rock Island Iced Tea – their rendition of the Long Island cocktail.

📍 4 Haji Lane  
☎ (65) 6291 3323  
🌐 [www.longplay.sg](http://www.longplay.sg)  
🚗 Bugis



*French-Asian*

## META

Helmed by head chef Sun Kim (formerly at Singapore's Waku Ghin and Tetsuya's in Sydney), this slick restaurant whips up French cuisine with an Asian twist. Highlights on the menu include wagyu beef tartare and pear *kimchi* (traditional Korean dish made up of fermented vegetables), and the slow-cooked grass-fed beef short rib topped off with parsnip and oyster mushroom.

📍 9 Keong Saik Road  
☎ (65) 6513 0898  
🌐 [www.metarestaurant.sg](http://www.metarestaurant.sg)  
🚗 Outram Park



*Deep-fried awesomeness*

## BIRD BIRD

Local chef Bjorn Shen – the man behind wildly popular Mediterranean-inspired restaurant Artichoke – gets even feistier with his second establishment, which specialises in Thai fried and BBQ chicken, *Som Tum*, and alcoholic slushies to help you beat the tropical heat.

📍 18 Ann Siang Road  
☎ (65) 6635 2536  
🌐 [www.facebook.com/birdbirdsg](http://www.facebook.com/birdbirdsg)  
🚗 Telok Ayer



*Nose-to-tail dining*

## DEHESA

Up for a hearts-and-parts dining experience? Check into this rare restaurant that transforms offal and other unloved cuts of meat like ox heart, pig ears, and lamb sweetbreads into creative, sumptuous morsels. Be sure to match your adventurous meal with a suitable vino from the impressive wine list.

📍 12 North Canal Road  
☎ (65) 6221 7790  
🌐 [www.dehesa.com.sg](http://www.dehesa.com.sg)  
🚗 Clarke Quay



*Stylish comforts*

## KITE

Southeast Asian ingredients get the modern treatment at this hip dining spot that's tucked away in a heritage shophouse. Offerings like Ubin sea bass with lotus root, sunflower seeds and sprouts, as well as the *somen* (thin white Japanese noodles) served with *lap cheong* (cured Chinese sausage) oil and prawns are sure to please diners with a taste for fusion.

📍 53 Craig Road  
☎ (65) 9729 7988  
🚗 Tanjong Pagar



*Local feast*

## TIONG BAHRU MARKET & FOOD CENTRE

There are tons of choices at this hawker centre – which is nestled amongst a bunch of hipster cafes and indie stores in the neighbourhood. Try Chinese *rojak* (local salad) from Tow Kwar Pop, chicken rice from the ever-popular Tiong Bahru Hainanese Boneless Chicken Rice, and *chwee kueh* (steamed rice cakes) from Jian Bo.

📍 30 Seng Poh Road  
🌐 [www.tiongbahru.market](http://www.tiongbahru.market)  
🚗 Tiong Bahru

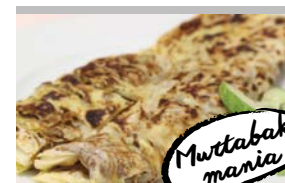


*No-frills eats*

## TWO CHEFS EATING PLACE

This casual *zi char* (Chinese home-style cooking) eatery is known for its butter pork ribs that are dusted with milk powder – an intriguing but tasty combination. Other classics to order include drunken cockles and crunchy cereal prawns.

📍 #01-129,  
116 Commonwealth Crescent  
☎ (65) 6472 5361  
🚗 Commonwealth



*Murtabak mania*

## ZAM ZAM

For locals, the name is synonymous with one thing: murtabak (Indian pancake stuffed with egg, minced meat, and onions). The restaurant, which has been around for over a century, serves its huge signature dish with rich curry and in four different variations: mutton, fish, chicken, and vegetable. Got an appetite or with a big group? Try its famous *biryani* (mixed rice dish).

📍 697 North Bridge Road  
☎ (65) 6298 6320  
🚗 Bugis



*Traditional Chinese*

## SPRING COURT

This time-tested Chinese restaurant is well known for its amazing Peking duck, but don't forget to try its other specialties like the steamed garoupa and double-boiled prawn dumpling soup while you're there.

📍 52-56 Upper Cross Street  
☎ (65) 6449 5030  
🌐 [www.springcourt.com.sg](http://www.springcourt.com.sg)  
🚗 Chinatown



# Cool Bars



## AH SAM COLD DRINK STALL

True to its hawker-inspired name, this, no-pretense cocktail bar on the second floor of a Boat Quay shophouse offers a menu of interesting tipples that reference from local food and drinks (see page 15), such as *Tak Qiu* (local lingo for Milo drink; cocktail consists of Milo bourbon with sugar and bitters) and *laksa* (noodles in coconut milk-based curry broth; drink made with dried shrimp infused vodka, laksa leaves, lemongrass, chilli padi, sugar, lime and coconut cream). But if there's nothing that tickles your fancy, owner-bartender Sam Wong and his talented mixology team will concoct anything you want, and you can expect infusions of local flavours like *gula melaka* (palm sugar), pandan, and chrysanthemum.

42 HongKong Street  
(65) 8799 7085  
www.vascosingapore.com  
Clarke Quay



## VASCO

Sway to a lively mix of Latin beats as you knock back a glass or two of killer cocktails at Singapore's first Latin-American cocktail bar. Skip the standard *piña colodas* and *margaritas* and go for the sophisticated stuff like *Cusco Puta* (pisco, strawberry, capsicum, chilli and lime), and *Girl From Ipanema* (Brazilian rum cachaca, lime, passionfruit, and Brazil nuts).

42 HongKong Street  
(65) 8799 7085  
www.vascosingapore.com  
Clarke Quay



## KAKURE

This *sake-omakase* gem boasts a traditional Meiji- and Taisho-era décor and an impressive *sake* list that counts over 50 different labels. You'll find well-known brands, as well as niche, small-batch bottles not found anywhere else in Singapore. Plus each *sake* is only brought in once, in limited quantities.

Level 2 Chateau TCC, 29 Scotts Road  
(65) 6733 5251  
www.scott29.com  
Orchard



## BITTERS & LOVE

The smiley bartenders will concoct something special from the drink profile you provide. But if you need a bit of a nudge to start, we recommend trying the *kaya* (coconut jam) toast cocktail, which comes with bread and a dollop of *kaya* on top. In the neighbourhood a tad too early? Stop by for a solid cup of coffee courtesy of Free The Robot, the bar's daytime café alter-ego.

118 Telok Ayer Street  
(65) 6438 1836  
www.bittersandlove.com  
Telok Ayer



## SUGAR HALL

Boasting over 50 types of cane spirits, this is the place to go for your rum fix on the island. The bar has cleverly categorised the rum-based cocktails into three sections – tropical cocktails, clear spirits and dark spirits – and rated on a scale of 'hungry' to 'full' so that you can make your pick based on how full you are. Pretty cool.

102 Amoy Street  
(65) 6222 9102  
www.sugarhall.sg  
Telok Ayer

# Eugenia Yip

THE COOL, CULTURALLY RICH BUGIS-BRAS BASAH DISTRICT HAS A VERY SPECIAL PLACE IN LOCAL MUSICIAN EUGENIA YIP'S HEART. SHE TELLS US WHY.



Having attended school (Lasalle College of the Arts) and lived out her music dreams in the neighbourhood, lead vocalist of local band The Steve McQueens Eugenia Yip knows the Bugis-Bras Basah precinct like the back of her hand. Here, she shows us around her favourite enclave, and then some.

### I love how...

the Bugis-Bras Basah (BBB) neighbourhood is so chill, even though there are many things going on in the neighbourhood. There's just a quaint vibe about the district.

### Before BBB became a cultural hub...

it had a notorious reputation. After a major clean-up, it's now home to cool venues like the National Museum of Singapore, Peranakan Museum, and The Substation, which hosts a good number of indie gigs and art installations.

### Not many know this, but...

BBB is a bona fide enclave for local delicacies; not just art. My bandmates and I are fans of the roast duck and *wanton mee* (noodles with dumplings and barbecued pork) at Choo Chiang Roasted Meat Noodle House on Bencoolen Street.

### Speaking of local food...

we also love the Mongkok beef *hor fun* (thick and flat rice noodles with starchy gravy) from Mongkok Kitchen. For great prata and thosai, head to Lakshmi Vilas Restaurant on Wishart Road.

### The best way to explore BBB is...

by foot. Arm yourself with a mini portable fan and a huge bottle of water, and then walk! Must-visits include the National Library, Bras Basah Complex, Haji Lane, (all day, through night!) Bussorah Street (there's a very beautiful mosque in that area called Masjid Sultan), and of course, Blujaz on Bali Lane.

### Singapore's live music scene is...

bursting at its seams! SingJazz Club, Blujaz, Lepark, and The Esplanade are some of the many places in Singapore that host a plethora of local and international acts all year round. Watch out for local musicians like Cashew Chemists, TAJ, The Good Life Project, Charlim Lim, and DotGif at these spots.

### The Steve McQueens...

performs at Blujaz once every couple of months. The restaurant-bar has a great vibe going. It's one of the few live jazz music venues in Singapore, and they've got different acts playing all the time. The food is great and reasonably priced, plus the music is awesome.



# Navigator Singapore River

SINGAPORE'S LIFELINE FOR OVER 150 YEARS, THIS 3.2-KM LONG RIVER THAT FLOWS THROUGH THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT WAS ONCE BUSTLING WITH TRADE AND COMMERCE. TODAY, THE SINGAPORE RIVER AND ITS FAMOUS QUAYS – BOAT QUAY, CLARKE QUAY, AND ROBERTSON QUAY – ARE LITTERED WITH WORLD-CLASS RESTAURANTS, HIP WATERING HOLES, COOL GUESTHOUSES AND ICONIC ATTRACTIONS, PROMISING AN EXCITING ADVENTURE AHEAD.

📍 Raffles Place / Clarke Quay

## 1. THE ARTS HOUSE

Built in 1827, this multi-disciplinary arts centre was Singapore's first Parliament House. Here, art enthusiasts can look forward to engaging programmes and festivals including Singapore Writer's Festival and Singapore International Festival of Music.

📍 1 Old Parliament Lane  
☎ (65) 6332 6900  
🌐 [www.theartshouse.sg](http://www.theartshouse.sg)

## 2. DALLAS RESTAURANT & BAR

What used to be a former congregation spot for members in the gambier and pepper community in Singapore is now a sleek all-American dining spot. Be sure to order the massive slabs of fiery baby back ribs if you feel carnivorous!

📍 31 Boat Quay  
☎ (65) 6532 2131  
🌐 [www.dallas.sg](http://www.dallas.sg)

## 3. TONGKANG RIVERBOAT DINING

Hop onboard one of the last surviving pair of *tong kangs* (traditional riverboats used for carrying goods back in the day) for a unique dining experience. One houses a bar for post-work drinks, while the other is where you can feast on succulent meats and seafood cooked on volcanic Serpentine stones from the European Alps.

📍 #01-06, 3D River Valley Road  
☎ (65) 6333 4868  
🌐 [tongkang.com.sg](http://tongkang.com.sg)

## 4. THE MAD MEN ATTIC BAR

Getting here takes a little bit of effort – look out for the alley next to The Pecking Order on North Canal Road, find the glass door at the back of the restaurant, and take the elevator up to the fourth floor. Its black forest mojito, Aussie beers, chilli cheese dog, raucous atmosphere, and great live music will be worth it.

📍 #03-02, 11 North Canal Road  
☎ (65) 9822 1789 (11am-4pm)  
(65) 6222 3529 (4pm onwards)  
🌐 [madmenatticbar.com](http://madmenatticbar.com)

## 5. THE PORT BY QUARTERS HOSTEL

Nestled in between the bars and restaurants along Boat Quay, this capsule hostel – also Singapore's first – offers a comfortable and affordable stay along the Singapore River, with picturesque views of the city's skyline.

📍 50A Boat Quay  
☎ (65) 6816 6960  
🌐 [theport.stayquarters.com](http://theport.stayquarters.com)

## 6. PEOPLE OF THE RIVER

Imagine the old days through the myriad of sculptures that depict the life of people who used to work and live along the Singapore River.

## 7. RED HOUSE SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

Established in 1976, Red House is one of the best spots in Singapore for crab. Select your crab (Sri Lankan mud, Scottish brown, Alaskan King) and have it any way you like – wok-fried and tossed in white pepper, charcoal grilled, or with salted egg yolk... take your pick!

📍 #01-14 The Quayside, 60 Robertson Quay  
☎ (65) 6735 7666  
🌐 [redhouseseafood.com](http://redhouseseafood.com)

## 8. CLARKE QUAY

Apart from being one of the city's hottest nightlife destinations with exciting happy hour deals and great restaurants serving a wide variety of cuisines, Clarke Quay is also where you can be a human slingshot with G-Max, a thrilling ride that launches you up at a terrifying speed of 120mph.

📍 3 River Valley Road, Clarke Quay  
☎ (65) 6338 1766  
🌐 [www.gmaxgx5.sg](http://www.gmaxgx5.sg)

## 9. SINGAPORE REPERTORY THEATRE (SRT)

Experience Broadway, the West End and the richness of Singaporean culture at this local theatre. SRT is known for staging highly popular and critically acclaimed productions such as Shakespeare in the Park series, and *Spider Woman*, which star local and regional performers.

📍 20 Merbau Road  
☎ (65) 6221 5585  
🌐 [www.srt.com.sg](http://www.srt.com.sg)

## 10. ASIAN CIVILISATIONS MUSEUM

Presenting over 5,000 years of recorded history across 11 galleries, discover a diverse collection of Asian artefacts, including detailed sculptures of Buddha and the Gandhara culture, in this museum.

📍 1 Empress Place  
☎ (65) 6332 7798  
🌐 [acm.org.sg](http://acm.org.sg)





# Orchard Road

ASIA'S MOST FAMOUS SHOPPING STREET, ORCHARD ROAD IS A DREAM DESTINATION FOR THOSE SEEKING SERIOUS RETAIL THERAPY IN THE HEART OF THE CITY. FROM HIGH-END AND HIGH STREET TO DESIGNER AND DISCOUNT FINDS, HERE'S A HANDY GUIDE ON WHERE TO SHOP.

📍 Orchard / Somerset

## KINOKUNIYA

Quite simply, it's heaven in a bookstore. You walk in to buy the latest New York Times bestseller and walk out with two avant-garde design magazines, delightful kids' pop-up book, a new Moleskine journal, and a couple of gifts for loved ones back home. The store is also impeccably arranged for easy browsing of its wide genre of titles, which are also available in different languages.

📍 #04-20E Ngee Ann City  
391 Orchard Road  
☎ (65) 6214 9004  
🌐 [www.kinokuniya.com.sg](http://www.kinokuniya.com.sg)



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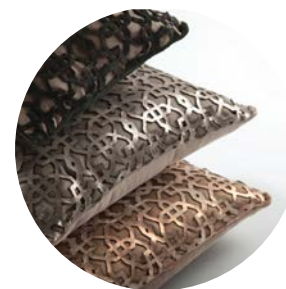
Within this hip multi-concept emporium – the first of its kind in Singapore – you can shop a range of stylish goods from clothing label Sifr, perfumer Code Deco, multi-label establishment SPUR Hauswerks, and furniture store Fred Lives Here. Get your hair done at kiyone+LIM and your nails painted at kiyone+LIM before grabbing a bite at casual bar and restaurant Kilo.

📍 #02-14-23 Orchard Central  
181 Orchard Road  
☎ (65) 6238 6362  
🌐 [www.visitpact.com](http://www.visitpact.com)

## PEDDER ON SCOTTS

If there's one place in Singapore that houses all of the season's shoe and accessory trends, this massive duplex store is it. The stunning space is home to more than 100 of the hottest designer labels, including Alexander Wang, Charlotte Olympia and Nicholas Kirkwood. Gorgeous footwear aside, there's also The Coffee Academics from Hong Kong if you need a cup of Joe to perk up.

📍 Level 2 Scotts Square  
6 Scotts Road  
☎ (65) 6244 2883  
🌐 [www.onpedder.com](http://www.onpedder.com)



## STRANGE AND DERANGED

There's nothing strange or deranged at this luxury home and lifestyle store. Instead, you'll find yourself surrounded by a swoon-worthy range of unique, handcrafted decoratives, artworks, soft furnishings, books, and curios that blend traditional aesthetics with modern designs.

📍 #01-09 Palais Renaissance  
390 Orchard Road  
☎ (65) 6737 9289  
🌐 [www.strangeanderanged.com](http://www.strangeanderanged.com)



## SEPHORA

Anyone with a love of beauty products will tell you to check out Sephora if you're on the hunt for a new lipstick, hairspray or scent. The beauty giant has stores scattered across the island, but the largest in Asia is located at ION Orchard, where you can get your hands on the best and latest in the market. Be warned: it'll take a lot of willpower to leave empty-handed!

📍 #01-05/06 ION Orchard  
2 Orchard Turn  
☎ (65) 6509 8255  
🌐 [www.sephora.sg](http://www.sephora.sg)



## TANGS

There's no missing the TANGS building, an iconic structure along Orchard Road modelled after Chinese palaces. This heritage-rich homegrown department store is where you'll discover top local labels such as IN GOOD COMPANY, Aijek and Carrie K. alongside big-name international offerings. Plus, it provides free local delivery to your hotel so you can continue shopping or exploring the city hands-free.

📍 310 Orchard Road  
☎ (65) 6737 5500  
🌐 [www.tangs.com](http://www.tangs.com)



## SWATCH MEGASTORE

This Swatch wonderland will make you feel like a kid in a candy store with its vibrant wall prints, groovy shapes and chandeliers made out of – you guessed it – watches. Let the little ones have some fun picking out their favourite tickers at the Flik Flak corner, which features display panels installed at a child-friendly height, while you browse the latest collections.

📍 Level 1 orchardgateway  
277 Orchard Road  
☎ (65) 6702 4457  
🌐 [www.swatch.com](http://www.swatch.com)



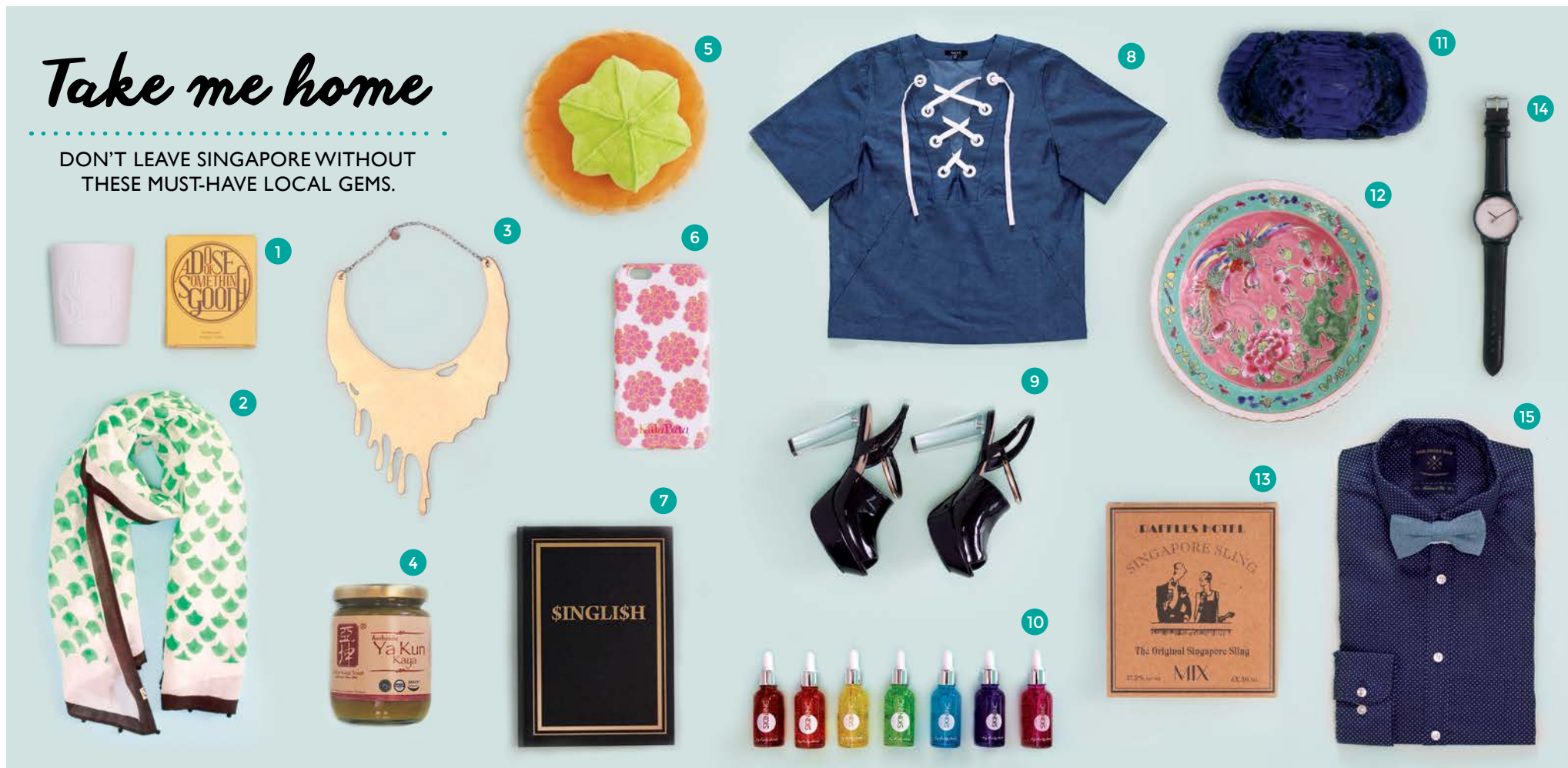
## ROBINSONS THE HEEREN

The 158-year-old department-store chain's biggest outlet in Singapore boasts five floors of fashion, beauty, home, lifestyle, and kids products by local and international brands such as Ashley Isham from Singapore, Greyhound from Thailand, and London's House of Holland. Be sure to pick up your Robinsons Visitors Privilege Card at the store to enjoy 10 per cent off!

📍 260 Orchard Road  
☎ (65) 6735 8838  
🌐 [www.robinsons.com.sg](http://www.robinsons.com.sg)

# Take me home

DON'T LEAVE SINGAPORE WITHOUT THESE MUST-HAVE LOCAL GEMS.



**1.** Create a spa-like ambience at home with handcrafted aromatic candles from **A Dose of Something Good**, \$68, available at TANGS Orchard

**2.** Inspired by heritage prints and handmade by independent artisans from all over the world, **Matter** scarves are truly one of a kind, \$99, available at kapok (National Design Centre)

**3.** Unconventional jewellery with a twist? These quirky necklaces from homegrown label **Carrie K.** fit the

bill perfectly, \$298, available Carrie K. Atelier (136 Bukit Timah Road)

**4.** Breakfast in Singapore isn't complete without the delicious combination of toast and *kaya* (a traditional spread made from coconut milk, eggs, and sugar), \$4.80, available at **Ya Kun Kaya Toast** stores island-wide

**5.** Cuddle up to this plush cushion from **Meykrs** that's inspired by a popular local snack beloved by children, \$29.90, available at NAIISE (orchardgateway)

**6.** Inspired by traditional Peranakan motifs, this vibrant iPhone case by **Kala Pata** will add a pop of colour to your outfit, \$22, available at NAIISE (orchardgateway)

**7.** Get this notebook by **The Farm Store**, lah. It's a helpful gift for visitors to get acquainted with Singlish, the local lingo, \$32, available at NAIISE (orchardgateway)

**8.** Get frocked up and fabulous with local label **Raoul's** selection of runway-ready apparel, \$290, available at #02-49 Paragon

**9.** For the perfect pair of shoes, Singapore's most successful fashion label, **Charles & Keith** (aka shoe heaven) has you covered. Available at Charles & Keith stores island-wide

**10.** Say goodbye to your skin woes and hello to a flawless face with the help of custom blended serums by **Skin Inc.**, \$158 each, available at #B3-43 ION Orchard

**11.** Made from exotic snakeskin, this designer handbag by local label **Ling Wu** is the epitome of chic, \$580, available at Robinsons or TANGS Orchard

**12.** This must-have decorative plate captures the sophistication and beauty of traditional Peranakan art, \$70, available at **True Blue Shoppe** (Peranakan Museum)

**13.** After a drink at the iconic Long Bar, take home this mini Singapore Sling cocktail set, \$53.90, available at **Raffles Hotel**

**14.** Always anxious that you're running late? Then this sleek and stylish timepiece by **The Farm Store** is the perfect accessory to quell your *kan cheong spider* (anxious) tendencies, \$36, available

at thelittledrörmstore (School of the Arts)/ Museum Shop by Supermama

**15.** Gentlemen, time to up your style game with **The Shirt Bar's** selection of dapper bowties and shirts, \$59 and \$99, available at The Shirt Bar (Suntec City)





# Fam-tastic day out

TEN GREAT THINGS TO DO WITH  
KIDS IN SINGAPORE.



## RIVER SAFARI

### GO WILD OVER WILDLIFE

Set sail on an exciting adventure down the Mississippi, Congo, Nile, Ganges, Mekong and Yangtze rivers and meet resident pandas, Kai Kai and Jia Jia at River Safari.

📍 80 Mandai Lake Road  
☎ (65) 6269 3411  
🌐 [www.riversafari.com.sg](http://www.riversafari.com.sg)  
🚌 Choa Chu Kang + connecting bus service 927

### MAKE THE JUMP

A whole new level of fun awaits at Zoom Park Asia, Singapore's largest indoor trampoline court, which also boasts a 17-metre lateral rock wall and a massive foam pit.

📍 #01-14, 200 Pandan Gardens  
☎ (65) 6334 4615  
🌐 [www.zoomparkasia.com](http://www.zoomparkasia.com)  
🚌 Jurong East



## ZOOM PARK ASIA



## LILLIPUTT

### TEE OFF

Grab clubs and take a swing at mini golf complex Lilliputt, where all 18 golf holes represent iconic Singapore attractions like the Merlion and Singapore Zoo!

📍 #03-05 Block B Big Splash  
902 East Coast Parkway  
☎ (65) 6348 9606  
🌐 [www.lilliputt.com](http://www.lilliputt.com)  
🚌 Bedok + connecting bus service 31, 197 or 401



## SCIENCE CENTRE

### GEEK OUT ON SCIENCE

Kickstart your mini Einstein's love for science at the Science Centre Singapore, a mega hub of countless interactive exhibits in 14 galleries.

📍 15 Science Centre Road  
☎ (65) 6425 2500  
🌐 [www.science.edu.sg](http://www.science.edu.sg)  
🚌 Jurong East + connecting bus service 66 or 335



## SINGAPORE FLYER

### RIDE THE FERRIS WHEEL

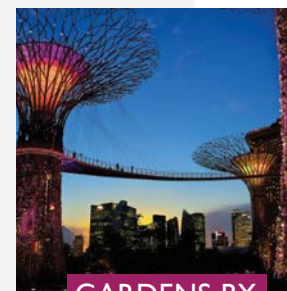
Marvel at the panoramic views of Marina Bay, the Central Business District and beyond from the Singapore Flyer, Asia's largest observation wheel.

📍 30 Raffles Avenue  
☎ (65) 6333 3311  
🌐 [www.singaporeflyer.com](http://www.singaporeflyer.com)  
🚶 Promenade

### BE ONE WITH NATURE

Go on a green escape with a picnic or an outdoor concert at Singapore Botanic Gardens, or marvel at gorgeous spring blooms and the world's tallest indoor waterfall at Gardens by the Bay.

📍 Various locations



## GARDENS BY THE BAY

### EXPLORE CULTURAL 'HOODS

Visit the resplendent Sultan Mosque in Kampong Glam, check out the sprawling temples in Little India, and feast at the many hawker stalls, kiosks or cafes in Chinatown.

📍 Various locations



## KAMPONG GLAM

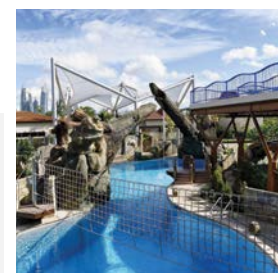


## TIMBRE@GILLMAN

### CUE THE BARBECUE

Head down to Timbre@Gillman for its weekly Saturday Social BBQ, carnival of craft, music, bouncy castles and delicious grilled meats.

📍 #01-05 Gillman Barracks  
9A Lock Road  
☎ (65) 6694 4201  
🌐 [www.timbregroup.asia/timbresg](http://www.timbregroup.asia/timbresg)  
🚶 Labrador Park



## ADVENTURE COVE WATERPARK

### MAKE A SPLASH

Whizz down high-speed water slides and snorkel with tropical fish at Adventure Cove Waterpark, take part in water-gun shootouts at Port of Lost Wonder or keep cool at the Far East Organization Children's Garden.

📍 Various locations

### MUSEUM-HOP

Get to know Singapore's history and arts scene – visit the National Museum of Singapore for exciting interactive exhibits and National Gallery Singapore for its dazzling architecture and extensive collection of modern art.

📍 Various locations

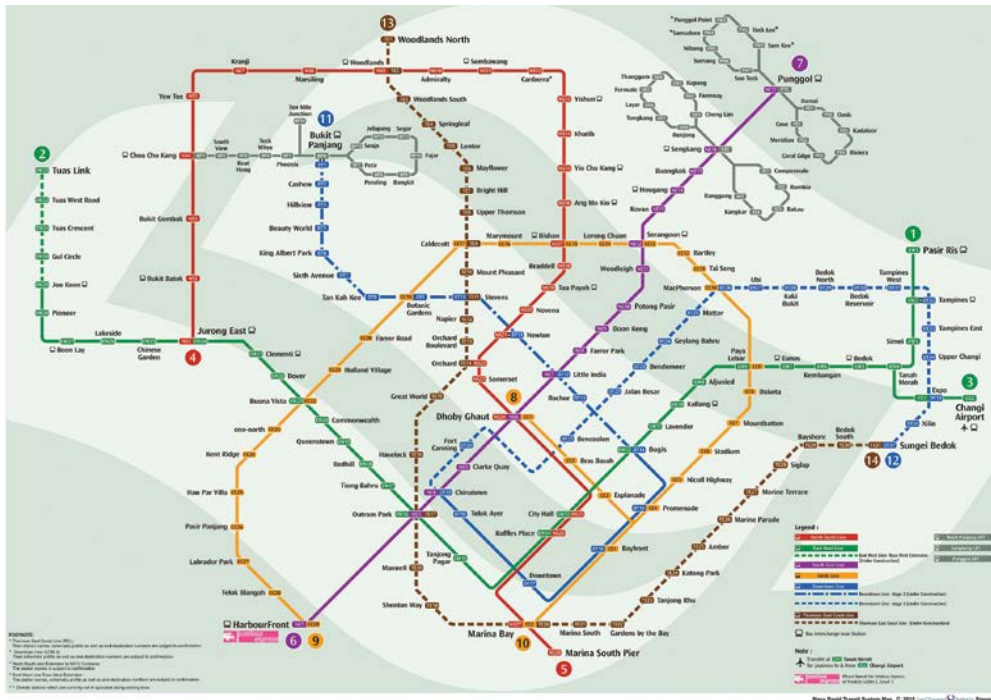


## NATIONAL GALLERY SINGAPORE





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## GRAB

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## TRIPADVISOR

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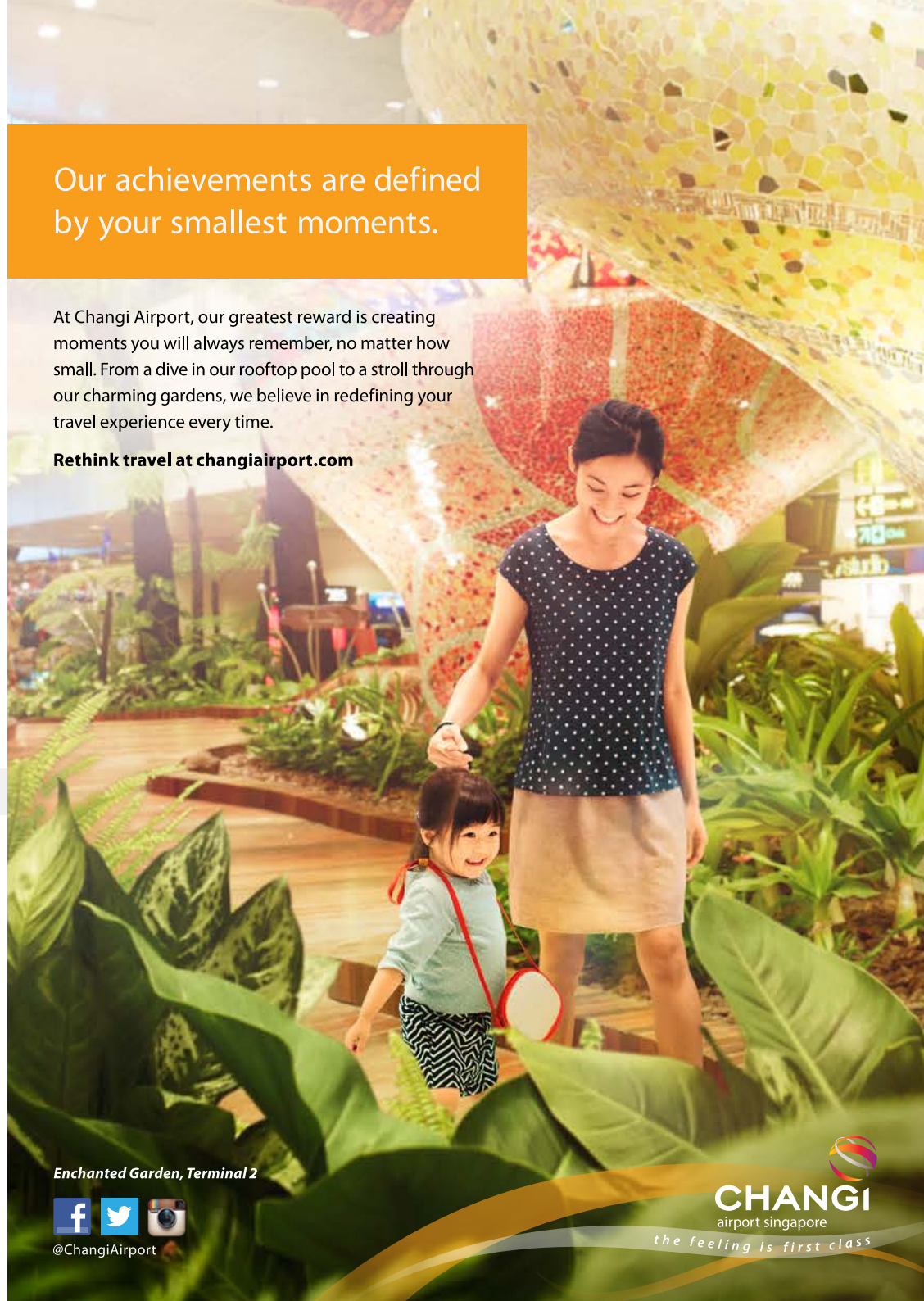


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