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Welcome to the Lion City!

There's no better time to shop, eat and play in the city. The Great Singapore Sale is here to rack up a shopping frenzy with its great deals.

The local dining scene is sizzling with a smorgasbord of mod-Sin (local cuisine with a modern twist) plates created by the city's top local chefs. It's also time to soak up the sights, smells and sounds of the streets of Geylang Serai as we celebrate the festive holiday, Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

Flip through the pages of this edition of Singapore Insider where you'll be treated to a slew of handy guides – from essential information for travellers, unique tours and neighbourhood trails to the best eats, drinks and hip events in Singapore. Whether you have a week to deep dive or a weekend to scratch the surface, we've definitely got you covered!

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Handy Tips

A guide to surviving Singapore



Transport

MRT

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

www.smrt.com.sg
(65) 1800 336 8900

BUS

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

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

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Premier Cabs
(65) 6363 6888
Comfort Taxis & CityCab
(65) 6552 1111

Connectivity

FREE WIFI

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



SIM CARD

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.



Cessation of 2G services in Singapore

From April onwards, telcos in Singapore – M1, Singtel and Starhub – will cease the provision of the 2G network in Singapore. If you're using devices that do not support 3G/4G roaming, you may consider purchasing a prepaid card on arrival so as to stay connected instantly.

Visitor Centres

TOURIST HOTLINE:

(65) 1800 736 2000
(65) 6736 2000 (overseas)

CHINATOWN

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

Chinatown

ION ORCHARD

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

Orchard

ORCHARD

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

Somerset

Local Quirks

Uncle / Aunt

Out of respect, locals address older folks on the street, like a shopkeeper or a taxi driver, as "aunt" or "uncle", even though they are not related.

Chope

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

Queuing Up

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

Singlish, explained

Can or not

A way of asking if something is possible or can be achieved
"Dinner at 7? Can or not?"

Aiyoh

An expression of surprise and/or annoyance

"Aiyoh, why is the bus taking so long to arrive?"

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."

Language

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

Har-nor

The Singlish equivalent of "I agree", or "Exactly!"

A: "The movie is exciting!"
B: "Har-nor!"

Boleh

A Malay word for "can" or "possible"

"You check on the movie timings and I'll handle the bookings. Boleh?"

GST Refunds

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

1 Look out for these signs at the shops.



2 Choose one credit /debit card as a Token for tagging your purchases. Don't forget to ask for your eTRS Ticket, original invoice or receipt.

3 Apply for your tax refund at the eTRS self-help kiosk located at the airport or international cruise centres. Be sure to file your GST claims before checking in your goods.

4 At the eTRS kiosk, swipe your assigned Token to retrieve your purchase details. Otherwise, scan your eTRS tickets to retrieve your purchase details.

5 You can choose to have the refund credited directly into your credit card at the eTRS self-help kiosk, or get cash refund. If you choose the latter (available only at Changi International Airport), proceed to the Central Refund Counter after the immigration checks.

Shopping

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

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

Tipping

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

Apr

April is the month to indulge your inner culture vulture. Be sure to make time for a slew of eye-opening exhibitions at ArtScience Museum, Singapore Philatelic Museum and Asian Civilisations Museum. Also, don't miss the exciting yet enriching Singapore Heritage Festival. Food lovers, indulge your tastebuds at the highly anticipated MICHELIN Guide Singapore Street Food. Lastly, catch some thrilling actions by the world's top rugby players at The HSBC Singapore Rugby Sevens.

From Apr 1 UNIVERSE AND ART

Despite today's progress in Science, the universe is still engulfed with countless mystery. This thought-provoking exhibition offers a historical overview on mankind's interpretation of the universe via art – allowing visitors to contemplate the meaning of life.

- 📄 www.marinabaysands.com/ArtScienceMuseum
- 📍 ArtScience Museum™
- 🚶 Bayfront

Apr 1 ARMIN ONLY EMBRACE 2017 LIVE IN SINGAPORE

Brace yourselves for the return of the popular Dutch DJ, Armin Van Buuren, to our shores. Armin Only Embrace is a dance event like none other, where theatre meets dance music.

- 📄 www.arminonly.com
- 📍 The Meadows, Gardens by the Bay
- 🚶 Bayfront



Apr 6 to 23 LAO JIU: THE MUSICAL

Based on a play by the late well-revered local playwright, Kuo Pao Kun, Lao Jiu: The Musical tells a heartfelt tale of Lao Jiu, the only son of his family, and the challenges he faced while pursuing his passion for traditional art of puppetry.

- 📄 www.practice.org.sg
- 📍 Drama Centre Theatre, The National Library Building
- 🚶 Bugis



From Apr 5 BBQ DONUT BOAT

First in Asia, hop on the BBQ Donut Boat and embark on a unique dining experience where you can enjoy delectable barbeque dishes on a floating donut boat in Sentosa.

- 📄 www.flodoco.com
- 📍 46 Siloso Beach Walk
- 🚶 HarbourFront



Apr 13 to 30 TROPICANA THE MUSICAL

Inspired by a real-life Las Vegas-style nightclub in Singapore during the 1960s, Tropicana The Musical is based on real and imagined people and places from, in, and around this one-of-a-kind Singapore establishment in what was probably Singapore's most dynamic era in history.

- 📄 www.tropicanathemusical.com
- 📍 Capitol Theatre
- 🚶 City Hall



From Apr 12 AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 EGGS

Singapore Philatelic Museum puts together a unique exhibition where you can explore more about the different celebrations of world culture through eggs.

- 📄 www.spm.org.sg
- 📍 Singapore Philatelic Museum
- 🚶 Bras Basah



Apr 15 to 16 HSBC SINGAPORE RUGBY SEVENS

The prestigious HSBC Sevens World Series returns to Singapore with top 16 international Rugby 7s teams battling it out for the championship. See page 10 for more details.

- 📄 www.singapore7s.org
- 📍 National Stadium
- 🚶 Stadium



Apr 14 to 15 MICHELIN GUIDE SINGAPORE STREET FOOD

Food fanatics, indulge in the highly anticipated gourmet fiesta where you'll witness the first ever Michelin Street Food Showcase; 15 eateries listed in the Singapore Michelin Guide 2016 will present their street food specialty.

- 📄 guide.michelin.sg
- 📍 Resorts World Sentosa - The Coliseum
- 🚶 HarbourFront

Apr 21 to Jul 23 GLORIES OF JOSEON KOREA

Discover the rich history of Korea as you marvel over historical artifacts like scrolls, ceramics, furnishings and costumes from the glorious Joseon period.

- 📄 www.acm.org.sg
- 📍 Asian Civilisations Museum
- 🚶 Raffles Place

Apr 28 to May 14 SINGAPORE HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Dive deeper into Singapore's diverse culture and heritage through various engaging activities such as specially-curated exhibitions, heritage trails, competitions, cultural performances, community activities and more.

- 📄 heritagefest.sg
- 📍 Various venues



May

Ready, get set... shop! The Great Singapore Sale is back, so it's time for some serious retail therapy with promotions and discounts galore in malls and stores everywhere. If you've got little ones in tow, keep them entertained with Children's Biennale and Children's Season at our local museums. Theatre-goers, don't miss out on two must-see productions – Sister Act, and Tango by Pangdemonium!



From May 1 CHILDREN'S BIENNALE

Unleash your child's imagination at Southeast Asia's first Children's Biennale. The Children's Biennale features up to ten interactive showcases and activities that advocate creative imagination and encourage independent exploration. Perfect for the young and young-at-heart.

- 📄 www.nationalgallery.sg
- 📍 National Gallery Singapore
- 📍 City Hall

From May 1 INTO THE WILD

A collaboration between Google, Lenovo and World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), this exhibition offers a virtual reality adventure through its site-specific cinematic film that touches on the important matter of reforestation in Southeast Asia.

- 📄 www.marinabaysands.com/ArtScienceMuseum
- 📍 ArtScience Museum™
- 📍 Bayfront

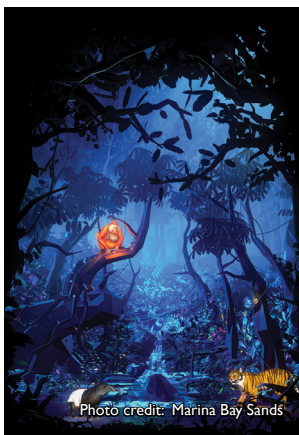


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May 1 ISTANA OPEN HOUSE

Set foot in the Istana – the official residence and office of the President of Singapore – during its open house and join the guided walk to learn more about the historical building.

- 📄 www.istana.gov.sg
- 📍 The Istana
- 📍 Dhoby Ghaut

May 6 SULTAN OF SELANGOR'S CUP 2017

Held for the first time in the new Singapore National Stadium, witness the fiery showdown between a Singapore selection team and the Selangor State team as both teams fight for the rightful possession of the glorious Sultan of Selangor's Cup.

- 📍 National Stadium
- 📍 Stadium



May 9 to 21 SISTER ACT

Featuring original music by Oscar® winner, Alan Menken, SISTER ACT is a musical comedy about a wannabe diva named Deloris Van Cartier and her hilarious encounters as she seeks protection in a convent as a result of witnessing a crime.

- 📄 www.sistic.com.sg/events/sister0617
- 📍 The MasterCard® Theatres at Marina Bay Sands
- 📍 Bayfront

May 19 to Jun 4 TANGO BY PANGDEMONIUM

Local theatre company, Pangdemonium, offers its first staging of an original piece inspired by true events from the blog, 4 Relative Strangers, by James Williams. Tango dabbles in the theme of love, tradition, acceptance and the intricacies of family in today's contemporary world.

- 📄 pangdemonium.com
- 📍 Drama Centre Theatre, The National Library Building
- 📍 Bugis



May 18 to 19 VILLAGE PEOPLE 40TH ANNIVERSARY

A top sensation back in the '70s and '80s, Village People are making their way to Singapore to celebrate their 40th Anniversary. Reel in a blast from the past with their hit songs like "YMCA", "Can't Stop The Music" and more.

- 📄 www.sistic.com.sg/events/village0517
- 📍 The MasterCard® Theatres at Marina Bay Sands
- 📍 Bayfront



May 26 to Aug 13 ACM'S CHILDREN'S SEASON 2017

In an effort to combat the devastating damage caused by ghost nets, indigenous artists from Erub (also known as Darnley Island), a remote island in the Torres Strait, present a handful of intriguing installations during the Children's Season 2017.

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

From end of May to early Aug THE GREAT SINGAPORE SALE 2017

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

- 📄 www.greatsingaporeale.com.sg
- 📍 Various venues



May 31 to Jul 31 CHILDREN'S SEASON AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SINGAPORE: CONNECT THE DOTS

Centred on the theme of "Connections", Connect the Dots at Children's Season 2017 at the National Museum of Singapore offers an exciting line-up of activities including a self-exploratory trail, hands-on activities, storytelling sessions, theatrical performances, film screenings and more.

- 📄 nationalmuseum.sg
- 📍 National Museum of Singapore
- 📍 Bras Basah

Jun

In a blink of an eye, June has arrived! Before the next half of the year comes around, it's time to do the things you love the most. Have a go at something offbeat like learning more about reptiles in our zoo, or discover the history of Gillman Barracks through art. It's also the best time to pamper yourself with new techy gadgets with the arrival of The PC Show. Not to mention, the spice up your calendar with the party-centric Ultra Music Festival.

Till Jun 24

HARI RAYA LIGHT-UP & CELEBRATIONS 2017

Revel in the festivities leading up to Hari Raya at Singapore's Malay enclave, Geylang Serai. Look forward to colourful street light decorations, the annual Ramadan bazaar, cultural performances and an *Iftar* session (a meal at dusk to signify the end of fasting). See page 10 for more details.

📍 Geylang Serai precinct
🚗 Paya Lebar



Jun 1 to 4

THE PC SHOW

As Singapore's longest running IT and consumer electronics exhibition, The PC Show offers penny-saving bargains on cameras, computers, laptops and many other gadgets. Don't forget to look out for the freebies!

📍 www.thepcshow.com.sg
📍 Marina Bay Sands®
🚗 Bayfront



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Haruhiko Otsuka



Till Jun 30

LOCK ROUTE AT GILLMAN BARRACKS

Presenting works of 15 artists from 9 countries, this public art showcase derives inspiration from the intriguing history of Gillman Barracks being a former military barracks. From site-specific installations to sculptures and murals, visitors can enjoy a total of 16 outdoor artworks by both international and local artists.

📍 www.gillmanbarracks.com
📍 Gillman Barracks
🚗 Labrador Park

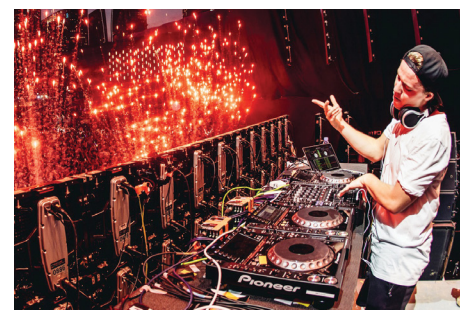


Jun 2 to 25

14TH SINGAPORE OPEN GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

Back in Singapore once again, this sporting event showcases a slew of outstanding gymnasts from Singapore and overseas. Get ready to be awed by the precision, strength, gusto and elegance displayed by competitors of the 14th Singapore Open Gymnastics Championships.

📍 www.singaporegymnastics.org.sg/singaporeopen
📍 Bishan Sports Hall
🚗 Bishan



Jun 3 to 4

ULTRA SINGAPORE

The Miami-hailing dance music extravaganza is back for its second full-blown festival in Singapore – featuring top DJs, underground players and local talents performing across two days.

📍 ultrasingapore.com
📍 1 Bayfront Avenue
🚗 Bayfront



Jun 8 to 11

PETER & BLUE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY PRESENTED BY SINGAPORE DANCE THEATRE

Perfect for the little ones, this family-friendly ballet performance by Singapore Dance Theatre narrates the exciting tale of the ever-inquisitive trio – Peter, his dog, Blue, and his cat, Calico – through the magic of fairy-tale and meaningful morals.

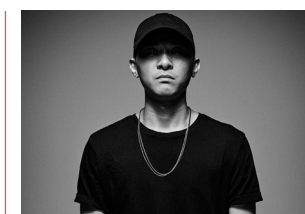
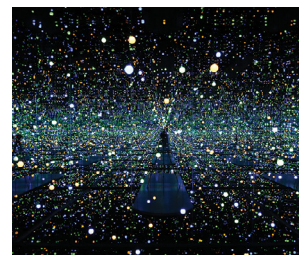
📍 www.singaporedance theatre.com
📍 Esplanade Theatre Studio
🚗 Esplanade

Jun 8 to Sep 8

YAYOI KUSAMA EXHIBITION

Get your artsy fix with the Yayoi Kusama exhibition at the National Gallery, featuring the captivating works of prolific Japanese artist, Yayoi Kusama, and her recent signature work entitled "Infinity Mirror Rooms".

📍 www.nationalgallery.sg
📍 National Gallery Singapore
🚗 City Hall



Jun 29 to Jul 2

BEING HAREESH SHARMA

Presented by non-profit local theatre company, The Necessary Stage, Being Hareesh Sharma is a thought-provoking production that fuses a selection of works from a 30-year repertoire by the company's very own Resident Playwright, Hareesh Sharma.

📍 www.necessary.org
📍 Drama Centre Theatre,
National Library Building
🚗 Bugis

Jun 30

FLOW - A DJ'S STORY OF KOFLOW

Immerse in a hip hop theatrical experience that features Singapore musician, DJ KoFlow. Along with other special guests including local rapper Shigga Shay and a talented homegrown drummer Mohammed Noor, FLOW presents original songs and new works written exclusively for the concert.

📍 www.sistic.com.sg/events/cflow0617
📍 Esplanade Concert Hall
🚗 Esplanade



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Don't miss HSBC WORLD RUGBY SINGAPORE SEVENS

Are you ready to rock, ruck and rumble? Singapore is hosting a major sports event that will get your adrenaline pumping. The HSBC World Rugby Singapore Sevens (15 to 16 April) is set to tear the roof off the Singapore National Stadium, with 16 of the globe's top teams – from Argentina and Kenya, to Australia and New Zealand – competing for fame and glory.

The tournament will witness 45 gruelling matches over the two days, with countries represented by seven-player teams instead of the traditional 15-player ones, resulting in faster-paced, more heart-stopping games. Each game comprises two seven-minute halves in the pool stages of the tournament, and 10-minute halves once it hits the



final stages. If all this is starting to sound too technical for you, there's plenty of off-field action to keep you entertained.

"Show Your Colours" is the theme this year, so come in your best

costume or face paint! A fringe zone perfect for both rugby aficionados and amateurs, the Fun Zone will feature a Rugby Challenge Zone where you can throw, pass, catch, and kick like a pro. Also, be treated to other exciting activities like the Inflatable Rugby Bungee and a Swing Bag Obstacle Course.

Win or lose, there's no better way to celebrate the rugby season than with the official after party, Clarke Quay After 7s Music Festival. A stone's throw away from the National Stadium, this party features live performances, drink specials and themed parties.

This mega event isn't just about sports; it's a lifestyle! For more information, visit www.singapore7s.sg.

Exposé HOW SINGAPORE CELEBRATES HARI RAYA AIDILFITRI

Festive celebrations in Singapore are undeniably joyous and vibrant affairs – and **Hari Raya Aidilfitri** (also known as Hari Raya Puasa) is no exception. After practising abstinence and dawn-to-dusk fasting during the holy month of Ramadan, Muslims come together during Hari Raya (25 June) to revel in the spirit of forgiveness, fellowship and of course, familial togetherness.

The lead-up to Hari Raya typically begins weeks prior and one of its main attractions is the annual **Ramadan Bazaar** at Geylang Serai. From 24 May to 24 June, the bustling street market will be packed with over 1,500 stalls selling an eclectic mix of local food,

handicrafts, home decorations, and traditional Malay garb. Also, experience Geylang Serai at its prettiest during the **Hari Raya Light Up** where the streets will be adorned with bright lights and colourful street decorations.

Hari Raya season is also a great time to learn about the history, traditions, and practices of Muslims in Singapore. Every year, the Malay Heritage Centre opens its doors to the public during its **Hari Raya Open House**: a one-day event where guests can enjoy cultural performances and participate in fun craft activities like *ketupat* (diamond-shaped rice cake wrapped in woven coconut leaves)- making. Also, be

sure to mark your calendars for **Pesta Raya – Malay Festival of Arts** (20 – 23 July, Esplanade), which celebrates the richness of the Nusantara (Malay Archipelago) community with a line-up of theatre, dance, and musical performances.



Kristal Melson

This issue's colourful cover is the brainchild of a talented visual artist, illustrator and entrepreneur in Singapore, Kristal Melson. Her works have been published in books such as *Soul Pancake* and the *UrbanOutfitters Printshop*. Also, she has worked with big brands like Levi's and Marc Jacobs. Here, she shares her inspiration behind her cover piece, her favourite local food, and how she plays guide to tourist friends.



This issue's cover is...

inspired by Singapore's tropical flora and fauna. Singapore is a biophilic city with diverse, and sometimes rare, species hiding in plain sight. I am captivated by our beautiful wild surroundings, so it was only natural for a walk through the fantastical botanic city to be the main focus of the cover art.

The local art scene is...

dominated by numerous young talents who possess the aptitude to produce a plethora of impressive works, and who are able to create art that speaks volumes of their unique personal style. In addition to the opening of new museums and galleries, we are treated today to a slew of art shows, pop-up art markets and festivals – indicating a positive progress of art initiatives in Singapore.

Inspiration behind my art comes from...

tropical surroundings, comics or even funny stories. My illustrations often have an interesting back-story

or a music reference. Also, I'm obsessed with being able to capture invisible forces of energy and its flow through patterns, so that shows up in my art.

My go-to spots include...

Craftsmen Specialty Coffee in Siglap, where you'll find me wolfing down its delectable bacon and egg waffles; and Spacemob (a new co-working space in Orchard) where I spend a lot of time hanging with the good folks there. I'll most likely pop by anywhere with art shows or local bands playing.

My top three local dishes...

are a good bowl of *laksa* (rice noodles served with coconut milk-infused broth) from 328 Katong laksa (53 East Coast Road), mouthwatering salted egg yolk custard bun at Swee Choon Tim Sum Restaurant (183-191 Jalan Besar), and anywhere that can offer me a delicious plate of *maggi goreng ikan billis* (fried instant noodles with anchovies) topped with sunny-side up eggs.

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

I'll bring them to Gardens by the Bay early in the morning. Then, I'd take them to Knuckles & Notch at Bali Lane to get some risograph prints. We'll have a calorie-busting lunch like *briyani* (local spicy rice dish) and *teh tarik* (frothy hot milk tea) at the famous Zam Zam. Next, we'll proceed to the Fu Lu Shou Complex in Bugis for an interesting experience of aura reading. Once the sun sets, we'll head to Blu Jaz Café for drinks and live music. We'll end off the night with supper at Swee Choon where we'll devour a smorgasbord of *dim sum*, before heading to Mustafa Centre for last-minute shopping.



Unbelievable Tours

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This cultural tour offers you a unique insight into the *Peranakan* (Straits Chinese) culture in Singapore. Visit its heritage space in Joo Chiat and discover the history of *Peranakans*, their traditional yet lavish wedding ceremony and authentic *Nyonya kueh* (traditional *Peranakan* sweet or savoury bite-sized snacks). Visits are available by appointment only.

the-intan.com
(65) 6440 1148



A+B Edu Tours and Travel

MAKAN MAKAN - LET'S EAT

Finalist of Best Tour Experience, Singapore Tourism Awards 2016

Not a typical food tour, Makan Makan introduces you to local culture and interesting native quirks. You'll visit one of Singapore's earliest hawker centres at Taman Jurong, walk through the iconic Geylang Serai Wet Market, and learn how to make *popiah* (fresh spring rolls) in Joo Chiat as well as *otak-otak* (grilled fish cake) in the heartlands.

www.abedutours.com.sg
(65) 6339 2114



Journeys

THROUGH FOG & FIRE – THE BATTLE FOR SINGAPORE 1942

Finalist of Best Tour Experience, Singapore Tourism Awards 2016

Singapore may be only 52 years young but the origins of this island-city actually began much earlier, as a thriving port of call before it became a British colony in 1826. The colonial-state later fell under the Japanese Occupation from 1942 to 1945 during World War II. Learn more about the downfall of Singapore in WWII at the Through Fog & Fire – The Battle for Singapore, 1942 tour by Journeys.

www.journeys.com.sg
(65) 6214 2451 / 6325 1631



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There's no disputing Singapore as a thriving food capital with its treasure trove of local foods. Join in Wok 'n' Stroll's Hawker Discovery tour to take in Singapore's rich food legacy through visits to hawker centres while sampling local fare like chicken rice and *laksa* (rice noodles served with coconut milk-infused broth). Don't miss Wok 'n' Stroll's Wet Market Adventure – a walking tour of Tekka Market in Little India, filled with fresh produce, eye-opening ingredients and new dishes from the stalls around.

www.woknstroll.com.sg
(65) 8338 3571

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10 Must-dos in Singapore

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

01 ENJOY GREAT SHOPPING DEALS

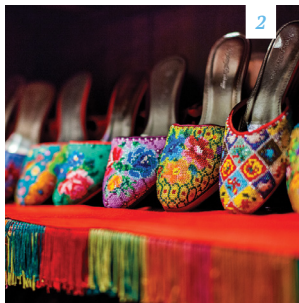
Shopaholics, welcome to heaven. From high-end and high street, to designer and discount finds, there is something for everyone on this sunny island. See pages 20-21 for more details.

📍 Various locations

02 DISCOVER PERANAKAN CULTURE

Learn more about *Peranakan* culture at heritage-rich Katong. Visit Katong Antique House for an insight into historical Peranakan artefacts; drop by Rumah Bebe for beautiful Peranakan embroidery, jewellery, and batik textiles; and stop over at Kim Choo Kueh Chang for delicious rice dumplings and *Peranakan* snacks.

📍 Various locations



03 GO CAFÉ-HOPPING

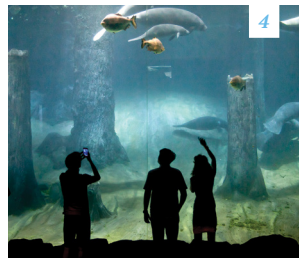
Check out the sheer variety of cafes scattered all over the island (think hip areas like Tiong Bahru and Jalan Besar) and satisfy your cravings for Eggs Benedict, red velvet cakes and a heavenly brewed cuppa Joe.

📍 Various locations

04 EXPLORE RIVER SAFARI SINGAPORE

Discover the world's largest freshwater aquarium at Asia's first and only river-themed wildlife park that features over 6,000 animals and the world's vastest collections of freshwater fauna. Cosy up with resident pandas, Kai Kai and Jia Jia, at the Giant Panda Forest.

📍 www.riversafari.com.sg
 📍 River Safari, 80 Mandai Lake Road
 📞 (65) 6269 3411
 📍 Choa Chu Kang + connecting bus service 927



05 COMMUNE WITH NATURE AT GARDENS BY THE BAY

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

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

06 BUY ELECTRONICS

This tiny red dot is a true techie heaven with the widest and cheapest range of electronic goods in the region. Bagging over 30 years of experience in providing innovative healthy lifestyle products like eye massagers and air purifiers, local brand OSIM is a must-visit.

📍 Various locations



07 ENJOY MOD-SIN CUISINE

Embark on a gastronomic adventure through modern re-interpretations of local hawker fare – like *ayam percik* (grilled spring chicken cooked with coconut cream and lime) at Xiao Ya Tou, and Hokkaido scallop *kueh pie tee* (thin tart shell filled with sliced vegetables and prawns) at Ding Dong.

📍 www.xyt.sg & www.dingdong.com.sg
 📍 Xiao Ya Tou & Ding Dong, 6 Duxton Hill & 115 Amoy Street
 📞 (65) 6266 1965 & (65) 6557 0189
 📍 Outram Park & Telok Ayer

08 SPEND A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

Sate your inner culture vulture with historical artefacts and thought-provoking paintings at museums around the island, such as National Museum of Singapore, Asian Civilisations Museum and National Gallery Singapore.

📍 Various locations



09 JUMP ON BOARD THE SINGAPORE FLYER

Take to the skies aboard the world's second tallest observation wheel for scenic views of Marina Bay, the Central Business District, and beyond.

📍 www.singaporeflyer.com
 📍 Singapore Flyer, 30 Raffles Avenue
 📞 (65) 6333 3311
 📍 Promenade

10 HAVE A SUNDOWNER

Head up to Aura Sky Lounge and tuck into saccharine treats like Amedei chocolate and banana cake, and Bailey's and hazelnut feuillantine, while taking in a top-notch view of The Padang and skyline.

📍 www.aura.sg
 📍 #06-02, Aura at National Gallery Singapore
 📞 (65) 6866 1977
 📍 City Hall

Singapore on a shoestring

From wallet friendly local delights to eye-opening heritage sites, here's how to have the most fun possible on a tiny budget.

1
EAT AT A LOCAL HAWKER CENTRE SUCH AS LAU PA SAT

2
VISIT ONE OF SINGAPORE'S OLDEST HOUSING ESTATE – QUEENSTOWN

3
SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP AT MUSTAFA CENTRE

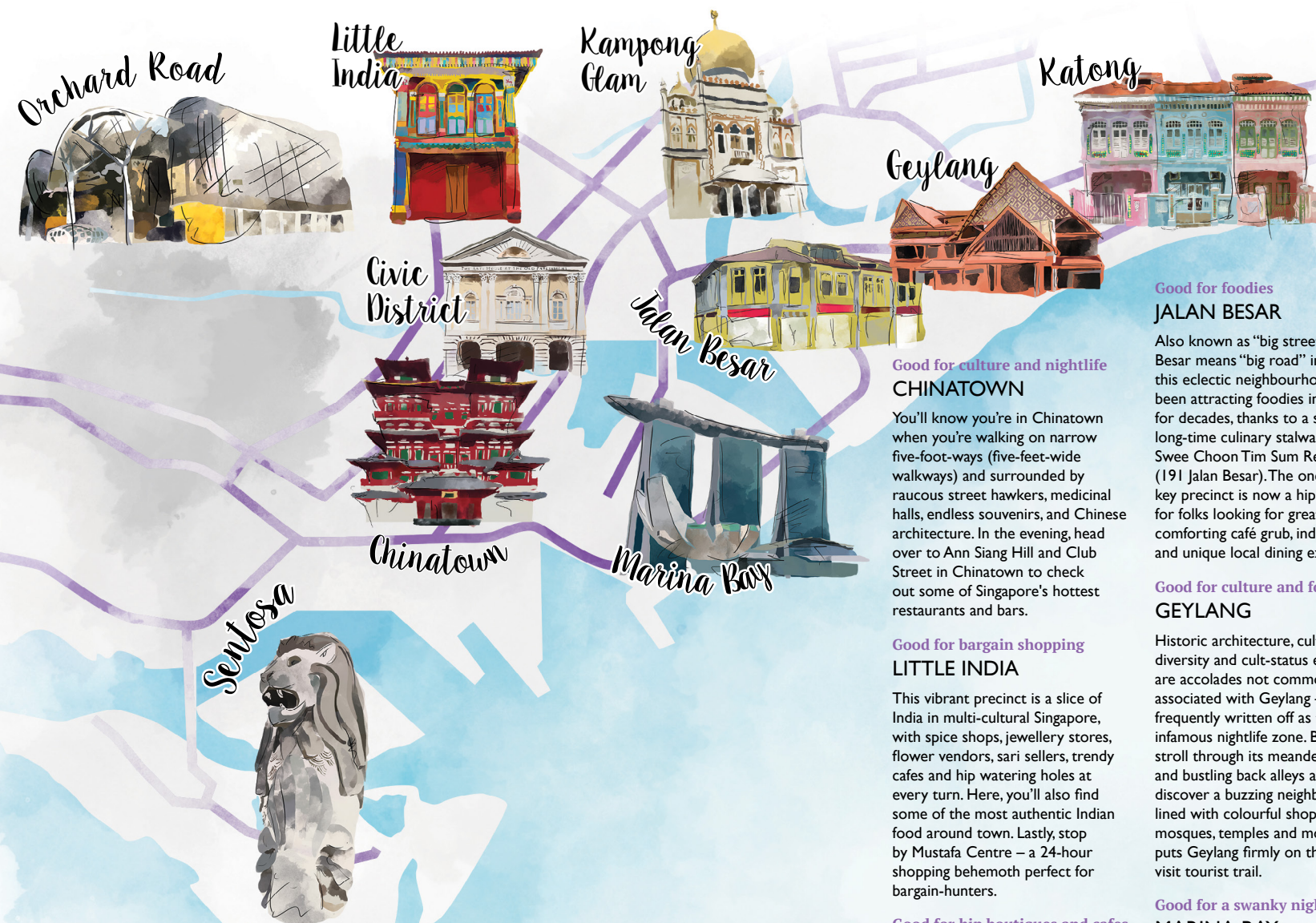
4
SPOT STREET ART AT HAJI LANE

5
ART-HOP AT GILLMAN BARRACKS

6
CATCH THE MARINA BAY SANDS' LIGHT AND WATER SHOW

7
VISIT ONE OF THE OLDEST HOKKIEN TEMPLES IN SINGAPORE – THIAN HOCK KENG TEMPLE

8
VISIT SINGAPORE'S LAST VILLAGE – KAMPONG LORONG BUANGKOK



Navigator NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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

Good for culture and nightlife CHINATOWN

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

Good for bargain shopping LITTLE INDIA

This vibrant precinct is a slice of India in multi-cultural Singapore, with spice shops, jewellery stores, flower vendors, sari sellers, trendy cafes and hip watering holes at every turn. Here, you'll also find some of the most authentic Indian food around town. Lastly, stop by Mustafa Centre – a 24-hour shopping behemoth perfect for bargain-hunters.

Good for hip boutiques and cafes KAMPONG GLAM

Once an ethnic enclave for the Muslim community, including Arab and Bugis traders, Kampong Glam is now a thriving neighbourhood with the majestic Sultan Mosque, eclectic shopping street Haji Lane and more. Get the most out of the amazing neighbourhood with our day and night itineraries on page 18.

Good for foodies JALAN BESAR

Also known as "big street" (Jalan Besar means "big road" in Malay), this eclectic neighbourhood has been attracting foodies in droves for decades, thanks to a string of long-time culinary stalwarts like Swee Choon Tim Sum Restaurant (191 Jalan Besar). The once-low-key precinct is now a hip hangout for folks looking for great coffee, comforting café grub, indie shopping and unique local dining experiences.

Good for culture and food GEYLANG

Historic architecture, cultural diversity and cult-status eateries are accolades not commonly associated with Geylang – which is frequently written off as the island's infamous nightlife zone. But take a stroll through its meandering lanes and bustling back alleys and you'll discover a buzzing neighbourhood lined with colourful shophouses, mosques, temples and more that puts Geylang firmly on the must-visit tourist trail.

Good for a swanky night out MARINA BAY

Though Marina Bay was only constructed in the last four decades on reclaimed land, the area has fast become the ultimate representation of Singapore. Its collection of architectural wonders includes Marina Bay Sands, an integrated resort comprising a luxury hotel, a museum, a theatre, and a shopping mall.

Good for kid-friendly activities SENTOSA

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

Good for heritage KATONG

A residential suburb rooted in wealth and traditionally associated with the *Peranakan* (indigenous Straits Chinese population of Southeast Asia and Singapore) and Eurasian communities, Katong is a charming picture of old and new, with hip cafes, shopping malls, cool bars and modern eateries situated alongside heritage establishments.

Good for high-street and luxury boutiques ORCHARD ROAD

No shopping jaunt in Singapore is complete without a visit to Orchard Road. Lined with sparkly malls, the renowned shopping belt is decked with high-street and luxury boutiques such as Prada (#01-01 & #02-15, ION Orchard), Y-3 (#01-05, Mandarin Gallery) and the first global flagship UNIQLO store at Orchard Central.

Good for historical sights CIVIC DISTRICT

This is where it all began. Started as a master plan in 1822 by founder of Singapore Sir Stamford Raffles to cater to the needs of a thriving trade post, the Civic District is where Singapore's most important buildings stand. On the banks of Singapore River, you'll find the old Parliament House (now The Arts House), the former City Hall and Supreme Court (now National Gallery Singapore), and Victoria Theatre and Concert Hall.

Navigator KAMPONG GLAM

Once an ethnic enclave for the Muslim community including Arab and Bugis traders, Kampong Glam is now a thriving neighbourhood peppered with hole-in-the-wall boutiques, quaint restaurants, cool bars and a slew of charming cultural spots. Need a little guide? These day and night itineraries cover the best spots:

In the day

1



Start your day with a scrumptious breakfast at this Kampong Glam institution that has been around for over a century. **Singapore Zam Zam** (697 North Bridge Road) also offers an array of classic local fare like *murtabak* (a flaky flatbread stuffed with a savoury meat filling), *mee goreng* (fried noodles), and *roti prata* (Indian flatbread).

2



Explore the **Sultan Mosque's** (3 Muscat Street) impressive architecture (for free) – the base of gold dome interior is made entirely out of glass bottles. The best time to visit this iconic structure is on a weekday morning.

3



Visit the **Children's Little Museum** (42 Bussorah Street), an old shophouse in Kampong Glam that houses vintage and retro toys, furniture, and other memorabilia.

4



Get your artsy fix at **Intersections Gallery** (34 Kandahar Street). Showcasing works from both local and regional artists, this gallery aims to highlight Southeast Asian cultures through art.

5



Savour the authentic taste of beef *rendang* (beef stew slow-cooked in a rich lemongrass and coconut sauce) at **Rumah Makan Minang** (18 Kandahar Street).

6



Immerse yourself in local history at The **Malay Heritage Centre** (85 Sultan Gate), where you can learn more about the culture of the Malay community.

7



Check out **Aliwal Arts Centre** (28 Aliwal Street) – a multi-disciplinary space that celebrates the performing arts scene in Singapore, and check out events like staged theatre performances and belly dancing.

9



The green and stylish co-venture, **Touch the Toes** (31 Arab Street) offers stylish yoga apparel that are sustainably produced with organic cotton, bamboo blends, and other recycled materials.

8



Step inside **Sifr Aromatics** (42 Arab Street) and be blown away by a forest of scents from hundreds of natural oils mixed by owner Johari Kazura.

In the evening

1



Gentlemen, head over to **Hounds of Baskervilles** (24 Bali Lane) to enjoy a traditional barbershop experience of the bygones, including hot towel shaves and full-faced grooming services. Ladies, stop by **The Nail Social** (42A Haji Lane) for a pretty mani-pedi that only uses organic, fair-trade, and cruelty-free products.

2



Spend your afternoon at charming and hip boutiques like Dulcetfig (41 Haji Lane) and Mondays Off (76 Haji Lane) on **Haji Lane**. Here you'll also find an array of street art by local and international names such as Didier Jaba Mathieu, and Oak and Bindi.

4



For a not-so-usual dining experience, reserve a table at **Nox - Dine in the Dark** (269 Beach Road). Take your culinary adventure up a notch with fine-dining plates served in a pitch-black room.

3



On the hunt for uniquely local goods? A gallery shop, **Supermama** (265 Beach Road), that collaborates with homegrown designers to create eclectic souvenirs.

5



While you're kicking back to old-school Motown tunes at **LongPlay** (4 Haji Lane), tuck into delish bar bites like buttermilk chicken, and try the Rock Island Iced Tea – their own rendition of the Long Island cocktail.

6



One of Singapore's first bespoke cocktail bars, **Bar Stories** (57A Haji Lane) has no menu. Instead, every drink is specially made for you using fresh produce without any artificial flavours.

7



Have supper at **Kampong Glam Café** (17 Bussorah Street) where you'll be treated to affordable and simple, local dishes like *soto ayam* (spicy chicken noodle soup), *maggi goreng* (fried instant noodles) and many more. To complement your meal, grab a *Milo Dinosaur* (a chocolate malt drink served with ice and topped with more chocolate malt powder).

Shopping Hotspots

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

ORCHARD ROAD

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



HIGHLIGHTS

TANGS

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

ION Orchard

The biggest mall on the famous shopping belt, ION Orchard houses some of the world's top luxury brands like Louis Vuitton and Prada, and hot labels like COS and beauty mecca Sephora.

Mandarin Gallery

Aside from Michael Kors' and Victoria Secret's flagship boutiques, this shiny mall also houses several cool multi-label shops like What Women Want and Fleurs de Tropic.

CHANGI AIRPORT

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



HIGHLIGHTS

Charles & Keith

As one of Singapore's most successful fashion brands, Charles & Keith offers a wide range of on-trend yet affordable footwear and accessories.

Eu Yan Sang

When it comes to Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), household brand Eu Yan Sang is the name to remember, offering a myriad natural Chinese remedies, herbs, tonics, and supplements.



BRAS BASAH. BUGIS

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Ling Wu at National Design Centre

The local label's collection of luxe handbags and accessories offers stunning satchels and très chic totes in butter-soft leather and exotic skins!

Editor's Market at Bugis+

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

Cat Socrates at Bras Basah Complex

Step into this quirky indie store for books, accessories, stationery, knick-knacks and Singapore-inspired trinkets by local designers.

SENTOSA/HARBOURFRONT

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



HIGHLIGHTS

VivoCity

The largest shopping mall in the city houses a variety of exciting lifestyle stores like Bimba Y Lola, Benjamin Barker, Weekends and Pedro.

Sentosa Fun Shop

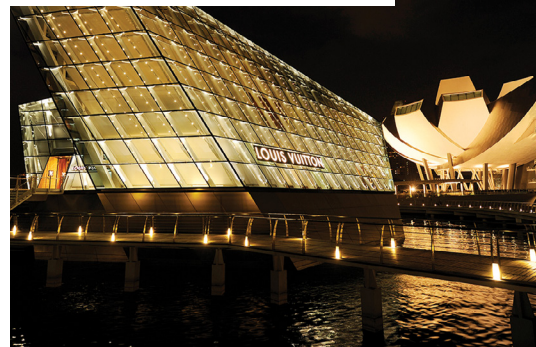
Pick up some unique Sentosa-themed souvenirs like magnets and Merlion plush toys on your way out of the island.

Resort World Sentosa

Find an array of specialty retail outlets like Swiss Watch Gallery, Missha, and LEGO® Certified Store.

MARINA BAY

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



HIGHLIGHTS

Gallery & Co. at National Gallery Singapore

This hip retail-art-F&B space offers some lust-worthy goods including books, design collectibles, and prints.

Rolex Boutique by Cortina Watch at Marina Square

This Southeast Asia's largest Rolex boutique houses the luxury watchmaker's Oyster and Cellini collections, as well as a permanent exhibition that shines the spotlight on the brand's heritage.

Louis Vuitton at The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands

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



Carolyn Kan

Founder of artisan-crafted jewellery label Carrie K.

“I often uncover delightful new finds and re-discover old favourites at Bras Basah Bugis. In this 'hood, you'll find both traditional wares and modern offerings by award-winning local designers. My favourite retail spot in this area is Kapok at National Design Centre, a lifestyle space that offers inspiring quality artisanal goods. The National Design Centre also houses Gin Lee's design studios; I love Gin Lee's attention to detail in her minimalist womenswear designs. While you're at it, don't forget to visit Supermama and Scene Shang's flagship stores located along Beach Road.”

Take Me Home

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



1. Accessorise your outfits with bracelets by Singapore-based jewellery label, **Eden + Elie** that integrates contemporary design with handcrafted heritage bead weaving, \$139. Available at TANGS Orchard
2. Pamper yourself with the Beauty Warrior Face Mask – a 100% vegan product by local skincare brand, **Handmade Heroes**, \$24.90. Available at Isetan Scotts (Level 2, Shaw Centre)
3. Classic films get a local twist with witty Sin City tote bags by **Kult**, featuring local neighbourhoods like Waterloo Street, \$25. Available at Kult (11 Upper Wilkie Road)
4. Learn more about the Singapore culture through the hilarious Dun Tok Cok booster pack by **Starknicked**, \$29.90. Available at NAISE (#02-02 orchardgateway)
5. Captain of the Sea t-shirt by **entrepôt** encapsulates the nostalgic bumboat rides passengers used to take to commute to Singapore's smaller islands, \$45. Available at Maketh Project (3rd floor, 68B Race Course Road)
6. Inspired by Southeast Asian wet markets, the Dulung Hatbox by Singapore-based label **Pubumésu** is the epitome of chic, \$790. Available at Gallery & Co. (National Gallery)
7. Get the NS Jerry Can Bottle by **Souvenirs From Singapore**, an exact replica of the essential item for National Service, \$12.90. Available at NAISE (#02-02 orchardgateway)
8. Handmade in Singapore, Speculoos cookie butter chocolate bar by **Poppy & Co.** is a must-try for chocoholics, \$9. Available at SPRMRKT (2 McCallum Street)
9. Every girl needs a pair of comfy shoes – like these stylish flats by homegrown brand **Anothersole**, \$79.90. Available at TANGS Orchard
10. Dress to the nines with a flirty number from the MING collection by local label **Stolen**, \$329. Available at Trixilini, Scotts square.
11. Snag the State of Mind colourful bucket hat by **The Artist Project 1.0: Siapa Nama Kamu?** - a design collaboration with local and international artists, \$59.90. Available at Gallery & Co. (National Gallery)
12. A cool barbershop in Singapore, **The Golden Rule Barber Co.** offers tools of the trade like its original pomades, \$28. Available at The Golden Rule Barber Co. (#01-02, 188 Race Course Road)
13. Maestros of traditional bookmaking and leather crafting, **Bynd Artisan** offers a handy journal to document your adventure in Singapore, \$80. Available at TANGS Orchard
14. Cuddle up to this plush cushion by **Nom Nom Plush** that's inspired by the pineapple tart, a popular Chinese festive treat, \$32.90. Available at NAISE (#02-02 orchardgateway)
15. Complete your breakfast with the delicious combination of toast and kaya (a traditional spread made from coconut milk, eggs and sugar), \$5.20. Available at **Ya Kun Kaya Toast** stores island-wide

Hawker Highlights

Chomp your way through Singapore's vibrant street food culture with eight of the most popular local dishes found in hawker centres all over the island. From tucking into a plate of chicken rice to enjoying succulent chilli crab dish, get your tastebuds ready for a gastronomical adventure!

Chilli Crab



Chicken Rice



Hokkien Prawn Noodles



Indian Rojak



Nasi Lemak



Satay



Roti Prata



Kaya Toast



CHILLI CRAB

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

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

NASI LEMAK

The allure of *nasi lemak* lies in its aromatic rice, cooked with coconut milk and pandan leaves. This

traditional Malay dish is served with deep-fried *ikan kuning* (yellowtail scad), *ikan bilis* (fried anchovies), *kang kong* (water spinach) and *sambal* (chilli paste), all wrapped in banana leaves. Now, ingredients like peanuts, cucumber slices and fried sunny side-up eggs are popular modern day additions to this indulgent meal.

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

KAYA TOAST

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

WHERE TO EAT:
Ya Kun Kaya Toast (islandwide)

INDIAN ROJAK

A salad made up of fried dough fritters, boiled potatoes, cuttlefish, hard-boiled eggs, and more, Indian Rojak is a must-try local delicacy that offers a medley of flavours – think savoury, sweet and spicy!

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

CHICKEN RICE

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

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

SATAY

Served skewered on a stick, these BBQ meat snacks – often beef, chicken, and mutton – are perfect for sharing amongst ravenous groups, usually for dinner or supper. Served with chopped onions, *ketupat* (dense rice cakes), and a thick peanut dipping sauce that's both sweet and nutty, satay is indeed soul food that you can get at most hawker centres.

WHERE TO EAT:
Satay by the Bay (#01-19, 18 Marina Gardens Drive)

ROTI PRATA

Introduced to Singapore by Indian immigrants, *roti prata* literally means flat bread (*roti*). Making this dish is a theatrical process that involves deftly twirling the stretched dough until it is paper thin. The dough is then cooked on an oiled griddle. Try

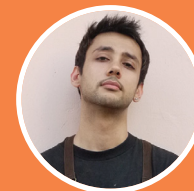
the plain or egg version with sugar and curry, or explore unorthodox creations ranging from the crepe-like *roti* tissue to an ice cream *prata*.

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

HOKKIEN PRAWN NOODLES

Stir-fried with a stock made of prawn heads and pork bones, the gloriously messy Hokkien prawn noodles is replete with yellow noodles, vermicelli, prawns, squid, pork belly, egg and fried pork lard. While its origin remains vague, it is said to be first sold by Hokkien sailors at Rochor Road in post-war Singapore.

WHERE TO EAT:
Nam Sing Hokkien Fried Mee (#01-32, Old Airport Road Food Centre, 51 Old Airport Road)



Chef Sam Chablani

of Fat Lulu's

My favourite local dishes include... the Hainanese chicken rice from Nam Kee Chicken Rice & Restaurant (201 Upper Thomson Road); *bak chor mee* (vinegar-drenched noodles with boiled minced pork, liver, mushrooms and, occasionally, fishballs and bean sprouts) from Ming Fa Fish Balls (246B Upper Thomson Road); and *Hokkien mee* at Chomp Chomp Food Centre (20 Kensington Park Road).

For a local culinary experience that is lesser-known... you can visit Lau Pa Sat for mouthwatering Asian Cajun burnt BBQ prawns from stall number 8 in the outdoor area; or check out this stall called Western Food at a tiny *kopitiam* in Toa Payoh (Blk 8, Lorong 7) for its delicious mixed grilled meat platter that comprises chicken steaks, pork steaks, a beef t-bone steak, bacon, fries, a sausage, a fried egg and grilled *kailan* (Chinese broccoli) with a heavy black pepper sauce, all served on a hot plate.

Hot Tables SG INSPIRED RESTOS

Gastronomic mash-up LOOF

Conceptualised by Artichoke's Bjorn Shen, Loof's recently revamped menu offers unique clashes of several comfort foods we adore. A novel addition include the mod-Sin marvel, *bak chor mee* (minced pork noodles) grilled cheese, that combines the American grilled cheese sandwich with minced pork and mushrooms commonly found in the local noodle dish.

www.loof.com.sg
#03-07 Odeon Towers,
331 North Bridge Road
(65) 6337 9416
City Hall



Adults-only bar-restaurant LITTLE BASTARD

Head to 115 King George's Avenue, and climb up an unassuming secret staircase that leads to a rebellious new joint unabashedly called Little Bastard. Here, you'll be treated to fusion dishes like a duck confit *penyet* (smashed) and alcoholic dessert cocktails like the *cendol* cocktail (inspired by a dessert drink comprising of coconut milk, green-coloured rice flour jelly, red beans, shaved ice and palm sugar).

www.facebook.com/littlebastardsg
115 King George's Avenue
(65) 8459 9893
Lavender



Farm-to-table dining OPEN FARM COMMUNITY

Sitting on 35,000 square feet of lush greenery that was once a golf driving range, Open Farm Community offers farm-fresh dining with a revamped menu that pays homage to local produce and flavours. Must-tries include a steak tartar marinated with ginger chilli, and a rich pandan and banana custard with ginger biscuit.

www.openfarmcommunity.com
130E Minden Road
(65) 6471 0306
Orchard

Chinese cuisine galore TUNGLOK HEEN

The first outpost of internationally-acclaimed Canadian Celebrity Chef Susur Lee, this dining establishment offers palate-pleasing, contemporary Chinese cuisine like chilled crab meat with fresh milk, truffle and kaluga queen caviar; and steamed Japanese wild scallops with roasted garlic. You'll also find traditional Teochew delights, and authentic, fiery Hunan cuisine.

www.tunglokheen.com
6 Sentosa Gateway, Hotel Michael in Resorts World Sentosa
(65) 6884 7888
HarbourFront



Café goodness REVOLUTION COFFEE

This quaint coffeehouse brews a solid cuppa Joe, using Sydney's famed Single Origin Roasters' Reservoir Blend. For the grub, you'll be treated to a tempting menu like *buah keluak* (black nut indigenous to Southeast Asia) pasta, and *pulut hitam* (black glutinous rice porridge) pudding with a *gula melaka* (palm sugar) butterscotch.

www.facebook.com/RevolutionCoffeeSG
#01-03A Infinite Studios, 21 Media Circle
(65) 6777 2110
One-north

Heritage eats COCONUT CLUB

Attracting both praises and eyebrow-raises, this controversial restaurant sells an upmarket variation of Singaporean hawker comfort food, *nasi lemak*. While you're soaking up the laid-back ambience, tuck into a bowl of old school *cendol* and sip on its homemade ice lemongrass tea to help you beat the tropical heat.

www.facebook.com/thecoconutclubsg
6 Ann Siang Hill
(65) 6635 2999
Tanjong Pagar

Asian fusion UPPER PLACE

Stop by for exquisite Asian-inspired, modern European dishes here. Devour its lobster *kueh pie tee* (crispy pastry tart shell filled with a juicy mixture of thinly-sliced vegetables and prawns), reconstructed *laksa* (spicy rice noodles in a coconut milk broth) risotto and carrot cake served with cinnamon sorbet, carrot tuile and dried radish.

www.wangzhhotel.com/eatdining
231 Outram Road, Wangz Hotel
(65) 6595 1380
Outram Park



MICHELIN-STARRED DINING

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

SUMMER PAVILION One Michelin Star

Master of Cantonese cuisine, Summer Pavilion provides delicacies like poached rice with lobster meat, and barbecued Iberico pork with honey sauce. End on a sweet note with traditional desserts like the sweetened almond tea with snow lotus.

www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/singapore/dining/summer-pavilion
7 Raffles Avenue
(65) 6434 5286
Promenade



SHOUKOUWA Two Michelin Stars

Shoukouwa is a bona fide Michelin experience (two stars at that!) you must try. The diminutive restaurant – run by the Emmanuel Stroobant Group – seats just eight people at the counter and features an *omakase* (meaning at the chef's discretion) menu that highlights only the freshest seasonal ingredients.

www.shoukouwa.com.sg
#02-02A One Fullerton, 1 Fullerton Road
(65) 6423 9939
Raffles Place

KA SOH

Bib Gourmand (exceptional food at moderate prices)

Bagging over 70 years of history, this humble eatery at Singapore's famous Tofu Street promises a light yet satisfying meal, with its flavourful bowl of noodles and milky white fish soup that's made of fresh snakehead fish and fish bones that are boiled for over four hours.

www.ka-soh.com
2 College Road, Alumni Medical Centre
(65) 6473 6686
Outram Park



Stylish comforts COO BISTRO

COO attracts those who want more than your average local cuisine. COO's Prawn Noodles comes highly recommended to anyone sold on the umami-rich prawn broth. Also, try its Tiong Bahru Platter that features roasted pork belly, grilled chicken *satay* (skewered meat), salt & pepper fish, and mackerel *keropok* (fish crackers).

www.staycoo.com/eat
259 Outram Road
(65) 6221 7060
Outram Park

HONG KONG SOYA SAUCE CHICKEN RICE & NOODLE One Michelin Star

This no-frills stalls in Chinatown Food Complex is famous for its delectable soya sauce chicken rice and chicken noodles. The chicken here is absolutely tender and juicy thanks to the addictively sweet and salty soya sauce that it absorbs.

#02-126, 335 Smith Street
Chinatown

BALESTIER ROAD HOOVER ROJAK

Bib Gourmand (exceptional food at moderate prices)

If you can stomach century eggs, you'll like Hoover Rojak's version of the local-style salad made of vegetables, fruits and fried dough fritters. The sauce is made using shrimp paste procured from Penang and the owner's secret mix of ingredients.

90 Whampoa Drive
(65) 6253 0137
Boon Keng

Drink up SPEAKEASIES



GIBSON

While the gold-accented interior may evoke upmarket impressions, a tipsy trip to Gibson is far from a formal, stuffy bar experience. Gibson prides itself on its wide selection of potent tipples in its drinks menu, pleasing even the most discerning drinker. Particularly good is The Prohibition, with its arresting, complex mix of Prohibition Edition Cutty Sark, Campari and Antica Formula that results in a spicy, woody flavour.

- www.gibsonbar.sg
- Level 2, 20 Bukit Pasoh Road
- (65) 9114 8385
- Outram Park

28 HONG KONG STREET

Sans PR fanfare and signage out front, 28 Hong Kong Street exudes intimate and hush-hush vibes with its non-descript entrance. But once inside, it's safe to be boisterously sociable with your group of friends! The best part for a tippeloholic: the larger standard shot served here (as compared to the usual 30ml).

- www.28hks.com
- 28 Hong Kong Street
- (65) 6533 2001
- Clarke Quay



Basement bar B28 houses some of the best whiskies in the city!

Gibson offers a mix of classic drinks and madcap nightcaps



Experience a curated menu of experimental concoctions at Operation Daggers

B28

No secret amongst discerning malt connoisseurs in Singapore, basement bar, B28, is one of the best spots in the city for whiskies. Head here for its impressive collection of over 100 whiskies, rum, and other libations, and stay for its weekly Jazz Sessions, featuring live performances by local and international musicians.

- www.btwentyeight.com
- 28 Ann Siang Road, The Club Hotel
- (65) 9298 8863
- Telok Ayer

OPERATION DAGGER

To enter the underground lair of Luke Whearty, Operation Dagger's leading bartender, you first have to walk through a dingy, dark stairwell that's marked by a scrawl of a curious rectangle and upside-down crown. This cubbyhole of a speakeasy offers a tightly curated menu of unorthodox concoctions, like The Egg, made with salted egg yolk liqueur; as well as an omakase, which comes with six different cocktails and addictive bar snacks.

- www.facebook.com/operationdagger
- #B1-01, 7 Ann Siang Hill
- (65) 6438 4057
- Telok Ayer

THE HORSE'S MOUTH

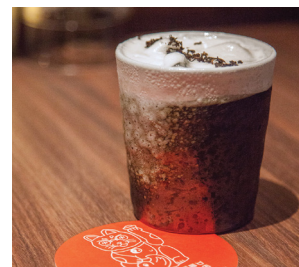
Beside the cashier of Uma Uma Ramen is a curtained door, and it is through this door where you'll find a flight of stairs leading to The Horse's Mouth. This small izakaya bar has its technique down pat – watch wide-eyed as the pros mix classic drinks – and it's not the least bit intimidating.

- horsesmouthbar.com
- B1-3 Forum The Shopping Mall
- 583 Orchard Road
- (65) 6235 1088
- Orchard

BITTERS & LOVE

Don't be fooled by the boarded up shopfront that's littered with random scribbles. Push the door open, and you will see that Bitters & Love is very much alive. While you're here, the folks at Bitters & Love will concoct something from the drink profile you provide. Plus, a whimsical food menu makes sure you're never bored of this place, ever.

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



PHAT CAT LAUNDRY

This mischievous themed bar in the Keong Saik area packs quite a sense of humour – walls lined with laundry detergent boxes, kitschy propaganda posters as ornaments, and cocktails inspired by cheesy Mando-pop songs. For bevies, try their specialty teahouse cocktails like the Aromatised Oolong (osmanthus peach vodka, demerara, hand-pressed citrus and prosecco), or the Chrysanthemum Stage (chrysanthemum gin, tonic water and Boston bitters).

- www.phatcatlaundry.com
- 4 Jjak Chuan Road
- (65) 6221 8262
- Outram Park



THE BELLJAR

Not too far from the rowdy Circular Road district is this new bar that boasts a three-tiered experience distributed across its three floors. While shoppers and diners will likely be engrossed with the retail and resto space on the ground floor, booze guzzlers will want to adjourn to the whisky lounge and cocktail bar on the second floor, where they can rely on the bartenders for bespoke-slash-curveball tippie requests.

- www.facebook.com/thebelljar.sg
- 18 North Canal Road
- (65) 8182 2858
- Clarke Quay

Drink up NEW WATERING HOLES

BRACI

Retire to this 30-seat rooftop bar along bustling Boat Quay that flaunts a fantastic view of the Singapore River while you savour unique cocktails. If you prefer stronger tipples, opt for the Diplomatico Old Fashioned. Fancy something refreshing to beat the heat? Go for the Bramble Cocktail – a refreshing concoction of Bombay Sapphire gin, lemon and sugar served over a blackberry ice ball.

- www.braci.sg
- #05-011 #06-01, 2 Boat Quay
- (65) 6866 1933
- Clarke Quay



RED TAIL BAR

Red Tail Bar offers floor-to-ceiling glass walls that let you peer at the madness outside while you mix and mingle amidst bamboo murals and high tables, armed with cocktails categorised by distinctive party hubs throughout Asia like Hong Kong's Party Like It's '97, Seoul's soju-infused Wild Pearl and Bali's fruity Jungle Juice.

- www.redtailbar.com
- 3C River Valley Road
- (65) 6738 2988
- Somerset



SKYLINE CLUB & LOUNGE

This rooftop bar at the Singapore Land Tower – 45 storeys up high, no less – has a dazzling new of the CBD skyline. Raise the roof with live DJs dropping cruising house music, glitzy bottle service (yes, sparklers and all!), free cocktails for members, and a ladies night titled Vanilla Sky that lets ladies savour five complimentary glasses of bubbly before 10pm, alongside beauty services from Zalora and Toni&Guy.

- skyline45.com
- Level 45 Singapore Land Tower, 50 Raffles Place
- (65) 8747 8168
- Raffles Place

Fam-tastic Day Out

Ten great things to do with kids in Singapore



Cruise down a river SINGAPORE RIVER CRUISE

Get acquainted with the city's mix of historic and iconic sights as you take a bumboat down Singapore River. Marvel at the colonial façade of Fullerton Hotel and soak in glittering lights of the city skyline.

- www.rivercruise.com.sg
- 59 Boat Quay
- (65) 6336 6111
- Clarke Quay

Visit an organic farm BOLLYWOOD VEGGIES

Go on a green adventure into the Kranji countryside. Join a free, guided tour around the Food Museum, then fill your bags with healthy, organic produce in the farm shop.

- emint.com
- 100 Neo Tiew Road
- (65) 6898 5001
- Chua Chu Kang



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Explore a wet market WET MARKET ADVENTURE BY WOK 'N' STROLL

Catch a glimpse of local life as you navigate Singapore's largest wet market, Tekka Market. Formerly a slaughterhouse, it is a maze brimming with colourful fresh produce, exotic ingredients and awesome grub from the hawker stalls.

- www.woknstroll.com.sg
- (65) 8338 3571
- Little India

Go wild over wildlife SINGAPORE ZOO

Home to more than 2,800 animals, the Singapore Zoo also boasts Rainforest Kidzworld for kids to pet farmyard animals, frolic at a water playground, and be captivated by live animal presentations.

- www.zoo.com.sg
- 80 Mandai Lake
- (65) 6269 3411
- Choa Chu Kang + connecting bus services 927



Tap into your inner artist KEPPEL CENTRE FOR ART EDUCATION

This art facility at National Gallery Singapore promises a day of artistic fun for the entire family with its digital interactive playscape and exciting lineup of activities.

- www.nationalgallery.sg
- #01-01, The National Gallery,
1 St. Andrew's Road
- (65) 6271 7000
- City Hall



Set sail to nearby islands NEIGHBOURING ISLANDS

For a quick getaway, hop on a boat and head to Singapore's offshore islands. Relax on Kusu Island's pristine beaches, trek the forests of St. John's Island or cycle through idyllic of Pulau Ubin.

- Various locations

Escape to the wild

S.E.A. AQUARIUM

Be mesmerized by 100,000 marine animals in every shape, size and colour at S.E.A. Aquarium. Watch rays and sharks glide by in the Open Ocean section with its spectacular viewing platform.

- www.rwsentosa.com
- 8 Sentosa Gateway, Sentosa Island
- (65) 6577 8888
- HarbourFront



Make a splash

ADVENTURE COVE WATERPARK

Whether coasting down the Lazy River on an inner tube, power swashing down one of the half dozen slides, floating above the six-foot tall waves at BluWater Bay or catching some rays at the many sun-splashed rest areas, there's so much you can do here.

- www.rwsentosa.com
- 8 Sentosa Gateway, Sentosa Island
- (65) 6577 8888
- HarbourFront



Explore a fire station

CENTRAL FIRE STATION

Singapore's oldest remaining fire station – the Central Fire Station Singapore – houses the Civil Defense Heritage Gallery where kids can discover vintage fire engines and equipment, and learn about modern ways to combat fire.

- www.scdf.gov.sg
- 62 Hill Street
- (65) 6332 2996
- City Hall

Learning through food

FOOD FOR THOUGHT (SINGAPORE BOTANIC GARDENS)

With its tagline of "Good Food for a Good Cause", Food for Thought is the place to be to for a hearty meal. Some of its causes include the provision of clean water and funding education for underprivileged children. The "Food for Tots" menu includes fish fingers and fries, pasta and milk chocolate pancakes.

- www.foodforthought.com.sg
- #B1-00 Singapore Botanic Gardens, Tanglin Gate, 1 Cluny Road
- (65) 6338 4848
- Botanic Gardens



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