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## Happy birthday, Singapore!

The Lion City turns 52 on 9 August, and you're about to witness a slew of fun-filled festivities across the island during this period.

Aside from celebrating Singapore's birthday at the National Day Parade with spectacular firework displays to look out for, the 2017 FORMULA 1 SINGAPORE ARILINES SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX rolls into town – bringing you a thrilling weekend of electrifying live performances and exhilarating action on and off the track.

What's more? Revel in the celebrations of art at the Singapore Night Festival and Singapore International Festival of Arts. Also, not to be missed is the oh-so-popular Epicurean Market where a rare gastronomic affair awaits at Marina Bay Sands.

But the fun doesn't stop there – with plenty more exciting gigs, parties, shopping events and new restaurants on the horizon, Singapore will leave you breathless, that's for sure!

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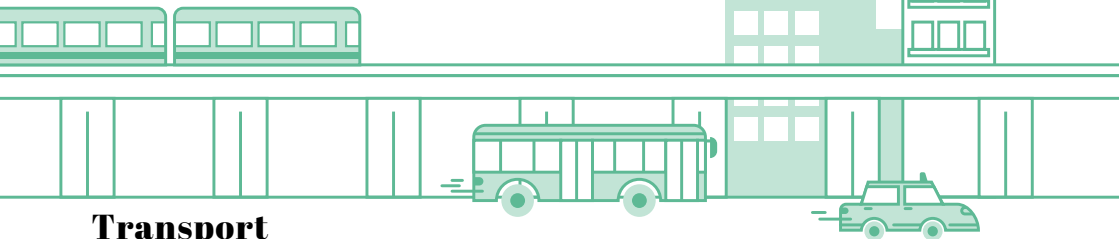
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# Handy Tips

A guide to surviving Singapore



## Transport

### MRT

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

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

### BUS

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

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

### TAXI

Cab fares start from \$3.20.

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

## Visitor Centres

### TOURIST HOTLINE:

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



### CHINATOWN

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

Chinatown

### ION ORCHARD

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

Orchard

### ORCHARD

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

Somerset

## Connectivity

### FREE WIFI

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



### SIM CARD

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



## Don't Miss!

There is always something happening on the second floor of the Singapore Visitor Centre at orchardgateway! Culinary and hands-on activities are curated each month for visitors who wish to find out more about Singapore's culture. For the month of July, visitors get to taste some of our local snacks like *muah chee* (glutinous rice cakes) or *kacang puteh* (variety of beans, nuts and peas). In August we celebrate our National Day through our childhood games of the past, before gadgets were invented, think hopscotch, five stones and *chapteh* (shuttlecock kicking). Finally in September, visitors can look forward to tasting and learning how to make mooncakes and lanterns, as we lead up to the Mid-Autumn festival.

## Local Quirks

### Uncle / Aunt

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

### Chope

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

### Queuing Up

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

## Singlish, explained

### Shiok

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

### Kiasu

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

### Boleh

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

### Lah

A suffix used to place emphasis on the sentence; used to express certainty  
"Dont worry about it lah!"

## 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-na

A way of acknowledging something someone says  
A: "Don't be late for tomorrow's appointment!"  
B: "Har-na, I won't!"

### Tapao

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

## GST Refunds

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

1 Look out for these signs at the shops.



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

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

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

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

## Shopping

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

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

## Tipping

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



# Jul

Foodies, get your tummies ready! This July, discover Singapore's culinary gems at the exciting Singapore Food Festival. Also, it's time to celebrate Hari Raya Aidilfitri with friends and families by visiting the Malay Heritage Centre or revel in the festivities at Pesta Raya, Malay Festival of Arts. If you've got a taste for great performances, spend an evening at the Drama Centre Theatre to catch an inspiring musical about love, strength and walls called *The Great Wall: One Woman's Journey*, or make a date with the famous team of acrobats from Cirque du Soleil.

## From Jun 28 THE O.P.E.N.

Short for Open, Participate, Engage, Negotiate, this pre-festival of ideas engages the public to delve deep into the theme of Singapore International Festival of Arts (SIFA): Enchantment - through diverse platforms.

www.sifa.sg/theopen  
Various venues



## From Jul 1 ABODE OF PEACE & THE LION CITY: A SINGAPORE - BRUNEI EXHIBITION

Step inside this insightful exhibition to explore more about the diplomatic ties between Singapore (the Lion City), and Brunei (the Abode of Peace). Here, you'll learn about the people of Brunei and their unique culture through stories, stamps and artefacts.

www.spm.org.sg  
Singapore Philatelic Museum  
Bras Basah



## Jul 12 to Aug 27 KOOZA BY CIRQUE DU SOLEIL

Cirque du Soleil swings back into town with their latest production, Kooza. Aside from riveting acrobatic acts, uproarious antics and a live fusion soundtrack of jazz, funk and Bollywood tunes, Kooza presents a spellbinding narrative about the main character, "The Innocent", and his colourful adventure of self-discovery.

www.sistic.com.sg  
Big Top Tent, Bayfront Avenue, beside Marina Bay Sands  
Bayfront

## Jul 14 to 30 THE GREAT WALL: ONE WOMAN'S JOURNEY

Witness an ingenious musical adaptation of a familiar Chinese folklore, the legend of Meng Jiang Nü, whose tears brought the Great Wall down. With a brand new script by acclaimed Singaporean playwright Jean Tay and a talented cast including Na-Young Jeon from London's West End and homegrown singing sensation Nathan Hartono, this musical promises a captivating tale of love, strength and walls.

www.sistic.com.sg/events/cwall0717  
Drama Centre Theatre,  
The National Library Building  
Bugis



## Jul 15 RAYA @ ISTANA KAMPONG GLAM

In celebration of Hari Raya Aidilfitri, the Malay Heritage Centre opens its door for visitors to revel in the festivities as you learn more about Singapore's history and Hari Raya through a variety of fun-filled programmes and performances.

www.malayheritage.org.sg  
Malay Heritage Centre  
Bugis

## Jul 14 to 30 SINGAPORE FOOD FESTIVAL 2017

With creations from famous chefs and hawkers, to food trails and art performances inspired by food, the Singapore Food Festival 2017 will serve up a variety of experiences for different taste buds. See page 10 for more details.

www.singaporefoodfestival.com  
Various venues



## Jul 20 to 23 PESTA RAYA - MALAY FESTIVAL OF ARTS

This annual cultural festival, held after Hari Raya Puasa (a holiday that celebrates the end of the Ramadan month of fasting), pays tribute to the Malay arts and heritage with an array of music, dance and theatre performances.

www.esplanade.com/pestaraya  
Esplanade Theatre  
Esplanade

## Jul 25, 27 and 29 INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS CUP SINGAPORE

Soccer fanatics unite! Singapore is the exclusive Southeast Asian host of the highly-anticipated tournament; so head down to the National Stadium this July to witness your favourite players from Chelsea FC, FC Bayern and FC Internazionale live in action.

www.internationalchampionscup.com  
National Stadium  
Stadium

# Aug

The atmosphere on this sunny island is revving up with patriotic sentiments as the city celebrates Singapore's 52<sup>nd</sup> birthday this month with a huge parade, fireworks and lots of festivities happening around town. Culture vultures can also get their fix of the arts at Singapore Night Festival and Singapore International Festival of Arts. Feeling peckish? Don't forget to check out the wildly popular Epicurean Market where a rare gastronomic affair awaits!

## Aug 1 to 31 SINGAPORE'S WILDEST PARADE

Singapore's wildest residents in Jurong Bird Park, River Safari and Singapore Zoo are in the mood to celebrate Singapore's 52<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Commemorate the nation's birthday month with our wildlife parks and animal icons – Ah Meng the Orangutan, Canola the Manatee and Sunny the Hornbill. An array of activities await the family!

www.wrs.com.sg  
Various venues



## Aug 3 to 6 SINGAPORE COFFEE FESTIVAL 2017

Caffeine addicts, clear your schedule for the reprise of Singapore Coffee Festival. At the event, you'll get to sip the world's top coffee roasts, discover more about local brews, taste some delicious grub, and be entertained by live acts.

www.sgcofficefestival.com.sg  
Marina Bay Cruise Centre  
Downtown

## Aug 9 NATIONAL DAY PARADE 2017

Of course, the biggest highlight of the month is the National Day Parade. Expect to see crowd-pleasers such as the State Flag Flypast and fireworks display as the nation celebrates her 52<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

www.ndp.org.sg  
Marina Bay Floating Platform  
Promenade



Photo credit: Andrew Tan



## Aug 5 to Sep 9 SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ARTS (SIFA) 2017

The pinnacle arts event of Singapore's annual calendar, SIFA makes its comeback for its fourth rendition with a slew of thoughtfully curated local and international productions that are multidisciplinary, experimental and edgy works affirming Singapore as a lively arts hub in the region with global connections.

www.sifa.sg  
Various venues

## Aug 4 to 6 & 11 to 13 CIVIC DISTRICT OUTDOOR FESTIVAL: IT'S TIME!

An outdoor festival will be organised over two weekends to extend the art experience beyond the walls of the Gallery and into the Civic District precinct, in which the Gallery is situated in. Visit this festival and discover eye-catching outdoor light installations, immersive theatre performances, as well as a slew of interesting F&B pop-ups.

www.nationalgallery.sg  
National Gallery Singapore, Civic District  
City Hall



## Aug 8 to 27 FORBIDDEN CITY: PORTRAIT OF AN EMPRESS

Spend an evening at the Esplanade Theatre to catch Forbidden City – Portrait of an Empress, a restaging of the most successful original musical ever to be produced in Singapore. Presented by Singapore Repertory Theatre and Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay, this production takes you into the enigmatic world of the Forbidden City and the legendary Empress Dowager Cixi.

www.esplanade.com  
Esplanade Theatre  
Esplanade

## Aug 14 BASTILLE LIVE IN SINGAPORE

British indie pop band Bastille is taking on the Singapore stage with hit singles like 'Good Grief' 'Send Them Off!' and 'Wild World' from their sophomore album, Wild World.

www.sistic.com.sg/events/bas0817  
The Star Performing Arts Centre  
Buona Vista



## Aug 19 ALIWAL ARTS NIGHT CRAWL

Kampong Glam springs back into our local radar yet again as Aliwal Arts Centre brings back its annual night crawl event for the night owls. Go on an explosive journey of arts and heritage at this multi-disciplinary arts festival.

www.aliwalartscentre.sg  
Aliwal Arts Centre  
Bugis



## Aug 11 to 13 EPICUREAN MARKET 2017

Go on a gastronomical adventure at this annual food and wine fair, which features top international restaurants, wineries and leading brands. Savour signature dishes from award-winning chefs, taste exquisite wines, shop for gourmet foods and take a masterclass from top culinary talents.

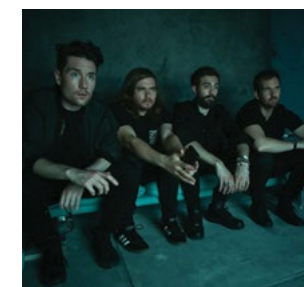
www.marinabaysands.com/epicureanmarket  
Marina Bay Sands  
Bayfront



## Aug 18 to 26 SINGAPORE NIGHT FESTIVAL 2017

The tenth edition of this nocturnal extravaganza continues to lure the crowds with its spectacular performances, light art installations and a myriad of activities at the heart of Singapore's art district for all to enjoy.

nightfest.sg  
Bras Basah, Bugis Precinct  
Bras Basah





# Sep

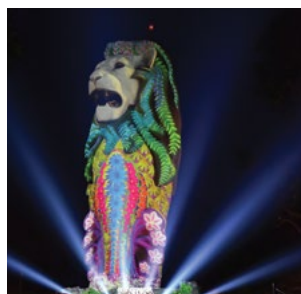
Buckle up, petrolheads; the 2017 FORMULA 1 SINGAPORE AIRLINES SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX is back to take over the entire city this month with a plethora of high-octane experiences both on and off the track. Want some quiet time away from the action? Catch your breath at the National Museum of Singapore where you can learn more about the history of Singapore, or be entertained by West Side Story, one of the biggest musicals of all time!

From Sep 1

## WITNESS TO WAR: REMEMBERING 1942

This special historical exhibition at The National Museum of Singapore will delve into the six-month period leading up to the Fall of Singapore, exploring the impact that it has had on Singapore and the region. The exhibition will also present artefacts from Singapore and from the different regions in the Pacific, as well as personal war stories not commonly featured.

- 📄 [Nationalmuseum.sg](http://Nationalmuseum.sg)
- 📍 National Museum of Singapore
- 📍 Bras Basah



From Sep 1

## MERLION MAGIC LIGHTS

Be amazed by the artistic installations and be dazzled by the display of lights as the island transforms into a playland of wondrous fun. Don't miss out on the thematic light show, set against Sentosa's majestic and dazzling icon, the 37-m tall Merlion.

- 📄 [www.sentosa.com.sg](http://www.sentosa.com.sg)
- 📍 Sentosa Island
- 📍 HarbourFront



Sep 1 to 3

## PAW PATROL LIVE! "RACE TO THE RESCUE"

See the characters from Nickelodeon's hit animated TV series, PAW Patrol, come to life on stage. Join them on an action-packed, musical adventure as these adorable pups search for the missing Mayor Goodway.

- 📄 [www.sistic.com.sg/events/paw0917](http://www.sistic.com.sg/events/paw0917)
- 📍 Resorts World™ Theatre, Resorts World Sentosa
- 📍 HarbourFront

Till Sep 2

## DRUM TAO 2017 – "BUKYO"

Returning to Singapore with its brand new show called "BUKYO - Japanese Dancing Drums", Drum Tao is once again ready to wow the audience with its exciting Taiko drumming performances.

- 📄 [www.sistic.com.sg/events/cdrum0817](http://www.sistic.com.sg/events/cdrum0817)
- 📍 MES Theatre at Mediacorp
- 📍 One North



Sep 9 to 10

## SINGAPORE TOY, GAME AND COMIC CONVENTION

Rub shoulders with comic geeks and anime lovers at this massive convention, which will be jam-packed with exciting exhibitors, game demos, meet-and-greet sessions with famous comic book sketch artists, and stage performances.

- 📄 [www.singaporetgcc.com](http://www.singaporetgcc.com)
- 📍 Sands Expo & Convention Centre, Halls D,E & F
- 📍 Bayfront



Photo credit: Johan Persson

Sep 8 to 17

## GRAND PRIX SEASON SINGAPORE 2017

Get ready for ten days of non-stop action on and off the race tracks. Catch the biggest music acts, rub shoulders with A-listers at Amber Lounge and The Podium Lounge, and enjoy a slew of dining, shopping experiences. See page 10 for details.

- 📄 [www.singaporegp.sg](http://www.singaporegp.sg)
- 📍 Various venues



Photo credit: Charles Loh

Sep 7 to 24

## WEST SIDE STORY

West Side Story, the iconic '50s twist on Shakespeare's famous tragedy (or love story), takes the stage at Marina Bay Sands. With its concoction of romance, tragedy, gang violence and societal issues, coupled with an innovative choreography innovative choreography to a captivating score, this award-winning Broadway production will leave you awestruck.

- 📄 [www.sistic.com.sg/events/westside1017](http://www.sistic.com.sg/events/westside1017)
- 📍 The MasterCard® Theatres at Marina Bay Sands
- 📍 Bayfront

Sep 22 to Oct 8

## WAN QING MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL

Immerse in the festivities of the Mid-Autumn Festival at Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall and enjoy the plethora of hands-on activities including lantern-making, guided tours of the historical monument, and more.

- 📄 [wanqingyuan.org.sg](http://wanqingyuan.org.sg)
- 📍 Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall
- 📍 Toa Payoh



Sep 29 to Oct 29

## HALLOWEEN HORROR NIGHTS® 7

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

- 📄 [www.halloweenhorrornights.com.sg](http://www.halloweenhorrornights.com.sg)
- 📍 Universal Studios Singapore®
- 📍 HarbourFront

Sep 29 to Oct 15

## FUN HOME

Local theatre company Pangdemonium ends its 2017 season with its very own rendition of the famous Tony award-winning musical, FUN HOME. Based on Alison Bechdel's best-selling autobiographical memoir, FUN HOME tells a gripping coming-of-age tale that encapsulates a daughter's determination to reconnect with her perplexing father.

- 📄 [pangdemonium.com](http://pangdemonium.com)
- 📍 Drama Centre Theatre, The National Library Building
- 📍 Bugis



## Don't miss GRAND PRIX SEASON SINGAPORE 2017

**The 2017 FORMULA 1 SINGAPORE AIRLINES SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX** (15, 16 & 17 Sep) is definitely one of the biggest highlights of the year. This motor-racing extravaganza is now in its tenth edition and fans of the exhilarating sport can once again experience a weekend of adrenaline-pumping night races set against Singapore's glittering cityscape.

Spectators can also look forward to the Grand Prix Season Singapore 2017 (8-17 Sep), filled with star-studded entertainment, non-stop after-parties, unbeatable retail and dining promos, as well as arts and cultural events.

Besides checking out the who's-who of FORMULA 1 (think Sebastian

Vettel and Lewis Hamilton), you can also catch the off-track entertainment by pop music superstars. Kylie Minogue, and Queen + Adam Lambert were a few of last year's highlights.

Also, get ready to work those dancing shoes at the event's glamorous after-parties and be seen hobnobbing with celebrities, FORMULA 1 drivers and supermodels at the chi-chi Amber Lounge (16-17 Sep) and Podium Lounge (16-18 Sep) – you'll be toasting to a night of revelry with an endless flow of Champagne.

Feeling peckish from the excitement? Take a breather at bars in the vicinity such as Smoke & Mirrors, and Lantern to enjoy

killer nosh deals available during the period.

If you're not into fast cars, pop by the Singapore International Festival of Arts (5 Aug-9 Sep) for a dose of thought-provoking contemporary art exhibitions and performances by local and Southeast Asian artists. Also, soak in the sights of the city – the best place to start is at Chinatown. Enjoy some family-friendly fun with exciting activities in the weeks leading up to the Mid-Autumn Festival (4 Oct).

For more information, visit [visitsingapore.com/gpss](http://visitsingapore.com/gpss).

## Exposé SINGAPORE FOOD FESTIVAL

When a trip to the Lion City beckons, it usually means that you should save your appetite for gastronomical feasts from Singapore's vibrant dining scene. At the **Singapore Food Festival** (14-30 Jul), join in the celebration of iconic celebration of iconic local dishes, new interpretations of hawker favourites and fun, interactive activities for the family.

Each year, the festival highlights the best of Singapore cuisine, including hawker grub, Mod-Sin (Modern Singapore) nosh, and special collaborations between veteran hawkers and emerging culinary talents. Like its previous editions, SFF will kick off with its signature event, STREAT, which will feature Michelin-starred Peranakan chef

Malcolm Lee and Chef Willin Low, who coined the term Mod-Sin cuisine, joining hands at an exciting pop-up restaurant, alongside a curated selection of 12 food stalls.

Another returning event is Culinary Creations at ION Orchard (Jun 9 -Jul 31). Making its comeback with a greater focus on local cuisines, Culinary Creations offers a slew of fun activities – from a Chocolate Wonderland where you can live your wildest chocolate dreams (with a local twist) to a local cultural pop-up that aims to educate the public on Singapore's Peranakan culture through food.

Also, look out for Singapore's first food and dance experience which interweaves local culinary creations

with contemporary dance. Hop over to Open Stoves by Timbre+ and be greeted by an outdoor beer garden with live wok stations, live cooking demos as well as live performances by both local and overseas bands.

For a complete overview, head to [www.singaporefoodfestival.com](http://www.singaporefoodfestival.com).



## Eeshaun

Outstanding homegrown artist and illustrator, Eeshaun, is the artist behind this issue's unique cover. Eeshaun is an Asian Kinetic Artist for Tiger Translate and he has been nominated for the 2012 Sovereign Asian Art Prize. He has also produced artworks and illustrations for big labels such as Adidas, Nike and Facebook. We speak to him about his inspirations behind his art, his fave island haunts and more.



**This issue's cover aims to...** encapsulate a good mix of different elements of Singapore's unique heritage – from heritage architectures to traditional games. Interestingly, the idea of creating "little windows" of Singapore's icons for the cover differs from the stylistic approach of drawings that I'd usually go for where I'd typically mash up various visuals together.

**The local art scene has...** indeed come a long way. With the help of social media, young artists are able to self-promote themselves via their personal websites, Facebook or Instagram, and the public has easier access to discover new local talents. What's more? We are also seeing ground-up initiatives like pop-up shows, flea markets, self-run galleries.

**My art is influenced by...** bright colours, humour, and abstraction. Some of my proudest works as an artist include the eye-catching mural 'Move!' at Bishan Circle Line; and the colourful National Gallery Bench entitled 'So As To Achieve Happiness, Prosperity and Progress for Our Nation' at the Art Connector.

**Two of my favourite local foods are...** a delicious bowl of *lao huo tang* (slow-cooked Chinese soups) which you can find at most hawker centres, as well as *muh chee* (glutinous rice cakes) from Hougang Six Miles Muah Chee at Toa Payoh Hub.

**Some of my go-to hang-out spots include...** Blu Jaz Café where jazz connoisseurs go to for great live music and drinks, and Kult Kafe where big-time parties like the Silent Disco and its monthly Sunday On The Hill are typically held. I also like to walk around The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands as some of the window displays there are really quite artistic and amazing.

**If friends from out of town are here for a visit...** I'll take my culture buddies to the National Gallery Singapore to appreciate Southeast Asian modern art or we'll visit the ArtScience Museum to view notable exhibits and works from iconic artists. But if they're music junkies, a stopover at Red Point Records is a must!



## Unbelievable Tours

Looking to experience a day (or night) trip with a difference? These brilliant tours will show you a side of Singapore you've probably never seen.



### Let's Go Tours Singapore

#### MARINA BAY NIGHT TOUR

This exciting two-hour night tour caters to those who are keen to discover Singapore's iconic Marina Bay area after sunset. Apart from visiting Marina Bay Sands and Gardens by the Bay to checking out the Singapore Flyer and FORMULA 1 racetrack, this tour allows you to capture Singapore's stunning night skyline as the buildings light up.

📄 [letsgobikesingapore.com/marina-bay-night-tour](https://letsgobikesingapore.com/marina-bay-night-tour)  
☎ (65) 90044332

### Wok 'n' Stroll

#### PERANAKAN SUPPER

Commencing when the sun goes down, this three-hour food tour will bring you around the historic Joo Chiat/Katong district. From walking down the streets that are lined with beautiful heritage shophouses to relishing Peranakan *laksa* (spicy coconut milk-based noodle soup), *popiah* (spring rolls) and Nonya rice dumplings, this eye-opening trip shows you the liveliness of the neighbourhood in the night time.

📄 [www.woknstroll.com.sg](http://www.woknstroll.com.sg)  
☎ (65) 8338 3571



### SG Walkabout by YAFI Pte Ltd

#### SINGAPORE RIVER TWILIGHT TOUR

How well do you know the Singapore River? Join in this twilight stroll along the famous river as you unearth several secrets of Singapore's lifeline for over 150 years. By the end of this fun-filled exploration, you'll learn more about the history at the mouth of the river, the Raffles Plan at the North and South riverbanks, and the history of Boat Quay and Clarke Quay.

📄 [www.sgwalkabout.com](http://www.sgwalkabout.com)

### Monster Day Tours by Woopa Travel

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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 DISCOVER KAMPONG GLAM

Take a tour of this buzzy treasure trove that's spilling with surprises at every corner – from hole-in-the-wall boutiques at Haji Lane to the majestic Sultan Mosque.

📍 Various locations

## 02 WOLF DOWN MOD-SIN CUISINE

Embark on a one-of-a-kind gastronomic adventure through innovative, fusion dishes that revamp local hawker fare – like beef short ribs *rendang* (beef short ribs stewed in a rich gravy of coconut cream and spices) at Baba Chews, and Satay burger at The Quarters.

📱 [www.facebook.com/babachewssg](http://www.facebook.com/babachewssg) & [www.thequarters.sg](http://www.thequarters.sg)  
📍 Baba Chews & The Quarters  
☎ (65) 6723 2025 & (65) 6834 4174  
📍 Eunos & Tanjong Pagar

## 03 SPEND A DAY IN PULAU UBIN

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

📍 Pulau Ubin

## 04 BE A HUMAN SLINGSHOT

Launching you up at an exhilarating speed of 120mph, Clarke Quay's G-Max Reverse Bungy is constantly filled with screams. The thrilling ride closes late and is popular among merrymakers out on a jaunt.

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

## 05 VISIT A LOCAL FARM

Escape the hustle and bustle of the city and immerse yourself in the tranquil environment of Singapore's countryside such as Hay Dairies and Kranji Countryside. Also, you get locally-grown fresh produce straight from these farms.

📍 Various locations

## 06 EXPLORE LOCAL MUSEUMS

Sate your inner culture vulture with rare masterpieces, historical artefacts, and thought-provoking paintings at the plethora of museums in the city, such as National Museum of Singapore, Asian Civilisations Museum and National Gallery Singapore.

📍 Various locations

## 07 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](http://www.singaporeflyer.com)  
📍 Singapore Flyer, 30 Raffles Avenue  
☎ (65) 6333 3311  
📍 Promenade

## 08 GET UP HIGH ON A ROOFTOP BAR

From historic shophouse rooftops to Marina Bay Sands, drink up at local rooftop bars with access to spectacular skyline views. Some must-visits include CÉ LA VI at Marina Bay Sands or I-Altitude at Raffles Place.

📍 Various locations

## 09 PARTY AT ONE OF THE BEST CLUBS IN SINGAPORE

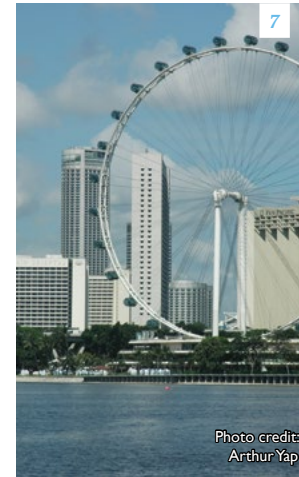
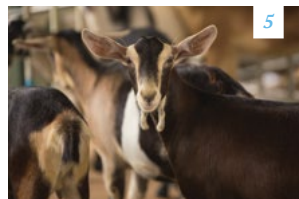
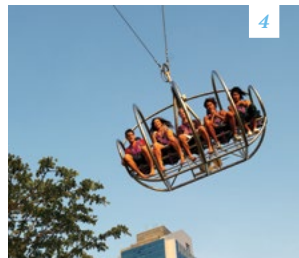
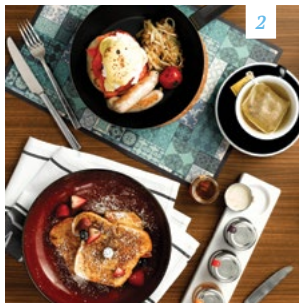
Dance the night away at one of Singapore's finest mega clubbing institutions, Zouk Singapore. Zouk typically sees international DJs such as Sven Väth and John Digweed, as well as EDM crowd pleasers like Diplo and R3hab.

📱 [zoukclub.com](http://zoukclub.com)  
📍 3C River Valley Road  
☎ (65) 6738 2988  
📍 Clarke Quay

## 10 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 location



## 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 STARGAZE AT THE SCIENCE CENTRE OBSERVATORY

### 2 GRAFFITI-SPOTTING AT HAJI LANE

### 3 ENJOY FREE LIVE PERFORMANCES AT THE ESPLANADE

### 4 SAVOUR LOCAL DELIGHTS AT CHOMP CHOMP FOOD CENTRE

### 5 FIND THE CITY'S TALLEST MERLION (IN SENTOSA)

### 6 BIRD WATCHING AT CONEY ISLAND

### 7 EXPLORE SUNGEI BULOH WETLAND RESERVE

### 8 VISIT ONE OF SINGAPORE'S OLDEST RELIGIOUS SITES - SRI VEERAMAKALIAMMAN HINDU TEMPLE





## 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 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 hip cafes TIONG BAHRU

Before it became one of the city's coolest neighbourhood, Tiong Bahru – also one of Singapore's oldest housing estates – was notorious for housing the mistresses of the rich and powerful during the pre-World War II years. Now, it's a hotspot for scenesters, expats and out-of-towners looking for artisanal coffee (40 Hands), books (BooksActually), local grub (Tiong Bahru Market & Food Centre) and more.

### 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 the Singapore River, you'll find the old Parliament House (now The Arts House), the former City Hall and Supreme Court (now National Gallery Singapore), as well as Victoria Theatre and Concert Hall.

### 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 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 and #02-15, ION Orchard), Y-3 (#01-05, Mandarin Gallery) and the first global flagship UNIQLO store at Orchard Central.

### Good for art and culture BRAS BASAH.BUGIS

As one of the oldest districts in Singapore, BBB has weathered British colonialisation, the Japanese Occupation, the state's merger with Malaya, and decades of trading. Major museums like National Museum of Singapore, Singapore Art Museum, and National Design Centre are just a stone's throw away from each other, which is perfect for museum-hopping.

### Good for culture and nightlife CHINATOWN

You'll know you're in Chinatown when you're walking on narrow five-foot-ways (five-feet-wide walkways) surrounded by 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.



## Navigator

# JOO CHIAT/ KATONG

Home to gorgeous multi-coloured shophouses and a hodgepodge of yummy local food, the Joo Chiat/Katong neighbourhood is steeped in history. As the settlement of many *Peranakan* (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) and Eurasian families in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, Joo Chiat/Katong has retained their cultural influences, evident in the eclectic architecture, Nonya food and unique shopping finds. Check out this day-to-night itinerary for the must-see spots of this fascinating district.

### In the day

1

Your introduction to the Peranakan culture begins with the Instagram-worthy pastel shophouses at **Koon Seng Road**, which have been around since the 1900s.

2

Take in the beautiful and historical **Sri Sempaga Vinayagar Temple** (19 Ceylon Road), one of Singapore's oldest Hindu temples, which has an interior embellished with intricate murals and domes plated with gold.

5

Dig in to *kaya* (coconut jam) toast, soft-boiled eggs and *kopi* (coffee), a combination traditionally eaten at breakfast, at **Chin Mee Chin Confectionary** (204 East Coast Road), which has retained its 1950s décor and charm.

4

Need a break? Cool down with a Tropical Coconut Bowl, acai served in a young coconut husk, at **An Acai Affair** (101 East Coast Road).

3

Tuck into Peranakan-inspired dishes accompanied by a modern twist like Beef Short Ribs *Rendang* (beef short ribs in coconut cream and spices, served with fragrant rice) and the 'Ayam Buah Keluak' Burger (Peranakan-inspired burger with grilled chicken patty, Asian pickles, topped with pureed *buah keluak* (black nut indigenous to Southeast Asia) on a multigrain burger) at **Baba Chews Bar & Eatery** (86 East Coast Road).

6

Pop by **Heavenly Wang @ The Red House** (63 East Coast Road) for a quick cup of *kopi* or tea - best when accompanied by some local traditional pastries and toast.

7

Drop by **112 Katong** (112 East Coast Road), a mall in the heart of Joo Chiat/Katong. Visit Naiise which carries a full range of items ranging from decorative homeware, fashion and beauty, or check out the innovative consignment shop Toy Outpost.

### In the evening

1

Start your afternoon with a haircut or wash and blowdry at the industrial-chic **Bloc+ The Salon** (462 Joo Chiat Road) that's located in a heritage shophouse. The salon is owned by veteran hairstylist Celisa Tham, who has over 10 years of experience styling the clients from the entertainment and creative industries.

2

Indulge in *ngoh hiang* (five spice meat rolls), assam fish head curry, sambal *kangkong* (water spinach) and other mouth-watering Nonya fare at the nostalgic and charming **Peranakan Inn & Lounge** (210 East Coast Road).

4

Stroll by the row of beautiful residential terrace houses at **150 East Coast Road**. These houses were built on raised ground to protect against the rising tides.

3

Shop for home deco, bags, local books and zines at indie lifestyle shop **Cat Socrates** (448 Joo Chiat Road). And of course, catch a glimpse of the resident feline in the shop.

5

Pick up a traditional Nonya dumpling (savoury steamed rice dumplings filled with sweet meat and wrapped in fragrant pandan leaves), at **Kim Choo Kueh Chang** (111 East Coast Road). After you are done, stop by **Rumah Bebe** (113 East Coast Road) to admire the elaborate architecture of the 1928 shophouse, or shop for Peranakan furnishings, porcelain, *sarong kebayas* (Nonya attire), bags and beaded slippers.

6

Slurp up a delicious bowl of *laksa* (rice noodles in coconut milk curry broth) at the Gordon Ramsay-approved **328 Katong Laksa** (216 East Coast Road).

7

Treat yourself to a scoop of local flavoured ice cream from **Island Creamery** (456 Joo Chiat Road). Island Creamery specializes in homemade ice cream and is popular for their Singaporean flavours such as Teh Tarik and Pulut Hitam.

Then, munch on local grub and enjoy some craft beer for supper at **Alibabar the Hawker Bar** (125 East Coast Road). Coffee shop by day, bar by night, Alibabar's diverse stalls also serve burgers and affordable French fare.



# Shopping Hotspots

## ORCHARD ROAD

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



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:

## HIGHLIGHTS

### TANGS

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

### NAIIE at orchardgateway

One of Singapore's leading design retailers, NAIIE houses more than 15,000 well-curated products from both emerging and established brands from Singapore and around the world.

### Scotts Square

True to its sleek, art-adorned interiors, this luxury mall houses a mix of designer brands like Alexander McQueen and cool multi-label boutiques such as K+ Curatorial Space and shoe paradise Pedder on Scotts.

## CHANGI AIRPORT

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



## HIGHLIGHTS

### Pashma

Inspired by traditional Indian textile weaving methods, the boutique stocks an exquisite array of elegant scarves and wraps spun from the finest pure cashmere, silk, and linen.

### Madame Butterfly

Offering chic Asian-inspired apparel and accessories such as traditional cheongsams and handcrafted jade earrings, Madame Butterfly is the place to get your oriental fix. Here, you'll also find beautiful collection of porcelain figurines, and lacquer boxes.



## BRAS BASAH. BUGIS

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

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Supermama Flagship Store

Step into this tranquil gallery-shop which stocks an array of wittily and handsomely designed souvenirs including its collection of heritage-inspired ceramic tablewares.

### KEEPERS at National Design Centre

Boasting collections from Singapore's leading designers and artisans such as Carrie K.'s jewellery, organic purists Frank Skincare and Onlewo's heritage-influenced wallpapers, KEEPERS: Singapore designer collective is perfect for those who favour local artisanal goods.

### Dulcetfig at Haji Lane

A tiny boutique tucked away on Haji Lane, Dulcetfig is probably best known for its trio of resident ginger kitties; it is also home to a selection of beautiful trinkets, stationery, and vintage pieces.

## 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.

### Resorts World Sentosa

Find an array of speciality 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.

### Sabrina Goh

Drawing inspiration from architectural silhouettes, local label ELOHIM by Sabrina Goh offers strong, sensuous designs that constantly push the envelope – be it structured slip dresses with asymmetrical hems, or the perfect pair of relaxed culottes with crisp pleats.

### Proenza Schouler at The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands

Renowned for its modern tailoring and use of custom fabrics, this luxe label remains ahead of the fash pack with edgy, clean silhouettes inspired by art and youth culture. Expect a full range of the brand's merchandise including the iconic PSI satchels and PSI I shoulder bags.



## Sabrina Goh

Homegrown designer and founder of local label SABRINAGOH

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What's captivating about the Marina Bay area is that you'll find remarkable historical monuments, interesting art museums and playhouses, and a slew of outstanding fashion boutiques. My go-to shopping spots in this historical civic district include Gallery & Co. at National Gallery Singapore (a hip retail-art-F&B space that offers well-designed local trinkets and more), Joseph at Capitol Piazza (a British luxury label that offers contemporary ready-to-wear collections for both men & women), as well as Aesop at Capitol Piazza (an upscale Australian skincare brand).

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# Take Me Home

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



1. Revamp your wardrobe with unusual pieces that remixes key visuals and prints from Singapore's fun, independent streetwear label, **Mash-Up**, \$79. Available at SUPERSPACE (#02-18, orchardgateway)

2. Say hello to a flawless face with multi-tasking skincare products by a local beauty brand, **Allies of Skin**, from \$79. Available at multi-label beauty boutique, essentials, at Paragon

3. Style up with Equilibrium, an exclusive 10-piece womenswear collection by homegrown designer, **SABRINAGOH**, that melds minimalist aesthetic with the Star Wars universe, from \$149.90. Available at SABRINAGOH at Capitol Piazza

4. **Nom & Co's** curry puff cushion is a cuddly version of one of Singapore's favourite bite-size snacks, \$29.90. Available at The Farm Store (#04-20, 261 Waterloo Street)

5. Typically used as a guide for local rituals and auspicious dates, this jazzed-up version of a traditional lunar calendar by **Stuckshop** also provides singlish phrases each day for a good chuckle, \$19.90. Available at The Farm Store (#04-20, 261 Waterloo Street)

6. Add gold to your outfit with a beautiful Singapore island bracelet in yellow gold with white crystal by multi-label fashion jewellery line, **Pinwheels Jewels**, \$128. Available at The Farm Store (#04-20, 261 Waterloo Street)

7. Fellas, complete your look with a collarless shirt, cropped pants and a pair of sneakers from a new menswear capsule line by **IN GOOD COMPANY**, from \$89. Available at IN GOOD COMPANY at ION Orchard

8. Spruce up your living spaces with attractive Peranakan tile square cushion by **Onlewo**, \$58. Available at NAIIE, various locations

9. Learn the recipe for Singapore's iconic seafood dish, Chili Crab, through interesting infographics on a plate by **Souvenirs From Singapore**, \$16.90. Available at NAIIE, various locations

10. Spice up your daily munch with one of the city's meal-transformers – **Mekhala Living's** wide array of organic salad dressings, from \$6.90. Available at Isetan Scotts Supermarket (#B1-00 Shaw House)

11. Bid adieu to bad hair days with Hero Pomades from men's grooming salon **We Need A Hero**, \$28 (Sheen) and \$40 (Matte). Available at Vve Need A Hero (#01-86, 57 Eng Hoon Street)

12. Ladies, take on a bold and dramatic makeup look with the Fauxlash Mascara Duo by **Faux Faye**, a cool local makeup brand, \$39. Available at Faux Faye's flagship at Plaza Singapura

13. Paying homage to the Peranakan culture, this cherry blossom jade ring by heritage jeweller **Choo Yilin** could inspire squeals and thrills from bling aficionados, \$458. Available at Choo Yilin at Mandarin Gallery

14. Looking for a statement-making everyday accessory? Grab this quirky Good Morning Clutch, made from a good quality cotton towel, by **Indie Mama**, \$35. Available at NAIIE, various locations

15. **Straits Preserves** Spice Island adds a local twist to your typical breakfast spread, \$15.50. Available at Huber's Butchery @ Dempsey (22 Dempsey Road)



## Hawker Highlights

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



Chilli Crab



Chicken Rice



Fish Head Curry



Laksa



Nasi Lemak



Roti Prata



Rojak

### 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* (yellowstripe scad), *ikan bilis* (fried anchovies), *kangkong* (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)

### ROJAK

This medley of vegetables, fruits and fried dough fritters is a savoury-sweet salad known as rojak, which means "mixed" in Malay. The dish has both Chinese and Malay ingredients such as *kangkong* (water spinach), bean sprouts, Chinese turnips, pineapples, young mangoes, *jambu* (rose apples) and

fried beancurd; this is all tossed in a thick black sauce made of fermented prawn paste, sugar, lime and chilli paste, and garnished with chopped peanuts.

#### WHERE TO EAT:

**Lau Hong Ser Rojak** (#02-14, Dunman Food Centre, 271 Onan Road)

### 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)

### LAKSA

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

#### WHERE TO EAT:

**328 Katong Laksa** (53 East Coast Road)

### FISH HEAD CURRY

This tantalising broth may have borrowed influences from the traditional South Indian curry, but it's a creation that's unique

to Singapore. The fish head curry is also available in different variations; the assam fish curry uses a tangy tamarind paste, while other renditions feature a generous dose of coconut milk.

#### WHERE TO EAT:

**Muthu's Curry** (#01-01, 7 Dempsey Road)

### 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)



**Chef Bjorn Shen**  
of Artichoke

Some of my favourite supper spots in Singapore include... the slew of Vietnamese joints along Joo Chiat Road where I can enjoy comforting noodle soups like Bun Bo; and an amazing restaurant in Chinatown called Oriental Chinese Restaurant (195 New Bridge Road) where they serve flavourful Szechuan chicken wings and mutton rib skewers.

For a local culinary experience that is lesser-known... visit New Ubin Seafood Restaurant (63 Hillview Avenue) for its garlic baked crabs. This dish is absolutely tasty and overloaded with whole cloves of sweet, salty and creamy garlic!



## Hot Tables

### MAXWELL FOOD CENTRE EDITION

📍 1 Kadayannallur Street  
🏠 Chinatown



#### Comfort Food

### ZHEN ZHEN PORRIDGE

Whether you opt for fish rice porridge or chicken congee, you'll get a rich, smooth, hearty bowl with lots of meat and aromatic shreds of ginger. Upgrade it with a century egg for the ultimate breakfast.

📍 Stall 54

#### A bowl of meat goodness

### GUAN'S MEE POK

Tantalise your tastebuds with the premium version of the standard mee pok - it includes yakitori chicken stewers, squid, fish maw and even abalone to amp up this already flavourful bowl of minced pork noodles.

📍 Stall 99



#### Chicken Galore

### TIAN TIAN HAINANESE CHICKEN RICE

Treat yourself to a plate of steaming hot, flavourful rice and a generous portion of tender, moist chicken slathered in sauce from this humble hawker stall, which was awarded their Bib Gourmand rating last year. Try it with the stall's garlic and chilli sauce which complements this dish spectacularly.

📍 Stall 10 and 11  
☎ (65) 9691 4852



#### Pancakes with a local twist

### WENG PAN CAKE

These fluffy pancakes, filled with red bean paste, shredded coconut or ground peanuts, are a popular traditional snack. They are served warm with crispy edges. The best flavour? Peanut-filled!

📍 Stall 26

#### Bite-sized snacks

### HUM JIN PANG

Complete your epicurean adventure in Singapore with *hum jin pang* (deep-fried salty dough fritters). Crispy on the outside and soft and fluffy on the inside, this local delight is also served in assorted flavours such as red bean and five-spice salt. It's also the only stall in Singapore that lets you fry your own fritters!

📍 Stall 28

#### Flavourful meat concoction

### HUP KEE WU XIANG GUAN CHANG

Started out as a pushcart stall before World War II, today this stall offers *ngoh hiang* (five-spice pork rolls wrapped with tofu skin) that'll please your tummy. Mostly handmade, these savoury fritters will put you on a gastronomic journey with its flavours and texture.

📍 Stall 97

#### Asian fusion

### HAINANESE CURRY RICE

This curry rice stall does a gloriously messy plate of curry rice – crispy strips of scissor-cut pork cutlets, fried egg and stewed cabbage in a rich, gravy-like curry infused with soy sauce. This delicious, hot mess will have you singing praise to the holy trinity of rice, curry and fried pork cutlet.

📍 Stall 68



#### Stylish comforts

### JIN HUA SLICED FISH BEE HOON

As one of Singapore's all-time favourite soup dish and a very popular dish for lunch amongst the locals, the fish soup at Jin Hua Sliced Fish Bee Hoon is a must-try. Pamper your tummy with its steamy, milky bowl of fragrant fish broth, supple rice noodles and plenty of fresh sliced fish.

📍 Stall 77

## MICHELIN-STARRED DINING

Pop into [guide.michelin.sg](http://guide.michelin.sg) for further details on the MICHELIN Guide Singapore

### SHISEN HANTEN 🌟🌟 Two Michelin Stars

Conceptualised by a Szechuan chef who settled down in Yokohama, the Singapore branch is helmed by his son, Chef Chen Kentaro. The menu showcases bold flavours, most apparent in star dishes like Stewed Fish Fillet in Super-Spicy Szechuan Pepper Sauce, and more contemporary creations like the Foie Gras Chawanmushi with Crab Roe Soup.

📍 [www.shisenhanten.com.sg](http://www.shisenhanten.com.sg)  
📍 333 Orchard Road, Mandarin Orchard Singapore  
☎ (65) 6831 6262  
🏠 Somerset

### JOËL ROBUCHON RESTAURANT

🌟🌟🌟 Three Michelin Stars

Robuchon is a household name when it comes to Michelin-starred chefs, and he spares no expense in this luxurious abode. Highlights include whole beef chateaubriand and foie gras, "Rossini" style, with potato soufflés and a port wine reduction.

📍 [www.rwsentosa.com/Homepage/Restaurants/CelebrityChefs/JoelRobuchonRestaurant](http://www.rwsentosa.com/Homepage/Restaurants/CelebrityChefs/JoelRobuchonRestaurant)  
📍 8 Sentosa Gateway, Hotel Michael  
☎ (65) 6577 7888  
🏠 HarbourFront



### CANDLENUT KITCHEN

🌟 One Michelin Star

Local chef-owner Malcolm Lee's Candlenut Kitchen is the first Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) establishment to receive a Michelin star. The restaurant offers both traditional and contemporary dishes like *itek tim* (a duck and vegetable soup) and *gula melaka* (palm sugar) king prawn.

📍 [comodempsey.sg/candlenut](http://comodempsey.sg/candlenut)  
📍 174 Dempsey Road  
☎ (65) 1800 304 2288  
🏠 Orchard

### PUTIEN (KITCHENER ROAD)

🌟 One Michelin Star

This unassuming restaurant presents delectable Chinese cuisines with flavours that are clean and wholesome. Slurp up a bowl of steaming hot, clear Putien Lor Mee broth and relish in the sweet and savoury crunch of stir-fried yam included within.

📍 [www.putien.com](http://www.putien.com)  
📍 127 Kitchener Road  
☎ (65) 6295 6358  
🏠 Farrer Park

### BISMILLAH BIRYANI RESTAURANT

🌟 Bib Gourmand (exceptional food at moderate prices)

The dum briyani here is utterly tasty as the basmati rice soaks up the flavours of the spices. It also exudes a fragrant aroma that makes the dish really appetising. What's more? The meat is cooked to perfection – tender, and lacks the gamey flavour from being blanched in hot water before marination.

📍 50 Dunlop Street  
☎ (65) 9382 7937  
🏠 Rochor

## Drink up AWARD-WINNING BARS



### 28 HONGKONG STREET

Singapore's best kept secret occupies the 14<sup>th</sup> spot on the famed World's 50 Best Bars 2016 list. Hidden in plain sight along a stretch of shophouses on Hong Kong Street, this blink-and-you'll-miss-it watering hole serves an inventive menu of cocktails made using artisanal techniques and premium ingredients. 28 HongKong Street changes its menu a few times a year, so there's always something new to look forward to.

www.28hks.com  
28 Hong Kong Street  
(65) 8318 0328  
Clarke Quay

### OPERATION DAGGER

This award-winning "secret" bar is placed 21<sup>st</sup> on the World's 50 Best Bars 2016, and with good reason. The basement bar's industrial and dramatic decor – think a ceiling full of light bulbs overhead – hints at what thirsty patrons can expect from head bartender Luke Whearty's experimental and non-conformist menu. Order the refreshing Gomashio, with sesame, citrus notes, ginger and cucumber or The Egg, a sleek concoction of salted egg yolk, house-made rum, vanilla and caramel.

www.operationdagger.com  
7 Ann Siang Hill  
(65) 6438 4057  
Telok Ayer

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If you're a fan of Old Fashioned cocktails and Prohibition-era decor, look no further. Currently ranked first in the World's 50 Best Bars list, Regent Hotel's snazzy Manhattan bar is the place to be. Swig new interpretations of classic creations inspired by New York's buzzy boroughs like the New York Sour, a mix of Cyrus Noble Bourbon, Ruby Port, lavender maple syrup, lemon, plum bitters and egg white.

www.regenthoteis.com/regent-singapore/dining/manhattan  
Level 2, Regent Singapore,  
1 Cuscaden Road  
(65) 6725 3377  
Orchard

### D.BESPOKE

Think a fine cocktail's worth every last penny? Then you might want to check out D.Bespoke (ranked 13<sup>th</sup> on Asia's 50 Best Bars 2016) for premium tipples created with Japanese precision. Bartender Daiki Kanetaka takes his craft very seriously, and every drink is carefully customised and mixed using only top-notch ingredients and spirits. Cocktails aside, the Ginza-style bar resembles a Gentlemen's Club, boasting a posh and cosy ambience ideal for a boys night out.

www.dbespoke.sg  
2 Bukit Pasoh Road  
(65) 8141 5741  
Outram

### ANTI:DOTE

This stylish hangout at Fairmont Singapore is definitely not short on class (the acclaimed bar was named 43 in the Asia's 50 Best Bars 2016 list). Decked in gleaming glass and marble counters, with crystal chandeliers taking centre stage, this is where you go for an indulgent, spare-no-expense night out. Its cocktails are progressive takes on classic recipes with an experimental twist. One example is the Tonic #5, a reinvention of the timeless Gin and Tonic that includes burdock, dandelion root, rosemary, grapefruit peel and lemon juice.

www.fairmont.com/singapore/dining/antidote  
Level 1, Fairmont Singapore,  
80 Bras Basah Road  
(65) 6339 7777  
City Hall

## Drink up NEW WATERING HOLES

### FOC SENTOSA

Sister to the award-winning FOC tapas bar on Hong Kong Street, FOC Sentosa brings the beach culture of Barcelona to the island, complete with a two-storey beach house. Cool down by a private pool with beach-inspired cocktails such as Never Ending Summer, with vodka, watermelon and raspberry, and Jack Sparrow's Mojito, with rum, passionfruit, vanilla and mint.

www.focsentosa.com  
110 Tanjong Beach Walk  
(65) 6100 1102  
HarbourFront



### PHAT CAT LAUNDRY

This mischievous themed bar 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. 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 Jialk Chuan Road  
(65) 6221 8262  
Outram Park



### MONTI

Sip on creative concoctions like Mr. Monti, a tonic highball inspired by fresh Italian herbs, and Monti-Rita, which puts an Italian twist on the classic margarita at this swish Italian joint. Located in an iconic dome along Marina Bay, enjoy a tippie or two in a sleek atmosphere with stunning views of the waterfront.

www.monti.sg  
82 Collyer Quay  
(65) 6535 0724  
Raffles Place



### NATIVE

This new addition to the burgeoning nightlife scene at Amoy Street prides itself on using only products sourced from the region, including cocktail ingredients, music and drinking glasses. You can't leave without trying their most talked about cocktail, Antz, which uses foraged ants from Thailand as garnishes.

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

### TEEPEE BAR & RESTAURANT

Tucked away behind a nondescript front, this bar-restaurant may be missed by the uninitiated. Park yourself on the grungy bar and take your pick from a selection of original cocktails by Matthew Chan (Certified Sommelier of the Court of Master Sommeliers, and former Head Sommelier at Bacchanalia), such as the signature Chamomilla, a piquant infusion of chamomile gin, Tougashumi Umeshu and notes of jasmine and lemon.

www.teepee.com.sg  
#01-02, 31 Hong Kong Street  
(65) 6225 0025  
Clarke Quay

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# Fam-tastic Day Out

Ten great things to do with kids in Singapore

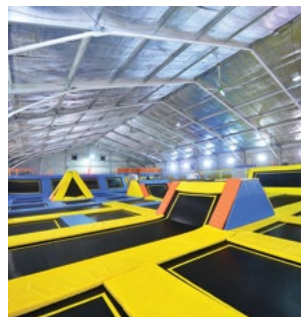


## Make the jump

### ZOOM PARK ASIA

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.

- www.zoomparkasia.com
- #01-14, 200 Pandan Gardens
- (65) 6334 4615
- Jurong East



## Swing from trees

### FOREST ADVENTURE

Unleash your inner Tarzan at this treetop obstacle course. Get your pulse racing with suspended logs, rope ladders, the exhilarating zipline, and a free fall from an eight-metre platform.

- www.forestadventure.com.sg
- 825 Bedok Reservoir Park
- (65) 8100 7420
- Bedok

## Role play a dream job

### KIDZANIA

More than an indoor theme park, this mini metropolis city lets children explore a life-sized Boeing 737, earn their own salaries and live out their dream jobs with over 80 exciting role-play activities.

- www.kidzania.com.sg
- 31 Beach View, Sentosa Island
- (65) 6653 6888
- HarbourFront



## Ride the Ferris wheel

### SINGAPORE FLYER

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

- www.singaporeflyer.com
- 30 Raffles Avenue
- (65) 6333 3311
- Promenade

## Eat, play and shop

### HUBER'S BUTCHERY

A casual alfresco vibe, a great kids' menu and a soft playground all rolled into one! Huber's Butchery also offers an enormous two-storey butcher and gourmet grocery too.

- www.hubers.com.sg
- 22 Dempsey Road
- (65) 6737 1588
- Orchard

## Visit the Singapore Airforce Museum

### RSAF MUSEUM

Sprawling over almost 11,000 m<sup>2</sup> of land, the Air Force museum encapsulates the history of the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) through various original artefacts with interactive media - offering an immersive experience for the little ones.

- www.mindef.gov.sg
- 400 Airport Road
- (65) 6461 8507
- Tai Seng



## Get a dose of feline-lovin'

### NEKO NO NIWA

Cuddle up to adorable kitties – lovingly-rescued by owners Sue Lynn and Sam at this cat cafe. The cosy spot is also bestowed with a great view of the Singapore River, and serves yummy ice cream cookies.

- www.catcafe.com.sg
- Level 2, 54A Boat Quay
- (65) 6536 5319
- Raffles Place



## Set sail

### DUCKTOURS

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

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

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### IMAX AT THE OMNI-THEATRE

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- www.omnitheatre.com.sg
- 21 Jurong Town Hall Road
- (65) 6425 2500
- Jurong East



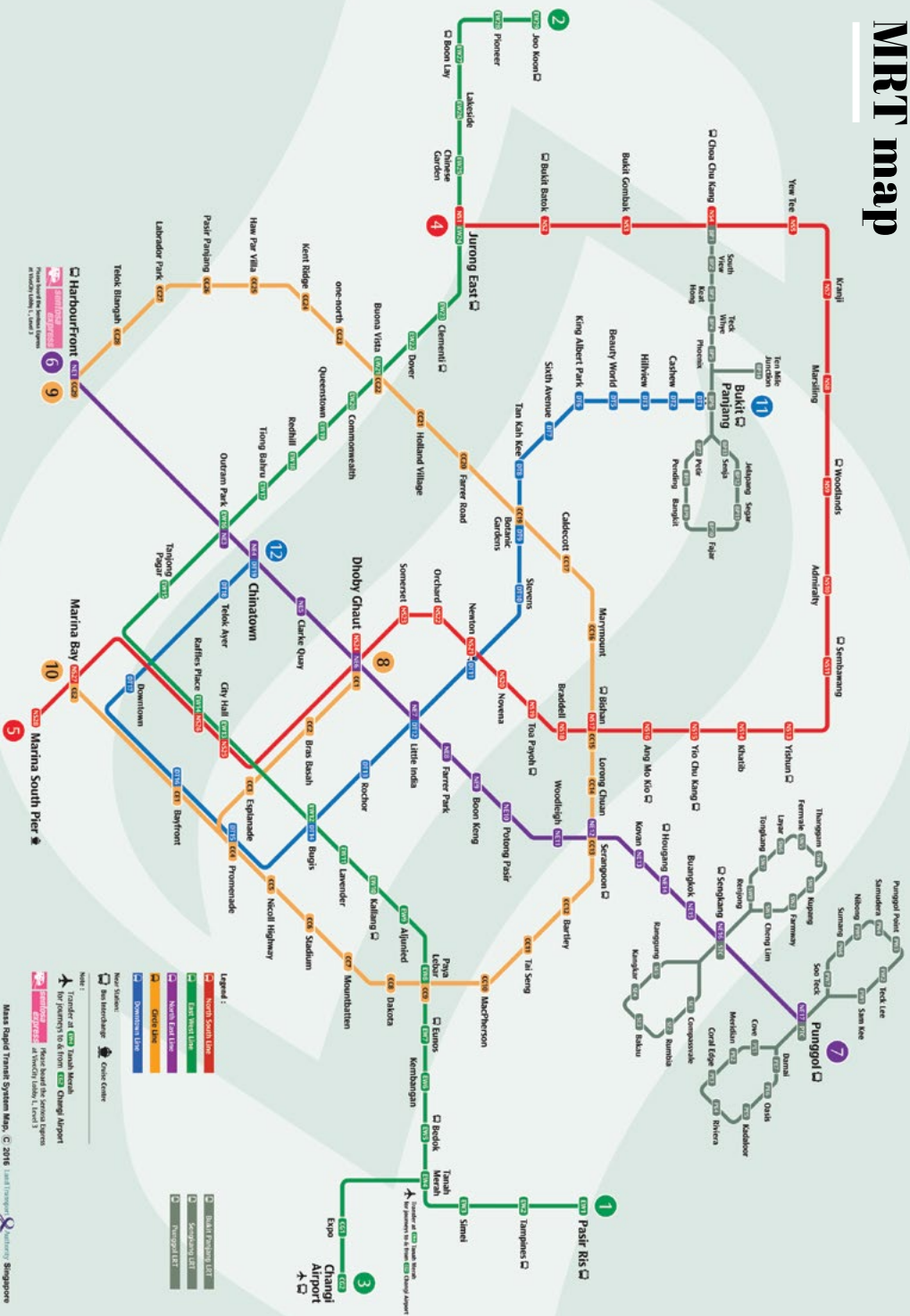
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- www.science.edu.sg
- 15 Science Centre Road
- (65) 6425 2500
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