

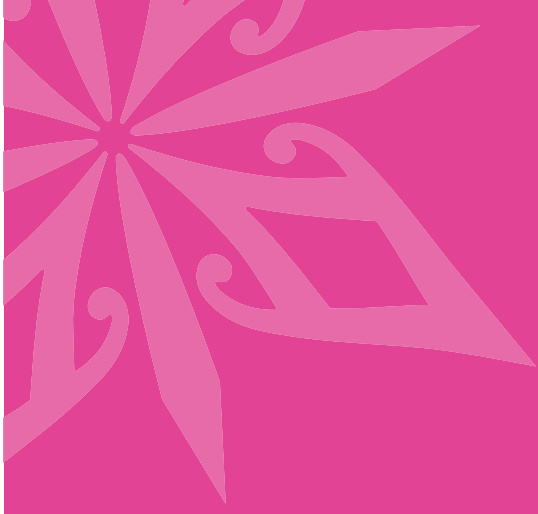


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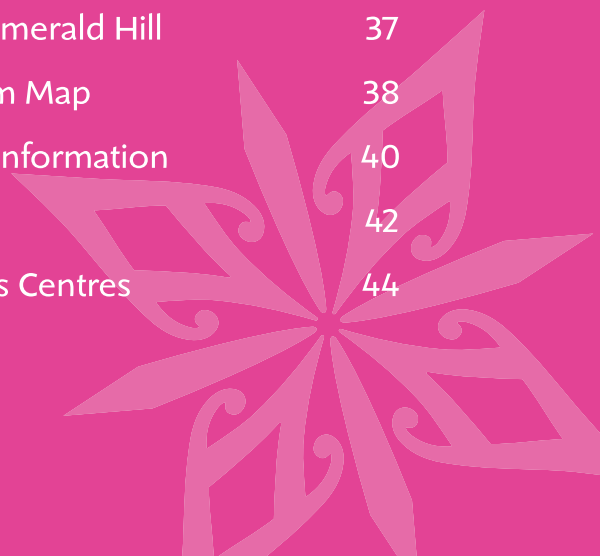


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THE PERANAKAN HERITAGE

The term Peranakan refers to the descendants of the early Chinese community who settled in the Malay Archipelago in the 17th century. The Peranakan culture is a rich blend of the Chinese and Malay cultures with some influence from cultures of the Portuguese, Dutch, British, Thai, Indian and Indonesian as well. Over the years, this mix has evolved into a community of people who observe Chinese traditions, yet show a strong Malay influence in their food, language and dressing.



Culture and Tradition

All seasonal festivals of the Chinese lunar calendar and the major rites of passage from birth to death are celebrated by the Peranakans in a traditional manner. The Peranakan aesthetic was rooted in tradition, and tended to be rigid in terms of choice, colours and motifs, particularly during important occasions such as weddings and funerals.

While the Peranakan style was traditional, it was inventive as well. Some artefacts demonstrate a fusion of various influences, such as Chinese and European, which shaped the Peranakan culture. Peranakan artefacts are categorised according to type: porcelain, furniture, silver, jewellery, beadwork and embroidery, and other objects of the home. They can also be categorised by how they were procured. Wealthy Peranakan families commissioned special items such as Nonyaware dinner services and blue-and-white porcelain for altar use. The Peranakans had many beautiful objects and often kept them as family heirlooms.

Whether in gold, silk or porcelain, the favoured motifs, such as the phoenix, bat, crane, butterfly or peony flower, were auspicious symbols of fertility, wealth, happiness and longevity.



Costumes and Accessories

Dress was a significant form of cultural expression for the Peranakan Chinese.

In the 19th century, Peranakan men, or Babas, dressed in the style of fashionable men from southern China, in *baju lokchuan* - loose jackets and matching

trousers of silks and brocaded satins. By the 20th century, they had adopted the colonial drill cotton suit known locally as *baju tutup* or 'closed coat'. Peranakan Chinese women, or Nonyas, wore the traditional *baju panjang* or 'long tunic' and *sarongs* that were the finest floral batiks from Java. They adorned themselves with a wide array of jewellery and accessories such as hairpins, bracelets, brooches, belts and anklets. Another unique Peranakan feature was the footwear the embroidered slippers of the 19th century gave way in the 20th century to the modern beaded variety, *kasut manek* (beaded slippers).

Architecture

The Peranakan house is an interesting mix of architectural details and ornaments from East and West. Corinthian columns and Mediterranean-looking windows and shutters are set against Chinese glazed tiles and plasterwork with ornamental Chinese symbols. With the unique *pintu pagar*, a gate-door, the Peranakan Chinese combined their love of decoration with a practical response to living in the tropics. The half-height doors would be closed during the day, allowing air circulation through the house without compromising privacy. Today, this decorative architecture is known less romantically by the term 'shophouse' and is typically used as business premises on the lower floor with residential dwellings above.

Broadly, there are six styles of shophouses. Early, First Transitional, Late, Second Transitional, Art Deco and Modern styles. They reflect the technology of their times and the tastes and cultures of their owners. A walk around Emerald Hill and Koon Seng Road in Joo Chiat will reveal some excellent examples of rich, baroque Peranakan architecture.



Party Walls

Shophouses are separated from one another by party walls that support the roofs and floors. They rise above the walls and roofs to prevent the spread of fire.

Fascia Boards and Fretwork

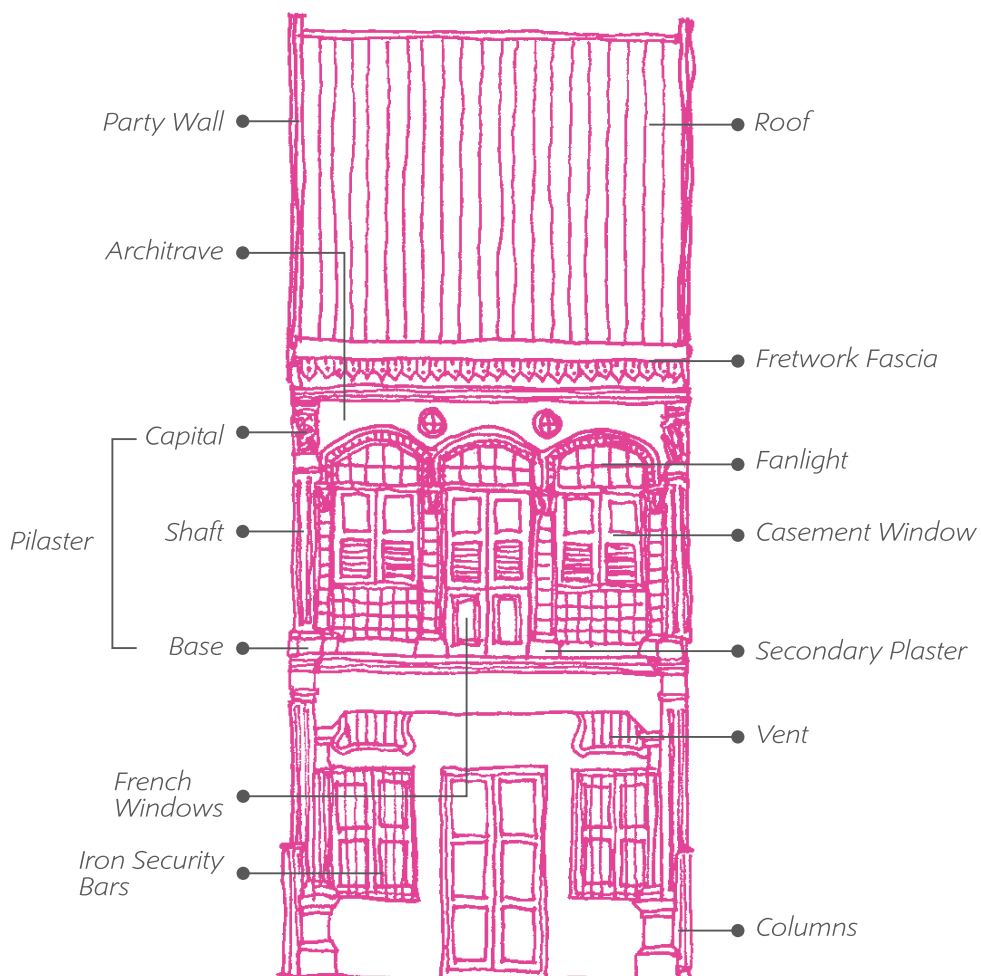
An influence from traditional Malay buildings, the timber fascia boards and fretwork decorate the eaves of the roofs.

Facade Decorations

The decorative work in plaster and tile on the house facade is a distinctive feature of Peranakan design.

The Five-Foot Way

A shophouse characteristically features a five-foot way or walkway in front of the house. This covered five-foot way joins one house to the next, creating a continuous walkway along the front facade of the shophouse block.





ATTRACTIONS

The Peranakan Museum

Peranakan culture is proudly celebrated in Singapore. Guided tours at various heritage sites showcase the rich culture of the Peranakan people past and present. From the Peranakan Museum, dedicated to all things Peranakan, to quaint shophouses where living the Peranakan culture becomes an intensely personal experience, visitors will be inspired by the detail and intricacies of the Peranakan legend.



Discover a strong and comprehensive collection of Peranakan materials – the anchor attraction and raison d’etre of the museum. Seek out star quality pieces in every category of Peranakan material culture. Enjoy a tour of all 10 permanent galleries in an experiential way with multimedia kiosks and audiovisual interactive displays located in all the galleries. Guided tours, hands-on workshops, demonstration sessions and mass participation events will ensure total immersion in Peranakan tradition. In addition, Peranakan outlets such as restaurants and shops offering a wide range of Peranakan merchandise will provide you with a total experience of the Peranakan culture.



39 Armenian Street, Singapore 179941

Tel: (65) 6332 7591

Website: www.peranakanmuseum.sg

Operating Hours: Mon: 1.00pm to 7.00pm,

Tue to Sun: 9.30am – 7.00pm (to 9.00pm on Fri)

Admission Fees:

Single : SGD6 (Adult) SGD3 (Concession)

Family: SGD25

Group of 20+: SGD5 (Adult) SGD2.50 (Concession)

Joint admission to Asian Civilisations Museum &

Peranakan Museum: SGD12 (Adult)

SGD6 (Concession)



Baba House

Baba House, managed by NUS Museum, opens as a Heritage House in September 2008. This rare Straits Chinese architectural icon has undergone archaeological study and major restoration to its structure and its interiors. Visitors will be

impressed by ornate carvings and other definitive decorative embellishments of the time as well as its collection of traditional furniture, some belonging to the original owners of the house.

Take a step back in time, 1928 specifically, and experience first-hand how a wealthy Straits Chinese family would have lived, and how they would have used some of these precious samples of material culture in their everyday lives. Find out about their eclectic tastes and their traditional practices as you explore the first two floors. On the third floor, look forward to temporary exhibitions, including contemporary art exhibitions which reflect and explore Straits Chinese hybrid culture, its origins and other related issues.

Baba House is dedicated to research of the Straits Chinese.

157 Neil Road, Singapore 088883

Tel: (65) 6516 8817

Email: babahouse@nus.edu.sg

Website: www.nus.edu.sg/museum/baba

Booking details

*To book a tour of Baba House,
e-mail babahouse@nus.edu.sg*

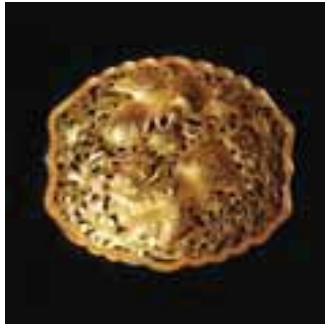
*Tour rates for groups of up to 12: SGD10 per person
(students aged 18 years and below: SGD5;
NUS students: SGD3).*

*One-hour tours are conducted on Wednesdays and
Thursdays at 10am, 11.45am, 2pm and 4pm;*

Fridays and Sundays at 3pm.

Saturdays are for private functions.

*Due to conservation concerns, visits are by appointment
only. Admission is free, but a heritage tour fee of SGD10
per pax applies.*



Guan Antiques

Guan Antiques specialises in Peranakan antiques, dress accessories, and architectural fixtures. Located suitably in an area filled with beautiful traditional Singapore houses, you will find not just small items such as enamel plates bearing

house numbers, but also larger artefacts including furniture, windows, screens and doors, all intricately carved. Colonial antiques, such as Victorian glass and other odds and ends are a perennial favourite.

31 Kampong Bahru Road, Singapore 169353

Tel: (65) 6226 2281

Operating Hours: 11.00am to 7.00pm daily



Katong Antique House

The Katong Antique House is filled with every type of traditional Peranakan costume, crockery, and furniture. Meet Mr Peter Wee, a fourth generation Baba Peranakan who will fascinate you with stories of his heritage. A little gallery sits

on the top floor of the two-storey shophouse, which Mr Wee inherited from his maternal grandfather, Mr Tan Cheng Kee.

208 East Coast Road, Singapore 428907

Tel: (65) 6345 8544

Operating Hours: 11.00am to 6.30pm Tues to Sun, closed on Mon

By appointment only.





Rumah Bebe

The Peranakan Shop in a House, Rumah Bebe (Bebe's house) built in 1928, is run by Singapore's renowned Peranakan beadwork specialist Bebe Seet. Combining art, craft, fashion and cuisine, Rumah Bebe is a showcase of the many aspects of living

Peranakan culture and heritage, offering visitors beading demonstrations.

113 East Coast Road, Singapore 428803

Tel: (65) 6247 8781

Website: www.rumahbebe.com

Operating Hours: Tue to Sun, 9.30am to 6.30pm, closed on Mon

Showcase Fee: Beading demonstration and showcase on Peranakan culture SGD4 (SGD8 if light refreshments included). By appointment only.



Kim Choo Kueh Chang - Restaurant and Gallery

Kim Choo Nonya Dumplings have been a mainstay of Singapore's colourful food culture for more than 40 years. Mdm Lee Kim Choo first learned her grandmother's recipe for *nonya* dumplings in the 1940s

when she was just 12 years old. Visit her outlet at East Coast Road for a taste of Peranakan delights and come up to the second level of the shophouse for an authentic rice dumpling demonstration. While you are here, be sure to take in the Peranakan displays ranging from porcelain to *batiks*.

109 / 111 East Coast Road, Singapore 428800

Tel: (65) 6741 2125

Website: www.kimchoo.com

Operating Hours: 8.00am to 9.00pm daily

Showcase Fee: 1/2 hour introduction to Peranakan culture and food sampling of Nonya Kuehs and Chinese tea SGD5





SHOPPING FOR PERANAKAN DELIGHTS

Many aspects of the Peranakan culture make for beautiful gifts or exotic fashion wear. Bring home a taste of the Peranakan with samples of beautiful *kebayas*, intricately beaded slippers, fine antique jewellery and vibrant porcelains.



Amor Meus

Step inside a world where Singapore's rich culture and timeless Straits-Chinese heritage is interwoven into luxurious

fashion. This inspiring shop provides unique personalised design and tailoring services for beautiful *sarong kebayas* and ethnic-inspired gowns.

*36 Purvis Street, #02-01,
Singapore 188613
Tel: (65) 6336 6930
Email: amormeus@singnet.com.sg
Website: www.amormeus.com
By appointment only.*

Foundation Jewellers

A second generation business with 38 years of experience in the fine art of exquisite Peranakan jewellery, Foundation Jewellers specialises in handcrafted, 18K gold Peranakan jewellery pieces studded with diamonds and other coloured fine gems. Choose from authentic Peranakan-designed earrings, pendants, hairpins, rings and *kerosang* (brooches designed to fasten the traditional *kebaya*) for the perfect gift.

*Foundation Jewellers Pte Ltd
11 Cavenagh Road, #11-03 / 04 / 05,
Holliday Inn Parkview
Singapore 229616
Tel: (65) 6732 6141 / 6738 3151 / 6732 9091
Fax: (65) 6732 9091 / 6399 0061
Email: enquiry@foundationgems.com.sg*





Museum Shop by Banyan Tree

Browse the Museum Shop By Banyan Tree for Peranakan souvenirs at a choice of four locations or shop online for great gifts at your leisure. Pick up exquisite paintings of Peranakan slippers, stationery

with unique Peranakan designs, and even a cookbook so you can replicate at home the culinary delights you've tried in Singapore.

Tel: (65) 6339 2011

E-mail: museumshop@banyantree.com

Website: www.museumshop.com.sg

Museum Shop by Banyan Tree Asian Civilisations Museum

*1 Empress Place Road,
Singapore 179555*

Tel: (65) 6336 9050

Email: gallery-acm@banyantree.com



Museum Shop by Banyan Tree Singapore Art Museum

*71 Bras Basah Road,
Singapore 189555*

Tel: (65) 6338 1016

Email: gallery-sam@banyantree.com

Museum Shop by Banyan Tree National Museum

*93 Stamford Road, #01-03,
Singapore 178897*

Tel: (65) 6336 3670

Email: gallery-nm@banyantree.com



Museum Shop by Banyan Tree Peranakan Museum

*39 Armenian Street,
Singapore 179941*

Tel: (65) 6336 9239

Email: gallery-pkm@banyantree.com





Risis

Risis has developed a new collection, inspired by the Peranakan people, as a celebration of the culture, jewellery and traditions of the Peranakans. Peranakan art and ornamentation is characterised by intricate and ornate patterns.

The Peranakan Series, comprising The *Kerosang*, *Cherki* Box, and Phoenix and *Qilin* Pillow Ends, features distinctive contemporary gifts inspired by traditional Peranakan designs and works of art.

Stores are located at: Suntec City Mall, Changi Airport Terminal 2 and 3 Departure / Transit Lounge, Singapore Botanic Gardens, Takashimaya, TANGS Orchard, TANGS VivoCity, The Centrepoint, Causeway Point Shopping Centre and Raffles Gift Shop at Raffles Hotel Arcade

Tel: (65) 6742 0002

Email: clientservice@risis.com.sg

Website: www.risis.com



True Blue Shoppe, Peranakan Museum

True Blue traditions to take home. Located near the entrance of the Peranakan Museum, True Blue Shoppe is a treasure trove of traditional *sarongs*, fine antique jewellery, porcelain in the vibrant hues

Peranakans are famous for, and True Blue Souvenirs every Peranakan lover would appreciate.

39 Armenian Street, Singapore 179937

Tel: (65) 6440 0449 / 6440 4548





CUISINE

Peranakan cuisine is a mouth-watering blend of Chinese and Malay culinary traditions featuring a range of indigenous and Chinese spices and herbs. Ground into powders or pastes, these condiments lend the dishes a flavour that is distinctly Peranakan, and contribute to the reason why many Peranakan dishes are said to be very difficult to prepare well. In fact, closely guarded recipes are often treasured as family heirlooms.



The following are a sample of Peranakan cuisine's most popular dishes:

Ayam buah keluak

A chicken dish cooked with the seeds of a local poisonous fruit, *buah keluak*.

Itek sio

Tender duck braised in a rich gravy.

Bakwan kepiting

Meatballs made with crab, minced pork and prawn.

Babi pongteh

A non-spicy dish made with pork and preserved soya beans.

Sayur lodeh

A delicious vegetable and coconut stew.



Restaurants

Charlie's Peranakan Food

From *ayam pongteh* to *tulang babi buah keluak*, Charlie's Peranakan Food offers a wide range of authentic traditional Peranakan favourites.

205 East Coast Road, Singapore 428904
Tel: (65) 6344 8824

Chilli Padi Nonya Restaurant

Try *ayam buah keluak*, *babi pongteh*, and *itek tim* from the core of the Straits Chinese cuisine presented in all its unabashed authenticity. Be prepared for a healthy dose of chilli in the dishes and leave room for traditional Peranakan desserts.

11 Joo Chiat Place, #01-03, Singapore 427744
Tel: (65) 6275 1002
Website: www.chillipadi.com.sg

Guan Hoe Soon Restaurant

Guan Hoe Soon Restaurant has been serving authentic Peranakan cuisine since 1953. Keeping close to what was handed down through the generations, the restaurant serves Peranakan food ranging from *sambal terong* and *sotong asam goreng* to *beef rendang*.

214 Joo Chiat Road, Singapore 427482
Tel: (65) 6275 1002



House of Peranakan Cuisine

The House of Peranakan Cuisine is a traditional Straits-Chinese restaurant specialising in authentic Peranakan food. Be sure to try their *chap chai* and *sambal sotong* while musicians entertain you with live music performances.

10 Claymore Road, Pan Pacific Orchard Hotel,
Level 1, Singapore 229540

Tel: (65) 6733 4411

Website: www.panpacific.com/en/Orchard/restaurants_bars/house_of_peranakan.html

Kim Choo's Kitchen Pte Ltd

Try their salty *chang* with salted egg, *hee pio* soup, *belado* chicken and many other dishes that will give you a true taste of the Peranakan culture.

109 / 111 East Coast Road, Singapore 428800

Tel: (65) 6741 2125

Website: www.kimchoo.com

Kim Choo (F&B) Pte Ltd

A sister outlet of Kim Choo's Kitchen Pte Ltd, serving more favourites of Peranakan cuisine *sambal udang*, *ikan asam manis* and *chap chai* are just a few of the many Peranakan dishes you can experience at this traditional restaurant.

Departure / Transit Lounge North #03-K4 Terminal 3

Tel: (65) 6247 5580

Website: www.kimchoo.com



PeraMakan

Savour the taste of a healthy Peranakan meal. PeraMakan's extensive traditional Peranakan menu includes *ikan garam asam*, *sambal babi* and *jantung pisang kerabu*, all with no monosodium glutamate (MSG) added.

10 Bukit Chermin Road, Keppel Club, Level 3,
Singapore 109918

Tel: (65) 6375 5563

Website: www.peramakan.com

Peranakan Inn & Lounge

Try *asam* prawns and *sambal kangkong* in this coffee-shop style restaurant offering traditional Peranakan food. If the dishes get too spicy, you can always calm your senses with some tangy home-made lime juice.

210 East Coast Road, Singapore 428908

Tel: (65) 6440 6195

Simply Peranakan Cuisine

This authentic restaurant mixes a blend of Chinese ingredients and Malay herbs and spices to create an array of lip-smacking Peranakan cuisine that you're bound to enjoy. Be sure to try their *bakwan kepitang* and *hee pio* soup for a wholesome traditional experience.

8 Raffles Avenue, Esplanade Mall,

#02-12, Singapore 038981

Tel: (65) 6333 9382

1 Engku Aman Road, Malay Village,

#01-01, Singapore 409923

Tel: (65) 6842 3171

Website: www.simplyperanakan.com





The Blue Ginger Restaurant

The 'Blue Ginger', was derived from a key ingredient in Peranakan cooking known as 'Nam Kiong' in Cantonese, or 'Galangal' in Malay. Aptly named, the restaurant captures the true essence of Straits-Chinese cuisine and culture.

97 Tanjong Pagar Road, Singapore 088518

Tel: (65) 6222 3928

Website: www.theblueginger.com



True Blue

Authentic Peranakan cuisine with a modern twist, enjoy all the old favourites brought up to date by a chef with a passion for the old and the new. Conveniently located near the Peranakan Museum.

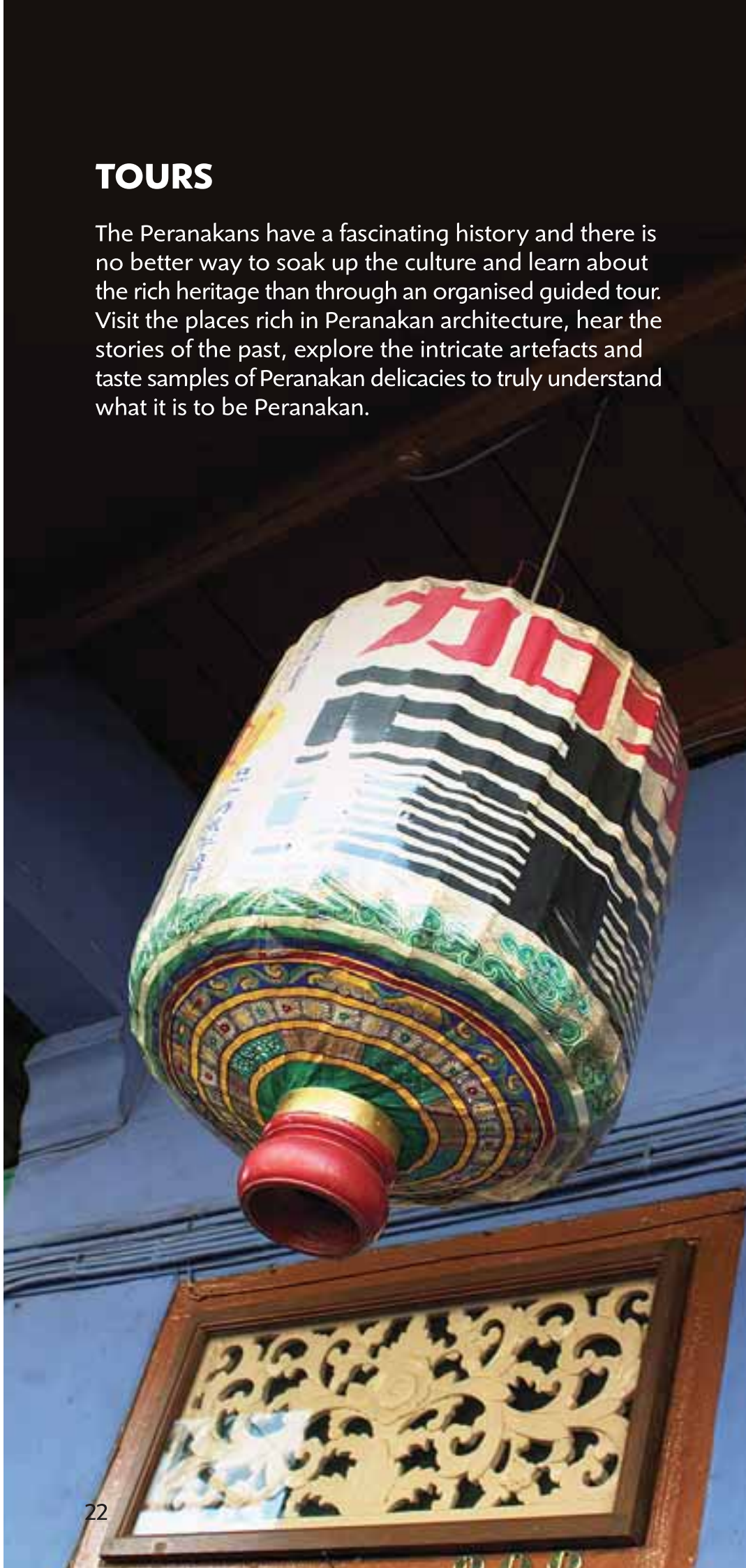
49 Armenian Street, Singapore 179937

Tel: (65) 6440 0449

Email: stfrancis@yahoo.com

TOURS

The Peranakans have a fascinating history and there is no better way to soak up the culture and learn about the rich heritage than through an organised guided tour. Visit the places rich in Peranakan architecture, hear the stories of the past, explore the intricate artefacts and taste samples of Peranakan delicacies to truly understand what it is to be Peranakan.





Baba & Nonya

This enlightening tour starts at Koon Seng Road in Joo Chiat, which showcases the best of rich, baroque Peranakan architecture. Stop by at Kim Choo Kueh Chang's for a taste of history as well as a lesson on the art of dumpling making.

*Timesworld Travel & Education Tours Pte Ltd
545 Orchard Road, Far East Shopping Centre,
#01-07, Singapore 238882*

Tel: (65) 6738 5005

Fax: (65) 6735 5005

Email: edu@timesworld.com

Website: www.timesworld.com.sg

By appointment only.

Katong Antique House Tour

This informative 45-minute tour begins with an introduction to the Peranakan identity and material culture and brings you through the house for a wonderful opportunity to view an exceptional collection of Peranakan artefacts. The tour ends with a tasty treat – home-made pastries with aromatic local coffee or tea.

Katong Antique House

208 East Coast Road, Singapore 428907

Tel: (65) 6345 8544

*Operating Hours: 11.00am to 6.30pm Tues to Sun,
closed on Mon*

*Entrance Fee: SGD15 (inclusive of refreshments of tea
and pineapple tarts)*

By appointment only.

Peranakan Trail

Walk through a beautiful spice garden at Fort Canning Place before heading off to Katong and Joo Chiat, areas well known for their rich cultural mix. Head down for tea and a sampling of some Peranakan delicacies at Kim Choo Kueh Chang. Finish off with a walk through Peranakan Place and Emerald Hill for a look at magnificent Peranakan architecture.

Tour East Singapore (1996) Pte Ltd

15 Cairnhill Road, Cairnhill Place,

#07-05A, Singapore 229650

Tel: (65) 6738 2622

Fax: (65) 6238 2860

After office hours: (65) 6238 2888

(Answering Machine)

Email: daytours@toureast.net

Website: www.toureast.net/singapore

Fee: SGD45

3 and 1/2 hour tour operates daily except

Sundays, Mondays and Public Holidays.

Minimum of 2 pax required.





Peranakan Experience with Food Sampling

This educational tour begins at Koon Seng Road / Joo Chiat, which is best known for its colourful rows of traditional Peranakan shophouses dating back to the 1920s and 1930s. Stop at Kim Choo Kueh Chang for a *chang* (rice dumpling) demonstration and keep a look-out for the Katong Antique Shop.

SH Tours Pte Ltd

13A Circular Road, Singapore 058411

Tel: (65) 6734 9923

Fax: (65) 6738 7955

Email: shtours@asiatours.com

Website: www.asiatours.com.sg

Peranakan Experience with Food Sampling

Fee: SGD43

3 and 1/2 hour tour operates on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays except Public Holidays.

Minimum of 8 pax required.



WALKING TRAILS

To experience Peranakan culture at your own pace, why not set foot on one of the recommended walking trails? Here you can experience the architecture of the time, view the eclectic mix of cultures in the Joo Chiat area and soak up the atmosphere of the quiet enclave of Emerald Hill, just metres from the bustle of Orchard Road.

Exploring Katong/Joo Chiat

Within a cosmopolitan city famous for an impressive skyline of eclectic modern skyscrapers, the area of Katong/Joo Chiat is a welcome reminder of the charm and beauty of the Singapore of yesteryear.

A melting pot of Peranakan, Eurasian, Malay, Indian and Chinese cultures, the quaint surroundings of Katong/Joo Chiat are a treasure trove of rich experiences. As you step back in time, you can't help but marvel at the rich history and exquisite architecture that has become the trademark of the area. The many Peranakan food stalls and multi-ethnic eateries are simply picture perfect, and the museums and galleries add an extra touch of culture to the whole experience.

Exploring Katong/Joo Chiat



Explore Singapore's former lock-up for triad gang members

- *Katong Village, 86 East Coast Road*

This former Joo Chiat Police Station, built in 1928, was said to house Singapore's most notorious criminals of the time.



Visit one of Singapore's oldest Indian temples

- *Sri Senpaga Vinayagar Temple, 19 Ceylon Road*

One of the tallest Indian temples in Singapore, the Sri Senpaga Vinayagar Temple, which dates back to 1875, is a true reflection of Joo Chiat's eclectic mix of cultures. While the temple complex was re-built after the damage of World War II, the main shrine remains intact and unscathed.



Check out the origins of the former Tay Buan Guan Katong Shopping Centre

- *Rumah Bebe, 113 East Coast Road*

The Tay Buan Guan department store established in 1948 grew from this humble shophouse, now known as Rumah Bebe, to a multi-storey shopping centre and was considered to be one of Singapore's best-loved shopping hubs.



Drop by Katong's gathering point at the Community Club

- *405 Joo Chiat Road*

The Joo Chiat Community Club was once a humble wooden hut with simple facilities like a library, boys' club and basketball club. Today, it has been renovated extensively and remains a meeting point for the community.



Discover the former Joo Chiat Maternal and Child Health Clinic

- *341 Joo Chiat Road*

This once prominent red building (it is now painted white) opposite Marshall Lane was established as a clinic in 1907 to counter Singapore's high infant mortality rate.

Enter the Chinese temple of mercy and philanthropy

- *Kuan Im Tng, 62 Tembeling Road*

Built in 1921, the Kuan Im Tng temple plays a big role in the community life of Katong / Joo Chiat. Surrounded by yellow, white and blue mosaic symbols of the Eight Immortals, statues of dancing dragons with the celestial pearl adorn the Chinese-made roof tiles. The main prayer hall of the temple is dedicated to Guan Yin (Goddess of Mercy), Confucius and the Sun and Moon Gods.



Selamat Datang (Welcome) to the Malay way of life

- *Masjid Khalid, 130 Joo Chiat Road*

Behold the serene Masjid Khalid (Khalid Mosque) amidst the undulating rows of shophouses. Built in 1917 and renovated in 1998, the mosque was originally intended as a place of worship for Indian Muslims. Today, it is one of the gathering points of Katong/Joo Chiat's Malay community.



Get to know the Eurasians

- *Eurasian Community House, 139 Ceylon Road*

Eurasians are the descendants of Europeans and Asians and one of Singapore's earliest residents. Having migrated from many Asian destinations, they are heirs to a heritage of diverse traditions. Most are Christians, mainly Roman Catholic, and religious celebrations are an integral part of their life. Have a meal at the popular Sunset Bay @ Eddie's Place for a taste of the distinct East-West fusion delights.



Check out other delightful gems

Lotus at Joo Chiat

• 89-123 Joo Chiat Place

The Lotus at Joo Chiat apartments is a fine example of integrating old shophouses with new flats and were built in the 1930s in the Late Shophouse style. This development received the Urban Redevelopment Authority's Architectural Heritage Award in 2002 for its excellent restoration.



St Hilda's Anglican Church

• 41 Ceylon Road

Designed in a simple English parish church style, the St Hilda's Anglican Church was built in 1934. It features a conical tower built in the Victorian tradition and a beautiful stained glass in the chapel. Today, St Hilda's has a

tightly-knit community of parishioners, serving whole households from grandfathers to their grandchildren.



Joo Chiat Complex

• 1-2 Joo Chiat Road

The amazing Joo Chiat Complex features an intriguing array of Malay textiles and foodstuff to complement the popular Geylang Serai Market and Malay Village just across the street. Uncover the 1970s barber shop

at the corner of Lorong 101 Changi and Joo Chiat Terrace as well as the *popiah* skin-maker at 95 Joo Chiat Road for more heritage sights.



Artoholic Gallery Pte Ltd

• *422 Joo Chiat Road*

This stylish shophouse has an in-house café and artoholic gallery celebrating artists such as Roesli Ahmad, Nyoman Darya, Kadafi Dhowo and many more. Step in for an afternoon coffee and join in the exhibitions

and events. The gallery provides art consultation for Singapore-based and overseas clients, and art enthusiasts can also join the periodic art classes and workshops available.

Tel: (65) 6348 7793

Email: enquiry@artoholic.sg

Website: www.artoholic.sg



Egg3

• *260 Joo Chiat Road*

Egg3 is a small hip concept store for fashion, jewellery, home accessories and innovative gift items. You are sure to find lots of interesting items to take home as gifts.

Tel: (65) 6345 5200

Email: info@eggthree.com

Website: www.eggthree.com

Gallery Eighty

• *80 Joo Chiat Place*

A contemporary art gallery with a mission to create partnerships with international galleries for continuous visual art exchange throughout the world. Paintings, photography, sculptures, installations, media and conceptual-based art are featured. Through art appreciation workshops, Gallery Eighty also encourages the local community to embrace art.

Tel: (65) 6344 1868

Email: info@galleryeighty.com

Website: www.galleryeighty.com



Obolo

- *452 Joo Chiat Road*

Obolo is a compact patisserie shop offering a wide range of desserts including gourmet cheesecakes and heavenly chocolate cakes. It also offers fabulous choices for corporate gifts and party favours as well as customisation services for food gifts.

Tel: (65) 6348 9791

Email: sales@obolo.com.sg

Website: www.obolo.com.sg

Betel Box Singapore Hostel

- *200 Joo Chiat Road*

The Betel Box Singapore Hostel is a representative of all cultures in Singapore, and is named after the Betel Nut, the seed of the Areca palm, which is found in most tropical countries. This youth hostel is famous for its friendly, respectful, and aesthetically pleasing environment for backpackers and budget travellers.

Tel: (65) 6247 7340

Email: info@betelbox.com

Website: www.betelbox.com

Gateway Hotel

- *60 Joo Chiat Road, #01-06*

Gateway Hotel offers value and comfort for both leisure travellers and local visitors. This artfully restored four-storey hotel has 82 well-equipped guest rooms and is conveniently located only 15 minutes from Changi Airport.

Tel: (65) 6342 0988

Email: enquiries@gatewayhotel.com.sg

Website: www.gatewayhotel.com.sg



How to get there

The nearest MRT stations are Paya Lebar Station (EW8) and Eunos Station (EW7). Bus Service Numbers 15, 16 and 33 take you to Joo Chiat Road and Joo Chiat Place. Bus Service Numbers 10, 12, 14, 32, 40 and 155 service East Coast Road.



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NOT TO SCALE



EXPLORING EMERALD HILL

Taking a leisurely walk around the Emerald Hill area, it's easy to forget the bustle of Orchard Road just a few metres away, so quiet and secluded is this jewel of Singapore. Situated along Orchard Road between Orchard Emerald Shopping Centre and The Centrepoint is the Peranakan Place at the foot of Emerald Hill Road. It is here you begin your tour on the site of what was once a nutmeg plantation. It's not hard to appreciate the beauty of the Chinese Baroque architecture, a unique blend of Chinese and neo-classical European design, which originated from Malacca. Typified by shuttered windows, carved swing doors and floral tiles, the existing buildings are today either private residences, business premises or bars and cafés. Around 5.00pm is the ideal time to start your tour as most of the bars are just starting to open and the sleepy suburb begins to come to life.



Emerald Hill Road

Emerald Hill Road was laid out in 1901 and the current terrace houses alongside the road were built in the first quarter of the century. Enjoy a leisurely walk up the hill and admire the eclectic mix of house façades that give the area its unique character.

Outdoors

Begin your tour with a stop at this alfresco café located at the very heart of Orchard Road. It's a great place to relax while you watch the bustle of the city go by.

One Price Store

• *3 Emerald Hill*

Step back in time as you move on up the hill and make this quaint store your first stop. Browse the traditional Chinese artefacts and pick up a few souvenirs.

5 Emerald Hill

Known locally as Number 5s, this bar is a great place to stop for a refreshing drink on your way back down the hill, and a firm favourite of locals and tourists alike.



Ice Cold Beer

• *9 Emerald Hill*

Another well-loved watering hole that comes to life in the evenings and a not-to-be-missed Peranakan Place attraction.



Saunders Road

Turn left into Saunders Road, named after the British colonial officer, Charles James Saunders, a man who held several official appointments in the twenties. Enjoy the cool shade of the quiet tree-lined street as you make your way past more exquisite examples of Peranakan architecture, still just moments from busy Orchard Road.

Hullet Road

Turn left again into Hullet Road, named after R.W. Hullet, principal of Raffles Institution from 1871. Here you can view more examples of buildings that have been awarded with the Architectural Heritage Good Effort Award for their excellent preservation of the original architecture before the road leads you back to Emerald Hill Road and Peranakan Place.



Cuppage Terrace

Just a short walk along Orchard Road, past The Centrepoin, is the newly restored Cuppage Terrace, a popular destination for alfresco dining along a row of Peranakan-inspired terraced houses. Enjoy the choice of a wide variety of cuisines to suit every palate – the ideal venue for sumptuous evening meals under the stars.



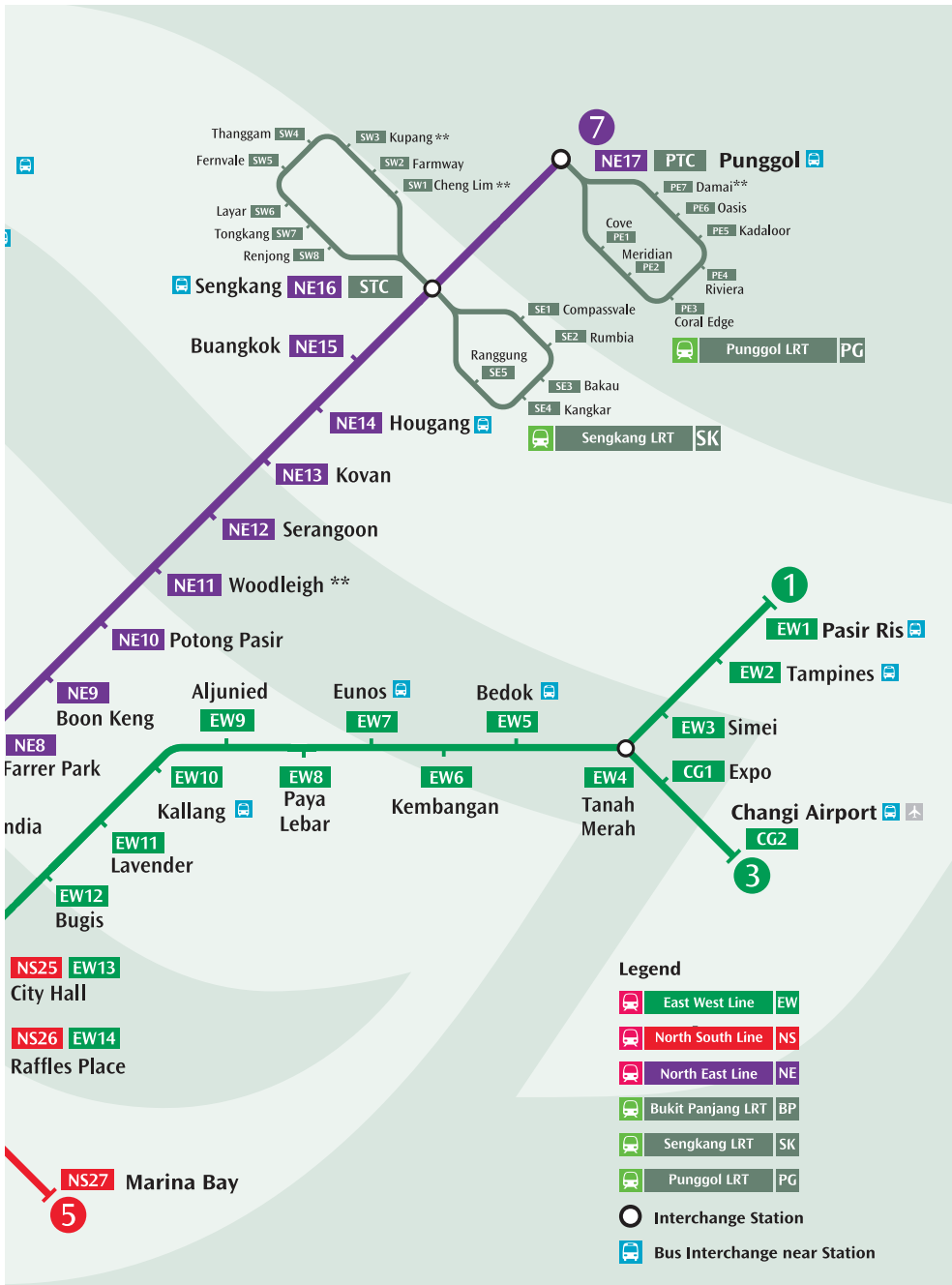
How to get there

The nearest MRT station is Somerset Station (NS23). Bus Service Numbers at the bus stop on Orchard Road at the base of Emerald Hill 7, 14, 14E, 16, 65, 106, 111, 123, 175, 502, 502A, 502B, NR1, NR2, NR3, NR5, NR6, NR7, NR8, 1N, 2N, 3N, 4N, 5N, 6N, 7N, 8N.



MRT & LRT System Map





Mass Rapid Transit System Map, © 2008 Land Transport Authority Singapore



Essential Visitors Information

Getting Around

Easily accessible and affordable, Singapore's efficient transport system is a breeze to comprehend and follow.

MRT

Conveniently located with stations all over the city, this air-conditioned passenger train network operates from around 5.30pm till midnight daily. Train fares are inexpensive and range from SGD0.90 to SGD1.90. Explore Singapore via our public transport system with The Singapore Tourist Pass. The Singapore Tourist Pass offers unlimited rides on the MRT, LRT and basic bus services at just SGD 8 per day. You can purchase a one-day, two-day or three-day pass with a refundable SGD 10 deposit (the pass must be returned within five days). The pass also comes bundled with carefully selected merchant offers, providing you with more benefits during your stay in Singapore. The Singapore Tourist Pass is sold at TransitLink ticket offices at the Changi Airport, Orchard, Chinatown, City Hall, Raffles Place, Ang Mo Kio, HarbourFront and Bugis MRT stations as well as at selected Singapore Visitors Centres. For more information, call 6223 2282 or visit www.singaporetouristpass.com or www.smrt.com.sg

Buses

Most public bus services operate from around 6.00am to midnight daily. Fares can be paid with the Tourist Pass or by cash. Fares range from SGD0.80 to SGD1.50 for non-air-conditioned buses and SGD0.90 to SGD1.80 for air-conditioned buses. For more information, please visit www.sbstransit.com.sg

Taxis

Several taxi operators ply the streets and they can be frequently found at shopping centres and hotels. The initial flag-down fare for the first kilometer starts from SGD2.80. Different surcharges apply for each taxi company, so do check with the driver before you board the taxi.

To book a taxi:

Common Taxi Hotline 6-DIAL-CAB	(65) 6-3425-222
Comfort/CityCab	(65) 6552 1111
Premier Taxis	(65) 6363 6888
SMRT	(65) 6555 8888
Smart	(65) 6485 7777
Trans Cab	(65) 6555 3333

Money Matters

Licensed money-changers usually give a better rate than most hotels and banks. Do check foreign exchange rates and use your discretion. There are licensed money-changers at Singapore Changi Airport and most shopping centres in Orchard Road and other downtown areas.

Taxes

At most food & beverage outlets and hotels, prices are quoted as nett or '++'. The '++' refers to an additional 10% service charge and 7% GST (Goods and Services Tax).

Tipping

This practice is appreciated but is optional. Tipping is not practiced as most hotels and restaurants in Singapore already levy a 10% service charge on customers' bills.

Telecommunications

Local calls, from either coin- or card-operated public phones, cost SGD0.10 for three minutes. Card-operated phones are more commonly used and a phone card (from SGD5) can be purchased at post offices and some shops. Alternatively, you can use your credit card at selected phone booths. The IDD (International Direct Dialing) access code is 001.

For more information on mobile phone operators in Singapore, please contact:

Singtel 1626 (www.singtel.com)

M1 1627 (www.m1.com.sg)

Starhub 1633 (www.starhub.com)

Smoking Ban In Entertainment Outlets

Since 1 July 2007, smoking has been prohibited in entertainment outlets such as pubs, bars, discotheques, lounges and nightclubs, including their outdoor refreshment areas. However, smokers can light up at designated smoking rooms within the outlets and/or outdoor smoking corners that are still part of the premises.

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Call 1800-736-2000 (toll-free in Singapore) or (65) 6736-2000 (from overseas)

Operating hours: 24 hours

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Singapore Changi Airport

Opening hours:
6.00am to 2.00am daily

Nearest MRT Station:
Changi Airport (CG2)



Changi Terminal 2 Arrival and Transit Halls



Singapore Changi Airport

Opening hours:
6.00am to 2.00am daily

Nearest MRT Station:
Changi Airport (CG2)



Changi Terminal 3 Arrival and Transit Halls



Singapore Changi Airport

Opening hours:
6.00am to 2.00am daily

Nearest MRT Station:
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Orchard Road



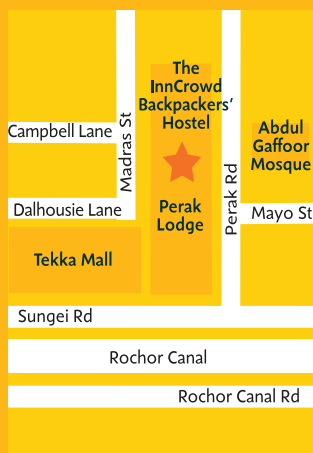
Junction of Cairnhill Road and Orchard Road

Opening hours:
9.30am to 10.30pm daily

Nearest MRT Station:
Somerset (NS23)



Little India



73 Dunlop Street,
The InnCrowd
Backpackers' Hostel

Opening hours:
10.00am to 10.00pm daily

Nearest MRT Station:
Little India (NE7)



Suntec



The Galleria
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Opening hours:
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Nearest MRT Station:
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Free Singapore Tour

Airport passengers who have at least 5 hours to spare in transit, can choose a free two-hour guided tour with two tour options: Colonial Tour or Cultural Tour (subject to visa requirements).



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