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A scenic view of the Singapore skyline, featuring the Marina Bay Sands, the Singapore Flyer, and the Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay. The scene is framed by a large, vibrant arch of cherry blossoms in shades of pink and purple, set against a bright blue sky with soft white clouds. The water of the bay is visible in the foreground.

Singapore in spring.

CULTURE MEETS CHIC

Past, Present

From the time it was founded, Singapore has always been a cosmopolitan hotbed of cultures, a place where traditions, trends and various ethnic influences come together to create a unique cultural landscape. There's no better time to experience this than in the first three months of the year, which will see an exciting calendar of events filled with traditional festivals such as **Chinese New Year, Thaipusam** and **Pongal**, and modern ones like the **Huayi-Chinese Festival of Arts, M1 Fringe Festival**, a showcase for cutting-edge

indie acts and the star-studded **Mosaic Music Festival**.

Tradition, Trend

You can also get a taste of culture chic by visiting dining and lifestyle hotspots such as **Dempsey Hill, Empress Place** and **Clarke Quay**, where you'll find critically acclaimed restaurants and clubs housed in heritage buildings dishing up modern fusion cuisine and tunes. You'll also find no shortage of chic boutiques offering the latest fashion trends and tech products here and in Orchard Road.

City Chic

Finally, 2010 will also see the opening of the **Marina Bay Sands*** and **Resorts World™ Sentosa**, two dazzling complexes that look set to raise the fun ante here with their wide selection of shops, restaurants, hotels and amusement parks.

In this brochure, we tell you everything you need to know to get the most out of your stay here and also where to go to get culturally chic souvenirs for your loved ones back home. Enjoy!

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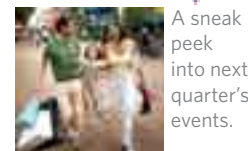
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EVENTS NOT TO BE MISSED



CHINATOWN CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

23 Jan-7 Mar 2010, Chinatown



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Be mesmerised by the festive bazaars in Chinatown and the dazzling display of lights as you soak up the excitement of the season where everyone celebrates the dawning of Spring. Don't forget to pick up a couple of festive souvenirs either. We tell you where to go to get the yummiest Chinese New Year treats and where to see some unique heritage sights.

www.visitsingapore.com
 Chinatown



RIVER HONGBAO 2010

12-20 Feb 2010

The Float @ Marina Bay
 Experience delectable food treats and specialty handicrafts while enjoying majestic lantern displays, cultural performances and fireworks. To ensure a prosperous year ahead, keep an eye out for the God of Fortune. Don't forget to bring your camera with you for one of the best photo-ops of the season!

www.riverhongbao.sg
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CHINGAY PARADE SINGAPORE 2010

19-20 Feb 2010

Pit Building
 Enjoy Asia's grandest street and float parade, with its fire cracker dragon, samba parties and rich multi-cultural performances. Look out also for the rocking pre- and post-parade parties, as well as the Orchard Road mini-parade. And find out how you can get the first Chingay Medallion in history.

www.chingay.org.sg
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HUAYI-CHINESE FESTIVAL OF ARTS

Esplanade Presents
 19-28 Feb 2010
Esplanade

Celebrate the talents of Chinese artists from Singapore and the region in this exciting 10-day festival. Highlights include *Peach Blossom Fan* • 1699, Jiangu Province Kunqu Opera's modern take on the classic love story between a scholar and a courtesan. The festival will also see Taiwanese star Ariel Lin and actor David Wang starring in *Man and Woman*, *War and Peace*, Hong Kong director Edward Lam's play about gender differences. Look out also for Taiwanese singer/songwriter/producer Peggy Hsu and Mando-funk foursome Cosmos People, among others.

www.huayifestival.com
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M1 SINGAPORE FRINGE FESTIVAL

13-24 Jan 2010

Various locations islandwide
 An annual festival of theatre, performance arts, dance, visual arts, mixed media, music and forum, the M1 Singapore Fringe Festival returns this January with its usual illuminating mix of Singaporean and international artists. Like previous editions, you can expect an intellectually stimulating line-up of cutting-edge and socially-engaged works. This year's theme is Art and the Law, touching on the fact that in a society (especially in Singapore), the creation and presentation of art are connected to aspects of law that pertain to copyright, licensing, censorship and state funding. Featuring works from 11 countries, this year's festival will see a world and Asian premiere and will be showcasing for the first time works from Burma, Malaysia and Slovakia.

www.singaporefringe.com

PONGAL FESTIVAL

9-17 Jan 2010



Little India
 This festival celebrated primarily by the Indian community includes cultural performances, a photo-taking session and a mass cooking demonstration.

www.lisha.org.sg
 Little India

ETERNITY BY FUCHSIA LANE - CELEBRATING ART IN FASHION AND WEDDINGS PRESENTED BY ON CHEONG JEWELLERY

27 Jan-13 Feb 2010

ION Orchard Art Gallery



Marrying art with high fashion, Eternity touts itself as the world's first bridal and art collaboration showcase. No poufy white meringues here; what you'll find are envy-inducing couture creations with an Asian flavour. Visitors will be able to take part in artist dialogue sessions and find out more about the creative process behind the gowns. If you have a soft spot for beautiful things, be sure to swing by ION Art Gallery when the exhibition launches.

fuchsialane.blogspot.com
 Orchard

THAIPUSAM

30 Jan 2010



Little India
 This Indian festival honours the Hindu God Subramaniam (Lord Murugan) and is observed as a day of prayers, thanksgiving for wishes granted and a time for the fulfillment of vows and good health.

www.heb.gov.sg
 Little India

MOSAIC MUSIC FESTIVAL

12-21 Mar 2010



Esplanade
 Launched in 2003, this popular music festival has since grown into one of Singapore's biggest music events and features a diverse spectrum of international and regional musicians. Audiences can look forward to a 10-day music experience showcasing live performances spanning genres from jazz and blues to hip-hop and world music. Artists to look forward to this year include popular "vintage music" band Pink Martini, jazz band Branford Marsalis Quartet, English singer-songwriter Vashti Bunyan, and bassist Christian McBride, who in 1992 was named *Rolling Stone* magazine's "Hot Jazz Artist" of the year.

www.mosaicmusicfestival.com
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ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



17TH SPRING IN THE CITY CULTURAL, ARTS AND TRAVEL FAIR

2 Jan-4 Feb 2010, Raffles City and 8 Jan-10 Feb 2010, VivoCity

Organised by the Singapore China Friendship Association, The Confucius Institute and Nanyang Technological University, this annual cultural, arts and travel fair aims to promote cultural exchange and travel between China and Singapore.

www.springinthecity.com

Raffles City and HarbourFront



MERCHANTS OF BOLLYWOOD

12-17 Jan 2010

Esplanade Theatre

Learn more about the history of Bollywood in this dazzling musical. Featuring music and dance routines from hits such as *Lagaan*, *Devdas*, *Musafir*, *Bunty Aur Babli*, *Jhoom Barabar Jhoom*, *Rang de Basanti*, *Dhoom* and *Dhoom 2*, as well as music from Oscar-winning composer A.R. Rahman, this is one musical that will have you clapping and dancing on your feet.

www.timeentertainment.com

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JAPANESE POP-UP STORE@TANGS



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15-31 Jan 2010

Tangs Orchard PlayLab

@ TANGS

Orchard (L3) will be hosting a Japanese

pop-up store replicating the colourful street scenes of "Harajuku and Ginza". This will be a first-time exclusive in Singapore fashion scene featuring Japanese brands like Beauty & Youth, COEN, KBF, United Arrows, Urban Research and more.

Orchard

LES BALLETS GRANDIVA'S "MEN IN TUTUS"

21-24 Jan 2010

Esplanade Theatre

Check out some of the world's best classical male dancers sporting tutus and prancing to hilarious numbers on stage. www.grandivaonline.com

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Les Ballets Grandiva's "Men in Tutus"

CLIPPER 09-10 ROUND THE WORLD YACHT RACE

23 Jan-2 Feb

Marina at Keppel Bay

10 teams from

around the world will be stopping over in Singapore en-route to China in the fourth leg of this pulsating competition. To support the Uniquely Singapore team, be sure to head down to Marina at Keppel Bay!

www.marinakeppelbay.com/uniquelysingapore/index.asp

HarbourFront

AMIT LIVE FIRST WORLD TOUR

29 & 30 Jan 2010

Singapore Indoor Stadium

A*mei returns to her aboriginal roots in this new tour. Besides songs from her new album, fans can also look forward to crowd favourites such as "Released" and "Nothing You Want After All."

www.unusual.com.sg

Kallang



SINGAPORE AIRSHOW

2-7 Feb 2010

Changi Exhibition Centre

Catch the latest in aviation technology at this every-other-year showcase, featuring the industry's biggest players like Boeing and Airbus.

www.singaporeairshow.com

Changi Airport



2010 CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS AT THIAN HOCK KENG TEMPLE

13-28 Feb 2010

Revered Buddhist monks and Taoist priests, as well as lion and dragon dances, will herald in the Year of the Tiger with religious, traditional and cultural ceremonies.

www.thianhockkeng.com.sg

Tanjong Pagar



ICTLT 2010, INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TEACHING AND LEARNING

WITH TECHNOLOGY

2-6 Mar 2010

Suntec Singapore

Hosted jointly by the Singapore Ministry of Education and the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE), this premier global event attracts policy-makers, academics, innovative practitioners and school leaders from the Asia-Pacific Region and around the world.

www.ictlt.com

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Ollie and The Slurge

OLLIE AND THE SLURGE

2-19 Mar 2010

Alliance Française Theatre

An original, fun, family musical for all ages, with wonderful puppets and live music! Ollie & The Slurge manages to tackle two important issues - bullying and how to care for our precious environment - through laughter, and maybe even a tear or two.

www.itheatre.org

Newton

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9-12 Mar 2010

Singapore Expo

With major exporters from China,

Indonesia, Italy, Singapore, Taiwan and Vietnam this is Asia's one-stop sourcing haven - boasting 100,000 pieces of high-quality furniture from more than 30 countries.

www.iffs.com.sg

Expo

IT SHOW 2010

11-14 Mar 2010. Suntec Singapore

International Convention & Exhibition Centre



Spanning five floors, this digital, mobile and consumer

electronics show will have exclusive offers and great bargains on LCD TVs, notebooks, digital cameras, home entertainment systems and other IT gadgets.

www.itshow.com.sg

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Celebrate Chunjie: Year of the Tiger

This February, we'll be saying goodbye to the Year of the Ox and welcoming the Year of the Tiger. We look at how Singaporeans have put their own unique spin on this age-old festival.

Every year, millions of Chinese around the world celebrate Chunjie (also known as the Spring Festival). However, despite sharing a common heritage with the rest of its Asian neighbours,

Singaporeans have, over the years, made this festival their own through a mix of the old and the new. Let's take a look at what you can expect this year.

Chinese New Year Must Haves

8 things to get at the Chinatown Chinese New Year bazaar, 22

Jan-13 Feb (Sun-Thu 11am-11pm; Fri, Sat and Public Holidays 11am-1am)



Red packets

- **Red packets:** Known as *hong bao* in Chinese (or *ang pow* in Hokkien), these are considered symbols of good luck and given to children by parents and other adults. Money should be given in even numbers (though you should avoid giving \$4 because it is an inauspicious number associated with death).
- **Mandarin oranges:** In Cantonese, these are known

as *kum* and they are considered auspicious because they are a homonym for "gold."
• **Fu décor:** In Chinese, the word "fu" means luck and it is common to see people hanging the character upside down to symbolise the coming of wealth.



Melon seeds

- **Melon seeds:** These symbolise fertility.
- **Groundnuts:** These represent longevity.



Chinatown Chinese New Year Celebrations 2010
23 Jan-7 Mar 2010, 11am-midnight (Sun-Thu) & 11am-2am (Fri, Sat & Public Holiday). Chinatown. www.visitsingapore.com



No Chinese New Year visit would be complete without a stop in Chinatown. Expect to catch invigorating local and overseas cultural performances ranging from lion dances and martial arts to Chinese cultural dances and Chinese opera at the Kreta Ayer Square every night from 23 Jan-13 Feb (8pm - 10.30pm). To really get into the festive mood, look out for these events, which will all be taking place along Eu Tong Sen Street and New Bridge Road:

- **Official Light-Up and Opening Ceremony**
23 Jan 2010, 6-10pm.
The Light-Up is an annual custom dating back all the way to 1985 and will see this traditional Chinese

enclave cloaked in a dazzling display of lights. Look out for spectacular fireworks displays, lion dances and thrilling street performances!

- **Chinese New Year Countdown**
13 Feb 2010, 9.30pm-12.30am.
Come usher in the lunar New Year with us as local celebrities entertain the crowds and be prepared to party all night as fire crackers go off and fireworks light up the night sky.
- **Yuan Xiao Jie**
28 Feb 2010, 7-10pm.
Join us as we say goodbye to Chunjie with plenty of colourful cultural street performances and a spectacular display of live firecrackers and fireworks!

Singapore and could very well be considered the official cookie of the Chinese New Year period.



Bak Kua

- **Bak Kua (barbecued pork slices):** These popular treats are hot favourites during the Chinese New Year season. Follow the scent to "bak kwa street" at New Bridge Road where household names like **Lim Chee Guan** (203 New Bridge Road, ☎ (65) 6227-8302)

Don't Miss These!
Make your trip to Chinatown extra special with these activities.



- **Chinatown Walking Tours by Journeys:** Find out more about the stories and traditions that make up Chinatown's rich heritage on these entertaining guided walks. Even if you've visited Chinatown before, these walks will have you looking at things in a completely new light! www.journeys.com.sg
- **Kong Chow Clan Association (321 New Bridge Road):** Visitors can view its extensive lion dance head selection and catch the following training sessions: lion dance (Sun 3-5pm), traditional martial arts (Fri & Sat 8.30-10pm), kick-boxing (Mon & Wed 7-9pm, Tues & Thurs 8-10pm) and Cantonese opera (Wed 8-9.30pm).
- **The Time of Tea (38 Mosque Street):** Learn all about the fine art of tea making and gain a finer appreciation of tea etiquette here. Lessons are priced at \$50 per person or \$15 for a group of at least 10 people. You will also receive a small pack of tea leaves (50g) as a souvenir.

and **Bee Cheng Hiang** (189 New Bridge Road, ☎ (65) 6223-7059) churn out succulent meat barbecued to perfection and flavoured in different ways. An absolute must-try is Lim Chee Guan's bak kwa in gourmet form at Mandarin Oriental Hotel's Cherry Garden Restaurant (22 Jan-28 Feb), putting a fresh spin on this age-old delight!

Chinatown: Old vs New

Old Gems

Like the rest of the country, Chinatown is a blend of the old and the new. If you want to see Chinese temples, tea shops and medicinal halls, then head to the heart of old Chinatown: South Bridge Road, Smith Street, Pagoda Street, Temple Street, Trengganu Street and Sago Street.

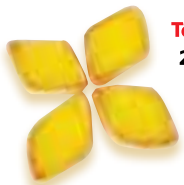
Chinatown



Temples of Tradition

One of the unique things about Chinatown is that despite being a Chinese enclave, one can find temples of various religious faiths here. The **Thian Hock Keng Temple (158 Smith Street, ☎ (65) 6423-4616. www.thianhockkeng.com.sg)**, which dates back to 1821, is

Singapore's oldest Hokkien temple and located close by is the **Sri Mariamman Temple (244 South Bridge Road, ☎ (65) 6223-4064)**, Singapore's oldest and most important Hindu temple, which is famous for its intricate entrance tower featuring sculptures of deities and sacred animals. Another place worth visiting is the **Buddha Tooth Relic Temple and Museum (288 South Bridge Road, ☎ (65) 6220-0220. www.btrts.org.sg)**. Inspired by architecture from the Tang Dynasty era, this magnificent temple is home to what many Buddhist experts regard as the Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic, which is located in a magnificent Relic Stupa made of 320 kilograms of gold donated by devotees.



Tong Heng

285 South Bridge Road, ☎ (65) 6223-0398.

Loyal customers swear by this fourth-generation Chinese bakery's egg tarts. A household name that has been around for the past 89 years, it also sells traditional Chinese baked goods like mooncakes during festive periods.

Yue Hwa Chinese Products Emporium

70 Eu Tong Sen Street, ☎ (65) 6538-4222. www.yuehwa.com.sg

With a history spanning more than 45 years, this Chinatown landmark is well-known for its wide range of authentic Chinese goods such as tea, herbs, handicrafts, silk products and more.

Modern Chic



Chinatown isn't just about temples and heritage shops. Across the road from the Sri Mariamman Temple are Ann Siang Hill and Club Street. Once a nutmeg plantation, the area now houses boutiques and posh restaurants. Further down in Keong Saik Road, a former red-light district, and Bukit Pasoh Road, which is famous for its clan associations, you can sample fusion cuisines and take part in wine-tasting events.

Tanjong Pagar, Chinatown and Outram Park

Asylum

22 Ann Siang Road, ☎ (65) 6324-8264. www.theasylum.com.sg

Headed by founder and creative head honcho Chris Lee, this design/studio gallery is a treasure trove of limited-edition and hard-to-find labels and music by kooky, experimental musicians.

Magma German Wine Bistro + Shop

2-4 Bukit Pasoh Road, ☎ (65) 6221-0634. www.magmatc.com

The old meets the new at Magma. Enjoy an exquisite glass of German wine with roasted suckling pig in beer/honey gravy this February, then head up to **Siong Leng Musical Association (no. 4B)**, which is housed in the same premises, where one of the treasures of traditional Chinese musical arts and Liyuan Opera are still being practised. Catch them in rehearsal on Saturdays from 2-5pm (closed from 10-21 Feb 2010).



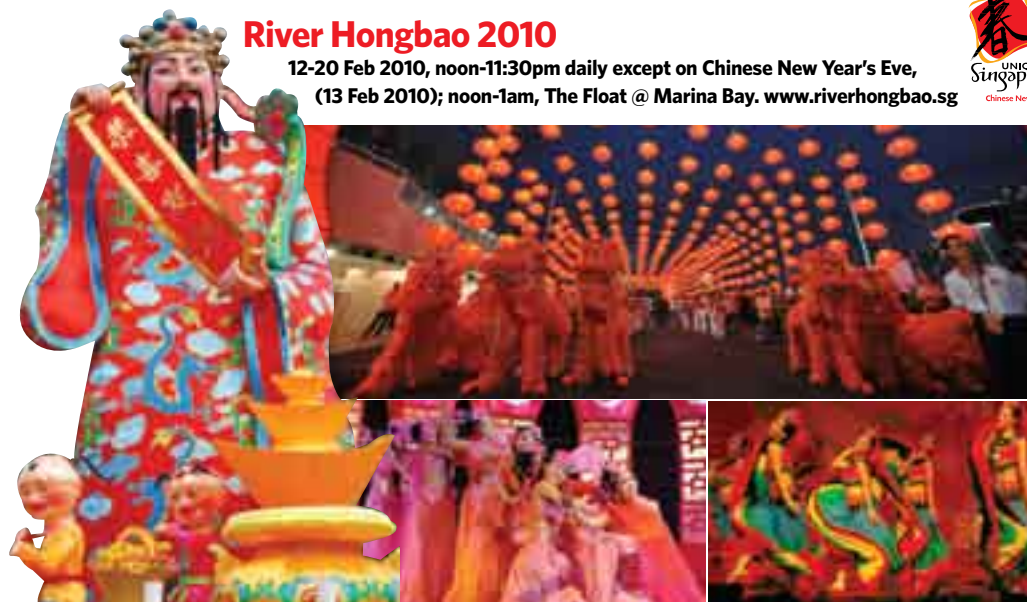
The Screening Room

12 Ann Siang Road, ☎ (65) 6221-1694. www.screeningroom.com.sg

At this unique restaurant, film buffs can feast on the film-themed creations of executive chef Samia Ahad and then adjourn to the restaurant's very own screening room to watch silver screen classics in luxurious comfort.

River Hongbao 2010

12-20 Feb 2010, noon-11:30pm daily except on Chinese New Year's Eve, (13 Feb 2010); noon-1am, The Float @ Marina Bay. www.riverhongbao.sg



It's not every day that you see the Marina Bay area coming alive in such a spectacular fashion.

Now in its 24th year, the River Hongbao 2010 festival is a dazzling riverside extravaganza that will be taking place at the Marina Bay Floating Platform in the evenings. During this event, the area will be transformed into a glittering

fairylane of festive decorations. The highlights of River Hongbao 2010 include lantern displays, performances, specialty food and handicrafts from Chengdu, China. There will be many interesting cultural activities such as Chinese Lantern-Riddles and competitions.

Visitors can look forward to majestic, large-scale displays of

popular Chinese mythical characters such as the God of Fortune, 12 Chinese zodiac animals and many other lighting installations which would provide numerous photo opportunities. All these against the specular Marina Bayfront view with firing of firecrackers and fireworks, a visit to the River Hongbao will be a trip to be remembered.



What is Yu Sheng?

Yu Sheng is a raw fish salad that is an indispensable

part of many Chinese Singaporeans' New Year celebrations. It is widely believed to have been created by Than Mui Kai, a master chef at Singapore's very own Lai Wah restaurant in 1964.

Ingredients include raw fish (usually salmon or mackerel) and shreds of carrots, ginger, jellyfish, turnip, chilli as well as five spice powder, plum sauce and sesame oil,

though ingredients vary according to establishment and budget. All the ingredients have a special significance, usually associated with good luck and prosperity, for the Chinese.

How do you eat it?

Eating *Yu Sheng* with a Chinese family is an experience to be savoured. The act of tossing it into the air is known as *lo hei* and it sees everybody gathering around the table, chopsticks in hand, to toss the ingredients into the air and ask for good tidings for the year ahead.

Try Yu Sheng here:



Hai Tien Lo

37/F, Pan Pacific Hotel, 7 Raffles Boulevard. ☎ (65) 6826-8338.

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Majestic Restaurant

New Majestic Hotel, 31-37 Bukit Pasoh Road. ☎ (65) 6511-4718.

Outram Park or Chinatown



Chingay Parade Singapore 2010

19 Feb, 8.30pm; 20 Feb, 8pm. Pit Building (next to the Singapore Flyer), www.chingay.org.sg, \$25-80 from SISTIC, Singapore Visitors Centre at Orchard Road and Singapore Pools Outlets. Call (65) 6348-5555 or visit www.sistic.com.sg



Traditional acts meet cosmopolitan groove in the annual Chingay Parade where gigantic floats, sequined costumes and colourful performances take to the streets in Asia's Grandest Street and Floats Parade. The name "Chingay" was coined from its Hokkien dialect equivalent, meaning "the art of costume and masquerade," and is one of the most anticipated and widely participated events here. This year, Chingay takes street celebrations to a higher notch with its first fire cracker dragon, fantastic fantasy characters, majestic "flying horses" and the grandest finale since its beginnings in 1973.

Parade Carnival (Chingay Passion Pasar)

19 & 20 Feb 2010, from 3pm, Promenade between the Pit Building and the Singapore Flyer

For the first time ever, Chingay will be introducing a carnival to ramp up the fun factor. Parade-goers can grab snacks and photo opportunities with anime and movie characters.

Singapore Samba Parties!

9 & 16 Jan 2010, 7pm, 9 King George's Ave, 30 Jan 2010, 7pm, Pit Building. Free admission.

Party with the performers from the Singapore Samba segment as they prepare for Chingay Parade 2010. Adventurous ones can even rent a costume from the Parade Carnival one and a half hours before the parade, pick up some simple dance steps and be part of the samba contingent!

Orchard Road Mini-Parade

23 & 24 Jan and 30 & 31 Jan 2010, 5-6pm, Orchard Road

Stretching from Ion Orchard to the Meritus Mandarin hotel, this mini-parade will feature a roving procession and performances.

City Alive!

20 Feb 2010, 10.30pm. Pit Building, www.cityalive.sg

Singapore's biggest street dance party is back! Expect plenty of music and adrenaline-fueled activities to last you till the wee hours of the morning.

How to Catch the Parade

The parade starts from the Pit Building and proceeds along the race track up to Republic Boulevard. Revellers can purchase tickets to watch the parade in comfort from the seating galleries or stand along the route to view for free. Tickets range from \$25-80. If you're standing, try to arrive at least half an hour prior to the start of the parade to secure a good viewing location.

Limited Edition Chingay 2010 Medallion



Here's a one-of-a-kind souvenir for you to remember your visit to Singapore. This limited edition

Chingay 2010 medallion is the first of its kind and is available in two versions: Standard (Usual price: \$10; Ticket holders: \$5) and Premium (Usual price: \$30; Ticket holders: \$28). For more information, visit www.singaporemint.com or call (65) 6566-2626.

SPECIAL PROMOTION
Be the first to own the 1st Chingay Medallion in history! Enjoy a 50% discount on the Standard Medallion.
Present your Chingay 2010 tickets to enjoy offer. While stocks last.

Fast Facts



- The first two days of Chinese New Year will be celebrated on **14 and 15 February 2010**.
- Traditionally, Chinese New Year is **celebrated over 15 days**.
- On the eve of Chinese New Year, it is a tradition for families to get together for dinner. This is known as **the reunion dinner**.

- The 15th day of Chinese New Year is also known to Hokkiens as **Chap Goh Meh**. Traditionally, young, unmarried women would throw mandarin oranges into the sea, hoping that the fruits would find their way to their future spouses.



Indian Festivities

Chunjie isn't the only cultural festival happening in Singapore this quarter. We take a look at two celebrations carried out by our Indian community.

Thaipusam

For the Tamil community, Thaipusam celebrates the birthday of the Hindu deity Lord Murugan (also known as Subramaniam). Lord Murugan is seen as a granter of wishes and on this day, devotees can be seen carrying pots of milk on their heads as an offering to the deity, or kavadis (semicircular metal and wood structures) to fulfill their vows for a favour asked or received. This year, Thaipusam will take place on 30 January.

To witness the colourful celebrations of this grand festival in Little India, make your way to the **Sri Srinivasa Perumal Temple** (397 Serangoon Road, ☎ (65) 6298-5771). Every year it attracts more than 20,000 devotees who take part in a procession that winds its way through Serangoon Road, Selegie Road, Prinsep Street, Penang Road and Clemenceau Avenue before ending at the **Sri Thandayuthapani Temple** (15 Tank Road, ☎ (65) 6737-9393). Visitors who witness this procession often marvel at the strength and intensity of the devotees' faith, and the fact that those carrying the kavadis feel no pain at all! www.heb.gov.sg



Thaipusam

January. With its origins in southern India, this traditional thanksgiving celebration is a festival during which God is praised. Many Hindus observe this festival by cooking rice in a new pot in the morning and allowing it to boil over to symbolise prosperity.

To experience this celebration, make your way to Campbell Lane (Little India), which will be converted into a pedestrian-only mini village during this period. You can browse the stalls and get your hands on unique souvenirs and watch the daily cultural performances during the festive period. Look out for the Mass Pongal Cooking Demonstration on 16 January and Best Decorated Cow contest on 17 January.

www.lisha.org.sg

Pongal

Another revelry to look out for in Little India is the Pongal (Harvest) Festival happening from 9-17



Pongal



Singapore Zoo



Jurong Bird Park



Night Safari



Auspicious Celebrations

What to see and do during this festive season.

Chinese New Year festivities aren't limited only to Chinatown and the usual suspects in town. If you'd like to see a different side to all the festive celebrations, why not take a trip to the **Jurong Bird Park**, **Singapore Zoo** or **Night Safari** for a different spin on things?

But what if you'd like to take a break from all the Chinese New Year festivities? Fret not. There are plenty of other things you can do. First stop: **BODY WORLDS**. If you haven't heard of Dr. Gunther von Hagens' travelling anatomy exhibition, get yourself down to the Singapore Science Centre to get up to speed on things. We could tell you what else there is to do, but instead of spoiling the fun for you, we'll leave you to find out more about them on the next page. Have a great spring festival!



Keep an eye out for these as well!

Quest for Immortality - The World of Ancient Egypt

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15 Science Centre Road,
☎ (65) 6425-2500.
www.science.edu.sg 🚗 **Jurong East**

Quest for Immortality - The World of Ancient Egypt
22 Dec 2009-4 Apr 2010
National Museum of Singapore
Featuring over 230 Egyptian artifacts spanning 4000 BCE-950AD, this exhibition offers a fascinating insight into life in Ancient Egypt. 93 Stamford Road,
☎ (65) 6332-3659.
www.nationalmuseum.sg
🚗 **Dhoby Ghaut**

Jurong Bird Park

This year, the first day of Chinese New Year coincides with Valentine's Day, and visitors to the Jurong Bird Park will be able to celebrate both occasions with the park's resident Love Birds. On the 14 Feb, look out for special appearances by cupid as well as love song dedications! Catch other festive celebrations such as Lion Dances and Chinese acrobatic performances. 2 Jurong Hill, ☎ (65) 6265-0022. www.birdpark.com.sg
🚗 **Boon Lay**



Other highlights:

- **Hollywood Dinos - The Live Experience:** Travel back in time to when dinosaurs roamed the earth and watch life-size dinosaurs move, growl, blink their eyes and even walk and dance in this state-of-the-art exhibition. Through 21 Feb 2010.
- **March School Holidays - Penguin Expedition:** Join the bird park's tuxedoed residents as they entertain you with their adorable antics!

Sentosa Lumiere
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www.sentosa.com.sg
🚗 **HarbourFront**

Night Safari

It doesn't matter if you're a couple in love or a family looking to spend quality time together this Chinese New Year, you'll find no shortage of celebrations at the Night Safari. Instead of the same old buffets, why not gather your loved ones around for a reunion dinner at the onsite Ulu Ulu Restaurant? If you're in the mood for love, why not hop on to the Valentine's Gourmet Safari Express for a delicious and romantic ride? 80 Mandai Lake Road, ☎ (65) 6269-3411. www.nightsafari.com.sg
🚗 **Ang Mo Kio or Choa Chu Kang**

Sinema Old School

If you're tired of the usual Chinese New Year offerings at the multiplexes in town, why not head over to Sinema Old School for a taste of something different? Dedicated to showcasing the country's locally produced films, it offers film buffs the chance to discover the best of local cinema, as well as some rarely screened gems, in plush comfort. 11 Mt. Sophia Road, ☎ (65) 6336-9707. www.sinema.sg
🚗 **Dhoby Ghaut**

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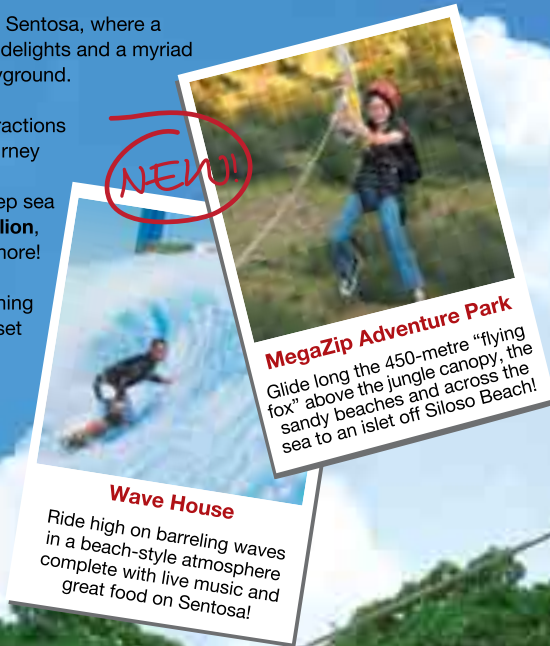
It's the Year of the Tiger and what better way to ring in this festive period than to celebrate it with the Singapore Zoo's majestic white tigers? There are plenty of exciting events and activities to get you into the festive mood. Look out for:
• **Lion dance performance:** Watch as the God of Fortune ushers in a Grr-eat 2010!
• **Prosperity Tiger Sculpture**
• **CNY Grr-eat Yu Sheng Toss**
• **CNY Grr-eat Reunion Dinner**
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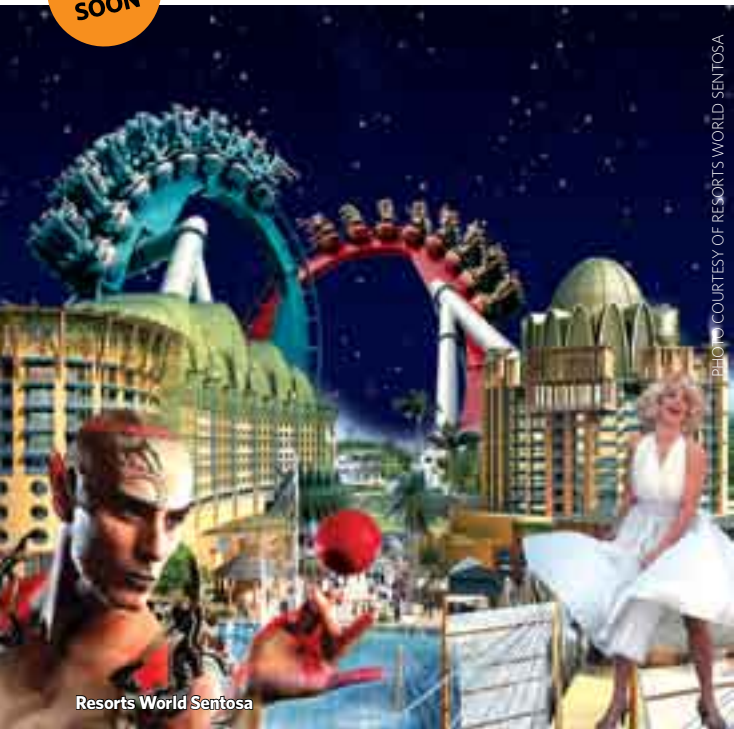
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Culturally Fusion

Thanks to its unique history and mix of cultures, Singapore's many restaurants excel at serving up traditional Asian cooking with global influences aplenty. We highlight some of the noteworthy ones.

When the word "fusion" is mentioned, one usually thinks of a type of cuisine that contains differing cultural influences in its dishes. However, truly accomplished chefs are able to fuse not only geographical influences, but historical ones as well, taking traditional dishes and updating them with a very modern sizzle. If you're visiting Singapore during this festive period, why not take this opportunity to find out for yourself how our Chinese and Indian restaurants here have been playing with tradition, and blending the past and the present on the plate? Here are just a few that excel in this skill.

Cassia
1 The Knolls, Sentosa Island Capella, ☎ (65) 6591-5045. www.capellasingapore.com/cassia-restaurant.php

HarbourFront
 Located at the six-star Capella Singapore, Cassia is Chinese fine dining at its most stylish. Its elegant interior is complemented perfectly by its sophisticated cuisine. Recipes are based on traditional regional cooking and blended with haute Cantonese techniques. If you're planning on dining here, don't miss the signature fusion-style favourites such as the barbecued boneless duck with mango in lemon sauce, five-spice roasted Australian pork belly and wok-fried Australian Wagyu beef tenderloin done Cantonese style. For dessert, try the combination of chilled herbal jelly, homemade sorbet and Chinese petit fours.

Go India
#01-152/155 VivoCity, 1 HarbourFront Walk, ☎ (65)

6376-9644. www.ivorykitchen.com/goindia
HarbourFront
 Go India focuses on provincial northern Indian cuisine instead of the usual curries. If you want to try cuisine from Mughlai, Lucknowi and Hyderabadi, this is the place. Kebabs plus grilled and oven-baked dishes feature prominently here, and the food is not the rich, heavily spiced variety, but is rather subtle in taste with European influences. Signature dishes include minced lamb kebabs; prawn with fenugreek, cashew nut and onion; chicken in cashew nut paste; and cottage cheese with nuts.

Krish
9 Rochester Park, ☎ (65) 6779-4644. www.krish.com.sg

Buona Vista
 Housed in a beautifully restored, two-storey black and white colonial bungalow amid lush green surroundings is Krish, an elegant restaurant that serves contemporary European cuisine with a South Asian twist. Their exotic cocktails are delicious (try the Raspberry Smash and The Yatra), and the spiced carrot ravioli, spice rubbed tenderloin and papadum crusted snapper will have your taste buds tingling in pleasure.

Majestic Restaurant
New Majestic Hotel, 31-37 Bukit Pasoh Road, ☎ (65) 6511-4718. www.newmajestichotel.com
Outram Park
 Majestic Restaurant and its Majestic Bar have made retro hip again. Owned by hotelier Loh Lik Peng and

chef-owner Yong Bing Ngen, Majestic puts a contemporary spin on tradition with a delightful selection of modern Chinese cuisine. While here, don't forget to try crowd favourites such as the crispy wasabi prawn; Peking duck and pan-seared foie gras; ribeye fillet in homemade sesame sauce; and grilled rack of lamb in Chinese honey with pan-fried carrot cake.

One On The Bund
Clifford Pier, 80 Collyer Quay, ☎ (65) 6221-0004. www.wws.com.hk

Raffles Place
 This chic waterfront restaurant sprang up after the old Clifford Pier was revamped. Named after the embankment in Shanghai, One on the Bund combines colonial glamour with a modern sensibility. The restaurant features a state-of-the-art open flame roast duck kitchen and an innovative Noodle Bar with an open kitchen where visitors can witness chefs preparing noodles from scratch. There's also a delectable dessert bar that whips up delicious Western desserts with an Asian influence.

Shang Palace
G/F, Shangri-La Hotel Singapore, 22 Orange Grove Road, ☎ (65) 6213-4473. www.shangri-la.com/en/property/singapore/shangrila
Orchard

Exuding an opulent air with its red interior and plush, stylish furnishings, Shang Palace is known for its classy Cantonese cuisine. Contemporary influences make



Majestic Restaurant

the dishes all the more enticing and special, and signature East-meets-West creations include the divine suckling pig and foie gras, which comprises crispy suckling pig skin, soft foie gras, yam and a sweet mantou (bun)-like base, as well as the melt-in-the-mouth braised beef cheek with "zhuhou" sauce.

Xi Yan
38A Craig Road, ☎ (65) 6220-3546. www.xiyan.com.sg
Tanjong Pagar

Private dining establishment Xi Yan can be a challenge to find if you don't know where to look, as it is

located on the second floor with minimal signage. But once you get past the nondescript exterior, you'll be greeted with a scarlet interior, grand paintings and a cosy, intimate interior that serves up excellent fusion fare. Its eclectic cuisine contains of elements of Cantonese, Szechuan, Japanese and Thai cooking, with the most popular dishes being the Japanese tomatoes with sesame wasabi sauce; shrimp paste fish with pomelo salad and lime sauce; and orange peel beef.



Shang Palace



Clarke Quay

Modern A Slice of History

No other country brings together the old and the new quite like Singapore. From power stations and army barracks to warehouses and houses of parliament, heritage is given a new lease on life as they've been transformed into these iconic nightspots.

Dempsey

The hip and luscious Dempsey Hill has certainly come a long way from its military roots. Who would have known that this enclave of restaurants, cafés, bars, art galleries and antique stores was once a British army barracks?

The White Rabbit

39C Harding Road, ☎ (65) 6473-9965. thewhiterabbit.com.sg


Housed in a beautifully restored chapel, The White Rabbit is a

restaurant and bar serving up some of the best European cuisine with a twist along with creative cocktails. Its unique retro-esque dining hall is great for a quiet tête-à-tête while its inviting alfresco bar with downtempo tunes in the background will get you grooving in no time.




House
8D Dempsey Road, ☎ (65) 6475-7787. www.dempseyhouse.com
 Orchard

This massive lifestyle destination boasts a spa (Spa Esprit), café (Barracks), bar (Camp) and even a

haute-dining restaurant with über-creative drinks (Tippling Club).



Oosh
22 Dempsey Road, ☎ (65) 6475-0002.
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Empress Place

Right across the Singapore River, opposite Boat Quay is the Empress Place area where, fittingly, the Empress Place Building and Old Parliament House stand. The former, named after Queen Victoria, served as a courthouse and even a registry of births and deaths, while the latter was where the Singapore Parliament used to sit before it moved across the road. Now the two buildings house art galleries and are a trendy spot to enjoy dinner and drinks with views of the Singapore River.

Bar Opium

Asian Civilisations Museum, 1 Empress Place, ☎ (65) 6339-1720.



www.indochine.com.sg
 Raffles Place
 Situated in the Asian

Civilisations Museum's Empress Place complex, this cocktail bar is a great place to finish your day after sampling some of the Asian fusion dishes at the adjoining IndoChine Waterfront restaurant. This place is packed on the weekends with a young, trendy and sophisticated crowd, while on weekdays the atmosphere is more chilled-out. Best time to head up is before sunset.

Timbre @ The Arts House

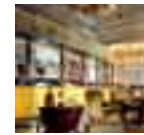
#01-04 The Arts House, 1 Old Parliament Lane, ☎ (65) 6336-3386. www.timbre.com.sg


 Raffles Place

A hit with the expat and trendy young crowd, Timbre @ The Arts House is where you can tune in to some live music every night featuring Singaporean bands and musicians such as EIC, Ngak, Alemay & Fatt, Fendi, 53A, and Timmy & The Goodfellas.

Post Bar

G/F, The Fullerton, 1 Fullerton Square, ☎ (65) 6877-8135.




 Raffles Place
 You won't believe that this sleek and chic watering hole

was once a post office. The plush Post Bar, with its cocktail bar boasting a fine selection of tipples is a favourite for serious imbibers who flock here to savour its perfectly mixed cocktails like the Lychee Sling.

Clarke Quay

Once a chain of 19th century godowns and warehouses with Tongkangs (bumboats) lining its banks, Clarke Quay is today a hive of activity, bustling with a wide range of restaurants, pubs, cafes and dance clubs.

Zirca

#01-02/05 to #02-01/08 Block C Clarke Quay, 3 River Valley Road, ☎ (65) 6333-4168. www.zirca.com.sg
 Clarke Quay

If electronic dance music is your thing, Zirca is your place. This massive dance club, which is part of The Cannery, plays host to a string of internationally-renowned DJs.

Forbidden City

#01-02 Block A Clarke Quay, 3 River Valley Road, ☎ (65) 6557-6268. www.indochine.com.sg



 Clarke Quay
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HarbourFront

The southern coast of Singapore, which consists of HarbourFront, Sentosa, Pulau Brani and Keppel Bay, is steeped in tales of brave pirates and warriors from long ago. Once a British maritime network, the area is now a hub of activity with a glittering stretch of shops, restaurants, clubs and bars.

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#01-01, 3 Sentosa Gateway, ☎ (65) 6270-7676. www.stjamespowerstation.com



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The Queen & Mangosteen

#01-106/107 VivoCity, 1 HarbourFront Walk, ☎ (65) 6376-9380. www.queenandmangosteen.com
 HarbourFront

British tradition meets tropical chic



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minimum of S\$100 to MasterCard). Check www.globalrefund.com for details. Valid till 4 Feb 2010.

1. Enchante Shoulder Bag \$729. **Braun Büffel**, #01-100/102, Suntec City Mall 3, Temasek Boulevard, ☎ (65) 6333-0209. **City Hall**
2. Chirp Chirp Chirp White Cheongsam Top \$189. **Fuchsia Lane**, #03-04 Red Dot Traffic, 28 Maxwell Road, ☎ (65) 9748-6717. You can also order tailor-made outfits here. **Tanjong Pagar**
3. Red “虎” (Banyan Tree Range) suede leather wallet \$24. **Museum Shop by Banyan Tree**, Asian Civilisations Museum, 1 Empress Place Road, ☎ 6336-9050. **Raffles Place**
4. Men's ivory short-sleeved shirt \$188. **My Mandarin Collar**, #02-04 Willy Ville, 1 Holland Avenue, ☎ (65) 8383-5252. **Buona Vista**
5. Men's 'Chicken Rice' polo t-shirt \$59. **Xi**, #03-30 Paragon, 290 Orchard Road, (65) 6333-8220. **Orchard**
6. Blue brocade bag \$28. **My Mandarin Collar**, #02-04 Willy Ville, 1 Holland Avenue, ☎ (65) 8383-5252. **Buona Vista**
7. “Double Happiness” Enamel Bangle. \$135 each. **Shanghai Tang**, #02-12G Takashimaya Shopping Centre, 391 Orchard Road, ☎ (65) 6737-3537. **Orchard**
8. Black velvet cheongsam with hand-painted orchids \$350. **H & W International Pte Ltd**, #01-26 Laguna Park, 5000F Marine Parade Rd., ☎ 6241-3268 (ask for Elisa Chew). You can also order tailor-made cheongsams here. **Bedok**
9. 'Andy Art' dress \$139. **Xi**, #03-30 Paragon, 290 Orchard Road, ☎ (65) 6333-8220. **Orchard**
10. Feng Shui Master Watch \$965. **Shanghai Tang**, #02 12-G Takashimaya Shopping Centre, 391 Orchard Road, ☎ (65) 6737-3537. **Orchard**

Chinois Chic

It's the Year of the Tiger! Here are some chinois-inspired ideas to ramp up your wardrobe's wow-factor this festive season.



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More Gift Ideas

Bring home one of these exquisite fragrances and skincare products from **Rancé, Amouage** and **Amala** that are exclusively available only at **Perfumes & Cosmetics, Singapore Changi Airport**. Valid till 31 March 2010.

Not Just Another Fashion Accessory

These beautiful shawls, with their exquisite orchid motifs, have been sported on dignitaries and well-known local personalities. **The Singapore Shawl** is available at CK Tang, The Ritz Carlton and the Singapore Botanic Gardens Shop. Call (65) 6298-2901 or visit www.thesingaporeshawl.com for more information.



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The Great Trolley

Enjoy free shuttle bus rides along Orchard Road! Two 30-seater Old Charm Tram buses will run the entire stretch from Tanglin Road to Orchard Road and back. The service will stop at major bus stops and operate seven days a week (11am-10pm, every half hourly) from 01 Dec 2009-28 Feb 2010.

OPENING SOON! 1. **Victoria Secrets** - Secret Garden Collection, Secret Charm (Price not available at time of print), Luxury Fashion at Resorts World™ Sentosa. **HarbourFront**

2. **Royal Moroccan Tea** \$35. **TWG Tea Salon & Boutique**, #01-22 Republic Plaza, 9 Raffles Place, ☎ (65) 6538-1837. **Raffles Place**

3. **Agate necklace** \$69. **Madame Butterfly**, #01-108/109 VivoCity, 1 HarbourFront Walk, (65) 6376-9925. **HarbourFront**

4. **Teddy bear in traditional Chinese outfit keychain** \$15.90. **THE SHOP | The Arts House**, 1 Old Parliament Lane, ☎ (65) 6337-1086. **Raffles Place**

5. **Singapore Lunar Tiger 2-in-1 Coin Set** \$240. Visit www.singaporemint.com or call ☎ (65) 6566-2626.

6. **Rattan Tiffin Carrier** \$48. **The Museum Shop at National Museum**, #01-03, 93 Stamford Road, ☎ (65) 6336-3670. **Dhoby Ghaut**

7. **Autumn/Winter 09/10 Chocolates** \$8-12. **Chocolate Research Facility**, #02-10 Wheelock Place, 501 Orchard Road, Tel: 6235-5905. **Orchard**

8. **Tong Tong Panda Brooch** \$33 (small) \$40 (big). **Tong Tong The Friendship Store**, #01-04/05 Shaw Towers, 100 Beach Road, ☎ (65) 6396-3887. **Bugis**

OPENING SOON! 9. **Chignon Collection**, Anello, (Price not available at time of print), Luxury Fashion at Resorts World™ Sentosa. **HarbourFront**

10. **Crystal Tiger sculpture** \$2,135. **Liuligongfang**, #01-26 Paragon, 290 Orchard Road, ☎ (65) 6735-9271. **Orchard**

Culture Vultures

Bring home a piece of Asia with these cool gifts and accessories.



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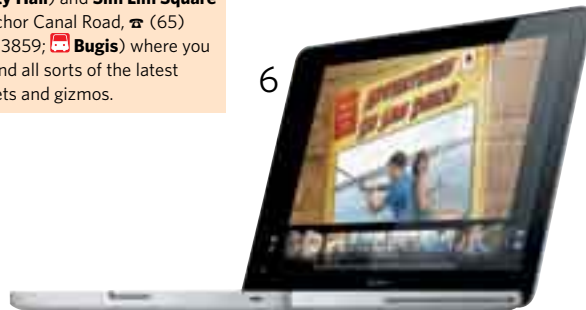
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For the best bargains on the latest tech gadgets, don't miss **IT Show 2010!** Ref. to pg. 7

Tech That!

Gear up on the latest gadgets this Year of the Tiger.

1. Jabra STONE Bluetooth Set \$198. **Epicentre**, #02-20/23 Wheelock Place, 501 Orchard Rd., ☎ 6238-9378. 📍 **Orchard**
2. **Samsung Pixon12** 12 megapixel camera phone \$998. Without contract from Singtel, M1 and Starhub dealers island-wide. Try #01-81/82 Parco Bugis Junction, 200 Victoria Street, ☎ (1800) 843-8383. 📍 **Bugis**
3. Memorex Mi2290 iPod Dock \$99. **Best Denki**, #04-09/12 Plaza Singapura, 68 Orchard Road, ☎ (65) 6333-0110. 📍 **Dhoby Ghaut**
4. Canon LEGRIA HF S11 HD camcorder \$2,899. **Best Denki**, #04-09/12 Plaza Singapura, 68 Orchard Road, ☎ (65) 6333-0110. 📍 **Dhoby Ghaut**
5. OSIM uPapa Hug \$238. **OSIM** Marina Square #03-120/121 ☎ (65) 6339-4915. 📍 **City Hall**
6. Apple 13" MacBook Pro \$1,988. **EpiCentre**, #B3-14, ION Orchard, 2 Orchard Turn, ☎ (65) 6509-5028. 📍 **Orchard**

Tech Tips

Singapore boasts many authorized dealers and "fixed price" stores for all your tech needs which makes price comparisons a breeze. Head down to tech and IT themed malls like **Funan DigitaLife Mall** (109 North Bridge Road, ☎ (65) 6336-8327; 📍 **City Hall**) and **Sim Lim Square** (1 Rochor Canal Road, ☎ (65) 6338 3859; 📍 **Bugis**) where you can find all sorts of the latest gadgets and gizmos.

COMING SOON

A sneak peek into next quarter's events.

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World Gourmet Summit

11-24 Apr 2010

Various Venues

With the spotlight on a dazzling cast of Michelin-rated chefs, some of the best wineries from around the world, celebrity chefs and master mixologists, food lovers will be treated to gourmet pleasures that are truly a feast for the senses!

www.worldgourmetsummit.com



Asia Fashion Exchange

2-20 Apr 2010

Various Venues

Enjoy high-brow fashion catwalk shows where top international designers such as Alexander McQueen and Vivienne Westwood will be showcased alongside emerging local and regional designers in the Orchard Road and Marina Bay precincts.



Singapore Arts Festival

14 May-13 Jun 2010

Various Venues

The Festival in 2010 will open to a spectacular fire art installation by Cie Compagnie Carabosse (France) with 2,400 pots lighted from Empress Place to the Esplanade Park. Other highlights include indoor performances such as *Eonnagata* by Sylvie Guillem (France), Russell Maliphant (UK) and Robert Lepage (Canada), the Academy of St Martin in the Fields Chamber Ensemble with Joshua Bell (US), *Nijinsky Project* by the Pichet Klunchun Dance Company (Thailand) to outdoor site-specific performances such as *Cargo Singapore* by Rimini Protokoll (Germany).

www.singaporeartsfest.com



Great Singapore Sale



28 May-25 Jul 2010

Various Venues

Singapore's most anticipated sale is back with

almost everything going at bargain prices! From the central shopping belts of Orchard Road and Marina Bay to the shopping precincts in the heartlands, you'll find fantastic deals on fashion, watches, jewellery, electronics and more! Tourists can look forward to exclusive privileges at selected participating retailers.

www.greatsingaporesale.com.sg



Singapore River Festival

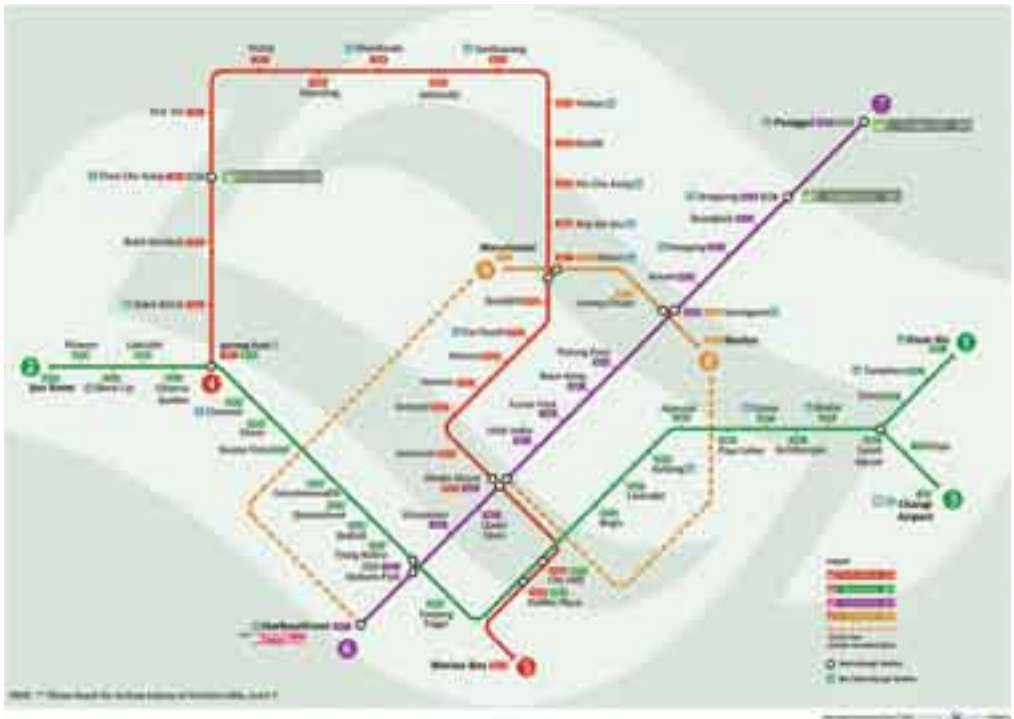
25 Jun-3 Jul 2010

Singapore River

Celebrate the largest Sundown Party at the Singapore River Festival where fun and entertainment at all the quays (including many free events) are just a river taxi ride away.

www.singaporeriverfestival.com

📍 **Clarke Quay**



Essential Information

STORE OPENING HOURS Most shops open from 10am-9:30pm daily.

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

LOST PASSPORT/SINGAPORE IMMIGRATION SERVICES If you’ve lost your passport, make a police report; then head to Singapore Immigration & Registration (10 Kallang Rd., ☎ 6391-6100) to get a temporary visa.

SMOKING Smoking is banned in shopping centers, restaurants, cinemas, public buses, the MRT, taxis and in lifts.

DRINKING WATER Water in Singapore is clean and safe to drink from the tap.

LANGUAGE English is the spoken language. Mandarin, Tamil, Malay and various dialects are also used.

BUSES Fares start from as low as 66 cents. Be sure to have the exact fare, as bus drivers do not give change. For more information, call the TransitLink Hotline at 6225-5663. www.sbstransit.com.sg or www.tibs.com.sg.

MASS RAPID TRANSIT (MRT) Trains run from about 6am to midnight. Single trip tickets vary from 90 cents to \$1.90. For more information call the TransitLink Hotline 1800-225-5663. www.smrtcorp.com.

TAXIS The four major taxi companies are CityCab, 6552-2222; Comfort, 6552-1111; Premier Cabs, 6552-2828; and SMRT Taxis, 6555-8888. Fares start from \$2.80.

THE SINGAPORE TOURIST PASS This pass offers unlimited rides on the MRT and LRT trains and all basic bus services in Singapore. It is available for \$8 per day with 1-day, 2-day or 3-day options. Available at designated TransitLink Ticket Offices. www.singaporetouristpass.com

GST refunds



To enjoy the 7% Goods and Services Tax (GST) refunds paid on your purchases under the **Tourist Tax Refund Scheme**, you must make at least \$5100 worth of purchases from participating outlets. Such shops will display a “Tax

Refund” logo or a Global Refund “**Tax Free Shopping”** logo. On your day of departure from **Singapore Changi Airport**, proceed to the Tax Refund Counter and present your purchases together with the tax claim forms for customs inspection. Take note that Customs will not process the tax claim forms if the goods are not presented for inspection. For more information, please log on to the Tourist Refund Scheme page on the **Singapore Customs** website at www.customs.gov.sg.



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