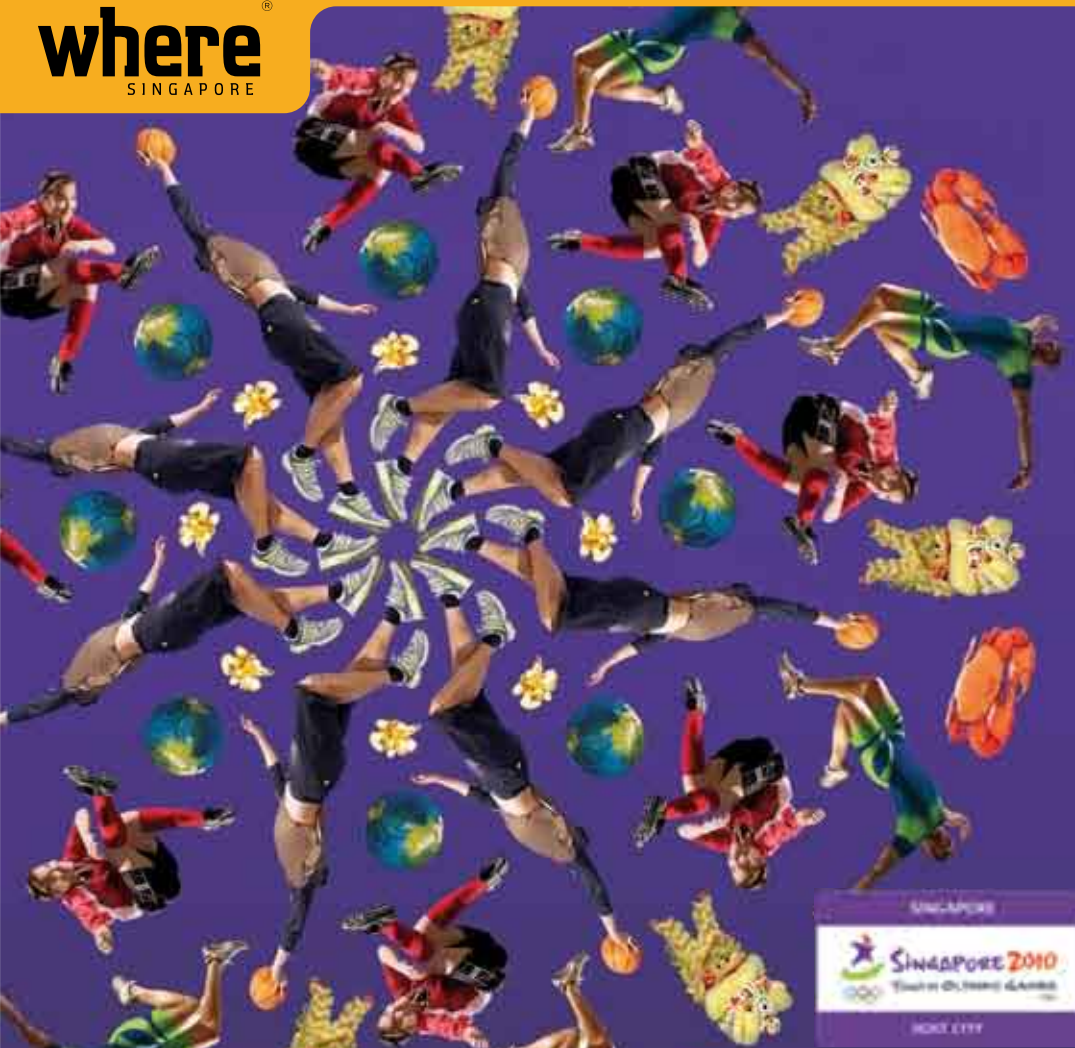


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THIS 2010, SEE SINGAPORE ANEW

There's always a whiff of the unexpected about Singapore. This island state is the world's byword for change. For everything that keeps life exciting and a little unexpected. And in 2010, Singapore will undergo one of its legendary transformations once more – this time, into the world's top destination for business and leisure.

Among the many innovative changes in 2010 include the grand opening of two integrated resorts – The Marina Bay Sands®, the glittering new centrepiece in the heart of this vibrant city, and Resorts World Sentosa®, a world class family entertainment centre. In addition, Orchard Road will see the simultaneous openings of bigger, more exciting malls all along its stretch, delivering a truly seamless shopping and dining experience. And excitement-filled activities stud the calendar everywhere around the island, like the thrilling FORMULA ONE night race and the inaugural Youth Olympic Games.



Go to visitsingapore.com to see what other surprises are in store.



INTRODUCTION

A Great City Keeps Getting Better!

We are gearing up for exciting times. Hot off hosting the world's first and only **Formula 1 night race** for a second year in a row to hosting world leaders in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Meeting in 2009, Singapore is now gearing up for the opening of two Integrated Resorts and the world's first **Youth Olympic Games** in 2010. Singapore is set to be the region's most exciting and happening city, steadily and surely.



Youth Olympic Games 2010

And that's no small feat, if you consider how we morphed from an old school trading port back in the early 1900s (read our Island Orientation on **page 6**), into what some say is a society of idiosyncratic rules and regulations that have pretty much defined the city from the '60s onwards (read our quirky

side box story "Find Singapore a 'Fine' City?" on **page 11**).

But guess what, the times they are a-changing, and so is Singapore. Not only are we bringing a smorgasbord of A-list concerts, major sporting events and world-class arts performances into this city, we're also more clued-in and having more fun than ever before—check out the exciting range of experiences and events that we have lined up for you on **pages 16-85**.

Yes, this extraordinary city of ours is getting better and better with time. And with that, we wish all visitors a pleasant yet exciting stay in Singapore. Have a frolicking and joyous time with us!

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ASIA'S MOST SPECTACULAR ENTERTAINMENT DESTINATION

Set to be the ultimate in Singapore's entertainment industry, **Marina Bay Sands®** proffers an overwhelmingly fresh and exciting experience, the likes of which has never been seen before on the island. And conveniently situated in heart of the city centre, and twenty minutes from Changi Airport, Marina Bay Sands is certainly Singapore's lifestyle epicentre—comprising a heady mix of shopping, dining and entertainment experiences, as well as exhibition and meeting facilities.



The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands®

Shopping Sensation

Variety is the name of the game here, and this is perhaps best exhibited in the unique shopping experience to be had. Not only will international luxury brands such as Wolford, Stefano Ricci or Moïse be making their debut appearances in Singapore, but a massive variety of luxury names like Salvatore Ferragamo, Prada, Burberry, Cartier, CHANEL, Hugo Boss and Louis Vuitton (the latter which is located at the “floating” Crystal Pavilion which you simply must not miss) will open mega stores here for ardent fashionistas to check out.

Dining Delights

In recognition of Singapore's huge food culture, Marina Bay Sands also offers a veritable selection of wining

and dining experiences so varied that it is sure to get even the most clued-in foodies talking. Feast on the plethora of dining outlets from six award-winning, internationally recognised chefs (Mario Batali, Daniel Boulud, Wolfgang Puck, Santi Santamaria, Guy Savoy and Tetsuya Wakuda), who will all be opening their own signature restaurants that draws inspiration from the kitchens that brought them fame around the world.



Crystal Pavilion

That's Entertainment!

Marina Bay Sands' state-of-the-art casino has been developed by the world-famous Las Vegas Sands Corp. This unparalleled, world class gaming experience will feature not only exciting casino games, but also round-the-clock entertainment as well as exciting live shows.

As if all of this was not enough, there are not one, but two theatres that boast an impressively vibrant display of performances, including its resident show by Disney Theatrical Group's *The Lion King*, which has won many accolades worldwide and targeted to open in October. There is also a slew of other internationally acclaimed performances scheduled, ensuring that the entertainment experience remains not just contemporary, but novel and stimulating all the same.

Plus...

After soaking yourself with the requisite shopping and dining, another highlight here not to be missed is the Sands SkyPark®, which will give you a chance to



The Lion King

chill out and relax whilst taking in the breathtaking sight that is the Singapore skyline. Not only will there be a public area where everyone can come up and take in the view, but there will also be an exclusive private area for hotel guests and patrons of the dining outlets, as well as the single biggest outdoor swimming pool in the world (you heard us right), at 200 meters above the ground. For a full-on, no-holds-barred Marina Bay Sands experience, the beautiful and luxe hotel rooms offer unbeatable views of the



Sands SkyPark

surrounding vicinity, including the lush gardens and the bustling Marina Bay. Its first-grade hospitality and beautiful rooms and interiors will also wow visitors from the world over. An arts and sciences museum will also open in the second half of 2010, as well as an Events Plaza that will be heaving with activities throughout the year. So, get ready to kick back, let loose, and above all, have fun at the Marina Bay Sands, Asia's most spectacular entertainment destination.



Visit marinabaysands.com for more information.



ISLAND ORIENTATION

Sure Singapore's only a small city (it's even quite often referred to as "The Little Red Dot") but with so many attractions, ethnic enclaves, parks and distinctively different atmospheres to explore, Singapore has undergone rapid change and soon, two world-class Integrated Resorts will be ready to welcome you. In fact if ever it was true of a city—Singapore really does get more seductive with age!

So take some time to give this section a quick look. You'll learn a little bit more about our past, get useful information to help you navigate your stay here, discover your options for getting from place to place, and pick up some practical advice on how and when to tip. You'll even pick up a little Singlish—our unofficial/official uniquely-Singaporean mother tongue—plus you'll get the truth about the things that lead people to call us an endearingly "fine" city. It's a quick primer that should go a long way towards helping you get the most out of your stay in this cosy island we call home!



A SHORT HISTORY OF A SMALL DOT

As far as records show, Singapore's first-in-a-long-list-of-names can be found in the 3rd century, when a Chinese account referred to it as "Pu-luo-chung" (otherwise translated from Chinese as "island at the end of a peninsula"). Hardly anything else is written about our little island until the 14th century, when it was given the newer name of Temasek (Sea Town).

The name Temasek is an apt description of the island, as it is located at the crossroads of sea routes at the tip of the Malay Peninsula. Indeed, even today, Singapore remains one of the busiest sea ports in the world.

It was not until later in the 14th century when a visiting royal prince mistook what was probably a tiger for a lion (lions were not indigenous to the country) that the island was named "Singa Pura" or

"Lion City." Thus, Singapore's modern-day name was born.

It took until the 18th century for the next prominent chapter of Singapore's history to unveil itself—this time catalysed by the arrival of the British colonial forces. They saw the need for a strategic "halfway house" to refit, feed and protect the fleet of their growing empire.

It was against this political backdrop that Sir Stamford Raffles (whom the famous Raffles Hotel is named after) established Singapore as a trading station. The policy of free trade attracted merchants from all over Asia and from as far afield as the United States and the Middle East. By 1824, just five years after the founding of modern Singapore, the population had grown from a mere 150 to 10,000.



Snapshots!

Other interesting historical facts and myths about Singapore:

Local folklore has it that the last indigenous tiger in Singapore was shot in 1902 at Raffles Hotel. Some claimed that it was killed in the basement, while others said that it was gunned down in the now famous Long Bar (original home of the Singapore Sling, Singapore's most famous cocktail, concocted in 1915 by Singaporean bartender Ngiam Tong Boon.)

In 1832, Singapore became the centre of government for the Straits Settlements of Penang, Malacca and Singapore. The opening of the Suez Canal in 1869 and the advent of the telegraph and steamship increased Singapore's importance as a centre for the expanding trade between East and West.

Later, during World War II, Singapore was considered an impregnable fortress, but the Japanese overran the island in 1942. After the war, Singapore became a Crown Colony. The growth of nationalism led to self-government in 1959 and on 9 August, 1965, Singapore became an independent republic.

Singapore Skyline

ESSENTIAL
INFO

Jurong Bird park

Money matters — The currency in Singapore is the Singapore dollar (S\$). Money changing services can be found at many shopping centres and hotels around the island, and the ATMs (generally open 24/7) accept most of the main credit cards such as Visa, MasterCard, American Express and many others.

Weather — Singapore's weather is hot and humid, with little variation throughout the year. The average daytime temperature is 31°C (88°F), dropping to around 24°C (75°F) at night. So, if you want to weather the weather, dress accordingly.

Drinking water — Tap water in Singapore is perfectly clean and safe to drink.

Electricity and voltage — The voltage primarily used is 220-240AC, 50 hertz. The plug sockets tend to accept 3-pronged pins more often than not, but adapters are cheap and easy to find.

Cell phone usage — Singapore's international dialing code is +65. While in Singapore and if

you have international roaming on your cell phone, you don't have to press +65 as it will automatically connect you to the local numbers here.

Hotel reservations and accommodation — Upon arrival at the airport, please visit its 24-hour Hotel Reservations counters, which can help get you a room in your preferred hotel downtown. Payment for first night is required upon confirmation.

Terminal 1: ☎ (65) 6542-6966

Terminal 2: ☎ (65) 6545-0318

Terminal 3: ☎ (65) 6542-0442

Postal services — If you need to mail anything out of Singapore while you're here, your best bet is to do it via SingPost. For general enquiries, call 1605; but if you need to mail a registered article, call ☎ (65) 6845-6607 or call the Speedpost hotline at ☎ 1800-222-5777.

Lost/stolen property — If you should be unfortunate enough to lose any valuables during your stay, call the Tanglin Divisional Headquarters (21 Kampong Java Road, ☎ (65) 6391-0000) to report the

incident. Should you happen to lose a credit card, call any of the three main card companies at:

American Express:

☎ 1800-396-6000

Visa: ☎ 800-448-1250

MasterCard: ☎ 800-110-0113

Lost passport/Singapore Immigration Services —

Should you lose your passport, we suggest you make a police report, then head to the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (10 Kallang Road, ☎ 65) 6391-6100) to get a temporary visa. Finally, inform your respective embassy so that you can get through customs when you reach home (list of useful numbers is on page 12).

Smoking — You will have to resist the urge to light up in air-conditioned areas such as shopping centres, restaurants, entertainment outlets and cinemas. Smoking is also an offence on public buses, the MRT (Mass Rapid Transit), taxis and in lifts. A maximum fine of S\$1,000 can be imposed on first-time offenders. A general rule of

thumb is that if there's an ashtray supplied, go for it—but if there's a roof of any kind, we strongly advise against it.

Tippling — Tipping is not a common practice in Singapore as most hotels and restaurants include a 10% service charge in the final bill. While tipping is not expected, it is appreciated, be it in restaurants where there is no service charge, or anywhere where excellent service is encountered.

Airport Tax — A Passenger Service Charge of S\$21 should be incorporated in the air ticket (including tickets issued outside of Singapore). If this has not been done, you may be required to pay the S\$21 during check-in. In certain cases, airlines may absorb the service charge. Passengers who are in transit for less than 24 hours may leave the airport without having to pay the service charge upon departure from Singapore.



Pack It In!

Shop Tax Free in Singapore

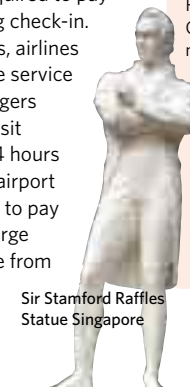
As a visitor to Singapore, you can get a refund of the 7 percent Goods & Services Tax (GST) that you paid on your purchases that you are taking home. Here's how:

There are two service providers in Singapore processing GST refunds, Premier Tax Free and Global Refund. Shop where you see the signs "Premier Tax Free" or "Tax Free" and ask the salesperson for a Premier Refund Voucher or a Global Refund Shopping Cheque when you make a purchase of S\$100 and above.

When leaving Singapore, simply show your vouchers or cheques with your purchases, receipts and passport to the Customs officer at the GST Refund Inspection Counter.



GLOBAL REFUND™

Sir Stamford Raffles
Statue Singapore



MRT

GETTING AROUND

Singapore really is an easy place to navigate, with a plethora of public transport services at your disposal. The train system is hassle-free, buses are efficient, and taxis are numerous. We personally recommend picking up an EZ-Link Card (available for S\$15.00 from any MRT station), which ensures cashless payment on all public buses and trains.

Buses — Public buses can bring you to practically every corner of the island, and this is a cheap way to get around (don't forget to tap your EZ-Link card when boarding and alighting the bus). For more information on bus routes and related enquiries, call the TransitLink Hotline at ☎ 1800-225-5663. Alternatively, log on to www.sbstransit.com.sg or www.transitlink.com.sg.

Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) —

Singapore's world-class train system is known as the MRT. Trains are punctual, comfortable, clean and run from about 6am-midnight. Fares start from S\$1.00 (70 cents with EZ-Link Card) and can be purchased at all MRT stations. Further information on train routes and related enquiries can be found by calling the TransitLink Hotline ☎ 1800-225-5663 or by logging on to www.smrtcorp.com.

Taxis — There are currently four major taxi companies in the city: Comfort and CityCab, ☎ (65) 6552-1111; Premier Taxis, ☎ (65) 6363-6888; and SMRT Taxis, ☎ (65) 6555-8888. The starting fare is usually S\$2.80-S\$3.20, but extra charges are imposed for advanced bookings or certain peak hours. A nifty little trick is to dial 6-Dial-Cab at ☎ (65) 6342-5222—a service that will automatically route your call to the first company with an available taxi.



Hippo Bus

For some slightly more exotic ways of getting around, check out these suggestions:

Hippo Bus — This fun ride offers visitors the Singapore Sightseeing Pass, which allows for hop-on, hop-off tours of the city over the course of one full day. Day and night tours are available daily from 10am-10pm, with the last bus starting at 6pm. To get your pass, visit the Singapore Visitors Centre @ ION Orchard or The Animal Farm @ Orchard. Alternatively, call the Hippo Bus hotline at ☎ (65) 6338-6877 for more info.

River Taxis — For a different approach to exploring the island, try one of the river taxis. Singapore River Cruises (☎ (65) 6336-6111) operates daily from 9am-11pm—with the last trip leaving at 10:30pm. Also available is DUCKTours' Hippo River Cruise (☎ (65) 6338-6877) which operates daily from 10am-10:30pm (last trip 9:30pm).

Trishaws — Trishaws allow you to enter an era of old-world charm—a bygone time when life wasn't such a rush. They can be found in a variety of locations—mainly Bugis, the junction of Waterloo and Albert Streets and around Chinatown, Raffles Hotel and Little India. Agree on the fare before hopping aboard.



Singapore Visitors Centres —

If you're looking for anything and everything to do in Singapore—be it sightseeing, shopping or eating—just drop by any of the Singapore Visitors Centres for advice on your itinerary.

Singapore Visitors Centre @ Changi

Singapore Changi Airport, Arrival Hall, Terminal 1, 2 and 3, Singapore Changi Airport, Open daily 6am-2am

Singapore Visitors Centre @ Bugis Street

(Along Cheng Yan Place, next to Iluma Shopping Centre) Open daily 11am-10pm

Singapore Visitors Centre @ Orchard

(Junction of Cairnhill Road and Orchard Road) Open daily 9:30am-10:30pm

Singapore Visitors Centre @ ION Orchard

Level 1, Concierge Open daily 10am-10pm

Alternatively, you can also call the toll-free Touristline at ☎ 1800-736-2000, ☎ (65) 6736-2000 (for overseas) between 8am-9pm daily for more information or suggestions.



Snapshots!

Find Singapore a "Fine" City?

Singapore's reputation as the cleanest, safest city in the world usually goes hand-in-hand with the fact that it is also the "finest" city out there. Yes, it is a beautiful place to be, but in this case, we are talking about the now-legendary list of penalties that both residents and visitors alike can incur for not obeying the laws—however obscure some of them may be. We are here to confirm the dos and don'ts, as well as dispel some of the more outrageous myths out there:

Jail for jaywalking? — FALSE! Though not far from the truth, jaywalking and a number of other "petty" crimes that are not illegal in other countries (spitting, littering, smoking in public places, eating in the MRT) can incur penalties from S\$500-S\$1,000 for first-time offenders. Some of these may seem harsh, but hey, they all contribute to making Singapore the fine city that it is.

Death for drugs? — TRUE! Only to a certain extent though—the laws differ depending on the quantity and type of drug. Some violations will result in caning and a jail sentence, while possession of the harder stuff (especially with the intention of dealing) can indeed lead to a hanging. So remember—don't do drugs; they can be seriously bad for your health!

Fined for farting? — FALSE! One of the funnier ones we have heard. No, you won't get penalised for letting one go, but you will find that the police will quickly lose their sense of toilet humour if you are caught forgetting to flush, or urinating in a lift—both of which can incur fines. It's fairly simple really; be considerate and hygienic, and if you really need to pass some gas—keep it secret, keep it silent, keep it safe!

Grabbed for gum? —

FALSE! Probably the most famous law out here, made the more so by the way it has been exaggerated or perhaps even distorted over time. The reality of it is that the importation and distribution of chewing gum is indeed illegal, but the act of chewing itself is not. Gum for therapeutic or medicinal use is allowed. So if you're a smoker in need of his gum, take heart!



Hopefully you won't need them, but here are the numbers you should have handy should you get into any trouble:



- Emergency**
- Police** 999
 - Ambulance** 995
 - Fire Brigade** 995
 - Flight Information** 1800-542-4422



- Medical services**
- Raffles Hospital (585 North Bridge Road)**
(65) 6311-1111
 - Singapore General Hospital (Outram Road)**
(65) 6222-3322
 - Gleneagles Hospital (6A Napier Road)**
(65) 6473-7222



- Credit cards**
- American Express** 1800-396-6000
 - JCB** 6734-0096
 - Diners Card** 6416-0800
 - Visa** 800-448-1250
 - MasterCard** 800-110-0113



- Foreign embassies**
- Australia (25 Napier Road)**
(65) 6836-4100
 - Canada (1 George Street)**
(65) 6854-5900
 - France (101 Cluny Park Road)**
(65) 6880-7800
 - Germany (50 Raffles Place)**
(65) 6533-6002
 - UK (100 Tanglin Road)**
(65) 6424-4200
 - USA (27 Napier Road)**
(65) 6476-9100

An extensive list of all embassies in Singapore can be found at: www.embassiesabroad.com/embassies-in/Singapore

Directory enquiry, visit the website at www.yellowpages.com.sg

NECESSARY NUMBERS



KNOW YOUR SINGLISH

Deciphering the local lingo—a brief guide, lah!

Ah, Singlish—that unique blend of English, Chinese, Malay, Tamil and local dialects. First language of many, official language of none. To some, it is a beautiful language that proudly displays the multicultural society from which it was born; to others it is a colloquialism so full of grammatical errors that it makes your ears bleed. Regardless, you will be hearing it a lot in Singapore, and it can be fairly difficult for visitors to decipher just what is going on. Here's a quick guide of phrases that you may encounter:

- Uncle/Auntie** Respectful form of address for an older man/woman, respectively.
- S'orrighit lah, s'okay neh mind** "Don't worry about it, never mind."
- Eh! Don play play ah!** "Hey! Don't mess around!"
- Oh, is it?/Izzit?** "That's interesting" OR "Really?" (Tone can greatly affect the meaning.)
- Doh wan** "No thanks." (I don't want it)
- Can can!** "Yes, definitely."
- Can lah** "Yes." (Note that "lah" is a general suffix added for emphasis. Others include leh, lor, meh, mah, hor, liao, etc. These will change the meaning of the phrase depending on their placement and, more importantly, the tone in which they're said.)
- Kiasu** A general term used to describe the highly competitive nature of many Singaporeans. Originally a Chinese dialect expression that literally means "fear of losing."
- Alamak!** A general expression of dismay or incredulity.
- So how?** "What now?"
- How come lai dat?** "How can that be?" OR "Why are you being like that?" (Shows the lazier nature of Singlish by dropping the consonant in "like" to form "lai".)

EXPERIENCE



Look out for the Singapore Service Star.
Service you can trust.



Tiger Sky Tower



Above all else, Singapore is a city where a diverse mix of people live and thrive alongside each other. It is a place where differences are celebrated, encouraged and embraced with the knowledge that weaving a society from a cross-hatching of varied cultures can make that society stronger.

With that in mind, we present you six completely different ways to experience Singapore, as we know the needs of travellers are as varied as our people. So whether you're a foodie or an outdoor adventurer, a shopping fiend or cultural connoisseur, a partier or a family-oriented funster, you'll find just the right way to occupy yourself here thanks to our mix of offerings. But don't feel you have to confine yourself to one category—as you know by now, we encourage mixing it up!



A meal at a hawker centre



Shopping in Little India



Party and fun on Sentosa

Whether you're shopping or dining, service makes all the difference to your experience. That's why the Singapore Tourism Board has developed the Singapore Service Star – an accreditation scheme that recognises and promotes establishments that deliver good service. So the next time you spot an outlet bearing the Singapore Service Star decal, you can confidently enter its door knowing it's service you can trust.

For a list of accredited merchants, please visit www.servicestar.com.sg



FAMILY FUNATICS!

20 places where you can have fun as a family.

Contrary to popular opinion, there's more to Singapore than malls and restaurants. If you're travelling with your children, be sure to set aside some time to explore as many of these attractions as you have time.



Escape Theme Park

Escape Theme Park

1 Pasir Ris Close, ☎ (65) 6581-9112. www.escapethemepark.com.sg. 📍 Pasir Ris

The largest outdoor fun park in Singapore, this is one place where your children can just hang loose and be themselves. Look out for Wet & Wild, which, at five storeys, is Asia's highest water ride. Also check out Daytona Go-Kart, bumper boats, and the Pirate Ship, touted as "the Viking ride to end all Viking rides." There are many other rides available and the park also hosts special themed events during festive holidays like Halloween.

G-Max The Ultimate Bungee Jump and GX-5 Xtreme Swing

Clarke Quay, 3E River Valley Road, ☎ (65) 6338-1146. 📍 Clarke Quay

Bungee jump in the city? Only in Singapore. At this popular haunt, you'll be able to find out what astronauts go through during a rocket launch as you're sent hurtling 60 metres into the air at speeds of up to 200 kph. But if this is not extreme enough for you, there's the GX-5 Xtreme Swing, a five-seater capsule that will catapult you 100 metres across the Singapore River from a height of 50 metres.

GX-5 Xtreme Swing



Haw Par Villa

262 Pasir Panjang Road, ☎ (65) 6872-2780. 📍 Buona Vista or HarbourFront

The colourful statues and depictions of scenes from Chinese folklore may strike some as kitschy but this is one stroll in the park that you will not forget too quickly. The main attraction here is without a doubt the Ten Courts of Hell, which offers a sobering look at the various punishments meted out to sinners in the afterlife.



Merlion Park

Adjacent to One Fullerton, 1 Fullerton Road. 📍 Raffles Place

No trip to Singapore would be complete without a snapshot featuring Singapore's most iconic landmark—the Merlion. Situated next to the Singapore River, its location also offers tourists fantastic photo opportunities of the Esplanade—Theatres on the Bay and the stately Fullerton Hotel.



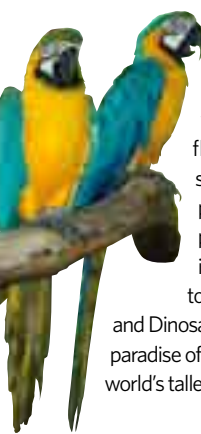
Singapore Discovery Centre

510 Upper Jurong Road, ☎ (65) 6792-6188. www.sdc.com.sg. 📍 Joo Koon

Want to be a reporter for a day? How about playing paintball or pitting your marksmanship skills against the rest of your family with a real rifle or pistol? If this sounds like fun, then make your way down to the Singapore Discovery Centre. Part museum, part gallery and part science centre, it offers visitors a novel way of learning more about the events and constraints that have shaped this small, resilient island. You can watch the latest blockbusters in all their 2D and 3D glory at the iWerks Theatre. And if you like, you can also hop onto the Bus Tour for a taste of military service (a rite of passage for all Singaporean and second-generation permanent resident males) at the Military Training Institute.

Jurong Bird Park

2 Jurong Hill, ☎ (65) 6265-0022 www.birdpark.com.sg. 📍 Boon Lay



One visit is all it takes to understand why the Michelin 2-star* Jurong Bird Park remains one of the most popular tourist attractions in the country. Where else can you have breakfast with parrots and pelicans or be entertained by flamingos as you have lunch? Home to 600 species of birds, it is the largest open concept bird park of its kind in Asia. Whether you hop onto a personalised Bird's Eye Tour of the park, feed lorries in the Lory Loft, catch the Birds of Prey Show, learn to Be a Falconer, or visit the Bird Discovery Centre and Dinosaur Descendants, the Bird Park is an enchanting paradise of birds and colours. The park also features the world's tallest manmade waterfall!

* (Michelin's Green Guides are designed to help travellers discover, at a glance, a destination's most outstanding attractions using a star-rating system. A two-star rating is awarded to attractions which are recommended and three-stars are given for must-see stops.)



Singapore Flyer

30 Raffles Avenue, ☎ (65) 6333-3311.
www.singaporeflyer.com. 📍 City Hall

As the world's largest giant observation wheel, standing at a height of 165 metres, it offers one of the best views of the cityscape. Fengshui is very important here, from the direction the wheel rotates, to the 28 capsules in total and 28 people that each capsule can hold (the number 28 symbolises prosperity in Chinese). There are plenty of other things you can do at the Singapore Flyer building as well. Here's a tip: Why not let your kids play in the interactive water fountain while you treat yourself to a fish foot-spa on level 2?



The Singapore Zoo

80 Mandai Lake Road, ☎ (65) 6269-3411. www.zoo.com.sg/
www.nightsafari.com.sg.
📍 Ang Mo Kio or Yio Chu Kang

If you're an animal lover, you should make the Michelin 3-star Singapore Zoo the first stop on your itinerary. Its unique "open concept" layout enables visitors to get a more intimate and natural experience as the animals live in landscaped enclosures. Be it the "Breakfast in the Wild" programme where you get up-close-and-personal with orangutans and other animals while you dine, or the personalised "Wild Discoverer Tours," be prepared for an unforgettable experience!

Night Safari

80 Mandai Lake Road, ☎ (65) 6269-3411. www.zoo.com.sg/
www.nightsafari.com.sg.
📍 Ang Mo Kio or Yio Chu Kang

The Night Safari has the distinction of being the world's first nocturnal zoo with a Michelin 3-star award. Here, visitors will be able to see how the animals behave in their natural habitats at night as they explore the different trails. There's also a tram ride that takes visitors through landscapes modelled after different parts of the world such as the Himalayan foothills, Equatorial Africa and South American pampas. For a complete Night Safari experience, there are the Classic and Premier Safari Adventurer Tours which offer personalised tours, guided walking trails, gourmet dining and close encounters with Asian Elephants.

Science Centre Singapore

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

Even if you're not a science buff, you will be after a visit to the Science Centre Singapore. There are more than 850 interactive exhibits here, offering a fascinating look at how things work in the world around us. Don't miss the Kinetic Garden, a unique outdoor playground outfitted with toys such as an energy machine, water maze and solar fountain. The centre is also home to the Omni (or IMAX) Theatre, Singapore's only domed theatre, which screens documentaries and movies.



Singapore Duck & Hippo Tours

DUCKcounter @ Suntec City Tower 5 (Galleria), 5 Temasek Boulevard, ☎ (65) 6338-6877.
www.ducktours.com.sg.
📍 City Hall

It's not every day that you get to sit in an authentic Vietnam war-era amphibious craft and tour the streets and waters of Singapore, but that's exactly what you'll do on Singapore DuckTours. This one-hour adventure will introduce you to all the sights in the historic Civic District before ending with a splash and a leisurely cruise on the Singapore River. For those who prefer to stay on land, the company also operates the Hippo, an open-top double-decker bus, which offers themed tours to different parts of Singapore.



Singapore River Cruise

Snow City

21 Jurong Town Hall Road, ☎ (65) 6560-2306.
www.snowcity.com.sg.
📍 Jurong East

Escape the sweltering heat of the tropics at Singapore's first indoor snow centre, which has been designed to give those living near the equator a taste of winter. You can take part in snow ball fights, slide down a three-storey high snow slope on an inflatable tube and even learn how to ski and snowboard. Boots and jackets are provided with the entry fee so you don't have to bother with the hassle of bringing your own.



Snow City

Singapore River Cruise

Raffles' Landing Site [behind Parliament House], Boat Quay [near shop house number 59], Liang Court [next to Tan Tye Place], Merlion Park and Esplanade, ☎ (65) 6336-6111/6119.
www.rivercruise.com.sg

Just a small fishing village when it was founded by Sir Stamford Raffles in 1819, Singapore has since become one of the most important financial trading centres in Asia. A cruise ride along the Singapore River can give you an opportunity to see the changes that this small island has undergone as it takes you past former godowns, shophouses and colonial landmarks as well as modern icons such as the Singapore Flyer. Throughout your journey, you will learn the role the Singapore River has played in establishing the country as a trading powerhouse.



Sentosa Island

☎ (65) 1800 SENTOSA (736-8672). www.sentosa.com.sg.
📍 HarbourFront

Sentosa is Singapore's favourite playground teeming with events and special programmes all year round. Just a 15-minute drive from the city, and easily accessed by bus, taxi, or monorail, Sentosa is a unique blend of leisure and recreational facilities including family attractions, sea sports and golf as well as offering hotel accommodations and retreats. A canopy of secondary rainforest covers 60 percent of the 500-hectare island, lined with a 3.2-kilometre stretch of white sandy beaches. There are plenty of attractions that cater to every side of you. Here are just a few!



Wave House Sentosa

36 Siloso Beach Walk.
www.wavehousesentosa.com

At Wave House Sentosa, you don't have to wait for high tide to surf the waves. The newest addition to the Wave House chain (with the other three being located in the United States, South Africa and Chile), it is home to the island's only three-metre barrelling wave, and promises beginners and pros alike plenty of fun and excitement with a host of music, retail and entertainment options to discover.



Sentosa Luge and Skyride

Imbiah Lookout (beside Beach Station). www.hg.sg/sentosa/luge

With 650 metres of track to burn, the Sentosa Luge offers speed devils a genuine adrenaline rush in the daytime and at night. For those who prefer to take things slower, there's also the Skyride, which takes you on a scenic aerial tour of the island, complete with breathtaking views of the South China Sea, in an open-air chairlift.

Gogreen Segway® Eco Adventure

Beach Station
www.segway-sentosa.com

If you'd like a more unconventional way of exploring Sentosa, why not rent a Segway? Once you get the hang of this environmentally-friendly ride, you're free to navigate your way round the twists and turns on the Gogreen circuit. If you prefer, you can also embark on a guided tour of either Tanjong or Siloso Beach.



MegaZip Adventure Park

10a Siloso Beach Walk, ☎ (65) 6884-5602. www.megazip.com.sg

Featuring one of the longest and steepest zip lines in Asia, as well as a 12-metre high rope course and a 15-metre free-fall parachute simulator, it's no surprise that the MegaZip Adventure Park has been ground zero for thrill-seeking locals and tourists alike since it opened.



Sentosa Nature Discovery

Imbiah Lookout

Perfect for children who love nature, this free attraction is filled with interactive exhibits, galleries and workshops geared towards educating children about the plants and animals found on Sentosa.



Underwater World Singapore & Dolphin Lagoon

80 Siloso Road, ☎ (65) 6275-0030. www.underwaterworld.com.sg

Get up-close and personal with a wide array of ocean creatures swishing and swerving their way around you when you embark on the spectacular journey through an 83-metre-long moving traveller. Also grab the chance of a lifetime to meet Indo-Pacific Humpback dolphins, commonly known as pink dolphins, and be awed by their performances at the daily "Meet-the-Dolphins" sessions! Trainers will be on hand to teach you basic hand cues so you can get the dolphins to perform simple tricks such as wave their fins, balance a basketball and whistle.



Songs of the Sea

Beach Station

Hands down one of the best ways to end your day on Sentosa, Songs of the Sea is a spectacular, award-winning waterworks show that will have you spellbound with its dazzling combination of music, theatrical pyrotechnics, computer effects and thrilling flame bursts.



Pick your choice of a holiday on Sentosa - Asia's Favourite Playground!

Discover a merry mix of fun, culture and nature at **Imbiah Lookout** - where 11 exciting attractions are located in 1 location. With our irresistible prices, choose to go slow with a stroll through lush surroundings or take fun up a notch at our family attractions.

Step into the **Tiger Sky Tower** and enjoy a panoramic view across Sentosa, the southern and neighbouring islands.

Dive in for a deep sea adventure at **The Merlion** and discover the origins of the Lion City.

Looking to unwind? Enjoy a breezy ride along Sentosa's pristine beaches with the mobile **Segway® Fun Ride**.

Mingle with colourful butterflies at **Butterfly Park & Insect Kingdom** or learn about flora and fauna at **Sentosa Nature Discovery**.

Journey into the heart of Singapore's rich culture and festivities at the award-winning **Images of Singapore!**

Take a trip back into the war years at **Fort Siloso** and explore tunnels and actual 17th century guns and cannons.

Ride high on barrelling waves at **Wave House Sentosa** with the Double FlowRider® and the ultimate 10-foot FlowBarrel™!

Race or cruise in a fun-filled gravity ride at **Sentosa Luge & Skyride** or hop on a scenic tree-top Skyride!

Enjoy an exhilarating swing and conquer your fear of heights at **The Flying Trapeze!**

Gallop after bandits in a virtual shoot-out blast with your laser gun in hand at **Desperados!**

Start the day with a panoramic soar over jungle canopy and Siloso Beach at **Megazip Adventure Park**.

Check out our **Sentosa Choice Packages** or any one of our offerings at our Sentosa Ticketing Counters now!

Explore Sentosa's endless stretch of sun-kissed beaches and adrenaline-fuelled attractions! Feel the rush of exhilaration and heart pumping action as you zip along the beaches or launch the flight of your life!



SHOPAHOLICS

Singapore offers visitors serious retail therapy with its countless shopping options.

Singapore is well-regarded all over the world as a shopping paradise. This island-city clinched the 3rd spot in Shopping on the Future Country Brand Index, right after the United States and UAE. From designer labels to haute couture, vintage dresses to quirky homeware, and tech gadgets to homegrown fashion, there is certainly something for everyone whatever your tastes, needs and budgets are. And not only is the range of products on offer dazzling, the sheer number of options for shopping locales is just as thrilling. Orchard Road—"A Great Street" is lined with massive modern malls hiding bountiful treasures in their air-conditioned walkways, while the bazaars on Bugis or Pagoda streets offer a more "local" shopping experience. Either way, you truly can have the shopping experience of your dreams here ...

Mall Fever

Shopping in Singapore is never complete without visiting its malls.



ION Orchard

2 Orchard Turn, ☎ (65) 6238-8228. www.ionorchard.com.
📍 Orchard

With a whopping 640,000 square feet of space, 300 stores and restaurants over eight floors, ION Orchard is an impressive shopping and dining haven. Other than the debut of stores from luxury streetwear brand DSquared2, IWC and Seven For All Mankind

among others, shoppers can also look forward to familiar favourites like Fred Perry and the Body Shop. This colossal mall also houses duplex flagship stores from luxury labels Cartier, Dior, Giorgio Armani and Louis Vuitton as well as several art galleries that are perfect to visit when your credit card needs a break. Special exclusive buys from the various brands are available nearly everywhere you turn.



Orchard Central



Suntec City Mall



Ngee Ann City

Orchard Central

181 Orchard Road, ☎ (65) 6238-1051. www.orchardcentral.com.sg.
📍 Somerset

Orchard Central—Singapore's first vertical mall—offers some charming diversions for shoppers including notable art pieces strategically scattered throughout the mall and a five-storey Via Ferrata Wall. Food lovers can dine alfresco on the rooftop or descend to the basement for the ultimate Mediterranean experience.

Suntec City Mall

3 Temasek Boulevard, ☎ (65) 6825-2667. www.sunteccity.com.sg.
📍 City Hall

Located in the Marina Bay district is one of Singapore's largest malls, Suntec City. Shoppers and bargain hunters can go wild inside its cavernous walls which boast over 300 shops and restaurants. It also houses Carrefour, the largest hypermarket in Singapore, as well as entertainment facilities like a five-theatre cineplex, a fitness centre and a gaming arcade. However, the mall is not only famous for its shopping but for its magnificent Fountain of Wealth. Located in the Fountain Terrace zone, it has held the record of being the world's largest fountain since 1998, according to the *Guinness Book of World Records*.

Ngee Ann City

391 Orchard Road, ☎ (65) 6506-0460. www.ngeeanncity.com.sg.
📍 Orchard

Home to more than 160 shops on seven levels, Ngee Ann City has a rich mix of tenants. The massive book store Kinokuniya and department store Takashimaya are among anchor tenants, as are a wide array of international fashion brands like Hermes, Versace, Cartier, Shanghai Tang and La Perla. Even true blue Tiffany & Co. has a split-level boutique here.

Raffles City Shopping Centre

252 North Bridge Road, ☎ (65) 6318-0238. www.rafflescity.com.sg.
📍 City Hall

Conveniently located above City Hall MRT Station is Raffles City Shopping Centre. This fashion-forward mall boasts four levels of cool boutiques and restaurants. High-end watch brands such as Audemars Piguet, Vacheron Constantin and Omega take pride of place on the ground floor, which also houses hot Spanish fashion brands Cortefiel, Pedro del Hierro and Springfield. As for high fashion, one can indulge in Bally, Agnès b, Kate Spade and Coach. Fashionistas flock to the second floor for its range of high-street brands like River Island and Top Shop, while Level 3 is dedicated to the home as well as the little ones.



VivoCity

1 HarbourFront Walk, ☎ (65) 6377-6860. www.vivocity.com.sg.
📍 HarbourFront

VivoCity offers almost everything under one roof in its one-million-square-foot space. From great fashion shops like Diesel, Esprit, Ted Baker, ZARA and Loang & Noi, to no less than 50 more affordable boutiques, VivoCity is a dream for shoppers. It's also a short train ride from resort island Sentosa for those looking for a brief respite from shopping.

Offbeat Shopping

When in San Francisco, beatniks and hippies flock to Haight Ashbury; in London, Camden and Portobello. Here are Singapore's funky shopping haunts for those of you who want more than modern skyscrapers and fancy malls.



Kampong Glam

 Bugis

The alleys of Kampong Glam are full of shops selling antiques, batik, jewellery, vintage clothing, Persian carpets and Malay and Middle Eastern food. Kampong Glam has been a Malay-Muslim quarter since the early 1880s. Stock up on luscious textiles like silk and chiffon, and haberdashery on **Arab Street**. While many shops still reflect the Muslim influence—selling prayer rugs, skull caps and anything needed by the faithful making the Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca—a slew of modern cafes have also sprouted up over the years offering Middle Eastern cuisine.

Come at night and chill out on the sprawling carpets along the five-foot ways with an ice-cool mint tea amid the fragrant aroma of scented smoke from shisha pipes. **Bussorah Street** is where you can get your hands on some traditional Malay arts and crafts, and vials of fragrant attar—a natural perfume made from flowers—and herbs. Troop down to **Haji Lane** for some quirky shopping. Here, enterprising youths have invaded this once sleepy lane and injected new life and vibrancy to the area. Expect to find vintage designer wear, exclusive fashion and eclectic homeware. Just a five-minute walk from Arab Street is **Bugis Street**—a popular bazaar with an even more colourful history. Explore its many lanes and nooks to discover wonderful bargains on clothes, souvenirs and crafts.



Holland Village

 Commonwealth / Buona Vista

A favourite haunt for the expatriate community here, Holland Village exudes laid-back charm and is just the place to chill out on lazy afternoons and weekends—especially along **Lorong Mambong**, where all the action takes place. A curious mix of wine bars, live music joints and ritzy restaurants stands alongside traditional coffee shops, antique stores and a wet market (stalls selling fresh meats and fish). **Holland Road Shopping Centre** is where you can find an array of Asian and ethnic-inspired arts and crafts, fashion and home décor items. Lim's Arts & Living is a mammoth store that stocks everything from Moroccan dinnerware and birdcages, to African figurines and shisha pipes. Right across from Holland Road Shopping Centre is **Chip Bee Gardens** where you'll find some of the finest Italian eateries, gourmet grocery stores and art galleries around.



Chinatown

 Chinatown / Outram Park

Nestled near Singapore's bustling business district is the cultural hub of our early Chinese migrants. Here, Chinese merchants and craftsmen still hawk their wares in quaint pre-war shophouses, from delicate bales of silk and gold jewellery to traditional crafts. One place worth visiting is the large Chinese emporium **Yue Hwa** which is conveniently located at the junction of **Eu Tong Sen Street** and **Upper Cross Street**. The store offers a wide variety of authentic Chinese products, including tea, herbs, medicines, foodstuffs, silks, cheongsams, handicrafts, household items and even antiques. Also don't miss **Chinatown Street Market** where a dazzling array of stalls selling traditional Chinese goods like calligraphy, opera masks and food (as well as contemporary fashion) open by late morning on **Pagoda, Trengganu, Smith and Sago Streets**. The shopping malls here, such as **Chinatown Point, People's Park Complex**

and **Chinatown Complex**, are not only good sources of Chinese products but also offer affordable electrical and electronic goods, luggage and textiles in addition to discounted clothes and cosmetics. A wide selection of local crafts is available at the **Singapore Handicraft Centre** in Chinatown Point. For something more hip and contemporary, head towards **Club Street** and **Ann Siang Road**, where chic boutiques like Asylum, Style Nordic and Front Row boast a cool array of independent labels like Surface 2 Air, Woods & Woods and Nudie Jeans. Here, you can also find eclectic wine bars and speciality bookshops.

Little India

 Little India / Farrer Park

Home to Singapore's Indian community, this is definitely one of the more vibrant and colourful ethnic enclaves in Singapore. Punctuated by a cacophony of car horns, bicycle bells and the staccato chatter of its residents as well as the pungent aroma



of spices and flowers, the sights, smells and sounds of Little India are indeed distinctive. A short walk from Little India MRT Station, amid the dazzling array of sari shops, street corner stalls and jasmine garland shops is **Tekka Market**. Tekka boasts a plethora of stalls selling Malay, Indian and Chinese food that regularly draws crowds. It also has a bustling wet market full of fresh vegetables, fish, meat, spices and flowers. For souvenir items, check out the brassware shops or some of the other small stores. Explore **Serangoon Road** and its inner lanes like **Campbell Lane, Dunlop Street** and **Hindoo Road** and discover wonderful secrets and stories in all of its nooks. Look out for shops selling ayurvedic oils, fabrics, gold and incense among other treasures. A trip to Little India is not complete without visiting **Mustafa Centre** at the corner of Serangoon and Syed Alwi roads. This 24-hour emporium-cum-department-store is a veritable warehouse of wonder indeed. Don't be fooled by its inconspicuous exterior, you'll find every conceivable item here at some of the lowest fixed prices in Singapore.

Tech That

Gear up with the latest gadgets and gizmos at these speciality malls.

Funan DigitalLife Mall

109 North Bridge Road, ☎ (65) 6336-8327. www.funan.com.sg.
📍 City Hall

Christened “the IT mall,” Funan DigitalLife Mall is the place to head to for all your IT, electronics and gaming needs. It houses speciality shops like Fujitsu, Toshiba, Samsung and HP. There is even an entire top floor devoted to electronics chain Challenger.



Sim Lim Square

1 Rochor Canal Road, ☎ (65) 6338-3859. www.simlimsquare.com.sg. 📍 Bugis

Spread over six floors, Sim Lim Square continues to be an all-in-one shopping haven for eager techies and bargain hunters, where haggling is commonplace and prices are extremely competitive. You'll find electronic goods—cameras, mobile phones and the like—on the ground and first floors, with the remaining levels dealing with desktop computers, laptops, printers, accessories and peripherals.

Uniquely Singapore Gifts

Singapore's multi-cultural heritage has given birth to uniquely local gifts that are worth taking home. So don't leave Singapore without these Singapore-centric creations.



Tiger Balm

DFS Galleria Scottswalk (or at any pharmaceutical store), 25 Scotts Road, ☎ (65) 6229-8100.
📍 Orchard

A traditional quick-fix for those muscle aches and pains, this distinctive-smelling salve has won fans around the world for its effective heat-inducing pain relief. And no, it is not made of tiger parts or tested on one—it's named after its founder Boon Haw, which means “gentle tiger” in Chinese, who modernised and marketed his father's ancient herbal formula.

RISIS

RISIS Gift Gallery, #01-0184 Suntec City Mall, 3 Temasek Boulevard., ☎ (65) 6338-8250. 📍 City Hall RISIS Nature Gallery, Singapore Botanic Gardens, Cluny Road, ☎ (65) 6475-5104. www.risis.com. 📍 Orchard

The RISIS orchid is a handcrafted model of Singapore's national flower. Real orchids are dipped in 24K gold and made into pins, earrings, pendants, and brooches—allowing you to take a delicate flower and national symbol all the way home.

GET SINGAPORE!
This non-profit collective showcases some of Singapore's most interesting and dynamic brands. For full listings on how you can “GET SINGAPORE” visit www.getsingapore.sg.

Singapore Sling Pre-Mix

True Heritage Brew Singapore, #01-05 The Foundry, 3B River Valley Road, ☎ (65) 6334-4033. www.trueheritagebrew.com. 📍 Clarke Quay

A visit to Singapore isn't complete without chugging down its contribution to the world of cocktails, the Singapore Sling. Yes you might have drunk it before in your local pub but chances are it's not even close to the real thing. Now you can play bartender and whip up an authentic Singapore Sling right in your home with True Heritage Brew's Singapore Sling Original Mix. Add some ice cubes, pineapple juice and serve. Easy!

Prima Taste

DFS Galleria Scottswalk (or at any good supermarket), 25 Scotts Road, ☎ (65) 6229-8100. www.primataste.com.sg. 📍 Orchard

Singapore is regarded by many as one of the world's greatest food capitals thanks to its unique local cuisine. Its rich cultural diversity has spawned a huge smorgasbord of local food—including Chinese, Malay,

Indian, Peranakan and more. You can now take home a culinary experience that is uniquely Singapore. Whip up tasty chicken rice, sinful *laksa* or the world famous chilli crab anywhere in the world with Prima Taste's premium pre-mixes and pastes.

Go Local

Singaporeans may really love their singlets and slippers, but when it comes to dressing up, they can hold their own too. Here are some local designers whose creations are turning heads all over the globe.



Ashley Isham

Ground Floor, The Fullerton Hotel, 1 Fullerton Square, ☎ (65) 6536-4036. 📍 Raffles Place

Singapore-born, London-based fashion designer Ashley Isham is the man of the moment when it comes to local fashion. His signature draping, strong tailoring and distinctive flair has put him in the upper echelons of global high fashion with a celebrity clientele including Kylie Minogue and Angelina Jolie.

Woods & Woods

Front Row, #02-08/09 Raffles Hotel Arcade, 328 North Bridge Road, ☎ (65) 6224-5501. 📍 City Hall

Fashion-forward jetsetters will love the cutting edge clothes of Woods & Woods. Since starting the label in 2001, multi-award winning designer Jonathan Seow has brought his creative eye onto the runways of Tokyo, Berlin and Paris. He is known for his take on classical silhouettes and basics with impeccable tailoring.

Charles & Keith

20 stores islandwide including #02-28/28A, Plaza Singapura, 68 Orchard Road, ☎ (65) 6334-9331. 📍 Dhoby Ghaut

This homegrown fashion label's range of luxury-made-affordable contemporary ladies footwear has been well received by Singaporean women since its inception. Now, the footwear chain has expanded into 20 boutiques in Singapore and more than 100 stores across the region.



Snapshots!

VISITOR PRIVILEGES

Shopping in Singapore has never been more rewarding for visitors. Just bring your passport to the service counters at any of these malls to get your Tourist Privilege Cards. They entitle you to fantastic gifts, discounts and promotions you won't want to miss out on!

ION ORCHARD

Enjoy up to 10-15% discount off regular priced items at participating stores.

2 Orchard Turn, ☎ (65) 6835-8747. 📍 Orchard

SUNTEC CITY MALL

Enjoy 10% discount or more at over 100 outlets in Suntec City Mall including Duck Tours, epicentre@suntec.com and many more.

3 Temasek Boulevard, ☎ (65) 6825-2667. 📍 City Hall

THE HEEREN SHOPS

Receive up to 15% discounts at participating stores.

260 Orchard Road, ☎ (65) 6733-4725. 📍 Somerset

ORCHARD CENTRAL

Enjoy exclusive promotions and offers from participating stores.

181 Orchard Road, ☎ (65) 6238-1051. 📍 Somerset

VIVOCITY

Receive up to 20% off purchases and services from participating stores.

1 HarbourFront Walk, ☎ (65) 6377-6860. 📍 HarbourFront



PARTY PEOPLE

Forget about hitting the sack and check out Singapore's bustling nightlife instead.

The fun in Singapore really starts when night falls. Along with world-class dining, an exciting entertainment scene and of course, vibrant nightlife, there are many sizzling surprises that await you after sundown—making this town perfect for the 24-hour party animal. From mellowing out at chill bars to guzzling beers with your buddies at a pub, snuggling at romantic hotspots to relaxing with a cool cocktail at an alfresco hangout, dancing the night away at clubs to grooving to some live music, there's always something to suit your mood.

Chill, Chill and Chill

Rest and relax at these tranquil chill-out bars.



1 Twenty Six

#01-26 Playground @ Big Splash, 902 East Coast Parkway, ☎ (65) 6348-2126. www.1-twentysix.com. 📍 Paya Lebar

Nestled on Singapore's East Coast, the sea-fronting 1 Twenty Six lets you sip cool sundowners while listening to an even cooler soundtrack provided by its resident band or DJ. Like a secret hideaway, this gastro bar occupies a spacious Balinese-style alfresco area with trellis decking and boasts design highlights such as hidden alcoves, nifty water features and chic outdoor furniture.

SINGAPORE RIVER— A HIP DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT ENCLAVE

Clarke Quay, Boat Quay,
Empress Place, Robertson
Quay

Set against a historical backdrop of conserved shophouses and bumboats, the Singapore River today is a bustling 24-hour district lined with waterfront restaurants, bars, clubs, retail shops and a pulsating nightlife.



Café del Mar

40 Siloso Beach Walk, Siloso Beach, Sentosa, ☎ (65) 6276-6616. www.cafedelmar.com.sg. 📍 HarbourFront

Soak up the balmy sea breeze while sipping ice cool sangrias amid luscious chill-out beats at this beach-front bar. Affiliated with the famous Ibiza bar with the same name, Café del Mar boasts picturesque sea views, tropical sensuality, Balearic decadence and a welcome respite from the hubbub of the city.



Hacienda

13A Dempsey Road, ☎ (65) 6476-2922. haciendaconcepts.wordpress.com. 📍 Orchard

Sitting snug in the lush Dempsey area and away from the hoi polloi of Orchard Road is Hacienda. With its manicured greens and laid-back charm, Hacienda provides the perfect setting to kick back with a freshly pulled pint of ice-cold beer or an expertly mixed mojito.

Pub Culture

Down a beer (or two) and join in the cheer at these convivial pubs.



Muddy Murphy's Irish Pub

#B1-01 Orchard Hotel Shopping Arcade, 442 Orchard Road, ☎ (65) 6735-0400. www.muddymurphys.com. 📍 Orchard

This nice and cosy watering hole is one of the oldest Irish bars in Singapore and has an indoor cottage setting as well as an Irish alfresco "farmyard" complete with barrels. Delight in its generous happy hour deals, delicious Irish fare and exciting live music by some of Singapore's most talented musicians.



Paulaner Brauhaus

#01-01 Millenia Walk, 9 Raffles Boulevard, ☎ (65) 6883-2572. www.paulaner.com.sg. 📍 City Hall

The place to go for authentic German beers. Located in a unique three-storey glass building, this boisterous pub boasts its own microbrewery. Indulge in its delectable German brews like Munich lager while tucking into the signature grilled pork knuckle. A great place to oom-pah-pah the night away!



The Queen & Mangosteen

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

Enjoy the breathtaking views of the harbour while sitting at their sea-front bar with a cool Pimms & Lemonade. The Pub name refers to Queen Victoria's penchant for the purple fruit. This modern English bar also boasts spiffy gourmet pub grub with an Asian twist that goes along well with pints of Archipelago beer.

Live & Kickin'

Rocking live acts and an electric atmosphere to get the party going—what more can you ask for?



The Pump Room


#01-09/10 Block B Clarke Quay, 3 River Valley Road, ☎ (65) 6334-2628. www.pumproomasia.com.

 Clarke Quay

Other than its delicious range of microbrewed beer and sumptuous bistro fare, The Pump Room is known also for its rocking live music, namely its resident band Jive Talkin which belts out infectious rock and pop hits.



Shanghai Dolly




#01-01 Block B The Foundry, Clarke Quay, River Valley Road, ☎ (65) 6336-7676.  Clarke Quay

Soak up luxurious period era Shanghai-chic grooves at the newest club to hit Clarke Quay. Shanghai Dolly consists of a lobby bar, the main hall and a restaurant and a piano bar located on the 2nd floor. Be entertained by bands Queen and Starway helmed by the likes of iconic Canto-pop singers William Scorpion and Jia Qi.



Timbre

Timbre@ The Arts House, #01-04 The Arts House, 1 Old Parliament Lane, ☎ (65) 6336-3386.

 Raffles Place; *Timbre @ The Substation, 45 Armenian Street, ☎ (65) 6338-8277.  City Hall; Timbre @ Old School, #01-05 Old School, 11a Mount Sophia, ☎ (65) 6338-0800. www.timbre.com.sg.  Dhoby Ghaut*

This live music institution has excellent sounds at its three venues. The vibe is consistent throughout: a languid alfresco setting that's ideal for kicking back with friends over drinks with live music provided by its roster of notable resident bands.

Mega Clubbing

If you think size matters, check out these hip mega clubs spicing up our party scene.

The Butter Factory


#02-02/03/04 One Fullerton, 1 Fullerton Road, ☎ (65) 6333-8243. www.thebutterfactory.com.

 Raffles Place

An imaginative venue that's home to a bold and groundbreaking blend of hip hop, R&B, electro, urban grooves, alternative vibes and street art. Party on!



St. James Power Station

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

This mammoth party complex—Singapore's largest night-life destination—boasts nine outlets in all, each



featuring different genres of musical delights, from R&B and Mando-pop to Latin and alternative rock.




Zouk

17 Jiak Kim Street, ☎ (65) 6738-2988. www.zoukclub.com.  Orchard

Since its inception in 1991, this nightlife institution has been entertaining crowds with its blend of electronic dance music, from house and techno to R&B and Top 40 hits. Recently awarded "Best Nightspot Experience" at the inaugural Singapore Experience Awards 2009, it is made up of four outlets: Zouk, Phuture, Wine Bar and Velvet Underground. Every weekend, Zouk continues to host a string of internationally renowned DJs playing alongside its residents and it is still the place to party like it's going out of style.



Zirca

Block C Clarke Quay, 3 River Valley Road, ☎ (65) 6333-4168. www.zirca.sg.  Clarke Quay

Putting the P in Party in Clarke Quay is none other than mega club Zirca. The latest club gem to enliven the riverfront scene, Zirca promises to change the way you party. Zirca regularly plays host to acts such as Craig David and Datarock. Resident DJs Josh, Marcus and Kennerve as well as other international guest DJs are always on hand to treat you to stylish electronic dance music.

A Touch of Class

It's glitz and glamour with a dash of romance at these luxe joints.



New Asia



Supperclub



Bar Opium

Bar Opium

IndoChine Waterfront, Asian Civilisations Museum, 1 Empress Place, ☎ (65) 6339-2876. www.indochine.com.sg. 📍 Raffles Place

If it's the excitement and decadence of Singapore you want to experience, then Bar Opium is the place to be. Trendy and cool, this cocktail bar is popular among the hip and savvy. The live band serves a musical palette that ranges from chill out to jazz. On a balmy evening there's nothing quite like sipping a chilled cocktail and watching the reflection of the setting sun glistening on the historic Singapore River.

New Asia

71st/72nd Floor Equinox Complex, Swissôtel The Stamford, 2 Stamford Road, ☎ (65) 6837-3322. www.swissotel.com. 📍 City Hall

Enjoy some of Singapore's most popular sights at a glance at Swissôtel The Stamford's trendy New Asia bar which boasts a phenomenal view of the Singapore River and the Esplanade—Theatres on the Bay. Cosy up in one of the many oversized armchairs or at the bar with a Stamford Tower (one of their many speciality cocktails) in one hand while soaking up the scenery. Best time to drop by is when evening is near and you can catch the beautiful setting sun against the city backdrop.



Stereolab

Supperclub

2nd Floor Odeon Towers, 331 North Bridge Road, ☎ (65) 6334-4080. www.supperclub.com. 📍 City Hall

Related to Amsterdam's famous club of the same name, Supperclub combines art, dining and clubbing all under one roof. With sexy and luscious interiors and an electric atmosphere throughout, a night out here is never the same twice.

Stereolab and Stereolounge

Ground Floor, Pan Pacific Hotel, 7 Raffles Boulevard, ☎ (65) 6337-0800. www.stereolab.com.sg. 📍 City Hall

Enjoy smooth grooves and soulful house beats at this plush dance club and resto-bar. Head here to get a taste of the high-life on weekend nights when the beautiful clientele provides lots of eye-candy. It's also a hotspot for celebrities—luminaries such as Tamara Ecclestone and Sir Richard Branson have graced its dance floors.

Cocktail Couture

The best cocktails bars for the most discerning of drinkers.



Loof



Klee

Loof

#03-07 Odeon Towers Extension Rooftop, 331 North Bridge Road, ☎ (65) 6338-8035. 📍 City Hall

Fresh air meets potent drinks at the city's hippest rooftop watering hole. Night owls and culture vultures have been flocking here for some after-hours rooftop tête-à-tête and cocktail swirling amid the hip back-to-nature décor coupled with stunning views of the city skyline. Keep your ears peeled for the brilliant downtempo electronica on the decks. Cocktail lovers will like the fiery hot *tom yum* and the indulgent Gummiberry creations.

Orgo

Roof terrace, 4th Floor Esplanade—Theatres on the Bay, 1 Esplanade Drive ☎ (65) 9733 6911. www.orgo.sg. 📍 City Hall

Orgo is located in the fresh, open-air rooftop space atop the Esplanade—Theatres on the Bay. This new addition to the bar circuit offers a breathtaking 360-degree view of Marina Bay, including a panorama of the business district and a phenomenal vista of the Marina Bay Sands. Helming the bar is Japanese celebrity mixologist Tomoyuki Kitazoe whose creations include the soursop calamansi martini. If soaking up the balmy evening weather doesn't tickle your fancy, you can adjourn to one of the three air-conditioned glass rooms available for private hire.

Klee

#01-04 Wessex Estate, 5B Portsdown Road, ☎ (65) 6479-6911. 📍 Redhill

Hidden away in tranquil Wessex Estate in Portsdown Road, this speakeasy-style bar has become the height of cool and has set benchmarks with its classy décor, atmosphere, clientele and door policy (it's sitting only, so do call early). The same attention to detail is employed by the expertly trained mixologists who will magically produce a

myriad of luxury bespoke cocktails.





PICTURE FROM PERANAKAN MUSEUM

CULTURE CULTURES

Highbrow or otherwise, Singapore has loads of cultural offerings to satisfy travellers of all ages and interests.

Sure, shopping, eating and trawling leisure attractions rank at the top of most visitors' to-do lists. But Singapore, despite its relative youth, has enough cultural and historic gems to keep genuine culture hounds both entertained and fascinated for days. Here are some.

Peranakan Living

Evocative of Singapore's past as a trading port in the 17th century, Peranakans are the descendants of the early Chinese and South-Indian communities who settled in the Malay Archipelago. What has evolved over time is a unique hybrid culture that is still part of Singapore's living heritage. Here are two attractions dedicated to the preservation of this unique culture.

Peranakan Museum

39 Armenian Street, ☎ (65) 6332-7591. www.peranakanmuseum.sg.
📍 City Hall

Thanks to its extensive collection of Peranakan artefacts, visitors can learn about the rituals, traditions and material culture of the Peranakans through this museum's intricate and innovatively presented displays. Interactive exhibits targeted at children ensure the whole family is in on the fun.

Baba House

157 Neil Road, ☎ (65) 6516-8817. www.nus.edu.sg/museum/baba.
📍 Outram Park

Situated not far from Chinatown, this is the first heritage home in Singapore that provides visitors with the unique experience of visiting a 1920s Peranakan family home. After an exhaustive archaeological study and restoration works, the Baba House opened in 2008 and is possibly one of the last remaining houses with



elaborate, original interiors intact. Most likely built in the second half of the 19th century, the museum-cum-gallery offers visitors a rare opportunity to touch, feel and enjoy Peranakan tastes and culture first-hand.

History and culture

Singapore might be a relatively new country, but that doesn't stop us from having a rich history that's celebrated in these world-class institutions.



Asian Civilisations Museum

1 Empress Place, ☎ (65) 6332-7798. www.acm.org.sg.
📍 Raffles Place

Originally built in 1865 as a court house, this government building has housed the Registry of Births and Deaths, as well as the Singapore Mint. From 1989, it was known as the Empress Place Museum. It has been in its present guise since 2003 and today has over 10 thematic galleries showcasing 1,500 artefacts spanning five millennia of Asian cultures. Also at this stunning museum is the Singapore River Gallery, which expertly charts the rise, fall and subsequent rebirth of the nearby Singapore River.



National Museum of Singapore

93 Stamford Road, ☎ (65) 6332-3659. www.nationalmuseum.sg.

📍 Dhoby Ghaut

The National Museum of Singapore stands out as the architectural gem in the crown of Singapore's museums. After a recent renovation, it sits resplendent in the heart of the city as the largest museum in the country. Alongside the remarkable historical-based galleries, look out for the four Living Galleries detailing culture through the prisms of food, fashion, photography and film, and wayang (puppet theatre). The interactive elements, including touch-screen displays, smelling pods and oral histories as well as old film reels, immerse the visitor in a multi-sensory experience of Singapore's past.



Chinatown Heritage Centre

48 Pagoda Street, ☎ (65) 6338-6877. www.chinatownheritagecentre.sg.

📍 Chinatown

Relive the days of Singapore's early migrants at the Chinatown Heritage Centre. Comprising three restored shophouses in the cultural hub of Chinatown, Singapore's rich history unfolds as you explore exhibition spaces specially recreated to resemble the living quarters once inhabited by our Chinese forefathers.

Images of Singapore

40 Cable Car Road, Sentosa. ☎ (65) 6279-3284.
📍 HarbourFront

This museum offers a chronological exploration of Singapore's history, going as far back as the 14th century with the help of 21st-century technology. Multi-media displays, life-sized tableaux and rare artefacts cover aspects of Singapore's past, from the pre-colonial to post-colonial eras.



Malay Heritage Centre

85 Sultan Gate, ☎ (65) 6391-0450. www.malayheritage.org.sg. 📍 Bugis

This centre occupies what was formerly the royal seat of the Malay sultans in Singapore. Built in 1842 by renowned architect George Coleman, it has been restored to its former glory and now houses artefacts, dioramas and multi-media displays of the local Malay culture. You can also learn about the colourful history of the Bugis people, who were seafaring traders from the Indonesian archipelago.



Singapore Art Museum

71 Bras Basah Road, ☎ (65) 6332-3222. www.singart.com.

📍 City Hall

Formerly Saint Joseph's Institution, a premier boy's school, this museum opened in 1996 and houses one of the foremost art destinations in the region. It has a collection of around 8,000

pieces of Singaporean and Southeast Asian modern and contemporary art. Revel in its esoteric paintings, sculptures, multimedia installations, drawings, prints and photographs in both permanent and visiting exhibits. It has also showcased international exhibitions featuring artists ranging from Leonardo da Vinci to Rodin.



World War II Singapore

The Second World War was an especially difficult time for Singaporeans, who endured the Japanese Occupation from 1942 to 1945. Here are three noteworthy war-specific museums and an old fort that are well worth your time.

Reflections at Bukit Chandu

31K Pepys Road, ☎ (65) 6375-2510. www.s1942.org.sg/s1942/bukit_chandu/homepage.htm. 📍 Queenstown

Learn about the role played by two Malay Regiments in defending Singapore from the onslaught of the Japanese in the days leading up to the fall of Singapore. Located in a handsome colonial bungalow, the exhibits within depict Japanese invasion plans alongside British strategic maps, photographs and documents.



Reflections at Bukit Chandu



Memories at Ford Factory

Memories at Ford Factory

351 Upper Bukit Timah Road, ☎ (65) 6332-7973. www.s1942.org.sg/s1942/moff. 📍 Bukit Batok

A former motorcar plant, this quaint art deco building was the site of the British surrender to the Japanese on 15 February 1942. After being left unoccupied for many years, the building was given a once over and turned into the eye-opening and detailed museum it is today. Stop by here to view relics, photographs, newspaper clippings and learn more about Singapore's past.

Fort Siloso

33 Allanbrooke Road, Sentosa, ☎ (65) 6275-0388. www.fortsiloso.com. 📍 HarbourFront

A relic from World War II, this is Singapore's only preserved coastal fort. Built by British colonials in the 1880s, the fort now houses a large collection of World War II memorabilia with actual 17th-century artillery, life-sized replicas and interactive exhibits.

The Changi Museum

1000 Upper Changi Road North, ☎ (65) 6214-2451. www.changimuseum.com. 📍 Tanah Merah

The Japanese interred the Allied prisoners-of-war at the now demolished Changi Prison. While there, the POWs created a simple chapel in order to have a place of solace. The chapel was recreated in 1988 at Changi Prison and was later relocated to a nearby location in 2001 when the prison was pulled down. At its new site you can view photographs, drawings and letters created by the prisoners depicting their lives during this harrowing period.



The Changi Museum

The Civilian War Memorial

War Memorial Park, Beach Road. 📍 City Hall

To the north of the Padang, you will find the Civilian War Memorial. Four pillars of similar size and structure rise more than 60 metres to symbolise the shared suffering of the four races—Malay, Chinese, Indian and Eurasians—who died during the years of the war and were buried here.

The Kranji War Memorial

9 Woodlands Road. 📍 Kranji

The serene, manicured lawn of the Kranji War Memorial is home to 4,000 graves of the Allied Forces who died during the Japanese Occupation. The cemetery was a hospital burial ground during the Occupation and became a military cemetery after the war, when bodies from other parts of Singapore were exhumed and reburied here.



The Kranji War Memorial



The Battle Box



Fort Siloso



The Civilian War Memorial

The Battle Box

51 Canning Rise, ☎ (65) 6333-0510. www.legendsfortcanning.com/fortcanning/battlebox.htm. 📍 Dhoby Ghaut

The Battle Box in Fort Canning was the subterranean command centre of the British Malaya Command Headquarters during World War II. Its 22 chambers are linked by a corridor, and through the use of animatronics and special effects, you can relive the events of the morning of 15 February 1942—when the British surrendered Singapore to the Japanese.

Fun for the kids

Not only are these two places ideal for showing kids a great time, they're spots where you can relieve your own childhood years too!

MINT Museum of Toys

26 Seah Street, ☎ (65) 6339-0660. www.emint.com.
📍 City Hall

This museum is home to more than 50,000 toys, from Astroboy figurines to vintage collectibles. Don't miss out on the lovable one-of-a-kind treasures that date back to the 12th century. A visual feast, this place will wow both the young and old.



Singapore Philatelic Museum

23B Coleman Street, ☎ (65) 6337-3888. www.spm.org.sg.
📍 City Hall

Reminisce about the good old days when you used to collect stamps and postcards. This former missionary school building once served as the school chaplain's house before it was converted into a bookshop. Restored in 1995, the museum shows how stamps are windows to the worlds of nature, culture and more.



Walkie Walkie

Explore Singapore and learn fascinating and quirky facts as part of a walking tour.

Original Singapore Walks

Various locations, ☎ (65) 6325-1631. www.singaporewalks.com

You needn't be confined indoors to learn about culture and history. Trawl the ethnic enclaves of Singapore by embarking on a walking tour with a difference. Try the "Sultans of Spice" tour, which will give you the lowdown on Kampong Glam, (a traditionally Malay area of town) taking you through medicine stores, historic lanes and even a royal graveyard. Or hop over to Little India

for the "Dhobis, Saris and a Spot of Curry" tour, which will give you fascinating historical insight into this colourful quarter. There are more walks in other districts from which to choose. In fact, if you want to know more about the dicey history of the back lanes of both Clarke Quay and Boat Quay, then sign up and join in.



All about Raffles

Sir Stamford Raffles was a high-flying British colonial officer who founded a trading settlement in Singapore in 1819. As testament to his legacy, there are several well-known landmarks and sites that bear his name.

Raffles Hotel

1 Beach Road, ☎ (65) 6337-1886. www.raffles.com.

📍 City Hall

This is an iconic landmark that has hosted a long list of erstwhile luminaries who've stayed in the hotel through the years. Today, in honour of those guests, 12 of its 103 suites have been named after them—from Charlie Chaplin to Ava Gardner. Singapore's last known wild tiger was shot and killed here in 1902 after reportedly escaping from a nearby fair. It is also the place where, in 1915, barman

Ngiam Tong Boon concocted the famous Singapore Sling cocktail.



Raffles Landing Site

North Boat Quay. 📍 Clarke Quay

Situated a stone's throw away from Empress Place, this spot is widely regarded by historians as the place where Raffles first stepped off his boat. A polymarble statue of Raffles stands proudly here with a plaque describing his vision of making Singapore a great trading emporium.



The Ethnic Precincts

It was Sir Stamford Raffles who first drew up plans to divide the various races in Singapore into different quarters across the new settlement. While Singapore has long since moved on from ghettoised town planning, Raffles' handiwork is still evident.

Little India

📍 Little India/Farrer Park

Unlike the other two quarters, Little India was never in Raffles' grand masterplan. In fact, the Indians were originally assigned the area around present day Raffles Place. It was only after overcrowding that the Indians moved a couple of miles north to Serangoon Road, which is the main arterial road dissecting Little India. Today, Little India is a thriving corner of Singapore, with temples, markets, sari shops, backpacker inns, jewellery shops, malls and a whole slew of eateries lending the area a rustic, charming vibe.



Chinatown

📍 Chinatown

Once a hotbed of opium dens, brothels and secret societies, Chinatown is now a much cleaned-up version of its previous self. But that doesn't mean you won't have a great time trawling its streets for souvenirs and snacks, visiting its temples and wondering what it might have been like back in the rough-and-tumble olden days.

Kampong Glam

📍 Bugis

The seat of the Malay royalty, Kampong Glam is the place to take in the history and culture of the Malay people. Lose yourself in the sights, sounds and smells of various shops selling spices and brightly-coloured textiles, rattan, carpets and oil-based perfumes along Arab Street. Check out Haji Lane for quirky fashion offerings and try out the many sumptuous eateries in the vicinity.





Hort Park

OUTDOOR ADVENTURERS

Get out and about and explore Singapore's great outdoors.

Sure Singapore is sometimes called a concrete jungle but the fact is—it used to be ALL jungle! Fortunately, plenty of wild patches have been carefully preserved and now, there are many leafy green places where you can get a breath of fresh (non-air-conditioned) air. Whether you're looking for an invigorating trail hike or a relaxing nap by the sea, Singapore has the outdoor spaces that please! Visitors are often impressed by the lush, verdant, and healthy greenery that pervades our cityscape—making Singapore truly a “garden city.” The riches of our region are just as noteworthy—did you know that one-third of the world's biodiversity can be found in Southeast Asia?

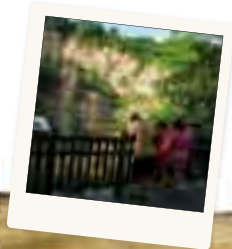
Park Life

Pick a park and have a perfectly relaxing day!

Bukit Timah Nature Reserve

Hindhede Drive, ☎ (65) 6468-5736. 📍 Bukit Gombak

Singapore is one of the only two cities in the world to include a significant area of primary rainforest and the Bukit Timah Nature Reserve is our claim to that fame. Here you'll find the most challenging and wild trails on the island, as well as the highest hill (at 164 metres). Climb well-marked footpaths, have fun sighting plentiful wildlife (including lots of long-tailed macaque monkeys), or take in breathtaking views of the reservoir. Alternatively, cycling enthusiasts can take to the mountain bike trail which gets tough in certain parts, but always remains a fun ride.



East Coast Park

📍 Bedok

The city's most popular stretch of beach always buzzes with activity—even when it's not playing host to the wide spectrum of sporting events that graces its shores each year, like the Singapore Marathon. There's plenty to do here—you can bowl, bike, fish, sail, stroll, have a picnic, rollerblade, windsurf, wakeboard, kayak, or just chill out at any of the many restaurants and bars that line the over-15-kilometre sandy beach—including the Mana Mana East Coast beach club. The famous East Coast Park Seafood Centre is also here.



Fort Canning Park

Fort Canning Green, ☎ (65) 6332-1302. 📍 Dhoby Ghaut

Also not-to-be-missed is the lush, sprawling garden of Fort Canning Park, home to hundreds of birds and squirrels, as well as ancient fort walls and tombstones, which makes it a great spot for a morning or afternoon stroll. The sacred park is presumed to be the resting place of Iskandar Shah, a 14th-century Sumatran prince who once ruled the island. Raffles Terrace sits on the site where Sir Stamford Raffles once built his own bungalow. This park also plays host to numerous summer performances like *Ballet Under the Stars* and *Shakespeare in the Park*, as well as world-class mega-events such as *F1 Rocks!*



Singapore Botanic Gardens

1 Cluny Road ☎ (65) 6471-7361/ (65) 6471-7138. www.sbg.org.sg. 📍 Orchard

The sprawling Michelin 3-star Singapore Botanic Gardens provides a great respite from the bustling city. It's also an increasingly popular venue for outdoor concerts. Located here is the National Orchid Garden, hailed as the world's largest orchid display featuring over 60,000 plants and orchids. Come during evenings for a great jogging workout.



Mount Faber

109 Mount Faber Road. www.mountfaber.com.sg.

📍 HarbourFront

Head up to Mount Faber for one of Singaporeans' favourite views. The long trail here is ideal for joggers and strollers alike, as it is also linked to the beautiful 9-kilometre park connector, with pit stops including the beautiful Hort Park and the stunning Henderson Waves bridge that you simply cannot miss. Also stop by The Jewel Box for a drink or a meal while you savour the magnificent view of Singapore's landscape.



Kranji Countryside

www.kranjicountryside.com

 Kranji

The Kranji Countryside, located at the northwestern corner of Singapore, is one of the island's best kept secrets. This pastoral pocket of the city holds within it different farms raising everything from frogs to veggies. It's a great spot for a day in the country—without leaving the city!



Island Escapes

Singapore's not one island—but many! Make your escape today.

Sentosa

You can get here by Sentosa Express, a light rail system. Get your tickets from 3rd floor, Lobby L, VivoCity, 1 HarbourFront Walk. (65) 1800-736-8672 daily 7:30am-10pm. S\$3 (adults and child aged three and above). Alternatively, take the Sentosa bus from HarbourFront Bus Terminal daily 7am-11pm (12:30am Fri, Sat and eve of public holiday) for S\$3. You can also drive your own vehicle across for S\$2 per vehicle and S\$2 per person. Guided tours are available daily 9:45am-5:45pm at 30-minute intervals, just call Faber Tours, ☎ (65) 6377-9638.

 HarbourFront



Kusu Island

The city's closest island retreat holds wonders including rainforests, a dolphin lagoon, beaches, hotels, golf courses, Southeast Asia's first luge, the Tiger Sky Tower (Singapore's tallest observatory tower), excellent adrenaline-fueled activities like the MegaZip, the ever popular oceanarium Underwater World Singapore, and Resorts World™ Sentosa, which is also home to Universal Studios Singapore™ movie theme park (see page 74 for more details).

Kusu Island

Mon-Fri 12pm and 4pm; Sat 11:30am, 2:30pm, 4:30pm; Sun and public holidays 10:15am, 12:15pm, 2:15pm, 4:15pm, 6:15pm. The last ferry leaves Kusu Mon-Fri 4pm, Sat 4:30pm and Sun and public holidays 6:15pm. Admission: S\$15 (adult), S\$12 (child). Call ☎ (65) 6534-9339 for more information.


 Marina Bay

Located off the southeastern tip of Singapore, Kusu Island is famous for its tortoise sanctuary and temples. The name means "Tortoise Island" in Chinese, and comes from the legend of a turtle that saved two shipwrecked fishermen (one Chinese, the other Malay). The island is sacred to Taoists and Muslims, who come to temples and shrines here to pray for health, wealth and prosperity. Tip: Pack a picnic basket; there are no restaurants on the island. Ferries leave for Kusu Island from Marina South Pier.



Pulau Ubin

Pulau Ubin

 Tanah Merah, then take bus 2. Hop onto a bumboat from Changi Jetty. The 10-minute ferry ride costs S\$2 and operates daily from sunrise to sunset

The famous Pulau Ubin is located off the northeastern tip of Singapore, and is the last place to catch a glimpse of rustic Singapore. The best way to get around is by mountain bike (you can rent one near the pier). Your ride will take you to fish, duck and prawn farms; durian plantations; disused quarries and the beach. See page 69 for more details.



Chek Jawa

Chek Jawa


www.wildsingapore.com/chekjawa/  Tanah Merah

Located at the eastern tip of Pulau Ubin, Chek Jawa is a collection of six distinct habitats—coastal forest, mangroves, sand bars, seagrass lagoon, rocky shore and coral rubble. Chek Jawa is teeming with a wide array of marine wildlife—starfish, sea horses and octopi living in the sand and mud flats, carpet and peacock anemones in the seagrass meadows, and sponges of all hues residing in the coral rubble.

Other Outdoor Attractions

Zip, float, surf and scream with delight at these great attractions.

Forest Adventure

825 Bedok Reservoir Road, Bedok Reservoir Park, ☎ (65) 8100-7420 (Booking is recommended) www.forestadventure.com.sg.  Bedok

Come and experience two hours of exhilarating fun swinging from tree to tree five metres above ground. Forest Adventure is the first and only aerial course built in the trees and comprises ladders, bridges, swings, nets, trapezes and four giant zip lines. All participants are equipped with harnesses and are responsible for securing themselves to a safety line at each stage, ensuring a safe recreational outdoor activity for all.





The Flying Trapeze

Siloso Beach, Sentosa.
www.sentosa.com.sg
📍 HarbourFront. See Sentosa, page 44

The first of its kind in Singapore, The Flying Trapeze aims to set the scene for more excitement and fun for guests and visitors to Sentosa. This magnificent activity will provide for both audience participation and fantastic entertainment. It is an excellent form of sport and recreation and it helps develop one's mind, body and coordination. But most importantly, it also helps conquer one's fear of heights.



G-Max The Ultimate Bungy

3E River Valley Road, Clarke Quay,
☎ (65) 6338-1146. 📍 Clarke Quay
For a pure adrenaline rush, strap yourself into the G-Max The Ultimate Bungy, which catapults you up to about 60 metres high at a speed of about 200 kph. You start tethered to the ground, a cloud of smoke billows around your cage and suddenly—you are released, soaring skyward with a thrilling surge of pure adrenaline.

Xtreme Skate Park

East Coast Park, behind car park F1. 📍 Bedok. See East Coast Park on page 43

Popular with both Singaporeans and visitors for its long cycling and jogging tracks, barbeque pits, leisure attractions and numerous eateries, East Coast Park now has a new addition that looks all set to up the thrill-seeking ante. At the Xtreme Skate Park, you can show off or even hone your BMX free-styling or skateboarding skills. Whether you're a newbie or skate pro, you'll have lots of fun on the ramps and poles at this ultra-modern facility.



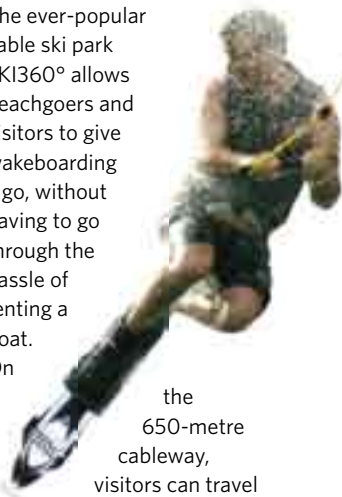
GX-5 Xtreme Swing

3E River Valley Road, Clarke Quay,
☎ (65) 6338-1146. 📍 Clarke Quay
Offering as much fun as the reverse bungy, the GX-5 Xtreme Swing allows you to experience a rapid flying and free fall experience, as you and four other brave souls are launched up to a height of 50 metres in a huge swing. The ride then rockets you down and out over the Singapore River. Not for the fainthearted!

SKI360°

1206A East Coast Parkway,
☎ (65) 6442-7318.
www.ski360degree.com.
📍 Bedok. See East Coast Park on page 43

The ever-popular cable ski park SKI360° allows beachgoers and visitors to give wakeboarding a go, without having to go through the hassle of renting a boat. On the 650-metre cableway, visitors can travel up to 58 kph and show off a few tricks on strategically placed ramps.



Wild Wild Wet

Downtown East, 1 Pasir Ris Close, ☎ (65) 6581-9112. www.wildwildwet.com. 📍 Pasir Ris
The Wild Wild Wet theme park is for those looking for a splashing good time. Thrilling rides are available for the adventurous, such as the Ularlar, the Waterworks, ShioK River, Wall's Tsunami and the Skyrider.



To the Sea

If you're looking for a beautiful sunset and a calming outdoor experience, look no further than some of Singapore's most famous beaches.

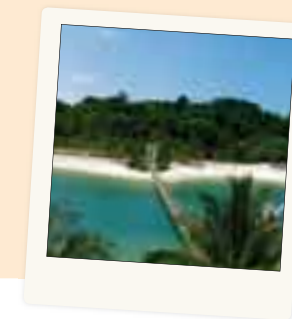
Changi Beach

📍 Pasir Ris, then switch to bus 9
One of the quieter beachfronts in Singapore, Changi Beach comes replete with jogging tracks, barbeque pits, park benches and shelters. Its serene and relaxing environment is great if you want to escape from the hustle of city life and chill out over a couple of beers. Located nearby is Changi Village, where you can find laidback neighbourhood bars, cafes and seafood restaurants.



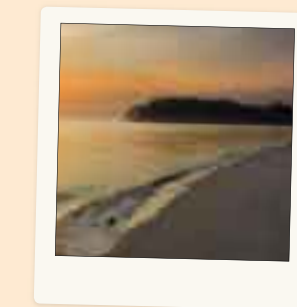
Siloso Beach, Palawan Beach and Tanjong Beach

📍 HarbourFront, See Sentosa, page 44
Sentosa Island may be a riot among fun and trendy Singaporeans who flock here over the weekends for beach volleyball, sun bathing and people watching; but that doesn't mean that it's all just about sizzling fun in the sun here. Besides Siloso Beach—a hot favourite with the hip and happening—there is also Palawan Beach, the perfect place for splashing family fun as well as the tranquil Tanjong Beach, for those seeking a serene hideout.



Punggol Beach

📍 Punggol, then switch to bus 82 at the bus interchange
Engage in challenging water sports such as wakeboarding and boating, which are popular among the residents near this beach. Located on the northeastern part of Singapore, Punggol Beach is ideal for those looking for a slower pace amid a calm and clean seafront community.





GALLIVANTING GOURMETS

Singapore's filled with a plethora of restaurants and hawker centres that offer different dining experiences. All you need to do is grab a fork or some chopsticks and take your tastebud on a unique culinary tour!

Well-known to be a food-obsessed nation, Singapore definitely offers its visitors a unique and fascinating food culture to explore. Thanks to its multi-racial make-up, you can find a wealth of varied dining experiences from the four main ethnic groups— Chinese, Malay, Indian and Eurasian. Because of its cosmopolitan nature, there's also a wealth of food from other shores to enjoy including Italian, French, Mexican and so much more. While dining at restaurants is always enticing, no discussion of food would be complete without hawker centres, which offer cheap and tasty food that the locals eat every day and visitors make return trips for. Tuck in!

Dining with a View

What could possibly be more romantic than dining with a view to boot? Here are some choice places to do it.

BLU Restaurant and Bar

24th Floor, Tower Wing, Shangri-La Hotel Singapore, 22 Orange Grove Road, ☎ (65) 6213-4598. www.shangri-la.com. 📍 Orchard

Nestled discreetly away on the 24th floor of the luxurious Shangri-La Hotel, BLU boasts an innovative approach to food—Canadian Chef de Cuisine Kevin Cherkas' cooking style has coined a term called "progressive dining" (read: Emotive molecular gastronomy). Inspired, daring and creative, Cherkas will even whip up dishes based on your likes and dislikes in order to furnish you a custom-made dining experience. The breathtaking view overlooking the whole of Orchard Road is especially gorgeous at night, and is best enjoyed with a drink in hand.



Equinox Restaurant

70th Floor, Swissôtel The Stamford, 2 Stamford Road, ☎ (65) 6837-3322. www.swissotel.com. 📍 City Hall.

At a breathtaking 70 floors above ground level, Equinox Restaurant is simply a splendid place to impress a date. Book way in advance so you can score a window seat—trust us, the view is simply stunning. The dining room is a picture of Chinois chic and the bar is sleekly modern. In fact, the décor of Equinox reflects the cuisine you'll be getting at the skilled hands of Executive Chef Hugh Styles—think an exotic mix of Asian and Western influences, and you'll get the idea.

Hai Tien Lo

37th Floor, Pan Pacific Singapore, Marina Square, 7 Raffles Boulevard., ☎ (65) 6826-8240. www.panpacific.com. 📍 City Hall

Perched on the 37th floor of this top-quality hotel, Hai Tien Lo provides a panoramic view of Marina Bay and the city skyline. It's not just the view you'll be enjoying though—the restaurant serves delightful Cantonese cuisine, best exemplified in dishes like the cod fillet with Japanese sake sauce, and pan-fried foie gras flamed with red wine and served with scallops and crispy suckling pig skin. You typically have to book way in advance for a good table with a view but it's always worth calling to see what your options are.



Hai Tien Lo

Best Romantic Spots

Singapore may be a hectic, bustling city, but there are some restaurants that provide the perfect setting for a romantic dinner, making that big proposal, or just spending some alone time with your better half.

The Cliff

The Sentosa Resort & Spa, Sentosa, 2 Bukit Manis Road, ☎ (65) 6371-1425. www.thesentosa.com. 📍 HarbourFront

The Cliff is one of the most romantic places to dine on Sentosa Island. With soft lighting, discreetly placed water features, good service and a splendid view that overlooks the sea, The Cliff is an excellent bet for an all-important occasion or an unforgettable dinner. Be sure to reserve the best seats in the house—the balcony booths and the bar counter.



The Cliff

Il Lido

Sentosa Golf Club, Sentosa, 27 Bukit Manis Road, ☎ (65) 6866-1977. www.il-lido.com. 📍 HarbourFront

The epitome of Italian style, the ever-elegant Il Lido is a must-visit if you're looking to share an idyllic dinner with someone special. Il Lido is where the beautiful people hang out, accompanied by an equally lovely view. The glamour here is unmistakable, the ambience inviting (the very chilled-out lounge area is especially good for a pre-dinner drink or night cap) and the sophisticated Italian offerings simply perfect.



Il Lido

Privé

Marina at Keppel Bay, 2 Keppel Bay Vista, ☎ (65) 6776-0777. www.prive.com.sg.

📍 HarbourFront

Exclusive and oh-so-chic, Privé (which means “privacy” in French) is owned by well-known restaurateur Michel Lu and his partner Oeij Yuan Siang. With only 88 seats, a New York vibe and a multi-functional concept that makes it both a bakery and gastrobar, Privé is not only hip but also absolutely gorgeous at night. Walk outside the restaurant and you’ll be greeted with a glittering night view of lights casting off the rippling waters of the marina. The Michelin-starred Executive Chef Wayne Nish excels at whipping up Continental classics on the primarily French-American menu.



Carousel

Best Buffets

In the mood for indulgence and a whole lot of variety? Then seat yourself at a buffet. Singapore is loaded with tons of good ones that offer you a whole bunch of choices in just one dining session.

Carousel

Royal Plaza on Scotts, 25 Scotts Road, ☎ (65) 6589-7799. www.royalplaza.com.sg. 📍 Orchard

Dig into an extensive spread of international buffet favourites at the halal-certified Carousel. The restaurant changes its menu every quarter, so you can be assured of fresh, new offerings. Maine lobsters are now served for brunch, and live oysters are available at dinner. What’s more, the variety of dishes has been expanded to include Korean, Mexican, Spanish, South American and Northern European specialities. Don’t miss the seafood, rotisserie and, of course, dessert.



mezza9

mezza9

Mezzanine, Grand Hyatt Singapore, 10 Scotts Road, ☎ (65) 6732-1234. singapore.grand.hyatt.com. 📍 Orchard

Already 11 years old and still going strong, mezza9 is very much an established institution. Take your pick from Western grill and rotisserie, seafood, sushi, yakitori, authentic Chinese chow, European deli nosh, Thai food, desserts and more. If you have time, do check out mezzatea, the high tea buffet on Saturdays; and mezzamunch, the glorious Sunday brunch to which people are still flocking after all this time. Our advice: Book ahead.



Oscar's

Ground Floor, Conrad Centennial Singapore, 2 Temasek Boulevard, ☎ (65) 6432-7481. singapore.conradmeetings.com. 📍 City Hall

Oscar's is a staple in the local dining scene for its stellar service, delicious buffet spread and fine setting with both indoor and alfresco

dining. Their buffets always have excellent stuff, but their “Amazing Graze” Sunday brunch lives up to its name as well with varied offerings, free-flow champagne and serenading by Maya Nova’s jazz hits. In short, you’ll get a reliably entertaining dining experience here every time.

Best Ethnic Bets

If you have not tried food from Singapore’s various ethnic groups, don’t miss the chance to do so. These dining establishments are good for your first foray into local grub.

INDIAN

Rather healthy and rich in flavour, Indian food will strike a chord with those who can handle their spice, as well as those who are vegetarian.

Annalakshmi

#B1-02 Chinatown Point, 133 New Bridge Road, ☎ (65) 6339-9993; 104 Amoy Street, ☎ (65) 6223-0809. www.annalakshmi.com.sg. 📍 Chinatown / Tanjong Pagar

Annalakshmi is decked-out in Indian paintings and a refined-looking décor. The vegetarian curries are delicious in this establishment that is based (as unbelievable as it may sound) on an “eat what you want, give as you feel” philosophy. The wide range of *dosais* and *oothappams* (rice and lentil pancakes) is particularly delectable.



INDONESIAN

Closely related to local Malay dishes, and an extremely diverse cuisine in itself, Indonesian food enjoys great popularity in Singapore. Crowd favourites like *satay*, *beef rendang* and *sambal chilli* are worth checking out.

The RiceTable Indonesian Restaurant

#02-09/10 International Building, 360 Orchard Road, ☎ (65) 6835-3783. www.ricetable.com.sg. 📍 Orchard

Rijsttafel—Dutch for “rice table”—is the concept behind this Indonesian dame. We suggest you come hungry for this one, as many small portions here equate to having one huge meal. It’s great value, and explains why this restaurant is still going strong. The *satay ayam*, *tahu teluh* and *rendang* are particularly noteworthy.



Peranakan

The cuisine of Singapore's Peranakan (also known as *baba-nonya*) community has become particularly popular of late. The term refers to descendants of the late 15th and 16th century Chinese immigrants during colonial times, in particular ethnic Chinese populations of the British settlements of Malaya and the Dutch-controlled Java and other locations. The cuisine is intriguing and varied, and is a must-try in Singapore.

The Blue Ginger Restaurant

97 Tanjong Pagar Road, ☎ (65) 6222-3928. www.theblueginger.com 📍 Tanjong Pagar



Mention this restaurant, and chances are the words "Peranakan institution" will come to mind. Open for more than 10 years, decked out in old-world furniture and colourful paintings, The Blue Ginger Restaurant is undoubtedly one of Singapore's best Peranakan restaurants. The menu here is reworked every six months and the *beef rendang*, *ikan assam gulai* (fish tamarind curry), *ngo heong* (spring rolls) and *kueh pie tee* (popiah vol au vonts) are the signature dishes of this stalwart.



Laksa

Top Hawker Centres

Delicious and extremely economical food can be found in Singapore's hawker centres, the less glamorous version of our food courts—large, air-conditioned eating spaces with a multitude of different stalls selling all types of local food. A hawker centre is basically the same, without the air-conditioning and with a more down-to-earth, unpretentious vibe (and oftentimes cheaper and better food too). Here are our picks for some of the best ones to hit.

East Coast Lagoon Food

Village—Located in a tropical park by the beach, the vibe here is breezy, the food choices are wide (there are more than 50 stalls) and most of it tastes fantastic. Some top picks include *laksa*, claypot pig totters, barbecued stingray, *satay* (skewered sticks of chicken, beef, pork or mutton), *curry puff*, and more. 📍 Bedok

Amoy Street Food Centre—

Cheap, wonderfully-delicious and varied food can be found at the mother of all hawker centres. We especially love the chicken rice and *ah balling* (glutinous rice ball dessert). 📍 Tanjong Pagar



Chicken Rice



Chinatown Food Street—

Savour Singapore's local hawker delights and discover the joys of alfresco roadside dining among the beautifully restored shophouses of Chinatown. The Chinatown Food Street offers over 20 types of local delights from *char kway teow* to *ah balling peanut soup* served from outdoor stalls just like in days of old. For those who prefer air-conditioned comfort, there are also indoor restaurants and cafés. Try Holland Village XO Fish Head Bee Hun Restaurant (fish head served in a broth of soup and brandy!) and Lan Zhou La Mian (handmade noodles), two of the many eateries along the same street. 📍 Chinatown

Lau Pa Sat—

You can't say you've been to Singapore unless you've been to Lau Pa Sat (also known as Telok Ayer market). This institution right in the heart of the business district is replete with grand Victorian architecture and whirring ceiling fans, and a staggering amount of food. Check out the specialities like Japanese ramen, pig organ soup, fishball/minced pork noodles, *laksa*, wok-fried seafood, fried carrot cake and even South Indian vegetarian dishes. 📍 Raffles Place

Makansutra Gluttons

Bay—The perfect hangout for gluttons (or foodies, if you like), Gluttons Bay is named after the *Makansutra*, Singapore's famous food guide. It's the ideal pre-concert choice for many varieties of hawker food served in a charming alfresco ambience. Take your pick from *satay* (skewered barbecued meat served with a peanut dipping sauce), fishball noodles, *roti prata* (thin, crispy pancake eaten with curry), or *luat* (oyster omelette), *nasi lemak* (Malay mixed rice) and *ice kacang* (a dessert made of a mountain of ice drizzled with syrup, sweet red beans and jelly strands). 📍 City Hall



Nasi Lemak



Fishball Noodle



Singapore Food Taste

Tekka Market & Food

Centre—This establishment (comprising a market and food centre) always provides a colourful experience. There is a great mix of Chinese, Malay and Indian food here—and the wet market sells spices, seafood, meats and vegetables too. Don't miss the A M Mohamed Haniffa Hot & Cold Drinks—a fabulous place for a mean masala tea. There are also Halal food stalls selling a range of yummy dishes. 📍 Little India

Newton Food Centre—The food here is a tad pricier, but still worth checking out for its stalls selling mean versions of fried *Hokkien mee*, barbecued stingray and fish porridge.

📍 Newton



Hokkien Mee



Singapore Flyer



Chinatown



ION Orchard

Singapore Flyer

Just passing through? Thanks to its compact size, you can still get a good glimpse of Singapore in a few short hours. For a literal overview of the city, pop by the **Singapore Flyer** (30 Raffles Avenue, ☎ (65) 6333-3311). This 165-metre observation wheel is the world's largest and promises one of the most spectacular views of the city as well as neighbouring countries Malaysia and Indonesia, making this a rare treat indeed.

Ethnic Enclaves

If malls aren't your thing, take a quick peek at one of our ethnic enclaves. **Chinatown** (📍 Chinatown or Outram Park), **Kampong Glam**, the Malay-Arab Quarter (📍 Bugis) or **Little India** (📍 Little India or Farrer Park), all offer the chance to savour the cultural melting pot that is Singapore in the form of exotic wares and cuisine.

East Coast Park

Fancy using your half day in Singapore for some reflection in the great outdoors? Why not check out East Coast Park? Its close location to Singapore Changi Airport makes it a great spot to stretch your legs during a stopover. You can even rent a bike at one of the various kiosks to cover more ground. A wide variety of eateries provide tranquil spots for a quick outdoor bite. Be sure to check out the **East Coast Lagoon Food Village** (1200 East Coast Parkway, Carpark E2) for a truly authentic local dining experience at one of our hawker centres or, if the sun is setting, check out the **East Coast Seafood Centre** (1206 East Coast Parkway, Carpark E1) where you can dive into two of our most prized national dishes—chilli crab and black pepper crab.

Orchard Road

If you like to shop, THE place to go is Orchard Road. Orchard Road has seen a recent transformation with the enhancement of its streetscape and the opening of new malls such as **ION Orchard** (2 Orchard Turn, ☎ (65) 6238-8228), **313@Somerset** 213 Orchard Road, ☎ (65) 6496-4799 and **Orchard Central** (181 Orchard Road, ☎ (65) 6238-1051). Plus, don't forget perennial favourites like **Wisma Atria** (435 Orchard Road, ☎ (65) 6235-2103), **Paragon** (290 Orchard Road, ☎ (65) 6738-5535) and **Ngee Ann City** (391 Orchard Road, ☎ (65) 6506-0458) to complete the shopping experience. At these modern shopping temples, you can browse and buy many brands and labels under one roof, and refuel at a huge selection of restaurants and cafes, making it truly "A Great Street."

Because of its compact size, Singapore offers visitors the chance to zip from one end of the island to the other relatively quickly. This means that you can see a lot even if you have a little bit of time.

Of course, the longer you are able to stay, the more Singapore reveals itself to you, like the opening of a beautiful orchid flower. A stay of three or more days allows you to visit each of our ethnic quarters, explore our wonderful museums, duck into our integrated resorts, spend some time picking up goodies to bring back home, enjoy the various parks and, of course, eat till your heart's (and your stomach's) content!

The itineraries in the next section offer you a variety of routes you can explore while you're here. They're designed to maximise your time and satisfy your tastes during your visit. And, while we've put them together in a flow that emphasises enjoyment and achievability, you may find that you'd like to mix and match activities to suit your particular style. We say go ahead—as long as you have a great time!



Duck Tour



Arab Street

9AM



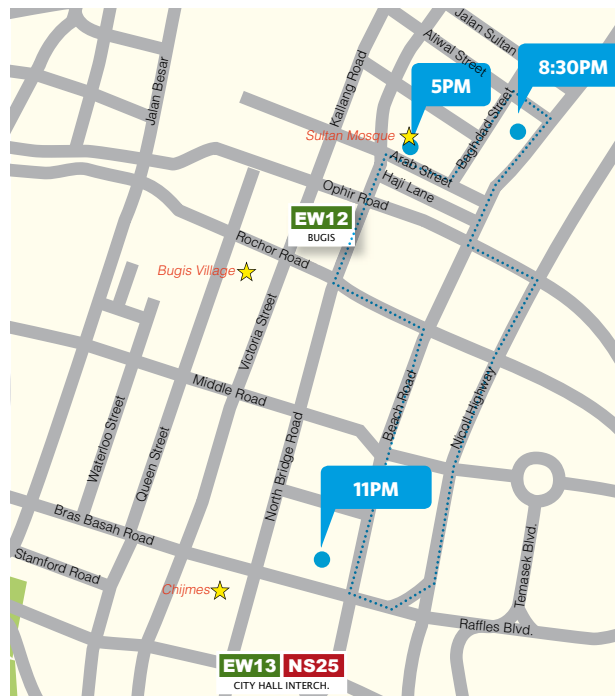
Coffee Club

Start your day at Orchard Road and have a morning breakfast at **Coffee Club** (#01-K2 Wheelock Place, 501 Orchard Road, ☎ (65) 6836-5383). This 24-hour outlet offers you a great view of the buzz along Orchard Road while you sip your cuppa over a big breakfast meal including a wide variety of wraps and sandwiches.

10AM

Take a stroll along Orchard Road and enjoy the breathtaking view of **ION Orchard** (2 Orchard Turn, ☎ (65) 6238-8228), as well as all-time favourites like **Ngee Ann City** (391 Orchard Road, ☎ (65) 6506-0458) and **Wisma Atria** (435 Orchard Road, ☎ (65) 6235-2103), all located within walking distance from one another. Here, indulge in local as well as international labels, food, drinks, paraphernalia, art and anything else you can think of. Also keep an eye out for new malls like **313@Somerset**, **Mandarin Gallery** and ***Scape** for an exciting and eclectic range of clothes and collectibles. While here, have lunch at one of the many choice restaurants at these malls. We highly recommend **Taste Paradise** (#04-07 Ion Orchard, 2 Orchard Turn, ☎ (65) 6509-9660) for gorgeous Chinese delicacies or **Marmalade Pantry** (#03-22 Ion Orchard, 2 Orchard Turn, ☎ (65) 6734-2700) for its wonderful entrees and desserts.

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1PM

Hop over to the **Singapore Flyer** for a gorgeous overview of the city. See Half-Day Itinerary for details.



Wisma Atria

3PM

After an overview of present-day Singapore, blast back to the past to see what made Singapore the city it is today at the **National Museum of Singapore's Singapore History Gallery** (93 Stamford Road, ☎ (65) 6332 3659), an immersive audio-visual treat for all. You will walk through the halls of time with your personal audio-companion to trace Singapore's roots as a fishing village, its development into a British crown colony, and finally its journey to becoming the bustling modern metropolis it is today. A must see to understand what makes Singapore tick.



Blu Jaz Café

8:30PM

Pop by for drinks at chill spot and live music venue **Blu Jaz Café** (11 Bali Lane, ☎ (65) 6292-3800) after that. Here, you can enjoy the sounds of the various live bands playing energetic rock and jazz tunes, and indulge in a glass of wine or beer that'll help you melt into the music.



Sultan Mosque

5PM

For more cool gifts and souvenirs, drop by **Arab Street** (Bugis) for some of its hand-crafted rattan baskets and various textiles that are simply must-haves. Don't forget to visit the **Sultan Mosque** (3 Muscat Street, ☎ (65) 6293-4405), which was built in 1824 and boasts an impressive gold-coloured dome exterior.

6:30PM

Enjoy a tantalising and spicy dinner at nearby **Bumbu Restaurant** (44 Kandahar Street, ☎ (65) 6392-8628) after that. This place offers an excellent selection of Thai/Indonesian favourites like *sambal kangkong*, *tom yum soup*, *tahu telor* and fried fish with *sambal chilli* that will surely spice up your night in no time.



Long Bar

11PM

Finish things off in grand style by grabbing a Singapore Sling at the **Long Bar** in **Raffles Hotel** (1 Beach Road, ☎ (65) 6431-6156). This signature (and legendary) world-acclaimed cocktail invented locally by bartender Ngiam Tong Boon sometime between 1910 and 1915 includes gin, cherry brandy and Benedictine liquor and is a wonderful way to round off your evening.

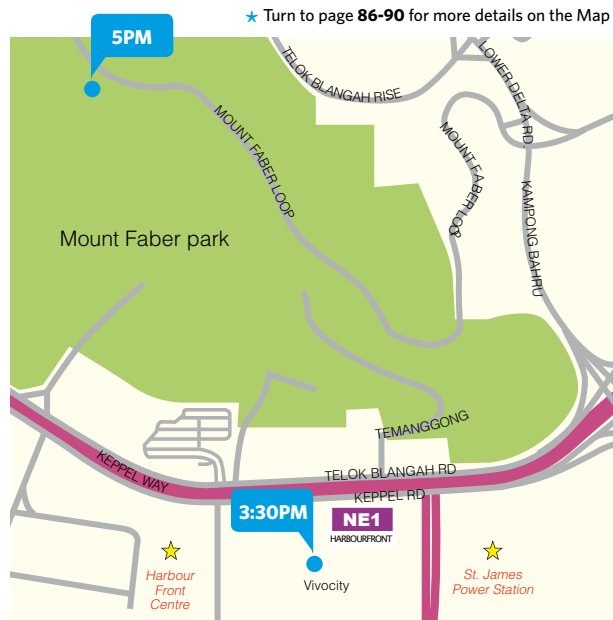
DAY ONE (OF TWO-DAY ITINERARY)

8:30AM

Spend the early hours at the **Jurong Birdpark** (2 Jurong Hill, ☎ (65) 6265-0022) and feast your eyes on a wonderful variety of pheasants, herons, mallards, owls, flamingoes and cockatoos that will simply amaze you—after all, this is the world's biggest birdpark. While you're here, grab a burger and fries at Bongo Burgers so that you can spend more time exploring the many nooks and corners and various shows being put up here.

2PM

Located in **Haw Par Villa, the Hua Song Museum** (262 Pasir Panjang Road, ☎ (65) 6733-0077) is a rare treat, providing visitors exhibits showcasing the triumphs and struggles of early Chinese immigrants around the world. Come here and be engaged with pictures that document stories of how migrants and their descendants assimilated into their new adopted land.



3:30PM

After all that sightseeing, it's time to do a little shopping at Singapore's largest mall, **VivoCity** (1 HarbourFront Walk, ☎ (65) 6377-6860). Choose from more than 300 stores carrying a wide range of apparel, souvenirs, books, music and much more. You can literally spend a couple of hours here and get everything you need (or want!) under one roof.

5PM

While you are in that area, take the taxi or the **Jewel Ride** (coming second quarter 2010) at nearby HarbourFront to **The Jewel Box** (109 Mount Faber Road, ☎ (65) 6377-9688), Singapore's iconic hilltop destination. Here you can enjoy the beautiful harbour and city skyline while indulging yourself in food and cocktails at five jewel-themed dining venues.

7PM

Jump into a taxi and head over to **Dempsey Hill**. This leafy enclave on a hill contains a surprising collection of boutiques, galleries, bars and restaurants all tucked in amongst the jungle in a way that makes you feel you've truly escaped the city.



Oosh Mojito

Many of the buildings here used to serve as colonial army barracks, so the area is a great place to see a microcosm of how Singapore combines old with

new. If you're in the mood for a few more beverages before dinner, have some at the very mod and airy **Oosh** (22 Dempsey Road, ☎ (65) 6475-0002) or indulge in one of the futuristic cocktails at **The Tipping Club** (8D Dempsey Road, ☎ (65) 6475-2217). Western-style food abounds in this expat enclave. Choices include the **PS Café** (28B Harding Road, ☎ (65) 9070-8762) with enormous and very yummy desserts or **The White Rabbit** (39C Harding Road, ☎ (65) 6473-9965) where you can



The Tipping Club

dine in the beautiful surroundings of what was once a church. At **The Prime Society** (#01-20 10 Dempsey Road, ☎ (65) 6474-7427) you can dine on sumptuous steaks in an upscale high-roofed environment that'll make you feel like the officers who once roamed this area!

DAY TWO (OF TWO-DAY ITINERARY)

9AM

Start your day early with a visit to the **Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall** (12 Tai Gin Road, ☎ (65) 6256-7377), a double-storey bungalow built by wealthy businessman Boey Chuan Poh. There are wonderful pictures and exhibits about the legendary Chinese revolutionary leader Dr. Sun Yat Sen and his compatriots here, spread across six galleries that will take you back in time.

11AM

Take a trip down the **Singapore River** (Singapore River Cruises and Leisure, ☎ (65) 6336-6111). Hop aboard at jetties near Raffles Landing Site, Liang Court

(Clarke Quay), Boat Quay or Riverside Point or Merlion Park. Taking a bumboat along this busy stretch of the Singapore River will enable you to view a number of famous landmarks and to capture a slice of local life. You can also opt for the wacky and fun **DUCKtour** (☎ (65) 6338-6877) where you will get to see the Civic District on a half-boat, half-truck amphibious vehicle. Have breakfast at one of the many local cafes located nearby like **Kopitiam** (#01-02 UOB Plaza, 80 Raffles Place, ☎ (65) 6533-3266) for local versions of coffee and toast to make it a truly satisfying morning!



Little India



Haw Par Villa



Jurong Birdpark

12NOON

Hop over to the Singapore Flyer for a gorgeous overview of the city. See Half-Day Itinerary for details.



Ivory



L'entrepot Bistro



Timbre

2PM

Get your cultural and culinary fix at the bustling **Little India** (Little India or Farrer Park) after that. Here, you can shop for lots of souvenirs, affordable artworks and even apparel and accessories. Also don't miss the

6PM

It's about time you discovered the keys to the heart of the city—**Clarke Quay** and **Boat Quay** that is! (Clarke Quay). These two waterfront fun spots located along the Singapore River feature old shophouses that have been converted into a cluster of bars, nightclubs and restaurants that pulsate with lively action all night long. At Boat Quay, be sure to stop by **BQ Bar** (39 Boat Quay, ☎ (65) 6536-9722) for a martini at this friendly drinking joint or soak up the vibe at **The Penny Black** (26/27 Boat Quay, ☎ (65) 6538-2300). Tantalise your



tastebuds with cuisine from around the world while dining along the riverfront. For French fine-dining, visit **L'entrepot Bistro** (#01-02 Block E, ☎ (65) 6337-5585); Middle-Eastern and Modern Asian Fusion can be found at **Coriander Leaf** (#02-03 Block A, ☎ (65) 6732-3354); superb Indian at **Ivory the Indian Kitchen & Lounge Bar** (#02-04 Block B, ☎ (65) 6333-4664); and a scrumptious Mongolian feast awaits you at the **TENT Mongolian Fresh Grill & Bar**

Veeramakaliamman Temple (141 Serangoon Road, ☎ (65) 6295-4538), and look out for its roof embellished with statues of Hindu deities and its doors covered with small bells—a surreal experience for sure.

(#01-02 Block D). When you're all fuelled up—it's time to party! Check out the live blues-based music at **Crazy Elephant** (#01-03 Block E, ☎ (65) 6337-7859); disco down at **Yello Jello Retro Bar** (#01-06 Block C, ☎ (65) 6887-3733) or club it mega style at **Zirca** (#01-02 to 05 #02-01 to 08 Block C, ☎ (65) 6235-2292).

Further down the river from Clarke Quay, you'll discover **Robertson Quay** which caters to a crowd that enjoys wining and dining at intimate riverside alfresco restaurants.

Elsewhere along the river, you can check out **Empress Place** (Raffles Place) which used to house government offices and the Parliament House but is now home to the **Asian Civilisations Museum** and **The Arts House**, as well as a variety of dining and drinking establishments like **IndoChine Waterfront** (1 Empress Place, ☎ (65) 6339 1720) and **Timbre @ The Arts House** (1 Old Parliament Lane, ☎ (65) 6336-3386).

9AM

Have an early morning breakfast at **Arab Street** where you can savor traditional Malay, Indonesian and Thai menus at the many eating places here. There are numerous small cafes and restaurants that sell delicious local fare like *nasi padang* (rice with meat/fish and vegetables), *mee goreng* (fried noodles) and *roti prata* (flatbread) that you simply must try. Continue souvenir shopping here (see Day Two of Two-Day Itinerary for details).

11:30AM

Visit **Chinatown** and go on a hunting spree for local souvenirs and gifts. Check out places like **Chinatown Point** (133 New Bridge Road, ☎ (65) 6535-2846) or **Chinatown Street Market** along Pagoda, Trengganu, Sago and Smith Streets that sell Chinese-influenced curios, accessories, apparel and much more. Or follow the scent of *bak kwa* or barbequed meat at Bak Kwa street for an ideal gift from the well-known Heritage Brands like **Bee Cheng Hiang** (189 New Bridge Road) and **Lim Chee Guan** (203 New Bridge Road). Pop by the nearby **Buddha Tooth Relic Temple and Museum** (288 South Bridge Road, ☎ (65) 6220-0220) after that. Here, you can take in an eye-popping collection of over 300 pieces of Buddhist artefacts and works of art under the curation of the Buddhist Culture Museum,

DAY ONE (OF THREE-DAY ITINERARY)

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4PM

sourced from Pakistan, China, Korea, Myanmar and Thailand. After that, have lunch at the **Chinatown Complex**, where you can enjoy various local delicacies like *wanton mee*, *char kway teow* (noodle dishes) or *congees* (rice porridges) at the many small hawker stalls found here.

3PM

Head over to the **Asian Civilisations Museum** (1 Empress Place) located along the Singapore River, to learn more about the diverse Asian cultures that have shaped Singapore.

Check out the teeming vibe of **City Hall** and **Civic District** (City Hall), where malls like **Raffles City** (252 North Bridge Road, ☎ (65) 6318-0238), **Marina Square** (6 Raffles Boulevard, ☎ (65) 6339-8787) and **Suntec City** (3 Temasek Boulevard, ☎ (65) 6825-2667) can be found, alongside churches like **St. Joseph's Church**. The civic district is a central area designated for housing government offices, museums, memorials and parks like the massive and impressive Padang—where sporting competitions and games are regularly held.

6PM

For dinner, hop on to funky neighbourhood Holland Village for food and drinks. The vibe here is relaxed yet buzzy, where you can choose from a slew of eateries like **Original Sin** (#01-62 Chip Bee Gardens, Block 43 Jalan Merah Saga, ☎ (65) 6475-5605) for quality vegetarian dishes and **Siem Reap I** (44 Lorong Mambong, ☎ (65) 6468-5798) for tantalising Vietnamese-Laotian delicacies, among many others. After that, hang out at live music venue **Wala Wala** (31 Lorong Mambong, ☎ (65) 6462-4288) for a drink (or two) to round off the evening.



Original Sin



Wala Wala

DAY TWO (OF THREE-DAY ITINERARY)

9AM

For your chance to try more local delicacies, have breakfast at **Geylang Serai Hawker Centre** (Paya Lebar), located in the city's east, where you can feast on famous local Indian-Malay favourites like *nasi lemak*, *mee goreng*, *mee soto*, *rojak* and more. The food here is delicious and very affordable—so rest assured that it's a breakfast worth making the journey for.



Nasi Lemak

10AM

While you're in the east, walk along **Joo Chiat Road** (Paya Lebar) and check out the many shophouses that sell furniture, groceries and everything old-school (but cool). Most of the shops here are nearly 50 years old, and provide you the rare chance to experience a bit of the nostalgia of a by-gone era.



Naive

1PM

After all that walking around, have lunch at vegetarian restaurant **Naive** (99 East Coast Road, ☎ (65) 6348-0668). Here, you can sample vegetarian dishes that are perfect for the health-conscious: Try the wolfberry soup, olive brown rice and wild mushrooms braised with herbs and broccoli.

2PM

For a dose of “suburban shopping,” go bargain hunting at local shopping centres **Katong Mall** (112 East Coast Road) and **Parkway Parade** (80 Marine Parade Road, ☎ (65) 6344-1242), both located within walking distance from each other. Locals love these malls for their affordable range of clothes, accessories and groceries, making shopping here a unique experience.

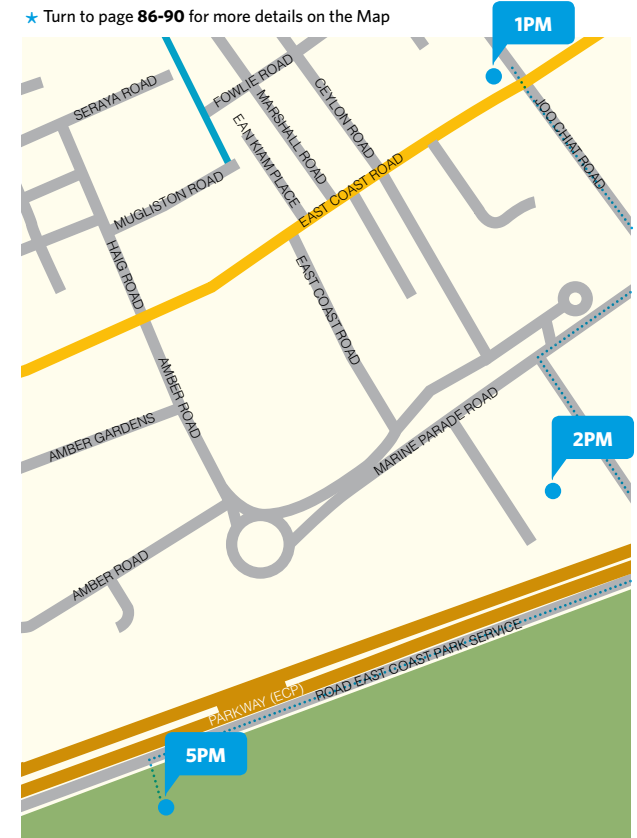


1 TwentySix

5PM

After all that shopping, stroll to the breezy East Coast Park, located just across the road from Parkway Parade. Walk along the sandy beaches or just enjoy the beautiful sunset. There is also a selection of cafes and restaurants here where you can have dinner: Try Irish restaurant **Scruffy Murphy's** (1000 East Coast Parkway, B7 Marina Cove, ☎ (65) 6449-7717) for its great selection of steaks, meat and seafood dishes, or **1 TwentySix** (01-26 Playground @ Big Splash, 902 East Coast Parkway, ☎ (65) 6348-2126) for its chic outdoor setting, cool drinks and tasty haute cuisine.

★ Turn to page 86-90 for more details on the Map



8:30PM

Head back into the thick of things and take a stroll along **Orchard Road** and enjoy the breathtaking view of the new malls glittering at night. See One-Day Itinerary for details.



Scruffy Murphy's

DAY THREE (OF THREE-DAY ITINERARY)

9AM

Start your day with a morning stroll along the **Singapore River** precinct, which has established itself as a lifestyle and entertainment hub in the city. Here, you can indulge in a myriad of activities, such as a bumboat ride, breakfast at the many cafes or viewing artworks or sculptures that are displayed in the public spaces.

1PM

Hop over to the Singapore Flyer for a gorgeous overview of the city (see Half-Day Itinerary for details). We highly recommend lunching at the on-premise **Seafood Paradise** (#01-10 Singapore Flyer, 30 Raffles Avenue, ☎ (65) 6336-5101) for its yummy chilli crab and signature creamy butter crab.

3PM

Visit arts centre **Esplanade-Theatres on the Bay** (1 Esplanade Drive, ☎ (65) 6828-8222) for your art fix. Check out the numerous exhibitions on show inside the many galleries and public areas here, and find out if there are any matinee shows that you can catch. There are also a wide variety of bars, cafes and eateries where you can chill out, or shop around for souvenirs at the Esplanade Shop.

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Esplanade-Theatres on the Bay

5PM

Get your last-minute shopping fix at nearby shopping centres **Marina Square** (6 Raffles Boulevard, ☎ (65) 6339-8787) and **Suntec City** (3 Temasek Boulevard, ☎ (65) 6825-2667). These two malls carry a huge variety of clothes, curios, furniture, collectibles and souvenirs, so rest assured that you'll be able to find anything and everything here for your loved ones and yourself.



Red House

7PM

Savour a huge range of seafood dishes at the **East Coast Seafood Centre** (1202 East Coast Parkway), where you can find a multitude of restaurants like Jumbo Seafood, Long Beach Seafood Restaurant, Red House and Fisherman's Village, among many others. Here, you can feast on delicious dishes like signature chilli crabs, squid, grilled fish and fried rice that are favourites among local diners, set against a relaxing alfresco atmosphere.

CHIJMES



9PM

For some after-dinner fun, hop into a cab and head to **CHIJMES** (30 Victoria Street, ☎ (65) 6337-7810). At one point in history CHIJMES (pronounced "chimes") was one of the last remaining cloistered convents in the world, so it must have been a pretty quiet place of solemn religious contemplation. Not so any more! After a beautiful restoration, this gleaming white architectural gem houses two floors of great restaurants, bars and live-music venues. You might want to grab some after-dinner sangria at **La Viva** (#01-12/13/14, ☎ (65) 6339-4209). Next, head over to **Insomnia** (#01-21/22/23, ☎ (65) 6338-6883) for always-on action including live music, or venture downstairs to catch the superb live cover band at **Le Baroque** (#B1-07, ☎ (65) 6339-6696) and bop your head to perfectly-performed pop and rock tunes.



St. James Power Station

11PM

If you've still got energy to burn, hop into a cab and head over to **St. James Power Station** (#01-01, 3 Sentosa Gateway, ☎ (65) 6270-7676) where one of many dancefloors will provide just the outlet you need. This converted factory now manufactures good times in the form of multiple nightlife destinations like world music bar Movida, Cantopop live music arena Dragonfly and teeming dance area Powerhouse. You'll definitely "plug in" to a great time here!



Sentosa



Underwater World



The Shack

SENSATIONAL SENTOSA ITINERARY

EXPERIENTIAL ITINERARIES

With so much to see, eat and do in Sentosa, you need a great, packed-to-the-brim itinerary to max your stay on the island. Here's our recommendation of things to do that will keep you busy, happy and entertained from dusk till dawn on this little island.

9AM

Start off your day with a fantastic breakfast at **The Knolls** (1 The Knolls, Sentosa Island, Capella Singapore, ☎ (65) 6377-8888). Located at the swanky, six-star hotel Capella Singapore, The Knolls offers international cuisine (anything from Balinese to Italian). You can expect their breakfast, which is served from 6:30am, to be a great way to kickstart your day.



11AM

Go for a fun-filled time at the **Sentosa Luge & Skyride**—the former is the first ever in Southeast Asia. Part go-cart, part-toboggan, the luge is ALL fun! After you're done with that, try the Skyride, a giant chairlift that will suspend you in the air (in a chair with a horizontal safety bar of course) for a scenic ride up the hills of Imbiah Lookout.



12NOON



Keep up the high-flying fun by checking out the **Tiger Sky Tower**, a 130-metre observation tower that slowly elevates to its highest point as you're sitting within its gently revolving disc-shaped interior. A stunning, 360-degree view of Sentosa and all its surrounding islands will meet your eyes. While you're at it, continue having fun at the **Imbiah Lookout** area with its host of attractions like **Sentosa CineBlast**.

1PM



Refuel by having lunch at **Braise** (2nd Floor, 60 Palawan Beach Walk, Sentosa, ☎ (65) 6271-1929), which serves delectable European cuisine. Glass-panelled and located close to the beach, Braise is blessed with a lovely summery, relaxing vibe. Try the beef carpaccio with capers, onion and tuna sauce; and capellini with Hokkaido scallops and parmesan.

2PM



Reconnect with nature at **Sentosa Nature Discovery**. Get up close and personal with a group of rare heritage trees on an elevated boardwalk and the revamped nature trail. A cool gallery filled with interactive exhibits will teach you everything about Sentosa's flora and fauna in a jiffy.

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3PM

Time to hit the water! Head down to the **Underwater World's Dolphin Lagoon**—the first of its kind in Asia. The artificially constructed lagoon holds 30 million litres of filtered, natural seawater, and simulates the dolphins' natural habitat. And by dolphins, we mean none other than the Indo-Pacific Humpback Dolphins, also known as pink dolphins.

5PM



After so many activities, you'll probably be feeling beat by now. Book yourself a spa session at **Spa Botanica** (2 Bukit Manis Road, Sentosa, ☎ (65) 6371-1288)—Singapore's first garden destination spa. Housing mud pools, float pools, labyrinths and both indoor and outdoor treatment rooms, Spa Botanica has a comprehensive range of treatments available, so don't miss out.

7PM

Wine and dine at **Suburbia** (30 Allanbrooke Road, Sentosa, ☎ (65) 6376-5938). Located far from the crowds, Suburbia is glass-panelled and very chic. The verdant alfresco setting makes it the perfect spot for sparkling conversation.



9PM



After your restful spa and dining experiences, go for a spot of world-class, Ibiza-like chillin' out at the famous **Café del Mar** (40 Siloso Beach Walk, Sentosa, ☎ (65) 6235-1296)—with sunbeds, water bars, all-night music, beautiful people and all. Try the very potent drink called the Afterburner, a killer concoction if there ever was one.



11PM

Time to hit The Shack! No, not the sack, but **The Shack**, (Tanjong Beach, ☎ (65) 6274-2288) a little hut (with a bar, of course) and a few benches for lolling. Expect these guys to keep spinning out crazy tunes and even crazier drinks till the wee hours.



PERFECT PULAU UBIN

If the glitz and glam of Sentosa is just too much, Singapore's got another island that should be just your speed ...



Laidback, quaint and close to nature, **Pulau Ubin** (it literally means "Granite Island") is a little paradise all by itself. Getting there is relatively easy—just take the 15-minute **bumboat ride** to Pulau Ubin from Changi Jetty. The jetty is located near the Changi Village Hawker Centre and the bumboats will take you to Ubin Jetty for only S\$2 per person. Once on the island, take a **leisurely stroll** through the "town centre," which is a conglomeration of age-old places like farms, orchards, temples and green spaces. Don't forget to check out the well-established **Encik Ali bin Montail** for some yummy Malay food, the first on your left as you exit Ubin Jetty—it has been around for 30 years. The homemade *lontong* is amazingly good, only sold



only on Sundays, and will sell out by 11am. Also not to be missed is **Ubin First Stop**, which is housed in the building that previously served as the maternity and children's clinic of Ubin. The restaurant serves Chinese food, seafood and other local specialties including (get this) wild boar. Next it's time to walk around, or



rent a bike which is truly the preferred way for getting around the island. Much of Ubin is covered in **secondary jungle and mangrove swamps**, so do take your time to explore. You'll encounter "cool" animals you'd not find in the concrete jungle that is Singapore—like monitor lizards, long-tailed macaques, wild boars; and birds like kingfishers, sunbirds and hornbills. Just before the sun sets, check out the **Chek Jawa Wetlands**, an ecosystem located in the southwest coast of the island that is simply brimming with biodiversity. When the sun is almost down, chill out at Chek Jawa's splendid **1.1-kilometre boardwalk and a 20-metre tower**. They're the perfect spots for reflecting on your Ubin experience!



Itineraries



Ya Kun Kaya Toast



Poh Kong Chye



Lau Pa Sat

UNIQUELY SINGAPORE ITINERARY

EXPERIENTIAL ITINERARIES

Do like the Singaporeans do and try a myriad of local food and explore the ethnic neighbourhoods while you're here.

10AM

Start the day with breakfast in Chinatown at **Ya Kun Kaya Toast** (#01-01 Far East Square, 18 China Street, ☎ (65) 6438-3638). Tuck into a simple morning meal of the famed homemade creamy kaya (egg and coconut jam) and butter on toast, soft boiled eggs and a cup of traditional local coffee or tea.



11AM

Walk through the alleys and five-foot ways of Chinatown to discover the plethora of shops, clan associations and temples, some of which have been here since the early 1800s. Make a stop at the **Chinatown Heritage Centre** (48 Pagoda Street, ☎ (65) 6338-6877) where you can learn the story of Singapore's forefathers and Chinatown's early residents.



11:30AM



One of the most enduring trades in Chinatown are the goldsmiths and **Poh Kong Chye** (268 South Bridge Road, ☎ (65) 6223-2753), are considered the oldest and one of the most trusted. Browse through the shelves of this Chinatown icon and appreciate how gold is still a symbol of wealth and prosperity of the local Chinese community.

12NOON

Stop by **Eu Yan Sang** (269 South Bridge Road, ☎ (65) 6223-6333), a traditional Chinese medicine hall that has been trusted for its health tonics and herbal remedies for more than 120 years.



12:30PM

A visit to Chinatown isn't complete without making a stop at **Bee Cheng Hiang** (69/71 Pagoda Street, ☎ (65) 6323-0049)—famous for its delicious *bak kwa* or barbecued sweet meat. Another food stop will be traditional Chinese confectionery **Tong Heng** (285 South Bridge Road, ☎ (65) 6223-0398) which is famous for its light and flaky signature egg tarts.



1PM

Take a break at Little India, Singapore's ethnic Indian district, where you can sample the best of what Indian cuisine has to offer. Fuel up for lunch at **Komala Vilas** (76/78 Serangoon Road, ☎ (65) 6293-6980) with a ice cold glass of refreshing *mango lassi*, *vegetarian briyani* or *dhosa* (rice/lentil bread served with dips). Then explore the many lanes selling jasmine flowers, spices, silk saris and a treasure trove of other delightful wares.



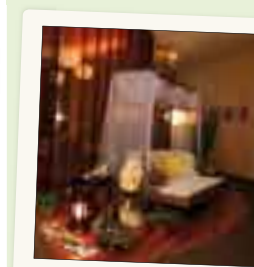
3PM



Learn how locals really live by visiting Singapore's suburbs. Toa Payoh, Singapore's first modern town built more than 30 years ago is still buzzing with activity. Soak up the local lifestyle in **Toa Payoh Central** (Toa Payoh), full of shops boasting bargain buys and good eats. It's also home to the Housing & Development Board (HDB) which develops public housing in Singapore. Pay a visit to the **HDB Gallery** (480 Lor. 6 Toa Payoh, ☎ (65) 6490-1111) to learn more about Singapore's development through its housing.

6PM

Relax your tired feet at a fish spa like **Kenko** (#02-254/5/6 Marina Square, 6 Raffles Avenue, ☎ (65) 6333-0303) where little "doctor fish" will provide micro massages.



7PM

Complete your day after hours of walking and shopping with a uniquely Singaporean dinner at a hawker centre. No-frills and affordable, hawker centres offer multi-ethnic Singapore and international cuisine at its best. Choose from well-known hawker centres like **Lau Pa Sat**, **Tiong Bahru Market**, **Newton Food Centre**, **East Coast Food Centre** or **Glutton's Bay** where you can savour local favourites like *satay*, *Hokkien mee*, grilled seafood, Indian *murtabak* and even Japanese or Korean fare (see Gallivanting Gourmets on page 48 for more details).





Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve



Poison Ivy

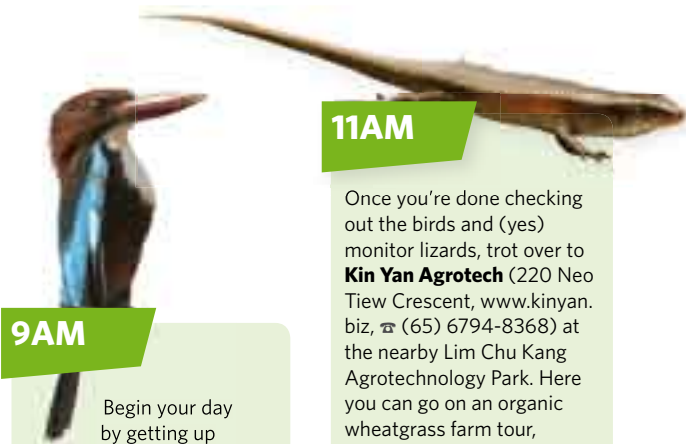


Night Safari

NATURE DISCOVERY ITINERARY

EXPERIENTIAL ITINERARIES

Sure Singapore is a bit of a concrete jungle. But if you know where to look, it still offers many leafy sanctuaries in which to get truly wild. We share some of Singapore's natural secrets with you ...



9AM

Begin your day by getting up close with nature at the scenic **Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve** (301 Neo Tiew Crescent, www.sbwr.org.sg, ☎ (65) 6794-1401), where you'll find swamps, parcels of rainforests and ponds that are home to many species of birds like kingfishers and herons. Mornings are best for spotting them, so bring along those binoculars!



11AM

Once you're done checking out the birds and (yes) monitor lizards, trot over to **Kin Yan Agrotech** (220 Neo Tiew Crescent, www.kinyan.biz, ☎ (65) 6794-8368) at the nearby Lim Chu Kang Agrotechnology Park. Here you can go on an organic wheatgrass farm tour, learn how to cook a cactus and shop for various farm produce.



12NOON

If all that has whetted your appetite for some hearty, organic grub then visit **Bollywood Veggies** (100 Neo Tiew Road, www.bollywoodveggies.com, ☎ (65) 6898-5001), an organic farm which boasts a great eatery called **Poison Ivy**. Enjoy fresh juices and hearty local dishes here.



1PM

Need a stroll to work off that lunch? Well, then hop into a cab and head for **MacRitchie Reservoir** (Lornie Road, ☎ (65) 6468-5736), where there'll be no shortage of trails for you to go rambling. Set amid a dense rainforest, this reservoir park is ideal for a spot of hiking, jogging (not recommended after lunch!) and relaxation. A particular highlight is the 25-metre HSBC TreeTop Walk that'll quite literally take your breath away (set off from the carpark on Venus Drive).



4:30PM



Still in the mood for more forest-based adventures? Then we've got just what the (tree) doctor ordered. Not only will you be able to get in touch with nature here but at the **Forest Adventure** (825 Bedok Reservoir Road, ☎ (65) 8100-7420) within Bedok Reservoir Park, you can also get your adrenaline fixed by taking on an aerial course built through the trees comprising ladders, bridges, swings, nets, trapezes and giant zip lines. Also, don't miss the Kings of Freedom Project at Bedok Reservoir Park featuring four segments of the historic Berlin Wall.



7:30PM

Are your legs still holding up after all that? They are? Great, then we've quite possibly saved the best for last. You see, unlike us humans, animals are pretty busy during the night. **The Night Safari** (80 Mandai Lake Road, ☎ (65) 6269-3411) recreates the natural nocturnal environment of these animals, allowing them to freely roam about in this open-concept zoo. You can either choose to go on different walking trails or hop on a tram to get unparalleled, up-close views of these crepuscular creatures.



Itineraries



Resorts World Sentosa



Universal Studios



Marina Bay Sands

ENJOY OUR INTEGRATED RESORTS ITINERARY



EXPERIENTIAL ITINERARIES

It wouldn't be too far-fetched to say that the openings of Resorts World™ Sentosa and Marina Bay Sands® are easily two of the most anticipated events on the calendar this year. For locals and visitors alike, these two integrated resorts look set to change the way people have fun in this city. For those short on time, we've put together an itinerary to help you squeeze in all the major highlights in a day. Remember: Dress comfortably and be prepared to walk. A lot. Have fun!

9AM

You've got a long day in front of you so make sure you start your day right! The good thing about kicking off your day at Resorts World™ Sentosa is the wealth of dining options at your disposal. Don't know where to begin? Why not grab a bite at **Hotel Michael** and take this opportunity to admire the whimsical, artistic flair of its namesake, renowned architect Michael Graves?



10AM



If you have kids, **Universal Studios Singapore™** is a must. In fact, even if you don't have any, this is really one of those places that everybody should visit at least once. Since time is precious, you'll want to hit all the star attractions first. These include **King Harold's Far Far Away Castle** from *Shrek*; indoor boat ride **Madagascar: A Crate Adventure**; **Revenge of the Mummy** rollercoaster ride; and the **Battlestar Galactica** dueling coasters in **Sci-fi City**. While you're here, you might also want to grab some lunch.

1PM



You can't come to Resorts World™ Sentosa and not check out **FestiveWalk**. That would be like coming to Singapore and not sampling the food. Modelled after the world-famous Las Vegas Strip, this half-kilometre stretch of real estate offers a pulsating mix of trendy clubs, chic waterfront restaurants and the most sought-after brands in retail.

3:30PM

Grab a cab to Marina Bay Sands.

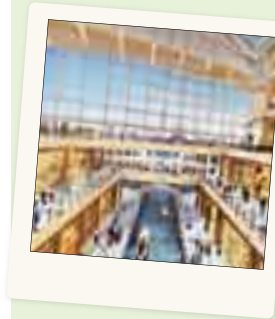
4PM

First stop: the iconic lotus-inspired **ArtScience Museum** for that Polaroid moment. If you're feeling parched, head to the **floating pavilions** for a drink at the microbrewery. Don't forget to check out Louis Vuitton's flagship boutique along the way. Housed in a floating crystal pavilion, it is the first "island" boutique of its kind in the world.



5PM

Enjoy a leisurely boat ride through the mall and indulge in a little retail therapy. **The Marina Bay Sands Shoppes®** offer visitors an unparalleled experience, with the world's most coveted luxury brands and emerging labels stretching as far as the eye can see.



6PM

Hungry? Just stay in the Marina Bay Sands Shoppes® where the only problem you might have is deciding what to eat. If you're in the mood to indulge, you can take your pick of the numerous celebrity chef restaurants around: Mario Batali, Daniel Boulud, Tetsuya Wakuda, Wolfgang Puck, Santi Santamaria and Guy Savoy all have restaurants here. After dinner, walk off those calories by exploring the mall or taking a stroll through the Casino Block. Try your luck at the slot machines or gaming tables, or if you'd rather play it safe, you can watch others try theirs.

8PM



Disney's internationally-acclaimed musical **The Lion King** will have its Southeast Asian Premiere when it opens at the Marina Bay Sands Theatre in October 2010. Set against the majesty of the Serengeti Plains and to the evocative rhythms of Africa, Disney's multi-award winning musical will redefine your expectations of theatre. Brilliantly reimaged by acclaimed director Julie Taymor, Disney's beloved film has been transformed into a spectacular theatrical experience which has won over 70 major international theatre awards. Watch out for glorious colours, stunning effects and enchanting music including Elton John and Tim Rice's Academy Award-winning "Can You Feel The Love Tonight."

10:30PM

End your trip with a visit to the **Sands SkyPark®** for after-dinner drinks and the best nighttime views of Singapore's cityscape.



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2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Chinese New Year



calendar

Singapore may just be a little red dot on the map, but you'll be surprised at how much there is to see and do on any day of the year. In a multi-ethnic country like ours, there is a wealth of traditional festivities that light up the island throughout the year. Instead of just standing on the sidelines, why not get in on the action and celebrate Chinese New Year, Hari Raya and all the other festivals with us? Being a cosmopolitan city means that we have no shortage of exhilarating lifestyle events either. For a jolt of adrenaline, why not visit us in September to enjoy the unique experience of the world's first and only Formula 1 night race? Other highlights this year include the first-ever Youth Olympic Games, the Singapore Food Festival and of course, the nation's favourite shopping festival—the Great Singapore Sale. There are, of course, many other events we could mention here but wouldn't you rather have fun discovering them for yourself? Have a great trip and we hope to see you back again soon!



Singapore Jewelfest

January/ February



Pongal (Harvest) Festival

9-17 Jan

Come catch a thanksgiving celebration for a good harvest, as Campell Lane transforms into a village scene, with live cows and calves at the Heritage Corner. Immerse yourself in the festivities and catch the lively cultural performances on every day.



M1 Singapore Fringe Festival

13-24 Jan

Broaden your experience and discover the best of contemporary, cutting-edge, and socially-engaged works in this multi-disciplinary arts festival. This year's theme is "Art and the Law," so expect to immerse yourself in meaningful and provocative art!

Ramayana Revisited: A Tale of Love and Adventure

22 Jan-15 Aug

Ramayana is one of the great epic poems of India and recounts the life and exploits of Rama, Prince of the Ayodhya kingdom and the hero of the epic tale. The story of Ramayana has transcended its geographical boundaries to become a part of cultures throughout Asia. This exhibition explores the story based on the theme of *Ramacharitmanas*, a 17th century text from India. The seven chapters of the epic will be told through shadow puppets, paintings on paper and cloth, and photographs of ancient monuments representing the legend from South and Southeast Asia. It will be held at the Peranakan Museum.



Chinatown Chinese New Year Celebrations

23 Jan-7 Mar

For many locals, nothing heralds the coming of the spring festival like the annual Chinese New Year Light-Up. Chinatown will be decked out in a dazzling display of festive lights and decorations. Soak up the atmosphere of Singapore's biggest Chinese festival through the multitude of exciting street performances and bustling festive bazaar from Pagoda Street all the way to Sago Street.



Clipper 09-10 Race

23 Jan

www.marinekeppelbay.com/uniqueyspore/index.asp

Leg 4 of the 35,000-mile Clipper Race will begin in Geraldton, Western Australia, in January before heading north for a much anticipated ten-day stop-over at Keppel Bay, Singapore. Watch out for the beautiful 68-foot racing yachts on a breathtaking, ten-month odyssey around the globe.



Thaipusam

30 Jan

Thaipusam, held in honour of the Hindu God Subramaniam (Lord Murugan), is one of the most colourful and ritualistic festivals celebrated in Singapore. Come join in the early morning ceremony where devotees carrying milkpots and wooden *kavadis* leave the Sri Perumal temple for a 4.5km walk to the Sri Thandayuthapani Temple. The more elaborately decorated spiked *kavadis* will set off in the later part of the morning and continue till late night.

events



Opening of Resorts World™ Sentosa

Early 2010

Housing an unprecedented range of unique offerings for the entire family, including Southeast Asia's first and only Universal Studios™ theme park, and the world's largest oceanarium, Resorts World™ Sentosa is a collection of resorts and attractions with fun-filled options for the entire family. Located on Sentosa island and spanning 49 hectares, it includes an extensive range of dining and shopping options, 24/7 world-class entertainment and shows, as well as 1,800 rooms, spread across its six hotels of varying themes, with full conference and meeting amenities. Beyond resorts and attractions, world-class entertainment such as the Crane Dance—a spectacular multi-media moving art show with cleverly choreographed animatronic cranes set out at the waterfront—will also be presented to the public.

The Next Reel International Film Festival

31 Jan-4 Feb

Organised by New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, this biennial festival, which is the oldest of its kind in the United States, has become a premier film festival. Now that Tisch School of the Arts Asia is in Singapore, Next Reel comes to our shores, bringing with it the hottest and latest works by the best young filmmakers from around the world.



River Hong Bao Festival

12-20 Feb

For a concentrated jolt of Chinese New Year action, get yourself to Marina Bay's floating stage for a crash course in the traditions behind this festival. With the Esplanade, Singapore Flyer and Marina Barrage in the backdrop, it also presents one of the best photo opportunities of the season.



Chingay Parade Singapore

19-20 Feb

One of the most exciting events within the Chinese New Year celebrations, this annual street parade is a dazzling carnival displaying not only centuries-old Chinese traditions and skills, but also the country's multi-ethnic elements. This year, apart from traditional offerings such as lion dance performances, the parade will also be debuting its first fire-cracker dragons and upping the ante with a sizzling samba parade. Be sure to catch what promises to be the Grandest Opening and Finale in Chingay history!



Huayi—Chinese Festival of Arts

19-28 Feb

Spread over 10 days, this annual festival celebrates traditional and contemporary arts by outstanding Chinese artists from around the world.



HSBC Women's Champions

25-28 Feb

Returning for the third year, the HSBC Women's Champions will see the biggest stars in the world of women's golf flying into town to compete in one of the most prestigious tournaments in the LGPA calendar. The four-day event will take place at the Tanah Merah Country Club and boasts a total prize money of US\$1.3 million, one of the largest in women's golf.

March/April



NOISE Singapore

Mar

www.noisesingapore.com

An explosive showcase of the country's brightest up-and-coming artists, photographers and musicians, NOISE Singapore is a youth arts festival dedicated to unearthing new talent below the age of 35 and bringing their works to a public audience through a broad spectrum of media platforms. Want to make some noise as well? Keep a look out for all the exciting events lined up for the public during this period, including a festival showcase, concerts, a youth conference and more.



Opening of Marina Bay Sands®

Early 2010

Set to become the region's premier integrated entertainment destination when it opens, Marina Bay Sands features a luxury hotel with 2,500 rooms and suites, Las Vegas-style gaming, and an unparalleled spread of shopping and dining, theatres, world-class exhibition and convention facilities and a cutting edge museum—right in the heart of Singapore. Capping the hotel towers will be a rooftop Sands SkyPark® offering a 360-degree view of Singapore's soaring skyline at 200 metres in the air. At The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands, indulge in a refreshing mix of cutting-edge labels and the world's most coveted luxury brands. Savour a spread of dining options, from celebrity chef restaurants to vibrant waterfront bars and the coolest lounges in town.

CHILD SIZE Arts Festival for Very Young Ones

6-16 Mar

It is never too early to start on the arts, and CHILD SIZE presented by ACT 3 International is a special arts festival for 2- to 6-year-olds. This new festival will house performances, workshops, and activities all at one site where very young arts goers can enjoy a creative platter that excites, educates, and engages.



OCBC Cycle Singapore 2010

6-7 Mar

www.ocbc.cyclesingapore.com.sg

This mass cycling event, which takes place on public roads, makes for a unique way to sightsee. There are categories for pros and amateurs, and depending on the route you take, you will be able to ride through streets and past iconic landmarks such as the Singapore Flyer, National Stadium and the Formula 1 pit building.



Mosaic Music Festival

12-21 Mar

www.mosaicmusicfestival.com
One of Singapore's biggest music festivals is back this March! Look forward to funk, jazz, folk-pop, old-world tango, post-rock, electronica, gypsy jazz and more performed by some of the hottest music-makers from Singapore and around the world including Pink Martini, the Branford Marsalis Quartet, Kool & the Gang, Vashti Bunyan, 65daysofstatic and more.



AVIVA Ironman 70.3 Singapore Triathlon 2010

21 Mar
www.ironman703singapore.com
Asia's biggest 70.3 triathlon race is back! If the thought of swimming 1.9km, cycling 90.1km and running the remaining 21.1km doesn't make you turn green, then sign up to win a share of the US\$25,000 prize money as well as a chance to compete in the Foster Grant Ironman World Championships 70.3 in Florida.



The Bridge Project— The Tempest

2-10 Apr
Following the hugely successful staging of *The Winter's Tale* starring Ethan Hawke last year, The Bridge Project will be returning to Singapore with a stellar trans-Atlantic production of William Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. Helmed by director and Academy Award winner Sam Mendes, The Bridge Project is a unique three-year trans-Atlantic venture uniting New York's Brooklyn Academy of Music, London's Old Vic Theatre and Neal Street Productions. This collaboration will see Mendes directing a Shakespearean play each year and Singapore is one of the six co-commissioners of this prestigious project.



OSIM Singapore International Triathlon 2010

10-11 Apr
www.triathlon.sg
Held at East Coast Park, this annual event sees participants swimming 1.5km, cycling 40km and running the last 10km. There's also a separate category for those aged 14 and below, as well as a less strenuous mini marathon. There is a category to suit everyone; so be an athlete and take up the challenge.



World Gourmet Summit

11-24 Apr
www.worldgourmetsummit.com
Join us for an unforgettable gastronomic journey at the World Gourmet Summit 2010 in Singapore! The World Gourmet Summit brings together an incomparable gathering of gastronomic luminaries from around the world. Savour the cuisine of top-rated Michelin and award-winning masterchefs while indulging in the finest wines from some of the world's best vineyards. Look out for special events such as the Chef's Table Luncheon, Gourmet Golf Experience, intimate Culinary Masterclasses, and the Chocolate Dinner! Be dazzled at our line up of exciting events as we bring you the 'Constellation of Stars' for 14 days of exceptional cuisine, fine wines and truly memorable experiences!

Singapore International Racing Festival

16 Apr-16 May
Highlights of this star-studded festival which will be celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, include the S\$3 million Singapore Airlines International Cup and S\$1 million Kris Flyer International Sprint. Come join in one of the region's richest horse racing events.

May/June



Singapore Arts Festival

14 May-13 Jun
www.singaporeartsfest.com
Seeking to entertain, engage and inspire, the Singapore Arts Festival presents the best and latest in artistic developments from Singapore, Asia and beyond. Established as the largest singular arts event in Singapore, the festival in 2010 will open with a spectacular fire art installation by Cie Compagnie Carabosse (France) with 2,400 pots lighted from Empress Place to the Esplanade Park. Come enjoy and be enriched by stellar and groundbreaking performances by the Pichet Klunchun Dance Company (Thailand), Sylvie Guillem (France) and the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Chamber Ensemble with Joshua Bell (US).

Great Singapore Sale (GSS)

28 May-25 Jul
www.greatsingaporesale.com
The country's most beloved shopping event is back! Lasting two months, the GSS is not limited to the shopping belt of Orchard Road and Marina Bay, but covers practically the entire island as well. As a tourist, you can double the pleasure of shopping in Singapore with the GSS Tourist Privilege Card, which allows you to enjoy greater discounts and more privileges at selected retailers. Visit the GSS website to download your card today!



adidas Sundown Marathon

29 May
www.sundownmarathon.com
Here's a different kind of race: The only mass night running event of its kind in Asia. It's a unique competition that takes runners across lesser known areas of Singapore such as Siglap, Tampines and Pasir Ris.



Singapore Badminton Open

Jun
www.singaporebadmintonopen.sg
One of the most important events on the badminton calendar, the Aviva Singapore Open attracts more than 250 of the world's top players every year. Sanctioned by the Badminton World Federation, it boasts a total prize purse of US\$200,000 and offers players the chance to advance in the world rankings by winning points in the Super Series event.



Singapore River Festival

25 Jun-3 Jul
www.singaporeriverfestival.com
The city's largest sundown party is back for its third outing, and you know what this means: A non-stop itinerary of free events and exhilarating activities stretching from Boat Quay and Empress Place to Clarke Quay and Robertson Quay. Come be part of the revelry and watch the river come alive with music, spellbinding performances, themed parties and plenty of other cool nightlife events!

July



Singapore Night Festival

9-10 Jul
www.nationalmuseum.sg
The Singapore National Museum will be opening its doors to the public till the wee hours of the morning in this two-day festival filled with groundbreaking outdoor dance, music and theatrical performances.



Singapore Garden Festival

15-22 Jul
www.singaporegardenfestival.com
 Reaffirming Singapore's reputation as a global garden city, this biennial festival is the first in the region and brings together the world's best garden and floral designers to Suntec City.



Singapore Food Festival

16-25 Jul
www.singaporefoodfestival.com
 A tribute to one of the nation's favourite pastimes, the Singapore Food Festival is the place to go to score some great local chow, learn about the traditions behind our most popular dishes and pick up some cooking tips from the pros.

August



National Day

9 Aug
 Singapore turns 45 this year! If you'd like to experience patriotism Singapore-style, make your way to the Padang or the area around Marina Bay to soak in the carnival-like spirit of the celebrations.

Hungry Ghost Festival

10 Aug-7 Sep
 During the seventh month of the lunar calendar, it is believed that the souls in hell are released and allowed to roam freely on earth for a month. This period is known as the Hungry Ghost Festival and during this time, you will find people setting up tables laden with food and offerings, and burning joss sticks and hell money to appease the spirits and ward off bad luck. Apart from feeding these hungry ghosts, believers also organise live musical performances known as *getai*. Usually performed on makeshift stages, these performances are typically conducted in the Hokkien dialect, and are known for a boisterous atmosphere and raunchy lyrics. Visitors who want to experience a *getai* performance can do so in Chinatown, but just remember not to sit in the first row as these chairs are traditionally reserved for the show's most important guests—the ghosts!



Singapore Heritage Festival

11-22 Aug
www.heritagefest.org.sg
 For those of you who want to do more than tour the malls, the Singapore Heritage Festival is a great way for first-time visitors to learn more about the cultures and traditions of Singapore's four major ethnic groups through exhibitions, heritage tours, culinary events and performances.



Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games

14-26 Aug
www.singapore2010.sg
 All eyes will be on Singapore this August when it hosts the first Youth Olympic Games and welcomes more than 5,000 athletes and officials from 205 National Olympic Committees. Young athletes, aged between 14 to 18 years old, will compete in 26 sports, the same number that will feature in the London 2012 Olympic Games, and take part in a culture and education programme. Visitors planning to attend the Games will get to see many parts of Singapore (in addition to the tourist haunts) as the sporting events will be taking place at venues across the country.

Baybeats

20-22 Aug
www.baybeats.com.sg
 Want a preview of the next big things in music? Then head over to the Esplanade for Baybeats, Singapore's largest alternative music festival. Rock on with the latest punk rock, electronica and indie-pop bands. Admission is free, so if you love discovering new music, why not stop by for a bit—who knows what you might find?

September/ October

Moonfest—A Mid-Autumn Celebration

17 - 19 Sep
 Celebrate this well-loved Chinese festival at Esplanade with a delightful array of Chinese traditional and folk arts programmes, including Chinese opera, dance, music, puppetry and lantern riddles. Bring your favourite lanterns and enjoy a scenic walk along the waterfront with your family and friends, under the moonlight!

NTUC Income Kite Festival

18-19 Sep
 The NTUC Income Kite Festival returns with a new line up on everything concerning kites! The Kite Festival combines arts, heritage, science and sports with a great festival atmosphere. Starting with workshops and road shows two months before flying days, the festival culminates into a highly charged and colourful event. A happening not to be missed!



Singapore GP Season

Sep
www.singaporegp.sg
 It's the most glamorous, star-studded event of the year, so if you want a slice of the action, book your tickets early! The world's first and only F1 night race is back for its third outing and you know what this means: Plenty of high-octane action both on and off the track. Indeed, with superstar performers like Beyonce, No Doubt, the Black Eyed Peas, A*Mei and Jacky Cheung driving the crowds wild at Fort Canning Park at the inaugural F1 Rocks concert last year, you can expect the glamour quotient to ricochet off the charts when it returns this year, bringing with it even more big names and high-energy performances.



Hari Raya @ Geylang Serai and Kampong Glam

10-11 Sep
 Hari Raya Aidilfitri (Hari Raya Puasa) marks the end of Ramadan, the month-long fasting period when Muslims observe abstinence from sunrise to sunset. Enjoy the lively atmosphere at the festive bazaars or enjoy the dazzling decorations and cultural events at Kampong Glam and Geylang Serai.

Mid-Autumn Festival Light-up @ Chinatown

Sep-Oct
 It's that time of the month when Chinese families gather together to enjoy mooncakes and when the streets of Chinatown are illuminated with the bright glow of lanterns and mid-autumn decorations. Come revel in the festivities and learn more about the legends and traditions behind this ancient celebration as you weave your way through the human tsunami of street performers, visitors and vendors that sweeps through Chinatown during this festive period.



Opening of Disney's The Lion King at Marina Bay Sands®

Oct
www.marinabaysands.com
 You've watched the animated movie. Now re-experience the magic of Disney's *The Lion King* when it makes its South East Asian debut at the Marina Bay Sands. Currently playing in the United States, London, Hamburg, Paris and Tokyo, the Singapore edition of this award-winning hit musical will have you humming along to the infectious lyricism of songs such as "Hakuna Matata", "I Just Can't Wait to be King", "Circle of Life" and "Can You Feel the Love Tonight".



Singapore Jewelfest

Oct

www.singaporejewelfest.com

Renowned jewellers from Asia and Europe will be showcasing the season's latest collections at the region's premier jewellery event at Ngee Ann City.



ARTSingapore

7-11 Oct

www.artsingapore.net

Want to find out the latest trends in the world of contemporary Asian art? Then make your way to Suntec City for Southeast Asia's leading art fair, which has become the place to be for collectors, gallery owners and artists to network, acquire new pieces, and keep abreast of the latest developments.

Dan:s Festival

Oct

www.dansfestival.com

Fall in love with dance through soul-searching works and dazzling performances by acclaimed local and international dance groups. Get up close with some of the most innovative choreographers and dancers at performances as well as specially organised



workshops and masterclasses.

Singapore Sun Festival

29 Oct-7 Nov

www.singapore.sunfestival.com

Celebrate "the art of living well" and embark on an outstanding journey of magnificent performances by stellar musicians, unique dining experiences by highly-acclaimed chefs, and other exclusive wellness experiences. 2009 saw unforgettable performances by Elvis Costello, Soprano Angela Gheorghiu, and celebrity Chef Art Smith. Expect to indulge in more at the Singapore Sun Festival 2010!

November/
December

Singapore Cricket Club (SCC) Rugby 7s

Nov

www.sccrugbysevens.com

Come be part of the melee as the Padang explodes in a riot of colours and hard-hitting action this November with the return of the SCC 7s, one of the world's premier rugby 7s tournaments. Temperatures on the field will be hot, hot, hot as the rising stars from Asia, New Zealand, Fiji, South Africa, Australia and England battle it out for the chance to lift the Ablitt Cup. Local bands will also strike up the tunes to get fans and athletes into a party mood.



Deepavali @ Little India

Nov

Also known as the Festival of Lights. The celebration of Deepavali marks the triumph of good over evil and is a great time of rejoicing and renewal. Hindu families light little oil lamps during this celebration to usher in blessings and good fortune. During this month-long festival, Little India transforms into a hive of activity and colour with festive bazaars, booming music and gaily coloured street lighting. To fully experience the exuberance of Deepavali, you need to take a trip to Little India to see, smell and feel it.



Singapore River Regatta

17 Nov

Don't miss the sheer, pulsating energy of this exciting spectacle as more than 2,000 participants from 100 dragon boat teams come together to compete for the top prize at the 28th Singapore River Regatta.



Barclays Singapore Open

Nov

www.barclaysingaporeopen.com

With total prize money of US\$5 million, the Barclays Singapore Open is Asia's richest golf championship and attracts a star-studded line-up of contenders every year. Among those who have teed off at the Serapong Golf Course are star golfers Ernie Els, Pádraig Harrington, K.J. Choi and Phil Mickelson. Last year, Englishman Ian Poulter bagged the US\$833,330.50 prize purse. Will there be a homegrown winner this year? There's only one way to find out. Be there!



Christmas in the Tropics

Nov

In Singapore, the Christmas season begins when the light-up along Orchard Road is switched on, turning the area into a glittering kaleidoscope of lights. But pretty lights aren't the only things that you can look forward to. Stretching from Tanglin Road all the way to Marina Bay, Christmas in the Tropics is a lavish spectacle jam-packed with themed events, shopping promotions and special tourist privileges.



Standard Chartered Singapore Marathon

5 Dec

www.singaporemarathon.com

Since its inception in 2001, the Standard Chartered Singapore Marathon has established itself as one of the top running events in Asia, attracting participants from all over the world, including pros such as Edith Masai and Luke Kibet. Last year, it saw 50,000 runners signing up for the race in under six weeks—a first in the history of the event. In addition to the various race categories, there are also other events that participants and their families can take part in, such as running clinics and the Kids Dash—a non-competitive event created just for children aged 13 and under.



ZoukOut

Dec

www.zoukout.com

Since its first outing in 2000, ZoukOut has grown in stature to become the region's best loved outdoor dance and music festival. The world's hottest spin doctors will be in town to work their magic on the decks (past line-ups have boasted names such as DJ Armin Van Buuren, Simon Dunmore, Shovell and Yasmin, Bookashade and Âme), as will a stellar line-up of dance outfits and rabble-rousing bands.



Marina Bay Singapore Countdown

31 Dec

www.marinabaycountdown.com

Don your party hats and make your way down to the Marina Bay area for the biggest party of the year! For breathtaking (not to mention free) views of the evening's fireworks displays, head over to the Esplanade's waterfront promenade, Merlion Park, One Fullerton and Marina Barrage. But be there early as the best spots tend to be taken up rather quickly. If you're in the mood to welcome 2011 (i.e. with lots of dancing and good old-fashioned merry making), you should perhaps consider getting tickets for the countdown show and party at the Float @ Marina Bay.



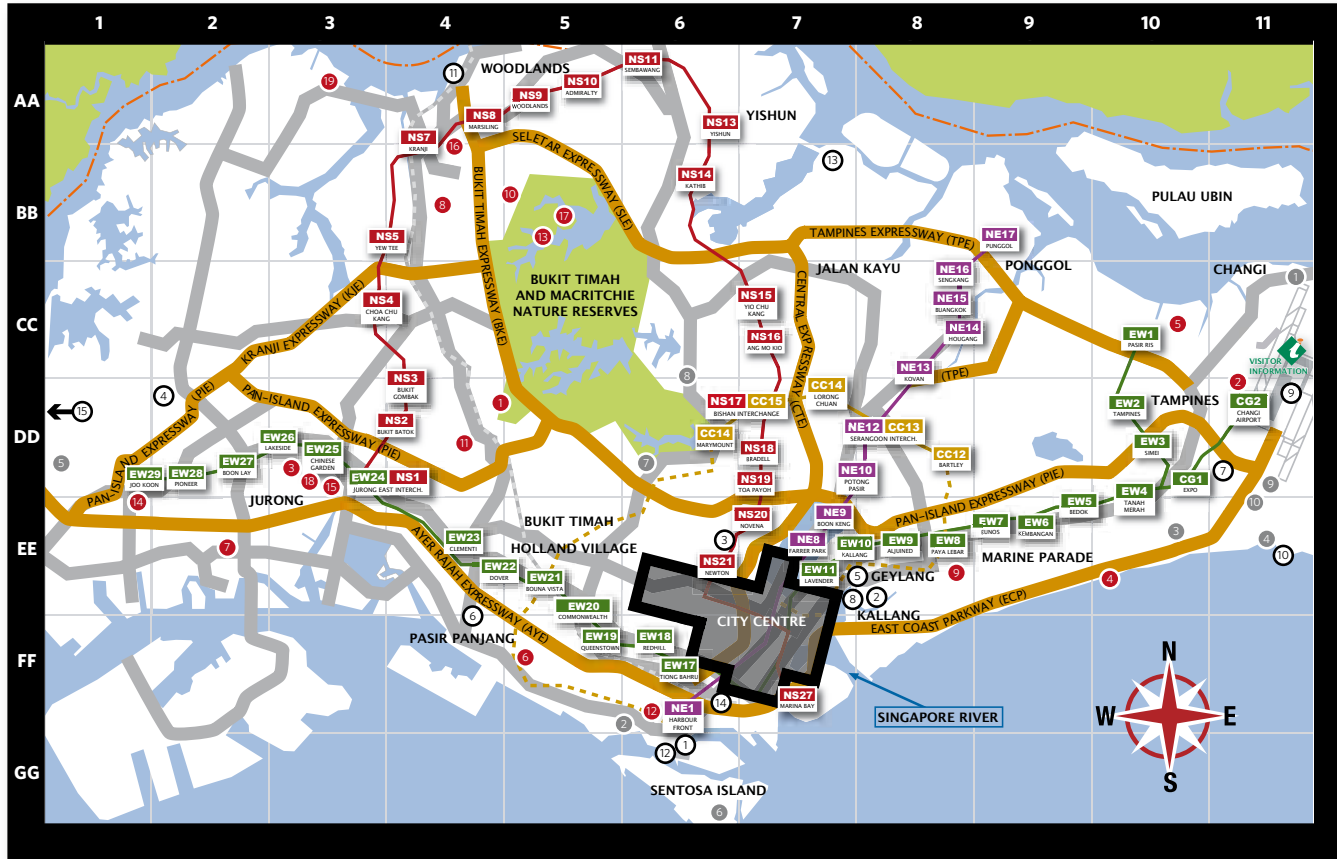
Siloso Beach Party

31 Dec

www.sentosa.com.sg/silosobeachparty

Beach lovers, come prepared to party at this mother of all beach parties. If the heat gets a little too much to bear, just dive into the giant foam pool. Don't forget to get enough rest beforehand—you're going to need it given that you've got 10 hours of solid partying to clear.

SINGAPORE OVERVIEW AND MRT MAP



Map Legend

NS1	North-South MRT line		Expressway
NE1	North-East MRT line		Main Road
EW1	East-West MRT line		End of Singaporean territory
CC1	Circle MRT line		Malayan Railway
			Line under construction

Places of Interest

- Bukit Timah Nature Reserve BB5, CC5, DD5
- Changi Museum DD11
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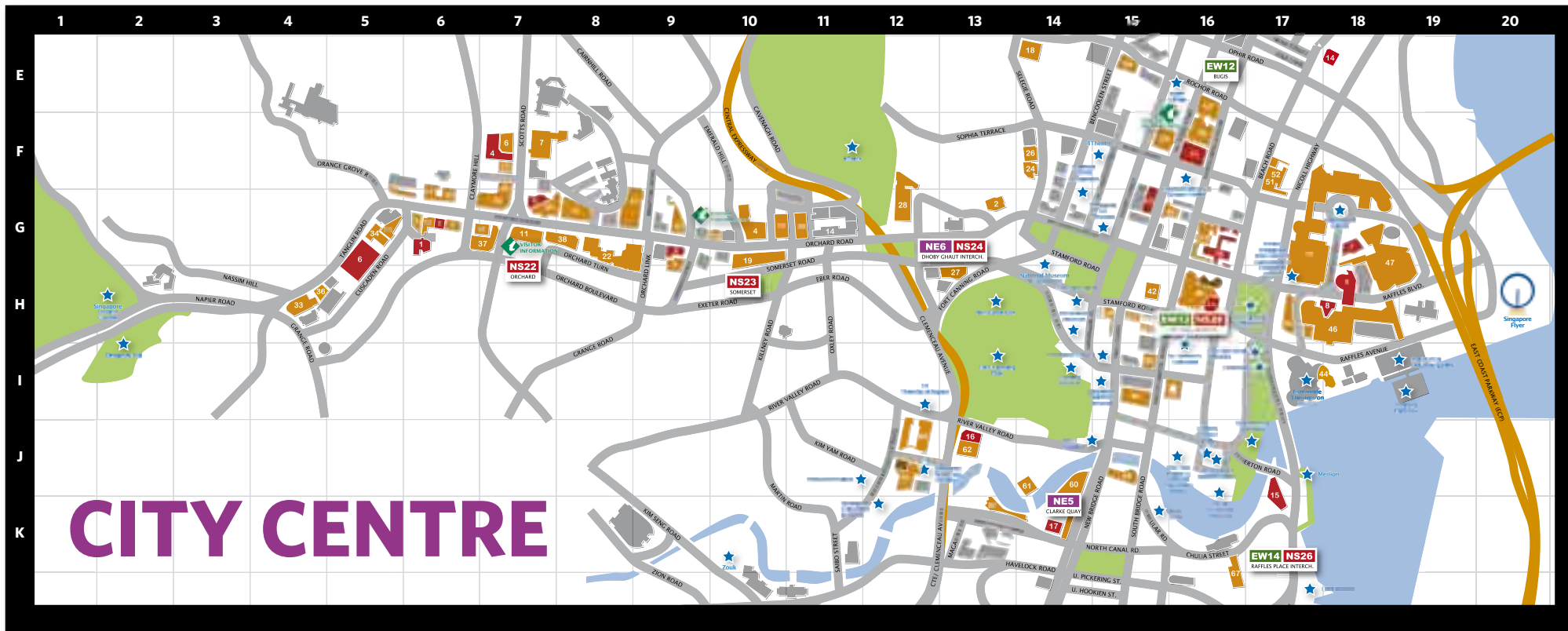
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- Marina Square
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- The Fullerton Singapore
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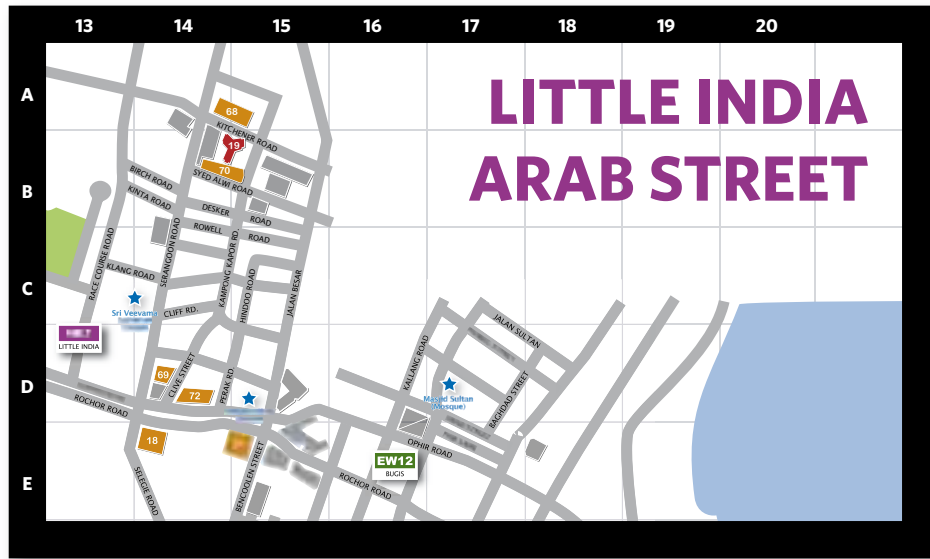
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COMING SOON

LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU BACK

Sure the opening of the Integrated Resorts (IRs) in Singapore this year will be major events for our little island. But Singapore never rests on its laurels. We're busy planning even more excitement for 2011. Here's a sneak preview of what you can look forward to when you come back to visit ...



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CHINATOWN

Image courtesy Gardens by the Bay



Gardens by the Bay will span 101 hectares of prime waterfront real estate at the heart of Singapore's new downtown—Marina Bay. It will encompass three distinctive waterfront gardens: Gardens at Marina South will feature floral displays and tropical blooms and foliage, while Gardens at Marina East will showcase food plants used by the various cultures in Singapore and South East Asia, and Gardens at Marina Centre will serve as an urban connector between the two. Rolled out in phases beginning in 2011, Gardens by the Bay will define Singapore as the world's premier tropical garden city.

Image courtesy ICT



The International Cruise Terminal

will propel Singapore into the major maritime league. When completed in 2011, the two-berth facility in Marina South will accommodate even the next generation of larger liners. With its distinctive rooftop, depicting a modern interpretation of low rolling waves, the terminal will leave a lasting impression on visitors. Its superior terminal facilities will complement Singapore's prime location between major international maritime routes and excellent air connectivity to establish Singapore as the cruise hub of Asia.



The River Safari at Mandai

Asia's first river theme park, will add extra oomph to Singapore's perennial favourite attractions in Mandai in 2011. Carved out of the same 89-hectare Mandai area which houses the Singapore Zoo and Night Safari, it will have new species of wildlife, boat rides and special displays of freshwater habitats.

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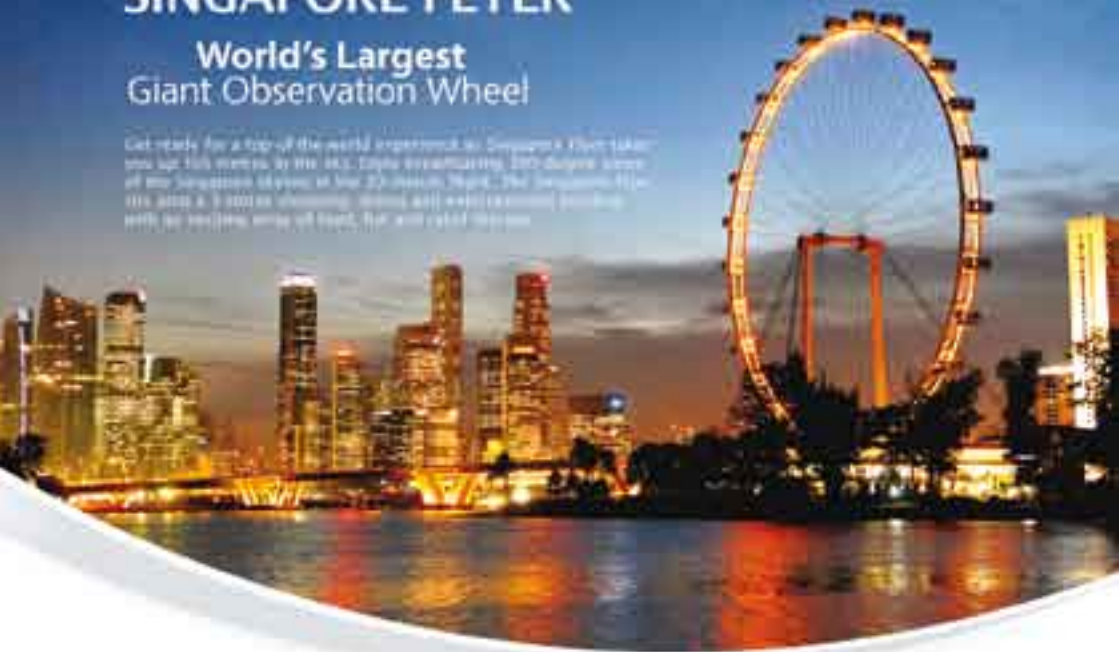
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