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# Neighbourhood Spotlight: Kampong Glam



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"Spectacular Architecture"



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**Islamic restaurant**  
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**Malay Heritage Centre**  
"Good for some history"



Reviewed October 2015



**Mrs Pho**

"Authentic Vietnamese Pho"



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**Haji Lane**

"Funky and Trendy"



Reviewed January 2016



**Maison Ikkoku**  
"A wonderful café"



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# 2017, here we come!

Singapore has had an amazing 2016 – we've had a spectacular Singapore Art Week in the first quarter, massive shopping sales from May to August, fantastic National Day celebrations, a roaring 2016 Formula 1® Singapore Airlines Singapore Grand Prix in September, and last but not least the recent arrival of MICHELIN Guide Singapore.

Get acquainted with some of these stellar Michelin-approved establishments in "The Eat List", and read what local chef Malcolm Lee, the man behind one Michelin-starred restaurant Candlenut, has to say about Singapore's buzzing culinary scene. Be sure to also try modern renditions of the iconic Hainanese chicken rice, and sip a tippie or two at some of the city's coolest bars, on your foodie adventure here in the city!

Want to dive deeper into Singapore? Venture into the lesser known with tour organisers Tribe Tours, A+B Edu Tours, and Ruby Dot Trails as they take you off the beaten track to uncover Singapore's secrets and history. If you're looking to party, we hope you've brought with you a ton of energy, because the revelry will go on well into the New Year! Dress up for some scary-good Halloween bashes, experience Little India during Deepavali, send your pulse racing watching tennis champs at BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore presented by SC Global, and groove 'til dawn at the hottest New Year's Eve blowouts.

2016 is set to close with a big bang – see you around the city!

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# Transport

## TAXI

Fares start from \$3.00.



SMRT Taxis  
☎ (65) 6555 8888



Premier Cabs  
☎ (65) 6363 6888



Comfort Taxis & CityCab  
☎ (65) 6552 1111



## MRT

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

☎ (65) 1800 336 8900  
☐ [www.smrt.com.sg](http://www.smrt.com.sg)



## BUS

Fares start from as low as 79 cents. Try to have the exact fare as bus drivers do not give change.

☎ (65) 1800 336 8900  
☐ [www.sbstransit.com.sg](http://www.sbstransit.com.sg)  
[www.smrt.com.sg](http://www.smrt.com.sg)

# Language



English is the spoken language, though Singlish – a collection of colloquial catch

phrases and lingo – dominates everyday conversations among locals (see page 15). Mandarin, Malay, Tamil and various dialects are also used.

# Tipping



It is not usual practice to tip in Singapore, although it is appreciated

by service staff. Most hotels and restaurants quote prices as “++,” which includes 10 per cent service charge and 7 per cent goods and services tax (GST).

# Shopping



For a pleasant shopping experience, compare prices, enquire about refund policies, and check the invoice as well as the

warranty of the product before making a purchase. Retain your receipts to enjoy tourist refund (see page 32 for more details). More information and shopping tips can be found on the Consumer Advisory section at [YourSingapore.com](http://YourSingapore.com) (under “Traveller Essentials”). For assistance or to flag inappropriate retailer behaviour, call 1800 736 2000 or email [feedback@stb.gov.sg](mailto:feedback@stb.gov.sg).

# Visitor Centres

## ORCHARD

216 Orchard Road (Next to [orchardgateway@emerald](mailto:orchardgateway@emerald))  
8.30am-9.30pm daily  
☐ Somerset

Don't miss “**Evolution Craftsmen: Singapore Inspired**”, the 2nd installation of the CRAFT|SINGAPORE exhibition located at the second floor of the Singapore Visitor Centre (orchardgateway). Learn about the evolutionary spirit of Singapore's contemporary craftsmen and see how they explore identity and sense of place in their works. Let their stories inspire you to explore and uncover hidden gems in Singapore. Admission is free.

## ION ORCHARD

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

## CHINATOWN

2 Banda Street (Behind Buddha Tooth Relic Temple and Museum)  
Mon-Fri 9am-9pm and  
Weekends and Public  
Holidays 9am-10pm  
☐ Chinatown

## TOURIST HOTLINE

☎ (65) 1800 736 2000  
(toll-free in Singapore)  
☎ (65) 6736 2000 (overseas)

# Connectivity



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



Buy a Singapore prepaid SIM card from Singapore Visitor Centre (orchardgateway), Changi Recommends and telecommunication retail shops located at the airport, major shopping malls and convenience stores island-wide.

# October

TRICK OR TREAT? WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE OCTOBER IS SERVING BOTH. FOR TENNIS FANS, THERE'S THE EXCITING BNP PARIBAS WTA FINALS SINGAPORE PRESENTED BY SC GLOBAL, PLUS A SLEW OF FESTIVALS INCLUDING SINGAPORE FASHION WEEK, DEEPAVALI, SINGAPORE JEWELFEST AND SINGAPORE WINE FIESTA 2016. BEFORE OCTOBER ENDS, DRESS UP AND SCARE YOURSELF SILLY AT THE HALLOWEEN PARTIES HAPPENING AROUND TOWN, FROM THE GHOULISH HALLOWEEN HORROR NIGHTS® TO THE KID-FRIENDLY SAFARI BOO!



## DEEPAVALI CELEBRATIONS 2016

Join in the merrymaking as the Hindus in Singapore celebrate the Festival of Lights at the Little India precinct with a huge festival that features an arts carnival, cultural performances, a heritage corner and night trails.

- 📅 Sep 17 to Nov 12
- 📍 Serangoon Road & Race Course Road
- 📍 Little India

## HALLOWEEN HORROR NIGHTS® 6

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

- 📅 Sep 30 to Oct 31 (select nights)
  - 📍 Universal Studios Singapore®
  - 🌐 [www.halloweenhorrornights.com.sg](http://www.halloweenhorrornights.com.sg)
  - 📍 HarbourFront
- Event is not recommended for children under the age of 13. No costumes or masks allowed. TM & © Universal Studios.



## SINGAPORE JEWELFEST 2016

Be dazzled by stunning collections of the best jewels and gems from around the world at one of Singapore's most extravagant showcases.

- 📅 Oct 7 to 16
- 📍 Ngee Ann City Civic Plaza
- 🌐 [www.singaporejewelfest.com](http://www.singaporejewelfest.com)
- 📍 Orchard

## WONDER FULL – LIGHT & WATER SHOW

Southeast Asia's largest light and water show will wow you with a 13-minute spectacle of interweaving lasers and streaming water screens, dramatised by an original symphonic soundtrack.

- 📅 Nightly
- 📍 Event Plaza at Marina Bay Sands®
- 🌐 [www.MarinaBaySands.com/WonderFull](http://www.MarinaBaySands.com/WonderFull)
- 📍 Bayfront

## RENT BY PANGDEMONIUM

Local theatre company Pangdemonium ends its 2016 season with its very own rendition of the famous Tony award-winning musical, RENT. Set in bohemian New York City, it tells the poignant tale of a group of young adults, questioning their futures amidst social and political unrest, poverty, drug abuse as well as HIV/AIDS.

- 📅 Oct 7 to 23
- 📍 Drama Centre Theatre
- 🌐 [www.pangdemonium.com](http://www.pangdemonium.com)
- 🚗 Bugis



## SINGAPORE FASHION WEEK 2016

In collaboration with Digital Fashion Week and supported by Council of Fashion Designers of America, Singapore Fashion Week 2016 presents a multi-dimensional platform for emerging talents and established international designers. Don't miss this showcase of runway shows, talks, and special programmes.

- 📅 Oct 26 to 30
- 📍 National Gallery Singapore
- 🌐 [www.singaporefashionweek.com.sg](http://www.singaporefashionweek.com.sg)
- 🚗 City Hall



## SINGAPORE WINE FIESTA 2016

This highly-anticipated festival features winemakers from around the world and offers four days of wine tastings, complimentary masterclasses, live performances, and other exciting activities.

- 📅 Oct 20 to 23
- 📍 Clifford Square
- 🌐 [www.winefiesta.com.sg](http://www.winefiesta.com.sg)
- 🚗 Raffles Place

## SAFARI BOO

Making its comeback with the theme "Aliens & Monsters", this kid-friendly Halloween extravaganza promises a good time for the entire family with an array of activities including animal presentations and face painting.

- 📅 Oct 21 to 30 (Fridays to Sundays only)
- 📍 River Safari
- 🌐 [www.safariboo.sg](http://www.safariboo.sg)
- 🚗 Choa Chu Kang + connecting bus service 927



## BNP PARIBAS WTA FINALS SINGAPORE PRESENTED BY SC GLOBAL

The most prestigious tournament in women's tennis returns with eight days of non-stop sporting action and entertainment on and off the court.

- 📅 Oct 23 to 30
- 📍 Singapore Indoor Stadium
- 🌐 [www.wtafinals.com](http://www.wtafinals.com)
- 🚗 Stadium

## MARVEL'S AVENGERS S.T.A.T.I.O.N.

Discover the cinematic world of Marvel's The Avengers at the S.T.A.T.I.O.N. (Scientific Training and Tactical Intelligence Operative Network) exhibition. Here, fans can uncover the history and scientific origins of Iron Man, The Hulk, Captain America, Thor and more.

- 📅 Oct 29 onwards
- 📍 Science Centre Singapore
- 🌐 [www.science.edu.sg](http://www.science.edu.sg)
- 🚗 Jurong East

# November

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT'S NOVEMBER? WHERE DID ALL THAT TIME GO? WELL, GET READY BECAUSE NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH TO KICK-START THE YEAR-END FESTIVITIES! GET INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT WITH EVENTS LIKE CHRISTMAS ON A GREAT STREET, OR SURROUND YOURSELF WITH ART AT THE 27<sup>TH</sup> SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL AND AFFORDABLE ART FAIR. NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO, YOU'LL BE ROLLING WITH THE GOOD TIMES IN SINGAPORE THIS MONTH.



## BOUNCE SINGAPORE: FREE-JUMPING REVOLUTION

Adrenaline junkies, take on the Singapore's largest indoor adrenaline arena of 24,000 square feet features three zones for different ages and abilities: Spring-loaded Playground, X-Park and "Leap of Faith".

- 📅 Jun 3 to Dec 31
- 📍 Cathay Cineleisure Orchard
- 🌐 [www.bounceinc.com.sg](http://www.bounceinc.com.sg)
- 📍 Orchard

## SINGAPORE RIVER FESTIVAL 2016

This three-day extravaganza celebrates Singapore River with a first-ever tightrope performance by Underclouds Cie, an outdoor pop-up cinema, a riverside carnival featuring acrobatic performances and fun festival activities. Plus, there'll be a frightfully fantastic Halloween party, "Nightmare on Clarke Street", on 29 October.

- 📅 Oct 29 to Nov 5
- 📍 Along the Singapore River
- 🌐 [www.singaporeriverfestival.sg](http://www.singaporeriverfestival.sg)
- 📍 Clarke Quay

## LOCAL MICHELIN CHEF SHOWCASE

Explore different types of *Peranakan* (Straits native with mixed local and foreign ancestry) cuisine with Chef Malcolm Lee of one-starred restaurant Candlenut in November, or get a glimpse into Jaan's Chef Kirk Westaway's childhood in December at this monthly culinary series that spotlights on Singapore's Michelin-starred chefs.

- 📅 Oct 29 and Nov 25
- 📍 Various venues
- 🌐 [guide.michelin.sg](http://guide.michelin.sg)



## SINGAPORE CRICKET CLUB RUGBY SEVENS

Get ready to rock, ruck and rumble as the world's top 7s teams from England, Fiji and France tackle their way to the try line at the historical Padang field.

- 📅 Nov 4 to 6
- 📍 Singapore Cricket Club
- 🌐 [scc.org.sg](http://scc.org.sg)
- 📍 City Hall





## RENDEZVOUS WITH FRENCH CINEMA SINGAPORE

Love all things French? Then don't miss the various premiere showcases of French cinema at four different venues - The Capitol, GV Plaza Singapura, Alliance Française and The Projector.

- 📅 Nov 10 to 20
- 📍 Various venues
- 📄 [www.facebook.com/RendezvousWithFrenchCinemaSingapore](http://www.facebook.com/RendezvousWithFrenchCinemaSingapore)

## CHRISTMAS ON A GREAT STREET

For spectacularly elaborate Christmas lights that stretches across 3.8km, hit the world famous shopping street, Orchard Road. Prepare to marvel at interactive set pieces and decorated mall facades that are participating in the annual best dressed mall contest. There are also plenty of Christmas delights and promotions in store!

- 📅 Nov 12 to Jan 2
- 📍 Orchard Road
- 📄 [www.orchardroad.org/christmas](http://www.orchardroad.org/christmas)
- 📄 Orchard, Somerset and Dhoby Ghaut



## AFFORDABLE ART FAIR

Go shopping for art pieces at this recurring event. The artworks, which include paintings, sculptures, prints and photographs, start from \$100 and cost no more than \$10,000.

- 📅 Nov 18 to 20
- 📍 F1 Pit Building
- 📄 [www.affordableartfair.com/singapore](http://www.affordableartfair.com/singapore)
- 📄 Promenade



## THE 27<sup>TH</sup> SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Movie buffs, get in line for this 12-day film festival that highlights a series of movies from all over the world, with a focus on avant-garde Asian flicks.

- 📅 Nov 23 to Dec 4
- 📍 Various venues
- 📄 [www.sgiff.com](http://www.sgiff.com)

## ANIME FESTIVAL ASIA SINGAPORE 2016

Fans of anime and Japanese popular culture are in for a big treat at this three-day extravaganza that features all-things manga and more. There'll be more than 100 booths on the festival grounds, plus live performances and lots of cosplay action.

- 📅 Nov 25 to 27
- 📍 Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre
- 📄 [www.animefestival.asia](http://www.animefestival.asia)
- 📄 Esplanade



## FAMILY FUN AT RIVER SAFARI

The festive spirit comes to River Safari, where visitors can get up close to the park's wild inhabitants while reveling in activities such as mascot meet-and-greet sessions, special performances and fun craft activities.

- 📅 Nov 26 to Dec 18 (Weekends only)
- 📍 River Safari
- 📄 [www.riversafari.com.sg](http://www.riversafari.com.sg)
- 📄 Choa Chu Kang + connecting bus service 927

# December

LIKE IT OR NOT, 2017 IS ALMOST HERE! BUT BEFORE YOU GREET THE NEW YEAR WITH A BIG BANG, KEEP BUSY WITH PLENTY OF EATING, SHOPPING, DRINKING AND PARTYING IN THE CITY. SOAK IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT AT UNIVERSAL STUDIOS SINGAPORE'S SANTA'S ALL-STAR CHRISTMAS AND CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND AT GARDENS BY THE BAY, OR LET LOOSE AT TWO HUGE BEACH BASHES – ZOUKOUT 2016 AND SILOSO BEACH PARTY. HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE!

## SINGAPORE BIENNALE 2016

The biennial contemporary art event returns for its fifth edition with the theme "An Atlas of Mirrors", where 60 Asian artists present site-specific and never-before-seen contemporary artworks that reflect shared histories and current realities within and beyond the region.

- 📅 Oct 27 to Feb 26
- 📍 Singapore Art Museum and other venues in the Bras Basah Bugis precinct
- 🌐 [www.singaporeartmuseum.sg/SingaporeBiennale](http://www.singaporeartmuseum.sg/SingaporeBiennale)



## MERRY FISHMAS

Something fishy is going on at the S.E.A. Aquarium this Christmas! Catch Diving Santa and Elf making their bubbly appearance underwater as you learn more about marine animals.

- 📅 Dec 1 to Jan 2
- 📍 S.E.A. Aquarium
- 🌐 [www.rwsentosa.com/sea](http://www.rwsentosa.com/sea)
- 📍 HarbourFront

## SANTA'S ALL-STAR CHRISTMAS

Snow, pyrotechnics, multimedia installations and special Christmas-inspired performances – Universal Studios Singapore® is set to inject some warm fuzzy feelings to your festive celebration this year!

- 📅 Dec 1 to Jan 2
- 📍 Universal Studios Singapore®
- 🌐 [www.rwsentosa.com/uss](http://www.rwsentosa.com/uss)
- 📍 HarbourFront

## CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND

If last year's installment is anything to go by, you can look forward to stunning light displays, magnificent structures, plus more fun and games for the whole family at Gardens by the Bay when Christmas rolls around.

- 📅 Dec 2 to Jan 1
- 📍 Gardens by the Bay
- 🌐 [www.christmaswonderland.sg](http://www.christmaswonderland.sg)
- 📍 Bayfront



## STANDARD CHARTERED MARATHON SINGAPORE 2016

Gear up for the largest running fiesta in Southeast Asia and watch thousands of participants from all around the world compete for new records.

- 📅 Dec 3 to 4
- 📍 Orchard Road
- 🌐 [marathonsingapore.com](http://marathonsingapore.com)
- 📍 Orchard



## ZOUKOUT 2016

Asia's largest dance music festival returns to Siloso Beach for two days of non-stop partying – boasting a line-up of international DJs and amazing regional musical acts.

- 📅 Dec 9 to 10
- 📍 Siloso Beach, Sentosa
- 🌐 [www.zoukout.com](http://www.zoukout.com)
- 📍 HarbourFront



## SKY HIGH SOCIAL

Toast to a New Year of exciting adventures at Marina Bay Sands' SkyPark Observation Deck, which boasts one of the best seats in the city for fireworks.

- 📅 Dec 31
- 📍 Marina Bay Sands®
- 🌐 [www.marinabaysands.com](http://www.marinabaysands.com)
- 📍 Bayfront

## ESCAPE NYE'17

Mark the arrival of 2017 at this alternative music festival, which brings together the best in food, fashion and music. Expect critically acclaimed spinners, movers and shakers to take your NYE party to the next level!

- 📅 Dec 31
- 📍 The Float@Marina Bay
- 🌐 [www.livescapegroup.com](http://www.livescapegroup.com)
- 📍 Esplanade



## MARINA BAY SINGAPORE COUNTDOWN 2017

Celebrate in the New Year in true style at this landmark event, which promises a night of revelry with musical performances and magnificent fireworks displays around the Marina Bay area.

- 📅 Dec 31
- 📍 Marina Bay
- 🌐 [www.marinabaycountdown.sg](http://www.marinabaycountdown.sg)
- 📍 Esplanade/City Hall/Raffles Place/  
Promenade/Bayfront/Downtown



## SILOSO BEACH PARTY

Sentosa's iconic countdown party at Siloso Beach is the place to welcome the New Year, with 12 hours of non-stop electronic music, Asia's largest foam pool, and a spectacular fireworks display at midnight.

- 📅 Dec 31
- 📍 Siloso Beach, Sentosa
- 🌐 [www.sentosa.com.sg](http://www.sentosa.com.sg)
- 📍 HarbourFront

# Don't miss

## BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore presented by SC Global

Calling all tennis lovers – the queens of the sport are holding court and you're invited! The best tennis players in the world are returning to Singapore for the **BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore presented by SC Global** (23 to 30 October), so brace yourself for eight days of fast and furious tennis action, plus a ton of fun activities to keep everyone entertained. Not big on tennis? You'll be hard pressed not to get fired up once you've watched female stars including Serena Williams and Angelique Kerber battle for year-end honours on the court, serving aces at speeds of over 200km/h.

One of the main highlights of this tennis extravaganza is the **Singles Tournament**, where the year's top 8 singles players battle it out for the revered Billie Jean King WTA Trophy and US\$7 million prize purse. Will Agnieszka Radwanska retain her WTA Finals

2015 title? Or will Serena Williams reclaim her crown this year? Keep your eyes peeled!

The **Doubles Tournament** is set to be just as gripping, as tennis heavyweights join forces in a bid to become the ultimate holders of the year-end title. Both tournaments culminate in a grand final showdown on Sunday, 30 October, and you can be sure both finales will be nail-biting! World number one pair Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis were the first to qualify for the WTA Finals and will be back to defend their title against other hopefuls in the top echelons of the doubles game.

The prestigious event is set to kick off with the inaugural **Family Day** on Sunday 23 October. Get ready for a series of on-court programmes that are guaranteed to keep the young ones entertained. There will also

be photo opportunities with well-known mascots and interactive tennis booths at the Fan Zone. Lucky fans might also get a chance to come face-to-face with their favourite players at the Fan Zone in OCBC Square or at the Practice Courts at OCBC Arena!

Budding stars will also have their chance in the spotlight in the **Future Stars Finals**, where young tennis warriors from Asia go up against the rest of the world's emerging talents. Who knows, you might even witness the next world tennis champ in the making!

*Tickets are on sale at [www.wtafinals.com/tickets](http://www.wtafinals.com/tickets). For more information, visit [www.WTAFinals.com](http://www.WTAFinals.com).*

*The players shown are for illustrative purposes only. Qualification and participation subject to WTA rules.*



# Exposé

## Dazzling Deepavali



On any given day, Little India offers visitors a feast for the senses, thanks to the colourful sights, crazy-busy traffic, vibrant chatter, and stimulating aromas of the neighbourhood. And it gets bigger, bolder, and louder during Deepavali (29 October), or the Festival of Lights, an annual Hindu festival that celebrates the triumph of good over evil, light over darkness. Streets are decorated with elaborately designed arches and thousands of dazzling lights, and the entire enclave buzzes with an irresistible, carnival atmosphere.

This year, Deepavali celebrations in Little India start from 17 September to 12 November. Begin your cultural adventure in the day with a visit to the **Deepavali Festival Village** (24 September to 28 October, Campbell Lane and Hasting Road). Hop from stall to

stall and browse the eclectic mix of offerings from gorgeous saris and intricate costume jewellery to traditional sweet treats and henna art.

For even more amazing arts and culture, check out the **Deepavali Craft & Heritage Exhibition** (24 September to 28 October, Campbell Lane & Hastings Road), and discover the origins of traditional Indian crafts. You can even get your fortune read by a parrot astrologer, who uses trained green parakeets to pick out tarot cards. Also, don't miss the **Deepavali Arts Carnival** (15 and 22 October, Hindoo Road), where you can experience the heritage and history of Little India through art and photo exhibitions, interactive art installations, art jamming sessions, sand art sessions, and more.

More incredible experiences await when night falls. Marvel at the spectacular display of lights adorning Serangoon Road and Race Course Road at 7pm, then join the **Deepavali Night Trail** (15 to 22 October, 7.45pm, Hastings Road) to learn more about the traditions of the festival and the Hindu community in Singapore. Can't get enough? Catch an array of dances and performances at **Festival of Lights @ POLI** (3 September to 28 October, Fridays and Saturdays, 7-9pm, Clive Street), or immerse yourself in the tale of the festival at **Deebam – The Story of Deepavali** (15 and 22 October, 8.30pm, Hindoo Road).

*See page 24 for more things to do in Little India!*



## Nature Insider *Quak Wan Ling*

TUCKED AWAY IN THE NORTHWESTERN CORNER OF SINGAPORE, SUNGEI BULOH WETLAND RESERVE, THE CITY'S FIRST ASEAN HERITAGE PARK, IS A SPRAWLING ECOLOGICAL GEM CONSISTING OF 202 HECTARES OF MANGROVES, MUDFLATS, PONDS AND FORESTS. THE SITE ALSO HOLDS INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS, AS THEY ESCAPE THE COLD FROM AS FAR AS SIBERIA. FOR A DEEPER LOOK INTO THE RESERVE, WE GOT LONG-TIME VOLUNTEER GUIDE AND NATURE EXPERT QUAK WAN LING TO SHARE HER INSIGHTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A DAY TRIP AT THE PARK AS WELL AS AROUND SINGAPORE.



Quak Wan Ling



East Coast Park



Pulau Ubin

### I became a volunteer guide at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve...

in 2009, though I have been frequently visiting the park to birdwatch since 1996 when I joined Nature Society Singapore. Even though it has been many years since I became a guide, I find that there is always something new for me to learn every time I visit the reserve.

### My tour at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve...

covers the history of Sungei Buloh, the mangrove environment, the kinds of plants and animals that live here, and how they adapt. I like to engage visitors by encouraging them to look for the hidden, well-camouflaged animals instead of giving their locations away. I also make it a point to include a conservation message in my tours. Nature lovers can visit NParks' website at [www.nparks.gov.sg/activities/events-and-workshops](http://www.nparks.gov.sg/activities/events-and-workshops) for a list of upcoming tours. I do private tours as well, and I can be contacted through my blog, Big Bunny Trails ([www.bigbunnytrails.com](http://www.bigbunnytrails.com)).

### Platform 2 along Route 1...

is an underrated but great spot to relax and wait for animals to show up. I have seen kingfishers dive into the river to catch fish, raptors perched on the nearby trees, woodpeckers, otters, and more at this place.

### For your day trip at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve...

wear comfortable clothes (preferably in earthy tones) and shoes. Keep yourself well covered and shaded from the sun, carry lots of drinking water and some snacks if you wish. Bring along your binoculars if you own one.

### After exploring the reserve...

you can chill out at the bistros at Gardenasia, a stone's throw away from Sungei Buloh, or at Bollywood Veggies, which has an outdoor garden with lots of local vegetables and fruits. Nature lovers may also want to consider visiting the Kranji Marshes, a freshwater marsh nearby.

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

I will plan an outdoor-sy itinerary for the active folks. We'll rent bicycles and cycle from East Coast Parkway to Changi Village for *nasi lemak* (fragrant rice dish cooked in coconut milk and pandan leaf, accompanied with an array of side dishes including omelette, fried whole fish and crispy anchovies), fried carrot cake (made mainly with rice flour and white radish) and *teh tarik* (frothy hot milk tea). On our way back, we'll stop at the East Coast Lagoon Food Village for some *satay* (grilled meat skewers) and *popiah* (fresh spring rolls) before returning the bicycles.

### Visitors who want to take things easy can...

do a nature walk at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, followed by lunch at Chinatown Complex. Be sure to try Lian He Ben Ji Claypot Rice (#02-198/199)! After lunch, take some time to visit Singapore City Gallery – it's an excellent place to learn about the transformation of Singapore for the last 50 years. Stop by Maxwell Food Centre for a quick refresher before making your way to Gardens by the Bay. End the day with a scrumptious local dinner at Satay by the Bay.

### For a spot of tranquility...

take a bumboat ride to Singapore's last *kampung* (village) Pulau Ubin, a nearby island northeast of the city. Or, if you prefer to stay on the mainland, visit the former Singapore Quarry, which is now a wetland habitat.

### Another beautiful nature spot to escape the hustle and bustle of the city is...

the historic Fort Canning Park - a former command centre for the British army. Other noteworthy green spaces in Singapore include Central Catchment Nature Reserve, where you can trek the iconic, Instagram-worthy Treetop Walk, and of course, the 10km-long The Southern Ridges, which connects Mount Faber Park, Telok Blangah Hill Park, HortPark, Kent Ridge Park and Labrador Nature Reserve.

Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve  
 📍 301 Neo Tiew Crescent  
 ☎ (65) 6794 1401  
 📍 Kranji

# Unbelievable Tours

LOOKING TO EXPERIENCE A DAY TRIP WITH A DIFFERENCE? THESE BRILLIANT, UNIQUE TOURS WILL SHOW YOU A SIDE OF SINGAPORE YOU'VE PROBABLY NEVER SEEN.

Perhaps you've done them all – spending a day at Sentosa, shopping up a storm along Orchard Road, admiring Southeast Asian art at National Gallery Singapore, and frolicking in Singapore Botanic Gardens. Or maybe you're an adventure seeker who refuses to follow the flock. Whether you're a frequent visitor keen on alternative experiences, or a first-timer eager to uncover the city's secrets, there's always something new to discover in Singapore.

But where do you look when you don't quite know what you're looking for? This is where these amazing tours come in. They'll take you off the beaten track and into exciting, uncharted territories – like Singapore from the sixties through the eighties. **Disappearing Trades** by Tribe Tours is a four-hour journey back



Tribes' Disappearing Trades



Tribes' Disappearing Trades

in time, where you'll see how bread is made the traditional way at one of the oldest remaining bakeries in Singapore; meet with one of the masters of paper objects; and learn about the old Chinese tradition of burning paper objects as a form of offering to the afterlife. You'll also make a stop at a private-access-only coffee roasting factory to gain some insights on the local *kopi* industry, and sample a cup of *kopi 'O'* (black coffee).

Think you know Tiong Bahru? Well, the A+B Edu Tours **From Sit to Hip – The Tiong Bahru Resilience Trail**

will change your mind. On this excursion to one of Singapore's hippest neighbourhoods, you'll uncover some of the city's historical remnants, such as the Tiong Bahru Air Raid Shelter – the first of its kind built within a residential area – and the story of Mr Tan Tock Seng, one of Singapore's earliest pioneers and philanthropists, in a visit to his final resting place. What's more, the tour offers a deeper look into its Art Deco buildings, which were predecessors of today's HDB flats. The Housing Development Board is a statutory board responsible for Singapore's public housing.

Some say you haven't really been to Singapore until you've had your fill of the heartlands' treasures. If you want a glimpse of the real Singapore, join the enriching **Singapore Up Close** tour by Ruby Dot Trails. You'll be acquainted with Toa Payoh – Singapore's very first



Singapore Upclose



Singapore Upclose

satellite town, as well as its various amenities and facilities. Next on the itinerary is the headquarters of the Housing Development Board (or HDB), where you'll delve deeper into Singapore's housing journey. Of course, participants will also visit a nearby public housing estate and a wet market to witness the day-to-day lives of the locals and learn more the unique mores to Singaporean HDB-dwellers. What's more, you'll get to put your newly acquired *Singlish* (colloquial Singaporean English) to the test when ordering food and drinks at a *kopitiam* (local coffee shop).

Disappearing Trades  
 ☎ (65) 6463 1031  
 🌐 [www.tribe-tours.com](http://www.tribe-tours.com)

From Sit to Hip – The Tiong Bahru Resilience Trail  
 ☎ (65) 6339 2114  
 🌐 [www.abedutours.com.sg](http://www.abedutours.com.sg)

Singapore Up Close  
 ☎ (65) 9760 0071  
 🌐 [www.rubydottrails.com](http://www.rubydottrails.com)



# Singlish, explained

DON'T BLAME US IF YOU GET FUNNY LOOKS WHEN USING THESE PHRASES IN FRONT OF A SINGAPOREAN!

## Lah

A suffix used to place emphasis on the sentence; used to express certainty  
"Don't worry about it *lah!*"

## Chope

To reserve a place or call dibs on something  
"Can you *chope* a seat for me?"

## Shiok

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

## Kiasu

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

## Boleh

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

## Alamak

A mild exclamation that bears the same meaning to "oh dear", or "oh no"  
"*Alamak!* Tickets for the concert are all sold out!"

## Order your signature local dishes

### DEVIL'S CURRY

A spicy Eurasian curry seasoned with candlenuts, galangal, and vinegar

### ROTI PRATA

South Indian flatbread typically eaten with curry or sugar

### CHAR KWAY TEOW

Flat rice noodles and egg noodles stir-fried with soy sauce, eggs, cockles, Chinese sausages, sliced fish cake, chilli, *belacan* (shrimp paste), prawns, bean sprouts, and chopped Chinese chives



### KUEH PIE TEE

A popular *Peranakan* (Straits native with mixed local and foreign ancestry) dish that is made up of thin and crispy pastry tart shell filled with a juicy mixture of thinly-sliced vegetables and prawns

### MEE SIAM

A Malay noodle dish made of thin rice vermicelli served with spicy, sweet, and sour broth, garnished with hard boiled eggs, scallions, bean sprouts, garlic chives, and lime wedges

# City must-dos



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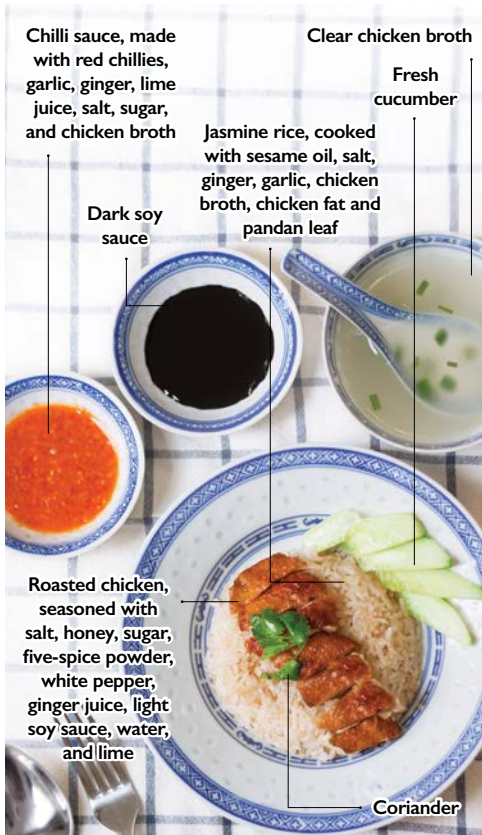
THIS SUN-DRENCHED ISLAND IS MANY THINGS: A VIBRANT MULTI-CULTURAL STATE, A LUSH GARDEN CITY, A RENOWNED BUSINESS HUB, A FOODIES' PARADISE, A WORLD-CLASS SHOPPING DESTINATION, AND A NATION WITH HISTORY AND DEPTH. SINGAPORE IS DELIGHTFULLY COMPLEX, AND IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START, THIS MAP OF THE CITY'S FINEST SHOULD POINT YOU IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION(S).



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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. River Safari              | 7. Resorts World Singapore |
| 2. Singapore Science Centre  | 8. Little India            |
| 3. Singapore Botanic Gardens | 9. Singapore Flyer         |
| 4. Orchard Road              | 10. National Stadium       |
| 5. Merlion                   | 11. East Coast Park        |
| 6. Chinatown                 | 12. Changi Airport         |
|                              | 13. Coney Island           |

# One dish, three ways

ONE OF SINGAPORE'S MOST ICONIC DISHES, HAINANESE CHICKEN RICE CONSISTS OF BITE-SIZED ROASTED OR POACHED CHICKEN PIECES, FRAGRANT RICE (SPECIALLY COOKED IN CHICKEN BROTH, GARLIC, GINGER, AND PANDAN LEAVES), AND A SPICY CHILLI AND GINGER PASTE. HERE'S WHERE TO GO FOR BOTH A TRADITIONAL PLATE, AS WELL AS MODERN RENDITIONS OF THIS LOCAL FOOD STAR:



## TUNGLOK HEEN MODERN CHICKEN RICE

The famous restaurant's creative spin on the all-time Singapore favourite pairs tender chicken with fragrant millet, and homemade chilli sauce, spring-onion ginger, and dark soy sauce.

- 📍 #02-142/143 Lobby Level, Hotel Michael, Resorts World Sentosa, 26 Sentosa Gateway
- ☎ (65) 6884 7888
- 🌐 [www.tunglokheen.com](http://www.tunglokheen.com)
- 📍 HarbourFront



## STATELAND CAFE HAINANESE CHICKEN RICE RISOTTO

Instead of rice, this industrial-themed café serves bite-sized, soy-marinated chicken atop – wait for it – sticky risotto. The Italian-fusion version is garnished with fried shallots for crunch, and leafy greens for a taste of earthy freshness.

- 📍 32 Bali Lane
- ☎ (65) 9296 4997
- 🌐 [www.facebook.com/statelandcafe](https://www.facebook.com/statelandcafe)
- 📍 Bugis

Even a newbie in Singapore can hunt down a good plate of Hainanese chicken rice with relative ease; this Hainan-originated meal is a common sight in hawker centres, restaurants and even hotels across the country. If you want authenticity, pop by the famed Boon Tong Kee (399, 401 & 403 Balestier Road). The restaurant closes at 4am, so night-owls can get their fix after hours.

# Malcolm Lee

THE HEAD CHEF AND OWNER OF ONE-MICHELIN-STARRED RESTAURANT CANDLENUT SHARES HIS THOUGHTS ON THE MICHELIN GUIDE, SINGAPORE'S PROSPERING DINING SCENE, HIS FAVOURITE RESTAURANTS, AND HOW HE PLAYS GUIDE TO TOURIST FRIENDS.



## **MICHELIN Guide in Singapore...**

helps shine the international spotlight on Singapore's dining scene and brings greater recognition for the array of delectable local food here.

## **Winning one Michelin star...**

is truly an honour. It's a bittersweet yet proud moment for our team, as the award would not be possible without the collective dedication, hard work and sacrifices for Candlenut. We're also thrilled to be sharing Singapore's *Peranakan* (Straits native with mixed local and foreign ancestry) cuisine with the world.

## **Singapore's dining scene...**

has taken on many influences from all over the world, and it is now more dynamic than ever. Not only do we offer a great range of internationally acclaimed restaurants, we also provide unique dining experiences – our local hawker centres are indeed a testimony to that!

## **Besides Candlenut (of course), my favourite restaurants include...**

Imperial Treasure Super Peking Duck Restaurant for their succulent duck with crispy skin and roast pork; Mellben Seafood for their butter crab and crab *bee hoon* (rice vermicelli); Keng Eng Kee Seafood for good

and hearty *zi char* (Chinese homestyle cooking); Wild Rocket for Chef Willin's thoughtfully curated *omakase* menu; and lastly, Buko Nero for its simple, heartfelt and absolutely delicious good cooking.

## **My top three local dishes...**

are chicken rice, *nasi lemak* (fragrant rice dish cooked in coconut milk and pandan leaf, accompanied with an array of side dishes like omelette, fried fish, and anchovies), and economic *bee hoon* (fried rice vermicelli with sides like luncheon meat, chicken wings, fish cakes or a fried egg).

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

we'll start the day with a Singapore-style breakfast of *prata* (South Indian flatbread typically eaten with curry or sugar) and *teh tarik* (frothy hot milk tea) before heading to the Singapore Zoo. When the hunger pangs kick in, we'll proceed to Keng Eng Kee Seafood for a hearty lunch. We'll then spend the rest of the afternoon exploring Gardens by the Bay, the Esplanade and the Fullerton Bay area, which includes taking pictures with the Merlion. For dinner, we'll visit the beautiful mod-Sin restaurant Wild Rocket. To end off our adventure, I'll take them to supper at Feng Shan Market & Food Centre, commonly known in Singapore as Bedok 85.

# Hot Tables

MICHELIN EDITION



3 Stars

## JOEL ROBUCHON

Robuchon – the celebrated French chef with the most Michelin stars in the world – spares no expense in his luxurious Singapore outpost. Highlights include whole “Teppanyaki” seared main lobster with romesco sauce, caramelized quail and mashed potatoes, and grilled and stuffed seasonal vegetables “Provence style”.

- 📍 8 Sentosa Gateway
- ☎ (65) 6577 7888
- 🌐 [www.rwsentosa.com](http://www.rwsentosa.com)
- 🏠 HarbourFront



2 Stars

## ANDRE

Helmed by Taiwan-born Chef Andre Chiang, the eponymous restaurant – which also clinched the third spot in Asia’s 50 Best Restaurants 2016 – serves up the chef’s unique take on Southern French cuisine.

- 📍 41 Bukit Pasoh Road
- ☎ (65) 6534 8880
- 🌐 [restaurantandre.com](http://restaurantandre.com)
- 🏠 Outram Park



2 Stars

## LES AMIS

Experience classical French cuisine with a touch of Asian aesthetics at Les Amis. Executive Chef Sebastien Lepinoy marries French techniques with Japanese produce to create unique dishes that appeal to local palates. The express menu features specials like Dover sole cooked “Meunière” with Girolle mushrooms and cider sauce, as well as seasonal white asparagus from Alsace, roasted and served with young salad leaves.

- 📍 1 Scotts Road
- ☎ (65) 6733 2225
- 🌐 [www.lesamis.com.sg](http://www.lesamis.com.sg)
- 🏠 Orchard



1 Star

## ODETTE

Julien Royer, the talented chef that helped put Jaan on Asia’s 50 Best Restaurants, has taken off to make his own show in Odette. It is upscale and serves sophisticated, well-developed food, but Royer manages to keep the fine dining experience lighthearted through delightful presentations of his amazing French creations that features seasonal, terroir and artisanal produce from both local and international sources.

- 📍 #01-04 National Gallery Singapore
- ☎ (65) 6385 0498
- 🌐 [www.odetterestaurant.com](http://www.odetterestaurant.com)
- 🏠 City Hall



1 Star

## CANDLENUT

Local chef-owner Malcolm Lee’s Candlenut Kitchen is the first *Peranakan* (Straits native with mixed local and foreign ancestry) establishment to receive a Michelin star. The restaurant offers a great mix of traditional and contemporary *Peranakan* dishes like *itek tim* (duck and salted vegetable soup) as well as more intriguing creations like the *buah keluak* (a piquant black nut from Indonesia) ice cream with Valrhona chocolate and warm chocolate espuma.

- 📍 #01-03, 331 New Bridge Road
- ☎ (65) 8121 4107
- 🌐 [www.facebook.com/candlenut.sg](http://www.facebook.com/candlenut.sg)
- 🏠 Outram Park



## CORNER HOUSE

Set amongst the lush greenery of the Botanic Gardens, Corner House pays tribute to EJH Corner, the man largely responsible for Singapore's "Green City" status. Serving up mostly French-inspired dishes by local chef Jason Tan – the originator of Gastro-Botanica cuisine – Corner House features an innovative, ever-changing menu with a strong emphasis on vegetables and fruits.

- 📍 1 Cluny Road
- ☎ (65) 6469 1000
- 🌐 [www.cornerhouse.com.sg](http://www.cornerhouse.com.sg)
- 📍 Botanic Gardens



## ALMA BY JUAN AMADOR

Chef Juan Amador (yes, the same man behind the now-defunct three Michelin-starred Amador restaurant in Mannheim, Germany) aims to stun diners with enigmatic creations at his restaurant at Goodwood Park Hotel. With offerings like pigeon with mango and purple curry and crispy tofu with langoustine, foie gras and winter truffle, trust us when we say you're in for a real treat.

- 📍 22 Scotts Road
- ☎ (65) 6735 9937
- 🌐 [alma.sg](http://alma.sg)
- 📍 Orchard



## SUMMER PAVILION

Summer Pavilion raises Cantonese fine dining to new levels with artfully plated dishes like poached rice with lobster meat and barbecued Iberico pork with honey sauce. Don't miss out on traditional desserts like the sweetened almond tea with snow lotus.

- 📍 7 Raffles Avenue
- ☎ (65) 6434 5286
- 🌐 [www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/singapore/dining/summer-pavilion](http://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/singapore/dining/summer-pavilion)
- 📍 Esplanade



## THE SONG OF INDIA

This swish Indian restaurant will give you a comprehensive education on Northern Indian eats. Located in a classic black and white heritage bungalow, the lavishly decorated restaurant will have you singing praises of its signatures like *nalli gosht* (spiced lamb shanks) and *lahsoona Jhingra* (stuffed prawns in tandoori marinade).

- 📍 33 Scotts Road
- ☎ (65) 6836 0055
- 🌐 [thesongofindia.com](http://thesongofindia.com)
- 📍 Newton



## TERRA

This hidden Japanese-Italian restaurant on Tras Street, the brainchild of Chef Seita, represents the culmination of his year-long culinary sabbatical through Tokyo and Italy. His blend of culinary influences is exemplified in creations like spaghetti with uni, yuzu and scallop gratin with mushroom herbal butter.

- 📍 54 Tras Street
- ☎ (65) 6221 5159
- 🌐 [www.terraseita.com](http://www.terraseita.com)
- 📍 Tanjong Pagar



## HILL STREET TAI HWA PORK NOODLE

Singapore is now the first country in the world with Michelin-starred hawker stalls, and one of them is chef Tang Chay Seng's humble eatery. Two things make his legendary bowl of *bak chor mee* (minced pork noodles) a winner in the MICHELIN Guide's books: the rich, tasty sauce with lots of umami flavours, and the addition of a big stuffed pork wanton in the dish. The cherry on top is the crispy piece of fried *ti poh* (dried sole fish).

- 📍 #01-12, 466 Crawford Lane
- 🌐 [www.taihua.com.sg](http://www.taihua.com.sg)
- 📍 Lavender

# Cool Bars



SG's biggest bar-restaurant

## HIVE

Hive is made up of four concepts: a wine retail store, a bakery, a cigar room and a bar-restaurant. The massive 430-seater is a one-stop shop for shopping, eating, drinking, and chilling out over a solid cigar. Quell hunger pangs with Western plates such as chargrilled ribs, and quench your (beer) thirst with must-tries such as the Benediktiner Weissbier and the widely raved-about Suntory Kakubin Highball.

- 📍 407 Havelock Road
- ☎ (65) 8876 1109
- 🌐 [www.facebook.com/hivebywala](http://www.facebook.com/hivebywala)
- 📍 Tiong Bahru



Craft beer frenzy

## MIKKELLER BAR SINGAPORE

Cult Danish beer brewery Mikkeller's first outpost in the city is fittingly housed at DECK, a cool industrial art space on Prinsep Street. The bar's 20 taps offers a mix of the label's familiar favourites, interesting collaborative creations and Singapore-exclusive brews, namely Bugis Brown, Prinsep Pilsner and Waterloo Wit.

- 📍 120A Prinsep Street
- ☎ (65) 6352 0950
- 🌐 [www.facebook.com/MikkellerBarSg](http://www.facebook.com/MikkellerBarSg)
- 📍 Bras Basah



Asian persuasion

## BLACK NUT

Playful with a East-meets-West spirit, Black Nut – named after *buah keluak*, a staple *Peranakan* (Straits native with mixed local and foreign ancestry) ingredient – will surprise your taste buds with its local-inspired cocktails – such as the Steady Pom Pipi, Kilat Kilat, and Huat Ah – all infused with Malayan and Chinese spices like lemon grass, *gula Melaka* (palm sugar) and even chilli padi.

- 📍 2 Emerald Hill Road
- ☎ (65) 6738 8818
- 🌐 [www.facebook.com/blacknutsg](http://www.facebook.com/blacknutsg)
- 📍 Somerset



Whisky Madness

## THE FLAGSHIP

This fuss-free, New York-style dive bar has a rock & roll vibe, thanks to its bare-brick walls plastered with music posters and moody lighting. Whisky is the name of the game here, and there are literally over a hundred labels from around the world to choose from.

- 📍 20 Bukit Pasoh Road
- 🌐 [www.theflagship.sg](http://www.theflagship.sg)
- 📍 Outram Park



Cocktail Revelry

## THE KITCHEN AT BACCHANALIA

The food at this one Michelin-starred restaurant is amazing, but don't leave without a drink or two: wines come from some of the world's finest small batch producers, and the cocktail menu consists of modernised classics like a gin and tonic made with ice infused with elderflower liqueur.

- 📍 39 Hong Kong Street
- ☎ (65) 9179 4552
- 🌐 [www.bacchanalia.asia](http://www.bacchanalia.asia)
- 📍 Clarke Quay



# Yip Yew Chong

SELF-TAUGHT LOCAL STREET ARTIST YIP YEW CHONG SHARES WITH US HIS FAVOURITE SPOTS IN THE QUIANT EVERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD.



Take a stroll down Everton Road and you'll see precious scenes of old Singapore: a roadside barber trimming the hair of a young boy, and an elderly woman with a washing board. These stunning and meaningful murals are the works of homegrown artist Yip Yew Chong, who was inspired by the public art he saw in Penang. Here, he spills the beans on hidden gems in Everton Road and what has changed in this tranquil vicinity over the years.

## Everton Road is home...

to my first murals. I've been living in this area since I got married in 1995. I walk past several empty walls at Everton Road on a daily basis, so these walls came to mind immediately when the idea of Singapore-style street art sprouted. Plus, Everton Road has a laid-back and nostalgic charm with its quaint back alleys, *Peranakan*-styled houses, first-generation HDB flats and hippy cafes – ideal for heritage themed murals, which I'm truly passionate about.

## The best way to explore Everton Road is...

by foot. An itinerary of Everton Road should include taking fun photos in front of the heritage murals Amah and Barber; chilling out at the 150 year-old fresco on the façade of No.66 Spottiswoode Park Road; admiring the *Peranakan* houses and Art-deco houses along Everton Road and Blair Road; popping into Baba House *Peranakan* Museum (No. 157) and Mr Lee Kuan Yew's grandfather's house (No. 147) along Neil Road; experiencing Everton Park's first-generation HDB blocks with their mix of old

and new trades; some trekking at the Spottiswoode Park forest with its three heritage trees; checking out the Tanjong Pagar Railway Station and its backyard remnants of the railway turntable and Hindu temple; and of course, fuelling up at the eateries along the row of shophouses fronting Kampong Bahru Road.

## If friends from out of town are here for a visit for the first time...

I'll bring them for a *laksa* (rice noodles served with coconut milk-infused broth) breakfast at Chinatown Complex Food Centre. Then, we'll do a quick walkabout at the wet market on the first floor before making our way to the Sri Mariamman Temple. Next, it's Telok Ayer Street to visit the Thian Hock Keng Temple and Nagore Durgha Muslim Shrine. We'll grab a taxi to Bishan to see the Lego-like HDB blocks in the neighbourhood, and later to Little India for a late lunch of banana leaf curry rice. After lunch, we'll head up to Mount Faber for its panoramic view and a cable car ride into Sentosa. In Sentosa, I'll show them the gorgeous Siloso beach and we'll soak our feet in the "South China Sea" for a short while. Before leaving the island, we'll explore the Merlion Park. We'll end the day roaming around the Marina Bay area to soak in Singapore's sparkling night scene.



📍 Outram Park

# Navigator Little India

THE NAME SAYS IT ALL. THIS VIBRANT NEIGHBOURHOOD IS A SLICE OF INDIA IN MULTI-CULTURAL SINGAPORE. BLENDING THE OLD AND NEW, THE BUZZING ETHNIC ENCLAVE IS PEPPERED WITH SPICE SHOPS, JEWELLERY STORES, FLOWER VENDORS, SARI SPECIALISTS, TRENDY CAFES AND HIP WATERING HOLES; EACH OFFERING A HEADY EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER. A GREAT TIME TO VISIT IS IN OCTOBER DURING DEEPAVALI (SEE PAGE 11), BUT EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT HERE IN TIME FOR THE DAZZLING FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS, THERE'S STILL PLENTY TO SEE AND DO IN THIS LIVELY DISTRICT.

 Little India

## 1. THE TEMPLE OF THOUSAND LIGHTS

Also known as Sakya Muni Buddha Gaya Temple, the focal point of this popular temple is the 15-foot seated Buddha that is surrounded by numerous lightbulbs. There's also a statue of the sleeping Buddha in a room below the main temple hall.

 366 Race Course Road  
 (65) 6294 0714




## 2. MUSTAFA CENTRE

Think shopping in Little India and one name springs to mind: Mustafa. This 24-hour shopping behemoth sells just about anything. From affordable electronics to delicious Indian food, this is paradise for bargain-hunters and hardened shopaholics.

 145 Syed Alwi Road  
 (65) 6295 5855  
 [www.mustafa.com.sg](http://www.mustafa.com.sg)

## 3. MUTHU'S CURRY

Savour an array of eye-watering, lip-tingling spicy fare at this longstanding restaurant, known for its fish head curry. For less spicy options that won't leave you sweating, Muthu's Curry also serves up a range of flavour-packed Indian fare, from North to South Indian, with plenty of vegetarian options.

 #01-01, 138 Race Course Road  
 (65) 6392 1722  
 [www.muthuscurry.com](http://www.muthuscurry.com)

## 4. SRIVEERAMAKALIAMMAN HINDU TEMPLE

Dedicated to Kali, the Hindu goddess of power, the grand, intricately-designed Sri Veeramakaliamman Temple has a South Indian architectural style and was established in 1855 – making it one of the oldest religious sites in Singapore.

 141 Serangoon Road  
 (65) 6295 4538 / 6293 4634  
 [www.sriveeramakaliamman.com](http://www.sriveeramakaliamman.com)

## 5. KOMALA VILAS

This 69-year-old establishment is the closest you'll get to authentic South Indian vegetarian cuisine. It's always packed as diners can't get enough of its signature *masala dosai* (pancake made from rice and lentil batter, filled with mashed potato) served with free-flow *sambar* (lentil based vegetable stew).

 76-78 Serangoon Road  
 (65) 6293 6980  
 [komalavilas.com.sg](http://komalavilas.com.sg)

## 6. INDIAN HERITAGE CENTRE

The galleries within this ultra-modern museum are chronologically arranged and spans the period from 1<sup>st</sup> century CE to the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Here, visitors can learn about the historical links between the Indian sub-continent and Southeast Asia, as well as the experiences of South Asians in Southeast Asia.

 5 Campbell Lane  
 (65) 6291 1601  
 [www.indianheritage.org.sg](http://www.indianheritage.org.sg)

## 7. COCOTTE

Housed within the chic Wanderlust boutique hotel, this hip spot is well known for its communal dining where massive platters of meats and pots of mussels get passed between friends and family. Its fabulous weekend brunch trolleys offer free-flow French-inspired sweets and savouries.

- 📍 2 Dickson Road
- ☎ (65) 6298 1188
- 🌐 [www.restaurantcocotte.com](http://www.restaurantcocotte.com)

## 8. APOLO BISTRO

Opened by the folks from The Banana Leaf Apolo, one of Singapore's oldest Indian restaurants, Apolo Bistro offers a delectable mix of international fares like Indian, Mexican, Thai and Mediterranean. With its hearty lunch buffet and enticing happy hour deals, Apolo Bistro is definitely a must-visit.

- 📍 #02-13, 48 Serangoon Road
- ☎ (65) 6291 4646

## 9. LITTLE INDIA ARCADE

Take a walk around this bustling shopping destination to pick up souvenirs such as beautiful silk saris, handicrafts, and dazzling jewellery.

- 📍 #02-07, 48 Serangoon Road
- ☎ (65) 6295 5998
- 🌐 [www.littleindiaarcade.com.sg](http://www.littleindiaarcade.com.sg)

## 10. TEKKA CENTRE

A wet market, food centre and shopping complex in one, Tekka Centre is the go-to for an Indian cuisine fix. Must-tries here include the *biryani* (a spicy rice dish served with chicken or mutton gravy) from Yakader or Allaaddin; and the Indian *rojak* (a salad made up of fried dough fritters, boiled potatoes, cuttlefish, hard boiled eggs, and more) from Temasek Indian Rojak. Finish your meal with a glass of *teh tarik* (frothy hot milk tea) from any of the drink stalls!

- 📍 665 Buffalo Road



# Marina Bay

NO SHOPPING JAUNT WOULD BE COMPLETE WITHOUT A VISIT TO THE MARINA BAY AREA. WITH UPSCALE MALLS AT EVERY TURN AND A DIZZYING ARRAY OF SHOPPING DEALS TO BE HAD, YOUR RETAIL THERAPY SESSION STARTS HERE.

📍 Marina Bay



## PROENZA SCHOULER

Renowned for its modern tailoring and use of custom fabrics, this luxe label remains ahead of the fashion pack this season with edgy, clean silhouettes inspired by art and youth culture. Within its sleek and avant-garde space, expect a full range of the brand's merchandise, including seasonal must-haves, ready-to-wear and the iconic PSI satchels and PSI I shoulder bags.

- 📍 #L1-17 Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands  
10 Bayfront Avenue
- ☎ (65) 6304 3565
- 🌐 [www.marinabaysands.com/shopping/proenza-schouler.html](http://www.marinabaysands.com/shopping/proenza-schouler.html)
- 📍 Bayfront



## LOUIS VUITTON

Experience the height of luxury shopping at one of the city's finest sartorial landmarks. Housed in a stunning Crystal Pavilion atop the waters of Marina Bay, LV's Island Maison store is an architectural masterpiece extensively decked out with the luxury brand's leather goods, ready-to-wear and accessories.

- 📍 #B1-38 & #B2-36  
Crystal Pavilion North  
2 Bayfront Avenue
- ☎ (65) 6788 3888
- 🌐 [www.marinabaysands.com/shopping/louis-vuitton.html](http://www.marinabaysands.com/shopping/louis-vuitton.html)
- 📍 Bayfront



## GRAFUNKT

At this local lifestyle store, design-savvy furniture enthusiasts will be spoiled for choice with products boasting minimalist, modern designs, versatile functionality and top-notch craftsmanship. The range is broad, with a great mix of products sourced from as far as Europe and its chic in-house label GFNKT.

- 📍 #02-34/35/36 Millenia Walk  
9 Raffles Boulevard
- ☎ (65) 6336 6046
- 🌐 [www.grafunkt.com](http://www.grafunkt.com)
- 📍 Promenade





## ED ET AL SHOEMAKERS

Handcrafted in Singapore by skilled artisans, the bespoke shoes here are created with only the finest calf leather, and sumptuous exotic skins. Take your pick from a broad range of leather shoes, including Oxfords, loafers, derbys and boots.

- 📍 #01-67 Millenia Walk  
9 Raffles Boulevard
- ☎ (65) 6337 8919
- 🌐 [www.edetal.sg](http://www.edetal.sg)
- 🚶 Promenade

## DANIEL YAM

Frocking up for a fancy 'do? Head to local designer Daniel Yam's massive boutique, which houses dreamy evening dresses accented with his signature draping, bias-cut techniques and sensuous silhouettes. The store also offers trendy accessories for the perfect finishing touch.

- 📍 #02-309/310 Marina Square  
6 Raffles Boulevard
- ☎ (65) 6336 2976
- 🌐 [www.danielyam.com](http://www.danielyam.com)
- 🚶 Esplanade



## MARIMEKKO

Time to go print crazy! Finnish label Marimekko's first standalone store in Singapore is utterly gorgeous; expect to see racks upon racks of super chic apparel, accessories, and homewares in an explosion of the brand's signature vibrant prints.

- 📍 #02-17/18 Capitol Piazza  
13 Stamford Road
- ☎ (65) 6834 4802
- 🌐 [www.marimekko.com](http://www.marimekko.com)
- 🚶 City Hall



## SABRINA GOH

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

- 📍 #02-14 Capitol Piazza  
13 Stamford Road
- ☎ (65) 6358 2158
- 🌐 [www.sabrinagoh.com](http://www.sabrinagoh.com)
- 🚶 City Hall



## WOMB

Contemporary, innovative and expressive, Womb's designs cater to women of all age groups. All pieces are beautifully made constructions with feminine silhouettes. Versatile and gorgeous in their simplicity, the label deftly creates the perfect balance between casual work outfits and formal wear.

- 📍 #03-26 Raffles City  
252 North Bridge Road
- ☎ (65) 6338 9011
- 🌐 [www.womb.com.sg](http://www.womb.com.sg)
- 🚶 City Hall

# Take me home

DON'T LEAVE SINGAPORE WITHOUT THESE MUST-HAVE LOCAL GEMS.

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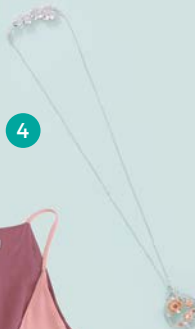
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1. Chilli chompers, set your tastebuds on fire with homegrown brand **Mofochilli's** Manadonese-inspired chilli paste that's also lard-free and vegan-friendly. \$8-\$12. Available at Isetan Scotts Supermarket (#B1-00 Shaw House, 350 Orchard Road, mofochilli.com)

2. Jazz up your kitchen table with these gorgeous placemats from **Bungalow 55** that depict local shophouses. \$70 for a set of 4 placemats. Available at Bungalow 55 (#01-05A, 501 Bukit Timah Road, Cluny Court)

3. Beat the heat in style with this breezy minimalist-chic tri-colour silk blend dress from local womenswear label, **Beyond The Vines**. \$69. Available at Mandarin Gallery (#02-21, 333 Orchard Road)

4. With stunning sakura flowers intertwining a beautiful jade ring, this sakura garland necklace by heritage jeweler **Choo Yilin** is the ultimate statement piece. \$788. Available at Choo Yilin (#02-23 Mandarin Gallery)

5. Get acquainted with popular tidbits sold at neighbourhood mom-and-pop provision shops, typically run by a friendly Indian uncle, with Mama

Shop Keychain by **Souvenirs From Singapore**. \$12.90. Available at NAIISE orchardgateway

6. Relive the good old times with the nostalgic Happy Family card game, which gets a local update by **wheniwasfour**. \$9.90. Available at wheniwasfour (#02-18, 261 Waterloo Street)

7. Local nut butter specialist **Second Helpings'** Tak-Kiu Milo flavour is inspired by Singaporeans' favourite chocolate malt drink. \$14.90. Available at HIVE (#01-890, 46 Jalan Bukit Ho Swee)



**8.** Commemorate Mid-Autumn Festival in September with **The Farm Store's** realistic mooncake ceramic paper weight in brown or white. \$20. Available at The Farm Store (#04-20, 261 Waterloo Street)

**9.** The classic American sci-fi film gets a local twist with this tongue-in-cheek **Kult** tote bag starring local neighbourhood Balestier. \$28. Available at NAISE orchardgateway

**10.** Bring home a little piece of Singapore with **The Farm Store's** Neighbourwood – Marina Bay, a set of painted wooden toys showcasing key icons of the famous Marina Bay

landscape. \$28. Available at The Farm Store (#04-20, 261 Waterloo Street)

**11.** Show your love for *nasi lemak*, a popular local rice dish in Singapore, with this deliciously quirky T-shirt by **Nom Nom**. \$34.90. Available at The Farm Store (#04-20, 261 Waterloo Street)

**12.** **Dulcetfig** is home to a selection of wearable vintage pieces and accessories, including this beautifully crafted Fan Icy Blue everyday necklace. \$49. Available at Dulcetfig (41 Haji Lane)

**13.** Made from traditional hand-dyed and hand-woven ethnic textiles, this

slick clutch by **Frankitas** is the perfect accessory for a girls' night out. \$155. Available at TANGS

**14.** Spruce up your humble abode with **Scene Shang's** EMBRACE ME cushion covers that feature beautiful Art Deco buildings in Singapore like Tanjong Pagar Railway Station. \$28. Available at TANGS

**15.** Gentlemen, complete your spiffy look by scoring yourself a pair of bespoke shoes from **Custom Made** a brand founded by local shoe aficionado, from \$250. Available at Custom Made (105 Cecil Street, www.custommade.com.sg)



# Fam-tastic day out

TEN GREAT THINGS TO DO WITH  
KIDS IN SINGAPORE.



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## FUTURE WORLD

## CREATE VIRTUAL REALITIES

Get delightfully lost in virtual cities, underwater scenes and trippy light displays – all while learning about art, nature and our place in the world – at interactive digital playground, Future World.

- 📍 ArtScience Museum
- ☎ (65) 6688 8888
- 🌐 [www.marinabaysands.com/museum/future-world.html](http://www.marinabaysands.com/museum/future-world.html)
- 📍 Bayfront

## TAKE THE FUN INDOORS

Escape from the heat at this kid-tastic indoor play centre, which houses ball pits, tunnels, climbing walls, super-fast slides and a dedicated space for babies.

- 📍 #01-15 Block 8, Dempsey Road
- ☎ (65) 6474 4176
- 🌐 [www.gogobambini.com](http://www.gogobambini.com)
- 📍 Orchard



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## KIDZANIA

## ROLE PLAY A DREAM JOB

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

- 📍 Sentosa Island
- ☎ (65) 6653 688
- 🌐 [www.kidzania.com.sg](http://www.kidzania.com.sg)
- 📍 HarbourFront

## SWING FROM TREES

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

- 📍 825 Bedok Reservoir Park
- ☎ (65) 8100 7420
- 🌐 [www.forestadventure.com.sg](http://www.forestadventure.com.sg)
- 📍 Bedok





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## HORTPARK

## BE ONE WITH NATURE

Dubbed the “Gardening Hub” of Singapore, this is the place to go to encourage green thumbs amongst the tots! With themed gardens, greenhouses and workshops, HortPark is a green wonderland for kids.

- 📍 33 Hyderabad Road
- ☎ (65) 6471 5601
- 🌐 [www.nparks.gov.sg](http://www.nparks.gov.sg)
- 📍 Labrador Park



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## JURONG BIRD PARK

## FEED A FEATHERED FRIEND

Asia’s biggest bird park houses more than 5,000 winged wonders across 400 species, including some of the largest free-flying aviaries in the world. Get ready to be wowed!

- 📍 2 Jurong Hill
- ☎ (65) 6265 0022
- 🌐 [www.birdpark.com.sg](http://www.birdpark.com.sg)
- 📍 Boon Lay

## RIDE A HERITAGE TRAIL

Soak in the sights and sounds of the colourful Little India and Bugis districts on board the nostalgic trishaw and discover the myriad of quaint shops, temples and historic landmarks.

- ☎ (65) 6337 7111
- 🌐 [www.trishawuncle.com.sg](http://www.trishawuncle.com.sg)



## TRISHAW RIDE



## SINGAPORE RIVER CRUISE

## CRUISE DOWN A RIVER

Cruise down the Singapore River and get acquainted with the city’s mix of historic and city sights. Marvel at the colonial facade of Fullerton Hotel and soak in glittering lights of the city skyline.

- 📍 59 Boat Quay
- ☎ (65) 6336 6111
- 🌐 [www.rivercruise.com.sg](http://www.rivercruise.com.sg)
- 📍 Clarke Quay



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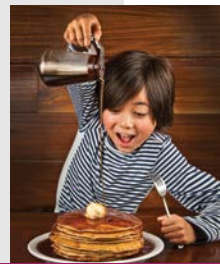
Southeast Asia’s only Hollywood theme park is a movie-lover’s playground; the entire park is decked out with film-themed cutting-edge rides and attractions, designed to thrill adrenaline junkies.

- 📍 8 Sentosa Gateway
- ☎ (65) 6577 8888
- 🌐 [www.rwsentosa.com](http://www.rwsentosa.com)
- 📍 HarbourFront

## DESIGN YOUR OWN PANCAKES

Rope in the kids into making their own breakfast at this popular DIY pancake joint. Simply choose from five batters (don’t forget the toppings!), and start cooking away at your table’s built-in hot plate.

- 📍 #01-29, 26 Sentosa Gateway
- ☎ (65) 6795 0779
- 🌐 [www.slappycakes.com.sg](http://www.slappycakes.com.sg)
- 📍 HarbourFront



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

- Look out for these signs at the shops. 
- Choose one credit/debit card as a Token for tagging your purchases. Don't forget to ask for your eTRS Ticket, original invoice or receipt!
- Apply for your tax refund at the eTRS self-help kiosk located at the airport or international cruise centres. Be sure to file your GST claims before checking in your goods.

- You can choose to have the refund credited directly into your credit card at the eTRS self-help kiosk, or get cash refund. If you choose the latter (available only at Changi International Airport), proceed to the Central Refund Counter after the immigration checks.
- At the eTRS kiosk, swipe your assigned Token to retrieve your purchase details. Otherwise, scan your eTRS tickets to retrieve your purchase details.

For more information and eligibility for GST refunds, please go to [www.iras.gov.sg](http://www.iras.gov.sg)

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