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## PLANNING YOUR TRIP

### Visa & passport validity

For most visitors, a visa is not required, but ensure your passport is valid for at least 6 months from the time you leave for Singapore. For more details, visit [www.ica.gov.sg](http://www.ica.gov.sg)

### Dress

Dress light for tropical weather all-year round, with high humidity levels. Bring a light sweater for our chilly air-conditioning.

### Drone alert

In Singapore, any unmanned aircraft with a total weight of above 250gms must be registered before it can be operated. Other permits and requirements may also apply. Visit [caas.gov.sg/flyitsafe](http://caas.gov.sg/flyitsafe) to find out more.

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**Prayertime.sg**

- Lists mosques, prayer areas and prayer times



#### FOR TRADE PARTNERS:

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Access info on Singapore's tourism offerings at the Tourism Information & Services Hub

# WHEN YOU ARE HERE



## Arriving in Singapore

### From Air

Airline passengers will land at Singapore Changi Airport Terminal 1-4.

Approximate travel times to the city:

By train: 30-35 mins

By taxi: 20-25 mins

By bus: 40-50 mins

### From Sea

Cruise passengers either disembark at the **Singapore Cruise Centre** (Closest MRT station: Harbourfront) or

**Marina Bay Cruise Centre** (Closest MRT station: Marina South Pier).

Approximate travel times to the city:

By train: 15-30 mins

By taxi: 10-20 mins

By bus: 30-40 mins

## Getting around

### Mass Rapid Transit (MRT)

#### Trains

Operating from 5.30am to midnight, single-trip cash fares range from \$1.50 to \$2.60.

**Ez-link** fares start at \$0.83 (for buses as well).

#### Buses

Cash fares start from \$1.50.

You can pay by **ez-link** (a contactless payment card for public transport), Mastercard or Visa contactless bank cards.

#### Taxis

Fares start from \$3.90 and all taxis are marked and metered. Hail them by the road, or when you're in the city, at marked taxi stands. You can also book them through these operators: Comfort & Citycab (+65 6552 1111); Premier Cabs (+65 6363 6888); SMRT Taxis (+65 6555 8888)



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## FOR EXPERIENCES

Tap on the "Discover" tab to learn about the latest events and lifestyle offerings around you, including the best shops and eats.

## FOR ESSENTIALS

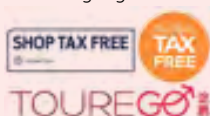
We understand that preparation is key. The "Essentials" tab is where you will find answers on free wi-fi, currency conversion and tax refunds. From Jan 2020, the **SG Arrival Card (SGAC)** will be made available. This is an e-service where you can electronically submit your arrival card up to 14 days before your trip to Singapore. Say goodbye to paper forms and hello to a seamless travel experience.





### GST refunds

- If you spend more than \$100 in a single receipt, you can claim a refund on the 7% GST.
- Participating shops will display 1 or more of the following signs



- Present your passport to the retailer, who will log an Electronic Tourist Refund Scheme (eTRS) transaction with your passport details.
- Simply scan your passport at the eTRS self-help kiosks at the following locations: Departure Check-in Hall or the transit area at Singapore Changi Airport; or Immigration Checkpoints

Authority duty office at Seletar Airport. For more info, log onto [www.go.gov.sg/gst-refund/](http://www.go.gov.sg/gst-refund/)

### Enjoy Changi Airport at your leisure

You are encouraged to check in at least 2 hours before your departure time, to enjoy the airport's many attractions – such as Jewel Changi – before going through immigration. Leave your bags at the **Baggage Storage** counters to browse stress-free, or opt for Early Check-In at any of the terminals, including Jewel Changi.

### Taste local cuisine

If you didn't get enough of our hawker centres, make a beeline for **Singapore**

### Food Street (Terminal 3).

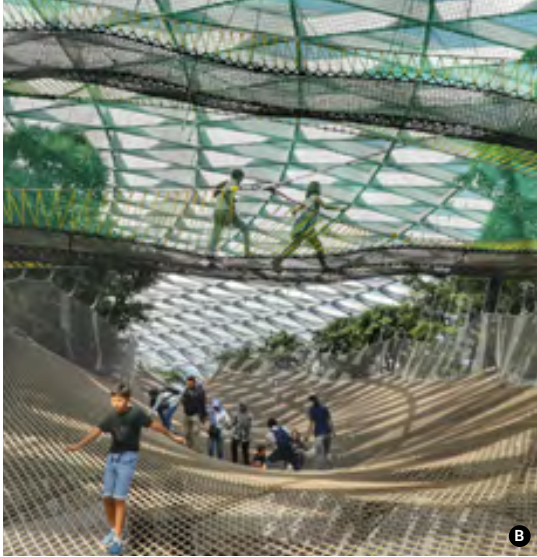
Tuck into local delights like *bak kut teh* (peppery pork soup) and the local favourite Hainanese chicken rice.

### Knick-knacks & such

Pick up an assortment of food souvenirs from the many **Discover Singapore** outlets across all terminals, or **GIFT by Changi Airport** (#04-233) at Jewel Changi. Brands such as Fossa Chocolate, Song Fa Bak Kut Teh, and Irvin's Salted Egg can be found in these stores. For non-perishables, these all-in-one outlets also offer everything from adorable Merlion plushies to Tiger Balm health products as well.

# JEWEL CHANGI

This airport is a destination in itself – come early to enjoy its offerings before you fly off.



## EAT & DRINK

Taste seasonal beers at **Tiger Street Lab**, along with beer-friendly foods fresh off the wok by Bib-Gourmand recipient, Keng Eng Kee Seafood. Then there's **Birds of Paradise Gelato** **(A)**, with its botanically-inspired flavours. A favourite with locals, **Rich and Good Cake Shop** offers Swiss rolls in 10 flavours including coconut and *kaya* (a traditional jam made from coconut and eggs). At **L'éclair Pâtisserie**, local pastry chefs create artistic pastries like Ispahan (a combo of rose, raspberry and lychee cream).



## EXPERIENCE

Be awed by the hypnotic **HSBC Rain Vortex**, the world's largest indoor waterfall at 40 metres high, or feel like a trapeze artist while walking on the **Canopy Bridge**. Bouncy times await the young and young-at-heart at the **Manulife Sky Nets** **(B)**, while the kids will go ga-ga over the first **Pokemon Centre** **(C)** outside Japan.



## SHOP

It's a veritable wonderland of shops for the most thoughtful gifts to buy home. You'll find locally-designed items from **Supermama**, **Naiise Iconic** and **Risis Tresor** as well as beauty brand **Make Hero**, used by actresses like Gong Li and Zhang Ziyi. Jewel Changi is also home to **Nike's** largest store in Southeast Asia and India. Get customised sneakers at 'Nike for you'. For duty-free goods, there's **Shila Duty Free** with over 140 brands of perfumes and cosmetics.



# DON'T MISS THESE 2020 HEADLINERS

**JAN**

## Singapore Art Week

11-19 Jan

The yearly event is back with a host of art and lifestyle events at various venues across Singapore. Look out for the highlight event, the Light to Night Festival 2020.

## Pongal (Harvest Festival)

10 Jan-9 Feb

Little India comes to life with vibrant performances and street decorations.

**FEB**

## Chinese New Year Celebrations

25 Jan-13 Mar

The River gets lit up with instagrammable lanterns, and Chinatown's streets come to life with festivities and a dazzling **Chingay** parade.

## ONE Championship

28 Feb

The much-anticipated event dedicated to mixed martial arts is back for another exciting bout.



**MAR**

## HSBC Women's World Championship

28 Feb-3 Mar

Will South Korea's Park Sung Hyun keep her crown against 63 of the world's best female golfers? That is the US\$1.5m question.



## i Light Singapore

6-29 Mar

i Light Singapore has built up a reputation for truly creative and inventive light art installations.

**APR**

## Hydeout Festival

10-11, 17-18 Apr

Singapore's own multi-genre experiential playground debuts with a line-up that includes ASAP Rocky, Rita Ora, Gucci Mane and DJ Snake. Get ready.

## HSBC Singapore Rugby Sevens

11-12 Apr

This world-class event is known for its fast and furious games, stellar team line-ups, wacky outfits and outrageous after parties.

**MAY**

## Singapore Cocktail Festival with Asia's 50 Best Bars

13-17 May

If you're into creative mixes, award-winning bars and dextrous bartenders, you've come to the right place.

## Skechers Sundown Festival

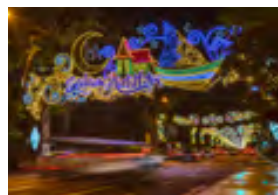
29-31 May

The 3-day event embraces food, art, culture and sustainability.

## Hari Raya Aidilfitri

24-25 May

Join the festivities in Geylang Serai, featuring a dazzling light-up, cultural programmes and bazaars.



**JUN**

## Singapore Floorball Open

25-28 Jun

More than 150 teams are participating in the largest international floorball tournament in Asia.



**JUL**

### Singapore Food Festival

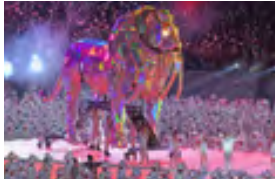
10-26 Jul

Taste our obsession with food through the many tastings, workshops and food tours at this festival.

### International Champions Cup

Mid to late Jul

Watch as top European football clubs compete in the summer's biggest competition.

**AUG**

### National Day

9 Aug

Visitors are in for a treat of epic proportions that includes military parades, multicultural performances and fighter jet fly pasts, as well as spectacular fireworks.

### Singapore Night Festival

Mid to end Aug,  
to be confirmed

Join in the massive street party where roving street performers, aerial artists, magic acts and pop-up art installations come together for an unforgettable show.

**SEP**

### Grand Prix Season Singapore

12-20 Sep

Experience exhilarating action on and off the track – with concerts, parties and of course, the world's first Formula 1™ night street race.



### Halloween Horror Nights

End Sep-31 Oct

An immersive horror experience involving haunted houses, creepy characters and definitely many heart-thumping moments.

**OCT**

### JeweLuxe

8-18 Oct

A scintillating showcase of precious jewellery and timepieces from international and local brands.

**NOV**

### C3 Anime Festival Asia Singapore

Late Nov

Get up to date – and into cosplay – with the latest J-pop culture, anime and manga trends.

### Christmas Celebrations

End Nov-25 Dec

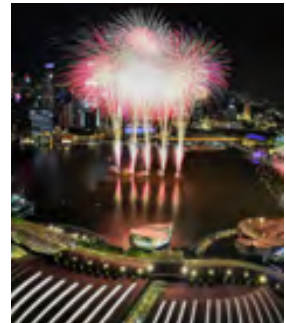
Experience the Christmas spirit in Singapore's Orchard Road, with **Christmas on a Great Street**, and **Christmas Wonderland**, at the picturesque Gardens by the Bay.

**DEC**

### Marina Bay Singapore Countdown

31 Dec

Say hello to 2021 with a dazzling fireworks display, as well as a stellar line-up of performances to entertain you into the wee hours of the New Year.



# UNIQUE RETAIL GEMS

Beyond retail therapy, these shopping destinations offer an all-encompassing experience.

## Jewel Changi Airport

Jewel Changi Airport (78 Airport Boulevard) is a \$1.3 billion game-changing edifice. With over 300 retail and dining outlets, it's home to local fashion brands such as **In Good Company**, **The Shirt Bar** and **Yacht 21**. For outstanding local eats, there's foodie favourites like **White Restaurant**, **Violet Oon Singapore** and **LeNu Chef Wai's Noodle Bar**. Its fifth level houses **Canopy Park**, which features the world's tallest indoor waterfall, all surrounded by terraced gardens, garden mazes and suspended walking nets.

More on Jewel on **page 5**.

[jewelchangiairport.com](http://jewelchangiairport.com)



## Design Orchard

Living up to its mantra as a place 'where local brands flourish', Design Orchard (250 Orchard Road) carries a selection of merchandise from more than 60 local brands. Pick up Peranakan-inspired cushion covers from **Onlewo**, or a chic chiffon dress from **Ginlee**. Thoughtful gift ideas are aplenty too, from clean-cut dresses at **Reckless Ericka** to cool shades at **Rocket Eyewear**.

[designorchard.sg](http://designorchard.sg)

## OUE Downtown Gallery

From self-service beauty kiosks to sustainable fashion accessories from **Essential Extra**, shopping at OUE Downtown Gallery (6 Shenton Way) is a hipster's dream. Try out trendy fitness classes from studios like **Absolute Cycle** and aerial yoga classes from **Upside Motion**, and reward yourself thereafter with delectable delights from Michelin Bib Gourmand-rated **Chen's Mapo Tofu**. Don't forget to check out **O+ Eyewear** for some stylish shades to up your street cred.

[downtowngallery.com.sg](http://downtowngallery.com.sg)

## Suntec City

Suntec City (3 Temasek Boulevard) remains a firm favourite with Singaporeans for the sheer variety of items, and over 350 shops. Discover local retailers like **Watch Wonderland** – a multi-label store featuring curated timepieces from Singaporean watchmakers like **BOLDR**. Stop by **Lee Hwa JewelSpace** to try on pieces and take pictures for your latest #OOTD (Outfit Of The Day), after dropping your kids off at **SuperPark**, a 40,000 sq ft indoor theme park to challenge their physical limits.

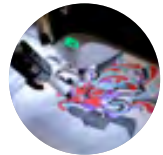
[sunteccity.com.sg](http://sunteccity.com.sg)



## Funan

The new, tech-savvy Funan (107 North Bridge Road) is home to many new-to-market brands, such as the world's first **Dyson** store. Some 60% are homegrown labels, including fashion brand **Love, Bonito** with its on-demand stylists, and artisan jeweller **Carrie K**, where you can view a 3D-printed version of your pearl necklace before it gets made. Taobao fans will be thrilled by **Taobao Store by Virmall** for household items, furniture and fashion. Fitness enthusiasts can climb the 5-storey-high rock-wall at **Climb Central**, or watch an exciting play at the **Wild Rice! Theatre**.

[capitaland.com/sg/malls/funan/en.html](http://capitaland.com/sg/malls/funan/en.html)



### FUN FACT

Experiential stores like Bernina, the Swiss sewing machine brand, lets Funan shoppers pick up new skills such as sewing.



# CURATED BUYS

Planning to do some shopping? Make sure these items are on your checklist.



## Womenswear

- **Binary Style 1** (*Design Orchard, 250 Orchard Road*) is well-loved for its exuberant designs on scarves. Think chiffon ones inspired by Peranakan tiles or Haji Lane's colourful shophouses.
- **Reckless Ericka 2** (*Design Orchard*) designs highly durable clothes incorporating Singaporean motifs. All collections are made at ethically run factories.
- *Cheongsams* (traditional Chinese one-piece dress)

and hand-sewn sequinned gowns are the trademark of fashion stalwart **Lai Chan**. But at his eponymously named boutique (#03-20 *Paragon Shopping Centre*), his off-the-rack clothes are just as appealing.

## Jewellery

- You know you've made it when your jewellery pieces are worn by the likes of Lady Gaga and Michelle Obama. Started by Ruiyin Lin and Afzal Imram when they were

design students, **State Property 3** (*81 McNair Road*) embraces the spirit of the Art Deco movement in their designs.

- The jewellery pieces of **Eden + Elie 4** (*Design Orchard*) are largely handmade using simple tools. Its designs evoke a modern Peranakan sensibility, with a commitment to responsible sourcing of materials and providing opportunities for underprivileged individuals.



## Menswear

- The team at **Gnome & Bow** <sup>5</sup> (#01-78 Millenia Walk) are behind the 'world's first storytelling bags and wallets', imbuing narratives from classic tales (like *Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde*) into its card holders, wallets and leather goods.
- Frustrated at the way consumers and workers were being exploited, local brand **The Shirt Bar** <sup>6</sup> (#02-463 Suntec City) struck out on its own, offering classic formals and quirky casuals – all made with fair-wage partners. Pick up its Spill Resist shirts and say goodbye to wine or pen stains.

## Bags & Shoes

- **Lingwu's** <sup>7</sup> (43 Jalan Merah Saga, #02-78) leather goods combine traditional Asian craftsmanship with materials sourced from around the world. Its timeless totes and clutches are lightweight yet rich to the touch.
- It started out as a bespoke shoe outfit, but **Ed Et Al** <sup>8</sup> (120 Telok Ayer Street) has since expanded its repertoire to include made-to-order and ready-to-wear shoes. Made at factories in Ho Chi Minh City, they are then hand-dyed by Singaporean artisans.
- Local shoe designer Orsq's militaristic and avant-garde creations have been featured at Shanghai Fashion Week.

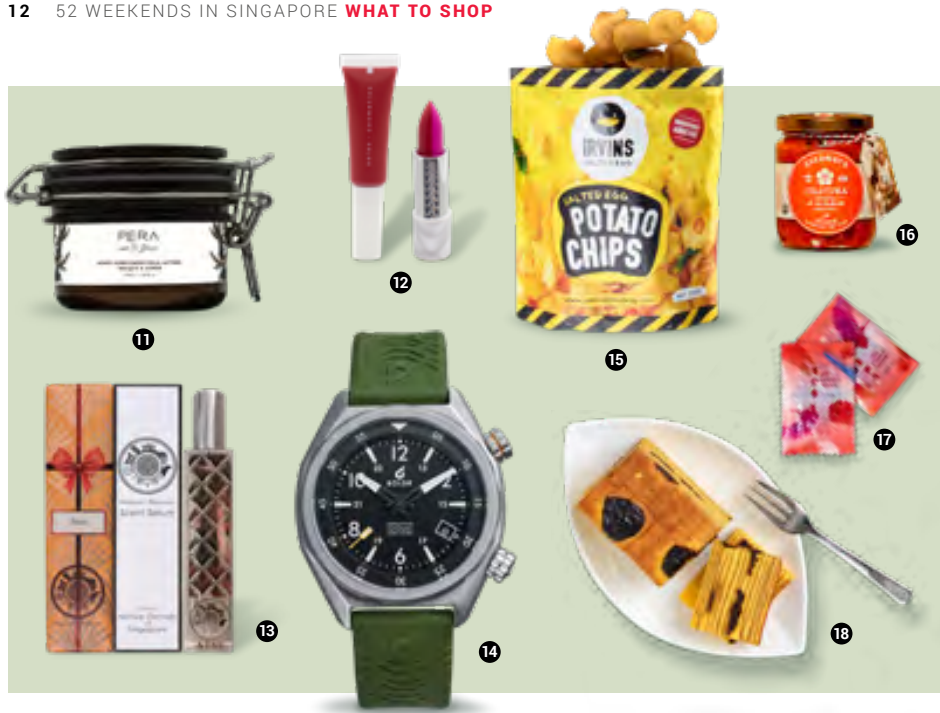
They're retailed at **The Authority** (#03-03 Orchard Gateway).

## Homeware

- 'Putting the fun in functional', **Naiise** <sup>9</sup> (#03-24 to 29 Wisma Atria) products wittily re-interpret Singaporean icons. One of Singapore's best-loved dishes, chilli crab, gets its own plate, complete with a step-by-step recipe.
- Bring home a cushion cover – or three – from **Onlewo** <sup>10</sup> (Design Orchard). Its refreshing takes on heritage, places and culture in Singapore and Asia can be seen in its eye-catching home and lifestyle goods.







## Beauty

- Inspired by Peranakan beauty traditions, **Pera Skincare** <sup>11</sup> (*peraskincare.com*) uses ingredients common in the culture – such as *bedak sejuk*, a powder made from rice and *pandan* leaf that has cooling properties – in its formulations.
- Kind to the earth and easy on the wallet, vegan-based **Solos Cosmetics** <sup>12</sup> (#01-03 Marina One Residences) is a crowd favourite with its lip glosses and liners – all in packaging that uses as little plastic as possible.
- Bring home **Singapore Memories** <sup>13</sup> (*Design Orchard*) perfumes and room scents inspired by all things Singapore. We love Sunrise in

Botanical Gardens, described as the smell of 'orchids, green shrubs, cut grass and various other plants early in the morning'.

## Timepieces

- Designed for 'urban explorers', watches by the Millennial founders of **BOLDR** <sup>14</sup> (*Design Orchard*) have a rugged yet refined aesthetic and are meant to be 'worn, used and abused every day'. Swiss-made movements feature in all models.

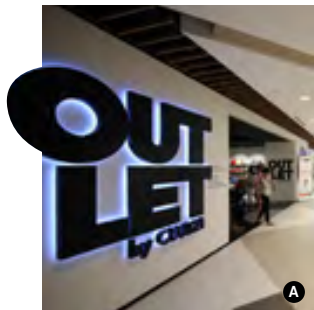
## Food Souvenirs

- Irvins** <sup>15</sup> salted egg snacks (potato chips/fish skins) are 'dangerously addictive' and available at most supermarkets.

- Sherma's** <sup>16</sup> *cilicuka* (a chilli-vinegar sauce) is based on an heirloom recipe passed down from her grandmother. Buy them from Taste Singapore at Changi Airport.
- Vacuum sealed and packed for your luggage, **Bee Cheng Hiang** <sup>17</sup> *bak kwa* (barbecued meat slices) is made with 100% natural ingredients without artificial flavourings or preservatives.
- Consistent quality has made **Bengawan Solo** <sup>18</sup> the bakery of choice for many local families. Its *kueh lapis* (a multi-layered cake) and *pandan* chiffon cakes are well-loved and can be found in almost every neighbourhood here.

# PLACES THE LOCALS LOVE

Next to food, shopping is a national obsession, and these are the popular hotspots.

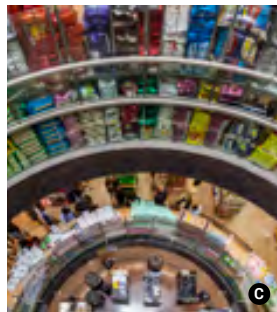


As Singapore's largest outlet mall, **IMM A** (2 Jurong East Street 2) is home to more than 90 outlets that offer discounts of up to 80% all year round. Whether you're into fitness, furnishings or fashion, this spacious mall has just about every major brand under its roof: Nike, Victoria's Secret, Coach, The North Face and Kate Spade, just to name a few.

**Jurong East**

**VivoCity B** (1 Harbourfront Walk) isn't just Singapore's largest retail and lifestyle destination, it's also the ultimate family-friendly mall. Besides numerous play areas, there's also kiddy-favourite Toys 'R' Us, and the largest Timezone arcade in Singapore. And since it shouldn't just be about the kids, there's Saint Laurent and Ted Baker for fashion ideas, and Best Denki and Muji for your home needs.

**Harbourfront**



We daresay **Mustafa Centre C** (145 Syed Alwi Road) is just as popular with the locals as it is with tourists. Just about everything under the sun can be bought at very competitive prices. Besides exotic pickles, spices and sweets from around the world, shoppers can also get their hands on gold jewellery, handbags and a wide range of health supplements.

**Farrer Park**

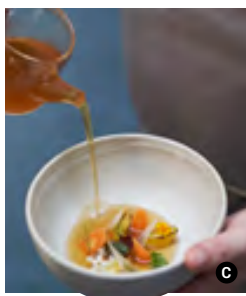
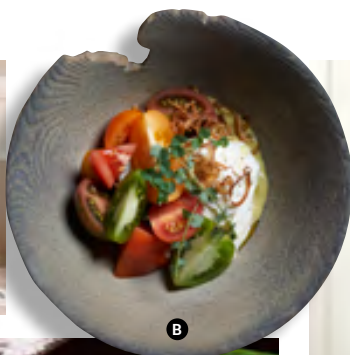
What makes Orchard Road a perennial favourite? Let's see: There's 88-year-old grand dame **Tangs D** (310 Orchard Road), which supports home-grown fashion labels like Elohim and Ginlee Studio. **ION Orchard** (2 Orchard Turn) has eight storeys of retail and F&B, including timelessly chic label **In Good Company** (#B1-06), while **Manifesto** (#02-17) at **Mandarin Gallery** (333A Orchard Road) impresses with its minimalist aesthetic.

**Orchard**



# BEST OF THE BEST

We highlight local restaurants and bars that have rightfully earned their international accolades.



## DINING

- For the first time ever, two Singapore restaurants were awarded the Michelin Guide's coveted three-star rating. Stalwart **Les Amis** (#01-16 Shaw Centre), with a dazzling 3,000-bottle wine cellar, serves up elegant French cuisine, while three-year-old **Odette** **A** (#01-04 National Gallery Singapore) offers a contemporary and inventive twist on the same fare.
- New entrants to this year's Michelin list include **Cheek Bistro** **B** (21 Boon Tat Street)

for contemporary Australian food, and **Basque Kitchen by Aitor** **C** (97 Amoy Street), where Basque dishes are elevated with Chef Aitor Jeronimo's deft touches.

- With cuisine described as 'innovative', **Corner House** **D** (1 Cluny Road) retains its star and, helmed by local chef Jason Tan, celebrates sustainably sourced seasonal produce through its gastro-botanica cuisine.
- At **The Song of India** (33 Scotts Road), modern Indian

fare is served in the luxurious setting of a bungalow.

Ingredients not commonly associated with Indian cuisine, such as foie gras, are imbued with unmistakably Indian flavours to stellar results.

- **Candlenut** **E** (17A Dempsey Road) is the world's first Michelin-starred Peranakan restaurant. Owner-chef Malcolm Lee embraces his roots to deliver authentic Straits Chinese dishes with a modern twist.



## BARS

- **Atlas Bar** **F** (*Parkview Square*) made Time.com's 'Greatest Places 2018' list and has been lauded for its extensive gin menu (1,000 varieties) and a classic Art Deco-styled interior.
- As its name suggests, **Native** **G** (*52A Amoy Street*) cocktails are crafted with Asian ingredients and spirits. We recommend The Sarapan, which features a coconut distillate, butter roasted coffee, and homemade kvass alcohol (a

Slavic fermented beverage made from rye bread).

- The stellar offerings at **Jigger & Pony** **H** (*Amara Hotel*) are thanks to bar manager Jerrold Khoo, champion bartender at the prestigious Diageo World Class Competition 2018 in Singapore. Order the Java Cooler: a mix of Tanqueray gin, sesame, calamansi and Fever Tree aromatic tonic.
- **The Old Man Singapore** **I** (*55 Keong Saik Road, #01-04*) also clinched a spot on the

2019 World's 50 Best Bars list. A tribute to Ernest Hemingway, drinks here are named after his books, while 'Papa' memorabilia are strewn throughout.

- With inspired cocktails that celebrate the different eras of New York in a setting reminiscent of a grand hotel bar, it's no wonder **Manhattan** **J** (*Regent Singapore*) was second on Asia's Best Bars 2019 list.





# HALAL-FRIENDLY DINING

Halal food choices range from the traditional to the refreshingly innovative.




## StraitsKitchen

Hearty and curious appetites should head for the halal-certified buffet spread at StraitsKitchen (Grand Hyatt Singapore). Here, local ethnic dishes like *murtabak* (flatbread stuffed with meat and spices), beef *rendang* (braised meat cooked in coconut milk and spices), Singapore *laksa* (spicy coconut milk-based noodle soup) and chilli crab are freshly prepared in its 'live theatre kitchens'.

 [www.singapore.grand.hyattrestaurants.com](http://www.singapore.grand.hyattrestaurants.com)

## Smith Marine

Enjoy halal seafood *zichar* (traditional dishes influenced by home-cooked Chinese food) at this *kelong* (wooden offshore platform) restaurant. No passport needed – just a 10-minute boat ride from Changi Point Ferry Terminal. Catch your own fish, or try the cereal prawns and clam *beehoon* (vermicelli).

 [smithmarine.com.sg](http://smithmarine.com.sg)







### The Halia

Set amid the lush surroundings of our iconic Botanic Gardens, The Halia (Malay for ginger) serves up modern European fare with Asian influences. Standout dishes include the Lightly Smoked Kingfish starter and Slow-cooked Chicken Breast.

 [thehalia.com](http://thehalia.com)

### Positano Risto

Healthy appetites can expect generous portions at Positano Risto (66 Bussorah Street). Italian dishes like *osso buco* (braised veal shanks) come highly recommended, while the *arancini* balls (rice balls stuffed with mozzarella) are described by one blogger as 'super addictive'.


 [positanoristo.com](http://positanoristo.com)

### Tongue Tip Lanzhou Beef Noodles

*Lamian* (hand-pulled noodles) are rarely associated with halal cuisine, but *lamian* lovers swear by the offerings at Tongue Tip Lanzhou Beef Noodles (#02-107 Tiong Bahru Plaza). Pick your favourite noodle types – from thick to triangular – to accompany its signature beef broth. Feeling adventurous? Take your chances with the mouth-numbing Mala Spicy Beef Noodle.

### Hararu Izakaya


Muslim-owned Hararu Izakaya (16 Bussorah Street) offers a menu that goes beyond bar bites. Enjoy the highly recommended Edamame Aglio Olio, *gyozas* (pan-fried dumplings), and the *tori nanban* (fried egg-battered chicken in a sweet and sour sauce) on cosy tatami-style seating.

 [hararuizakaya.com](http://hararuizakaya.com)



### Blu Kouzina

This Greek restaurant (10 Dempsey Road, #01-21) in the hip Tanglin enclave comes highly recommended for its authentic appetisers – especially the Greek salad and halal lamb chops. Reservations are advised as seats fill up fast. Note: This establishment has no pork, no lard and has halal-certified meats, but serves alcohol.

 [blukouzina.com](http://blukouzina.com)



### The Malayan Council

For fusion cuisine that works, head for The Malayan Council (10 Winstedt Road). Outstanding dishes include the Smoked Duck Lemak Chili Padi (a pasta dish served in a coconut sauce with bird's-eye chilli). Be sure to end with the Classic Ondeh-Ondeh Cake, inspired by the bite-sized treat filled with melted palm sugar and coated with grated coconut.



# SUSTAINABLE DINING

Whether it's farm-to-table or nose-to-tail cuisine, here's where to go for guilt-free nosh.



## Salted & Hung

This eatery (12 Purvis Street) does its bit for sustainability by ensuring that every part of an animal or fish in its dishes is used. This includes smoking, curing, pickling and grilling innards, skin and bones to emerge with dishes that adhere to Drew Chef Nocente's policy of "minimal waste". Some standout dishes include quail (chilli and quail reduction) and grouper with soy, charcoal and fermented prawn butter.

[saltedandhung.com.sg](http://saltedandhung.com.sg)

## Kausmo

Produce usually discarded by chefs for being discoloured or oddly shaped is put to good use at this sustainable dining concept by the Les Amis Group. Kausmo (*Shaw Centre, #03-07*), derived from the word "cosmos", is its founder-chefs' way of addressing unnecessary food wastage, and to show that something good can come out of imperfection. The six-course modern European menu uses the day's seasonal ingredients.

[lesamisgroup.com.sg/kausmo](http://lesamisgroup.com.sg/kausmo)

## Afterglow

For fully plant-based, meatless, guilt-free cuisine, diners have been flocking to Afterglow (24 Keong Saik Road). Unanimously described as cosy, the tasteful little spot has also received rave reviews for its creative dishes, such as Avocado Kimchi Rolls, and Zucchini Linguine and Walnut Meatballs.

[afterglow.sg](http://afterglow.sg)





## Noka

This modern Japanese restaurant (#07-38 Funan), from the same people behind Open Farm Community, is the group's first foray into Japanese dining. Tucked away on Funan's top floor and accessible by walking through the rooftop garden, Noka gets most of its produce from the nearby garden for its *omakase* (chef's special) or set lunches.

[www.noka.sg](http://www.noka.sg)



## Poison Ivy Bistro

For a taste of rural Singapore, there's Poison Ivy Bistro (100 Neo Tiew Road), an offshoot of Bollywood Veggies, one of the earliest organic farms in the country. The bistro emphasises healthy eating, so expect less salt, no pork, no lard, and herbs and spices from its own farm. Try the Moringa Tempura, a plant with antioxidant properties coated with chickpea flour and deep-fried. Other unique offerings include Bolly Banana Curry and Jackfruit Lemak (a creamy sauce made with coconut).

[bollywoodveggies.com/bistro-farm/poison-ivy-bistro](http://bollywoodveggies.com/bistro-farm/poison-ivy-bistro)

## Labyrinth

The mod-Sin (modern Singapore) cuisine at one-Michelin-star Labyrinth (#02-23 Esplanade Mall) features innovative dishes like *nasi lemak* (rice cooked in coconut milk, served with an array of side dishes) *cheong fun* (rice noodle roll) and Heartland Waffle. But beyond his clever dishes, Chef Han Liguang is committed to using locally sourced produce where possible. As one review has described it, Labyrinth is where 'traditional Singaporean food is completely re-imagined'.

[labyrinth.com.sg](http://labyrinth.com.sg)



### FUN FACT

Before he started Labyrinth with some friends, Chef Han was a corporate banker.



# HAWKER DELIGHTS

Some of Singapore's most outstanding stalls are run by next-generation hawkers putting their unique spin on old favourites.



A

## A Noodle Story

The brainchild of two young “hawkerpreneurs”, A Noodle Story has made it to the Michelin Bib Gourmand list every year since 2016. Their specialty? Noodles **A** described as Japanese ramen meets *wanton mee* (Chinese dumpling noodles).

📍 #01-39 Amoy Street Food Centre



B

## Lad & Dad

This father-son duo dish out halal, British-inspired comfort food like Sunday roasts and Yorkshire pudding **B**. Diners can expect hearty portions using choice cuts.

📍 #01-79 Maxwell Food Centre

## Coffee Break

In 2011, the Sai siblings behind Coffee Break took over the drinks stall from their father and, since then, have introduced coffee flavours like Pumpkin Spice and Sea Salt Mint – inspired by their travels to France and Iran respectively.

📍 #02-78 Amoy Street Food Centre

## Old Amoy Chendol

Using skills learnt from his retired grandfather, “hawkerpreneur” Zhao You Ning dishes out authentic *chendol* **C** – an iced sweet dessert with slithers of green rice flour jelly, coconut milk and *gula melaka* (palm sugar). Ingredients are made from scratch daily, especially the hand-pressed, pandan-flavoured jelly.

📍 #02-008 Chinatown Complex Food Centre



C

## Tang Kay Kee Fish Head Bee Hoon

Marrying the concept of *zichar* (traditional dishes influenced by home-cooked Chinese food) with modern lunch bowls was a gamble that paid off. The fourth-generation hawkers have reinterpreted dishes like prawn paste chicken, serving it in boneless, bite-sized cubes for easy consumption.

📍 #01-70 Hong Lim Food Centre



D

## Sin Ming Roti Prata

Third-generation owners Almalic Faisal and his brother, Mohamed Dufail, knead 30kg of dough daily, twirling and flipping each *prata* **D** (South Indian crispy flatbread) by hand. Eaten with a spicy fish curry, it's the best reward after a long trek at the MacRitchie Treetop Walk.

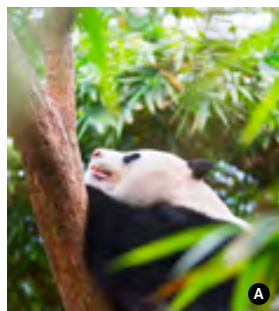
📍 #01-51 Jin Fa Kopitiam, 24 Sin Ming Road

PHOTOS: SPH



# TOP 10 MUST DO'S

Depending on your interest, there are so many experiences to be enjoyed. Here are our favourites.



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## WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

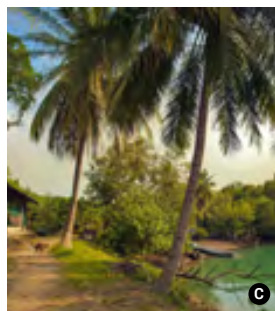
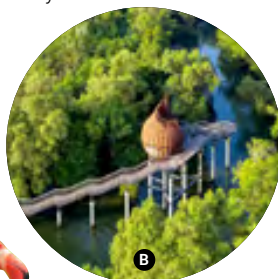
Over 600 different species of fantastic creatures can be found across these three parks. Whether it's the majestic white tigers from the award-winning **Singapore Zoo**, or **River Safari's** **A** adorable giant pandas, there will be many insta moments while you tour the elegantly landscaped habitats. Stay on for the world's only **Night Safari**, and hop on a 35-minute tram ride touring everything from the rugged Himalayan foothills to the swamp banks of Equatorial Africa.



2

## FOR FLORA AND FAUNA FANS

If birdwatching is your thing, **Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve** **B** serves as a stopover for hundreds of species of migratory birds like herons and falcons. The **Singapore Botanic Gardens** is a lush oasis of over 10,000 species of flora, with some as old as its 160-year history. Or take a three-hour trek to **MacRitchie Reservoir's Treetop Walk** for stunning vistas 25m off the forest floor. The 250m-long suspension bridge closes at 4.45pm, so be sure to start early.



3

## NOSTALGIC SINGAPORE

Beyond its modern skyline and shiny shopping malls, there are still pockets of Singapore that hark back to an earlier era. **Pulau Ubin** **C**, an island off mainland Singapore, gives you a glimpse of life in the 1960s, with old *kampung* (Malay for village) houses. **Seletar Aerospace Park** is a prime example of Singapore's colonial past. These days, its charming black and white residential bungalows house hip eateries popular with visiting locals on the weekend.

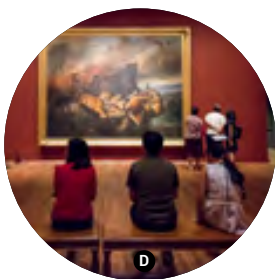




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## FOR CULTURAL CACHET

The **ArtScience Museum** (6 Bayfront Avenue) has hosted several cutting-edge shows, while modern Southeast Asian art can be admired at **National Gallery Singapore** (1 St Andrew's Road). If street or mural art is more up your alley, head to the three cultural precincts of Chinatown, Little India and Kampong Glam. See **page 24** for Cultural Precincts.



### FUN FACT

There are more than 50 museums and galleries waiting to be discovered. How many have you visited?



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## APPRECIATING ARCHITECTURE

With reputable international and local architects behind some of our most iconic buildings, Singapore has become a destination for gazers and students alike. Admire these edifices that celebrate form, style and function on architecture day tours organised by private operators like Jane's SG Tours. **Marina Bay Sands, Gardens by the Bay** (E), **Esplanade, National Gallery** – they're sure to take your breath away. Sign up, too, for tours that take you into the cultural precincts of Joo Chiat, Katong and Chinatown, where beautifully restored conservation shophouses live on as an homage to Singapore's heritage.

6

## ACTIVE DAZE

**Sentosa** island is popular with sun and fun seekers. Action fans can go for **AJ Hackett's** acclaimed bungy jump, or take to the skies through the wind tunnel at **iFly Singapore** (F). Kid-friendly pursuits include **SEA Aquarium**, home to some 100,000 marine creatures. On mainland Singapore, places like **KF1 Karting** (1 Turf Club Avenue), **Bounce Singapore** (8 Grange Road, #09-01) and **Splash-N-Surf** (G) (1B Stadium Walk) offer more thrilling options.



F

G



#### FUN FACT

You can have a tasty meal for less than \$4 at most hawker centres.

9

## TOAST TO ADVENTUROUS MIXOLOGY

Inventive tipples to try: **Ah Sam Cold Drink Stall** (60 Boat Quay) invokes local coffee shops with its *kopi-o gao* (whisky, coffee-infused vermouth and walnut bitters). **Operation Dagger** (7 Ann Siang Hill, #B1-01), with its 'bunker-chic décor', keeps things mysterious – including a menu that doesn't detail what's in your drink. So, guess what's in your Oyster Ice Cream or Gomashio 2013?



10

## NIGHTS OUT

Party it up with our bevy of hip nightlife establishments, from the world's tallest rooftop bar, **1-Altitude** (1 Raffles Place), to themed bars like **Holey Moley** (3B River Valley Road) and **Nineteen80** (21 Tanjong Pagar Road, #01-05). See **page 15** for more award-winning bars.

8

## SHOPPING IN ORCHARD ROAD

**Orchard Road** is more than just star-studded international brands. It's also a treasure trove of local brands that boasts world-class quality. Don't miss **Design Orchard**, with its many independent boutiques representing the best of Singapore design. See **page 8** for more unique retail gems.



7

## HAWKER HUNT

Seek out an array of local dishes at our beloved hawker centres. Besides the tourist hotspots of **Maxwell Food Centre** or **Newton**, remember to hit up the hidden gems of **Chinatown Complex**, **Golden Mile Food Centre** and **Tiong Bahru Market** as well. You may even spot a Michelin-starred stall or two – just look for the longest line!



# CHINATOWN

Once home to early Chinese immigrants, this multicultural enclave has evolved into a bustling melting pot of old and new.



## SEE & DO

- Dedicated as a time capsule to show stories of Singapore's early Chinese immigrants, the **Chinatown Heritage Centre** (48 Pagoda Street) is a must-visit for an introduction to Singapore's largest historical district.
- Look out for the life-sized murals of **Yip Yew Chong** A, a local illustrator. His art depicts life in the district from an earlier era.
- Don't miss three of Singapore's oldest religious buildings: the **Nagore Dargah Indian Muslim Heritage Centre** (140 Telok Ayer Street), **Thian Hock Keng Temple** (158 Telok Ayer Street) and **Al Abrar Mosque** (192 Telok Ayer Street).
- For a hands-on experience into a vanishing craft, sign up for a two-hour Buddha effigy-making workshop at **Say Tian Hng** ([www.buddhashop.sg](http://www.buddhashop.sg)).



## FUN FACT

Thian Hock Keng Temple was built without a single nail.

## EAT & DRINK

- A spectrum of dining experiences await in Chinatown, from hearty hawker food to fine Scandinavian fare at the two-Michelin-starred **Zen** (41 Bukit Pasoh Road). Bib Gourmand-worthy *zichar* (traditional dishes influenced by home-cooked Chinese food) can be savoured at **Kok Sen Restaurant** (30 Keong Saik Road).
- **Chinatown Food Street** at Smith Street boasts iconic dishes by some of Singapore's most well-known stalls. Order these to try: oyster omelette, *satay* (grilled, skewered meat) or fried *kway teow* (flat rice flour noodles).
- A few bars that made it to Asia's 50 Best Bars 2019 list can be found right here in Chinatown: **Native** (52A Amoy Street) and **Operation Dagger** B (7 Ann Siang Hill).





C

## SHOP

- Jewellers like **On Cheong** (251 South Bridge Road) and watch retailer **Kee Hin Hung** (#02-21/22 People's Park Complex) have become mainstays in Chinatown, with their loyal band of customers.
- Health and wellness shops include **Chop Wah On** (34 Upper Cross Street) for its world-famous medicated oils, and **Eu Yan Sang** (#B1-35, Chinatown Point) for packaged tonic soups and supplements.

- Ever-popular food souvenirs mean snaking queues at retailers like **Tai Chong Kok** C (34 Sago Street) and **Lim Chee Guan** (203 New Bridge Road). The latter's juicy *bak kwa* (barbequed meat slices) is a favourite among local foodies.

### **Pek Sin Choon** D

(36 Mosque Street) supplies teas to local restaurants, including its famous Unknown Fragrance, a blend of oolong tea varietals. Local-coffee lovers pick up their favourite blends from **Nanyang Old Coffee** E (268 South Bridge Road).

- A specialty store for Chinese products, the historic **Yue Hwa Chinese Products** (70 Eu Tong Sen Street) has always been the go-to place for brocades, cheongsams and embroidered wedding emblems, among others.



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# KAMPONG GLAM

Rich Malay heritage aside, this district is chock-full of hipster cafes, shops and delicious eats.




## FUN FACT

The base of Sultan Mosque's onion-shaped domes are decorated with glass bottle ends donated by poorer Muslims who wanted to contribute to its construction.

## SEE & DO

- With its distinctive yellow exterior, the **Malay Heritage Centre** (85 Sultan Gate) was formerly the residence of the Sultan of Johor in pre-independent Singapore. It holds artefacts tracing Malay culture dating as far back as the 18th century.
- Just five years shy of its 200th anniversary, the **Sultan Mosque**

or **Masjid Sultan** (3 Muscat Street) is one of Singapore's most impressive religious buildings, with a prayer hall that can hold up to 5,000 worshippers.

- For instagrammably eye-catching murals and street art, head to **Haji Lane** , **Sultan Gate**, **Jalan Pisang**, **Baghdad Street** and the Gelam outdoor art gallery in **Muscat Street**.



## EAT & DRINK

- Bib Gourmand awardee **Hajah Maimunah**  (11 Jalan Pisang) still dishes out *nasi padang* (steamed rice served with various pre-cooked dishes) the way it's been prepared for the last 30 years. Be sure to order the *ikan bakar* (grilled fish) and *tahu telur* (tofu omelette served with peanuts and a spicy sauce).
- **Singapore Zam Zam Restaurant** (697-699 North Bridge Road) is perhaps the country's most well-known *murtabak* (flatbread stuffed with egg, meat and onions) stall, and reportedly its oldest at 111 years old. Foodies swear by its chicken *murtabak*.
- At **Scaled by Ah Hua Kelong** (55 Haji Lane), dishes feature sustainably harvested local seafood, such as its XL Clams, all delivered fresh from its own *kelong* (floating fish farm).



- For photogenic Bubble Waffles and other sweet treats, **Asian Rad Afters** (33 Bali Lane) is an offshoot from Osaka, Japan. Exclusive flavours to Singapore are Peranakan Road and Little SouQ.



## SHOP

- For a scent that's truly unique, **Sifr Aromatics**  (42 Arab Street) can customise something just for you, whether it's citrusy, intense, or uplifting notes you're after.
- Love the boho vibes of Haji Lane? Those with a soft spot for vintage clothing and handmade one-of-a-kind accessories head for **Time After Time** (76 Haji Lane) and **SSFW** (75 Haji Lane) respectively.
- Delightful homewares and other lifestyle items can be found at **Scene Shang**  (263 Beach Road) and **Supermama** (265 Beach Road).



# LITTLE INDIA

Soak in the infectious vibes of this vibrant enclave. It's hard to resist the pull of its cultural attractions and incredible shopping.

## SEE & DO

- Orientate yourself at the **Indian Heritage Centre** (5 *Campbell Lane*), with films and interactive galleries detailing the history of early Indian immigrants in Singapore. For art with an experimental vibe, **UltraSuperNew Gallery** (107 *Rowell Road*) has scheduled exhibitions, so do check its website before you plan a visit.
- You'll find a curated mix of retail offerings and palate pleasers at the new **Tekka Place** (2 *Serangoon Road*). Make a beeline for Xin Tekka, featuring legendary hawkers, next generation food vendors and famous home cooks all under one roof. Feast your eyes on the iconic mural or head for the rooftop for cultural activities.
- Do the temple trek – Serangoon Road's **Sri Veeramakaliamman**, **Srinivasa Perumal** and **Sri Vadapathira Kaliamman** **A** or Chander Road's **Shree Lakshminarayan**.
- For a dose of heritage, **ARTWALK Little India** (*artwalklittleindia.sg*), organises events that bring to life the history, culture and art of Little India. Especially Instagrammable is Artwalk Trails, which takes you behind the story of the precinct's colourful murals and how they came to be.



## EAT & DRINK

- Plan a morning visit to **Tekka Market** **B** (665 *Buffalo Road*). After viewing an eye-popping array of fresh market produce, adjourn to the food centre to feast on cuisines from many cultures. The Indian food stalls are standouts: Be sure to try the ubiquitous hot ginger tea and *nasi briyani* (Indian spiced rice dish with meat or vegetables). Follow the long queues and you can't go wrong.



### FUN FACT

In days past, you could find a racecourse, cattle herders and brick kilns in Little India.



- For the last 97 years, **Komala Vilas** (76-78 Serangoon Road) has been the go-to restaurant for vegetarians and anyone on a break from a meat diet. Serving both North and South Indian cuisine, it features an extensive menu at affordable prices.

- At **MeatSmith Little India** (21 Campbell Lane), wood-fired barbecued meats are accented with Indian spices and rubs. For Indian-Chinese concoctions, **Sakunthala's Food Palace** (66 Race Course Road) never fails. Don't miss popular eateries like **Muthu's Curry**

(138 Race Course Road) and

**Banana Leaf Apolo** (48

Serangoon Road) for fish head curry, while

**Bismillah Biryani**

• (48 & 50 Dunlop

Street) serves up Bib Gourmand-worthy

food at wallet-friendly prices.

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#### FUN FACT

British football legend David Beckham was spotted eating *mee goreng* (fried noodles) at Tekka Market.

## SHOP

- Wander along Serangoon Road or its many little lanes and there's bound to be something interesting. **Little India Arcade** (48 Serangoon Road) is a conserved block of shophouses that is home to many Indian knick-knacks and sweets, such as **Moghul Sweet Shop** (#01-16).
- Brilliant saris can be found at **Pottu Kara Maami** (121A Serangoon Road). Check out its cheeky Instagram page. Be sure to make a stop at **Joyalukkas** (412 Serangoon Road), a reputable jewellery chain for all things gold. For a local favourite, visit **Jothi Store & Flower Shop** (1 Campbell Lane) for flower garlands and prayer items.
- And, of course, no shopping trip to Little India is complete without a visit to **Mustafa Centre** (145 Syed Alwi Road). More on Mustafa on **page 13**. Interesting gift ideas can also be found at **Onlewo** • (129 Jalan Besar), including Peranakan-inspired printed shirts or scarves featuring local architectural icons.



D



03-05  
**JAN**

### Raffles Hotel redux

The revamped Raffles Singapore sports more than a fresh coat of paint. The 132-year-old grand dame now hosts fine dining restaurant La Dame de Pic, as well as BBR by Alain Ducasse – a new iteration of the much-loved Bar & Billiard Room. Fan favourites Tiffin Room and Long Bar are still here.

📍 1 Beach Road

📶 [www.rafflessingapore.com](http://www.rafflessingapore.com)

🚶 City Hall



### Felix the Cat 100th Anniversary Exhibition

On till 29 Mar

Before Tom and Jerry, there was Felix the Cat. As one of the most successful cartoon figures of the silent era, the black cat with the giant grin is being celebrated at the MINT Museum of Toys on his 100th birthday. Presented by UNBOX, the exhibition brings Felix to life via immersive technology, reinforced by vintage toys and collectibles of the feisty feline.

📍 26 Seah Street

📶 [emint.com](http://emint.com)

🚶 City Hall



### Cats

On till 5 Jan

Here's your last chance to catch Andrew Lloyd Webber's record-breaking, groundbreaking musical based on TS Eliot's classic tome. With catchy songs, breathtaking choreography and superb performances, it's no wonder *Cats* is one of the longest-running shows in West End and Broadway history.

📍 Sands Theatre Singapore

📶 [www.marinabaysands.com/entertainment.html/](http://www.marinabaysands.com/entertainment.html/)

🚶 Bayfront



**DID YOU KNOW**

Visitors to Little India's Tekka Place can expect to be greeted by new murals and an outdoor installation. They range from funky to whimsical and thought-provoking.

**10-12  
JAN**
**ARTWALK Little India****10-18 Jan**

As part of Singapore Art Week, ARTWALK Little India celebrates the area's rich heritage via exhibitions, film screenings, dance performances, spice workshops and guided weekend tours. Check out the ARTWALK website below for the latest event information.

📍 Little India

🌐 [www.artwalklittleindia.sg](http://www.artwalklittleindia.sg)

🚶 Little India

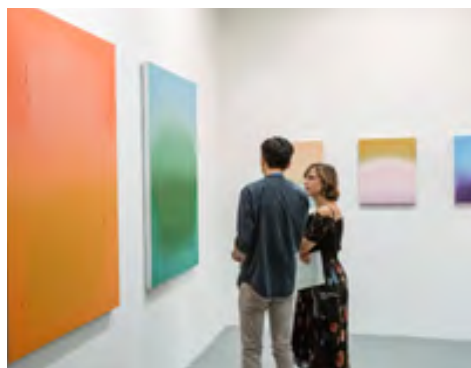
**Pongal (Harvest Festival)****10 Jan-9 Feb**

The month-long festival brings the Little India precinct to colourful life, with traditional performances and vibrant street decorations. Look out for the Open House at the Indian Heritage Centre for workshops and food tastings.

📍 Various locations including Campbell Lane, Hastings Road, Indian Heritage Centre, Serangoon Road

🌐 [www.littleindia.com.sg/pongal](http://www.littleindia.com.sg/pongal)

🚶 Little India

**Singapore Art Week****11-19 Jan**

The yearly event, which focuses on visual art, is back with a litany of art and lifestyle events at various venues across Singapore, from galleries and museums to art precincts and unconventional spaces. Don't miss this year's highlight event, the Light to Night Festival 2020: Invisible Cities.

📍 Various venues

🌐 [www.artweek.sg](http://www.artweek.sg)

17-19  
**JAN**



### Aliwal Urban Art Festival

**11-19 Jan**

As part of Singapore Art Week, the festival is inspired by street culture – from graffiti and skateboarding to graphic art and afro-beat. The events are primarily organised in and around the hipster precinct of Kampong Glam.

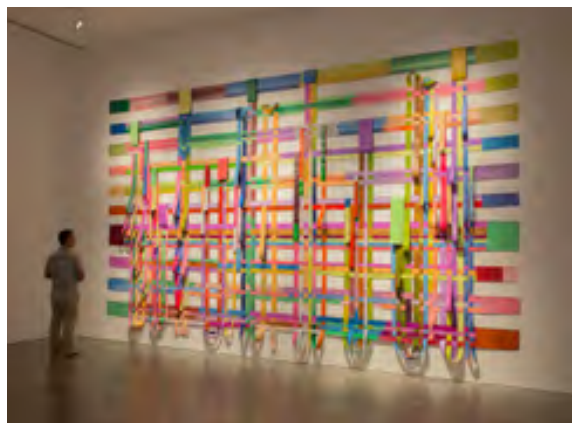
📍 Kampong Glam  
📶 [aliwalartcentre.sg](http://aliwalartcentre.sg)  
🚶 Bugis



### Savour edible art

If the flurry of arty events and activities have made you hungry for more, here's where to go for some edible art. The attention to detail at **Odette** (*National Gallery*), including its gorgeous desserts like the Meyer Lemon Tart (above), goes some way to explain why this fine-dining restaurant just received a three-Michelin-star rating. More on Odette on page 14. Local pastry chef Janice Wong's sweet treats at **2am:dessert bar** (*21A Lorong Liput*) have always been a feast for the eyes and palate. If you can't decide, just go for the dessert degustation menu.

📶 [odetterestaurant.com](http://odetterestaurant.com)  
[janicewong.com.sg](http://janicewong.com.sg)



### S.E.A Focus by STPI

**16-19 Jan**

In conjunction with Singapore Art Week, this special showcase aims to increase appreciation for Southeast Asian modern and contemporary art. Activities slated for public participation include creative artist-led events and talks. This year, 20 galleries across Southeast Asia and beyond are participating.

📍 Gillman Barracks  
📶 [www.artweek.sg](http://www.artweek.sg)  
🚶 Labrador Park



24-26  
JAN

## Singapore River HongBao

23 Jan-1 Feb

Expect interactive lantern installations and unforgettable performances at this Chinese New Year celebration by the riverside. Don't miss the instagram-friendly lantern decorations, along with fireworks displays, which will light up the night skies for the duration of River HongBao.

📍 The Float @ Marina Bay

📶 [www.riverhongbao.sg](http://www.riverhongbao.sg)

🚶 Promenade

## Cloudstreet

The latest venture of acclaimed Chef Rishi Naleendra (currently of Michelin-starred Cheek Bistro), Cloudstreet is a passion project that combines Chef Rishi's experience with modern European cuisine and his Sri Lankan heritage – much like his Coffin Bay oyster, accentuated with betel leaf oil and coconut milk (below).

📍 84 Amoy Street

📶 [cloudstreet.com.sg](http://cloudstreet.com.sg)

🚶 Telok Ayer



## Chinese New Year Celebrations

25 Jan-13 Feb

Get your camera ready for dazzling shots of Chinatown's Eu Tong Sen Street, New Bridge Road and South Bridge Road, as they get all lit up for the season's festivities. Shop at the street markets for Chinese decorations and other souvenirs.

🚶 Chinatown

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“Those born in the Year of the Rat are often described as witty, imaginative and curious. The Rat, after all, had outwitted the other 11 animals... to become the first animal in the Chinese zodiac.”

– DELVIN LEE, PRODUCER, HUAYI 2020

## Chingay Parade

**31 Jan-1 Feb**

A much-anticipated event for its spectacle of floats, stilt walkers and dancers representing different cultures, the parade celebrates not just Chinese New Year but Singapore's cultural diversity as well. On top of the two nightly parades, there will also be a carnival along the parade route.

📍 F1 Pit Building

📶 [www.chingay.org.sg](http://www.chingay.org.sg)

🚶 Promenade



## Night at Orchard Road

**14-16 Feb**

The pop-up event takes place in the pedestrian mall between ION Orchard and Ngee Ann City, and showcases talents across fashion, art, food and beverage, and music. It's Orchard Road like you've never seen before – with specially curated retail and alfresco dining options, complemented by the tunes of buskers.

📶 [www.orchardroad.org](http://www.orchardroad.org)

🚶 Orchard

## Huayi

**31 Jan-9 Feb**

In line with the Year of the Rat, Huayi 2020 is themed on the rodent's attributes of wit, imagination and curiosity. Catch music, drama and comedic works that run from traditional to cutting-edge by accomplished Singapore art companies and artists, with a special appearance by Mandopop star David Tao.

📍 1 Esplanade Drive

📶 [www.esplanade.com](http://www.esplanade.com)

🚶 Esplanade & City Hall





## Pentatonix World Tour 2020

11 Feb

Grammy Award-winning fan favourites, the *a cappella* quintet of Scott, Mitch, Kirstin, Kevin and Matt are best known for their unique takes on hits from the likes of Lady Gaga, Daft Punk and Beyonce. Their winning combination of vocal harmony, bass lines, riffing, percussion and beatboxing have made them one of the world's biggest *a cappella* groups.

📍 The Star Theatre  
 📡 [www.sistic.com.sg/events/pentatonix0220](http://www.sistic.com.sg/events/pentatonix0220)  
 🚗 Buona Vista



## An Old New World Exhibition

On till 29 Mar

Much is known about Singapore after its founding in 1819, but what about the years preceding the landmark date? The National Museum's exhibition aims to bring curious minds on a journey from the 1600s to 1819 via 220 artifacts on loan from international museums, as well as institutional and private collections. Kids will love the storytelling sessions and craft activities.

📍 93 Stamford Road  
 📡 [www.nationalmuseum.sg](http://www.nationalmuseum.sg)  
 🚗 Bencoolen, Dhoby Ghaut, Bras Basah

## Time Capsule at Singapore Flyer

A new, multi-sensory experience that tells the Singapore story from 700 years ago to the present, it also offers visitors a glimpse of the future. Through holographic technology and interactive touch screens, visitors will relive some of Singapore's most inspiring moments.

📍 30 Raffles Avenue  
 📡 [www.singaporeflyer.com](http://www.singaporeflyer.com)  
 🚗 Promenade



For quirky keepsakes or thoughtful gifts for that special someone this Valentine's Day, Design Orchard is your one-stop shop for home-grown brands. **Pinksalt** crafts beautifully printed swimwear perfect for your next beach getaway. We also love **Pew Pew Patches'** humorous stickers and iron-on patches.

 Somerset

Housed in Clarke Quay's oldest building, the newly opened Riverhouse is a multi-concept space comprising Chinese restaurant Mimi, alfresco bar Yin, and nightclub Yang. For food-loving locals, the main draw is Mimi (secret in Mandarin), which marries Sichuan, Cantonese and Shanghaiese cuisines, served in a modern tapas style.

 Clarke Quay & Fort Canning

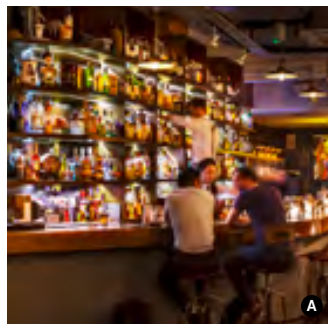
With love in the air, here's a romantic dining spot for a great date. Formerly a chapel dating back to the 1930s, The White Rabbit serves up classic European fare with contemporary flair. Post-dinner, head out to The Rabbit Hole, Singapore's only gin garden bar, to complete a perfect meal.

 Queenstown

**DID YOU KNOW**

Stunning views await atop the world's tallest public housing project, The Pinnacle at Duxton. Public access is only \$6. Log on to [pinnacleduxton.com.sg/public.html/](http://pinnacleduxton.com.sg/public.html/)

21-23  
FEB

**Night Out in Tanjong Pagar**

Timeout magazine has called it Singapore's coolest neighbourhood and for good reason: Tanjong Pagar isn't just a gourmand's haven with its many award-winning restaurants, it also contains some of the region's best watering holes. Think the likes of **Jigger and Pony** **A** (165 Tanjong Pagar Road) and **Employees Only** (112 Amoy Street) **B**. After drinking up, socialise with your newfound friends at the **Nineteen80 Arcade Bar** (#01-05, 21 Tanjong Pagar Road) **C**.

Tanjong Pagar

**Streetwear shopping**

Check out the hype on the freshest goods at **Dover Street Market** (18 Dempsey Road) – where limited edition collaborations abound; or pick up some vintage streetwear at shops like **EXIT Co** (#05-27, 150 Orchard Road) and **Loop Garms** (#01-148, 635 Veerasamy Road). Sneaker artist Mark Ong (right) of **SBTG** has channelled his rebellious streak into shoes coveted even by the likes of Kobe Bryant.



28 FEB-  
01 MAR

## Singapore Brazilian Zouk Festival

**28 Feb-8 Mar**

Put on your dancing shoes for this high-energy festival of dance performances, workshops and themed parties every night. There's even a DJ course for Calvin Harris wannabes.


 [www.brazilianzouk.sg](http://www.brazilianzouk.sg)




## ONE Championship

**28 Feb**

Into its 10th year and still one of the most-anticipated events on the sporting calendar, ONE matches cover the full spectrum of martial arts, including mixed martial arts, *karate*, *taekwondo*, *silat* and *lethwei* (Burmese boxing). Notable athletes who have been in the Singapore ring include mixed martial arts champion Angela Lee, Mei Yamaguchi and Giorgio Petrosyan. Look out for later editions happening in May and November as well.

 Singapore Indoor Stadium

 [onefc.com](http://onefc.com)

 Stadium


## HSBC Women's World Championship

**28 Feb-3 Mar**

As with previous years, the world's best female golfers will converge on the greens of Sentosa Golf Club for the HSBC Women's World Championship. Tension will run high as South Korean favourite Park Sung Hyun returns to defend her crown against 63 players for the US\$1.5m prize.

 Sentosa Golf Club

 [www.hsbcgolf.com/womens/](http://www.hsbcgolf.com/womens/)

 Harbourfront








## i Light Singapore

6-29 Mar


Aimed at encouraging the public to adopt sustainable habits in their approach to energy saving or going environmentally friendly in their everyday lives, i Light has built up a reputation for truly creative and inventive light art installations.

 [www.ilightsingapore.sg](http://www.ilightsingapore.sg)


 Bayfront, City Hall & Clarke Quay

## The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands

With more than 270 shops and restaurants, The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands offer perhaps the most luxury brands under one roof. As for dining, bold-faced names like Gordon Ramsay, Wolfgang Puck, David Myers and Daniel Boulud all have outposts here.

 10 Bayfront Avenue

 [www.marinabaysands.com/shopping.html/](http://www.marinabaysands.com/shopping.html/)

 Bayfront




## 2219: Futures Imagined

On till 5 Apr

What would Singapore 200 years from now look like? The exhibition at the ArtsScience Museum gazes into the crystal ball to imagine what life would be like in 2219. Through immersive installations, meditative spaces, films, paintings and sculptures, visitors will find themselves transported into a thought-provoking universe.

 6 Bayfront Avenue

 [www.marinabaysands.com/museum.html/](http://www.marinabaysands.com/museum.html/)

 Bayfront



13-15  
**MAR**

**A****B****C**

### Lifestyle Shopping in Tiong Bahru

The neighbourhood of Tiong Bahru **A** has gained cult status among local hipsters for its interesting boutiques. Multi-label store **Nana & Bird** **B** (1 Yong Siak Street) carries a mix of popular local labels like Aijek, and international brands like Building Block from Los Angeles. For homeware that is instantly Pinterest-worthy, head to **Maisonne** (25 Yong Siak Street). And don't skip the Singaporean institution **BooksActually** **C** (9 Yong Siak Street), renowned for their local literature collection.

**Tiong Bahru**

### Living Worlds Exhibition: An Animal Planet Experience

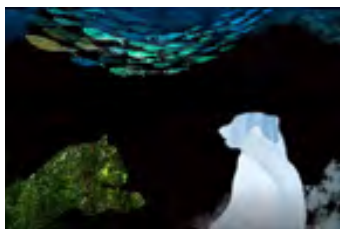
**On till 22 Mar**

The Science Centre Singapore, in partnership with Discovery Inc, presents an exhibition that explores the relationship between animals and the environment they inhabit. Immersive media and interactive technology will bring you to the heart of the action.

**15 Science Centre Road**

**science.edu.sg**

**Jurong East**



### Haji Lane

Singapore's unofficial indie neighbourhood just keeps getting more appealing, and we can think of three good reasons. There's **Bar Stories** (55-57A Haji Lane) for bespoke cocktails and **Scaled by Ah Hua Kelong** (55 Haji Lane) for its signature curry mussels. End off the night at **Going Om** (63 Haji Lane; pictured) for good music and great vibes.





### Boutique Fairs Singapore: The Spring/Summer 2020 Edition

20-22 Mar

The popular eclectic indoor weekend market returns with a variety of independent local and international brands. From art, fashion and furniture to homewares, toys and treats, this year's Boutique Fairs puts the highlight on hundreds of socially responsible small businesses.

📍 F1 Pit Building

📶 [www.boutiquefairs.com.sg](http://www.boutiquefairs.com.sg)

🚶 Promenade



### Wild Wild Wet Water Park

Singapore's sunny weather all year round makes water parks a great option for a day out with the kids. Located at the eastern end of Singapore, Wild Wild Wet's Kidz Zone rides and attractions come in pint-sized versions of the big rides, with interesting names like Royal Flush, Slide Up, Torpedo and Shiok River.

📍 1 Pasir Ris Close

📶 [www.wildwildwet.com](http://www.wildwildwet.com)

🚶 Pasir Ris



### Jurong Lakeside Gardens

Head for Forest Garden, a 2.3-hectare playground at Lakeside Garden perfect for the young and young-at-heart. With nine play stations inspired by animals living in a freshwater swamp, such as crabs, frogs and butterflies, this only means hours of endless fun for the kids.

📍 Yuan Ching Road

📶 [www.nparks.gov.sg/juronglakegardens](http://www.nparks.gov.sg/juronglakegardens)

🚶 Lakeside



27-29  
**MAR**



### Universal Studios Singapore

Whether you're into intergalactic sci-fi or paleontology, this is where it's all happening.

**Battlestar Galactica: Human vs Cylon** features the world's tallest duelling rollercoasters while everyone's perennial favourite, the **Jurassic Park**

**Rapids Adventure** (pictured) continues to thrill dinosaur fans.

📍 8 Sentosa Gateway

📶 [www.rwsentosa.com](http://www.rwsentosa.com)

🚶 Harbourfront

### Jetpack at Ola Beach Club

Get a taste of Hawaii at this multi-concept beach club on Sentosa island. Hawaiian for life, health and well-being, Ola offers a variety of trendy activities for sunseekers. Take your pick from stand-up paddleboarding, banana boating, kayaking or our favourite, jetpacking – where a water-propelled jetpack elevates you 10m up in the air.

📍 46 Siloso Beach Walk

📶 [www.olabeachclub.com](http://www.olabeachclub.com)

🚶 Harbourfront



### Wings of Time

Cap a day of excitement on Sentosa island with a spectacular outdoor night show. The award-winning Wings of Time is a laser, fire and water show set to a soaring soundtrack, culminating in a dramatic fireworks display. There are two shows nightly for the ticketed event.

📍 Beach view, Sentosa

📶 [www.sentosa.com.sg](http://www.sentosa.com.sg)

🚶 Harbourfront





### Les Amis

One of only two restaurants in Singapore to receive the much-coveted three Michelin stars, Les Amis – under Executive Chef Sebastien Lepinoy – fuses classic French techniques with a modern twist. Score a seat at the Chef's Table, where you can watch your meal being prepared. And, of course, pick from a 3,000-bottle wine list, one of Asia's best.

📍 1 Scotts Road  
 📶 [lesamis.com.sg](http://lesamis.com.sg)  
 🚶 Orchard



### Le Petit Chef by Grand Hyatt

**On till 1 Jul**

This two-hour immersive culinary journey follows the footsteps of explorer Marco Polo as he traverses the Silk Road, with the smallest chef in the world as your host. Digital mapping, 3D visual technology and, of course, an exquisite six-course menu will make this an unforgettable meal.

📍 10 Scotts Road  
 📶 [www.singapore.grand.hyattrestaurants.com](http://www.singapore.grand.hyattrestaurants.com)  
 🚶 Orchard



### Nimble/Knead Spa

Don't be surprised if you turn up for your spa appointment and find yourself in a spa container. Perhaps the owners of Nimble/Knead Spa want their customers to be transported to states of bliss by their spa treatments, with interesting names like Destination Bali and A Thousand Smiles in the Rising Sun.

📍 66 Eng Watt Street #01-28  
 📶 [www.nimbleknead.com](http://www.nimbleknead.com)  
 🚶 Tiong Bahru



10-12  
**APR**

## Hydeout Festival

**10-11, 17-18 Apr**

Move aside, Coachella. Singapore's own multi-genre experiential playground is debuting with a blockbuster line-up that includes ASAP Rocky, Rita Ora, DJ Snake (pictured) and Sam Feldt. Get ready for rockin' music and stunning interactive installations.

**The Meadow, Gardens by the Bay**

**hydeout.sg**

**Bayfront**

## JSSL Singapore Professional Academy 7s

**10-12 Apr**

Asia's largest youth football competition returns for another year, this time showcasing young players – both male and female – from over 450 teams across 17 countries. The yearly event is organised by JSSL Singapore, a youth football club that offers training programmes, including football camps, for young enthusiasts.

**jssl-singapore7s.com**



## HSBC Singapore Rugby Sevens

**11-12 Apr**

The event has achieved near-cult status, not just for the fast and furious games featuring some of the best rugby players internationally, but also for the wacky outfits and after parties that avid supporters look forward to.

**National Stadium**

**www.singapore7s.sg**

**Stadium**



17-19  
APR

### Red Dynasty Paintball Park

Paintball is more than strength or speed; it also requires decisiveness and quick thinking or you'll find yourself unceremoniously spattered with paint. Sign up for packages with quirky names like Rambo, James Bond or The Godfather.

📍 220 Turf Club Road

📶 [weplaypaintball.com](http://weplaypaintball.com)

🚗 Farrer Road

### KF1 Karting

The Federation Internationale de l'Automobile has hailed karting as the best route for future car champions, so bring your Lewis Hamilton wannabes for an afternoon of the fun and safe sport. The only requirement? Karters have to be at least 140cm tall.

📍 1 Turf Club Avenue

📶 [kf1karting.com](http://kf1karting.com)

🚗 Farrer Road



### World Gourmet Summit

20-26 Apr

The annual World Gourmet Summit has become the hot ticket to the best dining and wining experiences in Singapore. Each year, special menus and collaborations between local chefs and international culinary icons are featured, along with specially designed wine-tasting sessions, and workshops where the best and brightest hold forth (think Rene Redzepi, Heston Blumenthal and others).

📶 [worldgourmetsummit.com](http://worldgourmetsummit.com)



24-26  
**APR**



### Saltwater Cafe 🌿

Housed in Village Hotel Changi in Singapore's far east, it offers a halal buffet with Asian and local delights. Rated highly is the live barbecue station for gourmet meats and seafood. And if the day's spread includes Nonya *laksa* (a spicy coconut-based noodle soup) or durian desserts, don't pass those up.

📍 1 Netheravon Rd

📶 [www.saltwater.com.sg](http://www.saltwater.com.sg)

🚶 Pasir Ris



### Shopping for outdoor gear

Time to up your game with the right gear, whatever your sport may be. At the 5,000 sqm, 24-hour **Decathlon Singapore Lab** (230 Stadium Boulevard, pictured), you can test-drive shoes – or other equipment – on its in-store gravel-covered hiking path before you commit to your purchase.

At **Queensway Shopping Centre** (1 Queensway), you're spoiled for choice by the array of sports and travel gear on sale. Feel free to do a price check to help you decide. **JD Sports** ([www.jdsports.com.sg](http://www.jdsports.com.sg)) also stocks the major brands, and some specialist labels like Canterbury, for rugby boots.

### Discover Pulau Ubin

If you've ever wondered what Singapore was like in the 1960s, just take a 10-minute bumboat ride to Pulau Ubin and you'll find residents still living the *kampung* (village) life. Bike or wander along the island's many trails, and stop by for sustenance at any of the seafood restaurants or coffee shops.

📶 [www.nparks.gov.sg](http://www.nparks.gov.sg)

🚶 Tampines East





**DID YOU KNOW**

There are a number of roads in Joo Chiat named after local fruits: Rambutan Road, Chiku Road, Duku Road, Mangis (purple mangosteen) Road and Lorong Nangka (jackfruit).

01-03  
MAY

**Singapore Sidecars Tour**

We can't think of a better way to see the colourful and diverse facades of the Katong/Joo Chiat precinct. Sit in one of these vintage Vespa sidecars for a one-hour tour that includes exploring the enclave's unique architectural styles as well as a one-of-a-kind Indian temple, and a visit to a local hawker centre or shophouse diner.

[www.sideways.sg](http://www.sideways.sg)

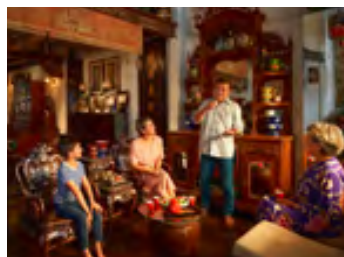
**Tour of The Intan**

Avid collector Alvin Yapp has turned his home into a treasure trove of all things Peranakan. Sign up for a guided tour and learn about Peranakan history and culture or traditional ceremonies, and gain insights into its iconic handmade beadwork, culminating in a delicious tasting of Nonya bites.

📍 69 Joo Chiat Terrace

📶 [the-intan.com](http://the-intan.com)

🚗 Eunós

**Hari Raya Aidilfitri**

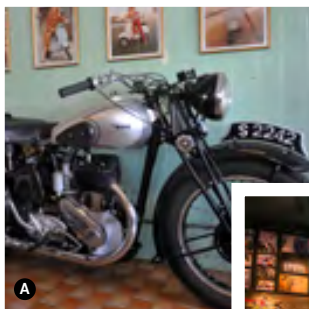
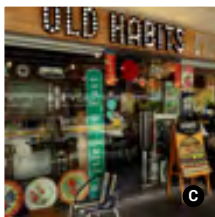
**Early May-25 May**

For Muslims, the end of Ramadan (the month of fasting) is marked by a joyous time of reunion with family and loved ones. The festivities continue at Geylang Serai, with a dazzling light-up, cultural programmes and bazaars serving up all manner of treats.

🚗 Paya Lebar & Eunós

08-10  
**MAY****Vintage-themed cafes**

These delightful throwbacks to the past will have you reminiscing fondly about the good ol' days. Teochew cuisine and vintage bikes are the attractions at **Kombi Rocks** **A** (68 Yio Chu Kang Road). At **Soek Seng 1954 Bicycle Cafe** **B** (80 Seletar Aerospace View #01-01), diners can watch planes take off as they tuck into fish and chips. **Old Habits** **C** (2 Telok Blangah Way #01-04) is part antique store, part cafe, serving grub like spicy wings and seasalt caramel roast chicken.

**A****B****C****Ridge Walk at Botanic Gardens**

Nature lovers now have a new 350m-long hiking trail to conquer at Singapore's iconic Botanic Gardens. Located just beyond the western boundary of the Gardens, the Mingxin Foundation Rambler's Ridge is home to 150 plant species.

📍 1 Cluny Road

🌐 [www.nparks.gov.sg](http://www.nparks.gov.sg)

🚌 Botanic Gardens

**Asia's 50 Best Bars 2020**

**13-14 May**

The 2019 edition saw **Manhattan** (level 2, Regent Singapore) taking second spot on the prestigious list. Other bars that made the top 10 cut included **Native** (52A Amoy Street; pictured), **Atlas** (600 North Bridge Road), and **Jigger & Pony** (165 Tanjong Pagar Road). Question is: will they maintain their rankings or better themselves this year?

🌐 [www.worlds50bestbars.com](http://www.worlds50bestbars.com)





## Singapore International Festival of Arts

15-31 May

If the purpose of art is to broaden our horizons and take us out of our comfort zones, then the yearly Singapore International Festival of Arts has succeeded admirably. Besides exposure to multidisciplinary art forms, attendees are encouraged to engage with artists in thought-provoking dialogues, while bearing witness to innovative interpretations of classic works. Expect to be challenged again this year.

[www.sifa.sg](http://www.sifa.sg)



## Singapore Cocktail Festival

15-17 May

Get together with like-minded cocktail lovers at this annual event. If you're into creative mixes and dexterous bartenders – plus a stellar music and entertainment line-up – you've come to the right place.

[www.singaporecocktailfestival.com](http://www.singaporecocktailfestival.com)



## The Battlebox: A Story of Strategy and Surrender

Restored as a museum, the former WWII underground command centre was where the British made the decision to surrender Singapore to the invading Japanese in 1942. Today, history buffs can relive that historic moment through the tour of the Battlebox.

[2 Cox Terrace](https://www.battlebox.com.sg)

[www.battlebox.com.sg](http://www.battlebox.com.sg)

Dhoby Ghaut



22-24  
**MAY**

Visiting celebrities who have had orchids named after them at the VIP Orchid Garden in the Botanic Gardens include the Duke & Duchess of Cambridge, Prince William and Kate Middleton; Jackie Chan; Bae Yong Joon; and Shah Rukh Khan.

## The Learning Forest

Home to 120,000 plant species, the 10-hectare forest – the size of 15 football fields – is divided into five sections. These include the Keppel Discovery Wetlands, the Wild Fruit Tree Arboretum and the Lowland Rainforest. And when you take the SPH Walk of Giants, you'll be in the company of trees over a hundred years old.

📍 Singapore Botanic Gardens

🌐 [www.nparks.gov.sg](http://www.nparks.gov.sg)

🚶 Botanic Gardens



## Wellness Weekend

Feeling guilty after all that bingeing? Try these wellness options and get back on track. Aerial yoga – which combines yoga, dance and aerial acrobatic techniques – can be experienced at **Upside Motion** ([www.upsidemotion.com](http://www.upsidemotion.com)). Popular with kids and adults is **Bounce Singapore** (#09-01 Cineleisure Orchard; pictured), with its massive indoor trampoline and even an obstacle course to push your limits.

## The Botanic

Focused on sustainability and ethical sourcing for its produce, The Botanic offers guests a wide menu that caters to a variety of diet preferences – vegan, vegetarian, pescatarian, gluten-free or meat-friendly. Finally, here's a dining spot that even the pickiest of eaters can agree on. The bonus? It's located right in the heart of town.

📍 #01-22A Raffles City Shopping Centre

🌐 [thebotanic.com.sg](http://thebotanic.com.sg)

🚶 City Hall







## Skechers Sundown Festival

**29-31 May**

Touted as 'Asia's music wonderland', the 3-day event has transcended its original musical aspirations and now embraces food, art, culture and even sustainability. This year, the Art & Cultural pavilions will be recycled and turned into building materials to be used for homes for Asia's underprivileged communities.

📍 **Siloso Beach, Sentosa**

📶 [www.sundownfestival.sg](http://www.sundownfestival.sg)

🚶 **Harbourfront**

**29-31  
MAY**

## 'Flavours of Singapore' Tour

Visitors who sign up for the 'Let's Go Cook Singapore' tour will experience a visit to a wet market to 'forage' for key ingredients, followed by a cooking workshop. Best part is you will learn to whip up tasty local dishes like *laksa* (spicy coconut milk-based noodle soup) and Hokkien *mee* (fried prawn noodles).

📍 **462 Crawford Lane #01-57**

📶 [letsgocooksingapore.com](http://letsgocooksingapore.com)

🚶 **Lavender**



## Malmaison by The Hour Glass

Singapore's first luxury emporium for watches, fragrances, leather goods and bespoke tailoring is the brainchild of luxury watch retailer, The Hour Glass. At the 8,000 sq ft space, customers can admire Patek Philippe watches, Cire Trudon candles and Reuge music boxes, among others.

📍 **#01-01, 270 Orchard Road,  
Grand Park Orchard**

📶 [www.thehourglass.com](http://www.thehourglass.com)

🚶 **Somerset**



05-07  
**JUN****DID YOU KNOW**

The 2.2km stretch of Orchard Road, which will be offering great deals this Great Singapore Sale, was once home to pepper and gambier plantations, and subsequently, nutmeg and fruit orchards.

**Hi Roller Skate Academy**

Singapore's biggest indoor skating rink welcomes all enthusiasts, whether they're beginners or at competitive levels. Choose from inline or quad skates, and whiz around in a lively environment replete with fun music and lights. Sessions on freestyle inline skating or rollerobics are also available.

📍 **Market Square @ Downtown East**

🌐 [www.hirollersingapore.com](http://www.hirollersingapore.com)

🚗 **Pasir Ris**

**NERF Action Experience**

Shoot zombies in an abandoned city; escape from an active volcano or scale a 3-storey rope course – these and other challenges await the brave at the 15,000 sq ft activity arena. Kid-friendly zones come with slides, ball pits, and a rope course.

📍 **Marina Square 6 Raffles Boulevard #01-208**

🌐 [www.nerfax.com.sg](http://www.nerfax.com.sg)

🚗 **City Hall**

**Singapore Floorball Open**

**25-28 Jun**

With over 150 participating teams and 8,000 spectators so far, this sport has garnered many fans in Singapore. As the largest international floorball tournament in Asia, past editions have featured top floorball teams like IBK Dalen and Pixbo.

📍 **26/28 Jalan Benaan Kapal, Kallang Park**

🌐 [www.sgfloorballopen.com](http://www.sgfloorballopen.com)

🚗 **Mountbatten**





### Indigo Blue Kitchen

Can a non-Peranakan chef turn out authentic Peranakan food? Judging by the reviews so far for this Les Amis offshoot, the answer is yes. Be prepared to return for Chef Chong Jin Xiang's *bakwan kepiting* (a soupy dish with meatballs made of crab and minced pork) and Nonya *chap chye* (mixed vegetable dish), to name a few.

📍 #03-09/10/11 Shaw Centre

🌐 [www.indigobluekitchen.com.sg](http://www.indigobluekitchen.com.sg)

🚶 Orchard



### Kiztopia

This indoor playground is a utopia for kids, with its 18 different play zones. Think ball pits, trampolines, slides, climbing structures, and a host of fun areas like a make-believe hair salon, grocery store, dress-up area and, of course, a bouncy castle.

📍 #01-09 Marina Square

🌐 [kiztopia.com](http://kiztopia.com)

🚶 Esplanade

### Try Mod-Sin Cuisine

Mod-Sin, short for modern Singaporean, refers to traditional Singaporean dishes that have been given an innovative twist. Chef Willin Low, Mod-Sin pioneer, again displays his creativity with **Po Restaurant** (320 Havelock Road; pictured). Try the charcoal-grilled iberico *satay* (skewered meat) and ice cream *popiah* (spring roll). Michelin-starred **Chef Kang's** (25 Mackenzie Road) elevates Chinese home-style cooking to new heights, such as his sauteed *kailan* (Chinese kale) with prawn paste.



19-21  
**JUN**

## DBS Marina Regatta

**Mid Jun, to be confirmed**

Last year's edition saw over 90 teams and 3,000 paddlers competing for Asia's biggest prize money for any dragon boat event, so there's more to look forward to this year. Look out for local hawker delights at the festival village, and take part in the many fringe events.

📍 Marina Bay

📶 [www.dbs.com/marina-regatta](http://www.dbs.com/marina-regatta)

🚶 Bayfront



## Kim Choo Dumpling Making Workshop

Since 1945, Kim Choo Kueh Chang's Nonya dumplings and *bak chang* (meat dumplings) have fed generations of families in the Katong/Joo Chiat area. At the workshop, learn how each of the ingredients are prepared, and try your hand at wrapping your sticky creations in bamboo leaves. The best part? A taste of the sweet-savoury nonya dumplings (also known as *zongzi*), ready for you to take home.

📍 106 Joo Chiat Road

📶 [www.kimchoo.com](http://www.kimchoo.com)

🚶 Eunus



## Me-time for Dad

This Father's Day, pamper Dad with a grooming session fit for royalty at **Sultans of Shave** (11 North Canal Road #02-01) and **Truefitt & Hill** (9 Ann Siang Road; pictured). Beyond a haircut and shave, these luxe barbers aim to bring back the romance of an earlier era, when grooming was rendered at an unhurried pace, all set in a relaxing space.



**DID YOU KNOW**

In remembrance of Chinese patriot and poet Qu Yuan, who drowned himself in despair, villagers began throwing *zongzi* (dumplings) into the river to stop the fish from devouring his body. Thus, *duan wu jie* (dumpling festival) was born.

**Mustard Seed Kitchen**

This intimate communal dining experience is helmed by Chef Gan Ming Kiat, who previously worked for Michelin-starred chef Malcolm Lee from Candlenut restaurant. Expect a well-curated tasting menu that fuses bold Singaporean flavours with Japanese techniques.

📍 75 Brighton Crescent

📶 [www.mustardseed.sg](http://www.mustardseed.sg)

🚗 Serangoon

**Holland Village Spree**

With its laid-back vibe, shopping in Holland Village is always a pleasure. Our favourites: **Our Second Nature** (43 Jalan Merah Saga #01-66) for print-centric collections; **Atelier Ong Shunmugam** (43 Jalan Merah Saga #01-76; pictured) for her impeccably elegant diffusion line OM; and **Bynd Artisan** (44 Jalan Merah Saga #01-54), for hand-bound customisable paper notebooks.

🚗 Holland Village

**Watersports in Punggol**

Conveniently located within the Marina Country Club, these operators offer just about every kind of watersport for enthusiasts. From waterskiing to diving, contact **Edge Wakeboarding** ([edgewake.com](http://edgewake.com)) or **Wake Time Wakeboarding** ([waketime.com.sg](http://waketime.com.sg)).

📍 Marina Country Club

🚗 Punggol

03-05  
JUL

“ The best part of Singapore is that it’s a melting pot... our food has evolved through the closeness to different cultures...[and] our interactions with our neighbours and friends. ”

– RUQXANA VASANWALA, FOUNDER, COOKERY MAGIC

### Creepy Tales of Singapore

For three days a week, Oriental Travel & Tours organises The Creepy Tales of Singapore tour. Places on the three-hour itinerary include the world’s largest Chinese cemetery, a hill where one of the fiercest battles of World War II happened, and a beach where thousands were massacred.


 [oriental.tours](http://oriental.tours)



### Cookery Magic Class by Ruqxana

If you can’t get enough of local food and want to bring some of that magic home with you, sign up for a class with Ruqxana Vaswanala. Through lessons at her home or on an outdoor cooking escapade (to Pulau Ubin, no less), Ruqxana coaches both novices and seasoned cooks on beloved Asian dishes.

 117 Fidelio Street

 [cookerymagic.com](http://cookerymagic.com)

 Kembangan



### Garibaldi Restaurant

With veteran chef Roberto Galetti at the helm, Michelin-starred Garibaldi has remained one of Singapore’s most loved Italian restaurants. Be sure to try its signature dish, *osso buco* (veal braised with vegetables, white wine and broth), and the unforgettable *tiramisu*.

 36 Purvis Street #01-02

 [www.garibaldi.sg](http://www.garibaldi.sg)

 City Hall



## Singapore Food Festival 2020

10-26 Jul

With the annual Singapore Food Festival, you can experience our obsession with food via a dizzying array of traditional and innovative dishes – influenced by cuisines from around the world. Workshops, chef collaborations and food-themed tours also form part of the menu of offerings.

[www.singaporefoodfestival.com](http://www.singaporefoodfestival.com)

## Pinball Wizard

Experience a blast from the past at Pinball Wizard, described as Singapore's only dedicated pinball bar. With fully functioning pinball machines that date back to the 1970s, it has a '90s theme that's carried through to the decor, music and drinks.

[#B1-29 Sim Lim Square](#)

[pinballwizard.sg](http://pinballwizard.sg)

Rochor



## STREET 2020

10-11 Jul

It's the signature event of the Singapore Food Festival that even the locals love – all their favourite hawker offerings in one place, with modern interpretations of local food. On top of the feasting, diners can also sign up for culinary workshops and masterclasses hosted by Singapore's culinary talents.

[The Promontory @ Marina Bay](#)

[www.singaporefoodfestival.com](http://www.singaporefoodfestival.com)


Bayfront



17-19  
**JUL****Great Indian Food Festival****Late Jul to early Aug**

If you can't get enough of piquant, mouthwatering Indian food, you'll want to mark the Great Indian Food Festival down on your calendar. Start at the food street, where street carts will be offering local Indian bites, including vegetarian cuisine. Past editions have featured fortune-telling, clairvoyant parrots and other fun activities, so there's plenty to look forward to.

 **Campbell Lane**

 **Little India**

**Singapore Garden Festival 2020****18-26 Jul**

The 8th edition of the Singapore Garden Festival returns this year with the highlight event 'Floral Windows to the World'. Visitors will be able to admire the garden and floral creations of both local and international award-winning designers.


 [www.singaporegardenfestival.com](http://www.singaporegardenfestival.com)

**International Champions Cup****Jul**

Watch as top European clubs compete in the summer's biggest football tournament, as a prelude to the kick-offs for the European major leagues. Big names such as Manchester United and Inter Milan have played here in the past, and some lucky fans may even get to meet the players at football-themed activities around the city.

 **National Stadium**

 [www.internationalchampionscup.sg](http://www.internationalchampionscup.sg)

 **Stadium**







## Hipster buys in Chinatown

Old school doesn't mean fuddy-duddy, especially at these unique boutiques. For some music lovers, only vinyl records will do, and

**White Label Records** (28 Ann Siang Road #01-01) will be a hit for those who love its sounds. From curated classics to contemporary hits, aficionados can even enjoy local and regional record offerings here. At **Collaro** (58B Pagoda Street; pictured), traditional tailoring is honoured through the subtle, form-fitting details of each crafted piece. For the ladies, customise a *cheongsam* (Chinese one-piece dress) from a dazzling array of prints at **Golden Scissors**

**Cheongsam** (People's Park Complex, #02-1112).



## 50 Cents Festival

25-26 Jul

The utterly affordable festival lets visitors savour local classics that are no longer available. Get together a group of foodies and taste a wide variety of dishes from yesteryear – past editions have featured classics like rickshaw noodles and herbal prawns.

Chinatown Food Street

Chinatown

## Michelin Guide Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony

Late Jul

When the best and brightest of Singapore's culinary industry are recognised, you can expect an unsurpassed meal. Then there's the excitement of knowing if your favourite chef or restaurant has made the cut when the results are announced. Get your tickets early.

[guide.michelin.com/sg](https://guide.michelin.com/sg)





## The Southern Ridges

This 10km park connects with lovely green spaces like Labrador Nature Reserve and HortPark. Part history lesson, part nature walk, you can't miss Henderson Waves (pictured), Singapore's highest pedestrian bridge with a distinctive wave-like design and curved 'ribs'. Great for a day out with the family.


 [nparks.gov.sg](http://nparks.gov.sg)

 Labrador Park




## Wanderlost Lounge 🌿

Don't be fooled by its nondescript facade, for inside the Wanderlost Lounge is a riot of eclectic and eccentric colours. This halal, non-alcoholic bar serves up magical concoctions with names like The Little Price and the Ugly Duckling. Cosy nooks, plush sofas and fairy lights abound – perfect for unwinding and taking in the amazing city views of the Central Business District.

 15 Enggor Street #12-01

 [www.wanderlostlounge.com](http://www.wanderlostlounge.com)

 Tanjong Pagar



## Hari Raya Haji

**31 Jul**

Also known as the Festival of Sacrifice, Hari Raya Haji marks the end of the annual holy pilgrimage to Mecca for devotees. This is also when Muslims visit with their elders. Muslim visitors can have their prayers at our beautiful mosques, such as the **Masjid Abdul Gafoor** (41 Dunlop Street, pictured).

“Everyone seems to find their own space to conduct their activities and develop a relationship with the bridge. It has become a landmark which everyone identifies with.”

– DR LIU THAI KER OF RSP ARCHITECTS PLANNERS & ENGINEERS, WHICH DESIGNED HENDERSON WAVES



## National Day

9 Aug

Thousands participate in the processions as part of the National Day celebrations, in a frenzy of excitement and cheer. Visitors who are here during Singapore's 55th birthday celebrations are in for a treat of epic proportions – one that includes military parades, multicultural performances and fighter jet fly pasts – capped by a spectacular fireworks display over Marina Bay.

## The Trails of Tan Ah Huat

It's a guided bicycle tour with a difference. Through multimedia slide shows, your guide assumes the character of Tan Ah Huat, a 1920s entrepreneur who provides you a glimpse of his life, friends and his one true love. Learn about the history of Singapore through other characters in this story, as you hop through stops covering Chinatown, Kampong Glam and the Singapore River, among others.

[www.letsgotoursingapore.com](http://www.letsgotoursingapore.com)



## Istana Open House

9 Aug

Open to the public only on special days such as National Day, the Istana – the official residence of the President – spans over 40 hectares of lush land in the heart of Orchard Road. Besides performances on the grounds, guided tours are also available.

35 Orchard Road  
 Dhoby Ghaut





14-16  
**AUG**

## Singapore Night Festival

**Mid to late Aug, to be confirmed**

It's one massive street party where roving street performers, aerial artists, magic acts and pop-up art installations all meld into an amazing cacophony of activity. For two weekends in August, the annual Night Festival takes over the Bras Basah/Bugis precinct. The undisputed highlight: the awe-inspiring light installations.

 [www.nightfestival.sg](http://www.nightfestival.sg)


 Bras Basah, Bugis, City Hall  
& Dhoby Ghaut



## Sentosa Sandsation 2020

**Aug to Sep, to be confirmed**

Way beyond building castles in the sand, the international sand sculptors at last year's event built an entire empire, namely the Star Wars Galactic Empire, right on Sentosa's beachfront. More than 20 Star Wars characters were created for last year's instalment. How will they top that feat this year? Stay tuned.

 Siloso Beach

 [sentosa.com.sg](http://sentosa.com.sg)

 Harbourfront



## Singapore River Festival

**Aug to Sep, to be confirmed**

Celebrating the cultural heritage and modern charms along the Singapore River, this festival has activities along Robertson, Clarke and Boat Quays. The festival line-up features food, art and performances from local artistes and personalities.

 [www.singapore-river.com](http://www.singapore-river.com)



## Dine at SKAI

With a thoughtful, produce-driven menu, SKAI chef Paul Hallett shows his affinity for Japanese ingredients. We've heard good things about the *Uni Saffron Risotto* and *Yellow Fin Tuna Tataki* from its a la carte menu. Situated on the 70th floor of the Swissotel The Stamford, the breathtaking views of the surrounding Civic District and Marina Bay come at no extra cost.

📍 2 Stamford Road

📶 skai.sg

🚶 City Hall



## Jane's SG Tours

Depending on how well you know (or think you know) Singapore, you might want to sign up for the 'Welcome to Singapore!' tour, which charts our journey from humble trading post to modern metropolis. If you're partial to exploring cultural neighbourhoods, the 'Explore Ethnic Enclaves' tour would be right up your alley. Discover the streets of Chinatown, Kampong Glam and Little India on foot, and witness rich traditions consistently being reinvented.

📶 janestours.sg



## Baybeats

**Jul to Sep, to be confirmed**

Said to be the biggest alternative music festival in Singapore and the region, the event covers genres ranging from folk, pop and R&B to post-rock, emo, and punk – performed by both well-known local artistes and international acts.

📍 1 Esplanade Drive

📶 www.esplanade.com

🚶 Esplanade



28-30  
**AUG**

**DID YOU KNOW**

As a haven for migratory birds on the East Asian Australasian Flyway, over 200 species of birds have been recorded at Sungei Buloh.

**Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve**

As a favoured stopover for migratory birds, the 202-hectare nature reserve plays an integral role in the ecological balance of the region's wildlife. See if you can spot these creatures on your next visit:



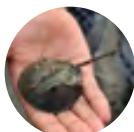
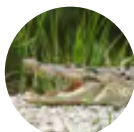
Whistling duck



Milky stork



Otter

Horseshoe  
crabGiant  
mudskipperSaltwater  
crocodile

📍 301 Neo Tiew Crescent

📶 [nparks.gov.sg](http://nparks.gov.sg)

🚆 Kranji

**Hay Dairies Farm**

The kids are in for a field day at Hay Dairies, Singapore's only goat farm since 1988. With more than 800 goats in its stable, the fully working, educational farm produces and supplies fresh pasteurised goat's milk to local customers. Visitors can view the milking process, feed the goats with alfalfa hay, wander around the premises, and bag some souvenirs from the gift shop.

📍 3 Lim Chu Kang Lane 4

📶 [haydairies.sg](http://haydairies.sg)

🚆 Kranji



## Singapore International Photography Festival (SIPF)

Sep to Dec

The SIPF provides a platform to discover, nurture and propel Southeast Asian photographers onto the international stage. Held once every 2 years, attendees can view the works of budding and established photographers, and sign up for various workshops.

📍 120A Prinsep Street

📶 [sipf.sg](http://sipf.sg)

🚶🏻 Rochor



### Blue Jasmine 🌿

With a Thai chef from Chiang Rai in the kitchen, the menu at halal-friendly Blue Jasmine features Thai classics as well as specialties from the Thai provinces. Popular dishes to try include the signature *basil kaprao*, and the Thai fried *kway teow* (flat rice noodles) with seafood.

📍 10 Farrer Park Station Road, Park Hotel

📶 [www.parkhotelgroup.com](http://www.parkhotelgroup.com)

🚶🏻 Farrer Park

### Mud Rock Ceramics

Established by two professional ceramics artists, the ceramic studio – complete with its own glaze laboratory and kilns – conducts beginners' and advanced pottery classes in their purpose-built education studio. They also offer ad hoc one-day pottery trial sessions.

📍 85 Maude Road

📶 [www.mudrockceramics.com](http://www.mudrockceramics.com)

🚶🏻 Jalan Besar



11-13  
**SEP**

### Luxe sartorial options

For elaborate couture gowns, *cheongsams* (Chinese one-piece dress) with intricate, hand-sewn details or well-made, figure-flattering cuts in luxe fabrics, **Lai Chan** (*laichan.com*; pictured) is your man. For men, make a statement with a bespoke suit from **Q Menswear** (*q-menswear.com*). Complete the ensemble with its shirts, shoes and accessories.



### Flight experience

If you've ever wondered what it's like being in the pilot's seat of a Boeing 737, here's your chance to experience 'flying' one. With excellent reviews from past users, the simulation flight covers takeoff, manoeuvres, and landing at an 'airport' of your choice.

- Singapore Flyer
- [singaporeflyer.com](http://singaporeflyer.com)
- Promenade



### Avenue Singapore

In the mood to party the night away but prefer a more intimate venue? Avenue answers this with its bespoke cocktails, mini-bowling alley and vintage pinball machines, set in surroundings akin to a swanky New York penthouse.


- B1-67 The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands
- [www.marinabaysands.com](http://www.marinabaysands.com)
- Bayfront





# **FORMULA 1™ Singapore Airlines Singapore Grand Prix 2020**

**18-20 Sep**

There's never a dull moment when the best F1 drivers converge at the world's first night race for a stab at the ultimate title of F1 champion. Complement your F1 weekend with an exciting line-up of international acts, with the likes of Gwen Stefani and Muse performing in past races.

 **Marina Bay Street Circuit**

 **singaporegp.sg**


 **Promenade**



## **Grand Prix Season Singapore (GPSS)**

**Mid Sep-20 Sep**


There's something for everyone at GPSS – everything from high-end parties to family-friendly festivals. Dance to the island's hottest beats at Marquee Singapore, or if you have your kids in tow, go-kart with them in the heart of Orchard Road. The only constant is the non-stop action for everyone during GPSS.

 **go.gov.sg/visitsingapore-gpss**

## **Precinct Parties**

**Mid Sep-20 Sep**

Look out for exciting fringe activities off-track – the precinct parties promise an exciting array of mini-concerts, race-related carnivals and even DJ sets, all held across different parts of Singapore. Even more reasons to get your party on.

 **go.gov.sg/visitsingapore-gpss**



25-27  
**SEP****Feel the Rush**

You need to try these two thrilling rides at least once in your lifetime. With the **Zovb** ([zovbsg.com](http://zovbsg.com)), you'll be rolling down a gentle slope while strapped inside a giant sphere. Then try the gravity-defying **GX-5 Extreme Swing** ([www.gmaxgx5.sg](http://www.gmaxgx5.sg)), where the metal cage you're in is pulled backwards and then released to freefall from a height of 40m at a velocity of 120kph. How's that for thrills?

**Halloween Horror Nights****Late Sep to end Oct**

This fall, Universal Studios Singapore's Halloween Horror Nights returns for its 10th edition. Steel your nerves as you brave five all-new haunted houses, sinister shows, menacing scare zones, and more. Only at Singapore's largest and most iconic Halloween event.

📍 Universal Studios Singapore  
 📶 [halloweenhorrornights.com.sg](http://halloweenhorrornights.com.sg)  
 🚉 Harbourfront

**Mid-Autumn Festival****1 Oct**

The traditional Chinese festival commemorates the folktale of Chang-E and her ascent to the moon. Tuck into festive eats like mooncakes while you soak in the lively atmosphere in and around Chinatown. Aside from an impressive light-up, the colourful strung-up lanterns make for good instagrammable memories.

📶 [chinatownfestivals.sg](http://chinatownfestivals.sg)





## Hopscotch

Grilled skewers, meats, seafood and vegetables are the speciality here. But it's the interesting, localised cocktails that really set Hopscotch apart. Try Little Nonya, which has flavours of laksa leaf, calamansi, coriander and ginger flower.

📍 Gillman Barracks 45 Malan Road

📶 [www.hopscotch.sg](http://www.hopscotch.sg)

🚶 Labrador Park



## Carrie K

Under the creative hands of an award-winning accessories designer, pearls in particular are given a contemporary interpretation. At her Funan store, shoppers can customise their pearl jewellery to include semi-precious stones or various metals.

📍 #02-K05 Funan Mall

📶 [carriekrocks.com](http://carriekrocks.com)

🚶 City Hall



## Hidden Gems

They're so well tucked away, even some locals don't know about them. **Colbar** (9A *Whitchurch Road*), short for 'colonial bar', opened in 1953 and served as a canteen for the British Army. Nostalgia oozes from both the decor and its menu items – a mix of Asian and Western fare. Head to **Kampong Lorong Buangkok**, Singapore's last surviving *kampung* (village), for a peek into the past. The village is home to less than 30 families, who do not mind curious instagramming visitors as long as they do not intrude into the villagers' private spaces.



09-11  
**OCT**

**DID YOU KNOW**

The saris worn by Indian women can be as long as 8 metres. Fabrics in dark tones are usually worn by older women, while the younger ones are encouraged to wear bright colours.

**Wine Fiesta Singapore****Oct, to be confirmed**

Beyond savouring the hundreds of wines on offer, guests can look forward to an all-inclusive gourmet food and wine pairing experience. You can also interact with these winemakers and join them in their masterclasses.

 [www.winefiesta.com.sg](http://www.winefiesta.com.sg)

**Jeweluxe****8-18 Oct**

A scintillating showcase of precious jewellery and timepieces awaits you at the annual Jeweluxe Singapore. The much-anticipated event brings together both international and local brands for what has become Southeast Asia's biggest jewellery festival.


 [jeweluxesingapore.com](http://jeweluxesingapore.com)

**Holey Moley Singapore**

The instagram-friendly mini golf course also has a restaurant and bar on its premises. Not your usual golf course, Holey Moley has holes themed after shows like Game of Thrones and The Simpsons. In all, there are 3 mini golf course with nine holes each. Cocktails here are easy on the eye and camera.

 **3B River Valley Rd, Clarke Quay**

 [www.holeymoley.com.sg](http://www.holeymoley.com.sg)

 **Clarke Quay / Fort Canning**





## Deepavali Celebrations 2020


**Mid Oct-15 Nov**

Also known as 'Diwali' or 'The Festival of Light', Deepavali marks its yearly onset in grand style in Little India. All are welcome to enjoy the festive programmes and cultural activities available all around the precinct. Or soak in the electric atmosphere on the main thoroughfare of Serangoon Road.



## Wind down in Keong Saik

This area has some of the best dining and drinking establishments. Michelin-starred **Meta** (1 Keong Saik Road; pictured) has been serving contemporary Asian dishes to much acclaim. It has a prix fixe menu with four, five or seven courses. For post-dinner drinks, we propose **Gibson Bar** (20 Bukit Pasoh Road) for its cocktail line-up with Asian flavours.

 Chinatown / Outram Park




## gamescom asia

**15-18 Oct**

Gamer alert: Expect virtual reality and immersive gaming at this year's inaugural gamescom asia show. The final 2 days will be open to the public, who may get sneak peeks at what could be the next big video game. In addition, there will be meet-and-greet sessions and cosplay activities.

 Suntec Convention & Exhibition Centre

 [www.gamescom.asia](http://www.gamescom.asia)

 Esplanade



23-25  
**OCT**

### River Safari

The river-themed zoo and aquarium are most famous for their celebrity inhabitants, the Chinese pandas Kai Kai and Jia Jia. But beyond the famous pair and 6,000 animals, visitors can traverse river habitats, from the Mississippi to the Amazon, and observe the various wildlife that make their homes there.

📍 80 Mandai Lake Road

📶 [www.wrs.com.sg](http://www.wrs.com.sg)

🚆 Marsiling



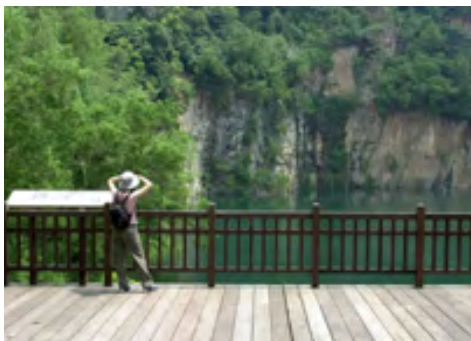
### Hindhede Nature Park

Pockets of nature can be found all over Singapore, and Hindhede Nature Park, next to the Bukit Timah Nature Reserve, is one such gem. It's not as famous as its neighbour, so it makes a great destination for bird watching, trekking and quiet contemplation. Don't miss the Hindhede Quarry, which is a picture of serenity and calm.

📍 Hindhede Drive

📶 [nparks.gov.sg](http://nparks.gov.sg)

🚆 Beauty World



### #50BestTalks

**Oct**

#50BestTalks is a forum for top chefs and restaurateurs to discuss and share their thoughts on the hottest dining trends. Previous sessions have been headlined by celebrity chefs like Tetsuya Wakuda and Massimo Botura.

📶 [www.theworlds50best.com](http://www.theworlds50best.com)

“While it is important that we put bread on the table, man does not live by bread alone. Our nation would be soulless without an appreciation of arts and culture.”

- LEE HSIEN LOONG, PRIME MINISTER OF SINGAPORE



## ART SG

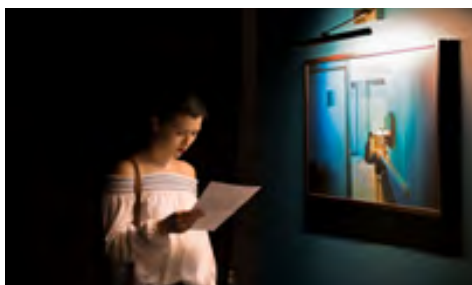
30 Oct-1 Nov

Making its debut in Singapore, ART SG seeks to be Southeast Asia's premier contemporary art fair, showcasing works from over 60 world-class galleries. Get an exclusive preview on the 29th Oct when you sign up for their Vernissage and invite-only VIP preview.

📍 Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre

📶 [artsg.com](http://artsg.com)

🚶 Bayfront



## Gillman Barracks

As a former British military barracks repurposed as Asia's destination for contemporary art, Gillman Barracks and its partner galleries have exhibited works from luminaries like Ai Wei Wei and Yayoi Kusama. But more than that, it's also home to Singapore's first dedicated creative space for children. At Playeum, children 1-12 are encouraged to participate and get hands-on with interactive spaces and custom-built installations.

📍 9 Lock Road

📶 [gillmanbarracks.com](http://gillmanbarracks.com)

🚶 Labrador Park

## Tipo Pasta Bar

Build your own pasta dish using handcrafted pasta made from high-quality ingredients. Choose the size of your pasta, pick the type and flavour of pasta, select your sauce base and the toppings to go with it. The latter are especially interesting with choices like salt cured egg yolk (pictured), pickled and brined chicken breast, and blue mussels.

📍 785 North Bridge Road

📶 [tipo.sg](http://tipo.sg)

🚶 Bugis



06-08  
NOV

### Popiah Making Class

Kway Guan Huat Joo Chiat Original Popiah & Kueh Pie Tee has been making *popiah* (spring roll) skins for over 70 years. Try your hand at making the skin at a 45-minute Popiah Outing session. You'll also be introduced to the history of this iconic street food, and of course wrap your own popiah and eat it too.

📍 95 Joo Chiat Road

📶 [www.joochiatpopiah.com](http://www.joochiatpopiah.com)

🚶 Eunos



### Eurasian Food at Quentin's

The Eurasians in Singapore have had a long association with the Katong/Joo Chiat precinct. As one of the few Eurasian restaurants in Singapore, Quentin's has been a favourite dining spot for many foodies, including the Eurasian community. Highly recommended are the curry *kapitan* chicken, oxtail stew and for the more adventurous, *feng* (a mild curry of diced pork, pork liver and heart).

📍 139 Ceylon Road. Eurasian Association

📶 [quentins.com.sg](http://quentins.com.sg)

🚶 Eunos

### Katong Kitchen 🌿

Savour crowd favourites like the Peranakan *ayam buah keluak* (chicken braised with black nut indigenous to Southeast Asia), beef *rendang* (braised beef cooked in coconut milk and spices) at this halal-certified restaurant. And of course, don't forget to try the famous Katong *laksa* (spicy coconut milk-based noodle soup), made a-la-minute.

📍 Village Hotel Katong

📶 [katongkitchen.com.sg](http://katongkitchen.com.sg)

🚶 Dakota





## Boutique Fairs Singapore: The Gifting Edition 2020

13-15 Nov

Sustainability is the buzzword at this fair. Here, socially responsible businesses come together to showcase their wares, from handcrafted apparel to shoes and accessories. For the visitor, it's the perfect opportunity to shop for gifts for the festive season.

📍 F1 Pit Building

🌐 [www.boutiquefairs.com.sg](http://www.boutiquefairs.com.sg)

🚶 Promenade



## LaserOps Laser Tag

The gaming venue offers up to 35 game formats that cater to every age, skill and fitness level. To enhance the player experience, all player vests come with a pair of speakers to provide a 3D surround sound effect.

📍 60A Orchard Road B1-04/05/06

🌐 [laserops.com.sg](http://laserops.com.sg)

🚶 Dhoby Ghaut

## Bumbu Restaurant 🌿

Located in the heart of Kampong Glam, this affordable and cosy halal eatery features more than 20 mains and a wide selection of desserts. Some surefire hits to order: *tahu telur* (tofu omelette served with peanuts and a spicy sauce), pandan leaf chicken and their signature Bumbu salad.

📍 44 Kandahar Street

🌐 [www.bumbu.com.sg](http://www.bumbu.com.sg)

🚶 Bugis



20-22  
NOV

## The Great Wine and Dine Festival

20-22 Nov

As the most extensive wine event in Southeast Asia, this festival promises masterclasses from the world's top wine critics paired with exclusive dishes from acclaimed celebrity chefs. Look out for a first-in-Singapore pop-up dining concept as well.

📍 Resorts World Sentosa

📶 [www.thegreatfestival.sg](http://www.thegreatfestival.sg)

🚶 Harbourfront



## Christmas On A Great Street

Late Nov-25 Dec

Christmas comes early to Orchard Road yearly, as the iconic street is transformed into a magical Yuletide wonderland. Look out for the many retail pop-ups at the Christmas market, with plenty of carnival rides and performances to bring in some festive cheer.

📶 [www.orchardroad.org](http://www.orchardroad.org)

## Supermama

Well-crafted, meaningful objects always make great gifts, whoever the recipient may be. Singapore's Supermama works closely with some of the best Japanese designers and craftsmen to produce authentic, well designed souvenirs that will withstand the test of time.

📍 #02-207 Jewel Changi

📶 [www.supermamastore.com](http://www.supermamastore.com)

🚶 Changi Airport



**DID YOU KNOW**

As part of the Orchard Road Christmas light-up every year, LED lights totalling nearly 61-km-long are used to dress up the street.

**Christmas Wonderland****Late Nov-26 Dec**

It doesn't get much better than this: a tropical Christmas celebration with dazzling light sculptures, a festive market, Christmas carols by *a cappella* groups and carnival rides galore – and it's all happening at the atmospheric Gardens by the Bay.

- Gardens by the Bay
- [www.christmaswonderland.sg](http://www.christmaswonderland.sg)
- Bayfront

**The Artground**

Located at the Goodman Arts Centre, the Artground introduces art to children in a fun and accessible way. Targeted at kids aged 12 and below, the centre's rotating range of interactive art installations encourage your young ones to climb over and under them, with accompanying art-related programmes to keep your family occupied.

- #01-40, Block J, 90 Goodman Rd
- [www.goodmanartscentre.sg](http://www.goodmanartscentre.sg)
- Mountbatten

**C3 Anime Festival Asia Singapore****Late Nov**

Calling all cosplayers and anime fans – it's time to mingle at Southeast Asia's biggest and most prestigious Japanese pop culture convention. Previous year's lineups have featured anime icons like Maaya Uchida and Junna.

- Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre
- [www.animefestival.asia](http://www.animefestival.asia)
- Promenade



04-06  
**DEC**

### El Fuego at Jewel Changi 🌿

Yet another reason to head to Jewel Changi: a halal fine-dining restaurant serving contemporary European cuisine. You can't go wrong with the charcoal grilled Australian Angus tomahawk steak, a substantial cut perfect for sharing. For a decadent treat, order the live Boston lobster.

📍 #02-216 Jewel Changi

📶 [elfuego.sg](http://elfuego.sg)

🚗 Changi Airport



### Standard Chartered Singapore Marathon

**5-6 Dec**

A fixture on many a marathoner's calendar, the long-distance marquee event takes runners on major roads, as well as past famous landmarks like the Singapore Flyer and Gardens by the Bay.

📶 [singaporemarathon.com](http://singaporemarathon.com)

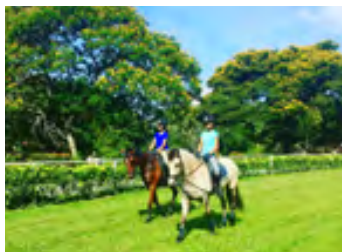
### Bukit Timah Saddle Club

With 100 stables, 3 large riding arenas and more than 40 riding school horses, the club offers riding lessons for both novices and accomplished riders. Seasoned riders can also opt for its Trail Rides, which gives riders a chance to take in the lush green surroundings of the club on horseback.

📍 51 Fairways Drive

📶 [btsc.org.sg](http://btsc.org.sg)

🚗 Sixth Avenue








## Chinatown Murals




Arm yourself with this street mural guide and have some instagrammable moments with these outstanding examples: Thian Hock Keng mural **A** at Amoy Street, by Yip Yew Chong; The Window and The Lion Dance Head Maker **B** at Mohamed Ali Lane, by Yip Yew Chong; Cantonese Street Opera **C** at Temple Street, by Yip Yew Chong; and Samsui Woman **D** at Banda Street, by Belinda Low.

[go.gov.sg/chinatown-street-art-trail](https://go.gov.sg/chinatown-street-art-trail)  
 Chinatown / Outram Park

## Culture Cartel

6-8 Dec

A celebration of hip-hop music, streetwear, street art and even toys, Culture Cartel returns for a second year. This time round, the focus will be on homegrown streetwear brands like Edt and The Corner Shop. Other cool things to look forward to include lively workshops and interactive exhibitions.

 F1 Pit Building, Marina Bay Street Circuit  
 [culturecartel.com](https://culturecartel.com)  
 Promenade



18-20  
**DEC**

“ We have been around a long time, and we still want to stay young at heart. That is the key. ”

– **TANG WEE SUNG, FORMER CHAIRMAN, TANGS DEPARTMENTAL STORE**

**A****B**

### Class Acts in Shopping

There's no shortage of malls on Orchard Road, but when it comes to multi-label heritage stores, you can't beat **Robinsons** **A** (260 Orchard Road) and **Tangs** **B** (310 Orchard Road). Both have decades of history behind them, yet remain relevant today with their impeccable service and strong merchandise lineup, including championing the work of local designers.



### Alma

Michelin-starred Alma has been wooing diners with its blend of European cuisine with hearty Asian flavours. While Michelin judges singled out Chef Haikal's foie gras toast, diners online have declared his Challand Duck (pictured) to be 'simply heavenly'.

📍 22 Scotts Road, Goodwood Park Hotel

📶 [alma.sg](http://alma.sg)

🚗 Newton

### Get that gadget

They're frequented by locals scouting for computer equipment, home appliances, cameras and a host of other gadgets. **Parisilk** ([parisilk.com](http://parisilk.com)), a family-owned company retails tech gadgets at very competitive prices, while shutterbugs and photography enthusiasts favour **Cathay Photo** ([cathayphoto.com.sg](http://cathayphoto.com.sg)) for its wide selection and attractive price points.

📶 [www.go.gov.sg/visitsingapore-shop-electronics/](http://www.go.gov.sg/visitsingapore-shop-electronics/)



## The Rink

At Singapore's first and only Olympic-sized ice skating rink, Tonya Harding-wannabes can take up lessons on figure skating, speed skating and ice curling. A 460-seat gallery allows proud parents to watch while their child does a pirouette on the rink.

📍 #03-11, 2 Jurong East Central 1, JCube

📶 [www.therink.sg](http://www.therink.sg)

🚶 Jurong East



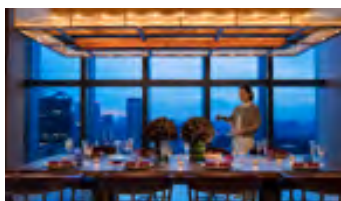
**665°F** 🌿

The restaurant's name comes from the temperature of the Pira oven and grill used for its halal-certified meats, such as ribeyes and lamb chops, and seafood. But at 665°F, you'll get more than prime cuts and sustainable seafood. Any festive celebration here is accompanied by a stunning panorama of Singapore's skyline. Note: Alcohol is served here.

📍 Level 38 Andaz, 5 Fraser Street

📶 [www.hyatt.com](http://www.hyatt.com)

🚶 Bugis



## Marina Bay Singapore Countdown

**31 Dec**

There's nothing quite like counting down to the new year with thousands of revellers and spectacular pyrotechnic displays against the stunning backdrop of Singapore's skyline. Get ready for the party of the year, with a stellar line-up of performers providing non-stop entertainment.

📍 Marina Bay

📶 [marinabaycountdown.sg](http://marinabaycountdown.sg)

🚶 Bayfront





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## SINGAPORE VISITOR CENTRES

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### **Chinatown**

2 Banda Street  
*(behind Buddha Tooth Relic  
Temple & Museum)*  
Daily 9am-9pm

### **Esplanade Waterfront**

8 Raffles Avenue  
#01-18  
Daily 8.30am-8.30pm

### **Funan Mall**

Basement 2  
107 North Bridge Road  
Daily 10am-10pm

### **ION Orchard**

Level 1 Concierge  
Daily 10am-10pm

### **Kampong Glam**

55 Bussorah Street  
Daily 8am-6pm

### **Katong / Joo Chiat**

Kim Choo Kueh Chang,  
111 East Coast Road  
Daily 9am-9pm

### **Orchardgateway**

216 Orchard Road  
*(next to  
orchardgateway@  
emerald)*  
Daily 8.30am-9.30pm

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