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You've got to love eclectic Singapore, where every day brings new possibilities. Catch dragon boaters in action in iconic Marina Bay as they race for honour and glory this Dragon Boat Festival. Muslims across the island will be busy decorating their homes in preparation for Hari Raya Aidilfitri (page 27). On every night of the holy fasting month, Muslims break fast and tuck into an array of delicious treats, which you can savour at the Geylang Serai Bazaar.

New food trends and cuisines continually present themselves in Singapore's multifaceted dining scene, whose award-winning street hawkers and celebrity chefs alike invite you to indulge in hearty local and international fare (pages 14-17).

If you have a stomach for adventure, thrills and spills await you in Sentosa. Action-packed tours also invite adrenaline seekers to enjoy Singapore in a unique way (page 22).

Don't be surprised if you spot many runners—lots of people will be preparing for endurance events like the STAR WARS RUN and Sundown Marathon happening this season. You're more than welcome to join in the fun! Shoppers too will soon be taking to the streets to chase down irresistible deals, because the Great Singapore Sale is about to flag off!

For those who love music and festivals, you're in luck—Bruno Mars, Katy Perry, Fall Out Boy, Harry Style and their extravagant concerts will be steamrolling into town too, along with the world's 16 best rugby national teams. Live your passions on our sunny island and don't miss out on the endless experiences to be had. From all of us, enjoy your stay.

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Handy Tips

Follow these pointers to make the best of your stay.

• TRANSPORT



MRT

Trains typically run from 5.30am to 12am. Standard tickets vary from \$0.77 to \$2.50. See page 32 for the MRT map.

📱 www.smrt.com.sg
☎ +65 6331 1000



Bus

Fares start as low as \$0.77. Try to have the exact fare as bus drivers do not give change.

📱 www.sbstransit.com.sg
📱 www.smrt.com.sg
☎ +65 6331 1000



Taxi

Fares start from \$3.90.

Comfort and CityCab
☎ +65 6552 1111

Premier Cabs
☎ +65 6363 6888

SMRT Taxis
☎ +65 6555 8888

• CONNECTIVITY



Free Wi-Fi

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



SIM Card

Telcos in Singapore have ceased the provision of 2G network in Singapore. To attain 3G/4G roaming, buy a Singapore prepaid SIM card from Singapore Visitor Centre (orchardgateway), Changi Recommends or telecommunications retail shops located at the airport, major shopping malls and convenience stores islandwide.

• SINGLISH, SIMPLIFIED

English is Singapore's primary language, though our English is peppered with colloquial expressions that you can easily pick up.



"Can" is used as both a question and a reply. If someone is able to do something, he or she will reply your query with "can".

"One packet of chicken rice tapao, can?"
"Can."



A Malay expression referring to food or the act of eating.

"There are many shiok makan places in this neighbourhood—here, it's makan time, all the time!"

● GST REFUNDS



Shopping using cash and cards is safe and efficient in Singapore. Tipping is not a common practice as service charge has been factored into the Goods and Services Tax (GST). As a tourist in Singapore, you can claim a refund on 7% GST under the Tourist Tax Refund Scheme if you make any purchase more than S\$100 at the participating shops. Here's how to go about it:

1 Look out for these signs at the shops



2 Choose one credit/debit card as a Token for tagging your purchases. Don't forget to ask for your eTRS Ticket, original invoice or receipt.

3 Apply for your tax refund at the eTRS self-help kiosks located at Singapore Changi Airport's Departure Hall and Departure Transit Lounge of Terminals 1, 2 and 3, as well as at the ICA duty office at Seletar Airport. Be sure to file your GST claims before checking in your goods.

4 At the eTRS kiosk, swipe your assigned Token to retrieve your purchase details. Otherwise, scan your eTRS tickets to retrieve your purchase details.

5 You can choose to have the refund credited directly into your credit card at the eTRS self-help kiosk, or get a cash refund. If you chose the latter (available only at Changi International Airport), proceed to the Central Refund Counter after the immigration checks.

6 Alternatively, apply for tax refunds with the Tourego app, a mobile tourist tax refund solution that is downloadable from the iTunes or Google Play Store. Get your refund ticket issued directly to an e-wallet. Tourego also provides users with latest shopping, food and travel tips for an overall fuss-free journey in Singapore.

TOUREGO 途路



VISITSINGAPORE APP

Download and try the new Visit Singapore Travel Guide app (currently in beta version, available on iOS) for insider tips and recommendations on hidden gems in the city. Explore Singapore with ease, discover nearby places of interest, and try the Augmented Reality (AR) experience at select locations.

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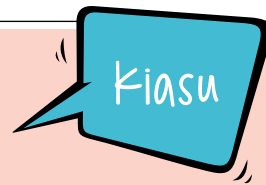
An expression of great satisfaction and pleasure.

"The restaurants in Sentosa are damn shiok, so are the theme parks and their rides!"



The Slingish equivalent of takeaway.

"If you can't finish your makan, you can always tapao."



"Afraid to lose", which is an attitude that many Singaporeans share.

"The shiok laksa stall sells out very quickly, that's why you'll see all the kiasu Singaporeans forming long queues there even before it opens."

APRIL



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**World
Gourmet
Summit**
Asia's most
highly

anticipated food and wine festival returns for its milestone 22nd year to take diners on exciting gastronomic expeditions. Under this year's theme of "The Discovery WGS", foodies will be taken off the beaten track to experience some of the world's lesser-known but most exciting cuisines, presented by a stellar line up of culinary stars—young, up-and-coming, and established—representing countries from Asia, Europe and the Americas.

📍 www.worldgourmetsummit.com
📍 Various locations

6-8



**Singapore
International
Jazz Festival**
One of the
grandest jazz

festivals in Asia is held right here in Singapore. Discover the many forms that jazz has taken over the decades, at a celebration headlined by superstars like Ms. Lauryn Hill, Jamie Cullum, Estelle, Lalah Hathaway and Soul II Soul. Expect 30 hours of entertainment, and more than 12 mega acts for 20,000 fans over one massive weekend of music.

📍 www.sistic.com.sg/events/sing0418
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**Asia Dive
Expo
(ADEX
2018)**
Avid and

aspiring divers cannot miss ADEX, which is the longest running and the largest dive expo in Asia. Get to know renowned divers, underwater photographers, ocean artists and marine conservationists, as well as enjoy a special presentation on sharks and why we need to protect this endangered creature.

📍 www.adex.asia
📍 Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre
📍 Promenade and Esplanade

ActiFIT Asia

Take part in live workouts, fitness competitions and seminars with fitness celebrities at ActiFIT Asia, which is a great place to introduce your loved ones to a healthier lifestyle, in fun and engaging ways.

📍 www.actifitasia.com.sg
📍 Sands Expo and Convention Centre 📍 Bayfront





6-22

Singapore Heritage Festival

Come discover Singapore's multifaceted cultures through specially curated exhibitions,

heritage trails, competitions, performances, community activities and more. The Singapore Heritage Festival is an engaging and educational celebration suited for all ages.

www.heritagefestival.sg 📍 Various museums



8 Katy Perry WITNESS: The Tour

Global pop Phenomenon Katy Perry returns to Singapore after three long years. Get ready to shake your peacock feathers to hit songs like "Firework", "Last Friday Night" and "The One That Got Away" when the provocative show-woman returns to our island to promote her latest album, *Witness*.

www.sportshub.com.sg/sportshubtix/Pages/katy-Perry-2018.aspx
📍 Singapore Indoor Stadium
🏟 Stadium

13 Apr - 13 May



Tulipmania

The arrival of spring is feted by a glorious flourish in Gardens by the Bay. Did you know that a single tulip can sport two or even three different colours? Come see these dazzling wonders of nature for yourself at Tulipmania.

www.gardensbythebay.com.sg 📍 Gardens by the Bay 🏟 Bayfront



20 Apr - 30 Sep

Singapore's Playgrounds: 1930-2030

The young and young at heart will definitely enjoy this interactive presentation of the Singapore heartlands' many iconic playgrounds. You'll even get to admire what Singaporeans imagine our future playgrounds will look like.

www.nationalmuseum.sg
📍 National Museum of Singapore
🏟 Dhoby Ghaut

26 Apr - 12 May Singapore International Festival of Arts

For 41 years, the Singapore International Festival of Arts has been presenting distinctive and inspiring works from Singapore and around the world. Come be inspired at Singapore's foremost performing arts festival, with shows across multiple genres including theatre, dance and music.

www.sifa.sg
📍 Various locations

28-29

HSBC Singapore Rugby Sevens

Witness exhilarating thrills and spills when the world's top 16 rugby nations duke it out in Singapore. Known for its elaborately costumed fans, the Singapore Rugby Sevens also entertains spectators off the pitch with roving performers, face painters, fairground games, photo booths, stage performances and merchandise stores. Don't miss out on its exuberant after-party too.

<https://page.singapore7s.sg/hsbc-singapore-rugby7s>
📍 Singapore Sports Hub
🏟 Stadium



MAY

4-13

Singapore Cocktail Festival

Once a year, the best bartenders in the world fly to Singapore to host pop-up parties. Sample their world-class cocktails and attend seminars where you can learn about the intricacies of running a globally ranked bar. This year, expect to rub shoulders with master mixologists like Terry Kim from ALICE in Seoul when you visit the Singapore Cocktail Festival, and feast on an array of dishes at the festival village.

 www.singaporecocktailfestival.com
 Various locations

5 STAR WARS RUN

The STAR WARS-themed run returns—bigger and better this year! Pick a side—light or dark—then duke it out against your fellow runners in the competitive 10km or non-competitive 5.4km. Runners will also be part of a first-of-its-kind flag-off where the Light and Dark side participants for the non-competitive 5.4km will run in opposite directions. Young children will also be in for a treat with the inaugural 540m Young Jedi Dash! All in the spirit of good fun, this exciting event will also screen STAR WARS movies afterward.

 www.esprimo.com.sg/StarWarsRunSG/  F1 Pit Building  Promenade



6 & 7

BRUNO MARS 24K MAGIC WORLD TOUR

Here to promote his new album, music phenom Bruno Mars will be belting out his chart-topping hits like "That's What I Like", "24K Magic" and "Versace On The Floor" in the Singapore Indoor Stadium. The dazzling costumes, sets and choreography of his lauded concert cannot be missed.

 www.sportshub.com.sg/sportshubtix/Pages/Bruno-Mars-2018.aspx
 Singapore Indoor Stadium  Stadium



12 May – 29 Jun Hari Raya Light Up

On every night of the Holy fasting month of Ramadan, the streets of Geylang Serai are illuminated by colourful lights. The Geylang Serai Bazaar sells an array of contemporary street food, along with many different traditional accessories, garments and decorations, which draw throngs of Muslims and non-Muslims alike to this exuberant night market.

 Paya Lebar and Eunos
 (each MRT accesses each end of the light-up)

27 May – 5 Jun Flipside

Enjoy interactive installations and engaging performances by captivating artists from Singapore and around the world. All things off-kilter are showcased here, in an eclectic soiree that lets attendees of all ages discover art through play.

 www.esplanade.com/flipside
 Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay  Esplanade





24 May – 3 Jun

TORUK – The First Flight by Cirque du Soleil

Inspired by James Cameron's AVATAR, Cirque du Soleil returns in stunning new light with the fantastical tale of Toruk. Be transported to the world of Pandora by a visually stunning live set, puppetry and stagecraft buoyed by a soaring cinematic score.

www.vizpro.sg
 Singapore Indoor Stadium
 Stadium



25 May – 1 Jul

Begonia Brilliance

Themed on sustainability, this special festival will revamp Gardens by the Bay's Flower Dome with an assortment of begonias. Enjoy the vast diversity of floral species that grow in Gardens by the Bay, while you learn about the future of farming.

www.gardensbythebay.com.sg
 Gardens by the Bay Khatib



Georgette Chen. Family Portrait. c. 1954.
 Gift of the artist's estate. Collection of National Gallery Singapore.

11 May – 30 Aug (re)collect: the making of our art collection

Make a family trip to National Gallery Singapore in the heart of the Civic District, where the world's largest collection of Southeast Asian art resides. Showcasing close to 130 works from the National Collection, (re)collect tells the story of Singapore's art history, through acquisitions and donations from artists like Affandi, Georgette Chen, Lim Hak Tai and Latiff Mohidin.

www.nationalgallery.sg
 National Gallery Singapore
 City Hall

26 May – 24 Jun Ocean Festival!

In celebration of World Oceans Day, dive into a new wave of family fun at S.E.A. Aquarium™ this June school holidays with this ocean conservation-themed festival. Bond over interactive activities and workshops as you explore the wonders of marine life together. Deepen your experience by getting involved in beach cleanups, competitions and more!

www.rwsentosa.com/seaa
 S.E.A. Aquarium™
 HarbourFront

26 May – 30 Jun Children's Season at the National Museum

In conjunction with the Singapore's Playgrounds 1930–2030 exhibition, Children's Season at the National Museum invites young people to explore the many ethnicities and cultures that call Singapore home. At this exhibition, you and your family can discover diversity through performances, storytelling and family workshops.

www.nationalmuseum.sg
 National Museum of Singapore
 Dhoby Ghaut

26 May – 30 Jun Singapore Zoo Turns 45!

Go wild as one of the top zoos in the world celebrates its 45th birthday! Rekindle your love for animals at the Singapore Zoo's exciting anniversary festivities. Take a trip down memory lane when you revisit the zoo's past while enjoying fun-filled activities and new exhibits such as RepTopia and Fragile Forest! Get ready to fall in love with the Singapore Zoo all over again.

www.zoo.com.sg The Singapore Zoo Khatib

JUNE



International Philatelic
Exhibition "Philexfrance 99":
The Little Prince of Saint-
Exupéry France, 1998.
Singapore Philatelic Museum
Collection.

From 1 Jun

The Little Prince: A Story

Find out more about the author, Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, through his photos, personal belongings, manuscripts, illustrations and other philatelic materials. Relive, through these artefacts, his experiences that shaped his magnum opus, The Little Prince.

📍 www.spm.org.sg

📍 Singapore Philatelic
Museum
📍 City Hall

2 Jun – 22 Aug

Jurassic World @ Universal Studios Singapore™

This epic event will see dinosaurs take over Universal Studios Singapore™ from June to August. Walk among these extinct giants, now risen back to life, and enjoy many selfie opportunities with them. Enjoy high-octane shows and see what it might have been like by plunging yourself into a lifelike augmented reality simulation.

📍 www.rwsentosa.com/uss

📍 Universal Studios Singapore

📍 HarbourFront





6 Jun – 12 Aug

The Great Singapore Sale

Every summer, shopping-obsessed Singapore invites one and all to partake in irresistible sales. If you happen to be in town during this period, you're in luck! You'll be treated to big discounts on a myriad of shopping and even unique experiences at amusement parks and restaurants.

www.greatsingaporesale.com.sg
 Various locations



15 Jun – 4 Aug

M1 CONTACT Contemporary Dance Festival

Led by experienced Festival Director, Kuik Swee Boon, this unique dance festival not only lets you admire bold choreography and powerful works, but also aims to pique the curiosity of its attendees with dance workshops and technique classes.

www.the-contact.org
 Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay and Goodman Arts Centre
 Esplanade and Mountbatten

14 Jun – 15 Jul

RWS Football Fever

The best 'live' football screening experience of the year invites you to cheer on your favourite squads, while enjoying live performances, themed activities with attractive prizes, great food and drinks, and more. Don't miss this chance to truly get into the game, through an immersive football experience like no other!

www.rwsentosa.com
 Resorts World Sentosa
 HarbourFront

From 27 Jun THE LION KING

One of today's most celebrated theatrical productions, THE LION KING retells Simba's coming of age story with the help of award-winning actors and dancers, as well as breath-taking costumes and sets. Sing along to THE LION KING's catchy tunes, composed by Sir Elton John and Tim Rice, and soak in what many critics have called "an unforgettable experience".

www.marinabaysands.com
 Mastercard Theatres at Marina Bay Sands®
 Bayfront

15–16



ULTRA Singapore

Ultra, which is arguably the world's premier electronic dance music extravaganza, returns to our shores with a bigger fiesta of more raucous fun and revelry. Catch the world's top DJs as they set feet a moving and bodies a grooving all weekend long. Refuel at this mega party's many food and drink booths, but be sure not to miss the laser shows and fireworks that will light up Ultra's various stages.

ultrasingapore.com [ULTRA Park, Bayfront Avenue](#) [Bayfront](#)



City in a Garden

Take a day to enjoy the many earth-friendly aspects of our smart garden city.

Start



9.30am

Grab breakfast from one of the Alexandra neighbourhood's many coffee shops, then start bright and early at the **Southern Ridges**. A sprawling trail that connects Kent Ridge Park to Mount Faber Park, the Southern Ridges was a name coined by Singapore Tourism Board's Passion Ambassador, Subaraj Rajathurai, a respected wildlife consultant. Trek through its trails in the morning when it's cooler and be sure to bring your camera along, as the Southern Ridges is bound to surprise you with many different sights and facets.



1pm

At lunchtime, experience the creativeness of Singaporean chefs when you tuck into the wide variety of flavours and textures of **Afterglow by ANGLow's** innovative vegan menu. Take away juice cleanse concoctions from Afterglow, which also supports local farming projects and holds clean eating workshops.

www.afterglow.sg
 24 Keong Saik Road
 +65 6224 8921
 Outram Park and Chinatown



2.30pm

A gleaming mall in the historic and cultural district of Little India, **City Square Mall** saves power by naturally lighting, naturally cooling and solar-powering its retail spaces. Keep a look out for the plethora of power saving measures implemented by City Square Mall, which dramatically reduces the mall's carbon emissions while keeping it running from 10am to 10pm without a hitch.

www.citysquaremall.com.sg
 180 Kitchener Road
 +65 6595 6595
 Farrer Park





4.30pm

A 20-minute taxi ride away, 101-hectare **Gardens by the Bay** lets you walk among majestic vertical gardens called Supertrees. An iconic landmark, this breath-taking park welcomes millions of visitors every year who admire its variety of tropical and even temperate flora, in cool, scenic and post-modern greenhouses like its Flower Dome and Cloud Forest. Fancy experiencing an unforgettable sunset here? Have dinner at Pollen in the Flower Dome, from which you can also admire Gardens by the Bay's nightly light and music shows, Garden Rhapsody, at 7.45pm and 8.45pm. Be sure to bring a cardigan along as temperatures in the dome can dip to the low 20s.

📍 www.gardensbythebay.com.sg
 📍 18 Marina Gardens Drive
 ☎ +65 6420 6848
 🚗 Bayfront



8:30pm

Another great dining option, Bib Gourmand-recommended **Whole Earth** serves vegan renditions of Peranakan and Thai-style *assam* (tamarind), *rendang* (braised meat cooked in coconut milk and spices) and *sambal* (chilli paste) dishes, and is the only plant-based restaurant to have been endowed this prestigious tip of the hat.

📍 www.wholeearth.com.sg
 📍 76 Peck Seah Street
 ☎ +65 6221 6583
 🚗 Tanjong Pagar



11pm

Get some well

deserved rest at the **Oasia Hotel Downtown** a few doors away, which leaves minimal carbon footprint thanks to natural cooling systems and several conservation measures in place. This hotel's façade is embellished with a vertical garden and will pleasantly surprise you with its host of idyllic open air spaces.

📍 www.oasiahotels.com
 📍 100 Peck Seah Street
 ☎ +65 6812 6900
 🚗 Tanjong Pagar



“Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve hosts birds that need to rest and forage while travelling about 12,000 kilometres between their wintering and summering grounds. Singapore's first ASEAN Heritage Site, Sungei Buloh is the last remaining major re-fueling grounds in Singapore for migratory shorebirds that travel from Siberia in Russia all the way down to Australia, so Singapore has a working relationship with all the countries along the route.”



- Wildlife Consultant Subaraj Rajathurai, on why Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve is a great nature reserve to visit.

Footsteps of the Peranakans

There's lots to eat, see and buy in Katong/Joo Chiat, a neighbourhood that showcases the rich heritage of the Peranakans.

The Peranakans* settled in the neighbourhood of Joo Chiat and Katong back when it was surrounded by lush orchards. These fairly well-to-do families boasted a unique cuisine that combined the best of local flavours and showcased Asia's many indigenous ingredients. Peranakan culture comprises elaborate customs, lavish dinnerware and furnishings, as well as intricately fashioned garments. This *joie de vivre* persists as the trademark *modus operandi* of Joo Chiat and Katong, which is opulently showcased in its vibrant shophouses.

* The term is an Indonesian/Malay word that means "local born", which generally refers to people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage.

HIDDEN GEM

You won't regret making a detour down Chapel Road. Some of this precinct's most colourful and beautifully preserved houses are tucked away behind lush greenery on this road.



1 Admire and take your pick from among the intricate embroidery and painstaking beadwork brandished by **Rumah Bebe** (113 East Coast Road). This Peranakan establishment also purveys Peranakan-style jewellery and batik garments, which are synonymous with the Straits Chinese.



2 Next door, **Kim Choo Kueh Chang** (109/111 East Coast Road)

is a local favourite for Peranakan treats. A traditional bakery and caterer that opened right after the World War II, Kim Choo Kueh Chang sells a variety of confections called *kueh*, which come in numerous forms and textures. This place is most feted for its namesake *kueh chang*, which is a sweet and sticky rice dumpling that envelopes minced meat. Come Chinese New Year, Kim Choo Kueh Chang rolls out an even longer menu of sweet treats, which you can take home to share with your loved ones.

Photography: Danny Santos (Rumah Bebe); Helmut Ignat (Kim Choo Kueh Chang)



DID YOU KNOW?

Male Peranakans are addressed as "Baba", while females and the culture in general of this matriarchal community are referred to as "Nonya". Many Peranakan dishes are adapted from Chinese, Indian, Malay and Eurasian tables. Peranakans honour important guests and occasions with lavish meals, and share sweet kueh as a symbol of sharing their happiness.

3 What began as Alvin Yapp's search to discover his Peranakan roots culminated in a colourful mini-museum called **The Intan** (69 Joo Chiat Terrace). Illustrating the heavily nuanced Peranakan way of life through countless trinkets and priceless heirlooms, The Intan opens by appointment only (call +65 6440 1148) and holds 'interactive tea experiences' that shed light on Peranakan culture, as well as workshops where you can learn to bead vintage-style slippers and prepare the crispy canapé *kueh pie tee*.

4 After a busy day of walking through Peranakan streets embellished with Majolica tiles and French reliefs, a great place to indulge in authentic Peranakan fare is **Guan Hoe Soon** (38/40 Joo Chiat Place), where classic Peranakan favourites like *ayam buah keluak* (chicken flavoured with a black nut indigenous to Southeast Asia), *babi pongteh* (braised pork and fermented soy bean stew) and *chap chye* (traditional mixed vegetables) are prepared traditionally by hand.



“The makan* in our Katong neighbourhood is great! I like the *putu piring* (a bite-sized coconut cake filled with gula melaka) on Onan Road. Village Hotel Katong has a Halal buffet with an authentic Peranakan spread. Baba Chews nearby has tender beef *rendang* (braised meat cooked in coconut milk and spices) and Roxy Square next door is home to good *laksa*** and *rojak* (a sweet and savoury salad of vegetables, fruits, and dough fritters). There's also Mr and Mrs Mohgan's Super Crispy Roti Prata** on Crane Road, Fei Fei Wanton Noodles (Chinese dumpling noodles) at Joo Chiat Place and good *sugee cake* (sweet buttery cake) at Quentin's Eurasian Restaurant.”

- Raymond Wong, internationally renowned Peranakan kebaya dressmaker who is also the grandson of Madam Kim Choo of Kim Choo Kueh Chang fame.

*see our Singlish guide on page 2 and 3

**see our local food guide on page 14 and 15

Makan Time

Singapore's top ten local delights that every foodie should most definitely savour.

Nasi Padang

A popular Malay rice meal, *nasi padang* lets you choose from among delicious side dishes like beef *rendang* (braised meat cooked in coconut milk and spices), *sambal sotong* (sliced squid in chilli paste), *bergedil* (a fried meat and potato cutlet) and *paru goreng* (fried beef lung). Tuck into nasi padang at Warong Nasi Pariaman, which is one of Singapore's oldest Malay-Muslim restaurants.

Enjoy at: **Warong Nasi Pariaman**

📍 www.pariaman.com.sg

📍 738 North Bridge Road

☎ +65 6292 2374 or +65 6292 5958

🚗 Bugis



Satay

These grilled skewers of meat are a favourite among Singaporeans. Enjoy them on Satay Street, which is a road running parallel to Lau Pa Sat that closes at night to host late night crowds. Served with slices of cucumber and onion, along with rice dumplings called *ketupat*, *satay* is traditionally made from fillets of beef, chicken and lamb.

Enjoy at: **Lau Pa Sat**

📍 18 Raffles Quay

🚗 Raffles Place

Kaya Toast

A traditional Singaporean breakfast available at most coffee shops, or *kopitiams*, is *kaya* toast, which comprises of thick bread slices spread with a jam made from coconut and eggs. Pair your *kaya* toast with soft boiled eggs, which you can drizzle with black soya sauce, and and wash down with either *kopi* or *teh*, which are the Singaporean versions of coffee and tea.

Enjoy at: **Heap Seng Leong**

📍 10 North Bridge Road

#01-5109

☎ +65 6292 2368 🚗 Lavender



Fish Head Curry

A spicy and sour curry, this symbolic dish of Singapore was brought over by South Indian migrants and adapted to local palates. Enjoy the tender meat of the fish head that flavours the curry.

Enjoy at: **The Banana Leaf Apolo**

📍 www.thebananaleafapolo.com

📍 54 Race Course Road ☎ +65 6293 8682 🚗 Little India

Hokkien Mee

One of Singaporeans' favourite comfort foods, this dish from China's Fujian Province consists of yellow and white noodles wok-fried with squid and prawns. A good plate of Hokkien *mee* is not just juicy and flavourful, but also accompanied by tasty chilli paste.



Enjoy at: **Newton Food Centre**

📍 500 Clemenceau Avenue North

🚗 Newton

Chilli Crab

An icon of Singaporean cuisine, this dish bathes a meaty crab in hot, tangy and sour spices. Chilli crab is served with buns that you can dip in its rich gravy.

Enjoy at: **Jumbo Seafood**

📍 www.jumboseafood.com.sg

📍 The Riverwalk, 20 Upper Circular Road #B1-48

☎ +65 6534 3435 🚗 Clarke Quay



Prata

A South Indian flatbread dipped in curry, this doughy comfort food is loved by Singaporeans from all walks of life. Flipped over a hot stove by skilled

cooks, you can request your *prata* to be made with cheese, onions, egg or a variety of dessert condiments like chocolate and honey. If you're famished, order *murtabak* instead, which is its larger variation that includes onions, egg and a meat of your choice. Wash this hearty meal down with *teh tarik*, which is a milk tea that is literally pulled from one cup to another to produce froth. Visit Shah Alam along the Singapore River's lively nightlife district to savour rich cheesy versions of *prata* and *murtabak*.



Laksa

This spicy Singaporean noodle is served with eggs, shrimp and cakes of soy bean in its delicious curry. Flavoured spices and coconut milk, this gastronomic symbol of Singapore has a myriad of variations, but one definite must-try is the *laksa* of the scenic and historic neighbourhood Katong.

Enjoy at: **328 Katong Laksa**

📍 51 East Coast Road

☎ +65 9732 8163

🚗 Mountbatten

Nasi Lemak

A delicious rice meal that is easily ported around, *nasi lemak* is defined by its rice that is richly flavoured by coconut milk and pandan leaves. Order your *nasi lemak* with *ikan bilis* (fried anchovies), *ikan kuning* (yellowstripe scad), a chicken wing, a squid patty and *telur goreng* (a fried egg). Classic *nasi lemak* is made by tenured chefs in Adam Road Food Centre, while a decadent upscale version of it is served in The Coconut Club on Ann Siang Hill.

Enjoy at: **Adam Road Food Centre**

📍 2 Adam Road

🚗 Botanic Gardens

Enjoy at: **The Coconut Club**

📍 www.thecoconutclub.sg

📍 6 Ann Siang Hill

☎ +65 6635 2999

🚗 Telok Ayer and Chinatown

Hainanese Chicken Rice

A truly Singaporean creation, this flagship delicacy of Singapore is adapted from the *Wenchang* chicken recipe of Hainan Island and was brought here by Chinese migrants. Featuring steamed or roasted chicken served with chicken stock-flavoured rice, Singapore's rendition of chicken rice places much emphasis on the flavour of its accompanying chilli and garlic sauces.

Enjoy at: **Chatterbox**

📍 Mandarin Orchard, Level 5, 333 Orchard Rd

☎ +65 6737 4411 🚗 Somerset



Great Eats

Visit these award-winning restaurants to relish the best of Singaporean gastronomy.



★ Waku Ghin

One Michelin-starred Waku Ghin is a very successful labour of love by

celebrity chef Tetsuya Wakuda. Seating less than 30 people at any one time, this intimate Japanese restaurant has been highly ranked by institutions like Miele and S.Pellegrino because of its perfectly prepared sea urchin, Wagyu beef, lobster and Botan shrimp.

📍 The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands® #02-01
☎ +65 6688 8507 🚗 Bayfront



★ Bismillah Biryani

Savour the popular rice dish briyani (Indian spiced rice

dish with meat or vegetables) at Bismillah Biryani, which is a recent addition to the Michelin Guide's Bib Gourmand list. Basmati rice slow-cooked with herbs in order to unleash potent flavour, the establishment's namesake dish is best enjoyed with a side of chicken tandoori and chicken and mutton kebab.

📍 50 Dunlop Street ☎ +65 9382 7937 🚗 Jalan Besar



★ Burnt Ends

In rustic Teck Lim Road, Chef David Pynt has put a smile on many a guest's face with signature dishes

like his pork tomahawk and pulled pork brioche burger. One of Asia's highest ranked restaurants, Burnt Ends treats hungry foodies to Asian classics like *uni* and Wagyu beef, infused with occidental culinary ideas.

🌐 www.burntends.com.sg
📍 20 Teck Lim Road
☎ +65 6224 3933 🚗 Outram Park



★ Liao Fan Hong Kong Soya Sauce Chicken Rice and Noodle

Chef Chan Hon Meng was already a celebrated hawker of Chinatown before he clinched a Michelin star in 2016. For under S\$10, you can enjoy his world-class juicy chicken noodle meal at his original outlet.

📍 Chinatown Food Complex, Blk 335, Smith Street #02-126
🚗 Chinatown

“I've been eating at Xin Mei Xiang Lor Mee (51 Old Airport Road) since I was 5. I will usually make my way there before they open at 6am, when they are still preparing their lor mee (thick noodles in a starchy gravy with fish and meat condiments). Their food is definitely worth the wait. Their quality has always been consistent and impressive. If I ever am put in a situation where I need to choose my last meal, this would be it!”

- Ryan Tan, director and founder of YouTube programmes Food King and Night Owl Cinematics. Ryan and his wife/co-director Sylvia were among a handful of Singaporeans who were listed in Forbes' 30 Under 30 Asia 2016.



Photography: Simon Pynt Photography (Burnt Ends)

Singapore's Most Popular Local Desserts



Take Me Home

Collect these eight uniquely Singaporean keepsakes.

1 Set up by trained architects Santhi and Sari Tunas, **Binary Style** (Isetan Scotts, 350 Orchard Road Level 2) abounds with Singapore-themed scarves, whose patterns range from iconic apartment blocks to the historic Singapore River. Shop online or pick up a few up from Isetan Scotts or NAIISE @ Cathay, along the world-renowned Orchard Road shopping belt.



2 Pick up health foods like bird's nest, ginseng and *lingzhi* mushrooms from **Eu Yan Sang** (The Paragon #B1-17), whose knowledgeable attendants are always happy to prescribe a natural remedy for any ailment. Eu Yan Sang has a traditional Chinese medicine centre in The Paragon, just above the mall's plethora of designer fashion labels.

3 Bring *bak kwa* home from **Bee Cheng Hiang** (189 New Bridge Road), which is a prominent purveyor of this preserved sweet barbecued meat. Bee Cheng Hiang has a big outlet along New Bridge Road, from which you can walk to see the teeming life of Chinatown.



4 Fans of graphic prints can choose from a wide range of cheerful, Singapore-inspired items at **Onlewo** (129 Jalan Besar), whose name means "safe and happy nest". Here, everything from curtains and cutlery to cushions and clothes are embellished with distinctive symbols of Singapore. Afterward, catch a local football game at Jalan Besar Stadium, enjoy great dim sum (bite-sized portions of food served in steamer baskets or on small plates) at Swee Choon or sip on great coffee at the many cafes in this eclectic neighbourhood.

5 Buy traditional confections like *kueh lapis* (layered cake) and pineapple

tarts from **Bengawan Solo** (ION Orchard, 2 Orchard Turn #B4-38), which has an outlet in the basement of ION Orchard, a mall whose wares range from affordable to luxurious. Learn more about ION Orchard and Orchard Road on page 21.



6 Bring home porcelain inscribed with icons and maps of Singapore from **Supermama** (265 Beach Road). Located at the edge of Kampong Glam, a short walk from Supermama will take you past murals, performance art venues and a variety of restaurants and bars.



7 **IRVINS** (orchardgateway, L1-K3) Salted egg fish skin and salted egg potato chips (duck egg preserved in brine, then used to flavour fried fish skin and crisps respectively) fly off IRVINS' shelves as soon as they are restocked. Pick up a packet or five from IRVINS at the ground floor of orchardgateway, which is opposite the orchardgateway@emerald Singapore Visitor Centre, where you can consult the helpful staff and pick up useful printed guides.



8 Local designer Meykrs has reproduced Singaporean treats like ice cream sandwiches, *tutu kueh* (bite-sized coconut cakes) and *ang ku kueh* (also known as "red tortoise cake", an oval-shaped pastry with soft sticky glutinous rice flour skin wrapped around fillings like ground peanut or mung bean) as inedible albeit adorable cushions! Grab one from the **Naiise** store (The Cathay Building, 2 Handy Road #B1-08).



Good Buys Are Never Difficult

An eclectic array of retail experiences await you.



Marina Bay

A variety of malls bejewel our iconic bay. Take your pick from among the local products of jewellery boutique Alexandria Maison and sculptural art store ARCH in **Esplanade Mall** (1 Esplanade Drive). Pick up

decorations for your abode from Poster Hub or vinyl records that match your music taste from The Analog Vault + The Analog Room.

Pick up dapper apparel and accessories from local brands in **Marina Square** (6 Raffles Boulevard), such as Benjamin Barker, Straits Establishment and T.M.Lewin. Be sure to drop by The Cookie Museum to sample one-of-a-kind Singaporean recipes. Chilli crab or *nasi lemak* cookies, anyone? Connecting Raffles City to Suntec City is **CityLink Mall** (1 Raffles Link), which proffers a diverse spread of occidental and oriental dining options, as well as local brand Prints, which will bowl you over with its delightful stationery.

Connected to five-star hotels and convention halls, **Suntec City*** (3E Temasek Boulevard) is home to several local brands. Purchase a pampering massage chair from Osim or herbs and traditional remedies from Eu Yan Sang. Commemorate a special occasion or celebrate a loved one with mesmerising jewellery from Lee Hwa Diamond Gallery or a shiny souvenir from The Singapore Mint. There's also glitzy **Marina Bay Sands®** (10 Bayfront Avenue), just across the water, which is home to many global luxury brands, from Chanel and Christian Dior to Rolex and Richard Mille.

**Turn to pages 24 and 25 to read more about the kid-friendly establishments of Suntec City!*



Sentosa HarbourFront

One of Singapore's biggest shopping malls, **VivoCity** (1 HarbourFront Walk) indulges you with apparel from Massimo Dutti, Zara and H&M, as well as timepieces from stores like Casio G-Factory, Daniel Wellington and The Hour Glass. From fashion and accessories to homeware and gadgets, there's something for everyone inside local retailer TANGS. Sail away to another island from the Singapore Cruise Centre next door, or better yet, take the monorail or cable car to Sentosa!



Bras Basah Bugis

The historic quarter of Bugis is now a lively shopper's paradise. Aside from international brands like Crabtree & Evelyn and Topshop, homegrown fashion brands like Charles & Keith also peddle their wares in **Bugis Junction** (200 Victoria Street). Head downstairs to savour traditional Singaporean delights at Ya Kun Kaya Toast, then cross the road from Bugis Junction to Bugis

Street afterward, where an immense array of fashionable apparel are stocked in its upper floors.

The **National Design Centre** (111 Middle Road) nearby puts on new exhibitions throughout the year that revolve around award-winning global design. Here, you can also buy local goods such as the cookies of Old Seng Choong, scarves by Binary Style and jewellery by Carrie K. in multi-brand boutique Keepers. kapok stocks a discerning array of cult fashion labels and Singaporean eatery Tanuki Raw will thrill foodies with its delectable contemporary Japanese creations. **Bugis+** (201 Victoria Street) a street away lets you choose from Singaporean and global fashion labels in The Editor's Market as well as catch local and foreign arthouse films in FilmGarde Cineplex upstairs. You can also visit the heritage district of Kampong Glam** nearby, where local retailers Supermama and Scene Shang display delightful ranges of Singapore-themed ceramics, furniture and homeware.

***Read about the Haji Lane Street Party and other uniquely Singaporean jamborees on pages 28 and 29!*

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Orchard Shopping

More than just retail, Singapore's iconic shopping belt burgeons with a wide array of experiences and flavours that will guarantee you an unforgettable holiday.

International brands are aplenty along Orchard Road, which welcomes millions of visitors from all over the world annually. Besides five-star hotels and designer labels, Orchard Road's tenants include hip homeware and furniture brand **Crate & Barrel** (ION Orchard #04-21/22), popular sportswear and compression wear brand **Under Armour** (Orchard Central #01-07/08), vaunted apparel and accessories brand **Michael Kors** (Mandarin Gallery #01-12/13/02-13) and lauded lingerie brand **Victoria's Secret** (Mandarin Gallery #01-01). While in Mandarin Gallery, look out for local apparel by **Beyond the Vines** (Mandarin Gallery #02-21) and jewellery by Singaporean designer **Choo Yilin** (Mandarin Gallery #02-23). If you'd like to get your hands on a new Apple device, **Apple's** first Southeast Asian store (270 Orchard Road) is right in the middle of this bustling stretch of road.

When you get hungry, pop into **Wild Honey** (Mandarin Gallery #03-01/02) or **Nassim Hill Bakery** (Tanglin Post Office

#01-03) for a bite, or sample the authentic Indonesian rice meal *ayam penyet* in **Lucky Plaza** (304 Orchard Road). If you happen to be craving a Michelin-starred epicurean experience, there's also **Alma by Juan Amador** (one Michelin star; Goodwood Park Hotel), **Crystal Jade Golden Palace** (one Michelin star, Paragon Shopping Centre #05-22), **The Song of India** (one Michelin star, 33 Scotts Road) and **Les Amis** (two Michelin stars, Shaw Centre #01-16).

If you have a yen for Japanese fare, Orchard Road is not short of highly esteemed Japanese establishments too—**Béni** (one Michelin star, Mandarin Gallery #02-37), **Shinji** (one Michelin star, The St. Regis Singapore), **Shisen Hanten** (two Michelin stars, Level 35 Mandarin Orchard), **Sushi Ichi** (one Michelin star, Singapore Marriott Tang Plaza Hotel #01-04) and **Tsuta** (one Michelin star, Pacific Plaza #01-01) all have culinary bastions along Orchard Road.

Chances are, your favourite luxury labels will be stocked in

ION Orchard (2 Orchard Turn), whose modernist façade gleams, emblazoned with the marquees of **Cartier, Dior, Dolce & Gabbana, Louis Vuitton** and **Tiffany & Co.** Its basement floors, however, wield a variety of accessible fashion brands like **Topshop** and **Warehouse**. Stop for afternoon tea in **TWG's** tea salon on the second storey or fuel up on Asian street food and Japanese titbits from ION's vibrant underground floors. For those who fancy cult fashion brands, **268 Orchard Road** is a must-visit, where runway superstar Virgil Abloh has opened an **Off-White** boutique. Just across from Off-White is local multi-label boutique **Surrender**, which stocks all-the-rage labels like Fear Of God and GmbH alongside limited edition Adidas sneakers

If your retail cravings have not yet been satiated, the good news is Japanese discount supermarket **Don Don Donki** (Orchard Central B1 & B2, 181 Orchard Road) is open 24/7 and sells a staggering array of quirky goods, from whimsical party hats to mouth-watering oriental snacks.

Get in on the Action

See a very different side of Singapore on these off-kilter tours.



The Fear Factor Experience by Monster Day Tours

Thrill-seekers will be delighted by the series of hair-raising challenges put forth by this peculiar tour.

Navigate through total darkness and savour exotic foods, before pushing your adrenaline to the limit with indoor sky-diving, then testing your fear of heights against a bungee jump or giant swing.

Starting point: Hotel pick-up

When: Daily 11am-6pm
(Customisable)

Book at: www.monsterdaytours.com

Contact: +65 9151 7567



Marina Bay Night Tour by Let's Go Tour

To enjoy a very different view of the city centre, sign up for the Marina Bay Night Tour, which will take you past Marina Bay Sands®, Singapore Flyer and Marina Barrage. Let your breath be taken away by the lights that illuminate the Merlion, Gardens by the Bay and our immense Sports Hub.

Starting point: High Street Centre,
1 North Bridge Road B1-58
When: Nightly 7-9pm
Book at: www.lets gobikesingapore.com
Contact: +65 9004 4332



Historical Singapore Bike Tour by Let's Go Tour

Cycle to landmarks and savour delicious local food, then burn off those calories on this informative and guilt-free tour. This eye-opening adventure starts in the Civic District and brings participants past icons like the Esplanade, Merlion and Singapore River. Admire the historic architecture and religious diversity of Chinatown, Kampong Glam and Tiong Bahru on this insightful 20-kilometre ride.

Starting point: High Street Centre,
1 North Bridge Road B1-58
When: Daily 8.30am-12.30pm
Book at: www.lets gobikesingapore.com
Contact: +65 9004 4332



SIDE QUEST:



Instead of flagging a cab, ask a trishaw rider if he can take you to your desired destination. Trishaw rides can be slightly pricier than regular taxis, but these scenic open-air rides will let you experience how Singapore's pioneers got from point A to point B.

Kids Just Wanna Have Fun

Many retail destinations and places of interest in Singapore teem with exciting adventures for the whole family. Even if you're travelling with children in tow, these venues let the whole family get in on the fun.





Forum The Shopping Mall

A shopping centre showcasing premium fashion boutiques like **Club21** and kid-friendly eateries like **Uma Uma Ramen** and **Jamie's Italian**, **Forum The Shopping Mall** is also home to **Hip Kids Club** Playground, where tots can climb and tumble in a safe and supervised environment, while parents have some time to themselves. If you happen to be grooming a budding fashionista, **Bonpoint**, **Ferrari Junior Collection**, **Kids21**, **Mothercare**, **nicholas & bears** and **Stride Rite** all display adorable outfits for boys and girls of all ages.

📍 www.forumtheshoppingmall.com.sg

📍 583 Orchard Road

☎ +65 6732 2479

🚶 Orchard

Suntec City

Bring your family to catch a movie in **Suntec City**, which consists of several retail buildings encircling the famous Fountain of Wealth. Suntec City's mall is linked to convention halls and five-star hotels via covered walkways. Young children can have a ball at **The Polliwogs'** multifaceted play space while you shop or dine at Suntec City's many rooftop and fountain-side restaurants, such as **Tony Roma's**, **Dallas Restaurant & Bar**, **Ichiban Boshi** and **Sumiya**.

📍 www.sunteccity.com.sg

📍 3E Temasek Boulevard

☎ +65 6266 1502

🚶 Esplanade



Kallang Wave Mall and the Kallang neighbourhood

Just east of the city centre, Kallang is an eclectic family-friendly destination. In **Kallang Wave Mall**, you can bring your kids rock climbing at **Climb Central's** rock wall or ice-skating in the mall's capacious rink. **The Cage** (38 Jalan Benaan Kapal) nearby welcomes families who would like to engage in games like futsal and ultimate Frisbee. Catch the sunset along the shoreline afterward, or better yet, rent canoes from **Water Sports Centre** (8 Stadium Walk) nearby and head out to sea.

📍 1 Stadium Place

☎ +65 6702 5168

🚶 Stadium

“I like to bring my wife and daughter to Arbite (66 Serangoon Garden Way), a family restaurant in Serangoon Gardens (a tranquil neighbourhood in northeastern Singapore with many prominent eateries). Arbite is cosy and their staff know how to handle children. They also have a kids menu, baby chairs, toys and other items for kids.”

- Nicholas Cho, co-owner of local streetwear label Flesh Imp





Time Travellers

A walk to remember through historic Geylang Serai.



A storied and tranquil Malay enclave, Geylang Serai showcases the many vibrant facets of the Malay way of life. From its lively markets and famed eateries to its modern malls and retail options, Geylang Serai has persisted for decades as a beacon reflecting both old and new Singapore. Start your cultural trek through Geylang Serai early by having breakfast at **Alwadi Geylang**

Photography: Danny Santos (Durian); Afur Wong
(Geylang Serai Wet Market and Malay Groceries Shop)



Road (Tristar Complex, 970 Geylang Road #01-02). Locals shoot the breeze over *teh tarik* (pulled milk tea) and *nasi briyani* (Indian spiced rice dish with meat or vegetables) at this renowned watering hole.

Afterward, cross over to **Geylang Serai Market** (1 Geylang Serai), where you can purchase *kueh* (bite-sized desserts) as well as an

TRAVELLERS TIP:



Don't miss the **Geylang Serai Bazaar and Light-Up!** A bustling soiree filled with contemporary street food, the Ramadan Bazaar enlivens the streets of Geylang Serai for one

month leading up to Hari Raya Aidilfitri. You can choose from a spread of traditional accessories, garments and decorations at this bazaar. In the city centre, Ramadan is also marked by a smaller-sized bazaar in front of the Sultan Mosque in the Kampong Glam neighbourhood. Joo Chiat Complex (1 Joo Chiat Road), however, retails traditional wares all year round and brandishes a façade that showcases both Arabic and Southeast Asian influences.

assortment of traditional Malay garments, homeware and decorations. Not far from this historic market, you can find **Dunman Food Centre** (271 Onan Road) that primarily sells traditional Chinese noodles and Indian Muslim fare. Dunman Food Centre's most celebrated tenant is by far **Traditional Haig Road Putu Piring**. Chefs of this humble stall prepare these bite-sized coconut cakes filled with *gula melaka* all day, until they run out of ingredients, which is usually just after sundown.

During the Ramadan Bazaar this May, Geylang Serai will welcome a new building named **Wisma Geylang Serai** (1 Geylang Serai). Look out for this glitzy new landmark when you visit Geylang Serai's exuberant Ramadan Light-Up.



Try durian at one of Geylang's many fruit stalls along its main road. Safeguarded by a spiky shell is sweet, custard-like flesh, which is loved by some and loathed by others. Which side are you on? You won't know until you try this "King of Fruits".

Paint the Town

The merrymaking never ceases in our jubilant city state. Make new friends and party like a local at these events—you'll see why Singapore is one of the world's most recommended party destinations.



Tanjong Beach Club

The keenest observer of festivals like

Australia Day and the USA's Independence Day, Tanjong Beach Club organises parties all year round. All about great drinks and food, making new friends over volleyball and beer pong, as well as lounging in its many deck chairs and cabanas, this watering hole along Sentosa's Tanjong Beach throws the most gregarious parties every Sunday.

📍 www.tanjongbeachclub.com
📍 120 Tanjong Beach Walk
☎ +65 6270 1355 🚗 HarbourFront



Kilo Lounge

A stone's throw away from Lucha

Loco, Kilo Lounge attracts a discerning crowd with underground guest DJs. Enter by its secret back alley entrance to discover up-and-comers and cult heroes of the electronic music scene, while making friends with Kilo's friendly regulars over a tipples. Be sure to stop by award-winning bars of the neighbourhood like Tippling Club and Jekyll & Hyde too.

📍 www.kilokitchen.com
📍 21 Tanjong Pagar Road
☎ +65 9824 9747
🚗 Tanjong Pagar, Chinatown and Outram Park



Haji Lane Street Party

Along this exotic street embellished with an assortment of bars, restaurants, independent boutiques and graffiti art, a word-of-mouth party is held every few weeks. Driven by the thumping beats of make-shift DJ booths or live musicians, revellers keep going until the wee hours of the morning. To find out the details of these regular parties, just ask the staff of organising establishments Piedra Negra and Blu Jaz Café.

📍 www.blujazcafe.net 📍 241 Beach Road and 11 Bali Lane
☎ +65 6292 3800 🚗 Bugis



Mambo Night at Zouk

One of the world's

highest ranked clubs, Zouk and its loyal following are also the inventors of a veritably Singaporean genre. Mambo Night is held several times a year, including on the eve of public holidays, where partygoers are welcome to mime out each throwback song with a fun set of moves. Those new to Mambo Night just need to take cue from the veterans dancing on the platforms.

📍 www.zoukclub.com
📍 3C River Valley Road
☎ +65 6738 2988 🚗 Clarke Quay



Lucha Loco

Taco eating contests and masked wrestlers

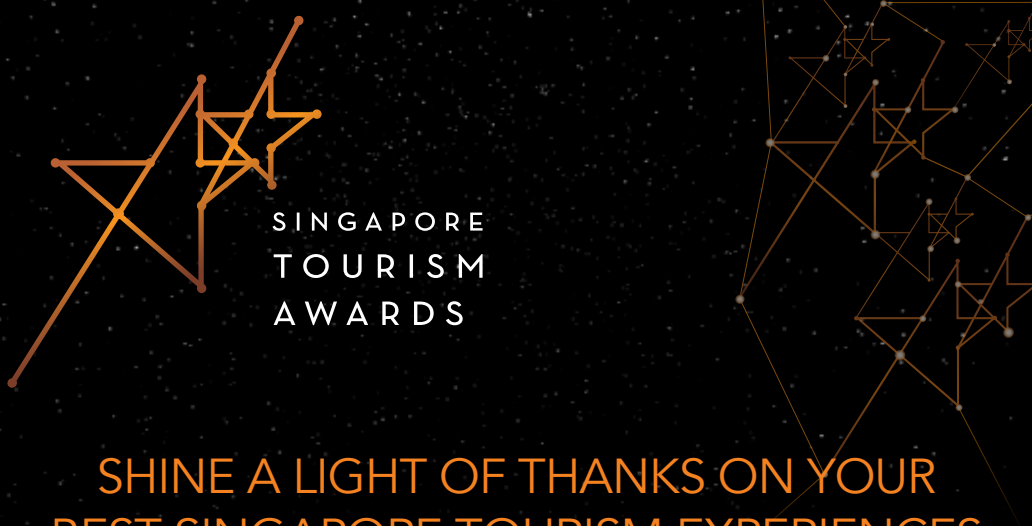
duking it out, as well as Mexican Independence Day and Cinco de Mayo parties are just a few ways revellers let their hair down in Lucha Loco. Sister establishments Super Loco in Robertson Quay and in Customs House too invite you to indulge in great Mexican food, premium tequila and delicious margaritas.

📍 www.super-loco.com
📍 15 Duxton Hill
☎ +65 6226 3938
🚗 Tanjong Pagar, Chinatown and Outram Park

“Despite being a small city, Singapore presents a wide mix of options to explore for a great night out. Whether it's a big or intimate party, fuelled by mainstream bangers or alternative beats, we have them all, and the best part is, they are all located pretty near one another!”

- Benedict Teo aka Zushan, DJ Booking Executive and Resident DJ of Zouk Singapore, which is consistently ranked among the world's top ten dance clubs





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Take Me Out

Now at the height of its cocktail revolution, Singapore's bar scene proffers a litany of experiences, each one completely different from another.

28 HongKong Street

One of the most celebrated speakeasies in the world, 28 HongKong Street's namesake address will lead you to a secretive shopfront that opens to reveal a sophisticated cocktail bar. Enjoy good food and great cocktails by adept mixologists in this shining beacon of Singapore's cocktail industry.

📍 www.28hks.com

📍 28 HongKong Street

☎ +65 8318 0328 🚗 Clarke Quay



Employees Only

One of the world's most venerated speakeasies, Employees Only from New York City hires and trains superb mixologists, who sometimes choose to get the establishment's EO logo tattooed as a badge of honour. Walk through its deceptive façade to discover a teeming watering hole spearheaded by Igor Hadzismajlovic, one of the original five partners of Employees Only in New York.

📍 www.employeesonlysg.com

📍 112 Amoy Street

☎ +65 6221 7357 🚗 Telok Ayer

Manhattan Bar

Asia's number one bar is gorgeously designed to transport one back to New York's Roaring Twenties. A variety of wines, spirits (including gins made in-house), cocktails and beers can be enjoyed in this bewitching bar that is often likened to scenes from The Great Gatsby movie.

📍 Regent Singapore,

1 Cuscaden Road Level 2

☎ +65 6725 3377 🚗 Orchard



Atlas

A grand hall on the ground floor of gothic building Parkview Square, Atlas is home to the largest collection of gins in the world. Soak in its grandiose Art Deco interior while rubbing shoulders with its high-roller clientele.

📍 www.atlasbar.sg

📍 600 North Bridge Road

☎ +65 6396 4466 🚗 Bugis

Smith Street Taps and Good Luck Beerhouse

Craft beer connoisseurs have to make a pilgrimage to Smith Street Taps, a bar that purveys brews from around the world, out of an unassuming hawker stall in Chinatown. Good Luck Beerhouse is a tiny but charming hole in the wall that sells bottled craft beers, alongside international drafts from eight barrels. When one barrel finishes, a new barrel from another part of the world is welcomed into the fray.

📍 Chinatown Complex,
335 Smith Street #02-062
(Smith Street Taps) and
9 Haji Lane (Good Luck Beerhouse)
📍 Chinatown and Bugis
respectively



Nutmeg & Clove

A prominent stalwart that spearheaded the emergence of Singapore's mixology movement, Nutmeg & Clove has several inventive must-try cocktails, including Singapore-themed King & Queen: A Singapore foodie's dream cocktail that combines durian and mangosteen, the "king and queen of fruits", in an ambitious but delicious cocktail.

📍 www.nutmegandclove.com.sg
📍 10 Ann Siang Hill
📞 +65 9389 9301 📍 Telok Ayer



MUST-DO SIDE QUEST:



Have *wanton mee* (Chinese dumpling noodles) just below Native before your night out. The founder of Wanton - Seng's Noodle Bar learned this bestselling recipe from a revered but retiring wanton mee hawker. Juicy and crunchy, with the option of chilli, this classic Singaporean delicacy now draws a sizeable crowd to this contemporary establishment every night.

Native

Diligent craftsman Vijay Mudaliar distills his own gins and rums in Native and forages for botanicals himself, which he uses in his concoctions. His creative cocktails feature unusual ingredients, including a specific species of ants.

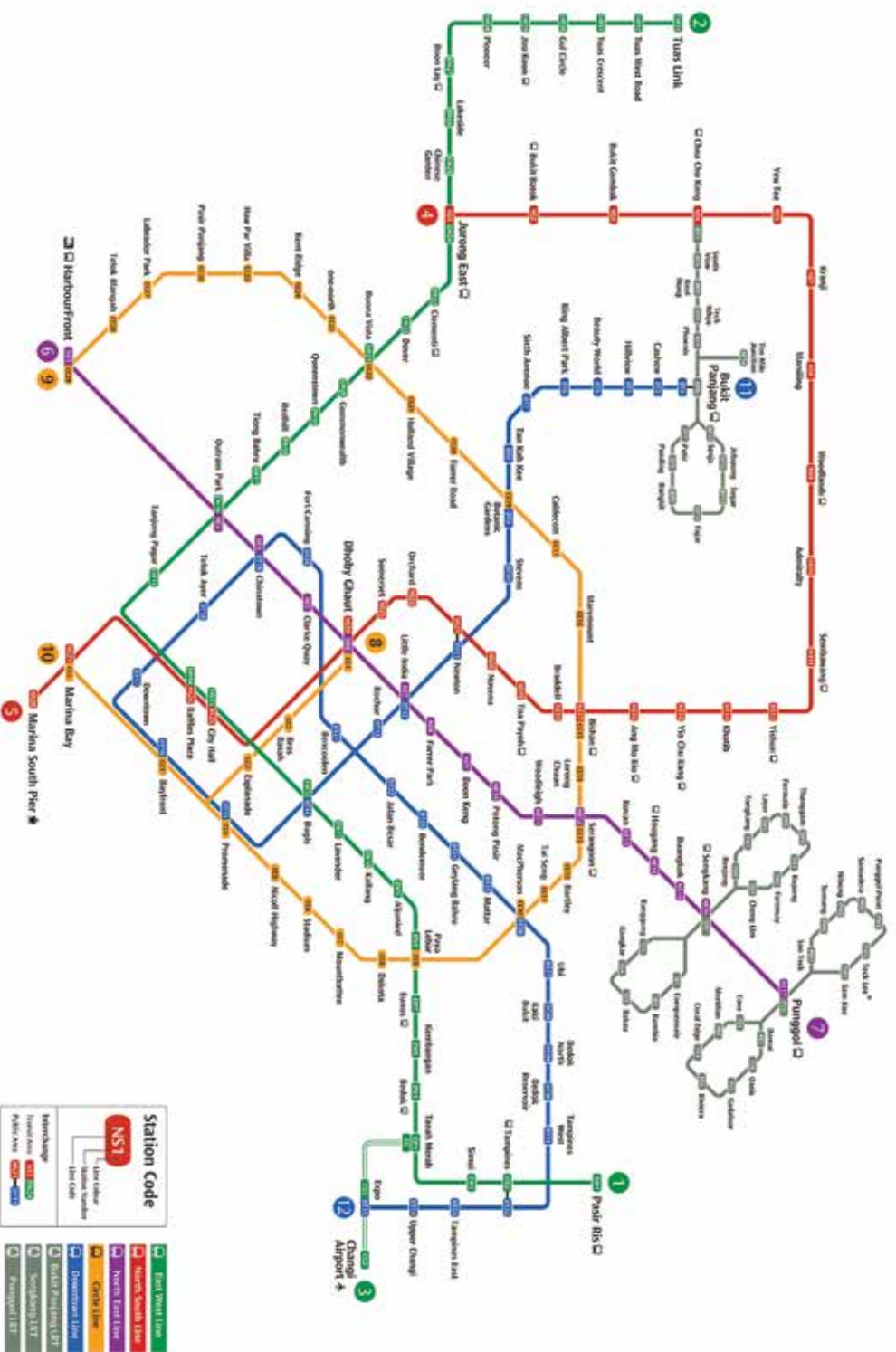
📍 52a Amoy Street
📞 +65 8869 6520 📍 Telok Ayer



“For a while now, we've been seeing bartenders use a lot of ingredients that are based off Singapore's favourite foods—so we are starting to see more cocktails have a local origin, instead of being based off a European or American classic. We're unique because our cocktails are like our people and city, a little bit of influence from here and there, but at the base, still true to our roots.”

- Vijay Mudaliar, head bartender of Native





Station Code



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Line Code

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Airport Express
Kowloon Line
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