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With Singapore being one of the most happening cities in the region, there are festivals and events happening throughout the year. From rave parties to indie music festivals, here's a list of the best events in Singapore, just so you don't miss a single one.

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Paint the town red. Party till dawn. Soak in the beats. Raise the bar and turn up the heat.

Singapore is buzzing with energy that keeps those that move to the rhythm of the beat, well, to keep moving. International acts and local trailblazers intermingle in musical notes that raises hands to the air and where you just don't have to care. Speakeasies and secret enclaves hide in plain sight as world-class bars tower high in the sky or deep within districts that exude a jubilant atmosphere. If the night is still young and the pulse of the city gets you excited, this is where electrifying nights, epic performances and meaningful connections—meet.

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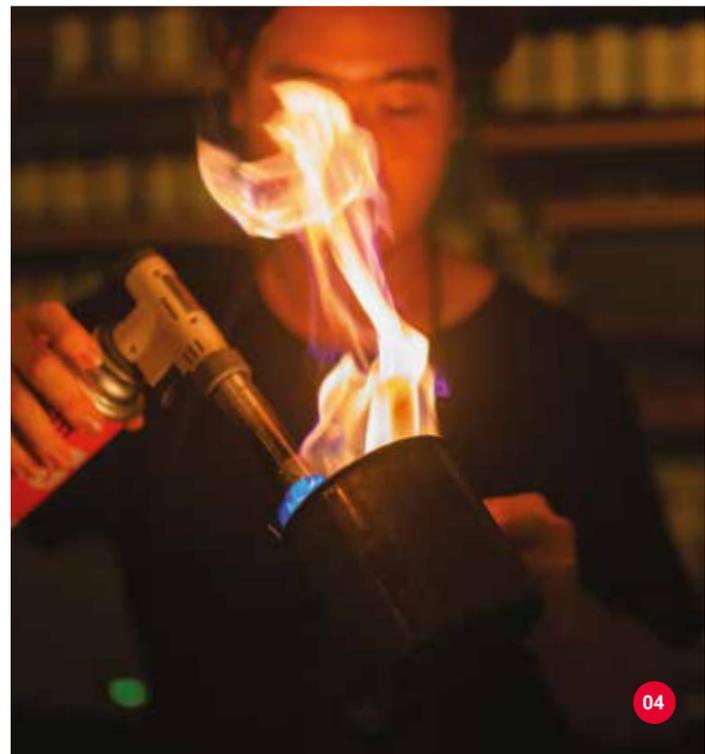
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01 Singapore Grand Prix

02 EDM lovers unite and party at Ultra Singapore

03 Party from dusk till dawn at ZoukOut

04 Enjoy great cocktails at Singapore Cocktail Festival.

Lose yourself at the party of the year! Organised by a homegrown club - Zouk, **ZOUKOUT** has been in the scene since 2000. This dusk-till-dawn music festival, which has been a favourite among the ravers, is one of Asia's largest beach music festival. The annual affair sees some of the world's top DJs gracing the stage, with names such as DJ Snake, Flume, Axwell /\ Ingrosso. This event has been so successful that ZoukOut has been awarded the "Best Leisure Event Experience" twice by Singapore Tourism Awards. ZoukOut has also been staged internationally, in Hong Kong, Boracay and Tokyo.

Another rave festival that happens in the middle of the year is **ULTRA SINGAPORE** and appeals to all the electronic dance music (EDM) lovers from all around the region. Highlighted as one of the island's most widely anticipated outdoor dance parties, Ultra Singapore presents a lineup of

the world's most legendary DJs with extraordinary festival design and stage production.

If you're not so much of the EDM lover but more of the Indie music buff, worry not, Singapore has got it covered for you! The city's most-anticipated indie music festival, the **ST. JEROME'S LANEWAY FESTIVAL** is a festival not to be missed. Since its debut in Singapore, the festival has only gotten bigger and better, with some of the biggest acts: English bands like The 1975, Foals, Wolf Alice, American singer-songwriter Banks, and many more.

From fast cars to live music performances, expect an adrenaline rush packed experience at the **SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX!** More than just a motor race, the weekend is known to many as the most dramatic and atmospheric races of the year. Welcome the new year at the interactive countdown festival at Marina Bay. The **MARINA BAY**

SINGAPORE COUNTDOWN is the island's biggest countdown event of the year and offers activities catered for visitors young and old. Enjoy pop-up food stalls, photo installations, movie screenings, water rides and rollercoasters at various locations like Bayfront, the Marina Bay floating platform and the Civic District. You will be treated with the ultimate display of fireworks across the Marina Bay skyline as you usher the new year in with friends and family.

More good vibes await at the **SINGAPORE COMEDY FRINGE FESTIVAL**, where local and international comedians turn the Esplanade into a barrel of laughs every April. Jonathan Atherton, Fakkah Fuzz and Sam See are just three of the locally based funny men whose jabs will leave you in stitches. Grab a seat in the front row and you might be the butt of their next joke—which will serve as the perfect icebreaker for meeting new people in-between sets.

The **SINGAPORE COCKTAIL FESTIVAL** happens in the second quarter of every year and is one of the most happening weeks in the city. Held across the 'festival ground' and numerous bars around the city, this high-spirited event invites imbibers to let their hair down, rub shoulders with celebrity bartenders and, of course, get tipsy on quality tipples. For those who want to learn how to shake up great cocktails at home, the festival's many workshops should do the trick.

For those who prefer their beverages fizzy, cold and alcoholic, **BEERFEST ASIA** is the place for you. Hundreds of breweries including household names and cult favourites descend upon the F1 Pit Building every August to pour out new, rare and exclusive brews. It's far from a stuffy tasting event. Live bands rock out on stage, while revelers climb atop tables, pint glass in hand, to dance the night away. Of course, you're welcome to join them or indulge in your own style of merrymaking.

PERSONALITIES

Personality makes us who we are and it influences our behaviors. Gain an insight into the different personalities of these talented individuals, from musicians to bartenders.



CHARLIE LIM

At first glance, Charlie Lim might seem like the average boy next-door with his specky look. Well, there's more to this than meets the eye. The 29-year-old is a singer-songwriter who has performed to a sold-out crowd back in June 2015 at the Esplanade Concert Hall. He was also the first Singaporean to sell-out two shows at the Mosaic Music Festival and in that same year, he wrote two theme songs for the 28th Southeast Asian Games.

Born in Singapore, Charlie realised his passion for music and dream of being a

rock or pop star during his tertiary studies in Australia. When Charlie moved back to Singapore in 2013 he was signed on with an indie record management label. He has since been signed on by Universal Music. Despite having much success in his music career, Charlie believes in the importance of contributing to his home country, Singapore. Evidently, one of his proudest achievements would probably be his work on the remake of 1987 classic "We Are Singapore" as the 2018 National Day Parade (NDP) theme song.



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Indie-electronic duo .gif, made up of weish and din, is one of the gems in Singapore's indie music scene. Their music, is described by many as well-crafted electronic pieces with beautifully composed lyrics. Weish's "Bjork-ish" vocals has garnered enthusiastic reviews by media and fans. The pair initially started in 2012 as a passion project to explore their boundaries on both personal and artistic levels. In 2013, they decided to record their debut EP release titled "saudade", which

surrounds the deep emotional state of nostalgia and emptiness. In the immediate aftermath of their EP release, the duo has performed in various venues and festivals including Baybeats 2014, Singapore Night Festival 2015 and St. Jerome's Laneway Festival 2015. In their writing, the pair often draws inspiration from literature, theatre and film. They have also always been staying true to their music and what they believe because after all, .gif is their own thing.

TABITHA NAUSER

The 26-year-old is now carving her own path. Tabitha was first introduced to Singaporean audiences as the runner-up of Singapore Idol's Season 3 performing songs like Fergie's "Big Girls Don't Cry" and Etta James' "At Last". Over the years, the songstress has matured and grew to be more confident by expanding her music career to theatre, radio and even as a fashion icon. One of the essential philosophies when it comes to Tabitha's creative process is taking one's time. She believes that patient reinventions would help establish a personality that resonates with the current times and, the end-goal of her music will be the best representation of herself. Her personality has made her a constant in Singapore pop culture, where she has performed the theme song for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games, took on a leading role on Rent, and joined 987FM as a radio DJ.

YUNG RAJA

Singaporean breakthrough artiste Yung Raja has created waves of success for himself as a rapper, songwriter, and actor. Since his emergence as a rapper, Raja has been dubbed as hip hop's next avant garde bilingual artiste with his tasteful unification of English and Tamil lyrics. Raja found viral success trending in Malaysia and Singapore following the release of his English-Tamil remixes of "Gucci Gang" (Poori Gang), "New Freezer" (More Better), and "Bartier Cardi" (Pathuko Thambi). Known for his formidable command of English-Tamil rap, Raja continues to confront the industry with his seamless bilingual delivery and distinct cultural references.



OTHER SOCIALISERS TO LOOK OUT FOR:

Nathan Hartono
DJ Koflow
DJ Myrne
Sharul Channa
Bitters & Love



MATTHEW CHAN

Award Winning sommelier, Matthew Chan has dedicated his entire professional career to the art of beverage service. He first ventured into the world of wine at the age of 19, pursuing a position in wine retail. He then became the youngest certified Sommelier in Singapore two years later. In 2015, Matthew made history as the first Singaporean to win on a regional level at the South East Asia Sommelier Competition. When it comes to serving his customers, Matthew takes a personalised approach

where he gets a better understanding of his guests' taste preferences before choosing a particular wine to recommend to them. He enjoys sharing the knowledge of various grape varietals with his guests and this allows them to understand why specific wines were chosen just for them. He is now the Beverage and Restaurant manager of Nouri - ranked No. 39 on the World's Best Restaurants, curating a menu designed to showcase the bar's commitment to cultural research and deliciousness.

A GUIDE TO THE ULTIMATE SOCIALISER HANGOUTS IN SINGAPORE

The sun has set, you and your friends are undecided on which night spot to hit, let loose and cap a perfect night out, let this be your personal introduction to Singapore's vibrant nightlife.

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01 German-style beers and bites at Baden Restaurant & Pub

02 Keong Saik Road now houses some of the coolest residents

03 Streets of Ann Siang Hill

04 Listen to some blues tunes at Crazy Elephant Bar

05 Feel like you're on top of the world at 1-Altitude

06 Dance and party your night away at Potato Head Folk

07 Potato Head Folk is located within an iconic four-storey heritage building.

08 Cocktail lovers enjoy specially curated drinks by bartender



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CLARKE QUAY & ROBERTSON QUAY

The riverside Clarke Quay and Boat Quay may be known as party central but there's plenty more to discover. The live music scene is noteworthy: start at Clarke Quay's **Crazy Elephant Bar** to listen to the blues and **Cuba Libre Café & Bar** for Latin music.

- 📍 Crazy Elephant Bar. 3E River Valley Rd, #01-03/04
- 📍 Cuba Libre Cafe & Bar. Clarke Quay, River Valley Road, #01-13

Sports enthusiasts should head to **Boomarang Bistro & Bar** and **Hero's**. Be serenaded by local bands and singers, in between exhilarating matches.

- 📍 Boomarang Bistro & Bar. 60 Robertson Quay, #01-15 The Quayside
- 📍 Hero's. 69 Circular Road, #01-01

For a no-frills night, visit a Melbourne-style pub **Prince of Wales** or an Irish pub **Molly Malone's**. These bars screen live rugby UFC and soccer matches that attract throngs of die-hard fans.

- 📍 Prince of Wales. 51 Boat Quay
- 📍 Molly Malone's. 56 Circular Road

If you're planning for a romantic date over cocktails, be sure to check out the chic rooftop bar **Southbridge**. Enjoy a panoramic view of the Singapore skyline, while pairing your cocktails with oysters.

- 📍 Southbridge. 80 Boat Quay, Level 5, Rooftop

Over at Clarke Quay, **Attica** is famous for its outrageous parties that attract a loyal clientele of local and international guests. If you like your house music, then this is the place to be.

- 📍 Attica. 3C River Valley Road, #01-03 Clarke Quay



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ANN SIANG HILL & CLUB STREET

Equally fun and vibrant, the Ann Siang Hill and Club Street area is another favourite among socialisers. This is where you'll see rows of restored shophouses lining the streets with a mixture of the old and new. If you are like the others who fancy watching the movie with a glass of beer instead of popcorn, head to **The Screening Room** for a unique combination of movie and booze. You can catch classic flicks on the big screen on the third level or catch stunning views of the city at the La Terraza Rooftop Bar. For cocktail lovers, it is a must to swing by **Native**, a cocktail bar that lets you socialise while having drinks specially made with locally foraged ingredients like Thai rum with crunchy ants and pink jasmine blossoms grown on Ann Siang Hill. As you walk along Club Street, do check out the **Club Street Social**, located on Gemmill Lane. This laidback, brick-walled bistro bar is the go-to place for people who likes hearty meals and specially curated selection of drinks.

- 📍 The Screening Room. 12 Ann Siang Rd #03-00
- 📍 Native. 52a Amoy St
- 📍 Club Street Social. 5 Gemmill Ln

KEONG SAIK ROAD

Once a prominent red light district in the '60s, Keong Saik Road now houses some of the coolest residents. Whether you're looking to have brunch in the area or you're in the mood to hang out at a rooftop bar, stroll around the neighbourhood and soak up all it has to offer. If you're a cafe person and prefer hanging out over a cup of coffee, head to the **Populus Coffee and Food Cafe**. It has been a favourite spot among many for a coffee fix and midday brunch. You can also head to **LUXE Singapore** for some Aussie-style breakfast. They serve brunch until 4 in the afternoon.

- 📍 Populus Coffee and Food Cafe. 146 Neil Rd
- 📍 LUXE Singapore. 1 Keong Saik Road, #01-04, The Working Capitol Building

From the golden beaches of Bali to the city of Singapore, you can find one of the city's hippest dining and drinking place - **Potato Head Folk**. Located within an iconic four-storey heritage building, this is where the burger lovers, cocktail drinkers and food enthusiasts meet. Music lovers will definitely enjoy a drink at **Drink Culture**, which features DJs, full bands and acoustic duos playing on various nights of the week.

- 📍 Potato Head Folk. 36 Keong Saik Rd
- 📍 Drink Culture. 51 Kreta Ayer Rd

DEMPSEY HILL

Explore one of Singapore's most quaint neighbourhoods, nestled away in lush greenery just minutes from Orchard Road. Alongside fabulous restaurants and eateries, they've got great pubs, bars, breweries and wine houses to boot. Dempsey's fresh bar scene features a melting pot of stylish hangouts and contemporary watering holes. One must check out **The Rabbit Hole**. Situated at

the back of the main restaurant **The White Rabbit**, this beautiful garden bar specialises in gin concoctions, most of which are garnished with herbs from their very own backyard.

- 📍 The Rabbit Hole. 39C Harding Rd
- 📍 The White Rabbit. 39C Harding Rd

A lush retail and dining establishment that promises a world-class experience, **COMO Dempsey** houses a variety of original and innovative dining places and concept stores.

- 📍 COMO Dempsey. 18A Dempsey Rd

Craft beer enthusiasts, make your way to places such as **RedDot BrewHouse** and the Thai-German **Tawandang Microbrewery** for your fix of handcrafted ales, stouts, and lagers.

- 📍 RedDot BrewHouse. 25A Dempsey Rd, #01-01
- 📍 Tawandang Microbrewery. 26 Dempsey Rd, #01-01

EMERALD HILL

Looking for a place to hangout in the Orchard Road area? Why not take a detour onto the beautiful side street, Emerald Hill instead? You'll be granted with a gorgeous row of elegant Peranakan houses with pubs and bars lining the street. **No**

5 Emerald Hill Cocktail bar is probably one of the most popular locations for a perfect Friday nightout and they serve amazing fried chicken wings too! For good food and conversation, head over to **Que Pasa** - a Spanish Tapas bar for a chill evening. If you prefer to hangout in your shorts and sandals while sipping on frosty cold beers, **Ice Cold Beer Bar** will be your choice location. Emerald Hill offers a quaint atmosphere and chill out vibes, it is no surprise why Emerald Hill is one of the favourite places to dine and socialise.

- 📍 No. 5 Emerald Hill Cocktail Bar. 5 Emerald Hill Road
- 📍 Que Pasa. 7 Emerald Hill Rd
- 📍 Ice Cold Beer Bar. 9 Emerald Hill Rd

MARINA BAY AND THE CBD

There's far more than shopping and art-viewing to be done along this glitzy stretch of malls, museums and luxury hotels. It's a nightlife hotspot too. Begin your bar-hopping journey at **Post Bar** at Fullerton Hotel. You'll be spoilt for choice when it comes to restaurant-bars with waterfront views: popular picks include newly opened **Caffe Fernet** or **Kinki Rooftop Bar** at Customs House, **Lantern Bar** at The Fullerton Bay Hotel, **1919 Restaurant & The Rooftop Bar**, **Overeasy** and **The Pelican** which are close to the Merlion Park. If you're looking for something out of the ordinary, how about a club with fully-operational, full-sized ferris wheel and a three-storey-high slide? Singapore's newest and largest nightclub, **Marquee Singapore** is the latest addition to Marina Bay Sands' nightlife lineup.

- 📍 Post Bar. 1 Fullerton Square
- 📍 Caffe Fernet. 70 Collyer Quay, Customs House #01-05
- 📍 Kinki Rooftop Bar. 70 Collyer Quay, #02-02 Customs House
- 📍 Lantern Bar. 80 Collyer Quay
- 📍 1919 Restaurant & The Rooftop Bar. 3 Fullerton Rd #03-01, The Waterboathouse
- 📍 Overeasy. 1 Fullerton Road, #01-06
- 📍 The Pelican. 1 Fullerton Road, #01-01 One Fullerton
- 📍 Marquee Singapore. 2 Bayfront Avenue, B1-67

For a cosier cocktail spot, check out **Orgo** at the Esplanade, which is located at the arts venue's rooftop. Here, you'll get great views.

- 📍 Orgo. 8 Raffles Avenue, #04-01, Esplanade

Make your way to Marina Bay Sands® for tasty Thai nosh to go with drinks at **The Bar @ Long Chim**, which serves streetside-style nibbles to go with your tippie. If you're in the mood for a special treat, go for an epicurean experience at fine dining restaurants **Spago**, which boasts a lounge section with stellar views from the 57th floor.

- 📍 The Bar@ Long Chim. 10 Bayfront Avenue, #02-02, Atrium 2 The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands
- 📍 Spago. 10 Bayfront Avenue, Level 57, Sand SkyPark Tower 2

SPECIAL MENTIONS: DANCE TILL YOU DROP!

A vital stop for any club goer has to be **Zouk**. One of the most famous clubs in the world, Zouk is acknowledged as one of the best by critics and clubbers alike. You'll be conquering the dance floor to the most celebrated names in dance music today, but remember to check out Zouk's other concepts within the premises: **Red Tail** is a pre-party restaurant that serves up posh cocktails and bar nosh, and **Capital's** lounge-like space is perfect for mingling over drinks.

- 📍 Zouk. 3C River Valley Road, The Cannery
- 📍 Red Tail. 3C River Valley Road, #01-04, The Cannery
- 📍 Capital. 3C River Valley Road, #02-05, The Cannery

SINGAPORE AFTER DUSK

Singapore has been ranked one of the cities that never sleeps along with its bright city lights and vibrant nightlife. From live music to stand-ups shows, make the most of your visit to Singapore after the sun goes down by checking out these places.



01 A favourite hangout among comedy and live music lovers, Wala Wala Cafe.

02 Catch live band performances at Timbre @ The Arts House



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LIVE MUSIC

If you're one that enjoys good food with great live music, you'll never want to miss out on Timbre. There are three locations you can choose from: The Substation; The Arts House and The Gillman. Utilising a covered open-air space behind The Substation building, **Timbre @ The Substation** offers a wonderful lively venue for you to relax and enjoy live music performances by some of the best live bands in Singapore like 53A and Goodfellas. Live performances happen every night with a variety of different musical acts so be sure to be entertained and enjoy upbeat tunes over your dinner.

📍 **Timbre @ The Substation.** 45 Armenian St

📍 **Timbre @ The Arts House.** 1 Old Parliament Lane

📍 **Timbre @ The Gillman.** 9A Lock Road

Voted as the best Rock 'n' Roll blues bar in Singapore, **Crazy Elephant** is the perfect place for a true Blues fans. Look out for the Blues Machine band's performances on both Wednesdays and Saturdays as they bring you some of the hottest blues

and rock tunes. Head down to the bar on Sunday nights as they organise a special jam session where you can perform on the stage.

📍 **3E River Valley Rd,** #01-03/04

If you're in for some true-blue home cooked American Southern comfort food, swing by **The Beast** for some country fried steak, pimento cheese dip and Mississippi mud pie cake! The bar also has one of the largest variety bourbons in the country and an extensive selection of American craft beers. You'll also be treated to some good acoustic live music on Friday nights. A perfect place for gathering, this cosy casual bar is the place to be for an easy night where you can sip on some bourbon and enjoy classic southern hospitality.

📍 **17 Jln Klapa**

Over at Holland Village, **Wala Wala Cafe Bar** is one of the best music bars in the city, proudly serving excellent live music for over 20 years in Singapore. The iconic bar is a 2-storey breezy cafe bar that is all

about enjoying fabulous food and drinks set amidst a laidback vibe. The bar upstairs hosts a variety of local music and comedy acts, with an 'acoustic happy hour' from 7 to 8.30pm.

📍 **31 Lorong Mambong**

COMEDY

They say laughter is the best medicine and comedy nights might just be the right prescription for you. Known to be Singapore's biggest and most popular weekly stand-up comedy show, Comedy Masala offers performances by international, local and regional comedians every Tuesday night. It started as a series of open-mic sessions by the hilarious Pakistani stand-up personality, Umar Rana. The next time you're feeling in the mood for some comedy laugh, make your way to Comedy Masala on Tuesday nights - it is better than staying in and watching Netflix.

📍 **Hero's,** 69 Circular Road

An alternative place to let loose is at the **Comedy at Canvas** where you can catch

iconic comedian, Kumar, as he entertains you with gags and jokes every alternate Tuesday night, 9pm-11pm. If you have not been to any of his shows before, go with an open mind and be prepared to have a good laugh. Definitely a great way to spend the weeknight out with your friends with some good comedy laugh.

📍 **20 Upper Circular Road,** #B1-01 The Riverwalk

Merry Lion Comedy Cafe and Bar is the only venue in Singapore that does comedy full-time. They are open 7 days a week from 6pm to midnight bringing you acts from all over the world and also from the regional and local scene. Unlike established comedy shows like Comedy Masala and Comedy at Canvas, which operate out of bars, The Merry Lion is a permanent space dedicated to the art of comedy. The open mic session, with an aim to develop local talents has been a favourite among many. In line with supporting the local scene, there is a community art wall for the local artists who wish to display their latest work.

📍 **Circular Rd,** #03-00 8b

COCKTAILS WITH A LOCAL TWIST



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DING DONG

Set up by chef Ryan Clift of Tippling Club, Ding Dong is the place to be for a fun night out. Decked out in hot pink neon signage and retro movie posters, the bar matches its quirky stylings with equally unexpected food and drink concoctions—such as black sesame brownies, a vodka and green tea umeshu cocktail named after Astroboy, and a gin-hawberry-cucumber mix called the Hawker.

📍 115 Amoy Street #01-02

THE SECRET MERMAID

With its industrial vibe and bottles on bottles of drinks lining the walls, The Secret Mermaid is a cosy and no-frills bar that opens only on weekday nights. It's also home to one of the largest collections of American craft spirits. If you can't decide what drink to order, try the Tasting Flight, which features an array of shots of different drinks and labels waiting to excite your taste buds.

📍 10 Collyer Quay, B1-09, Ocean Financial Centre

BAR STORIES

Established in 2009, Bar Stories is tucked away amid the indie clothing boutiques along Haji Lane. The bar was part of the first wave of new, edgy cocktail spots in the country. When you're there, strike up a conversation with the bartender, as you'll get a bespoke cocktail shaken up for you based on your personal preference. The cocktails are always intricately arranged and served—think flower petals, designs drizzled in chocolate, and even flaming cocktails.

📍 57A Haji Lane

AH SAM COLD DRINK STALL

If you're into places that gives you the nostalgic feelings, head to Ah Sam Cold Drink Stall for a raucous good time. It is a place that will transport you to a nostalgic Singapore—and you will have the vintage-inspired décor and drinks to thank for that. The cocktails served up at Ah Sam Cold Drink Stall are made from distinctly Singaporean and Asian ingredients such as laksa leaves (a savoury herb), coconut milk and gula melaka (palm sugar).

📍 60 Boat Quay

01 Check out the hot pink neon signage and retro movie posters at Ding Dong

02 Interior of Bar Stories

03 The Secret Mermaid

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