

The background of the cover is a photograph of the National Gallery Singapore. A woman with dark hair, wearing sunglasses, a white tank top, and a long red pleated skirt, is standing on the stone steps of the building. She is looking towards the camera. The building's facade is composed of large, fluted white columns and windows with white frames. A red banner is visible on the left side of the building, with some text partially visible: 'EXPERIENCE', 'MODERN', 'SOUTHEAST ASIA', and 'ART'.

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Neighbourhood Spotlight: Chinatown



Welcome to the best city in the world

That's not just our opinion, it's a fact; the Lion City has won a plethora of votes and awards over the past year or two (including the Lonely Planet World's Top Destination 2015). So it's safe to say that you're in the right place!

Now that you're here, you're probably keen to discover what the fuss is about! That's where we come in; *Singapore Insider* brings you authentic local experiences in Singapore, not just the mainstream tourist trails. We've curated the best and latest of Singapore to make sure you'll never want to leave town.

Whether you have a week to deep dive or a weekend to scratch the surface, you'll be exposed to the glorious contemporary Singapore at every turn. Expect rich cultural experiences, Southeast Asia's best shopping, stylish bars, innovative restaurants, authentic local hawkers, incredible landscapes and so much more.

You've come at an amazing time, because the exciting celebration of Chinese New Year is about to engulf the city. Enjoy Singapore at its festive best and usher in the Year of the Monkey. Witness the annual Chingay Parade, catch a lion dance – or eight for good luck – and meander through the streets of Chinatown to soak up the sights, smells and sounds.

As well as the best eats, drinks and events in Singapore, you'll find a heap of handy guides, from neighbourhood trails to great shopping finds, and interesting interviews with trendsetters and local experts.

Go forth and explore!

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☎ (65) 6363 6888



Comfort Taxis & CityCab
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☎ (65) 1800 336 8900
🌐 www.smrt.com.sg



BUS

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☎ (65) 1800 336 8900
🌐 www.sbstransit.com.sg
🌐 www.smrt.com.sg

Language



English is the spoken language, though Singlish – a collection of colloquial catch phrases and lingo – dominates everyday conversations among locals (see page 15). Mandarin, Malay, Tamil and various dialects are also used.

Tipping



It is not usual practice to tip in Singapore, although it is appreciated by service staff. Most hotels and restaurants quote prices as “++,” which includes 10 per cent service charge and 7 per cent goods and services tax (GST).

Shopping



For a pleasant shopping experience, compare prices, enquire about refund policies, and check the invoice as well as the warranty of the product before making a purchase. More information and shopping tips can be found on the Consumer Advisory section at YourSingapore.com (under “Traveller Essentials”). For assistance or to flag inappropriate retailer behaviour, call 1800 736 2000 or email feedback@stb.gov.sg.

Visitor Centres

ORCHARD

216 Orchard Road (Next to orchardgateway@emerald)
9.30am-10.30pm daily

📍 Somerset

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

ION ORCHARD

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

CHINATOWN

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

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☎ (65) 1800 736 2000 (toll-free in Singapore)
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Buy a Singapore prepaid SIM card from Changi Recommends and telecommunication retail shops located at the airport, major shopping malls, and convenience stores island-wide.

January

NEW YEAR, NEW PERSPECTIVE! FOR ART LOVERS, JANUARY IS THE BEST TIME TO BE IN SINGAPORE, THANKS TO AN EXCITING LINEUP OF FAIRS AND FESTIVALS. WE'RE TALKING SINGAPORE ART WEEK, MI SINGAPORE FRINGE FESTIVAL, AND THE HIP ST. JEROME'S LANEWAY FESTIVAL SINGAPORE. GET STUCK IN AND SEE THE CITY IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT!

PONGAL FESTIVAL 2016

Celebrate the Indian Harvest Festival in Little India. Witness the rituals and customs such as the honouring of the cattle at Hasting Road, which is transformed into a mini village. Participate in the Mass Pongal cooking competition while culture vultures can experience the daily cultural performances. Don't leave the precinct without browsing through the myriad of stalls and pick up some unique souvenirs.

Jan 8 to 17
Campbell Lane
www.littleindia.com.sg
Little India



HEROINES OF PLUCKED STRINGS

Acclaimed female plucked strings musicians including *konghou* (ancient Chinese harp) musician Wu Lin and twin sisters Tan Su-Min and Tan Su-Hui will perform under the baton of Resident Conductor Quek Ling Kiong at SCO's first concert of the year.

Jan 9
SCO Concert Hall
www.sco.com.sg
Tanjong Pagar

MI SINGAPORE FRINGE FESTIVAL 2016: ART & THE ANIMAL

Local and international artists reflect their reading of this year's theme "Art and the Animal" through theatre, dance, music, and visual arts. Nassim Soleimanpour's excellent work, *White Rabbit Red Rabbit*, will be back for the upcoming 12th edition.

Jan 13 to 24
Various venues
www.singaporefringe.com



SAM'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY - SINGAPORE ART WEEK 2016

Singapore's first art museum turns 20 this month, and it's kicking off birthday celebrations and Singapore Art Week with a series of thought-provoking installations. Look out: SAM will also be bringing back Singapore Biennale for the fifth time from 28 October 2016 to 26 February 2017!

Jan 16 to 24
Singapore Art Museum
www.singaporeartmuseum.sg
Bras Basah

SINGAPORE ART WEEK

The fourth edition of Singapore Art Week promises to be its most exciting yet - a visual feast with a slew of exhibitions, performances, workshops, tours and parties happening across Singapore's top galleries and museums. See page 10 for more details!

Jan 16 to 24
Various venues
www.artweek.sg



ARTWALK LITTLE INDIA 2016

Journey along the ARTWALK trail and be transported to a world of Hindu gods and goddesses, as legends come to life through stories told within the walls of one of Singapore's historic monuments. Discover an eclectic mix of captivating artworks and music performances as you walk along paths less travelled around Little India. Utilising the lanes and alleyways of the precinct, ARTWALK Little India will bring you on a trail of exploration and fun!

Jan 19 to 23
Little India
<http://www.lasalle.edu.sg/events/artwalk-little-india/>
Little India



ART STAGE SINGAPORE

See Asian contemporary art at its best in the sixth edition of Southeast Asia's flagship cultural event, which features visual art pieces that explore the unique identities of artists in the region.

Jan 21 to 24
Sands Expo & Convention Centre
www.artstagesingapore.com
Bayfront

THAIPUSAM FESTIVAL 2016

Join thousands of Hindu devotees as they embark on an annual procession seeking blessings, fulfilling vows and offering thanks to Lord Subramaniam. Devotees will walk from Sri Srinivasa Perumal Temple to Sri Thendayuthapani Temple, carrying milk pots and *kavadis* (semi-circular metal structure decorated with peacock feathers and flowers) or spiked *kavadis*, which are pierced into the skin.

Jan 23 to 24
Little India to Tank Road
www.heb.gov.sg
Little India

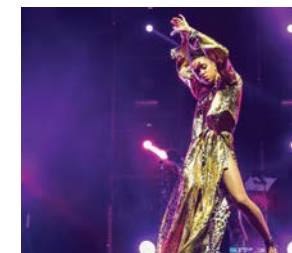


Image credit: River Hongbao 2015 Organising Committee

SPRING SINGAPORE 2016

Ring in the Year of the Monkey with various celebratory events across the island, including Chinatown's Chinese New Year Celebrations, annual street extravaganza Chingay Parade, and the massive River Hongbao at Marina Bay.

Jan 25 to Feb 22
Various venues
www.pa.gov.sg



ST. JEROME'S LANEWAY FESTIVAL SINGAPORE 2016

This annual gathering of the best pioneering artistes at the top of their game and new music makers we've got our bets on, coupled with fantastic F&B options, crazy activity tents and an all-round amazing atmosphere, will give you more than 12 hours of good music, food and fun.

Jan 30
The Meadow, Gardens by the Bay
singapore.lanewayfestival.com
Bayfront

February

LOVE IS IN THE AIR THIS MONTH, AND NOT JUST BECAUSE OF VALENTINE'S DAY. CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS ARE IN FULL SWING, AND SINGAPORE WILL BE BUZZING WITH CULTURAL FESTIVITIES TO WELCOME THE YEAR OF THE MONKEY. THE STAGE WILL ALSO COME TO LIFE WITH VARIOUS PERFORMANCES BY COMEDIAN KEVIN HART, CANADIAN JAZZ PIANIST DIANA KRALL, AND MANY MORE!

KEVIN HART WHAT NOW? TOUR

Prepare for an evening of sidesplitting jokes as American actor and comedian Kevin Hart takes to the stage for his debut Singapore performance.

Feb 2
Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre
www.lushington.com
Promenade



SWING INTO THE YEAR OF THE MONKEY

Usher in the Year of the Monkey with Chinese New Year activities at the Jurong Birdpark, Night Safari, River Safari and the Singapore Zoo. There'll be lively Lion Dance performances, mascot appearances and fun animal-themed activities for the entire family.

Feb 6 to 9
www.wrs.com.sg
Jurong Bird Park
Boon Lay + connecting bus service 194 or 251
Singapore Zoo, Night Safari and River Safari
Choa Chu Kang + connecting bus service 927

HUAYI - CHINESE FESTIVAL OF ARTS 2016

One of Esplanade's annual cultural festivals, Huayi features some of the most dynamic forms of Chinese artistic expression. Held during the Chinese New Year, its variety of programmes include music, theatre, dance and visual arts, which means there's something for everyone at the festival.

Feb 12 to 21
Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay
www.esplanade.com/huayi
Esplanade / City Hall



VALENTINE'S DAY 2016: A BANDSTAND MUSIC SERIES

What better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than with good music, greenery and a moonlit sky? The Bandstand at the Singapore Botanic Gardens will host a series of fantastic live acts, so grab your sweetheart and a picnic mat for two unforgettable nights of soul-soothing indie pop.

Feb 13 to 14
Singapore Botanic Gardens
www.sbg.org.sg
Botanic Gardens



DIANA KRALL WALLFLOWER WORLD TOUR

Canadian singer-songwriter Diana Krall is set to impress with a live performance of her twelfth studio album, *Wallflower*, which covers pop and rock classics from artists like 10cc, Bryan Adams and The Eagles.

Feb 16 to 17
Esplanade Concert Hall
www.esplanade.com
Esplanade



SINGAPORE AIRSHOW 2016

Thrilled by the roar of jet engines? Don't miss the aerial performances and static aircraft displays at this annual showcase. Aviation enthusiasts interested in aircraft technology can also learn about the latest developments in the field.

Feb 16 to 21
Changi Exhibition Centre
www.singaporeairshow.com
Expo, then take the Airshow Shuttle Bus from the train station



CHINGAY PARADE 2016

Experience Singapore's most vibrant street parade that features fireworks, dazzlingly-decorated floats and eye-popping performances. To mark the first year of the country's next 50 years to SG100, the parade's theme is "Lights of Legacy, Brighter Singapore".

Feb 19 to 20
F1 Pit Building
www.chingay.org.sg
Promenade



MARINA RUN 2016

Make good on those New Year's resolutions to stay fit by taking part in this scenic run that offers spectacular waterfront views. Run distances range from 5km to the 21km half-marathon.

Feb 20
Gardens by the Bay
www.marinarun.com.sg
Bayfront

RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S THE KING AND I MUSICAL

Musical theatre legends Rodgers & Hammerstein's *The King and I* comes alive on stage at The Theatre @ Mediacorp. Based on the 1944 classic, the tale recounts the story of a widowed British schoolteacher who moves to Siam to teach the King's children.

Feb 20 to Mar 6
The Theatre @ Mediacorp
www.vizpro.sg/vizpro
One-north



PANGDEMONIUM 2016 SEASON OF LOVE

Local theatre company Pangdemonium kicks off its 2016 season with *The Effect*, a dark and edgy tale of romance between a beautiful psychology student (Nikki Muller) and a charming nomad (Linden Funnell), who find themselves sealed off together during a clinical drug trial. The play is the first of three in the lineup, and it promises a spellbinding evening.

Feb 25 to Mar 13
Victoria Theatre
www.pangdemonium.com
City Hall

March

IT'S NO SECRET THAT SINGAPORE IS OBSESSED WITH FOOD, BUT THERE'S MORE TO THE CITY THAN THE HOT RESTAURANTS, COOL BARS, HIP CAFES AND AMAZING HAWKER CENTRES. THIS MONTH, TREAT YOUR TASTEBUDS TO A HOST OF CULINARY EVENTS, LIKE THE ACCLAIMED WORLD GOURMET SUMMIT AND SINGAPORE COCKTAIL WEEK. THE EXCITEMENT CONTINUES ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY, WHERE YOU CAN CELEBRATE ALL THAT IS IRISH! WITH TUMMIES FILLED, IMMERSE YOURSELF IN CREATIVITY AT SUSTAINABLE LIGHT ART FESTIVAL i LIGHT MARINA BAY, SINGAPORE DESIGN WEEK 2016, AND SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL.

HSBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS 2016

Catch 63 of the world's top golfers such as Inbee Park and Paula Creamer compete for the US\$1.5 million prize fund at this LPGA tour event, which has been tipped as "Asia's Major".

📅 Mar 3 to 6
📍 Sentosa Golf Club - The Serapong Course
🌐 www.hsbcgolf.com
📍 HarbourFront



i LIGHT MARINA BAY

The fourth edition of Asia's only sustainable light art festival will return to Marina Bay with over 25 innovative and spectacular light installations created by local and international artists.

📅 Mar 4 to 27
📍 Marina Bay Waterfront
🌐 www.ilightmarinabay.sg
📍 Promenade



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Universal Studios Singapore® celebrates the Easter season with vibrant decorations, giant Easter eggs and your favourite rides. Expect lots of colourful photo opportunities here!

📅 Mar 7 to Apr 17
📍 Universal Studios Singapore®
🌐 www.rwsentosa.com/easter
📍 HarbourFront

SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

The city's only jazz festival pays tribute to jazz and jazz-inspired music, performed by local and international musicians.

📅 Mar 4 to 6
📍 Marina Bay Sands®
🌐 www.sing-jazz.com
📍 Bayfront



SINGAPORE DESIGN WEEK 2016

Design fanatics, look forward to local and international trade shows, conferences, showcases, exhibitions and workshops, which span various disciplines that'll feed your thirst for great design work.

📅 Mar 8 to 20
📍 National Design Centre and various venues
🌐 www.designsingapore.org/sdw



REFRAMING MODERNISM

Co-curated with Paris' Centre Pompidou, this exhibition re-examines our understanding of the development of modern art and modernism in the 20th century, not only in Europe and Southeast Asia, but globally. Visitors will navigate through different bodies of work in a network-like structure, and are encouraged to make their own connections between the artworks.

📅 Mar 10 to Jul 17
📍 National Gallery Singapore
🌐 www.nationalgallery.sg
📍 City Hall



ST. PATRICK'S DAY STREET FESTIVAL 2016

Put on something green and grab a pint of Guinness at the St. Patrick's Day Street Festival, where you'll be regaled with live performances of folk music, dance and, of course, hearty Irish fare.

📅 Mar 11 to 13
📍 Circular Road, Boat Quay
🌐 www.singapore-river.com
📍 Clarke Quay



SCHOOLS OUT! A BOTANIC GARDENS MOVIE SERIES

Ready your picnic basket for a family-friendly movie outdoors at the lush Singapore Botanic Gardens. Plus, go and explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site to learn more about the marvels within!

📅 Mar 12
📍 Singapore Botanic Gardens
🌐 www.sbg.org.sg
📍 Botanic Gardens

SINGAPORE COCKTAIL WEEK 2016

Ditch your usual G&T for some interesting tipples during this eight-day cocktail festival. There'll be special concoctions by participating bars going at \$15++ for wristband-holders, visiting bartending talents, pop-up experiences at different locations, mixology workshops, drinking tours, and the Singapore Bar Awards that honours the best in the industry.

📅 Mar 12 to 19
📍 Various venues
🌐 www.singaporecocktailweek.com.sg



WORLD GOURMET SUMMIT 2016

Savour some of the world's finest flavours at this esteemed culinary event, where you'll get to sample an array of creations by a cast of celebrity and Michelin-starred chefs. Want to take your kitchen skills up a notch? Be sure to sign up for one of their themed masterclasses!

📅 Mar 28 to Apr 24
📍 Various venues
🌐 www.worldgourmetsummit.com

Don't miss Singapore Art Week 2016

January is a crazy busy (but fun!) month for art lovers in Singapore, as the city greets the New Year with a slew of exhibitions, blockbuster fairs and curatorial tours under the massive **Singapore Art Week** (www.artweek.sg), happening from 16 to 24 January.

A good place to start is the **PPC | 珍珠坊: A Public Living Room** (15 to 30 January, Level 5 Carpark, People's Park Complex) exhibition, which attempts to blur the distinctions between the public and private.

Love pop culture? Be sure to make time for **Andy Warhol: Social Circus** (16 to 29 January, #01-26 Gillman Barracks, 47 Malan Road), where a rare collection of the artist's private polaroids of famous people in the '70s and '80s will be on display for the first time in Asia.

Art enclave Gillman Barracks is also hosting **Art After Dark** (22 January, 9 Lock Road), an outdoor party with various arts-based activities, shows as well as foodie pop-ups.

For a dose of Singapore's street culture, head down to the cool Bugis district for an evening of good sounds, street art, skateboarding and dance performances at **Aliwal Urban Arts Festival** (16 January, Aliwal Arts Centre).

Guided tours are a great way to explore the city, and there is a handful that you can join during the Singapore Art Week. Discover the past, present and future of the Singapore Story as you admire the works along the Jubilee Walk with **Public Art Walking Tour**, and don't forget to pop into the new **National Gallery Singapore** while you're in the area!

Otherwise, hop onboard the **Concrete Island** (23 January), an intriguing bus tour that will take you from Changi Airport to Tuas Checkpoint to experience a moving image of Singapore. Architect and university professor Dr Lai Chee Kien will be on hand to address the city's urban history, its movement and the design of expressways.

Better yet, these events are just the tip of the iceberg. Southeast Asia's flagship art fair **Art Stage Singapore 2016** (21 to 24 January, Sands Expo & Convention Centre) and the **Prudential Eye Awards and Finalists' Exhibition 2016** (16 to 27 March) are making a comeback this year. Plus there is a whole bunch of exciting exhibitions and activities to look forward to all across the island. Pop into www.artweek.sg for a complete overview!



PPC | 珍珠坊: A Public Living Room

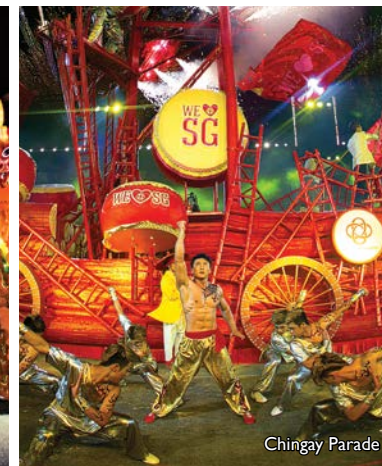


Aliwal Urban Arts Festival

Exposé Chinese New Year



Photo credit: Choo Yut Shing



Chingay Parade

Like Christmas, Lunar New Year in Singapore is a time of family-bonding, giving, traditions and, of course, merriment. The festivities begin almost a month prior to the start of **Chinese New Year** (8 February) – the lights and auspicious decorations are up island-wide, festive tunes are heard in the malls, special reunion menus are available at restaurants, and shops everywhere get ready for the crowds with extra stock. Be in the thick of the action at Chinatown, where you'll get to experience the spectacular **Street Light-Up** from 16 January to 8 March.

A common sight during Chinese New Year is the Lion Dance, an elaborate ritual that is believed to start the year off (or a new business) on an auspicious note. Boisterous beats performed with traditional drums, cymbal, and gongs set the tone for this spirited and highly animated dance, which mimics a lion's movements. Don't

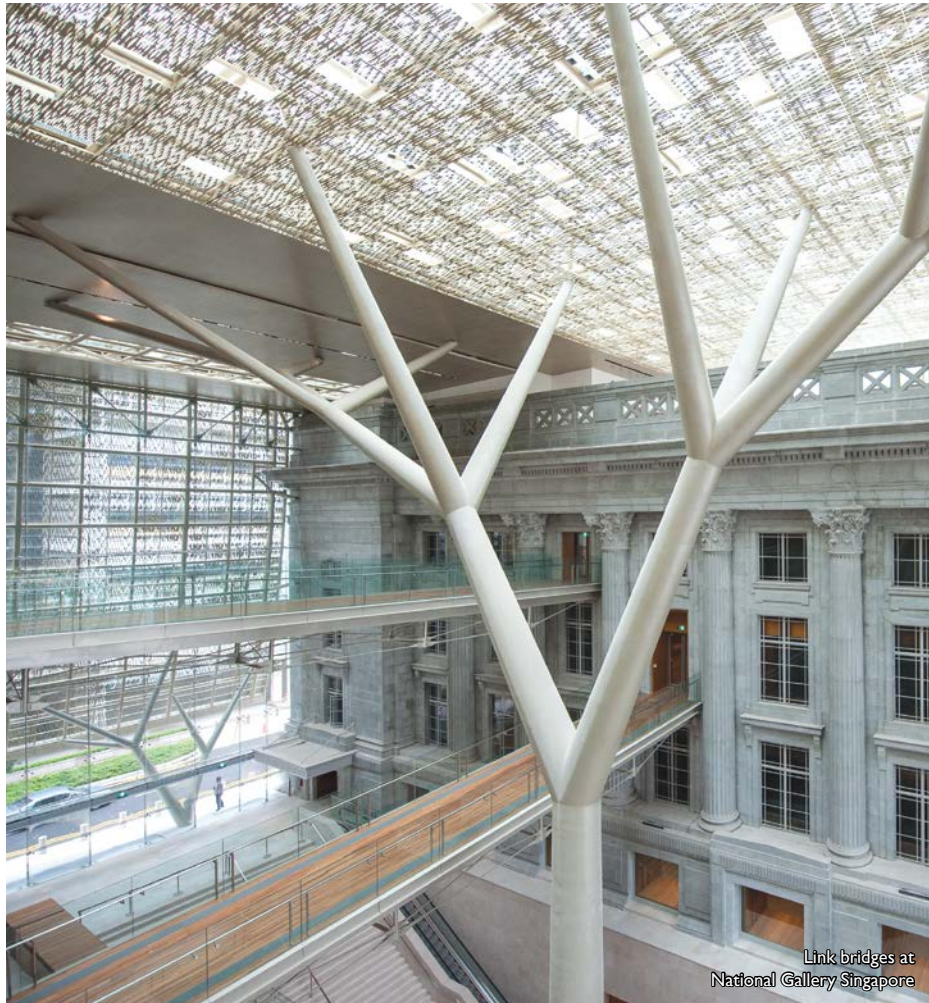
be taken back by all the noise; it's meant to drive off bad luck! You can catch a glimpse of the lively act at the **International Lion Dance Competition** (23 to 24 January, Chinatown), **Chingay Parade** (19 to 20 February, F1 Pit Building), **River Hong Bao** (6 to 14 February, The Float@Marina Bay) and at shopping malls around the city in the month of February.

More traditions are observed at home, like spring cleaning the house before the holidays, exchanging oranges, and giving out *ang bao* (red packets with money) to children and younger relatives – all of which convey blessings of good fortune for the year ahead. Then, there's the all-important reunion dinner, where friends and families gather round for a precious annual feast.

Another popular practice in Singapore as part of the traditional get-together meal is the *yusheng* toss. Carried out at home or when

dining out at restaurants, *yusheng* is a raw fish salad that comes with an array of ingredients including shredded vegetables, crushed peanuts, fried flour crisps, pomelo, and more, each of which symbolises a blessing. The idea is to get everyone around the table to toss the ingredients up in the air using chopsticks while reciting auspicious phrases for luck and success. The higher you toss, the better. But be warned: it's a messy affair!

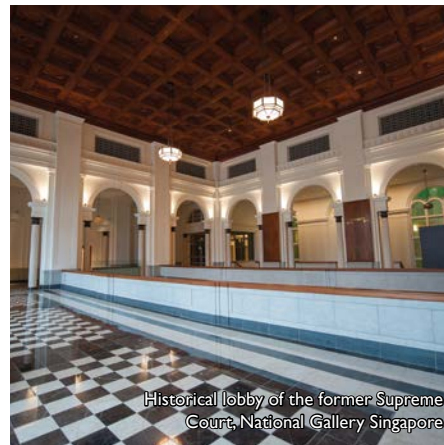
More deliciousness ensues in the form of iconic Chinese New Year goodies like *bak kwa* (barbecued meat) and pineapple tarts – items you'll constantly see on offer at the **festive street bazaar and flower market** in Chinatown (15 January to 7 February), as well as in shops around Singapore during the festive period. Often, these treats symbolise good things like wealth and prosperity, so do give these seasonal specials a try when you're in the Lion City!



Link bridges at
National Gallery Singapore



Sanif Olek at
National Museum of Singapore



Historical lobby of the former Supreme
Court, National Gallery Singapore

Art Insider *Sanif Olek*

SINCE REPRESENTING SINGAPORE AT THE OSCARS WITH HIS STERLING MASTERPIECE, *SAYANG DISAYANG*, SANIF OLEK HAS BEEN HAILED AS A PRIDE AND JOY OF THE LOCAL FILM SCENE. WE SPEAK TO THE ACCLAIMED DIRECTOR ABOUT SINGAPORE'S ART SCENE, THE NEW NATIONAL GALLERY SINGAPORE, AND HIS FAVE ISLAND HAUNTS. ACTION!

Compared to 50 years ago...
I am seeing a greater breathing space at the moment for the artist to both exhibit and express his/her respective art. Of course, the support of the local community is essential for local arts to grow in Singapore.

Having a world-class institution like the National Gallery Singapore gives...

Singaporeans a platform to showcase world-class artworks. It's not just about putting Singapore on the world arts map, but also providing a platform for the child growing up in the inner heartlands to be Singapore's answer to Rembrandt, Van Gogh or Dali. The National Museum and Rex Cinema are other good places to see art and film in Singapore.

I see filmmaking as...

a cathartic exercise to return to my filmmaking roots and approaching the visual narrative cinematically. I find inspiration from my childhood, the neighbours I meet everyday, and random stories of Singaporeans I hear about.

I have touched on...

religion, inter-personal relationships and even a musical. My work on mainstream, commercial television production has also allowed me to have a grasp on commercial and artistic aspects of storytelling, without alienating my audience.

Sayang Disayang is about...

a housekeeper who searches for the elusive ingredient to cook the best *sambal goreng*, a traditional Malay spicy vegetable dish. It also looks at

the relationship between domestic caregivers and the elderly they look after, while the latter's respective adult children are out at work or totally absent in the household. This phenomenon challenges the concept of filial piety that is cherished in many Asian communities.

My latest work, *Bila Larut Malam (In The Still Of The Night)*...

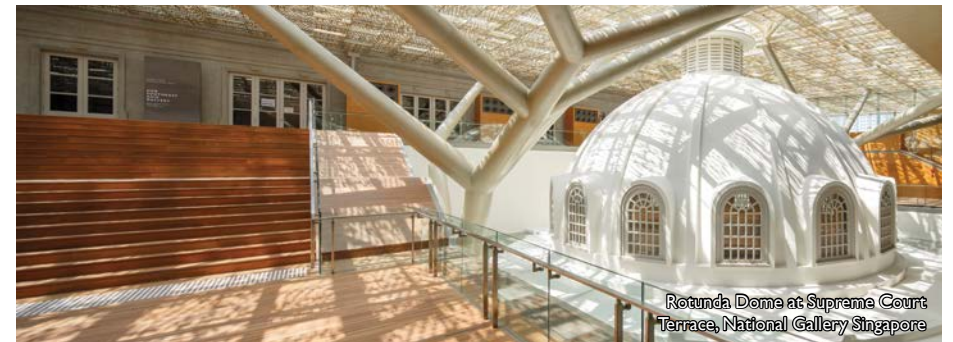
is a short film commissioned by the National Gallery Singapore that premiered during the museum's grand opening. It has a rather formalistic, linear approach. The camera and lighting adopt a stylised *mise-en-scène*. This film is about three women who find strength in their loss, and features classic Malay songs "Nak Dara Rindu" by P Ramlee and "Semoga Bahagia" by Zubir Said.

My top five attractions in Singapore are...

1) Bukit Timah Nature Reserve - I believe this reserve is the oldest primarily rainforest in the city. 2) Little India - if you want to be transported into a different time capsule and culture. 3) Bukit Chandu War Memorial - this was the first Malay Regiment's last stand against the Japanese invasion during WWII. 4) Bukit Brown Cemetery - lots of Singapore's pioneers are buried here. And 5) Changi Point - because my National Service barracks are still there and it's close to Pulau Ubin.

I always eat and drink at...

Simpang Bedok - which has lots of good restaurants and stalls serving Malay and Halal food.



Rotunda Dome at Supreme Court
Terrace, National Gallery Singapore



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www.betelboxtours.com

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Jump on board a remodeled WWII Vietnamese war craft and explore Singapore by land and sea. For comprehensive coverage of the city's biggest attractions, choose the Duck with Singapore HoHo, which includes an hour-long guided tour around famous landmarks including Singapore Flyer, as well as unlimited rides on the Duck to various sightseeing spots for two days.

www.ducktours.com.sg
Esplanade

#01-330 Suntec City, 3 Temasek Boulevard
(65) 6338 6877



GOGREEN HOLDINGS

Hop onto a Segway® and glide around Marina Bay district or Sentosa effortlessly with Segway® Tours Singapore. Discover new sights and sounds, as your friendly local guide takes you through historical sites and must-see attractions in each precinct. Each group only has 10 spots, so you get an intimate, personalised experience. Book your tour via the website.

www.segwaytours.com.sg

HERITAGE TRAILS

Uncover the stories behind neighbourhoods like Ang Mo Kio, Balestier, Kampong Glam and Jalan Besar with National Heritage Board's (NHB) series of offbeat self-guided tours. Part of the government's effort to document and promote the areas where locals live, work and play, these walking trails reveal the colourful histories of the district and the charms of iconic buildings that serve as a reminder of Singapore's past and peoples. To start your journey, access a trail via NHB's website, or download the Singapore Heritage Trails app onto your smartphone.

www.nhb.gov.sg



Singlish, explained

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

Alamak

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

Lah

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

Chope

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

Kiasu

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

Can or not

A way of asking if something is possible or can be achieved
"Dinner at 7? *Can or not?*"

Shiok

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

Order your Singaporean breakfast



KAYA AND KOPI SET

Toasted bread spread with butter and *kaya* (coconut jam), *kopi* (coffee with condensed milk), and soft boiled eggs.



ROTI PRATA AND TEH TARIK

Prata (South Indian flatbread typically eaten with curry or sugar) with *teh tarik* (frothy hot milk tea)



NASI LEMAK AND ICED MILO

Nasi lemak (fragrant rice dish cooked in coconut milk and pandan leaf, accompanied with an array of side dishes like omelette, fried whole fish and crispy anchovies), with iced Milo (chocolate malt drink)

City must-dos



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

1. Jurong Bird Park
2. Sungei Buloh Nature Reserve
3. River Safari
4. Bukit Timah Nature Reserve
5. Singapore Botanic Gardens
6. Orchard Road
7. Merlion

8. Chinatown
9. Sentosa
10. Marina Bay Sands
11. National Stadium
12. East Coast Park
13. Changi Airport

One dish, three ways

WHO SAYS YOU NEED TO GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY TO HAVE CHILLI CRAB? TRY THESE MODERN, INNOVATIVE PLATES THAT PACK AS MUCH FLAVOUR AS THE MAIN DISH.



One of Singapore's most iconic dishes, chilli crab is said to be created by Madam Cher Yam Tian, who sold it from a pushcart in the 1950s. Her son Roland Lim, of eponymous establishment **Roland Restaurant** (#06-750, 89 Marine Parade Central), continues to serve the original version, which is sweeter and doesn't contain egg or sambal (chilli paste). The chilli crab that's most commonly served today was, in fact, a modification by the owner of **Dragon Phoenix restaurant** (#06-00 Novotel Clarke Quay, 177A River Valley Road). For more chilli crab spots, visit the www.yoursingapore.com/dining-drinks-singapore/local-dishes/chilli-crab.html



RESTAURANT LABYRINTH CHILLI CRAB ICE CREAM

Yes, that's chilli crab in your ice cream. Part of the restaurant's signature menu, this progressive hot-cold starter by chef Han Li Guang has a deep-fried soft shell crab sitting atop a "beach" of mantou crumbs and crab bisque foam, with a dollop of frozen and spicy chilli crab ice cream on the side.

📍 #02-23 Esplanade Mall
☎ (65) 6223 4098
🌐 www.labyrinth.com.sg
📍 Esplanade



WILD ROCKET SPANNER CHILLI CRAB LINGUINI WITH ONSEN EGG

Chef Willin Low tosses *al dente* linguini in thick, gooey and spicy chilli crab sauce, then tops the amazing dish with heaps of fresh spanner crab meat and a gently cooked onsen egg for an extra punch.

📍 Hangout Hotel, 10A Upper Wilkie Road
☎ (65) 6339 9448
🌐 www.wildrocket.com.sg
📍 Dhoby Ghaut

Jason Tan

THE LOVABLE CO-OWNER AND CHEF OF THE GORGEOUS CORNER HOUSE RESTAURANT AT THE SINGAPORE BOTANIC GARDENS TELLS US WHAT HIS INTRIGUING CUISINE IS ABOUT, HOW HE PLAYS GUIDE TO TOURIST FRIENDS, AND LITTLE-KNOWN FACTS ABOUT THE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE.



Gastro-Botanica is...

a cuisine that describes my style of cooking, and it's essentially French techniques with global influences in ingredients and flavours. As the name suggests, there's much emphasis on botanical elements such as tubers, vegetables and fruits. I love greens, and I think produce should be more than just garnishes on the plate.

I'm very humbled...

to have cooked for various heads of states visiting Singapore at several official government events.

Singapore's dining scene is...

vibrant, cosmopolitan and diverse in terms of concepts, cuisines, and price points. It's almost a sin not to eat well here, the city has everything from tasty and affordable hawker food to world-class fine dining – all of which are within short proximity.

JB Ah Meng on Geylang Lorong 23...

is my go-to spot for supper. On my day-off, I head to The Sushi Bar at Ngee Ann City for some excellent sushi.

There is a saga tree...

next to Corner House, and you can pick its crimson-coloured seeds, also known as 'love seeds' from the ground. These trees were more common in Singapore, but I see less of them these days, so it's both nostalgic and precious to me.

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

I'll take them to Balestier in the morning to have local old-school cookies, including the famous *tau sar piah* (flaky pastry filled with mung bean paste), and local coffee for breakfast. Our next stop will be Sentosa or, more specifically, Universal Studios Singapore if they're up for it. In the late afternoon, just before dinner, we'll have a quick spot of shopping along the world-famous Orchard Road. Dinner will be at Maxwell Food Centre, which offers a wide range of great hawker fare. A drink at Marina Bay Sands to cap the night off is a must!

Corner House

📍 E J H Corner, Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road
☎ (65) 6469 1000
🌐 www.cornerhouse.com.sg
📍 Botanic Gardens

Hot Tables



Rooftop cool

LEPARK

Finding your way to this rooftop establishment is an adventure on its own: you need to locate a lift within People's Park Complex to take you to the top level, then walk up a dingy stairwell to the sixth floor open-air car park. Lepark, which means hang out in Singlish, pays tribute to Singapore's dynamic culture in its kitschy-cool décor and fun renditions of local dishes, such as a salted egg yolk crab and cake slider; as well as the poached chicken sushi (chicken rice that is compressed into a sushi). Drinks-wise, there are over 80 types of craft brews to knock back while you catch live performances by local musicians.

📍 Level 6 People's Park Complex
1 Park Road
📞 www.lepark.co
📍 Chinatown



Local Eats

EAST COAST LAGOON FOOD VILLAGE

This is the hawker centre to hit up for local dishes in the East. Plenty of stalls here specialise in barbecued seafood, as well as *satay* (skewered grilled meat), so order big and have a feast! Most of them are Halal-certified, too.

📍 1220 East Coast Parkway
📍 Bedok



Fine dining

THE DISGRUNTLED CHEF

Local chef Daniel Sia's second restaurant at boutique hotel The Club is more refined than his first Dempsey hit, evident in its sleek interiors and the prettily-plated modern European dishes. The wonderful wagyu beef carpaccio, the satisfying Maine lobster and chicken pot roast, and the strawberries and mascarpone won't disappoint.

📍 28 Ann Siang Road
📞 (65) 6808 2184
📞 www.disgruntledchef.com
📍 Tanjong Pagar



Ocean feast

NEW UBIN SEAFOOD

It may be hidden within an industrial estate, but this modern *zi char* (Chinese homestyle cooking) restaurant manages to pack in the crowd, thanks to its winning combination of East-meets-West dishes, and a great range of local favourites including whole crab done in multiple ways.

📍 #01-174 Blk 27
Sin Ming Industrial Estate Sector A
📞 (65) 6466 9558
📞 www.ubinseafood.com
📍 Marymount



Celebrity eats

SPAGO BY WOLFGANG PUCK

Like the original in Beverly Hills, celebrity chef Wolfgang Puck's second restaurant in Singapore offers a seasonal menu of fusion Californian cuisine, with creations like the burrata and marinated brussel sprouts and *Kaya Toast* (seared foie gras with pandan-coconut jam sandwich).

📍 Sands SkyPark
📞 (65) 6688 9955
📞 www.marinabaysands.com/restaurants
📍 Bayfront



Kid-friendly

OPEN FARM COMMUNITY

Sitting on an expansive greenery that was once a driving range, Open Farm Community boasts a garden filled with herbs and vegetables, worm and ant farms, two lawn bowling lanes, ping-pong tables, and a farmers' market. The restaurant puts out a seasonal menu of starters, mains, pastas, desserts, brunch and more, made with locally-sourced produce.

📍 130E Minden Road
📞 (65) 6471 0306
📞 www.openfarmcommunity.com
📍 Orchard



Crab party

WHOLLY CRAB

Set up by local actress Felicia Chin, this eatery follows the Louisiana seafood concept, where you can customise your own seafood bucket. You can also infuse your order with locally-inspired sauces like *kung pao* (a spicy, slightly sweet sauce) and Marmite.

📍 Satay by the Bay
18 Marina Gardens Drive
📞 facebook.com/WhollyCrabSg
📍 Bayfront



Romantic spot

OLIVIA CASSIVELAUN FAN COURT (OCF)

Here's a little history lesson: this restaurant is named after the little-known first wife of Sir Stamford Raffles, the founder of modern Singapore. Rooted in French cuisine, OCF offers three menus for lunch, dinner and pre-theatre, and highlights include a *foie gras terrine* and a roasted Brittany pigeon.

📍 #02-02 The Arts House
1 Old Parliament Lane
📞 (65) 6333 9312
📞 www.ocf.com.sg
📍 Clarke Quay



Meatless Meals

ORIGINAL SIN

This Holland Village stalwart serves some of the best Mediterranean-vegetarian plates in town. Must-tries include the cheesy baked portobello mushroom with pesto and tomato basil sauce, and the Bosco Misto (spinach, feta, and tofu patties coated with crushed almonds and sesame seeds).

📍 #01-62 Block 43 Jalan Merah Saga
📞 (65) 6475 5605
📞 www.originalsin.com.sg
📍 Holland Village



Culinary adventure

THE QUARTERS

This casual eatery in Tanjong Pagar serves an array of unpretentious mod-sin (modern Singaporean) bites, such as salted egg fries, chilli crab pasta, and *satay* (grilled meat skewer) burger. If you love durian, the wildly popular durian *crème brulee* is a must-try. Can't stand the smell? There are other fab desserts like vanilla *crème brulee*, *buah keluak* (a rich-flavoured black nut from Indonesia) ice cream, and the wonderffle (waffle) topped with lemongrass-pandan ice cream with palm sugar glaze.

📍 #01-09 Icon Village
16 Enggor Street
📞 (65) 6834 4174
📞 www.thequarters.sg
📍 Tanjong Pagar

Cool Bars



GIBSON

Named after the century-old classic cocktail (essentially a mixture of gin and vermouth garnished with a pickled onion, in case you're wondering), this hush-hush bar hidden on the second floor of a heritage shophouse features a drinks menu perfect for cocktail connoisseurs looking for variety. There are three parts to its list of concoctions: "Finding Comfort" showcases classics with a twist; "Forging Friendships" challenges your palate with bold, complex flavours; and "Sharing Happiness" features fun, celebratory mixes. Cocktails aside, Gibson also offers diners a modest selection of cured seafood dishes like scallop crudo.

📍 Level 2, 20 Bukit Pasoh Road
☎ (65) 9114 8385
🌐 www.gibsonbarsg.com
📍 Outram Park



REFUGE

The only club that specialises in funk, hip-hop and RnB, Refuge is a double-storey dance paradise. Turn up for Reminisce Fridays, where resident DJs Titus and Big Mike takes you back with old school hip-hop and funk. Best part? Cover charge is only \$12 and includes one drink!

📍 79A/B Circular Road
☎ (65) 9772 3953
🌐 www.refuge.sg
📍 Raffles Place



SUM YI TAI

Meaning 'third mistress' in Cantonese, this restaurant-bar follows an old-school 1980s Hong Kong theme. On the third floor, you'll find a private rooftop bar, which can only be accessed if you have a reservation. Love whiskey? There's a great range of options to choose from, such as single malts, whiskey-based cocktails, and even "white dogs" (white whiskeys).

📍 25 Boon Tat Street
☎ (65) 6221 3665
🌐 www.sumyitai.com
📍 Telok Ayer



VERRE WINE BAR

Be greeted by a glass-enclosed cellar tower that holds over 1,000 bottles of wine when you step in. Housed in a restored warehouse conservation space, Verre resembles a modern French chateau without being too pretentious. Swing over before 7pm from Monday to Thursday and before 6pm from Friday to Saturday to enjoy one-for-one on selected wines.

📍 8 Rodyk Street
☎ (65) 6509 1917
🌐 www.verre.com.sg
📍 Clarke Quay



ZSOFI TAPAS BAR

In the midst of Little India's frenetic buzz is this chilled-out Spanish-themed bar that offers a true-blue tapas experience by serving complimentary plates of tasty nibbles with every drink ordered. Don't forget to try their potent and delicious sangrias!

📍 68 Dunlop Street
☎ (65) 6297 5875
🌐 www.tapasbar.com.sg
📍 Bugis

Bella Koh

HAVING LIVED IN THE AREA FOR MORE THAN A DECADE, IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT FOOD STYLIST AND CONTENT CREATOR BELLA KOH IS A TRUE BLUE TIONG BAHRU NATIVE.



Food stylist and content creator Bella Koh could possibly navigate Tiong Bahru with her eyes closed, having lived in the area for more than a decade. We ask her to show us around Singapore's oldest and hippest neighbourhood.

What I love most about my neighbourhood...

is its strong sense of community. Tiong Bahru is like a small village in the middle of the bustling city where local seniors, young families and expats happily live side by side.

Its unique charm...

comes from Art Deco architecture, which is a stark contrast with Singapore's many high-rise buildings. The layouts inside every unit are also different.

Not many know this but...

Tiong Bahru was known as "Mei Ren Wu", which means "den of beauties" in Chinese, as it housed many rich men's mistresses.

The perfect day in Tiong Bahru...

starts with an early morning visit to the wet market, followed by breakfast at Tiong Bahru Hawker Centre (83 Seng Poh Road). Take a leisurely stroll along Eng Hoon Street to experience the local community. If

you're feeling hungry for homegrown delights, head to Loo's Hainanese Curry Rice (71 Seng Poh Road) and then walk off your lunch by shopping at Strangelets and Books Actually along Yong Siak Street. For dinner, drop by famous local eatery Por Kee (69 Seng Poh Lane) and grab a beer at The Tiong Bahru Club (88 Eng Hoon Street). Finally, end the day with a relaxing massage at Nimble/Knead (66 Eng Watt Street).

Since becoming a mum...

I've been taking the little one on a stroll around the neighbourhood, meeting neighbours and shop owners. The chilled-out ambience of the coffeehouses in the village are also great for families who like café-hopping.

Don't leave Tiong Bahru...

without trying the delicious tarts at Drips (82 Tiong Poh Road). Oh, try to catch Bob, the famous neighbourhood cat, on Eng Hoon Street!



Navigator Chinatown

STRADDLING THE LINE BETWEEN OLD AND NEW IS THE BUZZING ENCLAVE OF CHINATOWN. THE HERITAGE-RICH, TOURIST-CHIC SPOT HAS PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING: FROM FASCINATING CULTURAL SITES TO BARGAIN SHOPPING, DELICIOUS HAWKER FARE, AND HIP WATERING HOLES. THIS IS ALSO THE PLACE TO SOAK UP ALL THE CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVITIES!

 Chinatown

1. LUXE

Fancy chic dining in the heart of Chinatown? Book a table at LUXE, a contemporary Australian restaurant and newcomer to the hip Keong Saik Road. While you're there, be sure to check out the adjoining The Working Capitol, a beautifully appointed co-working space.

📍 #01-04, 1 Keong Saik Road
☎ (65) 6221 5615
🌐 www.luxesydney.sg

2. POTATO HEAD FOLK

If you can't get enough of Bali's famous beach club of the same name, Potato Head Folk will certainly be up your alley. A crowd favourite with local scenesters, this hot spot houses a casual restaurant, swanky lounge, and rooftop bar across three floors.

📍 36 Keong Saik Road
☎ (65) 6327 1939
🌐 www.pttheadfolk.com

3. BUDDHA TOOTH RELIC TEMPLE & MUSEUM

This Buddhist temple doubles up as a museum, where you don't only learn about the religion, but also Buddhist art and culture. There is also an intriguing section dedicated to sacred artefacts.

📍 288 South Bridge Road
☎ (65) 6220 0220
🌐 www.btrts.org.sg

4. CHINATOWN FOOD STREET

Where can you tuck into signature homegrown dishes in one spot? At Chinatown Food Street, that's where. Tasty delights worth trying include chicken rice, *char kway teow* (stir fried rice noodles), and *roti prata* (South Indian flatbread).

📍 333 Smith Street
🌐 www.chinatownfoodstreet.sg

5. CHINATOWN HERITAGE CENTRE

Beautifully restored to recreate Chinatown in the 1950s, this heritage centre is where visitors can learn about the area's colourful past and the lives of its early residents. It will be open to public from 9 January onwards.

📍 48 Pagoda Street
🌐 chinatownheritagecentre.com.sg

6. SRI MARIAMMAN TEMPLE

Built in 1827, this national monument is Singapore's oldest Hindu temple and is dedicated to the divine goddess Mariamman, who is believed to possess the power to cure illness and disease.

📍 244 South Bridge Road,
☎ (65) 6296 3469
🌐 www.heb.gov.sg

7. CHINATOWN STREET MARKET

Spread over four streets, Chinatown's main street market is where to shop for affordable souvenirs and knick-knacks. It is also home to the yearly Chinese New Year festive bazaar, which takes place from 15 January to 7 February.

📍 Pagoda Street, Trengganu Street, Sago Street, and Smith Street
🌐 www.chinatown.sg

8. TONG HENG

It doesn't get more authentic than Tong Heng: since the 1930s, this renowned bakery is best known for having the best traditional Chinese pastries and desserts such as egg tarts and mooncakes in town.

📍 285 South Bridge Road
☎ (65) 6223 3649
🌐 www.facebook.com/tongheng.sg

9. PINCE AND PINTS

Craving lobster? You'll get plenty of it at this casual diner, which serves authentic Boston lobster rolls and other tasty renditions of the crustacean.

📍 32 Duxton Road
☎ (65) 6225 7558
🌐 www.pinceandpints.com

10. TRUEFITT & HILL

The legendary British barbershop – and the oldest in the world! – takes pampering to a whole new level with a slew of indulgent grooming services like hot shaves, haircuts, and shoe shine for modern gentlemen.

📍 9 Ann Siang Road
☎ (65) 6223 5263
🌐 www.truefittandhill.com.sg



Changi Airport

WE ALL KNOW IT AS THE WORLD'S BEST AIRPORT FOR ITS EFFICIENCY AND WORLD-CLASS FACILITIES. BUT IT COMES AS NO SURPRISE THAT CHANGI AIRPORT IS ALSO A TOP-NOTCH SHOPPING DESTINATION – BRIMMING WITH UPSCALE BOUTIQUES AND DUTY-FREE STORES.

PASHMA

Whether you're looking for the perfect gift or something warm to wear on your flight, local label Pashma ticks all the right boxes. Inspired by traditional Indian textile weaving methods, the boutique stocks an exquisite array of elegant scarves and wraps spun from the finest pure cashmere, silk, and linen.

📍 Located in all terminals, including Terminal 2 Departure Transit Lounge, near Gate E
☎ (65) 6214 9004



MADAME BUTTERFLY

Not to be confused with the world-famous opera, Madame Butterfly is the place to get your oriental fix – with its selection of chic Asian-inspired apparel and accessories such as traditional *cheongsams*, handcrafted jade earrings, and embroidered shawls. If you are looking to furnish your home, Madame Butterfly's beautiful collection also extends to porcelain figurines, and lacquer boxes.

📍 Terminal 2 Departure Transit Lounge South
☎ (65) 6543 2386



WINES AND SPIRITS DUPLEX STORE

This spectacular double-storey retail space is where you can shop for a mind-boggling selection of fine wines, spirits, and tobacco from the likes of Dom Pérignon, Hennessy, and Martell with savings of up to 70 per cent. If you fancy a pre-flight cocktail, stop by the in-house Long Bar to sample the world-famous Singapore Sling.

📍 Terminal 3 Departure Transit Lounge, near Gate B
☎ (65) 6242 2862



SHILLA DUTY FREE COSMETICS & PERFUMES

Ladies, welcome to your beauty wonderland. Stocking the widest range of makeup and skincare in any Asia-Pacific airport, Shilla Duty Free is home to over 190 of the hottest international brands such as Estée Lauder, Shiseido, and MAC. Even better: it also offers relaxing in-house spa services for weary travellers!

📍 Located in all terminals, including Terminal 3 Departure Transit Lounge Central
☎ (65) 6713 5700



GASSAN WATCHES

Fancy shopping for a luxury timepiece in an upscale setting? Then make your way over to Gassan Watches. Watch aficionados with deep pockets will surely love this tax-free boutique with its lust-worthy collection of premium watch brands such as Cartier, Omega, IWC, Breitling, and Rolex.

📍 Terminal 1 Departure Transit Lounge West and Central
☎ (65) 6214 9775



CHARLES & KEITH

As one of Singapore's most successful fashion brands, Charles & Keith is shoe heaven come to life. Shoppers will be thoroughly spoilt for choice with the wide range of on-trend yet affordable footwear and accessories.

📍 Located in all terminals, including Terminal 3 Departure Transit Lounge, near Gate B
☎ (65) 6446 7283



RISIS

What better way to pay homage to Singapore's national flower than by immortalising it? Gold-plated in 24-karat gold, rhodium, and other precious metals, Risis' world-famous selection of fine orchid jewellery undoubtedly make the perfect souvenir for any visitor to our Little Red Dot.

📍 Terminal 3 Departure Transit Lounge North
☎ (65) 6247 5480



EU YAN SANG

When it comes to Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), household brand Eu Yan Sang is the name to remember. Steeped in tradition and history that dates back to 1879, the leading wellness company offers a myriad natural Chinese remedies, herbs, tonics, and supplements – making it your go-to for any health matters.

📍 Located in all terminals, including Terminal 1 Departure Transit Lounge Central
☎ (65) 6445 4275

Take me home

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



1. Bid adieu to bad hair days with Hero Pomades from men's grooming salon **We Need A Hero**, \$28 (Sheen) and \$40 (Matte), www.weneedahero.sg, available at #01-86, 57 Eng Hoon Street

2. With its colourful prints, **Hypergrand** watches are the perfect statement accessory, \$160, available at Strangelets (7 Yong Siak Street)

3. **CAN!** by **Jonas Ericsson** is a riveting read about a Swedish entrepreneur's life in Singapore, \$38, available at Books Actually (9 Yong Siak Street)

4. Commemorate Singapore's independence with National Day tote bag by **The Farm Store**, \$28, available at NAIIE (Orchard Gateway)

5. Pamper yourself with 100% vegan products by local skincare brand **Handmade Heroes**, from \$5.90, available at NAIIE (Orchard Gateway)

6. Give your wardrobe an update with a stylish tee from local menswear label **Sundays**, \$69, available at kapok (National Design Centre)

7. **Straits Preserves** Tropical Calamansi marmalade adds a local twist to your typical breakfast spread, \$16, available at kapok (National Design Centre)

8. **Mmerci Encore's** artisanal aromatherapy candles are a total treat for your senses, \$45, available at kapok (National Design Centre)

9. Treat your skin with a luxurious body cream by **MANDY T**, \$65.80, available at kapok (National Design Centre)

10. **Supermama** One Singapore 2015 plate pays tribute to the country's

melting pot of cultures, people, and flavours, \$42, available at Museum Shop by Supermama (Singapore Art Museum)

11. **Souvenirs From Singapore's** Merlion Chouchou is a cuddly version of Singapore's national icon, \$20, available at Museum Shop by Supermama (Singapore Art Museum)

12. Add a pop of colour to your outfit with a necklace from **In Good Company**, \$139, available at #B1-06 ION Orchard

13. Gentlemen, add a finishing touch to your suit with a bowtie from **Pocket Square Clothing**, \$79.90, available at Benjamin Barker (#B1-30 Capitol Piazza)

14. **TWG's** Singapore Breakfast Tea is an exotic blend of green tea, black tea, rich vanilla, and rare spices, \$40, available at Changi Airport Terminal 3 and at TWG stores island-wide

15. If you love chicken rice as much as Singaporeans do, proclaim your love for the local dish with **SGIFF x dröm: Cheek's** – Chicken Rice War badge,

\$20, available at The Little Dröm Store (School of the Arts)

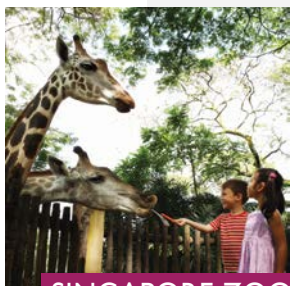
16. A bottle of **Tiger beer**, Singapore's very own lager? Go on, you deserve it, from \$2.90, available at all major supermarkets

17. Bring home a little piece of nostalgia, courtesy of **Supermama's** Dragon Playground Doorstop inspired by the last surviving retro playground in Singapore, \$10, available at Museum Shop by Supermama (Singapore Art Museum)



Fam-tastic day out

TEN GREAT THINGS TO DO WITH KIDS IN SINGAPORE.



SINGAPORE ZOO

GO WILD OVER WILDLIFE

Home to more than 2,800 animals, the Singapore Zoo also boasts Rainforest Kidzworld for kids to pet farmyard animals, a water playground, and live animal presentations.

📍 80 Mandai Lake Road
☎ (65) 6269 3411
🌐 www.zoo.com.sg
🚗 Choa Chu Kang + connecting bus service 927

SET SAIL TO NEARBY ISLANDS

For a quick beach getaway, hop on a boat and head to Singapore's offshore islands. Relax on Kusu Island's pristine beaches, trek the forests of St John's Island or cycle amongst the villages of Pulau Ubin.

📍 Various locations



NEIGHBOURING ISLANDS



NEIGHBOURHOODS

EXPLORE LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOODS

Steeped in Peranakan history, Joo Chiat is filled with painted pastel shophouses, housing great restaurants and vintage furniture shops. Tiong Bahru, on the other hand, has a quaint mixture of cool cafes, quirky bookstores and boutiques.

📍 Various locations



GARDENS BY THE BAY

BE SURROUNDED BY NATURE

The lush Gardens by the Bay houses gorgeous spring blooms in the Flower Dome, the world's largest indoor waterfall at the Cloud Forest and water play at the FEO Children's Garden.

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



SENTOSA

SPEND A WEEKEND IN SENTOSA

Go on exhilarating rides at Universal Studios Singapore, take in the panoramic views of Sentosa on the Skyline Luge and enter a magical marine world at the S.E.A Aquarium.

📍 Sentosa Island
☎ (65) 6736 8672
🌐 www.sentosa.com.sg
🚗 HarbourFront

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☎ (65) 9627 6771
🌐 www.thekartingarena.com
🚗 Clementi



THE KARTING ARENA



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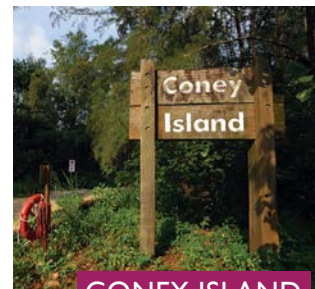
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📍 59 Boat Quay
☎ (65) 6336 6111
🌐 www.rivercruise.com.sg
🚗 Clarke Quay



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CONEY ISLAND

ESCAPE TO CONEY ISLAND

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📍 Coney Island Park
Beside Punggol
Promenade Nature Walk
🌐 www.nparks.gov.sg
🚗 Punggol

TAKE THE FUN INDOORS

Don't let the rain ruin your day. Pop in to an indoor play centre for a fun alternative! Whizz down an 8 metre tall slide at Amazonia, bounce off the walls at Amped Trampoline Park or rope climb at JWT Kids Gym.

📍 Various locations

MUSEUM-HOP

Get to know Singapore's history and arts scene – visit the National Museum of Singapore for interactive exhibits and National Gallery Singapore for its dazzling architecture and massive collection of modern art.

📍 Various locations



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