

# The Singapore Hotlist: Your Insider Guide to Living the Sweet Life



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# Singapore is home, truly: Why we love our little red dot



Yes, we're in love with all things Singapore.  
Read on for all the reasons why!



- Iconic [local breakfasts](#): From [kaya toast](#) and kopi to [nasi lemak](#) and [prata](#), we're all spoilt for choice in the morning.
- Green city charm: We're a gorgeous green city with [parks and gardens](#) everywhere. Conquer our beautiful [hiking trails](#) and [cycle](#) across the island.
- Best [public transport system](#) compared to countless other countries – it's quick, easy and accessible!
- Our [hawker food](#): [chicken rice](#), [laksa](#)... and the list goes on.
- The vibrant colours of our shophouses and [HDBs](#).
- The lahs, lehls and lors of [Singlish!](#)
- Midnight shenanigans: [Supper spots](#), [karaoke sessions](#), bar-hopping, partying till dawn at the hottest [nightclubs](#)... and getting home safely.
- The fact that [temples](#), [churches](#) and [mosques](#) can co-exist harmoniously.
- Let's not forget about Changi Airport, one of the world's best, home to [Jewel Changi Airport](#).

## Best things to do in Singapore:

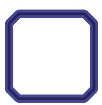
# The ultimate guide to exploring the Lion City



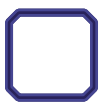
Behold, all the best things to do in Singapore, from nature and thrilling attractions to shopping and adventures around the city.

From hidden gems to iconic experiences to cool attractions, we've rounded up a list of must-try adventures to make the most of your time on our sunny island.

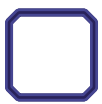
## Cool attractions



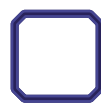
**Singapore River Cruise:** Tour the city via the river - it's best admired in the evening!



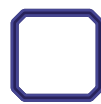
**Universal Studios Singapore:** Spend the whole day on a roller coaster.



**Gardens by the Bay:** A futuristic garden featuring towering Supertrees, the Cloud Forest, and the Flower Dome.

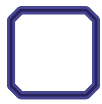


**Sentosa Island:** A resort island packed with beaches, theme parks (including Universal Studios Singapore), adventure activities, and luxury resorts.

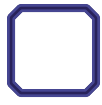


**Singapore Botanic Gardens:** A UNESCO World Heritage Site with a stunning orchid garden.

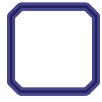




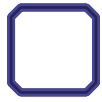
**Singapore Zoo:** Touted as the world's best rainforest zoo, over 4,200 animals call this place home.



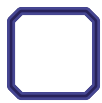
**Bird Paradise:** Spend your day at Asia's largest bird sanctuary, home to plenty of feathered friends.



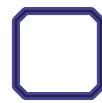
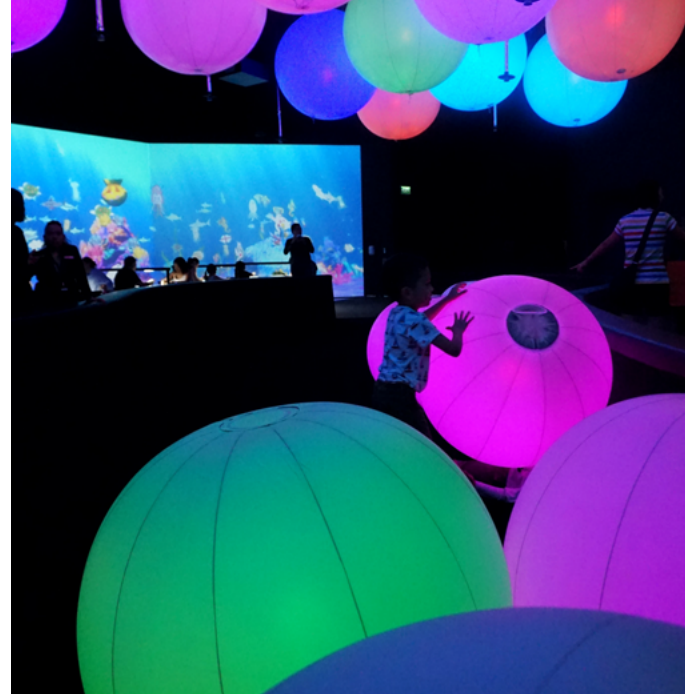
**Wild Wild Wet:** Chase thrills on high-speed slides or float down a lazy river at this water theme park.



**Night Safari:** Curious about what the animal kingdom looks like after dark? Welcome to the world's first nocturnal wildlife park.



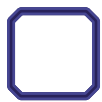
**ArtScience Museum:** This world-class museum offers exhibitions from some of the world's top names.



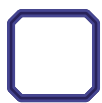
**River Wonders:** Head to the only river-themed wildlife park in Asia to marvel at land and aquatic creatures.



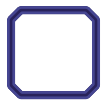
## Best free things to do in Singapore



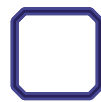
**Haw Par Villa:** A wacky and unique museum



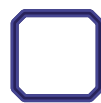
**Parkview Square:** Find the Gotham City building – also home to Atlas bar



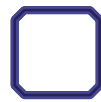
**Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve:** Explore a mangrove trail



**Sembawang Hot Spring Park:** Take a soak and boil some eggs



**Kebun Baru Bird Singing Club:** Visit the largest songbird display area



**Fort Canning Park:** Formerly a British military base, it's filled with verdant walking trails and heritage landmarks.

# What's *New* in Singapore for families

Looking for fun things to do with the fam?  
Here are our top picks of new and revamped attractions!



## Rainforest Wild Asia

Ready for a jungle adventure like no other? Singapore's fifth wildlife park is calling. With 36 animal species and over 7,000 specially planted trees and shrubs, this lush paradise lets you trek through the wild at your own pace. Each of the eight zones features walkways of varying levels of difficulty, so choose your path – from a leisurely stroll to a more rugged hike on the wild(er) side. Try thrilling activities and even experience dining in a cave!

[Rainforest Wild Asia](#), 20 Mandai Lake Road, Singapore 729825

## Snow City

A -5 degree winter wonderland awaits at Snow City! The newly revamped icy playground is themed 'Galactic Ice: The Frozen Realm' and features a 120-metre-long giant ice Glacier Luge, a bumper car arena on ice, and ice sculptures.

[Snow City](#), 21 Jurong Town Hall Road, Singapore 609433





## Wings of Time

Don't miss this mystical light show set against the open sea, with stunning visual effects, water fountains and nightly fireworks.

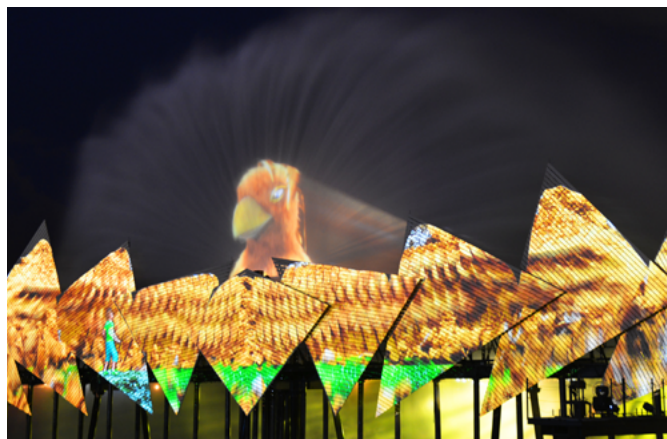
[Wings of Time](#), 60 Siloso Beach Walk, Sentosa

## Sensoryscape

Sensoryscape is a 350m-long trail from Imbiah Station to Beach Station, taking you on a unique journey through six captivating gardens - from vibrant colours to the soothing sounds of nature.

As night falls, Sensoryscape transforms into a dazzling spectacle of light and sound from 7.50pm daily, with interactive floor projections, mesmerising light shows, and augmented reality effects that ignite the imagination.

[Sensoryscape](#), 3 Siloso Road, Singapore 098977



## Tengah playgrounds at Plantation Grange

It's time to visit Tengah with the kiddos to see these four new fruit-themed playgrounds at Plantation Grange! There's durian-themed rope climbing and a pineapple slide. So fun!

*Blk 132C, 131C, 131B, and 132A Tengah Garden Avenue, Singapore 693132*



## New Bahru

Touted as Singapore's first creative cluster with over 50 local and international brands, New Bahru is for creatives and foodies. Dine at popular Middle Eastern resto Artichoke; Mexican spot Huevos; made-from-scratch burger joint One Fattened Calf; or well-loved nasi lemak cafe The Coconut Club.

Shoppers, make a beeline for brands like Soilboy to bring home potted plants, Rye for minimal womenswear, Woods in the Books for bookworms, Sea Apple for toys and baby gifts, or try leather workshops at Crafune.

*[New Bahru](#), 46 & 58 Kim Yam Road, Singapore 239351*





## Animal-themed Punggol Point Cove playgrounds

Thanks to all the new families and HDBs being built around [Punggol](#), new playgrounds are sprouting up all the time. At 673B Edgefield Plains, there's a huge webbed swing with a waved climbing structure, while the playground at 270B Punggol Field has a caterpillar climbing structure. There are also newly built tiger and elephant-themed playgrounds near block 448A Punggol Point Cove!

## Coming soon: Dinos Alive

We're so excited for the arrival of Dinos Alive in Singapore this year! The immersive exhibition features life-sized animated replicas, so kiddos can get a feel for these massive creatures that roamed the earth millions of years ago. Keep an eye on our [website](#) for dates and prices.



# Our favourite family-friendly attractions in Singapore



Looking for ways to enjoy the very best of this dazzling city? Here are 10 of the best spots to visit with kids in Singapore for your next family day out!

## Top attractions

### Gardens by The Bay

Get tickets to the domes, stroll around the public garden areas, take in the breathtaking views on the OCBC Skyway bridge or cool off at the epic (and free!) Far East Organisation Children's Garden water play area – there's so much to see and do at this one spot that you'll be spoilt for choice!

### Singapore Flyer

Treat your fam to a bird's eye view of Singapore from aboard the Singapore Flyer. As the world's second-tallest Ferris wheel, it has a somewhat circus appeal to little kids (and is rather exciting for us too!). You'll have fun pointing out the Lion City's iconic sights, from Marina Bay Sands to Merlion Park and beyond.

### Jewel Canopy Park

Changi Airport is a destination in itself without even setting foot in the departure lounge. Jewel has an array of kid pleasers, from the Hedge Maze to Foggy Bowls at Canopy Park. Whilst you're here, don't miss the airport with a whole host of play spaces (and a massive indoor slide!).



## Mandai Wildlife Parks

Singapore Zoo isn't voted one of the best zoos on the planet for nothing! The other surrounding wildlife parks are equally as impressive, cleverly designed to feel like open wilderness. Get the ParkHopper pass to visit all five parks – Singapore Zoo, Bird Paradise, River Wonders, Night Safari and the brand spanking new Rainforest Wild Asia – or go for a Friends of Wildlife Pass for the whole fam to get year-round access to the parks at a steal!



## Underrated attractions

### Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum

This is one of our favourite [kid-friendly museums](#) and it's the place to go if you're keen to get up close and personal with iconic specimens of Singapore's geology and ecosystem. From a slice of the rare (and now locally extinct) Changi tree to the Singapore sperm whale, examine the weird and wonderful from our very own shores. Did we mention there are dinosaur fossils?

### The Artground

There's no shortage of indoor playgrounds in Singapore, but The Artground is one that has our hearts. This affordable indoor playground is suitable for babies and kids up to 9 years old, and we also love that it's an accessible space for kids of all abilities. The theme changes throughout the year, so it's never boring. There are fantastic weekend art programmes here too!

### IMAX at the Omni-Theatre

Enjoy a larger-than-life movie experience at Singapore's IMAX dome theatre, which, if you didn't know, doubles up as an observatory, too! With a highly advanced digital full-dome system, it's designed for a fully immersive experience.

### Singapore's historical sights

Singapore has loads of history, and whilst the museums are a great way to discover it, you can also get outdoors to see some pretty cool historical sites. From the Battlebox at Fort Canning Park to the Dragon's Teeth Gate Rock over at Labrador Nature Reserve, there's plenty to keep the kids engaged and teach them a thing or two.

### Heritage trails

To really understand the history and culture of the place we call home, opt for one of the fab heritage trails across Singapore. You'll learn a load of facts to impress friends (we're looking at you, mum and dad). There's plenty to keep the kids occupied on these routes too, and they will be learning along the way – even if they don't realise it!



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# Character education: What is it and why is it important?



Here's why schools like St. Joseph's Institution International Elementary School value character education just as much as academics.

A well-rounded education is one that helps students achieve academic excellence and holistic growth. [St. Joseph's Institution International Elementary School](#) does this by integrating character education into all aspects of its students' school life.



## What is character education?

Character education is the process of promoting character development and ethical decision-making. At SJI International Elementary School, this is done through The Virtues Project, a globally recognised framework that translates universal values into daily habits.

## Why is character education important?

Character education provides children with a 'toolkit' of skills that help them thrive in life, establishing a moral compass and fostering resilience in them. Using The Virtues Project, students actively reflect, acknowledge, and embed the 'virtue of the week' into their school life; growing into compassionate, responsible, and resilient individuals.

You can learn more about SJI International Elementary School's character education through its [website](#), or attend any of its monthly open days to see it in action.





## Where to shop

### Cat Socrates

A charming gift shop filled with books, decor, fashion, local brands and unique souvenirs.



## Things to do

### Explore beautiful buildings and gorgeous wall art

Tiong Bahru's charm lies in its stunning architecture, with pre-war Art Deco buildings and iconic features like curved staircases and rounded portholes. The neighbourhood is also known for vibrant murals by street artist Yip Yew Chong, capturing local culture.

## Joo Chiat

*A vibrant neighbourhood blending rich heritage, colourful shophouses, and a delicious mix of local food and culture.*



## What to eat

### ★ La Bottega Enoteca

Serves delicious Neapolitan pizzas made with fresh, in-house ingredients. Chef Antonio's authentic Italian dishes are unbeatable.

### ★ 328 Katong Laksa

Slurp traditional laksa with just a spoon at this Joo Chiat eatery, famous for its authentic, affordable local dish.

### ★ Mr and Mrs Mohgan's Super Crispy Roti Prata

Offers the crispiest, fluffiest roti prata in Singapore – definitely worth the wait.



## Where to shop

### ★ A Vintage Tale

This vibrant boutique offers vintage treasures, including iconic archival pieces from Dior, Gucci, and Chanel.

### ★ Onlewo

Shop for beautifully designed home decor and bags inspired by Singapore's roots.

### ★ RetroCrates

Home to an extensive collection of vinyl records, speakers, turntables, and amplifiers for music lovers of all genres.



## Things to do

### ★ The Intan

A private Peranakan cultural experience with artefacts, food, traditions, and lifestyle insights from Alvin Yapp's home.

### ★ Heritage shophouses

Stroll along Joo Chiat Road to admire conserved Peranakan shophouses with pastel facades, floral tiles, and lucky motifs.

## Haji Lane

*Discover the best of Singapore's original indie 'hood with unique boutiques, vibrant street art, and delicious food spots on Haji Lane.*



## What to eat

### ★ Bar Stories

Offers custom cocktails based on your mood, with theatrical presentations and no menu.

### ★ Blu Jaz Cafe

A popular spot for chill vibes, outdoor dining, drinks, and great food among hip bar-hoppers.

### ★ Slowbytes

This vinyl listening cafe offers vintage vibes, great music, coffee, and a cosy ambience.



## Where to shop

### ★ Vintagewknd

A beloved store known for its unique apparel and eco-friendly repurposing of scrap materials into new clothes.

### ★ Crafune

Craft bespoke leather items like wallets and keychains using high-quality vegetable-tanned leathers in vibrant colours.



## Things to do

### ★ Admire wall art

Haji Lane's vibrant street art, graffiti, and neon wall paintings create a dynamic, colorful atmosphere perfect for photography.

### ★ The Nail Social

The Nail Social offers pampering mani-pedis while empowering marginalised women through vocational training and employment opportunities.

# Duxton Hill

A lively neighbourhood filled with diverse eateries, unique shops, and cool spots for food, drinks, and relaxation.



## What to eat

### ★ Tamba

Step into a multi-sensory West African dining experience featuring unique spirits.

### ★ Marcy's

Marcy's bistro offers a fusion of Latin, Italian, Peruvian, Chinese, and Japanese seafood dishes in an intimate setting.

### ★ Sago House

Offering top-notch cocktails, Sago House ranked #15 on Asia's 50 Best Bars 2024.

### ★ Cat Bite Club

Hidden behind a coffee shop, this speakeasy specialises in agave and rice spirits.

## Where to shop

### ★ Jupiter 57

Stocks authentic Italian snacks, sweets, and traditional products, focusing on heritage brands and recipes.

### ★ Huls Gallery

Showcases fine Japanese craftsmanship with a curated selection of ceramics, lacquerware, glass, textiles, bamboo, and woodwork items.

## Things to do

### The Pinnacle@Duxton

The Pinnacle@Duxton features two long sky gardens, with the public-access 50th-floor offering stunning views of the neighbourhood.

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## Add to bucket list:

# The best restaurants in Singapore



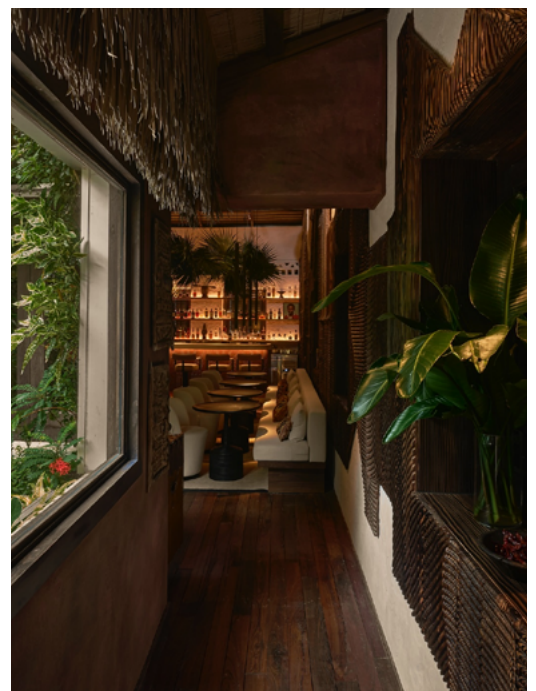
Our local culinary scene is always buzzing with hot new restaurants and bars, making us spoilt for choice. That's why we've picked out the city's cream of the crop. From classic hotspots to Michelin-starred wonders, this is your ultimate food bucket list.

### **Restaurant Air**

Name us a dining establishment more versatile than this 'cos it's got a restaurant, circular campus and cooking club all rolled in one. Versatility aside, we're shining a spotlight on its innovative menu, with must-try dishes like confit coral grouper, fermented cassava bread, and crispy oyster mushrooms.

### **Tamba**

Step into the two-storey conserved shophouse and you'll be whisked away to a fascinating new world inspired by the vibrant spirit of West Africa. Think African earth and terracotta, elegant clay vessels, and stunning contemporary art. Savour a taste of West Africa through woodfire grilled meats, comforting classics, and a bar stocked with African spirits.





### **Restaurant Jag**

At this contemporary fine dining French restaurant, the menu puts fresh seasonal vegetables in the spotlight while supplemented by meats and seafood. We appreciate how the menu can be personalised to suit different dietary preferences. To complete the experience, indulge in the cheese trolley and savour seasonal mignardise offerings.

### **Labyrinth**

Familiar Singaporean cuisine gets a bold upgrade at this one Michelin-starred restaurant. Paying tribute to the Little Red Dot, chef LG Han reimagines age-old and often-forgotten recipes by infusing them with contemporary flavours and techniques.

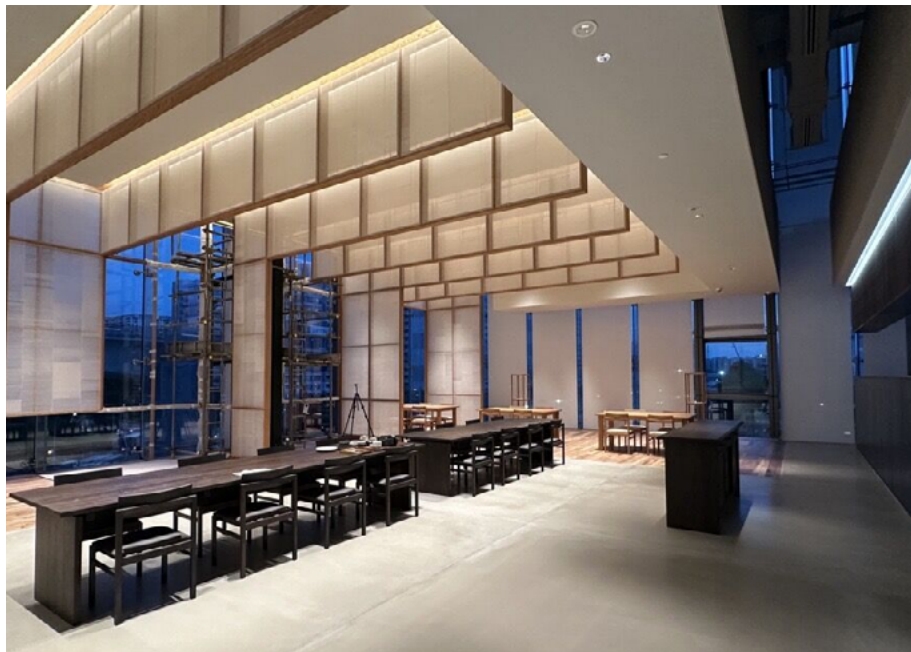


### **Restaurant Fiz**

Dive into Southeast Asian cuisine at this fine dining restaurant that was awarded the Michelin Green Star in 2024. Helmed by Malaysian owner-chef Hafizzul Hashim, Restaurant Fiz offers a diverse menu that connects cultures across the region.

## Na Oh

What do you get when you combine a three Michelin-starred chef, an automobile group, and sustainability? The answer is Na Oh, located at the Hyundai Motor Group's innovation hub in Jurong West. The menu is based on Korean fermentation and seasonal ingredients from the centre's vertical smart farm, which means it'll change throughout the year.



## Flutes

Flutes exudes elegance with its opulent dining room and refined ambience. The culinary experience is just as remarkable as its setting, and we recommend you treat yourself to a sumptuous three-course executive lunch.



## Hayop

Prepare to be surprised by the restaurant's take on Filipino food. Familiar dishes like bulaklak (deep-fried ruffled fat), sisig (pork jowl and cheek deep-fried with garlic, spring onions, and red chilli), and lumpia (spring rolls) are given the elevated treatment.

### **Min Jiang at Dempsey**

Walking into this restaurant feels like escaping to an ultra-chic island resort. Think Bali vibes but with a sleek twist. Take a seat and enjoy the menu, which is a celebration of Cantonese and Sichuan cuisine.



### **Cicheti**

This charming Italian gem is a go-to spot for perfectly executed pizzas and pasta. Begin your meal with a selection of small plates before diving into the wood-fired pizzas. Think classics like diavola and quattro formaggi that hit all the right notes.



### **Artichoke**

This too-cool-for-school Middle Eastern restaurant now resides in New Bahru. It promises the same laid-back vibes and unpretentious charm but with a spanking new menu. Dig into mouthwatering plates featuring creative takes on hummus, roasted cauliflower, signature roasts, and succulent seafood.



# Let the good times be-gin at these cocktail bars in Singapore

Iconic cocktails with a local twist, tipples with the craziest ingredients and creations by renowned bartenders – you’ll find ‘em at the best cocktail bars in Singapore.

Whether you’re into [happy hour promos](#), [non-alcoholic spirits](#), or snobby martinis, our guide to the best cocktail bars in Singapore has something for everyone – from [whiskey spots](#) to [sake hotspots](#) and award-winning bars. Cheers to finding your perfect drinking hangout!



## **Atlas**

Atlas offers a grand Art Deco atmosphere, with over 1,300 gins and expertly crafted cocktails in a luxurious setting.

## **Jigger & Pony**

Jigger & Pony, ranked #3 in Asia, offers creative, bespoke cocktails with detailed flavor profiles in a dynamic setting.



### **Nutmeg & Clove**

Founded by industry powerhouse Colin Chia, this restaurant and cocktail bar in Singapore draws inspiration from Singapore's rich history.

### **The Elephant Room**

The Elephant Room in Tanjong Pagar blends Little India's charm with innovative spice-infused cocktails and vibrant, traditional decor.

### **Gibson Bar**

Gibson offers a casual yet upscale experience with potent cocktails, seafood dishes, and a wide selection of drinks.

### **Tess Bar & Kitchen**

This bar offers creative cocktails crafted by young Asian mixologists, providing a casual, welcoming, and interactive experience every night.

### **Mama Diam**

Mama Diam is a nostalgic speakeasy offering cocktails with local flavours like pandan and sour plum, set in a retro ambience.

### **Manhattan**

Manhattan offers a 19th-century New York vibe, unique cocktails, and the world's first in-hotel rickhouse.

### **Native**

Native, a hidden bar by Vijay Mudaliar, offers a rotating cocktail menu with locally foraged ingredients and a microdistillery tour.

### **No Sleep Club**

No Sleep Club in Keong Saik blends bar, cafe, and restaurant vibes, focusing on community and curated by industry experts.





## The best social clubs in Singapore

If you live in a landed house or a condo without many facilities, social clubs are a great place to enjoy swimming pools, sports, and fun family bonding time. Here are some of our favourite family clubs, and what they're best known for.



### **American Club**

Head here for big celebrations like Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, 4th of July and St. Patrick's Day. Located in Orchard with a huge playground, pool and bowling alley, US and Canadian citizens can nab a lifetime membership with a joining fee of \$32,530 (incl. GST).

[American Club](#), 10 Claymore Hill, Singapore 229573



## Hollandse Club

This is one of the most fun and affordable social clubs in Singapore! There's an active ladies tennis scene, padel and squash, and swimming lessons for the kids. With no joining fee and family social membership at \$336 per month, it's a bargain!

[Hollandse Club](#), 22 Camden Park, Singapore 299814

## British Club

With martial arts, curry and quiz nights, swimming, tennis and more, you can join the British Club with fees starting at \$6,131.25 for a year and \$10,900 for a lifetime membership, plus a monthly subscription.

[British Club Singapore](#), 73 Bukit Tinggi Road, Singapore 289761



## The Swiss Club

The events here are a hoot, and this is the place to go to celebrate Christmas and Oktoberfest in style! Sports include martial arts, swimming, badminton and even aqua-biking! Check out the bars, restaurants and playground. Lifetime membership is \$9,700 per family for Swiss citizens and \$16,800 for non-Swiss citizens.

[The Swiss Club](#), 36 Swiss Club Road, Singapore 288139

## b\_together

Members get exclusive access to over 10,000 square feet of rest and play areas at b\_together in Dempsey. Its family club floor features a spacious indoor soft play area perfect for babies and toddlers! Membership costs \$6,240 in the first year for a family of six, which includes \$1,080 worth of class credits!

[b\\_together](#), 16A Dempsey Road, Singapore 247695



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# A preschool that nurtures the whole child



Here's what you can expect from a preschool that nurtures a child's mind, body, and soul.

The educators at [St. Joseph's Institution International Preschool](#) believe in educating the whole child. Hence, the preschool takes a holistic approach to education.

## Nurturing the mind

SJI International Preschool uses the highly effective inquiry-based approach to get children to learn actively. They are encouraged to explore, investigate, and reflect on their learnings; gaining important soft skills in the process.

## Nurturing the body

Play comes naturally to children. The preschool uses play-based learning to make lessons engaging and encourage them to stay active with its outdoor learning programme.

## Nurturing the soul

Pastoral care is at the heart of SJI International Preschool. It helps children develop a positive sense of self through The Virtues Project, integrating 22 virtues from this globally recognised framework into school life.

## Give your child a holistic early years experience

SJI International Preschool is committed to help your child grow in all aspects. The preschool welcomes families to visit its [monthly open houses](#) to learn more about its offerings.

# 10 best

Rain or shine, the fun never stops.

## indoor playgrounds in Singapore

We've done the legwork and sorted these [indoor playgrounds](#) by location so you can find the closest one to you!

### Central

#### VroomTown Driving City

This driving-themed indoor playground isn't for speeding – the kiddos will have to follow traffic rules!

#### Impressions Kids Club

Their Playzone has fun slides, a ballpit, stimulating obstacle courses, sensory play areas, and even a mini train.

### East

#### Jolly Jungle

Located within Our Tampines Hub, this indoor playground has ball pits, tunnel slides, loads of obstacles for the kids to tackle, plus a smaller area for the littlies.

#### Wan To Play Katong & Pasir Ris

Wan To Play is a forest-themed indoor playground with climbing walls that lead to ball pits and foam building blocks that you can stack up and tear down.





## West

### World of Blocks

The newest indoor playground at Pandan Gardens, World of Blocks has over 10 slides and other cool features like a trampoline zone, flying fox, and foam truck obstacles!

### HomeTeamNS T-Play Bukit Batok

From airport check-in counters to heli landing pads and cool interactive play equipment for kids on the move, this indoor playground will have the kiddos emerge as experts in all things transportation.

## South

### KidZania Singapore

If the kiddos want to feel grown up, KidZania Singapore in Sentosa lets kids explore and try their hand at various real-life jobs!



## North

### HomeTeamNS T-Play Khatib

The theme is Peranakan Adventureland – think creative tunnels, mini-trampoline play, and super-duper spiral slides! All with the added wow factor of Peranakan-inspired design.

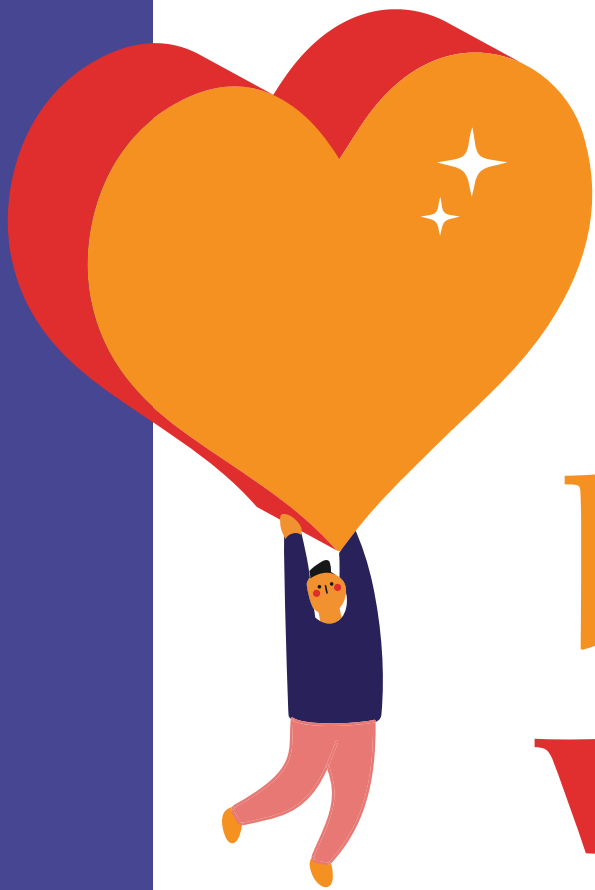
### Adventure HQ

This one's for the older kids and adventure seekers, with over ten installations to tackle, from Singapore's first indoor roll glider to the longest indoor slide (an impressive 14m!).

## Multiple locations

### Smigy Playground: Forum The Shopping Mall, PLQ Mall, Tiong Bahru Plaza, and United Square

You can easily spend a couple of hours with your toddler sliding, playing in the ball pits, pretend shopping at the mini supermarket, and dressing up the dollies in the doll hair salon.



# Local brands we love

From fashion and beauty to bits and bobs for the kids, here are all the homegrown brands to shop from.

## Fabulous fashion to upgrade your wardrobe

**Ginlee:** Known for its sophisticated colour palette and soft lines, this Singapore fashion brand creates some of the softest silk dresses.

**Duxton:** Turn to Duxton for stylish 'fits that are timeless and lightweight enough to withstand our country's perennial summer.

**Dark Horse Vintage:** Equal parts quirky and fun, the enticing colours and eye-catching prints are great for any occasion.

**Esse:** Shake off fast fashion and slip into sustainable fabrics and effortless classics that transcend trends at Esse.



**Ans.ein:** Appreciate art in forms beyond the canvas with these wearable art pieces.

**Lily & Lou:** Fueled by the power of customisation, Lily & Lou offers you the opportunity to get custom-made pieces.

**Sui:** Born out of a love for the earth, this brand is dedicated to sustainability, making use of fabrics like organic cotton, hemp, tencel, linen, and recycled fabric.



## Glow up with these beauty brands

**Sigi Skin:** Packed with powerful superfoods and antioxidants, this minimalist skincare brand proves you don't need 101 things in your bathroom cabinet.

**Est.lab:** Highly raved about skincare mainstays with active ingredients and elite beauty tools. And it caters to multiple skin concerns under the sun!

**Kew Organics:** Packed with organic and active botanicals, the water-based skincare is perfect for Singapore's humidity.

**Postcard:** It's all about self-care and quality ingredients at Postcard, which offers products for face, hair, body and more.

**Re:Erth:** This brand wants you to feed your skin with only the most natural ingredients.

**Mandy T:** We love this luxury bath and body line for its pretty packaging, scrummy scents, and the clincher: all-natural ingredients.



## Toy stores for little ones of all ages

**The Better Toy Store:** This store lives up to its name with a carefully curated range of award-winning toys.

**Hoppi Loppi:** Perfect for hours of imaginative play, these toys are made of solid wood and are shaped to be easily held by small hands.

**Motherswork:** With over 50 curated toy brands under one umbrella, Motherswork lives up to its name as a go-to place for mothers to shop for their kiddos.

**Pupsik Studio:** A one-stop baby shop online, Pupsik Studio offers books, games, teething and bath toys, outdoor games, plunge pools and more.

**Kydz:** Looking for tiptop educational toys for kids of all ages and needs? Kydz has just the ticket.

**Action City:** Famous for its Bearbrick collectables, Action City showcases a unique and expansive range of toys, from Disney characters to aliens and goblins, all under one roof.



## Sustainable labels for kids' clothes

**Nimbu:** This circular brand specialises in vibrant, handcrafted cotton clothing for kids. Its designs are conceptualised locally, reflecting the vibrant culture of Singapore.

**Maison Q:** If you haven't tried the adorable reversible shirts and dresses from local brand Maison Q, you need to jump on the bandwagon!



**The Plush Club:** This brand is re-inventing baby essentials with the cutest prints and the softest fabrics.

**Sette:** The label releases limited-run collections with a timeless, elegant aesthetic. They're as fun to play in as they are to strut in!

**Sea Apple:** The extensive range of sustainable clothes features simple, fun prints that can dress kids from as young as six months all the way to ten years old.

**Le Petit Society:** Using choice fabrics to create safe and comfortable products that children will want to wear daily, these cute clothes can last for generations.

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# Families share their favourite things to do with kids in Singapore

Don't just take it from us – read how families really enjoy spending time together in the Little Red Dot.

Looking for things to do on weekends? Here are a few ideas shared by [Nexus International School \(Singapore\)](#)'s families.



“Visit the Singapore Zoo. We have an annual membership and have enjoyed countless visits since 2023, but each time feels like a new experience.”

– *Lauren Munsch*



“Trying different cuisines with the family. You can easily find food from around the world in Singapore. There's even authentic Chinese food that reminds us of home.”

– *Amy Ding*



“Fly kites and watch the sunset at Marina Barrage. It's also the best spot to catch the National Day Parade rehearsals – you get to see the jets and helicopters up close!”

– *Irina De Sepibus*

## A school that's also like an extended family

More than just a school, Nexus helps families make meaningful connections in Singapore through its warm and welcoming community. From workshops to beach cleanups and family outings, you can look forward to all that and more with the [Nexus Community Group](#). Learn more about Nexus' offerings through its [website](#).

# Things to do with kids during the school holidays

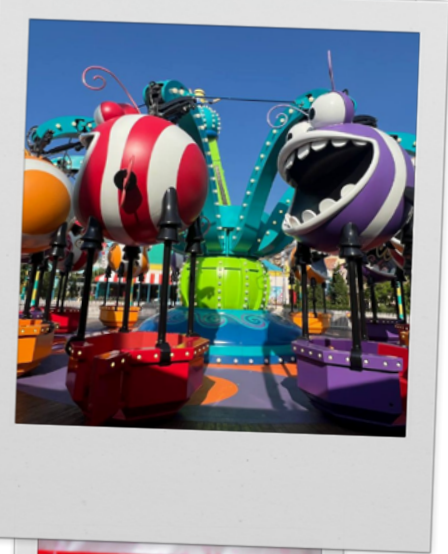
From exhibits to the theatre and our favourite parks or green spaces – there's so much to keep the little ones entertained during the school holidays!

- #1** Visit any of the [best indoor playgrounds in Singapore](#)
- #2** Take a stroll along one of [Singapore's beautiful boardwalks](#)





**#3** Head to a fun and free [water playground](#)



**#4** Try [VR gaming](#) from just \$12

**#5** Visit the newly opened [Minion Land](#) at Universal Studios Singapore

**#6** Visit one of these [HDB playgrounds](#)

**#7** Catch a [kids' theatre show](#)

**#8** Head to [KidZania](#) for some kid-friendly role play

**#9** Visit the Keppel Centre for Art Education at the National Gallery Singapore



**#10** [Visit a dog or cat cafe](#)

**#11** Check out a [kid-friendly bookstore](#)



**#12** Grab a meal at one of these [kid-friendly restaurants and cafes](#)

**#13** Visit a working [fire station](#), open to the public on Saturday mornings

**#14** Have breakfast with the [zoo animals](#)

**#15** Go [horseback riding](#)



**#16** Check out a [kid-friendly museum](#)

**#17** Feed and pet animals at an [animal farm](#)

**#18** Watch the only [daily fireworks show](#) in Singapore

**#19** Have an arty party at one of these [art studios!](#)



**#20** Visit [Johor Bahru](#) just across the border

# Where to shop for cool furniture



Hello, #homegoals. We let you in on where we shop in this guide to the best furniture and decor stores in Singapore.

## Best furniture shops

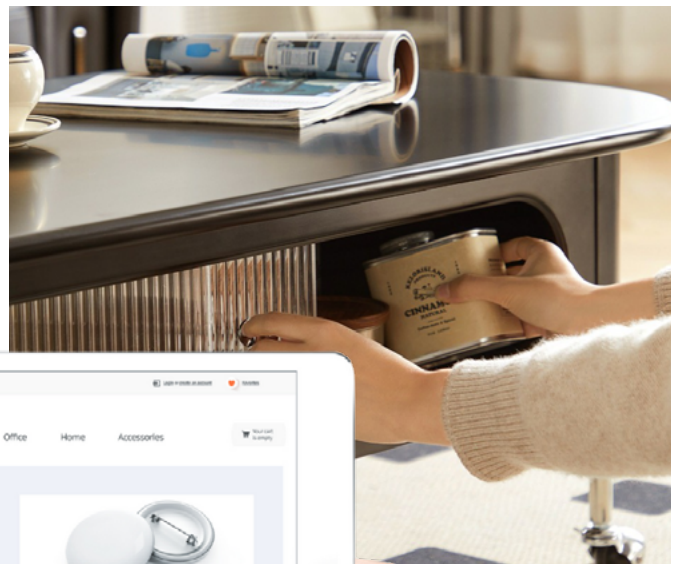
### Journey East

This independent brand offers well-crafted furniture and decor – every piece comes with its unique story and design. Think colourful rugs, decor accents like trays and vases, designer bulbs, reclaimed wood pieces, as well as mid-century modern and Art Deco vintage furniture.

### Grey & Sanders

Handcrafted with the best materials from around the world, this store is known for its solid wood slab dining tables. Looking for a statement couch? Check out its wide range of customisable sofa options made with premium fabric and leather.



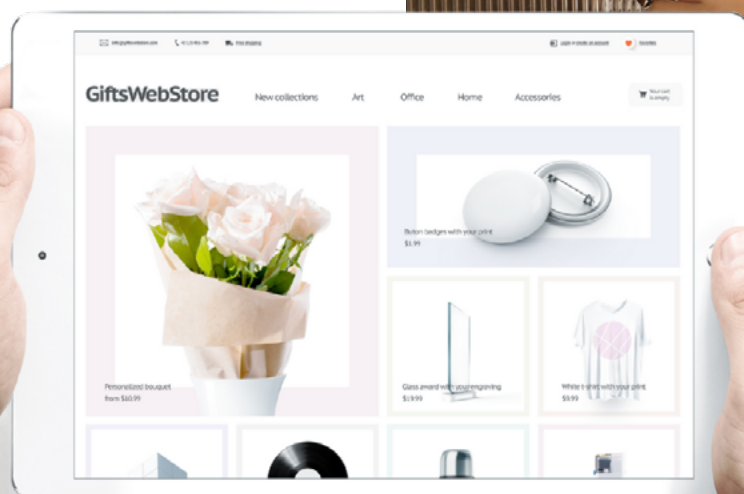


## Commune

If you're someone who loves surpassing everyday norms, Commune is for you. It's all about bringing your home together with style and comfort. We recommend taking a look at the office desks in three vintage designs. It'll become the favourite piece in your work-from-home setup.

## FortyTwo

The largest homegrown e-furniture site, FortyTwo boasts a collection of more than 20,000 items across furniture and accessories like sofa sets, bed frames, mattresses and rugs. Trust the brand to stock all the trending interior styles, whether you're after a dark wood statement or black metal decor for a sophisticated look.





## Vintage and second-hand stores

### Tong Mern Sern

Prepare to get lost in a world of treasures. Clocks, plates, vases and chairs... you've got lots to go through across three floors. Spend a lazy afternoon or a free day rummaging through second-hand furniture gems at this store in Singapore.

### Hock Siong & Co.

Furniture aficionados will be more than familiar with this name. Find pre-loved five-star hotel furniture here – from down-filled pillows to Shanghainese rosewood furniture and refurbished teak desks. There are also plenty of home accessories to rifle through!



## Lorgan's The Retro Store

With a spacious showroom, Lorgan's The Retro Store houses an eclectic range of designs. Modern pieces aside, expect pop art, retro, and vintage styles as well. Plus, its collection of chairs, tables, sofas and other furniture is well-designed and affordable.

## By My Old School

As its name suggests, this store offers a cool collection of old school designs that'll transport you back to nostalgic days of the past. Here, you'll find vintage typewriters, kitchenware, gadgets, nautical items, luggage, and knick-knacks to add to a themed home.



# The best family **annual passes** for attractions in Singapore



Visiting attractions in Singapore with the whole family can get expensive very quickly. If you have a favourite place to visit, why not grab an annual pass so you can head there again and again, without having to pay for entry every time? You can also score bonuses like free parking and discounts on F&B and retail. Here are our top picks.



## **Friends of Mandai**

With the arrival of Rainforest Wild Asia, the Friends of Mandai annual pass has gotten a makeover to include all five Mandai wildlife parks! Enjoy discounted F&B, events and parking, and save on stays at the new Mandai Rainforest Resort!

*From \$505 for family packages of 2A1C, includes access to all five parks for one year.*



## Science Centre Singapore

There's always something fun happening at the Science Centre Singapore, and you won't have to miss a moment with the family annual pass. You can also grab the DUO pass, which includes KidsSTOP!

*From \$148 for a Family DUO pass of 2A2C for one year.*

## Gardens by the Bay

With ever-changing floral displays, cultural themes and events, art exhibitions and more, being a Friend of the Gardens helps to support this iconic attraction to keep blooming year after year. Also includes complimentary 2-hour parking each visit!

*From \$180 for the Friends of the Gardens family membership of 2A3C for one year.*



## Indoor Playgrounds

Check with your kiddos' favourite indoor playground to see if they offer multi-visit passes at discounted rates – it's a sure-fire way to save some cash!

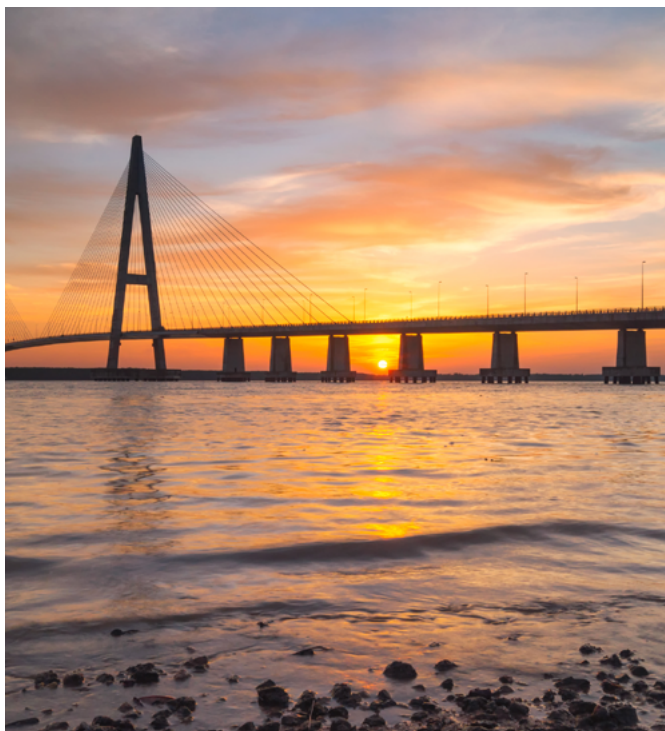
*Prices vary, check with service providers*

**For more annual passes and prices, visit [honeykidsasia.com](http://honeykidsasia.com)**

# Fabulous weekend getaways from Singapore

Looking for a quick getaway? Check out these gorgeous destinations for a sweet escape from Singapore in less than three hours.





## Desaru, Malaysia

Desaru is the perfect weekend escapade for fun-filled days and laid-back nights with the fam. The kids will love a visit to Malaysia's largest ostrich farm, where they can get up close with these quirky birds, or a day of thrills at Adventure Waterpark Desaru Coast. We recommend adding the fruit farm and Tanjung Balau Fishing Village to your itinerary, too.

**Travel time:** Take a 90-minute ferry from Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal or drive from Singapore in under 2 hours



## Cempedak Island, Indonesia

The eco-friendly resort boasts crescent-shaped roofs (made of local grass) atop its bamboo-made villas. Within these, you'll find private plunge pools, decks and spacious living spaces. Explore this stunning natural wonder, with its shoreline of white sandy beaches, granite boulders and rainforest inhabited by local birds.

**Travel time:** 2.5 hours from Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal

## Koh Samui, Thailand

There's a lot to love about Koh Samui, and we're not just talking about its beautiful palm-fringed beaches. Hit up Ang Thong National Marine Park to explore hidden waterfalls, coves and mangroves. Or head to Bophut to enter a haven of tranquillity. You'll find a majestic 12m-high golden Buddha statue and market shopping at the Fisherman's Village Walking Street.

**Travel time:** 1 hour and 45 minutes via direct flight



## Phu Quoc, Vietnam

Who can say no to a beach vacation? Book a stay at resorts in Phu Quoc and spend your holiday jet skiing, snorkelling, and paddleboarding in the crystal-clear waters. At sundown, hop to Phu Quoc Night Market for authentic Vietnamese street food and unique souvenirs. Travelling with your boo? Don't miss the Kiss Bridge in Sunset Town, featuring two 400-metre-long pathways that nearly touch.

**Travel time:** 1 hour 45 minutes via direct flight

## Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Phnom Penh is a breathtaking combination of rich history, dynamic culture, lively nightlife, and mouthwatering cuisine. Swing by the Royal Palace to marvel at traditional Khmer architecture and the King of Cambodia's official residence. Or take a leisurely stroll along the riverside promenade, where you can enjoy scenic views of the Tonle Sap and Mekong Rivers. Don't forget to visit the famous Central Market and haggle for souvenirs and local crafts!

**Travel time:** 1 hour 45 minutes via direct flight



## Bintan, Indonesia

Bintan is the quick weekend getaway we always have on rotation. The island's luxe factor has increased tenfold, thanks to the opening of resorts like The Residence Bintan and The Sanchaya. And we'll always love Banyan Tree. Despite its popularity with the Singapore crowd for its buzzy beach life, the island also holds many treasures. This includes a mountain, hidden waterfalls and sea gypsy villages.

**Travel time:** 45 minutes by ferry from Singapore to Bintan



## Langkawi, Malaysia

Langkawi is an idyllic and serene archipelago sequestered 30km from Malaysia's mainland coast. It's a triple threat with a charm that'll appeal to beach lovers, foodies and adventure seekers. All around you lie emerald waters, with paddy fields and jungly hills as the main backdrop.

**Travel time:** 1 hour and 25 minutes via direct flight



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