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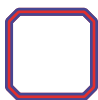
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The ultimate guide to exploring the Lion City

Here are all the best things to do in Singapore, from nature and thrilling attractions to shopping and indoor adventures.



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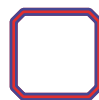
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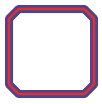


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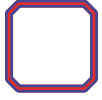


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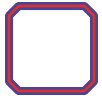




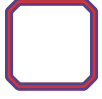
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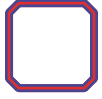
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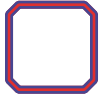
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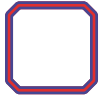
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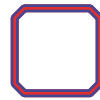
Experience thrills at [Universal Studios Singapore](#)



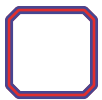
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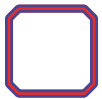
Explore the trendy [New Bahru](#)



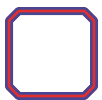
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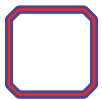
Spend an afternoon at [Jewel Changi Airport](#)



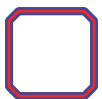
Have outdoor adventures at [Coney Island Park](#)



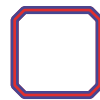
Meet Mother Nature at [Gardens by the Bay](#)



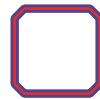
Enjoy retail therapy at [Orchard Road malls](#)



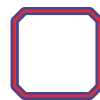
Take a day trip to [offshore islands](#)



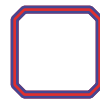
Go back in time at [Kampong Lorong Buangkok](#)



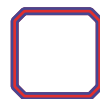
Shop at the 24-hour [Mustafa Centre](#)



Have a beach day at [Sentosa](#)



Hit up restaurants and shops at [Marina Bay Sands](#)



Neighbourhood-hop to [Chinatown](#), [Little India](#), and [Kampong Glam](#)

The best new things to do with kids in Singapore

From immersive play worlds to brand new attractions, here are four of the latest kid-friendly spots to check out now.



Exploria

This brand-new indoor attraction at Mandai is all about interactive discovery, with digital worlds that take kids from prehistoric times to deep oceans. Expect game-style exploration and immersive storytelling that's great for older kids and teens.

Address: 80 Mandai Lake Road, Singapore 729826

Opening hours: Weekdays 11am - 8pm, weekends 11am - 9pm

Tickets: From \$28 (kids) and \$38 (adults)

Curiosity Cove

Designed for younger explorers, this nature-inspired indoor playscape lets kids crawl, climb and role-play across different ecosystems. It's educational and hands-on (bonus: it's fully air-conditioned!).

Address: 80 Mandai Lake Road, Singapore 729826

Opening hours: Daily 10am–6.30pm

Tickets: From \$43.20 per child (includes one adult)

Singapore Oceanarium

Recently revamped, this marine attraction features immersive zones and thousands of sea creatures. It's an easy crowd-pleaser for all ages, especially on rainy days.

Address: 24 Sentosa Gateway, Sentosa Island, Singapore 098137

Opening hours: Weekdays 10am - 7pm, weekends 9am - 9pm

Tickets: From \$35 (kids) and \$42 (adults)

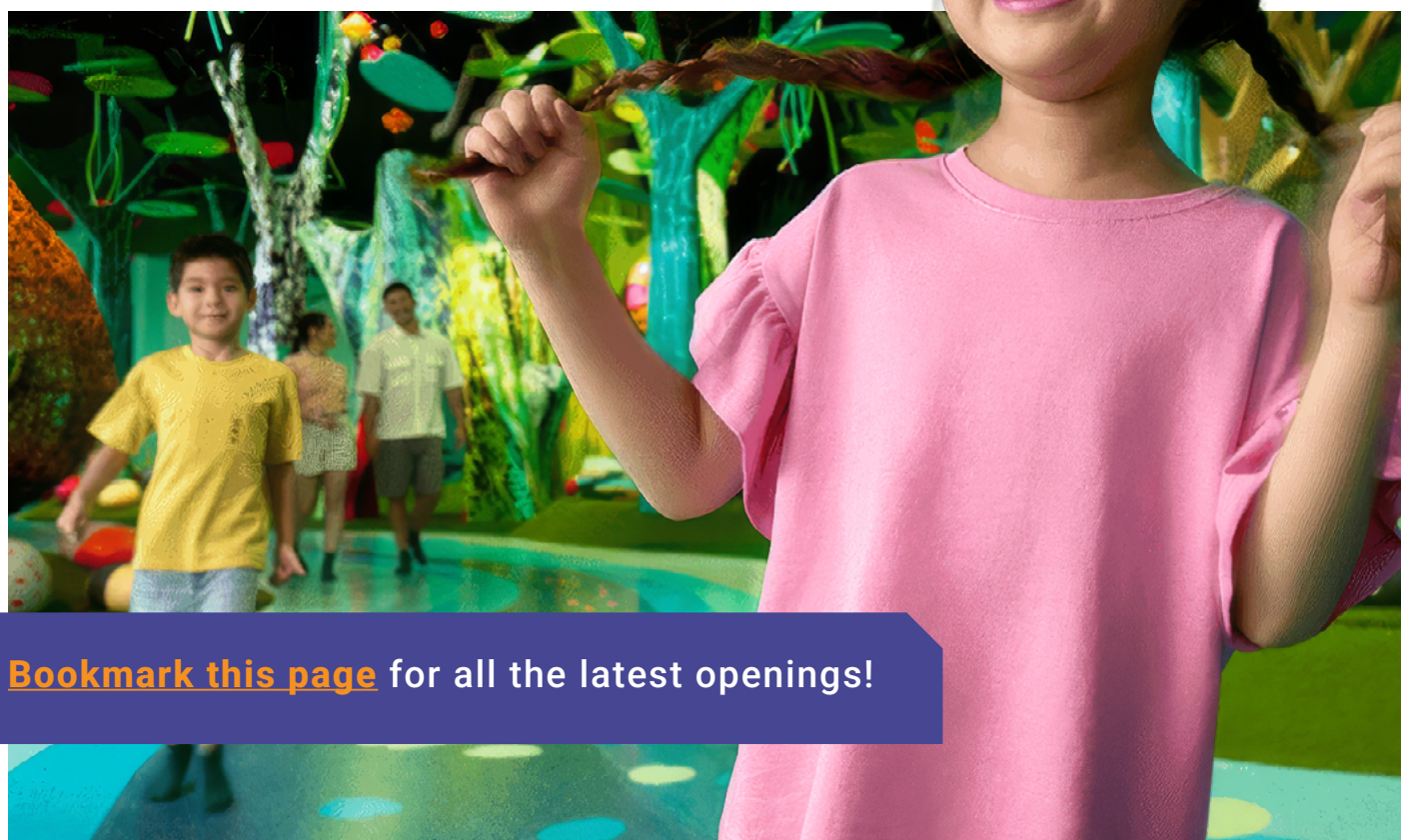
IMBA Theatre

One of Singapore's newest immersive venues, IMBA Theatre blends large-scale visuals, sound and storytelling into a multi-sensory experience. Expect rotating shows that keep things fresh for repeat visits!

Address: Gardens by the Bay, 18 Marina Gardens Drive, Singapore 018953

Opening hours: Vary by show (check before visiting)

Singapore's kid-friendly scene keeps getting better; whether you're planning a [weekend outing](#) or a [school holiday](#) adventure, there's always something new to explore.



Bookmark this page for all the latest openings!



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New restaurants and cafes in Singapore worth trying

We've got the lowdown on all the hottest openings for you to dine and drink your way through!



Hot New *Restaurants*

Barrel Story of Hibiki

Remember Rosemead at Cecil Street? The former American grill restaurant has given up its space for Barrel Story of Hibiki, the first Hibiki-led concept to launch outside of Japan. This modern izakaya in Singapore combines an extensive collection of Suntory whiskeys and hearty wood-fired plates with a moody interior and gorgeous woody touches.

 19 Cecil Street, Singapore 049704

Loca Niru


Singapore's newest fine dining restaurant sits in the House of Tan Yeok Nee. The national monument, open to the public for the first time in 140 years, is the last of the 'Four Grand Mansions' of Teochew architecture. The 36-seater concept's minimalistic space draws you into a refined dining experience that reflects the chef's elegance in blending Japanese ingredients with Southeast Asian produce and French techniques.

 #02-01, House of Tan Yeok Nee, 101 Penang Road, Singapore 238466



Yanhuo Restaurant

If you have a soft spot for Chinese cuisine, we're confident Yanhuo Restaurant will earn a spot on your list of favourites. The Chinese restaurant feels straight out of a retro Chinese film set, and its menu is a tasteful blend of traditional essence from various regions in China and modern innovations. A must-try show-stopper? The signature truffle claypot rice with fragrant truffle aroma, juicy mushrooms and crispy, charred rice.

 Level 1, WeWork, 22 Cross Street, Singapore 048421






The Velvet Cut

Meet The Velvet Cut, the newest baby in The Malayan Council Group's portfolio. Self-professed steak lovers will love this new restaurant in Singapore, which offers dry-aged cuts and meats kissed by flames. We recommend the burger for its blend of dry-aged notes, caramelised onions, and horseradish sauce. We'll be back for this one!

 #01-02, 51 Joo Chiat Road,
Singapore 427373

Myx

If you love Moxie, Siri House, and Cudo, Myx is a cosy Holland Village spot great for communal gatherings, padded by soulful comfort food with a Latin American spin. Plus, the space plays host to a quaint book lending library and a quirky vinyl listening lounge. But the mains are where the menu shines. We love the grilled Iberico pork and the Dirrrty chicken rice, Myx's version of the Southern classic!

 #01-46, 44 Jalan Merah Saga,
Singapore 278116



Tutto

The brains behind Da Paolo Gastronomia have done it again with Tutto, an affordable spot where diners can tuck into handcrafted pastas and pizzas made with premium ingredients without sweating over the price points. Everything's made fresh daily, upholding the food standards the team's known for.

📍 Two locations, including Jewel Changi Airport and One Holland Village



Hot New Cafes



Big Mouth Bakehouse

Fluff Bakery has teamed up with Penny University at Wisma Geylang Serai for a new joint venture: Big Mouth Bakehouse. Yes, now you can get your favourite bakeries and doughnuts at a new location! The menu is a mix of sweet and savoury items with coffee courtesy of Penny University, and the space is modest with a warm ambience.

📍 #01-06, Wisma Geylang Serai,
1 Engku Aman Road, Singapore
409923



Cloudfields

Tan Boon Liat Building hides a new cafe in its midst, where you're engulfed by greenery, wood accents, and an eye-catching centrepiece, in a nod to its industrial location. The Cloudkeepers Big Breakfast is brunch heaven on a plate, and for desserts, we recommend the Lemon Drift, a tangy treat balanced with sweetness. Plus, the signature Sky Meadows features matcha, yuzu cheese, and blue spirulina milk.

 Level 2, Tan Boon Liat Building, 313A Outram Road, Singapore 169073

Oatsome

Andy and Cheree are the brains behind Oatsome, a clean bakery and specialty Greek yoghurt bar in Tanjong Pagar. We're loving the chic space, which is perfect for photos on the 'gram and a quick hang. The yoghurt is strained for 72 hours, resulting in a thick consistency that goes well with any toppings. Get the pistachio butter for a nutty kick, or the black sesame granola for added texture. If you think no sugar bakes mean boring for your palate, you'd better think twice. Oatsome's offerings are anything but dull!


 100 Tanjong Pagar Road, Singapore 088521





Bloom & Boom


Imagine dining amongst gorgeous blooms, with natural light streaming in and hitting just at the right spot as you pose for photos. This floral sanctuary sits on the seventh floor of Bugis+ - a literal indoor garden in the central area! Live out your cottagecore dreams and indulge in decadent desserts that'll make you feel like you're somewhere in Europe or Japan. Or, swing by in the evening and watch the space transform into a nighttime bar.

 #07-04, Bugis+, 201 Victoria Street, Singapore 188067



Hues Canele

This Muslim-owned bakery has taken a leap of faith from a home-based business to a physical store in Chinatown. There's no dine-in option here – it's strictly takeaway – and caneles are baked fresh and served daily at 11.30am and 2.30pm. Hues Canele's selection is concise, featuring a range of classic and modern flavours. There are other goodies too, from financiers and madeleines to focaccia sandwiches and shio pans.

 #02-123, 4 Sago Lane, Singapore 050004



Rainy weather? No sweat. Head indoors for hours of fun with the family!

Fun indoor activities for the whole family



Try an art jam with the fam

Get messy (without having to clean up), let those creative juices flow, spend some quality bonding time, and take home your artwork as a keepsake! You might even unlock some new skills and find a budding artist in the family.

[More info](#)



Stay active with indoor sports

Skating, [trampolines](#), basketball, [rock climbing](#), [bowling](#), mini golf - there are loads of sports you can try as a family in air-conditioned indoor arenas in Singapore! Or head to an [indoor play centre](#) like SuperPark and try different sports all at once.

Hunt for dinosaurs indoors!

We are dino-obsessed, and you can find lots of prehistoric themed fun in Singapore! From a Jurassic dining hall and huge animatronics at Gardens by the Bay to colossal fossils at the Science Centre and Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum, follow our list for all the best places to spot them in Singapore.

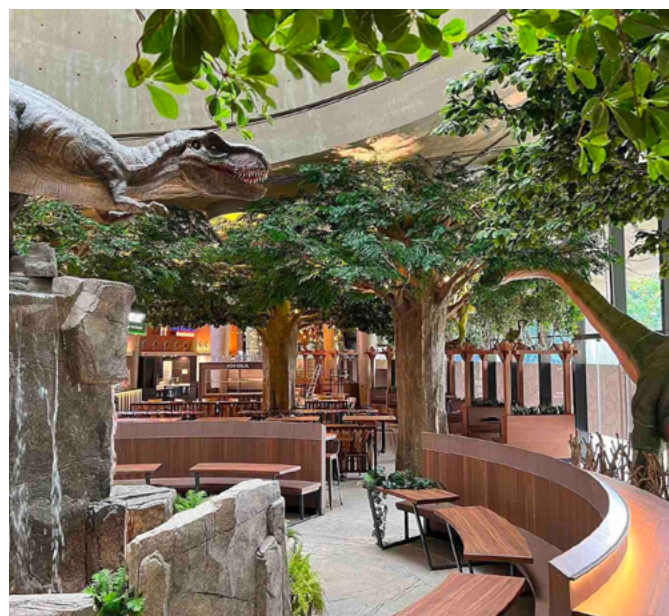
[More info](#)

Rain or shine, Singapore's ever-growing lineup of indoor attractions makes it easy to keep the whole family entertained in cool, air-conditioned comfort. Boredom, busted!

Visit a library

There are so many amazing libraries in Singapore, with free storytelling sessions and a huge range of kids' books and activities.

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● Concert:

[Bjorn Again – The ABBA Forever Tour](#)

Ticket prices: **From \$68**



Here's one concert where you'll abba-solutely have a great time! Bjorn Again, aka the world's top tribute to the Swedish pop group, will perform the band's biggest anthems. Dancing Queen? Mamma Mia? Fernando? Yes, all of them hits (and more) will be on the setlist. Put on your most dazzling costume and dancing shoes, and be totally entertained from start to end.

📍 Sands Theatre, B1-69/70, The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands, 10 Bayfront Avenue, Singapore 018971

UNTIL 7

JUNE 2026

● Musical:

[Charlie and The Chocolate Factory](#)

Ticket prices: **\$88 – \$258**



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory brings Roald Dahl's beloved story to the stage! Follow young Charlie Bucket as he scores a golden ticket and steps into Willy Wonka's wildly imaginative chocolate factory, complete with flowing chocolate rivers and the endlessly entertaining Oompa-Loompas. Expect a full-on visual feast, packed with colourful sets, larger-than-life characters and moments that feel like pure childhood fantasy.

📍 Sands Theatre at Marina Bay Sands, 10 Bayfront Avenue, Singapore 018956

5-28

JUNE 2026

● Food:

[Gastrobeats](#)

Ticket prices: **Free (general admission)**



The highlight of iLight Singapore – besides the illuminating installations – is the popular festival village Gastrobeats. Festivalgoers get to indulge in food ranging from delicious street eats to gourmet delights that celebrate our diverse culinary heritage. Be serenaded by live music performances while you eat, and have fun at the pop-up experiences. Did we mention this is a pet-friendly event too? Yes, you don't have to leave your furry friends at home!

📍 [Bayfront Event Space, 12A Bayfront Avenue, Singapore 018970](#)

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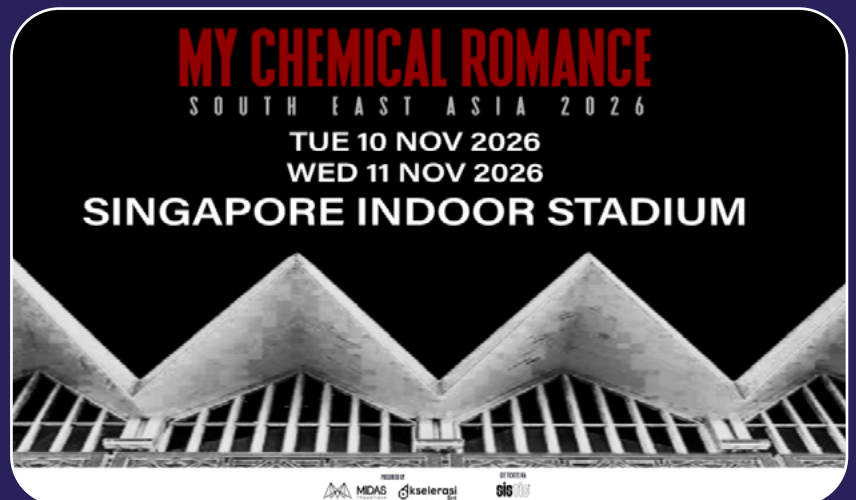
November 2026

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● Concert:

[My Chemical Romance](#)

Ticket prices: **From \$148**



You're invited to the black parade... There was some hoo-ha when this American rock band rescheduled its April show to November. The good news? They've added another night to the roster! Yes, folks, this is your (second) chance to catch Gerard Way and gang on stage again. Better snap up those tickets before they're gone!

📍 [Singapore Indoor Stadium, 2 Stadium Walk, Singapore 397691](#)

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● Drink:

[Singapore Cocktail Crossover](#)

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Heads up, imbibers: there's a new cocktail festival in town, and it can't wait to have you on board. Singapore Cocktail Crossover promises four days of fun and excitement, with bar takeovers, unique pop-ups, and curated experiences happening across heritage neighbourhoods. It'll culminate in a two-day immersive festival, where guests can drink and celebrate our city's evolving cocktail culture.

 [multiple locations](#)

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● Concert:

[BTS World Tour](#)

BTS WORLD TOUR ARIRANG



BTS stans, here's your permission to dance! This global phenomenon is staging its comeback after mandatory military service, and the best way to do that? With a world tour, of course. BTS has set aside four concert nights for Singapore, taking place in mid-December.

Choosing a bilingual programme for your child

Here's a short and sweet guide on what to look out for in a bilingual programme for your child in Singapore.



You've heard of the 'bilingual edge'; and lucky for you, many schools in Singapore offer bilingual programmes for children. Not sure how to go about choosing one? We're here to help.

Teaching model

Immersion is said to be the best way to learn a language. Some schools, like [St. Joseph's Institution International Elementary School](#), take it up a notch by using a two-way immersion model to develop balanced proficiency in both English and Chinese.

Curriculum

Besides developing their language skills, consider what else your child will be learning in this bilingual programme? For example, SJI International follows the internationally recognised International Primary Curriculum with Singapore Mathematics.

Cultural exposure

Language is culture; and bilingual programmes are perfect for introducing children to different cultural perspectives. That's why SJI International's programme aims to nurture not just bilingual students, but students who are biliterate and bicultural too.

Find out more about SJI International Elementary School's bilingual programme through its [upcoming open houses](#).

You're invited to visit this warm and vibrant preschool

Come check out its beautiful learning spaces, aquaponics farm for children, and more state-of-the-art facilities.



Centrally located on Holland Road, Singapore is [St. Joseph's Institution International Preschool](#), an international preschool with rich heritage and holistic offerings for children. Formerly the Maris

Stella Kindergarten (founded six decades ago), the preschool breathes new life into its historical campus through thoughtful restorations, with the final phase ready by end 2026.

An inspiring and thoughtful learning environment

SJI International Preschool welcomes children with learning spaces that support evidence-based teaching approaches and their developmental needs. We're talking indoor and outdoor classrooms, expansive play areas, and even an aquaponics farm at the recently renovated Shalom House building.

More facilities coming soon

Students joining in 2027 will be the first batch to experience the preschool's complete campus when the Santo Bambino building officially opens. Expect a library, creative atelier, curated art features, multifunctional rooms, and more that encourage the joy of learning.

You're warmly welcome to experience all these at SJI International Preschool's upcoming open house this 25 July, with individual sessions starting from 8.30am till 1pm. [Book](#) your slot now.

Unique date ideas in Singapore that are anything but boring

Skip the usual dinner dates and try something new!



Go stargazing at Science Centre Singapore's Observatory

Enjoy a laid-back Friday date night with a stargazing session in Jurong. The 2.5-hour stargazing and digital planetarium programme features a mesmerising show, *What's Up There?*, before you head outdoors to view constellations and planets through telescopes. It's an enchanting, chill evening with fellow astronomy enthusiasts.



Unleash your stress at Axe Factor

Grab your partner and head to Singapore's only axe-throwing range. No worries if it's your first time, 'cos the friendly staff will show you the ropes. It's not as difficult as it looks – even as beginners, we got the hang of it after a few minutes. This oddly satisfying activity might just solve an argument for you and your date!





Crime-solving + mini golf at Kulnari Mystery Golf

This is mini golf like you've never seen it before – intertwined with a murder mystery inspired by 1920s Boat Quay. The interactive 18-hole game is part mini golf, part detective work, which kept us fully entertained for about one-and-a-half hours.



Race to the finish at HyperDrive

Your honeymoon period may be over, but you can still feel the thrill of the chase with a go-kart race. We recommend HyperDrive at Sentosa for its hair-raising, neon-lit indoor electric circuit experience. It's exhilarating when you're in the moment, zooming around a three-level race track for a total adrenaline rush.



Paint your partner at Paintblush

You've heard of art jamming, but have you tried painting your partner? Take your best shot at Paintblush's 2.5-hour couple's session and make it a double date for extra chuckles. We love this cosy studio for its fun, casual workshops that combine a relaxing artsy date with vino and nibbles.

Things to do with kids during school holidays

Term break! School holidays! What can we do to keep our kids busy on this tiny island?

Singapore may be small but there's no lack of fun-filled activities for the kids. There's always a [family-friendly event](#) to look forward to or a great [family-friendly restaurant](#) for good food and play. And if it rains (or the heat gets too much), there are loads of [indoor activities](#) to keep the fun going. Start filling in your calendars and getting them off their phones with the best things to do during the school holidays.





Holiday camps

School holidays are the best time for kids to explore their passions. From coding and science to art and baking, whatever sparks their interest, there's a [holiday camp](#) out there to keep them inspired.

Indoor play areas

This is one list we keep in our back pocket! [Indoor playgrounds and play centres](#) are perfect for when our brains need a break from planning, or when it's just too wet or hot to be outdoors. Best part, you'll find them all over Singapore.



Theatre shows and live performances

Love [theatre shows](#), musicals, and live performances? Production companies like the Singapore Repertory Theatre, KidsFest! and Wild Rice run kid-friendly performances during the school holidays. Make sure to check our site for [updates](#) and reviews!





Explore nature

When the weather is good, head outdoors to the [best parks in Singapore](#) for a picnic, or kick back on the [beach](#). But if you're looking to stroll or cycle, these scenic [boardwalks](#) are your best bet.

Museums and exhibitions

[Museums](#) are never boring in Singapore. You'll pick up a thing or two at cultural museums like the Peranakan Museum, explore the Children's Museum that's designed especially for the little ones, or check out themed and [immersive exhibitions](#) that'll blow your mind!



From shops to swings: The kids will love these malls with playgrounds



Are the kids getting restless on the family trip to the mall? We've got you covered with the best shopping malls with play areas for kids.

Shopping with kids in tow can quickly become a headache. The fix? Head to malls that double as mini playground havens. Across Singapore, you'll find shopping destinations that make it easy to squeeze in playtime between errands, no bribery required.

Malls aren't just for shopping – these shopping destinations are fully equipped with playgrounds and play areas to schedule in some playtime. We've got you covered across the island with options in every region!



Marina Square

Right smack in the centre of all the hubbub, this space-themed play area is a great pitstop for the kids to enjoy some playtime after a shopping spree. It's also located near some mum and kid-centric stores like Mothercare and Kiddy Palace – it even has a baby changing room nearby.

[📍 6 Raffles Blvd, Level 3, Singapore 039594](#)

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Tiong Bahru Plaza

Rooftop playgrounds aren't the kids' favourite, especially if the sun is out or if it's raining. But not to worry – the one at Tiong Bahru Plaza is sheltered! This 80s-inspired playground has more than meets the eye – the kiddos will love the trampoline, seesaw, musical play panels, and even a merry-go-round.

 *302 Tiong Bahru Rd, Level 3, Singapore 168732*

[More info](#)

313 Somerset

For a mall in the heart of Orchard Road, you wouldn't expect it to have a playground on the roof. Great for toddlers, this playground is on the roof at 313's Sky Terrace next to the Food Republic – perfect for enjoying a cuppa while watching the kiddos play.

 *313 Orchard Road, Sky Terrace on Level 5, Singapore 238895*

[More info](#)



Causeway Point

Up north, this mall delivers big on dino-themed fun. The rooftop water playground is packed with dinosaur-inspired features, from slides to misty zones, and a volcano that lights up in the evening for an extra dose of excitement!

 *1 Woodlands Square, Singapore 738099*

[More info](#)

More malls to check out

These spots are also popular with Singapore families and worth adding to your playtime rotation:

- **Lot One:** Water play area with cute animals and cool water features
- **Aperia Mall:** Flower-inspired, vibrant playground with toddler play area

With these malls on your radar, you can turn any shopping trip into a fun-filled outing. Happy kids, happier parents!



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