E-PAYMENTS: Fave/Alipay/Grab/VIA
- Go cashless with these electronic payment apps and mobile wallets on the VIA alliance.

TICKETING & RESERVATIONS:
Sistic - Book tickets for shows, performances and tournaments
Chope/Burpple/Hungrygowhere - For dining reservations and user reviews
Prayertime.sg - Lists mosques, prayer areas and prayer times

GETTING AROUND:
MyTransport.SG - Provides MRT network map, bus information & arrival times
GoJek & Grab - Ride hailing services

Visa & passport validity
For most visitors, a visa is not required, but ensure your passport is valid for at least 6 months from the time you leave for Singapore. For more details, visit www.ica.gov.sg

Dress
Dress light for tropical weather all-year round, with high humidity levels. Bring a light sweater for our chilly air-conditioning.

Drone alert
In Singapore, any unmanned aircraft with a total weight of above 250gms must be registered before it can be operated. Other permits and requirements may also apply. Visit caas.gov.sg/flyitsafe to find out more.

For trade partners:
tih.stb.gov.sg
Access info on Singapore’s tourism offerings at the Tourism Information & Services Hub
Arriving in Singapore

From Air
Airline passengers will land at Singapore Changi Airport Terminal 1-4.
Approximate travel times to the city:
By train: 30-35 mins
By taxi: 20-25 mins
By bus: 40-50 mins

From Sea
Cruise passengers either disembark at the Singapore Cruise Centre (Closest MRT station: Harbourfront) or Marina Bay Cruise Centre (Closest MRT station: Marina South Pier).
Approximate travel times to the city:
By train: 15-30 mins
By taxi: 10-20 mins
By bus: 30-40 mins

Getting around

Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) Trains
Operating from 5.30am to midnight, single-trip cash fares range from $1.50 to $2.60. Ez-link fares start at $0.83 (for buses as well).

Buses
Cash fares start from $1.50. You can pay by ez-link (a contactless payment card for public transport), Mastercard or Visa contactless bank cards.

Taxis
Fares start from $3.90 and all taxis are marked and metered. Hail them by the road, or when you’re in the city, at marked taxi stands. You can also book them through these operators: Comfort & Citycab (+65 6552 1111); Premier Cabs (+65 6363 6888); SMRT Taxis (+65 6555 8888)

Download the Visit Singapore Travel Guide app
Available in both Google Play and Apple App stores.

FOR EXPERIENCES
Tap on the “Discover” tab to learn about the latest events and lifestyle offerings around you, including the best shops and eats.

FOR ESSENTIALS
We understand that preparation is key. The “Essentials” tab is where you will find answers on free wi-fi, currency conversion and tax refunds. From Jan 2020, the SG Arrival Card (SGAC) will be made available. This is an e-service where you can electronically submit your arrival card up to 14 days before your trip to Singapore. Say goodbye to paper forms and hello to a seamless travel experience.
GST refunds
• If you spend more than $100 in a single receipt, you can claim a refund on the 7% GST.
• Participating shops will display 1 or more of the following signs

   Present your passport to the retailer, who will log an Electronic Tourist Refund Scheme (eTRS) transaction with your passport details.
• Simply scan your passport at the eTRS self-help kiosks at the following locations: Departure Check-in Hall or the transit area at Singapore Changi Airport; or Immigration Checkpoints

Enjoy Changi Airport at your leisure
You are encouraged to check in at least 2 hours before your departure time, to enjoy the airport’s many attractions – such as Jewel Changi – before going through immigration. Leave your bags at the Baggage Storage counters to browse stress-free, or opt for Early Check-In at any of the terminals, including Jewel Changi.

Taste local cuisine
If you didn’t get enough of our hawker centres, make a beeline for Singapore Food Street (Terminal 3). Tuck into local delights like bak kut teh (peppery pork soup) and the local favourite Hainanese chicken rice.

Knick-knacks & such
Pick up an assortment of food souvenirs from the many Discover Singapore outlets across all terminals, or GIFT by Changi Airport (#04-233) at Jewel Changi. Brands such as Fossa Chocolate, Song Fa Bak Kut Teh, and Irvin’s Salted Egg can be found in these stores. For non-perishables, these all-in-one outlets also offer everything from adorable Merlion plushies to Tiger Balm health products as well.
JEWEL CHANGI

This airport is a destination in itself – come early to enjoy its offerings before you fly off.

EAT & DRINK

Taste seasonal beers at Tiger Street Lab, along with beer-friendly foods fresh off the wok by Bib-Gourmand recipient, Keng Eng Kee Seafood. Then there’s Birds of Paradise Gelato, with its botanically-inspired flavours. A favourite with locals, Rich and Good Cake Shop offers Swiss rolls in 10 flavours including coconut and kaya (a traditional jam made from coconut and eggs). At L’éclair Patisserie, local pastry chefs create artistic pastries like Ispahan (a combo of rose, raspberry and lychee cream).

EXPERIENCE

Be awed by the hypnotic HSBC Rain Vortex, the world’s largest indoor waterfall at 40 metres high, or feel like a trapeze artist while walking on the Canopy Bridge. Bouncy times await the young and young-at-heart at the Manulife Sky Nets, while the kids will go ga-ga over the first Pokemon Centre outside Japan.

SHOP

It’s a veritable wonderland of shops for the most thoughtful gifts to buy home. You’ll find locally-designed items from Supermama, Naiise Iconic and Risis Tresor as well as beauty brand Make Hero, used by actresses like Gong Li and Zhang Ziyi. Jewel Changi is also home to Nike’s largest store in Southeast Asia and India. Get customised sneakers at ‘Nike for you’. For duty-free goods, there’s Shila Duty Free with over 140 brands of perfumes and cosmetics.
DON’T MISS THESE 2020 HEADLINERS

Singapore Art Week
11-19 Jan
The yearly event is back with a host of art and lifestyle events at various venues across Singapore. Look out for the highlight event, the Light to Night Festival 2020.

Pongal (Harvest Festival)
10 Jan-9 Feb
Little India comes to life with vibrant performances and street decorations.

Chinese New Year Celebrations
25 Jan-13 Mar
The River gets lit up with Instagrammable lanterns, and Chinatown’s streets come to life with festivities and a dazzling Chingay parade.

ONE Championship
28 Feb
The much-anticipated event dedicated to mixed martial arts is back for another exciting bout.

HSBC Women’s World Championship
28 Feb-3 Mar
Will South Korea’s Park Sung Hyun keep her crown against 63 of the world’s best female golfers? That is the US$1.5m question.

i Light Singapore
6-29 Mar
i Light Singapore has built up a reputation for truly creative and inventive light art installations.

Hydeout Festival
10-11, 17-18 Apr
Singapore’s own multi-genre experiential playground debuts with a line-up that includes ASAP Rocky, Rita Ora, Gucci Mane and DJ Snake. Get ready.

HSBC Singapore Rugby Sevens
11-12 Apr
This world-class event is known for its fast and furious games, stellar team line-ups, wacky outfits and outrageous after parties.

Singapore Cocktail Festival with Asia’s 50 Best Bars
13-17 May
If you’re into creative mixes, award-winning bars and dextrous bartenders, you’ve come to the right place.

Skechers Sundown Festival
29-31 May
The 3-day event embraces food, art, culture and sustainability.

Hari Raya Aidilfitri
24-25 May
Join the festivities in Geylang Serai, featuring a dazzling light-up, cultural programmes and bazaars.

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28 Feb
The much-anticipated event dedicated to mixed martial arts is back for another exciting bout.

Singapore Floorball Open
25-28 Jun
More than 150 teams are participating in the largest international floorball tournament in Asia.
JUL

Singapore Food Festival
10-26 Jul
Taste our obsession with food through the many tastings, workshops and food tours at this festival.

SEP

Grand Prix Season
Singapore
12-20 Sep
Experience exhilarating action on and off the track – with concerts, parties and of course, the world’s first Formula 1™ night street race.

OCT

JeweLuxe
8-18 Oct
A scintillating showcase of precious jewellery and timepieces from international and local brands.

NOV

C3 Anime Festival
Asia Singapore
Late Nov
Get up to date – and into cosplay – with the latest J-pop culture, anime and manga trends.

JUL

National Day
9 Aug
Visitors are in for a treat of epic proportions that includes military parades, multicultural performances and fighter jet fly pasts, as well as spectacular fireworks.

AUG

International Champions Cup
Mid to late Jul
Watch as top European football clubs compete in the summer’s biggest competition.

End Sep-31 Oct

Halloween Horror Nights
An immersive horror experience involving haunted houses, creepy characters and definitely many heart-thumping moments.

End Nov-25 Dec

Christmas Celebrations
Experience the Christmas spirit in Singapore’s Orchard Road, with Christmas on a Great Street, and Christmas Wonderland, at the picturesque Gardens by the Bay.

DEC

Marina Bay Singapore Countdown
31 Dec
Say hello to 2021 with a dazzling fireworks display, as well as a stellar line-up of performances to entertain you into the wee hours of the New Year.
Jewel Changi Airport
Jewel Changi Airport (78 Airport Boulevard) is a $1.3 billion game-changing edifice. With over 300 retail and dining outlets, it’s home to local fashion brands such as In Good Company, The Shirt Bar and Yacht 21. For outstanding local eats, there’s foodie favourites like White Restaurant, Violet Oon Singapore and LeNu Chef Wai’s Noodle Bar. Its fifth level houses Canopy Park, which features the world’s tallest indoor waterfall, all surrounded by terraced gardens, garden mazes and suspended walking nets. More on Jewel on page 5. jewelchangiairport.com

Design Orchard
Living up to its mantra as a place ‘where local brands flourish’, Design Orchard (250 Orchard Road) carries a selection of merchandise from more than 60 local brands. Pick up Peranakan-inspired cushion covers from Onlewo, or a chic chiffon dress from Ginlee. Thoughtful gift ideas are aplenty too, from clean-cut dresses at Reckless Ericka to cool shades at Rocket Eyewear. designorchard.sg

UNIQUE RETAIL GEMS
Beyond retail therapy, these shopping destinations offer an all-encompassing experience.
OUE Downtown Gallery
From self-service beauty kiosks to sustainable fashion accessories from Essential Extra, shopping at OUE Downtown Gallery (6 Shenton Way) is a hipster’s dream. Try out trendy fitness classes from studios like Absolute Cycle and aerial yoga classes from Upside Motion, and reward yourself thereafter with delectable delights from Michelin Bib Gourmand-rated Chen’s Mapo Tofu. Don’t forget to check out O+ Eyewear for some stylish shades to up your street cred.

dsoutngallery.com.sg

Suntec City
Suntec City (3 Temasek Boulevard) remains a firm favourite with Singaporeans for the sheer variety of items, and over 350 shops. Discover local retailers like Watch Wonderland – a multi-label store featuring curated timepieces from Singaporean watchmakers like BOLDR. Stop by Lee Hwa JewelSpace to try on pieces and take pictures for your latest #OOTD (Outfit Of The Day), after dropping your kids off at SuperPark, a 40,000 sq ft indoor theme park to challenge their physical limits.

sunteccity.com.sg

Funan
The new, tech-savvy Funan (107 North Bridge Road) is home to many new-to-market brands, such as the world's first Dyson store. Some 60% are homegrown labels, including fashion brand Love, Bonito with its on-demand stylists, and artisan jeweller Carrie K, where you can view a 3D-printed version of your pearl necklace before it gets made. Taobao fans will be thrilled by Taobao Store by Virmall for household items, furniture and fashion. Fitness enthusiasts can climb the 5-storey-high rock-wall at Climb Central, or watch an exciting play at the Wild Rice! Theatre.

capitaland.com.sg/malls/funan/en.html
Planning to do some shopping? Make sure these items are on your checklist.

**Womenswear**
- **Binary Style** (Design Orchard, 250 Orchard Road) is well-loved for its exuberant designs on scarves. Think chiffon ones inspired by Peranakan tiles or Haji Lane’s colourful shophouses.
- **Reckless Ericka** (Design Orchard) designs highly durable clothes incorporating Singaporean motifs. All collections are made at ethically run factories.
- **Cheongsams** (traditional Chinese one-piece dress) and hand-sewn sequinned gowns are the trademark of fashion stalwart Lai Chan. But at his eponymously named boutique (#03-20 Paragon Shopping Centre), his off-the-rack clothes are just as appealing.

**Jewellery**
- You know you’ve made it when your jewellery pieces are worn by the likes of Lady Gaga and Michelle Obama. Started by Ruiyin Lin and Afzal Imram when they were design students, **State Property** (81 McNair Road) embraces the spirit of the Art Deco movement in their designs.
- The jewellery pieces of **Eden + Elie** (Design Orchard) are largely handmade using simple tools. Its designs evoke a modern Peranakan sensibility, with a commitment to responsible sourcing of materials and providing opportunities for underprivileged individuals.
**Menswear**
- The team at **Gnome & Bow** ⑤ (#01-78 Millenia Walk) are behind the ‘world’s first storytelling bags and wallets’, imbuing narratives from classic tales (like *Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde*) into its card holders, wallets and leather goods.
- Frustrated at the way consumers and workers were being exploited, local brand **The Shirt Bar** ⑥ (#02-463 Suntec City) struck out on its own, offering classic formals and quirky casuals – all made with fair-wage partners. Pick up its Spill Resist shirts and say goodbye to wine or pen stains.

**Bags & Shoes**
- **Lingwu**'s ⑦ (43 Jalan Merah Saga, #02-78) leather goods combine traditional Asian craftsmanship with materials sourced from around the world. Its timeless totes and clutches are lightweight yet rich to the touch.
- It started out as a bespoke shoe outfit, but **Ed Et Al** ⑧ (120 Telok Ayer Street) has since expanded its repertoire to include made-to-order and ready-to-wear shoes. Made at factories in Ho Chi Minh City, they are then hand-dyed by Singaporean artisans.
- Local shoe designer Orsq’s militaristic and avant-garde creations have been featured at Shanghai Fashion Week.

They’re retailed at **The Authority** (#03-03 Orchard Gateway).

**Homeware**
- ‘Putting the fun in functional’, **Naiise** ⑨ (#03-24 to 29 Wisma Atria) products wittily re-interpret Singaporean icons. One of Singapore’s best-loved dishes, chilli crab, gets its own plate, complete with a step-by-step recipe.
- Bring home a cushion cover – or three – from **Onlewo** ⑩ (Design Orchard). Its refreshing takes on heritage, places and culture in Singapore and Asia can be seen in its eye-catching home and lifestyle goods.
**Beauty**
- Inspired by Peranakan beauty traditions, **Pera Skincare** uses ingredients common in the culture – such as bedak sejuk, a powder made from rice and pandan leaf that has cooling properties – in its formulations.
- Kind to the earth and easy on the wallet, vegan-based **Solos Cosmetics** is a crowd favourite with its lip glosses and liners – all in packaging that uses as little plastic as possible.
- Bring home **Singapore Memories** perfumes and room scents inspired by all things Singapore. We love Sunrise in Botanical Gardens, described as the smell of ‘orchids, green shrubs, cut grass and various other plants early in the morning’.

**Timepieces**
- Designed for ‘urban explorers’, watches by the Millennial founders of **BOLDR** (Design Orchard) have a rugged yet refined aesthetic and are meant to be ‘worn, used and abused every day’. Swiss-made movements feature in all models.

**Food Souvenirs**
- **Irvin’s** salted egg snacks (potato chips/fish skins) are ‘dangerously addictive’ and available at most supermarkets.
- **Shermay’s** cilicuka (a chilli-vinegar sauce) is based on an heirloom recipe passed down from her grandmother. Buy them from Taste Singapore at Changi Airport.
- Vacuum sealed and packed for your luggage, **Bee Cheng Hiang** bak kwa (barbecued meat slices) is made with 100% natural ingredients without artificial flavourings or preservatives.
- Consistent quality has made **Bengawan Solo** the bakery of choice for many local families. Its kueh lapis (a multi-layered cake) and pandan chiffon cakes are well-loved and can be found in almost every neighbourhood here.
PLACES THE LOCALS LOVE

Next to food, shopping is a national obsession, and these are the popular hotspots.

VivoCity (1 Harbourfront Walk) isn’t just Singapore’s largest retail and lifestyle destination, it’s also the ultimate family-friendly mall. Besides numerous play areas, there’s also kiddy-favourite Toys ‘R’ Us, and the largest Timezone arcade in Singapore. And since it shouldn’t just be about the kids, there’s Saint Laurent and Ted Baker for fashion ideas, and Best Denki and Muji for your home needs.

We daresay Mustafa Centre (145 Syed Alwi Road) is just as popular with the locals as it is with tourists. Just about everything under the sun can be bought at very competitive prices. Besides exotic pickles, spices and sweets from around the world, shoppers can also get their hands on gold jewellery, handbags and a wide range of health supplements.

What makes Orchard Road a perennial favourite? Let’s see: There’s 88-year-old grand dame Tangs (310 Orchard Road), which supports home-grown fashion labels like Elohim and Ginlee Studio. ION Orchard (2 Orchard Turn) has eight storeys of retail and F&B, including timelessly chic label In Good Company (#B1-06), while Manifesto (#02-17) at Mandarin Gallery (333A Orchard Road) impresses with its minimalist aesthetic.

As Singapore’s largest outlet mall, IMM (2 Jurong East Street 2) is home to more than 90 outlets that offer discounts of up to 80% all year round. Whether you’re into fitness, furnishings or fashion, this spacious mall has just about every major brand under its roof: Nike, Victoria’s Secret, Coach, The North Face and Kate Spade, just to name a few.

PHOTO: SPH
BEST OF THE BEST

We highlight local restaurants and bars that have rightfully earned their international accolades.

For the first time ever, two Singapore restaurants were awarded the Michelin Guide’s coveted three-star rating. Stalwart Les Amis (#01-16 Shaw Centre), with a dazzling 3,000-bottle wine cellar, serves up elegant French cuisine, while three-year-old Odette offers a contemporary and inventive twist on the same fare.

New entrants to this year’s Michelin list include Cheek Bistro (21 Boon Tat Street) for contemporary Australian food, and Basque Kitchen by Aitor (97 Amoy Street), where Basque dishes are elevated with Chef Aitor Jeronimo’s deft touches.

With cuisine described as ‘innovative’, Corner House (1 Cluny Road) retains its star and, helmed by local chef Jason Tan, celebrates sustainably sourced seasonal produce through its gastro-botanica cuisine.

At The Song of India (33 Scotts Road), modern Indian fare is served in the luxurious setting of a bungalow. Ingredients not commonly associated with Indian cuisine, such as foie gras, are imbued with unmistakably Indian flavours to stellar results.

Candlenut (17A Dempsey Road) is the world’s first Michelin-starred Peranakan restaurant. Owner-chef Malcolm Lee embraces his roots to deliver authentic Straits Chinese dishes with a modern twist.
**BARS**

- **Atlas Bar** (Parkview Square) made Time.com’s ‘Greatest Places 2018’ list and has been lauded for its extensive gin menu (1,000 varieties) and a classic Art Deco-styled interior.

- As its name suggests, **Native** (52A Amoy Street) cocktails are crafted with Asian ingredients and spirits. We recommend The Sarapan, which features a coconut distillate, butter roasted coffee, and homemade kvass alcohol (a Slavic fermented beverage made from rye bread).

- The stellar offerings at **Jigger & Pony** (Amara Hotel) are thanks to bar manager Jerrold Khoo, champion bartender at the prestigious Diageo World Class Competition 2018 in Singapore. Order the Java Cooler: a mix of Tanqueray gin, sesame, calamansi and Fever Tree aromatic tonic.

- **The Old Man Singapore** (55 Keong Saik Road, #01-04) also clinched a spot on the 2019 World’s 50 Best Bars list. A tribute to Ernest Hemingway, drinks here are named after his books, while ‘Papa’ memorabilia are strewn throughout.

- With inspired cocktails that celebrate the different eras of New York in a setting reminiscent of a grand hotel bar, it’s no wonder **Manhattan** (Regent Singapore) was second on Asia’s Best Bars 2019 list.
Halal food choices range from the traditional to the refreshingly innovative.

**Smith Marine**
Enjoy halal seafood *zichar* (traditional dishes influenced by home-cooked Chinese food) at this *kelong* (wooden offshore platform) restaurant. No passport needed – just a 10-minute boat ride from Changi Point Ferry Terminal. Catch your own fish, or try the cereal prawns and clam *beehoon* (vermicelli).

smithmarine.com.sg

**StraitsKitchen**
Hearty and curious appetites should head for the halal-certified buffet spread at StraitsKitchen (Grand Hyatt Singapore). Here, local ethnic dishes like *murtabak* (flatbread stuffed with meat and spices), *beef rendang* (braised meat cooked in coconut milk and spices), Singapore *laksa* (spicy coconut milk-based noodle soup) and chilli crab are freshly prepared in its ‘live theatre kitchens’.

www.singapore.grand.hyattrestaurants.com
The Halia
Set amid the lush surroundings of our iconic Botanic Gardens, The Halia (Malay for ginger) serves up modern European fare with Asian influences. Standout dishes include the Lightly Smoked Kingfish starter and Slow-cooked Chicken Breast.

POSITIVE

Positano Risto
Healthy appetites can expect generous portions at Positano Risto (66 Bussorah Street). Italian dishes like osso buco (braised veal shanks) come highly recommended, while the arancini balls (rice balls stuffed with mozzarella) are described by one blogger as 'super addictive'.

Tongue Tip Lanzhou Beef Noodles
Lamian (hand-pulled noodles) are rarely associated with halal cuisine, but lamian lovers swear by the offerings at Tongue Tip Lanzhou Beef Noodles (#02-107 Tiong Bahru Plaza). Pick your favourite noodle types – from thick to triangular – to accompany its signature beef broth. Feeling adventurous? Take your chances with the mouth-numbing Mala Spicy Beef Noodle.

Hararu Izakaya
Muslim-owned Hararu Izakaya (16 Bussorah Street) offers a menu that goes beyond bar bites. Enjoy the highly recommended Edamame Aglio Olio, gyozas (pan-fried dumplings), and the tori nanban (fried egg-battered chicken in a sweet and sour sauce) on cosy tatami-style seating.

Blu Kouzina
This Greek restaurant (10 Dempsey Road, #01-21) in the hip Tanglin enclave comes highly recommended for its authentic appetisers – especially the Greek salad and halal lamb chops. Reservations are advised as seats fill up fast. Note: This establishment has no pork, no lard and has halal-certified meats, but serves alcohol.

The Malayan Council
For fusion cuisine that works, head for The Malayan Council (10 Winstedt Road). Outstanding dishes include the Smoked Duck Lemak Chili Padi (a pasta dish served in a coconut sauce with bird’s-eye chilli). Be sure to end with the Classic Ondeh-Ondeh Cake, inspired by the bite-sized treat filled with melted palm sugar and coated with grated coconut.
SUSTAINABLE DINING

Whether it’s farm-to-table or nose-to-tail cuisine, here’s where to go for guilt-free nosh.

Kausmo
Produce usually discarded by chefs for being discoloured or oddly shaped is put to good use at this sustainable dining concept by the Les Amis Group. Kausmo (Shaw Centre, #03-07), derived from the word “cosmos”, is its founder-chefs’ way of addressing unnecessary food wastage, and to show that something good can come out of imperfection. The six-course modern European menu uses the day’s seasonal ingredients.

Afterglow
For fully plant-based, meatless, guilt-free cuisine, diners have been flocking to Afterglow (24 Keong Saik Road). Unanimously described as cosy, the tasteful little spot has also received rave reviews for its creative dishes, such as Avocado Kimchi Rolls, and Zucchini Linguine and Walnut Meatballs.

Salted & Hung
This eatery (12 Purvis Street) does its bit for sustainability by ensuring that every part of an animal or fish in its dishes is used. This includes smoking, curing, pickling and grilling innards, skin and bones to emerge with dishes that adhere to Drew Chef Nocente’s policy of “minimal waste”. Some standout dishes include quail (chilli and quail reduction) and grouper with soy, charcoal and fermented prawn butter.

lesamisgroup.com.sg/kausmo

afterglow.sg

saltedandhung.com.sg
**Noka**
This modern Japanese restaurant (#07-38 Funan), from the same people behind Open Farm Community, is the group’s first foray into Japanese dining. Tucked away on Funan’s top floor and accessible by walking through the rooftop garden, Noka gets most of its produce from the nearby garden for its omakase (chef’s special) or set lunches.

[www.noka.sg](http://www.noka.sg)

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**Labyrinth**
The mod-Sin (modern Singapore) cuisine at one-Michelin-star Labyrinth (#02-23 Esplanade Mall) features innovative dishes like nasi lemak (rice cooked in coconut milk, served with an array of side dishes) cheong fun (rice noodle roll) and Heartland Waffle. But beyond his clever dishes, Chef Han Liguang is committed to using locally sourced produce where possible. As one review has described it, Labyrinth is where ‘traditional Singaporean food is completely re-imagined’.

[labyrinth.com.sg](http://labyrinth.com.sg)

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**Poison Ivy Bistro**
For a taste of rural Singapore, there’s Poison Ivy Bistro (100 Neo Tiew Road), an offshoot of Bollywood Veggies, one of the earliest organic farms in the country. The bistro emphasises healthy eating, so expect less salt, no pork, no lard, and herbs and spices from its own farm. Try the Moringa Tempura, a plant with antioxidant properties coated with chickpea flour and deep-fried. Other unique offerings include Bolly Banana Curry and Jackfruit Lemak (a creamy sauce made with coconut).

[bollywoodveggies.com/bistro-farm/poison-ivy-bistro](http://bollywoodveggies.com/bistro-farm/poison-ivy-bistro)

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**Fun Fact**
Before he started Labyrinth with some friends, Chef Han was a corporate banker.
HAWKER DELIGHTS

Some of Singapore’s most outstanding stalls are run by next-generation hawkers putting their unique spin on old favourites.

Coffee Break
In 2011, the Sai siblings behind Coffee Break took over the drinks stall from their father and, since then, have introduced coffee flavours like Pumpkin Spice and Sea Salt Mint – inspired by their travels to France and Iran respectively.

#02-78 Amoy Street Food Centre

Old Amoy Chendol
Using skills learnt from his retired grandfather, "hawkerpreneur" Zhao You Ning dishes out authentic chendol – an iced sweet dessert with slithers of green rice flour jelly, coconut milk and gula melaka (palm sugar). Ingredients are made from scratch daily, especially the hand-pressed, pandan-flavoured jelly.

#02-008 Chinatown Complex Food Centre

Sin Ming Roti Prata
Third-generation owners Almalic Faisal and his brother, Mohamed Dufail, knead 30kg of dough daily, twirling and flipping each prata (South Indian crispy flatbread) by hand. Eaten with a spicy fish curry, it’s the best reward after a long trek at the MacRitchie Treetop Walk.

#01-51 Jin Fa Kopitiam, 24 Sin Ming Road

A Noodle Story
The brainchild of two young "hawkerpreneurs", A Noodle Story has made it to the Michelin Bib Gourmand list every year since 2016. Their specialty? Noodles described as Japanese ramen meets wanton mee (Chinese dumpling noodles).

#01-39 Amoy Street Food Centre

Lad & Dad
This father-son duo dish out halal, British-inspired comfort food like Sunday roasts and Yorkshire pudding. Diners can expect hearty portions using choice cuts.

#01-79 Maxwell Food Centre

Tang Kay Kee Fish Head Bee Hoon
Marrying the concept of zichar (traditional dishes influenced by home-cooked Chinese food) with modern lunch bowls was a gamble that paid off. The fourth-generation hawkers have reinterpreted dishes like prawn paste chicken, serving it in boneless, bite-sized cubes for easy consumption.

#01-70 Hong Lim Food Centre

PHOTOS: SPH
TOP 10 MUST DO’S

 Depending on your interest, there are so many experiences to be enjoyed. Here are our favourites.

1. WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

Over 600 different species of fantastic creatures can be found across these three parks. Whether it’s the majestic white tigers from the award-winning Singapore Zoo, or River Safari’s adorable giant pandas, there will be many insta moments while you tour the elegantly landscaped habitats. Stay on for the world’s only Night Safari, and hop on a 35-minute tram ride touring everything from the rugged Himalayan foothills to the swamp banks of Equatorial Africa.

2. FOR FLORA AND FAUNA FANS

If birdwatching is your thing, Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve serves as a stopover for hundreds of species of migratory birds like herons and falcons. The Singapore Botanic Gardens is a lush oasis of over 10,000 species of flora, with some as old as its 160-year history. Or take a three-hour trek to MacRitchie Reservoir’s Treetop Walk for stunning vistas 25m off the forest floor. The 250m-long suspension bridge closes at 4.45pm, so be sure to start early.

3. NOSTALGIC SINGAPORE

Beyond its modern skyline and shiny shopping malls, there are still pockets of Singapore that hark back to an earlier era. Pulau Ubin, an island off mainland Singapore, gives you a glimpse of life in the 1960s, with old kampung (Malay for village) houses. Seletar Aerospace Park is a prime example of Singapore’s colonial past. These days, its charming black and white residential bungalows house hip eateries popular with visiting locals on the weekend.
FOR CULTURAL CACHET
The ArtScience Museum (6 Bayfront Avenue) has hosted several cutting-edge shows, while modern Southeast Asian art can be admired at National Gallery Singapore (1 St Andrew’s Road). If street or mural art is more up your alley, head to the three cultural precincts of Chinatown, Little India and Kampong Glam. See page 24 for Cultural Precincts.

APPRECIATING ARCHITECTURE
With reputable international and local architects behind some of our most iconic buildings, Singapore has become a destination for gazers and students alike. Admire these edifices that celebrate form, style and function on architecture day tours organised by private operators like Jane’s SG Tours. Marina Bay Sands, Gardens by the Bay, Esplanade, National Gallery – they’re sure to take your breath away. Sign up, too, for tours that take you into the cultural precincts of Joo Chiat, Katong and Chinatown, where beautifully restored conservation shophouses live on as an homage to Singapore’s heritage.

ACTIVE DAZE
Sentosa island is popular with sun and fun seekers. Action fans can go for AJ Hackett’s acclaimed bungy jump, or take to the skies through the wind tunnel at iFly Singapore. Kid-friendly pursuits include SEA Aquarium, home to some 100,000 marine creatures. On mainland Singapore, places like KF1 Karting (1 Turf Club Avenue), Bounce Singapore (8 Grange Road, #09-01) and Splash-N-Surf (1B Stadium Walk) offer more thrilling options.

FUN FACT
There are more than 50 museums and galleries waiting to be discovered. How many have you visited?
HAWKER HUNT
Seek out an array of local dishes at our beloved hawker centres. Besides the tourist hotspots of Maxwell Food Centre or Newton, remember to hit up the hidden gems of Chinatown Complex, Golden Mile Food Centre and Tiong Bahru Market as well. You may even spot a Michelin-starred stall or two – just look for the longest line!

FUN FACT
You can have a tasty meal for less than $4 at most hawker centres.

SHOPPING IN ORCHARD ROAD
Orchard Road is more than just star-studded international brands. It’s also a treasure trove of local brands that boasts world-class quality. Don’t miss Design Orchard, with its many independent boutiques representing the best of Singapore design. See page 8 for more unique retail gems.

TOAST TO ADVENTUROUS MIXOLOGY
Inventive tipples to try: Ah Sam Cold Drink Stall (60 Boat Quay) invokes local coffee shops with its kopi-o gao (whisky, coffee-infused vermouth and walnut bitters). Operation Dagger (7 Ann Siang Hill, #B1-01), with its ‘bunker-chic décor’, keeps things mysterious – including a menu that doesn’t detail what’s in your drink. So, guess what’s in your Oyster Ice Cream or Gomashio 2013?

NIGHTS OUT
Party it up with our bevy of hip nightlife establishments, from the world’s tallest rooftop bar, 1-Altitude (1 Raffles Place), to themed bars like Holey Moley (3B River Valley Road) and Nineteen80 (21 Tanjong Pagar Road, #01-05). See page 15 for more award-winning bars.
CHINATOWN

Once home to early Chinese immigrants, this multicultural enclave has evolved into a bustling melting pot of old and new.

SEE & DO

• Dedicated as a time capsule to show stories of Singapore’s early Chinese immigrants, the Chinatown Heritage Centre (48 Pagoda Street) is a must-visit for an introduction to Singapore’s largest historical district.
• Look out for the life-sized murals of Yip Yew Chong, a local illustrator. His art depicts life in the district from an earlier era.
• Don’t miss three of Singapore’s oldest religious buildings: the Nagore Dargah Indian Muslim Heritage Centre (140 Telok Ayer Street), Thian Hock Keng Temple (158 Telok Ayer Street) and Al Abrar Mosque (192 Telok Ayer Street).
• For a hands-on experience into a vanishing craft, sign up for a two-hour Buddha effigy-making workshop at Say Tian Hng (www.buddhashop.sg).

FUN FACT

Thian Hock Keng Temple was built without a single nail.

EAT & DRINK

• A spectrum of dining experiences await in Chinatown, from hearty hawker food to fine Scandinavian fare at the two-Michelin-starred Zen (41 Bukit Pasoh Road). Bib Gourmand-worthy zichar (traditional dishes influenced by home-cooked Chinese food) can be savoured at Kok Sen Restaurant (30 Keong Saik Road).
• Chinatown Food Street at Smith Street boasts iconic dishes by some of Singapore’s most well-known stalls. Order these to try: oyster omelette, satay (grilled, skewered meat) or fried kway teow (flat rice flour noodles).
• A few bars that made it to Asia’s 50 Best Bars 2019 list can be found right here in Chinatown: Native (52A Amoy Street) and Operation Dagger (7 Ann Siang Hill).
SHOP

- Jewellers like On Cheong (251 South Bridge Road) and watch retailer Kee Hin Hung (#02-21/22 People’s Park Complex) have become mainstays in Chinatown, with their loyal band of customers.

- Health and wellness shops include Chop Wah On (34 Upper Cross Street) for its world-famous medicated oils, and Eu Yan Sang (#B1-35, Chinatown Point) for packaged tonic soups and supplements.

- Ever-popular food souvenirs mean snaking queues at retailers like Tai Chong Kok (34 Sago Street) and Lim Chee Guan (203 New Bridge Road). The latter’s juicy bak kwa (barbequed meat slices) is a favourite among local foodies.

- Pek Sin Choon (36 Mosque Street) supplies teas to local restaurants, including its famous Unknown Fragrance, a blend of oolong tea varietals.

- Local-coffee lovers pick up their favourite blends from Nanyang Old Coffee (268 South Bridge Road).

- A specialty store for Chinese products, the historic Yue Hwa Chinese Products (70 Eu Tong Sen Street) has always been the go-to place for brocades, cheongsams and embroidered wedding emblems, among others.
KAMPONG GLAM

Rich Malay heritage aside, this district is chock-full of hipster cafes, shops and delicious eats.

SEE & DO

- With its distinctive yellow exterior, the Malay Heritage Centre (85 Sultan Gate) was formerly the residence of the Sultan of Johor in pre-independent Singapore. It holds artefacts tracing Malay culture dating as far back as the 18th century.
- Just five years shy of its 200th anniversary, the Sultan Mosque or Masjid Sultan (3 Muscat Street) is one of Singapore’s most impressive religious buildings, with a prayer hall that can hold up to 5,000 worshippers.
- For instagrammably eye-catching murals and street art, head to Haji Lane, Sultan Gate, Jalan Pisang, Baghdad Street and the Gelam outdoor art gallery in Muscat Street.

FUN FACT

The base of Sultan Mosque’s onion-shaped domes are decorated with glass bottle ends donated by poorer Muslims who wanted to contribute to its construction.
EAT & DRINK

• Bib Gourmand awardee Hajah Maimunah (11 Jalan Pisang) still dishes out nasi padang (steamed rice served with various pre-cooked dishes) the way it’s been prepared for the last 30 years. Be sure to order the ikan bakar (grilled fish) and tahu telor (tofu omelette served with peanuts and a spicy sauce).

• Singapore Zam Zam Restaurant (697-699 North Bridge Road) is perhaps the country’s most well-known murtabak (flatbread stuffed with egg, meat and onions) stall, and reportedly its oldest at 111 years old. Foodies swear by its chicken murtabak.

• At Scaled by Ah Hua Kelong (55 Haji Lane), dishes feature sustainably harvested local seafood, such as its XL Clams, all delivered fresh from its own kelong (floating fish farm).

• For photogenic Bubble Waffles and other sweet treats, Asian Rad Afters (33 Bali Lane) is an offshoot from Osaka, Japan. Exclusive flavours to Singapore are Peranakan Road and Little SouQ.

SHOP

• For a scent that’s truly unique, Sifr Aromatics (42 Arab Street) can customise something just for you, whether it’s citrusy, intense, or uplifting notes you’re after.

• Love the boho vibes of Haji Lane? Those with a soft spot for vintage clothing and handmade one-of-a-kind accessories head for Time After Time (76 Haji Lane) and SSFW (75 Haji Lane) respectively.

• Delightful homewares and other lifestyle items can be found at Scene Shang (263 Beach Road) and Supermama (265 Beach Road).
LITTLE INDIA

Soak in the infectious vibes of this vibrant enclave. It’s hard to resist the pull of its cultural attractions and incredible shopping.

SEE & DO

- Orientate yourself at the Indian Heritage Centre (5 Campbell Lane), with films and interactive galleries detailing the history of early Indian immigrants in Singapore. For art with an experimental vibe, UltraSuperNew Gallery (107 Rowell Road) has scheduled exhibitions, so do check its website before you plan a visit.
- You’ll find a curated mix of retail offerings and palate pleasers at the new Tekka Place (2 Serangoon Road). Make a beeline for Xin Tekka, featuring legendary hawkers, next generation food vendors and famous home cooks all under one roof. Feast your eyes on the iconic mural or head for the rooftop for cultural activities.
- Do the temple trek – Serangoon Road’s Sri Veeramakaliamman, Srinivasa Perumal and Sri Vadapathira Kaliyanman or Chander Road’s Shree Lakshminarayan.
- For a dose of heritage, ARTWALK Little India (artwalklittleindia.sg), organises events that bring to life the history, culture and art of Little India. Especially Instagrammable is Artwalk Trails, which takes you behind the story of the precinct’s colourful murals and how they came to be.

EAT & DRINK

- Plan a morning visit to Tekka Market (665 Buffalo Road). After viewing an eye-popping array of fresh market produce, adjourn to the food centre to feast on cuisines from many cultures. The Indian food stalls are standouts: Be sure to try the ubiquitous hot ginger tea and nasi briyani (Indian spiced rice dish with meat or vegetables). Follow the long queues and you can’t go wrong.

FUN FACT

In days past, you could find a racecourse, cattle herders and brick kilns in Little India.
British football legend David Beckham was spotted eating mee goreng (fried noodles) at Tekka Market.

**SHOP**
- Wander along Serangoon Road or its many little lanes and there’s bound to be something interesting. Little India Arcade (48 Serangoon Road) is a conserved block of shophouses that is home to many Indian knick-knacks and sweets, such as Moghul Sweet Shop (#01-16).
- Brilliant saris can be found at Pottu Kara Maami (121A Serangoon Road). Check out its cheeky Instagram page. Be sure to make a stop at Joyalukkas (412 Serangoon Road), a reputable jewellery chain for all things gold. For a local favourite, visit Jothi Store & Flower Shop (1 Campbell Lane) for flower garlands and prayer items.
- And, of course, no shopping trip to Little India is complete without a visit to Mustafa Centre (145 Syed Alwi Road). More on Mustafa on page 13. Interesting gift ideas can also be found at Onlewo (129 Jalan Besar), including Peranakan-inspired printed shirts or scarves featuring local architectural icons.

For the last 97 years, Komala Vilas (76-78 Serangoon Road) has been the go-to restaurant for vegetarians and anyone on a break from a meat diet. Serving both North and South Indian cuisine, it features an extensive menu at affordable prices.

At Meatsmith Little India (21 Campbell Lane), wood-fired barbecued meats are accented with Indian spices and rubs. For Indian-Chinese concoctions, Sakunthala’s Food Palace (66 Race Course Road) never fails. Don’t miss popular eateries like Muthu’s Curry (138 Race Course Road) and Banana Leaf Apolo (48 Serangoon Road) for fish head curry, while Bismillah Biryani (48 & 50 Dunlop Street) serves up Bib Gourmand-worthy food at wallet-friendly prices.
Raffles Hotel redux
The revamped Raffles Singapore sports more than a fresh coat of paint. The 132-year-old grand dame now hosts fine dining restaurant La Dame de Pic, as well as BBR by Alain Ducasse – a new iteration of the much-loved Bar & Billiard Room. Fan favourites Tiffin Room and Long Bar are still here.

Felix the Cat 100th Anniversary Exhibition
On till 29 Mar
Before Tom and Jerry, there was Felix the Cat. As one of the most successful cartoon figures of the silent era, the black cat with the giant grin is being celebrated at the MINT Museum of Toys on his 100th birthday. Presented by UNBOX, the exhibition brings Felix to life via immersive technology, reinforced by vintage toys and collectibles of the feisty feline.

Cats
On till 5 Jan
Here's your last chance to catch Andrew Lloyd Webber's record-breaking, groundbreaking musical based on TS Eliot's classic tome. With catchy songs, breathtaking choreography and superb performances, it's no wonder Cats is one of the longest-running shows in West End and Broadway history.
The restaurant’s name comes from the temperature of the Pira oven and grill used for its halal-certified meats, such as ribeyes and lamb chops, and seafood. But at 665°F, you’ll get more than prime cuts and sustainable seafood. Any festive celebration here is accompanied by a stunning panorama of Singapore’s skyline. Note: Alcohol is served here.

**The Rink**
At Singapore’s first and only Olympic-sized ice skating rink, Tonya Harding-wannabes can take up lessons on figure skating, speed skating and ice curling. A 460-seat gallery allows proud parents to watch while their child does a pirouette on the rink.

- **Level 38 Andaz, 5 Fraser Street**
- **www.hyatt.com**
- **Bugis**

**Marina Bay Singapore Countdown**

31 Dec
There’s nothing quite like counting down to the new year with thousands of revellers and spectacular pyrotechnic displays against the stunning backdrop of Singapore’s skyline. Get ready for the party of the year, with a stellar line-up of performers providing non-stop entertainment.

- **Marina Bay**
- **marinabaycountdown.sg**
- **Bayfront**
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