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The Forest by Wangz: #1 Hotel in Singapore



Capella Singapore: #1 Luxury Hotel in Singapore

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Universal Studios, Singapore: #1 Amusement Park in Asia



Singapore Botanic Gardens: #1 Park in Asia

## Top Rated Hotels

### The Forest by Wangz



- "Great choice"
- "Excellent Stay"
- "Nice boutique hotel with very friendly staff"

### Capella Singapore



- "Beautiful, quiet retreat"
- "Capella, the most Magnificent hotel in Singapore"
- "Faultless service, room, view...I could go on"

### The Ritz-Carlton, Singapore



- "About as good as it gets..."
- "Love the view"
- "Absolutely amazing"

## Popular Restaurants

### Ristorante Amarone



- "A touch of class"
- "Excellent Food - Great Service!!"
- "Elegant decor, lovely food, freindly chef"

### Bitters & Love



- "Beautiful cocktails and great service"
- "Delicious doesn't even begin to describe it!"
- "Fantastic in every way"

### Shinji by Kanesaka



- "Best Sushi I've Had!"
- "Heaven for food lovers"
- "Incredible meal outside of Japan"

## Amazing Things to Do

### Singapore Botanic Gardens



- "Greenery in the middle of the city"
- "Modern and peaceful"
- "The most beautiful garden"

### Singapore Zoo



- "Amazing experience"
- "Lovely zoo, world class and very natural"
- "Favorite part of my trip"

### Asian Civilisation Museum



- "Very fascinating museum"
- "What a learning experience"
- "Best museum in Singapore"



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# REJOICE & CELEBRATE

Welcome to Singapore! This season promises to be a real treat for visitors, what with all the festivities going on across the island, exciting developments in the cityscape and hot events to catch.

One key festival not to miss is Deepavali (Oct 22), during which the streets of Little India will be festooned with colourful lights, street bazaars and cultural performances. And then, of course, there's Christmas (Dec 25) and New Year's Eve (Dec 31) done Singapore style, with plenty of seasonal cheer and brilliant light-ups around town—and excellent weather to see the spectacular sights by night.

Over in the east of Singapore, there are even more reasons to cheer as the newly-unveiled Singapore Sports Hub plays host to tennis stars at the prestigious BNP Paribas Women's Tennis Association Finals presented by SC Global (Oct 17-26). It's going to be huge—but it's just one of many mega-events on the Sports Hub calendar. Find out the inside scoop on the city's latest sports attraction on page 12.

Our sunny island enjoys pleasantly cool winds at this time of the year, so why not take advantage of the lovely weather by taking your meals out of doors? No need to go through the trouble of packing a picnic, though. The plethora of beautiful alfresco restaurants (see page 16) around Singapore's lush green spots will impress your date with no effort required. Surely that deserves a toast!

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## CONCERTS & FESTIVALS

### Harlem Yu I Wanna Give You World Tour

**Oct 3**  
Resorts World™ Convention Centre

The Taiwanese pop veteran makes an anticipated comeback after a relatively low-profile seven years. Catch the multi-talented, Golden Melody Award-winning singer-songwriter as he performs his chart-topping hits like 'Boys Over Flowers' and 'Sad Singer', as well as quirky remixes of his well-known numbers and his own renditions of popular Mandopop songs by other artists.

[www.amclive-group.com](http://www.amclive-group.com)  
🚗 HarbourFront

### Leo Sayer Live in Singapore

**Oct 18**  
Esplanade Concert Hall

This talented British Grammy Award winner—who's made appearances on shows like *The Muppets* and written hits for stars like Tina Turner and Dolly Parton—takes to the stage to perform his smash hits, including 'Need You' and 'You Make Me Feel Like Dancing'.

[www.britishtheatreplayhouse.com](http://www.britishtheatreplayhouse.com)  
🚗 Esplanade

### Sundown Festival

**Nov 22**  
F1 Pit Building

Gear up for a sunset unlike any other as some of the biggest bands and artists around Asia play at this thoroughly entertaining musical fiesta. You'll also be among the first to catch the hottest emerging talents as they dazzle in a series of explosive performances. Fans of art, culture and music from around Asia should not miss this.

[www.sundownfestival.sg](http://www.sundownfestival.sg)  
🚗 Promenade

### Anime Festival Asia

**Dec 5-7**  
Suntec International Convention and Exhibition Centre

Get set for a fabulous time as Japanese anime and pop culture lands in Singapore to eagerly awaiting fans. The massive event will play host to over 10 of your favourite J-pop stars as they bring the house down with smash hits and slick dance moves. Get your cameras ready for a parade of cosplayers from across the region as these anime buffs go big to showcase their dedication.

[www.animefestival.asia](http://www.animefestival.asia)  
🚗 Promenade



Anime Festival Asia

## SPORTS

### Adult Playground

**Nov 8**  
Siloso Beach Sentosa

One of the largest outdoor festivals celebrating sports and music takes place for the first time in Singapore. Partake in exciting activities like zorb soccer and bossaball (a hybrid of volleyball and soccer played on a giant trampoline), and enjoy live music performances by bands like The Sam Willows and popular local duo Jack and Rai.

[www.adultplaygroundsg.com](http://www.adultplaygroundsg.com)  
🚗 HarbourFront

### 2014 ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) Suzuki Cup

**Nov 22-Dec 20**  
National Stadium

Get a slice of football action as Singapore plays hosts to this prestigious sporting event for the fourth time. Gear up for exciting matches and nail-biting moments as you watch Southeast Asia's national football teams in action, including Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Singapore.

[www.affsuzukicup.com](http://www.affsuzukicup.com)  
🚗 Stadium

### ILLUMI Run

**Nov 29**  
Republic Boulevard (F1 Village)

Kick start your year end festivities on a glowing good note at the second edition of ILLUMI run! Enjoy the various musically themed zones and bask in neon colours at the 5km fun run which culminates in an electrifying after-party hosted by well-known local DJs. It's a night you don't want to miss!

[www.illumirun.com](http://www.illumirun.com)  
🚗 Promenade



## CULTURE & FESTIVITIES

### Deepavali Celebrations Through Nov 2 Little India

During Deepavali, be sure to swing by Little India for a first-hand cultural experience of the festivities, as the streets are festooned with colourful lights, elaborate decorations and street stalls selling flowers and sweetmeats. You can witness traditions such as the Silver Chariot Procession and the Navratri (nine nights) festival, or go on the Little India Heritage Trail to discover more of the precinct's unique heritage trades and monuments.

[www.lisha.org.sg](http://www.lisha.org.sg)  
🚗 Little India

### Christmas by the River Nov 14-Jan 2 Singapore River

Ring in the holidays a little differently this year with this fun-filled celebration set right by the iconic Singapore River—a buzzing destination that oozes old-world charm by day and comes to life with entertainment and nightlife options at night. Sing along with the carolers, feast on delectable holiday specials, enjoy great festive promotions and marvel at grand fireworks displays.

[www.singapore-river.com/christmas](http://www.singapore-river.com/christmas)  
🚗 Clarke Quay

### Christmas on A Great Street Nov 15-Jan 1 Orchard Road

This is an extra special affair where visitors from all over the world can enjoy shopping, riveting street performances and sightseeing without getting frostbitten. At this time

of the year, shopping malls along Orchard Road will be decked out in gorgeous festive decorations, while the streets will be blanketed in twinkling lights.

[www.orchardroad.org](http://www.orchardroad.org)

🚗 Orchard & 🚗 Somerset

### Kalaa Utsavam – Indian Festival of Arts

Nov 21-30  
Esplanade

Singapore's multi-ethnicity makes it home to some of Asia's most vibrant cultures. Experience a good dose of Indian culture at this colourful extravaganza showcasing an exciting selection of traditional and contemporary Indian arts, with acclaimed artists from Singapore and beyond presenting the finest in dance, music and many more activities.

[www.kalaautsavam.com](http://www.kalaautsavam.com)  
🚗 Esplanade

### Christmas at Sentosa HarbourFront

Nov 22-Dec 26

Sentosa & HarbourFront

Spend the holiday season by Singapore's charming southern coast and Sentosa island, and enjoy exclusive dining offers at various participating restaurants in the precinct. This is also your chance to get your hands on some irresistible hotel stay packages, shopping specials



Deepavali Celebrations

at VivoCity and HarbourFront Centre, and deals on attractions like Universal Studios Singapore®, Trickeye Museum and the brand new Madame Tussauds.

[www.shba.org.sg](http://www.shba.org.sg)  
🚗 HarbourFront

### Marina Bay Singapore Countdown 2015

Dec 31

Marina Bay

Presented by Esplanade and the Urban Redevelopment Authority, the Marina Bay Singapore Countdown is the nation's largest countdown that brings people together to express their wishes for 2015. The event kicks off the year-long celebration of Singapore's Golden Jubilee with a wishing spheres installation, fireworks set to specially-composed music and new elements to mark this special countdown.

[www.marinabaycountdown.sg](http://www.marinabaycountdown.sg)  
🚗 Bayfront & 🚗 Promenade



Marina Bay Singapore Countdown 2015

## ARTS



### Time Present

Oct 3-Feb 8

Singapore Art Museum

Marvel at arresting photography works from the extensive global Deutsche Bank Collection.

Part of the Singapore Art Museum's *Still Moving: A Triple Bill on the Image* show, this exhibition will shine a spotlight on contemporary photographic artworks curated in partnership with the Singapore International Photography Festival, as well as a selection of new media works from the collection of the Yokohama Museum of Art.

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

 Bras Basah

### Singapore Writers Festival

Oct 31-Nov 9

Various venues

Step into the world of books as this exciting festival heads into its 17th edition with an even bigger and better line-up. Following the theme 'The Prospect of Beauty', the festival offers a host of talks, readings and fringe programmes with authors including feminist icon Naomi Wolf, popular fantasy novelist Raymond E. Feist and Irish poet Paul Muldoon.

[www.singaporewritersfestival.com](http://www.singaporewritersfestival.com)

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### Affordable Art Fair

Nov 20-23

F1 Pit Building

Art lovers and collectors will be delighted with the wide range of photographs, sculptures and paintings available at this fair. With over 95 galleries exhibiting works priced from \$100 upwards, it's the perfect opportunity to add pizzazz to your home, scoop up art pieces by Asia's freshest talents or take back a piece of Singaporean art at surprisingly affordable prices.

[www.affordableartfair.com/singapore](http://www.affordableartfair.com/singapore)

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### Singapore Art Fair

Nov 27-30

Suntec International Convention and Exhibition Centre

At the inaugural edition of this modern and contemporary boutique art fair, you can expect 70 galleries including solo artists' booths from around the globe. Set around themes to foster cultural exchanges, the fair will showcase both young, emerging and established artists, and promote the best of Middle Eastern, North African, South and Southeast Asian art.

[www.singapore-art-fair.com](http://www.singapore-art-fair.com)

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### Singapore International Film Festival

Dec 4-14

Various venues

The largest and longest-running film event in Singapore returns with a focus on Asian filmmakers, showcasing a strong selection of work from Southeast Asia. During the 11-day festival, expect plenty of screenings at venues like Marina Bay Sands®, National Museum of Singapore and The Arts House, master classes for budding filmmakers, as well as a range of other exciting fringe events.

[www.sgiff.com](http://www.sgiff.com)

### Leonardo da Vinci's 'Earlier Mona Lisa'

Dec 15-Feb 11

The Arts House

Marvel at the earlier version of Leonardo da Vinci's famous Mona Lisa as it makes its worldwide premiere. Other than seeing this recently rediscovered masterpiece for yourself, you can also get a behind-the-scenes look at the scientific testing involved in confirming the painting's authenticity. Children can join in the fun with an engaging, detective-style kids tour.

[www.theartshouse.com.sg](http://www.theartshouse.com.sg)

 City Hall



Leonardo da Vinci's 'Earlier Mona Lisa'

## ENTERTAINMENT



Halloween Horror Nights®

### Halloween Horror Nights®

Oct 3-Nov 1 (select nights only)

Universal Studios Singapore®

Universal Studios Singapore returns for their fourth

Halloween extravaganza with scare-actors and adrenaline-spiking sound effects. Ready those nerves of steel as you explore four new horrifying haunted houses and four new spine-chilling scare zones, each with its own set of unforgettable surprises. Plus, enjoy selected rides all night long.

\*Event is not recommended for children under the age of 13. No costumes or masks allowed. TM & © Universal Studios.

[www.halloweenhorrornights.com.sg](http://www.halloweenhorrornights.com.sg)

 HarbourFront

### Extreme Adventure on the Edge

Oct 9

Esplanade Concert Hall

National Geographic Live—a series of interactive presentations by legendary National Geographic explorers—is finally here in Asia for the first time. For Extreme Adventure on the Edge, the spotlight is on extraordinary adventurer Bryan Smith, who shares his gripping stories as a filmmaker documenting feats in the harshest of environments.

[www.facebook.com/NatGeoLivePacific](http://www.facebook.com/NatGeoLivePacific)

NatGeoLivePacific

 City Hall


### Waiting for Godot

Nov 19-23

SOTA Drama Theatre

Watch this thought-provoking absurdist play by Irish playwright Samuel Beckett, about two characters who end up waiting for a mysterious person (named Godot) who never shows up. The play explores themes of philosophy. With its intriguing, seemingly random series of events, you'll be on the edge of your seat wondering just what will happen next.

[www.aba-productions.com](http://www.aba-productions.com)

 Dhoby Ghaut

### Dim Sum Dollies®: The History of Singapore Part 2

Dec 11-23

Esplanade Theatre

Join popular musical cabaret trio, the Dim Sum Dollies, as they explore Singapore's rich history, post 1965, with a dash of satire. Well-known for their incisive yet cheeky comedy and original, pop culture-inspired songs, the Dollies explore universal themes and issues, providing an insider's guide to what makes Singapore tick.

[www.dreamacademy.com.sg](http://www.dreamacademy.com.sg)

 Esplanade



Waiting for Godot

## NIGHTLIFE



ZoukOut

### Illumi Nation

Oct 11

Siloso Beach, Sentosa

Get ready to be splashed! This major nightlife event debuts in October as one of the biggest electronic dance music parties in Singapore. Experience the wild glow paint party and lose yourself in fist-pumping music and the psychedelic display of neon colours as you dance the night away with fellow party-goers.

[www.illumination.asia](http://www.illumination.asia)

 HarbourFront

### ZoukOut

Dec 12-13

Siloso Beach, Sentosa

Singapore's famed outdoor dance party has been bringing together night revellers all over Asia for over a decade now and it's no wonder. Organised by long-reigning superclub Zouk, this music festival features world-class acts that span house, tech-house, techno, trance, hip hop



## SHOPPING

### Singapore International Indian Shopping Festival

Oct 2-5

**Suntec International Convention and Exhibition Centre**

Shop till you drop by visiting over 200 stalls for your shopping fix. Be on the lookout for unique handicrafts made with eco-friendly materials, or simply pick up gorgeous sarees and jewellery. You can also look forward to other highlights, including exciting entertainment programmes, competitions, special guest appearances and a variety of food and beverage booths.

[www.sisfest.com](http://www.sisfest.com)

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### Singapore Wine Fiesta

Oct 24-26

**Clifford Square**

Indulge the wine connoisseur in you at one of Asia's largest wine festivals. With labels from all over the world to sample, this wine affair will have you swirling your glasses alongside renowned international winemakers and experts like Joel Payne—certainly an oenophile's dream come true.

[www.winefiesta.com.sg](http://www.winefiesta.com.sg)

 Raffles Place



Singapore Wine Fiesta

## FAMILY



Monkey Goes West

### Monkey Goes West

Nov 21-Dec 13

**Victoria Theatre**

One of Singapore's leading local theatre companies WILD RICE presents their cheeky version of a well-known Chinese classical novel, *Journey to the West*, and its famous protagonist, Sun Wukong (a.k.a. the Monkey King). This entertaining comedy musical, starring local stars like Chua Enlai and Lim Kay Siu, is bound to entertain the family for hours.

[www.wildrice.com.sg](http://www.wildrice.com.sg)

 Clarke Quay

### Disney Live! presents Three Classic Fairy Tales

Nov 22-30

**MasterCard Theatres at Marina Bay Sands®**

Take the family out to watch over 25 Disney characters as they bring classic fairytales of *Cinderella*, *Beauty and The Beast* and *Snow White* to life. See how the different stories of each Disney Princess unfold with award winning music scores, eye-catching costumes and arresting special effects.

[www.sistic.com.sg](http://www.sistic.com.sg)

 Bayfront



and electro, and has seen the likes of Carl Cox, Tiësto, Armin Van Buuren, Hardwell, Avicii and Richie Hawtin.

[www.zoukout.com](http://www.zoukout.com)

 HarbourFront

### Siloso Beach Party

Dec 31

**Siloso Beach, Sentosa**

Party with world-class DJs and a crowd of partygoers at Sentosa's famed Siloso Beach, where you'll kick off the New Year by partying from dusk to dawn. With separate party arenas playing trance, house and electro tunes, and food and drink stands providing much-needed fuel to keep you dancing, it's no wonder this soiree is a must-attend on every party animal's calendar.

[www.silosobeachparty.com](http://www.silosobeachparty.com)

 HarbourFront

# CHRISTMAS CAPERS

Shop, eat and make merry at three of Singapore's top festive destinations.



Singapore may not enjoy a traditional white Christmas, but it's full of fabulous options nevertheless. For the complete experience, head down to Orchard Road and Singapore River, where there's no lack of things to do as you soak up the Christmas spirit amidst bedazzling light displays.

You'll want to have your camera ready to capture the magical scene along Orchard Road (November 15-January 1), decked out with sparkling, multi-coloured stars and larger-than-life festive ornaments. In the week leading up to Christmas, interactive booths and nightly performances along the street take the festivities to another level.

While you're here, check out the many seasonal bargains—whether you're shopping for loved ones or giving yourself a treat, the famed retail belt has

got you covered.

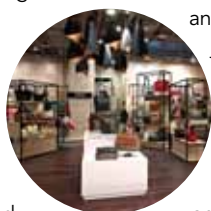
Start your shopping jaunt by picking up the latest collections from exclusive labels here. Asian fashion is particularly hot right now, so hop over to cult multi-label boutique **i.t** from Hong Kong, which carries 11 brands, each with its own distinct style and youthful edge. Also joining the bandwagon is evergreen retail destination **TANGS**, which now stocks brands like Kapok Tools from Hong Kong and Headline Seoul from Korea. With eye-catching candy colours and clean aesthetics, these labels add festive pizzazz to just about anyone's wardrobe.

Pair your finds with shoes from local shoe boutique **P.V.S.**, which stocks an impressive collection of women's shoes from brands like Jeffrey Campbell and G.H Bass. Chock full of gladiator sandals, platform sneakers and towering heels, this store is certainly not

for wallflowers. If it's locally designed shoes you're after, **Charles & Keith** is a household name not to be missed—snap up shoes and accessories at affordable prices here.

Shopping for a music lover? Vinyl is fast making a comeback here, and record store **House of Turntables** is testament to that, stocking used and new vinyl records as well as European-made equipment to play them with.

The young ones in your family deserve thoughtful gifts, too. **The Better Toy Store** is known for curated toys that combine both play and learning. Well-made and tasteful, these treasures



TANGS



House of Turntables

will certainly outlast run-of-the-mill playthings.

If all that gift shopping has got your tummy growling, indulge your inner gourmand with some delectable goodies.

Dreamy French patisserie **Ladurée** is where you'll find their famed multi-coloured macarons, along with teas, jams and collectibles. For more adventurous treats, make a slight detour to **The Cookie Museum**. While you're sure to enjoy delicious creations like English lavender and Magdalene rose cookies, the real stars here are the savoury biscuits inspired by local dishes like *nasi lemak* (coconut rice with chilli paste and fried anchovies).

Or take a timeout and head to **Jones the Grocer** at Mandarin Gallery for a quick pick-me-up; there are plenty of fine teas, light bites and desserts here to choose from. Also in the same building is **Wild Honey**, famed for its all day breakfasts inspired by world cuisines. Whether you fancy European-style poached eggs or spicy Tunisian shakshouka

stew, there's bound to be something for every palate.

Also worth checking out for their festive feasts are **PS. Café** and **The Marmalade Pantry**. The former is known for their excellent mains, truffle fries and rich desserts, while the latter is a hot spot for people-watching as you tuck in to their giant salads and hearty pastas.

Another must-visit part of the city at this time of the year is Sentosa and HarbourFront (November 22-December 26), where you can expect stunning 3D projection mapping on the waterfront to spread the good cheer. Keep a lookout for festive deals at the hotels, restaurants, shopping malls and attractions in the vicinity.

More waterfront festivities can be found along the Singapore River. Home to some of the city's best bars and hottest nightspots, this stretch—comprising Boat Quay, Clarke Quay and Robertson Quay—turns into a Christmas carnival at nightfall (November 14-January 2), complete with dazzling lights, carollers on river boats, fireworks and a pop-up market for a truly memorable experience.

You'll certainly want to wind down with a scenic riverside walk to admire the view, or better yet, hop on the Christmas decorated **Singapore River Cruise** boat to take in the sights and sounds of the city in a celebratory mood. The last river shuttle leaves at 10.30pm and will make a tour around the Esplanade and Marina Bay Sands® before taking you back to the starting point.

Back on dry land, more gastronomic delights await at sophisticated restaurants along the strip. Head to **Enoteca L'Operetta** for authentic Italian pizzas, pastas and mains, with a compact, upmarket wine list to go along, or French restaurant **OCF**, where chef Jonathan Koh whips up an extensive degustation menu. If you have a sweet tooth, the desserts at **Laurent Bernard Chocolatier** will leave you weak in the knees. Their much-raved-about chocolates will make welcome gifts for your loved ones.

And what's Christmas without some merrymaking? You're in the right place for an unforgettable taste of Singapore's vibrant nightlife scene. Mark the season with a festive toast at the lively, affordable **Wine**



**Singapore River Cruise**



**Jones the Grocer**



**Verre Wine Bar**

# christmas

**Connection Cheese Bar** or the remarkable **Verre Wine Bar**, which boasts a cellar with over 750 hand-picked labels, including vintages like Château Latour and Château Lafite Rothschild. Or stop by **Vintny at Royal Selangor**. Its list of over 1,000 wines will certainly impress wine lovers.

If wine isn't your tippie of

choice, head to **Fine Spirits by La Maison du Whisky** for an incredible range of premium liquor, or **Bitters & Love**, which serves up unusual cocktails like the Kaya Toast, inspired by the local breakfast favourite and made with real kaya (coconut jam).

Bring the evening to a stunning close at **Fenix Room**,

a luxurious club inspired by *The Great Gatsby*, complete with velvet seats and Art Deco mirror panels. The Champagne-focused drinks list here is ideal for fuelling a night of dancing.

With so many Christmas options available in sunny Singapore, there's absolutely no reason not to live it up and celebrate with a tropical twist.



## 1-Altitude

One of the highest rooftop bars in the world, standing at 282 metres above ground, this open-air bar offers an unobstructed, 360-degree view of Singapore. Fantastic food and cocktails make this a top spot among New Year's Eve partygoers.

## KU DÉ TA

For a truly stunning experience, watch the fireworks from this rooftop club lounge and restaurant at the Marina Bay Sands® Skypark. At 57 storeys above the ground, you'll be as close as you can get to the visual spectacle while tucking in to a

decadent menu or living it up to a stellar line-up of guest DJs.

## Lantern

Perched atop the Fullerton Bay Hotel, this classy bar is where you'll find some of the best views of Marina Bay, making it a prime spot for fireworks viewing. The downtempo, relaxed vibe here makes it perfect for just chilling out with some Champagne and soaking in the atmosphere.

## Marina Bay Singapore Countdown

This is the largest countdown event in the city and has become a real local tradition.

For its 10th edition this year, the countdown welcomes Singapore's Golden Jubilee in 2015 with a spectacular series of majestic fireworks lighting up the Singapore skyline as performers lead an energetic countdown concert.

## Siloso Beach Party

Those looking for a rave with the hottest DJs and dancing until dawn need look no further as Siloso Beach transforms into party central. The bars along this stretch each offer different styles of dance music, while food and drink stands provide the fuel to keep you going.



## ADDRESS BOOK

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**BITTERS & LOVE**

36 North Canal Road.  
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www.bittersandlove.com  
🚗 Clarke Quay

**CHARLES & KEITH**

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www.charleskeith.com  
🚗 Orchard

**ENOTECA L'OPERETTA**

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www.operetta.sg  
🚗 Clarke Quay

**FENIX ROOM**

Block 3C River Valley Road.  
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www.facebook.com/FenixRoomSG  
🚗 Clarke Quay

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www.turntablesolutions.com  
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435 Orchard Road.  
☎ (65) 6732-0873.  
www.itlabels.com.sg  
🚗 Orchard

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www.jonesthegrocer.com  
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www.kudeta.com.sg  
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#02-09 Takashimaya Shopping  
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☎ (65) 6884-7361.  
www.laduree.fr/en  
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7/F The Fullerton Bay Hotel,  
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www.fullertonbayhotel.com  
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www.nibschocolate.net  
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www.marinabaycountdown.sg  
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☎ (65) 6333-9312.  
www.ocf-singapore.com  
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#02-05 Cathay Cineleisure,  
8 Grange Road.  
☎ (65) 6732-3227.  
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🚗 Somerset

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290 Orchard Road.  
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www.pscafe.com  
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www.silosobeachparty.com  
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www.rivercruise.com.sg  
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www.tangs.com.sg  
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www.thecookiemuseum.com  
🚗 Esplanade

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www.themarmaladepantry.com.sg  
🚗 Orchard

**VERRE WINE BAR**

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www.verre.com.sg  
🚗 Clarke Quay

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www.vintry.com.sg  
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www.wildhoney.com.sg  
🚗 Somerset

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# ADRENALINE RUSH

Singapore Sports Hub, the city's latest sports and entertainment offering, is all set to impress.



Singapore Sports Hub

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Most visitors are familiar with Singapore's fantastic attractions, our great shopping strips, our vibrant nightspots and our irresistible food. But what's less talked-about is our growing sporting culture, marked by major milestones like hosting the world's first F1 night race with the Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix and an increasing presence in

the Olympics, thanks to local athletes like table tennis stars Li Jiawei and Feng Tianwei.

This year, the newly opened **Singapore Sports Hub** will be on everybody's lips. It's set to be the city's number one destination for all things sports and entertainment, including the prestigious and hotly-anticipated **BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore presented by SC Global** (October 17-26).

Set to take place in Singapore for the first time ever this year, this mega sporting event will deliver plenty of thrilling action from international stars as they battle it out for the record US\$6.5million prize, the largest so far in the competition's 44-year history.

Come October 17, the eight top-ranked singles players and doubles teams will take to the courts to

demonstrate their athletic prowess. While players are still vying for points in the weekly WTA tournaments to climb the Road to Singapore leaderboard, fans can expect top names like China's Li Na and USA's Serena Williams to headline the exciting event.

Besides seven days of competition, the tournament will also feature an array of exciting highlights for a fully integrated experience. During the opening Fan Festival weekend, you can look forward to a showdown between four up-and-coming female players at the WTA Rising Stars Exhibition Competition, and catch legendary players such as former world number one player Martina Navratilova compete in the Legends exhibition matches. Also in Singapore will be Official WTA Finals Ambassadors Chris Evert and Billie Jean King. Fans can catch their favourite stars at scheduled practice court viewings, as well as participate in a plethora of fun and games. So do expect ten whole days of full-on tennis fever in October!

All this high-octane sporting action will take place at Singapore Sports Hub, a cluster of seven state-of-the-art venues and facilities, each offering a different experience. The highlight of the hub is undoubtedly the



World Club 10s

all-new **National Stadium**, an architectural wonder in itself. Custom-built to accommodate many different types of sports, it is turfed with the cutting-edge hybrid of natural grass and artificial fibres that's also found in London's famous Wembley Stadium. It also seats up to a whopping 55,000 spectators and boasts mobile seating tiers to deliver a truly spectacular experience.

But perhaps the stadium's most impressive feature is the dome-shaped roof, the largest of its kind in the world, which also doubles up as a gigantic projector screen. This retractable roof is made out of a high-tech, heat-blocking material that, together with a cleverly-engineered air cooling system, greatly reduces the amount of energy required to keep athletes, performers and spectators cool (as compared to

conventional air conditioning).

Plenty more lies in store at the Singapore Sports Hub even after the intense tennis season is over. Visitors can look forward to more unmissable events across a wide range of sports, including the **2014 ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) Suzuki Cup** (November 22-December 20) this year. The upcoming **2015 Southeast Asian (SEA) Games** (June 5-16 2015) is a major highlight on the regional sports calendar, while the annual **World Club 10s** (dates to be announced) tournament is a must-catch for rugby fanatics.

In addition, the new National Stadium will play host to massive entertainment events, with stars like Taiwanese Mandopop royalty **Jay Chou** (November 8) and the wildly successful UK boy band **One Direction** (March 11 2015) ready to thrill audiences with their electrifying performances.

It's worth noting that the Singapore Sports Hub is no



# sports

stranger to musical megastars. The 12,000-seater **Singapore Indoor Stadium** just next door (where the WTA Finals will take place) has also played host to big names like legendary English musician Eric Clapton, pop stars Bruno Mars and Taylor Swift, and Mandopop icon Stefanie Sun.

Apart from sports and entertainment spectator events, the Sports Hub also has several other integral components that will propel the venue as a destination for everyone. Multi-purpose sports centre **OCBC Arena**, which consists of six halls across two blocks, is open to public for activities such as badminton, netball, basketball, volleyball and table tennis. There's also a myriad of other community sports and recreation spaces—a playground, game courts, rock climbing wall, skate park, beach volleyball facilities and more.

Water babies will be delighted to know there are not one but three facilities



dedicated to water sports at the Sports Hub. The biggest of these is the 6,000-capacity **OCBC Aquatic Centre**, where big-name athletes are expected to compete at water polo, diving and synchronised swimming events. It features a 50-metre competition pool, a 50-metre training pool, a five-metre-deep diving pool as well as leisure facilities to round out the experience.

If you want to get your feet wet yourself, check out **Splash-N-Surf** and the **Water Sports Centre**, both

excellent for recreational water activities. One major highlight of the former is the Stingray®, a surfing facility for body boarding and skim boarding, while the latter offers canoe and kayak rentals. Avid boaters can take up the challenge to complete the 500-metre Regatta course along the scenic Kallang Basin.

For a more laid-back time, check out the **Singapore Sports Museum**, a first-ever in the country with its sole focus on sports-related exhibitions and galleries. Permanent



exhibitions include Building a Dream, which takes visitors through Singapore's sports history, and Dream Venue, an in-depth look at the previous National Stadium and its most celebrated moments. Alternatively, cool off at the 41,000-square-metre **Kallang**

**Wave** shopping mall and browse big high street fashion stores like H&M, Uniqlo and Forever 21.

With so many great reasons—from marquee sporting events to diverse recreational facilities—to visit, the Singapore Sports Hub

looks set to be a buzzing epicentre of sports and entertainment, as well as the city's newest architectural icon.

#### SINGAPORE SPORTS HUB

2 Stadium Walk.

☎ (65) 6653-8900.

[www.sportshub.com.sg](http://www.sportshub.com.sg)

🚇 Stadium

## WHERE TO REFUEL

Grab a bite before or after all the Sports Hub action at these nearby hangouts.



Kallang Leisure Park

### Kallang Leisure Park

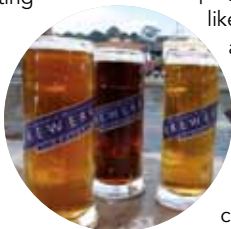
5 Stadium Walk.

☎ (65) 6242-1220.

[www.leisurepark.com.sg](http://www.leisurepark.com.sg)

🚇 Stadium

Located opposite Stadium MRT station is this stalwart entertainment centre, which houses an ice-skating rink and cinema alongside popular chain eateries Thai Express (#01-33) and The Soup Spoon (#01-08).



BrewerKz

### BrewerKz

#01-06/07/K1 Singapore

Indoor Stadium,  
2 Stadium Walk.

☎ (65) 6345-9905.

[www.brewerkz.com](http://www.brewerkz.com)

🚇 Stadium

This microbrewery serves up simple, hearty western creations like pork knuckle, pizzas and burgers—great if you need some refuelling—to go with their freshly-brewed beers. Tip: the earlier in the day you come, the cheaper the beers are.

### Old Airport Road Food Centre

51 Old Airport Road.

🚇 Dakota

Just two MRT stops away is this well-loved hawker centre, which has been around since 1973. There's plenty of mouthwatering local fare here, like Hokkien noodles from Nam Sing (#01-32) and fried oyster omelette from Katong Ah Soon Fried Oyster (#01-07).



# DINING IN THE PARK

Eat to your heart's content in the great outdoors.



The next time you head out for a feast, consider having your meal away from the hustle and bustle of the city. After all, with lush greenery, plenty of fresh air and balmy weather all year round, Singapore is perfect for alfresco dining.

One of the country's most celebrated green venues is Singapore Botanic Gardens, boasting a stunning collection of over 10,000 types of plants. Headlining one of the Gardens' main features—the one-hectare Ginger Garden, which is home to over 250 species of ginger—is the stunning restaurant **The Halia**. Offering up European cuisine with an Asian twist, chef Peter

Rollinson perfectly executes must-try creations like roasted rack of lamb in Javanese spice.

Another green hideaway to explore is just off the Orchard shopping belt. Away from the crowds and shopping malls, the tranquil Scotts Road is also a haven for history buffs with its many preserved colonial bungalows. **The Song of India** and **Indocafe** offer two very different culinary experiences. The menu at the former is crafted by chef Manjunath Mural, whose focus is mainly fine Indian cuisine, while the latter is the go-to place for scrumptious modern Peranakan (Straits Chinese) fare. For some post-meal drinks, hit the bar next

door, **Néktar**. This premium cocktail bar is a great spot for heady tipples with friends or business associates. Just tell the resident mixologists what you're in the mood for, and they'll whip something up.

**Spruce** is a hidden gem just a few minutes from Orchard by taxi. This unpretentious eatery serves comforting casual American fare like beef short ribs and the classic cheeseburger (known as the 'Spruce Burger' here).

A short bus ride down from Orchard will take you to Dempsey Hill, another enclave that's full of dining options. Virtually out of sight from the main road, most of the restaurants here are





Nosh Restaurant and Bar's crab benny

surrounded by greenery. Indulge in brunch at the outdoor section of **House**, order the tempting Alaskan king crab tagliatelle at **The White Rabbit** (which is housed in a beautifully restored chapel), or kick back and relax with a drink or two at garden bar **The Green Door**, while admiring the whimsical *Alice in Wonderland*-inspired décor.



The Halia

The southwestern region of Singapore has a different charm and even more alfresco options for nature-loving foodies. In the forested Labrador Nature Reserve, which contains the only rocky sea-cliff in the country, there's **Tamarind Hill**, where you'll find Thai specialties like duck curry. After your meal, go for a walk around the park and take in panoramic views of the sea.

Nearby, there's also French restaurant **Vineyard** at green hub, HortPark. Tuck into comforting favourites such as seafood bouillabaisse and take your pick from nearly 100 wines from around the

world, all while enjoying the sights and sounds of the surrounding foliage.

If you plan to experience Singapore's famed cable car ride be sure to stop by Mount Faber for a meal at

**Faber Bistro**. With an 'edible garden' right in its backyard, Faber Bistro offers unrivalled views of the city skyline and dishes ranging from small snacks to hearty

mains, such as crabmeat salad and pan-fried salmon steak. This casual dining venue attracts lovers looking for a romantic night out, families wanting a feast, and even runners taking on Mount Faber's uphill track.

No green experience is complete without a visit to Gardens by the Bay and the 'Supertrees' that tower 25 to 50 metres overhead. After exploring the Gardens, head to the climate-controlled Flower Dome for **POLLEN**, which features Mediterranean-

inspired modern European cuisine by Michelin starred chef Jason Atherton. Recommended eats include iberico pork collar with octopus and poached lobster tail with black squid.

For those who want to venture farther out, there are delightful spots like **Ristorante Pietrasanta**, **Nosh Restaurant and Bar** and **Riders Café**.

Located amid the greenery of Portsdown Road, Tuscan-inspired Ristorante Pietrasanta promises an authentic Italian dining experience with an extensive range of pastas (the spinach and ricotta ravioli is to die for), soups and pizzas to choose from, while Nosh

Restaurant and Bar at



Nektar

Rochester Park whips up a good mix of brunch specials like buttermilk pancakes, romantic date-worthy mains such as wild mushroom risotto, tempting snacks like the Maryland crabcakes, and top-notch cocktails such as Canned Heat—a fiery-sweet vodka concoction with strawberry,

# dining



mint, black pepper and chilli.

At the well-loved Riders Café, expect to dine in the company of horses, as this popular brunch spot (try the smoked salmon and creamed eggs) is situated at the Bukit Timah Saddle Club.

In the heartlands, there's more in store for you.

Connecting Bishan and Ang Mo Kio is a huge park that's particularly popular with runners and dog owners. In the heart of this green attraction lie **GRUB** and **The Green Room Café**. The former is all

about natural and sustainably sourced ingredients with no preservatives or additives. Items like the crispy fish burger and the pork steak burger have been all the rage since the bistro opened. At the latter, indulge in a meat-free menu, including desserts, soups, and drinks that are all vegan-friendly. One must-try is the creamy mushroom soup.

Over on the east side of Singapore, Changi oozes an old world charm unlike any other destination in the country. Surrounded by

trees and tucked away along Netheravon Road, **The Coastal Settlement** truly is a blast from the past with its many quirky antiques on display inside the restaurant, café and bar. Here you'll find a mix of Western and local dishes like curry chicken, *mee siam* (thin rice noodles in spicy, sweet, sour gravy), pasta and waffles. Feel free to walk in dressed casually.

With so many reasons to go alfresco, you have no excuse to stay cooped up indoors!

## ADDRESS BOOK

### FABER BISTRO

109 Mount Faber Road.  
☎ (65) 6377-9688.  
[www.mountfaber.com.sg](http://www.mountfaber.com.sg)  
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### GRUB

510 Bishan Park 1,  
Ang Mo Kio Avenue 1.  
☎ (65) 6459-5743.  
[www.grub.com.sg](http://www.grub.com.sg)  
🚗 Bishan

### HOUSE

8D Dempsey Road.  
☎ (65) 6475-7787.  
[www.dempseyhouse.com](http://www.dempseyhouse.com)  
🚗 Orchard

### INDOCAFE

35 Scotts Road.  
☎ (65) 6733-2656.  
[www.thehouseofindocafe.com](http://www.thehouseofindocafe.com)  
🚗 Newton

### NEKTAR

31 Scotts Road.  
☎ (65) 6836-9185.  
[www.nektar.com.sg](http://www.nektar.com.sg)  
🚗 Newton

### NOSH RESTAURANT AND BAR

9 Rochester Park.  
☎ (65) 6779-4644.  
[www.nosh.com.sg](http://www.nosh.com.sg)  
🚗 Buona Vista

### POLLEN

#01-09 Flower Dome,  
Gardens by the Bay,  
18 Marina Gardens Drive.  
☎ (65) 6604-9988.  
[www.pollen.com.sg](http://www.pollen.com.sg)  
🚗 Bayfront

### RIDERS CAFÉ

51 Fairways Drive.  
☎ (65) 6466-9819.  
[www.riderscafe.sg](http://www.riderscafe.sg)  
🚗 Botanic Gardens

### RISTORANTE PIETRASANTA

#01-03, 5B Portsdown Road.  
☎ (65) 6479-9521.  
[www.ristorante-pietrasanta.com](http://www.ristorante-pietrasanta.com)  
🚗 Queenstown

**SPRUCE**

320 Tanglin Road.  
 ☎ (65) 6836-5528.  
 www.spruce.com.sg  
 🚗 Orchard

**TAMARIND HILL**

30 Labrador Villa Road.  
 ☎ (65) 6278-6364.  
 www.tamarindrestaurants.com  
 🚗 Labrador Park

**THE COASTAL SETTLEMENT**

200 Netheravon Road.  
 ☎ (65) 6475-0200.  
 www.thecoastalsettlement.com  
 🚗 Pasir Ris

**THE GREEN DOOR**

13A Dempsey Road.  
 ☎ (65) 6476-2922.  
 www.theprivegroup.com.sg/  
 thegreendoor  
 🚗 Orchard

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1382 Bishan Park 2,  
 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 1.  
 ☎ (65) 6556-1533.  
 www.greenroomcafe.com.sg  
 🚗 Bishan

**THE HALIA**

1 Cluny Road, Ginger Garden,  
 Singapore Botanic Gardens.  
 ☎ (65) 8444-1148.  
 www.thehalia.com/sbg  
 🚗 Botanic Gardens

**THE SONG OF INDIA**

33 Scotts Road.  
 ☎ (65) 6836-0055.  
 www.thesongofindia.com  
 🚗 Newton

**THE WHITE RABBIT**

39C Harding Road.  
 ☎ (65) 6473-9965.  
 www.thewhiterabbit.com.sg  
 🚗 Orchard

**VINEYARD**

#02-02, 33 Hyderabad Road.  
 ☎ (65) 6479-7977.  
 www.vineyardhortpark.com.sg  
 🚗 Labrador Park



IN THE  
 NEIGHBOURHOOD

Don't miss out on these exciting one-of-a-kind activities right by the many alfresco eateries.

**Aramsa – The Garden Spa**

1382 Bishan Park 2,  
 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 1.  
 ☎ (65) 6456-6556.  
 www.aramsaspas.com  
 🚗 Bishan

Just next to The Green Room Café, this world class spa features 17 treatment rooms and believes in using natural remedies and organic treatments with botanical extracts from the earth and sea to rejuvenate your body, mind and soul. Prices start from \$108 for a 60 minute treatment.

**Bukit Timah Saddle Club**

51 Fairways Drive.  
 ☎ (65) 6466-2264.  
 www.btsc.org.sg  
 🚗 Botanic Gardens

Before checking in at Riders Café, why not let the kids try horse riding to work up an appetite? The little ones can learn to ride for just \$10.

**Changi Point Coastal Walk**

Changi Point Ferry Terminal,  
 51 Longong Bekukung.  
 🚗 Pasir Ris

Work off your meal from The Coastal Settlement and amble along the 2.2 kilometre Changi Point Coastal Walk, which takes about 45 minutes to complete. Take in gorgeous views of the beach and the water while looking out for unique bird and reptile species in the lush greenery.

**Singapore Botanic Gardens**

1 Cluny Road.  
 ☎ (65) 6471-7361.  
 www.sbg.org.sg  
 🚗 Botanic Gardens

After a satisfying meal at The Halia, lay out your picnic mat and soak up the sun at Botanic Gardens. Open daily from 5am to 12am, the place is especially lively during late afternoons with families and their pets, so it's perfect for people watching.

# LIGHTING UP DEEPAVALI

A look into the Festival of Lights and how you can join in the dazzling celebrations.



**D**eepavali, which means 'rows of light' in Sanskrit, is one of the most important festivals in the Hindu calendar. Falling on October 22 this year, the Festival of Lights, as it is also called, honours the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness, and is widely celebrated by Hindus around the world with considerable fanfare and enthusiasm.

Singapore's Little India is a must-visit during the festival when the neighbourhood is festooned with eye-popping colours and mesmerising light displays. The area teems with activity, especially in the temporary bazaars that spring up in the area.

There, you'll find stalls selling *saris*, which are colourful traditional garments worn by women throughout the Indian subcontinent, alongside intricate costume jewellery, traditional arts and crafts, floral garlands and a mouth-watering selection of festive treats.

Hindu temples all over Singapore also bustle with devotees gathering to give thanks and recite prayers to deities. While in Little India, stop by religious sites such as the **Sri Veeramakaliamman**, **Sri Vadapathira Kaliamman** and **Sri Srinivasa Perumal Temples**. Mornings before noon and evenings after 6pm are both





Hindu priests conducting rituals



Sri Srinivasa Perumal Temple

beautiful Indian folk art is said to bring good luck and peace.

When stocking up on the necessary festive supplies, the local Indian community goes to Little India where there are plenty of specialty shops to be found; they drop by **Jothi Store & Flower Shop** to purchase jasmine garlands and prayer items, or head to **Rasool Shop** for spice mixtures and traditional ingredients, for example. The one place that draws huge crowds all year round is **Mustafa Centre**, a 24-hour department store that stocks pretty much everything you can think of—from fresh produce and clothing to electronics and airline tickets—at bargain prices.

good times to visit—that's when you can witness ceremonies performed by Hindu priests.

To welcome the arrival of Deepavali, Hindus light lamps to mark the occasion, as well as

clean and decorate their homes with flowers and ornaments.

The ground is decorated with coloured rice or rice powder, forming intricate designs called *kolams* or *rangoli*. This form of

## WHY THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS?

There are various stories and legends from Hindu scriptures surrounding the origin of Deepavali. One well-known tale has the divine ruler Lord Sri Krishna slaying the evil King Narakasura, thus freeing the people from a reign of terror. In ancient times, people lit *diyas* (earthen oil lamps); this tradition continues, albeit sometimes with more modern lights, to this day.



# deepavali



Deepavali street decorations



Street parade performer



Mustafa Centre

New clothes and accessories are a must to celebrate the occasion. If you'd like to own a traditional Indian dress but want to avoid the crowded bazaars, visit **Haniffa Textiles** for its wide variety of *saris*. Buying gold accessories during the festive season is considered auspicious for it symbolises prosperity, so jewellery stores like **Abiraame Jewellers** and **Selvasegara Jewellers**,



Floral garlands

which offer varied designs at competitive prices, are always filled with shoppers. Another way to get into the Deepavali spirit is to have your hand painted with traditional henna art by local artists at **Vanessa Beauty Salon**. These temporary tattoos are drawn with a paste made from the henna plant, which is used to dye skin.

A key part of Deepavali is visiting family and friends, and it's become a tradition among locals to drop in at their Indian friends' homes. It is customary to exchange homemade festive sweets like *jalebi* (deep fried batter in syrup), and *ney urundai* (green mung bean sweets). Visiting guests also get to enjoy a sumptuous spread of delicious curries, tandoori

chicken, *biryani* (rice cooked with spices and served with meat or vegetable curry) and other delectable Indian dishes.

When it comes to gathering authentic ingredients to prepare traditional dishes, **Tekka Centre** is where Indians go to do their grocery shopping. Housing a food centre, retail shops and wet market, this landmark



Indian sweets at Komala Vilas Restaurant

in Little India boasts a multicultural shopping experience with Chinese vendors, Indian stall owners and Malay retailers hawking specialty products. In addition to meat and produce, the wet market has a selection of spices and vegetables flown in from Sri Lanka and India that are integral to Indian cuisine.

If you have yet to try Indian food, make your way to **The**



**Banana Leaf Apolo** for some delicious South Indian fare. You'll want to order signature dishes like fish head curry and chicken *tikka masala* (chicken in a spicy tomato cream sauce) served on banana leaves.

Vegetarians can look forward to mouth-watering dishes like *dosai* (fermented crepe) and *palak paneer* (spinach and cottage cheese in thick curry) at **Komala Vilas Restaurant**.

Little India should be part of your travel itinerary whenever you're here, but a visit during the Deepavali festivities promises an especially lively, culturally rich and truly memorable experience. For a more comprehensive guide to this eclectic enclave, pick up the Field Guide to Little India, available at the Singapore Visitors Centres (see page 32).



## ADDRESS BOOK



Deepavali candles

### ABIRAME JEWELLERS

69 Serangoon Road.  
 ☎ (65) 6341-5341.  
[www.ajs.com.sg](http://www.ajs.com.sg)  
 🚗 Little India

### HANIFFA TEXTILES

24 Madras Street.  
 ☎ (65) 6392-7855.  
 🚗 Little India

### JOTHI STORE & FLOWER SHOP

1 Campbell Lane.  
 ☎ (65) 6338-7008.  
[www.jothi.com.sg](http://www.jothi.com.sg)  
 🚗 Little India

### KOMALA VILAS RESTAURANT

76/78 Serangoon Road.  
 ☎ (65) 6293-6980.  
[www.komalavilas.com.sg](http://www.komalavilas.com.sg)  
 🚗 Little India

### MUSTAFA CENTRE

145 Syed Alwi Road.  
 ☎ (65) 6295-5855.  
[www.mustafa.com.sg](http://www.mustafa.com.sg)  
 🚗 Farrer Park

### RASOOL SHOP

#01-01, 664 Buffalo Road.  
 ☎ (65) 6298-8786.  
 🚗 Little India

### SELVASEGARA JEWELLERS

114 Serangoon Road.  
 ☎ (65) 6293-9760.  
 🚗 Little India

### SRI SRINIVASA PERUMAL TEMPLE

397 Serangoon Road.  
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# SOUVENIR SHOPPING

Hunt for the perfect keepsake while exploring the city.



FARM

Whether you're buying one for yourself or a dozen for your friends and family back home, everyone loves a good souvenir. Plus, it's a great way to remember your trip. With an eclectic mix of cultures and traditions here, you'll certainly be able to find something quirky, classic, or even edible to take home with you.

Vintage finds are all the rage and have been popping up at stores across the country, and **The Damn Good Shop** is one place to get them. Started by the creative geniuses behind local social media marketing agency Goodstuph, this emporium houses one-off vintage goods, as well as products by local companies like retro eyewear

brand Mystic Vintage and eye-catching artwork by design company FLABSLAB. However, be sure to plan your visit well ahead of time. The Damn Good Shop is primarily an online entity, and their store at Maxwell Road only opens from 8pm to midnight every first Friday of the month.

Similarly, community-centred arts establishment and design studio **FARM** sells both online and from their store, which is open Mondays to Fridays from 10am to 6pm. Curated by a young team of passionate art enthusiasts, FARM's colourful, wacky and highly original collection of products are all made in Singapore, and represent the country, its culture and its history. Here you'll find classic

games, like 'five stones'—a toss-and-catch game played with small triangular cloth bags filled with rice or sand, similar to jacks—pretty tote bags with designs of old Chinese calendars, and drinking glasses with funny catchphrases in local lingo (also known as 'Singlish') printed on them.

If you're after something more cutting-edge, pop by **The Museum Shop**. Located at the ground floor of the Red Dot Design Museum, the store features an assortment of award-winning products that have been recognised for their exceptional design quality by an international jury. From Bluetooth-enabled speakers by Singapore-based company Xmi, to Red Dot's yearbooks featuring the best and the



latest design innovations and concepts, take the time to study the labels attached to each product and the little-known stories behind them.

For a good mix of vintage and modern trinkets, The Central at Clarke Quay is a must-visit. Hit up fun gift store **Shinnpark** for cute, curious collectibles ranging from adorable post-it notes fashioned after local desserts and aprons with cooking guides printed on them. It's full of surprises as it constantly brings in both local and international labels to keep the range fresh.

Also worth a visit is **Goods of Desire**, where East meets West with their range of products. Although the store hails from Hong Kong, it represents Singapore's ever-present Cantonese culture. Stocks consist of pretty much anything you can think of, from oriental-style mouse pads to bookmarks with Chinese characters printed on them, but they change often and come in limited numbers, so

get them while they're hot. Look out for special items you won't find anywhere else made in collaboration with local designers.

Apart from Clarke Quay, another hotspot for souvenir collectors is Bugis. With its eclectic mix of streetwear, printed t-shirts, watches, mobile phone accessories and other quirky bric-a-brac, the busy **Bugis Street** market is a favourite haunt of locals and visitors alike.

Afterwards, you can take a breather and enjoy a leisurely browse through cosy indie store **Cat Socrates** at the nearby Bras Basah Complex. Hot sellers like scrapbooking essentials, cutesy stationery, robot tin toys, and their prized 'moustache' collection (pouches, umbrellas, you name it) make fantastic buys for all ages.

For the ultimate blast from the past, check out **The Heritage Shop** at Jalan Sultan. This antique store is packed to the brim with thousands of collectibles reminiscent

of Singapore's past, mainly from the 30s to the 60s. Besides selling vintage ware, it also doubles up as a props supplier to local theatres looking for hard-to-find items.

Something different can be found at **Toko Aljunied**, a store that specialises in Arab perfumes, Peranakan (Straits Chinese) outfits and batik clothing (made using an age-old manual dyeing method). One of the oldest stores in Singapore, you can pick up a variety of wallet-friendly fashion items, from satin gloves to kebaya (traditional Malay blouse-dress combination).

Over at hip neighbourhood Tiong Bahru, **BooksActually**



Shinnpark



Bugis Street



Goods of Desire

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# shopping

doesn't only focus on paper products, but also on nifty merchandise including tote bags, mugs, and other fun items like miniature vintage beer bottles. Events are often held here, so if you're lucky you can also meet up-and-coming authors, or catch acoustic performances by local singers.

At homegrown fashion lifestyle retailer **TANGS**, you can pick up tasteful gifts such as Asian-inspired ceramics and gorgeous centrepieces, made using natural tropical foliage, at the New Heritage Shop. Exclusively at **TANGS** is local brand **Animal Merchandise**, which sells animal-themed home-ware like colourful placemats.

**Animal Merchandise** supports animal welfare shelters and wildlife sanctuaries, both locally and globally, so shop for a cause and see your dollar go that much further.

Simpler mementos can be found at the stores of Singapore's iconic museums, **ArtScience Museum**, **National Museum of Singapore**, and **Singapore Art Museum**.

These places of interest carry keepsakes like keychains and tote bags bearing the symbol of the Merlion (the half-lion, half-fish that represents Singapore), models of the city's key landmarks, as well as Singapore-themed iPhone covers and sketch books.

Edible souvenirs are excellent gift ideas for foodies. At **The Cookie Museum**, tourists go wild for the unique treats from both the Singapore Heritage Flavours series and the Singapore Orchid series.



Ya Kun Kaya Toast



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Cat Socrates

The former consists of cookies that taste like quintessential Singaporean dishes like Hainanese chicken rice, *nasi lemak* (a Malay rice dish prepared with coconut milk), and pandan chiffon cake, a well-loved confectionery sold at many bakeries. The latter pays homage to the national flower of Singapore with floral, fruity flavours like the Vanda Miss Joaquim, orchid lychee and orchid mango.

If you've tried toast with *kaya* (coconut jam) and loved it, why not purchase the good stuff to savour back at home? At the famous **Ya Kun Kaya Toast**, their *kaya* recipe is sold by the bottle and is perfect as a breakfast spread or afternoon snack. Ya Kun's special coffee powder and house-brand cookies are also available for purchase at the coffee chain's many outlets across the island.

To further satisfy your craving for edible souvenirs, head to any major supermarket, such as **NTUC FairPrice** or **Cold Storage**, and look for Prima Taste Sauce Kits. Having these ready-to-cook pastes and sauces on hand will make it that much easier for you to recreate the taste of Singaporean food, no matter where you are in the world. There's an extensive range of kits to choose from, like curry, *laksa* (a spicy coconut-based noodle soup) and chilli crab. Follow the cooking steps on the packaging and you'll be whipping up authentic dishes in no time.

Additionally, if you can handle the heat, add a bottle of *belachan* (chilli sauce made with shrimp paste) to your purchase. This is one condiment that many locals can't get enough of and it undoubtedly adds that extra oomph to your meal.

## ADDRESS BOOK



The Heritage Shop

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[www.shinnpark.com/shop](http://www.shinnpark.com/shop)  
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71 Bras Basah Road.  
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[www.singaporeartmuseum.sg](http://www.singaporeartmuseum.sg)  
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[www.thecookiemuseum.com](http://www.thecookiemuseum.com)  
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[www.facebook.com/TokoAljunied](http://www.facebook.com/TokoAljunied)  
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Art Stage Singapore



M1 Singapore Fringe Festival



Chinese New Year Celebrations

## Chinese New Year Celebrations

Jan 31-Mar 19  
Chinatown

Chinese New Year is the longest and most important Chinese holiday. Homes are scrupulously cleaned and decorated, new clothes are worn to usher in good fortune and family reunion dinners are imperative. Chinatown is a must-visit during this season. It's where visitors can enjoy lion dance performances, markets hawking local goods and delicacies, and gorgeous lanterns lighting the whole area.

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

## M1 Singapore Fringe Festival

Jan 14-25  
Various venues

Be amazed by striking works of art at this cutting-edge festival. Themed 'Art and Loss', the 11th edition will showcase select theatre, dance, live art and visual arts pieces by local



Singapore Design Week

and international artists over 12 thought-provoking days. Last year's edition featured powerful works by Japanese filmmaker Hiroshi Sunairi and Portuguese theatre company Mundo Perfeito, among others.

[www.singaporefringe.com](http://www.singaporefringe.com)

## Art Stage Singapore

Jan 22-25  
Marina Bay Sands® Expo & Convention Centre

The fifth edition of Art Stage kicks off the international arts calendar for 2015 with a strong Asian focus. A carefully curated selection of quality contemporary art from top artists and galleries around the region will bring together the luminaries of the Asian art world, critics, collectors and casual art goers. Get intimately acquainted with over 100 prestigious galleries from all over the world at this art extravaganza.

[www.artstagesingapore.com](http://www.artstagesingapore.com)

## Chingay

Feb 27-28  
F1 Pit Building

Singapore has celebrated Chinese New Year with Chingay, Asia's largest street parade of floats and an extravaganza of dazzling sights and colours, for over 40 years. This annual event features a dazzling visual

spectacle of live local and international performances and fiery spectacular fireworks over two unforgettable days.

[www.chingay.org.sg](http://www.chingay.org.sg)

## Singapore Design Week

Mar 10-22

### Various venues

Organised by the DesignSingapore Council, the event is a celebration of Singapore and international design talents in a plethora of programmes such as exhibitions, forums, workshops, sharing sessions, film screenings and design trails. Highlights include multi-disciplinary design showcase SingaPlural, the authoritative French design fair Maison&Objet Asia and the International Furniture Fair Singapore.

[www.designsingapore.org/SDW](http://www.designsingapore.org/SDW)



Chingay

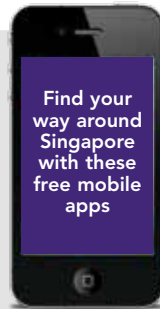


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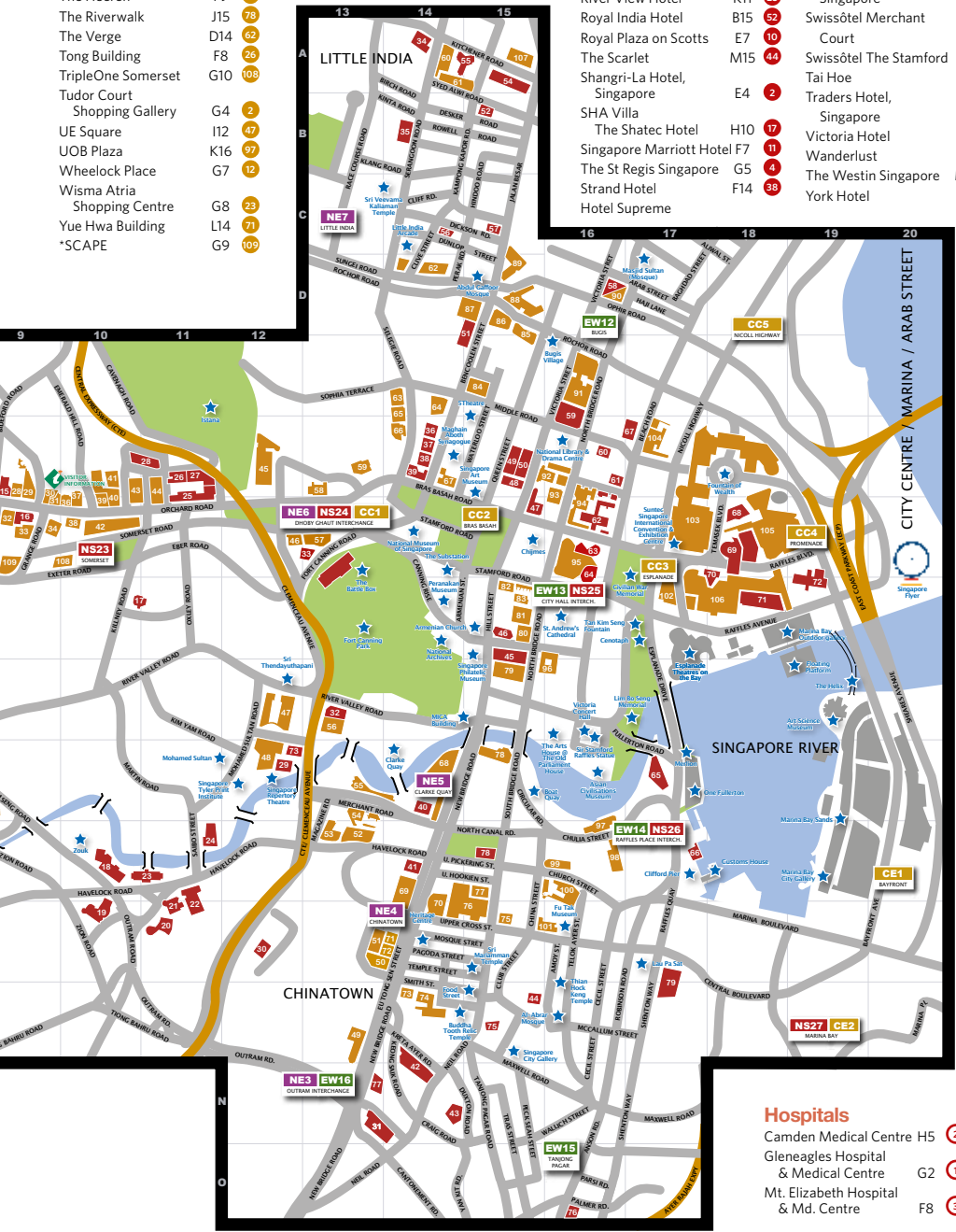
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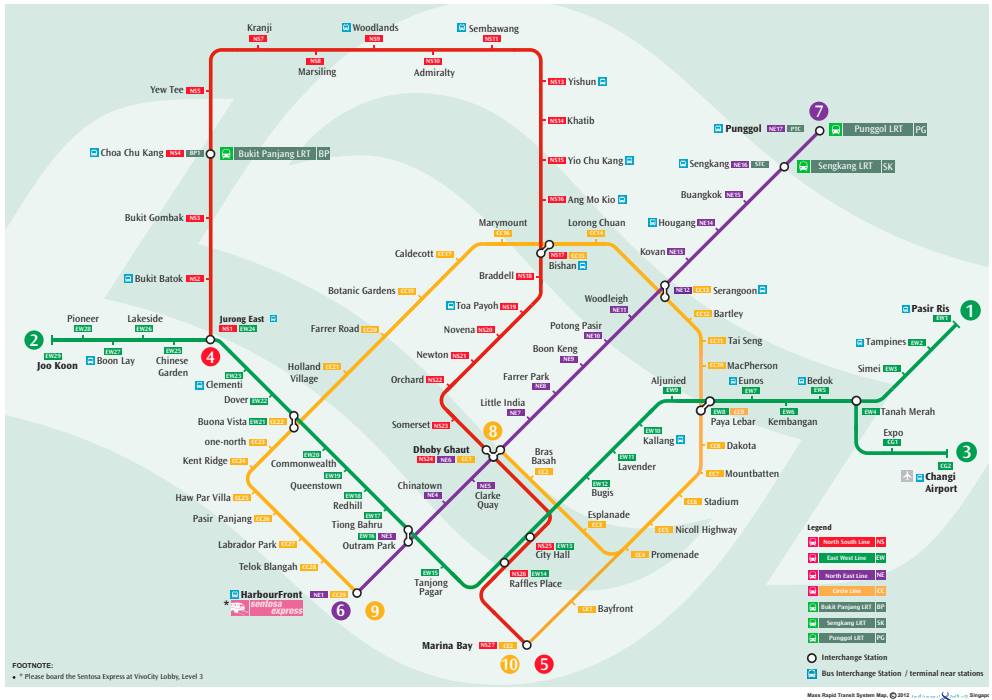
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# essential info



**STORE OPENING HOURS** Most shops open from 10am-9.30pm daily.

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

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Skip the queues and file your GST claims at the eTRS self-help kiosk at Changi Airport before you fly! All you need to do is shop at places that display the eTRS sign and use one credit card as a Token for tagging all your purchases. Tourists departing on international cruises from Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore and the International Passenger Terminal at HarbourFront Centre may also qualify for tax refund. Log on to [www.iras.gov.sg](http://www.iras.gov.sg) for more information.

## Singapore Visitors Centre

**Junction of Cairnhill Road and Orchard Road**  
 9.30am to 10.30pm daily  
 Somerset

**ION Orchard Level 1 Concierge**  
 10am to 10pm daily  
 Orchard

**Chinatown Visitor Centre**  
 2 Banda Street (Behind Buddha Tooth Relic Temple and Museum)  
 9am to 9pm (Mon to Fri)  
 9am to 10pm (Weekends and Public Holidays)  
 Chinatown

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 1800-736-2000 (toll-free)  
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