

# DISCOVA

Singapore









# Warmest welcome to Singapore aka Little Red Dot

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The story of Singapore is one of trials, tribulations, and triumphs. In a short span of just over 50 years, this little island has evolved from a colony to a city-state with a unique identity, forged by a spirit of resilience.























My name is Angela Tan, a licensed tourist guide, and it is this spirit that drives me to showcase the architectural wonders, lush parks and gardens, proud heritage, world-class attractions, and amazing cuisine of Singapore to visitors from around the world.

Knowing that I have helped Singapore make an impact on our guests or made our visitors feel special gives me a huge sense of achievement and happiness as I look forward to welcoming my next guests.

# Singapore



## D Climate & Weather Averages in Singapore

	Destination	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
 Cold	Singapore												
 Warm													
 Hot													
 Rain													

\*The actual climate in Singapore's Regions can vary a bit.

Singapore doesn't have clear cut seasons, and temperatures remain consistent year-round, hovering between 25 and 30 degrees Celsius. Humidity is high and thunderstorms happen on an average of 167 days per year. In general, it's hottest in April, coolest in January, and greenest in November.

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# Things to Know

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## Population

5.6 million



## Capital City

Singapore



## Time Zone

UTC +8, SGT, Singapore



## Language

Malay is the national language in Singapore, but English is the lingua franca. The majority of Singaporeans speak English as a first language, generally in addition to another mother tongue of Malay, Chinese, or Tamil.



## Currency

The official currency is the Singapore dollar. The Brunei dollar is also accepted at a 1:1 exchange rate. Some hotels and shopping centres will accept other major currencies like US and Australian dollars, Japanese yen, or the British pound. ATMs are everywhere and major credit cards are widely accepted without surcharges. Money can be changed easily at moneychangers, but also at banks, which don't charge a service fee.



## Visa

Citizens from most countries can travel to Singapore for 30 or 90 days without a visa. There are 35 countries that need to apply for a visa in advance, and 14 of these are eligible to apply for an eVisa.

# Festivals

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Live some local traditions



## Chinese New Year

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**Mid-January / February**

Chinese New Year, or Lunar New Year, usually falls in the middle of January, and all of Chinatown comes together for two weeks to celebrate with extravagant decorations and ornaments on houses, malls, and in the street. The Dragon Dance and the Chingay Parade are a must-see.



## Thaipusam

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**February**

In February, the colourful Hindu festival of Thaipusam brings the streets of Little India to a standstill. The festival features a procession in which Hindu devotees carry milk pots and large kavadis elaborately decorated with peacock feathers and flowers. These kavadis are a real sight to behold, especially since many of the carriers also pierce themselves through numerous parts of the body as part of the offering. Witness the procession anywhere along the streets that run through Little India, and observe the families and friends of those taking part as they offer chants and prayers of encouragement.









“One of the best parts about Singapore are the many green spaces in and around the city. For anybody who wants to escape the concrete jungle for an afternoon, I recommend going to the MacRitchie Reservoir, Singapore’s largest nature reserve. It’s home to a vast array of birds, animals, and plants and offers plenty of beautiful hiking trails. The highlight, however, is the spectacular Tree Top Walk – a 250-metre long suspension bridge that connects the two highest points of the nature reserve and offers breathtaking views of the forest canopy and its inhabitants.”

# Responsible Travel Initiatives

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## Social Enterprises...

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...are an easy and sustainable way to give back to local communities. In Singapore, we work with a variety of social enterprises that create opportunities for disadvantaged members of the community.



## Local Community

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By working closely with small businesses, we support the sustainable development of the communities whilst allowing travellers to experience the local life in Singapore.



## Protecting Children

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ChildSafe Movement trains individuals and organisations, providing them with the tools to protect children. We are working on implementing ChildSafe throughout Discova to do our part in protecting children worldwide.



# What to Eat

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Taste some local food



## Hainanese Chicken Rice

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Singapore's "national food". The chicken is blanched, soaked in cold water to keep it tender, then served with rice cooked in chicken stock, ginger, and pandan for fragrance and flavour. The dish is served with a lime chilli dipping sauce.



## Chilli Crab

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This seafood speciality consists of steamed hard-shell crabs stir-fried in a sweet and savoury tomato-and-chilli sauce. Local variations are common — some vendors serve chilli crab with sambal sauce and egg. Order a side of bread to soak up that good gravy!



## Pandan Chiffon Cake

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An airy-light chiffon cake cooked with creamy coconut milk and pandan leaves, which give it a striking green colour. It's soft, light, and perfect for breakfast or dessert. Pair it with a cup of Milo for a classic Singaporean snack.



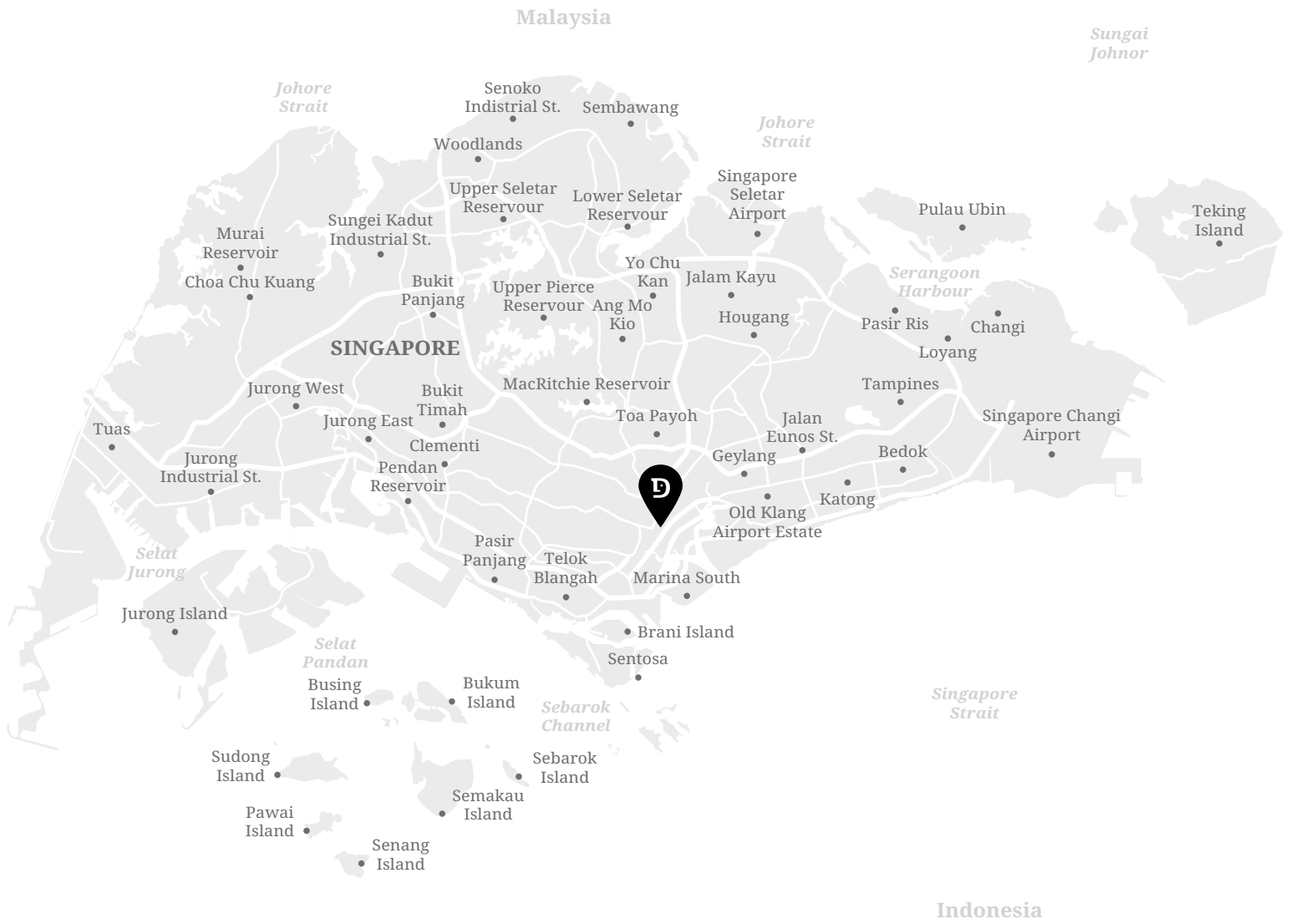
"Bread and coffee" might not seem that interesting, but kaya toast is so much more. The kaya jam is made of sweet coconut milk, egg, and pandan, then spread over toasted bread and paired with a soft-boiled egg. The combination of sweet and savoury, light and hearty is divine. Pair it with a cup of kopi, or kopi-O if you like it black. It's the perfect breakfast."

## Join us on an imaginary 6-Day Trip Through Singapore

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Discover the different faces of Singapore on this six-day whirlwind journey. Explore the city-state's diverse cultural heritage and local cuisines, witness the unique juxtaposition of urban spaces and nature with a visit to the famous Gardens by the Bay, and discover what lies beyond Singapore's main island with daytrips to laid-back Pulau Ubin, fun-filled Sentosa and the pristine Southern Islands.





# Singapore Island

This tiny cosmopolitan city-state is one of the smallest countries in the world. Known for its cultural diversity, the country is shared by different ethnic enclaves and celebrates an exciting rotation of religious holidays. Thanks to brilliant city planning and state-of-the-art public transportation, it's easy to explore Singapore's many different neighbourhoods.







## 1. Local Flavour Walking Tour

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Discover the diversity of Singapore with a journey into two very different, yet equally colourful ethnic enclaves not far from the city centre. Set off to discover the charming backstreets of Chinatown and walk past the district's iconic architecture. Stop by a local coffee shop before exploring the vibrant shops, bursting with flowers and spices, that line the streets of Little India.



## 2. Hawker Haven & Street Art

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Experience Singapore's culinary excellence with stops at two of the island's finest hawker centres. Sample local "liquid gold" coffee and award-winning curry puffs at Amoy Food Centre before visiting a century-old Chinese temple and admiring some beautiful murals en route to the next stop. Taste some more local favourites at Maxwell Food Centre and finish the tour at Singapore City Gallery.



## 3. Gardens by the Bay Excursion

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Discover Singapore's uniquely futuristic take on the greenhouse with a tour around the famously colourful Gardens by the Bay. Admire the ever-changing Flower Field and peer up at the world-record holding Cloud Forest indoor waterfall. Then head to Supertree Grove to take in the aerial views of Singapore's skyline from atop a suspended walkway that connects these man-made 'supertrees'.

# Pulau Ubin

A whole different world compared to Singapore Island's sleek modernity, Pulau Ubin is one of the country's last 'kampongs', or villages. Its rugged wooden houses hark back to pre-industrial times. The island teems with wildlife, from otters and anemones to endangered bird species. Explore the coastline by bicycle or hike its many nature trails. The wetlands of Chek Jawa are a highlight, home to a unique ecosystem that is one of the most biodiverse in Singapore.







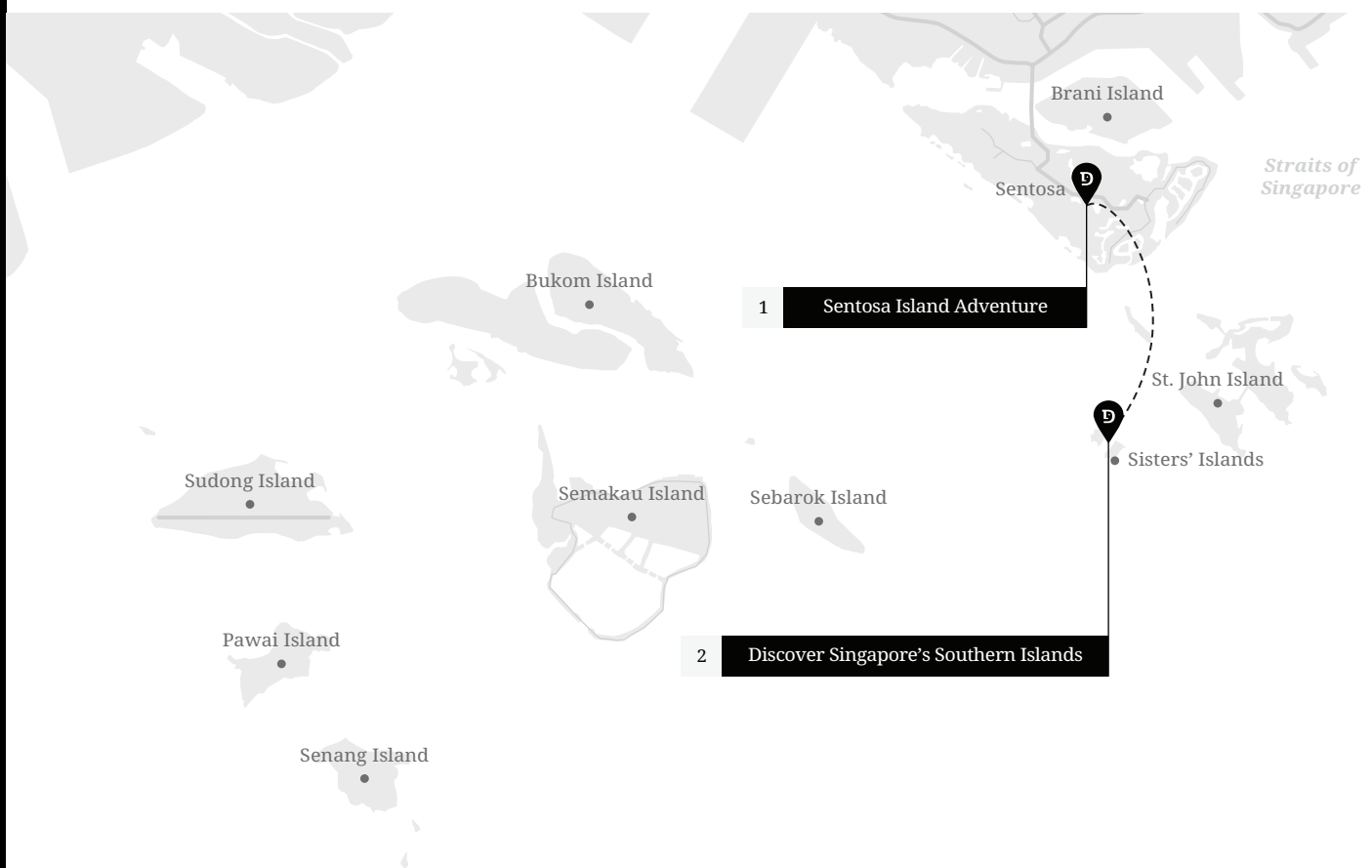
## 1. Cycling on Pulau Ubin Island

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Spend a day exploring Singapore's not-too-distant off history as a rustic fishing village with a journey to Pulau Ubin Island. Sail by traditional bumboat and wind along quiet roads by bicycle, taking in the lush scenery and traditional Malay villages along the way. Visit a tudor-style cottage, discover the Chek Jawa Wetlands and end the excursion with a delicious seafood lunch.

# Southern Islands

There are more than 60 smaller islands near mainland Singapore, each with a unique personality and legacy. The largest and best-known is Sentosa. Also called the 'Fun Island', it is home to plenty of attractions and recreational activities as well as the Universal Studios Theme Park. Whilst Kusu Island attracts visitors for its temples, St. John's Island offers a wealth of coral reefs and trekking routes. Head to Lazarus Island to enjoy near-empty beaches – one of Singapore's best-kept secrets.







## 1. Sentosa Island Adventure

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Get ready for a full-day family-friendly excursion to the famously exciting Sentosa Island. Start with a scenic cable car ride to the man-made island, be captivated by Singapore Live's spectacular stage performance and enjoy a thrilling ride at the Skyline Luge. End this fun-filled day with a visit to S.E.A. Aquarium and discover the incredible energy of Asia's best park.



## 2. Discover Singapore's Southern Islands

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Discover Singapore beyond its main island on this half-day cruise. Aboard an elegant yacht, spend a day at sea, taking in the natural beauty of the nation's Southern Islands. Hear interesting stories about the individual islets dotting the sea, sail past the Sisters' Island Marine Park, Singapore's first of this kind, and visit the religious monuments on Turtle Island by foot.



# Unique MICE Venues

We offer a range of MICE services  
in Singapore



## Pollen Singapore at Gardens by the Bay

**Singapore**

Enjoy modern European cuisine in a chic Mediterranean garden overlooking the Flower Dome and the entirety of the Marina Bay waterfront.



## Huone Singapore

**Singapore**

Host a meeting or conference in one of 11 themed rooms offering funky features like swing chairs, runway tables, and indoor forests.



## Holey Moley Clarke Quay

**Singapore**

Pair putt-putt with a pina colada at this playful venue, enjoying cocktails, food catering, and music alongside mini golf and bar games.

# Unique Educational Opportunities

We ensure our innovative range of themed programs and educational tours for adults and students make a positive impact and provide opportunities for inspiration, exploration and learning.



## Vertical Farming at Sky Greens

The world's first low carbon, hydraulic driven vertical farm, Sky Greens offers a variety of hands-on educational activities for students and adults to learn about sustainability and urban agriculture technology.



## Back to Nature with Bollywood Adventure

With the aim of bringing people closer to nature, Bollywood Adventures has created fun learning experiences at their many urban farms, which include a vegetable, nippon koi and goat dairy farm. Suitable for both adults and children, educational groups can learn about sustainable farming methods, fish mediation, the benefits of goat milk, and much more.



## Singapore Science Centre

From DNA workshops to building a drone and coding games, the Singapore Science Centre has designed numerous exciting workshops. These educational journeys introduce students to innovative science and technology whilst promoting creative thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork at the same time.



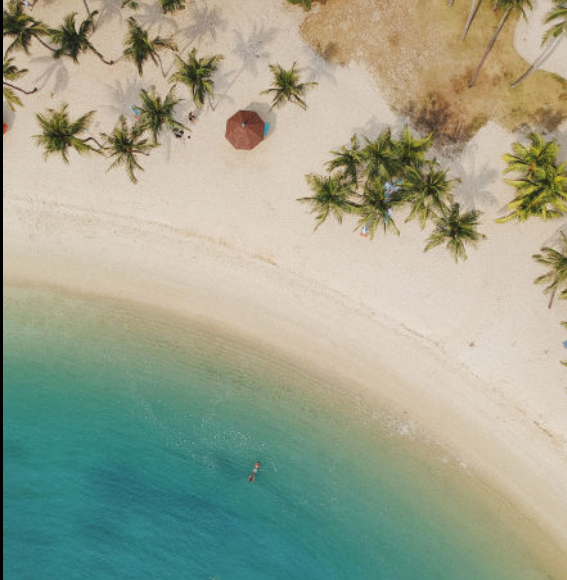
## AR/VR Workshop

The media technology company, Hiverlab, are experts in the field of Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR). Their workshops and experiences are designed to provide a platform for educational groups to gain introductory knowledge of immersive technology, understand different AR/VR, and learn about the processes of creating customised AR/VR experiences.



## Adventure Seeker

Get off the beaten path to discover new and exciting ways of experiencing Singapore.



Singapore is more than just one island. There are dozens of smaller islands off the mainland's southern coast begging for exploration. It's possible to take a cruise around these islets, stopping for **scuba diving or snorkelling** in Pulau Hantu or Kusi Island where turtles and parrot fish populate the reefs.



An adventure-seeker's daydream, **Sentosa Island** is stuffed coast-to-coast with activity and excitement, from spas and sandy beaches to the Universal Studios theme park. Visitors of all ages can get hopped up on adrenaline-inducing roller coasters and attractions here, then head to the water park to cool down.



**Speed through Singapore in a supercar.** Get behind the wheel of a Ferrari or a Lamborghini at the Marina Bay Sands or sit back in the passenger seat while a professional driver puts the pedal to the metal. Feel the full power of a turbo engine, then bleed the adrenaline out over a rooftop cocktail.



# Culture Enthusiast

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Singapore is less of a “melting pot” and more of a mosaic, where diversity is celebrated and unique cultures flourish in distinct, discoverable ways.



The descendants of Chinese immigrants make up the majority of Singapore’s population, and **Chinatown** has grown from an immigrant enclave into a bustling district, well-balanced between tradition and trendy modernity. Visit a fortune teller, a temple, and a medicinal hall before settling down for legendary Chinese cuisine on Food Street.



The heart of Singapore’s Indian community is in **Little India**, a vibrant neighbourhood of narrow lanes lined with stunning Hindu temples and food stalls. Flower garlands dangle from storefronts, and street vendors sell traditional wares beside blink-and-you-miss-them restaurants cooking up mouth-watering curries – everything is colour and flavour.



**Kampong Gelam** is the Muslim district of Singapore. One of the oldest quarters in the country, it seamlessly harmonises the hip with the historic: kebaya dresses and Persian carpets can be bought on shisha-smoking Arab Street, while nearby Haji Lane is plastered with epic, Instagram-worthy graffiti.

## Nature and Wildlife Lover

Singapore is best known for its architectural splendour, but this urban jungle has done a magnificent job integrating the ecological into the cosmopolitan.



**Pulau Ubin** is one of the last wild holdouts in Singapore. Pass by 1960's-era village houses, abandoned quarries, manicured nature trails, mangrove swamps, and coastal forests towards the Chek Jawa Wetlands, where six different habitats converge to form a truly unique ecosystem hosting a stunning diversity of marine life.



Get to know hundreds of exotic species at the **Singapore Zoo**, where animals roam in open-air enclosures, chimpanzees separated from company by naturalistic barriers like moats and rock walls rather than cages. For a more intimate experience, the zoo offers a “Jungle Breakfast” buffet, with elephants and orangutans as the guests of honour.



Nature lovers don't have to leave the city: Singapore's **Cloud Forest** is an ecosystem sealed in glass. An enormous waterfall descends down a misty, mossy mountain, gushing lush and rare vegetation that changes with altitude. It's a biodiverse world of its own, a cool tropical highland bursting with orchids, sunflowers, and lilies.



# Curious Learner

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Singapore is an endlessly fascinating country whose development into a culturally diverse, clean, safe, eco-friendly, and modern nation was deliberate and meticulous.



The Peranakan people are one of the least known but perhaps most fascinating cultures of Singapore. **Explore Peranakan heritage** in the Katong/Joo Chiat neighbourhood to see ornate and colourful architecture and sample “Nyonya” food. For a more in-depth experience with Nyonya cuisine, it’s possible to take a cooking class with a local chef.



Singapore’s post-war journey into a metropolis has been masterfully chronicled at **Memories at Old Ford Factory**. Once a Ford assembly plant that was repurposed to manufacture military vehicles during World War II, the building now houses the legacy of the country through the lens of war.



Don’t take Singapore’s reputation as an urban utopia for granted – this city-state was deliberately and determinedly developed to its current status in just a few years. **The Singapore City Gallery** showcases this development, with interactive exhibitions and galleries detailing decades of ingenious urban planning.



## Socialiser

Singapore nightlife is vibrant and diverse, and its raucous nightclubs, glitzy sky bars, and trendy hipster pubs are all worth a visit.



For a taste of Singapore's colonial past, head to **Long Bar in Raffles Hotel** — the oldest hotel in the nation — and order a “Singapore Sling”, the globally-beloved gin drink that was invented here and enjoyed by high-society patrons for nearly two centuries. Aficionados can take a class to learn how to properly craft this iconic cocktail.



Once the centre of Singapore's business district, **Clarke Quay** repurposed its work-horse warehouses and riverside factories into gorgeous bars, trendy clubs, and exceptional restaurants. The quaint colonial architecture is pretty to walk by in daylight, but the neighbourhood is born anew under dark into the heart of the city's nightlife.



**Marina Bay Sands** is class personified, a towering building with dozens of restaurants and bars in the complex offer a scale of entertainment from budget deals to the most exclusive (and expensive) nightclubs. The rooftop Sky Bar is the showstopper, featuring stunning views of the SuperTree Grove, the Cloud Forest, and the city skyline.

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