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YourSingapore

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

10 Precincts for your Quick Discovery



Business Can Be Fun Too

Here in Singapore for business? It doesn't have to be all work and no play. While Singapore boasts top-notch business infrastructure, the island is also home to a rich tapestry of unique experiences. And there's no need to feel guilty—you're sure to enrich yourself and gain some inspiration and ideas from your Singapore experience after-hours.

In this handy guide, we have curated a few choice picks for your immersion in your packed schedules. We have also categorised our recommendations according to 10 precincts, from business to lifestyle and culture, so that you can make use of your time efficiently.



Whether you are a first-time visitor or regular friend of Singapore, you will find your business experience in Singapore a lot more enriching and fun.

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Essential Information



Drinking Water

Water in Singapore is potable and safe to drink from the tap.



Electricity

The voltage here is 220-240 AC, 50 Hz.



Language

English is the language primarily spoken in Singapore. Mandarin, Malay and Tamil, together with other dialects, are used as well.



Lost passport/Singapore immigration services

If you've lost your passport, make a police report, then head to Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (10 Kallang Road, 6391-6100) to get a temporary visa. Finally, inform your embassy so you can get through customs to reach home.



Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in all air-conditioned areas, common corridors, void decks and staircases within residential buildings, outdoor hospital compounds, as well as within a 5-metre radius from any building entrance/exit and bus shelter.

Financial Information



Currency Exchange

Singapore's currency is the Singapore dollar (S\$ or SGD). Money changers can be found at Changi Airport, shopping centres and hotels around the island. There is also an abundance of automated teller machines (ATMs) that accept most major credit cards, such as Visa, MasterCard and American Express.



Tipping

Tipping is not widely practiced in Singapore, as most hotels and restaurants apply a default 10% service charge.



GST Refund

To enjoy a refund on the 7% Goods and Services Tax (GST) paid on your purchases, you need to make at least \$100 worth of purchases from participating outlets that display a "Tax Refund" logo or a "Tax Free Shopping" logo.

Simply choose one credit/debit card as a Token for tagging your purchases entitled for refund. This Token will allow you to easily retrieve all of your purchases' details, at one go when you apply for GST refunds using the Electronic Tourist Refund Scheme (eTRS) self-help kiosks at the airport and cruise terminal.

Otherwise, you can request a refund voucher upon purchase. Present this at the airport's Tax Refund Counter (along with your purchases, receipts and passport) before you depart the country. Visit www.customs.gov.sg for more information about the Tourist Refund Scheme.



Essential Information



Getting Around



Buses

Buses travel to almost every part of the island and fares start from 77 cents with an EZ-link card (a prepaid card used by public transport commuters), and from \$1.30 for cash fares. For information on bus routes and related enquiries, call the TransitLink Hotline at 1800-225-5663. You can also visit www.sbstransit.com.sg or www.transitlink.com.sg.



Mass Rapid Transit (MRT)

The trains here are air-conditioned and comfortable, and run from about 6am to midnight. Single trip tickets (from 77 cents with an EZ-Link card; from \$1.40 for cash fares) can be purchased from vending machines at all MRT stations. For more information, call SMRT at 1800-336-8900. You can also visit www.smr.com.sg or www.transitlink.com.sg.



Taxis

There are five major taxi companies in the city. You can book a cab by calling the Dial-A-Cab hotline at 6342-5222.

Alternatively, you can SMS "BOOK<space>sixdigit postal code" to **71222**, or use a mobile phone app like Comfort DelGro Taxi Booking App, SMRT Book a Taxi or GrabTaxi. Fares start from \$3, and charges are higher for advance bookings.

Numbers to Note

Emergency Hottlines

POLICE: 999
AMBULANCE/FIRE BRIGADE: 995
FIGHT INFORMATION: 1800-542-4422

Medical Services

RAFFLES HOSPITAL: 6311-1111
SINGAPORE GENERAL HOSPITAL: 6222-3322

Credit Card Services

AMERICAN EXPRESS: 6880-1111
DINERS CARD: 6416-0800
JCB: 6734-0096
MASTERCARD: 800-110-0113
VISA: 800-448-1250

Singapore Visitors Centre

You're welcome to drop by any of our Singapore Visitors Centres at these locations:

Next to orchardgateway@emerald
9.30am-10.30pm daily

ION Orchard Level 1 Concierge
10am-10pm daily

Chinatown Visitor Centre @ Kreta Ayer Square
9am-9pm (weekdays)
9am-10pm (weekends/public holidays)

For any queries related to your stay here, do call the toll-free, Touristline at 1800-736-2000. The hotline is open from Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm (excluding public holidays).

Fast Facts

Singapore In Numbers



7,000 MNCS
OF WHICH 4,000 ARE
REGIONAL HQS



RANKED
2ND
IN THE WORLD FOR
NETWORK READINESS
BY WORLD ECONOMIC
FORUM

VOTED
WORLD'S
EASIEST PLACE
TO DO BUSINESS
9 TIMES BY WORLD BANK



CHANGI AIRPORT SERVES OVER
100 AIRLINES
FLYING TO
300 CITIES
WORLDWIDE



AVERAGE
TEMPERATURES
HOVER BETWEEN
22 TO 35°C



ALL YEAR ROUND



GMT +8

What's that?

Most Singaporeans pepper their speech with colloquial Singlish. Here are a few basic terms that you'll be hearing quite often.

Chope

Reserve a seat (mainly in hawker centres or food courts, usually with a packet of tissue/umbrella/some small object).

e.g. "Let's *chope* a seat so we can go order our food."

Kena

To suffer from.

e.g. "I *kena* scolded by my boss for not finishing my work."

Ta pau

Take away (in relation to food).

e.g. "Can I *ta pau* a packet of noodles?"

Shiok

An expression that denotes satisfaction or pleasure.

e.g. "This chilli crab is so *shiok!*"

Liao

Already (also frequently used at the end of a statement).

e.g. "I've finished all my meetings for today *liao.*"

Lah

A signature Singlish exclamation (with no real meaning of its own) that is usually attached to the end of a phrase or statement.

e.g. "okay *lah*", "because I'm hungry *lah*"

Coffee, anyone?

Order your morning cuppa like a true blue local at any neighbourhood coffee shop or hawker centre. You can also replace *kopi* with *teh* to order your tea.



Kopi
Coffee with condensed milk



Kopi-O
Coffee without milk



Kopi-C
Coffee with evaporated milk



Kopi-siu-dai
Coffee with less sugar



Kopi-peng
Iced coffee



Kopi-gao
Extra strong coffee



Kopi-pao
Coffee to go

Orchard Road

Orchard Road has been voted as one of the top shopping streets in the world, alongside illustrious counterparts like Paris's Champs-Élysées and New York's Fifth Avenue. And it's famous for good reason—it's home to nearly 800,000sqm of luxury and high street retailers. There are also top-notch dining and nightlife venues where you can unwind after a long day of meetings.



1 One-Ninety Bar

Serious cocktail connoisseurs should head to this bar, which is the brainchild of world-famous dry martini specialist Javier de las Muelas.



2 Horse's Mouth Bar

This hidden gem of a bar, which is concealed in the basement of a Japanese ramen shop, serves up an impressive list of cocktails and exclusive whiskeys.

3 Hua Ting

This award-winning restaurant serves up an extensive menu of authentic Chinese dishes, from baby lobsters to deep fried shredded duck roll.



4 Iggy's

With exquisite Modern European fare and stellar service, it's no wonder that this restaurant has been featured in the prestigious S. Pellegrino World's 50 Best Restaurants list since 2006.

5 Carousel

Tuck into a delectable array of seafood, pastas and roasts at what is one of the best halal-certified buffets in town.



6 Les Amis

This award-winning, fine-dining house serves up traditional French food at its best, complete with a grand ambience, excellent service and one of the most extensive wine lists in Asia.

7 TWG Tea Salon & Boutique

Ogle at the remarkable collection of over 800 exclusive tea blends at this local establishment. The teas are housed in pretty tins that will make good souvenirs for family and friends.





8 Krasnaya – The Watch Gallery

This boutique dedicated to showcasing unique timepieces stocks homegrown brand Azimuth's exquisite Swiss-made, avant-garde watches.

9 Charles and Keith

Founded by Charles Wong, who won the Spirit of Enterprise Award (Entrepreneurship) in 2012, this highly successful local label stocks trendy, sophisticated footwear, and is a must-visit for the modern woman.



10 Kwanpen

Local accessory label Kwanpen crafts exquisite leather products. Don't miss their signature crocodile skin handbag and other exotic leather goods.

11 Goyard

Get your hands on a personalised bag—with the iconic hand-painted chevron print—from this French luxury trunk maker.



12 Raoul

This homegrown fashion house has been making waves in the international scene—in fact, the Duchess of Cambridge Kate Middleton has been spotted wearing the brand's sophisticated threads.



Dining

- Hua Ting** #2/F Orchard Hotel, 442 Orchard Rd., 6739-6666, www.millenniumhotels.com.sg.
- Iggy's** 3/F Hilton Singapore, 581 Orchard Rd., 6732-2234, www.iggys.com.sg.
- Carousel** Royal Plaza on Scotts 25 Scotts Rd., 6589-7799, www.carouselbuffet.com.sg.
- Les Amis** #02-16 Shaw Centre, 1 Scotts Rd., 6733-2225, www.lesamis.com.sg.
- TWG Tea Salon & Boutique** #02-21 ION Orchard, 2 Orchard Turn, 6735-1837, www.twgtea.com.

Nightlife

- One-Ninety Bar** G/F Four Seasons Hotel, 190 Orchard Blvd., 6831-7671, www.fourseasons.com.
- Horse's Mouth Bar** #01-41 Forum The Shopping Mall, 583 Orchard Rd., 6235-1088, www.horsesmouthbar.com.
- Peranakan Place** 180 Orchard Rd., 6732-6966, www.peranakanplace.com.



13 Malmaison by The Hour Glass

This massive two-storey emporium, which was a Best Shopping Experience finalist at the Singapore Experience Awards 2014, retails splurge-worthy collectibles from upscale brands as well as an extensive range of luxury watches.

14 Hashida Sushi

The first overseas outpost of the famed Tokyo establishment specialises in superb omakase meals by the original chef's son, Kenjiro Hashida.



15 Robinsons Orchard

The revamped department store is a sleek, gargantuan space with over 200 exclusive labels. Browse here for local brands such as Carrie K. and Draperie by Ashley Isham.

16 orchardgateway

Orchard Road's newest mega-mall has plenty of local indie stores. Must-visits include multi-label boutique Actually and local label Depression's SECTS Shop.



17 Peranakan Place

The historic restored shophouses here are home to a clutch of lively bars, making it a great hangout for live music and all-day happy hours.

18 PACT

A restaurant, hair salon and lifestyle boutique all rolled into one, this is where you can find brands like menswear label Siff and perfume maker Code Deco.



Shopping

- Krasnaya – The Watch Gallery** #B3-03 ION Orchard, 2 Orchard Turn, 6509-8606, www.redarmywatch.com.
- Charles and Keith** #B3-58 ION Orchard, 2 Orchard Turn, 6238-1840, www.charleskeith.com.
- Kwanpen** #03-14 ION Orchard, 2 Orchard Turn, 6238-0223, www.kwanpen.com.
- Goyard** #01-11 Takashimaya, Ngee Ann City, 391 Orchard Rd., 6235-0685, www.goyard.com.
- Raoul** #02-49 Paragon, 290 Orchard Rd., 6737-0682, www.raoul.com.
- Malmaison by The Hour Glass** #01-01 Knightsbridge, 270 Orchard Rd., 6884-8484, www.thehourglass.com.
- Robinsons Orchard** The Heeren, 260 Orchard Rd., 6735-8838, www.robinsons.com.sg.
- orchardgateway** 277 & 218 Orchard Rd., 6513-4633, www.orchardgateway.sg.
- PACT** #02-14/16/19 Orchard Central, 181 Orchard Rd., 6238-6281, www.visitpact.com.

Marina Bay

Marina Bay is home to luxury hotels, exclusive nightlife spots, fine dining destinations and world-class theatre venues—all of which are connected by a beautiful waterfront promenade. Be sure to walk along the bay for scenic views, which are especially breathtaking in the evening.



1 National Design Centre

This new design hub houses local designers (whose products you can find at the Kapok store here) and is the locus of programmes like Singapore Design Week.

2 CYC The Custom Shop

This high-end establishment is Singapore's oldest custom shirt maker. If our former Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew likes having his shirts tailored here, there's no reason why you shouldn't too.



3 Long Bar

Sip on the legendary Singapore Sling at this equally legendary bar—the world-famous cocktail was invented here. The charming, 1920s-inspired ambience will take you back to the days of yore.



4 CHIJMES

Housed in the grounds of a beautiful old convent, the recently refurbished CHIJMES is home to some of Singapore's finest dining and entertainment venues.

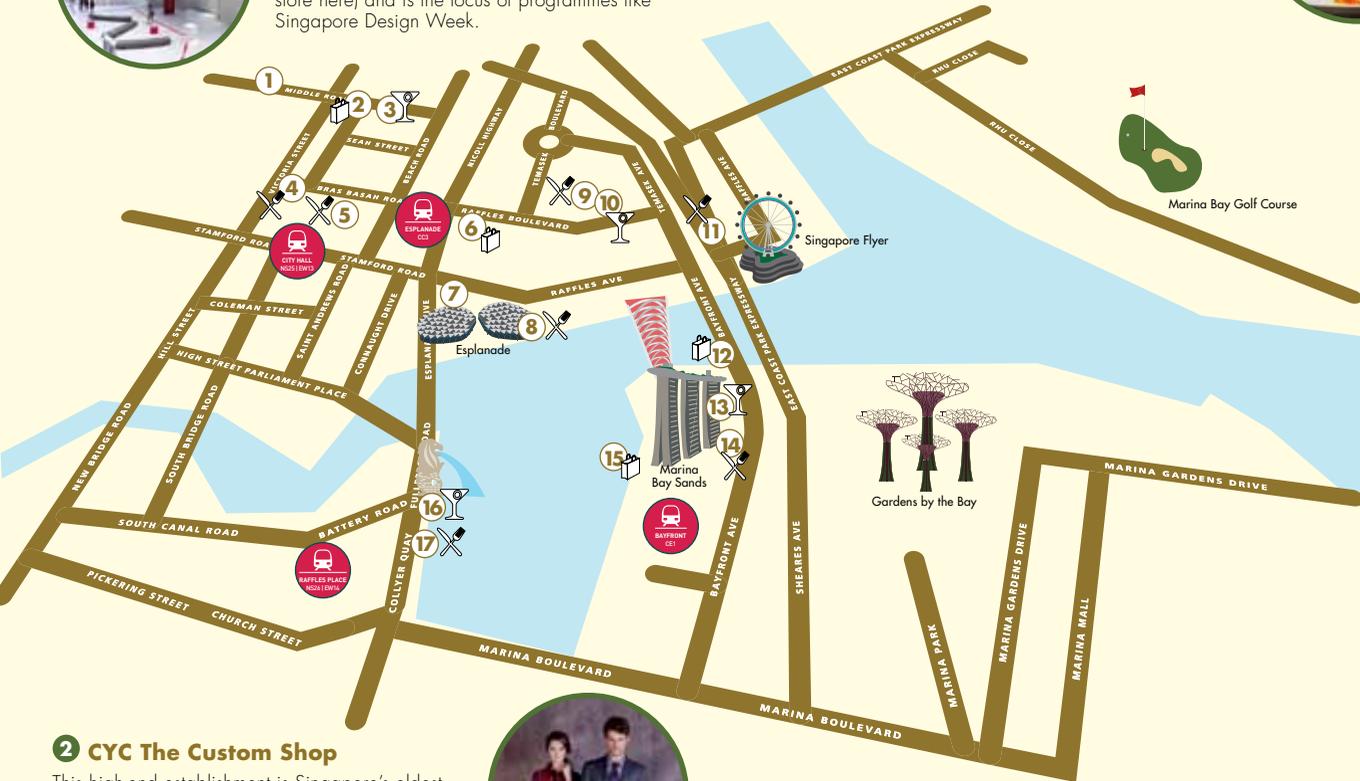
5 JAAN

This elegant French fine dining restaurant consistently scoops up prestigious awards, thanks to its marvellous culinary creations and spot-on service.



6 The Cookie Museum

Voted Singapore's Best Cookies, the cookies here are legendary. Traditionalists should go for the usual flavours like Cookie Brownie and Berry Lite, while more adventurous eaters should give the Nasi Lemak and Chicken Rice varieties a shot.





7 Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay

You'll find a bevy of live shows by top-notch entertainment acts at this distinctive, spiky building, which boasts superb acoustics and is one of the premier arts venues in Singapore.

8 Makansutra Gluttons Bay

Go casual at this open-air food centre, where you'll find a smorgasbord of local delicacies like chilli crab, oyster omelette and savoury fried carrot cake, all next to the bay.



9 Rang Mahal

Tuck into sumptuous North and South Indian cuisine at this award-winning, fine-dining restaurant—the curries and naans here are fantastic, and so is the service.



10 Bang Bang

Snazzy nightclub Bang Bang boasts a beautiful, Champagne-loving crowd along with state-of-the-art technology for that glamorous clubbing experience.



11 Singapore Food Trail

Indulge in famous local fare like *char kway teow* (stir-fried rice noodles) while enjoying themed interiors of olden-days Singapore, against the backdrop of the Singapore Flyer, one of the world's largest observation wheels.



12 The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands®

Find a plethora of high-end stores—from international brands like Chanel, to local luxury handbag label Kwanpen—at this upscale shopping mall, which was the winner of Best Shopping Experience at the Singapore Experience Awards 2014.



13 KU DÉ TA

Enjoy stunning vistas of the city skyline alongside cocktails at this gorgeous rooftop restaurant-cum-lounge located at the Marina Bay Sands® SkyPark. It won Best Nightspot Experience at the Singapore Experience Awards 2014.

14 Sky on 57

Singaporean celebrity chef Justin Quek whips up delectable Chinese offerings, like the signature *JQ xiao long bao* (pork dumplings), at his stunning rooftop restaurant.



15 Louis Vuitton Island Maison

The brand's flagship store is a unique 'floating' island that houses two floors of apparel and accessories, as well as a bookstore and an art gallery—it's shopping at its finest.

16 Lantern

Visit this stylish rooftop bar and pool, which boasts panoramic views of the Marina Bay waterfront and the world-famous Singapore skyline.



17 Catalunya

Enjoy glorious 360-degree views of the city at this Spanish restaurant and finalist for Best Dining Experience at the Singapore Experience Awards 2014. It's encased in a spectacular glass dome over the waters of Marina Bay.

Attractions

- 1 **National Design Centre** 111 Middle Rd., 6333-3737, www.designsingapore.org/NDC.
- 7 **Esplanade** 1 Esplanade Dr., 6828-8377, www.esplanade.com.

Dining

- 4 **CHIJMES** 30 Victoria St., 6337-7810, www.chijmes.com.sg.
- 5 **JAAN** 70/F Equinox Complex, Swissotel The Stamford, Singapore, 2 Stamford Rd., 6837-3322, www.jaan.com.sg.
- 8 **Makansutra Gluttons Bay** #01-15 Esplanade Mall, 8 Raffles Ave., 6336-7025, www.makansutra.com.
- 9 **Rang Mahal** 3/F Pan Pacific Singapore, 7 Raffles Blvd., 6333-1788, www.rangmahal.com.sg.
- 11 **Singapore Food Trail** #01-09/12 Singapore Flyer, 30 Raffles Ave., 6338-1328, www.singaporefoodtrail.com.sg.
- 14 **Sky on 57** 57/F Sands SkyPark, Marina Bay Sands®, 2 Bayfront Ave., 6688-8857, www.marinabaysands.com.
- 17 **Catalunya** The Fullerton Pavilion, 82 Collyer Quay, 6534-0188, www.catalunya.sg.

Nightlife

- 3 **Long Bar** #02-01 Raffles Hotel, 1 Beach Rd., 6412-1230, www.rafles.com.
- 10 **Bang Bang** G/F Pan Pacific Singapore, 7 Raffles Blvd., 8127-2808, www.bangbang.sg.
- 13 **KU DÉ TA** 57/F Sands Skypark, Marina Bay Sands® Tower 3, 1 Bayfront Ave., 6688-7688, www.kudeta.com.sg.
- 16 **Lantern** The Fullerton Bay Hotel, 80 Collyer Quay, 6597-5299, www.fullertonbayhotel.com.

Shopping

- 2 **CYC The Custom Shop** #02-12 Raffles Hotel Arcade, 328 North Bridge Rd., 6336-3556, www.cycustomshop.com.
- 6 **The Cookie Museum** #02-280 Marina Square, 6 Raffles Blvd., 6749-7496, www.thecookiemuseum.com.
- 12 **The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands®** 10 Bayfront Ave., 6688-8868, www.marinabaysands.com.
- 15 **Louis Vuitton Island Maison** Crystal Pavilion North, Marina Bay Sands®, 10 Bayfront Ave., 6788-3888, www.louisvuitton.com.

Central Business District

Adjacent to Marina Bay and City Hall, Singapore's financial core is an arresting mix of towering, shiny skyscrapers right next to restored historical landmarks. In recent years, this area has also become more buzzing than ever as top-notch restaurants, vibrant bars and retailers set up shop here.



1 Tippling Club

Chef Ryan Clift's multiple award-winning modern European restaurant dishes out fabulous creations for a truly unique meal. The bar is equally inventive, and was even featured in the World's 50 Best Bars in 2013.

2 Q Menswear

With an extensive fabric library and experienced tailors, this is where men can get fitted from head to toe for a dapper bespoke suit. They even offer custom-made shoes.

3 1-Altitude

One of the highest rooftop bars in the world at 282 metres above sea level, the view from this swanky club and alfresco bar is hard to beat.



4 The Black Swan

Pay tribute to the Roaring Twenties at this glitzy American-style restaurant and bar, which also has a fantastic Champagne-and-oysters happy hour deal from 5-7pm on weekdays.



5 Kyo

One of Singapore's most tasteful nightspots, this club has a rotating roster of talented international acts. It's no wonder it was a finalist at the Singapore Experience Awards 2014.



6 Ong Shunmugam

Having won the Grand Award at Design for Asia Awards 2013, this Singaporean label is a hot favourite for contemporary womenswear that also pays tribute to the nation's heritage while still being modern.

7 Lau Pa Sat

Try out local dishes at Singapore's most resplendent hawker centre, which has an architectural history dating back to 1894.



8 LeVel33

The view of Marina Bay is amazing at LeVel33, the world's highest urban craft brewery—as are its housemade craft beers and sumptuous dishes.



Dining

- 1 Tippling Club** 38 Tanjong Pagar Rd., 6475-2217, www.tipplingclub.com.
- The Black Swan** The Quadrant, 19 Cecil St., 8181-3305, www.theblackswan.com.sg.
- Lau Pa Sat** 18 Raffles Quay, 6220-2138, www.laupasat.biz.

Nightlife

- 1-Altitude** 61-63/F One Raffles Place, 1 Raffles Place, 6438-0410, www.1-altitude.com.

- 5 Kyo** #B1-02 Keck Seng Tower, 133 Cecil St., 8299-8735, www.clubkyo.com.

- 8 LeVel33** #33-01 Marina Bay Financial Centre Tower 1, 8 Marina Blvd., 6834-3133, www.level33.com.sg.

Shopping

- 2 Q Menswear** 116A Telok Ayer St., 6636-6939, www.q-menswear.com.
- 6 Ong Shunmugam** #B1-36 Hong Leong Building, 16 Raffles Quay, 6223-4804, www.ongshunmugam.com.



Singapore River

During the colonial days of yore, the Singapore River was a bustling hub for entrepot trade. Today, the 3km river, consisting of Clarke Quay, Boat Quay and Robertson Quay, is abuzz, this time with an interesting array of cultural, dining and nightlife spots. Take a ride on the River Taxi and explore the uniqueness of each Quay.



1 Zouk

With a constant stream of international guest DJs, party animals are in for a world-class clubbing experience. It's been ranked by the UK's *DJ Mag* as one of the top 10 clubs in the world since 2010, and won Best Nightspot Experience in the Singapore Experience Awards 2013.

2 Robertson Quay

This riverside dining enclave is popular with the expat community, and it's where you'll find peaceful cafes, bustling bistros and sleek restaurants. There are plenty of bars for riverside drinks as well.



3 Clarke Quay

With a vibrant array of restaurants, hip cafes, clubs and bars situated in restored warehouses, you'll definitely be spoiled for choice here. It's especially buzzing in the evenings, when most of the entertainment venues come to life.



4 Jumbo Seafood

Be prepared to get your hands dirty as you sink your teeth into the must-try chilli crab at this award-winning seafood restaurant. Order some *mantous* (deep fried buns) to soak up the savoury gravy.



5 The Central

This lifestyle mall is great if you're looking to do a spot of shopping around the area—you'll stumble upon quirky boutiques like Goods of Desire, which stocks unique, eclectic gifts.



6 28 HongKong Street

Hidden out of sight with no signage and a nondescript façade, this speakeasy-style bar clinched Best International Cocktail Bar at the prestigious Tales of the Cocktail awards in 2014.



7 Song Fa Bak Kut Teh

Locals swear by this decades-old eatery's *bak kut teh* (peppery pork rib broth), as evidenced by its snaking queues at mealtimes. Adventurous diners can also try its braised pig trotters and chicken feet.



8 Timbre @ The Arts House

Chill out to live music at this popular watering hole, which regularly features up-and-coming local musicians. Don't miss its happy hour promotions from 6pm-9pm daily.



Dining

- 2 Robertson Quay** Robertson Quay, www.robertsonquay.com.
- 4 Jumbo Seafood** #01-01/02 Riverside Point, 30 Merchant Rd., 6532-3435, www.jumboseafood.com.sg.
- 7 Song Fa Bak Kut Teh** #01-01 17 New Bridge Rd., 6438-2858, www.songfa.com.sg.

Nightlife

- 1 Zouk** 17 Jiak Kim St., 6738-2988, www.zouclub.com.

- 3 Clarke Quay** 3E River Valley Rd., 6337-3292, www.clarkequay.com.sg.
- 6 28 HongKong Street** 28 HongKong St., 6533-2001, www.28hks.com.
- 8 Timbre @ The Arts House** #01-04 The Arts House, 1 Old Parliament Lane, 6336-3386, www.timbrgroup.asia.

Shopping

- 5 The Central** 6 Eu Tong Sen St., 6532-9922, www.clarkequaycentral.com.sg.



Sentosa-Harbourfront

The southern neighbourhood of Harbourfront is the gateway to Sentosa, a 500-hectare island resort located just 15 minutes away from the central business and shopping districts. The precinct is an agglomeration of attractions, retail shops, dining options and nightly shows.



1 VivoCity

This retail destination has been named as one of the top 10 Asian mega-malls by *Forbes Traveler*. It's home to a wide array of international brands and quality restaurants, including Jamie Oliver's Jamie's Italian.

2 St. James Power Station

Burn up the dance floor at this super club, or indulge in various brands of booze at the adjacent, open-air Food Republic Beer Garden.



3 Resorts World™ Sentosa

Voted the best Integrated Resort in Asia, there's plenty to do—there are attractions such as Universal Studios Singapore®, S.E.A. Aquarium™ and Trick Eye Museum, as well as high-end shops like Jimmy Choo, Chopard and Vertu.



4 Ocean Restaurant by Cat Cora

If you're looking for a novel experience, this restaurant, which is located inside the S.E.A. Aquarium™ lets you enjoy magnificent views of ocean habitats alongside your sustainably-sourced meal.



5 L'Atelier de Joel Robuchon

Held by one of the most decorated chefs in the world, this restaurant is a three-time winner of Best Dining Experience at the Singapore Experience Awards. Patrons can witness chefs creating spectacular dishes right before their very eyes.

6 Syun

Tokyo's celebrity chef Hal Yamashita recently opened his first overseas outpost on Sentosa, with a menu that reimagines traditional Kobe cuisine and features top-grade seasonal produce.



7 Tanjong Beach Club

Party alongside the surf and sand at this retro-luxe club, which is modelled after a 1950s beach resort. There are also cool cocktails and upscale bar bites to be had.



8 Quayside Isle

Located in the exclusive Sentosa Cove, Quayside Isle offers more than 20 exciting dining concepts within this luxurious waterfront area.



8 Quayside Isle 31 Ocean Way, 6887-3502, www.quaysideisle.com.

Nightlife

2 St. James Power Station 3 Sentosa Gateway, 6270-7676, www.stjamespowerstation.com.

7 Tanjong Beach Club 120 Tanjong Beach Walk, 627 0-1355, www.tanjongbeachclub.com.

Shopping

1 VivoCity 1 HarbourFront Walk, 6377-6860, www.vivocity.com.sg.

3 Resorts World™ Sentosa 8 Sentosa Gateway, 6577-8888, www.rwsentosa.com.

Dining

4 Ocean Restaurant by Cat Cora Resorts World™ Sentosa, 8 Sentosa Gateway, 6577-6869, www.rwsentosa.com.

5 L'Atelier de Joel Robuchon Resorts World™ Sentosa, 8 Sentosa Gateway, 6577-8888, www.joel-robuchon.net.

6 Syun Resorts World™ Sentosa, 8 Sentosa Gateway, 6577-6688, www.rwsentosa.com.

Chinatown

Designated as a conservation precinct, Chinatown has, over the years, cultivated its own unique identity. Its well-preserved and historical shophouses, converted into modern bars and restaurants, are a charming blend of old and new.



1 Candlenut

Well-known local chef Malcolm Lee offers a wonderfully polished primer to traditional Peranakan fare at this restaurant. Do try the more innovative creations, such as ice cream made with *buah keluak* (a black nut typically used in meat stews).

2 Chinatown Food Street

Have your fill of authentic street food—from oyster omelette to beef noodles and frog leg porridge—at this newly revitalised food street, which showcases some of the best dishes Singapore has to offer.



3 Lim Chee Guan You'll find some of the best *bak kwa* (dried barbecued pork) in town here—it's well worth the long queues. Be sure to take some home as a delicious souvenir.



4 Chop Wah On

Established in 1916, this is one of Singapore's most established medicated oil company. They produce fantastic oils and balms for just about any ailment.



5 Labyrinth

Fascinating feats of molecular gastronomy take centre stage at this restaurant helmed by ambitious local chef Han Li Guang, who reinvents Singaporean dishes in creations like chilli crab ice cream with crab mousse.



6 Eu Yan Sang

A traditional Chinese medicinal company founded in 1879, Eu Yan Sang is the place to visit for Chinese medicine of the finest quality. The store carries more than 900 products and 1,000 types of Chinese herbs.

7 Club Street and Ann Siang Hill

Explore an impressive array of quirky boutiques, hip cafes and watering holes at the charming Club Street and Ann Siang Hill area.



8 Jigger & Pony

Still one of the best cocktail bars in town, this 65-seater watering hole is popular with the after-work crowd. Expect a short list of well-made, old-school drinks as well as friendly, welcoming vibe.



Dining

- 1 Candlenut** #01-03 Dorsett Residences, 331 New Bridge Rd., 8121-4107, www.candlenut.com.sg.
- 2 Chinatown Food Street** Smith St., www.chinatown.sg.
- 3 Lim Chee Guan** 203 New Bridge Rd., 6223-4349, www.limcheeguan.com.
- 4 Chop Wah On** 34 Upper Cross Street, 6223-4349, www.chopwahon.com.
- 5 Labyrinth** 5 Neil Rd., 6223-4098, www.labyrinth.com.sg.

Nightlife

- 7 Club Street and Ann Siang Hill**
- 8 Jigger & Pony** 101 Amoy St., 6223-9101, www.jiggerandpony.com.

Shopping

- 3 Lim Chee Guan** 203 New Bridge Rd., 6227-8302, www.limcheeguan.com.sg.
- 4 Chop Wah On** 34 Upper Cross Street, 6223-4349, www.chopwahon.com.
- 6 Eu Yan Sang** 273 South Bridge Rd., 6223-6333, www.euyansang.com.sg.

Little India

A cacophony of car horns, bicycle bells and vibrant chatter of its residents, Little India is one of the most vibrant and culturally authentic districts of Singapore. Take in the sights, sounds and smells of the area as you immerse yourself in a truly Indian experience.



1 Little India Arcade

You'll find a dazzling array of saris (traditional Indian costumes), handicrafts, jewellery and more at the shops in Little India Arcade.

2 Ananda Bhavan Vegetarian Restaurant

Established in 1924, this restaurant offers some of the best North and South Indian vegetarian food in the area—do try the *thosai* and *prata*.



3 Morsels

Run by talented local chefs Petrina Loh and Bryan Chia, this excellent fusion restaurant serves thoughtful, delicious small plates like kimchi clams and squid ink risotto with salted egg sauce.



4 Cocotte

Located in boutique hotel Wanderlust (which was developed by award-winning designers), this communal dining restaurant specialises in rustic French food. Order the roast pork collar—you won't regret it.



5 Muthu's Curry

Whet your tastebuds with spicy curries and other delicious South Indian fare at this popular joint, regarded as one of the best Indian restaurants in town.

6 Mustafa Centre

This 24-hour emporium is the area's most prominent shopping destination, and offers pretty much everything under the sun, from electronics to groceries—all at very affordable prices. It's perfect for the jetlagged business traveller.



7 The 1925

Sample locally-brewed beers and dig into casual pub grub at this microbrewery. The brewers experiment with interesting flavours like manuka honey in their range of light and dark ales.

Dining

- 2 **Ananda Bhavan Vegetarian Restaurant** 10 Buffalo Rd., 6297-9522, www.anandabhavan.com.
- 3 **Morsels** 35 Mayo St., 6396-6302, www.morsels.com.sg.
- 4 **Cocotte** 1/F Wanderlust Hotel, 2 Dickson Rd., 6298-1188, www.restaurantcocotte.com.
- 5 **Muthu's Curry** 138 Race Course Rd., 6392-1722, www.muthucurry.com.

Nightlife

- 7 **The 1925** 369 Jalan Besar, 6294-9215, www.the1925.com.sg.

Shopping

- 1 **Little India Arcade** 48 Serangoon Rd., 6295-5998.
- 6 **Mustafa Centre** 145 Syed Alwi Rd., 6295-5855, www.mustafa.com.sg.

Tiong Bahru

This residential estate, which was built in the 1930s and is one of the oldest of its kind in Singapore, is well-loved by locals for its art deco apartment blocks and shophouses, its idyllic charm and the vibrant new dining and lifestyle concepts that have set up shop here in recent years.



1 Open Door Policy

One of the best eateries in the neighbourhood, this restaurant serves modern bistro fare like bright pink beetroot risotto and spicy lamb spring rolls—unconventional but well executed and delicious.

2 BooksActually

A quaint, pint-sized bookstore (complete with a cat) run by Singaporean book lovers, this nook is packed from floor to ceiling with an expansive selection of books, gifts and souvenirs.



3 Forty Hands

A passionate early proponent of third wave coffee in Singapore, Forty Hands stands out from the many cafés here thanks to its distinctive-tasting blend of beans.

4 Bincho

A local coffee shop by day and hip yakitori restaurant and cocktail bar by night, this dual-concept space is showcases Tiong Bahru's old-meets-new character perfectly.



5 Por Kee Eating House

This classic Chinese restaurant whips up terrific homestyle cooking like pork ribs and cereal prawns. It's often lively until well into the night, and its location within an open-air carpark adds to its unique feel.

6 Tiong Bahru Market

Dine like a local at one of the most popular hawker centres in Singapore, where you can find a plethora of delicious local dishes. It's best to come in the daytime as many stalls are closed in the evening.



7 Tiong Bahru Club

A casual beer bar that's decorated to evoke Singapore's past; think retro rattan chairs and marble-topped coffee shop tables. They also serve tasty upscale North Indian food.

8 Tiong Bahru Bar

Chill out with live music, whiskey and beer at this sprawling bar that's great for larger groups. They've recently opened a craft beer section, stocking plenty of American and European brews.



Dining

- Open Door Policy** 19 Yong Siak St., 6221-9307, www.odpsingapore.com.
- Forty Hands** #01-12 78 Yong Siak St., 6225-8545, www.40handscoffee.com.
- Bincho** #01-19 78 Moh Guan Terrace, 6438-4567, www.bincho.com.sg.
- Por Kee Eating House** #01-02 69 Seng Poh Lane, 6221-0582.
- Tiong Bahru Market** 83 Seng Poh Rd.

Nightlife

- Tiong Bahru Club** 01-88 Blk 57 Eng Hoon St., 6438-0168, www.facebook.com/thesingapuraclub.
- Tiong Bahru Bar** #01-01 3 Seng Poh Rd., 6438-4380, www.tbb.com.sg.

Shopping

- BooksActually** 9 Yong Siak St., 6222-9195, www.booksactually.com.

One-North

Apart from being one of Singapore's more important science and technology clusters, with key research hubs like Biopolis and Fusionopolis, One-North also offers plenty of great lifestyle options. With plenty of lush green spaces and dining enclaves like Rochester Park, this precinct is a real breath of fresh air.

1 Jimmy Monkey

This Melbourne-style cafe was the first in Singapore to bring in the exclusive Slayer espresso machine. The brew here is a real cult favourite among coffee aficionados.



2 Rochester Park

Plenty of upscale wining and dining options await at this picturesque green space dotted with distinctive colonial bungalows. Must-visits include acclaimed Chinese restaurant Min Jiang and garden bistro Nosh.



Fusionopolis



3 The Star Vista

This towering, eye-catching shopping mall is an architectural marvel—it is even engineered to keep the building naturally cool, so there's no air-conditioning required.

4 Brotzeit

Kick back with authentic European-style ales and hearty eats like pork knuckle and sausages at this popular German beer bar, located within the Star Vista mall.



5 Infuzi

Tucked away in Biopolis, this classy French fine dining restaurant serves beautifully plated dishes like Maine lobster bisque and pan-roasted wild turbot.

6 The Lawn

Get a wholesome meal at this specialty salad bar, where you can fully customise your salad with an impressive variety of toppings. They also have delicious grilled meats like balsamic beef and char-grilled prawns.



7 Curbside

Dig into comfort American food like burgers, cheesy pastas at this laidback cafe, which also serves a curated selection of craft beers and wines.



8 Pietrasanta

This rustic Tuscan restaurant is a real hidden gem in the historic Portstown area. Expect Italian classics like antipasti, pastas and pizzas, all with big, bold flavours.



Dining

- Jimmy Monkey** #01-51 One-North Residences, 9 One-North Gateway, 6777-8470, www.jimmymonkey.com.
- Rochester Park** Rochester Dr.
- Infuzi** #01-01 Chromos, 10 Biopolis Rd., 6478-9091, www.infuzi.com.sg.
- The Lawn** #01-07 Nanos, 31 Biopolis Way, 6478-9739, www.thelawn.sg.
- Pietrasanta** #01-03, 5B Portstown Rd., 6479-9521, www.ristorante-pietrasanta.com.

Nightlife

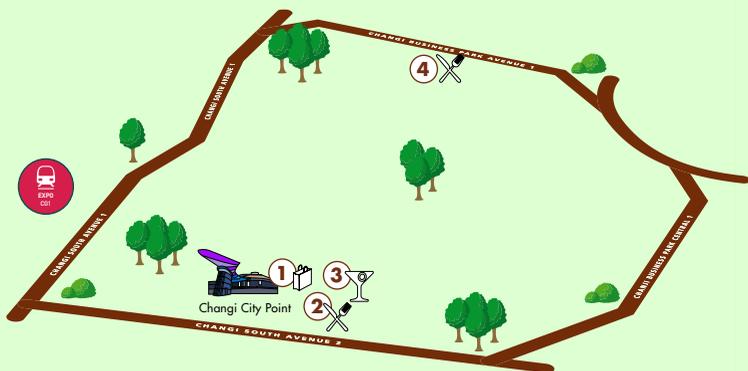
- Brotzeit** #02-17 The Star Vista, 1 Vista Exchange Green, 6694-3652, www.brotzeit.co.
- Curbside** #01-21 Nucleos, 21 Biopolis Rd., 8181-1805, www.curbside.com.sg.

Shopping

- The Star Vista** 1 Vista Exchange Green, 6694-3111, www.thestarvista.com.

Changi

Full of old world charm and character, Changi is so much more than Singapore's world-famous Changi Airport and the business parks dotting its wide green spaces. Apart from modern amenities and lifestyle options, you can also opt to venture farther and discover the idyllic Changi Village that's seldom found in guidebooks.



1 Changi City Point

As well as housing eateries, this shopping mall stocks plenty of basic necessities. For a quick mid-day escape, chill out on its landscaped rooftop garden.

2 Table Manners

Fussy eaters would enjoy this build-your-own-meal restaurant, which offers a variety of cuisines including American, Cajun and Italian. Don't miss their coffee, which is from local roasters Papa Palheta.



3 Five Izakaya

For affordable after-work drinks, this Japanese-style bar is hard to beat with ice cold Asahi beer starting at \$5 a glass all day. Snacks, too, start at just \$5.

4 Kinara

Dig into a wide array of hearty, comforting North Indian fare here. Standouts include their mild but tasty leg of yoghurt-marinated lamb, and the addictive naan.



5 The Coastal Settlement

For something that's very much off the beaten track, look for this whimsical restaurant that's stuffed with antiques and eclectic knick-knacks. It's incredibly popular with the trendy brunch crowd.

6 The Wine Company

Wine lovers can sample a stunning selection available by the glass or bottle, all in a picturesque setting. The menu also features locally inspired bites like *char kway teow* (stir-fried rice noodles) for unusual wine pairings.



7 Changi Village Food Centre

Don't be surprised to find sizeable queues here, especially for the *nasi lemak* stalls. Singaporeans travel all the way here for this heavenly dish of coconut rice served with anchovies and chilli paste.



8 Kakis Bistro & Bar

Kick back at this bistro with a gigantic lawn for alfresco drinks and live music. You might even get to sample locavore food here—the owners grow their own greens and harvest their own fish.



Dining

- 2 Table Manners** #01-68/695 Changi City Point, Changi Business Park Central 1, 6604-7669, www.tablemanners.com.sg.
- 4 Kinara** #01-28 UE Bizhub East, 6 Changi Business Park Ave. 1, 6604-7016, www.thekinaragroup.com.
- 6 The Coastal Settlement** 200 Netheravon Rd., 6475-0200, www.thecoastalsettlement.com.
- 7 Changi Village Food Centre** 2 Changi Village Rd.

Nightlife

- 3 Five Izakaya** #01-66/67 Changi City Point, 6604-8255, www.fivebar.sg.
- 6 The Wine Company** #01-04/05 Hotel Changi Village, 1 Netheravon Rd., 6214-0139, www.thewinecompany.com.sg.
- 8 Kakis Bistro & Bar** 289 Farnborough Rd., 6214-2956, www.kakis.sg.

Shopping

- 1 Changi City Point** 5 Changi Business Park Central 1, 6511-1088, www.fraserscentrepointmalls.com.

Must Buy!

Forget the usual touristy magnets and keychains. For a great memento of your stay in Singapore, pick up these goods from Singapore's most popular homegrown brands.



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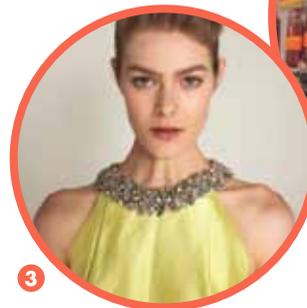
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- Exquisite artisan jewellery from local designers such as **Carrie K.** and **Marilyn Tan** at **TANGS** (310 Orchard Rd., 6737-5500).
- Traditional Chinese medicine—such as bird's nest for making restorative tonics—from **Eu Yan Sang** (page 23).
- Trendy, sophisticated apparel from local brands like **Raoul** (page 10) and **Hansel** (#02-14 Mandarin Gallery, 333A Orchard Rd., 6836-5367).

- Delicious food souvenirs such as *bak kwa* (pork jerky) from **Bee Cheng Hiang** (189 New Bridge Rd., 6533-4720), or a jar of tasty *kaya* (coconut jam) from **Ya Kun Kaya Toast** (#B1-38 Paragon, 290 Orchard Rd., 6235-7314).
- Flavourful tea blends in beautiful tins from **TWG Tea Salon & Boutique** (page 9).

- Luxurious timepieces from **Krasnaya - The Watch Gallery** (page 10) and **Malmaison by The Hour Glass** (page 11).
- An impeccably tailored suit or sharp accessories from local clothiers like **CYC The Custom Shop** (page 12).
- Asian-inspired, gold-plated ornaments and jewellery from **Risis** (#B2-244 The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands®, 10 Bayfront Ave., 6688-7176).

- Quality ethnic costumes from **Basharahil House of Batik** (101 Arab St., 6296-0432).
- High-tech gadgets from local brands, such as massage tools from OSIM and portable speakers from X-mini, at **Funan DigitaLife Mall** (109 North Bridge Rd., 6336-8327).

Must Eat!

Singapore is a veritable food haven. Make your meals count and dig into these 10 favourite local delights during your stay.



- 1 Finger-lickin' good chilli crab from **Jumbo Seafood** (page 18).
- 2 Steaming bowls of *bak kut teh* (pork rib broth) at **Song Fa Bak Kut Teh** (page 19).
- 3 An authentic *kaya* toast breakfast at **Ya Kun Kaya Toast** (#B1-38 Paragon, 290 Orchard Rd., 6235-7314, www.yakun.com).
- 4 Crispy *roti prata* (fried Indian pancakes) at **The Roti Prata House** (246M Upper Thomson Rd., 6459-5260).
- 5 Mouth-watering *satay* (skewered meat) at **Satay by the Bay** (18 Marina Gardens Dr., 6538-9956).
- 6 Seafood-studded *laksa* (Peranakan noodles in spicy, creamy broth) at **328**

- 7 Succulent chicken and fragrant rice from **Tian Tian Chicken Rice** (#01-10/11 Maxwell Food Centre, 1 Kadayanallur St., 9691-4852).
- 8 Savoury local fried carrot cake—worlds apart from the Western version!—at **Fu Ming Cooked Food** (#01-49 Redhill Food Centre, Blk. 85 Redhill Lane, 9641-0565).
- 9 Tasty Indian fish head curry from **Banana Leaf Apolo** (54 Race Course Rd., 6293-8682).
- 10 Oh-so-sinful *char kway teow* (stir-fried rice noodles) from **No. 18 Zion Road Char Kway Teow** (#01-17 Zion Riverside Food Centre, 70 Zion Rd.).

Duty Free At Singapore Changi Airport

Thinking of squeezing in some shopping before you fly? With a plethora of retail options at Singapore Changi Airport, you'll definitely be spoiled for choice.



Smart Shopping

Don't forget that you can always squeeze in some last-minute shopping at the World's Best Airport. With over 470 outlets and 1,500 brands across three terminals, offering everything from fragrances, watches, electronic gadgets, luxury brands and mid-priced fashion, there truly is something for everyone. What's more? Enjoy up to 40% off selected categories such as Perfumes and Cosmetics, 7% GST savings, as well as a 30-day money-back guarantee.

Last-minute Souvenirs

If you're still searching for that perfect souvenir, you can find a wide array of popular local products at the airport, from Risis's luxurious orchid-inspired jewellery to contemporary footwear and accessories for the ladies at Charles and Keith. Likewise, there are famous pandan cakes and *kuehs* (traditional sweet pastries) at Bengawan Solo, or traditional Chinese medicine at Eu Yan Sang.

Shop Online

Better still, shop in the comfort of your hotel room with www.iShopChangi.com, which offers a variety of products, from perfumes to cosmetics to electronics, at your fingertips. Simply place your orders online (2 weeks up to 24 hours before your flight's departure) and, on the day of departure, collect your purchases at the **iShopChangi Collection Centres**, which are conveniently located at the transit lounge of your departing terminal.

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