

# Martina Navatilova's Singapore Visit



## BREAKFAST AT TEKKA MARKET

One of the landmark attractions in Singapore's Little India district, the Tekka Centre is known for offering authentic Indian food at low prices, as well as fresh groceries. With myriad stalls and dishes to choose from, Martina explored traditional local breakfast options and tried her hand at Teh Tarik – literally “pulled tea” in Malay – a hot, frothy milk tea beverage poured or “pulled” between two cups in order to cool it.



## NATIONAL ORCHID GARDEN

The 63-hectare Singapore Botanic Gardens, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site houses the National Orchid Garden, a three-hectare display of over 16,000 orchids. At the VIP and Celebrity Orchid Garden sections, special orchid varieties are cultivated and named after a wide mix of foreign leaders and celebrities, including Singapore's founding Prime Minister Lee Kwan Yew, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Nelson Mandela, and even world tennis star Serena Williams.



## A SPOT OF PERANAKAN CULTURE

The Peranakans, also known as Baba-Nyonya or Straits Chinese, have been one of the most influential cultures in Singapore since the 15th century. A unique hybrid of Chinese and Malay, Indian, or Indonesian ancestry, the Peranakan identity thrives in Singapore through its spice-laden cuisine, intricate crafts, impressive architecture and vivacious arts scene.

There is no better place to learn more about the Peranakan culture than at the Katong Antique House, a well-preserved shophouse located in Katong-Joo Chiat, Singapore's Straits Chinese precinct, where Martina learnt about traditional Peranakan activities like kueh with tea appreciation and beading.



## TOUR OF SINGAPORE SPORTS HUB

Situated on the waterfront close to the city, the award-winning Singapore Sports Hub is one of the largest integrated sports projects in the world today, featuring world-class sports, lifestyle, leisure, and entertainment facilities. Comprising an aquatic centre, retail mall, public sports facilities, the National Stadium and Indoor Stadium, sports library and museum, restaurants, and more, this all-encompassing venue has hosted major sporting events such as the BNP Paribas Women's Tennis Association Finals Singapore presented by SC Global; the HSBC Singapore Rugby Sevens; as well as top entertainment headliners such as Madonna and Jay Chou. Be sure to take a tour around the crown jewel of the Sports Hub, the National Stadium – the only stadium in the world designed to stage four different sports: rugby, cricket, soccer, and athletics. The National Stadium currently holds the world record for the largest dome structure – its retractable dome roof measures 312 metres in diameter!



## ACTIVITIES IN CHINATOWN

With a variety of exciting experiences waiting to be discovered, Chinatown should be at the top of one's Singapore travel itinerary! From heritage trails to colonial architecture and chic new-age spots, Singapore's Chinatown is a bustling fusion of the traditional and contemporary. For those seeking a slice of history and culture, trace the footsteps of Singapore's early pioneers at the Chinatown Heritage Centre or explore the Sri Mariamman Temple, the oldest Hindu temple in the country. If you want to take a break from wandering Chinatown's lively streets, there are many cosy cafés, trendy bars, and cool independent boutiques to be found at nearby Ann Siang Hill, Duxton Road, Neil Road, and Keong Saik Road.



## DINNER AT POLLEN, GARDENS BY THE BAY

Nestled in the Mediterranean garden at the Flower Dome, Gardens by the Bay, a dinner experience at Pollen is a feast for the senses. Enjoy the stunning Marina Bay skyline and waterfront view while enjoying thoughtfully curated Modern European dishes by notable Head Chef Angelo Rosso and his team,

replete with hand-picked specimens from Pollen's very own herb garden. The patio on the upper deck is perfect for al fresco dining, providing an uninterrupted, panoramic view of the Flower Dome.



## GARDENS BY THE BAY "GARDEN RHAPSODY" LIGHT SHOW

Escape the hustle and bustle of Singapore in the green, serene oasis that is Gardens by the Bay. Populated with over 500,000 plants, the 101-hectare waterfront garden features the best of horticultural, sustainability and architectural design.