

SINGAPORE TRAVEL GUIDE



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Cosmopolitan, vibrant and multicultural, Singapore is diverse and excites the senses. The island nation is one of the smallest in the Southeast Asian region (and the world), yet offers travellers an abundant mix of cultures, cuisines and shopping experiences. A direct, 8-hour flight from Sydney, Singapore is a thriving, commercial mecca that offers new and exciting experiences for every type of traveller.

WHAT TO SEE



Infinity Pool

By staying there, you can have a swim in the famed rooftop infinity pool, located 57 stories high with a view of the city skyline.

Marina Bay



Singapore Flyer

Visit Asia's largest giant observation wheel for scenic city views that stretch to parts of Malaysia and Indonesia on a clear day.

Marina Bay



Gardens by the Bay

A large garden with a skywalk among the trees.

Marina Bay



Get a Fish Pedicure

Known as fish reflexology, it uses Turkish fish to help nibble away dead skin.

Singapore



Go on a Night Safari

Brave the night zoo and get a closer look at the nocturnal species like flying squirrels and dangling bats.

Singapore



Universal Studios

Head to Southeast Asia's first Hollywood theme park comprising seven moviethemed zones.

Sentosa



Henderson Waves

Hike across the highest pedestrian bridge in Singapore built in the shape of an undulating wave.

Henderson Road, Singapore



Merlion Park

A trip to Singapore without taking a photograph next to its national icon, the Merlion, would be incomplete

One Fullerton, Singapore

SHOPPING



Chinatown

Find everything from multi-label stores to fashion boutiques and all things art and design here.

Singapore



Funan DigitaLife Mall

Head to this tech haven and you will not be disappointed.

Singapore



ION Orchard

Home to Louis Vuitton, Christian Dior and Prada, this colossal mall is hard to miss.

Singapore



Millenia Walk

Known for homewares, this mall attracts those looking to shop in a quiet space.

Singapore



TANGS

A homegrown brand that is appreciated by both the locals and visitors for its latest trends

Singapore



Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands

Shop the latest seasons of Chanel and Dior while indulging in the creations of celebrity chefs here.

Singapore



Orchard Central

If you are looking for indie boutiques showcasing contemporary designs, this is the place to be.

Singapore



Bugis Junction

Experience Singapore's first glass-covered and air-conditioned shopping streets.

Singapore



Singapore is famous for the variety and quality of hawker centres that offer a multitude of inexpensive and market-style foods. There are hundreds of hawker centres across the island, with each stall-holder vying for your travelling hospitality with affordable, yet tasty food cooked hygienically and quickly, hawker centres are frequented by Singapore residents, as well as tourists.

HIGHLIGHTS



Lau Pa Sat Downtown A historical and popular hawker centre located in the heart of the CBD.



Chinatown
A must-see
hawker centre.

Maxwell Road



Centre
A gem that comes
up in nearly every
foodie's Singapore
highlights list.

Newton Food



Seng Po Road
One of Singapore's
oldest housing
estates.

Tiong Bahru 83

LAU PA SAT DOWNTOWN

Lau Pa Sat is a historical and popular hawker centre located in the heart of the CBD. During the daytime, CBD workers come in large numbers for the famous cuisine in the hawker style setting. By night, the area (and street) transforms in to a younger, party scene. Cheap drinks are enjoyed by large groups amongst the bright lights and market vibes in outdoor settings. Satay, prawns and BBQ chicken wings are some of the favourite dishes sold by vendors as they approach customers for table-service.



MAXWELL ROAD CHINATOWN

Described by many foodies as a must-see hawker centre, Maxwell Road has over 100 stalls in this culturally dynamic and bustling location. Chicken rice, congee and char kway teow are some of the favourite regional and local dishes here. Fresh juices and Chinatown market trinket finds are also just around the corner. Wind chimes, durian fragrances and open-air courtyards throughout Maxwell Road transport you from modern Singapore to a bygone village era.



NEWTON FOOD CENTRE

Also known as Newton Circus, Newton Food Centre is a hawker centre gem that comes up in nearly every foodie's Singapore highlights list, and is frequently packed with tourists and residents alike. Satay and seafood and fish ball noodles are favourite dishes favoured by large groups enjoying eating together outside as late as 4am. A Singapore icon, the Newton Centre has developed a strong following since opening in 1971.



TIONG BAHRU 83 SENG PO ROAD

Tiong Bahru centre is located at the site of one of Singapore's oldest housing estates. Favoured by expats and foreigners, a variety of cuisines that include Indian and Mediterranean give Tiong Bahru a modern, vibrant feel. Lor Mee (with shark meat), Tiong Bahru Pau (dim sum), and oyster omelette are just some of the recommended dishes.





Clarke Quay is a bright and exciting lifestyle precinct along the Singapore River. Combining dining, nightlife, shopping and adventure activities, you can easily spend a day exploring the historic site. Once a fishing village, Clarke Quay is now a mixture of the old and the new, embracing both in its offerings to tourists.

HIGHLIGHTS



Nightlife

Some of Singapore's most popular nightspots.



Shopping

Over 150 stores, food and beverage outlets take advantage of the waterfront views.



Waterfront and Alfresco Dining

Dining options include seafood, casual cafes and eateries.



Waterside Adventures

The closer you get to the water the more beautiful this area becomes.

NIGHTLIFE

Clarke Quay boasts some of Singapore's most popular nightspots including nightclubs, bars and lounges. At night the colourful, restored warehouse lights up the river and fills the area with many tunes. If you like live music and jazz, you'll enjoy the Crazy Elephant live music venue, which is iconic for bringing locals and tourists together. Fenix Room is dedicated to champagne lovers and serves special champagne cocktails.



SHOPPING

Directly above the Clarke Quay train station is The Central, a five-storey development showcasing a predominantly Japanese theme. Over 150 stores, food and beverage outlets take advantage of the waterfront views. Independent fashion boutiques and homewares also have a Japanese feel and are a refreshing treat once all the designer brand outlets have been exhausted.



WATERFRONT AND ALFRESCO DINING

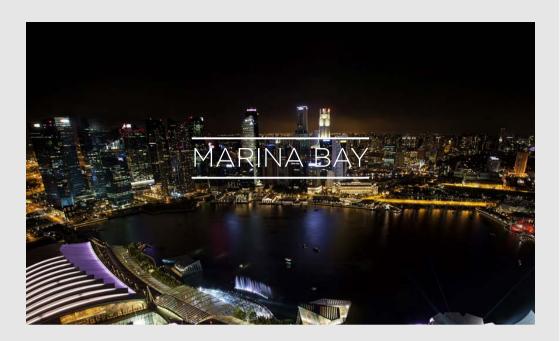
Tourists flock to the riverfront restaurants and bars, especially at night. The bright lights and waterfront atmosphere are a major drawcard, and despite commercialisation the fishing village feel is still a strong and unique element in the area. With almost a European feel, the dining options include seafood, casual cafes and eateries (and even a Hooters restaurant). Twenty four outlets offer \$15 lunch options for differing tastes during the day.



WATERSIDE ADVENTURES

Various riverside cruises and tours are on offer through Clarke Quay, including tours of the broader Singapore Rivers area - Clarke Quay, Boat Quay and and Marina Bay. The closer you get to the water the more beautiful this area becomes. Thrill seekers can enjoy more than just the beautiful river backdrop and immerse all their senses in the G-Max Bungy and G-X5 Extreme Swing.





Marina Bay is located just east of downtown Singapore and encompasses an iconic, picturesque combination of resorts, shopping and dining attractions.

HIGHLIGHTS



The Singapore Flyer & the Sands SkyPark
A spectacular view of the region.



Bay & Theatres by the Bay Beautiful gardens, and the famous flower dome.

Gardens by the



Marina Bay Sands
An exquisite building
housing even an
indoor canal.

Marina Centre and

THE SINGAPORE FLYER & THE SANDS SKYPARK

Adventurous and high-flying souls are more than catered for in Marina Bay. A trip on the Singapore Flyer at day or night gives a spectacular view of the region, but isn't for the faint hearted. To distract you from the heights, you can book a private or catered viewing capsule. Guests at Marina Bay Sands can visit level 57 of the resort and be transported to an oasis-literally in the sky with infinity pool, observation deck and plush dining venues.



GARDENS BY THE BAY AND THEATRES BY THE BAY

If you can escape the lure of shopping and food, you'll be rewarded with a visit to Gardens by the Bay and Theatres by the Bay. Just a short stroll along the promenade and you'll discover the beautiful gardens, including the famous flower dome. Artistic talent is in full display at Theatres by the Bay, with an endless list of acts and performances to see.



MARINA CENTRE & MARINA BAY SANDS

The result of innovation and architectural brilliance, the iconic Marina Centre and Marina Bay Sands are great to experience and explore by day or night. The Marina Centre houses more designer brands than you probably knew existed, all in an exquisite building housing even an indoor canal! Enjoy the exterior of the exclusive and luxurious Marina Bay Sands Casino and Resort - unless you're lucky enough to be a guest. If so, indulge in the finest of Singapore hospitality.





This famous shopping strip is sometimes referred to as a 'shopping belt', due to the size and scale of the shopping developments found here. A 2.2km urban oasis, the many boutiques and multi-level complexes are surrounded by beautiful shady gardens, sculptures, and dining precincts to re-energise weary shoppers.

HIGHLIGHTS



ION Orchard
Over 300 stores
across 8 levels.



Orchard Central
One of the newest
establishments in
the Orchard Road
precinct.



Paragon 200 different retail stores.



Plaza Singapura
A 9-level shopping complex.

ION ORCHARD

Over 300 stores await you at ION Orchard, across 8 levels of retail and architectural amazement. If you're not satisfied with simply window-shopping, various tourist services are offered to pamper you and your fellow travellers. Fashion consultations, fittings and delivery services are marketed to tourists to make shopping a luxury experience. In addition, the special ION tourist wallet is worth taking advantage of.



ORCHARD CENTRAL

Orchard Central is one of the newest establishments in the Orchard Road precinct, and is marketed as the 'Centre of New'. More than just a retail experience, tourists and shoppers can celebrate the centre's innovative location by visiting the indoor climbing wall, the rooftop garden and alfresco dining areas, public art exhibitions, and a unique Mediterranean lifestyle precinct.



WATERFRONT & ALFRESCO DINING

Paragon houses 200 different retail stores for your active or perhaps more wishful perusal. A family destination, the centre boasts a huge dining precinct and specialist youth and children's stores. While popular designer brands take centre stage, younger, edgier brands are also to be found amongst the iconic 6-level development.



PLAZA SINGAPURA

Located close to the Dhoby Ghaut train station, Plaza Singapura is a 9-level shopping complex, with each level flaunting a different theme. With less of a designer brand focus and more of a one-stop family shopping idea, you will find practical and unique items to suit any budget. You'll also catch a glimpse into the lifestyle of Singapore residents, this is a popular destination for all ages to explore and relax in comfort. Cinemas and multiple dining options abound to please everyone in the family.





The renowned Singapore Zoo Precinct is located in the central catchment area, a short trip from downtown Singapore by public transport or taxi.

HIGHLIGHTS



Singapore Zoo Almost feels like a rainforest Considered Singapore's in its natural form.



Night Safari Number 1 nightspot.



River Safari Asia's first and only river-themed safari.

SINGAPORE ZOO

Stepping into Singapore Zoo almost feels like walking into a rainforest in its natural form. Thick, green forests and a river surround the large and expansive animal exhibits. Once through the gates, the sounds of birds, monkeys and other animals fill the air despite the animated buzz from excited tourists.



NIGHT SAFARI

The Night Safari could be Singapore's Number 1 nightspot, and not surprisingly so. Seeing elusive and nocturnal animals in their element is an intimate and thrilling adventure for the whole family. Seven different geographical regions are featured, and while the more unusual animals are a hit, seeing the 'wallaby trail' featuring Australian nocturnal natives may also give some Australian visitors a sense of patriotic pride.



RIVER SAFARI

Asia's first and only river-themed safari is just a short stroll across the boardwalk from the main zoo. Study each of the world's major river habitats with close-up encounters of land and sea animals. Don't blink or you may miss a unique specimen like the cute giant river otters.



ACCOMODATION



*Based on 3527 reviews

RAFFLES HOTEL SINGAPORE

1 Beach Road, Singapore, 189673 Tel: Review by TripAdvisor Traveller CloStar Reviewed 8/01/2017

We had to tick off a Singapore Sling at its birthplace, Raffles in Singapore!
We were able to enter the courtyard in flip-flops which we were a little worried about before we arrived but didn't seem to be an issue... the courtyard was quite empty with a few dozen people at around 5pm on Saturday. The bar had approximately 6 staff all of whom were walking around pretending to be busy except for one or two dedicated to making cocktails. I only kno...



THE FULLERTON BAY HOTEL SINGAPORE

80 Collyer Quay, Singapore, 049326 Tel: +6562228088 Review by TripAdvisor Traveller mrssmithBrisbane Reviewed 7/01/2017

We have just returned from our 3 night stay here at the hotel and I must say the minute I walked into the lobby I felt immediately at home. We arrived early in the morning and was very surprised that concierge knew our name right from the minute we hopped off the cab and was immediately whisked to our room after check-in. My 4 year old daughter was given a puzzle and a tag which allowed her to have a complimentary scoop of ice cream each day. Lu...

ACCOMODATION



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AMOY BY FAR EAST HOSPITALITY

76 Telok Ayer Street, Singapore, 048464 Tel: +6562916677 Review by TripAdvisor Traveller T P B Reviewed 6/01/2017

This is a small hotel and one of the reasons why we chose it. Its front entrance has old world charm but it is modern within and has all the usual modern facilities. It is clean and well maintained. The staff are brilliant and are very helpful and friendly. It is conveniently located and very near the underground stations. We would recommend this hotel to anyone wanting to stay in Singapore.



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THE QUINCY HOTEL BY FAR EAST HOSPITALITY

22 Mount Elizabeth, Singapore, 228517 Tel: +6562228088 Review by TripAdvisor Traveller douglas_lin Reviewed 8/01/2017

The quincy hotel has a good quiet location. The staffs are friendly. It's always my first choice if I need to stay around orchard road. But this time, the shower-head holder was damaged, the bathroom sink drain stopper was stuck and water cannot drain away.

WINE & DINE



*Based on 192 reviews

SUMMER PAVILION

The Ritz-Carlton, Millenia Singapore, 7 Raffles Avenue, Singapore, 039799 Tel: +65 6337 8888 Review by TripAdvisor Traveller Carlos G Reviewed 2/01/2017

Perfect atmosphere for a family get together.

I always bring my kids and the service is attentive with their needs.

Real Chinese food, very well presented and good pricing. The restaurant is lovely, and the tables are far part for privacy.

Would definitely be back



● Based on 721 reviews

FRATINI LA TRATTORIA

10 Greenwood Avenue, Hillcrest Park Singapore, 289201 Tel: +65 6468 2868 Review by TripAdvisor Traveller Sana R Reviewed 8/01/2017

The first Italian themed chef's table style restaurant I've been to, and it was well worth the trip. The food is wonderful -- rich, tasty and delightfully surprising. The restaurant invites in a rotation of chef's from across Italy so you get a chance to experience food from different regions in Italy. Food aside, the service is also an experience - the staff is warm, friendly and attentive. I'll definitely go back.



WINE & DINE



® ® ® ® ® *Based on 547 reviews

COLONY

7 Raffles Avenue Ritz Carlton Millenia Singapore, Singapore, 039799

Tel: +65 6434 5285

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller Hannikins Reviewed 7/01/2017

I didn't think it was possible to get impossibly lost in a restaurant, but here it is. Once seated I was expecting our waiter to tell us where everything was but on arrival we waited a while for anyone to acknowledge us and then they only explained where to go when prompted. Once you eventually find the area you're after you then have to work your way back to your seat, which is a trial in itself! The food itself more than made up for it, we foun...



*Based on 255 reviews

RHUBARB

3 Duxton Hill, Singapore, 089589 Tel: +65 8127 5001 Review by TripAdvisor Traveller champagnespring Reviewed 6/01/2017

We had a lovely familydinner at Rhubarb last evening in Singapore. What a journey on a plate We choose our dishes from the ala carte so that everyone could have something they really liked. All the dishes looked so beautiful and tasted amazing - the kitchen is so innovative!

The restaurant has only seven tables so the reservation beforehand is a must. But it really is a worth it!

INFORMATION

PACKING ESSENTIALS

- Umbrella Singapore tends to experience as much sun as rain.
- Power plugs Singapore uses three-square-pronged power plugs.
- Mosquito repellent To avoid the pesky insects.
- Sun-smart gear Always have a hat and sunscreen to protect you from the Singapore sunshine.
- Swimmers ear medicine Avoid an ear infection that can occur from high humidity.

INFORMATION

TRAVEL TIPS

- Plan your visit to Sydney Airport by doing some research on the airport and your terminal, whether it be T1, T2 or T3.
- Check the security regulations in relation to what you can and cannot take through the security screening point and onto an aircraft, including prohibited items, dangerous goods, and liquids, aerosols, and gels (LAGs).
- Check your baggage allowance with your airline.
- Use the directional signage at the terminal to ensure a smooth and enjoyable journey through the airport.
- Ensure that your driver's licence can be used in your country of destination or that you have organised an international driver's licence.
- If you have not already purchased travel insurance along with your ticket, you can purchase it at Sydney Airport at the Last Chance Travel Insurance located in the International Terminal (T1) after Customs.
 Alternatively, purchase insurance at any Travelex outlet or the Australia Post Shop at International Terminal (T1) located before Customs, near check-in counter J.

GET TO THE AIRPORT

 Make sure you have plenty of time ahead of check-in. If you are unsure as to when you should arrive at the airport, contact your airline directly.

GET READY FOR BOARDING

- Security screening whether your destination is within Australia or overseas, allow sufficient time to proceed through security screening.
- Australian Customs and Border Protection Service - allow sufficient time to proceed through Customs and Border Protection.
- Passports must be valid for a minimum of six months ahead of your departing date for most countries. We strongly recommend you verify exact requirements with your airline.
- Boarding passes issued at the airline check-in counter upon presentation of your ticket reservation (printed e-ticket) or booking confirmation number along with your valid passport.
- Immigration cards available before you enter Customs and Border Protection. The cards must be filled out and presented to the Customs and Border Protection Officer along with your passport and boarding pass
- Find your departing gate using display screens. These screens are available in the airline check-in area and at each departure gate.

RELAX

 At Sydney airport, you have plenty of options to shop while you are waiting to board your flight. Remember that all duty free purchases must be finalised 20 minutes before your flight departs.

INFORMATION

YOUR DESTINATION



DISTANCE FROM SYDNEY

6,302 kilometres



WHEN TO GO

July to September



LANGUAGE

English, Malay, Mandarin and Tamil



WEATHER

Tropical weather year round: 26°-30° Celsius



TIME ZONE

UTC +8



CURRENCY

Singapore dollar