

10 MARINA BAY

The marquee of modern Singapore for everything glitz and glam, Marina Bay has it all. Home to some of Singapore's most iconic structures (think the **Singapore Flyer**, **Marina Bay Sands** and **Gardens by the Bay**), it is the ultimate playground for those seeking to indulge. Treat yourself to a satisfying meal at one of the many celebrity restaurants in Marina Bay Sands or end your night by partying at a trendy rooftop club. With the FORMULA 1® race transforming this glittering waterfront venue into the pulsating heart of the action, there really is no better place to be.



12 DOWNTOWN CORE

The financial heart of Singapore, Downtown Core houses corporate headquarters and financial institutions such as the Singapore Exchange and is home to the Central Business District. It's made out of seven subzones, **Anson, Cecil, Clifford Pier, Maxwell, Phillip, Raffles Place and Tanjong Pagar**. **Tanjong Pagar** is the first area in Singapore to be gazetted under a conservation plan of heritage zones. In recent years, the neighborhood has enjoyed a revival, emerging as the epicenter for today's global traveler as one of the island's most stylish leisure and dining neighborhoods. Among them, **Tras Street** is lined with restaurants, speakeasies and bars for those in the know.

A long-standing landmark in the heart of the Central Business District, **Lau Pa Sat** is a long-standing landmark in the heart of the central business district and has witnessed Singapore's ever-changing landscape, from mudflats to metropolis. The 120-year-old market is a much frequented destination for hawker food amidst soaring arches and Victorian era columns.

14 WEST SINGAPORE

For those who want to get away from – and above – the city and a little closer to nature, the **Southern Ridges** is a great place to explore. As a bonus, you will also get one of the best panoramic views of the city, harbour and the Southern Islands. The Southern Ridges is a 10-kilometre stretch of green open spaces spanning the hills of some of Singapore's most popular parks and gardens, connected by picturesque ridges and pathways. Imagine walking across a bridge 36-metres above the road connecting two hilltops. You can perform this exhilarating high-wire act at **Henderson Waves**, a distinctive wave-like structure consisting of a series of undulating curved 'ribs', also Singapore's highest pedestrian bridge. The Southern Ridges is made up of **Mount Faber Park, Telok Blangah Hill Park, HortPark, Kent Ridge Park** and **Labrador Nature Reserve**. Further west takes you to **Singapore Discovery Centre** and the **Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum**.



11 CHINATOWN

Singapore's historic Chinatown is a bustling mix of old and new, filled with traditional shops and markets as well as cool stores and cafes. Tea and opera houses, as well as opium dens, were the most popular forms of entertainment back in the olden days, and the **Chinatown Street Market** was where people congregated to shop, eat and socialise. Yet pockets of history remain in Chinatown, along with more modern sights. You could easily spend a few days wandering through these still-narrow streets. Family-run goldsmiths, medicinal halls and teahouses ply their trades next to sleeker neighbours such as hipster bars and lifestyle shops. **Thian Hock Keng temple** at **Telok Ayer Street** is the oldest Chinese temple in Singapore. Right along the same street is the **Masjid Al-Albrar**, one of the earliest mosques in Singapore. Just a few streets away at South Bridge Road is the **Sri Mariamman temple**, the oldest Hindu temple in the country.

Amoy Street Food Centre can boast as a reputable spot to savour some of the city's street-food staples, with not one, two, or three, but four stalls making into the list of 2017 Michelin Bib Gourmand Singapore. How much Bib Gourmand can you taste in one sitting? For trendier tastes, chic restaurants and bars are in **Neil Road, Duxton Road** and **Keong Saik Road**, with the latter being named #4 on Lonely Planet must visit places in Asia. If Clarke Quay is the party central of Singapore, then the **Ann Siang Hill** and **Club Street** area is its cool, younger cousin – equally fun and always fully charged with an electrifying atmosphere after dark, a favourite with people in the know of the latest nightlife destinations.



Peranakan culture operated by a lively curator, where by appointment would allow you to immerse into the home of a Peranakan family, complete with artifacts and food shared over stories of heritage. Discover Peranakan culture as you stroll past heritage shophouses, quaint stores and eateries in this charming corner of eastern Singapore.

Historic architecture, cultural diversity, and cult-status eateries are accolades not commonly associated with Singapore's **Geylang** district—which is frequently written off as the island's infamous nightlife zone. But take a stroll through the meandering lanes and bustling back alleys of this unique enclave, and you'll find a buzzing hub filled with colourful shophouses, mosques, temples, bars and more that put Geylang firmly on the explorer's trail. This is as authentic as you can get to local food and culture through hawker centres and illuminated night markets.

EAST OF SINGAPORE

The beautiful, historic-rich **Joo Chiat/Katong** neighbourhood is often admired for its colourful rows of Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) shophouses. What you might not know: this neighbourhood is as loved for its variety of food options as it is for its architecture. Start by making a pit stop at the **328 Katong Laksa** that offers this neighbourhood's most famous signature dish, the Katong Laksa, having competed with Gordon Ramsay in 2013 and won. Stop by **The Intan**, a living museum dedicated to

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Singapore's favourite playground lies in the southern coast where you'll find all the entertainment you need for all ages on this island, where the fun doesn't cease and boredom retreats. Whether you're in search of thrills and spills or a relaxed beachside afternoon, you will be spoilt for choice at Singapore's favourite leisure destination.

From crowd-pleasing attractions like **Universal Studios Singapore** and **Adventure Cove Waterpark** to the magical marine world at the **S.E.A Aquarium at Resorts World™ Sentosa**, this bustling island will not disappoint. Beyond the integrated resort, soak up the sun on the 3.2km long beach and the many outdoor facilities. Test your wits at the **Skyline Luge** or your wills at **Mega Adventure** before making a dive at the indoor skydiving wind tunnel at **iFly Singapore**. You can either take the **Singapore Cable Car** for a breathtaking view of the South China Sea or retreat to **Quayside Isle** at **Sentosa Cove** for a much needed respite from the day's adrenaline rush.

