**Sentosa**

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Not to be confused with [Sentosa Development Corporation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sentosa_Development_Corporation).

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| **Sentosa** | |
| **Name transcription(s)** | |
| **•**[**Chinese**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chinese_language) | 圣淘沙 |
| **•**[**Pinyin**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pinyin) | shèngtáoshā |
| **•**[**Malay**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malay_language) | Sentosa |
| **•**[**Tamil**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamil_language) | செந்தோசா |
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| [Sentosa is located in Singapore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Singapore_location_map.svg)  Sentosa  Sentosa  Location of Sentosa within Singapore | |
| Coordinates: https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/55/WMA_button2b.png/17px-WMA_button2b.png[1.248°N 103.830°E](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Sentosa&params=1.248_N_103.830_E_source:nlwiki_type:city%281690%29_region:SG)[Coordinates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographic_coordinate_system): https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/55/WMA_button2b.png/17px-WMA_button2b.png[1.248°N 103.830°E](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Sentosa&params=1.248_N_103.830_E_source:nlwiki_type:city%281690%29_region:SG) | |
| **Country** | [Singapore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore) |
| **Area** | |
| **• Total** | 4.71 km2 (1.82 sq mi) |
| **Population** (2017)[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sentosa#cite_note-citypopulation-1) | |
| **• Total** | 1,690 |
| **• Density** | 360/km2 (930/sq mi) |

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| Sentosa Island | |
| [Sentosa logo.svg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Sentosa_logo.svg)  Sentosa's logo | |
| **Slogan** | Asia's Favourite Playground / Singapore's Island Resort / The State of Fun |
| **Location** | Sentosa Island |
| **Theme** | Fantasy, adventure |
| **Opened** | 1975; 43 years ago |

[](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Merlion_sentosa_island.jpg)

The Tallest Merlion statue on Sentosa

**Sentosa** is a popular [island](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Island) [resort](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Resort) in [Singapore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore), which receives some twenty million visitors per year.[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sentosa#cite_note-2) Attractions include a 2 km (1.2 mi) long sheltered beach, [Fort Siloso](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_Siloso), two [golf courses](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golf_course), the [Merlion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merlion), 14 [hotels](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hotels), and the [Resorts World Sentosa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Resorts_World_Sentosa), featuring the theme park [Universal Studios Singapore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore).

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  + [2.4 2005](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sentosa#2005)
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**Etymology**

[](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Map_of_Singapura_by_Godinho_de_Er%C3%A9dia_1604.jpg)

Sentosa is marked as Blacan mati (left, above Singapura) in this 1604 map of Singapura by the Portuguese cartographer [Manuel Godinho de Erédia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manuel_Godinho_de_Er%C3%A9dia). The Malay Peninsula (Ujontana) to the right and below Singapura.

The name *Sentosa* translates as "peace and tranquility" in [Malay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malay_language), which was in turn derived from the [Sanskrit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sanskrit) term [*Santosha*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Santosha) (संतोष, [IAST](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Alphabet_of_Sanskrit_Transliteration): *Saṃtoṣa*), meaning "contentment, satisfaction".[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sentosa#cite_note-3)[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sentosa#cite_note-4) Sentosa was formerly known as ***Pulau Blakang Mati***[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sentosa" \l "cite_note-Savage-5)[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sentosa#cite_note-Sentosa_Sentosa_Then,_Sentosa_Today-6) which in [Malay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malay_language) means the "Island of Death from Behind".

The name *Blakang Mati* is rather old but may not have been founded in the nineteenth century as generally believed. In fact, there exists an island that was identified as *Blacan Mati* in [Manuel Godinho de Erédia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manuel_Godinho_de_Er%C3%A9dia)'s 1604 map of Singapore. Other early references to the island of Blakang Mati include *Burne Beard Island* in Wilde's 1780 MS map, *Pulau Niry*, *Nirifa* from 1690 to 1700, and the nineteenth century reference as *Pulau Panjang* (J.H. Moor). However, early maps did not separate Blakang Mati from the adjacent island of [Pulau Brani](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pulau_Brani), so it is uncertain to which island the sixteenth century place names referred.

The island has gone through several name changes. Up to 1830, it was called Pulau Panjang ("long island"). In an 1828 sketch of Singapore Island, the island is referred to as *Po. Panjang*. According to Bennett (1834), the name Blakang Mati was only given to the [hill](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hill) on the island by the [Malay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malay_people) villagers on the island. The Malay name for this island is literally translated as "dead back" or "behind the dead"; *blakang* means "at the back" or "behind" or "after"; *mati* means "dead". It is also called the "dead island" or the "island of the dead" or perhaps "island of after death".

Different versions of how the island came to acquire such an unpropitious name abound:

* One account attributed the ominous name to murder and [piracy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piracy) in the island's past.
* A second claimed that the island is the material paradise of warrior [spirits](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ghost) buried at Pulau Brani.
* A third account claims that an outbreak of [disease](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Disease) on the island in the late 1840s almost wiped out the original [Bugis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bugis) settlers on the island. Dr Robert Little, a [British](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Kingdom) [coroner](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coroner) investigating the deaths, stumbled upon what was called Blakang Mati Fever, purportedly a type of [fever](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fever) caused by [miasmastic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miasma_theory) fumes arising from decaying leaves and [swampy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swamp) water on the island. This event led to a controversy in medical circles at that time as to the causes of what was later recognised in 1898 as [malaria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malaria) spread by the [*Anopheles*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anopheles) [mosquito](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mosquito). The government's malaria research station was originally located here.
* A fourth interpretation is that "dead back island" was so-called because of the lack of fertile [soil](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soil) on the hills. However, since the island creates an area of dead water behind it with no wind (hence "still behind" - still or stopped being an alternative translation of mati) it may be as simple as this — less romantic perhaps, but believable from a nautical viewpoint.

[](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Imbiah_lookout_view.jpg)

View from Imbiah Lookout to [Mainland Singapore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pulau_Ujong)

In 1827, Captain Edward Lake of the [Bengal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bengal) [Engineers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Engineer) in his report on [public works](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Public_works) and [fortifications](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fortification) had proposed an alternative name for Blakang Mati as the "Island of St George". However, the island was seen as too unhealthy for habitation and his proposed name was never realised.

In a 1972 contest organised by the [Singapore Tourist Promotion Board](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore_Tourist_Promotion_Board), the island was renamed *Sentosa*, a Malay word meaning "[peace](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peace) and [tranquility](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tranquility)", from [Sanskrit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sanskrit), [*Santosha*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Santosha).

Through the 1980s and 1990s, a number of pay-to-get-in tourist destinations were built on the island, most of which the local people found uninteresting. Consequently, there was a joke that the name Sentosa stood for "So Expensive and Nothing to See Also".[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sentosa#cite_note-7)

**Gardens by the Bay**

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| **Gardens by the Bay** | |
| *Taman di Persisiran*  ([Malay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malay_language)) 滨海湾花园 ([Chinese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chinese_language)) வளைகுடா தோட்டம் ([Tamil](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamil_language)) | |
| [OCBC Skyway, Gardens By The Bay, Singapore - 20140809.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:OCBC_Skyway,_Gardens_By_The_Bay,_Singapore_-_20140809.jpg)  The Supertree Grove at Gardens by the Bay | |
| **Type** | [Nature park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nature_park) |
| **Location** | [Marina Bay, Singapore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marina_Bay,_Singapore) |
| [**Coordinates**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographic_coordinate_system) | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/55/WMA_button2b.png/17px-WMA_button2b.png[1°17′4.97″N 103°51′53.86″E](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Gardens_by_the_Bay&params=1_17_4.97_N_103_51_53.86_E_region:SG_type:landmark)[Coordinates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographic_coordinate_system): https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/55/WMA_button2b.png/17px-WMA_button2b.png[1°17′4.97″N 103°51′53.86″E](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Gardens_by_the_Bay&params=1_17_4.97_N_103_51_53.86_E_region:SG_type:landmark) |
| **Area** | 101 hectares (250 acres) |
| **Created** | 2012 |
| **Operated by** | Gardens by the Bay |
| **Visitors** | 8.8 million (FY 2015/16)[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gardens_by_the_Bay#cite_note-AR-1) |
| **Open** | Daily |
| **Public transit access** | [Bayfront](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bayfront_MRT_Station) [Gardens by the Bay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gardens_by_the_Bay_MRT_Station) (*from 2021*) |
| **Website** | [www.gardensbythebay.com.sg](http://www.gardensbythebay.com.sg) |

**Gardens by the Bay** is a [nature park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nature_park) spanning 101 hectares (250 acres) of [reclaimed land](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reclaimed_land)[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gardens_by_the_Bay#cite_note-2) in central [Singapore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore), adjacent to the [Marina Reservoir](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marina_Reservoir). The park consists of three waterfront gardens: Bay South Garden, Bay East Garden and Bay Central Garden. The largest of the gardens is Bay South Garden at 54 hectares (130 acres).

Gardens by the Bay is part of a strategy by the Singapore government to transform Singapore from a "Garden City" to a "City in a Garden". The stated aim is to raise the quality of life by enhancing greenery and flora in the city.

First announced by the [Prime Minister](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prime_Minister_of_Singapore), [Lee Hsien Loong](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lee_Hsien_Loong), at the [National Day Rally](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Day_Rally) in 2005, Gardens by the Bay was intended to be Singapore's premier urban outdoor recreation space, and a national icon.

In 2006, an international competition for the design of the park was held, attracting more than 70 entries submitted by 170 firms from 24 countries. Two British firms – Grant Associates and Dominic White[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gardens_by_the_Bay" \l "cite_note-3) – were awarded the contracts for the Bay South and Bay East Gardens respectively.

Alongside the lead designers Grant Associates, the design team for Bay South included [WilkinsonEyre](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WilkinsonEyre), Atelier Ten (environmental design consultants) and [Atelier One](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atelier_One) (structural engineers). They were supported by a number of Singapore firms including [CPG Consultants](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CPG_Corporation) (architecture, civil and structural, mechanical and electrical), [Meinhardt Infrastructure](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Meinhardt_Group&action=edit&redlink=1) (civil and structural), [Langdon & Seah](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Langdon_%26_Seah) (cost consultants) and PMLink (project management).

The park is quite popular, with 6.4 million visitors in 2014, and it had the 20 millionth visitor in November 2015.[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gardens_by_the_Bay#cite_note-today-4)

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**Bay Central Garden**

Bay Central Garden will act as a link between Bay South and Bay East Gardens. It stands at 15 hectares (37 acres) with a 3-kilometre (1.9 mi) waterfront promenade that allows for scenic walks stretching from the city centre to the east of Singapore.[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gardens_by_the_Bay#cite_note-5) More developments of Bay Central Garden are coming in the next few years.

**Bay East Garden**

[](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Singapore_skyline_at_sunset_viewed_from_Gardens_by_the_Bay_East_-_20120426.jpg)

The Singapore skyline viewed from Bay East Garden

Bay East Garden is 32 hectares (79 acres) in size and it has a 2-kilometre (1.2 mi) promenade frontage bordering the Marina Reservoir. An interim park was developed at Bay East Garden in support of the [2010 Summer Youth Olympics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2010_Summer_Youth_Olympics). The first phase of the garden was opened to the public in October 2011, allowing alternative access to the [Marina Barrage](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marina_Barrage).[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gardens_by_the_Bay#cite_note-6)

It is designed as a series of large tropical leaf-shaped gardens, each with its own specific landscaping design, character and theme. There will be five water inlets aligned with the prevailing wind direction, maximizing and extending the shoreline while allowing wind and water to penetrate the site to help cool areas of activity around them.

Bay East Garden provides visitors with an unobstructed view of the city skyline. Upcoming developments of Bay East Garden will be based on the theme of water.

**Bay South Garden**

Bay South Garden opened to the public on 29 June 2012.[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gardens_by_the_Bay#cite_note-7) It is the largest of the three gardens at 54 hectares (130 acres) and aims to showcase the best of [tropical horticulture](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tropical_horticulture) and garden artistry.

The overall concept of its master plan draws inspiration from an [orchid](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orchid) as it is representative of the tropics and of Singapore, being the country's national flower, the [Vanda 'Miss Joaquim'](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vanda_%27Miss_Joaquim%27). The orchid takes root at the waterfront (conservatories), while the leaves (landforms), shoots (paths, roads and linkways) and secondary roots (water, energy and communication lines) then form an integrated network with blooms (theme gardens and Supertrees) at key intersections.

# Universal Studios Singapore

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| Universal Studios Singapore | |
| [Universal Studios Singapore logo.png](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Universal_Studios_Singapore_logo.png)  Universal Studios Singapore Logo | |
| **Location** | [Resorts World](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Resorts_World_Sentosa), [Sentosa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sentosa), [Singapore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore) |
| [**Coordinates**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographical_coordinates) | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/55/WMA_button2b.png/17px-WMA_button2b.png[1.254°N 103.824°E](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Universal_Studios_Singapore&params=1.254_N_103.824_E_type:landmark_region:SG)[Coordinates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographic_coordinate_system): https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/55/WMA_button2b.png/17px-WMA_button2b.png[1.254°N 103.824°E](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Universal_Studios_Singapore&params=1.254_N_103.824_E_type:landmark_region:SG) |
| **Theme** | Show business and [Universal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Pictures) entertainment |
| **Owner** | [Genting Group](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genting_Group) (under a license from [NBCUniversal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NBCUniversal)) |
| **Operated by** | [Genting Group](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genting_Group) [Universal Parks & Resorts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Parks_%26_Resorts) |
| **Opened** | 18 March 2010; 8 years ago (soft opening) 28 May 2011; 6 years ago (grand opening) |
| **Operating season** | All year round |
| **Area** | 20 ha (49 acres) |
| **Rides** | |
| **Total** | 21 |
| **Roller coasters** | 6 |
| **Water rides** | 2 |
| **Website** | [Official website](http://www.rwsentosa.com/en/attractions/universal-studios-singapore/explore) |

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| [**Resorts World Sentosa**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Resorts_World_Sentosa) |
| **Attractions** |
| Universal Studios Singapore [Adventure Cove Waterpark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marine_Life_Park#Adventure_Cove_Waterpark) [S.E.A. Aquarium](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marine_Life_Park#S.E.A._Aquarium) [The Maritime Experiential Museum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Maritime_Experiential_Museum) Dolphin Island Festive Walk |
| **Hotels** |
| Crockfords Tower Equarius Hotel Festive Hotel Hard Rock Hotel Hotel Michael Beach Villas Genting Hotel Jurong |
| * [v](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Template:Resorts_World_Sentosa) * [t](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Template_talk:Resorts_World_Sentosa) * [e](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Template:Resorts_World_Sentosa&action=edit) |

**Universal Studios Singapore** is a [theme park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theme_park) located within [Resorts World Sentosa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Resorts_World_Sentosa) on [Sentosa Island](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sentosa), [Singapore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore). It features 24 rides, shows and attractions in seven themed zones. It was a key component of [Genting](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genting_Group)'s bid for the right to build Singapore's second integrated resort. On 8 December 2006, the Singapore government announced that the consortium had won the bid. Construction of the theme park and the rest of the resort started on 19 April 2007. It is the second [Universal Studios theme park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Parks_%26_Resorts) to open in [Asia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asia) ([Japan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Japan) being the first), and the first in [Southeast Asia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southeast_Asia). The official plans for the park were unveiled to the public when Universal Studios Singapore released a park map to the public on 20 October 2009.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-USS_Map-1) Universal Studios Singapore has since attracted more than 2 million visitors in the 9 months from its opening.[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-1_million_visitors-2)

[Universal Parks & Resorts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Parks_%26_Resorts) markets the park as a "one-of-its-kind theme park in Asia" and promises that the park will be the only one of its kind in Southeast Asia for the next 30 years.[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-3)

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## History

### Park history

The construction of Resorts World Sentosa and Universal Studios Singapore began on 19 April 2008. After almost two years of construction, the park opened on 18 March 2010.

Universal Studios Singapore was opened for sneak peek week in view of the Chinese New Year Celebrations, from 5 pm to 9 pm every night between 14 and 21 February 2010.[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-4) Though visitors had to pay SGD$10 to enter the park even-though rides were not operating, tickets for the week were sold out in 2 days. On 5 March 2010, it was announced that the park will open its doors at 8:28 am ([UTC+8](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UTC%2B8)) on 18 March 2010, for a soft-opening phase. From 13 March 2010, the team members of Resorts World Sentosa and their families had a chance to visit the park before the public has a chance to do so.[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-5) The park had its soft opening period from 18 March 2010 to 26 October 2010.[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-6)

The official grand opening of the park was held on 28 May 2011, along with the grand opening gala being held on 27 May 2011 evening. It was a star-studded event with Asian superstars [Jet Li](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jet_Li), [Maggie Cheung](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maggie_Cheung), [Zhao Wei](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zhao_Wei), and former "American Idol" judge [Paula Abdul](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paula_Abdul) making an appearance at the gala event, along with some 1,600 guests.[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-grandopening2-7)

In October 2011, Universal Studios Singapore began their [Halloween Horror Nights](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halloween_Horror_Nights) events.[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-USS_2011_-_1-8)[[9]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-USS_2011_-_2-9)

### Timeline

| **[**[**hide**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore)**]Date** | **Events** |
| --- | --- |
| 21 October 2008 | [Transformers: The Ride](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transformers:_The_Ride) was announced to be a part of the lineup of attractions at Universal Studios Singapore and opened in 2011.[[10]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-10) |
| 24 September 2009 | Universal Studios Singapore unveiled their plans for [Shrek's Far Far Away](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#Far_Far_Away) and [Madagascar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#Madagascar) theme zones. |
| 20 October 2009 | [Resorts World at Sentosa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Resorts_World_Sentosa) unveiled the attractions, dining options and merchandise outlets at Universal Studios Singapore.[[11]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-11) |
| 14 February 2010 | The start of the eight-day sneak-peek period of Universal Studios Singapore. |
| 18 March 2010 | The soft-opening of Universal Studios Singapore, with 16 of its 24 attractions opened and fully functioning. |
| 25 March 2010 | The [Battlestar Galactica dueling coasters](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battlestar_Galactica_%28roller_coaster%29) were closed due to a technical glitch in the ride.[[12]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-12)[[13]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-13) Both rides remain closed for many weeks thereafter.[[14]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-14) |
| 2 July 2010 | The premiering of the [Lake Hollywood Spectacular](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#Hollywood) show, which is presented to park visitors every Friday and Saturday nights.[[15]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-15) |
| 20 August 2010 | X-ray findings reveal cracks in the welded joint of the seat-post supports within the [Human](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battlestar_Galactica_%28roller_coaster%29#Battlestar_Galactica:_Human) roller coaster car, which caused the grounding of both roller coaster rides.[[16]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-16) |
| 21 December 2010 | The [Battlestar Galactica dueling coasters](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battlestar_Galactica_%28roller_coaster%29) entered their final testing stage with newly reinforced coaster cars for both the [Human](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battlestar_Galactica_%28roller_coaster%29#Battlestar_Galactica:_Human) and [Cylon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battlestar_Galactica_%28roller_coaster%29#Battlestar_Galactica:_Cylon) coasters. Both rides were slated to re-open in the first half of 2011.[[17]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-17) |
| 21 February 2011 | The anticipated official re-opening of the [Battlestar Galactica dueling coasters](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battlestar_Galactica_%28roller_coaster%29).[[18]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-18) |
| 16 May 2011 | The scheduled opening of [Madagascar: A Crate Adventure](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madagascar:_A_Crate_Adventure).[[19]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-USSCrateAdventure-19)[[20]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-Genting3QResults-20) |
| 28 May 2011 | The grand opening of Universal Studios Singapore.[[21]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-grandopening-21) |
| 21 October 2011 | [Halloween Horror Nights](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halloween_Horror_Nights) made its debut in Universal Studios Singapore.[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-USS_2011_-_1-8)[[9]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-USS_2011_-_2-9) |
| 3 December 2011 | The scheduled opening of [Transformers: The Ride](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transformers:_The_Ride) in Universal Studios Singapore.[[22]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-TransformersPressRelease-22)[[23]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-23) The ride had its world premiere at an exclusive evening event on 2 December 2011 with film director [Michael Bay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Bay) gracing the event.[[24]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-24) |
| 31 December 2011 | The launch of its first parade, Hollywood Dreams.[[25]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-25) |
| 29 May 2012 | [Sesame Street Spaghetti Space Chase](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sesame_Street_Spaghetti_Space_Chase) was announced to be the newest addition to the park, scheduled to be open by the end of the year. The park has since introduced one stage show, two street shows, as well as meet-and-greets sessions featuring the characters from [Sesame Street](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sesame_Street).[[26]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-26) The ride would replace the Stage 28 attraction, which had been cancelled and will be housed within its premise.[[27]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-Parkz_Stage_28-27) |
| 29 July 2014 | Puss In Boots' Giant Journey was announced to be the newest addition to the park. The park also introduce a new stage show at Far Far Away The Dance For The Magic Beans featuring Puss In Boots and Kitty Soft Paws, as well as meet-and-greet right after the show. The new ride is scheduled to open by 1st quarter of 2015.[[28]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-28) |
| 8 April 2015 | [Puss In Boots‘ Giant Journey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puss_In_Boots%E2%80%98_Giant_Journey), the newest addition to the park, officially opened to the public.[[29]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-29) |
| 27 May 2015 | Reopening of [Battlestar Galactica](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battlestar_Galactica_%28roller_coaster%29)[[30]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-30) |

## Park layout

[](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Universal_Globe_Singapore.jpg)

The Universal Globe

[](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Universal_Studios_Singapore_Gate.jpg)

USS Entrance Archway

Universal Studios Singapore is 20 hectares (49 acres) in size, occupying the easternmost part of the 49-hectare (120-acre) Resorts World Sentosa. There are a total of 24 attractions, of which 18 are original or specially adapted for the park.[[31]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-USS_Features-31) The park consists of seven themed zones which surround a [lagoon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lagoon). Each zone is based on a blockbuster movie or a television show, featuring their own unique attractions, character appearances, dining and shopping areas.[[32]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Studios_Singapore#cite_note-32) The park features the world's tallest pair of [dueling roller coasters](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dueling_roller_coasters) that are based on the popular television series, [Battlestar Galactica](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battlestar_Galactica_%282004_TV_series%29); a castle from the world of [Shrek](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shrek) and Monster Rock, a live musical show featuring the [Universal Monsters](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Monsters). Universal Studios Singapore has over 30 restaurants and food carts, together with 20 unique retail stores and carts located around the park. Attractions premiering are marked "Premiere" and dining outlets that are certified Halal are marked with "Halal".

**Night Safari, Singapore**

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This article is about zoo in Singapore. For other places, see [Night Safari](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Night_Safari).

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| Night Safari | |
| [Night Safari Singapore Logo.png](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Night_Safari_Singapore_Logo.png) | |
| [Entrance of Night Safari, Singapore, 2012.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Entrance_of_Night_Safari,_Singapore,_2012.jpg)  Entrance of the Night Safari | |
| **Date opened** | 26 May 1994 |
| **Location** | [Mandai](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mandai), [Singapore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore) 80 Mandai Lake Road, 729826 |
| [**Coordinates**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographic_coordinate_system) | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/55/WMA_button2b.png/17px-WMA_button2b.png[1.402260°N 103.787886°E](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Night_Safari,_Singapore&params=1.402260_N_103.787886_E_type:landmark_region:SG)[Coordinates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographic_coordinate_system): https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/55/WMA_button2b.png/17px-WMA_button2b.png[1.402260°N 103.787886°E](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Night_Safari,_Singapore&params=1.402260_N_103.787886_E_type:landmark_region:SG) |
| **Land area** | 40 ha (99 acres)[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Night_Safari,_Singapore#cite_note-NS_FF-1) |
| **No. of animals** | 1,040[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Night_Safari,_Singapore#cite_note-NS_FF-1) |
| **No. of species** | 120[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Night_Safari,_Singapore#cite_note-NS_FF-1) |
| **Annual visitors** | 1.1 million |
| **Major exhibits** | 59 |
| **Website** | [Night Safari](http://www.nightsafari.com.sg/) |

The **Night Safari** is the world's first [nocturnal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nocturnal) [zoo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zoo) and is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Singapore.

The concept of a nocturnal park in Singapore was suggested in the 1980s by the former executive chairman of the Singapore Zoo, Dr Ong Swee Law. Constructed at a cost of [S$](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/S$)63 million, the Night Safari was officially opened on 26 May 1994 and occupies 35 hectares (86 acres) of secondary [rainforest](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rainforest) adjacent to the [Singapore Zoo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore_Zoo) and [Upper Seletar Reservoir](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Upper_Seletar_Reservoir).

The Night Safari currently houses over 2,500 animals representing over 130 [species](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Species), of which 38% are [threatened species](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Threatened_species). The Night Safari is managed by [Wildlife Reserves Singapore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wildlife_Reserves_Singapore), and about 1.1 million visitors visit the safari per year.[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Night_Safari,_Singapore#cite_note-2) The Night Safari received its 11 millionth visitor on 29 May 2007.

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**Highlights**

[](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:P2250090.jpg)

A tiger in the Night Safari.

Unlike traditional nocturnal houses, which reverse the [day-night cycle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Circadian_rhythm) of animals so they will be active by day, the Night Safari is an entire open-air zoo set in a [humid](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Humid) [tropical forest](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tropical_forest) that is only open at night. It is divided into seven [geographical](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geography) zones, which can be explored either on foot via four walking trails, or by [tram](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tram).

The animals of the Night Safari, ranging from [Indian rhinoceros](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_rhinoceros) and [pangolins](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pangolin) to [tarsiers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tarsier) and [Asian elephants](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asian_elephant), are made visible by [lighting](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lighting) that resembles [moonlight](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moonlight). Although it is brighter than full moonlight by a few orders of magnitude, it is dim enough not to disturb nocturnal and [crepuscular](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crepuscular) animals' behaviour. [London](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/London) based lighting designer [Simon Corder](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Simon_Corder&action=edit&redlink=1) created the lighting for Night Safari.

The naturalistic enclosures simulate the animals' native habitat. Animals are separated from visitors with natural barriers, rather than caged, similar to the [Singapore Zoo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore_Zoo)'s [open concept](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Openconcept). Instead of vertical prison-like [cages](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cage_%28enclosure%29), [cattle grids](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cattle_grid) were laid all over the park to prevent [hoofed](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hoof) animals from moving one habitat to another. These are grille-like metal sheets with gaps wide enough for animals' legs to go through. [Moats](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moat) were designed to look like streams and rivers to enable fishing cats and [servals](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Serval) to be put on show in open areas, and hot wires were designed to look like [twigs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twig) to keep animals away from the boundaries of their enclosures.

[Cultural](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Culture) performances are a regular feature at the safari, and include [tribal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tribe) dances, [blowpipe](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blowgun) demonstrations and [fire eating](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fire_eating) displays. *Creatures of the Night Show* is a performance presented by the animals in the Night Safari.

[Food and beverage](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Food_and_beverage) outlets in the Night Safari include Ulu Ulu Safari Restaurant, Bongo Burgers, and Casa Italia. Visitors can dine in the "Evening in the Wild" at Night Safari's only [Tepee](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tepee) Tent. Also experience dining on the move with the Cocktail Safari Express and Gourmet Safari Express.

# Merlion Park

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| **Merlion Park** | |
| [Singapore Merlion BCT.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Singapore_Merlion_BCT.jpg)  The Merlion in Merlion Park near the Singapore CBD is a well-known tourist icon of [Singapore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore). The Merlion cub is visible at the bottom right. | |
| **Type** | Tourist attraction, national icon |
| **Location** | One Fullerton, [Singapore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore) |
| [**Coordinates**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographic_coordinate_system) | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/55/WMA_button2b.png/17px-WMA_button2b.png[1°17′12.6″N 103°51′16.3″E](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Merlion_Park&params=1_17_12.6_N_103_51_16.3_E_region:SG_type:landmark)[Coordinates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographic_coordinate_system): https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/55/WMA_button2b.png/17px-WMA_button2b.png[1°17′12.6″N 103°51′16.3″E](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Merlion_Park&params=1_17_12.6_N_103_51_16.3_E_region:SG_type:landmark) |
| **Area** | 2,500 square meters[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merlion_Park#cite_note-1) |
| **Created** | 25 April 2002 |
| **Visitors** | 1 million per year |
| **Status** | Open 24 hours daily, all year |

**Merlion Park**, is a Singapore landmark and major tourist attraction, located at One Fullerton, [Singapore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore), near the [Central Business District](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_business_district#Singapore) (CBD). The [Merlion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merlion) is a mythical creature with a lion's head and the body of a fish that is widely used as a mascot and national personification of Singapore. Two [Merlion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merlion) statues are located at the park. The original Merlion structure measures 8.6 meters tall and spouts water from its mouth. It has subsequently been joined by a Merlion cub, which is located near the original statue and measures just 2 metres tall.

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## History

Main article: [Former Merlion Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Former_Merlion_Park)

The original Merlion Park was first designed by the [Singapore Tourism Board](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore_Tourism_Board) (STB) near the mouth of the [Singapore River](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore_River) in 1964 as an emblem of Singapore. On 15 September 1972, the park was officially opened at an installation ceremony for the statue, officiated at by then Prime Minister of Singapore, Mr [Lee Kuan Yew](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lee_Kuan_Yew).[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merlion_Park#cite_note-2) The original statue of the Merlion used to stand at the mouth of the [Singapore River](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore_River). The statue was made from November 1971 to August 1972 by the late Singaporean sculptor, Mr Lim Nang Seng.[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merlion_Park#cite_note-3) It measures 8.6 meters high and weighs 70 tons.[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merlion_Park#cite_note-URASkylineMerlionMove-4)[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merlion_Park#cite_note-NLBinfopedia-5)

### 2002 to present

Upon the completion of the [Esplanade Bridge](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Esplanade_Bridge) in 1997, the original Merlion Park location was also no longer the entrance of Singapore River and the statue could no longer be viewed clearly from the [Marina Bay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marina_Bay,_Singapore) Waterfront,[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merlion_Park#cite_note-URASkylineMerlionMove-4) so on 23 April 2002, the statue was relocated to a new pier specially built on the other side of The Esplanade Bridge adjacent to [One Fullerton](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=One_Fullerton&action=edit&redlink=1) hotel. The move, which cost $7.5 million, was completed on 25 April 2002.[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merlion_Park#cite_note-6) On 15 September 2002, then-Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew ceremonially welcome the Merlion again on its new location, the current Merlion Park, which is four times bigger than the original [site](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Former_Merlion_Park).

#### Merlion statue damage

On 28 February 2010, between 4 pm and 5 pm, the Merlion statue was struck by lightning. Staff in the vicinity said they heard an explosion followed by a loud thud when broken pieces fell to the ground.[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merlion_Park#cite_note-7) Repairs were completed in March that year, the Merlion itself resumed spouting water on 18 March 2010.

The Merlion statue has undergone restoration in 2006 and 2012 to repair cracks and clean stains.