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## The Executive Guide to Leisure in Singapore





## THE BEST PLACE FOR WORK AND PLAY

Here in Singapore for business? It doesn't have to be all work and no play, especially when after-hours set in and the cityscape transforms into a vibrant and alluring lifestyle feast for the senses.

Surrounding Singapore's financial centre as well as key conference locations and hotels in the city are pleasure spheres that include retail outlets, dining enclaves, performance sanctuaries and entertainment hotspots; a couple of which are handpicked here to suit your acute preferences.

Whether you're a first-time visitor or regular friend of Singapore, this guide aims to help you have some serious fun while here on serious business.



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Photo credit: Zouk Singapore



Casual evening networking in the city

## CLASS, STYLE, SUBSTANCE

For all your shopping needs, a visit to Singapore's premier retail belt, **Orchard Road**, is a definite must.

Conveniently located via a 10-minute subway or taxi ride from the financial centre is **ION Orchard** – one shopping mecca you don't want to miss. Its stable of flagship and concept stores together with new-to-market brands include high-end luxury labels to fashionable high street brands, iconic time piece boutiques to art galleries, all of which you'll be hard-pressed to leave without finding what you need. Completing the mall's retail mix is Jewellery Street located at the basement with its fine selection of established jewellers.

Just a block down Orchard Road is **Mandarin Gallery**, where a slew of boutiques such as Emporio Armani, Y-3, Tumi and Marc By Marc Jacobs await. Look out also for undress (which carries Vanessa Bruno) as well as multi-label Bread & Butter.

A little closer to the financial district is **The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands®**. Singapore's latest fashion playground features new-to-market brands that comprise the French ready-to-wear line, Zadig & Voltaire, and Taiwanese contemporary ladies brand, iROO. Don't forget to check out Louis Vuitton's first floating flagship boutique in the world, the Louis Vuitton Island Maison.



### ION Orchard

2 Orchard Turn

☎ (65) 6238 8228

📍 Orchard

### Mandarin Gallery

333A Orchard Road

☎ (65) 6831 6363

📍 Somerset

### The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands®

2 Bayfront Avenue

☎ (65) 6688 6888

📍 Bayfront





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## THIS IS I.T.

Unleash the tech geek in you with a visit to **Funan DigitaLife Mall**, your one-stop I.T. and electronics haven. From notebooks to desktops, cameras to printers; you name it, this mall has it.



**Funan DigitaLife Mall**  
109 North Bridge Road  
☎ (65) 6336 8327  
📍 City Hall



Photo credit: Marina Bay Golf Course

## TEE OFF WITH A VIEW

Seal your business deal with a sport of golf at the **Marina Bay Golf Course**, Singapore's only 18-hole public golf course. Located strategically in the heart of town, it offers a picturesque view of the city skyline, be it day or night.



**Marina Bay Golf Course**  
80 Rhu Cross, #01-01

Bookings can be made at [www.mbgc.com.sg](http://www.mbgc.com.sg) or call  
☎ (65) 6345 7788

**Opening Hours:** Saturday to Tuesday, 7am to 5pm,  
Wednesday to Friday, 7am to 7.50pm



Singapore Breakfast Tea from TWG Tea

Photo credit: TWG Tea

## TOKENS TO REMEMBER

Bring back a piece of Singapore as a memento or to share with family and friends. If you haven't had enough of Singapore's delicacies, **Prima Taste's** selection of ready-to-cook pastes will allow you to recreate authentic signature dishes such as Laksa, Chicken Rice and Bak Kut Teh.

**TWG Tea Salon & Boutique** offers a wide selection of high quality tea blends including the Singapore Breakfast Tea.

For symbolic memories of your Singapore visit, pick up **RISIS'** famous gold-dipped orchids (Singapore's national flower) available as pins, earrings, pendants and many other accessories.



Prima Taste's packaged pastes

Photo credit: Prima Taste

## TWG Tea Salon & Boutique

ION Orchard #01-29/#02-21

☎ (65) 6735 1837

📍 Orchard

**Opening Hours:** Monday to Sunday, 10am to 10pm

Republic Plaza, 9 Raffles Place  
#01-22

☎ (65) 6538 1837

📍 Raffles Place

**Opening Hours:** Monday to Friday, 10am to 8pm



## Prima Taste

Departure/Transit Lounge North  
Mezzanine Level #03-K2  
Terminal 3 Singapore Changi Airport

☎ (65) 6242 8508

📍 Changi Airport

**Opening Hours:** Monday to Sunday, 6am to 1am  
Available at major supermarkets and hypermarkets.

## RISIS ATELIER

Departure/Transit Lounge North  
#02-56, Terminal 3 Singapore  
Changi Airport

☎ (65) 6247 5480

Departure/Transit Lounge West  
#02-006A, Terminal 1 Changi Airport

☎ (65) 6542 8919

📍 Changi Airport

**Opening Hours:** Monday to Sunday, 6am to 1am



Photo credit: Singapore Food Trail

## HOMETOWN FLAVOUR

You can't say you've been to Singapore till you've feasted on local delicacies such as Chicken Rice, Bak Kut Teh and Fried Oyster Omelette. Step into the 1960s themed **Singapore Food Trail** at Singapore Flyer and tuck into some of Singapore's most famous hawker fare amidst the nostalgic setting of old Singapore. Better yet, wash down your local hawker feast with a selection of beers at the **Food Republic Beer Garden @ St James** where variety is but an understatement.

Chilli Crab, arguably one of Singapore's best known culinary inventions, can be savoured at the



### Singapore Food Trail

Singapore Flyer, 30 Raffles Avenue

☎ (65) 6333 3311 📍 *Promenade*

**Opening Hours:** Sunday to Thursday, 10.30am to 10.30pm, Friday & Saturday, 10.30am to 11.30pm

### Food Republic Beer Garden

@ **St James** St James Power Station, 3 Sentosa Gateway

☎ (65) 6376 9768 📍 *HarbourFront*

**Opening Hours:** Sunday to Thursday, 6pm to 5am, Friday, Saturday & Eve of Public Holidays, 6pm to 6am

**Palm Beach Seafood** 1 Fullerton Road #01-09, One Fullerton

☎ (65) 6336 8118 📍 *Raffles Place*

**Opening Hours:** Monday to Sunday, Lunch 12pm (last seating at 2.30pm), Dinner 6pm (last seating at 10.30pm)

alfresco setting of **Palm Beach Seafood**, One Fullerton, adjacent to another Singapore icon, the Merlion, with stunning views of Marina Bay.

## ACQUIRED TASTE

Singapore is home to a number of award-winning culinary establishments, each with its own unique flair. **Les Amis** (modern European), **True Blue** (*Peranakan*/ Straits Chinese) and **Chinois by Susur Lee** (contemporary Chinese) are among the many restaurants that offer a gastronomic adventure. They also offer private dining options and customisable menus, ideal for networking and sealing business partnerships.

**Les Amis** 1 Scotts Road, #02-16 Shaw Centre ☎ (65) 6733 2225

📍 *Orchard*

**Opening Hours:** Monday to Saturday, Lunch 12pm to 2.30pm (last seating at 2pm), Dinner 6.30pm (last seating at 9.30pm)

**True Blue** 47/49 Armenian Street, ☎ (65) 6440 0449 📍 *City Hall*

**Opening Hours:** Monday to Sunday, Lunch 11.30am to 2.30pm (last seating at 2pm), Dinner 5.30pm to 9.30pm (last seating at 9pm)

**Chinois by Susur Lee** Resorts World Sentosa, Hotel Michael, 26 Sentosa Gateway, #02-142/143

☎ (65) 6884 7888 📍 *HarbourFront*

**Opening Hours:** Monday to Sunday, Lunch 11.30am to 3pm (last seating at 2.30pm), Dinner 6.30pm to 11pm (last seating at 10.30pm)

## BREATHTAKING VIEWS

After a hard day's work, unwind with a drink in hand and the world at your feet. **KU DÉ TA Singapore**, at 200 metres above ground, **LeVeL33** (with its range of handcrafted beers) at 156 metres up, and **1-Altitude**, towering at 282 metres, are some options where you can ease in tranquillity with breathtaking views of the city skyline.



### KU DÉ TA Singapore

SkyPark at Marina Bay Sands North Tower, 1 Bayfront Avenue

☎ (65) 6688 7688

📍 *Bayfront*

**Opening Hours:** (KU DÉ TA Club Lounge): Monday to Sunday, 11am till late

**LeVeL33** 8 Marina Boulevard, #33-01, Marina Bay Financial Centre Tower 1

☎ (65) 6834 3133

📍 *Bayfront*

**Opening Hours:** Monday to Thursday & Sunday, 12pm to 12am, Friday, Saturday & Eve of Public Holidays, 12pm to 2am

## COCKTAIL CONCOCTIONS

Lift your spirits with some of the most unique cocktail mixes you can find. Head to **Bar Stories** and order a bespoke concoction to suit your mood or **28 HongKong Street** where you can sample some historically interesting cocktails and punches made from artisanal spirits that are rare to find in Asia.



Photo credit: Bar Stories

**1-Altitude** 1 Raffles Place

☎ (65) 6438 0410

📍 *Raffles Place*

**Opening Hours** (Bar): Sunday, 6pm to 1am, Monday to Thursday, 6pm to 2am, Friday, Saturday & Eve of Public Holidays, 6pm to 4am

**Bar Stories** 55 Haji Lane

☎ (65) 6298 0838

📍 *Bugis*

**Opening Hours:** Sunday to Tuesday, 12pm to 8pm, Wednesday to Saturday, 12pm to 8pm

**28 HongKong Street**

28 HongKong Street

☎ (65) 6533 2001

📍 *Clarke Quay*

**Opening Hours:** Monday to Saturday 5.30pm till late



Photo credit: Zouk Singapore



Chinatown

## GROOVY GETAWAYS

In the mood to loosen up and party? Housed in a floating Crystal Pavilion on the waters of Marina Bay, **Avalon** is a two-level, 17,000 square feet super club with world-class entertainment experience hosting the best names in nightlife.

A stalwart icon on the Singapore club scene, you'll want to see and be seen at the world-famous **Zouk** which was recently voted among the world's 10 best clubs by DJ Mag.

And not-to-be-missed is **Clarke Quay** along the Singapore River, with its cluster of different themed bars, pubs and clubs.



**Avalon** 2 Bayfront Avenue, Level 1, Crystal Pavilion South, Marina Bay Sands ☎ (65) 6688 7448

Bayfront

**Opening Hours:** Wednesday to Sunday, 9pm till late

**Zouk** 17 Jiak Kim Street ☎ (65) 6738 2988

**Opening Hours:** Wednesday, Friday & Saturday, 10pm till late

**Clarke Quay** 3 River Valley Road ☎ (65) 6337 3292

Clarke Quay

## APPRECIATE THE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

On any given day in Singapore, there are scores of performance one can catch to fill the evening. Don't know what's playing? Head to **TicketCube**. Situated in the heart of Orchard Road, it is your gateway to an entire spread of musicals, concerts, stand-up comedies, exhibitions and many more, all available under one roof. Ask the friendly concierges for their tips, recommendations or just to help with bookings.

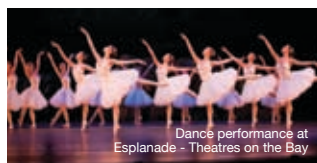


## TicketCube

Urban Green Room #15 along Orchard Road (between Ngee Ann City and Wisma Atria)

☎ (65) 6296 2929

Orchard



Dance performance at Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay

**Opening Hours:** Sunday to Thursday, 10.30am to 9pm, Friday, Saturday & Public Holidays, 10.30am to 9.30pm

## IF YOU HAVE MORE TIME

To experience Singapore's multi-cultural diversity and charms, explore the various ethnic enclaves such as **Chinatown** (for the Chinese), **Little India** (for the Indians), **Kampong Glam** (for the Malays), **Joo Chiat** and **Katong** (for the *Peranakans*) to immerse yourselves in the cultures unique to each ethnicity. Learn about the heritage of each race, shop for traditional crafts and sample their unique cuisines. For a more in-depth experience, join a walking tour and let the experts bring alive the stories of each ethnic community.



## Chinatown

Chinatown

## Kampong Glam

Bugis

## Little India

Little India

## Joo Chiat &amp; Katong

Paya Lebar

## The Original Singapore Walks®

www.journeys.com.sg

☎ (65) 6325 1631

## Skyline Luge Sentosa

45 Siloso Beach Walk, Imbiah Lookout, Sentosa Island

☎ (65) 6276 0472

HarbourFront

**Opening Hours:** Monday to Sunday, 10am to 9.30pm

## Wave House Sentosa

36 Siloso Beach Walk, Sentosa Island

☎ (65) 6238 1196

HarbourFront

**Opening Hours:** Monday to Sunday, 10am to 11pm

## Universal Studios Singapore®

Resorts World™ Sentosa, 8 Sentosa Gateway, Sentosa Island

☎ (65) 6577 8888

HarbourFront

**Opening Hours:** Monday to Sunday, 10am to 7pm





Singapore City Skyline

## GENERAL

### Language

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

### Tipping

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

### Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in all air-conditioned areas (e.g. shopping centres, restaurants, cinemas, public buses, the MRT, taxis, lifts), common corridors, void decks and staircases within residential buildings, outdoor hospital compounds, as well as a 5-metre radius from any entrance/exit and bus shelter.

### Taxis

All Singapore taxis operate under a meter system with starting fares ranging from S\$3.00 to S\$3.40. City and peak hour surcharges apply. Pre-booking of taxis can be done via the official taxi hotline: +65 6-DIAL-CAB (6342 5222).

### Currency Exchange

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

### GST Refunds

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

Request for a refund voucher upon purchase, which you should present with your purchases, receipts and passport at the Tax Refund Counter of the airport before you fly off.



More information can be found at the Tourist Refund Scheme page on the Singapore Customs website at [www.customs.gov.sg](http://www.customs.gov.sg)

Some shops offer an even more convenient option: for places which display the eTRS sign, you just need to make your purchases with one credit card. This will be used as a Token for tagging all your purchases. You can then file your GST claims at the eTRS self-help kiosk at Singapore Changi Airport.



Find out more at [www.iras.gov.sg](http://www.iras.gov.sg)

## TOURISM

### Singapore Visitors Centre

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

- Singapore Changi Airport, Terminal 1 and 2 - 6am to 12am daily.
- Singapore Changi Airport, Terminal 3 - 6am to 2am daily
- Junction of Cairnhill Road and Orchard Road - 9.30am to 10.30pm daily.
- ION Orchard Level 1 Concierge - 10am to 10pm daily
- Bugis Street, along Cheng Yan Place, next to Illuma Shopping Centre - 10am to 10pm daily.
- Kreta Ayer Square, behind the Buddha Tooth Relic Temple - 9am to 9pm (weekdays), 9am to 10pm (weekends/public holidays).

For queries related to your stay here, feel free to call the toll-free Touristline at 1800-736-2000 between 8am to 7pm daily.

## BUSINESS ETIQUETTE

New to doing business here? Be at the top of your game with these tips to help you navigate Singapore's business landscape:

- Punctuality is important as it shows that you respect your business associates' time.
- A light handshake is the most widely practiced form of greeting for both male and female associates.
- Business cards are presented and received with both hands. It's best that you don't write on them or stash them away haphazardly, as that might be misconstrued as disrespectful.
- Gift-giving is generally acceptable among business counterparts, though it's best to keep such exchanges simple, inexpensive and not too personal.
- Food is always close to the hearts of Singaporeans, hence meal times are another opportunity for parties to understand one another on an informal basis, establishing trust which translates to the business context. Who knows, you might just strike your million-dollar deal over the dining table!