

25/25 Singapore Singapore

After years of straight-laced conformity, Singapore is shaking things up, and for the better. The politicians are loosening up, the gay scene is thriving and despite the credit gloom, it's still possible to have a really good time on very little. From touch-down at the chillingly efficient Changi Airport, lush greenery abounds with new nature reserves sprouting up on suburban edges. Meanwhile, Orchard Road is getting a revamp with new glossy malls in the works.

Essentials

- 01 Sin-glish in a nutshell: add "lah" after everything you say.
- 02 Taxis are hard to come by during rush hour. It's faster to travel by MRT, the subway train service.
- 03 After dark, avoid the taxis outside Orchard Towers. They tend to be overcharging touts.
- 04 Skip the hotel spa and head for a herbal steam and massage at Chien Chi Tow.
- 05 It's acceptable to talk and text on your mobile phone at the dining table.

Guide/Info

Hotels

Independent and easy

New Majestic
31-37 Bukit Pasoh Road
+ 65 6511 4700
newmajestichotel.com

Dependable chain

Grand Hyatt Singapore
10 Scotts Road
+ 65 6738 1234
singapore.grand.hyatt.com

Premium

Four Seasons
190 Orchard Boulevard
+ 65 6734 1110
fourseasons.com/singapore

Dining

Fast breakfast

Killiney Kopitiam
30 Purvis Street
+ 65 6337 7656
killiney-kopitiam.com

Business breakfast

Greenhouse at The Ritz-Carlton
7 Raffles Avenue
+ 65 6337 8888
ritzcarlton.com/hotels/singapore

Mid-morning coffee

Cova
1-20A The Paragon 290 Orchard Road
+ 65 6733 0777

Working lunch with colleagues

Wan Hao
Level 3, Singapore Marriott Hotel
320 Orchard Road
+ 65 6735 5800

Need-to-impress-clients lunch

Iggy's
Level 3, Regent Hotel
1 Cuscaden Road
+ 65 6732 2234
iggys.com.sg

Lunch on your own

7 Sensations (vegetarian)
16 Madras Street
+ 65 6298 8198

Afternoon tea/drink

TWG Tea
9 Raffles Place,
01-22 Republic Plaza
+ 65 6538 1837
twgtea.com

Dinner on your own

Chiharu
779 Bukit Timah Road
+ 65 6769 1929

Dinner with colleagues

Min Jiang
Goodwood Park Hotel, 22 Scotts Road
+ 65 6737 7411
goodwoodparkhotel.com

Big dinner with partner/clients

Jim Thompson
45 Minden Road
+ 65 6475 6088

Drink after dinner

Over Easy
1-6 One Fullerton,
1 Fullerton Road
+ 65 6423 0701

Late drinks

Does Your Mother Know?
9 Kreta Ayer Road
+ 65 6224 3965

Late bite

Chomp Chomp Food Centre
20 Kensington Park Road,
Serangoon Gardens

On the tiles

Supperclub
Level 2 Odeon Towers,
331 North Bridge Road
+ 65 6334 4080
supperclub.com

Reading

Books Actually
5 Ann Siang Road
+ 65 6221 1170
booksactually.com

Thank you

Chocolates

Laurent's
1-11 The Pier at
Robertson Quay,
80 Mohamed Sultan Road
+ 65 6235 9007

Shopping

Something you can't get anywhere else

Strangelets
87 Amoy Street
+ 65 6222 1456
strangelets.sg

Lost luggage – where to buy shirts, socks and underwear

Takashimaya
391 Orchard Road
+ 65 6738 1111
takashimaya-sin.com

Something for someone you love

Bespoke jewellery by Flower
2-12B Ngee Ann City, Tower B,
391 Orchard Road
+ 65 6734 1221

Something for yourself

Art from Valentine Willy Fine Art
HT Contemporary Space,
2-4 Tanjong Pagar Distripark
39 Keppel Road
+ 65 8133 1760 vwfa.net

Two-hour tour

- 01 **Baba House**
157 Neil Road
+ 65 6227 5731 (appointment only)
nus.edu.sg/museum/baba
- 02 **Reflections at Bukit Chandu**
31K Pepys Road,
Queenstown
+ 65 6375 2510
s1942.org.sg
- 03 **Kampong Glam (Arab quarter)**
Between Rochor Canal Road and Beach Road

Limousine/car

Singapore Limousine
Block 103,
3-74 Rivervale Walk
+ 65 6384 2290
singaporelimousine.com

Transport

Buy a pass

Rechargeable Ez-link cards are valid for travel everywhere on the MRT (local train) and buses.

Fitness

Good gym

The Health Club
9-10 Ngee Ann City,
Tower B,
391 Orchard Road
+ 65 6836 1040
thehealthclub.com.sg

Good running route

The Southern Ridges Start at Mount Faber Park

Alternative diversion

Underwater Hockey Singapore members.lycos.co.uk/suhcers

