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SINGAPORE

TOP SIGHTS • LOCAL LIFE • MADE EASY

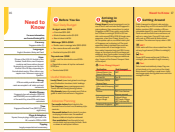
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In This Book

QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



Need to Know

Tips for a smooth trip



Neighbourhoods

What's where

Explore Singapore

The best things to see and do, neighbourhood by neighbourhood



Top Sights

Make the most of your visit



Local Life

The insider's city

The Best of Singapore

The city's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



Best Walks

See the city on foot



Singapore's Best...

The best experiences

Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free city experience



Getting Around

Travel like a local



Essential Information

Including where to stay

Our selection of the city's best places to eat, drink and experience:

 **Sights**
















 **Eating**

 **Drinking**

 **Entertainment**

 **Shopping**

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

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|  Telephone Numbers |  Family-Friendly |
|  Opening Hours |  Pet-Friendly |
|  Parking |  Bus |
|  Nonsmoking |  Ferry |
|  Internet Access |  Metro/MRT |
|  Wi-Fi Access |  Tram |
|  Vegetarian Selection |  Train |
|  English-Language Menu | |

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



Bar Hemingway

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Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during his stay in Singapore. A showpiece is a painting by Papa Hemingway. Open daily from 11am to 11pm. Dress code: smart casual. Website: barhemingway.com; Hôtel Ritz Singapore; 6.30pm-2am

Lonely Planet's Singapore

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Singapore.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

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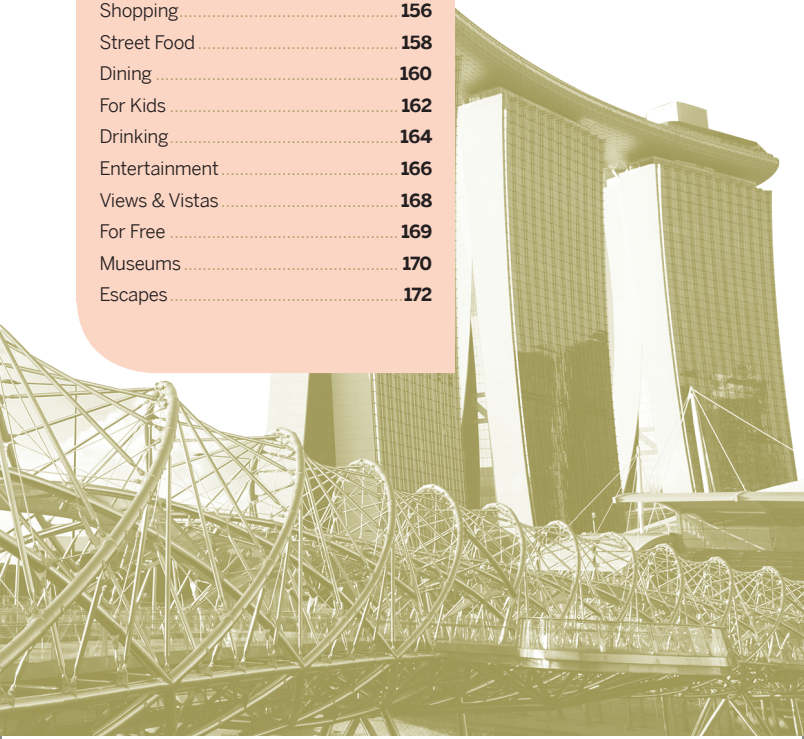
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Welcome to Singapore

Smart, sharp and just a little sexy, Singapore is Southeast Asia's new 'It kid', subverting staid old stereotypes with ambitious architecture, dynamic museums, celebrity chefs and hip boutiques. Spike it with smoky temples, gut-rumble-inducing food markets and pockets of steamy jungle, and you might find that Asia's former wallflower is a much more intriguing bloom than you gave it credit for.



Merlion, Marina Bay
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Singapore Top Sights

Gardens by the Bay (p28)

Singapore's latest buzz-inducing asset is a \$1 billion 'super park' that makes horticulture hot. Explore its futuristic bio-domes and Supertrees, traverse its panoramic Skyway, and keep an eye out for Marc Quinn's floating infant.



Singapore Zoo (p122)

Singapore Zoo is one of the world's most inviting, enlightened animal sanctuaries, and a family-friendly must. Breakfast with orang-utans, sneak up to sleepy sloths and purr over rare white tigers.



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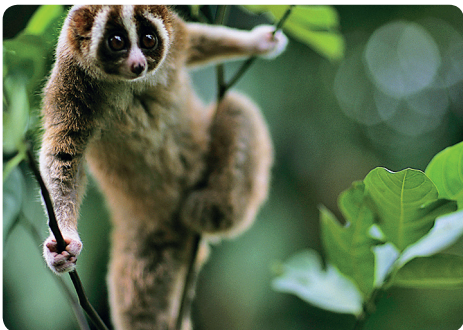
Singapore Botanic Gardens (p128)

Singapore's Garden of Eden is the perfect antidote to the city's rat-race tendencies. Obscenely lush and verdant, its 74 hectares are home to rare orchids, a swan-studded lake and a romantic, ginger-centric restaurant.

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Night Safari (p124)

Get up close and personal with a different kind of nightlife at this award-winning wildlife park, filled with an intriguing cast of free-roaming and free-flying creatures, great and small.



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National Museum of Singapore (p24)

Evocative, interactive exhibitions and striking old-meets-new architecture define Singapore's showcase museum. If you're after a gripping crash course in Singaporean history and culture, put this on your hit list.



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Universal Studios (p114)

Home to the planet's tallest duelling roller coasters, Universal Studios cranks up the adrenalin with seven themed areas pimped with enough rides, razzle-dazzle spectacles and movie-set kitsch to thrill the most hardened of inner children.



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Asian Civilisations Museum (p26)

Travel east to west across Asia at this engrossing ode to the continent's tapestry of cultures and traditions. It's like a glittering cultural attic, filled with ancient pottery and sculptures, mystical weaponry and dazzling jewels.



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Southern Ridges (p140)

Monkey-peppered jungle, sculptural forest walkways and arresting views over city and sea – this multipark trail offers one of Singapore's most beautiful and accessible natural getaways.



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Chinatown Heritage Centre (p66)

Immerse yourself in the struggles, scandals and hard-core grit of Chinatown's roller-coaster past at this unsung museum. You'll find it on a lantern-festooned street once better known for opium dens and coolie traders.