

Sentosa Island

Neighbourhood Top Five

1 Indulging your inner child at Singapore's blockbuster theme park, **Universal Studios** (p136), home to warrior mummies, bad-tempered dinosaurs and the world's tallest duelling roller coasters.

2 Exploring the adorable, curious and deadly at the

world's largest aquarium, **S.E.A. Aquarium** (p137).

3 Grabbing a board and riding some artificial waves at beachside **Wave House** (p139).

4 Sliding on your shades and brunching by docked yachts at trendy **Kith Cafe** (p138).

5 Cranking up the romance with an elegant dinner at tropical-chic **Cliff** (p138).



For more detail of this area see Map p222



Explore Sentosa Island

Epitomised by its star attraction, Universal Studios, Sentosa is essentially one giant theme park. And as such, kids love it. Packed with rides, activities and shows, most of which cost extra, it's very easy for a family to rack up a huge bill in one day spent here. And that's not counting visits to the casino. The beaches, of course, are completely free and very popular with locals and tourists alike.

You need at least a full day to experience everything Sentosa has to offer (and a very large wallet), but it's quite possible to just come here for a morning or afternoon on the beach. In fact, some people just come here for a drink in the evening. There are certainly worse ways to watch the sunset than at a beach bar on Sentosa, gin and tonic in hand.

Local Life

➔ **Weekend Brunch** Join clued-in locals and expats for a see-and-be-seen weekend brunch at Sentosa Cove, an upmarket residential and restaurant precinct in Sentosa's far east. The choice spot is Kith Cafe (p138), where both the coffee and grub are excellent.

➔ **Pool Party** Hang with Singapore's sun-kissed party people at Endless Summer (p139), W Singapore's monthly pool party. It's a fun, chilled-out session with no shortage of eye candy downing drinks, scanning the crowd, and cooling off in the hotel's to-die-for swimming pool.

Getting There & Away

➔ **Cable car** Ride the cable car to Sentosa from Mt Faber or the HarbourFront Centre.

➔ **Monorail** The Sentosa Express (7am to midnight) goes from VivoCity to three stations on Sentosa: Waterfront, Imbiah and Beach. VivoCity is directly connected to HarbourFront MRT station.

➔ **Walk** Simply walk across the Sentosa Boardwalk from VivoCity.

➔ **Bus** On Sentosa, a 'beach tram' (an electric bus) shuttles the length of all three beaches, running from 9am to 10pm Sunday to Friday, and from 9am to 11.30pm Saturday. Three colour-coded bus routes link the main attractions. Bus 1 runs from 7am to 10.30pm Sunday to Friday (to midnight Saturday), bus 2 runs from 9am to 10.30pm daily, and bus 3 runs from 8am to 10.30pm daily. All routes depart from the bus stop just east of Beach monorail station. The monorail, tram and buses are free.

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Sentosa can get oppressively busy on weekends and public holidays. Queues and waiting times are generally shorter earlier in the week. Where possible, consider purchasing tickets online to save time as well. And be sure to pick up the handy *Sentosa Island* map leaflet, available at booths as you enter the island.

Best Thrills

- ➔ Universal Studios (p136)
- ➔ iFly (p139)
- ➔ Wave House (p139)

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Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Cliff (p138)
- ➔ Mykonos on the Bay (p137)
- ➔ Malaysian Food Street (p137)
- ➔ Kith Cafe (p138)

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Best for Families

- ➔ Universal Studios (p136)
- ➔ Adventure Cove Waterpark (p138)
- ➔ Songs of the Sea (p138)
- ➔ Skyline Luge Sentosa (p139)

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