“All you’ve got to do is decide to go and the hardest part is over. So go!”

TONY WHEELER, COFOUNDER – LONELY PLANET
Holland Village, Dempsey Hill & the Botanic Gardens

Orchard Road

Chinatown, Tanjong Pagar & the CBD

Sentosa Island

Little India & Kampong Glam

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(left) Dragon statue, Haw Par Villa (p128)

(above) Fried carrot cake

(right) Little India (p81)
Top Itineraries

Day One

Colonial District, Marina Bay & the Quays (p46)

Start your Singapore fling with a local breakfast of kaya (coconut jam) toast, runny eggs and strong kopi (coffee) at Ya Kun Kaya Toast before taking a riverside stroll at the Quays for a jaw-dropping panorama of brazen skyscrapers and refined colonial buildings. Dive into the brilliant Asian Civilisations Museum or keep walking to the National Museum of Singapore, the Peranakan Museum or the new National Gallery Singapore.

Lunch Peranakan at National Kitchen by Violet Oon (p58).

Chinatown, Tanjong Pagar & the CBD (p67)

While the whole area has a touristy feel about it, the Sri Mariamman Temple, Buddha Tooth Relic Temple and Thian Hock Keng Temple offer genuine glimpses into everyday neighbourhood life. Head up Pinnacle@Duxton for a bird’s-eye view of the city skyline and beyond, or de-stress with super-cheap reflexology at People’s Park Complex. Either way, follow up with a pre-dinner tipple on Amoy St, Club St or Ann Siang Rd.

Dinner Knockout Asian fusion at Ding Dong (p74).

Northern & Central Singapore (p112)

Early dinner done, catch a taxi to the fantastic Night Safari, where you have a date with a cast of majestic and curious creatures. Ride the quiet tram through the park and hop off for atmospheric walks past tigers, leopards and swooping bats.

Day Two

Little India & Kampong Glam (p81)

Little India will erase every preconceived notion of Singapore as a sterile, OCD metropolis. Weathered tailors stitch and sew by the side of the road, and the air is thick with cumin and Bollywood soundtracks. Take in the colours and chanting of Sri Veeramakaliamman Temple and buy a sari at Tekka Centre. Learn more about the area’s fascinating backstory at the Indian Heritage Centre.

Lunch Choose-your-own-spice-level adventure at Lagnaa Barefoot Dining (p87).

Orchard Road (p93)

Escape the afternoon heat in the air-conditioned comfort of Orchard Rd. This is one of the world’s most famous shopping meccas. Hunt down rare Singaporean prints and books at Antiques of the Orient and cognoscenti threads at Robinsons the Heeren and In Good Company. Shopped out, it’s time for a refreshing cocktail at rooftop Bar Canary or beers on heritage beauty Emerald Hill Rd.

Dinner Breezy, bayside hawker grub at Satay by the Bay (p58).

Colonial District, Marina Bay & the Quays (p46)

If you’re dining at Satay by the Bay, you’re already at Gardens by the Bay. Give yourself plenty of time to explore Singapore’s incredible new botanic gardens, including the Flower Dome and Cloud Forest conservatories. The gardens’ Supertrees are especially spectacular during the nightly light show (7.45pm and 8.45pm).
Day Three

Northern & Central Singapore (p112)

Wake up early to join the orang-utans for Jungle Breakfast with Wildlife at the world-class Singapore Zoo. There’s lots of ground to cover so jump on the guided tram to get the lay of the land. Note feeding times as the animals are more active then and you have the opportunity to get up-close and personal.

Lunch Pick from one of the on-site eateries at the Singapore Zoo (p114).

Sentosa Island (p133)

After all that wildlife, it’s time for some pure, unadulterated fun on Singapore’s pleasure island, Sentosa. Tackle rides both heart-racing and sedate at movie theme park Universal Studios, or eye-up creatures great and small at the spectacular SEA Aquarium. Alternatively, ride some artificial waves at Wave House or book an indoor skydive at iFly.

Dinner Authentic Greek on the marina at Mykonos on the Bay (p136).

Day Four

Islands & Day Trips (p139)

For a taste of 1950s Singapore, head to Changi to catch a bumboat across to Pulau Ubin. Rent a bicycle and cycle the island’s peaceful, jungle-fringed roads, passing tin-shacked houses and quirky shrines, and walk along a mangrove boardwalk. There’s even a mountain-bike park with trails for varying skill levels.

Lunch Pick a seafood restaurant around Pulau Ubin pier.

Eastern Singapore (p102)

Once you’ve finished exploring sleepy Pulau Ubin, catch a bumboat back to Singapore. If it’s not too late, pay a visit to the moving Changi Museum & Chapel, which recounts the suffering and resilience of those who endured Singapore’s Japanese occupation. If it is too late, wander the shops at Changi Village, stopping for a beer at Little Island Brewing Co.

Dinner Delectable white-pepper and chilli crab in red-light Geylang at No Signboard Seafood (p107).

Colonial District, Marina Bay & the Quays (p46)

Come evening, swap tranquil nostalgia for neon-lit excess in Geylang, a red-light district juxtaposed with temples, mosques and some of the best food in Singapore. Head back into town and end the night at trendy rooftop bar Smoke and Mirrors, atop the National Gallery Singapore, where you can enjoy commanding views of the Marina Bay Sands spectacular nightly light-and-laser show.
# Singapore Maps

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- Sikh
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- Entertainment

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- Capital (State/Province)
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Jumbo Seafood
National Kitchen by Violet Oon
Odette
Salted and Hung
Saveur
Song Fa Bak Kut Teh
Violet Oon Satay Bar & Grill
Wah Lok
Whitegrass
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1-Altitude
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25. Jing Hua Xiaochi
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Our Story

A beat-up old car, a few dollars in the pocket and a sense of adventure. In 1972 that’s all Tony and Maureen Wheeler needed for the trip of a lifetime – across Europe and Asia overland to Australia. It took several months, and at the end – broke but inspired – they sat at their kitchen table writing and stapling together their first travel guide, Across Asia on the Cheap. Within a week they’d sold 1500 copies. Lonely Planet was born.

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