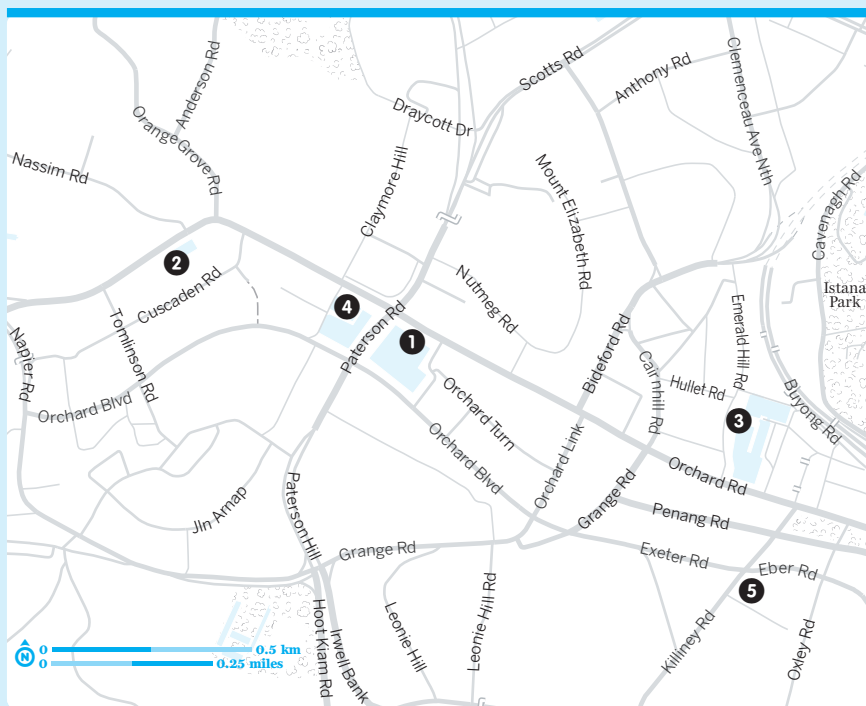


# Orchard Road

## Neighbourhood Top Five

- ➊ Witness the future of shopping at **ION Orchard** (p83), Singapore's space-age wonder of a mall, and the epitome of retail cool.
- ➋ Slow down your shopping spree with a leisurely stroll along historic **Emerald Hill Rd** (p79).
- ➌ Treat yourself to a \$250 slap-up meal at **Iggy's** (p79), arguably Singapore's very best restaurant.
- ➍ Come back down to earth with a traditional Singaporean breakfast at **Killiney Kopitiam** (p79), the original locals' coffeshop.
- ➎ Hunt for Indian antiques, barter for an Oriental rug or pore over ancient maps of Asia in the fascinating **Tanglin Shopping Centre** (p83).



## Lonely Planet's Top Tip

It's hard to believe it as you walk from mall to mall, but there is a rainforest within 2km of Orchard Rd, inside the grounds of the wonderful Botanic Gardens. So, if you fancy a green escape from the concrete jungle, hop on bus 7 or 77 from the Orchard MRT exit on Orchard Blvd, and you'll be there in 10 minutes.



### Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Killiney Kopitiam (p79)
- ➔ Wasabi Tei (p79)
- ➔ Iggy's (p79)
- ➔ Salt Grill (p80)
- ➔ Takashimaya Food Village (p80)

For reviews, see p79 ➔



### Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Que Pasa (p82)
- ➔ No 5 (p82)
- ➔ Dubliners (p82)
- ➔ KPO (p82)
- ➔ Curious Teepee (p82)

For reviews, see p81 ➔



### Best Places to Shop

- ➔ ION Orchard (p83)
- ➔ Tanglin Shopping Centre (p83)
- ➔ One Price Store (p84)
- ➔ 313 Somerset (p83)
- ➔ Ngee Ann City (p83)

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## Explore Orchard Road

You would need the best part of a week to explore every floor of every mall in the Orchard Rd area, so do some shopping-mall homework before you go, using our low-down on p34, along with this handy introductory website: [www.orchardroad.sg](http://www.orchardroad.sg).

Most malls don't open until 10am, but if you arrive early, fear not; you have the perfect excuse to kill some time in Killiney Kopitiam, a salt-of-the-earth, Singapore-style coffeeshop, before diving into the shopping madness.

Whichever malls you've chosen to explore it won't be long before your shopping-weary legs will be pining for a well-earned break. Try to time it so that you're close to Emerald Hill Rd and relax to the max at one of the beautiful bars on this lovely side street. Alternatively, head to Midpoint Orchard for a foot massage.

## Local Life

➔ **Crowds** Retail therapy is serious business in Singapore, and the shopping malls on Orchard Rd can get exceedingly busy. That can be half the fun, but if you prefer to avoid crowds of shoppers get to the malls as they open (usually around 10am) and enjoy bustle-free shopping for about an hour or so before the hordes arrive.

➔ **Food courts** Don't turn your nose up at shopping mall food courts. Believe us – they are *so* much better than the food courts back home. You'll find cuisine from countries right across Asia, it will often be freshly cooked and will always be far cheaper than any of the restaurants you've been passing all day.

➔ **Fresh air** Air-con-cooled shopping malls are all well and good, but after a while it's nice to get a blast of good old-fashioned fresh air. So take your coffee break outside Curious Teepee (p82), on the roof terrace at KPO (p82) or at a street-side table at any of the bars on Emerald Hill Rd (p82).

## Getting There & Away

➔ **MRT** Orchard Rd is served by no less than three MRT stations: Orchard, Somerset and Dhoby Ghaut, so there's really no need to use any other form of transport to get here.

➔ **Bus** Bus 7 links Orchard Rd with Victoria St (for Kampong Glam) and Holland Village, bus 65 links Orchard Rd with Serangoon Rd (for Little India), while bus 190 is the most direct service between Orchard Rd and Chinatown.