Singapore Walking Tour

This amble around the old Colonial District and Marina Bay takes you from the Singapore of Sir Stamford Raffles to the the cutting-edge visions of 21st-century architects.

**Start** MRT City Hall
**Distance** 3.5km
**Duration** Four to five hours

1. Step into elegant **St Andrew’s Cathedral**, used as an emergency hospital during WWII and a fine example of English Gothic-Revival architecture.

2. Two colonial dames, City Hall and the Old Supreme Court, have been combined to house the **National Gallery Singapore**.

3. The **Victoria Theatre & Concert Hall** is one of Singapore’s first Victorian Revivalist buildings. Before it is the original Raffles statue, which once stood at the Padang.

4. Multicoloured **Old Hill Street Police Station** was proclaimed a “skyscraper” upon completion in 1934. The building now houses several high-end art galleries.

5. The riverfront shophouses in **Boat Quay** are home to bars, restaurants and snap-happy tourists. Look out for Salvador Dalí’s **Homage to Newton** and other sculptures.

6. Soaring beside the Cavenagh Bridge, constructed in Scotland and reassembled in Singapore in 1869, is the mighty **Fullerton Hotel**, Singapore’s general post office until 1996.

7. Take a ‘wacky’ photo with the famous **Merlion** statue, an iconic Singapore sight. It’s a great place to see Marina Bay Sands’ light-and-laser show.

8. The controversial aluminium shades of **Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay** reference Asian reed-weaving geometries and maximise natural light.

**Take a Break...**
There are lots of restaurants and bars in the **National Gallery Singapore**, some with great views across the Padang.