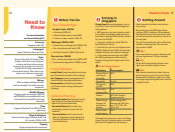


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 Opening Hours

 Parking

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 Wi-Fi Access

 Vegetarian Selection

 English-Language Menu

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 Bus

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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 11am-11pm. Dress code: smart casual. Website: [hemingwaybar.com](http://hemingwaybar.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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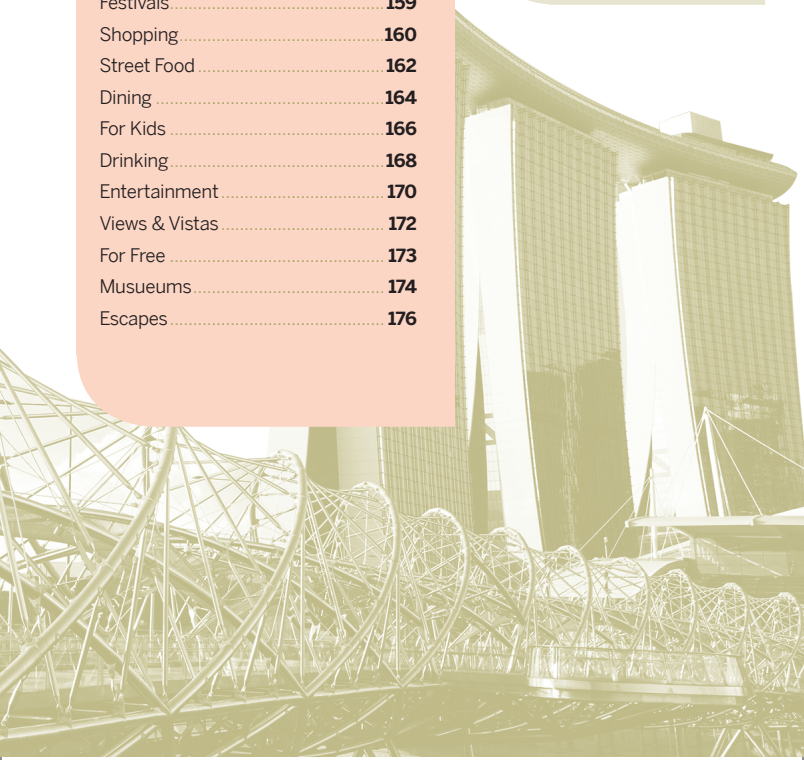
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## Welcome to Singapore

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Smart, sharp and just a little sexy, Singapore is Southeast Asia's unexpected 'It kid', subverting staid 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'll find that Asia's former wallflower is a much more intriguing bloom than you ever gave it credit for.



Marina Bay

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# Singapore Top Sights

## Gardens by the Bay (p26)

Singapore's most astounding green asset is a S\$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.





## 10 **Top Sights**

### **National Museum of Singapore (p28)**

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



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### **Singapore Zoo (p125)**

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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### **Southern Ridges (p142)**

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



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