

YourSingapore Guide to Mixing Business with Leisure



About Singapore

Singapore is a bustling cosmopolitan city that offers a world-class living environment.

Historically, Singapore's strategic geographical location has made it an important trading port between the East and West.

Today, Singapore continues to be a top business destination, having won numerous accolades which include:

- 2nd best business city in the world¹
- Top country in terms of ease of doing business for the fifth consecutive year² (Ranked 1st among 183 countries)



¹ 2011 Business Traveller Asia-Pacific Awards

² World Bank's Doing Business 2011 report

Mixing Business with Leisure

With a land area of about 710 square kilometres, Singapore may be small but we punch far above our weight!

Singapore is a compact city which offers an incredible breadth and depth of rich experiences accessible from your meeting or conference venue, making it easy to mix business with pleasure.

Over the next few pages, you will find some of the dining, retail, entertainment & nightlife options that we have specially handpicked for you to enjoy during your stay in Singapore.



Dining



Singapore's multifarious, 24/7 offering of food will have you spoilt for choice.

Local Favourites – You can't say you've been to Singapore without trying some of our local delicacies such as *Laksa*, *Chicken Rice*, *Fried Hokkien Mee* and *Satay*. Check out [Singapore Food Trail](#) at the Singapore Flyer or [Food Republic](#) at Suntec Singapore, both of which brings together some of our island's famous hawker stalls under one roof. *Chilli Crab*, arguably one of Singapore's proudest culinary inventions, and the freshest seafood can be savoured at [Palm Beach Seafood](#) at One Fullerton.

Dining with a view – Impress your business associates with a bird's eye view of Singapore at these places:

[Sky on 57](#) – Delight in a modern twist of Franco Asian Cuisine located atop the Marina Bay Sands.

[LeVeL33](#) – Enjoy the epitome of urban penthouse dining at the world's highest urban craft-brewery which serves a menu of European classics with an Asian emphasis.

[Equinox Complex](#) – Located on Level 70 of Swissôtel The Stamford, diners have a choice of Modern French or International cuisine.



Tip: Check out the reviews on www.hungrygowhere.com to find dining establishments near to where you're located for all occasions and budget.

Dining



Celebrity Chef Restaurants – Some of the world’s most acclaimed celebrity chefs have brought their gastronomic expertise to Singapore, creating menus that incorporate regional and local produce. Some of these award-winning chefs have set up restaurants located at [Marina Bay Sands](#) including [Cut](#) (by Wolfgang Puck), [db Bistro Moderne](#) (by Daniel Boulud), [Osteria Mozza](#) (by Mario Batali) and [Waku Ghin](#) (by Tetsuya Wakuda).

Local Award-Wining Restaurants – Our local restaurants are not to be outdone, with many of them having won accolades on the regional and global stage:

[Iggys](#) – Progressive modern European cuisine, incorporating ideas and ingredients from Europe, Asia and Australia, ranked 27th on the S. Pellegrino World’s 50 Best Restaurants 2011.

[Restaurant André](#) – Mediterranean fusion cuisine named by *The New York Times* as one of 10 restaurants worth a plane ride, and ranked on the S. Pellegrino World’s 100 Best Restaurants 2011.

[FiftyThree](#) – Bagged the coveted Restaurant of the Year award at the Asian Gastronomic Awards of Excellence 2011 with its modern European fare inspired by nature.



Retail



A trip to Singapore isn't complete without stepping into one of our many malls.

Marina Bay – A shopping haven par excellence, in the vicinity of the Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre.

Suntec City Mall – Catered to your tastes, needs and budget with options from luxury jewellery, high-end fashion to mid-range shopping.

Millenia Walk – A favourite with working executives, notably for its boutiques which offer bespoke suits.

The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands® – Home to the Louis Vuitton Island Maison and featuring a refreshing mix of international luxury brands, emerging labels and new concepts.

Marina Square – Packed with exciting high street fashion brands to cafes and restaurants.

Orchard Road – Singapore's iconic shopping belt, flanked by distinctive shopping malls, restaurants and hotels.

ION Orchard – Bringing together the world's best-loved brands with eight floors of shopping space.

Paragon – A fashionista's paradise just for the sheer range of designer and luxury labels housed within.

TANGS – A celebrated Singapore icon which has been around for almost 80 years and which continues to draw shoppers with its range of fashion, homeware and household appliances.

313@somerset – Offering mid to upper-mid tier fashion apparel, food and lifestyle choices.

Retail



Gifts – Fretting over what to buy for loved ones and colleagues back home? Here are a few suggestions:

TWG Tea – Known for its extensive range of teas from all over the world and unique tea blends.

Prima Taste – Recreate our local delights you’ve come to love back home with these ready-to-cook pastes and pre-mixes.

RISIS – Appreciate unique pins, earrings and brooches made from the orchid, Singapore’s national flower, dipped in 24K gold.



Tip: Check with the service counters at the major malls if they offer tourist privileges. Present your passport to get your Tourist Privilege Card for additional promotions.

Electronics – **Funan DigitalLife Mall**, is the one-stop haven that offers the latest, most innovative, and widest range of genuine and value-for-money IT and electronic gadgets. For tourists, there is even a Downtown Cash Refund counter within the mall to provide instant tax refund!



Tax Refund – Get a refund on the seven percent Goods & Services Tax on your purchases at participating retailers when you spend more than SGD100. Look out for the “Tax Refund” logos. Find out more from <http://www.yoursingapore.com/content/traveller/en/plan-your-trip/travel-essentials/tax-refund.html>

Entertainment & Nightlife

A cosmopolitan city, Singapore presents you with a myriad of activities to indulge in, whether it is to network with business counterparts, bond with your colleagues, or simply unwind after a day's work.

Concerts and Performing Arts – Singapore's entertainment calendar is constantly packed with local productions and international acts. Check out arts and entertainment concierge [TicketCube](#) along Orchard Road to find out which acts are in town during your stay here.

Golf – Close that business deal at the [Marina Bay Golf Course](#), Singapore's only 18-hole public golf course. Located strategically in the heart of town, it offers a picturesque view of the city skyline, be it day or night.



Entertainment & Nightlife

Nightlife – There aren't enough hours in the day with our extensive array of bars, clubs and lounges to choose from.

Across from Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre is [Boulevard Craft Beer](#) which serves local handcrafted beers by Archipelago Brewery and German microbrewery & restaurant [Paulaner Bräuhaus](#).

If you can't get enough of Singapore's mesmerizing skyline, check out [New Asia Bar](#), [KU DÉ TA](#) or [Lantern](#). Or get grooving at the latest nightclub in town [Avalon](#), housed in the Marina Bay Sands' Crystal Pavilion, set floating above the Marina Bay.

Order yourself an authentic *Singapore Sling* (the unofficial national beverage of Singapore) at the [Long Bar](#) while embracing the nostalgia of the Raffles Hotel.

Housed in restored warehouses along the Singapore River, [Clarke Quay](#) is the choice dining and entertainment destination. Go on a round-the-world trip when you visit the themed nightlife outlets such as [Highlander](#) (Scottish), [Mulligan's](#) (Irish), [The Rupee Room](#) (Bollywood), and [Shanghai Dolly](#) (Oriental).



If You Have More Time...

Extending your stay here in Singapore? Here are some suggestions on how to get the most out of the city.

Sentosa – Just 15 minutes away from the city, an all-in-one idyllic resort island with sandy beaches, lush rainforests, spa retreats and an exciting array of themed attractions, to indulge your every interest. Race down the hill on the [Skyline Luge Sentosa](#), ride the barreling waves at [Wave House Sentosa](#), or catch the multi-sensory extravaganza – *Song of the Sea*. Sentosa is also home to one of Singapore's integrated resorts – [Resorts World™ Sentosa](#), which operates South East Asia's first [Universal Studios Singapore®](#).

Ethnic Enclaves – Singapore is a ubiquitous collage of cultures, where people of different ethnicities and beliefs coexist. Explore the various ethnic enclaves such as *Chinatown* (for the Chinese), *Little India* (for the Indians), *Kampong Glam* (for the Malays), *Joo Chiat and Katong* (for the Peranakans) to immerse in the cultures unique to each ethnicity.

City Tour – A good way to tour the city is to take a [HiPPO Topless Bus](#) with its hop-on-hop-off system which lets you tour the island's places of interest at your own leisurely pace.



General Information

Weather – Singapore is known for its hot and humid weather, with little variation throughout the year. Average daytime temperature is 31°C (88°F), dropping to around 24°C (75°F) in the evenings. An umbrella is essential as you'll never know when it will rain.

Money Matters – The currency used is Singapore dollar (S\$). Money changing services can be found at Singapore Changi Airport, major shopping centres and hotels around the island. You can also access the automated teller machines (ATMs) located across the island, that accept most of the main credit cards such as Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

Tipping – Tipping, though appreciated, is not a common practice here in Singapore as most hotels and restaurants include a 10% service charge in the final bill.

Cell Phone Usage – Singapore's international dialling code is +(65). While in Singapore and if you have international roaming service on your cell phone, you don't have to key (+65) as it will automatically connect you to the local numbers here.

General Tourist Enquiries – For more information, log on to www.yoursingapore.com, or call Tourist Information Hotline: [1800-736-2000](tel:1800-736-2000) (Toll-free in Singapore) from Monday to Sunday, 8am to 7pm daily.

Getting Around Singapore

Getting around Singapore is a breeze with an efficient and well connected transportation system that consist of Mass Rapid Transit (MRT), buses and taxis.

MRT – Probably one of the fastest way to get around Singapore besides taxis, especially during peak hours. See next page for a map of the MRT system.

Buses – Have a smart phone? Download the *iris* app to find out bus details and estimated arrival timings.

www.sbstransit.com.sg/iRIS/overview.aspx

EZ-link Card – A hassle-free way to travel on the MRT and bus. This stored-valued card can be purchased from the TransitLink Ticket Office located at most MRT stations or bus interchanges. The minimum top-up value is S\$10.

Taxis – All taxis operate under a meter system, and touting and overcharging is prohibited by law. Should you need to book a cab, the hotlines of some major taxi companies are:

Comfort/ City Cab: (65) 6552 1111

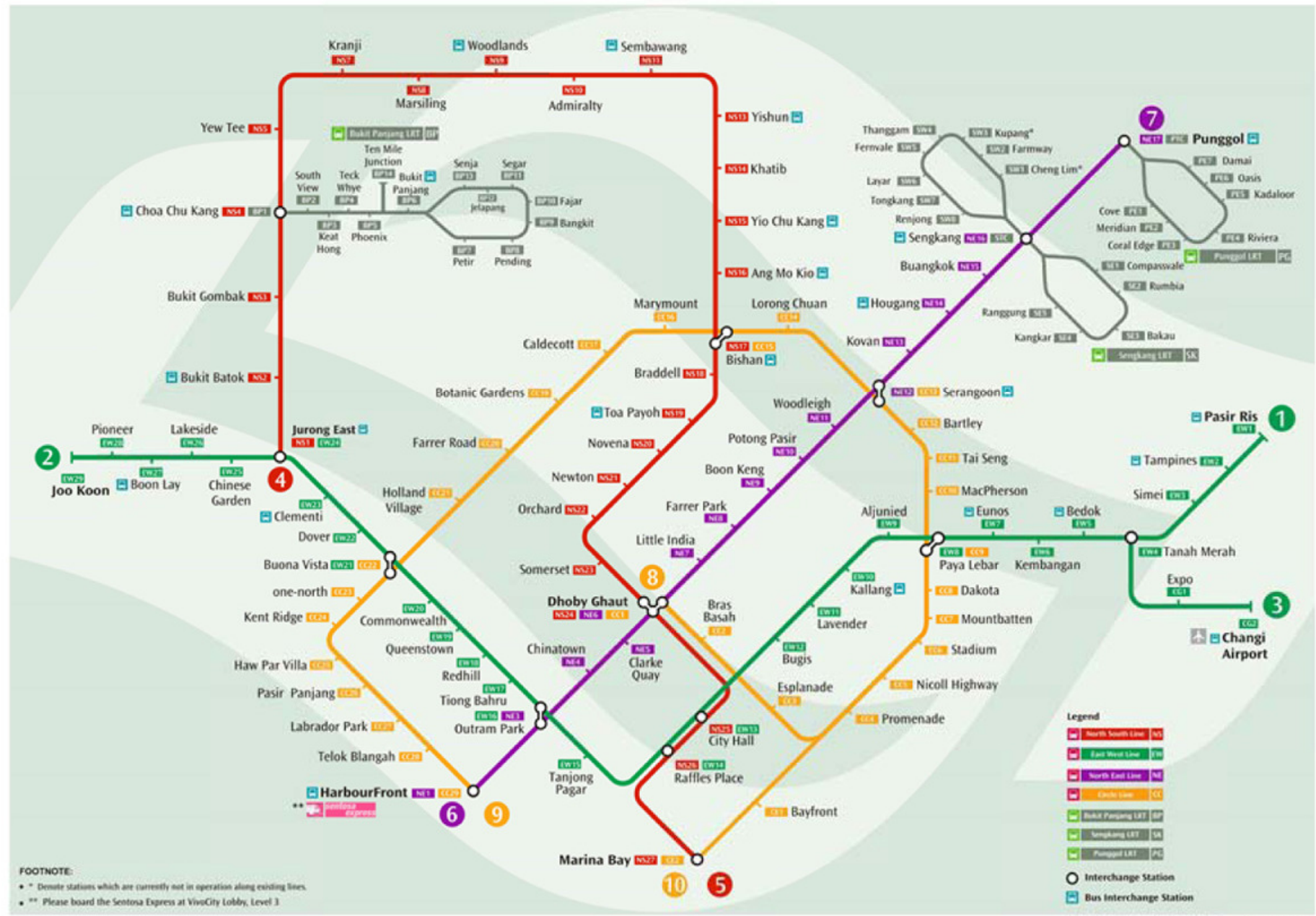
SMRT: (65) 6555 8888

Limosine Taxi: (65) 6552 2828



Tip: Unsure of how to get to your destination, check out www.gothere.sg or maps.google.com.sg to plan your route.

MRT & LRT System map



Legend

- North South Line (NS)
- East West Line (EW)
- North East Line (NE)
- Circle Line (CC)
- Bukit Panjang LRT (BP)
- Sengkang LRT (SK)
- Punggol LRT (PG)
- Interchange Station
- Bus Interchange Station

FOOTNOTE:

- * Denote stations which are currently not in operation along existing lines.
- ** Please board the Sentosa Express at VivoCity Lobby, Level 3.

Directory

Avalon, 2 Bayfront Avenue, Crystal Pavilion South Level 1, Marina Bay Sands, Tel: (65) 6688 7448
(Bayfront MRT)

Boulevard Craft Beer, 9 Raffles Boulevard #01-23 Millenia Walk, Tel: (65) 6883 2033 (Promenade MRT)

Clarke Quay, 3 River Valley Road, Singapore 179024 (Clarke Quay MRT)

- **Highlander**, Block B The Foundry #01-11, Tel: (65) 6223 9528
- **Mulligan's**, Block C The Cannery, #01-02A, Tel: (65) 6305 6726
- **The Rupee Room**, Block B The Foundry, #01-15, Tel: (65) 6334 2455
- **Shanghai Dolly**, Block B The Foundry, #01-01, Tel: (65) 6336 7676

Equinox Complex, 2 Stamford Road, Level 70, Swissôtel The Stamford, Tel: (65) 6431 6456 (City Hall MRT)

FiftyThree, 53 Armenian Street, Tel: (65) 6334 5535 (City Hall MRT)

Food Republic Suntec City, 1 Raffles Boulevard, Suntec Convention Centre, Tel: (65) 6820 8108 (Esplanade MRT)

Funan DigitalLife Mall, 109 North Bridge Road (City Hall MRT)

Directory

HiPPO Topless Bus, DUCK & HiPPO counter, 1 Raffles Boulevard, Suntec Convention Centre, Tower 5 Galleria, #01-00, Tel: (65) 6338 6877 (Esplanade MRT)

Iggy's, Level 3, Hilton Singapore, 581 Orchard Road, Tel: (65) 6732 2234 (Orchard MRT)

ION Orchard, 2 Orchard Turn (Orchard MRT)

KU DÉ TA, SkyPark at Marina Bay Sands North Tower, 1 Bayfront Avenue, Tel: (65) 6688 7688 (Bayfront MRT)

LeVeL33, 8 Marina Boulevard, #33-01 Marina Bay Financial Centre Tower 1, Tel: (65) 6834 3133 (Raffles Place MRT)

Long Bar, 1 Beach Road, Raffles Hotel Singapore, Tel: (65) 6412 1816 (City Hall MRT)

Marina Bay Golf Course, 80 Rhu Cross, #01-01, Tel: (65) 6345 7788

Marina Bay Sands – Restaurant Concierge, Tel: (65) 6688 6069 (Bayfront MRT)

Marina Square, 6 Raffles Boulevard (Esplanade MRT)

Directory

Millenia Walk, 9 Raffles Boulevard (Promenade MRT)

Palm Beach Seafood, 1 Fullerton Road, #01-09 One Fullerton, Tel: (65) 6227 2332 (Raffles Place MRT)

Paragon, 290 Orchard Road (Orchard MRT)

Paulaner Bräuhaus, 9 Raffles Boulevard #01-01 Millenia Walk, Tel: (65) 6883 2572 (Promenade MRT)

Prima Taste, Prima Taste Kitchen, 176 Orchard Road, #01-63/64 The Centrepoint (Somerset MRT) - Also available in major supermarkets

Restaurant André, 41 Bukit Pasoh Road, Tel: (65) 6534 8880 (Outram Park MRT)

RISIS, 3 Temasek Boulevard #01-084 Suntec City Mall, Tel: (65) 6338 8250 (Promenade MRT)

Singapore Food Trail, Singapore Flyer, 30 Raffles Avenue (Promenade MRT)

Suntec City Mall, 3 Temasek Boulevard (Promenade MRT)

TANGS, 310 Orchard Road (Orchard MRT)

Directory

The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands®, 2 Bayfront Avenue (Bayfront MRT)

TicketCube, Urban Green #15 along Orchard Road, between Ngee Ann City and Wisma Atria (Orchard MRT)

TWG Tea, ION Orchard, #01-29/#02-21 (Orchard MRT); The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands®, #B2-89 (Bayfront MRT)

313@somerset, 313 Orchard Road, (Somerset MRT)

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