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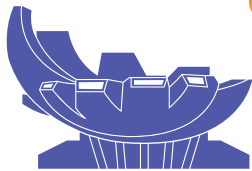
Movement develops essential life skills such as spatial and situational awareness and Tanglin's Early Years Programme incorporates these in its curriculum by teaching fundamental movement skills in PE or simply by playing in the school's brand new Infant playground or exploring our new onsite Forest School area. Children find equilibrium through the balance bike programme, learn to be water safe at the pool, develop tenacity whilst scaling Tanglin's bespoke Infant climbing wall, or have fun in the largest recreational gymnastics programme in Singapore.

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Welcome to Singapore



Hi there, newcomer! If you're reading this, you're probably considering relocating to our sunny island. Or perhaps you've just landed here. Either way, we're here to help you make the move as easy as possible.

Trust us, we know how hard it is to move (we've been there, done that!) and we're constantly asked for advice on how to make the transition to Singapore smooth and seamless. That's why we're back with our annual Moving to Singapore e-guide, so you can feel 100% confident and comfortable in our city.

This handy booklet will be your new best friend. We've stuffed it with essential tips, fun bucket lists and everything you need to enjoy the next chapter of your life in Singapore. Be sure to also check out our website and sign up for our newsletter to get the lowdown on the best parts of island life!

P.S. If you own a business, you're welcome join our entrepreneurial community group Launchpad, the kindest community on the internet.

Good luck and welcome to our city!

Cheers,



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Arriving in Singapore in 2019, David and Anneta Woodfine's first priority was to find an international school with a strong academic record and supportive learning environment. Not only did Overseas Family School (OFS)'s outstanding facilities leave a superb first impression on them during the school tour, its excellent standard of teaching has subsequently convinced David and Anneta that OFS was the right choice for their sons. Here's what the Woodfines had to say about OFS.

Hello David and Anneta! Can you tell us more about your sons who are attending OFS?

Our oldest, James, is 15 years old and attending Grade 10. Oliver, our youngest, is 12 and in Grade 7.

What was the ultimate deciding factor that led you to choose OFS, and did the school live up to your expectations?

Our first visit to the school really impressed us as it has excellent facilities and is located in a quieter part of Singapore next to a park and the coast. When we arrived in Singapore in the summer of 2019, both of our boys were assigned a class buddy on their first day at school to help them settle into the classroom more quickly. They both received a great welcome from their teachers, and the other children. This helped them to settle very quickly into our new life in Singapore.

Our boys follow the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum. OFS has a fantastic IB program. We have really noticed the excellent standard of teaching in the core subjects especially maths and science, which compares very favourably to what we experienced in their UK school. We have been very happy with their academic progress since they joined, and they have made lots of friends!

What do James and Oliver love most about their school?

The boys have enjoyed participating in the school's Model United Nations (MUN) program, which is incorporated into its Elementary, Middle, and High School curriculum. It teaches them to research and debate global issues from different perspectives. They also really enjoy the after-school clubs, sports, enrichment, and holiday camp programs. Through these programs, they've been able to pursue varied interests like chess, photography, robotics, drama, karate, swimming, and keyboard. The boys got to participate in competitive sports through the OFS Tigers football team too!

"We appreciate how well organised the school is and that it employs high quality teaching staff."

Both James and Oliver have fully benefited from the school's fantastic sports facilities: its basketball courts, football pitches, and Olympic-standard swimming pool. They enjoy the food options during lunchtime as well.

Are you satisfied with the level of communication you receive from the school?

Yes! From teachers all the way to the Head of School - it is always timely and well organised, especially during the Covid lockdown times. We appreciate how well organised the school is and that it employs high quality teaching staff. OFS is a great school because it provides a really supportive and friendly learning environment for our children. It makes us feel confident that we're providing them with the best start in life.





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Welcome to your new home!

Here's why you'll love Singapore

First off, congrats – you made it! Moving is tough, so we're here to make settling in that little bit easier. Here at Honeycombers, we love all things Singapore – from sharing the intel on the best restaurants to useful tips for the fam. So, take a breather from unpacking, grab a cuppa, and check out what's in store in the little red dot...

1. There's something for everyone. From family-friendly attractions to midnight supper spots to secret museums, Singapore has got 'em all.
2. Singapore is super safe and so clean. Eating on transport... who does that?
3. It ain't called the garden city for nothing – get ready to discover parks, gardens and nature spots everywhere.
4. The food scene is second to none. You haven't lived till you've tried hawker food like roti prata, chicken rice, nasi lemak... and the list goes on.
5. You will sweat, but that's ok. It's a small price to pay for 365 days of summer. That being said – always carry an umbrella (as a sun shade and for the downpours).
6. The city is a charming juxtaposition of old and new: heritage shophouses next to towering skyscrapers, and traditional bakeries alongside modern restaurants.
7. Public transport is also second to none (forget the cars, they are expensive!).
8. Did you know: we have a total of 27 Singlish (Singaporean English) words that made it into the Oxford English Dictionary!
9. Singapore might be a cosmo city, but if you look beyond the towering skyscrapers and gargantuan malls, you'll find a handful of countryside farms. Escape the city in a hot minute!
10. Did someone say weekend vacay? It's the number 1 gateway for travels to Asia and beyond.



Everything you need to know about moving to SG

Does your moving to Singapore to-do list look neverending? Don't stress – here's your one-stop guide to have everything ticked off in no time...

Top tips for your big move to Singapore

First off, book your movers...

You don't have to worry about a thing with [international moving companies](#) who will do the heavy lifting. From packing up your belongings to storing your furniture and making sure everything's protected, the pros do it all. Just leave it in their experienced hands.

Things to consider when finalising your packing list:

- Don't ditch the warm clothes!

Expat mistake #1: assuming everywhere in Singapore is boiling. Not the case. It ain't called the air-conditioned nation for nothing. Also, don't forget clothing for the travel opps on your doorstep – skiing in Japan, anyone?

- Things can get mouldy...

That gorgeous leather bag you coveted for years? You'll need to take extra care of it in Singapore to avoid the humidity having its wicked way. That means making sure there's extra care when it goes into storage, or packing it with your air shipment allowance, just in case your belongings end up sitting in storage longer than you planned.



Next, shop for the big ticket items...

Work out whether you're planning to ship your appliances from your home country or whether you're going to purchase [new appliances](#) in Singapore.

Here are a few things to bear in mind when making your decision:

- **Landed or condo?** Where you live might affect what appliances you need. Apartments in condos often come fitted with appliances such as a fridge/freezer and washing machine etc., but you might need to buy the extras, such as a dishwasher. If you're considering a landed property, the appliances might not be included, so check ahead.
- **Size matters on appliances.** Remember that Singapore apartments, for the most part, tend to be on the smaller size, so you might want to consider this before you lug your giant chest freezer along with you. That being said, there's a very active resale market in SG, so you can always sell it if it doesn't make the cut once you're here.



You made the move – what next?

Woohoo, you're here! Now for the next part – getting set up. Here's what to have on your list...

Get connected at home

The first few weeks of moving to Singapore can be a rollercoaster, and we'd be lying if we said we didn't feel a little homesick to start. So, make sure you get your [Wi-Fi or broadband plan](#) asap so you can connect with friends and family (and catch up on the latest series). Singapore has plenty of stellar service providers to help you stay connected. SingTel and StarHub are the most well-known, but you can also check out MyRepublic for no-contract plans if you're a bit of a commitment-phobe.



Hey, big spender...

The bad news: moving is super expensive. So don't add to the expense by continuing to use a bank card from your home country. Make banking a priority for the early days in your new home to avoid the headache (and the extortionate fees).



And on the move

Homesickness aside; you might end up feeling a little lost in more ways than one initially, so it's best to have your phone contract sorted pronto, too, in case you need Google Maps in a hurry. There are loads of options out there, with the main providers being Singtel and StarHub. Have an existing phone? Check out GOMO for a sim-only tariff that's really reasonable and easy to set up.

Don't forget insurance

Another one for that high priority list is [insurance](#). Depending on where you're moving from, the healthcare system in SG might look pretty different from back home, and this goes for the costs involved, too. Check with your employer (if you're moving for work) on what is and isn't covered so you've got peace of mind. Also, don't forget contents insurance!



Settling into expat life in Singapore – exploring your new home

Once you've got the big items off your to-do list, it's time for the fun bit – getting out and exploring! Before you do, here are some top tips when it comes to getting around...

Public transport is a dream

As a city filled with trains, buses and taxis, you'll never be stranded here. Conveniently located within walking distance of Singapore's key attractions, the Mass Rapid Transit system (aka MRT) is the easiest way to travel around. Trains run from 5.30am to about midnight daily, with periods extended during some public holidays. Buses are aplenty, with several serving similar routes. Most are wheelchair-accessible and air-conditioned. Similar to trains, buses run from about 5.30am to 12.30am.

To car or not to car...

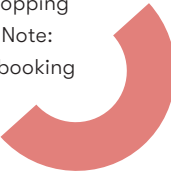
Real talk: it's true that purchasing a car in Singapore can cost up to six times more than in other countries. Anyone who registers a new vehicle must first obtain a Certificate of Entitlement (COE) in the selected vehicle category. The COE represents the right to vehicle ownership and the use of limited road space for 10 years.

There's also mandatory road tax: most options are renewable either yearly or on a six-month basis. But car owners must first tick off prerequisites like getting motor insurance coverage, passing the vehicle inspection, and clearing any outstanding fines. Don't forget the insurance! Comprehensive car insurance includes coverage on fire, theft, death or injury to other parties, damages and medical costs and more.

Oh, and parking fees can be steep. Most drivers will obtain season parking at car parks near their homes or at their offices. You also have to factor in parking at malls and attractions on weekends, plus money for petrol and car servicing.

Taxis

Compared to cities like New York, Hong Kong and London, taxis are affordable. You can easily hail one on the street or via apps like ComfortDelGro. Or try ride-hailing apps like Grab, Gojek, Tada and Ryde. Alternatively, queue at taxi stands outside most shopping malls, hotels and tourist attractions. Note: rain can stop play when it comes to booking a cab – but be persistent!





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That's not all: foodpanda also delivers groceries and necessities on the easy-to-use app. Its network of 13 pandamart cloud grocery stores islandwide stocks over 5,000 products. Plus, it has thousands of merchant partners on its online retail marketplace foodpanda shops that delivers to your door in an hour! From shampoo to bottles of wine, browse the platform for your on-demand needs.

Need something delivered? Use pandago for a reliable parcel delivery service – real-time tracking included. With all these and more, check out foodpanda for all your needs, stat. Psst: keep an eye out for attractive deals and promotions too.

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Singlish 101:

Your guide to speaking like a local in Singapore

A huge part of the Singaporean identity is Singlish, which is a truly peculiar 'language'. Need a handy guide? We've decoded the common words you need to know.



Atas

Posh or high social status.

"The meal we had at that fine dining restaurant was so atas."

Chiong

To rush, hurry, or give your all to complete something.

"You better chiong finish this project before the deadline tomorrow."

Kiasu

A fiercely competitive spirit.

"She queued for eight hours to get the latest iPhone – so kiasu!"

Paiseh

A Hokkien term for being embarrassed or shy.

"Paiseh, can you lend me some cash?"

Sian

Experiencing boredom or a lack of enthusiasm.

"Time is passing so slowly. Sian."

Chope

To reserve a place or call dibs.

"Can you chope a seat for me?"

Shioh

Fantastic, or to convey feelings of satisfaction and pleasure.

"This plate of chicken rice is so shioh."

Lah

A suffix used to place emphasis on the sentence or word before.

"Don't worry about it lah!"

Huat

Hokkien for "to prosper".

"Huat ah, I just won the lottery!"

Tapao

The Singlish equivalent of takeaway.

"I'm going to tapao lunch from the hawker centre."

5 tips

for choosing the right curriculum for your child

It's not just about choosing the best curriculum, but one that best fits your child.

Picking a school curriculum that best fits your child can feel overwhelming. Here's a simple guide to help you get started.



1. Identify your child's learning style

Find out your child's preferred learning style and interests, as well as university and career aspirations. This will help you determine which curriculum is the best fit for your child.

2. Choose a curriculum

Research the curricula offered by international schools in Singapore thoroughly (International Baccalaureate, IGCSE, American, etc.) to see which one aligns with your child's needs.

3. Shortlist and research each school

Shortlist schools based on your chosen curriculum. Research the schools' accreditation, academic results, and the types of facilities and resources available.

4. Contact the school

Reach out to the schools' Admissions Team for more information, and request a tour so you and your child can experience the school for yourselves!

5. Speak to the parents

Parents of children studying your chosen curriculum can provide valuable insights about the overall learning experience.



Picking the right school and curriculum for your child requires a lot of research. XCL Education understands how challenging this is and is ready to support you in making this important decision. You can contact its schools' – [XCL American Academy](#) and [XCL World Academy](#) – Admissions Teams for more information and arrange a virtual or in-person tour.

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Best neighbourhoods to stay in Singapore

From family-friendly areas to heritage heartlands to trendy districts, we've got it all covered.



Orchard

Orchard is one of the best places to live if you want to feel the buzz of inner-city living. You'll pay through the nose for rent, given the prime location and proximity to niceties, but you'll save on travel. You're also within walking distance of first-rate social clubs like The American Club and Tanglin Club.

Holland Village

This is a sought-after locale for expats and locals alike. The Lorong Mambong stretch comes alive with revellers at night, and the charming Chip Bee Gardens is lined with great restaurants, dessert cafes and gourmet food stores. The MRT station makes it highly accessible, too.



Bukit Timah

The residential enclave is teeming with young families drawn by its leafy streets and semi-suburban vibe. We love the boutique-style shopping at Cluny Court, the excellent kids' activities at The Grandstand, and the proximity to the Jacob Ballas Children's Garden. It's close to plenty of international schools, with the Hollandse Club and British Club at your doorstep.

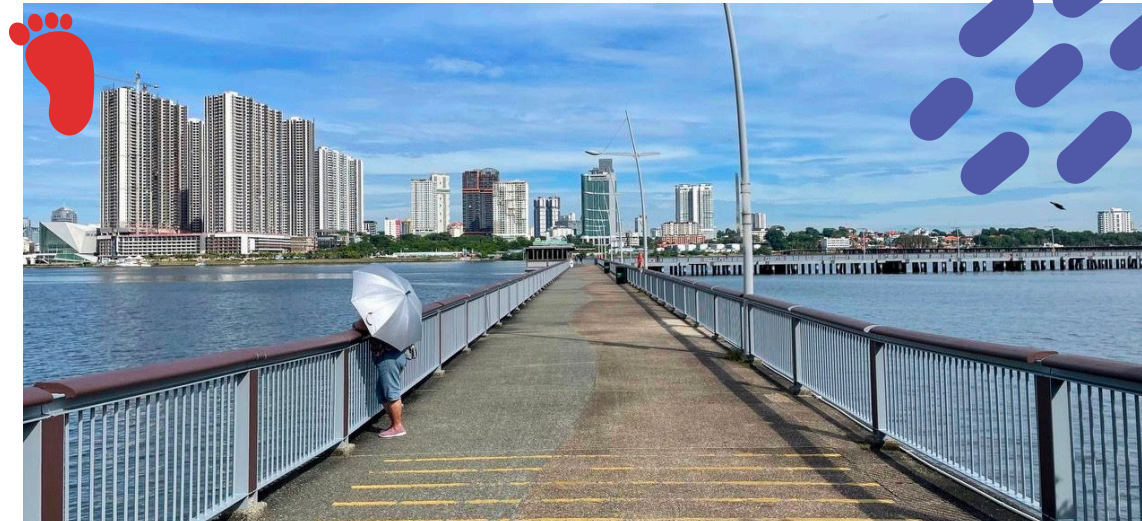
River Valley

Offering the perfect blend of city living and space, River Valley is less hustle-and-bustle and more residential. The high-rise condos range from the older, larger style to chic, river-facing homes with large balconies. It's great for alfresco dining or river cruising, and sits close to ISS International School.



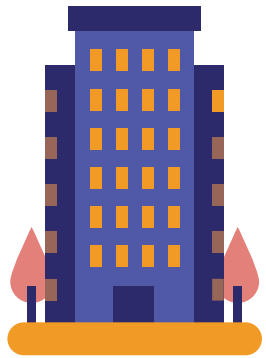
Katong

It's all about living as the locals do! The area is a great mix of landed properties and condos with ocean views and lovely sea breezes. Family hangout East Coast Park is easily accessible via pedestrian links, and Katong is home to malls like i12 Katong and Parkway Parade, as well as plenty of good food.



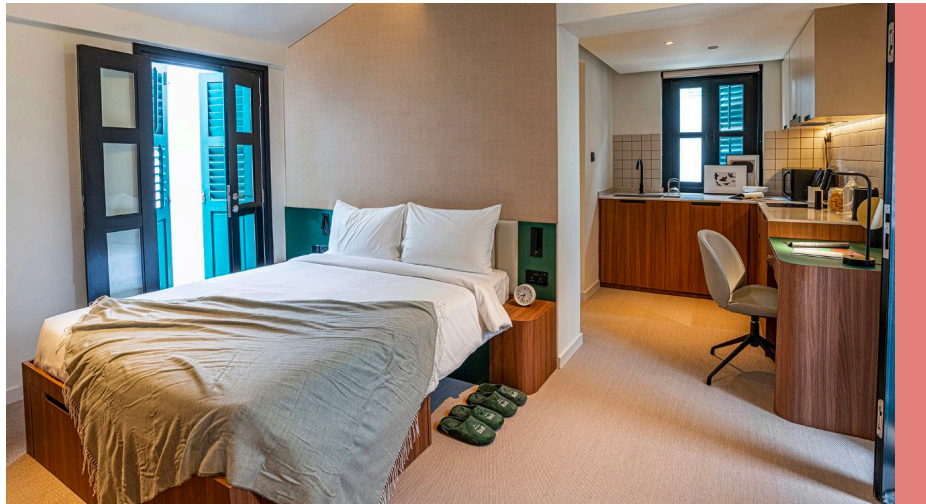
Woodlands

It's a bit of a trek, but Woodlands is a firm favourite for families seeking large, affordable housing. While popular with locals, there's also a sizeable American community here as it's close to the Singapore American School. Plus, you can hop across the nearby Causeway to Malaysia for a fun day out in Johor Bahru!



Looking for a new home? Move into stylish serviced apartments!

Easily accessible, beautifully decorated and full of amazing amenities, these serviced apartments in Singapore are top-notch.



Weave Suites – Midtown

Looking for a premium stay within a heritage-rich district? [Weave Suites – Midtown](#) has you covered. With a fully-equipped gym, kitchen, meeting rooms and workspaces, you'll get an all-inclusive stay. Best of all, it offers flexible lease terms and all-inclusive prices for a hassle-free rental process. It's also a five-minute walk to Kampong Glam, where you'll find hip cafes, restaurants, bars, and boutiques.



Aurealis Serviced Residence at Marina Bay

[Aurealis Serviced Residence](#) is within walking distance to offices in Raffles Place and Marina Bay Financial District, as well as supermarkets, malls, and MRT stations. Plus, Marina Bay Sands is just a stroll away! Expect fully-furnished suites with a work desk and high-speed internet, a fully-equipped kitchen, as well as a washer and dryer. Perks include unlimited local calls and a variety of TV entertainment. Plus, enjoy the hot water jacuzzi, bay-fronting gym, tennis courts, large pools and more.



Fraser's Hospitality

For a stay that's luxurious and comfortable, take your pick from a range of [Fraser properties](#). Fraser Suites Singapore in River Valley offers units with all the amenities you need. Fraser Place Robertson Walk sits along the Singapore River near the trendy dining enclave. A fan of the city's iconic shopping stretch? Head to Fraser Residence Orchard Singapore. Each unit features modern designs, giving you access to the 24/7 gym, sauna room, pool and outdoor playground.



Orchard Scotts Residences

[Orchard Scotts Residences](#) offers stylish stays in one-bedroom lofts, two-bedroom deluxe apartments and four-bedroom penthouses. Everything you need is catered to, from housekeeping and laundry services to free Wi-Fi and round-the-clock maintenance. There's also a spacious gym, four swimming pools, and a wine cellar.



Adina Serviced Apartments Orchard Singapore

If you're looking for convenience, spacious apartments, and great service, [Adina](#) should be at the top of your list. With roomy studios and two- to three-bedroom apartments, it's perfect for singles, couples and small families. It also sits right between Somerset and Dhoby Ghaut MRT stations, making it easy to get to town for a bit of shopping.

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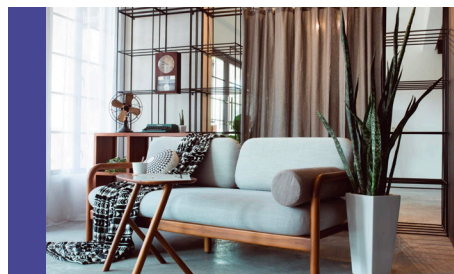
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All-star home decor shops

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Scantek

Support a local business and the environment when you shop with Scantek. It's well-known for gorgeous Scandinavian designs made with sustainably-sourced teak wood. You can expect these pieces to last for ages with timeless designs that are both beautiful and durable.

Island Living

Get inspiration from Island Living's range of resort-style furniture that make the perfect statement piece. The brand's use of natural textures is a key feature that adds a breezy island vibe to any space. We're talking about hand-carved stone, sustainable rattan, and reclaimed teak.



Cellini

You can trust local brand Cellini to produce furniture that's all about quality, comfort, and design. A big plus? The convenient packages that let you purchase your essential home decor pieces as a set for your living room, dining room, and bedroom - so you don't have to hunt for all the pieces separately.



Originals

With owner Geri Murphy's great taste, you'll get a beautifully curated selection of furniture. You can find natural teak wood, vintage Indian and Indonesian pieces remodelled into stunning contemporary designs here. Take your pick from soft furnishings and accessories from all over Europe and Asia.



Liliewoods

This locally-designed brand of children's furniture keeps kids' development and creativity in mind. Besides clever furnishings like an activity table with a sunken chalkboard surface and a rolling bookshelf, this brand is also sustainable. It's made by Indonesian artisans using responsibly-sourced hardwood and eco-friendly low VOC finishing. We love!

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Supermarkets in Singapore that stock everything you'll need

These supermarkets in Singapore stock all kinds of groceries, including local and international treats!



Mustafa Centre

There's nothing you can't get at the famous [Mustafa Centre](#). Just give yourself an entire day to explore the multi-level shopping mall, and you'll likely find everything you need and more. It's home to household appliances, children's toys, and even beauty goods. On the groceries side, you can cart off baked treats, pantry staples, spices, and more.

Meidi-Ya

[Meidi-Ya](#) takes grocery shopping to the next level with its huge two-storey flagship store at Millenia Walk. The first floor houses a bakery and food hall as well as a wine and liquor space. Meanwhile, the second level is home to authentic Japanese products and international brands. If you need a break from shopping, pop over to the Japanese concept cafe and bar.



Shine Korea

You've probably spotted [Shine Korea](#) supermarkets selling authentic South Korean products. With several branches scattered around the city, it's pretty easy to find one and satisfy your cravings for Korean cuisine. Here, you can stock up on instant noodles in all kinds of flavours, popular tidbits, condiments and, of course, soju or makgeolli.

CS Fresh

[CS Fresh](#) is the fancy supermarket sister brand brought to you by Cold Storage. Here's where you can stock up on gourmet meat, fresh produce, international wines and exclusive products. If you're shopping at the Tanglin outlet, pop by the wine-tasting bar for a sip!

German Market Place

Having been around since 1999, [German Market Place](#) sources straight from Germany, with additional items from places like Switzerland and Austria. The selection is massive, covering everything from pasta and cheese to baking needs and beverages. Household goods, toiletries and baby products are on display too.

Hao Mart

[Hao Mart](#) can be spotted across the island. For a day of shopping, head to Hao Megamart to browse everything from electronics to gourmet meats. More goodies can be found at Eccellente by Hao Mart, which features fresh seafood, baked goods, and more. There's also Hao Halal Hub, which brings in products from Indonesia, Malaysia, and Korea.

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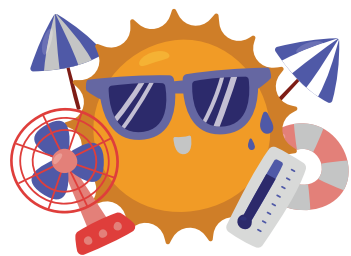
For tips and advice on all things related to Singapore's immigration system, you can count on The Immigration People. It's the leading authority in Singapore's inbound immigration matters, from permanent residency to citizenship applications and more. Its star team of dedicated staff has over 25 years of collective experience, so you know you can trust them!

This is one of the few immigration agencies in Singapore that publicly displays its pricing on its website – take a look for a solution that fits your budget and its team will be happy to assist. With extensive immigration knowledge, the staff pride themselves in strategising applications and seeing them to fruition.

Want to find out more? The Immigration People also shares insights on immigration matters on its website and has client testimonials on its YouTube channel!

The Immigration People, make an appointment online

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Beat the heat!

Where to keep cool with the family in SG

From the coolest indoor playgrounds to awesome water play, there are plenty of places to keep cool in Singapore...



Water playgrounds

Singapore can take some adjusting to when it comes to the heat – if you're feeling like you're living in a neverending sauna, it's time you hit up the city's fantastic [water play spots](#). Here are our favourite spots for a splashing good time!

Splash-n-Surf at Singapore Sports Hub

Complete with a water play area, kids' pool, lazy river and even a half-pipe Stingray; this water park is great for kids aged three to 12. You'll find plenty of sprinklers, slides and water pistols along with a pint-sized merry-go-round swing ride – pretty cool, right?

Far East Organization Children's Garden at Gardens by the Bay

Kids and parents alike never fail to make a beeline for this elaborate water play area nestled among lush greenery. It has classic Disney tunes streaming, fun water fountains, designated areas for tots, towering orchid dump buckets and even motion sensors for enhanced water effects.



Dino-themed wet playground at Causeway Point

Whizz down the water slides at the Adventure Volcano and Crater Zone, leap on giant rocks leading up to a mist-spraying volcano or run through a dinosaur rib cage at the Fossil Spray and Toddler Dino Zone. There's plenty of dino-mite fun at this park!



Indoor playgrounds

Sometimes, a day outdoors can be a sweaty, tantrum-inducing proposition – and we don't just mean for the kids! Save your sanity (and keep cool) by heading to one of Singapore's top indoor play centres.

Themed play areas

There are [plenty of indoor playgrounds](#) with fun themes. You'll be spoilt for choice – from fun animal safari-themed escapades to science-based edutainment. And that's barely scratching the surface!

Trampoline parks

A [trampoline park](#) is possibly the quickest way to tire out your terrors. Kids go crazy for interconnected trampolines at SuperPark Singapore to dodge ball courts at X-scap8, and even parkour walls, slam dunk rings, slacklines, tumble tracks, and rock climbing walls.

Bouncy castle-themed indoor play centres

Here's another option for your active kiddos, with more inflatables than your house can handle. Think larger-than-life bouncy play structures, complete with slides, bridges, ball pits, and more.



New family in school?

Here's how Nexus International School (Singapore) supports you and your child

From having a buddy system for new children to providing parents with regular updates, this international school goes all out to help new families settle in swiftly.

Joining a new school in a new country can be a nerve-wracking experience for the family. [Nexus International School \(Singapore\)](#) understands the unique challenges faced by families that are new to Singapore and has an effective strategy to help you feel welcomed.

1. Buddy system for new learners

Nothing makes a new school more comforting than having a friend. That's why Nexus assigns each new learner a buddy to adjust to school life and even provide support in their mother tongue.

2. Close-knit parent community

New parents can receive support from the Nexus Community Group (NCG), which is made up of parents of Nexus learners. NCG members meet up regularly to learn, collaborate, and help out with school events.

3. Regular updates from school

Nexus' teachers support learners academically, socially, and emotionally. You'll receive regular updates from the teachers about your child's overall development via the school's learning management platforms, Canvas and Seesaw.



Keen to find out more? Reach out to Nexus' friendly [Admissions Team](#) or sign up to attend its [Open Days](#) (in-person or virtual).

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At Nexus, we believe in providing your child with the best start in life. Our team of specialist teachers are dedicated to nurturing your child's unique strengths and passions, while our flexible and open learning spaces are designed to foster creativity and exploration.

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A photograph of a child's blue pajamas with a penguin pattern. A pink and black hairbrush is placed on the pajamas. Next to it is a teal book titled 'MY HEALTH DOCTOR'S JOURNAL' with a white cover and a pink ribbon bookmark. The book features illustrations of a car, a pencil, a stethoscope, and a first aid kit. The book is signed 'James Riddick' at the bottom.

You know the drill, you go somewhere new, and at least one person in the family picks up a bug or becomes ill. So it's always a good idea to know where to go for a check-up in advance. Luckily for us, SG has a [comprehensive list of outstanding healthcare providers](#), so you'll never need to go far to get great service.

As parents, we always try and keep the kids safe, from using car seats to [child-proofing our homes](#). So don't forget to check up on the [vaccination schedule](#) in Singapore. Ensuring that your kids are up to date is arguably one of the most important things, so have it high on the to-do list.



We're guilty of letting this slide down our list when it should be at the top. So, mark this as a priority, and refresh your first aid knowledge through a [refresher course](#). Considering [hiring a helper](#)? Make sure they've also had a refresher course, especially if they're helping with childcare.



One of the many things we love about Singapore is the access to swimming pools – from condo pools to [public swimming spots](#), [water play](#) and water parks. With so much water fun on our doorsteps, we need to be aware of water safety. Having [swim lessons](#) on your list is a good idea, given that you're likely to spend so much time poolside!



Newest family attractions in Singapore

Singapore never gets old! Say hello to the latest family attractions to keep everyone entertained...



1. Welcome to Bird Paradise

Check out the newest addition to Mandai Wildlife Reserve, [Bird Paradise](#)! You'll find immersive and naturalistic mixed-species environments, including eight large walk-through aviaries that showcase different parts of the world. Kiddos will love the climbing frames and water playgrounds, so pack swimmers and a towel! There are also bird shows, feeding sessions, and hands-on encounters to get the kids excited about conservation. Book tickets online, and residents can enjoy additional savings of up to 20% with [WildPass](#)! (Insert excited bird noises here.)



2. Try to escape Science Centre's newest attraction

If you're mad about [escape rooms](#), here's a new one in Singapore that you should check out. Decipher clues, solve riddles, and more at [Science Centre Singapore](#)'s latest attraction, [Escape @ Science Centre \(E.S.C\)](#). This unique immersive experience merges the ever-popular escape room concept with exciting STEM-themed [puzzles](#)! There are three rooms with differing difficulty and physical activity levels. Psst... Dr X might be a bit too scary for little ones!



3. S.E.A. Aquarium is looking for a Junior Ocean Detective

Got a curious kiddo who's into solving mysteries? S.E.A. Aquarium is on the lookout for [Junior Ocean Detectives](#)! Sign the kids up to receive a 'Detective Toolkit', where they'll be tasked to investigate some marine mysteries. This educational journey will inspire the kids to learn about the relationships between marine animals, and the importance of maintaining the balance of the ecosystem. They'll also pick up some critical thinking skills along the way, and get to go behind the scenes of the Aquarium! This drop-off programme is suitable for kids ages seven to twelve, and will run every weekend until 12 November 2023, with daily slots during school holidays.



4. Visit National Gallery Singapore's Children's Biennale

The [Children's Biennale](#) is an exhibition that showcases art created for, with and by kids! You'll find a warm and welcoming space for children and adults alike to have conversations about their dreams, ideas and struggles. The 2023 Biennale's theme is 'Let's Make A Better Place'. The aim is to encourage children to create a 'better place' for themselves as they grow in their journey of understanding not only their own thoughts, feelings, motives and wants, but those of others as well.



5. Be a tourist at home and go on a fam-friendly sightseeing tour of Singapore

Get the kids out on a super fun adventure around Singapore with our list of awesome [fam-friendly sightseeing tours](#)! There's everything from bike rides and segway tours to foodie adventures and heritage walks. A great way to combine exercise and family bonding time, and you're all sure to learn a thing or two about Singapore while you're at it!

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Your Singapore bucket list of top 10 things to do

Check out these popular attractions and experience the best of our garden city!



Gardens by the Bay

Explore the lush tropics of [Gardens by Bay](#), where you'll gaze at impressive Super Trees, admire the giant waterfall in the Cloud Forest, and stroll amongst blooms at the ever-changing Flower Dome.



Sentosa

The "[State of Fun](#)" is jam-packed with family-friendly activities. Noteworthy attractions include HydroDash, Skyline Luge, Universal Studios Singapore, S.E.A. Aquarium and Adventure Cove Waterpark.



Singapore Zoo

Explore one of the best zoos on the planet: [Singapore Zoo](#). Walk beneath orangutans swinging on vines, look across a moat at white Bengal tigers or spy through the glass at swimming pygmy hippos. Next, head to [River Wonders](#), [Bird Paradise](#) and [Night Safari](#) for more animal spotting!



Singapore Botanic Gardens

[Singapore Botanic Gardens](#) is the city's first UNESCO World Heritage Site. Wander through the spectacular National Orchid Garden and don't miss out on the lovely Jacob Ballas Children's Garden and COMO Adventure Grove playground.



Museums

Love museums? Spend time in the company of rare artefacts and the finest contemporary art by touring the [National Museum of Singapore](#), [Asian Civilisations Museum](#) or [National Gallery Singapore](#).



Orchard Road

From high-end to high street, designer threads to discount finds, there's something for everyone on [Orchard Road](#). Hit up malls like Ion Orchard, Wheelock Place, Ngee Ann City and Orchard Central for your shopping fix.



Marina Bay Sands

[Marina Bay Sands](#) is a recognisable part of our Singapore cityscape. Check out its curated boutiques, fine dining establishments, ArtScience Museum and stunning waterfront views.



Jewel Changi Airport

A huge dome-shaped mall housing the world's tallest indoor waterfall, [Jewel Changi Airport](#) features all the entertainment you need, including eateries, shops, a cinema, play areas and lovely green spaces.



Wild Wild Wet

Enjoy an afternoon of splashin' fun at water theme park [Wild Wild Wet](#). Slip and slide down high-adrenaline rides, cruise along a lazy river with the fam and race other riders down multiple-lane slides.



Parks

Check out the [lush nature parks](#) and [hiking trails](#) at places like Bukit Timah Nature Reserve, Coney Island Park, Fort Canning Park, MacRitchie Reservoir Park, The Southern Ridges and more!



Villa Samadhi: Singapore's only resort in a nature reserve



Wake up in luxe surroundings within a verdant nature reserve in Singapore – Villa Samadhi is the perfect stay for nature lovers.

Imagine waking up in a plush bed with stunning views of nature. That's a morning at Villa Samadhi for you. This is the only resort villa within a lush nature reserve in Singapore, tucked away in the verdant Labrador Nature Reserve. Housed in a 1920s black and white colonial garrison, it offers a luxe stay with all the modern amenities you'll need.

Aside from the elegant accommodations, enjoy delicious Thai and Burmese nosh at Tamarind Hill. Created by a team of Thai chefs, the menu sees a lineup of delicious specialities to choose from, so dig in!

For a spot of exploration, don't miss a stroll through the beautiful Labrador Nature Reserve to take in the flora and fauna. Other nearby attractions include Chinatown, Esplanade, National Gallery Singapore and more.

[Villa Samadhi](#), 20 Labrador Villa Road, Singapore 119193

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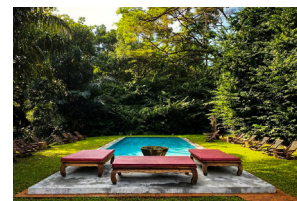


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Refreshingly and unapologetically feminine, this brand is a breath of fresh air amongst the plethora of avant-garde labels in Singapore's fashion scene.



Ans.ein

We're all about appreciating art in forms beyond the canvas. Check out the gorgeous kimono and maxi dresses, jumpsuits, multiway tops and pencil skirts here.

Beyond The Vines

This contemporary womenswear label offers designs that are pared down essentials in soft hues and flattering contours. Prices are also pocket-friendly for quality basics!

Depression

This unisex ready-to-wear brand makes no apologies for its moody and often clinical approach to design – think minimalist cuts in stark, monochromatic colours.

In Good Company

We love a local label that bucks the trend. This label creates capsule collections of wardrobe essentials, with sophisticated silhouettes tailored to Singapore's weather.

Esse

Shake off fast fashion and slip into sustainable fabrics and effortless classics that transcend trends. These lightweight and flowy pieces are made with breathable fabrics.



Reckless Ericka

If your mood ranges from 'pop of colour' to 'better in black' within the week, Reckless Ericka offers a range that'll take you from day to night.



Ying The Label

Love watercolour paintings on your dress? Ying the Label's swoon-worthy hand-painted drawings perfectly blend colours, textures and intricate brush strokes to create wearable art pieces for work and play.



Our Second Nature

Inspired by intangible everyday moments, the brand works with a London-based designer to create an original print that sets the theme for each collection.

Weekend Sundries

If you're looking for thoughtfully-designed, sustainable clothing, look no further. We love that it utilises natural fabrics from Japan, and its in-house seasonal textile prints tell a beautiful story.

Sabrina Goh

Minimal, conceptual, structural. Drawing inspiration from architectural silhouettes, the local label offers strong, sensuous designs that constantly push the envelope.

The Shirt Bar

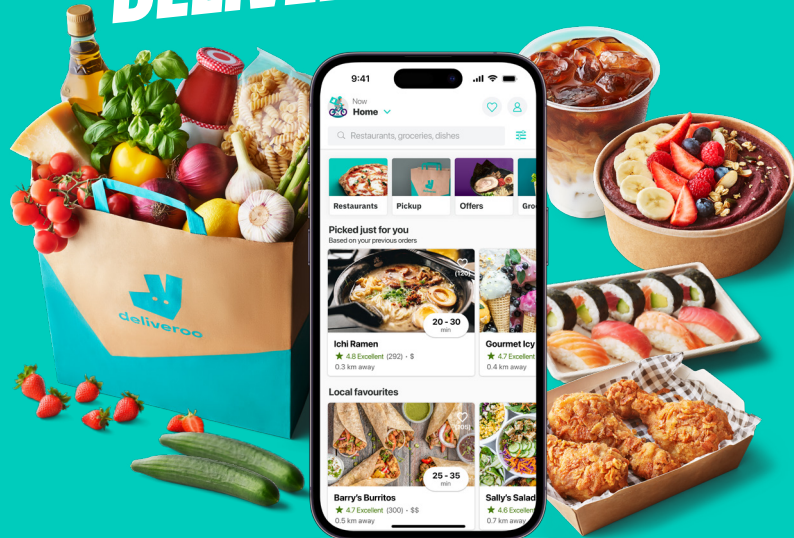
Leave it to this boutique to bring you an unlimited supply of men's shirts. Fancy a mix of printed shirts, basics and dapper formals? You've come to the right place.

Minor Miracles

For a pop of colour and cheery vibes, it's Minor Miracles to the rescue! Bold flower motifs, squiggly prints and colour block designs – you name it, the brand has it.



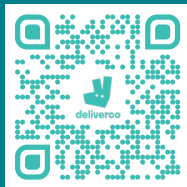
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Insta-worthy boutique hotels



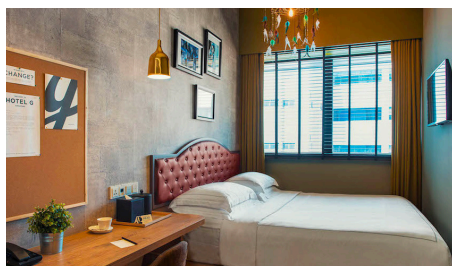
From luxury chic rooms to cosy lofts, these stylish boutique hotels boast one-of-a-kind experiences.

If you're tired of the big hotel scene, head to boutique hotels in Singapore for alternative stays without sacrificing lush comforts. Live it up in your plush room and maximise all those fancy hotel facilities. It's perfect for everyone – from modern minimalists to rendezvous-seeking couples.



The Warehouse Hotel

This former warehouse from 1895 has been meticulously restored. It now boasts a sleek, modern design. Think double high ceilings, peaked roofs, and authentic industrial details. Be sure to visit the rooftop infinity pool during your stay! It's the perfect place to people-watch and soak in views of the riverbank.

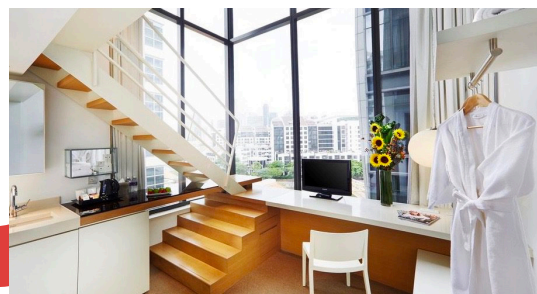


Hotel G

Okay, we might be a little biased cause Hotel G is home to Ginett, a beautifully affordable French restaurant. But food aside, this hotel deserves its own fanbase. Rooms may be petite, but the eclectic interiors are wonderfully unique with grey walls, wooden furnishings, and bright accents.

Lloyd's Inn

Sleek, airy, and minimalist – you'll fall in love with Lloyd's Inn. It's one of Singapore's most Instagrammable boutique hotels. The facilities are limited, but we can't refuse its clean, mostly white palette which juxtaposes the foliage that surrounds the building. If you can't decide which room to book, we recommend The Big Sky Room for its inviting loft-like vibes.



Studio M Hotel

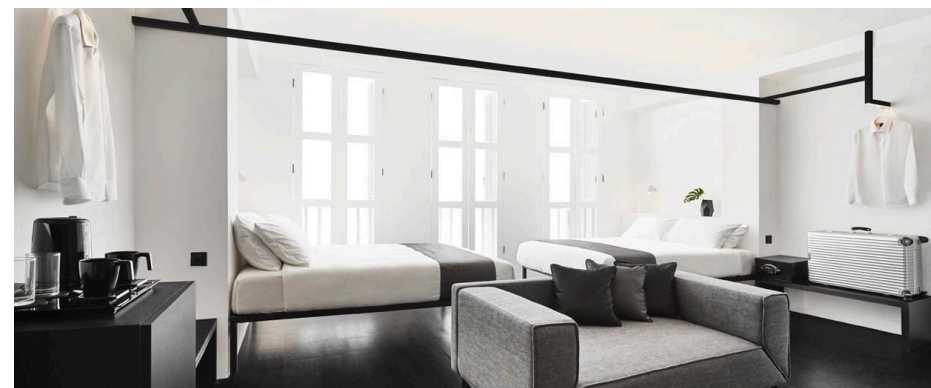
Studio M ranks high on our list of relaxing boutique hotels. Its location in Robertson Quay offers the best of two worlds. It's in the middle of riverside cafes and quiet brunch spots, and a mere walking distance from the buzzing Clarke Quay. But with the lofts kitted out in minimalist designs, you might not even want to leave the comforts of your room.

The Vagabond Club

The Vagabond Club knocks the boutique hotel game out of the park with its Parisian swank factor. Each room is a super swish, boudoir chic haven of tranquility. If you're a jazz-lover, take yourself to The Whiskey Library & Jazz Club. The quartet jazz group will play soulful tunes to entertain and inspire you.

Hotel Mono

Hotel Mono is housed within six shophouses in the heart of Chinatown. Much like its name, the entire space is decked out in a monochromatic and minimalist fashion. It also retains the building's original charms with airwells and Rococo-era windows. The rooms are spacious enough to fit a family of five.



Singapore's coolest cafes for all your cafe-hopping adventures

Head this way for good food, great coffee and picture-perfect aesthetics.

For sweet teeths: Sunday Folks

This famous cafe has it all: sleek decor and Insta-worthy desserts. Indulge in soft-serve ice cream and pair your scoop with crispy waffles – that's the quintessential Sunday Folks experience.



For a quiet escape: Wheeler's Estate

Wheeler's Estate is every cafe-hopping, latte-sipping, brunch-loving foodie's dream come true. It's set on lush greenery in a cluster of beautifully restored colonial bungalows at Seletar Aerospace Park – need we say more?



For a chill afternoon: Chye Seng Huat Hardware

This sought-after Jalan Besar hangout is home to Singapore's first 360-degree coffee bar. If the heat's getting to you, sit down for a bottle of cold brew coffee and enjoy brunch treats.



For fantastic baked goods: Tiong Bahru Bakery

The iconic bakery is one of our top spots for French pastries. Try hot sellers such as the croissants and the kouign amann, which look almost too good to eat.

For all things matcha: Hvala

Boasting teas such as matcha, hojicha and genmaicha, this minimalist cafe helps you find your inner calm. Sip on lattes, ice blends and cold brews, or try the lovely cakes and tarts.



For an icy break from the heat: Creamier

The simple cafe is one of our go-tos for two of our favourite things: ice cream and coffee. We love it for the popular Earl Grey lavender ice cream!

For amazing brews: Bacha Coffee

Experience a dash of Moroccan culture at Bacha Coffee's posh space. With single-origin coffees, flavoured coffees, fine blended coffees and naturally decaffeinated coffees, you'll be spoilt for choice.



For your caffeine fix: Percolate Coffee

Percolate is an unpretentious joint for coffee connoisseurs, stocking a decent range of beans from all over the world. Stop by for brunch and your daily cuppa.

For gorgeous decor: Merci Marcel

Looking for rustic, authentic French cuisine? You'll be saying "merci" to Merci Marcel for its stunning ambience and a vast selection of good food.

For top-notch salads and sandwiches: Sarnies

If you're yearning for an Australian-style hipster cafe, this is your place. Head to the CBD hotspot for breakfast and lunch – you'll fill up on coffee and great grub.



Stunning restaurants in Singapore for every occasion

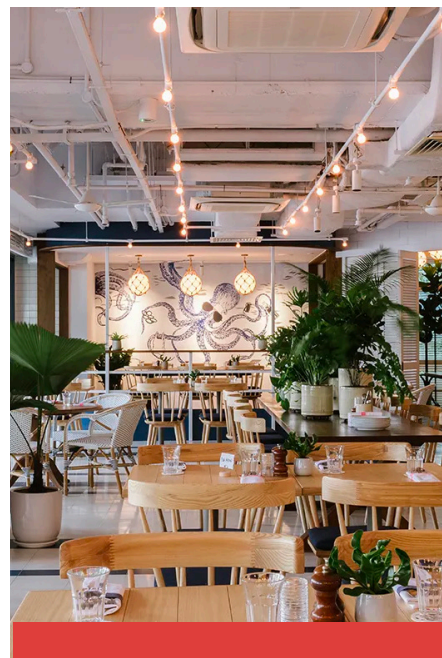
With all sorts of cuisines in the spotlight, you'll never run out of extraordinary food!

Romantic restaurants for a fairytale date

Nothing says romance like French fare in an elegant setting. At [Claudine](#), you'll settle on plush banquettes with your partner, or take a seat at the bar and admire the original stained glass window of this old colonial chapel.

Love a good waterfront restaurant? [Monti](#) is an absolute stunner for a memorable night out. Cosy up to your partner in between bites of Italian-Tuscan cuisine, then head up to the open-air rooftop terrace for alfresco views and cocktails afterwards.

A grand historic building tucked away in the greenery of Telok Blangah Hill, [The Alkaff Mansion](#)'s multi-concept dining concept houses classy resto Una, our fave pick for modern Spanish cuisine with a focus on the Basque region.



Kid-friendly restaurants for fun times with the family

[Bayswater Kitchen](#), overlooking the marina at Keppel Bay, boasts a light and bright space, breezy outdoor dining area and cool nautical styling. Plus, it has a great kids' menu and activities like foosball and ping-pong!

For unobstructed views of the city, head to [Arbora Hilltop Garden & Bistro](#). The menu features Western classics and Asian dishes, plus refreshing craft beers and botanical-inspired drinks.

Brunch on the beach with a pool and sand between your toes? Only at [Ola Beach Club](#)! It's super family-friendly, housing a nursing room, nappy-changing facilities, toddler-sized kid-friendly tables and a playpen for the littlies.

Communal dining for big group celebrations

Looking for gluten-free options? [The Butcher's Wife](#) is a natural wine bar and kitchen nestled within Tiong Bahru. It's the perfect dinner spot of choice if anyone in your group has diet sensitivities.

Planning a day at the beach with your group of friends? Ditch the picnic mats and head to [Foc Sentosa](#). It's all about chill vibes, beautiful views and delicious plates of seafood, meat, paella and dessert.

Pizzas are the ideal communal food! Riverside restaurant [Publico Ristorante](#) does them in wood-fired style. It's great for sharing, and when paired with sublime meat dishes and fab cocktails, you're in for a fantastic night.





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