

The Gateway to Asia, Australia & New Zealand





Premier holidays



Top tips:

Book the Footsteps of Raffles tour for an introduction the city and a taste of colonial Singapore

Enjoy a sunset drink on the Marina
Bay (try Over Easy, 1 Fullerton Rd)
and watch the laser show in front of the
Marina Bay Sands Hotel
(every Friday 8pm:9.30pm & 11pm)

Wear sunscreen! Even when it's cloudy, the sun is strong

Take advantage of \$20 to spend at Chiangi Airport when flying with Singapore Airlines – please ask for details

Taxis and the MRT are both cheap and reliable so getting around is easy. Buy an MRT card for \$\$5 and top up when you need to.

Singapore

Rich in heritage and proudly encompassing a multitude of cultures and nationalities, this vibrant and cosmopolitan city offers a refined taste of Asia, just waiting to be explored.

A fantastic Asian fusion of incredible food, heritage, shopping and natural beauty; Singapore represents a wonderful variation of cultural diversity. Home to an array of luxurious hotels, world class shopping and the finest amenities this clean and sophisticated city is equally abundant in natural beauty, wide open spaces and stunning surroundings to be enjoyed. An ideal gateway to Asia's varied destinations, Singapore offers an opulent taste of the Far East, and is perfect for a city break or stopover as part of a larger multi-centre itinerary. Singapore is constantly evolving beyond the cultural treasures from new state-of-the-art attractions to fusion cuisine

and sleek rooftop bars. With so much to be discovered, Singapore is your first stop towards the perfect Asian adventure.

•Botanical Gardens



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2 days in Singapore

A brief overview of the city visiting some of the core attractions

During day one we recommend you take a half day city tour, as it's the perfect introduction to the Garden City, with a visit to the iconic Raffles Hotel and a riverboat cruise included. During the evening head to lively Clarke Quay where you can dine al fresco at one of the many restaurants. On day two explore the award-winning horticultural attraction Gardens by the Bay.

3 days in Singapore

Just enough time to see the key attractions and absorb the culture

We'd still suggest a city tour on your first day as it gives a real taste of what Singapore has to offer, and if time allows, also include a ride on the Singapore Flyer and drink in the breathtaking views. For a unique start to day two visit Singapore Zoo for breakfast with the orang-utans, then spend the rest of the day exploring one of the world's best zoos. If you prefer, just stay the morning then head to Orchard Road for some retail therapy. On day three make your way to the bustling narrow streets of Chinatown, Kampong Glam or historic Little India; where you'll discover vibrant culture, incredible shopping and a mouthwatering fusion of food.

4 days in Singapore

Offers the perfect opportunity to explore further into the city

Four days allow time to visit lesser known areas and to experience Singaporean life like a local. Spend the first couple of days exploring Singapore's famous sights, either by joining a city tour or taking advantage of the excellent public transport options and sightseeing independently. If you have a head for heights you could take a 'tree top walk' through MacRitchie Reservoir or hop on the cable car to Sentosa Island where diverse attractions await including Universal Studios Singapore. Try the 600-metre long Rainforest Walking Trail at Singapore's Botanic Gardens for beautiful scenery or pick up a bargain at the Chillax Market - an upscale flea market.

There's also ample time for sampling some authentic local cuisine, so be sure to try a delicious street food dish at the Tiong Bahru Market, or a bowl of Char Kway Teow noodles at Zion Road's Riverside Food Centre. As the sun goes down there are an abundance of sleek bars offering innovative cocktails, and if you're a lover of the arts, don't miss Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay which offers concerts, dance performances, Shakespeare and so much more.

January & February are arguably the best months to sit – it's still hot but with a refreshing breeze in the evenings.

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Not to be missed:

In this vibrant and bustling city, a calm and serene afternoon at Raffles is an absolute must. Try a Singapore Sling and sample the indulgent afternoon tea for an authentic and delicious experience. The colourful cuisine of the Hawker centre should also not be missed!

Singapore offers a multitude of things to see and do, with a wide range of options available to suit every nature lover, culture vulture or food fanatic. There's not only an abundance of top attractions within the city's main areas - from Sentosa, Marina Bay Sands and Raffles to China Town and Little India; but also hundreds of hidden gems to discover off the beaten track. With an excellent public transport network of buses, taxi's and efficient MRT underground system, you'll have no problem navigating around the city – although it's also very easy to get around on foot.

Our experienced Travel Consultants have a wealth of knowledge when it comes to Singapore, and each have their own recommendations for exploring the city. To narrow down the selection, we have suggested our must-see points of interest across the city designed so that you can choose your perfect combination of sights and stops.



Marina Bay Sands

Packed with leisure opportunities galore, this iconic integrated resort houses just about everything from bars and restaurants to shops, a cinema, a casino, an ice-skating rink and of course the famous Marina Bay Sands Hotel. Visit the rooftop pool for a drink and enjoy the fantastic view over the city.

Gardens by the Bay

This stunning amalgamation of lush greenery, rare plants and buzzing activities offers an all-encompassing experience for the whole family. Don't miss the glass biomes, themed gardens and the magnificent Supertrees.

Sentosa

Boasting a sheltered beach, two golf courses, Fort Siloso Military Museum, 15 hotels and the famous Resorts World Sentosa (featuring the iconic theme park Universal Studios Singapore) the popular island resort of Sentosa is a primary attraction for adventure seekers. Nicola Payne in our Faraway Reservations Team recommends Sentosa for: "Families with children, teenagers, groups of friends or simply just for couples who want to add an extra bit of adventure to their Singapore stay."

Lau Pa Sat

Striking 19th century architecture, history and scrumptious cuisine combine to great effect at the grande dame of Singapore markets. An ideal place to sip on an ice-cold beer and enjoy a plate of Hainanese chicken rice.

Raffles

This iconic world-class hotel is a must for any visit to Singapore. Choose to indulge in an opulent hotel stay, take afternoon tea in style or simply enjoy a Singapore Sling in the Long Bar and follow tradition by dropping the peanut shells onto the floor. Ironically, tradition dictates the shells are dropped on the floor when littering is an offence in Singapore! Either way, it will be a visit to remember.

Chinatown

A story of Chinese heritage, Singapore's historic Chinatown is a bustling mix of old and new; filled with traditional shops and markets as well as cool stores and cafes. Fill your boots with fantastically authentic Chinese cuisine and get lost in the mix of shops and temples.

Clarke Quay

A fantastic, bustling area filled with a vast selection of bars and restaurants to explore. Don't miss out on Boat Quay either – take a boat ride from here around the marina and stop for lunch by the waterfront.

Singapore Flyer

Try a ride on the Singapore Flyer at Marina Bay for stunning views stretching over the city. On a clear day you can also see Malaysia and Indonesia.

Explore the secrets of the city with the award-winning The Original Walks®. Join expert guides to walk unusual routes and see the real heartbeat of Singapore.



Not to be missed:

Spend an afternoon exploring one of Singapore's unique ethnic quarters or lunch at a tasty Peranakan restaurant

Tiong Bahru

An old world paradise within this cosmopolitan bubble, the quaint art-deco streets of Tiong Bahru are packed with funky cafes, vintage boutiques and time-honoured food markets and are well worth a visit.

Little India

The buzzing ethnic district of Little India is packed full of vibrant culture and great shopping. Head to Tekka Market for a taste of authentic roti prata or unique souvenirs.

Dempsey Hill

Once occupied by a deserted British army barracks, this area has been totally transformed, offering chic restaurants, trendy bars, cool bistros and hip art galleries.

Chinese Garden

A piece of imperial China found within the west of Singapore. Admire the natural beauty of the Chinese and Japanese gardens, explore the floating wetlands and sevenstorey pagoda, or take part in a treasure hunt for a day of family fun.

Pulau Ubin

Gravel roads, lush forests and abundant wildlife, Pulau Ubin is a living showcase of 1960s Singapore. The island may only be 10 minutes by ferry from Singapore, but it's a world away from the shopping malls and glitzy hotels.

Bras Basah Bugis Precinct

Known as the arts and heritage district within

Singapore's Civic Centre, the Bras Basah

Bugis Precinct plays host to a selection

of museums and monuments - plus the

wandering between the shops and taking

advantage of the 'designer' bargains. "It's not

Joanne Cook, Senior Sales &

and I love the local atmosphere.

shopping market is great for local produce.

Marketing Executive has spent many afternoons

as touristy as some of the other shopping areas

Haji Lane

Known to be the best shopping haunt in the Arab Quarter of the city, Haji Lane is filled with independent, multi-label boutiques and stores, each offering a trove of chic options to try.

Duxton Hill

By day Duxton Hill is a fine example of traditional
The country's oldest museum offers a broad shophouse architecture and a great place for a stroll. After dark, discover the variety of fine restaurants and lively bars.

Night Safari

Explore the East and West Loop of Singapore after dusk from the comfort and safety of a tram; spotting nocturnal species in their natural habitat, from fierce predators to timid forest dwellers. Following the tram ride, your tour guide will lead you on a walking trail where you will be able to view some of the animals at closer quarters. It comes highly recommended by Sally Galenski, Faraway Reservations.

MAD - Museum of Art & Design

Situated in a private gallery space on Tanglin Road, the Museum of Art and Design features extraordinary pieces of contemporary art.

Changi Museum

Singapore's wartime history during the Japanese Occupation is emotionally explored at the Changi Museum. a must for any keen historian.

National Museum of Singapore

insight to the traditional history and culture that make up Singapore.

Katong/Joo Chiat

Immerse yourself in Peranakan culture along with a wealth of good food.

MacRitchie Reservoir Park

With hiking trails through the forest, the incredible TreeTop Walk and kayaks or canoes to rent, this 29 acre haven is a playground of nature for lovers of the great outdoors.

> Get to know Singapore's vibrant Peranakan community at the highly recommended Peranakan Museum, filled with fine artefacts and fun exhibits.





Do try:

Chilli Crab is one of several
Singaporean delicacies, and is not
to be missed. This local dish is
comprised of soft, sweet crab meat
and a thick tomato sauce, a mouth
watering combination!

Singapore is one of the best foodie destinations in Asia and a reflection of its cultural diversity can be seen in the array of local cuisines on the menu, including Chinese, Malay, Indian and Peranakan. Every taste and budget is catered for right across the island, from unpretentious and affordable local street fare to culinary gems created by Michelin-starred chefs.

In recent years Singapore has become a world-class nightlife hub with a diverse set of options be it a sleek bar for an intimate tête-à-tête; rooftop bars where you can enjoy a bespoke tipple and picturesque views, to big name clubs and a growing array of microbreweries.

So take your taste buds on a culinary adventure and sample some of Singapore's fabulous food and drink. We have recommended a few of our favourites based on our own experience but there is so much available - we could go as far to say you can't have a bad experience!

Satay by the Bay Singapore hawker Street food of Singapore

No Signboard Seafood

A popular haunt with locals, No Signboard Seafood (414 Geylang Road) is a great place to experience a taste of delicious chilli crab – and don't forget to order a batch of their golden, fried mantou to soak up the tasty sauce.

Tian Tian Hainanese Chicken Rice

Long queues regularly form in front of Tian Tian Hainanese Chicken Rice stall (Maxwell Food Centre). This simple yet delicious dish features tender chicken, fluffy rice and chilli sauce.

Loof

Fans of rooftop bars will appreciate the laidback vibe at Loof (331 North Bridge Road) along with its urban garden and fantastic view of Raffles Hotel. Enjoy carefully crafted bar snacks and wash it all down with vodka-based cocktails like Singapore Sour and Bandung Bloom.

Esquina

Head to Chinatown for a taste of Spain! Esquina serves mainly modern Spanish tapas, by Chef Jason Atherton, in a unique location that is surrounded by post-war colonial buildings.

Wild Rocket

Located at trendy budget hotel Hangout @ Mount Emily, chef Willin Low serves up "Mod Sin" (modern Singaporean) cuisine.
Traditional dishes are taken apart and reassembled in delightful ways, including signature dish pesto laksa linguine with king prawns & quail egg

Hot Stones Steak & Seafood Restaurant

Natasha Denston, Senior Faraway Reservations Consultant says: "It's a fun dining experience where you cook your own meat or seafood on volcanic stone slabs."

The Naked Finn

The Naked Finn is a no-frills alfresco grill (41 Malan Road) where you can indulge in Southeast Asian flavoured seafood and bespoke cocktails.

Blue Ginger

Set in an old shophouse, Blue Ginger is the place to visit for Peranakan cuisine - a journey of rediscovery of hearty home-cooked food.

RedDot BrewHouse

RedDot Brewhouse, Singapore's first locally owned and independent microbrewery is housed in a row of old Chinese shophouses in Boat Quay. Unique craft beers, including Monster Green Lager, are complemented by hearty European cuisine.

2am Dessert Bar

Sitting in one of Singapore's most popular hang-out spots, Holland Village, this is the perfect setting for a romantic late night dessert. Sink back into the plush daybeds, or sit by the contoured bar to watch your dessert as it is prepared.





Must see & do:

Walk with your head above the trees at the TreeTop Walk within MacRitchie Reservoir Park.

Enjoy breakfast with orang-utans at Singapore Zoo

Hire a bike to explore the roads, picturesque rivers and canals that links four of Singapore's parks. While you may rightly think of Singapore as a wonderfully modern and exciting twenty first century city with luxury hotels, shopping and entertainment, you'll also find all kind of natural and wildlife attractions to be explored across the island.

Known for being a city in a garden, Singapore boasts a lot of green space, from the Botanic Gardens, Singapore Zoo, Gardens by the Bay and Jurong Bird Park to preserved rainforests, nature reserves, parks, mangroves, hiking trails and a wide variety of flora and fauna.

Discover for yourself and take a walk on the wild side in suburban Singapore!

Botanic Gardens

This lush sanctuary houses a wonderful plant collection of worldwide significance. Highlights include the National Orchid Garden, boasting the world's largest orchid display, and the Jacob Ballas Children's Garden where children can play and learn about plant life.

Southern Ridges/Henderson Waves

The Southern Ridges is a 6 mile stretch of green open spaces spanning the hills of some of Singapore's most popular parks and gardens, connected by picturesque ridges and pathways. The Henderson Waves is a distinctive wave-like structure, set 118 feet above the road connecting two hilltops and is Singapore's highest pedestrian bridge.

Bukit Timah Nature Reserve

At nearly 540 feet, this is one of the most challenging trails in Singapore. It's well worth the effort as there are wonderful views and plenty of wildlife to look out for, including long-tailed macaque monkeys.

Labrador Nature Reserve

Part of the Southern Ridges, this rich forest of biodiversity also played a part in Singapore's military history. Thriving with wildlife, it's a favourite haunt of nature lovers while history buffs can explore relics such as a World War II fort.

Fort Canning Park

For Canning was once home to Malay royalty and also the place where the British surrended to the Japanese during World War II. Today, it's full of attractions from ancient artefacts for history buffs to outdoor lawns for concerts, and greenery for nature lovers.

Marine Life Park

Dive into Marine Life Park on Sentosa Island. Comprised of S.E.A. Aquarium™ with over 100,000 marine animals and Adventure Cove Waterpark™ where all the family can plunge into wet and wild fun.

River Safari

Meander through rivers of the world, from the mighty Mississippi to the impressive Yangtze, and see over 5,000 aquatic and land animals at Asia's only river-themed wildlife park.

Chinese Garden

This tranquil patch of ancient China has a beautifully manicured Bonsai Garden, a series of stone bridges, pagodas, a tea house and fascinating Live Turtle and Tortoise Museum.

Changi Point Coastal Walk

A hidden gem, this relatively easy boardwalk route hugs the scenic Changi coastline.

Chek Jawa, on Pulau Ubin, is one of Singapore's richest eco-systems. The boardwalk along the coast is the best way to view the rich plant and marine life.



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Look out for:

Our fantastic array of Premier Plus offers which give you fabulous value or money. Offers include early booking discounts, free nights, free room upgrades and free meals.



Singapore has a reputation for quality and its large concentration of four and five star hotels, which are tailored towards discerning travellers, emphasises this. We have carefully selected some of the best hotels in Singapore to give you wide range of accommodation options across the city. From international hotel brands to good value, affordable properties, let us help you find the perfect hotel for your stay in Singapore.

Whether you opt to surround yourself with the elegance and charm of the colonial era, be in a prime position for shopping, sightseeing or nightlife, or perhaps prefer to be beside a beautiful sandy beach, Premier's top picks won't disappoint.



Shangri-La Singapore

Perfectly located just five minutes away from Orchard Road the luxurious sanctuary of Shangri-La will embrace you as you step onto its grounds. Unwind in the quiet gardens, relax poolside or pamper yourself at Singapore's first CHI, The Spa. Choose from accommodation across three wings ranging from the contemporary Tower Wing, the tropical Garden Wing to the luxurious Valley Wing. Great for legendary Asian hospitality.

From £129 per person per night



Marina Mandarin

The impressive Marina Mandarin welcomes you with a distinctively majestic atrium which soars through 21 levels of the hotel. Enjoying an excellent location in the heart of the city, the hotel has direct access to the Marina Square Shopping Mall, Suntec City Mall and is within walking distance of the latest attractions including Gardens by the Bay, ArtScience Museum and The Esplanade-theatres by the bay. A magnificent hotel, the Marina Mandarin promises a lavish stay in a prime location.

Great for a lavish stay in a prime location.

From £107 per person per night

Raffles

Probably the world's most famous hotel, Raffles Singapore is an intoxicating blend of luxury, history and colonial ambiance. Liveried doormen usher you into the grand lobby and you're transported to a more elegant age of marble colonnades and period furnishings, while the seamless service and attention to detail is completely of our time. Exclusive, historic and one of a kind, a stay at Raffles will live long in the memory. Great for a never-to-be-forgotten indulgent treat.

From £267 per person per night



Park Hotel Clarke Quay

Fronting the historic Singapore River, Park Hotel Clarke Quay cuts a distinctive silhouette with its colonial-inspired classic architecture. Vibrant dining and entertainment options are close by along with an MRT station giving easy access to all Singapore. Rooms feature large bay windows that unravel scintillating views while the inviting pool overlooks Clarke Quay's waterfront promenades and is the perfect spot to unwind. Great for experiencing the lively riverbank nightlife.

From £79 per person per night



Shangri-La's Rasa Sentosa Resort & Spa

Singapore's only true beachfront resort is conveniently linked to mainland Singapore by a causeway. Lying beside idyllic Siloso Beach and overlooking the South China Sea the resort is within easy reach of numerous attractions including Universal Studios. Leisure and sporting options abound for the young and young at heart or you can, of course, simply relax poolside or head to the spa for indulgent pampering. For those seeking island life in the city, this is the perfect hotel. Great for a short family break.

From £112 per person per night



Village Hotel Bugis

Situated in the Arab Street and Kampong Glam district, while a mere stone's throw from Bugis Village and Little India, this great value hotel is at the crossroads of Singapore's Arab, Peranakan and Indian enclaves. For those who love to shop there's an abundance of small boutiques in the surrounding side streets and the hotel is also linked to a three-storey shopping mall. Great for exploring Singapore's rich cultural flavours.

From £59 per person per night



Hotel Jen Orchardgateway Singapore

Right in the heart of Orchard Road there's lots to see and do within walking distance of the front door, or you can hail a cab, catch the bus or hop on the MRT to reach numerous landmarks and attractions. There's a stunning rooftop pool where you can soak up panoramic skyline views, or even book an indulgent massage on a poolside cabana, while guest rooms are spacious and bright with a host of thoughtful touches.

Great for a friendly, fun and fuss-free stay.

From **£83** per person per night



Singapore cruise hub

Useful information:

Singapore's two separate cruise

Star Cruises, Holland America Line and cruise lines using smaller ships use the Singapore Cruise Centre.

The mega ships of Celebrity, Cunard, Princess and Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines depart from The Marina Bay Cruise Centre.

As the gateway to South East Asia Singapore is the homeport of choice for numerous cruise lines which leave year round for exotic locations near and far.

Whether you prefer a voyage aboard a more intimate, boutique ship or a larger vessel with facilities galore, you're sure to find a cruise departing Singapore to suit your needs.

The Singapore Cruise Centre is situated at the Sentosa HarbourFront Precinct while the new Marina Bay Cruise Centre is at Marina Bay, both boast excellent facilities and promise a seamless experience.

Enjoy a few nights in Singapore and then set sail around South East Asia...



Gems of Indonesia Cruise

Enjoy time ashore in Singapore before and after this Celebrity Millennium 14 night voyage, which visits islands of Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia.



Vietnam & Philippines Cruise

Set sail from Singapore on Celebrity Millennium and explore intriguing Vietnamese cities, the bright lights of Hong Kong, beautiful beaches in the Philippines and incredible wildlife in Borneo.



Singapore - the options

Ideally located at the heart of South East Asia, Singapore is not just a cruising hub, it's the ideal place from which to take off and explore the charms and attractions of neighbouring countries.

While perfect as a city break destination alone, or the ideal stop off point en route to Australia and New Zealand, there are also endless Far East or Arabian options to combine with Singapore to create the holiday of your dreams.

We specialise in tailor-made, so we can create your perfect holiday encompassing as much or as little as you wish, here are just a few ideas....



Singapore Formula 1

The Singapore Grand Prix is an event not to be missed for Formula One enthusiasts! The night time race takes place in September on the streets of Marina Bay so is easily walkable from the Singapore Flyer. Race tickets also include concerts on the Saturday and Sunday, 2015 headliners are Pharrell Williams, Maroon 5 and Spandau Ballet.

Popular for a city break or combined with a few nights relaxing on Sentosa Island.



Singapore & Bali

Spend three nights exploring the cosmopolitan city of Singapore before flying onwards to Bali for ten nights to relax beside a beautiful beach.



Singapore & New Zealand

Soak up the sights and sounds of Singapore, before heading to New Zealand for a 14 night escorted coach tour and one night stay in Christchurch.



Singapore & Vietnam

Spend a few nights in the exciting city of Singapore before flying onwards to Ho Chi Minh City for four nights and then unwind for six nights at Ho Tram.



Singapore & Koh Samui, Thailand

Combine a stay in Singapore sightseeing, shopping and savouring the culinary delights before flying onwards to the idyllic island of Koh Samui, Thailand.



Dubai, Singapore, Australia & Fiji

Dubai beckons first with two nights, before a taste of the Orient and two nights in Singapore. Head down under for a four night stay in buzzing Sydney before spending five nights in stunning Fiji.



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