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NEW & NOTED

ONG SHUNMUGAM



Internationally lauded for her thoughtful reworks of trad Asian prints and cuts with mod twists, Priscilla's thoughtful and ultra-wearable label is guaranteed to turn heads. Think delicate yet bold cheong sams and mismatched batik prints. Book ahead for RTW or bespoke frocks.

#01-76 / 43 Jalan Merah Saga / +65 6252 2612 / 12pm-7pm Tue-Sat / ongshunmugam.com

D. BESPOKE



Hushed, handsome, dark teak and leather furny-filled, Ginza-style vault, cultivated by dapper Japanese mix meister Daiki Kanetaka. Off-beat, vintage cocktails are meticulously mixed using fortified spirits like almanac, calvados and sherry, and served in custom-made Kimura glassware.

2 Bukit Pasoh Rd / +65 8141 5741 / dinner-late Mon-Sat / dbespoke.sg

LE LABO



NYC's scents-ational olfactory cult fave Le Labo has finally landed on Singaporean shores with its flagship in Orchard's megawatt designer-plex Ngee Ann City. Stock up on candles, perfumes and other decadent goodies. Oui oui!

#B1-31 / Ngee Ann City / 391 Orchard Rd / +65 6235 6129 / 10am-9:30pm daily / lelabofragrances.com

SPAGO



Take pre-or-post-prandials on the terrace bar with THAT view before sampling Greg Bess' Cali-meets-global land and sea creations. Top spot for date night or to seal-the-deal.

Level 57 / Sands Skypark Tower 2 / 10 Bayfront Ave / +65 6688 9955 / open daily / wolfgangpuck.com

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THE COCONUT CLUB



For hawker-style fare without the sweat and strip lighting, beeline to this hip convivial cubby tucked between the bars of Ann Siang and Club Street. The simple menu stars Nasi Lemak and a handful of sides, plus craft brews, organic wines or a zingin' fresh lime juice to go with. Shimmy over early for dinner to avoid queuing.

28 Ann Siang Rd / $+65\,6635\,2999$ / 11am-9.30pm Mon-Sat, 11am-3pm Sun / the coconutclub.sg

MOTT 32



Michy-starred Chef Lee Man-Sing brings Hong Kong's mod-Chinese cuisine to Singapore in opulent surroundings. Think lush foliage, plush seating, moody lighting and sexy ambience, especially for dinner. Don't miss the sell-out Peking duck, always a crowd-pleaser.

B1-42-44 / 2 Bayfront Avenue / Galleria Level / The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands / 5pm-11pm daily / mott32.com

SENTOSA GOLF CLUB



Singa's spiffiest golf club has two 18-holers. Both are scenic with harbour or sea views and challenging, but Serapong has the edge (it hosts the Singapore Open). Tip: Advanced bookings required.

27 Bukit Manis Road / +65 6275 0022 / open daily / sentosagolf.com

MT FABER



Don't bother walking unless you're prepared to sweat. Do a loop around the mountain in a cab, then walk up for 360-degree views at the Point or down to the Sentosa cable car.

Tip: The cable car drop-off point is inconvenient, so do yourself a favour and grab a taxi to get back into town.

109 Mount Faber Road / Faber Peak / +65 6377 9688 / 10.30am-7pm daily / onefabergroup.com

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SINGAPORE EVENTS



FROM BRUSH TO LENS: EARLY CHINESE PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIOS IN SINGAPORE Until 3 May

Housed in historic Sun Yat Sen Nanyang, the 20th century villa-museum is showcasing a breathtaking 90 artefacts featuring photographs taken from the early Chinese, European, and Japanese studios that make up the Lion City's rich history.

Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall / 12 Tai Gin Road / +65 6256 7377 / 10am-5pm Tue-Sun / sysnmh.org.sg

FOUR HORSE ROAD 2020

Until 19 April



A performance piece of extravagant scale set across three heritage shophouses on historic Waterloo Street. Watch as 150 years of Singaporean history unfolds as a multilanguage theatre show.

The Theatre Practice / 54 Waterloo Street / +65 6337 2525 / practice.org.sg

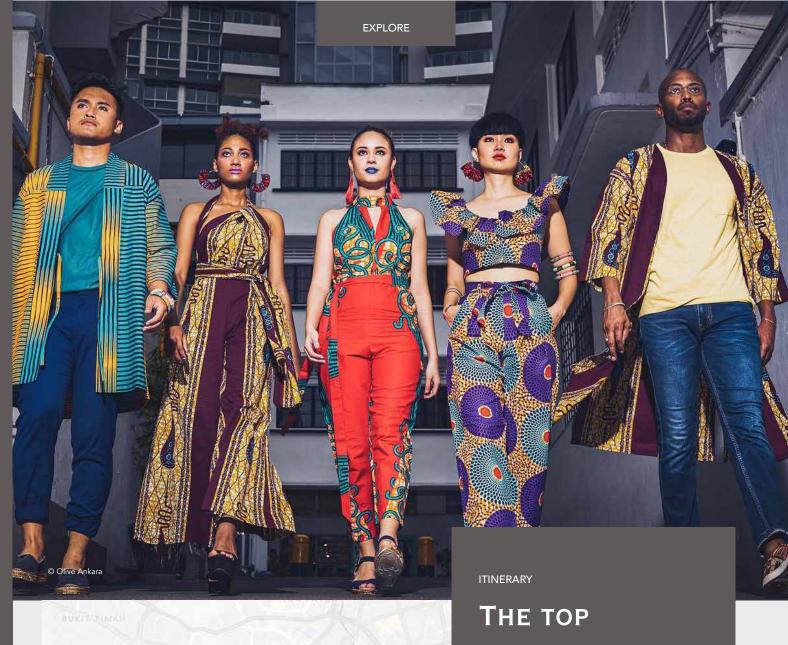
ON YOUR FEET!

5-13 June



Inspired by the life and love story of Gloria Estefan, a starstudded list of directors, choreographers, and playwrights come together for an OTT stage-story of Latin love. Caliente!

Sands Theatre / Marina Bay Sands / 10 Bayfront Avenue / baseentertainment.com.sg



DAY 1 ORCHARD DAY 2 TIONG DOWNTOWN BAHRU CHINATOWN

DESTI'S FOR A **FASH-FORWARD** WEEKENDER

Make like a local and shop til you drop, it's the Lion City's national sport, after all...

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LUXE











And you will be, when spruced up in their sophisti, structural w/wear. The architectural but wearable aesthetic extends to the minimalist store, also home to cute minime threads and indie lifestyle whatnot.

LUNCH

CRYSTAL JADE GOLDEN PALACE

Cantonese and Teochew-style fine dining in a glitzy setting. It's packed like a village mule for family dim sum on the weekends, but the moody dark interiors and OTT chandeliers make it a sweet spot for dinner, too. Tip: Beware weekends when it can be buggy central.

House of Anli

Venture inside the notoriously yummy mummy mall for this darling bistro-meets-furny store where Belgian designer Anne-Jean stacks a très chic edit of European tableware, linens, flatware and decor. The bistro serves excellent coffee and food both virtuous and indulgent – leave room for the flourless chocolate cake.

Tip: Poor acoustics means it's anything but quiet during lunchtimes. Anne-Jean also offers bespoke interior design service by appt.

SUNSET

MANHATTAN

Swanky, masculine, velvet n' lacquer imbiber with mirrored ceilings, Chesterfields and a glowing bar. The artisanal American spirits are all aged in their very own rickhouse, so only serious libationists need apply. Gussy up glam, Pam.

ESCENTIALS

Don't get lost in the depths of mega-mall ION. Instead, hop to Escentials, a zen-like, curated treasure-trove of beauty editors' faves. From niche Nordic skincare like Verso to Sephora-esque classics, they've got you covered. Fab perfume selection too.

Tip: Visit Paragon outlet a few doors down to avoid the ION madness.

AFTERNOON

DESIGN ORCHARD

Step away from Orchard's big-name labels at this trove of Singapore talents. Browse the collection of more than 60 local labels repping artisanal bib-bobs to furniture and fashion, seek out good value sunnies at Rocket Eyewear, create your own fragrance at Oo La Lab, indulge in bean-to-bar Benns Chocolates, squeeze into sustainable swimmers by August Society, and get the world's comfiest travel leather dress shoes by Another Sole Buy1Feed1.

BADGER & FOX

Grown-up gal's paradise shelving a one-of-a-kind global edit of fashion, beauty and home brands. Amid the metallic jute rugs, Turkish bath towels, quirky tableware, floaty kaftans and peek-a-boo lingerie are SALT's swoonsome organic treats – who wouldn't feel better after a spritz of Mermaid Face Oil?

DINNER

FAT COW

Forget the Medical Centre address and focus on the fabulous steaks putting the ooh into umami at this Japanese teppanyaki grill. Private rooms are available, but book a counter seat to catch the action.

Tip: Get the cocktails.



with its signature sourdough, lovingly crafted by ex Per Se and Tartine baker Emerson. Also fresh out of the oven are Danish rye, banana bread and sarnies, plus fancy toast made with housemade mascarpone, sustainably sourced honey, topped with crushed walnuts and bee pollen no less. Ripper coffee and great for brekkie, lunch, and everything in between.

Tip: Never mind the hips, wrap your lips around the 'morning bun' – a delicious croissant-style cinnamon bun.

MAISSONE

Pic-perfect boutique with gorg homewares to pimp your pad. Think indie designed earthy ceramics, hand-screened cushions, metallic planters, soothing artworks and lots of gifty bits and bobs.

AFTERNOON

CAT SOCRATES

Eccentric, Nippon-tinged cabinet of curiosities packed to the rafters with designery knick knacks, trinkets, homewares, accessories, stationery by Singaporean and SE Asian talents.

DEGIOSART

Swoon over owner Giuseppe's personal cache of Asian textiles, furny, arts n' antiquities, and swoon again as the charming Italian tells you the stories behind them. What started as a personal rug fetish has evolved into an enviable stash of Tibetan carpets and Buddhist sculptures collected on travels around Asia and Australia.

Tip: Second showroom at CT Hub #08-27, 2 Kallang Ave. By appt only.

BOOKS ACTUALLY

Small, indie, bibliophile bolthole packed to the rafters with local and int'l fiction, poetry and classics, plus rare editions and even Singaporean lit. Retro-ish stash of kitsch knick-knacks for sale at the back and a decent stock of stationery.

LUNCH

POR KEE EATING HOUSE

Finger-lickin', decorum-destroying caramelly Champagne ribs and outstanding Teochew flaves are cooked for all-day ramjammed crowds at this buzzy car park lark in nostalgic nabe Tiong Bahru. Inside has air con, outside has atmos.

OLIVE ANKARA

Designer Olive takes boldly printed African textiles and crafts them into Asian-inflected cheongsams, crop-top and skirt sets, jumpsuits and signature 'afromonos', perfect for throwing on in artic aircon. Delightful mini-me range too.

DINNER

MERCI MARCEL

Local It-gals go Insta-nuts for this photogenic, boho-meets-Parisian eatery in hipcat nabe Tiong Bahru. Weekend brunch gets packed, so go early, or better still, go mid-week for relaxing vin and fromage on the alfrisky patio.



Rack up karma points at The Social Space for fair trade jewellery, candles, and artisan ceramics. After all that shopping, reward yourself with a smoothie bowl at the cafe and finish by splashing out at neighbour The Nail Social for an eco-mani. Top marks, you!



CLOUDSTREET

Chef Rishi Naleendra distils his native Sri Lanka into beautifully plated mod-Euro dishes accompanied by a wine list that mixes the greats with under-the-radar indie makers. The seductive setting is all Persian carpets, hanging gardens and gauze-clad chandeliers brought to life by the buzz of the open kitchen. Frock up and pack an appetite. Tip: Try lunch for a more wallet-friendly option. While the wine-pairing is excellent, the non-booze pairing is also worth checking out for its unusual options.

DINNER

TANJONG BEACH CLUB

Relax after a long day of beating the hordes with sundowners, beach and poolside views at this sand-side club.

Q MENSWEAR

Modern dandies need not wilt in the tropics with Chong Hang San's suave one-stop shop for off-the-peg or tailored apparel, shoes and accessories.

AFTERNOON

OD WELLNESS

Post lunch, nip into this cheap and cheery Chinatown haunt to get your trotters tweaked and shoulders kneaded. Ask for a heated rice pillow while having your tootsies tended, ahhh!

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