

3-day Itinerary in Singapore

In town for a short while? Shop, eat, and play with this detailed 3-day itinerary and enjoy the best of Singapore.



One of Singapore's oldest neighbourhoods, Tiong Bahru exudes a unique blend of modern and traditional, with indie boutiques and hip restaurants like Bincho.

Day 1: Explore the city



♥1 Kampong Gelam

Morning

Start your day with breakfast in **Kampong Gelam**. This conserved area is where Malay royalty once resided, and is steeped in rich culture and history.

Endless rows of eateries offering Indian-Muslim creations abound here. To wake your taste buds up with a classic Singapore-style breakfast, drop by **Singapore Zam Zam Restaurant** for *prata* (South Indian flatbread) and a side of fish curry.

Then explore Haji Lane—a hipster haunt littered with indie outlets that stock vintage clothing and knick-knacks—such as retro-inspired boutique **Grammah**.



♥2 Civic District

Afternoon

Come midday, you'll want to make your way to the **Civic District** to have lunch at **Raffles Hotel** on Beach Road. Pop by the Mediterranean-themed **Osteria BBR**—by acclaimed French chef Alain Ducasse—and take a post-lunch stroll around the hotel to admire its awe-inspiring colonial-era architecture.

Then, pay a visit to the **National Gallery Singapore** to marvel at the world's largest public display of

modern Southeast Asian art.

♥3 Singapore River

Evening

Just before dinner, hop on a traditional bumboat (operated by **Singapore River Cruise**) and get to know the historic **Singapore River**, and areas like Boat Quay, Clarke Quay, and Robertson Quay. Hop off and head to Clarke Quay to check out its colourful array of dining options and nightlife offerings.



1 **Kampong Gelam**
3 Muscat Street, Singapore 198833

2 **Civic District**
150 North Bridge Road, Singapore 179100

3 **Singapore River**
10 Eu Tong Sen Street, Singapore 059815



Afterwards, head to [Highlander Bar & Restaurant](#) for single malt whiskies and live music.

Day 2: Visit neighbourhoods



4 Katong-Joo Chiat

Morning

For brunch, pop by [Group Therapy café](#) in the vibrant neighbourhood of Katong for Western comfort food like truffle fries and smoked salmon bagels.

If you're still feeling peckish, you'll be able to experience the Katong-Joo Chiat delightful contrast of modern and traditional by indulging in the pastries at [Dona Manis Cake Shop](#) (the banana pie is a hot favourite).

You can spend the rest of the morning exploring the area which is known as the 'home of the Peranakans*'.
 *The term is an Indonesian/Malay word that means "local born", which generally refers to people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage.



5 Chinatown

Afternoon

Make your way to Chinatown and head straight to [Maxwell Food Centre](#) for must-try local creations like chicken rice from the well-loved [Tian Tian Hainanese Chicken Rice](#), as well as an ice cold glass of sugarcane juice from any of the countless drink stalls to quench your thirst.

For the rest of the afternoon, discover Chinatown on foot. Must-sees include its rich culture and history—visit the majestic [Buddha Tooth Relic](#)

[Temple & Museum](#). Then, indulge in traditional Chinese desserts like bird's nest soup at [Mei Heong Yuen Dessert](#)—these treats make for a great afternoon snack (plus it's an excellent way to beat the heat).



6 Tiong Bahru

Evening

Next, hop into a cab and cruise over to [Tiong Bahru](#) for dinner and drinks.

This may be one of Singapore's oldest neighbourhoods, but it's worth visiting to see how old meets new in Singapore. Get a table at [Bincho](#), a *mee pok* (flat yellow egg noodles) stall by day and yakitori joint and bar by night. Have a meal (and a drink or two) there before checking out [Curated Records](#) for cool vinyl records.



4 **Katong-Joo Chiat**
113 East Coast Road, Singapore 428803

5 **Chinatown**
2 Banda Street, Singapore 059962

6 **Tiong Bahru**
Tiong Bahru Road, Singapore 168731

Day 3: Be in nature (plus a spot of shopping)



7 Singapore Botanic Gardens

Morning

Begin your day with a visit to the [Singapore Botanic Gardens](#).

Enjoy lush gardens, peace and tranquility at this 150-year-old green destination—which happens to be Singapore’s first UNESCO World Heritage Site—and don’t miss highlights like the National Orchid Garden which is home to the largest orchid display in the world, this attraction boasts over 60,000 plants and orchids.



8 Orchard Road

Afternoon

After spending the morning amidst the gardens, switch the pace up a little and head to one of Singapore’s major shopping districts, like [Orchard Road](#). Here you’ll find a mix of high-end international brands, local labels, and everything in between.

Drop by places like [Paragon](#) for luxury brands like Gucci and—if you’re curious about wares uniquely made in Singapore—pay a visit to Design Orchard.

The latter is a vibrant retail hub that boasts designs and bespoke creations from some of Singapore’s finest artisans and craftspeople.

The [Marmalade Pantry](#) at ION Orchard serves up excellent Western creations like truffled field mushroom risotto and indulgent desserts such as sticky date and toffee pudding.



9 Bugis Street Market

Evening

To soak in the urban buzz of Singapore’s busy streets, pay an evening visit to the Bugis and Little India neighbourhoods. What was once a thriving district with a colourful past is now famed for its trendy stores. The charming businesses along winding Bugis Street are great places to score some shopping bargains.

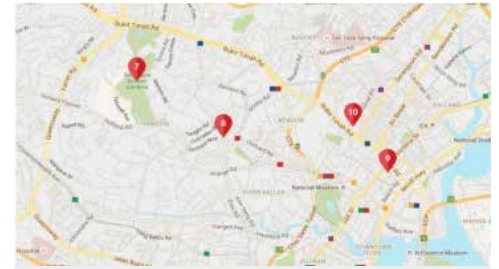


10 Little India

When night falls, make a beeline for the ethnic enclave [Little India](#), a colourful district peppered with spice shops, jewellery stores, and flower vendors.

For dinner, tuck into mouth-watering South Indian food such as popular local delicacy fish head curry at [Banana Leaf Apolo](#). If you’re looking for more shopping options, check out [Mustafa Centre](#)—a shopping complex that sells just about everything you can think of. Best of all, it’s open 24/7.

Three days may seem like a short time, but with this guide, that’s certainly not the case. Now that you’re in the know, go forth and explore the city with ease!



7 **Singapore Botanic Gardens**
1 Cluny Road, Singapore 259569

8 **Orchard Road**
437 Orchard Road, Singapore 238878

9 **Bugis Street Market**
3 New Bugis Street, Singapore 188867

10 **Little India**
60 Bukit Timah Road, Singapore 229900