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HOTEL BUGIS

Experience a slice of bustling Singapore right at the doorsteps of Village Hotel Bugis. With hundreds of shops, restaurants, promenades and even a bazaar selling some of the cheapest knick knacks in town, this handy guide helps you Live like a Local and get the most out of the colourful streets of Bugis.

# EXPLORE Bugis

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Welcome to this vibrant food haven. Do not be misled by modest shopfronts, as some of the most popular favourites in town are located here. Embark on a culinary journey and enjoy the delicious food available.



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### Singapore Zam Zam Restaurant 🚶 2-min walk

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#### MUST TRY

*Murtabak* with Sardines or Mutton

#### LOCAL SLANG

*Murtabak* (a local flour pancake stuffed with egg, onion and meat), *Nasi Bryani* (mixed rice dish made with spices, lentils, meat and vegetables), *Roti Prata* (pan-fried flour-based savoury pancake)

### Rich and Good Cake Shop 🚶 5-min walk

Whether you prefer the *kaya* or the durian swiss roll the full-bodied layers of cream or durian flesh will convince you that this cake shop truly lives up to its name.

#### MUST TRY

*Kaya* Swiss Roll

#### LOCAL SLANG

*Kaya* (coconut egg jam)

### Blanco Court Prawn Mee 🚶 6-min walk

Shelled prawns? Jumbo prawns? Prawns with pork ribs? Be spoilt for choice with the many variations to choose from at one of the best places to have *hae mee*. The rich soup broth and lingering sweet aftertaste will leave you craving for more!

#### MUST TRY

Order a side serving of *ngoh hiang* to complete your meal

#### LOCAL SLANG

*Hae Mee* (prawn noodles), *Ngoh Hiang* (an assortment of deep fried spicy meat roll and prawn fritters)



Photo credit: Faith

## Maison Ikkoku Cocktail Bar 5-min walk

Grab your *kakis* and head over to this intimate café that offers quality coffee by day and amazing cocktails by night. Head up to the second floor and enjoy a heartfelt conversation over a handcrafted cocktail mixed especially for you.

### MUST TRY

Cocktail handcrafted by the mixologist

### LOCAL SLANG

*Kakis* (close friends or buddies)



## Bar Stories 3-min walk

Feeling *sian* after a long tiring day? Head down to this quirky bar located amidst the rows of shophouses at the hip Haji Lane. Their intriguing no menu approach will definitely lighten up your mood as you get served with your own custom drink!

### MUST TRY

Ask for a special cocktail

### LOCAL SLANG

*Sian* (bored or frustrated)



## Smile Dessert 6-min walk

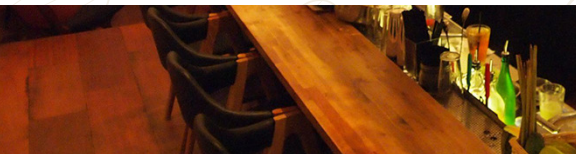
Standing right across Bugis Junction is a 3-storey pink-themed café for you to jio your friends to take Instagrammable photos and Tik Tok videos. Meantime, fuel your sugar level with a variety of desserts – such as Korean Bingsu, traditional Chinese desserts, and the oh-so-colourful fruit and milk teas!

### MUST TRY

Mango Ice With Rice Ball  
Yogurt Strawberry Smoothie

### LOCAL SLANG

*Jio* (to invite)



Test your bargaining skills at this popular shopping strip in Singapore. It will be worth your while to compete with other shopping enthusiasts to get the best value for your dollar. If you can't find it here, it'd be tough finding a better deal elsewhere.



Photo credit: singapore-guide.com

### Bugis Street 🚶 6-min walk

Let the wide selection of shopping merchandise at Bugis Street meet your every shopping need. Having undergone a new facelift and several upgrading phases, Bugis Street currently houses about 800 shops, making it the largest street shopping location in Singapore. Get your bags ready to *borong* it all!

#### MUST TRY

Korean-themed shops on Level 2

#### LOCAL SLANG

*Borong* (local Malay slang for excessive spending)

### Haji Lane 🚶 2-min walk

Discover Haji Lane, a street away from the Sultan Mosque. Stocked with independent boutiques, stylishly cool secondhand clothing stores and quirky food outlets, this is *confirm chop* one of the best one-stop spots to shop and dine in Singapore.

#### MUST SEE

Street art on the walls

#### LOCAL SLANG

*Confirm chop* (guarantee)



### Arab Street 🚶 1-min walk

Visit the many small shops on Arab Street that sell everything from Persian carpets to lace, kain batik, semi-precious stones and an assortment of handicrafts. You are sure to find a unique buy in this little piece of Singapore's Middle East.

#### MUST SEE

Exquisite fabrics on display

#### LOCAL SLANG

*Kain batik* (traditional wax-resist dyeing technique applied to cloth)

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When you are done with the shops, take in the rich heritage of the arts and heritage district in Singapore's civic centre. Besides being a shopping paradise, Bugis also houses several architectural sites that preserve the culture of days past in Singapore.



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### Malay Heritage Centre 7-min walk

Trace the history and material culture of the Singapore Malays as well as their contributions towards nation-building. Built 160 years ago by Sultan Ali, the son of Sultan Hussein Shah, the Istana Kampong Glam is home to the Malay Heritage Centre. *Jalan-jalan* through the sprawling grounds to explore the artefacts, murals and multimedia displays across nine galleries.

#### MUST SEE

English guided tours  
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#### LOCAL SLANG

*Jalan-jalan* (sight-see)

### Jamal Kazura Aromatics 3-min walk

While specialising in alcohol free Arabic perfumes, this store also stocks a dazzling array of fragrances from the Middle East, France, India and beyond. In addition, for a small fee, the perfume maker can help you create your own signature scent!

#### MUST SEE

Glass shelves lined with vials of natural oils from around the world

### Masjid Sultan 3-min walk

Pay a visit to one of Singapore's most impressive religious buildings - *Masjid Sultan*. Its massive golden dome formed out of many glass bottles collected by devotees is a great sight to behold. Be sure to check out the main prayer hall that can hold up to 5,000 worshippers. Please dress conservatively and remember to remove your footwear before entering the prayer hall.

#### MUST SEE

Dome base formed out of glass bottles

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(Sultan Mosque)



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## Alamak

Exclamation to express when one makes a mistake

Eg. *Alamak, I forgot my passport!*

## Shiok

Tastes or feels good

Eg. *This burger / massage is so shiok!*

## Lah

Used at the end of sentences to indicate tone of anger or agreement

Eg. *Yes lah... / Yes lah!*

## Wah

Exclamation to express shock or disappointment

Eg. *Wah lao! / Wah lao... How could he do that?*

## Leh

Used at the end of sentences to sound more placating in a disagreement or to persuade

Eg. *No leh... / Yes leh, he did leh. / Go leh.*

## Order drinks like a Local

Singapore has a well-established *kopitiam* (coffee shop) culture that many locals hold close to their hearts.

Kopi in Singapore is made from Robusta beans, which have on average 83% more caffeine than standard arabica coffee! The beans are roasted in a wok with butter or margarine with sugar, enhancing the coffee's flavour.

You may notice quirky practices, particularly during order takings for beverages. Here is a guide to acquaint you with some of the unique terms Singaporeans use when ordering their preferred drink!



## Directions to Village Hotel Bugis

### Train

**EW12 DT14** Bugis (5-min walk)

### Bus

▲ 2N, 4N, 48, 57

### Car/Taxi

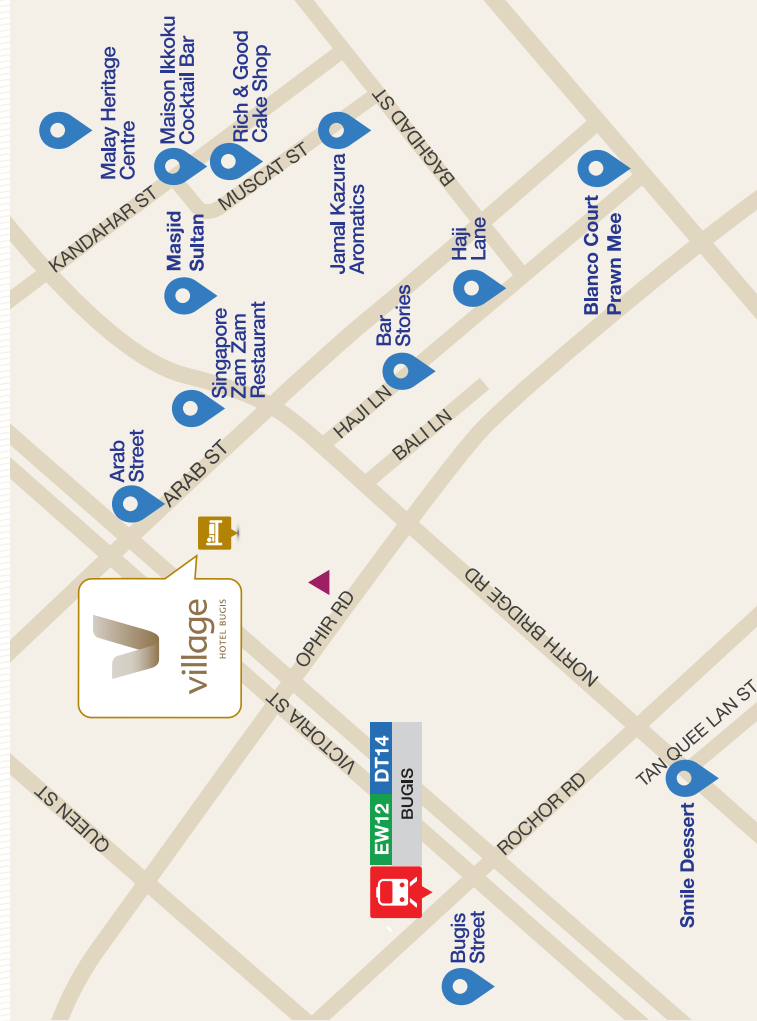
10 mins from the city centre  
25 mins from Changi Airport

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## Opening Hours



### Singapore Zam Zam Restaurant

 7am – 11pm  
 699 North Bridge Road



### Bar Stories

 Tue - Sun : 5pm - 10.30pm  
Closed on Mondays  
 55/57A Haji Lane

### Smile Dessert

 Mon - Sun : 11am - 6am  
 534 North Bridge Rd, #01-01



### Arab Street

 Opening hours of shops vary; best to head down between 12pm - 7pm  
 Arab Street



### Bugis Street

 12pm - 10pm  
 3 New Bugis Street

### Masjid Sultan

 Mon - Thu : 10.30am - 12pm  
2pm - 3.30pm  
 3 Muscat Street

### Blanco Court Prawn Mee

 Mon, Wed - Sun : 7.30am - 4pm  
Closed on Tuesdays  
 243 Beach Road



### Rich and Good Cake Shop

 Mon : 10.30am - 5pm  
Tues - Sat: 9am - 5pm  
Closed on Sundays  
 24 Kandahar Street



### Maison Ikkoku Cocktail Bar

 Tue - Thu: 5pm - 10.30pm  
Fri : 4pm - 10.30pm  
Sat - Sun : 11.30am - 10.30pm  
 20 Kandahar Street, Level 2



### Haji Lane

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 Haji Lane

### Jamal Kazura Aromatics

 Mon - Sun : 10am - 6pm  
 21 Bussorah Street

### Malay Heritage Centre

 Tue - Sun : 10am - 6pm  
Last admission at 5.30pm  
Closed on Mondays  
 85 Sultan Gate

Note: Opening hours subject to change due to pandemic.





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*A message from your  
friendly Village Chiefs -  
Alvin Teo and Rachel Tan:*

"We have specially curated this Village Passport to guide you in exploring a variety of Muslim-friendly establishments and gastronomic experiences. After having personally tried the food recommendations, we must say, the mouth-watering goodness was bursting with decadent flavor and kept us going back for more. After your meal, we recommend you to take a stroll through the many offerings around our hotels that can offer you a glimpse of the rich history and heritage of Singapore. During your stay with us, we invite you to join us to Eat, Play and Explore like a local."

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Embark on a gastronomical adventure by visiting the many culinary gems that are halal-certified, located just minutes away from the hotel.



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Beef Rendang

Photo credit: Expat Choice

### Hjh Maimunah Restaurant

🚶 2-min walk

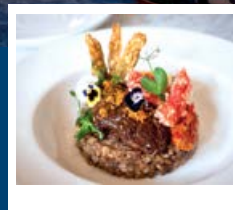
Invite your kakis and head over to this Michelin Guide award-winning Halal restaurant. Feast on sumptuous muslim cuisine such as grilled chicken, beef rendang, lemak siput and tahu telur.



### Permata Singapore

🚶 5-min walk

Inspired by the trade in the 1920s, where diamonds and gemstones were sold in Kampong Gelam, Permata which means jewel in Malay is the Progressive Nusantara Cuisine Restaurant at Gedung Kuning. Located at the former historic mansion Gedung Kuning at Kampong Gelam, Permata Singapore launches a progressive Nusantara cuisine showcasing the vibrant diversity, indigenous ethnic flavours, highlighting classic Nusantara dishes presented in a modern way.



#### MUST TRY

Nasi Ulam Cakerawala

Photo credit: Permata

Discover the rich historical neighbourhood where old traditions and trendy lifestyle come together.

### Bussorah Street

🚶 5-min walk

Previously known as Sultan Road, Bussorah Street is uniquely regarded as the heart of Kampong Glam. Parallel to Haji Lane and Arab Street, you can also find many quaint halal eateries and one-of-the-kind souvenirs shops along this picturesque street.

### Kampong Glam

🚶 10-min walk

Situated near to major malls like Bugis Junction and Bugis+, Kampong Glam however is nothing like its neighbours. Surrounded by skyscrapers, the area is made up of preserved shophouses which serve as nostalgic remnants of Singapore's earlier days.

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### Ramadan Bazaar

Each year, during the Ramadan period, all Singaporeans regardless of race or religion will flock to the Geylang Serai Ramadan Bazaar to treat their appetite and shopping craze with traditional and trendy food, fashion, and lifestyle products. Do look up if your trip coincides with the Ramadan period, you will not want to miss this annual event while you are here!

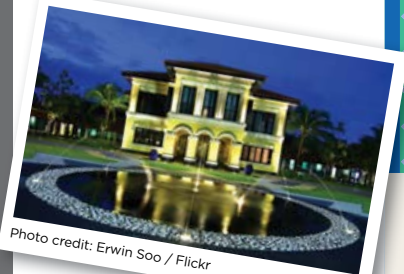


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#### ANDES by ASTONS

🚶 4-min walk



Choose to dine-in or order take out at this halal-certified restaurant serving affordable steaks and western cuisine.



Photo credit: ANDES by ASTONS

#### Changi Village Hawker Centre 🚶 3-min walk

Home to many notable hawker stalls and famous for being a Nasi Lemak haven, be spoilt for choice as you feast your eyes on the affordable food spread.

#### MUST TRY


International Muslim Food Stall Nasi Lemak #01-03,  
Mei Xiang Goreng Pisang #01-51



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### Smith Marine

 10-min ferry

Singapore's first halal floating 'kelong' restaurant! Escape from the hustle and bustle of city life for a rejuvenating experience while dining in the open sea. If you have already caught your own snapper or seabass, you can even bring it to them to cook it for you.

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### Changi Beach Park

 4-min walk

Explore the many offerings of one of Singapore's oldest parks, such as cycling and roller skating, learn about its storied past as the site of the Sook Ching Massacre (1942), or even simply take a walk and enjoy the gentle sea breeze.

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A nature lover's heaven, head to the east to discover the diverse habitats and see Singapore's last-remaining kampong (traditional village).



Changi Point Coastal Walk  4-min walk

Take a leisurely stroll along Changi's scenic coastline via a boardwalk that's not known to many. Divided into six distinct sections, the 45-minute walk begins from Changi Creek (near Civil Service Club) and stretches all the way to Changi Point.

### Pulau Ubin

 10-min ferry



Take a bumboat ride back to the 1960s! Pulau Ubin is an island touted as Singapore's last kampong, which offers activities such as guided walks, wildlife spotting and cycling. Get the most out of life in the slow lane as you pedal through rustic roads, explore trails and feast on fresh catches of the day.

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## Sian

Show lack of enthusiasm or boredom

*E.g. Sian I am very tired today. / Eating this again? Sian.*

## Alamak

Exclamation to express when one makes a mistake

*E.g. Alamak! I forgot my passport!*

## Lor

Used at the end of a sentence to express resignation or finality

*E.g. Ok lor*

## Lah

Used at the end of sentences to indicate tone of anger or agreement

*E.g. Yes lah... / Yes lah!*

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# The Village Guide to Prayer Facilities

Singapore offers plenty of mosques and convenient musollahs (designated prayer rooms in public spaces) should you need to perform your daily prayers. All mosques provide a dedicated female prayer and ablution area with privacy as well as female prayer garments.

## Find Nearby Prayer Facilities in the Vicinity

### Masjid Al-Istighfar

2 Pasir Ris Walk,  
Singapore 518239

### Singapore Zoo, River Safari & Night Safari

80 Mandai Lake Road,  
Singapore 729826

### Sultan Mosque

3 Muscat Street, S198833

### Masjid Kassim

450 Changi Road,  
Singapore 419877

### Masjid Darul Ghufuran

503 Tampines Ave 5,  
Singapore 529651

### Masjid Malabar

471 Victoria Street,  
Singapore 198370

### Hajjah Fatimah Mosque

4001 Beach Road,  
Singapore 199584



### Changi Airport

Terminal 1 - Level 3, Departure Transit Hall  
Terminal 2 - Level 3, Departure Main Building  
Terminal 3 - Level 2, Departure Transit Hall  
Terminal 4 - Level 2M, Departure Transit Hall

### Musollahs



Scan the QR code  
to locate musollahs  
around Singapore

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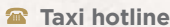
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## Directions to Village Hotel Changi



### Train

**EW2** Tampines

33-min ride from the station via bus 29



### Bus

- ▲ Bus 29 can be taken from Tampines Bus Interchange to reach Village Hotel Changi



### Car/Taxi

30 mins from the city centre  
20 mins from Changi Airport



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