

LIVE LIKE
A LOCAL



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HOTEL BUGIS

From our friendly Village Chief -
Rachel Tan

"We've personally taste-tested the food recommendations, and let me tell you, the flavors are truly out of this world! Get ready for mouth-watering goodness that will have you coming back for more.

But the adventure doesn't stop there! After your culinary journey, use your Village Passport to explore the vibrant offerings surrounding our hotels. Immerse yourself in Singapore's rich history and heritage, just steps away from your comfortable haven.

Ready to embark on a delicious and enriching adventure? Simply ask our friendly staff about your Village Passport at check-in. We can't wait to welcome you and help you discover the hidden gems Singapore has to offer!"

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

Behold the culinary magic of one of Singapore's best known Indian-Muslim restaurants. Take your pick from their aromatic *nasi briyani*, to meaty *murtabak* and authentic *roti prata*. They've been serving these up for more than 100 years!

MUST TRY

Murtabak with Sardines or Mutton

LOCAL SLANG

Murtabak (a local flour pancake stuffed with egg, onion and meat), *Nasi Briyani* (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

🚶 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)



Goodwill Cafeteria

🚶 2-min walk

Overall, Goodwill Cafeteria appears to be a local gem for those seeking a taste of home-cooked comfort food at a reasonable price. If you're in the vicinity of Golden Landmark Shopping Complex and Village Hotel Bugis, and craving a casual and affordable meal, Goodwill Cafeteria might be worth checking out.

MUST TRY

Fried Rice and Lotus Root Soup with Pork Ribs (莲藕汤)

LOCAL SLANG

Makan (food or eat)

EAT
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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.



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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)

PLAY
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ALOCAL

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.



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

🚶 5-min walk

Jalan-jalan to Our Lady of Lourdes Church and step inside to be captivated by the soaring ceilings, stunning stained-glass windows depicting biblical scenes, and a calming atmosphere. This popular pilgrimage site offers a place for prayer and experiencing rich Catholic tradition in Singapore, making it an architectural landmark perfect for a peaceful retreat and cultural appreciation.

MUST SEE

The Replica of the Lourdes Grotto

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

LOCAL SLANG

Masjid Sultan
(Sultan Mosque)



The Village Guide to SINGLISH

Singlish is a language unique to Singapore, which blends elements of English, Chinese, Malay and Tamil. It is a central expression of the cultural and historical background of Singapore.

Try incorporating some of these Singlish words into your conversations to speak like a local!

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

Taxi hotline

Comfort Taxi +65 6552 1111
SMRT Taxi +65 6555 8888
Limousine Cab +65 6535 3534

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police	999
Fire & Ambulance	995
Non-Emergency Ambulance	1777
Village Hotel Bugis	6297 2828



Opening Hours

Singapore Zam Zam Restaurant

OPEN 7am - 11pm
699 North Bridge Rd

Bar Stories

OPEN Sun - Thurs : 5.30pm to 11.30pm
Fri - Sat : 5.30pm to 12am
55/57A Haji Lane

Goodwill Cafeteria

OPEN 8.30am - 8.30pm
585 North Bridge Rd

Arab Street

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

Bugis Street

OPEN 10am to 10pm
261 Victoria St

Masjid Sultan

OPEN Mon - Fri : 9am to 5.30pm
Sat: 9am to 12pm
Closed on Sundays

Blanco Court Prawn Mee

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

Rich and Good Cake Shop

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

Maison Ikkoku

OPEN Sun - Tues : 6pm to 11pm
Wed - Thurs : 6pm to 1am
Fri - Sat : 6pm to 2am
20 Kandahar St, Level 2

Haji Lane

OPEN Opening hours of shops vary; best to head down between 12pm - 7pm
Haji Lane

Jamal Kazura Aromatics

OPEN Mon - Sat : 9.30pm to 6pm
Closed on Sundays
21 Bussorah St

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

OPEN 24 hours
50 Ophir Rd

Notes: Opening hours may vary

