## LIVE LIKE A LOCAL



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# EXPLORE Albert Court

Create a more memorable stay by exploring the vibrant culture of Little India just steps away from your room. This handy guide takes you on a walk around Village Hotel Albert Court and helps you live like a local through a melting pot of food, retail and recreational options in the area.

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BAT

Go on a gastronomical adventure as you tantalise your taste buds with the variety of cuisine around Serangoon Road. From aromatic Indian curries to melt-in-yourmouth Chinese desserts, visit the many culinary gems just minutes away from your room.

#### **Komalas Vilas**

Serangoon Rd

Savour the flavours of South and North Indian vegetarian cuisine as you feast on sumptuous *thali* meals, delicious *dosais* and aromatic South Indian *chai* in an authentic setting.

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#### MUST TRY Thali, Masala Cha

LOCAL SLANG Thali (South Indian rice m served on freshly cut band Dosais (Indian pancake m

fermented batter), Masala chai (flavourful black tea brewed with milk and a mixture of Indian spices like ginger, cardamom and cinnamon)

76 - 78 Serangoon Road 7:00am - 10:30pm 10-min walk T: 6293 6980

ILAS VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT

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#### Rochor Original Beancurd

Battle the large local mob who patronise this cosy dessert corner and reward your patience with the famous silky smooth beancurd. It is a popular local sweet dessert made from soya beans and enjoyed by the young and old alike. Have it hot or cold and add *you tiao* to eat like a local.

#### MUST TRY Beancurd with a 'butterfly' fritter

LOCAL SLANG You Tiao (fried dough fritter)

- 2 Short Street
- Mon Thu : 11:00am 1:00am Fri : 11:00am - 3:00am Sat : 12:00pm - 3:00am
  - : 12:00pm 1:00am
- 🗼 3-min wall
- 🖹 T: 6334 1138



#### Muthu's Curry

Feast to your heart's content at this household name that serves a wide range of mouthwatering North and South Indian dishes, such as fish head curry, *naan*, *tandoori* chicken, and chicken *tikka*.

#### MUST TRY Fish head curry

LOCAL SLANG

Naan (leavened, oven-baked flatbread), Tandoori (roasted chicken prepared with yogurt and spices), Tikka (pieces of marinated meat usually served as an appetizer)

138 Race Course Road
 Daily 10:30am - 10:30pm
 14-min walk
 T: 6293 2389

#### Wing Seong Fatty's Restaurant

Craving for a plate of hot piping Belachan Fried Rice or Black Pepper Beef? Order a bottle of Tiger beer to go along with, and satisfy yourself at this restaurant which has a long history passed down through generations.

#### MUST TRY Homemade Tofu

- 175 Bencoolen Street #01-31 Burlington Square
- 12:00noon 2:30pm 5:15pm - 10:15pm
- ★ 4-min walk
- 🖀 T: 6338 1087



#### Sing Ho Hainan Chicken Rice

Looking for a place where you can eat like a local? Visit this no frills place and savour a plate of delicious Hainanese chicken rice. Complete your meal with a side dish of sambal kang kong and prawn dumpling soup. MUST TRY Chilli sauce to complement the chicken

- 270 Middle Road
- 💩 11:00am 11:00pm
- 🗼 5-min walk
- 🖀 T: 6336 7579

PLAY

Get the best bang for your buck from gadgets and gizmos to authentic Indian crafts and fashion products. Capture the memories of your stay with the variety of shopping venues in Little India that will leave you spoilt for choice with its variety of local keepsakes.

#### Mustafa Centre

If you are after a bargain and enjoy shopping late into the wee hours, this is the one-stop megamall for you. Get the best deals on just about everything, from clothes, perfume, souvenirs, electronics, makeup, confectionery to even food and groceries. Be warned, the traffic in this area can be quite *jialat*.

#### MUST SEE

Think of any product category (e.g. chocolates) and check out the sheer variety!

LOCAL SLANG Jialat (Hokkien term for sapping one's energy or being in a difficult situation)

145 Syed Alwi Road
 Daily 24 hours

- 🖒 17-min walk
- a T: 6295 5855



#### **Bugis Street**

Let Bugis Street meet your every shopping need with its 800 shops, which makes it the largest street shopping location in Singapore. A preferred locale for the local *kiasu* looking for the best buys.

#### LOCAL SLANG *Kiasu* (anxious not to miss an opportunity)

- 9 3 New Bugis Street
- 💩 11:00am 10:00pm
- 挤 7-min walk
- 🖀 T: 6338 9513



#### **City Square Mall**

Meet, play and shop at City Square Mall, which boasts a wide array of value-for-money merchandise and services, exciting promotional activities, street fare as well as international cuisine. *Wah!* This family-friendly 'town-centre' has an eco-playground, interactive play fountain and free kiddy cabs.

#### LOCAL SLANG Wah! (Singlish term to express delight, surprise, etc.)

- 180 Kitchener Road
- 📥 10:00am 10:00pm
  - 🖒 19-min wall
  - 🛓 T: 6595 6595

#### **Bugis Junction**

Shop to your heart's content at this one-stop shopping mall which pretty much *bao ka liao*; fashion, beauty, lifestyle, and dining options at every turn.

#### LOCAL SLANG Bao ka liao (all encompassing)

- 200 Victoria Street
- 🖢 10:00am 10:00pm
- 🛉 9-min walk
- 🖀 T: 6557 6557



#### **Arab Street**

Visit Arab Street, Singapore's little middle east that sells everything from Persian carpets to an assortment of handicrafts. Hop over to Haji Lane, a charming street that is stocked with independent boutiques, *stylo milo* thrift stores, and quirky food outlets. LOCAL SLANG Stylo milo (Singlish term which means 'stylish, fashionable')

Opening hours of shops vary 13-min walk



Enrich your stay by discovering the art, culture and heritage of Singapore through the various temples and galleries located around Albert Court.

#### Sri Veeramakaliamman Temple

Built in 1855 and extensively refurbished over the years, discover this landmark Hindu temple in Little India which displays classic Dravidian architecture and colourful statues of deities. Check out the temple at its liveliest during each of the four daily *puja* sessions.

#### MUST SEE Puia sessions

LOCAL SLANG Puja (prayer)

 141 Serangoon Road
 Mon - Thus : 8:00am - 12:00noon/ & Sat 6:30pm - 9:00pm
 Fri & Sun : 8:00am - 12:00noon/ 6:00pm - 9:00pm
 14-min walk

🖀 T: 6295 4538



#### **Kwong Im Thong Temple**

Get blessings from the Goddess of Mercy in one of the oldest temples in Singapore. Check out the late 19th century Chinese Temple courtyard architecture built in 1884. Most devotees visit the temple on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> days of each month of the lunar calendar. The temple is popular with the Chinese and is believed to bring worshippers good fortune. *Huat Ah*!

#### MUST SEE Devotees seeking divination the main hall

#### LOCAL SLANG Huat Ah (Chinese calls of prosperity)

- 9 178 Waterloo Street
- 6:00am 6:30pm, 1st & 15th day on lunar months 5:00am - 7:00pm
- 🚯 8-min walk
- 🖀 T: 6337 3965



#### Singapore Art Museum

Visit this state-of-the-art museum which houses one of the world's largest public collections of contemporary Southeast Asian artworks with growing components in international contemporary art. Check out the museum's many public programmes that offer insight into their collection and exhibitions.

#### MUST SEE The Glass Hall which has

restored to its original 1855 desigi

- 9 71 Bras Basah Road
- Mon Sun (except Fri): 10:00am to 7:00pm (Last admission at 6:15pm) Fri: 10:00am - 9:00pm (Free entry on Fri between 6:00pm - 9:00pm)
- 13-min walk
- â T: 6589 9580



### SINGAPORE SLANG

9 Singlish (Singaporean English) words to get you started.

## LAH

Used at the end of sentences to indicate tone of anger or agreement e.g. Yes lah... / Yes lah!

## LEH

Used at the end of sentences to sound more placating in a disagreement or to persuade e.g. No leh... / Yes leh, he did leh. / Go leh.



Used at the end of sentences to agree or give in e.g. Ok lor. / Go lor.

## MEH

Used questioningly e.g. No meh? / Yes meh?

## WAH

Exclamation to express shock or disappointment e.g. Wah lao! / Wah lao... How could he do that?

### ALAMAK

Exclamation to express when one makes a mistake e.g. Alamak, I forgot my passport!

## PAISEH

Sorry; used to express embarrassment or apology e.g. Paiseh, I didn't mean to knock into you.



Crazy

e.g. Šiao! That's daylight robbery.

#### SHIOK

Tastes or feels good e.g. This burger/massage is so shiok!

#### **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

WE HOPE YOU DON'T HAVE TO CALL.

 Police
 : 999

 Traffic Police
 : 6547 0000

 Police Hotline
 : 1800 2250000

Fire & Ambulance 995

Non-Emergency Ambulance

Nearest Hospital Raffles Hospital 585 North Bridge Rd Singapore 188770 Main Line (24 hours): 6311 1555



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