

LIVE LIKE
A LOCAL



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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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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)



Raffles Hospital Heritage Food Street 4-min walk

With 15 stalls offering a myriad of dishes, take the opportunity to Eat like a Local at the Raffles Hospital's Heritage Food Street.

Traditional local favourite such as chicken rice and fried kway teow, as well as different international cuisines are available at this 600-seat food court.

MUST TRY

Claypot Thunder Rice Tea

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)

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
Tue - Fri : 11am
Sat & Sun : 2pm

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)



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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 laol! / 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 (3-min walk)

Bus

▲ 2N, 4N, 48, 57

Car/Taxi

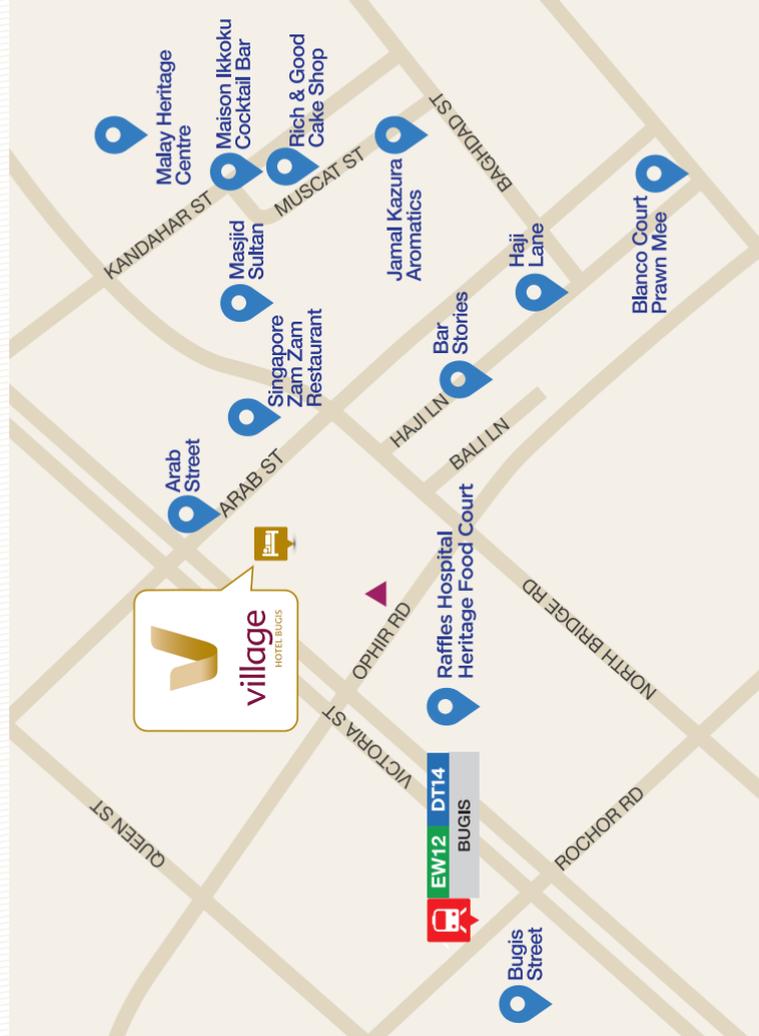
10 mins from the city centre
20 mins from Changi Airport

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 Road

Bar Stories

OPEN Sun – Thu : 4pm – 1am
Fri – Sat : 4pm – 2am
55/57A Haji Lane

Raffles Hospital Heritage Food Street

OPEN Mon – Tues : 9am – 12.30am
Wed – Thu : 9am – 1am
Fri – Sat : 9am – 2.30am
Sun : 12pm – 12am
585 North Bridge Rd

Arab Street

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

Bugis Street

OPEN 11am – 10pm
3 New Bugis Street

Masjid Sultan

OPEN Sat – Thu : 10am – 12pm
2pm – 4pm
Fri : 2.30pm – 4pm
3 Muscat Street

Blanco Court Prawn Mee

OPEN Mon, Wed – Sun : 7am – 4pm
Closed on Tuesdays
243 Beach Road

Rich and Good Cake Shop

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

Maison Ikkoku Cocktail Bar

OPEN Sat – Thu : 6pm – 1am
Fri – Sat, PH Eve : 6pm – 2am
20 Kandahar Street, Level 2

Haji Lane

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

Jamal Kazura Aromatics

OPEN Mon – Fri : 10am – 7pm
Sat – Sun : 10am – 6.30pm
21 Bussorah Street

Malay Heritage Centre

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

