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village

RESIDENCE  
HOUGANG

Take a break from the bustle of city life and discover this peaceful Singapore heartland. Situated away from the city centre, Village Residence Hougang is surrounded by a myriad of amenities and activities to enrich your stay. This handy guide will have you living like a local, exploring the quaint streets of Hougang.

# EXPLORE Hougang

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Discover Hougang's assembly of local culinary delicacies, as humble shopfronts mask the extraordinary variety of appetising dishes available. Don't take our word for it, let your taste buds decide!



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### Chomp Chomp Food Centre 🚗 8-min drive

Dine among locals at one of Singapore's famous gastronomical gems. Come evening, witness the place buzzing with patrons working their way through freshly grilled stingray, barbecued chicken wings, noodle broths and satay right before your eyes. Bring a friend along to *chope* seats!

#### MUST TRY

Barbecue  
Chicken Wings

#### LOCAL SLANG

*Chope* (reserve)

### Hatter Street Cafe 🚗 10-min drive

Go down the rabbit hole at this 'Alice in Wonderland'-inspired cafe serving waffles with local flavours such as *pandan* and *gula melaka*. From popcorn cakes to cakes filled with candy, savour some wonderfully unique desserts and leave this place mad as a hatter!

#### MUST TRY

Pandan Ice Cream  
with Gula Melaka  
Classic Whoa'ffle

#### LOCAL SLANG

*Pandan* (screwpine leaf  
extract), *Gula Melaka*  
(palm sugar)



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🚗 8-min drive

## Serangoon Gardens Bakery & Confectionery

From coconut shavings and grounded peanuts to their popular luncheon meat buns, the unique stuffing of the freshly-made buns sold at this bakery are what separates them from the competition.

### MUST TRY

Luncheon Meat Bun

### LOCAL SLANG

Order the luncheon meat bun by asking for a 'hamburger'



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EAT  
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Escape the scorching sun with an ice cold beverage or warm up with a hot latte on a rainy day. Drop by the many local coffee houses and check out some of the off-the-beaten track cafes to quench your thirst.



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### Flavour Flings 🚗 12-min drive

Feel right at home in just about the cosiest cafe in Hougang. Coffee-drinkers can rest assured that every cuppa is freshly brewed. Whether going solo or with the gang, the cafe is a great choice for quality beverages at pocketfriendly prices. Visits here are guaranteed *shio!*

#### MUST TRY

Salted Egg Yolk Fries

#### LOCAL SLANG

*Shio!* (expression of sheer delight)

### SOD Cafe SG 🚶 5-min walk

This café prides itself on serving beverages made from the best ingredients, to invigorate the health of every customer. Try one of their signature revitalising teas to be elevated to the next level of healthy living, *double confirm!*



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#### MUST TRY

SOD Almond Milk Tea  
(Ask to add “pearls” which are chewy tapioca balls)

#### LOCAL SLANG

*Double confirm*  
(used to emphasise confirmation)

### Seng Huat Coffee House 🚗 7-min drive

Grab a seat and order the classics like milky *bandung*, from this *kopitiam*. For those who prefer the familiar, off-the-shelf carbonated soft drinks are always on hand to quench your thirst!

#### MUST TRY

Iced Bandung

#### LOCAL SLANG

*Bandung* (rose syrup and milk),  
*Teh-o Peng* (iced tea with no milk /sugar), *Kopitiam* (coffee house)

EAT  
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Warm up and stretch before entering Hougang's playground! From cycling to indulging in retail therapy, there are activities for everyone to unwind.



Photo credit: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=YX4HJZ7Jif8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YX4HJZ7Jif8)

🚗 15-min drive

### Forte Bowl @ JForte Sportainment Centre

With a fusion of light, sound and sport, Forte Bowl integrates training facilities with exciting entertainment for a novel experience. Featuring 20 Brunswick Bowling Lanes with ultraviolet light effects and the latest automatic scoring software, Forte Bowl promises to be great fun for the whole family. Let the good times bowl!

Hougang Mall 🚗 10-min drive

Discover the charm of this nifty neighbourhood mall. Be spoilt for choice with the unrivaled selection of international beauty products at SASA, score a deal on value-for-money merchandise at MINISO, and when you've shopped till you dropped, enjoy relaxing foot reflexology at Kohong Health. With many other retailers, *buay pang chance*, must grab all you can!



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### LOCAL SLANG

*Buay pang chance* (cannot miss the chance/opportunity)

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 15-min drive

## Punggol Waterway Park

Enjoy a fun-filled day of leisure activities at this recreational park, built around a section of Punggol Waterway. In addition to well-maintained running and cycling tracks along the promenade, there is also a water playground for kids looking for a wet-and-wild day of fun.

### MUST SEE

Photogenic views of the waterways or flora and fauna



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Take the road less travelled and discover more about Singapore's heritage and biodiversity, through the fascinating places and activities in Hougang that will help you get in touch with your senses.



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### Airforce Museum 🚗 13-min drive

Let your imagination take flight at the Air Force Museum, where visitors can view fighter planes and helicopters up close. Learn more about Singapore's elite air force and their *zai* pilots from the range of artefacts exhibited in the museum's indoor and outdoor galleries.

#### MUST SEE

Life-sized fighter jets at the outdoor gallery

#### LOCAL SLANG

*Zai* (to be very good at something)

### Coney Island Park 🚗 17-min drive

Escape the urban gridlock and enjoy getting back into nature, by exploring the forest and mangrove habitats in this 50ha ecologically sustainable park. Challenge yourself to try and spot as many of the 80 bird species on Coney Island Park as you can!

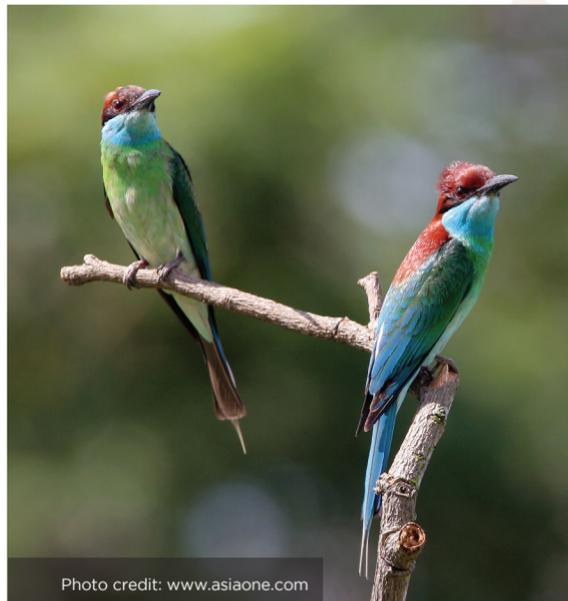


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#### MUST SEE

Migratory birds, Casuarina Exploratory

#### LOCAL SLANG

*Pulau* (island)

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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 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 Residence Hougang



**Train**



Hougang (10-min ride via bus 329)



**Bus**

- ▲ Bus stop B64081: 325, 329
- ▲ Bus stop B64089: 329



**Car/Taxi**

25 mins from the city centre  
30 mins from Changi Airport

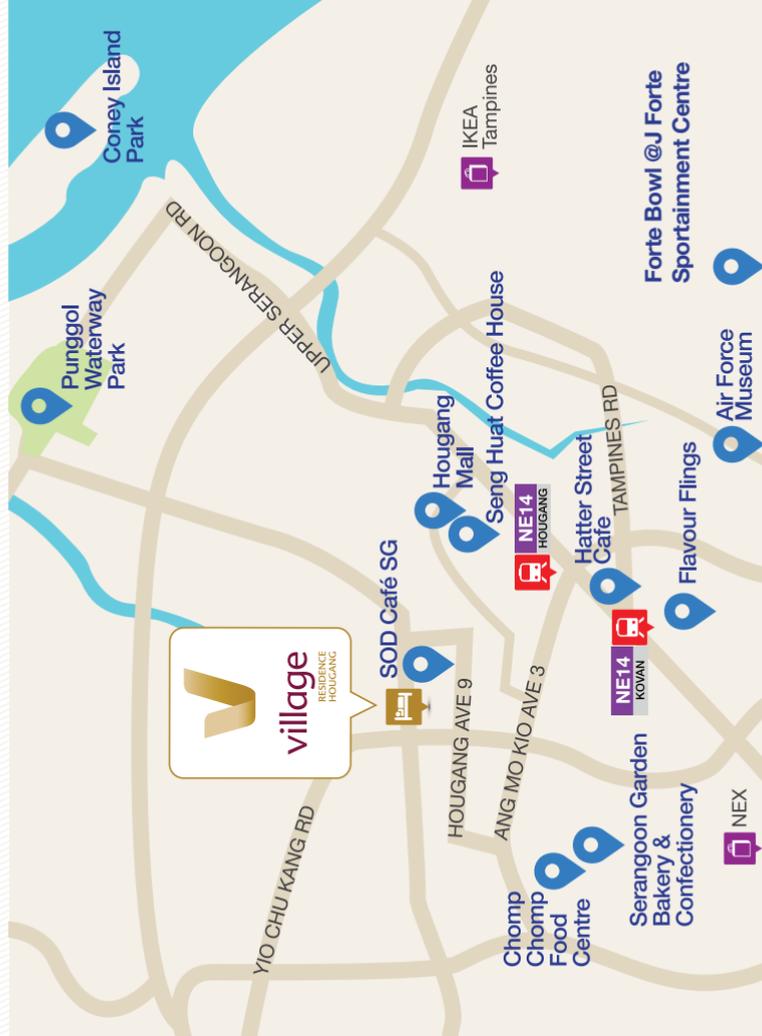


**Taxi hotline**

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 Residence Hougang	6388 3117



## Opening Hours

### Chomp Chomp Food Centre

- 5pm - 12am
- 20 Kensington Park Road

### Serangoon Garden Bakery & Confectionery

- Tue - Sun : 6.30am - 5pm  
(closes earlier if sold out)  
Closed on Mondays
- 49A Serangoon Garden Way  
#01-45, Garden Market

### Hatter Street Cafe

- Tue - Sun : 1pm - 10pm  
Closed on Mondays
- 212 Hougang Street 21, #01-333

### Seng Huat Coffee House

- 5am - 11pm
- 811 Hougang Central, #01-206

### Flavour Flings

- Mon, Wed - Fri : 11am - 4pm,  
: 5pm - 9pm
- Sat - Sun : 9am - 4pm  
Closed on Tuesdays
- 121 Hougang Avenue 1, #01-1348

### SOD Cafe SG

- 11am - 10pm
- 51 Hougang Ave 9, #01-03  
Ci Yuan Community Centre

### Punggol Waterway Park

- Park lighting hours : 7pm - 7am
- Along Sentul Crescent Road  
(cuts through Punggol Town)

### Forte Bowl @ JForte Sportainment Centre

- 10am - 1am
- 50 Hougang Ave 1

### Hougang Mall

- 10am - 10pm
- 90 Hougang Avenue 10

### Airforce Museum

- 8.30am - 5pm
- 400 Airport Road  
Paya Lebar Airbase

### Coney Island Park

- 7am - 7pm  
(Gate will be closed at 7pm)
- Next to Punggol Promenade  
Nature Walk

