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*Aerial view of Chinatown
and the Central Business District*

URBAN

*Singapore's architecture is a melding of old and new
where colonial buildings and traditional shophouses
sit next to cutting-edge skyscrapers.*



Changi Airport



One of the largest transportation hubs in Southeast Asia, Singapore's Changi Airport is the most awarded airport in the world, with accolades recognising its inspiring architecture.



Clarke Quay



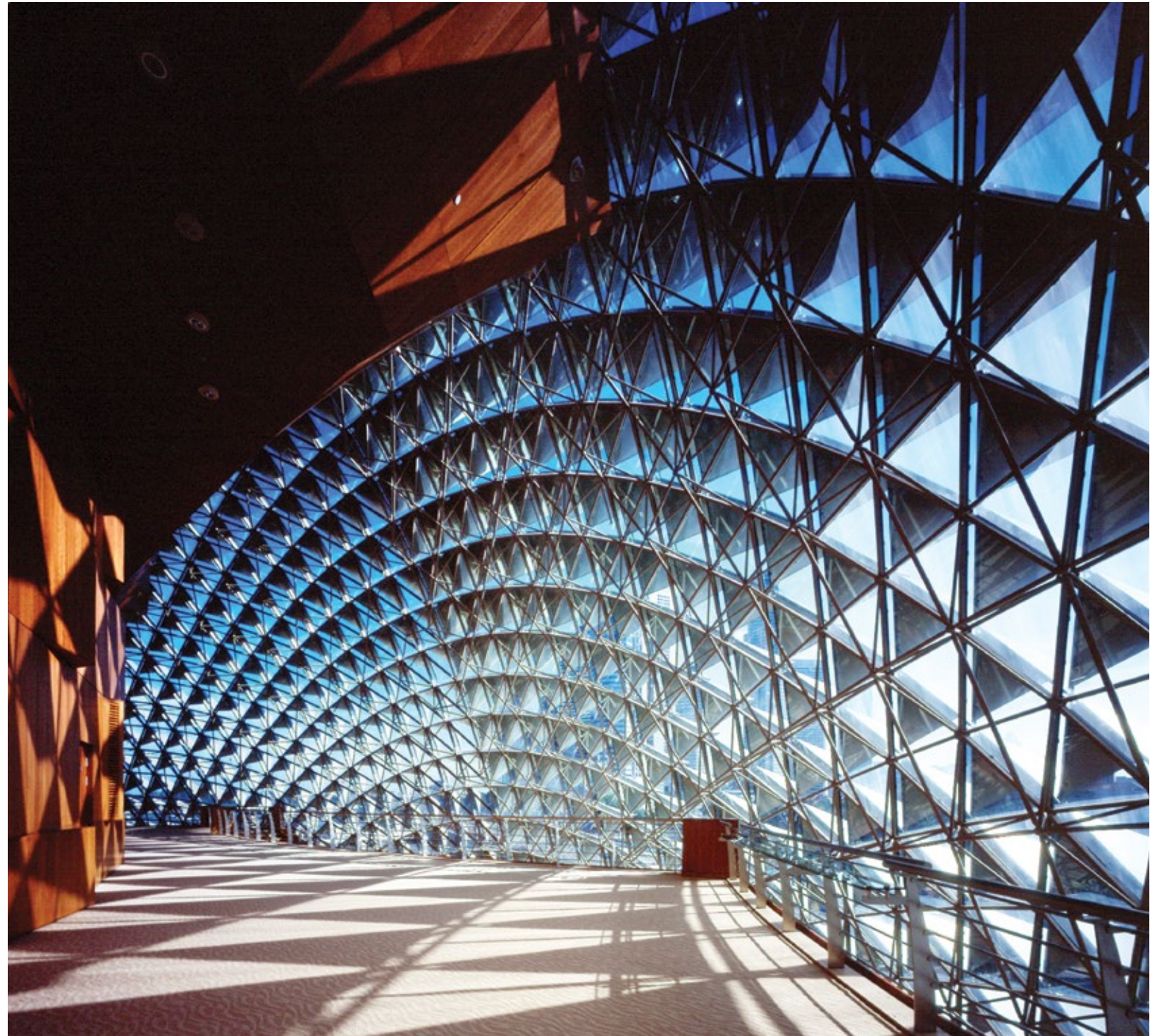
A historical riverside quay, Clarke Quay is today a waterfront festival village and one of Singapore's many vibrant nightlife hotspots with numerous dining, retail and entertainment options.



Esplanade



Characterised by distinctive triangular louvres, the Esplanade is affectionately dubbed ‘The Durian’, a tropical fruit with a spiky exterior. It is a performing arts centre with retail, dining and entertainment options.



ION Orchard



Located at the crossroads of Singapore's prime shopping district, ION Orchard commands attention with its futuristic curvilinear facade and canopy. A double-storey observation deck named ION Sky (above) sits 218 metres above ground level, offering sweeping views of the city.



Marina Bay Sands



Bold and iconic, Marina Bay Sands (above) is a spectacular centerpiece with commanding breathtaking views of the cityscape. From its sloping towers to the world's longest elevated rooftop infinity pool, it is engineered to astonish and awe. Nestled close by is the sculptural lotus-inspired ArtScience Museum (right).



National Gallery Singapore



Providing insight into the unique art, heritage and history of the region, the National Gallery Singapore, the largest and newest addition to Singapore's museum landscape, is an icon of the 21st century. It elegantly integrates the historical former Supreme Court and City Hall buildings.



National Museum of Singapore



With a history dating back to its inception in 1887, the nation's oldest museum is an elegant marriage of neo-classical architecture and new modernist extensions of glass and metal, bridging the old with the new.



Parkroyal on Pickering



Modelled on the topography of natural landscapes, Parkroyal on Pickering's unique hotel concept grabs attention with its modern architecture and views of the city skyline.



Parkview Square



The majestic Parkview Square (above), in the historic Bugis neighbourhood, is inspired by the Art Deco style and has a fittingly grand interior with lavish furnishings reminiscent of European palaces. Inside, the Atlas Bar (right) houses one of the world's largest gin collections.



Raffles Marina Lighthouse



Located at the westernmost point of Singapore, the Raffles Marina Lighthouse overlooks and navigates yachts into and out of the marina.



Reflections at Keppel Bay



With the mesmerising appearance of its 6 soaring towers and 11 fan-shaped villa apartment blocks, Reflections at Keppel Bay (right) is an architectural masterpiece that represents world-class waterfront living at its finest.

Spanning 250 metres, the Keppel Bay Bridge (above) provides pedestrian and vehicular access from the mainland to the marina.



Sentosa



Home to some of the best beaches in Singapore, Sentosa is Singapore's premier island resort getaway with world-class attractions like Universal Studios Singapore and Marine Life Park, as well as a yatching marina, luxury residences and haute dining opportunities.

Lauded by Condé Nast as one of the World's Top Beach Bars, Tanjong Beach Club (above) offers a slice of tropical paradise.



Singapore Flyer



Asia's largest observation wheel, the Singapore Flyer lets you take in the spectacular panorama of the city and beyond, 165 metres above ground.



Singapore River



Connecting Raffles Place to the south of the Singapore River, the Cavenagh Bridge (right) was built in 1868 and is one of the oldest bridges in Singapore. Situated next to it, The Fullerton Hotel Singapore (above) is a grand neoclassical landmark.



Singapore Sports Hub



A 35-hectare state-of-the-art complex, the Singapore Sports Hub is a fully integrated sports, entertainment and lifestyle hub. Featuring world-class facilities that include a National Stadium with a 55,000-capacity and a retractable dome roof (right), the Sports Hub is the region's premier destination of choice for high-profile events.



The Arc



Boasting flowing lines and energy-friendly fittings, The Arc is Singapore's new learning hub located in Nanyang Technological University (NTU). Housing 56 new generation smart classrooms equipped with the latest digital and communication tools, The Arc is an integral component driving the university's transition towards a Smart Campus.



Suntec City



Constructed in accordance to feng shui principles, Suntec City's five blocks (right) represents the fingers and thumb of a hand while the Fountain of Wealth (above) in the centre represents a ring in the palm of the hand.



The Hive



Interspersed with nooks, balconies and gardens, The Hive is an eco-campus at National Technological University which showcases its innovative approach to collaborative and interactive learning.



Victoria Theatre & Victoria Concert Hall



Built in 1905, Victoria Theatre & Victoria Concert Hall, one of Singapore's oldest performing arts venues, was restored to its original neoclassical glory in 2014.



HERITAGE

*With its mix of ethnicities and cultures,
Singapore has rightfully earned a reputation for being
the cultural melting pot of Asia. Within the modern city,
lies a harmonious collection of cultural treasures.*



CHIJMES



Retaining its neoclassical buildings, courtyards and green lawns, CHIJMES, previously home to a Catholic convent school, is now a dining and nightlife venue that transports visitors back to a bygone era, with an oasis of tranquility and harmony in the heart of the city.



Chinatown



With a combination of traditional shops and hip cafes plying their trade side by side, Chinatown is a lively melting pot of the past and present.

Temples nearby, like the Buddha Tooth Relic Temple & Museum (above) tell stories that are hundreds of years old.



Kampong Glam



Traditionally home to the Malay Heritage Centre (above), the impressive Sultan Mosque (right), carpet shops and Middle Eastern cuisine, the Kampong Glam area is now also popular for its hip range of cocktail bars, restaurants, shops and boutiques at Haji Lane and Arab Street.

“Kampong” means village in Malay while “Glam” was derived from the Gelam tree, which grew in abundance in the area.



Little India



From its cattle herding and racecourse past, Little India has come a long way to become one of the most vibrant districts in Singapore, with a colourful mix of traditional businesses, flower-garland vendors, modern eateries and boutique hotels.

Pictured on the right is the Sri Krishnan Temple.



Raffles Hotel



Opened in 1887,
Raffles Hotel is a heritage
building that has preserved
the magnificence of the
British colonial architecture,
with elegant period
furnishings that exude
warmth and character.



Shophouses



A colorful hint of old-time Singapore, small terraced shophouses with their ornamental facade, intricate halls and carved structures, showcase the different architectural influences of the Straits Chinese, Malay and European communities.

Pictured above is the interior of The Blue Ginger Restaurant.



NATURE

*Keeping up with its title as the 'City in a Garden',
Singapore is awash with lush gardens and parklands
as tropical greenery carpets the landscape,
providing a welcome respite from the bustle of the city.*



Botanic Gardens



Singapore's first UNESCO Heritage Site, the 150 years old Botanic Gardens is testament to Singapore's reputation as a 'City in a Garden'. It is home to over 60,000 plants and orchids as well as occasional outdoor concerts.



Changi Village



Stretching from Changi Village to Changi Beach Club, the Changi Point Coastal Walk offers breathtaking views of the coastline and glimpses of the flora and fauna.



Chinese Garden / Japanese Garden



With its iconic stone bridges, seven-storey pagodas and tea house, the 13.5-hectare Chinese Garden (right) offers an unique landscape resembling imperial northern China. Nearby, its sister park, the Japanese Garden (above) is modelled after the Japanese gardens from the middle ages.



Fort Canning / The Battle Box



Currently a venue for celebrations, Fort Canning Park was the place where the decision to surrender Singapore to the Japanese was made in the Underground Far East Command Centre, now known as the Battle Box.



Gardens by the Bay



Garnering multiple awards for its landscape, architecture and climate adaptation, Gardens by the Bay showcases diverse flora from around the world. At night, the iconic Supertree Grove (right) transforms into a surreal forest of stunning light displays and ultramodern 'trees'.



Jurong Lake Gardens



Home to the many picturesque views, the sprawling 90-hectare Jurong Lake Gardens is Singapore's third national garden, and the first in the heartlands. Take a leisurely walk along the meandering paths of Basau Walk (above) or bird-watch amongst the dreamy lalang field at the Grasslands (right).



Little Guilin



Said to resemble Guilin in China, Bukit Batok Town Park's towering rock cliffs form a grand backdrop to the lake where park goers enjoy leisurely walks amidst landscaped surroundings.



MacRitchie Reservoir



With a network of trails and boardwalks, and a 250m suspension bridge, MacRitchie Reservoir is Singapore's oldest reservoir and a playground for all who love nature and the outdoors.



Pulau Ubin



Take a trip down memory lane and bask in the scenic, rustic charm of Pulau Ubin. Hike along winding paths into lush forests, or marvel at the spectacular wildlife and panoramic views of the coast and mangroves at the Chek Jawa Wetlands.



Southern Ridges



Mimicking the curves of a wave, the Southern Ridges feature the Henderson Waves bridge (right) that connects Telok Blangah Hill Park and Mount Faber Park. It is the highest pedestrian bridge in Singapore at 36m above ground.

Pictured above is the Forest Walk.



Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve



Singapore's first
ASEAN Heritage Park,
Sungei Buloh Wetland
Reserve is a haven of
flora and fauna, and a
harmonious convergence
of mother nature and
man-made architecture.



About Singapore's Film Industry

Singapore is proving to be a fertile ground for developing exportable media content. Its rich cultural backdrop acts as a kaleidoscope of inspiration, fuelling creative output with international appeal.

Singapore's growing success in the worldwide film industry attests to this, with homegrown films such as **Ilo Ilo (2013)**, **Pop Aye (2017)**, **A Land Imagined (2018)**, **Wet Season (2019)** selected for, and receiving accolades, at acclaimed film festivals such as the Sundance Film Festival, Locarno International Film Festival and Toronto International Film Festival. At home, popular hits like **Ah Boys to Men 4 (2017)** and **2359II: The Haunting Hour (2018)** add to the mix of offerings.

Collaborative efforts between local and international film companies have been increasing. Co-produced films bring together resources from co-producing countries and help Singapore filmmakers participate in projects of international standing and with potential for global distribution. Singapore has also been a desirable place for big budget Hollywood productions such as **Crazy Rich Asians (2018)**, and most recently, episodes for season 3 of HBO's **Westworld (2019)**. International film production and service companies such as Lucasfilm have also set up in Singapore to harness our creative expertise, hiring local talent to work on international projects.

Facts & Figures

Official Name	Singapore		
Monetary Unit	Singapore Dollar USD 1 = 1.33 SGD (as of March 2021) EUR 1 = 1.61 SGD (as of March 2021)		
Area	728.3 sq km		
Population	5.7 million as of 2019	Capital	Both the country and its capital
Location	An island and islets in the heart of Southeast Asia, between Malaysia and Indonesia terrain	Language	English is the language of business and instruction. Malay is the official language. Most Singaporeans are bilingual in English and a second language, commonly Malay, Mandarin or Tamil.
Climate	Tropical and humid year-round	Religion	Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism & Islam
Terrain	Lowland, gently undulating central plateau contains water catchment area and nature reserves	Government	Parliamentary Republic
		Time	GMT +8
		Bordering Countries	Malaysia

About The Singapore Film Commission

The Singapore Film Commission (SFC), part of the Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA), is charged with developing Singapore's film industry and nurturing filmmaking talent. It is advised by a committee comprising members from the film, arts and cultural community. Since 1998, the SFC has supported more than 800 short films, scripts, feature films, as well as film-related events in Singapore that showcase homegrown talent and works.

To propel Singapore's film industry towards the next stage of growth, SFC will focus on three strategic thrusts - Talent Development, Internationalisation, and Audience Cultivation.

For more information about filming and production in Singapore, visit www.imda.gov.sg/sfc or email INFO@imda.gov.sg

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