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**Unlocking the Treasure Within**



Location: **Singapore**

Pre Conference: **23-24** March 2010  
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## **SOCIAL TOURS PACKAGES**



## **Battlefield Singapore**

US\$30

Time: 0900 – 1300 hrs

Date: 24 Mar, Wed

Join our guides on a journey of remembrance and recollection of the war years in Singapore. Highlights of this tour include the Changi Chapel Museum, Ford Motor Factory (where the surrender of the British forces took place) and Kranji War Cemetery (a Commonwealth War Graves cemetery that commemorates war heroes and heroines).

### **Changi Chapel and Museum**

The Changi Museum is dedicated to all those who lived and died in Singapore, in particular the Changi area, during the dark years of World War II. In honouring the spirit and commitment of those who rose from the depths of adversity, the Museum inspires future generations to come and deepen their appreciation of the heroic and inspirational stories that unfolded in Changi during the war.



Through documentation of significant events of the Japanese Occupation, the Museum also serves as an important educational institution and resource centre. As for the Prisoners-of-War (POWs) and their families, it is a site that allows for closure of the many emotional scars inflicted by the war years.

### **Ford Motor Factory**

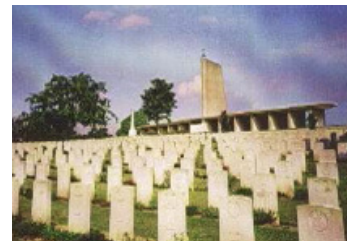
The old Ford Motor Factory building has its place in time because it was here on 15 February 1942 that Lt.-Gen. A. E. Percival, Commander of the British Forces in Singapore, surrendered to the Japanese Army. On 16 February 1942, Singapore was renamed Syonan-To (Light of the South), which ushered in three years and eight months of Japanese rule in Singapore.



The exhibition, 'Syonan Years: Singapore under Japanese Rule, 1942-1945' is the main highlight of the visit. Learn about the background of World War II in Malaya and how people lived during the Occupation. Spend time to ponder the many stories of the people who lived in Syonan-To. Share their many experiences and memories. Many of these archival photographs, oral history interviews, maps and artefacts from the National Archives of Singapore are being showcased for the first time.

### **Kranji War Memorial and Cemetery**

Kranji War Memorial and Cemetery is located north of the centre of Singapore, overlooking the Straits of Johor. At the time of the Japanese invasion in 1939, Kranji was a military camp. The cemetery was originated on this same spot by the burial of the first few prisoners.



The stone Kranji Memorial is dedicated to the 24,346 soldiers and airmen of the British Commonwealth and Empire who have no known grave, of which 9,295 are British. The Memorial (also known as the Singapore Memorial) is made up of 13 flat concrete columns, which bear the names of these 24,346 men. It is situated behind the Cross of Sacrifice on a small grassy hill, a short flight of white steps spans the front which leads up to a terrace of grass on which the Memorial stands.

The War Cemetery, which is in front of the Cross of Sacrifice and the Memorial, contains the graves of 4,465 men, of which 2445 are British, including 589 unknown graves. Each grave is marked by a tall white headstone and bears a carved out regiment insignia. They stand in rows between smooth green grass and flowering shrubs and trees. The entire cemetery is surrounded by an evergreen hedge.



## **Culinary Experience at Pulau Ubin**

US\$170

Time: 0830 – 1430 hrs

Date: 24 Mar, Wed

This unique cooking class on Pulau Ubin is the only one being offered in Singapore.

The class is conducted in a 200 years old Kampong house (traditional village house). Usually the cooking class is conducted in the garden but if it rains, it will be done in the house. The International Herald Tribune, South China Morning Post, The Business Times, The Straits Times and many other publications have all written wonderful reviews about this Ubin experience. . There is no electricity in the house so come with an open mind and it will be fun!

We begin the experience by taking a bumboat to the island. After some traditional breakfast and refreshments, we proceed to the surrounding jungles to look at wild herbs and harvest herbs from garden. These herbs will then be used in the cooking demo, which is followed by hands on cooking by teams made of 4-5 people.

After the cooking, the teams will sit down and enjoy their meals.

The sample menu will be:

1. Nasi Kerabu (Herbed Rice)
2. Sambal Blachan Tumis
3. Butter Prawns
4. Ice Kachang



### Program

- 8.30am: Transfer to Changi Point Ferry Terminal
- 9.00am: Meet at Changi Point Ferry Terminal
- 9.05am: Board Ferry
- 9.15am: Take the van to Kamariah's Kampong House, Kampong Durian
- 9.20am: Breakfast at the Kampong House (Lontong)
- 9.50am: Walk around jungle to look at jungle herbs and Harvest herbs from around the garden
- 10.50am: Cooking Demo
- 11.20am: Participants in groups of 4-5, start to cook
- 12.00pm: Lunch and Ice Kachang Time
- 1.30pm: Time to head back to the ferry terminal
- 2.30pm: Return to hotel

### Things to Note :

- \_ Wear comfortable clothes and shoes due to the hot tropical weather
- \_ Bring along small towel, a bottle of water, hat, raincoat or umbrella, insect repellent & sun lotion
- \_ There is no electricity available in the house so no fans or air-conditioned
- \_ Program and menu are subject to change according to weather condition and availability of ingredients





## **Fascinating Singapore**

US\$105

Time: 1515 – 1815 hrs

Date: 26 Mar, Fri



### **Singapore Flyer**

Discover the world's largest observation wheel, top of Asia's most iconic architectural and engineering marvel – Singapore Flyer. Standing at 165 metres tall, the height of a 42-storey building – that's some 30 metres taller than the famed London eye. Taking a flight on this SGD 240 million dollar wheel is an one-of-a-kind experience you wouldn't want to miss.

Witness and be inspired by the phenomenal growth and progress that Singapore has achieved, from a humble fishing village to a cosmopolitan city, as you take in key monuments and architecture along the 30 minutes flight. Indeed a must-see experience set to sparkle Singapore's skyline!

It's the only place to see Singapore's magnificent cityscape. As the wheel turn, you'll be treated to a visual 360° spectacular views of the entire Marina Bay and beyond into parts of Malaysia and Indonesia. Visitors will also be treated to iconic

and historical landmarks around this landscape of water and gardens such as Collyer Quay, Raffles Place, The Fullerton Singapore, Esplanade – Theatre-On-The-Bay, Merlion Park, Empress Place, Singapore River, Padang, Fort Canning Park and Floating Stadium.

### **Fish Spa**

Experience a unique and revitalizing therapy, witness a school of spa fish swim up and gently nibble on your feet. These adorable little fish consume only the dead skin areas, revealing your smoother and healthier skin - the perfect way to exfoliate and pamper your feet.



### **Captain Explorer**

Board the FunVee DUKW Authentic Revamped WWII Amphibious Vehicle from Singapore Flyer before heading for a splashing ride down Kallang River. Prepare to snap pictures of The Merlion as you get up close. Or admire the Benjamin Sheares Bridge – the longest bridge in Singapore –, which is named after the second President of Singapore, Dr Benjamin Henry Sheares.

Next, enjoy a city exploration, driving through city landmarks like the Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay, Padang, Supreme Court, City Hall and the War Memorial reliving the war times on the amphibious craft which is equally competent on land.



## **Many Faces of Singapore**

US\$65

Time: 1500 – 1830 hrs

Date: 26 Mar, Fri

Welcome to Singapore - and its delightful multicultural heritage!

The dominant traditions brought by its adventurous Chinese, Malay and Indian settlers have flourished in a supportive climate, so much so that the fabric of the Island Republic's society is a fine weave of multi-cultural threads. You'll be shown the diverse cultures of the Malays, Indian, and Chinese heritage as we embark on this day's discovery.



Our first stop is to discover Kampong Glam, which was the designated area of Muslim faith. The Sultan Mosque with its massive gold-topped dome and vast prayer hall is the most prominent feature here. This place is still home to Singapore's best selection of cane-ware, textiles and Arabian perfumes.

Next, we proceed to the Malay Heritage Centre to see the tradition of batik printing. The batiks are created through a dyeing process called resist dyeing. This process involves covering a pattern on the fabric with wax. When the fabric is dyed, only the areas not covered by wax take the dye color. After dyeing, the wax is removed from the fabric.

We will move on to Little India. Take a peek into the lives of the Indians and their rich culture and traditions. Little India is a precinct in Singapore that has retained its traditional charm in Modern Singapore. Located at the eastern rim of the Central Business District, Little India evolved from a plantation to a major cattle trading centre and today a flourishing commercial centre for the Indian community.



Have your fortune told by a parrot astrologer who uses green parakeets to pick up tarot cards. These parrot astrologers were South Indians and the business began as a five foot-way trade in early Singapore.



Our last stop is fascinating Chinatown where the temples and rows of traditional shophouses retain the island's true oriental character. You will have a chance to roam the bustling street market, an integral part of Chinatown's street scene in the past, has made a comeback from June 2004. The new Chinatown Night Market has over 200 street stalls selling a wide and interesting selection of retail items, ranging from handicraft to fashion apparel, electronic goods, jewellery, trinkets, modern home accessories and food items, just to name a few.

Finally, we proceed to a Chinese Teahouse for an Introduction to Chinese tea art. You have a chance to learn the elegant art and enjoy it: how to select tea, how to drink a good tea and much more.



## All about Museums Tour

US\$60

Time: 1430 – 1830 hrs

Date: 26 Mar, Fri

In fact, Singapore is fast gaining a reputation for presenting museums without dusty exhibits, instead presenting information in fascinating details. Come and join us to rediscover the museums of Singapore

### National Museum of Singapore

At 119 years old, the [National Museum of Singapore \(NMS\)](#) is the nation's oldest museum with the youngest and most innovative soul! Newly opened in December 2006 after three years of restoration and reinvention, this architecturally stunning and majestic building is home to the Singapore History Gallery and four Living Galleries - Fashion, Food, Photography and Film & Wayang.



Visitors will come up close and personal with our nation's treasures, such as the mystery-shrouded Singapore Stone and 14th century gold ornaments unearthed from nearby Fort Canning Hill. In the Living Galleries, visitors will be engaged and enthralled by Singapore's multi-racial and multi-cultural society and the nation's creativity through time. With world-class standards and facilities, this National icon uses cutting-edge multimedia technology to bring history to life.

### Singapore Art Museum

Transformed from a 19th century mission school building, the [Singapore Art Museum's](#) building was gazetted a national monument. The museum's state-of-the-art galleries feature paintings, sculptures and installations drawn from its 4000-strong permanent collection of Southeast Asian modern and contemporary art as well as touring 'blockbusters' shows. Its chief aim is to facilitate the development of visual arts in the region through education, exchange and research.



### Asian Civilisation Museum

The Asian Civilisations Museum's flagship at Empress Place opened on 2 March 2003. Occupying over 14,000 square metres at the newly-restored Empress Place Building, it houses 11 galleries which showcase over 1300 artefacts from the Museum's growing collections on the civilisations of China, Southeast Asia, South Asia and West Asia/ Islamic. These collections include recent acquisitions as well as artefacts inherited from the historic Southeast Asian ethnographic collection of the former Raffles Museum. Visitors can enjoy a programme of changing special exhibitions throughout the year.





## **Peranakan Heritage Tour**

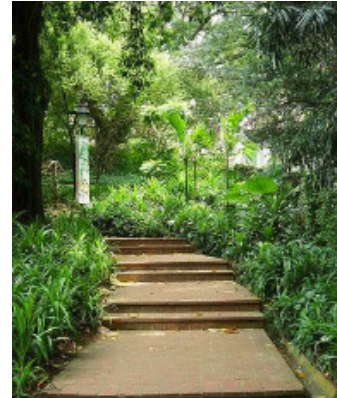
US\$50

Time: 1430 – 1830 hrs

Date: 26 Mar, Fri

Join us on a colourful journey into the history, lifestyle and unique character of the Peranakan people... (Straits-born or local Chinese with a blend of Chinese and Malay Heritage)

We commence the tour with a will walk through the Spice Garden located at Fort Canning Park. Being a small replica of the original 19-hectare tract Raffles established in 1822 as the first experimental and botanical garden in Singapore, the Spice Gardens hold seven species of spice plants such as clove and nutmeg, which were originally planted along these slopes that are used in Peranakan cooking.



We will then visit Peranakan Museum that house the best collection of Peranakan artefacts in the world. It is also the first comprehensive display with historical and ethnological dimensions of Peranakan culture anywhere in the world, including both their material legacy (e.g. silver, porcelain, jewellery, textiles) as well as intangible heritage (e.g. language, food, religious rituals). It is also positioned as a boutique museum, which will offer a complete visitor-experience,

ranging from rich material culture displays where visitors interact and learn using the latest technology, to food sampling and merchandising.

Move on to Katong, a distinctive charm can be traced back to its Peranakan roots. A quiet residential area formerly dominated by wealthy Straits Chinese families or the Peranakans, many of the older Peranakan homes in Katong, once seaside villas, still stand tall and picturesque. Katong is the place to go for colourful Nonya kebayas (traditional dress of female Peranakans), exquisite beaded slippers and handbags, and of course home-made Peranakan cuisine like ayam buah keluak. Along East Coast Road, you will find a few retail-cum-cultural establishments showcasing the many facets of Peranakan culture.



The area is traditionally associated with the Eurasian and Peranakan community. However, many high-rise apartment blocks now stand alongside the traditional shophouses and Peranakan terraced houses. In 1993, the Joo Chiat neighbourhood, which comprises the historical centre of Katong, with its delicate and uniquely Singaporean architecture mixing Chinese, Peranakan and English



colonial styles, was designated a national heritage conservation area by the Singapore Government. Many of the traditional houses in the area, which includes the ancient villa of Chinese tycoon Joo Chiat, have been conserved and are now luxury homes for the wealthy elite from throughout the world.

Our last stop will be at Kim Choo Kueh Chang, founded over 40 years ago where patrons can savour its famous sweet rice dumplings as well as learn the art of wrapping Nonya dumplings as well as learn the art of Nonya dumplings at organized demonstrations and live classes throughout the day.