



Supermama



HIT TIONG BAHRU

Low-rise art deco buildings abound in this charming hood, which was Singapore's first public housing estate. But locals flock here for the food. Peruse fresh produce at **Tiong Bahru Market**, then head upstairs for chicken rice in the hawker center. Finish with a cupcake at the popular **Plain Vanilla Bakery**. At dinnertime, it's hard to beat **Bincho**: A traditional coffee shop with a bar and lunch counter by day, at night it transforms into a cool *yakitori-ya* (a shop specializing in charcoal-grilled chicken).

SHOP

Orchard Road, lined with more than 20 malls, is flush with international labels. But for those keen to support local, **Supermama** stocks design pieces such as porcelain plates bearing chic Singapore motifs and stuffed toys in the shape of a merlion (the head of a lion, the body of a fish). Bibliophiles will love **BooksActually**, where novels by local authors sit alongside classic literature. For a more sartorial souvenir, pick up a bespoke Panama hat from **Hat of Cain**.

BE INSPIRED

Opened in 2015, **National Gallery Singapore** houses the largest public display of modern art in Southeast Asia. If 8,000-plus works from the 19th century to present day don't pique your interest, come for the architecture. The former supreme court and city hall buildings have been lovingly restored, incorporating details such as gold aluminum filigree panels that give the impression of light filtering through foliage.

DRINK

With Raffles hotel and its famed **Long Bar** closing for renovations until mid 2018, you'll have to sip your Singapore sling elsewhere. Instead, visit the Regent hotel, where the artisanal spirits and cocktails at **Manhattan** earned it the No. 1 spot on Asia's 50 Best Bars 2017 list. For more intimate libations, seek out the speakeasy-style **28 HongKong Street** and **Operation Dagger**.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Singapore's skyline; A leek dish at Operation Dagger; Art carnival at the National Gallery Singapore; Ion Orchard mall; Gardens by the Bay; A Manhattan at the Regent hotel.

SIN

SINGAPORE

You've got an extra day to check out the Lion City. Here's what you do. **BY RACHEL LEES**

WHAT THE ISLAND OF SINGAPORE lacks in size, it makes up for in ambition. In just 52 years—mostly under the guidance of the late founding prime minister, Lee Kuan Yew—it has transformed from swampland into a city of skyscrapers with a thriving multicultural community. The nation-state's airport is regularly named the world's best and recently unveiled its new Terminal 4, which will be able to process 16 million passengers per year. For those who pass through customs, an ever-growing number of city attractions awaits, from the 250-acre Gardens by the Bay to the 164-foot-tall bungee jump on the island of Sentosa, which is expected to open this fall.

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