# LIVE LIKE A LOCAL





# EXPLORE West Coast

Unearth the hidden charm and serenity that surrounds Village Residences West Coast. Whether you choose to bring a book to unwind at a park or café, or dress down for a fun evening out, this handy guide helps you make the best of your stay and live like a local in West Coast.





Introduce your taste buds to the myriad of local delicacies in this quiet culinary-rich district. Do not judge the book by its cover with these modest-looking eateries and enjoy your discoveries!

### Lai Kee Foodstuff

Enjoy a bao - or two - in this humble hawker centre chain store that serves delicious hot steamed buns. Go with the basics or be spoilt by the vast range of shapes and fillings offered. Either way, you are in for a treat!

### **MUST TRY**

Siew ma

### LOCAL SLANG

Siew mai (traditional Chinese pork dumpling), Bao (steamed buns with

- 207 Bukit Batok Street 21 #01-118
- 0.500mm 3.5
- 9-min walk to Clementi Flyover then take Bus No. 963 (9 mins with 10 bus stops) and alight at Keming Primary School,



### Chai Ho Satay

Indulge in succulent, juicy bouts of barbecued meat from your first bite! This stall in the busy town centre of the West is widely regarded as making one of the best satays in Singapore. The peanut sauce is sweet and chunky, making for the perfect combination. Be prepared for long queues!

### **MUST TRY**

Pork satav. chicken satav

LOCAL SLANG

Satay (seasoned, skewered meat)

- 448 Clementi Ave 3 #01-10 Clementi 448 Market & Food Centre
- 📤 3:00pm 9:00pm
  - 5-min drive
- 2-min walk to Kent Ridge Secondary School, then take Bus No. 201 (6 mins with 3 bus stops) and alight opposite Blk 329, Walk 450m

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### **Hin Fried Hor Fun**

Dig in to one of the tastiest hor fun with wok hei in Singapore for just \$5 a plate. The hor fun is fried in batches every 5 minutes so expect it hot, fresh and ready to be devoured. The beef is tender and juicy, and the fish is fresh. Lai lai, join the queue.

### **MUST TRY**

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OCAL SLANG

Wok Her (the elusive flavour imparted by the traditional Chinese wok when stir-fried over high heat),

Hor Fun (wide Chinese noodles made from rice). Lai lai (come)

- 20 Ghim Moh Road #01-56
- 10:00am 3:00pm 5:00pm - 8:30pm
- ≈ 11-min drive
- 18-min walk to Blk 329, then take Bus No. 105 (6 mins with 6 bus stops) and alight at Blk 15, Walk 700m



Keep yourself hydrated with a wide selection of drinks while surrounded by the local scene. From friendly neighbourhood kids to extravagant yachts, chug your favourite cold brew, grab a cuppa or sip a glass of red wine and let the West Coast fill your day with cherry-picked thirst quenchers.

# W39 Bistro & Bakery

Sashav on down to this rustic café that serves European dishes as well as locally influenced cuisines. Kick back, relak and enjoy a tall latte or lager in this little homely nook, alongside the dessert of your choice. Be inspired by the beautiful apartments around the area.

### **MUST TRY**

### McDonald's @ West Coast Park

Grab an ice cold Mocha to soothe your thirst after a fun day out with the kids! It may be the most well-known food chain in the world but be there right before 6pm and experience the beautiful sunset that makes this particular outlet magical. Open 24 hours, easily grab a bite or something to dabao after midnight.



### MUST TRY

Have an ice-cream cone as you

### LOCAL SLANG

Dabao (have it to-go)

- 71 West Coast Highway West Coast Park
- 🚵 Daily 24/7
  - 15-min drive
- 2-min walk to Kent Ridge Secondary School, then take Bus No. 143 (8 mins with 6 bus stops) and alight at Singapore Food Industries Building, Walk 650m
- T: 6777 3777

### The Bridge Bistro & Beacon Bar

Revel in an intimate meal with a spectacular view of the marina. This hidden gem is located at the Republic of Singapore Yacht Club and offers reasonable prices. Be there at happy hour to enjoy the wide selection of drinks offered. Now everyone can be atas!

### **MUST TRY**

Chicken Cordon Bleu Crab Meat Pasta

LOCAL SLANG

Atas (high-class)

- 52 West Coast Ferry Road, Level 2
- Mon Tue : 11:00am 12mn
- 20-min drive
- T: 6768 9443



Fun times are ahead as you discover the several recreational parks all over West Coast. Decorate your photos with beautiful backdrops of nature, go for a run or simply enjoy the views. Search for the activity that suits you best and go all out!

### Bukit Batok Town Park

Come visit a small piece of the orient embedded in West Coast. An old granite quarry, it is also known as *Xiao Guilin* because of the park's resemblance to Guilin in China. Take full advantage of its picturesque setting for a scenic memento. Try to spot the newly-wed couples taking wedding pictures on weekends!

### **MUST SEE**

Couples taking wedding photos

LOCAL SLANG

Xiao Guilin (Little Guilin)

- Along Bukit Batok East Avenue 5
- 7:00pm 7:00am (park lighting hours)
  - ₹ 15-min drive
- 20-min walk to Clementi MRT Station, take the west-bound green East West Line MRT train (4 mins non-stop) to Jurong East Interchange, change to the south-bound red North South Line MRT train (5 mins with 2 stops) to Bukit Gombak Walk for 400m



### West Coast Park

Dog lovers alert! Watch cute canines go wild in a designated fenced up area or soul-search and find your inner ai. Go on weekdays to eniov more tranquillity.





# Park

Have a bouncing good time with friends and family in this 5.000 square feet indoor trampoline park. Somersault into foam pits, defy gravity on the parkour walls or jump across inter-connected trampolines. Be sure to obey all safety rules before you chiong into the park.

### **MUST TRY**

Feed your hunger for knowledge by scheduling stopovers at the cultural sites spread across West Coast. Step into the past as you unravel Singapore's tumultuous war years, learn about local myths and legends, or simply appreciate the architecture of years gone by.

### Reflections @ Bukit Chandu

Discover the stories of heroism about the 1,400 soldiers from the Malay Regiment who stood up against a 13,000-strong Japanese Army in the Battle of Pasir Panjang in World War II. The serenity makes it almost impossible to believe that one of the most *garang* battles in Singapore history took place in the area.

### **MUST SEE**

depicting mural by the pond

LOCAL SLANG Garang (fierce)

- ♀ 31K Pepys Road
- Tue Sun : 9:00am 5:30pm Closed on Mon
  - (except on PH)
- 3-min walk to opposite Kent Ridge Secondary School, then take Bus No. 143 (14 mins with 16 bus stops) and alight opposite Currony House Walk 750.



### Haw Par Villa

Get ready for a cultural fright night as you enter the Chinese gates of hell. Haw Par Villa was built in the 1930s featuring a thousand statues depicting Chinese mythology, folklore, legends and history. Do not miss the most famous attraction, the Ten Courts of Hell showing gruesome scenes that will make you exclaim "wah piand!"

### **MUST SEE**

Ten Courts of Hell

### LOCAL SLANG

Wah piang (a Hokkien term used in much the same way as "oh my goodness")

- 9 262 Pasir Panjang Road
- 🍰 9:00am 6:00pm
  - 8-min drive
- 3-min walk to opposite Kent Ridge Secondary School, then take Bus No. 143 (10 mins with 11 bus stops) and alight at Haw Par Villa MRT Station, Walk 120m



### Gillman Barracks

A palette of art and culture awaits you at this locale. Chill with a buddy at this hipster hangout that is an arts cluster in Singapore. Everything is housed in well-conserved colonial barracks, making it very Instagram-worthy for the aspiring photographer.

### **MUST SEE**

Gillman Barracks "Art & History" Tours. Tours run from Fridays to Sundays at varied timings. Registe at www.gillmanbarracks.com/tours.

- 9 Jock Rd
- 12:00pm to 7:00pm Closed on Mondays
  - 13-min drive
  - 3 -min walk to opposite Kent Ridge Secondary School, then take Bus No. 51 (16 mins with 21 bus stops) and alight at Alexandra Point, Walk 400m

# TALK

### SINGAPORE SLANG

9 Singlish (Singaporean English) words to get you started.

# LAH

Used at the end of sentences to indicate tone of anger or agreement e.g. Yes lah... / Yes lah!

# LEH

Used at the end of sentences to sound more placating in a disagreement or to persuade e.g. No leh... / Yes leh, he did leh. / Go leh.

# LOR

Used at the end of sentences to agree or give in e.g. Ok lor. / Go lor.

# MEH

Used questioningly e.g. No meh? / Yes meh?

# WAH

Exclamation to express shock or disappointment e.g. Wah lao! / Wah lao... How could he do that?

## ALAMAK

Exclamation to express when one makes a mistake e.g. Alamak, I forgot my passport!

# PAISEH

Sorry; used to express embarrassment or apology e.g. Paiseh, I didn't mean to knock into you.

# SIAO

Crazy e.g. Siao! That's daylight robbery.

### SHIOK

Tastes or feels good e.g. This burger/massage is so shiok!

### **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

WE HOPE YOU DON'T HAVE TO CALL.

Police: 999

**Traffic Police**: 6547 0000 **Police Hotline**: 1800 2250000

Fire & Ambulance

995

Non-Emergency Ambulance 1777

### Nearest Hospital

Ng Teng Fong Hospital 1 Jurong East Street 21 Singapore 609606 Main Line (24 hours): 6716 2000





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