

LIVE LIKE
A LOCAL



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HOTEL ALBERT COURT

Explore the vibrant culture of Little India, located just steps away from Village Hotel Albert Court. This handy guide will help you to Live like a Local and explore the exciting mix of food, retail and recreational options available in the surrounding vicinity.

EXPLORE

Albert Court

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Embark on a gastronomical adventure by visiting the many culinary gems, ranging from Indian curries to melt-in-your-mouth Chinese desserts, located just minutes away from the hotel.



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Muthu's Curry 14-min walk

Feast to your heart's content at this household name that serves a wide range of mouthwatering North and South Indian dishes, such as fish head curry, *naan*, *tandoori* chicken, and chicken *tikka*.

MUST TRY

Fish Head Curry

LOCAL SLANG

Naan (leavened, oven-baked flatbread), *Tandoori* (roasted chicken prepared with yogurt and spices), *Tikka* (pieces of marinated meat usually served as an appetiser)



Wing Seong Fatty's Restaurant 4-min walk

Belachan Fried Rice or Black Pepper Beef? Order a bottle of Tiger Beer to go along with, and satisfy yourself at this restaurant which has a long history passed down through generations.

MUST TRY

Homemade Tofu

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Komalas Vilas 🚶 10-min walk

Savour the flavours of South and North Indian vegetarian cuisine as you feast on sumptuous thali meals, delicious *dosais* and aromatic South Indian *chai* in a lively authentic setting.



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MUST TRY

Thali, Masala Chai

LOCAL SLANG

Dosais (Indian pancake made from fermented batter), *Masala Chai* (flavourful black tea brewed with milk and a mixture of Indian spices like ginger, cardamom and cinnamon)



Rochor Original Beancurd 🚶 3-min walk

Try the famous silky smooth beancurd, a popular local sweet dessert made from soy beans and enjoyed by the young and old alike. Have it hot or cold and add *you tiao* for maximum deliciousness!

MUST TRY

Beancurd paired with a "Butterfly" Fritter

LOCAL SLANG

You Tiao (fried dough fritter)

Sing Ho Hainan Chicken Rice 🚶 5-min walk

Visit this no-frills eatery to truly Eat like a Local and savour a plate of delicious Hainanese chicken rice. Complete your meal with a side dish of *sambal kang kong* and prawn dumpling soup.

MUST TRY

Chilli sauce to complement the chicken

LOCAL SLANG

Sambal Kang Kong (water spinach with chili paste)

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Get the best bang for your buck from the myriad of shopping venues in Little India that will leave you spoilt for choice with their exciting variety of local keepsakes.



<https://www.afar.com/places/mustafa-centre-singapore>

Mustafa Centre 🚶 17-min walk

For those after a bargain and who enjoy shopping late into the wee hours, this is the one-stop megamall for you. Find the best deals on just about everything here, including clothes, perfumes, electronics and even groceries!

MUST SEE

Think of any product category (e.g. chocolates) and check out the sheer variety!

Arab Street 🚶 13-min walk

Visit Arab Street, Singapore's little Middle East that sells everything from Persian carpets to an assortment of handicrafts. Hop over to Haji Lane, a charming street that is stocked with independent boutiques, *stylo milo* thrift stores, and quirky food outlets.

LOCAL SLANG

Stylo milo (Singlish term which means 'stylish, fashionable')



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Bugis Street 7-min walk

With 800 shops, Bugis Street is the largest street shopping location in Singapore, that will meet your every shopping need. A preferred locale for the local *kiasu* looking for the best buys.



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LOCAL SLANG

Kiasu (anxious not to miss an opportunity)

City Square Mall 19-min walk

Meet, play and shop at City Square Mall, which boasts a wide array of value-for-money merchandise and services, exciting promotional activities and international cuisine. This family-friendly 'town-centre' also has an eco-playground, interactive play fountain and free kiddie cabs. *Wah!*



LOCAL SLANG

Wah! (Singlish term to express delight or surprise)

Bugis Junction 9-min walk

Shop to your heart's content at this one-stop shopping mall which is pretty much *bao ka liao*; fashion, beauty, lifestyle, and dining options at every turn.

LOCAL SLANG

Bao ka liao (all encompassing)

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Enrich your stay by discovering the unique art, culture and heritage of Singapore through the various temples and galleries located around Albert Court.



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Sri Veeramakaliamman Temple 14-min walk

Built in 1855 and extensively refurbished over the years, discover this landmark Hindu temple in Little India which displays classic Dravidian architecture and colourful statues of deities. Check out the temple at its liveliest during each of the four daily *puja* sessions.

MUST SEE

Puja Sessions

LOCAL SLANG

Puja (Prayer)

Kwan Im Thong Temple 8-min walk

Get blessings from the Goddess of Mercy in one of the oldest temples in Singapore. The temple is popular with the Chinese community and is believed to bring worshippers good fortune. *Huat Ah!*

MUST SEE

Devotees seeking divination in the main hall

LOCAL SLANG

Huat Ah (Chinese calls of prosperity)

National Museum of Singapore 15-min walk

Visit one of Singapore's architectural icons which is also the city's oldest museum. Housing cutting-edge galleries with immersive and interactive exhibitions, learn about the story of Singapore in a venue that redefines the conventional museum experience.



Photo credit: www.roots.sg

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!*

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.*

Wah

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

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 Hotel Albert Court

Train

DT13 Rochor (3-min walk)

Bus

▲ 857, NR6, 1N, 2N, 3N, 4N, 5N, 6N, 56, 64, 65, 131, 139, 147 and 166

Car/Taxi

10 mins from the city centre
20 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 Hotel Albert Court	6339 3939



Opening Hours

Komalas Vilas

7am - 10.30pm
76 - 78 Serangoon Road

Rochor Original Beancurd

Mon - Thu : 11am - 1am
Fri : 11am - 3am
Sat : 12pm - 3am
Sun : 12pm - 1am
2 Short Street

Muthu's Curry

10.30am - 10.30pm
138 Race Course Road

Wing Seong Fatty's Restaurant

12pm - 2.30pm
5.15pm - 10.15pm
175 Bencoolen Street, #01-31
Burlington Square

Sing Ho Hainan Chicken Rice

Mon - Thu : 11am - 11.45pm
1A Short St, #01-04

Bugis Street

11am - 10pm
3 New Bugis Street

City Square Mall

10am - 10pm
180 Kitchener Road

Bugis Junction

10am - 10pm
200 Victoria Street

Arab Street

Opening hours of shops vary;
best to head down between
12pm - 7pm
Arab Street

Sri Veeramakaliamman Temple

Mon - Thurs : 8am - 12pm
Sat : 6.30pm - 9pm
Fri & Sun : 8am - 12pm
6pm - 9pm
141 Serangoon Road

Kwan Im Thong Temple

6am - 6.30pm
Every 1st & 15th day on lunar months:
5am - 7pm
178 Waterloo Street

National Museum of Singapore

10am - 7pm
93 Stamford Rd

Mustafa Centre

24 hours
145 Syed Alwi Road

