

LIVE LIKE
A LOCAL



village
HOTEL KATONG

Located right in the heart of the vibrant Peranakan district, the vicinity of Village Hotel Katong offers a host of unique and unforgettable local experiences waiting to be explored. From trying local flavours in quaint eateries to visiting the iconic heritage shophouses, this passport will take you on an exciting journey to experience local living in culture-rich Katong.

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A favourite food haunt among locals, discover the culinary secrets of a district where new-age cafes are friendly neighbours to old-world coffee shops.



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Kim Choo Kueh Chang 🚶 4-min walk

Bring a piece of Peranakan culture back home from Kim Choo Kueh Chang, where fresh Nonya delicacies as well as antiques are available.

MUST TRY

Nyonya Dumpling (Pork), XO Traditional Salty Dumpling

LOCAL SLANG

Nyonya (Peranakan or Straits-born Chinese)

328 Katong Laksa 🚶 2-min walk

A must-try during your stay in Singapore, the perfect combination of thick vermicelli and spicy gravy has made Laksa a popular local dish that has won numerous awards.

MUST TRY

Katong Laksa with Kerang (extra *sambal* for the adventurous)

LOCAL SLANG

Laksa (rice noodle served in rich and spicy curry sauce), *Kerang* (cockles), *Sambal* (spicy chili paste)



Photo credit: misstamchiak.com

Rabbit Carrot Gun 🚶 2-min walk

Make this your go-to *pak tor* place for a casual wine and dine experience. The restaurant boasts an impressive wine list from the world's finest vineyards while offering excellent British fare.

MUST TRY

Fish and Chips, Beef Wellington

LOCAL SLANG

Pak tor (go on a date)



Mel's Place 🚶 9-min walk

Pair your favourite brew with the selection of great food amidst a kampong-like atmosphere, at this iconic Katong bar and bistro that's known for its friendly staff.

MUST TRY

Live Music on Fridays & Saturdays
from 7.30pm to 11pm

LOCAL SLANG

Kampong (village)



Alibabar the Hawker Bar 🚶 4-min walk

You simply have to *lepak* at this traditional local coffee shop by day and bar by night. Just grab a beer from their extensive beer menu, indulge in affordable French cuisine and you are all set to people-watch.

MUST TRY

Char Kway Teow (day), Scotch Egg (night)

LOCAL SLANG

Lepak (hang out)



EAT
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Stroll, swim, skate or shop! From shopping malls to antiquated stores and sandy beaches, the list of recreational options in Katong goes on. Whether you are with friends or family, make the most of being away from the bustle of the city to create new and fun memories.



Photo credit: il.wp.com

East Coast Park 🚶 25-min walk to the beach via an underpass

Chope a great picnic spot in one of Singapore's most-treasured urban getaways which attracts a visitorship of over seven million annually! Over the weekend, witness the coastline dotted with family barbecues and picnics. For sports enthusiasts, a suite of sporting activities such as cycling, rollerblading and even waterskiing await!

MUST TRY

The family-friendly playground, rent a bike for an hour and cycle along the beach!

LOCAL SLANG

Chope (reserve a spot)

I12 Katong 🚶 4-min walk

With four levels of retail & lifestyle shops operating extended hours, a rooftop garden and a water playground, I12 Katong offers an eclectic mix of retail, dining and entertainment options.

MUST TRY

Catch a blockbuster movie at the Peranakan-inspired movie theatre, GV Katong



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Parkway Parade 🚶 8-min walk

This shopping paradise offers everything from electronics, apparels, sporting equipment and jewellery, to books, groceries and numerous F&B outlets. A one-stop mall that is sure to leave you feeling *shioik*!

MUST TRY

The wide variety of novelty gift shops from specialist toy shops to Daiso, the \$2 shop from Japan

LOCAL SLANG

Shioik (happy or satisfied)

Embark on a learning journey and dive deep into the rich culture and heritage of Katong. From age-old Peranakan culture to well-preserved architecture and places of worship, discover the charming personality of colourful Katong.



Photo credit: villagesingapura.com

Katong Antique House 🚶 8-min walk

Visit this two-storey shophouse to behold its extensive collection of fascinating antiques, carefully curated by owner Peter Wee, a fourth-generation Peranakan.

MUST SEE

Peranakan furniture, antiques and heirlooms

Eurasian Heritage Centre 🚶 4-min walk

Visit the Eurasian Heritage Centre to learn more about the history and culture of Eurasians in Singapore. Consisting of three heritage galleries, the Heritage Centre also offers the 'Eurasian Experience Tour', which allows visitors to personally experience aspects of this vibrant culture.

MUST TRY

Eurasian Experience Tour

Sri Senpaga Vinayagar Temple 🚶 3-min walk

Be in the sacred presence of Hindu god Ganesha, the presiding deity, and lay witness to the colorful murals depicting stories of Lord Vinayaga. Attire-wise, long pants and tops with sleeves are recommended, and please remember to remove your shoes before entering.

MUST SEE

Nine-feet tall *Dwarapalakas*, murals of Lord Vinayagar



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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!*

Wah

Exclamation to express shock or disappointment

Eg. *Wah laol! / Wah lao... How could he do that?*

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.*

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 City Centre

Train

CC8 Dakota

10-min ride via bus service 10 or 32

EW11 Lavender

20-min ride via bus service 12

Bus

▲ Roxy Square - 10, 12, 14, 32

▲ Parkway Parade - 36, 48

Car/Taxi

20 mins from the city centre

15 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 Katong	6344 2200



Opening Hours

Kim Choo Kueh Chang

10am - 10pm

#109/111 East Coast Road

I12 Katong

10am - 10pm

112 East Coast Road

Katong Antique House

11am - 4.30pm

208 East Coast Road

Eurasian Heritage Centre

Mon - Thu: 8.30am - 6pm

Fri: 8.30am - 5pm

Closed on Sat and Sun

139 Ceylon Road

Alibabar the Hawker Bar

Mon - Thu: 9am - 11.30pm

Fri: 9am - 1.30am

Sat: 8.30am - 1.30am

Sun: 8.30am - 11.30pm

125 East Coast Road

328 Katong Laksa

10am - 10pm

51 East Coast Road

Rabbit Carrot Gun

Mon: 11am - 10.30pm

Tue - Sun: 8.30am - 10.30pm

47/49 East Coast Road

Parkway Parade

10am - 10pm

80 Marine Parade Road

Sri Sempaga Vinayagar Temple

6.30am - 12pm

6.30pm - 9pm

19 Ceylon Road

Mel's Place

Mon - Thu: 4pm - 1am

Fri - Sat, PH: 4pm - 2am

Sun: 3pm - 1am

2A Kuo Chuan Avenue

East Coast Park

Park lighting hours: 7pm - 7am

Along East Coast Parkway & East Coast Park Service Road

