



DISCOVER THE UNEXPECTED

Explore this charming neighbourhood and find a multitude of heritage sites alongside choice dining options and watering holes.

Chinatown is a mix of old and new, a place where disparate cultures converge. Beyond Chinese landmarks, the neighbourhood delights with beautiful heritage buildings dedicated to Indian, Malay and even Arab communities. The ever-evolving neighbourhood is also in the heart of the financial district and office workers from surrounding buildings flock here in the evening. Chic nightclubs and cutting-edge restaurants exist within traditional shophouses—

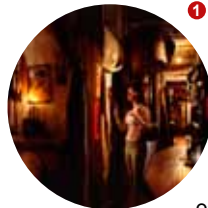
just one of many unexpected surprises. Whether you're looking to indulge in the latest innovations by envelope-pushing chefs and mixologists, or satisfy your curiosity about local culture, you'll be spoilt for choice here. And with all of them located in such close proximity, you'll have the luxury of doing it all in a single day.

START

Exit **Chinatown MRT** on New Bridge Road. A short walk away on Pagoda Street is the

① Chinatown Heritage Centre

which recreates the original interiors of its shophouse tenants in the 1950s and offers a glimpse into the lives of Chinatown's early residents. Further down the street is the **② Sri Mariamman Temple**. An astounding sight, the



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Hindu-Indian structure is an unexpected find in Chinatown and is covered with colourful sculptures of deities.

Head down to Amoy Street and stop at **3 Annalakshmi Janatha**, a ‘pay as you wish’ Indian vegetarian eatery run by volunteers. South Asian food may not be the first thing that comes to mind in Chinatown, but this place is a local institution. Meals are served buffet-style so load up on rich curries and *oothappams* (rice and lentil pancakes).

If you’re up for a detour after lunch, stroll down Telok Ayer Street to **4 Thian Hock Keng Temple**. Completed in 1842, this Hokkien temple is among the oldest and most important in Singapore. A curious feat of architecture, it was also built entirely without nails.

Returning to the main Chinatown area, venture down Smith Street for some surprising shopping options such as **5 Li-Hong Jade** which has traditional and contemporary jewellery, made from premium Burmese stones. Also, check out **6 Mei Guo Ginseng** along the same road where you can buy traditional Chinese medicine and **7 Vitatron & Medical Co.** for health supplements. Don’t be surprised to discover some unconventional remedies here! Off this stretch, find old-school street markets on Trengganu



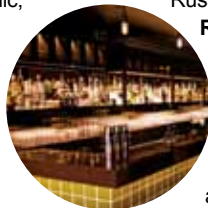
Buddha Tooth Relic Temple & Museum

and Sago Streets, hawking knick-knacks and crafts; a sight that always adds flavour to this modern metropolis.

When you emerge from Sago Street onto South Bridge Road, visit the **8 Buddha Tooth Relic Temple & Museum**.

The Tang Dynasty architectural design of the temple lends it an imposing air. The building is famous for housing a Buddha tooth relic, a sacred treasure found in 1980 under a collapsed stupa in Myanmar.

At Kreta Ayer Square just behind the temple is the **9 Chinatown Visitor Centre** which offers detailed information about Chinatown’s shops, history and culture. You can also go on Chinatown walking tours and purchase quirky merchandise here.



The Cufflink Club

Leaving the temple, you’ll see **10 Maxwell Food Centre**, which houses some of the best street food in the country. You’ll find some unanticipated cuisine here such as Thai fare among the delicious Chinese food. For a fancier meal, continue down South Bridge Road to Duxton Hill, one of the city’s dining hotspots. Be enthralled by diverse and often surprising cuisines here, including

Russian fare at **11 Buyan Russian Restaurant & Caviar Bar**.

Other star options in the vicinity are highly-acclaimed **12 Restaurant Andre**, and the quirky **13 Group Therapy**, which serves excellent all-day breakfasts.

End the day with a nightcap at cocktail specialists such as **14 Drink Culture** or newbie **15 The Cufflink Club** where you can sip on surprising concoctions.



EVEN MORE SURPRISES AFTER DARK...

Some of the coolest bars can be found along nearby Ann Siang Road and Club Street.

Bartini

Come here for novel cocktails mixed with unusual spirits. Popular orders include the Pornstar Martini, a mix of vodka, raspberry liqueur and passion fruit served with a shot of Champagne.



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distinctly Parisian air, with its marble-top tables and rattan chairs. On offer are affordable by-the-glass options with most of the wines—around 75 percent—sourced straight from French vineyards and exclusive to this spot.

Oxwell & Co.

This beautifully dolled-up gastrobar is hard to miss—it's situated right at the junction and

usually attracts sizeable crowds, thanks to its unpretentious, affordable beers and simple cocktails, all dispensed from real (faucet-style) taps.

Ying Yang

Located on the top floor of The Club Hotel, this bar boasts a minimalist, black-and-white decor. Stand outdoors (they have an amazing view of the city skyline) as you enjoy your drink.

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This French wine bar has a

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BARTINI

46 Club Street.
☎ (65) 6221-1025.
www.bartini.com.sg

BUDDHA TOOTH RELIC TEMPLE & MUSEUM

288 South Bridge Road.
☎ (65) 6220-0220.
www.btrts.org.sg

BUYAN RUSSIAN RESTAURANT & CAVIAR BAR

9 Duxton Hill.
☎ (65) 6223-7008.
www.buyan.sg

CHINATOWN HERITAGE CENTRE

48 Pagoda Street.
☎ (65) 6221-9556.
www.singaporechinatown.com.sg

CHINATOWN VISITOR CENTRE

2 Banda Street.
☎ (65) 6534-8942.
www.chinatown.sg

DRINK CULTURE

51 Kreta Ayer Road.
☎ (65) 6557-0538.
www.drinkculture.com.sg

GROUP THERAPY

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☎ (65) 6222-2554.
www.gtcoffee.com

LI-HONG JADE

20/20B Smith Street.
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www.lihongjade.com

MAXWELL FOOD CENTRE

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MEI GUO GINSENG

62 Smith Street.
☎ (65) 6224-5691.

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SRI MARIAMMAN TEMPLE

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☎ (65) 6223-4064.
www.heb.gov.sg

THE CUFFLINK CLUB

6 Jiak Chuan Road.
www.thecufflinkclub.com

THIAN HOCK KENG TEMPLE


158 Telok Ayer Street.
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VITATRON & MEDICAL CO.

60 Smith Street.
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