

# ECLECTIC FUSION

Find a little bit of everything in evergreen hangout Holland Village.

Holland Village

Just a short MRT ride away from the city centre is bustling enclave Holland Village and sister neighbourhood Chai Bee Gardens. Both are popular with trendy locals and expatriates thanks to the eclectic mix of eateries, bars and interesting shops. Whether you want to kick back over brunch, sip on a glass of wine or hunt for gifts to take home, you won't regret spending a day exploring this part of town.

## START

Exit Holland Village MRT and head to Lorong Liput, the starting point for your tour of this lively area. Kick off with a sweet treat at churro specialist **① Churrosity** or try out **② Island Creamery**. The latter's premium ice cream, in locally inspired flavours like pineapple

tart (a Chinese New Year delicacy) and teh tarik (thick, frothy milk tea), is delicious.

Continue your journey by exploring the shops in **③ Holland V Shopping Mall**. Here you can shop for second-hand branded bags at Madam Milan (#02-01), trendy outfits at Rustic Room (#02-06), or pretty gifts at The Little Happy Shop (#02-07). If you want to pick up some reading materials, Thambi Magazine Store & Money Changer, located at street level near the entrance of the mall, is famed for its impressive range of local and international magazines—you can't miss it.

Another shopper's paradise is **④ Holland Road Shopping Centre**, home to fashion boutiques, pampering beauty services and many other specialty stores. Those in the know head straight

for noteworthy antique store Lim's Arts & Living (#02-01), which carries a fascinating array of home décor items and exquisite collectibles. It's a great place to pick up a trinket box or a rare silk cushion cover as a souvenir for the folks back home.

If you happen to be here in the evening, pop by **⑤ 2am:dessertbar** for a quick pick-me-up after all that shopping. Open from six in the evening until two in the morning, this snazzy establishment serves innovative sweets created by famed pastry chef Janice Wong. She makes creative use of unexpected ingredients such as savoury, umami-rich miso in her unforgettable desserts.

Another way to perk yourself up is to head to **⑥ DrSpa**, a beauty and wellness centre by renowned aesthetics



doctor Georgia Lee, whose skincare line has earned rave reviews. Here, you can relax with a refreshing facial, body massage or hair treatment, or simply pick up a few of her sought-after products to try out.

Stomach rumbling yet?

There's no lack of tasty Chinese food options around here, such as ⑦ **Yee Cheong Yuen Hor Fun**, which has been serving authentic Ipoh-style *hor fun* (flat rice noodles served with thick gravy) since 1970, or try ⑧ **Crystal Jade La Mian Xiao Long Bao**, located diagonally across the street, best known for their delicate soup-filled pork dumplings.

Don't miss

**⑨ Holland Village Market & Food Centre**, a convenient pit stop housing a colourful array of local delights.

You can sample authentic dishes like prawn noodles and chicken rice, but the real star here is the *nasi lemak* from 363 Holland V Nasi Lemak. Join the snaking



queue to taste this local dish of fluffy rice cooked with coconut cream and pandan leaves, accompanied by chilli paste, anchovies and your choice of sides.

If local fare is not what you want, you'll be delighted to learn that

Holland Village is home to a wide variety of world cuisines, especially along the vibrant Lorong

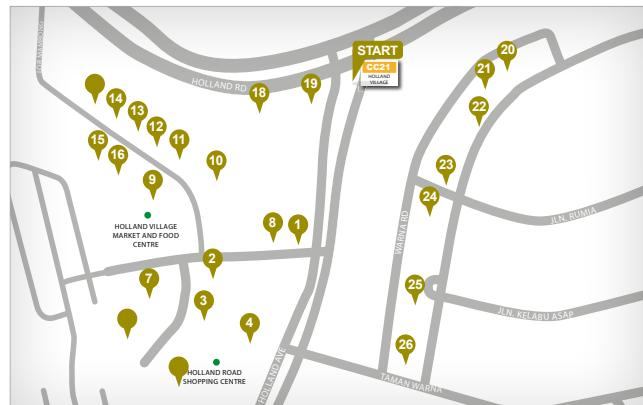
Mambong. For something casual yet classy,

⑩ **Mu Parlour** serves delicious gourmet burgers, a range of tempting desserts, great coffee

and even tea-infused cocktails. Situated on the second floor, this establishment has huge glass windows that make it the perfect spot for people-watching.

For some heartier grub, there's Australian-inspired bistro ⑪ **Barossa**, as well as North Indian restaurant ⑫ **Kinara**. The former serves up plates of ocean-fresh seafood and premium meats, while the latter has hot favourites like butter chicken and *palak paneer* (spinach and cheese curry) on the menu.

After your meal, do what the Holland Village regulars do and just indulge in a cuppa while watching the world go by. New arrival ⑬ **Craft Bakery & Café** is great for that. While you're here, make room for some of their truly tantalising lava cakes, which come in flavours like hazelnut, caramelised banana and Baileys liqueur. There's also ⑭ **Plain Vanilla**, where you can get your cupcake fix—the red velvet and dark chocolate ganache ones are to die for.



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Da Paolo Pizza Bar



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Original Sin

Alternatively, you might fancy a post-dinner pint while soaking up the evening vibe. **15 Wala Wala Café Bar** and **16 Harry's** are both excellent chill-out spots. The former is an evergreen hotspot for get-togethers and boasts a fun line-up of local bands on stage every evening, while the latter attracts sports fans with its football games on TV.

Plenty more grub can be found nearby, at places like **17 Crust Pizza Bar**. Pizza lovers won't want to miss the smorgasbord of choices on offer here, and their signature five spice pork belly pizza is definitely a must-try. Carnivores can also look to English steakhouse **18 Fosters** just around the corner.

And one of the latest additions to Holland Village is

**19 PARK**, which is an eco-friendly shack that occupies a former carpark just outside the MRT exit. It's a quaint little café by day, and a hip and happening bar by night; their beer specials and range of alcoholic drinks are extremely affordable.

Then, if you're in the mood for some romance or a little peace and quiet, cross Holland Avenue to the charming row of shophouses known as Chip Bee Gardens, for even more wining and dining options.

It's an easy stroll through this area, with your starting point at **20 Da Paolo Pizza Bar**, which transforms the humble pizza into a more upscale and gourmet affair, with creations like the crayfish-studded Portofino pizza. But this place is not all about pizza; there are also classic Italian pastas and desserts to choose from, and the brunch here is great for the whole family if you happen to be here on a weekend.

Along this stretch, there really is a restaurant for everyone. Love Japanese cuisine? Tuck into a delicious meal at barbecue restaurant **21 Nagomiya**, where you can enjoy the fruits of your labour by grilling your own meats—

there's hardly any better way to whet your appetite.

Divine European delicacies await at French bistro **22 Chez Petit Salut**, serving dishes like pan-roasted beef tenderloin and pan-seared foie gras at pocket-friendly prices, as well as at swanky Italian restaurant **23 Michelangelo's**. The latter's truffle fries and fried calamari are nearly impossible to resist, and the kitchen also whips up pasta with a modern Asian twist, such as linguine with spicy tandoori chicken strips and rose cream sauce.

Vegetarians, too, can spoil themselves silly at Michelangelo's sister establishment **24 Original Sin**. As the first vegetarian Mediterranean dining concept and one of the few serious meat-free restaurants in Singapore, it remains an important landmark on the dining scene. Standouts include the eggplant and parsnip fritters and the risotto, made with different ingredients daily, which are scrumptious and might even convert meat-lovers.

After eating to your heart's content, take a breather and explore the neighbourhood a little more. Nearby art space

25 **TAKSU Gallery** is worth a visit if you'd like to admire some contemporary art. Popular with local culture vultures, this independent gallery showcases marvellous works by budding talents and



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critically acclaimed artists alike.

Finally, drop by 25 **The Daily Scoop** for some ice cream. You'll be spoilt for choice with their wide range of flavours, from conventional ones like lemon sherbet to wacky

blends like avocado and gula melaka (palm sugar). You know what they say about dessert—there's always room. And with a sweet ending like that, your day enjoying the various activities this unique neighbourhood has to offer is complete.

## ADDRESS BOOK

### 2AM:DESSERTBAR

21A Lorong Liput.  
π (65) 6291-9727.  
[www.2amdessertbar.com](http://www.2amdessertbar.com)

### BAROSSA

22 Lorong Mambong.  
π (65) 6468-4688.  
[www.barossa.com.sg](http://www.barossa.com.sg)

### CHEZ PETIT SALUT

#01-54, 44 Jalan Merah Saga.  
π (65) 6474-9788.  
[www.chezpetitsalut.com](http://www.chezpetitsalut.com)

### CHURROSITY

#01-02, 241 Holland Avenue.  
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[www.churrosity.com](http://www.churrosity.com)

### CRAFT BAKERY & CAFE

24A Lorong Mambong.  
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[www.facebook.com/CraftBakeryCafe](http://www.facebook.com/CraftBakeryCafe)

### CRUST PIZZA BAR

34B Lorong Mambong.  
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[www.crustpizza.com.sg](http://www.crustpizza.com.sg)

### CRYSTAL JADE LA MIAN XIAO LONG BAO

241 Holland Avenue.  
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[www.crystaljade.com](http://www.crystaljade.com)

### DA PAOLO PIZZA BAR

#01-46, 44 Jalan Merah Saga.  
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[www.dapaolo.com.sg](http://www.dapaolo.com.sg)

### DRSPA

27 Lorong Liput.  
π (65) 6465-8880.  
[www.drspa.com](http://www.drspa.com)

### FOSTERS

277 Holland Avenue.  
π (65) 6466-8939.  
[www.fosters-restaurant.com](http://www.fosters-restaurant.com)

### HARRY'S

27 Lorong Mambong.  
π (65) 6467-4222.  
[www.harrys.com.sg](http://www.harrys.com.sg)

### HOLLAND ROAD SHOPPING CENTRE

211 Holland Avenue.  
π (65) 6468-5334.  
[www.holland-village-singapore.com](http://www.holland-village-singapore.com)

### HOLLAND VILLAGE MARKET & FOOD CENTRE

1 Lorong Mambong.

### HOLLAND V SHOPPING MALL

3 Lorong Liput.

[www.holland-village-singapore.com](http://www.holland-village-singapore.com)

### ISLAND CREAMERY

#01-02 Holland Village Shopping

Mall, 3 Lorong Liput.

π (65) 6466-6865.

[www.islandcreamery.com](http://www.islandcreamery.com)

### KINARA

24 Lorong Mambong.  
π (65) 6467-4101.  
[www.thekinaragroup.com](http://www.thekinaragroup.com)

### MICHELANGELO'S

#01-60, 44 Jalan Merah Saga.  
π (65) 6475-9069.  
[www.michelangelos.com.sg](http://www.michelangelos.com.sg)

### MU PARLOUR

16A Lorong Mambong.  
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[www.facebook.com/mu.parlour](http://www.facebook.com/mu.parlour)

### NAGOMIYA

#01-52, 43 Jalan Merah Saga.  
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[www.facebook.com/NagomiyaYakinikuRestaurant](http://www.facebook.com/NagomiyaYakinikuRestaurant)

### ORIGINAL SIN

#01-62, 43 Jalan Merah Saga.  
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[www.originalsin.com.sg](http://www.originalsin.com.sg)

### PARK

#01-01, 281 Holland Avenue.  
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[www.facebook.com/PARKKathyv](http://www.facebook.com/PARKKathyv)

### PLAIN VANILLA

34A Lorong Mambong.  
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[www.plainvanillabakery.com](http://www.plainvanillabakery.com)

### TAKSU GALLERY

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[www.taksu.com](http://www.taksu.com)

### THE DAILY SCOOP

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[www.thedailyscoop.com.sg](http://www.thedailyscoop.com.sg)

### WALA WALA CAFE BAR

31 Lorong Mambong.  
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### YEE CHEONG YUEN HOR FUN

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