LIVE LIKE A LOCAL
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.
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.

**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
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.

**Komalas Vilas** 10-min walk

**Rochor Original Beancurd** 3-min walk

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

**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**
- Thali, Masala Chai
- Beancurd paired with a “Butterfly” Fritter
- Chilli sauce to complement the chicken

**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)
- *You Tiao* (fried dough fritter)
- *Sambal Kang Kong* (water spinach with chili paste)
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.

**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!

**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')

**MUST SEE**

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

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

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 kiddy cabs. *Wah!*

LOCAL SLANG

- **Kiasu** (anxious not to miss an opportunity)
- **Wah!** (Singlish term to express delight or surprise)
- **Bao ka liao** (all encompassing)

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

**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.

**Puja Sessions**

**LOCAL SLANG**

*Puja* (Prayer)

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**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)

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**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.

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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!

Singapore has a well-established kopi and teh tarik (coffee and milk tea) culture that many locals hold close to their hearts.

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!