LIVE LIKE A LOCAL
Experience a slice of bustling Singapore right at the doorsteps of Village Hotel Bugis. With hundreds of shops, restaurants, promenades and even a bazaar selling some of the cheapest knick knacks in town, this handy guide helps you Live like a Local and get the most out of the colourful streets of Bugis.

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Welcome to this vibrant food haven. Do not be misled by modest shopfronts, as some of the most popular favourites in town are located here. Embark on a culinary journey and enjoy the delicious food available.

**Singapore Zam Zam Restaurant** 🌟 2-min walk

Behold the culinary magic of one of Singapore’s best known Indian-Muslim restaurants. Take your pick from their aromatic nasi briyani, to meaty murtabak and authentic roti prata. They’ve been serving these up for more than 100 years!

**MUST TRY**

Murtabak with Sardines or Mutton

**LOCAL SLANG**

Murtabak (a local flour pancake stuffed with egg, onion and meat), Nasi Briyani (mixed rice dish made with spices, lentils, meat and vegetables), Roti Prata (pan-fried flour-based savoury pancake)

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**Rich and Good Cake Shop** 🌟 5-min walk

Whether you prefer the kaya or the durian swiss roll the full-bodied layers of cream or durian flesh will convince you that this cake shop truly lives up to its name.

**MUST TRY**

Kaya Swiss Roll

**LOCAL SLANG**

Kaya (coconut egg jam)

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**Blanco Court Prawn Mee** 🌟 6-min walk

Shelled prawns? Jumbo prawns? Prawns with pork ribs? Be spoilt for choice with the many variations to choose from at one of the best places to have hae mee. The rich soup broth and lingering sweet aftertaste will leave you craving for more!

**MUST TRY**

Order a side serving of ngoh hiang to complete your meal

**LOCAL SLANG**

Hae Mee (prawn noodles), Ngoh Hiang (an assortment of deep fried spicy meat roll and prawn fritters)
Grab your *kakis* and head over to this intimate café that offers quality coffee by day and amazing cocktails by night. Head up to the second floor and enjoy a heartfelt conversation over a handcrafted cocktail mixed especially for you.

**MUST TRY**
Cocktail handcrafted by the mixologist

**LOCAL SLANG**
*Kakis* (close friends or buddies)

**Bar Stories**  
*3-min walk*

Feeling *sian* after a long tiring day? Head down to this quirky bar located amidst the rows of shophouses at the hip Haji Lane. Their intriguing no menu approach will definitely lighten up your mood as you get served with your own custom drink!

**MUST TRY**
Ask for a special cocktail

**LOCAL SLANG**
*Sian* (bored or frustrated)

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**Raffles Hospital Heritage Food Street**  
*4-min walk*

With 15 stalls offering a myriad of dishes, take the opportunity to Eat like a Local at the Raffles Hospital's Heritage Food Street.

Traditional local favourite such as chicken rice and fried kway teow, as well as different international cuisines are available at this 600-seat food court.

**MUST TRY**
Claypot Thunder Rice Tea

**LOCAL SLANG**
*Makan* (food or eat)
Test your bargaining skills at this popular shopping strip in Singapore. It will be worth your while to compete with other shopping enthusiasts to get the best value for your dollar. If you can’t find it here, it’d be tough finding a better deal elsewhere.

**Bugis Street** 6-min walk

Let the wide selection of shopping merchandise at Bugis Street meet your every shopping need. Having undergone a new facelift and several upgrading phases, Bugis Street currently houses about 800 shops, making it the largest street shopping location in Singapore. Get your bags ready to borong it all!

**MUST TRY**

Korean-themed shops on Level 2

**LOCAL SLANG**

Borong (local Malay slang for excessive spending)

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**Haji Lane** 2-min walk

Discover Haji Lane, a street away from the Sultan Mosque. Stocked with independent boutiques, stylishly cool secondhand clothing stores and quirky food outlets, this is confirm chop one of the best one-stop spots to shop and dine in Singapore.

**MUST SEE**

Street art on the walls

**LOCAL SLANG**

Confirm chop (guarantee)

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**Arab Street** 1-min walk

Visit the many small shops on Arab Street that sell everything from Persian carpets to lace, kain batik, semi-precious stones and an assortment of handicrafts. You are sure to find a unique buy in this little piece of Singapore’s Middle East.

**MUST SEE**

Exquisite fabrics on display

**LOCAL SLANG**

Kain batik (traditional wax-resist dyeing technique applied to cloth)
When you are done with the shops, take in the rich heritage of the arts and heritage district in Singapore’s civic centre. Besides being a shopping paradise, Bugis also houses several architectural sites that preserve the culture of days past in Singapore.

**Malay Heritage Centre**  ⬇️ 7-min walk

Trace the history and material culture of the Singapore Malays as well as their contributions towards nation-building. Built 160 years ago by Sultan Ali, the son of Sultan Hussein Shah, the Istana Kampong Glam is home to the Malay Heritage Centre. *Jalan-jalan* through the sprawling grounds to explore the artefacts, murals and multimedia displays across nine galleries.

**MUST SEE**

- English guided tours
  - Tue - Fri: 11am
  - Sat & Sun: 2pm

**LOCAL SLANG**

- *Jalan-jalan* (sight-see)

**Jamal Kazura Aromatics**  ⬆️ 3-min walk

While specialising in alcohol free Arabic perfumes, this store also stocks a dazzling array of fragrances from the Middle East, France, India and beyond. In addition, for a small fee, the perfume maker can help you create your own signature scent!

**MUST SEE**

- Glass shelves lined with vials of natural oils from around the world

**Masjid Sultan**  ⬆️ 3-min walk

Pay a visit to one of Singapore’s most impressive religious buildings - *Masjid Sultan*. Its massive golden dome formed out of many glass bottles collected by devotees is a great sight to behold. Be sure to check out the main prayer hall that can hold up to 5,000 worshippers. Please dress conservatively and remember to remove your footwear before entering the prayer hall.

**MUST SEE**

- Dome base formed out of glass bottles

**LOCAL SLANG**

- *Masjid Sultan* (Sultan Mosque)
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!

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

Shiok
Tastes or feels good
Eg. This burger / massage it so Shiok!

Lch
Used at the end of sentences to sound more placating in a disagreement or to persuade
Eg. No lch... / Yes lch, he did lch. / Go lch.

Alamak
Exclamation to express when one makes a mistake
Eg. Alamak, I forgot my password!

Lah
Used at the end of sentences to indicate tone of anger or agreement
Eg. Yes lah... / Yes lah!

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 Bugis**

**Train**
- Bugis (3-min walk)

**Bus**
- 2N, 4N, 48, 57

**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 Bugis: 6297 2828

**Opening Hours**

**Singapore Zam Zam Restaurant**
- 7am – 11pm
- 699 North Bridge Road

**Bar Stories**
- Sun – Thu: 4pm – 1am
- Fri – Sat: 4pm – 2am
- 55/57A Haji Lane

**Raffles Hospital Heritage Food Street**
- Mon – Tues: 9am – 12.30am
- Wed – Thu: 9am – 1am
- Fri – Sat: 9am – 2.30am
- Sun: 12pm – 12am
- 985 North Bridge Rd

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

**Bugis Street**
- 11am – 10pm
- 3 New Bugis Street

**Masjid Sultan**
- Sat – Thu: 10am – 12pm
- Fri: 2pm – 4pm
- 3 Muscat Street

**Blanco Court Prawn Mee**
- Mon, Wed – Sun: 7am – 4pm
- Closed on Tuesdays
- 243 Beach Road

**Rich and Good Cake Shop**
- Mon: 10.30am – 5pm
- Tues – Sat: 9am – 5pm
- Closed on Sundays
- 20 Kandahar Street

**Maison Ikkoku Cocktail Bar**
- Sat – Thu: 6pm – 1am
- Fri – Sat, PH Eve: 6pm – 2am
- 20 Kandahar Street, Level 2

**Haji Lane**
- Opening hours of shops vary; best to head down between 12pm – 7pm
- 21 Bussorah Street

**Jamal Kazura Aromatics**
- Mon – Fri: 10am – 7pm
- Sat – Sun: 10am – 6.30pm
- 21 Bussorah Street

**Malay Heritage Centre**
- Tue – Sun: 10am – 6pm
- Last admission at 5.30pm
- Closed on Mondays
- 85 Sultan Gate