LIVE LIKE A LOCAL

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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.
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)

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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 LOCAL SLANG**

- 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)
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)
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.

**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)

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**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.

**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
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!

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
- CCB Dakota
  - 10-min ride via bus service 10 or 32
- EW1 Lavender
  - 20-min ride via bus service 12

Bus
- Roxy Square - 10, 12, 14, 32
- Parkway Parade - 36, 48

Car/Taxi
- Dakota
  - 10-min ride via bus service 10 or 32
- Lavender
  - 20-min ride via bus service 12

Taxi hotline
- Comfort Taxi: +65 6552 1111
- SMRT Taxi: +65 6555 8888
- Limousine Cab: +65 6535 3534

Opening Hours

Kim Choo Kueh Chang
- 10am – 10pm
  - #103/110 East Coast Road

112 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

East Coast Park
- Park lighting hours: 7pm – 7am
  - Along East Coast Parkway & East Coast Park Service Road

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police 999
Fire & Ambulance 995
Non-Emergency Ambulance 1777
Village Hotel Katong 6344 2200