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ROBERTSON QUAY

Discover the hidden jewels of Singapore's entertainment scene located just steps away from Village Residence Robertson Quay. This handy guide helps you to navigate through these fun-filled gems, from an intimate dinner by the river to an unforgettable night with friends.

EXPLORE

Robertson Quay

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EAT

Delight your taste buds as you explore Singapore's vibrant culinary scene and enjoy a gastronomical groove through the array of local and international delicacies available and a variety of bars and pubs scattered throughout Robertson Quay for you to discover.



Photo credit: www.bellapasta.com.sg

Bella Pasta

🚶 1-min walk

30 Robertson Quay, #01-09, Singapore 238251

Just a short stroll from Village Residence Robertson Quay, Bella Pasta serves authentic Italian cuisine with freshly handmade pastas. Enjoy a cosy riverside dining experience with a variety of *sedap* traditional Italian dishes.

MUST TRY

Pappardelle Boscaiola

LOCAL SLANG

Sedap (delicious in Malay)



Photo credit: www.straitstimes.com

Kanpai 789

🚶 1-min walk

11 Unity St, #01-18/29 Robertson Walk, Singapore 237995

In addition to their affordable variety of freshly brewed craft beers and sake, Kanpai 789 serves Japanese bar snacks as well as wallet-friendly beer towers that will have you drinking yourself *mabok*!

MUST TRY

Karaage with Oriental Sauce

LOCAL SLANG

Mabok (drunk)

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Jumbo Seafood

🚶 3-min drive, 9-min walk
30 Merchant Rd, #01-01/02 Riverside Point, Singapore 058282

Famous for its delectable seafood, Jumbo Seafood is a must-visit for its renowned chili crabs and mantou (steamed or deep-fried buns) to soak up the savory chili gravy. Super *shio*!



Photo credit: www.timeout.com

MUST TRY

The famed chilli crabs and mantou (steamed or deep fried buns) to dip in the chilli gravy

LOCAL SLANG

Shio (cool, great; delicious)

Song Fa Bak Kut Teh 🚗 4-min drive 🚶 14-min walk
17 New Bridge Rd, #01-01, Singapore 059386

Located at 11 New Bridge Road, Song Fa Bak Kut Teh is celebrated for its Teochew-style Bak Kut Teh — a flavourful peppery pork rib soup. It is known for its flavourful broth, tender pork ribs and traditional side dishes, offering a comforting and authentic dining experience. *Jio* your family and friends to give this a try!



Photo credit: songfa.com.sg

MUST TRY

Pork Ribs Soup

LOCAL SLANG

Jio (invite)

🚗 8-min drive 🚶 18-min walk

Hong Lim Market & Food Centre

531A Upper Cross St, Singapore 051531

Discover a diverse array of *ho jia* local fare at this famous hawker centre! Give the famous stalls like Heng Kee Curry Chicken Bee Hoon Mee, Outram Park Fried Kway Teow Mee and Ji Ji Wanton Noodle Specialist a try!



Photo credit: danielfooddiary.com

MUST TRY

Curry chicken noodles

LOCAL SLANG

Ho jia (delicious in Hokkien)

Maxwell Food Centre 🚗 11-min drive
1 Kadayanallur St, Singapore 069184

Famous for its diverse local delights, from the legendary Tian Tian Hainanese Chicken Rice to the soon-to-be extinct heritage snack, Maxwell Fuzhou Oyster Cake and Old Nyonya's flavourful laksa, pay a visit and *makan* like a local!



Photo credit: www.chinatown.sg

MUST TRY

Fry your own Hum Jin Pang (local sweet dough fritter) at China Street Hum Jin Pang (#01-28)

LOCAL SLANG

Makan (eat in Malay)

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🚶 4-min walk

Singapore Repertory Theatre

20 Merbau Rd,
Singapore 239035

Be inspired, engaged and entertained as you enjoy productions at one of Asia's leading English language theatres. Accompanying its repertoire of original work, the company has produced productions of critically acclaimed classic including Little Shop of Horrors and The Woman in Black.

MUST TRY

The cosy, intimate viewing experience

LOCAL SLANG

Kakis (friends)



Photo credit: www.srt.com.sg

The night is always young when you live near the three quays of Singapore. It is near impossible for you not to have your fill of fun with family and friends here!



Photo credit: www.djmag.com/top100clubs/2022/14/Zouk-Singapore

Zouk Singapore 🚗 7-min drive 🚶 9-min walk
3C River Valley Road 01-05 to #02-06, 179022

Get dressed and hit the dance floor at one of Asia's top nightlife destinations. This award-winning club has hosted legendary DJs like Avicii and Hardwell, making it a must-visit for any party enthusiast. *Chiong* down to secure the best spot on the dance floor!

MUST SEE

Stylish and fashionable people

LOCAL SLANG

Chiong (rush)

🚗 6-min drive 🚶 10-min walk

GX-5 Extreme Swing

3E River Valley Road, 3E River Valley Rd, Block E, 179024

Face your fears and brave the GX-5 Extreme Swing, offering an adrenaline rush that is *buey tahan*. Experience the thrill of falling from a height of 50 meters at 120 km/h in an open-air capsule!

MUST SEE

Spectacular view if you can keep your eyes open

LOCAL SLANG

Buey tahan (intolerable)



Photo credit: www.gmaxgx5.sg

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Clarke Quay Central

🚗 6-min drive 🚶 12-min walk
6 Eu Tong Sen St, Singapore 059817

Clarke Quay Central is a vibrant shopping, dining, and entertainment hub for all ages. Explore eclectic shops, cosy cafés, and beauty parlours, or enjoy activities like Nekoland, Golf, Cue 8 Billiards and The Joy of Toys and more. Whether you're in the mood for retail therapy or just looking to unwind and *shake leg*, this riverside mall is the perfect spot to relax and recharge!



Photo credit: fareastmalls.com.sg

MUST DO

Sit by the riverbank outside the mall to enjoy the scenic night view

LOCAL SLANG

Shake leg (idling, not doing anything)



Photo credit: www.designboom.com

🚗 6-min drive 🚶 17-min walk

National Gallery Singapore

1 St Andrew's Rd, Singapore 178957

National Gallery Singapore is really *solid*! Housed in the historic former Supreme Court and City Hall buildings, it holds the world's largest public collection of Singapore and Southeast Asian modern art, with over 8,000 artworks from the 19th century till now. With its rich history, beautiful architecture, and world-class exhibitions, it's a must-go place for art enthusiasts!

MUST SEE

The former Supreme Court Terrace on Level 4 Mezzanine

LOCAL SLANG

Solid (respectable)

EXPLORE

Take a break from the blaring bass and bright lights of the electrifying Robertson Quay nightlife, and embark on a journey to discover the area's rich culture and heritage.

Alkaff Bridge 🚶 4-min walk

Singapore River, Robertson Quay

Don't know what to do around the residence? Stroll along the Singapore River *lah!* Admire the Alkaff Bridge, known for its vibrant, multicoloured design by artist Pacita Abad. The bridge, with its 900+ colourful circles, is a popular spot for photos and connects Robertson Quay with a lively artistic atmosphere.



Photo credit: TheScribblingGeek.com

MUST DO

Take an OOTD

LOCAL SLANG

Lah (used to add emphasis or indicate a casual tone)

Fort Canning Park 🚗 3-min drive 🚶 9-min walk
70 River Valley Road, Singapore 179037

Explore towering heritage trees and Singapore's most diverse spice garden at this historic hilltop park. *Eh*, don't miss the iconic Fort Canning Tree Tunnel for a perfect Instagram shot!

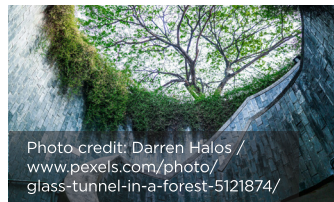


Photo credit: Darren Halos / www.pexels.com/photo/glass-tunnel-in-a-forest-5121874/

MUST DO

Snap a picture of this beauty

LOCAL SLANG

Eh (used to get someone's attention)

🚗 6-min drive 🚶 8-min walk

Singapore River Cruise

Clark Quay Jetty, Singapore 058282

Enjoy a scenic bumboat cruise along the Singapore River and soak in iconic sights like Clarke Quay, Boat Quay, Marina Bay Sands, and the Merlion that will make you go *wah seh!*



Photo credit: www.singaporerivercruise.com

MUST SEE

The scenic Singapore skyline and river view at night

LOCAL SLANG

Wah seh (Wow)

🚗 4-min drive 🚶 12-min walk

Old Hill Street Police Station aka Ministry of Information, Communications, and the Arts (MICA)

140 Hill St, Singapore 179369

Located near Clarke Quay, Old Hill Street Police Station also known as Ministry of Information, Communications, and the Arts (MICA), is a historic building combining colonial architecture with modern-day vibrancy. With its striking visual landmark, *confirm plus chop* Instagram-worthy!



Photo credit: www.mddi.gov.sg

MUST DO

Snap a picture of this beautiful architecture

LOCAL SLANG

Confirm plus chop
(extremely certain of something)

🚗 9-min drive

Chinatown Street Market

70 River Valley Road, Singapore 179037



Photo credit: thecuriousjournal.com

Dive into Chinatown's vibrant culture and history! *Jalan jalan* to discover murals, explore the bustling streets, and visit exquisite temples like the Buddha Tooth Relic Temple & Museum, Sri Mariamman Temple, and Masjid Jamae.

MUST SEE

Hunt for the different wall murals

LOCAL SLANG

Jalan jalan (to stroll or go for a walk)

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🚗 11-min drive

Gardens by the Bay

18 Marina Gardens Dr,
Singapore 018953

Learn about Singapore's pride and joy, a showcase of both green consciousness and advanced technology. Don't miss the super *chio* star attraction — the glowing Supertrees at night and the two conservatories that house exotic blooms from around the world!

MUST SEE

Garden Rhapsody light and sound shows at the Supertree Grove (7.45pm and 8.45pm daily)

LOCAL SLANG

Chio (pretty, attractive)



Photo credit: Gardens by the Bay

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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!

Alamak

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

Shiok

Tastes or feels good
Eg. This burger / massage is so shiok!

Lah

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

Wah

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

Leh

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

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, which enhances their 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 Residence Robertson Quay



Train

- NE5** Clarke Quay
- DT20** Fort Canning



Bus

51, 64, 123, 143, 186



Car/Taxi

10 mins from the city centre
25 mins from Changi Airport



Taxi hotline

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



Ride-Hailing Applications



CDG Zig



Gojek



Grab

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police	999
Fire & Ambulance	995
Non-Emergency Ambulance	1777
Village Residence Robertson Quay	+65 6019 0366



