

Listings

How to use the listings

This section consists of the month's events listed by genre plus a selection of the island's many visitor attractions. For current exhibitions and events at Singapore's cultural and history museums, see **Museums**; details of fine-art institutions and art galleries are in **Art** listings.

☉ Denotes an event for which tickets are available through Sistic (6348 5555, www.sistic.com.sg).

* Denotes an event we particularly recommend.

▶ Before a day denotes a closing date; after a day denotes a starting date

How to be listed

Listings must arrive in writing by the **Monday five weeks** before publication. We need the following details: address, phone number, nearest MRT, dates, times, prices and details of the event. Listings can be sent by post or emailed to listings@timeoutsingapore.com. Listings are free but, as space is limited, inclusion is not guaranteed.

Events

* **ArchiFest 2008** 3-31 Oct; various times, venues and prices (www.archifest.sg). From 6 to 26 October, exhibitions of award-winning architectural designs will be held at NLE Plaza and HortPark. During the first three weekends of the month ArchiTours will take participants on romps through Singapore's most impressive buildings. See Art, Preview.

* **Singapore Motorshow** Until 5 Oct; various times. \$10; children \$4. *Suntec City Convention Centre, 1 Raffles Blvd* (www.motorshow.com.sg). ☐ *City Hall*. It's motor madness at this annual gearhead extravaganza. Check out the latest wheeled wonders from the automotive world, along with driving simulators. The winner of the Polygon Bike Design competition will also be announced, with the finalists' designs on display.

* **Singapore Sun Festival: An Epicurean Voyage** 25 Oct; 6pm. \$348. *SAF Yacht Club, 110 Tanah Merah Coast Rd* (www.singaporefestival.com). ☐ *Expo, then taxi*. If the idea of eating and drinking on the bobbing deck of a ship turns you on instead of inside out, then book yourself a passage on the *Rising Tide*. On this mini-cruise you'll dine under the night sky with two stars of the culinary and travel world: Coriander Leaf chef Samia Ahad, and boat-owner and *Insight Guides* founder Hans Hofer.

Festivals

Deepavali Light Up Until 2 Nov; various times. *Little India* (www.visitingapore.com/littleindia). ☐ *Little India*. This is the time of the year when Little India sparkles even more than usual, thanks to the lighting of oil lamps throughout the district. The Deepavali Festival Village and Heritage Exhibition Corner at Campbell Lane will feature a bazaar of dazzling clothing, jewelry, arts, crafts and, of course, food for the duration of the festival.

* **Singapore Beer Festival** 2 & 3 Oct; 6pm-midnight. 4 & 5 Oct; noon-midnight. \$30-\$220. *Fort Canning, Cox Terrace* (www.singaporebeerfestival.com). ☐ *Dhoby Ghaut*. We know of few other things in life worth celebrating more than beer. This festival brims over with brewing brio by bringing in more than 200 varieties of beer – 100 of which have never been consumed in Asia before. Go to website for full festival details. See 'Red-hot performers', page 74.

Singapore Sun Festival 17-26 Oct; various times, venues and prices (www.singaporefestival.com). This is the second coming of this arts and lifestyle celebration. See Art, Books, Film and Music, listings.

WaterFest 2008 Until 11 Oct; various times and locations (www.waterfestingapore.com). Enjoy all things aquatic for only two more weeks. For information on this event, go to TimeOutSingapore.com.

Groovy ghoulies



Halloween Horrors: A Hell of a Good Time As if seeing hyenas, jackals and leopards on the prowl wasn't spine-tingling enough, the Night Safari will turn up the fright factor this month by transforming itself into a Haunted Forest. Ghouls and goblins will lurk in the shadows and an 'Eternal Torture Chamber' will show you what happens when you make Mother Nature angry. 10 Oct-1 Nov; 7.30pm-midnight (www.nightsafari.com.sg). MRT: Choa Chu Kang, then bus 927. See 'Broken social scene', page 81.

Talks and walks

Dhobis, Saris and a Spot of Curry Every Wed; 9.30am. \$25; children \$15. Meet at Little India ☐ station outside exit E. For information on this walk, go to TimeOutSingapore.com.

Photography Talks

FREE 12 Oct; various times. *Seminar Rooms 1 & 2 at the National Museum of Singapore, 93 Stamford Rd* (6332 3659, www.nationalmuseum.sg). ☐ *Dhoby Ghaut or City Hall*.

• 11am-12.30pm: **Eyes Wide Open – Seeing the Mundane in a New Light** Even everyday sights can become captivating photos if the perspective is right. Singapore-based photojournalist Bryan van der Beek (www.bryanv.com) will show you how to get the most out of your camera in practically any setting you can imagine.

• * 2-3.15pm: **No More Boring Photographs** Learn how to defy convention, see the world differently and add that extra something to every photo you take with TOS contributing lensman Jing Quek (www.superhyperreal.com), a Singapore photographer who's won awards internationally. See 'Meet our heroes', page 12, to read more about Quek.

Singapore Sun Festival: Wellness Talks

18-25 Oct; various times. \$12; \$30 for three-talk package. *The Sun Tent, Esplanade Park, Connaught Dr* (www.singaporefestival.com). ☐ *City Hall*. If you're planning to dive headlong into the culinary



Hoist the anchor, set the table! Enjoy a dinner cruise on Rising Tide

excesses of the Sun Festival, you might want to consider these lectures, designed to help keep your chakra in check.

• 18 Oct; 4pm: **Theta Healing** This form of energy healing has reportedly cured people of many ailments – including cancer. Sceptical? Keep an open mind and let the healing begin.

• 19 Oct; 4pm: **Stress Management with Meditation and Acupressure** A good stiff drink might be the way some people deal with their stress at the end of the day, but there's a healthier alternative. Learn it in this talk and also find out which acupressure points you can use to release stress.

• 25 Oct; 4.30pm: **Not Just a Breathing Exercise: 2,000 Years of Taiji Culture** If your experience of taiji consists of wondering when all those people in the Botanic Gardens will quit the slow-mo and get to the rigorous routines, then this talk is for you. You'll be surprised at the internal and external benefits this gentle, ancient art can deliver.

Little India Walking Tour 19 & 26 Oct; 9.30am. \$30 (proceeds go to charity). Meet on corner of Race Course Road and Race Course Lane, near Exit E of Little India ☐. Let guide Geraldene Lowe fill you in on Indian folklore and customs as you visit jasmine garland makers, betel nut vendors, Indian spice shops, a temple and the handloom shop where you'll learn to tie a sari. The tour stops for *teh tarik* (pulled tea) at a coffee shop and ends with an optional lunch of tosei rice pancakes.

Workshops

FREE Singapore Sun Festival: Taiji Sessions @ ACM Green 17-26 Oct; 7.30pm. *Asian Civilisations Museum Green, 1 Empress Pl* (www.singaporefestival.com). ☐ *Raffles Place*. Think taiji is easy? Find out just how slow you can go by attending these free classes that will teach you the basic moves and introduce you to the idea of *Qigong*, or energy work.

FREE Singapore Sun Festival: Yoga Sessions @ Esplanade Park 20-24 Oct; 6.30pm. *The Sun Tent, Esplanade Park, Connaught Dr* (www.singaporefestival.com). ☐ *City Hall*. Here's your chance to get into bizarre poses in public without anyone giving you a second look. Each 60- to 75-minute class focuses on a different style of yoga so you can sample practices to see which (if any) you'd like to pursue further.

Critics' choice



Singapore Beer Festival

Fort Canning, 2-5 Oct
A perfect excuse to drink till your gut's content: just make sure you've got someone to take you home.

ArchiFest 2008

Various locations, 3-31 Oct
You walk past dozens of buildings every day – but have you really seen them?

No More Boring Photographs

National Museum of Singapore, 12 Oct
TOS contributing photographer Jing Quek provides the perfect pic-me-up as he tells the secrets of a great Kodak moment.

SSF: An Epicurean Voyage

SAF Yacht Club, 25 Oct
Sure it's expensive, but how many of your friends will be able to say they spent their Saturday night eating a mind-blowing meal while cruising on a schooner?

Singapore Sun Festival: Cooking Classes

Coriander Leaf, #02-03 Clarke Quay, 3A River Valley Rd (6732 3354, www.coriannderleaf.com). ☐ *Clarke Quay*.

• 18 Oct; 10am: **A Moroccan Feast** Learn how to fill your own kitchen with the spice and sparkle of Moroccan cuisine. The eight recipes include pastilla and pumpkin soup. \$130.

• 25 Oct; 10am: **Streets of Singapore** Raining too hard to head out for rojak, chilli crab or satay? You'll be able to whip up your own versions after this class, which focuses on our most popular street food. \$130.

Singapore Sun Festival: Yoga

Workshops \$55; one full-day workshop \$135; two full-day workshops \$240. Conrad Centennial Hotel, 2 Temasek Blvd (6348 5555, www.singaporefestival.com). ☐ *City Hall*.

• 18 & 19 Oct; 8.30am-4pm: **Ashtanga and Hatha Yoga Workshop** Yogananth Andiapan has been studying yoga since the age of two, so he probably has a thing or two to teach students about the practice. This two-day workshop consists of three sessions each day on breathing, stretching and meditating.

• 25 & 26 Oct; 8.30am-4pm: **Anusara Yoga Workshop** *Anusara* means 'flowing with grace' and is a style of yoga that focuses on opening the heart as you open tense muscles. The sessions will be led by Sean 'Hanoi' Hammocks and include The Dance of the Five Elements, Indulge in the Bliss of Backbends, and Expanding Your Energy from Inside Out.

• 25 & 26 Oct; 8.30am-4pm: **Ashtanga Workshop** Instructor James Figueira is a former US National gymnastics coach who brings his knowledge of that sport to his yoga teachings. The final day's session, Adjustments and Refinements, helps budding yogis take their practice to the next level.

Zoos and gardens

Jurong BirdPark

2 Jurong Hill (6265 0022, www.birdpark.com.sg). Daily 9am-6pm. \$18; children \$9. ☐ *Boon Lay, then bus 94 or 251*.

• Daily; 8.30am (breakfast), 9.15-9.45am (show): **Early Bird Breakfast Show** They say the early bird gets the worm, and

you just might want to let them have it at this interactive breakfast. Instead, you can choose from a variety of delectable dishes off the Bongo Burgers Terrace menu while you make new feathered friends like Big John, the park's oldest cockatoo, and Merlin, a yellow-naped Amazon who tells fortunes. Various prices (breakfast), free (show).

● Daily 2pm: **Be a Falconer** For more information, go to TimeOutSingapore.com (Fuji Hawk Walk).



● 11am-3pm: **Birds 'n' Buddies Show** For information on this show, go to our website at TimeOutSingapore.com.

● Daily; 9am-6pm: **Dino Descendants - Flightless Birds Exhibit** Immerse yourself in a 'land before time' with dinosaurs' closest living relatives: flightless birds. The ostrich, emu, cassowary and rhea run wild in a natural setting with elevated walkways and observation decks. \$9-\$18.

Singapore Botanic Gardens

1 Cluny Rd (6471 7361, www.sbg.org.sg). Daily 5am-midnight. **National Orchid Garden** \$5; concession \$1; children under 12 free. **Orchard**, then bus 106, 123, 124.

● 11 Oct; 10-11am: **Numbers and Shapes** This guided tour lets young kids improve their counting and shape-identification skills in Singapore's prettiest outdoor classroom (Jacob Ballas Children's Garden). \$6.

● **FREE** Every first Saturday; 9am & 10am: **Edible & Medicinal Plants** For information on this exhibition, go to TimeOutSingapore.com.

● **FREE** Every fourth Saturday; 9am: **Evolution Garden Tour** For information on this exhibition, go to TimeOutSingapore.com.

● Every third Saturday; 9am, 10am, 11am & 4pm: **National Orchid Garden Tour** Find out facts that are every bit as colourful as the petals themselves on this guided walk through the garden. Register 15 minutes before the tour at the Visitor Centre. \$5.

● **FREE** Every second Saturday; 9am, 10am, 11am & 4pm: **Rainforest Tour** This one-hour guided tour will expose you to the island's expanses of luscious tropical rainforest. Register 15 minutes before the tour at the Visitor Centre.

Singapore Zoo

80 Mandai Lake Rd (6269 3411, www.zoo.com.sg). Daily 8.30am-6pm. \$15; children (ages 3-12) \$7.50. **Ang Mo Kio**, then bus 138 or **Choa Chu Kang**, then bus 927.

● **Bat Exhibit** For information on this exhibition, go to TimeOutSingapore.com.

● **Giant Flying Squirrel Exhibit** These mammals from Vietnam can glide about 400m off the ground.

● **Night Safari** For information, go to TimeOutSingapore.com.

● **Orangutan Exhibit** For information on this exhibition, go to our website at TimeOutSingapore.com.

● *** Polar Bear Viewing Exhibit** In addition to providing these marine mammals with an icy habitat, the zoo also releases live fish for the bears to hunt like they would in the wild. An underwater viewing gallery allows you to see just how surprisingly graceful the great white furry beauties can be.

● **Reptile Garden** Featuring the endangered Komodo dragons outside of Indonesia as well as a selection of marmosets, iguanas and tortoises. If you enjoy cold-blooded animals, this is your Garden of Eden.

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Museums

Army Museum of Singapore

520 Upper Jurong Rd (6861 3957, www.armymuseum.gov.sg). **Boon Lay**, then bus 182, 193. Tue-Sun 10am-6pm. Check website for entry fee updates.

● **Ops Blue Heron (OBH): Our People, Our Contributions** In 1999 the SAF activated Operation Blue Heron, a force that would join other organisations from around the world to help with peacekeeping activities in East Timor. This sight-and-sound exhibit honours that initiative and the brave individuals who participated in it.

● **Birth of Our Army** For information on this exhibition, go to TimeOutSingapore.com.

● **Making of a Soldier** For information on this exhibition, go to TimeOutSingapore.com.

● **Orientation Gallery** For information on this exhibition, go to TimeOutSingapore.com.

● **Our People** For information on this exhibition, go to TimeOutSingapore.com.

Asian Civilisations Museum

1 Empress Pl (6332 7798, www.acm.org.sg). **Raffles Place**. Mon 1-7pm; Tue-Thu, Sat & Sun 9am-7pm; Fri 9am-9pm. \$5; seniors and students \$2.50; children under 5 free; Fri 7-9pm (discount) \$4; seniors and students \$2.

● **Wild Animals in the ACM** Go on a wild animal safari through the halls of the museum as you examine animal motifs in various works of art. 2 Oct; 12.30-1.30pm.

● **China's Precious Gift to the World - Silk Textiles** This tour looks at a variety of the dazzling textiles in the museum's collection and discusses their symbolism, their function in war and peace, and much more. 16 Oct; 12.30-1.30pm.

● **Seeing the Trees, Not Just the Forest** You'll see birds, blooms and more as you take a closer look at the motifs found in Chinese art by examining the beautiful artefacts. 30 Oct; 12.30-1.30pm (China Gallery).

● *** Neither East Nor West: Asians in Monochrome** Now that most people carry around cameras as part of their cellphones, pictures seem like no big deal. But there once was a time when having a black and white portrait taken was an incredible luxury. This exhibit displays a collection of photos of Asian dignitaries, and others who helped bridge the gap between East and West, all taken at the Lafayette Studio in London. 23 Oct ▶ 1 Feb (Special Exhibitions Gallery).

● **Seeing Red: Propaganda and Material Culture in China (1966-1976)** For information on this exhibition, go to TimeOutSingapore.com. ▶ 12 Oct (Shaw Foundation Foyer).

MINT Museum of Toys

26 Seah St (6339 0060, www.emint.com). **Bugis**. Daily 9.30am-6.30pm. \$15; concession \$7.50; various family packages (two adults and two children \$36; three adults and one child \$42). For information on this museum, go to TimeOutSingapore.com.

National Museum of Singapore

93 Stamford Rd (6332 5642, www.nationalmuseum.sg). **Dhoby Ghaut** or **City Hall**. **Singapore History Gallery** daily 10am-6pm, **Singapore Living Galleries** daily 10am-8pm. \$10; seniors, students, NS men \$5; infants free. Free daily 6-8pm.

● **NEW Singapore Living Galleries: Photography** If a picture's worth a thousand words, be prepared to 'read' a lot about the history of the Singaporean family as this exhibit tells the tale through dozens of family portraits, albums and archival photos. It also features interactive LCD screens



Fringe feast Chang Chien-Chi's 'Doubleness' exhibit looks at alienation

that let you reminisce with Singaporean families. The oldest photographic image of Singapore is also on display. ▶ 31 Dec.

● **FREE Weapons of Mass Desire** Discover how technologies, inventions and design sensibilities (developed for and during World War II) led to the advancement of automation, and postwar consumer goods like television sets (until 4 Jan, The Canyon); **A Dialogue of Understanding on Sino-Japanese War History** (10 Oct; 7.30-9.30pm. \$15), **Forum on Repercussions of WWII on Contemporary Society** (11 Oct; 9am-5.30pm. \$35).

● **Heresies: A Retrospective by Pedro Meyer** Known for his provocative and powerful images, Mexican documentary photographer Meyer sees his work displayed simultaneously in more than 60 museums around the world with this show. The Singapore instalment will feature approximately 36 prints chronicling five decades of his photographic career. 7 Oct ▶ 16 Nov (The Atelier).

● **Doubleness: Photography of Chang Chien-Chi** One of the most extensive exhibitions of this Taiwanese lensman's work to date, this show features over 120 photographs, two projections and four videos that explore themes such as alienation between individuals. \$5; concession \$2.50. 10 Oct ▶ 4 Jan (Gallery 1).

● **VOOM Portraits by Robert Wilson** After opening in New York, Los Angeles and Moscow, this exhibition featuring the works of photographer Robert Wilson opens in Singapore with a groundbreaking series of videos that push the medium of photography beyond the still image. 30 Oct ▶ 4 Jan.

● **Storm** Featuring the work of Korean artist Jinnee Seo, visitors to the museum become an instant audience as they 'play' along with the glass atrium environment, transforming it from a monumental space into one that is rather intimate. ▶ 11 Jan (Glass Atrium).

● **Singapore Living Galleries: Fashion Clothes** For information on this exhibition, go to TimeOutSingapore.com.

● **Singapore History Gallery** For information on this series, go to TimeOutSingapore.com. ▶ 31 Dec; 10am-6pm (Glass Atrium).

Peranakan Museum

39 Armenian St (6332 7591, www.peranakanmuseum.sg). **City Hall**. Mon 1-7pm; Tue-Thu, Sat & Sun 9.30am-7pm; Fri 9.30am-9pm. \$6; family \$25, joint ticket with **Asian Civilisations Museum** \$12.

● **Food and Feasting Gallery** Peranakan family life largely centres around food. This gallery displays 'Tok Panjang' porcelain that is used for the traditional wedding feast, as well as for other special occasions. A traditional kitchen exhibit creates an 'I was here' feel through a sound-and-light show.

● **Junk to Jewels: The Things That Peranakans Value** For information on this exhibition, go to TimeOutSingapore.com.

● **Religion Gallery** For information on this exhibition, go to TimeOutSingapore.com.

Critics' choice



● **Water, H2O = Life** Singapore Science Centre, until 17 Oct. It keeps us alive, keeps us cool and most importantly, it wards off hangovers. Go on, pay this beverage the respect it deserves.

Beijing Olympic Games Stamp Display

Singapore Philatelic Museum, until 31 Oct. If you're feeling the post-Olympic blues, cheer up with this colourful display.

Neither East Nor West: Asians in Monochrome

Asian Civilisations Museum, through 1 Feb 2009. Sometimes history is best viewed in black and white.

● **Wedding Gallery** For information on this exhibition, go to TimeOutSingapore.com.

Singapore Philatelic Museum

23B Coleman St (6337 3888, www.spm.org.sg). **City Hall** or **Clarke Quay**. Mon 1-7pm; Tue-Sun 9am-7pm. \$5; children (ages 3-12) \$4. Singapore's only stamp museum is also a fully operational post office.

● *** NEW Beijing Olympic Games Stamp Display** The fireworks may have faded and the flags taken down, but these stamps capture the fun of the Games for posterity, featuring Olympic mascots, venues, the torch and coin memorabilia. ▶ 31 Oct.

● **Dragons, Treasures and Masterpieces** On display will be stamps featuring dragons, scenes from the Beijing opera, artefacts, the work of master painters, Chinese calligraphy, literature and more. ▶ Jan 2009.

● **Journey Through the Land Of Lotus** For information on this exhibition, go to TimeOutSingapore.com. ▶ 23 Nov.

● **A Rat's Tale** For information on this exhibition, go to TimeOutSingapore.com. ▶ Dec 31.

Singapore Science Centre

15 Science Centre Rd (6425 2500, www.science.edu.sg). **Jurong East**. Tue-Sun 10am-6pm. \$6; children (ages 3-16) \$3; senior citizens \$3.60.

● *** Water, H2O = Life** This exhibit investigates the scientific structure of water itself, looking at the driest, wettest and iciest places on earth. ▶ 17 Oct.

● **Living with Viruses** Through 3-D galleries, video documentaries and information panels, this exhibition fills you in on Singapore's most notorious and potentially lethal viral afflictions of the last decade, such as HIV, AIDS and SARS.

● **The Mind's Eye** Test your eyesight at this exhibition featuring optical illusions - to see is to believe.

● **Climate Change Exhibition** For information on this exhibition, go to TimeOutSingapore.com.

● **Nanotechnology Exhibit** For information on this exhibition, go to TimeOutSingapore.com.

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