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entrepreneur with a passion for travel, food, writing and film making. It was may seem like a mixed bag of skills, but fortunately he was able to apply all these into the creation of this portal. He enjoyed using sites like TripAdvisor but found out the reviews were all written by foreigners and thus misrepresentative of the true local experience. He felt it
was the locals who knew their country the best, but there was no portal that provided a true local voice. Hence TheSmartLocal was created, to build a hyper-local resource from the inside-out that locals and foreigners could use. TheSmartLocal was created, to build a hyper-local resource from the inside-out that locals and foreigners could use.
be joined by some very young and talented individuals, who have helped us get to where we are today. Our Press Coverage If you would like to get in touch with us, you can contact us here. Most of us think of 2 things when it comes to Punggol: BTO-central and Coney Island. But dig a little deeper and you'll find that this former fishing village is
bursting with a myriad of waterfront gems, nature parks, and hangout spots. To get you started, here's a guide to things to do in Punggol Golf Driving Range is the latest haunt for those interested in the club-and-ball sport. Golfing rates are affordable here,
starting from $8.72 for 100 balls, so you can practice your strokes and perfect your form. Fret not if you're new to golfing, as newbies can sign up for coaching lessons at $1200/pax. You'll get 10 hours of lessons, plus free usage of the golfing gym to train with various gym equipment. If you know someone else who's interested in the sport, we
recommend coming as a duo, since the coaching lessons are cheaper at $850/pax instead of the usual $1200. Mini putting course, 2. Punggol Regional Library bas brought their A game with DIY workshops for kids, fun storytelling sessions, and of course,
games for all ages. This 5-storey library also has interactive exhibitions that detail the history of Punggol, as well as tech-centric classes that let you work with robots and 3D printers. They also have pasta dishes at Artease for those who prefer a full meal. Image credit: @thereadingniffler via Instagram Once you're done tinkering with the gadgets and
browsing the books, you can satisfy your sweet tooth at Artease. Grab a slice of cheesecake ($6.50) or a steamy cup of Earl Grey Milk Tea ($3). 3. Splash @ Kidz Amaze Ocean-themed indoor water playground Image adapted from: @brendaheartskoh & @sophie.leeze via Instagram Splash @ Kidz Amaze is your refuge from Singapore's sweltering heat.
Plan a family day out with the kiddos at this ocean-themed indoor water playground, decorated with adorable marine animal displays. Image adapted from: @triciafoo & @chewjoann via Instagram Children can splash around in the wading pool, or whiz down the 5 slides - including tunnel slides that have unsuspecting twists. And for a dunkin' good
time, score a spot under the giant splash bucket so you'll get fully drenched when it goes off. Recommended tickets at S$18.20 4. Punggol Beach 2.4km boardwalk to jog & catch the sunset Move aside, Sentosa - those living in Punggol Beach is
recognisable for its rocky terrain that serves as an aesthetic backdrop for the 'gram. It also has a 2.4km boardwalk with fishing platforms and small shelters where you can comfortably watch the sunrise and sunset. Image credit: @alexcubic3 via Instagram Seaside views aside, Punggol Beach doubles as a hotspot for paranormal geeks and history
buffs, thanks to its dark past as a former WWII massacre site. Oooo, spooky. 5. Coney Island Rent affordable bikes to explore hidden beaches Coney Island has been around since 2015, but it remains a popular spot for avid hikers, cyclists and photographers. If you've got time on your hands and are keen on a day of exploring, you'll be able to visit
Coney Island through the East or West entrance from the 2.5km Coney Island Park Connector. The area boasts a myriad of cycling routes and boardwalks. The best part is, one of these pathways leads to a secret beach called Beach D. This small beach is pretty much untouched by man, so it'll just be you and nature here. Coney Island also has its
share of boardwalks. Those who don't own a bike will be able to rent one for as low as $20/3h from Jomando Adventure & Recreations at The Punggol Settlement. Don't worry about sweating buckets, as it's just a 3-minute walk from the West entrance of Coney Island. If you're on a budget, you can opt to rent a bike from SG Bike. There are two
options available: Standard series (Mobike/standard SG Bike): $1 for the first 30 minutes and $0.03/minute thereafter. Premium series (bicycles with child seat/children's bike/mountain bike): $4 for the first 30 minutes and $0.06/minute thereafter. Premium series (bicycles with child seat/children's bike/mountain bike): $4 for the first 30 minutes and $0.06/minute thereafter. Premium series (bicycles with child seat/children's bike/mountain bike): $4 for the first 30 minutes and $0.06/minute thereafter. Premium series (bicycles with child seat/children's bike/mountain bike): $4 for the first 30 minutes and $0.06/minute thereafter. Premium series (bicycles with child seat/children's bike/mountain bike): $4 for the first 30 minutes and $0.06/minute thereafter. Premium series (bicycles with child seat/children's bike/mountain bike): $4 for the first 30 minutes and $0.06/minute thereafter. Premium series (bicycles with child seat/children's bike/mountain bike): $4 for the first 30 minutes and $0.06/minute thereafter. Premium series (bicycles with child seat/children's bike/mountain bike): $4 for the first 30 minutes and $0.06/minute thereafter. Premium series (bicycles with child seat/children's bike/mountain bike): $4 for the first 30 minutes and $0.06/minute thereafter. Premium series (bicycles with child seat/children's bike/mountain bike): $4 for the first 30 minutes and $0.06/minute thereafter. Premium series (bicycles with child seat/children's bike/mountain bike): $4 for the first 30 minutes and $0.06/minute thereafter. Premium series (bicycles with child seat/children's bike/mountain bike): $4 for the first 30 minutes and $0.06/minute thereafter. Premium series (bicycles with child seat/children's bike/mountain bike): $4 for the first 30 minutes and $0.06/minute thereafter. Premium series (bicycles with child seat/children's bike/mountain bik
Located between Punggol Timor Island and Punggol Barat Island is Seletar North Link. It's a tranquil pit stop for cyclists doing a loop from the park connectors in Punggol and Yishun. Ripped straight from a postcard, this hidden gem makes for a great photo op for its riverside scenery that's reminiscent of New Zealand. You'll be rewarded with a
stretch of rocky banks and water that offers a symmetrical reflection of the surrounding trees and blue sky. If you're lucky, you might even chance upon some wildlife like otters. 7. Tebing Lane ArtBox-like container park with bars & cafes Image credit: @leilachow via Instagram If you missed the chance to visit Artbox 2025, be sure to check out
Punggol East Container Park at Tebing Lane to trawl its stretch of bars and cafes. This food hub is perfect for those who want to ditch crowded malls and have a hearty meal before going for a stroll down the waterway. Image credit: Eatbook There are container restaurants here, where you'll be able to tuck into a plate of Spicy Beef Bulgogi Rice
($15.30) at Seoul Good. Plus, take your pick from over 100 varieties of wine, beer, cocktails and shooters at Pump Station 1965 Bar and Bistro. While you're there, take a quick pit stop at various eateries along Tebing Lane, such as Happy Lok Lok with over 50 different kinds of meat and seafood to choose from, or Whisk and Paddle for some all-day
breakfast with riverside views. 8. Hai Bin & Riviera While Singapore boasts an abundance of fishing spots, being able to catch a fish can be a tricky task. So, if you're looking for something more beginner-friendly, have a go at catching your own fresh seafood at these 24-hour prawning places in Punggol. Hai Bin - 24/7 prawning Staff assistance is
available for first-timers to learn the ropes of prawning. Having been around since 2007, Hai Bin has been a popular go-to spot for seasoned fishers and prawning ponds for $24/hour or purchase a 10-hour card for $128. Image credits: @haibinprawning via Instagram If all that prawning gets
you hungry, you'll be able to grill your loot at the BBQ pits or opt for finger food and tap beer at Banyan Bar and Kitchen, which is located within the site. Supper kakis will be glad to know that this spot is open until 1am. Otherwise, you can just hop over to the eateries at Tebing Lane, which is a 4-minute walk away. Riviera Prawn Fishing - Reward
system when you catch tagged prawns Image credit: @kelvinleong29 via Instagram Just a stone's throw away from Hai Bin is Riviera Prawn Fishing, another prawning site with prices starting at $18/hour. While there isn't a restaurant within their premises, you'll be able to fuel up on refreshments and munchies from their on-site store. You can put
your skills to the test and try to catch prawns that have been strategically tagged. Those who manage to land their hands on a tagged prawn can win prizes ranging from $10/hour Image credit: @bamboobranch via Instagram Those who're feeling competitive can
scoot over to Punggol Billiard for a friendly game of pool (from $7/hour) and billiards (from $8/hour). Since Punggol Billiard's popularity has earned it a swath of fans who frequently hold tournaments there, you should make a reservation before heading down, as this hotspot tends to draw in crowds. Note: The parlour does not accept NETS, so it's a
good idea to have some cash on hand. 10. Punggol Settlement Seafood & mookata with a seaside view Situated just beside the jetty and Punggol Settlement. Not only is it home to the Jomando Adventure & Recreations bicycle rental shop, but it also serves as a food haven for seafood and mookata lovers. Image credit
@thepunggolsettlementsg via Instagram There are 10 restaurants here, including popular names such as Siam Square Mookata and House of Seafood. This gem is also home to Ponggol Seafood, which is famous for its chilli crab. 11. Punggol Waterway Park Themed zones & IG-worthy bridges Image credit: @sky.is.sunny via Instagram Parks are
aplenty in Singapore, but we can agree they're all uniquely designed in some way or another. Located just a few minutes away from the Punggol Waterway Park, a 4.2km-long waterfront that's designed with 4 themed zones: Nature Cove: Waterfront viewpoints and space for leisure activities. Recreation Zone: Packed with
sand and water play features as well as a fitness corner. Heritage Zone: Located along Old Punggol Road with mature trees and vegetation. Green Gallery: Has a myriad of greenery and wildlife. Besides the lush greenery and waterfront views, the park is also popular for its 5 IG-worthy bridges: Image adapted from: @worldthroughjx &
@singpor.tourisme via Instagram Jewel Bridge: Dome-shaped structure. Sunrise Bridge: Red wooden bridge: Red wooden bridge: Wave railing design. Adventure bridge: Suspension bridge: Recreates fishing platforms built on stilts. Kelong Bridge: Wave railing design. Adventure bridge: Dome-shaped structures 2 raised planter boxes, allowing
wheelchair users to enjoy and touch the plants. You'll be able to spot brightly-coloured flowers and familiar plants such as pandan. 12. Lorong Halus Wetlands is a tranquil spot that's not your usual hiking scene. You'll be able
to see reservoirs and water treatment sites as you explore the area. Those looking for a new long-distance cycling route can head over to Lorong Halus Bridge, a 3km-long park connector that leads to Coney Island Park and Pasir Ris Park. How to get there: Alight at Riviera LRT, Exit B and take Bus 381 to Blk 166A. Walk along Lorong Halus Bridge, a 3km-long park connector that leads to Coney Island Park and Pasir Ris Park.
13. Northshore Plaza Seafront mall with direct LRT access Northshore Plaza is the first waterfront mall built in an HDB neighbourhood. The mall has various skylights, community pods, and playgrounds on the second floor for kiddos to blow off steam. The centre is split into 2 sections, Northshore Plaza I and Northshore Plaza II. Come hungry as
there's a myriad of food and drink options such as Super Wok, Song Fa Kway Chap, and Dancing Crab. There's even a dinosaur-themed food court, Nomstar, where you can enjoy Tim Ho Wan and Tsuta Ramen surrounded by Mr Brachiosaurus and his dino gang. The mall is also unique for its 2-storey Decathlon outlet with a massive range of sporting
goods. 14. Tenderbest Makcik Tuckshop Halal botanical-themed cafe Image credit: @tenderfreshsg via Instagram On top of its Woodlands and Jalan Kayu outlets, Tenderbest Makcik Tuckshop is now up and running in Punggol and is just a 3-minute walk from Riviera MRT. This modern-day Halal cafe offers a cosy indoor and outdoor dining experience
thanks to its floral decor, rattan furniture, fairy lights and art deco tiles. Image credit: @tenderfreshsg via Instagram This cafe has a variety of Western and Asian dishes such as Grilled Salmon Fillet ($20.90) and Indomie Fries with Egg ($6.50). They also offer fusion pasta like Laksa Prawn Spaghetti ($14.90) and 9-inch thin crust pizzas like Smoked
Salmon Pesto Pizza ($19.50). Plus, you can tuck into some delicious cheesecakes at Cat & The Fiddle, which is also located within the outlet. On top of delicious nosh, the cafe offers a drive-thru pick-up service, bicycle parking facilities, and even a designated prayer room for Muslim guests. 15. Punggol Coast Mall The newest mall opening in the
Northeast Punggol Coast Mall is the newest treat for the North-Easties and has no shortage of food and shopping to explore. Drop by for a coffee fix at Luckin Coffee or head to a cute cafe called White Cloud Cafe for drinks such as Passionfruit Earl Grey Tea ($6.90). If you're hungry, there's a variety of cuisines - from Korean to Western - like Ha-Jungol Coast Mall is the newest treat for the North-Easties and has no shortage of food and shopping to explore. Drop by for a coffee fix at Luckin Coffee or head to a cute cafe called White Cloud Cafe for drinks such as Passionfruit Earl Grey Tea ($6.90). If you're hungry, there's a variety of cuisines - from Korean to Western - like Ha-Jungol Coast Mall is the newest treat for the North-Easties and has no shortage of food and shopping to explore.
Korean and Aston's Specialities. Oh, and Paradise Hotpot just opened too, where you can get an all-you-can-eat hotpot value set from $19.90 per person. The set gives you access to their buffet counter that has more than 100 fresh ingredients to choose from, unlimited snacks and ice cream as well as free-flow drinks and condiments. It's a pretty
sweet deal letting you eat to your heart's content here. Shopaholics would also be happy to know that the mall has many outlets to fuel their compulsions, including Daiso for home essentials, Skechers and MUJI. They even have Coldwear, a shop that specialises in selling winter wear for those of us looking for winter essentials for our next vacation
16. Ark Bloc Open-air bouldering gym Image credit: Ark Bloc via Google Maps Ark Bloc is unlike traditional gyms, since its open-air concept allows you to won't need to wait in line just to get your reps in. They have 8 deadlift platforms and 6 power racks to use and
even free-form options like callisthenics equipment, heavy tires and atlas stones for all types of workouts. Image credit: @arkbloc via Instagram The gym also boasts huge climbing walls complete with overhangs for you to get a bouldering session in. It might seem a bit intimidating at first, but they have plenty of beginner-friendly climbs to start with
before you head for the tougher routes. If you'd like to make this gym your newest work-out spot, they have flexible gym memberships like day passes ($28), monthly unlimited passes ($28), mo
refreshing, like wakeboarding with Ryders Singapore. It's a great beginner sport because you'll be attached to the board, meaning it's easier to balance and get used to. Families with kids as young as 6 can also take lessons at Ryders, as their coaches employ a fun and stress-free curriculum that encourages and exposes your little ones to the
necessary wakeboarding skills. Image credit: @ryders.sg via Instagram An hour-long coaching session is priced from $160 - which can seem steep but you're allowed to bring up to 5 people for the session, so it's technically $32 per person. #girlmath. The coolest part about this is that even your furry friends can join in on the fun. Let them catch the
sea breeze in the boat as you and your family cruise the waves. 18. KTV at Punggol SAFRA Karaoke with free-flow snacks & drinks Image credit: Balnig Florabelle via Google Maps Nothing bonds people together like belting to heartbreak songs and angsty 2000s classics like Girlfriend by Avril Lavigne and I Knew You Were Trouble by Taylor Swift.
Jewel Music Box at Punggol SAFRA is an affordable KTV place to take your friends to. Prices start from $12 for 3 hours on weekdays, and $15 for 3 hours on weekdays, 
a 5,000-seater football stadium Image credit: Sports Singapore While there are heaps of fitness studios in Singapore, it's always a bonus to have a gym in the comfort of our neighbourhood. For North-East siders who want to clock in a good workout, you can look forward to Punggol Regional Sports Centre's range of lifestyle and sports facilities
coming your way in 2026. The sports hub will be home to a whopping 5,000-seater football stadium, 5 swimming pools, 20 badminton courts, and 3 basketball courts, and 4 basketball courts, and 4 basketball courts, and 5 bas
inner Katniss Everdeen. Punggol things to do With 24-hour prawning sites and hidden nature spots to one-of-a-kind eateries and malls, you'll be sure to find yourself making more than one trip to this neighbourhood. And for those who love the outdoors, there are plenty of park connectors in the area to explore for yourself. More neighbourhood
guides: Marsiling-Woodlands neighbourhood guide Cover image adapted from: @kerlay via Instagram Article originally published on 30th January 2022 by Isabella Cuevas. Last updated by Khalisah Zulkarnain on 14th May 2025. The East is known for coming on strong when it comes to friendly "territory wars" of which is the best
side. It's about time the West stakes its claim on being just as happening, and stepping up to the plate is Clementi. The quiet neighbourhood is often overlooked when Singaporeans commute to the West, especially with the handful of big shopping malls at Jurong East taking the spotlight. Aside from being homeground to institutions like Ngee Ann
Poly and SUSS, here are 12 things to do in Clementi that make it more than just an idyllic heartland: - Activities - 1. Explore the lesser-known Maju Forest & Sungei Ulu Pandan PCN 2 different ways to enter: the railway tracks at Sunset Way, or the Old Jurong Railway tunnel. Image adapted from: Alpha GO, @jia xiu baa One for the hiking
enthusiasts, Maju Forest is a trek less traversed even by Clementi residents themselves. The area where the old Jurong Railway used to pass through is now covered in a dense forest. The tracks remain, now serving as a trekking route manageable enough for newbies to explore. Explore the inner forest and find a secret "waterfall". Image adapted
from: @legozai, @baldbrownboy On the other hand, experienced hikers can enter via Lorong Gaung to seek out a hidden ravine. It'll prove to be a trickier route for sure, featuring a decline into a valley and only a slightly beaten path to follow. Go after a rainy day and you might be able to spot a "waterfall" along the way - if you don't mind getting
your shoes a little muddy. Post-hike, visit the old truss bridge and try bird-watching from a lookout deck at Sungei Ulu Pandan PCN. Image adapted from: @hawhaw.writting En route to Maju Forest is the Old Jurong Railway Line near Sunset Way, where you'll be treated to a stunning view of the old truss bridge towering over Sungei Ulu Pandan Park
to catch glimpses of species like grey herons and grey-headed fish eagles around the reservoir. You won't need a profesh cam to zoom in and spot the birds, as I managed to see a grey heron casually taking shelter under the PCN's canal bridge. During the monsoon season, a nook by the community deck turns into a mini "waterfall" as well. 2.
Embark on a morning hike at Clementi Forest Sandwiched between Clementi and Bukit Timah is the Green Corridor, which nature enthusiasts have set their minds and sights on to conquer. And if you're a morning person - first of all, we salute you - second, you'll love a morning trek through Clementi Forest. You'll be rewarded with the red glows of
sunrise during the trek. The 2-hour trek will have you trudging through thick forests and passing by remnants of the Old Jurong Railway Line too. It's best to check the weather beforehand as the route can get pretty muddy after a shower the previous day. But if you're unfazed by sinking ankle-deep into mud, the trek carries on. Be sure to pack
hiking sticks for easy manoeuvring of slopes, and a towel to clean up after. The end of the route is a couple of HDB blocks away from Sunset Way's cluster of cafes, where you can refuel at places like Balmoral Bakery and TORCHED. Read more on our guide to Clementi Forest. 3. Take your pup out to explore a "secret" dog run The "secret" dog run 
at Clementi Woods Park. Image credit: @jackie and mikey As paw-rents, walkies are a daily affair to expend our pups' energy while keeping them active. In the event that the regular round-the-block walks are getting a tad repetitive, it's time to explore dog runs around Singapore. Tucked away in Clementi Woods Park is one of the rare few dog parks
found in the West, with a large grassy field and steep slope. Bring your pup to hydrate at a water tap in the park. Image credit: @peanutbutter shibas Doggos are welcome to freely perform zoomies here and meet other pups while owners chill at the stone benches. Post-run, refill their water bowl at the tap near the entrance of the park to keep your
pooch hydrated. The tap is also high enough for the furry ones that need a quick rinse if they've somehow managed to get muddy. Address: West Coast Road, near Kent Vale Block F Clementi Woods Park Dog Run on Google Maps 4. Go for a highly-reviewed full body massage from $68/hour Image credit: @thesmartlocalsg Office-hustlers around the
West are in luck. For a quick midday respite, pop by The Clementi Mall and visit Syoujin for a full-body massage from $68/hour. Especially if you've been cooped up at home and slouching in your body. Conveniently connected to Clementi
MRT via a link bridge, shoppers can also head in for a foot reflexology sesh ($33/30mins) post-retail therapy. Keep a lookout on their socials too, as the Syoujin Facebook page regularly releases promos like discounted facials so you can snag some savings. Address: 3155 Commonwealth Avenue West, #05-10 The Clementi Mall, Singapore 129588
Opening hours: 10am-9pm, Daily Telephone: 6513 0148 | 9782 3077 Syoujin website 5. Pick up aquascaping as a hobby at Clementi Florist & Aquarium Although aquascaping is a fairly new hobby to Singaporeans, it has been increasing in popularity in the last couple of years. Essentially, you're dolling up your fish tank with aquatic plants and
driftwood, hence "aqua" and "(land)-scaping". If you're keen on picking up the activity, check out Clementi Block 328 location. The shop is a distributor of aquascaping material. While it may be a tiny shop, it has no lack of knick-knacks for anyone
beginner or expert - to succeed in their aquascaping project. You'll find material like Mood Moss ($8) for adding velvety spots of greenery, and a wide variety of small Bucephalandra ($10) plants amongst tanks of all sizes here. The friendly owner will gladly recommend items and put together a starter kit for entry into the hobby. Fun fact: C328 is so
popular in the aguascaping community that Japanese YouTuber and aguarium enthusiast, Ryo Watanabe came to visit during his trip to Singapore. Address: 328 Clementi Avenue 2, Singapore 120328 Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10.30am-9.30pm (Closed on Sundays) Telephone: 6777 8468 Clementi Florist & Aguarium website 6. Hit up an affordable
arcade with games from $0.16 321 Clementi is a quaint shopping mall 5 minutes south from Clementi MRT. It's home to the Wonderful World of Whimsy, an old-school arcade centre with tokens priced at $0.16 apiece. The sole condition is that you'll have to exchange $50 worth at one go for 300 tokens. This makes games like a spin-and-win, slam-a-
winner, and even a Flappy Bird game playable at one of the lowest prices in Singapore. Patrons young and old can find games to suit their whims, like the fishing game, coin tower topplers, and all-time fave for competitive folks - Bishi Bashi. Address: 321 Clementi Avenue 3, #03-01A/B, Singapore 129905 Opening hours: Mon-Fri 12pm-10pm | Sat-
Sun 10am-10pm Telephone: 6254 1992 Wonderful World of Whimsy website 7. Find new games at Gamewerks is one such shop, helmed by an experienced and knowledgeable shopkeeper. Previous customers have left several
commendations on Google, a testament to how well-versed he is in the field of consoles and game titles. If you're here for the first time and lost in the shelves of titles, he'll give you the rundown on the differences between console specs, and suggest games to you based on difficulty and genre. But if you're facing technical issues like the "red ring of commendations on Google, a testament to how well-versed he is in the field of consoles and game titles. If you're here for the first time and lost in the shelves of titles, he'll give you the rundown on the differences between console specs, and suggest games to you based on difficulty and genre. But if you're facing technical issues like the "red ring of commendations on Google, a testament to how well-versed he is in the field of consoles and game titles. If you're here for the first time and lost in the shelves of titles, he'll give you the rundown on the differences between consoles and game titles.
death", feel free to SOS the owner, who'll do his best to advise you on how to revive your console. Address: 443 Clementi Avenue 3, #01-79, Singapore 120443 Opening hours: 12pm-9pm, Daily Telephone: 6779 0646 Gamewerks website 8. Have your portrait cartoon-ified at Caricaturist.SG They've got experience with pet caricatures too.Image
adapted from: @caricaturist.sg Those who've tried to sketch a self-portrait Van Gogh-style only to chuck the shoddy scribbles away can seek out the help of Caricaturist.SG's artists instead. An A4-sized coloured caricature comes at a price tag of $55. You can opt to get a keychain while you're at it, for an additional $10. A simple B&W portrait
stamped on a keychain ($35). Image credit: @caricaturist.sg While Caricaturist.sg While 
Coast Drive, #01-K19 NEWest, Singapore 128021 Opening hours: 10am-10pm, Daily (By appointment only) Telephone: 8133 8158 Caricaturist.SG website - F&B - 9. Cool off with $1 soft serve cones & cheap BBT from MIXUE Signature KingCone soft serve ($1). Image credit: @iris.nihao When the warm weather kicks in - which is pretty much every
other day here in Singapore - one of the best ways to cool off has to be enjoying good ol' ice cream. Chinese soft serve chain, MIXUE brings that to us for cheap at their pilot outlet at Grantral Mall. Coming in at $1 a cone, the Signature KingCone soft serve is a creamy, milky dessert that's the size befitting of its name. An additional $0.50 lets you
decorate your cone with toppings like pearls, red bean, and grapefruit pulp. Image credit: @nicolejyq Besides ice cream, you'll also find bubble tea on the menu with prices that won't leave holes in your wallet. Try their Strawberry Shake-Shake ($2), which contains real strawberry flesh in this milky smoothie. If you're feeling quirky, go for unique
options like a refreshing Lemongrass Pineapple ($3) and Cheese Grape Smoothie ($3.50). Address: 3151 Commonwealth Avenue West, #01-09 Grantral Mall, Singapore 129581 Opening hours: 10am-10pm, Daily MIXUE website 10. Go cafe hopping at Sunset Way
makes its contribution to SG's collection of cafes with its cluster of coffee and bake shops. Early birds can pick up a cuppa from Sunryse Coffee Bar, where they start brewing as early as 9am. Cold brews are at $5 a bottle and they also serve single origin coffees ($6) from regions like Ethiopia and Brazil. Address: 109 Clementi Street 11, #01-23,
Singapore 120109 Opening hours: Thu-Tue 9am-3pm (Closed on Wednesdays) Telephone: 9711 1924 Sunryse Coffee Bar website Image adapted from: @pingguo301 Pair it with sweet and creamy Egg Tarts ($1.80) which are stuffed with
generous chunks of chicken and mashed potatoes. Address: 105 Clementi Street 12, #01-06, Singapore 120105 Opening hours: 9am-7.30pm, Daily Telephone: 6779 2064 Balmoral Bakery website Image credit: Eatbook Open daily till midnight, Burnt Cones is where we'll expect sweet tooths and supper-holics to gather. Choose from 12 rotational
gelato flavours (from $5) and either get it on a cone ($1) or on a Buttermilk Waffle ($6). Keeping in step with their name, the cones here are available in 3 levels of "burnt-ness": light, medium, and dark. Address: 105 Clementi Street 12, #01-02, Singapore 120105 Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11am-12am | Sat-Sun 9am-12am Telephone: 9711 1097 Burnt-ness": light, medium, and dark.
Cones website 11. Treat your doggo to a puppuccino at Glass Roasters White coffee ($6), Taro Latte ($6.50), and a slice of banana cake ($4.50). Image credit: @filmbyarinah Glass Roasters is a cafe with sleek monochromatic industrial decor amidst Faber Drive's sea of cafe haunts. The simple exterior may not be flashy, but step in and you'll find out
that their coffee is what really shines. From 9am, you'll be able to get your morning pick-me-up from $5 for black coffee and $6 for white coffee and $6 for white coffee and $6 for white pup out for a cafe date. Image adapted from: @deana.saechang, @sasha.pomsky Dog owners looking to pamper their pooch can pop by this pet-
friendly cafe after a stroll through the parks of Clementi. Settle down at the outdoor seating area and order a "puppuccino" - a small cup of frothed milk - for your pup to enjoy, while you sip on your cuppa. Address: 108 Faber Drive, Singapore 129418 Opening hours: Wed-Mon 9am-6pm (Closed on Tuesdays) Telephone: 8771 3441 Glass Roasters
website 12. Enjoy Indian food at a family-run rojak stall If you're one to enjoy Indian or Malay food, mark Ayer Rajah Food Centre as your next hawker centre to visit. This is where Habib's Rojak has been in the business of selling Indian rojak for 30-odd years. Since its opening in 1989, it's now being helmed by 2nd-gen owner Habib himself. Indian
Rojak and Maggi Goreng. Image credit: @foodieuncle The colourful ingredients on display including egg and prawn fritters are all handmade daily so you can munch on fresh and crunchy rojak for brekkie. This family-owned business holds a family heirloom in the form of their sweet and spicy rojak chilli. Returning customers often bring along an
empty tub too, just so they can dabao the delicious gravy home. Address: 503A West Coast Drive, #01-68, Singapore 120513 Opening hours: 11.30am-9.30pm, Daily Telephone: 8218 4191 Habib's Rojak website Clementi neighbourhood guide They say that Singapore's Western region is like the Wild West, with some even joking that you should
pack your passport for venturing that far. Time to plan a trip to the wilder side because Clementi has proven that first impressions can change, and there's more than meets the eye. With 5 shoppings malls in the vicinity, reputable hobby shops, and forest treks to crow about, it's about time that Clementi is given a chance to shine and be its own main
character. For more guides to Singapore's heartlands: Hidden gems in Serangoon Things to do in Pasir Ris Lowkey spots in Bedok Cover image adapted from: @iris.nihao, @sasha.pomsky Photography by Loo Jie Ling. For too long, residents in the 600000 and 510000 postal codes have battled it out over whose side is the best side. There's no denying
that the East is a strong contender when it has outdoor activities at East Coast and Jewel Changi in its corner. But that's no reason for the West to back down. With a heritage dragon kiln, edutainment centre, and an authentic Japanese onsen, here are 14 best things to do in Jurong that prove "west side, best side". 1. Jurong Eco-Garden Hidden park
with a butterfly garden Easties would probably have heard of Yunnan Garden, but here's a piece of green we bet even Westies might be unfamiliar with. Right on the edge of NTU's campus within JTC's CleanTech Park is the Jurong Eco-Garden. It has sitting areas and boardwalks across ponds. But take the time to stroll about and you'll come across
interesting attractions, like the butterfly garden that has quite a number of species flitting around. Composting bins at Jurong Eco-Garden. You can even make your trip here an educational one by stopping at the pond and composting station. There are infographics that showcase how rainwater is used to irrigate the entire park, as well as how you
can turn your own food scraps into usable compost to grow vegetation. The Jurong Eco-Garden is a part of the Jurong Enovation District and developments are still in the works to update the space to include more amenities like walking paths and playgrounds for the public. Address: 1 CleanTech Loop, Singapore 637141 Opening hours: 24 hours,
Daily 2. Thow Kwang Pottery Jungle Tour Singapore's oldest dragon kiln We're not going to be the ones to confirm or deny the existence of mythical beasts. But the one at Thow Kwang Pottery Jungle is 1 of 2
surviving kilns left in Singapore that were first built in the 1940s. Today, the kiln is only fired a couple of times a year to bake large batches of earthenware from potters all over the country. When the dragon isn't breathing fire baking clay pieces, it's open to public tours for those looking for a history lesson on this ancient trade. The tour ends at the
gift shop where you can pick up pottery made here as a souvenir to take home. Influences of this Jurong landmark can even be found in the buildings nearby. The facade of JTC CleanTech Three uses clay tiles that mimic the "scales" of the dragon kiln. Price: $80/pax Address: 85 Lorong Tawas, Thow Kwang Pottery Jungle, Singapore 639823 Opening
hours: 9am-5pm, Daily Contact: 6268 6121 | Thow Kwang Pottery Jungle website 3. Yunnan Garden Chinese pavilions & water fountain playground The Yunnan Garden that been a fave among students studying at Nanyang Technological University (NTU) looking to take a breather from hitting the books all night long. Spending a few minutes staring
out at the serene garden with its pavilions and lake surely takes the edge off stressed undergrads. Image credit: @clutterphotog via Instagram If you want access, thankfully, you don't have to be a student to enter the garden. Nor do you have to be a student to enter the garden. Nor do you have to be a student to enter the garden. Image
credit: @rj_kang via Instagram Even young ones wouldn't mind a trip here. They'll be able to burn off all their energy at the playground that has a climbing gym and slides. Or, get them to run through the water fountain to cool off after spending a hot day at Yunnan Garden. Address: 12 Nanyang Drive, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
637721 Opening hours: 24 hours, Daily Contact: 6791 1744 4. Golazo Futsal Singapore Pitches open till 3am daily There are many futsal courts around, and Westies can get a kickabout at Golazo Futsal Singapore. Dust off your cleats and start brushing up on your soccer skills at any of the 4 pitches here. 2 of these are fully sheltered, so you can still 3am daily There are many futsal courts around, and Westies can get a kickabout at Golazo Futsal Singapore.
practise drills and shooting goals rain or shine. The other 2, while out in the open, are shaded with UV protection, so there's a lower risk of sunburn even when you're out playing in midday. The pitches are open till 3am daily if you and your football kakis also happen to be insomniacs. Post-footie workout, there are showers available so you can
freshen up before heading home. Address: 21 Jurong West Street 23, Golazo Futsal Singapore 648196 Opening hours: 9am-3am, Daily Contact: 6794 6625 | Golazo Futsal Singapore website 5. Joya Onsen Cafe Japanese public baths, sauna & cafe Image credit: Zula If you're looking to head to Japan, it might make sense to head eastward
towards Changi Airport to jet off to the east. But the West has its own slice of Japan at Joya Onsen Cafe. Image credit: Zula It's an onsen spa that's been modelled after onsens you can find in Japan, right down to the traditional bathrobes, like the yukata or jinbei you can wear throughout your time here. To keep it authentic, you'll also need to strip
down to enter the gender-separated public baths. Shyer ones who rather not parade in their birthday suits can opt for the private onsens instead. Image credit: Zula After your relaxing soak, adjourn to the attached cafe for a bite of Japanese food. Mainstays on the menu include hot bowls of udon and ramen (from $12.90) and desserts (from $6).
Occasionally, Joya Onsen Cafe brings in seasonal menu items too. Price: Private onsen (max. 1.5 hours): From $132/pax Public onsen 1-day pass: From $42/pax Address: 511 Upper Jurong Road, #01-06, Singapore 638366 Opening hours: Fri-Mon 10.30am-11pm, Tue-Wed 10.30am-11pm, Tue-Wed 10.30am-10.30pm Contact: 8847 2081 | Joya Onsen Cafe website 6. Suzuki Cafe
& Roastery Japanese-style teahouse with zen vibes You wouldn't know from the many industrial buildings around Chin Bee Avenue that there's a cafe hidden in plain sight. But keep a look out for the large block letters that spell out Suzuki – that's where you'll find Suzuki Gourmet Cafe. Step in to find a cosy outfit inspired by traditional teahouses in
Kyoto - we're talking sliding rice paper doors, a stone and bamboo fountain, and Muji-esque oak wood furniture. But it's not tea that they specialise here. Instead, it's espresso-based coffees that use beans roasted in their factory just next door. If you're looking for less of a caffeinated kick, the cafe also serves matcha lattes. Address: 8 Chin Bee
Avenue, Singapore 619932 Opening hours: Tue-Fri 10am-5pm | Sat & Sun 10am-4pm (Closed on Mondays & PH) Contact: 6266 3933 | Suzuki Roaster Cafe website 7. NTU Campus Art Trail Free trail to view 37 artworks Industrial as you think Jurong might be, there's also an artsier side to the estate right within Nanyang Technological University. 37
pieces of art, from paintings to sculptures and mixed media installations, are scattered all over the uni's campus. Image adapted from: NTU, @j9ryl via Explorest We'll save you the trouble of having to hunt down these pieces by linking you to this NTU Campus Art Trail virtual map. With this in hand, you'll be able to easily find each one. As an added
perk, the map also comes with info on the artists and the meaning behind the artwork, so you can appreciate each one in greater detail. Address: 50 Nanyang Avenue, 639798 Contact: 6791 1744 | NTU website 8. Jurong East Swimming Complex Public pool with huge water slides and rates from $2 Take your pick in which fun slide you want to ride.
 Westies don't need to feel obliged to make the pilgrimage to Wild Wild Wet in Pasir Ris when you have Jurong East Swimming Complex in your backyard. It is no ordinary public pool either, as it has 3 huge water slides that give water parks a run for their money. Entrance fees start from $1.50 on weekdays and $2 on weekends, which makes it one of
the more affordable pay-per-use swimming pools in Singapore 609517 Opening hours: Tue-Thurs & Sat 6.30am-9.30pm | Wed-Fri & Sun 8am-9.30pm | Wed-Fri & Sun 8am-9.30pm | Wed-Fri & Sun 8am-9.30pm | Closed on Mondays)
are plenty of beautiful sunrise and sunset spots around, and Westies can head to Raffles Marina Lighthouse for their golden hour fix. But what separates this one from the rest are the sweeping views of the Tuas Causeway Link and Forest City. Plus, there is a cool towering lighthouse that can be used as a backdrop for that 'Gram. Situated at Raffles
Marina Country Club, it is open to the public and can be reached via a 13- minute walk from the Tuas Link MRT station. Address: 10 Tuas West Drive, 638404 Opening hours: 8am-10pm, Daily Contact: Raffles Marina Lighthouse website 10. Jurong Lake Gardens Revamped Japanese & Chinese Gardens with new attractions Image credit: NParks via
Facebook After a long 5-year wait, the Japanese Garden has finally reopened alongside Chinese Garden to complete the Jurong Lake Gardens, which also comprises Lakeside Garden. With all the hubbub about it being new, you may not know which places are worth checking out. Not to worry, we got you, with recommendations to check out the
revamped and new attractions. Image adapted from: Wilson Chang via Google Maps, @rshh5 via Instagram Back in business are the Twin and Cloud Pagodas that will make you feel like you're exploring beautiful temples in Vietnam. Walk a bit further on and you'll find the Grand Arch, which has been renovated to offer you sweeping views of the
Chinese Garden. The Edible Garden and Breathing Gallery are the first of their kind in a heartland garden. Another W for the West. Image adapted from: Olivia, Kong Min Loh via Google Maps Just behind the Grand Arch, you'll find the new Edible Garden, where you'll find different types of edible plants and flowers. There's also a Breathing Gallery
which houses terrariums, aquariums, and paludariums, a hybrid of the first two. Try and spot rare aquatic species like vampire crabs or plants like jewel orchids there. Image credit: Ang Thiam Lye via Google Maps The Sunken Garden is definitely one to capture for your socials. It's a valley-like garden with green-walled paths that are made from
more than 200 types of plants. Address: Yuan Ching Road Opening hours: 24 hours, Daily 11. IMM Hunt for good deals from more than 90 outlet stores and good deals, like 80% discounts all year round. You will find a variety of products and
services, from sports apparel to children's wear and everything in between. Stay in the know of all their latest monthly deals on the Capitaland website. Address: 2 Jurong East Street 21, Singapore 609601 Opening hours: 10am-10pm, Daily Contact: 6665 8268 | IMM Website 12. Superbowl Jurong Open till 1am Image credit: Junior Tecson via Google
Maps A good late-night date idea to add to the list would be a trip to Superbowl Jurong, which opens till as late as 1am. There are 30 lanes altogether, so the chances of you having no space to bowl is very slim. The prices start from $5.50/game for the general public, though you can get it cheaper at $4.30/game if you're a Passion Card Member.
Address: 1 Yuan Ching Road, Singapore 618640 Opening hours: Mon-Thurs 12pm-12am | Friday 12pm-1am | Sun 10am-12am Contact: 6266 1000 | Superbowl Website 13. Singapore Discovery Centre Home to the largest escape room, with laser tag battles & interactive exhibits Image adapted from: Singapore Discovery Centre Home to the largest escape room, with laser tag battles & interactive exhibits Image adapted from: Singapore Discovery Centre Home to the largest escape room, with laser tag battles & interactive exhibits Image adapted from: Singapore Discovery Centre Home to the largest escape room, with laser tag battles & interactive exhibits Image adapted from: Singapore Discovery Centre Home to the largest escape room, with laser tag battles & interactive exhibits Image adapted from: Singapore Discovery Centre Home to the largest escape room, with laser tag battles & interactive exhibits Image adapted from: Singapore Discovery Centre Home to the largest escape room, with laser tag battles & interactive exhibits Image adapted from: Singapore Discovery Centre Home to the largest escape room, with laser tag battles & interactive exhibits Image adapted from: Singapore Discovery Centre Home to the largest escape room, with laser tag battles & interactive exhibits Image adapted from: Singapore Discovery Centre Home to the largest escape room and the largest escape r
you're unsure of what exciting things to do with your kids, bring them to the Singapore Discovery Centre, where they can learn while having fun. History isn't a snoozefest when exhibitions such as their Lens of Time (from $8) galleries let you literally step into the past with interactive displays of Singapore in the 20th century. Escape room
enthusiasts can check out the Black Lake Facility (from $24), the largest 2-storey escape room in Singapore. It has more than 10 rooms to explore, and 4 story chapters to cover, so you can rest assured that you and your kakis will be in for an adventure. Image credit: Singapore Discovery Centre If not, give laser tag a shot at the Black Lake Laser
Battlefield (from $15), where you can hunt down your friends using laser guns. If you want the thrill of rides similar to the ones at Universal Studios Singapore, you can get that here with their XD Theatre Sky Hunt (from $8). Address: 510 Upper Jurong Road, Singapore 638365 Opening hours: Mon-Fri 12pm-6pm | Sat-Sun 11am-7pm
Contact: Singapore Discovery Centre Website 14. Boon Lay Power Nasi Lemak Open till 3.30am daily Image credit: @jglovesfood via Instagram Some say nasi lemak is Malaysia's national dish, but we have one that's just as good in the west. Aptly named Boon Lay Power Nasi Lemak, it's open everyday from 7am-3.30am, so you can have it as an early
breakfast to kickstart your day, or as a late supper when you're having HTHT with your kakis. Have your pick of side dishes like otah-otah, fish fillet, bergadil, or sambal goreng. Image credit: Eddie Khoo via Google Maps As for the actual food, you can never go wrong with the Chicken Set ($4.50), a crowd favourite. There are also a bunch of other
side dishes available to add on, if just one source of meat isn't enough to sustain that powerhouse frame of yours. Address: 221A Boon Lay Place, #01-106, Singapore 641221 Opening hours: 7am-3.30pm, Daily Contact: 6811 0443 We get it, a supermarket on a "best things to do" list will raise question marks in your head. But stay on for a moment
before you dismiss Surrey Hills Grocer as another been-there-done-that grocery store. Take your rounds of virtual racing from the arcades to the Jurong Innovation District These places are just the tip of the iceberg of what you can find in the west of Singapore.
More specifically, many of these locations, including Yunnan Garden, are part of the Jurong Innovation District (JID), an area defined by the NTU, CleanTech Park, and Bulim neighbourhoods. The 600-hectare area is still in development, which will see more manufacturing plants and research and development labs opening up here. This includes the
likes of Hyundai Motor Group, SATs, and Siemens setting up factories here. But don't just expect towers of steel and concrete to take over Jurong. JID will also have its fair share of green spaces too. The Jurong Eco-Garden is up for a refresh that will make it more accessible to the community. Think family-friendly facilities like playgrounds and more
walking paths. The garden's just one small area built for residents. There's also the upcoming Bulim Park that will be opening in 2024. Spanning grounds won't just be home to your usual children's climbing gyms and cycling lanes. There'll be spots for picnics and even cafes for a guick impromptu
bite if needed. Linking residents living around JID to these 2 spaces are the pedestrian overhead bridge and Sky Corridor. The first is an architectural feat that crosses over the Pan Island Expressway. This would connect residents staying in Jurong West to easily get to work at the manufacturing plants or to nearby parks. Then to get to the rest of JID,
you can easily travel on foot, bike, or via shuttle with the Sky Corridor. The 11km linkway winds through the estate, bringing pedestrians to parks, industrial plants, and even MRT stations. These developments are slated to open from 2024 onwards, and you can keep updated on JID by following JTC on LinkedIn. With these new additions, it's safe to
 say that Jurong is on its way to claiming the west side as the best side as the best side. Find out more about Jurong Innovation District here This post was brought to you by JTC. Last updated by Syahiran Sean on 29th September 2024. Skip to content When you think of Queensland, chances are the Great Barrier Reef takes top billing. But there's way more to
Australia's "Sunshine State" than just snorkelling and coral. With year-round sunshine, lush rainforests, vibrant cities, and some of the most jaw-dropping natural landscapes in the country, Queensland is packed with experiences that often fly under the radar. In this guide, we spotlight 3 key regions: Brisbane, Gold Coast, and Cairns. Each comes with
its own hidden gems. Depending on what you'd want out of your Aussie vacay, you can zoom in on one area or mix and match to build your own dream itinerary. - Brisbane - Brisbane almost all year round and a laidback riverfront vibe, it's no wonder this
buzzy city has earned a reputation as Australia's lifestyle capital. It's even been given the title of the country's happiest city. Getting around won't break the bank. Thanks to a permanent $0.50 flat fare on all Translink public transport across Queensland, you can hop between scenic riverside walks and artsy neighbourhoods without burning a hole in
your pocket. Here are 3 attractions you should check out: 1. Story Bridge Adventure Climb Image credit: @storybridgeadventureclimb via Instagram For the #1 view of the city, the Story Bridge Adventure Climb is where it's at. One of only 3 bridge climbs in the world, this experience lets you scale Brisbane's famous cantilever bridge with a guide -
safely harnessed, of course. Choose from a Day Climb (AUD$180, ~S$126) for clear panoramic views or a Night Climb (AUD$180, ~S$134.40) if you love the city lights. Our pick is the special Twilight Climb (AUD$180, ~S$134.40) if you love the city lights. Our pick is the special Twilight Climb (AUD$180, ~S$134.40) if you love the city lights.
group photos are included in your ticket. Image credit: @storybridgeadventureclimb via Instagram And if you're feeling extra adventurous, opt for the "Walk The Plank" add on, where you'll step out onto a suspended plank 80m above sea level. Find out more about Story Bridge Adventure Climb. 2. Howard Smith Wharves Image credit: @yokodining
via Instagram After conquering the Story Bridge, keep the vibes going with a well-earned evening out at Howard Smith Wharves. This riverside precinct is a lifestyle playground with craft breweries, sleek restaurants, and sunset views all nestled under the bridge. Conveniently, the Story Bridge Adventure Climb is located right here too - making it
the perfect climb-then-dine combo. Just note: climbers are breathalysed before every climb, so save the drinks for afterwards. Pop by Yoko Dining if you're after modern Japanese izakaya-style fare with a fun, energetic crowd - B-SIDE upstairs is where it gets lively. But for something a little more laidback, we'd make a beeline for Ciao Papi. Image
adapted from: @ciaopapi_via Instagram This breezy Italian spot is big on family-style feasting, with dishes made for sharing. Start with the Crudo di Pesce or yellowtail kingfish for AUD$28 (~S$23.52), then move on to the Paccheri al ragù di agnello (AUD$36, ~S$30.24) featuring short tubular pasta with lamb ragù, or a classic pizza (from AUD$24,
~$$20.16). All with a spritz in hand, naturally. Wrap up the night with a pint under the bridge at Felons Brewing Co., known for their citrusy Paloma Sour. Find out more about Howard Smith Wharves. 3. Bluey's World. It's a brand-new, real-life immersive experience that brings the
Heeler family's home to life. Located at Northshore Pavilion in Brisbane, this 70-minute walkthrough lets kids and parents step inside the world of the hit Aussie show. Image credit: Bluey's World Explore the full Queenslander-style house, where you can crawl through Bluey and Bingo's giant cubby, decorate a payloya in the kitchen, and run around
the backyard just like in the episodes. The sets are complete with life-size characters, adorable photo ops, and interactive games that'll keep kids fully entertained. There's also a cafe, gift shop, and playground to round out your visit. Tickets are AUD$49.90/person (~S$41.92), and children under 2 enter for free. Just note: all kids under 18 must be
accompanied by a ticket-holding adult. Tip: Plan your visit on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, and you can hop over to the neighbouring Eat Street Northshore - Brisbane's largest street food container market - for dinner. It opens from 4pm to 10pm and makes for the perfect post-Bluey treat. Find out more about Bluey's World. - Gold Coast - Most
Singaporeans think of Gold Coast and immediately picture Surfers Paradise. And fair enough, it's iconic for a reason. But if you venture beyond the usual haunts, you'll discover a side of Gold Coast that's just as vibrant, minus the tourist crowds. We're talking lush hinterland rainforests, surf neighbourhoods, and local-fave cafes tucked away in South
Gold Coast. Home to famous breaks like Kirra Point and Snapper Rocks, the Gold Coast is a bona fide surf capital. Plus, with an average of 300 days of sunshine a year and hiking trails. Here's where to go. 4. Burleigh Heads, Southern Gold
Coast Image credit: Marc James via Unsplash Burleigh Heads is the best place to blend in with the locals. Tucked between Surfers Paradise and Coolangatta, this laidback beach town is beloved for its scenic headland and iconic surf culture. Image credit: @justinlaneest via Instagram Make your way to The Point - the headland lookout - for front-row
seats to watch surfers take on Burleigh's famous right-hand point break. This stretch is one of Goldie's top surfing spots, so you're bound to catch some pros doing their thing. Pro tip: locals come here for sunset picnics, so pack a mat, grab some pizza from Justin Lane Establishment, and settle in as the sun dips behind the skyline. But if you want
something a little fancier, check out The Tropic, an ocean-facing restaurant with a Mediterranean-inspired menu. Image credit: @juliastuermer via Instagram Up for a little adventure? Take a breezy 1.5km walk through Burleigh Head National Park. It's a short trail, but the views over the coastline and Tallebudgera Creek are worth every step. And
once the sky turns pink, head to one of the area's 2 beloved watering holes: Burleigh Brewing Co. for a classic craft beer or Grandad Jack's Craft Distillery for a cheeky G&T to round off the evening. Find out more about Burleigh Brewing Co. for a classic craft beer or Grandad Jack's Craft Distillery for a cheeky G&T to round off the evening. Find out more about Burleigh Brewing Co. for a classic craft beer or Grandad Jack's Craft Distillery for a cheeky G&T to round off the evening. Find out more about Burleigh Brewing Co. for a classic craft beer or Grandad Jack's Craft Distillery for a cheeky G&T to round off the evening.
without checking out Miami Marketta. Tucked in an industrial laneway in the Miami suburb, this open-air night market transforms into a bustling hub of global street food, live music, and indie shopping every week. Image credit: @kabaogc via Instagram Grab a table and feast on dishes from around the world - think juicy bao from Ka Bao, or an
omurice (from AUD$16, ~S$13.44) from Azus Japan, a fluffy Japanese-style omelette draped over smoky fried sobameshi. The latter is a stir-fry of yakisoba noodles and rice, usually mixed with diced pork, cabbage, and savoury sauces. With about 15 vendors on rotation each night, you'll never run out of things to try. Aside from food, the market's
known for its live music. You can expect chill acoustic sets to full-blown gigs on the Cargo Stage, and even the occasional international act. You're after one-of-a-kind souvenirs. Just don't rock up on a Monday. Miami Marketta only
runs from Wednesdays to Saturdays, 5pm-10pm, so plan your visit wisely. Find out more about Miami Marketta. 6. Binna Burra, Lamington National Park Image credit: @binnaburra via Instagram For those who are travelling to be one with nature, add Binna Burra to your itinerary. It's a lush escape in the Gold Coast Hinterland, perched 800m above
sea level in the subtropical rainforest of Lamington National Park, also known as Woonoongoora. One of the more popular trails lead you to the famous Gwongoorool Pool. Image credit: @rachalysia via Instagram Part of the World Heritage-listed national park, Binna Burra is just a 75-minute drive from Gold Coast Airport. There are over 160km of
walking trails, so bring your hiking boots - treks here take you past ancient Antarctic beech trees, misty waterfalls, scenic ridgelines, and even rock pools you can swim in. And if you're lucky, you might just spot a wild koala hanging out in the treetops. Views from the Sky Lodges. Image credit: @binnaburra via Instagram If you or your travel
companion are a bit more atas, check into the Sky Lodges. These eco-luxury glass lodges have floor-to-ceiling windows that look out to sweeping mountain views. Or if you're the more rugged type, pitch a tent at the Rainforest Campsite, which comes with BBQ pits, showers, a communal fridge, and even a cosy Tea House cafe nearby. Find out more
about Binna Burra Lodge. - Cairns - When someone mentioned Cairns, odds are the Great Barrier Reef pops up first - and honestly, same. It's Australia's most legendary natural wonder for a reason. But Cairns is more than just a launchpad for snorkelling tours. This tropical town serves up a chilled, outdoorsy lifestyle and is the gateway to some of
the country's most stunning nature spots. We don't make the rules. Once you've ticked the Reef off your bucket list, here are 2 more adventures worth diving into. 7. Daintree National Park is the kind of place that'll make you forget Wi-Fi exists. Clocking in at over 180 million years
old, this one-million-hectare rainforest is officially the oldest tropical rainforest in the world. Even Sir David Attenborough called it "the most extraordinary place on Earth," and we're not about to argue with that. The park is split into 2 main sections, both offering wildly different experiences. Mossman Gorge is the more accessible half, where you can
take a refreshing dip in crystal-clear streams and wander through towering canopies via scenic boardwalks. To learn more about the rich Indigenous history of the land, join the Ngadiku Dreamtime Walk led by the local Kuku Yalanji community. Meanwhile, Cape Tribulation in the north of the Daintree River is where the rainforest meets the reef,
literally. Expect untouched beaches, mountain ranges, and maybe even a cassowary sighting if you're lucky. Image adapted from: @backcountryblissadventures via Instagram Other must-dos: Take a croc-spotting cruise with Crocodile Express, swing by the Daintree Discovery Centre, or try the River Drift Experience by Back Country Bliss, where
you'll float downstream under a canopy of ancient trees. Find out more about Daintree National Park. 8. Kuranda Village experiences Image credit: @kurandascenicrailway via Instagram A visit to Cairns isn't complete without hopping over to Kuranda, a mountain village tucked away in the rainforest of the Atherton Tablelands. Getting there is half
the fun - choose between 2 scenic routes, or combine both for a full-day rainforest adventure. Board the Kuranda Scenic Railway, a historic train journey over 100 years old that winds its way through Barron Falls Station for
some jaw-dropping views of the mighty falls. The train ride ends at Kuranda Station, a leafy heritage site that looks like something straight out of a Studio Ghibli film. For a different perspective, glide above the canopy on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, a 7.5km gondola ride offering panoramic views of the rainforest, rivers, and gorge below. Image
credit: Kuranda Village Once in Kuranda Village, make your way to the famous Kuranda Market, where you'll find local arts, crafts, handmade jewellery, and a spread of international cuisines. Stop by Busk Japanese Teahouse for a quiet tea break or have sushi at 4628 Yorozuya. Then head to Rainforestation Nature Park for the Pamagirri Aboriginal
Experience, a 30-minute immersive encounter with Dreamtime stories, Aboriginal dance performances, and even a shot at boomerang throwing. You'll walk away with a deeper appreciation of Australia's Indigenous culture, and maybe a newfound skill. Find out more about Kuranda Village. Queensland's calling, time to plan your next adventure.
surf, rainforest, and wildlife... Queensland really said "why not all?" If you've been meaning to plan that epic Australia getaway, this is your sign. You can fly direct to Brisbane or Cairns from Changi Airport with Singapore Airlines or Oantas, making both cities great starting points for your adventure. From Brisbane, it's just a 1-1.5 hour train ride or
drive to the Gold Coast. And if you're headed north, hop on a 2.5-hour flights to Cairns to explore the Great Barrier Reef and Daintree. Singapore Airlines also has direct flights to Cairns to explore the Great Barrier Reef and Daintree. Singapore Airlines also has direct flights to Cairns to explore the Great Barrier Reef and Daintree. Singapore Airlines also has direct flights to Cairns. If you're starting there, it's easy to fly down to Brisbane or the Gold Coast, with flights taking around 2.5-4.5 hours depending on the route. For those who prefer slow
travel, hop on the Spirit of Queensland train for a scenic 25-hour ride to Brisbane, or make the drive down the coast over a few days with pit stops at charming small towns and national parks. Whichever way you do it, it's easy to piece together all 3 regions into one unforgettable trip. All you have to do now is to use up those ALs and book that flight.
Find out more about Queensland, Australia Cover image adapted from: @storybridgeadventures & @juliastuermer via Instagram Singapore's Mandai Wildlife Reserve is finally nearing its full completion, with Rainforest Wild Asia set to open in March and the highly anticipated Mandai Rainforest Resort promising
an amazing staycay experience. But while everyone's hyped about these new attractions, there's one that's equally worth exploring that might fly under the radar - the Mandai Boardwalk. This 3.3km walking trail lines the perimeter of River Wonders and Singapore Zoo, offering a peaceful stroll for free. So if you're heading to Mandai, don't just zoom
straight into the zoo - here's what you can expect when you take a detour and head to Mandai Boardwalk: Preparing for the Mandai Boardwalk trail Mandai Boardwal
accordingly. We recommend essentials like a trusty portable fan, sunscreen, and a bottle of water. It wouldn't hurt to bring along an umbrella, for added shade and in case it rains. The boardwalk is designed to circle the Mandai East area, so you won't have any access to restrooms, water coolers, or restaurants while on the trail. Once you've
embarked, it's just you and nature - so make sure you have a hearty meal, a full bottle, and an empty bladder before you begin your journey. Iora's Nest The best spot for reservoir views & birdwatching The boardwalk has 2 entrances - Kingfisher's Cave from the Mandai Wildlife EAST entrance and Tree Frog's Hangout near the River Wonders
entrance. The Kingfisher's Cave entrance is a little hidden, so keep an eye out for the sign that points to the boardwalk. If you decide to start from Tree Frog's Hangout, you'll hit a fork in the trail about 5 minutes in. Marked by a huge tree, the path on the left leads to the rest of the trail while the path on the right leads to Iora's Nest. But if you're
starting from Kingfisher's Cave, you'll walk an uninterrupted trail to this very spot. Turn right and head to Iora's Nest first as it's a lookout point - the highlight of the boardwalk that promises stunning views of the reservoir. You'll be treated to scenic views all around you, even if you aren't at the prime lookout spot yet. Take some time to peer into
the shallow waters below to try and spot aquatic life. Keep an eye out for stingrays playfully gliding in the water are mudskippers and the occasional water monitor lizard. Don't just focus on the stingrays - take a moment to soak in the lush
greenery on both sides of the trail. If you're lucky, you could spot the star of the show, the Common Iora, hidden amongst the trees. Iora's Nest is a visual treat after the long, flat lines of the boardwalk. The curved railings are designed to mimic the Iora bird's complex nest formations. While the view from the lookout is beautiful, the real highlight is
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the cooling breeze that's sure to make the stop even more enjoyable. The rest stop has plenty of seating, so feel free to rest your feet for as long as you need to enjoy the view. It's time to tackle the rest stop has plenty of seating, so feel free to rest your feet for as long as you need to enjoy the view. It's time to tackle the rest of the trail after a well-deserved break. If you already feel like you had your fill of nature, feel free to leave the way you came, instead of continuing on the path to the left. Something interesting about this boardwalk is that it isn't marked by how far you've walked, but by the rest stops it has along the way. It's a great way to take the pressure off and focus less on how much further there is to go. With each stop, you'll have more time to relax and take in the scenery around you. Lizard's Lounge A rest station inspired by the Malayan Water Monitor The boardwalk isn't just a scenic trail - it's designed with carefully curated plants and vegetation to attract and preserve the natural habitats of the wildlife living in the area. You're sure to find some sort of wildlife chilling nearby with some patience and a keen eye. Sure enough, we spotted this spider -

no bigger than my thumb - on the way to Lizard's Lounge. With its legs neatly resting in 4 pairs, it could very well be an Argiope Katherina, a type of orb spider. This is just one of the many cool critters you might encounter along the boardwalk, with the added benefit of being up-close, without a glass wall between you and nature. One part of this station's name is right - it's definitely ideal for lounging. This clearing will treat you to a completely different view of the reservoir, parking you right in the middle. You might even spot a Malayan Water Monitor swimming or basking in the cool water. The rest stops are not sheltered, so remember to bring an umbrella that's suitable for both rain and sun. On your way to the next rest stop, look out for this gigantic leaf that looks like something out of Jurassic Park and take a cute photo beside it before continuing on your journey. And if that short break at Lizard's Lounge wasn't enough, seek respite at this sheltered dock that's giving serious Pinterest vibes. It's perfect for photo ops and a break from the unforgiving sun. Plus, photos taken from this angle don't look like you're in Singapore at all, so you can pretend you're overseas to make your friends jealous. This dock marks the halfway point of the boardwalk, as there are 2 rest stops - Eagle's Perch and Damselfly's Wing - left to go. Eagle's Perch Spot wildlife & birdwatch at this rest stops The path towards Eagle's Perch appears to be where a family of monkeys live. Keep a lookout for these cheeky primates as they hang out on the boardwalk railings, swinging from tree to tree or even sitting casually right in the middle of the path. The monkeys we saw were calm and docile, but it's still best to observe them from a distance and refrain from petting them. Monkeys are also known to be scavengers, so keep plastic and food away from their sight. Feeding them is a big no-no as well. Don't fret if you happen to only see 1 or 2 monkeys on your walk; stay a little longer and you might just be rewarded for your patience. We did just that and managed to spot a whole family of them. Spend some time taking pictures and observing their behaviour. There are even baby monkeys playfully pulling branches down to the boardwalk, you'll notice that the path is lined with metal overhead railings that allow plants to grow into a shaded shelter. It's a true representation of Singapore - how nature and urban life interact and co-exist. Eagle's Perch is probably our favourite rest stop of the bunch. Designed with optimal birdwatching angles in mind, you could spend hours here just waiting to catch a glimpse of the Grey-headed Fish Eagle. Logs are strategically scattered across the area to encourage wildlife perching and double up as a closer viewing point by the reservoir for you to bird watch. If that is your intention, don't see any eagles, the view is spectacular enough to make the trek worth it. If you reach Eagle's Perch around 4.30pm as we did, you'll be glad to know that the weather's cooler at this time, and you'll feel a constant breeze picking up at the boardwalk. Damselfly's Wing The final rest station inspired by damselflies & dragonflies Image credit: Khalisah Zulkarnain While taking in the scenic views and spotting wildlife is great, your safety is equally important. That's why this lightning alert pillar lights up during storms, alerting you to leave the boardwalk ASAP. But don't panic if you're caught in the middle - there are shelters along the way for you to wait it out until it's safe to continue. Before you arrive at the Damselfly's Wing rest station, you'll walk through this arch formed completely out of leaves. The branches bend delicately over the path and you'll be able to take cool sunlight shots through the leaves. The flora planted around this area are specifically chosen to attract damselflies and dragonflies, so if you're interested in these winged insects, this stop's for you. Take a much-needed break at this rest station - it's about a 30-minute stroll from Eagle's Perch to Damselfly's Wing. This hut by the reservoir marks the end of the trail if you start your journey from the Tree Frog's Hangout. Kingfisher's Cave An entrance & exit with cool architecture There's still 1 final sight to see as you bid the boardwalk goodbye. The Kingfisher's Cave An entrance & exit with cool architecture There's still 1 final sight to see as you bid the boardwalk goodbye. The Kingfisher's Cave An entrance & exit with cool architecture There's still 1 final sight to see as you bid the boardwalk goodbye. the Mandai Boardwalk? Mandai Boardwalk is an accessible destination thanks to the gentle slopes and largely flat terrain. This means that anyone from families with young kids to those curious about the rest stops, they are littered throughout the trail and within a manageable distance from each other, so you'll be able to rest your feet before they start aching. While we breezed through the trail, feel free to take your time and keep a lookout for critters along your hike. After all, the boardwalk was built to attract biodiversity to the area by enhancing the water-edge vegetation over which it was constructed. With Mandai Boardwalk's proximity to Singapore Zoo and River Wonders, you could head to the boardwalk first, or wind down at the trail after a day at the zoo. Enjoy a stroll along Mandai Boardwalk With a scenic lookout point and convenient rest stops along the way, the new Mandai Boardwalk is the perfect way to get your steps in, whether you're a frequent hiker or a nature lover. A full hike around the trail is estimated to take 70 to 85 minutes - be sure to head down early if you're looking to scale the entire boardwalk as the last entry is at 6pm. More trails in Singapore to explore: Photography by Brad Lee. This guide is for members interested in becoming part of our community. Advertisers please go here instead. The SmartLocal gives Singaporeans through user reviews so you could easily find information that was never possible to find before. This would allow you to make the best decisions in your life about anything in Singapore. For example - Which shop at Sim Lim won't scam me? What is a good food delivery other than Mcdonalds? Who is a good and cheap photographer to hire? Where can I eat a nice romantic dinner? Who shall I hire for my renovation? Which daycare should I send my child to? We give you all these answers through our aggregated rating system through honest and carefully screened reviews. 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