

LIVE LIKE
A LOCAL



village

HOTEL KATONG



EXPLORE Katong

Make the most out of your stay and create more fond memories beyond the comforts of your room.

Located in the middle of the Peranakan district, the vicinity of Village Hotel Katong offers a host of local experiences just waiting to be explored.

From quaint eateries to heritage shophouses, this handy guide takes you on an exciting journey to live like a local in charismatic Katong.





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A favourite food hunt among locals, discover the culinary secrets of a district where new-age cafes are friendly neighbours to old-world coffee shops.

Kim Choo Kueh Chang

Bring home a piece of Peranakan culture as not only does this place make a wide range of *Nyonya* delicacies fresh at the location, it is full of antiques and charms to buy as well.

MUST TRY

Nyonya Dumpling (Pork),
XO Traditional Salty Dumpling

LOCAL SLANG

Nyonya (Peranakan or Straits-born Chinese)

📍 109, 111 East Coast Road

🕒 10:00am – 10:00pm

🚶 6-min walk

☎ T: 6741 2125



Chin Mee Chin Confectionary

Get a taste of heritage in a retro coffee shop that offers traditionally toasted *kaya* buns, soft-boiled eggs as well as homemade cakes. Usually packed with locals in the morning, it is the perfect place for tea breaks, provided the food has not been sold out for the day.

MUST TRY

Kaya Bun, Cream Puff

LOCAL SLANG

Kaya (coconut jam)



204 East Coast Road



8:30am - 4:00pm

Closed on Mondays



7-min walk



T: 6345 0419



328 Katong Laksa

You haven't been to Katong if you haven't had the famous Katong *Laksa*! A must try for your visit in Singapore, this perfect combination of thick vermicelli and spicy gravy has won numerous awards and is well known amongst locals and celebrities. Warning: Authentic *laksa* can be spicy.

MUST TRY

Katong *laksa* with *kerang* (extra *sambal* for the adventurous)

LOCAL SLANG

Laksa (rice noodle served in rich and spicy curry sauce), *Kerang* (cockles), *Sambal* (spicy chili paste)



53 East Coast Road



10:00am - 10:00pm



5-min walk



T: 9732 8163



Kick back from a tropical day out at the variety of watering holes Katong has to offer. From your local beer to wines from the finest global vineyards, take your pick from bars, bistros or themed coffee shops.

Rabbit Carrot Gun

Make this your go-to *pak tor* place for a casual wine and dine experience. The restaurant boasts an impressive wine list from the world's finest vineyards while offering excellent British fare. You can easily find this exquisite joint on the corner of East Coast and Ceylon Road.

MUST TRY

Fish and Chips, Beef Wellington

LOCAL SLANG

Pak tor (go on a date)

📍 49 East Coast Road
 🕒 Tues : 3:00pm - 10:30pm
 Wed : 8:30am - 10:30pm
 Thurs - Sun : 9:00am - 10:30pm
 Closed on Mondays
 🚶 5-min walk
 ☎ T: 6348 8568



PHOTO: Rabbit Carrot Gun

Alibabar the Hawker Bar

You simply have to *lepak* at this traditional local coffee shop by day and bar by night. Just grab a beer from their extensive beer menu, indulge in affordable French cuisine and you are all set to people-watch.



MUST TRY

Char kway teow (day),
scotch egg (night)

LOCAL SLANG

Lepak (hang out)



125 East Coast Road



Mon - Thu : 8:00am - 11:30pm

Fri & Sat : 8:00am - 1:00am

Sun : 8:00am - 11:30pm



7-min walk



T : 6440 6147



Mel's Place

Pair your favourite brew with the selection of great food amidst a *kampong*-like atmosphere. Feel at home on both romantic dates and casual gatherings at this iconic Katong bar and bistro that's known for its friendly staff.



MUST TRY

Live Music on Fridays & Saturdays
from 7:30pm to 11:00pm

LOCAL SLANG

Kampong (village)



2A Kuo Chuan Avenue



Mon - Thu : 4:00pm - 1:00am

Fri, Sat & PH : 4:00pm - 2:00am

Sun : 11:00am - 1:00am



10-min walk



T : 6440 3573



Stroll, swim, ski or shop! From shopping malls to antiquated stores and sandy beaches, the list of recreational options in Katong goes on. Whether you are with friends or family, make the most of being away from the bustle of the city to create new and fun memories.

I12 Katong

Shop and play till you drop with four levels of retail and lifestyle shops, a rooftop garden and a water playground. With over 150 specialty shops and selected F&B outlets operating extended hours, I12 Katong offers an eclectic mix of retail, dining and entertainment options late into the night.

MUST TRY

Catch a blockbuster movie at the Peranakan-inspired movie theatre, GV Katong

📍 112 East Coast Road
🕒 10:00am – 10:00pm
🚶 5-min walk



Parkway Parade

Get the best deals just a stone's throw away from Village Hotel Katong. This shopping paradise offers everything from electronics, apparels, sporting equipment and jewellery, to books, groceries and numerous F&B outlets. A one-stop mall that is sure to leave you feeling *shiok*!



MUST SEE

The wide variety of novelty gift shops from specialist toy shops to Daiso, the \$2 shop from Japan

LOCAL SLANG

Shiok (happy or satisfied)

📍 80 Marine Parade Road

🕒 11:00am – 10:00pm

Sun: 10:30am – 10:00pm

🚶 8-min walk

East Coast Park

Go local and *chope* a great picnic spot in one of Singapore's most-treasured urban getaways. Head to the park on weekends and expect to see the coastline dotted with family barbecues and picnics. If you are a sports enthusiast, a suite of sporting activities such as running, cycling or rollerblading awaits.



MUST SEE

The family-friendly playground at Marina Cove

LOCAL SLANG

Chope (reserve a spot)

📍 Along East Coast Parkway & East Coast Park Service Road

🕒 Park lighting

7:00pm – 7:00am

🚶 25-min walk to get to the beach via an underpass

Embark on a learning journey and dive deep into the rich culture and heritage of Katong. From age-old Peranakan culture to well-preserved architecture and places of worship, discover the charming personality of colourful Katong.

Katong Antique House

Go back in time in this two-storey shophouse to discover a big collection of antiques such as traditional Peranakan crockery, jewellery, beaded slippers, costumes, photographs and furniture that has been carefully curated by its owner Peter Wee, a fourth-generation Peranakan who inherited the once-bare house from his grandfather in the 1970s.

MUST SEE

Peranakan furniture, antiques and heirlooms

📍 208 East Coast Road
🕒 11:00am - 4:30pm
🚶 7-min walk
☎ T: 6345 8544



Rumah Bebe

Learn the traditions of Peranakan culture that are kept alive at Rumah Bebe, one of the last bastions of their important heritage. They include the artistry of Bebe Seet, who creates beautiful Peranakan artwork motifs of flora and fauna, and bespoke traditional female shoes using glass beads. *Chio!*

MUST TRY

Beading Classes, Private Tours

LOCAL SLANG

Chio (pretty)



113 East Coast Road



Tue - Sat: 9:30am - 6:30pm

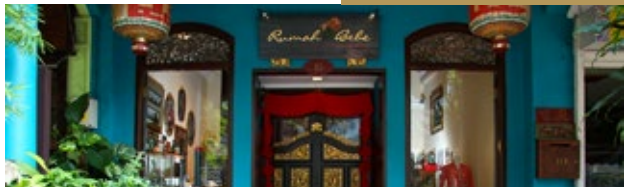
Closed on Mondays



6-min walk



T: 6247 8781



Sri Senpaga Vinayagar Temple

Be in the sacred presence of Hindu god Ganesha, the presiding deity, and lay witness to a pair of nine-feet tall *Dwarapalakas* and stories of Lord Vinayagar depicted in colourful murals. Attire-wise, long pants and tops with sleeves are recommended, and please remember to remove your shoes before stepping in.

MUST SEE

Nine-feet tall *Dwarapalakas*, murals of Lord Vinayagar

LOCAL SLANG

Dwarapalakas (demigod gatekeepers)



19 Ceylon Road



6:00am - 12:30pm

5:30pm - 11:00pm



7-min walk



T: 6345 8176



SINGAPORE SLANG

9 Singlish (Singaporean English) words to get you started.

LAH

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

LEH

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

LOR

Used at the end of sentences to agree or give in
e.g. Ok lor. / Go lor.

MEH

Used questioningly
e.g. No meh? / Yes meh?

WAH

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

ALAMAK

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

PAISEH

Sorry; used to express embarrassment or apology
e.g. Paiseh, I didn't mean to knock into you.

SIAO

Crazy
e.g. Siao! That's daylight robbery.

SHIOK

Tastes or feels good
e.g. This burger/massage is so shio!

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

WE HOPE YOU DON'T HAVE TO CALL.

Police : 999
Traffic Police : 6547 0000
Police Hotline : 1800 2250000

Fire & Ambulance
995

Non-Emergency Ambulance
1777

Nearest Hospital
Parkway East Hospital
321 Joo Chiat Place
Singapore 427990
Main Line (24 hours): 6340 8666



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