



Singapore Early Migrants Stories and Snacks

Validity: 01 Oct 2022 – 30 Sep 2023

Tour Summary

Day & Time

Every Sunday
2.30pm – 4.30pm (2.5 hours)

Location

Meet outside Hanis Café & Bakery @ National Library, 100 Victoria St, Singapore 188064. (Nearest Station – Bugis MRT, EW12 or DT14)

Tour Price

Please email us for pricing from 2 to 25 pax on private touring
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Summary

Singapore has little enclaves where each of its diverse races take stronghold of, and near the City Hall / Bugis area is where you'll find the Hainanese – best known for their culinary skills and being the creators of the Singapore Chicken Rice!

The Hainanese people originated from Hainan island in China and first immigrated to Singapore in the 1850s. Since they were one of the latest group of immigrants to arrive in Singapore, they were relegated to what was then considered the edge of "European Town" and the "Arab Campong", this area being bounded by North Bridge Road, Beach Road, Seah Street and Middle Road, with Purvis Street running through the centre. They were also kept out of choice professions and many became cooks in restaurants ran by the British or Peranakan.



Thanks to their ingenuity, they created a plethora of dishes which still stand the test of time – the Singapore Chicken Rice, Hainanese Curry Rice, our local version of Laksa and they popularised the Singapore Coffee Shop (or locally known as Kopitiam) culture!

On this two-hour walking journey, you'll learn about their journey and start in Singapore, their rise to culinary fame, experience the streets they plied their trades on and get to savour some of the dishes they've perfected over time!



Itinerary

2:00 pm: Pick-up by combi/coach from hotel.

2:30pm – 2:50pm: Your guide will walk you to Hanis Café on the ground floor of the Singapore National Library. Here, they sell different varieties of local snack reminiscent of the old days. Your guide will explain to you the types of local foods made famous by the Hainanese people and teach you about the origins of the local Singapore coffee; you'll also learn how to order coffee or tea at this coffee shop.

2:50pm – 3:30pm: We take a walk along Purvis Street and Liang Seah Street where your guide will tell you stories of yesteryear. Listen to how the early migrants packed in the second-story shophouses – some of these could fit up to a hundred workers on a floor, and hear about some of the stories of the famous Hainanese people.

3:30pm – 4.15pm: We make our way through the historic Raffles Hotel, which has stood on these grounds since 1887. We'll take you through a number of the famous spots within the Hotel like the Long Bar, a favourite spot for celebrities back in the old days (think patrons like Somerset Maugham) and where the Singapore Sling was invented.

4:15pm – 4:30pm: You're probably famished by now! We'll take a short walk to our favourite Hainanese Chicken Rice Stall, Sing Swee Kee Chicken Rice! You'll get a chance to try the famed dish and your guide parts ways here.



Inclusions

- English Speaking Guide
- A cup of local coffee (take-away). If seating space is available, can sit down to sip local coffee.
- Sing Swee Kee Chicken Rice set (one set per person)

Exclusions

- Gratuities for guide

Remarks

- Tour will be conducted by English speaking guide
- Everyone must wear masks at all time (except when having food & beverage – subject to SMM protocol changes)
- Wear comfortable shoes for walking
- This tour has many photo-taking opportunities but watch out for traffic as some roads/streets are narrowed
- In the event of closure of any place/places of visitation in the itinerary, we reserve the right to replace with alternative place / places

For booking enquires email us on

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Conditions

- Prices are in Singapore dollar, nett on per person basis
- No refund for last minute cancellation within 36 hours and no shows.
- Tours are non-refundable once confirmed
- Rates are subject to change with two weeks' notice (should local attractions increase their rates)
- ^ Advance booking is required for the tour

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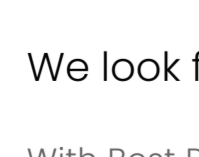
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We look forward to hear from you and sincerely hope that we can render our services in Singapore and Malaysia.

With Best Regards,



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