



Walks with The Urbanist Singapore

Singapore Heritage | Urban Design

Yong is the founder of The Urbanist Singapore, on a mission to celebrate Singapore's heritage, culture and urban design.

His engaging heritage walks blend historical knowledge with contemporary storytelling, offering a fresh perspective on Singapore's rich cultural tapestry.

With over 50K social media followers, his unique approach has earned the opportunity to lead tours for institutions like the Asian Civilisations Museum, Google, Ministry of Education, OCBC Bank, Singapore Design Week and more.

Yong's walks promise to reveal the city's lesser-known tales.

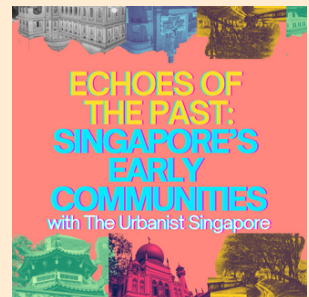
THESE FOLKS HAVE WALKED WITH US

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FOUR CURATED WALKS TO CHOOSE FROM





OUR CIVIC DISTRICT: BEYOND THE FAÇADE

Start: Asian Civilisations Museum Green
End: Asian Civilisations Museum Green

Duration: 2 hr 15 min

Tour Highlights

ARCHITECTURAL MARVELS

Explore the architectural marvels of the colonial buildings in the Civic District. Learn why they were built and uncover their storied pasts!

MAKINGS OF A YOUNG NATION

Peel back the colonial facade and learn how these buildings played a pivotal role in Singapore's road to independence and how they shaped us as a nation.

UNCOVER SECRETS

See where a secret canal and a long lost bridge lies! Spot and learn hidden icons on the building facades. Hear the inspiration for our national anthem, even before we became a self-governing state. Plus: Learn why Victoria Theatre and Concert Hall are actually two separate buildings!



TRACING STAMFORD CANAL: HIDDEN BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Start: Outside H&M Somerset
End: Esplanade Theatres on the Bay

Duration: 2 hr 30 min

Tour Highlights

TRACING THE CANAL

Embark on a journey tracing the actual path of the hidden Stamford Canal. Discover a rare exposed section, offering a unique glimpse into its urban integration.

EARLY BEGINNINGS

Discover the origins of the Stamford Canal and how it gave rise to well-known place names like Bras Basah and Dhoby Ghaut.

HIDDEN TRAILS

Trace the hidden route of the canal and see its impact on urban development, influencing landmarks like Orchard Gateway, the SMU campus and wide pedestrian walkways.

HERITAGE SIGHTS

Explore the history of iconic buildings, such as the Cathay building, Rendezvous Hotel, National Museum of Singapore, and the Civilian War Memorial.



QUEENSTOWN: ICONIC THEN, ICONIC NOW

Start: Anchorpoint Mall entrance
End: Margaret Drive Marketplace

Duration: 2 hr 15 min

*As we are entering a residential neighbourhood,
group size of no more than 12 is recommended,*

Tour Highlights

FIRST SATELLITE TOWN

Discover the fascinating origins of Queenstown as Singapore's first satellite town. Learn how this groundbreaking urban planning concept shaped the nation's public housing landscape.

HIDDEN MARGARET DRIVE

Trace the footsteps of history along a segment of Margaret Drive that's erased from sight and no longer a road. Experience the transformation of this iconic street and the stories it holds.

SECRET ROOFTOP VISTA

Prepare to be amazed as we ascend to a "secret" roof garden offering one of the most stunning panoramic views of Singapore.

QUEENSTOWN PAST AND PRESENT

Explore the mix of Queenstown's heritage and modern developments. See the former Archipelago Brewery Company, marvel at the revamped Margaret Market, & witness the towering 50-storey HDB buildings.



ECHOES OF THE PAST: SINGAPORE'S EARLY COMMUNITIES

Start: Telok Ayer Street
End: Kampong Glam

Duration: Approximately 2 hours

Tour Highlights

TELOK AYER STREET: GATEWAY FOR IMMIGRANTS

Kick off your adventure at Telok Ayer Street, a historic thoroughfare where early Chinese immigrants first arrived. Marvel at the Thian Hock Kheng Temple, a cultural beacon that reveals the vibrant traditions and communal spirit of 19th-century Singapore, and learn about the stories behind its façade.

BRAS BASAH: FOUNDATIONS OF INFRASTRUCTURE

Uncover the contributions of Indian convict laborers to Singapore's infrastructure. Explore the urban design elements that shaped the city and celebrate the diverse communities that laid its foundations.

KAMPONG GLAM: A CULTURAL MOSAIC

See the stunning Sultan Mosque and come up close to a Gelam tree. Dive into the rich legacy of the Malay sultanate and witness how trade among Malays, Chinese, and Indians created a vibrant cultural tapestry.