

Walks with The Urbanist Singapore

Singapore Heritage | Urban Design

Thoughtful walks for curious people. Come for the stories, leave seeing the city with sharper eyes.

SIX CURATED WALKS TO CHOOSE FROM

Most mindblown!

Majulah Singapura: The Untold Story of A Nation's Motto

The motto you know, with origins you probably do not.

⌚ 2 hr 30 min 💬 Up to 20

📍 Peranakan Museum >> 🎫 Victoria Theatre

YOU WILL EXPLORE

- ✓ Discover an artifact stamped with a mysterious emblem
- ✓ Hidden symbols on buildings that shaped our motto
- ✓ The exact location of the 1959 unveiling of our motto and anthem

TLDR: The lesser known backstory of "Majulah Singapura" and the moment words became a country.

Orchard Road: Beneath the Bright Lights

Orchard is not just shopping. It was plantations, rails, markets.

⌚ 2 hr 15 min 💬 Up to 35

📍 ION Orchard >> 🎫 Temasek Shophouse

YOU WILL EXPLORE

- ✓ Why and how Orchard Road got its name
- ✓ Hidden layers, canals, lost cemeteries, the first railway line
- ✓ Emerald Hill streetscape and Orchard's car showroom past

TLDR: Orchard, unfiltered: plantations, graves, rails, and reinvention beneath the shopping gloss.

Crowd favourite!

Our Civic District: Beyond the Facade

Why did we conserve an entire district of colonial buildings? Is there more to it?

⌚ 2 hr 15 min 💬 Up to 35

📍 ACM Green >> 🎫 ACM Green

YOU WILL EXPLORE

- ✓ Secrets of facades you pass by all the time
- ✓ How colonial buildings were repurposed into a young nation's story
- ✓ Civic life then and now, power, public, memory

TLDR: Singapore's grandest landmarks, decoded: power, purpose, and nationhood in plain sight.

Top seller!

Tracing Stamford Canal: Hidden But Not Forgotten

A canal you rarely see, yet shaping the city around us.

⌚ 2 hr 30 min 💬 Up to 35

📍 Kurasu cafe (Somerset) >> 🎫 Esplanade Theatres

YOU WILL EXPLORE

- ✓ The canal's true route, including a rare exposed section
- ✓ Why Dhoby Ghaut is named the way it is
- ✓ Urban footprints today, hidden view corridors, campus edges, malls, promenades

TLDR: Discover the city's secret spine, a lost canal that shaped the city in many surprising ways

Telok Ayer: Founding Footsteps, Multicultural Lives

When names aren't labels and start becoming evidence of the past.

⌚ 2 hr 00 min 💬 Up to 20

📍 Amoy St Food Centre >> 🎫 Kreta Ayer Square

YOU WILL EXPLORE

- ✓ Thian Hock Keng's multicultural influences and a hidden view corridor
- ✓ Ann Siang Well and the origins of Kreta Ayer / Niu Che Shui
- ✓ Coolie houses and the "Street of the Dead"

TLDR: Chinatown translated: street names, hidden corners, and the district's hard histories.

Queenstown: Iconic Then, Iconic Now

The estate that taught Singapore how to build homes, and a future.

⌚ 2 hr 15 min 💬 Up to 15

📍 Anchorpoint Mall >> 🎫 Margaret Market

YOU WILL EXPLORE

- ✓ Singapore's first satellite town and the big idea behind it
- ✓ Discover a segment of Margaret Drive erased from sight
- ✓ Heritage versus renewal, what we keep, what we remake

TLDR: Singapore's original model town totally revamped, and how it's leading the way today

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