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is more than Asia's leading meetings and incentives hub. It is where people with vision and drive turn their passion for growth into fresh opportunities to connect, collaborate and innovate. This is the place where progressors — pioneers, professionals, leaders, entrepreneurs and innovators — meet to be inspired. And new possibilities are created every day.

To spark your event passion, here are the city's latest incentive experiences and meeting venues where progressors can network, exchange ideas and build team bonds.

THE WILD A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE AT NIGHT SAFARI





Wildlife Reserves Singapore presents an intimate dining experience in Singapore's first tipi tent. Meeting and incentive travel delegates will start the exclusive evening with cool cocktails amid the majestic Ankole cattle. From here, they will journey through the Night Safari on a guided tram tour before entering a secret lakeside location with views of the tranguil Upper Seletar Reservoir.

Guests will then be invited into the plush, safari-themed tipi tents for a four-course gourmet dinner with free-flowing wine before concluding the evening with the interactive Creatures of the Night show, where otters, binturongs, civets and other animals display their natural talents.

FAST FACTS:

Suitable for 25-40 guests for dinner
Programme runs from 7.15pm to 10pm
Visit www.nightsafari.com.sg for more information

lacRitchie Reservoir Park

NOSHTREKKER



WHERE PASSIONATE COOKS HOST DINING EXPERIENCES AT HOME

Co-founder and chief experience designer at NOSHtrekker, Tahnya Butterfield-Gill, wants meeting and incentive travel delegates to get an authentic taste of Singapore filled with nostalgia, heritage and tradition.

Butterfield-Gill, an Australian national who now calls Singapore home, said: "Singapore is an incredibly diverse place, not just culturally and ethnically, but also in the life experiences and interests that people have. The people of this country can be very generous and open. There are many things to see and do that are not featured in the guidebooks, particularly if you have specific interests. In our work, we have met people from all walks of life who have unique stories to tell."

NOSHtrekker presents an experience where delegates can spend time with local hosts as they prepare and serve home-cooked meals in the intimate setting of their homes. Indra Rani Iswaran, host of Plantation Table, is one of the passionate

FAST FACTS:

NOSHtrekker offers 20 dining experiences in Singapore
Experiences can accommodate two to 80 guests
Venues range from apartments to architecturally designed villas
Visit www.noshtrekker.com for more information

cooks and storytellers who regularly hosts guests at her table.

The granddaughter of a pioneer migrant from Jaffna in Ceylon, Iswaran's culinary heritage is rooted in Sri Lanka, where her family history dates back to the 17th century. Iswaran honed her taste buds by combining her mother's rich Jaffna cooking with Sulawesi, Cantonese and Peranakan flavours. She describes her bespoke menus as kampong (Malay for village) style.

I lived in Singapore for five years and just returned on a business trip. After a long and busy week, we had a team dinner at the Plantation Table. It was the absolute perfect setting for an intimate dinner amid beautiful surroundings and architecture. The service from Indra Rani Iswaran was impeccable and the food divine. I would recommend to anyone looking to build teams, celebrate success, or just take a moment to slow down, breathe and enjoy life.

> **Debbie Wilson** vice president, end-user experience at Rio Tinto

A JOURNEY THROUGH SINGAPORE'S RICH HISTORY

Founder and recipient of the 2017 Singapore Tourism Awards for Best Customer Service for Tour Guiding, Darren Goh enjoys tailoring walking tours that take meeting and incentive travel delegates off the beaten track.

Delegates will get a sneak peek into the hidden side of Singapore as they venture from the shores of the historic Singapore River through the gleaming skyscrapers of the CBD, past exquisite shop-houses in Chinatown, down to the public housing estate of Tanjong Pagar on foot and public transport. They will delve into the history, culture and development of Singapore and do as the locals do – like sampling a variety of local street food and visiting temples.

"I think there is a lot more to Singapore than people give us credit for," Goh said. "Beyond the shopping malls and the glass towers, we have culture, we have history, and we have a somewhat indefinable, still-evolving but definitely vibrant soul. There is a story behind every place. Singapore may not have the pyramids or the Great Wall, but this is my home, and it will always have a special place in my heart."

SNEAKPEEK

FAST FACTS:

Max 20 delegates per tour per tour guide
Sneakpeek can run up to four tours simultaneously
Tour routes can be tailored to organisers' specific needs
Visit www.sneakpeeksingapore.com for more information

Simon Wong launched this charming experience after organising a series of vintage sidecar rallies to raise money for cancer research – a disease that tragically took the life of Wong's wife, Peikie Ng, in 2008. Memories of her have fuelled Wong's passion.

Meeting and incentive travel delegates will get up close and personal with the sights, sounds and flavours of Singapore – from a breezy open-air capsule just 20cm off the ground. The delightful sidecars provide the perfect selfie backdrop and often attract smiles from onlookers. Event planners can request a custom night ride to experience Singapore's vibrant supper scene, a half-day heritage tour or even a 30-minute spin to experience historic neighbourhoods like Joo Chiat, Katong and the Civil District.

Delegates can hop on and off at local kopitiams (local coffee shops) and are also offered 'in-flight' snacks and drinks by shops visited during the trip. An interactive experience that delegates won't soon forget. British-born Wong shared: "My late wife, who was a designer and won the President's Design Award, brought me here – we made it home. Singapore is a place where one can get involved and contribute, and be made to feel thoroughly welcomed. The Asian Civilisations Museum granted a memorial bench to my wife for instance, made from 150-yearold gallery floorboards, which now sits outside the museum lobby. From my personal experience, it's a place that really respects its community."

FAST FACTS:

- Suitable for groups of 20 for up to 120 delegates on rotation throughout the day
 Sidecars go through a stringent road
- safety test by the government - Delegates are only allowed to be riders, not
- drivers during this experience
- Visit www.sideways.sg for more information and bookings

THE FEAR FACTOR TO BUILDING

Director of Woopa Travels Pte Ltd, TY Suen, has created an experience that requires meeting and incentive travel delegates to face their fears, both as individuals and in teams. The Fear Factor Tour is a competitive points-based experience with four key challenges:

Dark Room Experience: Delegates venture into a dark room, where they use their sense of touch, smell, taste and hearing to navigate their surroundings. Wrapping up the experience is lunch with local flavours enjoyed in the dark to further heighten the senses.

Exotic Places & Food Challenge: A guided tour through a series of checkpoints, where delegates must undertake "exotic" food challenges, like eating the famously pungent local King of Fruits, durian, while maintaining their composure.

Indoor Skydiving Challenge: Test the group's sense of balance and agility at iFly Singapore. This indoor skydiving venue, located on Sentosa island. The indoor skydiving venue has the world's largest wind tunnel.

Giant Swings or Bungy Jumping Finale at AJ Hackett Sentosa: For the grand finale, Singapore's Giant Swings will hurl delegates into the air at speeds of up to 120km/hr. Meanwhile, extreme thrill-seekers can finish the day's experience with a bungy jump overlooking Siloso Beach on Sentosa Island.

FAST FACTS:

- The Fear Factor Tour is suitable for groups of 10 delegates per tour
- Tour programme is subject to regular safety checks by relevant authorities
- Delegates will be asked to sign indemnity forms before participation
- Visit www.monsterdaytours.com/the-fear-factorexperience for more information and bookings

AJ HACKETT SENTOSA

Parent company AJ Hackett International operates in more than 10 countries. In Singapore, the company's beach-side operation also offers: **Vertical Skywalk:** Used by Navy Seals where participants descend from a jump deck to ground level. **Skybridge:** Cross a bridge that stands at 47 metres above ground. **Top Swing:** Sitting in a harness, participants are dropped from the jump deck in a seated position

Bungee Jumping Finale

MEET SINGAPORE'S PASSION AMBASSADORS

Create unique experiences for delegates fuelled by passionate locals such as **Malcolm Lee** and **Subaraj Rajathurai**. Like them, delegates will be empowered to do what they love in a city of limitless possibilities.



CHEF MALCOLM'S TWO-DAY GUIDE FOR FOODIES

Lee recommends venturing into Little India for a taste of aromatic briyani (an Indian spiced rice dish with meat or vegetables) at the Tekka Centre. Inside the centre, meeting and incentive delegates can explore the fresh food market where Lee regularly shops for groceries, and then hunt for bargains at the nearby Mustafa Centre, a 24-hour shopping mecca.

Dinner at Keng Eng Kee restaurant is the perfect way to end the day. Known for its hearty plates of Chinese zi char (Hokkien Chinese dialect for 'cook and fry', generally affordable, homecooked Chinese fare), their speciality coffee pork ribs and chilli crab are among Malcolm's favourite dishes.

For a flavour of Peranakan culture, take a walk through colourful shophouses in the Peranakan enclaves of Joo Chiat and Katong – home to the famed Katong Laksa (spicy, coconut milk-based noodle soup) and Guan Hoe Soon Restaurant. Established in 1953, Guan Hoe Soon Restaurant has been serving up Straits Chinese favourites like babi pongteh (stewed pork with fermented soya bean), otak otak (grilled fish cake) and sambal udang (chilli shrimp).

MALCOLM LEE

Chef and owner of the world's only Michelin-starred Peranakan restaurant, Candlenut, Malcolm Lee constantly looks for ways to revive and re-imagine the flavours of his youth. His passion for food started during his childhood as he recalls the fragrant spices of his grandmother's traditional Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian heritage) cuisine unique to this region, which reflects a fusion of Chinese, Indonesian and Malay flavours.

"Food is a way of creating a deep connection with both friends and strangers. I believe the essence of Peranakan food is really about people. Food is love, and I hope people can feel that," Lee said.

FAST FACTS:

Candlenut is located in Dempsey Hill, one of Singapore's favourite culinary hubs
The restaurant offers partial dining buy-outs suitable for 30, 50 or 80 guests
A private dining room for up to eight quests is

also available - Visit **www.comodempsey.sa** for more information





SUBARAJ RAJATHURAI

Many of Singapore's nature reserves exist due to the efforts of passionate individuals like Subaraj Rajathurai, a self-taught naturalist and veteran wildlife consultant. He fell in love with the rainforest at the age of 18 during a visit to Bukit Timah Nature Reserve.

Rajathurai's passion is fuelled by Singapore's blend of urban landscapes and hidden ecosystems, which keeps him fighting against rampant urbanisation. Over the past 30 years, he's made a significant contribution to the Lion City's rich biodiversity, which includes verdant parks and nature reserves, tropical rainforests, mangroves and coral ecosystems. Affectionately known as the 'City in a Garden', Singapore is home to more than 390 species of birds and at least 2,100 native plants.

"In Singapore, you can get from a five-star hotel to a rainforest in 20 minutes. You can spend five lifetimes exploring nature, and there would still be more to learn. Singapore is a gateway for nature," Rajathurai said.

SUBARAJ'S TWO-DAY GUIDE FOR NATURE LOVERS

Follow Subaraj on a working tour through untamed areas of Singapore where visiting corporate groups can experience the ecosystems that he has championed and shared with locals and visitors alike through the years.

Start exploring at MacRitchie Reservoir Park, a water catchment area in the heart of Singapore that's home to lush rainforests. Then venture into Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, an ASEAN Heritage site. Complete the day with a stroll through the Singapore Botanic Gardens, which Rajathurai helped develop. A UNESCO World Heritage site, the lush gardens are home to some of the tallest tree species in Southeast Asia.

On day two, take a short boat ride to Pulau Ubin, an island northeast of Singapore where cycling and walking trails traverse hills, mangroves and



FAST FACTS:

Strix Wildlife Consultancy offers treks and trails for up to 20 guests per guide
Bird watching and education programmes are available for special interest groups
Visit www.subaraj.com for more information



traditional kampongs. From the island, groups can explore the Chek Jawa Wetlands, a confluence of six natural habitats, ranging from rocky beaches to seagrass lagoons.

VENUES THAT INSPIRE CREATIVITY

Let these new venues in Singapore help you meet your event objectives

HUONE A creative space for productive meetings

Huone (meaning "room" in Finnish) takes meetings out of cookie-cutter boardrooms and into one of Singapore's most innovative venues. Launched in 2017, Huone's collection of creative rooms can be found in a colourful shophouse in the heart of Singapore's entertainment district, Clarke Quay, by the historic Singapore River. Event planners can choose to hold meetings in an igloo, a forest, a Finnish cottage, a bird's nest, or any of the seven other individually themed spaces.

The venue provides programme management, consultation services, as well as food and beverage options and logistics support, making it a one-stop service provider. Huone has an allinclusive approach to hospitality, where everyone from the CEO to the receptionist is equally involved.

ANDAZ SINGAPORE Stylish hotel with creative dine-around options



FAST FACTS:

- Andaz Singapore is the first Andaz hotel in Southeast Asia
- The hotel is within walking distance to cultural hubs like Kampong Glam and Bugis, perfect for walking to experiences
 Visit singapore.andaz.hyatt.com for more information



FAST FACTS:

- Huone has 11 meeting rooms suitable for group of six to 150 delegates
- Menus can be curated according to delegate needs
- Visit www.huone.events/sg for more information

The new 342-room luxury hotel has fully embraced the current incentive travel trend of "think global, act local", where renowned interior designer Andre Fu has weaved thoughtful, local touches throughout the property.

In classic Fu style, the hotel's public areas are cleverly divided into a collection of intimate spaces, mimicking the vibrant laneways in neighbouring Kampong Glam and Bras Basah-Bugis precincts to replicate a Singapore-style alleyway experience. This maze-like quality encourages guests to explore.

Perched on the 25th floor, the hotel's dine-around options, collectively known as Alley on 25, include five all-day dining restaurants that are uniquely designed as individual shophouses. Icehaus serves cold plates like beef tartare and shaved ice desserts; Auntie's Wok and Steam serves noodles and dim sum; while Smoke & Pepper is all about grilled meat with an Asian twist.

The hotel also features dedicated meeting spaces – The Glasshouse, a 583sqm ballroom encased in shimmering glass walls, a 203sqm Garden Studio ballroom, and two meeting rooms for intimate gatherings.

SOFITEL SINGAPORE CITY CENTRE Luxury property with

residential-style meeting space

AccorHotels' new Singapore flagship hotel is wellappointed and built to cater to residential meetings and events. For event planners, room allocation is made easy as all standard guest rooms are 38sqm, providing spacious accommodation for all delegates. All rooms feature the brand's signature Sofitel MyBed, pillow menu, free Wi-Fi and a mobile phone offering complimentary international calls to 10 countries.

For events, the hotel's "Ensemble Collection" is a dedicated area located on level five with decorated pre-function areas that provide branding opportunities for events.

The Lawn, located on the outdoor pool level, is ideal for networking events and can host cocktail parties for up to 100 guests or a yoga class with 40 participants.

INTERCONTINENTAL SINGAPORE ROBERTSON QUAY Cosmopolitan hotel delivering tailored experiences



FAST FACTS:

- The hotel is located near Fort Canning Park, which is perfect for team-building activities

- The Insider Collection can help organise a trip to a traditional wet market, followed by a
- cooking challenge where delegates prepare local favourites
- Visit www.ihg.com for more information



FAST FACTS:

- The hotel's 1,850sqm meeting space is spread across 10 flexible venues
- The 600sqm Wallich Ballroom has its own entrance and dedicated pre-function space
 Visit www.sofitel-singapore-citycentre.com for more information

Perched along Singapore's famed Robertson Quay waterfront, the 225-room hotel offers creative meeting and event experiences through its tailored service, the Insider Collection, which taps local knowledge to offer an authentic event experience that is uniquely Singaporean.

The Intercontinental Singapore Robertson Quay offers five intimate events spaces, catering for a total of 40 guests in theatre-style seating.

Event planners can incorporate social components through some of the hotel's unique event spaces, like the 200-seat Italian diner Publico Ristorante, which is part of a multi-concept Italian dining destination located along the banks of Robertson Quay. There's also the lush outdoor Terrazza bar overlooking the Singapore River, and Italian craft cocktail bar, Marcello, which comprises both indoor and outdoor areas.

FOC SENTOSA A dynamic events complex on the beach front

Chef Nandu Jubany, one of the founding members of FOC, is not only a Michelin starred chef, but he also owns Jubany Events, a Gastronomy Solutions Company specialised in organising and catering large events. His experience gives events held at FOC Sentosa a distinctly Mediterranean spirit.

Located by Palawan Beach, FOC Sentosa offers meeting and incentive planners two levels of social event spaces.

The first floor features beachfront access and a range of event options:

- **Indoor dining** an air-conditioned space with an open-kitchen concept for up to 64 guests.
- Alfresco dining dining area adjacent to indoor dining space for up to 100-guests.
- **Pool bar** air-conditioned main bar suitable for up to 60 guests.
- **Pool deck** perfect for larger networking parties of up to 150 guests.
- Beach and cabanas can be booked separately or jointly with the pool deck.

On the second floor, two premium event spaces offer breathtaking views of Palawan Beach:

- La Barceloneta the larger of the two spaces, which can accommodate 140 guests in a cocktail party set-up or 120 guests for a seated banquet event.
- Mar Bella a party space complete with a bar and lounge seating that can cater for 80 guests (cocktail) or 60 for a seated event.

Dedicated staff at FOC Sentosa can help event planners through the entire planning process – from organising fireworks and suitable entertainment, to combining different event spaces and tailoring menus.

Visit www.focsentosa.com for more information.







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