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Your Ultimate Guide to Geylang

Believe it or not, Geylang is one of the more interesting culinary and heritage spots in Singapore. Let's go on a walking tour of it to unveil the many sides of this amazing place!

Walking tour
Estimated duration
between 3 - 4 hours

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About Geylang



Geylang is more popularly known as Singapore's red light district. However, that definitely shortchanges it, as there's far more to the area than that!

For one, it has *lots* of food stops and it's rich in heritage spots. That said, it's still recommended to start the tour in the evening to experience authentic nightlife in this area!

Now let's explore the different lorongs (lanes) in Geylang to see what this amazing district has to offer. Remember, keep your tummies empty before this walking tour because most of the stops will be at famous food stalls!

Where are we going?



**126 Dim Sum
Wen Dao Shi**



**Peranakan
Shophouses along
Sims Avenue & Tan
Ser Seng**

**Eminent Frog
Porridge**



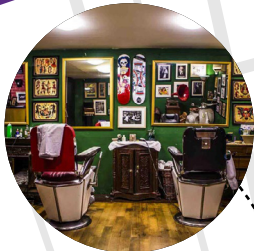
**Tan Ser
Seng Herbs
Restaurant**

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The Panic Room



**HSCA
Community
Services**



**Ah Hung D24
Sultan Durian**

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Redlight District



**Leong Kee
(Klang) Bah
Ku Teh**

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Tan Ser Seng Herbs Restaurant - Photo by Tally Press
HSCA Community Services - Photo by HSCA Community Services
The Panic Room - Photo by The Best Singapore
Eminent Frog Porridge - Photo by Hungry-Spot
126 Dim Sum Wen Dao Shi - Photo by Uncover Asia

What will you need to bring?



Comfortable attire and footwear for walking



Sunblock, sunglasses, cap or hat



Insect repellent



A bottle of water or beverage



Umbrella or poncho in case it rains



Camera if you're into photo ops



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Photo Ops Galore: Peranakan Shophouses

Sims Avenue and Lorong
21 Geylang

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Peranakan Architecture



Many tend to associate Peranakan architecture with Joo Chiat and Katong, but did you know that Geylang has great examples of it too?

Walking from the Aljunied MRT station on the way to our first food stop, you'll see a good number of charming Peranakan shophouses. Most streets here actually have these, so keep your eyes peeled for photo ops!

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Try Some Turtle Soup at Tan Ser Seng Herbs Restaurant

29 Lor Bachok,
Singapore 387791

Opening Hours
Mondays to Sundays:
11am – 10pm

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Where did this dish originate?



Image by Justyn via Miss Tam Chiak

Founded by Tan Ah Sai in 1946, the restaurant introduced a unique Chinese turtle soup to Singaporeans. Long associated with royal feasts, the soup required the highest-quality herbs and ingredients - which is still true today!

Their double-boiled turtle soup is perhaps the best-known turtle soup on the island. It offers a savoury, herbal flavour paired with tender turtle meat that practically melts in your mouth.

If that's not for you, they have other options like herbal chicken soup, cordyceps chicken, ginseng black chicken soup, and prawn rolls. You can even get creamy turtle eggs that offer a burst of flavour on your tongue.

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Empower Others with **HCSA** **Community Services**

1 Lor 23 Geylang,
Singapore 388352

Opening hours
Mondays to Fridays:
8.30am - 6pm
Closed on Saturdays
and Sundays

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About the Organisation

HCSA Community Services is a charitable organisation that always has several activities lined up for the community. It aims to empower the vulnerable, and you can see that in its initiatives for helping single parents, abused minors, ex-offenders, and more.

If you're interested in giving back to the community, you can stop by and see which of their initiatives interest you - they take both fundraising and pro bono offers!

Did you know?

HSCA also has HealthServe, a nonprofit organisation that helps migrant workers in various ways.

Geylang's large migrant worker community means the organisation is often active in the area. It's not unusual to see it holding dinners or activities in Geylang's back alleys.



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No Cause for Panic at The Panic Room

311A Geylang Road,
Singapore 389350

Opening hours

Monday to Friday:

11am - 8pm

Saturday and Sunday:

9.30am - 6.30pm

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The Panic Room is a new-age barbershop that savvy locals know to visit when they need to spruce up their looks. It's really for the fellows, but there's no reason ladies can't come here to buy specialty grooming products for the men in their lives.

The shop has a website where you can book appointments (<https://thepanicroom.com.sg/>) and that clearly shows its local roots in the amount of Singlish on it!

You can also browse their wares, which range from hair clays to eye serums. They even carry such brands as Brickel, Suavecito, and Uppercut Deluxe.

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Hop to Your Next Meal at Eminent Frog Porridge

323 Geylang Road,
Singapore 389359

Opening hours
Monday to Sunday:
5pm - 4am

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One of the go-to spots for supper in Geylang

This is one of the go-to spots for supper in Geylang, open until the wee hours of the morning.

There are a few other frog porridge stalls in Geylang, but only Eminent Frog Porridge has been awarded the Michelin Bib Gourmand - an award that speaks to the quality and value of their fare.

Some of the dishes we'd recommend here are their dried chilli gong bao frog legs with plain congee, sambal chicken, and sweet and sour pork ribs!



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Take a quick peek into Singapore's Red Light District

Lorong 14 and Lorong 16
Geylang

Red Light District



Photo by CNA Lifestyle



As noted before, Geylang is largely known as the red light district in Singapore and hosts most of the island's legal brothels.

That said, circumstances like gentrification and pandemic restrictions have mostly put a stop to the trade. They were already pretty low-key before, given that soliciting sex is illegal even sex work itself isn't.

But if you take a stroll through Lorong 14 and 16, you'll likely see some red lantern houses. And there's probably still illegal gambling being carried out in these houses, so don't linger too long!

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Have a Bowl of Authentic Klang Bak Kut Teh

Leong Kee (Klang) Bak
Ku Teh
251 Geylang Rd,
Singapore 389309

Opening hours
Monday to Sunday:
11am - 12.30am

Klang Bak Kut Teh



Image by Maureen via Miss Tam Chiak



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This is the stall to visit for authentic Klang bak kut teh, which is different from the peppery one we're used to. Originating from Malaysia (Klang), it's a denser, cloudier and more herbal version!

The dish to try at this stall is the dry bak kut teh. It's a different, gravy-rich take on the traditional soup dish, with bits of pork ribs tossed in dark soya sauce and dried chilli.

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Not full yet?

Still yearning for more treats? Geylang is famous for food and late-night supper spots, so we've got 2 options for you depending on what you feel like having.

(Both are open all day, every day, so you can eat to your heart's content!)



Photo by Uncover Asia

Option 1: Order to your heart's delight at 126 Dim Sum Wen Dao Shi

126 Sims Ave, Singapore 387449

Open 24/7

If you feel like having some traditional Hong Kong dim sum, 126 Dim Sum is the place to go. If the name alone isn't worth the visit (126 is Wan Dou Sek in Cantonese and it's the name of the street too), then the food certainly is!

Crowd favourites include Siew Mai and Char Siew Bao, though the most-instagrammable dish is the Liu Sha Bao or Salted Egg Golden Custard Buns - nothing beats tearing open the warm bun encasing the molten salted egg!



Option 2: Meet the King of Fruit at Ah Hung D24 Sultan Durian

109 Sims Avenue, Singapore 387433

Open 24/7

We know this fruit isn't for everyone, but we couldn't miss a food stop at a place where you can have the king of fruit -- durian!

This is a roadside stall where you can just pull up a chair with your friends and pick the fresh, ripe durians you want.

Here's a tip: Wash your hands with water that's been run through the husk of a durian if you don't want them to smell after eating this deliciously pungent fruit!



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Ending note

And that wraps up our walking tour of Geylang! We hope we managed to show you some of the other facets of the so-called red light district. As you can see, there's so much more to it than what that moniker allows!

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