



Singapore Early Migrants Stories and Snacks (Walking Tour)

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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!



Details

-  Tour Price: SGD 65 nett per pax
-  Tour Dates : 22 May 2024
-  Tour Times : 4.00pm - 6.00pm
-  Meeting Point: Raffles Boutique at the Raffles Hotel Singapore, facing Seah St.
Ending Point: Seah St.

- At our first stop, we'll visit a local coffee shop. Here you get to buy a variety of local snacks and learn about Singapore coffee culture and its origins. You will also learn how to order coffee or tea in local slang.
- We'll then 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.
- We make our way through the historic Raffles Hotel, which has stood on these grounds since 1887. We'll take you through the grounds and pass by 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.
- You're probably famished by now! We'll take a short walk to our favourite Hainanese Chicken Rice Stall! 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); seating subject to availability
- Chicken Rice Set (one per person)

Exclusions

- Gratuities for Guide

Booking Conditions

- Booking Period: Now until 13 May 2024.
- Prices in Singapore Dollar, nett, per person.
- Tours are non-refundable once confirmed.
- This is a collective tour with a maximum of 20 persons per group.

Things to Note

- Tour is conducted in English.
- Wear comfortable shoes for walking.
- In the event of closure of any place(s) of visitation in the itinerary, your guide reserves the right to replace such place(s) with alternative locations.



Validity

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Note: Advance booking is required