



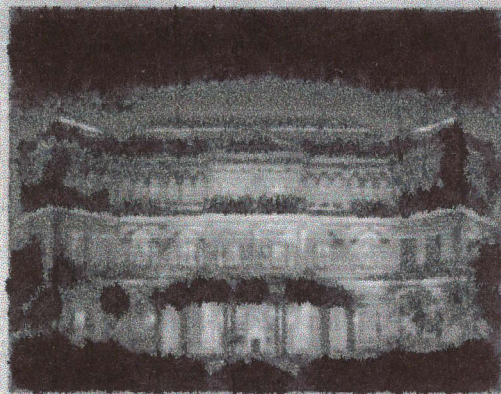
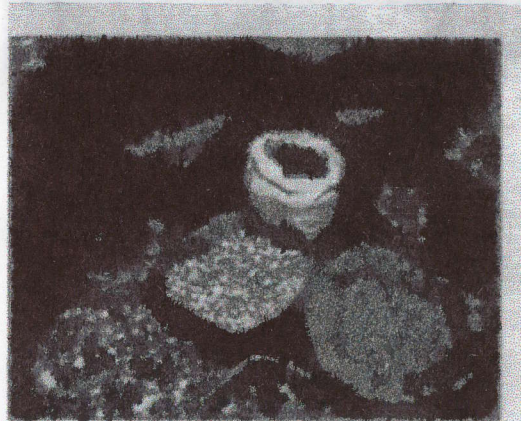
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Five Singapore Walks

Exploring the fascinating history of the Lion City can be a lot of fun if you join these organised walking tours.

1 DHOBIS, SARIS AND A SPOT OF CURRY
The area around Serangoon Road is the home of the city's Indian community. Have your fortune told by a parrot or peruse the colourful shop houses in Little India Arcade which abound with jewellery, carpets, exotic spices and sweets. At the Sari Shop, learn how to wear a traditional Indian sari with no pins or buttons, and at the flower garland shop, discover the secret to weaving decorative floral garlands. Complete the walk with a visit to the Sri Veeramakaliamman Temple, built in 1881 and dedicated to Kali the Courageous, goddess of power. **Tuesdays 9.30am-11.30am. Meet at Little India MRT Station, outside exit E.**



Development of the river.
Saturday, 5pm-7pm. Meet at Asian Civilisations Museum I, Empress Palace.

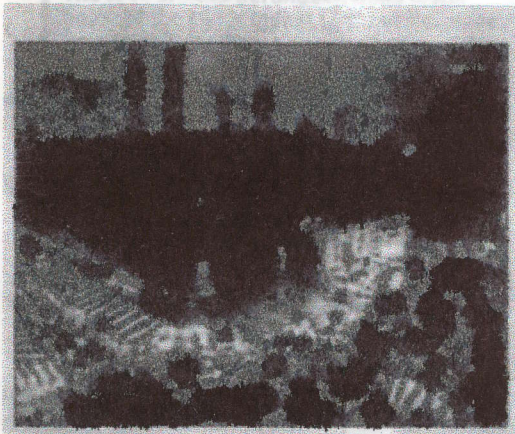
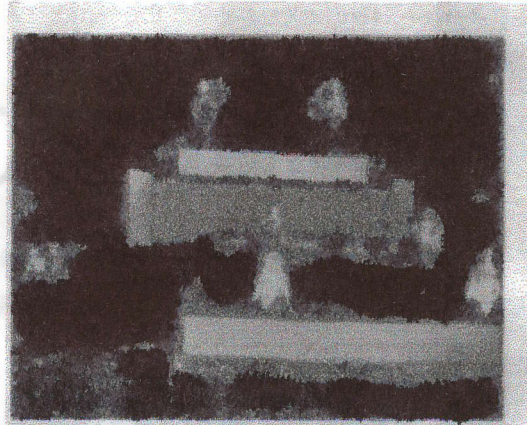
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2 A COLONIAL HISTORY LESSON
Singapore's colonial past is still reflected in many aspects of the city's life. Learn about characters such as Agnes Joaquim, who discovered Singapore's national flower, and visit Raffles Hotel at whose Long Bar the Singapore Sling was invented. Some of the highlights are St Andrew's Cathedral, completed in 1861, whose walls are adorned with plaques commemorating early governors and events, and a visit to the Armenian Church built by colonial architect G. D. Coleman in 1835, Singapore's oldest Christian church. **Wednesdays 9.30-11.30am. Meet at City Hall MRT Station, outside exit B.**



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3 OF BOMOHs AND PONTIANAKS
 Singapore has its share of magical places. As you take your twilight tour you'll be treated to tales from Malay folklore. Learn about the Toyol, spirits who do their masters' bidding in return for blood, and Pontianaks, ghouls who stalk men and pregnant women at night. Examine the display of talismans in the gallery of the House of Keris where you can learn about the Keris dagger, said to have magical powers. The walk continues through the Arab quarter to the ruin of the Istana Kampong Glam. Once the home of a sultan, it echoes its stately past.
Thursdays 5.30pm-7.30pm. Meet at Bugis MRT Station, outside exit B.



4 SECRETS OF THE RED LANTERN
 Prostitution was big business in Singapore in 1836 when the ratio of men to women was about 15 to 1. This walk will take you on a tour of Chinatown, where the streets were once lined with brothels and gambling dens. Find out about the murders on Trengganu Street, where rich and poor once flocked. And wander down Smith Street, whose unsavoury reputation has been lost among roadside food vendors. Finally, venture into the current red light district where your guide will share some insights into the city's modern-day brothels.
Friday 6.30pm-8.30pm. Meet at Chinatown MRT Station, outside exit A.

5 A SMALL VILLAGE TRANSFORMED
 Take a walk through the history of the Singapore River. Indelibly linked to the lives of the people, it has seen the city rise from a small fishing village to a major sea port and all kinds of goods have been transported along its waters. Visit Boat Quay, once lined with warehouses and offices. They have been redeveloped and now contain fabulous restaurants, cafes and nightclubs. The walk will take you to the oldest bridge in Singapore, built by Indian convict labour, and to the Asian Civilisations Museum, where you can trace the development of the river.
Saturday, 5pm-7pm. Meet at Asian Civilisations Museum 1, Empress Palace.



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