



## ArCH Square Singapore Unveils SHIPPED!: First Gallery Rotation and New Public Programmes This May

### Description

ArCH Square Singapore has unveiled a new line-up of May offerings that invite the public to engage with Singapore's archaeology through maritime artefacts, hands-on workshops and public conversations. Presented in conjunction with **Singapore HeritageFest 2026**, the programme is anchored by ArCH Square's first-ever gallery rotation, *SHIPPED!: Memories from the sea*.

### SHIPPED!: Memories from the Sea

The maritime-themed showcase features underwater artefacts retrieved from Singapore waters, most of which are making their first-ever public appearance. *SHIPPED!* explores Southeast Asia's maritime past through underwater archaeology, presenting pieces not as isolated relics but as evidence of trade, craftsmanship, and the sea routes that connected the region to the wider world.



Maritime artefacts on display in SHIPPED!: Memories from the sea, most making their first-ever public appearance. Image: HeritageSG.

Anchored by artefacts recovered from Singapore waters and studied through archaeological research — including materials linked to the Empress of Asia and ceramics produced at renowned kiln centres such as Jingdezhen — the showcase traces each object’s journey from production and exchange

to submergence, recovery, and interpretation.



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## What Else to Catch in May

Beyond *SHIPPED!*, the public can participate in a series of curated programmes throughout May at ArCH Square. These include:

- **Coffee Cultures: Maritime Routes and Everyday Rituals** – a guided tasting and hands-on coffee-making workshop exploring Southeast Asia’s coffee cultures through maritime trade.
- **Framing the Sea: Maritime Heritage as Evidence and Interpretation** – a public conversation with maritime archaeologist Dr Michael Flecker.
- **Archaeology 101!** – a four-week introductory workshop for beginners interested in Singapore’s archaeology.

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ArCH Square unveils a new line-up of May offerings inviting the public to engage with Singapore's archaeology. Image: HeritageSG.

## Why It Matters

This first gallery rotation underscores ArCH Square's mission as a dedicated space for meaningful public discovery and heritage volunteerism. By placing artefacts in conversation with public programmes, the centre is positioning archaeology as something Singaporeans can engage with as participants, not just visitors. For more on Singapore HeritageFest 2026, see our [guide to the maritime programmes](#).

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Archaeology 101!, a four-week introductory workshop, launches in May for beginners interested in Singapore's archaeology. Image: HeritageSG.

## ArCH Square May 2026: At a Glance

**Exhibition:** SHIPPED!: Memories from the sea (gallery rotation)  
**Programmes:** Coffee Cultures, Framing the Sea, Archaeology 101!  
**Period:** May 2026  
**Venue:** ArCH Square Singapore  
**Part of:** Singapore HeritageFest 2026

For more on what's on this month, browse our [Things to Do coverage](#).

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