



Deepavali's final week in Little India: what is left to buy

Description

Deepavali falls on Sunday 8 November. The Festival Village on Campbell Lane closes at midnight that same night, while the light-up over Serangoon Road stays on until 29 November. One week is left to buy what the day needs while the stalls are still standing.

Two free events run today, Saturday 31 October. [Clay Diya Painting](#) at Tekka Place runs from 2pm to 4pm, free with registration and capped at 30 people. [Sangeetham Under the Stars](#) takes the open stage on Campbell Lane from 8pm to 10pm.



A Deepavali light-up arch in Little India, part of the Serangoon Road display. Photo: LISHA (deepavali.sg)

Clothes and textiles first

Clothes are the largest purchase of the week and the one worth starting with, because fit and colour take a few shops to settle. Saree shops run along Serangoon Road and the streets off it. [Haniffa Textiles](#), one street down on Dunlop Street, is the shop the National Heritage Board's Little India heritage trail names for saris and Indian clothing, and its silk saris are what the shop is known for. Tekka Centre on Serangoon Road sells traditional clothing alongside its market produce and hawker food.

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Campbell Lane, with a textile shop on the left and market stalls along the walkway. Photo: Bahnfreund, CC BY-SA 4.0, via Wikimedia Commons

Little India Arcade at 48 Serangoon Road holds a cluster of conserved shophouses with boutique shops and eateries inside, which makes it a useful second stop when a morning on Serangoon Road has not produced the right thing.

Sweets, garlands and lamps

Sweets keep badly in Singapore heat, so they belong at the end of the week rather than the start. The Arcade gathers several sellers under one roof, and Moghul Sweet Shop at #01-16 is the one the [Singapore Tourism Board's Little India guide](#) names.

Garlands go later still, because fresh flowers do not hold. [Jothi Store & Flower Shop](#) at 1 Campbell Lane began in the early 1960s as a stall selling traditional Indian garlands, betel leaves and prayer items, and it still trades from the lane.

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Fresh jasmine and rose garlands at a flower stall in Little India. Photo: LISHA (deepavali.sg)

Lamps and decorations sit in two places. The Festival Village stalls carry festive décor, handicrafts and traditional clothing, and the boutique shops inside the Arcade cover the rest of a home display. Both are evening stops: the village opens at 7pm.

Last dates for the village and the lights

Both run on the same nightly clock, 7pm to midnight. The [Festival Village](#) trades every evening until 8 November, so Sunday is the last chance to walk the lane. The [street light-up](#) stretches more than 2km along Serangoon Road and remains until 29 November, three weeks past the holiday. The decorations can wait; the shopping cannot.

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Stalls at the Deepavali Festival Village on Campbell Lane, with sweets, clothing and garlands. Photo: LISHA (deepavali.sg)

Deepavali Eve, then the holiday itself

Saturday 7 November is the last full evening of the village before the festival. [LTA](#) extends train operating hours that night and keeps 53 bus services running later to match, among them service 315 from Serangoon, whose last departure is at 1.05am.

Deepavali is on Sunday 8 November. The [Ministry of Manpower's 2026 holiday schedule](#) sets Monday 9 November as the public holiday for employees whose rest day falls on the Sunday. Two days off instead of one changes how the week can be spent: clothes and decorations by Friday, sweets and flowers on the Saturday or the Sunday morning, visiting left for the days themselves.

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Tekka Place on Serangoon Road, where the clay diya session runs on 31 October. Photo:
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