



Free National Day Activities 2026: What's On at the National Museum of Singapore

Description

Watched the parade on TV and still want to soak up the SG61 spirit? Good news for families. Some of the best **free National Day activities** this year are happening inside our museums, and they will not cost you a single cent. The National Museum of Singapore is leading the charge with a full day of programmes for all ages. Here is your complete guide to celebrating without breaking the bank.



Source: Peranakan Museum

Free National Day Activities At The National Museum

The National Museum of Singapore throws open its doors with free admission on National Day. On 9 August 2026, it runs a full day of free and ticketed programmes for the whole family. It is one of the most value-packed outings this long weekend. Best of all, it is fully sheltered, so the afternoon heat is not a problem.

- A children's colouring competition for the little ones
- Immersive storytelling inspired by the legend of Sang Nila Utama
- Hands-on workshops and drop-in craft activities
- A museum-wide heritage hunt for the whole family

Stick around into the evening for the real showstopper. From 7.30pm, a light projection lights up the museum's grand facade. There is also an outdoor screening of the National Day Parade, so you can catch the action al fresco. Bring a mat and lepak on the lawn.

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More Free Museums To Visit

The National Museum is not your only option. Several National Heritage Board museums traditionally waive entry on National Day. That makes museum-hopping a genuinely wallet-friendly plan.

- Asian Civilisations Museum along the Singapore River
- Peranakan Museum for a dose of Straits Chinese heritage
- National Gallery Singapore, which often opens for free too

Tips For A Smooth Visit

These free National Day activities draw big crowds, so a little planning goes a long way. Turn up earlier in the day if you have young children in tow. Take the MRT, as parking in the Bras Basah and City Hall area fills up fast.

Do check each museum's website for the latest programme timings before you head down. Some activities are ticketed or need pre-registration despite the free entry. With a bit of kiasu planning, you and the family are set for a shiok, budget-friendly National Day out.

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