

Halal Food Friday: Hjh Maimunah halal nasi padang, from S$10.70 a set since 1992

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Halal Food Friday goes to a name that has fed Kampong Gelam since 1992. Hjh Maimunah is a Malay and Indonesian restaurant serving halal nasi padang, where a beef rendang set costs S$10.70 on its delivery menu, and a Premium Ambeng platter for 2 to 3 people is S$47.

It is a Muslim-owned family business, founded by Mdm Mahiran Abdul Rahman with her late motherâ??s recipes, and now run by the second generation. The restaurant describes all of its food as halal-certified. We will come back to how to check that yourself.

Halal status: what we could verify

Hjh Maimunah states on its official website that its Malay and Indonesian cuisine is halal-certified, and that its kitchens are halal-certified. The business is also Muslim-owned, as the founding familyâ??s own story on the site makes clear.

Halal certification is issued outlet by outlet, so do not assume that every stall carrying the name has the same certificate. Search the MUIS HalalSG directory for the specific address before you go, especially for the smaller outlets inside food courts.


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Where to find Hjh Maimunah and when it is open

The flagship is a pair of shophouses at Jalan Pisang, a short walk from Bugis MRT (roughly 8 minutes, going by the usual estimates). Joo Chiat is the second full restaurant, and there are smaller Mini outlets across the island.

- Jalan Pisang: 11 Jalan Pisang, Singapore 199078. Open 7.30am to 7pm, Monday to Saturday, closed on Sundays. Nearest MRT: Bugis (DT14/EW12).
- Joo Chiat: 20 Joo Chiat Road, Singapore 427357. Open 8am to 7pm, Tuesday to Sunday, closed on Mondays.
- Tampines Mall: Kopitiam, #04-27-29, 4 Tampines Central 5. Open daily, 10am to 9pm.
- City Square Mall: Food Republic, #B3-04, 180 Kitchener Road. Open daily, 10am to 9pm.
- Westgate: Food Junction, #B1-29, 3 Gateway Drive. Open daily, 10am to 9pm.
- Hong Leong Building: #B1-45, 16 Raffles Quay. Open 10am to 3pm, Monday to Friday, handy for the CBD lunch crowd.

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The restaurant lists more Mini outlets, including Clementi Mall, Compass One, Yishun and Parkway Parade, on its locations page. Hours can change, so check the page before a long trip.

What to order at this halal nasi padang

You pick your own dishes from the counter and pile them over rice, so the order is yours to build. The restaurant says its menu runs past 100 items at the main restaurants, and the Minis serve at least 40.

- Beef Rendang, the slow-cooked dry curry the restaurant counts as its signature.
- Tahu Telur, a thick fried tofu omelette topped with vegetables, crushed peanuts and prawn paste sauce.
- Lemak Siput Sedut, sea snails in a spicy coconut gravy, for the adventurous.
- Ikan Bakar, grilled fish with a traditional rempah marinade.
- Sotong Hitam, squid in a spicy ink stew.
- Sayur Lodeh, a coconut vegetable stew that cools down the sambal.
- Kueh such as ondeh-ondeh, kueh lapis and kueh dadar to finish.



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Hjh Maimunah prices

The restaurant does not publish a dine-in price list online, but its delivery menu on Oddle gives a clear idea. Dine-in prices at the counter will depend on which dishes you pick, so treat the figures below as a guide only.

- Beef Rendang Set: S$10.70
- Ayam Lemak Cili Padi Set: S$10.20
- Asam Pedas Fish Set: S$10.70
- Beef, Chicken or Fish Deluxe Set: S$12.20

- Nasi Rawon Set: S$12
- Vegetable Set: S$8
- Original Ambeng Platter (2 to 3 people): S$44
- Premium Ambeng Platter: S$47
- Family Bundle (4 pax): S$58

Bring a group if you can. The Ambeng platters are made for sharing, and splitting a S$47 platter among three people works out to about S$16 each.

Planning your visit

Jalan Pisang is small and gets busy at lunch, particularly on weekends, so go early or aim for mid-afternoon. The restaurant also takes reservations through its website, which helps if you are a bigger group.

If you are making a day of it around Kampong Gelam, the Malay Heritage Centre has free admission and is close by. For this weekendâ??s other plans, see our things to do guide. Meal planning for the festive season? Here is the Holiday Inn Atrium 1-for-1 buffet.

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