

Live Turtle Museum now officially open in Khatib: hours, tickets from S$7 and how to get there

Description

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The Live Turtle Museum Singapore held its official opening at 11 Chencharu Close, near Khatib MRT station, on Friday, 20 November. Its new two-storey building has been open to visitors since 23 August, and the museum now keeps more than 600 turtles and tortoises, according to The Straits Times.


TURTLE MUSEUM

The museumâ??s new two-storey building at 11 Chencharu Close. Photo: Live Turtle Museum Singapore

It is the collectionâ??s fourth home since it started in 2001, when a father and daughter put their own pets on show. Its previous site at ORTO in Yishun closed in February 2025, and the museum stayed shut for 18 months while its new building went up.

Opening hours and last entry

The museum opens daily from 10am to 6pm, with last entry at 5.40pm. It closes on Tuesdays for maintenance. When a public holiday or Childrenâ??s Day falls on a Tuesday, it stays open, and it opens on every public holiday.

A crowd-level tracker on the museumâ??s website refreshes every 30 minutes, which helps if you are trying to avoid a packed Saturday afternoon.

Ticket prices

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There is no timeslot to book. Standard tickets are:

- S$12 for children aged three to six
- S$16 from Primary 1 or equivalent onwards

Holders of a pink or blue IC pay less:

- S$7 for children aged three to six
- S$11 from Primary 1 onwards
- S$7 for those aged 60 and above

Blue or orange CHAS cardholders get 10 per cent off both tickets and animal feed bought over the counter. Staff can ask for proof of identity, such as an NRIC or a Pioneer Generation card, for the concession rates.

Tickets are sold online and at the counter. The museum would rather you pay at the counter by cash or PayNow, because online payment fees take a cut of every sale, and admission money goes into running costs and the turtlesâ?? care.

Local tour groups of 40 to 50 people pay S$22 a head, and groups above 50 pay S$19 a head. Smaller groups should email visits@turtle-tortoise.com to arrange a tour. A group of three or more unrelated children under three, even with a parent or teacher, needs childrenâ??s tickets.


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A sulcata tortoise on the museum grounds. Photo: Live Turtle Museum Singapore

The animals you can meet

The collection runs from tank to garden. Residents include the Alligator Turtle, the Radiated Tortoise, the Sulcata Tortoise, the Malaysian Giant River Turtle, the Pig Nose Flying Turtle, the Indian Star Tortoise and the Indian soft-shell turtle. Terrapins and box turtles roam freely around the grounds.

Some of the animals can be petted and hand-fed. Feed is sold at the counter, and feeding happens under staff supervision.



A radiated tortoise on grass. Photo: Live Turtle Museum Singapore

Getting there

By MRT, take the North-South Line to Khatib, leave by Exit B and walk 10 minutes to HomeTeamNS Khatib. Turn right into Yishun Walk and keep going. The museum faces Yishun Stadium.

By bus, alight at the Yishun Avenue 2 stop opposite Yishun Stadium, or at Yishun Stadium and cross the overhead bridge. Services 39, 85, 117, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 857, 858, 965 and 969 stop there.

By car, leave the SLE for Lentor Avenue, then turn into Yishun Walk and drive past HomeTeamNS. On-site parking is free but limited, and the nearest public car park is at HomeTeamNS Khatib. The road in from Sembawang Road is closed for nearby construction.

Address: 11 Chencharu Close, Singapore 769287. Tickets and visitor details: turtle-tortoise.com.

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