



National Museum National Day 2026: Myths, Legends and a Projection Show

Description

This National Day, the **National Museum of Singapore** is inviting everyone to celebrate the nation's 61st birthday through the myths, legends and stories that made us. From **1 to 9 August 2026**, the museum fills with immersive storytelling, performances, workshops and after-dark spectacle, capped by a full day of festivities on 9 August.



Voyage of Icons: A Projection Mapping by Howie Kim. Image: National Museum of Singapore.

The theme, *Myths, Legends & the Stories That Made Us*, threads Singapore's founding tales and folklore through the museum's galleries and grounds. It is a family-friendly way to mark **National Day at the National Museum**, and most of it is free to enjoy.

Light up the facade: Voyage of Icons

After sunset, artist Howie Kim transforms the museum's neoclassical facade with **Voyage of Icons**, a projection-mapping work that reimagines national symbols and stories in motion. It is the kind of set piece best enjoyed on a balmy evening walk through the Civic District.

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Once Upon a Shore: The Founding of Singapura. Image: National Museum of Singapore.

Stories, scents and decoded histories

Inside, the programme runs deep. **Once Upon a Shore: The Founding of Singapura** retells the island's origin story, while **SG: Decoded** and **Scents of History** invite visitors to experience heritage through play and even smell. Look out too for **Writings on the Wall** and **The Snapshot Corner** for hands-on, photo-friendly moments.

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SG: Decoded. Image: National Museum of Singapore.

Our Favourite Haunts: through the lens of migrant workers

Returning for its fourth edition, the **Migrant Workers Photography Festival** presents *Our Favourite Haunts: Through the Lens of Migrant Workers*, a moving series of images that shows the city through the eyes of the people who help build and run it. It is a thoughtful counterpoint to the celebration, and a reminder of the many hands in Singapore's story.



Our Favourite Haunts: Through the Lens of Migrant Workers. Image: National Museum of Singapore.

The big day: 9 August

On National Day itself, expect full-day programming, a heritage hunt around the galleries, and a live telecast of the **NDP 2026** parade on the Front Lawn, a fuss-free, family-friendly way to catch the celebrations together.

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Scents of History. Image: National Museum of Singapore.

Plan your visit

National Day Celebrations run 1 to 9 August 2026 at the National Museum of Singapore, 93 Stamford Road. Check the museum's website for programme timings, as some workshops and performances require advance registration.

Making a day of it? Pair it with our guide to the [Dunhuang exhibition coming to ACM](#), or the [Singapore Flyer's National Day line-up](#).

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