

Singapore HeritageFest 2026 Is Back â?? Hereâ??s What to Catch This Week

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Singapore HeritageFest (SHF) 2026 is in full swing, and this week is packed with hands-on workshops, guided heritage tours, and immersive cultural experiences that span our cityâ??s rich maritime and multicultural past. Running until 24 May, the festival offers something for the whole family â?? whether youâ??re keen to learn a traditional craft, explore a lesser-known corner of Singaporeâ??s history, or simply soak in the festive atmosphere.

Hereâ??s a look at whatâ??s on this week (15â??23 May 2026) that you wonâ??t want to miss.

Tea Appreciation Workshop: Bak Kut Teh with Song Fa & Pek Sin Choon

15 & 22 May, 3pm

Discover the art of pairing tea with one of Singaporeâ??s most beloved dishes. This unique workshop, held in partnership with Song Fa Bak Kut Teh and heritage tea merchant Pek Sin Choon, explores the surprising harmony between Chinese tea traditions and the rich, herbal broth of bak kut teh. A sensory experience that connects food, culture, and craftsmanship in a single sitting.

Mazu Heritage Tour: Goddess of the Sea

15â??16 & 22â??23 May, 10am

Follow in the wake of Singaporeâ??s seafaring ancestors on this guided tour dedicated to Mazu, the Chinese goddess revered by fishermen and sailors. Trace her enduring presence in our cityâ??s temples and waterfront heritage sites, and learn how the maritime faith of Hokkien and Teochew immigrants shaped the communities that grew along Singaporeâ??s shores.

Raffles Heritage Sunset Tour

15â??16 & 22â??23 May, 5pm

As the sun dips low over the civic district, join this guided evening walk through sites connected to Singaporeâ??s early colonial history. Beyond the well-trodden Raffles narrative, the tour weaves in lesser-known stories of the communities, merchants, and tradespeople who shaped this stretch of the island in the 19th century. A golden-hour stroll with genuine historical depth.

The Winding River of History: Maritime Past & Eurasian Contributions

16 May, 10am

This guided walk along the Singapore River illuminates the Eurasian communityâ??s often-overlooked role in our maritime history. From early traders and ship chandlers to interpreters and colonial officials, the Eurasian community wove itself into the fabric of Singaporeâ??s waterfront from the very earliest days of the modern port. A thoughtful and richly layered tour.

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The Voyage of the Rice Peach: Heritage & Hope Experience

16 May, 10:30am

Embark on a storytelling journey inspired by the vessels that carried early migrants across the South China Sea. The Voyage of the Rice Peach reimagines the courage and hardship of those who left home seeking a better life, drawing on oral histories and archival research to bring these personal stories to the fore. Moving, immersive, and beautifully told.

Sendok Rakyat Cooking Club: Celok Boyan

16 & 17 May, 2pm

Get your hands into the Boyan (Bawean) culinary tradition with this community cooking workshop. Celok Boyan refers to a distinctive style of deep-frying passed down through the Bawean community, one of Singaporeâ??s lesser-known Malay sub-groups. Learn the techniques, hear the stories behind the recipes, and walk away with new skills â?? and a delicious meal.

Silambam Workshop (Kalari Academy)

17 May, 2pm / 3pm / 4pm

Silambam is an ancient South Indian martial art that uses a long bamboo staff, and it has been practised in Singapore for generations within the Tamil community. This hands-on workshop by Kalari Academy introduces participants to the basic stances, footwork, and stick movements of this living tradition. No prior experience needed â?? just a willingness to give it a go.


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HOMEGROUND @ ACM Green

Ongoing: 1â??24 May | Festival Village: Friâ??Sat, 5â??10pm

The HOMEGROUND activation at the Asian Civilisations Museum Green is the heart of this yearâ??s festival. Community artisans, heritage food vendors, and cultural practitioners set up shop in a vibrant outdoor village along the riverfront. On Friday and Saturday evenings, the atmosphere comes alive with performances, demonstrations, and the warm hum of community. Itâ??s the kind of gathering that reminds you what Singaporeâ??s public spaces are truly for.

WAVES x RAVE (RASA Space)

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WAVES x RAVE brings heritage into the realm of contemporary performance. Hosted at RASA Space, this event fuses traditional Southeast Asian musical traditions with modern electronic sounds, creating a unique sonic experience that honours cultural roots while pushing them forward. A fitting way to close out the festival week.

MY MARITIME SINGAPORE: Colouring Competition

23 May, 9am

Designed for the younger festival-goers, the MY MARITIME SINGAPORE Colouring Competition invites children to bring Singaporeâ??s maritime heritage to life through colour and imagination. A lovely, low-key way to introduce the littles to the stories of our seas â?? and a keepsake theyâ??ll be proud of.

Plan Your Visit

Singapore HeritageFest 2026 runs until 24 May. Most programmes are free, though registration may be required. Visit heritage.sg/singaporeheritagefest for the full programme listing and to secure your spot before they fill up.

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