



Singapore HeritageFest 2026: Maritime Programmes To Catch Before 24 May

Description

Singapore HeritageFest 2026 is already in its final stretch, which makes this the moment to pick a programme instead of vaguely telling yourself you will go someday.

The festival runs from 1 to 24 May 2026 under the theme ‘Sail the Currents that Shape Us’, with [HeritageSG](#) listing islandwide performances, water and land tours, guided trails, workshops and exhibitions built around Singapore’s maritime story.

The Main Theme



A Lighter Side of History: Our Trading Port is one of the listed Singapore HeritageFest highlights.

This year’s festival is about Singapore’s relationship with the sea: ports, rivers, trading communities, maritime work, food, craft and stories that shaped the island’s growth.

That theme is broad enough to work for families, history buffs and casual weekend visitors. The trick is choosing one practical format: a guided trail, an exhibition, a performance or the festival village.

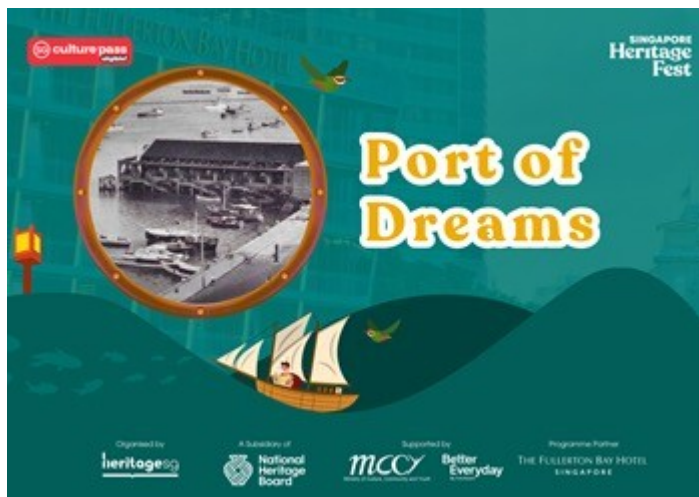
The maritime theme is also useful because it connects familiar places to less visible histories. A Singapore River walk, a bumboat ride or an ACM Green programme becomes more meaningful when readers connect the route to trade, migration and working waterfronts.

Programmes Worth Noting

HeritageSG highlights **HOMEGROUND @ ACM Green**, which brings maritime traditions to life through an immersive festival village with performances, retail, food, drinks and hands-on activities. It runs every Friday and Saturday, 5pm to 10pm, from 1 to 24 May.

Other listed highlights include **A Bump Through Time** on a bumboat, **A Lighter Side of History: Our Trading Port**, **Maritime Heritage Trail**, **Port of Dreams** and **SHIPPED: Memoirs from Our Maritime World**.

Check registration status before making the trip because guided tours and smaller workshops can fill quickly near the end of the festival. If a preferred tour is full, use **HOMEGROUND** as the safer fallback because its festival-village format is easier to plan around.



Port of Dreams is a performance programme tied to the Singapore River and Clifford Pier.

Best Way To Choose

Families should start with **HOMEGROUND** or **Port of Dreams** because the formats are easier to understand and the dates are clear. Adults who want deeper context should look at the tours and exhibition-linked programmes.

If you are stacking weekend plans, [LBRD's GastroBeats 2026 guide](#) is useful for June, while HeritageFest is the more immediate May pick.

For parents, the easiest approach is to choose by stamina: one waterfront activity, one food break and one indoor stop. That keeps the heritage angle enjoyable instead of turning the day into a checklist.

Location Anchor

ACM Green is beside Asian Civilisations Museum, 1 Empress Place, Singapore 179555. Nearest MRT: Raffles Place or City Hall. Maps: [Google Maps](#) | [Apple Maps](#).

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