

The Nutcracker Singapore Ballet 2026 at Esplanade Theatre, 9 to 13 December: tickets from $44

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The Nutcracker Singapore Ballet 2026 season returns to the Esplanade Theatre for six performances from 9 to 13 December 2026, with tickets from $44. It is a 1hr 50min production with live music, so it works as a proper Christmas outing for families with kids aged 4 and above. Here are the showtimes, prices and house rules before you book.

The Nutcracker Singapore Ballet 2026: dates and showtimes

The Nutcracker is staged at the Esplanade Theatre, which is a short walk from Esplanade MRT (Circle Line) and City Hall MRT. There are six shows over five days, and the weekend has two performances each day.

- Wednesday 9 December: 8pm
- Thursday 10 December: 8pm
- Friday 11 December: 8pm
- Saturday 12 December: 2pm and 8pm
- Sunday 13 December: 1pm and 7pm

The show runs 1hr 50mins including one 20-minute intermission. The Singapore Balletâ??s Artistic Director, Janek Schergen, choreographed and staged the production. The Metropolitan Festival Orchestra plays live accompaniment, which is a real upgrade over recorded music.



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Ticket prices

Esplanade lists tickets from $44. The standard categories shown on the listing are:

- Cat 1: $95
- Cat 2: $75
- Cat 3: $55

There are also VIP seats and a limited number of concession tickets for students, NSFs and seniors, and the $44 starting price most likely sits in that concession tier. The listing does not spell out those

prices on the page, so confirm them at checkout. Esplanade also advertises a bundle of 4 deal with 20% savings, and a 25% group discount for 10 or more tickets.

If you are buying for a family of four, the bundle deal is the first thing to try. Do the sums for Cat 2 or Cat 3 before you commit, since a good view matters more for little ones than for adults.

What to expect on stage

Esplanade describes the show as a joyful Christmas ballet for all ages, with dazzling sets, bright costumes and well-known characters. The official photos give a taste: a candy-striped drape over a rose-coloured palace scene, and a snowfall number in white tutus with falling flakes. The tagline is â??Where Holiday Magic Dances To Lifeâ?•.

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The story is the classic one, so first-timers can follow along easily. Children who know the music from Christmas playlists will spot the tunes. If you are curious about the score without the dancing, the SSOâ??s concert programme is a different take on the same season, which we covered in our SSO Christmas Concert 2026 guide.

House rules for families

- Age: 4 and above. Infants in arms and children below 4 are not admitted, and every child aged 4 and above needs a ticket.

- Arrival: be seated 15 minutes before curtain up. Once the show has started, no one is admitted, and latecomers may only enter during suitable breaks.
- Photography: no photos, video or audio recording during the performance.
- Language: English.

The rule on latecomers is strict, so plan for the Friday and Saturday evening traffic around Marina Bay. A 2pm Saturday or 1pm Sunday matinee is the easiest choice for younger children, and it leaves the evening free for dinner nearby.

Plan the rest of the day

The Esplanade area is busy through December. Our Marina Bay Singapore Countdown 2027 guide covers the free gigs and fireworks planned for New Yearâ??s Eve, and our weekend roundup is a good place to look for ideas close to the date. Book through Esplanadeâ??s website or its official ticketing channels so you get the right category and the bundle discount.

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