



Things to Do in Singapore This May 2026 â?? SIFA, Laufey, Daniel Caesar and More

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May 2026 is shaping up to be one of the most exciting months in Singaporeâ??s events calendar. From world-class arts festivals and chart-topping live concerts to vibrant cultural celebrations and action-packed sporting events â?? there is genuinely something for everyone.

Whether youâ??re a culture vulture, a music lover, a sports fanatic, or just looking for a fun weekend outing with the family, here are the best things to do in Singapore this May 2026.



From arts festivals to live concerts, May 2026 is packed with incredible experiences in Singapore. Photo: Pexels

1. Singapore International Festival of Arts (SIFA) 2026 15 to 30 May

This is the big one. The **Singapore International Festival of Arts (SIFA) 2026** returns for another electrifying edition from **15 to 30 May**, and this year's theme *Let's Play!* promises to be one of the most accessible and joyful editions yet.

SIFA is Singapore's pinnacle performing arts festival, bringing together bold theatre, boundary-pushing dance, live music, and multidisciplinary works from Singapore and across the globe. The 2026 festival is built around five pillars:

- **Festival Stage:** Show-stopping productions from local and international talent, including the National Theater Company of Korea's reimagining of Ibsen's *Hedda Gabler* and Peruvian company Teatro La Plaza's remarkable production of *Hamlet* performed entirely by actors with Down syndrome.
- **Festival Village:** A free, open-air playground of interactive installations and outdoor performances at Empress Lawn and Anderson Bridge. No ticket required!
- **Festival Play!Ground:** Immersive, interactive art experiences designed for all ages.
- **Festival House:** Intimate performances in a house setting.
- **Festival Late Nites:** After-dark programming for night owls.

Highlights include *Noli Timere*, a jaw-dropping aerial show with eight performers suspended up to 25 feet above the ground inside a massive floating net sculpture; and *The Lighthouse* by Patch Theatre a magical, family-friendly immersive experience exploring the wonders of light.

SIFA 2026 also celebrates Singapore's homegrown cultural icons, with productions spotlighting **Jacintha Abisheganaden** and **Dick Lee**.

Tickets: Some shows require ticketing; Festival Village and certain outdoor performances are free. Visit sifa.sg for the full programme and tickets.

2. Laufey Live in Singapore 19 May 2026

Icelandic-Chinese singer-songwriter and Grammy Award winner **Laufey** is coming to Singapore! Known for her dreamy jazz-pop sound and beloved viral hits, Laufey will perform live at the **Singapore Indoor Stadium** on **Tuesday, 19 May 2026**.

If you haven't yet caught her live, this is your chance. Laufey's concerts are intimate, emotional affairs equal parts jazz club, bedroom pop concert, and orchestral recital. Expect to hear fan favourites alongside tracks from her latest album.

Tickets are available via SISTIC. Don't wait shows like this sell out fast in Singapore.

3. Daniel Caesar Live in Singapore 16 May 2026

Canadian R&B artist **Daniel Caesar**, the Grammy-winning voice behind hits like "Best Part" and "Get You," kicks off his 2026 world tour in Singapore on **16 May 2026**.

Known for his soulful, genre-blending sound, Daniel Caesar's live shows are unforgettable experiences. Singapore fans won't want to miss this one especially since he's opening his global tour here. Grab your tickets early.

4. Dragon Boat Sprint @ The Kallang Late May 2026

The **Dragon Boat Sprint @ The Kallang** returns for its third edition, bringing high-octane racing action to the waters of the Kallang Basin. This vibrant, multi-day event features competitive racing, a thrilling Night Race, and engaging community programmes for spectators of all ages.

It's a great outing for families and sports enthusiasts alike and completely free to watch as a spectator. The electrifying atmosphere, drumbeats echoing across the water, and colourful dragon boats make for a truly memorable Singapore experience.

5. KFF Singapore Badminton Open 2026 26 to 31 May

For sports fans, the **KFF Singapore Badminton Open 2026** brings world-class shuttlers to the **Singapore Indoor Stadium** from **26 to 31 May 2026**. Watch the top-ranked men's and women's players compete in this internationally recognised BWF Super 500 tournament.

Badminton fans can expect lightning-fast rallies, dramatic upsets, and stellar performances from world number ones and rising stars alike. Tickets are available online grab them before they sell out.

6. Vesak Day 12 May 2026 (Public Holiday)

Vesak Day falls on **Tuesday, 12 May 2026** and is a public holiday in Singapore. It's a meaningful day for the Buddhist community, marked by prayers, candlelight processions, and acts of charity.

Buddhist temples across Singapore, including the **Buddha Tooth Relic Temple in Chinatown** and **Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery in Bishan**, hold special ceremonies open to visitors of all faiths. It's a serene and reflective way to spend a public holiday, and also a wonderful chance to learn more about Singapore's rich Buddhist heritage.

7. Explore Gardens by the Bay's Latest Floral Display

No list of things to do in Singapore is complete without a mention of **Gardens by the Bay**. The iconic attraction continues to wow visitors with its seasonal floral displays, and May 2026 brings yet another spectacular themed showcase inside the Flower Dome.

Visit at dusk to catch the famous **Garden Rhapsody light show** at the Supertree Grove it's free of charge and absolutely stunning. Then head over to the nearby hawker centre for a local meal as the city glows behind you. Pure Singapore magic.

Admission: Outdoor gardens are free. The Flower Dome and Cloud Forest require tickets.

Address: 18 Marina Gardens Drive, Singapore 018953

Nearest MRT: Gardens by the Bay (TE22)

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Plan Ahead for a Packed May

With Mother's Day on **10 May**, Vesak Day on **12 May**, and a slew of major events running throughout the month, May 2026 is one of Singapore's busiest and most exciting months. Whether you're planning a date night, a family day out, or a solo cultural adventure, there's genuinely no shortage of things to fill your calendar.

Our advice? Book tickets for Laufey, Daniel Caesar, and SIFA shows early! Singapore audiences have excellent taste, and the popular shows will sell out. Keep the rest of the month flexible to explore the free events at your leisure.

Happy May, Singapore!

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