

Things to do this weekend in Singapore (20 to 22 November 2026)

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The year-end school holidays start on Saturday 21 November, and the first weekend of the break is a full one. Kalaa Utsavam opens free at the Esplanade Courtyard on Friday evening, Pikachu and Snorlax are at Changi Terminal 3, and the Singapore Writers Festival and CATS both close on Sunday. Joji plays two nights at the EXPO Arena, Grandparentsâ?? Day fills the National Museum on Saturday, and Boutiques brings its gifting fair to the F1 Pit Building.



Kalaa Utsavamâ??s opening performance is free at the Esplanade Courtyard on Friday 20 November at 6.45pm. Image: Esplanade

Free and outdoors

- Kalaa Utsavam Opening Performance: bharatanatyam and kathak students and alumni of SIFAS open Esplanadeâ??s Indian festival of arts at the Esplanade Courtyard, 1 Esplanade Drive, on Friday 20 November at 6.45pm. The set runs 15 minutes. Free. The festival runs to 29 November. Details from Esplanade.
- Christmas on Orchard Road: the streetâ??s festive lights went up on 17 November. The 6.2m inflatable Merli in a Santa hat sits on the Shaw House facade, lit from 6.30pm to 6.30am, and the

Hilton Singapore Orchard facade runs a multimedia projection show from 7pm to 10pm daily. Free. Our Orchard Road light-up guide has the full programme. Details from Orchard Road Business Association.

- Our Climate-Ready Home: the Ministry of Sustainability and the Environmentâ??s free climate exhibition ends its run at Kampung Admiralty, 676 Woodlands Drive 71, on Sunday 22 November. It opens 9am to 7pm on Friday and Sunday, and 9.30am to 7pm on Saturday. Details are in our Our Climate-Ready Home guide. Details from MSE.

Families and kids

- Grandparentsâ?? Day: the National Museum of Singapore, 93 Stamford Road, gives Saturday 21 November to grandparents and grandchildren. Marketplace booths run from 10am to 4pm in the Glass Atrium on Level 2, with some closing at 3pm, and a free play area with congkak and Connect 4 opens 10am to 4pm in the Gallery Theatre Foyer at the basement. A Whale of a Tale playground on the Front Lawn, built around the blue whale skeleton the museum displayed from the early 1900s to the 1970s, opens 10am to 7pm. The seniorsâ?? talent show, From Kampong to Catwalk, is at The Platform on Level 2 at 11.30am and 1.30pm. The intergenerational bingo game and the food-making workshop are sold out, and the other workshops need registration, some with a refundable deposit. Details from National Museum of Singapore.
- PokÃ©mon Meet and Greet: Pikachu and Snorlax meet visitors in the Terminal 3 public area, Changi Airport, on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 November at 2pm and 3pm. Changiâ??s schedule lists the PokÃ©Xciting! Stage, while its terms place the sessions near check-in rows 5 and 6 at T3 Departure, so check the page before you go. Passes are free, one per family or group of up to four, handed out before each session while they last, with no minimum spend. Departing passengers in the Terminal 1 and Terminal 3 transit areas get evening sessions that weekend too. Details from Changi Airport.
- Paatiâ??s Spice Kitchen: an Esplanade commission directed by Grace Kalaiselvi, about a grandmother whose secret touch to her brew starts to slip as she begins to forget. It plays the Esplanade White Room on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 November at 11am and 4pm, runs 40 minutes in English, and admits ages six and up. Tickets from S$40 for one adult and one child. Details from Esplanade.
- Not Quite Murukku: a free 30-minute storytelling session at PIPâ??s PLAYbox, Esplanade, in which Manisha meets Twisty the Murukku Genie-us. Sessions are at 11.30am, 12.15pm, 3.30pm and 5pm on Saturday and Sunday, for ages six and up, and it returns on 28 and 29 November. Details from Esplanade.
- Objectifs Junior Festival: the second and last weekend, for ages six to 14, at Objectifs, 155 Middle Road, from Friday 20 to Sunday 22 November, 10.30am to 5pm. Photo Bingo, colour cards, character-making, a walk-in camera obscura and a short-film session at 2pm daily are all free, and the Childrenâ??s Market runs on Saturday and Sunday from 12pm to 5pm at the Objectifs Annexe, also free. The Light Painters Christmas Card workshop on Saturday and Sunday is ticketed. Details from Objectifs.
- The Great Christmas Village at Shaw House: Kiztopiaâ??s second Orchard Road village opens at Shaw House Urban Plaza on Friday 20 November, daily 3pm to 10pm until 3 January 2027, with carnival games and festive displays. The games run on paid carnival cards; our Christmas markets guide has the card prices. Details from Orchard Road Business Association.

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A PokÃ©mon meet-and-greet at Changi Airport. Pikachu and Snorlax are at Terminal 3 on 21 and 22 November. Photo: Changi Airport Group

Markets and food

- Boutiques Singapore: The Gifting Edition: the design fair fills the F1 Pit Building, 1 Republic Boulevard, from Friday 20 to Sunday 22 November, with more than 90 brands new to this edition. It opens 11am to 9pm on Friday and Saturday and 10am to 6pm on Sunday. One-day passes start from S$8, a limited three-day pass is S$19, and children under 12 enter free. Our Boutiques guide has the day-by-day prices. Details from Boutiques Singapore.


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Shoppers at an earlier Boutiques Singapore fair. The Gifting Edition is at the F1 Pit Building from 20 to 22 November. Photo: Boutiques Singapore

Arts, gigs and nightlife

- Singapore Writers Festival: the festival ends on Sunday 22 November. Silvia Moreno-Garcia gives her festival keynote, Writing Between the Real and Unreal, at the Victoria Theatre on Saturday 21 November at 1.30pm, and on Sunday the festival closes with a debate at the Victoria Theatre at 6.30pm on the motion This House Believes that the Better Strategy is Hide but Not Seek. Programmes are a mix of free, free with registration, Festival Pass and ticketed, and both Victoria Theatre events are booked through the festivalâ??s programme pages. Our festival guide has the wider line-up. Details from Singapore Writers Festival.
- Joji: Solaris: the singer and producer plays the Arena @ EXPO, 1 Expo Drive, on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 November at 8pm, with the first live performances of songs from his new album, Piss In The Wind, alongside Glimpse of Us and Slow Dancing in the Dark. Tickets start from S$128 before booking fees, through Ticketmaster for the Live Nation Singapore shows, and bags larger than A4 are not allowed in. Details from Singapore EXPO.
- CATS: Andrew Lloyd Webberâ??s musical plays its final weekend at the Sands Theatre, Marina Bay Sands, before closing on Sunday 22 November. Shows are on Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 2pm and 8pm, and Sunday at 1pm and 6.30pm, and each runs 145 minutes with a 20-minute interval. Tickets from S$68. It is recommended for ages seven and up, and children under four are not admitted. Details from Marina Bay Sands.
- Rafta Rafta: a Kalaa Utsavam comedy about interracial newlyweds Atul and Weilin and their overbearing families, at the Esplanade Theatre Studio on Friday 20 November at 8pm and on Saturday and Sunday at 3pm and 8pm. It runs 2 hours 15 minutes with one interval, is recommended for ages 13 and up, and admits ages nine and up. Tickets from S$57.20. Details from Esplanade.
- Inventions by Biswa Kalyan Rath: the Indian stand-up brings his new show to the Esplanade Concert Hall on Friday 20 November at 7.30pm. It runs 1 hour 30 minutes in Hindi, with mature themes and coarse language, for ages 18 and up. Tickets from S$41.50. Details from Esplanade.
- Weekend Culture: Block Party: local pop punk, indie film picks, ballroom and an animation marathon by Exyl take over the Filmhouse foyer at Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road, #05-00, on Saturday 21 November from 1pm to 10pm and Sunday 22 November from 1pm to 7pm. It includes Reframing Beach Road, a photo walk with Objectifs. Tickets are sold through Filmhouseâ??s page. Details from Filmhouse.

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Paatiâ??s Spice Kitchen plays the Esplanade White Room on 21 and 22 November. Image: Esplanade

Exhibitions still on

- Letâ??s Imagine the World Together: Art in Southeast Asia: a show for all ages in the City Hall Wing Level 4 Gallery, National Gallery Singapore, 1 St Andrewâ??s Road, daily 10am to 7pm until 26 September 2027. Entry is with a General Admission ticket. Details from National Gallery Singapore.
- New Everyday Life, By Design: DesignSingapore Councilâ??s design trail across 17 North East Line stations and two hubs runs until 6 December. Admission is free, and some programmes

need pre-registration. Details from DesignSingapore Council.
- ONE Ocean: Every Action Ripples: the ocean exhibition at Science Centre Singapore, 15 Science Centre Road, opens Tuesday to Sunday from 10am to 5pm, with last entry at 4.15pm. Tickets from S$10. Details from Science Centre Singapore.

Sports and active

- Active Ageing Festival 2026: Ageing Asiaâ??s morning of pop-up classes and exhibitors, built around four pillars of Move, Create, Learn and Purpose, at A Good PLACE @ One Holland Village, #01-21, 7 Holland Village Way, on Saturday 21 November from 9am to 1pm, with registration from 8.30am. Eventbrite lists tickets at S$10, and Ageing Asia says entry is free with the promo code AAF100; our Active Ageing Festival guide has the details. Details from Eventbrite.

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