## **8 Outdoor Activities to Experience When Visiting Singapore**

Singapore is a great travel destination to visit if you're looking for fun outdoor activities that offer spectacular cityscape views, scenic boat rides, entertainment and thrills, gorgeous gardens, ferocious wild animals, and the chance to soak up some much-needed tropical sun.

I mean, who isn't right? And believe us when we say that that's just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to exploring all of the incredible attractions and cool things to do in the region.

Here's our list of 8 top outdoor activities to do while visiting Singapore.

# #1 Experience the Observation Deck & Infinity Pool at Marina Bay Sands

Singapore's Marina Bay Sands may just be the coolest looking building in the world. Ever seen it? Wait, ever even *heard* of it?

Singapore's most prominent landmark, the luxury multi-functional hotel consists of three 55-storey towers that connect to a 1,120ft. long horizontal cantilevered platform. Inside, you'll find a mall, casino, theatre, and convention center, in addition to the 2500+ rooms housed in the resort.

What'll really blow your mind are the incredible outdoor activities awaiting at the 1.2-hectare SkyPark some 656ft. in the sky on the building's 57<sup>th</sup> floor.

For one, you'll be able to enjoy an eye-popping 360-degree bird's eye view of Singapore from the SkyPark observation deck. At that height you can spot everything, from the towering skyscrapers of Singapore's commercial business district to iconic landmarks likes the Singapore Flyer—Asia's largest Ferris Wheel—and the Supertree Grove of Gardens by the Bay.

And then there's the infinity pool—one of the highest in the world—which is a vanishing edge pool that disappears right into an astonishing view of the towering buildings riddled across the city's CBD.

You'll need to be a hotel guest to swim in the infinity pool, but lucky for you, you've already been updated on Global Munchkins and are looking to reserve your room!

#### SkyPark at Marina Bay Sands

## #2 Take in the Beauty of Nature at Gardens By the Bay

Gardens by the Bay's landscape is unreal. Spread out over 101 hectares, the sprawling nature park is home to an active biology and ecology of more than 1.5 million plants and flowers from around the world that span across 3 waterfront gardens.

It's got the largest glass greenhouse in the world. Its indoor waterfall is one of the tallest ever built. There's a collection of Supertrees—the tallest is the height of a 16-storey building—that serve as vertical gardens, solar energy harvesters, and even observation decks.

You won't have to be a horticulturist to fall in love with Garden by the Bay's decorative floral displays, intoxicating aromas, and beautifully designed architecture, either. Just ask the other 75 million guests that have visited Gardens by the Bay since its doors first opened in 2012. No wonder it's been voted one of Trip Advisor's top traveler choices when it comes to attractions in Singapore!

# Gardens By the Bay

# #3 Go for a Dip at the Beaches & Water Resorts of Sentosa Island

What's the point in visiting a tropical region of the world if you don't wind up at the beach with a cocktail in hand? I know, right!?

Singapore's year-round temperatures sit between 76°F and 89°F, meaning that you can take a dip in the ocean at any time of year. And the best place for outdoor water activities in Singapore? Hands down, Sentosa Island.

If you're looking for palm trees, serenity, less crowds, and magnificent views of the South China Sea, try Palawan Beach, which is Asia's closest location to Earth's equator. On the other hand, should you want a hip beach loaded with restaurants, cafes, bars, and shops, Silosa Beach is your best bet, day or night.

Sentosa Island is also the perfect destination to experience thrills and chills at any one of its adrenaline pumping, water-themed parks housed in the area. You can enjoy waves, giant pools, waterslides, and exhilarating washouts at Adventure Cove Waterpark, for instance, or bounce around on inflatables at Hydrodash, a gigantic floating aqua obstacle course made for all ages.

Adventure Cove Waterpark
HydroDash Singapore

#### #4 Hop on a Cruise Along Singapore River

If you're like me and sometimes like taking the simple approach to adventure while on vacation, you'll want to experience a day and night cruise along Singapore River. But don't think luxurious yachts and sail boats—instead, you'll have the chance to marvel at incredibly scenic views of Singapore's historical buildings, bridges, vibrant nightlife hubs, skyscrapers, and prominent landmarks from onboard a bumboat river taxi.

I highly recommend making a cruise along Singapore River your first activity to do after arriving in Singapore. Let it serve as a wonderful and memorable introduction to one of Asia's most remarkable regions.

# Singapore River Cruise

#### #5 Unwind at Merlion Park

Merlion Park is the perfect place to unwind, socialize, grab a bite to eat, and take all of the Insta-worthy photos of Singapore that'll have your friends back at home jealous for weeks on end.

But wait, what exactly is Merlion Park? Well, it's the scenic waterfront bordered by Marina Bay Sands, Singapore's commercial business district, Helix Bridge, ArtScience Museum, Marina Bay Circuit, and the exquisite Fullerton Hotel.

Perhaps the most iconic landmark of Merlion Park is the 28ft. tall, 70-ton Merlion statue. Merlion, a mythical creature possessing the body of a fish and head of a lion, is Singapore's national symbol.

You'll catch droves of tourists at Merlion Park during all hours of the day, but don't worry—there's plenty of space for everyone to sit back, relax, soak up some sun, and relish in Singapore's magnificent cityscape.

#### Merlion Park

## #6 See Animals Up-Close at Singapore Zoo

Zoos have always been fun places to not only see wild animals up-close, but to also learn about their habitats and conservation efforts to protect various species around the world.

Singapore Zoo is no different. There are 300 different animals and reptile species to see, including lions, giant tortoises, giraffes, monkeys, penguins, cheetahs, crocodiles, snakes, and lizards, spread across 11 themed zones. Guests have the chance to feed the animals, enjoy live animal shows, and experience behind-the-scenes wildlife tours on top of participating in educational programs.

By evening's time, you can hop on a guided, multi-sensory safari adventure tram ride tour and catch up with nocturnal animals of the night. Doesn't that sound fun?

Trust me, you'll want to take the *entire* family to experience Singapore Zoo and find out what else is in store!

## Singapore Zoo

#### #7 Go on a Scenic Bike Tour

Are you a cycling enthusiast? Singapore is famous for its wide array of guided bike tours and incredibly scenic cycling routes and loops for those looking to bike on their own.

Type in "Guided Bike Tours in Singapore" on Google search and you can choose from any number of themed trips that cover historical buildings and landmarks, hidden gems, stops at popular local food joints, and quieter nature escapes.

But let's assume you'd like to cycle around Singapore without the attachments. You'd like to roam free and experience the region's dazzling landscape on your own time and terms. So, what can you do?

Well for starters, bike rental stores like City Scoot and 12Cycle provide everything you'll need to coast around the city. *Check.* Next up, choose your route depending on the type of setting you'd like to explore, length of your ride, and the level of difficulty.

There are plenty to choose, but I highly recommend the Marina Bay Loop for downtown, touristy scenery, and the Eastern Coastal Loop for rides through beautiful green parks and seaside views.

# #8 Enjoy Thrill Rides at Universal Studios Singapore

Spice up your outdoor adventures in Singapore with an exciting trip to Universal Studios, which is located on Sentosa Island. *Yes*, the beloved American movie-themed theme park made its way across the seas and landed in Singapore back in 2011, becoming the first and only Universal Studios in Southeast Asia.

Experience 24 adrenaline pumping rides, live entertainment, and family-friendly attractions spread throughout 6 themed zones that represent iconic locations in cinema.

Each and every time I travel internationally on vacation, I *always* look to do five things: Hop on a city bus tour, take a short cruise, eat local food, visit an observation deck, and explore a theme park, if available.

Hey, you just can't go wrong with really trying to enjoy every aspect of your trip!

#### **Universal Studios Singapore**

## **Frequently Asked Questions About Singapore**

1. What's the year-round weather like in Singapore? When is the best time to visit?

Thanks to Singapore sitting in a lovely tropical climate region, expect the temperatures to be relatively warm to hot the entire year, never really dropping below 75 degrees. There is also some humidity and light rainfall. The best time to visit Singapore? Definitely between January and June!

## 2. What are the beaches to visit in Singapore?

Singapore is loaded with beautiful beaches across every corner of the island. Here are just a few of the top beaches in Singapore to explore:

- **1. Palawan Beach**: Perfect for a serene getaway.
- **2. Siloso Beach**: If you're looking for fun water activities and restaurants, cafes, and bars along the shores, this is the most popular beach to visit.
- 3. Lazarus Island: Scenic beach made of white sand and beautiful clear water.
- **4. Tanjong Beach**: Less crowds equates to more quiet time to enjoy the beach with your family and loved ones.
- **5. East Coast Beach**: Singapore's man-made beach.

# 3. What are some top things to do on Sentosa Island?

Sentosa Island, Singapore's family-friendly island resort, is home to a number of fun attractions. Here's are some of the top things to do on Sentosa Island:

- 1. S.E.A. Aquarium
- 2. Adventure Cove Waterpark
- 3. Dolphin Island
- 4. Universal Studios Singapore
- 5. Nestopia
- 6. Madame Tussauds Singapore
- 7. Mega Adventure Park
- 8. Singapore Cable Car
- 9. Skyline Luge
- 10. Royal Albatross Luxury Tall Ship