

You haven't seen the city if you haven't shopped at the luxury malls of Orchard Road, flea markets, and the sprawling commercial centers of the suburbs. The annual Great Singapore Sale (from late May through early July) is a retail blowout that attracts shopaholics from the region.

Orchard Road is the main shopping strip; designer fashion labels, local and international brands, and bargain buys can all be found here. Just off Orchard Road, the CityLink underground mall connects Raffles City Shopping Centre to Marina Square and Suntec City Mall. Paroo Bugis Junction, just one train station away, offers air-conditioned shopping in a glass-roofed mall.

For shopping with a strong local flavor, hop on the MRT and zip out to Singapore's suburbs. Easily accessible via the MRT are Tampines Mall (4 Tampines Central 5, 6788-8370) in the east; and Causeway Point (1 Woodlands Square, 6894-2237) in the north.

If a more rustic shopping experience is your thing, try Changi Village in the east and Holland Village in the west. Holland Village, specifically Holland Village Shopping Centre, is a good place to hunt for crafts from the region. Changi Village is better known for its fishing shops than the smattering of furniture shops, but you can't beat its laidback ambience.

Toa Payoh, one of Singapore's oldest suburbs, 30 minutes' drive north of Orchard Road, now has a swanky new shopping mall and the country's first air-conditioned bus terminal, providing an experience of old and new Singapore in one location.

Shops generally open daily 10am-9pm, so it's literally possible to shop till you drop.

MAPS

Note that the references at the end of the listing (A1, B5, etc.) apply to the coordinates on the maps on pages 44-47. Listings without coordinates indicate locations not within the map.

READY-TO-WEAR

Some of these stores have more than one branch. Listed here are the main stores; call for details of other locations.

ADIDAS ORIGINALS STORE—Fans of this iconic brand can find their favorite sportswear in the first Adidas Originals Store in Southeast Asia. Each product, embodying a nostalgic sports story, has been handpicked from a vast Adidas archive spanning 80 years of sports history. #01-09/12 Pacific Plaza, 9 Scotts Rd., 6238-6388 and #01-44 Raffles City Shopping Centre, 252 North Bridge Rd., 6339-7582. **M28, O38**

BLACKJACK—Street wear for city slickers and club wear for doyens of cool have found a home here. Funky designer T-shirts, utility wear, tank tops and watches come courtesy of labels such as Maharishi, Y-3, Final Home, Nice Collective and more. #01-10 Forum The Shopping Mall, 583 Orchard Rd., 6735-0975. **N30**

FRENCH CONNECTION—Its FCUK ads and T-shirts are the most controversial things about this fashion label; it really offers simple and elegant work and casual wear. #02-11/13 Wisma Atria, 435 Orchard Rd., 6735-3380. **N29**

GUESS?—Playing dress-up with sexy, sassy, flirty casuals is what this fashion label's famous for. Besides a wide range of jeans and trendy items for men and women, you can also find watches, bags, jewelry, shoes and eyewear. #B1-24A Ngee Ann City, 391 Orchard Rd., 6735-7363. **N29**

Renewal and Rejuvenation Totally Tranquil

Found in the heart of Chinatown in a charming 100-year-old shophouse is Eucalyptus Day Spa, an appealing boutique spa that offers unique treatments from Central and East Asia. A perfect retreat for men and women, this very tranquil and simplistic Asian concept spa provides relief from the hectic pace of urban life. Be surrounded by the relaxing ambience of the private treatment rooms or open-air rooftop garden, where a truly Asian spa experience awaits you. Indulge yourself in the luxurious signature spa treatments such as the Egyptian massage, Asian massages, exotic body scrubs and mud wraps. 43A Craig Rd., 6324-1338.



Treasure Hunting

A little known fact about our tiny city-state is that it is a thriving treasure trove of antique stores. Most of the 100-odd antique dealers here are clustered in key areas such as Chinatown, Tanglin and Dempsey Road—making your antique shopping experience a breeze.

The **Tanglin** nucleus, comprising Tudor Court, Tanglin Shopping Centre and Tanglin Mall (about five minutes' walk from Orchard Road), boasts an abundance of antique shops and is a favorite hunting ground for many collectors. Major dealers here include Li Bai Arts & Antiques (#02-15 Tanglin Shopping Centre, 19 Tanglin Rd., 6738-4088) and Pagoda House Gallery (139 & 143/145 Tanglin Rd., Tudor Court, 6732-2177).

Dempsey Road, near the Botanic Gardens, is a hotspot for ethnic antiques and furniture shops housed in colonial style black and white houses. Notable dealers include Renaissance Antique Gallery (#01-06, Bl. 15 Dempsey Rd., 6474-0338) and Yesterdays Antique and Curios (#01-05 Tanglin Warehouse, Bl. 13 Dempsey Rd., 6475-4831).

Scouring the **Chinatown** area, you'll find antique dealers located in quaint shophouses lining Pagoda and Mosque Streets, such as Shing's Antique Gallery (26 Pagoda St., 6224-4332). Antique shops are usually open 10am-7pm, Mon-Sat; you're advised to call ahead for an appointment. Most dealers ship internationally but it is best to check before making your purchase.