



Clockwise from left: **Spicy king prawn aglio olio at PS.Cafe Palais Renaissance; breads at the Ritz Carlton Millenia Singapore's Colony Bakery; tea at the Ritz-Carlton; the city is very child-friendly, interiors of Colony Bakery**



FOR MILLENNIAL MUMS

STAY

Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore

This Orchard Road hotel has a newly renovated Tower Wing dedicated to family travellers. Five themed family suites offer an immersive space for children to sleep and dine in, with unique interiors and dream themed beds. They have also launched Buds by Shangri-La, an interactive play space, over 23,000sq ft with specially-curated installations and more. (shangri-la.com; doubles from S\$295 or ₹14,750)

Ritz Carlton Millenia Singapore

Located at the edge of Marina Bay, the hotel is not just for adults. The Ritz Kids experience immerses children in a variety of entertaining and engaging activities within the family-friendly hotel. Ritz Kids Playland will help them discover and engage the senses in a themed play land with games,

storybooks, toys, and a special movie theatre. (ritzcarlton.com; doubles from S\$685 or ₹34,500)

Hard Rock Hotel Singapore

Though there are multiple hotels to choose from in Resorts World Sentosa, Hard Rock Hotel Singapore will probably be the best for a family due to its proximity to Universal Studios, Dolphin Island and the S.E.A. Aquarium. The rooms are modern and feature separate menus for kids, cots and a Kids Club located near the gym. Interactive storytelling sessions, games, arts and crafts and more will keep the little ones busy while parents enjoy some downtime. (rwsentosa.com; doubles from S\$315 or ₹15,900)

EAT & DRINK

Pizzeria Mozza The best pizza in town, this place is worth all the hype and the wait. Make sure you book in advance because

theatre crowds often fill it up for the dinner sitting. It's a great meal to have after a day spent at the ArtScience Museum or after an evening with the family at the Mastercard Theatre at Marina Bay Sands (if you're planning ahead, the musical, *The Lion King* opens on June 27th). (singapore.pizzeriamozza.com)

Din Tai Fung The cult Taiwanese restaurant is a favourite with local families. Kids enjoy the xiao long bao or soup dumplings. For adults, you can't go wrong with the spicy minced pork noodles and some vinegar coated cucumber. (dintai fung.com.sg)

Taste Paradise A favourite with dim sum lovers, this 'fine Cantonese and contemporary Chinese cuisine' restaurant has become a local haunt, with long, snaking lines at lunchtime. It's best to get there early to make sure there is enough prawn

dumpling (har gao) and pork dumpling (sui mai) for the little ones. (paradisegp.com)

PS.Cafe If you want to try pan Asian cuisine or local food served with some of the finest ingredients in a classy, bistro-style atmosphere, this is the place. With multiple outlets across the city, you're never too far from one. They have great artisanal cocktails, craft beer and wine if you want to start happy hour before returning to the hotel in time for bedtime. (pscafe.com)

SHOP

The Better Toy Store As the name suggests the store offers high-quality, and well-made toys, sourced from all over the world. They are known for handmade wooden toys mainly from Germany, Italy, Spain and Australia. Sustainability combined with good design

is their selection criteria, so you'll find a range of buys that are both educational and fun. (thebettertoystore.com)

Playhao They specialise in toys that parents and children can play with together, and carry a large number of American, German and Scandinavian brands. The toys are nice enough to have a permanent place in your living room. A case in point are the sinuous Automoblox wooden toy cars from the US. (playhao.com)

Seed Heritage This Australian brand carries well-designed and reasonably-priced apparel for babies, toddlers, teenagers

and women. The biggest draw though is their unique designs and soft, natural fibres and fabrics that make for comfortable statement pieces for daytime and party wear. (seedheritage.com)

Elly Store This local kids' clothing label was created to offer comfort and practicality. 'Classic chic and fun, and yet comfortable enough to run and play' is how they describe their wares. With fun prints and quality fabrics, their collection of trendy cheongsams and mandarin-collared boy's shirts are a must-buy from Elly. (theellystore.com)

WHAT TO DO

Changi Airport If you get to Changi early, with children in tow, there's lots to keep them busy. The Butterfly Garden offers the chance to interact with nature, while Terminal 2's entertainment deck has an MTV booth, movie theatre and videogames. The rooftop cactus garden has its own bar, so parents can get a drink before take off as well. (changiairport.com)

Keppel Centre for Art Education Part of The National Gallery Singapore, the centre will keep kids happily-occupied in its four

interactive spaces. There are educational programmes for different age groups, while for adults, the Gallery offers regular stage performances, film screenings, talks and specialised workshops. The gallery occupies two historic landmarks that have been thoughtfully integrated—the city's former Supreme Court and City Hall. (nationalgalleriesingapore.sg)

Bounce Jump your way through this lively trampoline park, located on Grange Street. Their hour-long sessions are sure to tire out even the most energetic child. It offers

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different areas for various age groups, starting at three and up. ([bounceinc.com.sg](#))

Future World Exhibition at the ArtScience Museum

Immerse yourself in this permanent exhibition that is an integral part of a visit with children to Singapore. The show has four distinct theme areas—Nature, Town, Park and Space and will leave you and your children in awe. ([marinabaysands.com](#))

Let 'em Play This is a family-centric edutainment hub offering activities and programmes for both adults and children. The aim is to challenge parents and children, both physically and mentally. The massive indoor playground offers activities such as climbing walls, robotic labs, indoor obstacle courses and augmented reality bouldering. ([letemplay.com.sg](#))

MINT Museum of Toys This unusual museum will introduce today's smartphone-watching kids to the toys their parents grew up with. MINT's collection is made up of an extensive series of toys and objects, mostly from the late 19th and 20th century. Some of the pieces in the collection are extremely rare and sought-after by toy collectors, like the Alice Doll (UK, 1930s) by Farnell and the Mickey Mouse Hurdy Gurdy (Germany, 1930s). ([emint.com](#))

SECRET ACTIVITY

Bollywood Veggies, is a farm that's located away from the bustling urban core. Located in the Kranji Countryside, it offers the opportunity to enjoy the simple pleasures of farm-fresh food. You can choose from a variety of farming activities such as guided farm tours or terrarium making. Spend an entire morning and end with lunch at their bistro. Learn to plant rice or take a cooking class with the family—you can take kids as young as five-years-old's along. ([bollywoodveggies.com](#))



The interiors of the PS.Cafe Palais Renaissance

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Clockwise from top left: visitors at Bukit Timah Nature Reserve; inside the kitchen at Tippling Club; a monkey at Bukit Timah Nature; visitors exploring MacRitchie Reserve Park in kayaks; kimchi nori rolls at Afterglow by ANGLow

FOR NATURE AND ADVENTURE LOVERS

STAY

PARKROYAL on Pickering

Lush greenery combines seamlessly with five-star comfort at this 367-room hotel. From the overflowing greenery that typifies the exteriors to the nature-inspired rooms and suites flush with natural light, there's a lot on offer. ([parkroyalhotels.com](#); doubles from S\$342 or ₹17,200)

Marina Mandarin Singapore

A 21-storey atrium, perfect location in the Central Business District (CBD) and stunningly-appointed rooms typify this hotel. Ask for a room with city views that lets you take in the dramatic skyline. ([meritushotels.com](#); doubles from S\$260 or ₹13,100)

Siloso Beach Resort

On Sentosa, steps away from the beachfront, the Siloso Beach Resort is an escape into rustic luxury. Sensitively designed to protect, preserve and conserve

nature, you'll find rooftop garden suites, a natural spring water pool—the first of its kind in Singapore—and other discoveries to be made while exploring. ([silosobeachresort.com](#); doubles from S\$240 or ₹12,100)

EAT & DRINK

Afterglow by ANGLow A rarity in Singapore, Afterglow by ANGLow is a vegetarian restaurant that offers a locally sourced, farm-to-table menu. Options include the seasonal teriyaki mushroom beetroot burger, potato with avocado sesame dressing and a raw pizza with a dehydrated almond crust. ([afterglow.sg](#))

Joie by DOZO With a rooftop location on Singapore's popular shopping destination, Orchard Central, this restaurant offers modern vegetarian dishes with Japanese-European

influences. The chefs conjure unusual and innovative dishes using uncommon ingredients. Dishes include wild rice with eggplant terrine, a truffle risotto and desserts such as red wine poached pear with lime sorbet. You can choose to enjoy a six-course lunch or a seven-course dinner. ([joierestaurant.com.sg](#)) **Tippling Club** Sure, there's nothing to plump its green cred, but the food at the Tippling Club has made it something of a local institution. While the CBD location may be new, the food by chef Ryan Clift is still fun and playful. Its spot on Asia's 50 Best Bars List means you have to try a cocktail or three. ([tipplingclub.com](#))

SHOP

ZERRIN Handmade jewellery, sustainable clothing and organic skincare products are on offer on ZERRIN's web store. A curated

collection of brands that take environmental responsibility seriously make up the list of labels, that offer accessories, cosmetics and clothes. Head here for quirky products and clothes with their heart in the right place. ([zerrin.com](#)) **Etrican** Fashion with a cause—that's what you get with Singapore's pioneering online eco-label that offers well-designed, comfortable, pure-cotton clothing for women and children. With a factory in Tirupur, India, the label has set high standards in creating clothes that go to the heart of social, environmental and economic sustainability. ([etrican.com](#))

WHAT TO DO

Go to Bukit Timah Nature Reserve Located just 12km from the city centre on Singapore's highest hill, which it has been