

7 TOP TEEN HANGOUTS

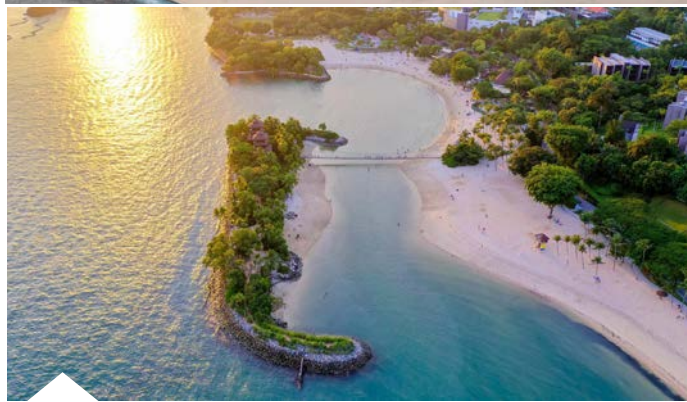
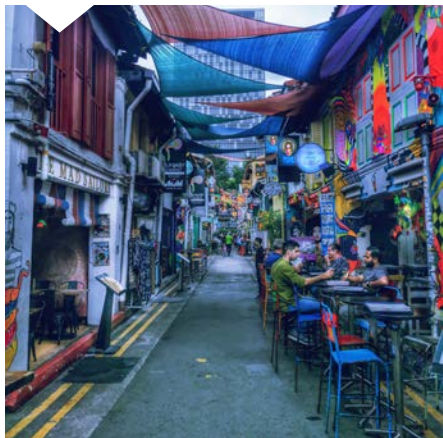
in Singapore

There are loads of cool (and safe!) areas for teens to explore in Singapore. Warning: visit with your kids and expect to be ordered to walk behind them...

#1

Haji Lane

Only come to Haji Lane camera-ready. Vibrancy, fun and dressed-up folk fill this famous little alleyway that comprises shops, cafés, secret nail salons and retro buys. We love Craft Assembly, which carries local vintage items and trinkets; and SSFW for cool accessories. Pose for pics by the bright artsy wall murals, and snake through to Bussorah Street where the Turkish baklava is hard to resist.



#2

Sentosa Island

Teens hate walking, right? Therefore, arrive on Sentosa by a cable car from VivoCity. Choose from one of the three different beaches – Siloso Beach, Tanjong Beach and Palawan Beach – where the order of the day is swimming, water sports or simply laying star-shaped. There are lots of good food joints including Rumours Beach Club on the Siloso stretch, and Tanjong Beach Club (where dogs are permitted, too). With less tourists around due to border restrictions, go for your life at Universal Studios, the S.E.A. Aquarium, Skyline Luge Sentosa, the Megazip and more.

#3 East Coast

East Coast is ideal for active teens who crave the outdoors. Walk along the beach or hire bikes, in-line skates, segways and skateboards for a ride on the designated pathways. Afterwards, grab some refreshments from one of the cafés lining the stretch, or sample the local food court. Head onto East Coast Road for some quirky shopping in Cat Socrates and Egg3, perhaps nibbling on a treat from Awfully Chocolate as you go.

#4 Holland Village

Holland Village (or “Holland V” as the kids like to call it) is conveniently located near an MRT station and several bus stops, so it’s a winner for tired parents who don’t want to chauffeur their offspring about. While peaceful during the day, once the sun goes down the police close off the main street, making it a pedestrian-friendly place to hang out. There are cafés and restaurants galore. Try a vegan-friendly acai bowl at Project Acai or go for burgers at Fat Boy’s Burger Bar.



#5 Clarke Quay

While big-group fun may be off the agenda right now, in post-pandemic times, older teens looking for a party can head to Clarke Quay. It’s awash with clubs such as F Club, along with more unique concepts like Level Up, which comes with retro arcade games and pool tables. If you’re underage, there are some cool (less squashy) places to try during daylight. When restrictions lift, the GX-5 Extreme Swing is perfect for adrenaline junkies, while a ride on the Singapore river taxi will suit less wild teens. Come rain or shine, churros at Alegro Churros Bar in Clarke Quay is always a good idea.

#6 Orchard Road

From start to end, Orchard Road is the go-to for shopping for teens. Whether you want high-end fashion, makeup, the latest electronics, or just a bit of people-watching, you’ll find it here. Away from the almost 30 major malls, Orchard Road also houses Scape, a kind of mini-mall/youth club that hosts youth programmes including music and dance, urban sports and visual art. Check out the Japanese photo booths, or catch up on studying at the HubQuarters, a youth-centric co-working space.



#7 Bugis

Bugis Street Market, right next to the MRT, is the place for browsing cheap souvenirs, clothes and accessories. Nearby, Bugis+ and Bugis Junction shopping malls feature international brands mixed with independent local boutiques and restaurants. Head down Victoria Street and you’ll hit Chijmes, where you can grab a pizza at Privé or take some atmospheric pics for the ‘gram!