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A LOCAL



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HOUGANG

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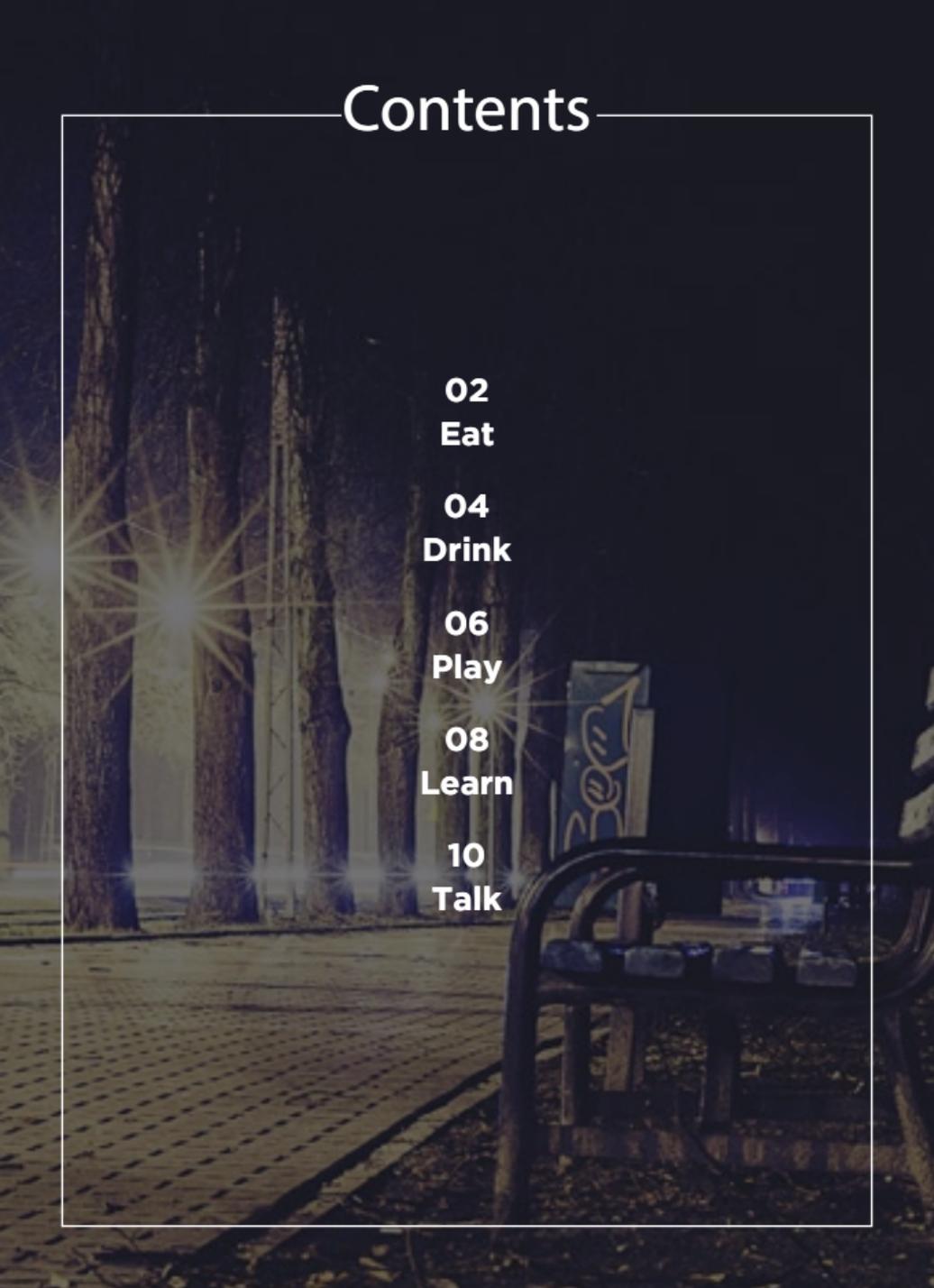


EXPLORE Hougang

Take a break from the bustle of city life and discover the peaceful Singapore heartland. Situated away from the city centre, Village Residence Hougang is surrounded by a spectrum of convenient amenities and activities to enrich your stay. This handy guide will have you living like a local, exploring the friendly streets of Hougang.



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EAT

Discover an assembly of local culinary delicacies all in a one neighbourhood. Humble shopfronts mask the extraordinary variety of appetising dishes available for everyone. Don't take our word for it, let your taste buds decide!

Chomp Chomp Food Centre

Dine among locals at one of Singapore's famous gastronomical gems. Come evening, witness the place buzzing with chefs working their way through freshly grilled stingray, barbecued chicken wings, noodle broths and satay right before your eyes. Bring a friend along to *chope* seats!

MUST TRY

Barbecue Chicken Wings

LOCAL SLANG

Chope (reserve)

-  20 Kensington Park Road
-  5:00pm - 12:00am
-  8-min drive
-  9-min walk to Gracehaven Salvation Army, then take Bus No. 73 (6 mins with 5 bus stops) and alight at Serangoon Garden Circus, Walk 60m



Serangoon Garden Bakery & Confectionery

Rise and shine as early as 4am to witness the stall operators start their day preparing fresh bread dough for their must-try buns. From coconut shavings and grounded peanuts to their popular luncheon meat buns, their unique stuffing are what separates them from the competition.



MUST TRY

Luncheon Meat Bun

LOCAL SLANG

Order the luncheon meat bun by asking for a 'hamburger'

- 📍 49A Serangoon Garden Way #01-45/46 Serangoon Market & Food Centre
- 🕒 Tue - Sun : 6:30am - 5:00pm (earlier if sold out)
Closed on Mondays
- 🚗 8-min drive
- 🚶 9-min walk to Gracehaven Salvation Army, then take Bus No. 73 (6 mins with 5 bus stops) and alight at Serangoon Garden Circus, Walk 200m

Hatter Street Cafe

Go down the rabbit hole at this 'Alice in Wonderland'-inspired cafe serving waffles with local flavours such as *pandan* and *gula melaka*. From popcorn cakes to cakes filled with candy, savour some desserts with the most bizarre names in the business and leave this place as mad as a hatter!



MUST TRY

Pandan Ice Cream with Gula Melaka Classic Whoa'ffle

LOCAL SLANG

Pandan (screwpine leaf extract),
Gula Melaka (palm sugar)

- 📍 212 Hougang Street 21 #01-333
- 🕒 Tue - Sun : 1:00pm - 10:00pm
Closed on Mondays
- 🚗 10-min drive
- 🚶 2-min walk to Blk 946A, then take Bus No. 112 (16 mins with 15 bus stops) and alight between Blks 210/211, Walk 70m
- ☎ T: 6988 4591

Escape the scorching sun with an ice cold beverage or warm up with a hot latte on a rainy day. If it's a perfect day out, take the opportunity to drop by the many local coffee houses and check out some of the off-the-beaten track cafes to quench your thirst.

Seng Huat Coffee House

Grab a seat and order the classics from the old-timer at the drink stall. For those who prefer the familiar, off-the-shelf carbonated soft drinks are always on hand. Alternatively, give the home-made quenchers a go. Get a glass of milky *bandung* to satiate your sweet tooth and for those without, request for a cup of *Teh-o Peng*. Singapore *kopitiam*s are built to suit every thirst.

MUST TRY

Iced *Bandung*

LOCAL SLANG

Bandung (rose syrup and milk), *Teh-o Peng* (iced tea with no milk /sugar), *Kopitiam* (coffee house)

- 📍 811 Hougang Central #01-206
- 🕒 5:00am - 11:00pm
- 🚗 7-min drive
- 🚶 1-min walk to between Blk 930/931, then take Bus No. 72 (7 mins with 6 bus stops) and alight at Hougang Central Interchange, Walk 170m



Flavour Flings

Feel right at home in just about the cosiest cafe in Hougang. Coffee-drinkers can rest assured that every cuppa is freshly brewed. Whether going solo or with the gang, the cafe is a great choice for quality beverages at pocket-friendly prices. Visits here are guaranteed *shio*!



PHOTO: Flavour Flings

SOD Cafe SG

Recharge with drink choices aimed at invigorating your health. This cafe prides itself on serving beverages made from the best ingredients to benefit the well-being of every customer. Try one of their signature revitalising teas to be elevated to the next level of healthy living, *double confirm*!



PHOTO: NA-HWU

MUST TRY

Salted Egg Yolk Fries

LOCAL SLANG

Shio (expression of sheer delight)

-  121 Hougang Avenue 1 #01-1348
-  Mon, Wed - Fri :
11:00am - 4:00pm
5:30pm - 9:00pm
Sat - Sun : 9:00am - 4:00pm
Closed on Tuesdays
-  12-min drive
-  6-min walk to Blk 953, then take Bus No. 854 (11 mins with 10 bus stops) and alight opposite Blk 169, Walk 650m
-  T: 6286 0051

MUST TRY

SOD Almond Milk Tea
(Ask to add "bubbles" which are chewy tapioca balls)

LOCAL SLANG

Double confirm (used to emphasise confirmation)

-  51 Hougang Ave 9 #01-03
Ci Yuan Community Centre
-  11:00am - 10:00pm
-  5-min walk
-  T: 6385 4026

PLAY

Warm up and stretch before entering Hougang's playground! From cycling to indulging in retail therapy, there are activities for everyone to unwind.

Punggol Park

Take a stroll, cycle or have a picnic and *lepak* by the waterside in this 16-hectare park that was developed with family leisure in mind. The natural, tranquil surroundings provide the perfect ambience to destress and kick back with loved ones.

MUST SEE

Try to spot otters, water monitor lizards and the collared king fishers

LOCAL SLANG

Lepak (hang out)

- 📍 Junction of Hougang Avenue 8 and 10
- 🕒 7:00pm - 7:00am (park lighting hours)
- 🚶 15-min walk from Hougang or Buangkok MRT station



Punggol Waterway Park

Enjoy a fun-filled day of leisure activities at this recreational park, built around the section of Punggol Waterway located along Sentul Crescent. Fitness enthusiasts can jog or cycle on the well-maintained tracks along the promenade at both sides of the waterway. There is also a water playground for kids looking for a wet-and-wild day of fun.



MUST SEE

Photogenic views of the waterways or flora and fauna

- 📍 Along Sentul Crescent Road (cuts through the whole of Punggol Town)
- 🕒 7:00pm - 7:00am (park lighting hours)
- 🚶 Take the LRT from Punggol MRT Station to Damai LRT Station. Walk towards Punggol and you will find a path heading to the waterway.

Hougang Mall

Get everything you need at this reliable neighbourhood mall where local families head to for their all-in-one shopping stop. Be spoilt for choice at the large supermarket on the basement level and other necessity shops such as sporting goods and stationery suppliers, as well as services like hair salons and optical shops! *Buay pang chance*, must grab all you can.

LOCAL SLANG

Buay pang chance (cannot miss the chance/opportunity)

- 📍 90 Hougang Avenue 10
10:00am - 10:00pm
- 🚌 1-min walk to Central Place Bus Interchange, then take Bus No. 325 (15 mins with 9 bus stops) and alight opposite Blk 521, Walk 120m
- ☎️ T: 6488 9617



Soar to new heights and discover new horizons. Hougang plays host to an abundance of engaging places and activities to tingle your intellect and get you in touch with your senses.

Airforce Museum

Go to the Air Force Museum for a chance to view fighter planes and helicopters up close, as well as to learn more about Singapore's elite air force and their *zai* pilots. Explore the indoor and outdoor galleries, showcasing a range of artefacts and interactive media, and let your learning experience take flight.

MUST SEE

Life-sized fighter jets at the outdoor gallery

LOCAL SLANG

Zai (to be very good at something)

- 📍 400 Airport Road
Paya Lebar Airbase
- 🕒 8:30am - 5:00pm
Closed on Mon and PH
- 🚗 13-min drive
- 🚏 7-min walk to Blk 953, then take Bus No. 854 (16 mins with 14 bus stops) and alight before Airport Road, Walk 1.2km
- ☎ T: 6461 8504



Coney Island Park

Explore this 50ha park -- also known as *Pulau Serangoon* -- home to a wide variety of habitats, flora and fauna. There even used to be a free-roaming brahman bull that made the park its home. As no one ever reported a lost cow, its former presence on the island remained a history.

MUST SEE

Migratory birds

LOCAL SLANG

Pulau (island)

- 📍 Beside Punggol Promenade Nature Walk
- 🕒 7:00am - 7:00pm (Gate will be closed at 7pm)
- 🚗 17-min drive



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SINGAPORE SLANG

9 Singlish (Singaporean English) words to get you started.

LAH

Used at the end of sentences to indicate tone of anger or agreement
e.g. Yes lah... / Yes lah!

LEH

Used at the end of sentences to sound more placating in a disagreement or to persuade
e.g. No leh... / Yes leh, he did leh. / Go leh.

LOR

Used at the end of sentences to agree or give in
e.g. Ok lor. / Go lor.

MEH

Used questioningly
e.g. No meh? / Yes meh?

WAH

Exclamation to express shock or disappointment
e.g. Wah lao! / Wah lao...
How could he do that?

ALAMAK

Exclamation to express when one makes a mistake
e.g. Alamak, I forgot my passport!

PAISEH

Sorry; used to express embarrassment or apology
e.g. Paiseh, I didn't mean to knock into you.

SIAO

Crazy
e.g. Siao! That's daylight robbery.

SHIOK

Tastes or feels good
e.g. This burger/massage is so shiok!

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

WE HOPE YOU DON'T HAVE TO CALL.

Police : 999

Traffic Police : 6547 0000

Police Hotline : 1800 2250000

Fire & Ambulance

995

Non-Emergency Ambulance

1777

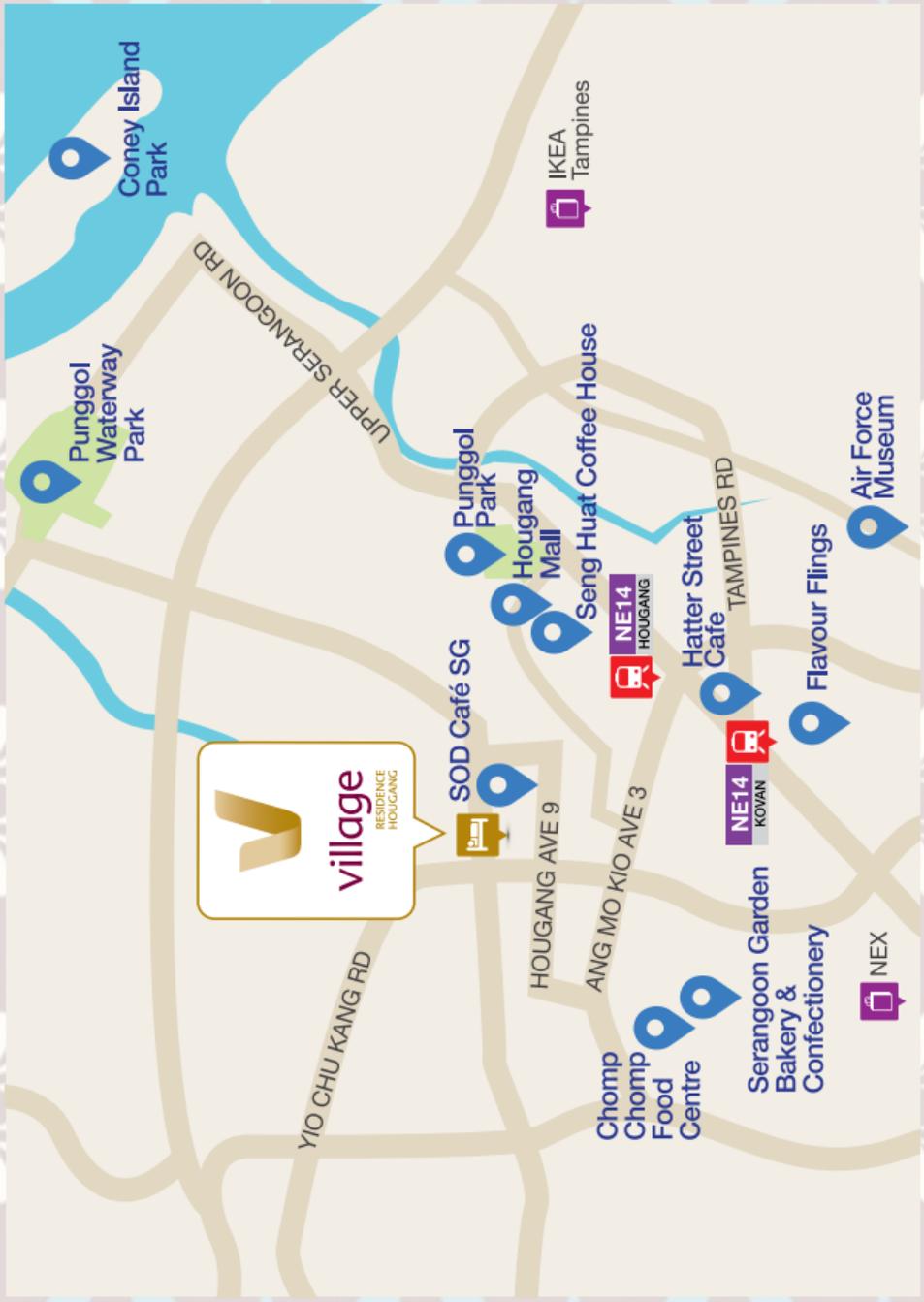
Nearest Hospital

Mount Alvernia Hospital

820 Thomson Road

Singapore 574623

Main Line (24 hours): 6347 6688



Coney Island Park

Punggol Waterway Park

Punggol Park

Hougang Mall

Seng Huat Coffee House

SOD Café SG

HOUGANG AVE 9

ANG MO KIO AVE 3

Chomp Chomp Food Centre

Serangoon Garden Bakery & Confectionery

Hatter Street Cafe

Flavour Flings

Air Force Museum

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NE14 KOVAN

NE14 HOUGANG

NEX

YIO CHU KANG RD

UPPER SERANGOON RD

TAMPINES RD

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