What’s on in Singapore, 13–15 April 2018

Singapore Heritage Festival
Venue and times: Check website for detailed information
Dates: Until 22 April
www.heritagefestival.sg

This April, the Singapore Heritage Festival returns for its 15th year. Over three weeks, it celebrates Singapore’s diverse heritage and culture all over the island by hosting open houses, city tours, parades and many more fun activities for young and old. Festival attendees can expect to learn about Singapore’s colourful history and experience its rich cultural heritage, including the traditions, customs, practices, personal stories of its residents and precincts around the city-state, such as Jurong.

World Gourmet Summit
Venue and times: Check website for programme
Dates: Until 29 April
www.worldgourmetsummit.com

The Asian region is known for its varied cuisine and creative use of exotic and delicious foods from all around the continent. To showcase this and promote local chefs, the World Gourmet Summit was brought to life 22 years ago. This April, it is taking professional chefs, passionate amateur cooks and diners who enjoy a gourmet meal on exciting gastronomic expeditions. According to the event organiser, under this year’s theme, “The discovery WGS”, diners are taken “off the beaten track to experience some of the world’s exciting, lesser-known cuisines”. These will be presented by established and up-and-coming culinary stars from Asia, Europe and America.

National Gallery Singapore
Address: 1 St Andrew’s Rd
Opening times: 10:00–19:00 Saturday–Thursday, 10:00–21:00 on Fridays
www.nationalgallery.sg

Boasting over 8,000 artworks, National Gallery Singapore oversees the largest public collection of modern art in Singapore and South East Asia. Besides the extensive permanent art collection—which conveys Singapore’s culture and heritage and places its art in context with other South East Asian cultures, Asia and the world—it hosts multiple short-term exhibitions. Hence, it is advised to check the gallery’s website for the most current information about these special exhibitions. With the gallery being located in Singapore’s Civic District, the arts and culture quarter right in the heart of the city, there is even more to see within a short walking distance for those wishing to explore historical, architectural and cultural sites.

Chinatown Street Market at night
Address: Pagoda St., Trengganu St. and Sago St., Chinatown
Opening times: Open daily from 10:00–20:00

Although Singapore’s shopping scene is mostly associated with contemporary, air-conditioned malls, the South East Asian city has many authentic and traditional markets as well. One of the most famous of these is the Chinatown Street Market in downtown Singapore. Being one of the most popular of its type in the city, it offers a range of fashion items, antiques, souvenirs, electronics, street food booths and affordable restaurants. The market is open all afternoon, but only really gets busy when the sun sets, at around 19:00, every evening.

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