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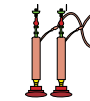
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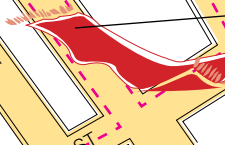
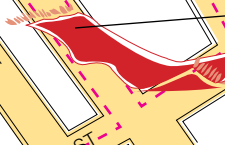
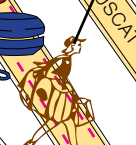
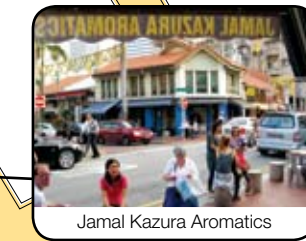
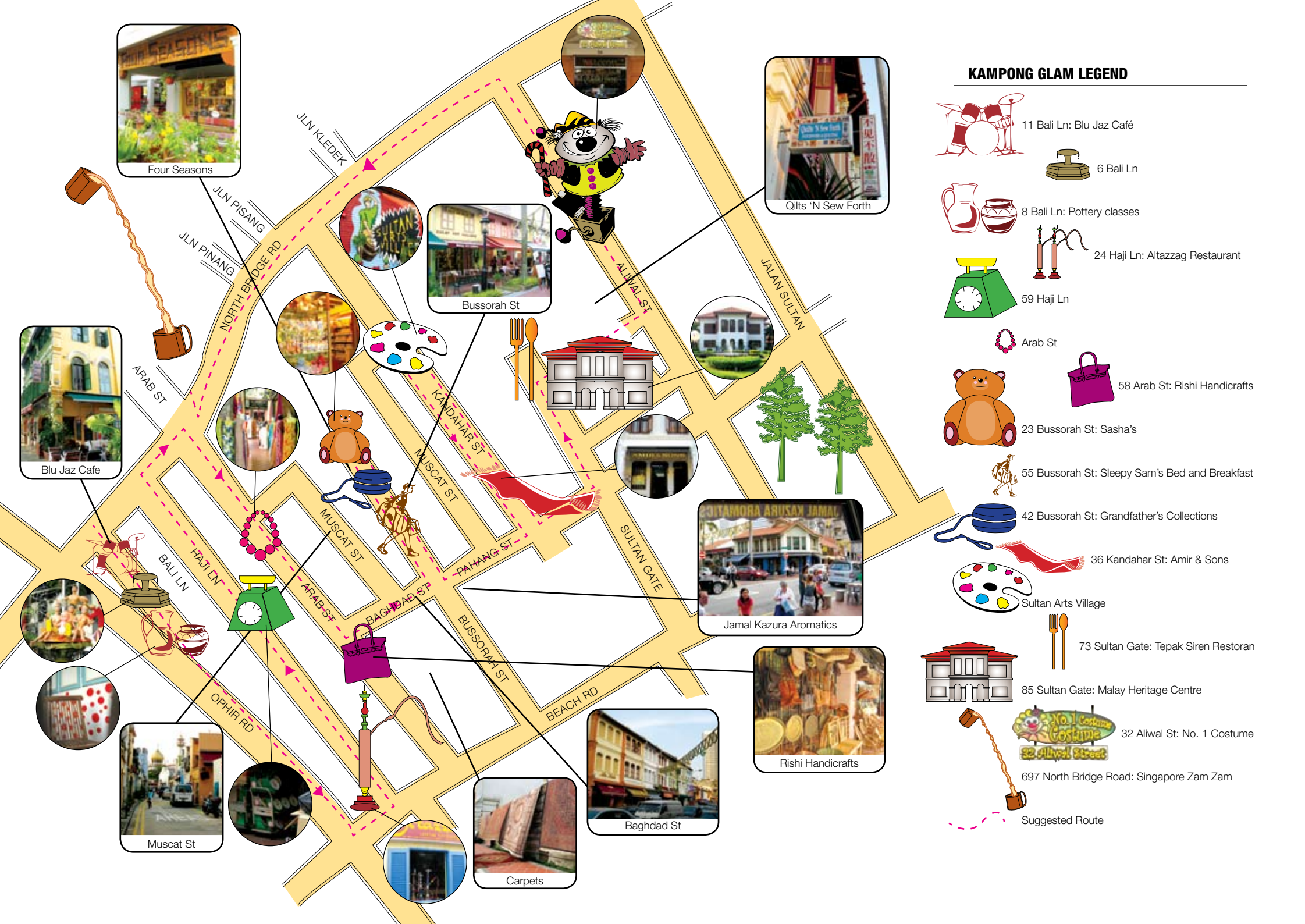
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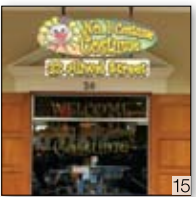
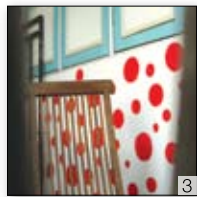
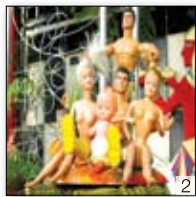
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Suggested Route



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1. 11 Bali Lane: Blu Jaz Café

If this place doesn't strike you as one cosy joint to chill out at then the prices of the food and beverages might do the trick. Blu Jaz Café is popular amongst tourists and the artsy fartsies for its quirky décor and affordable Western-Italian cuisine. You can order a main course for between \$12 and \$15 per head. It's a pretty decent place to hang out even with the kids.

2. 6 Bali Lane

Bali Lane is all about the quirky. Take this groupie of five – we warn that it should be rated PG – sitting atop the water feature for instance, and the mannequin next to it with reflective tiles plastered all over her face for another. The originality of this mini Garden of Eden is worth 10/10.

3. 8 Bali Lane: Pottery classes

8 Bali Lane is a quiet little find compared to its conspicuous neighbours. Its red polka-dotted wall, turquoise retrofit windows, and inviting garden chairs make it an enchanting place to get your kids' hands dirty at. Pop in for some pottery classes!

4. 24 Haji Lane: Altazzag Restaurant

Haji refers to the holy pilgrimage that Muslims make but here at Haji Lane, it is a different kind of pilgrimage altogether. Those looking for a little bit of thrill, exotic food, and cultural experience flock here for specialty shops such as the Altazzag Restaurant which offers Egyptian cuisine and a puff of shisha (water pipe containing flavoured tobacco). Be mindful to keep the children away from the smoke.

5. 59 Haji Lane: Sweden Weighing Scale

Where can you find an age-old weights merchant in a heritage conservation site? Here's one in 59 Haji Lane. This shop specialises in commercial, heavy duty weighing scales – the bulky, green kind that grocers still use today – that are made of solid metal.

6. Arab St

Arab St is famed as the textile and beading place. You can get a good piece of fabric and have the seamstress make you a decent dress. Beading enthusiasts also frequent here for sequins, beads, ribbons, and such. Persian carpet dealers are also everywhere but do check the place of make, thread count, and material if you plan to get one.

7. 58 Arab St: Rishi Handicrafts

Located in a prominent corner of Arab St, Rishi Handicrafts sells a wide array of handmade wares and furniture. You can find woven baskets, leather handbags, rattan chairs, slippers, necklaces, and other knick knacks in this outfit that is full of characteristics.

8. 23 Bussorah St: Sasha's

Nobody can resist a fuzzy cuddly bear, child and adult alike. Tucked away in Bussorah St is a homegrown bear company, Sasha's Bears, which imports the finest teddies from big wigs like Merrythought, Steiff, and Teddy-Hermann. They also sell baby plush toys, beary nice merchandises, limited edition collectibles, and the regular teddies you can pick off the shelves.

9. 55 Bussorah St: Sleepy Sam's Bed and Breakfast

The ring of the name Sleepy Sam's just makes you want to slouch in a couch and laze the day

away. Add "bed and breakfast" and you're feeling too comfortable to want to leave. Voted the second-best hostel in Asia, Sleepy Sam's is a backpacker's haven – we recommend their café lattes.

10. 42 Bussorah St: Grandfather's Collections

Grandfather's Collections is a treasure trove of antiques and curios that is bound to intrigue people of all ages. Though not highly organised due to its modest space, it is nonetheless well stocked with a wide collection of old school toys, bric-bracs, furniture, a full shelf of bottled sodas, and even a full set of hair dressing furniture.

11. 36 Kandahar St: Amir & Sons

Amir & Sons dates back to 1921 and is Singapore's oldest carpet company. It is frequented by serious collectors ranging from government bigwigs to kings. Walk on in and feel the softness of costly Persian carpets under your feet and feast your eyes on these pieces of art that are good enough to hang on your wall.

12. Sultan Arts Village

Tucked away in Kandahar St is the Sultan Arts Village, a mini artisan retreat that is home to a teak furniture gallery, an organic spa, a kitchen specialist and interior consultant firm, and a cosy café named Backdoor – and rightly so because of its obscure location behind the Village.

13. 73 Sultan Gate: Tepak Siren Restoran

Tepak Siren Restoran is housed in the former Gedung Kuning ("yellow mansion"), a 150-year-old building which was once home to the Bendahara (the Prime Minister). Try its specialty

dish, tepak sireh (nasi kuning), or go with hot favourites like nasi bryani dham, rendang, or udang galah. On weekends, you can even enjoy some cultural shows as you tuck in to dinner. The restaurant opens for lunch and dinner, and is closed for four-hour from 2.30pm.

14. 85 Sultan Gate: Malay Heritage Centre

Pop in to the nine galleries in the Malay Heritage Centre and get acquainted with the history and culture of the Malay community in Singapore. Also known as Istana Kampong Gelam, it was once the palace of Sultan Hussein Shah. Here, you can learn batik painting and pottery from master craftsmen like Iskandar Jalil and Sarkasi Said. Admission to the compound is free. Museum entrance costs \$4 for adults and \$3 for children.

15. 32 Aliwal St: No. 1 Costume

If you need a mascot suit for your child's birthday party, or some gears to get a fancy party going, No. 1 Costume is it. The modish façade of the biggest costume shop in Singapore with its iconic clown face logo is bound to enchant the kids.

16. 697 North Bridge Rd: Singapore Zam Zam

A trip to Kampong Glam is not complete without sampling some authentic Indian-Muslim food. Singapore Zam Zam is popular for its tasty and reasonably-priced prata (Indian fried pancake), murtabak (large prata with meat fillings), fragrant teh tarik ("pulled tea"). The second-storey dining area is air-conditioned but you might find some difficulty moving the baby pram up the narrow stairway. PS: Good food is worth the wait!