

LITTLE INDIA LEGEND



MRT Little India



Tekka Market



Flower Stall



Little India Arcade



Vending Machine



Fruit and Vegetable Stalls



Old Flour Mill



Dance School



Museum of Shanghai Toys



Motorcycle Repair Shops



Indian Kitchen



Postal Box



Seamstress



Flea Market



Suggested Route



Statues



Sri Veeramakaliamman Temple



Postal Box



Mustafa Centre



Vending Machine



Spiral Staircase



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1. Tekka Market

Fancy a teh tarik, nasi lemak or char kueh? Start your journey with a hearty breakfast at Tekka Market. Mind the stairs as you lug the baby pram. Vendors are often found hawking Indian spices along the steps.

2. Buffalo Road

Buffalos once roamed this road a long time ago. Today, it is filled with Chinese pawn shops beauty salons offering facial threading, nail polishing, and massages. Pop into one of them and experience traditional Indian eyebrow threading – using just a yarn of string, for just \$5; then head to one of the many flower stalls and buy some fresh-smelling blooms for your hair.

3. Kerbau Road / Chander Road

The Little India Arts Belt begins at Kerbau Road and extends into Chander Road. This stretch houses enough frame shops, textile houses, dance schools, and private galleries to keep the art buffs happy. The architecture with its ornate floor tiles and colourful exterior (sometimes plastered with Indie film posters) give the area a unique vibe of its own. The former house of Chinese merchant, Tan Teng Niah, is one such example worth visiting.

4. Little India Arcade

As you enter the narrow Little India Arcade, try a piece of traditional Indian sweet or snack, some of which are wrapped in gold and silver foils. We dare you to pop a betel nut, mixed with paste and spices and wrapped in betel leaf, into your mouth! The experience is one of its kind, as is the taste. You can also find beautiful fabrics that are perfect for your very own Indian sari or even

as an art deco piece for your home, incenses, Ayurvedic medicines, crafts, and henna dyes.

5. Campbell Lane / Clive Street

Make a right as you exit into Campbell Lane from Little India Arcade. This is one of Little India's most vibrant streets where fresh fruits and vegetables greet you along the colourful shophouses. The street is dotted with shops selling flower garlands, freshly stringed on the spot. Head towards Clive Street where you will find a classical Indian musical instrument shop.

6. Clive Street / Dalhousie Lane

Game for some Indian cuisine? Drop by the Indian Kitchen for some authentic Indian fare like curries and dhosais. If you want to try eating without cutlery, remember to use only your right hand. Round the corner of Clive Street and Dalhousie Lane is Celebration of Arts, a furniture shop offering various makes of Asian furniture. Make yourself at home!

7. Dunlop Street

Ice cold milo for 50-cents anyone? Grab one now! Vending machines featuring Indian models are typical in this area. Provision shops along Dunlop Street's the place to pick up all sorts of cosmetics (such as kohl, henna dye, oil of essences), and spices and cooking utensils to make your favourite asam curry. Or if all else fails, take away at Chellas vegetarian fast food restaurant, recommended by Singaporean comedian (and aspiring food critic) Moses Lim.

8. Serangoon Road

Serangoon Road is one of the oldest roads in Singapore and often labelled as "the road through the island" in old town maps. As you turn out of Dunlop Street into this main traffic way, the hunt for an old flour mill and bargain items also begins. Grab a handful of clothes, accessories, and other knick knacks for under \$10.

9. Cuff Road

Somewhere along Cuff Road is a seamstress who runs her business by the roadside with just a sewing machine, a stool, and little else. Who says you need a shop front for publicity? Cuff Road also houses some of the oldest spice grinding shops which also double up as flour millers. See if you can hope into one of them an grind a betel nut or two.

10. Rowell Road

At the corner of Rowell Road is the ABC store which boasts to be the cheapest in Singapore. Pop in to see if the shop lives up to its claim.

Stashed away at the end of this long road is the Museum of Shanghai Toys, which is a real treasure trove featuring toy collections from around Asia. While you are there, look for the rubber duck that won \$1 million in the first duck race ever, and play the MoST passport game. This spot is a hit with adults and kids but unfortunately, the steep staircases of the old three-storey shophouse mean inaccessibility for prams. Admission fee starts from \$5.

11. Desker Road / Kg Kapor Road

Desker Road has long been stereotyped as a gay men's hangout. But in truth, striding down

this road in daylight offers a different feel. Instead, motorcycle repair shops dominate the area with the occasional odd finds like the Qianshangong Shantoucun Association and an old audio-visual equipment repair shop at the junction of Desker and Kg Kapor Roads.

12. Syed Alwi Road

Stop by Mustafa Centre, a well-loved department store offering 24h-shopping at cheap rates. Find all your household needs, groceries, and electronics here, or satisfy your hunger at the café that never sleeps. Security is tight so remember to fish out your baby's needs and valuables before the guard has your baggage secured in cable ties.

