

Kampong Gelam

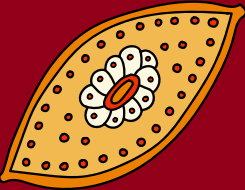


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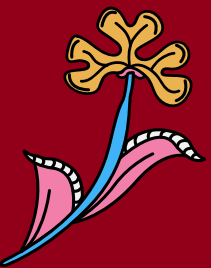
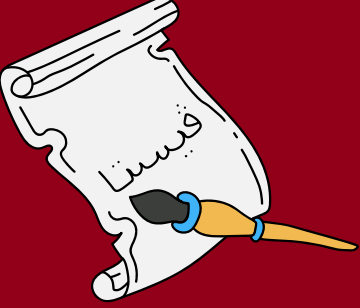


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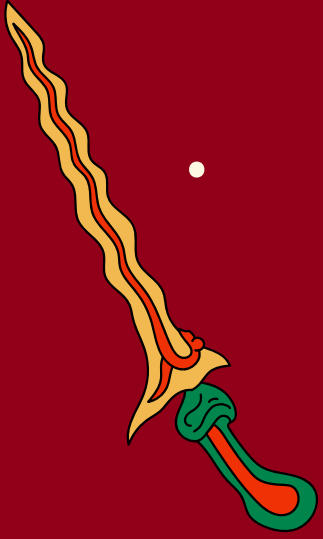
TRANSCENDING BOUNDARIES



Over nine days, festival-goers can expect incredible performances, exciting programmes, and unique workshops in the Malay Heritage Centre and across the Kampong Gelam precinct. Celebrate our revitalised spaces and new exhibits, and explore the rich tapestry of Malay heritage in Singapore, and its deep connections across the region. Discover this cultural legacy that belongs to us all.



Scroll through this guide to discover activities you won't want to miss.



How to get to the Malay Heritage Centre

Festival Opening Hours

Compound:

Tues to Sun 8:00am – 10:00pm
2 May 8:00am – 3 May 10:00pm
(Overnight)

Permanent galleries:

28 Apr – 1 May 10:00am – 9:00pm
(Last entry 8:30pm)

2 May 10:00am – 2:00am
(Last entry at 1:30am)

3 May 10:00am – 9:00pm
(Last entry at 8:30pm)

Admission Fee

Free gallery admission from
25 Apr – 28 Jun for all visitors

85 Sultan Gate, Singapore 198501
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By MRT

Bugis Station (12 min walk)
Lavender Station (10 min walk)
Jalan Besar Station (12 min walk)



By Bus

Via North Bridge Road:

7, 32, 51, 61, 63, 80, 145, 175, 197

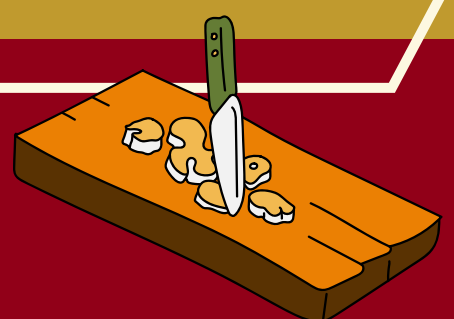
Via Beach Road:

100, 107, 107M, 961, 961M, 980

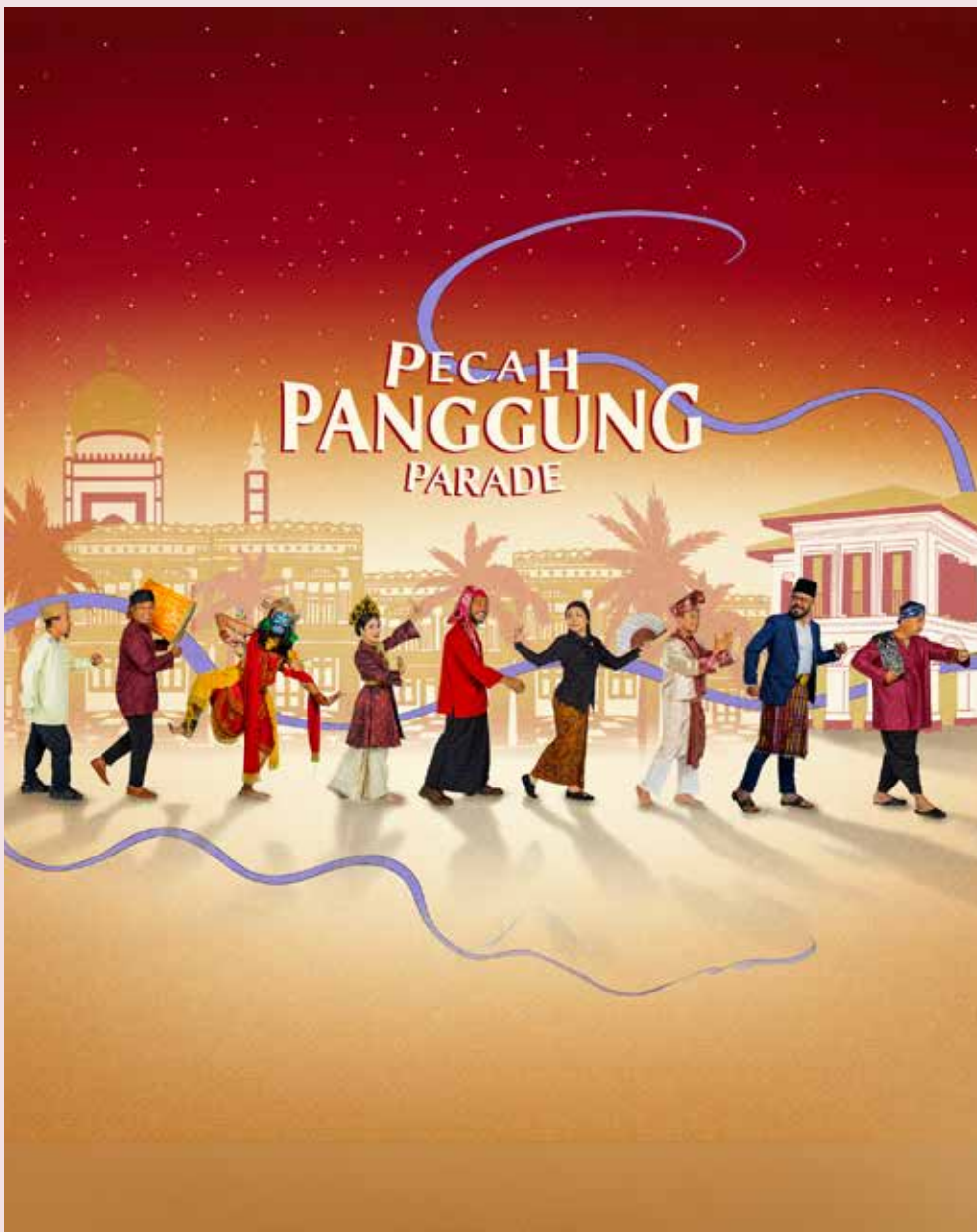


Parking

Aliwal Street, Kandahar Street,
Pahang Street, and Sultan Plaza



Festival Highlights



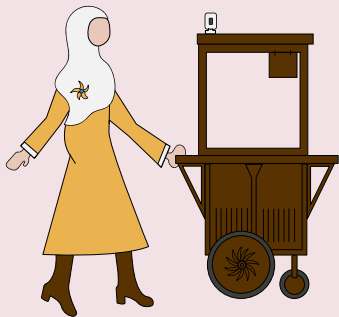
Pecah Panggung Parade Showcase

25 April, Saturday
4:45pm – 5:30pm

Venue: Bussorah Street

Admission: Free

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Celebrate with us in this moving festival of cultural performances and themed pushcarts! Witness a rare showcase of the sub-ethnic communities that have shaped Kampong Gelam and our rich Malay heritage.



Wajah & Bayang: Nusantara Arts Showcase

25 April, Saturday
12:30pm – 1:45pm,
8:00pm – 9:15pm

Admission:
\$30/Adult,
\$24/Senior/Student/Child
(Adult tickets are
Culture Pass eligible)

Venue: Auditorium,
Malay Heritage
Centre

Be mesmerised by the artistry of traditional puppets and masks in this captivating production of music, theatre and dance by talented performing groups from across the Nusantara region, from Singapore to Indonesia.

Event Language: English, Malay



Kota Impian: Modern Women Showcase

1 & 2 May, Friday &
Saturday
3:00pm – 4:15pm,
8:00pm – 9:15pm
(Friday only)

Venue: Auditorium,
Malay Heritage Centre

Admission: \$30/Adult,
\$24/Senior/Student/Child
(Adult tickets are
Culture Pass eligible)

Discover the untold stories of Singapore's pioneering Malay women who shaped our nation's identity after World War II in this powerful music-theatre production, starring actress Huda Ramdzan and featuring Orked Malaya, an all-female ensemble.

Event Language: Malay with English Surtitles





Santai Sampai Pagi: A Night Out at MHC

2 – 3 May, Saturday –
Sunday
7:15pm – 8:00am
(Overnight)

Venue: Malay
Heritage Centre

Admission: Free

**Last entry to galleries
at 1:30am**

From calisthenics and *sepak takraw* kicking challenge to screen printing, *jamu* making and films under the stars, be thoroughly entertained from dusk to dawn. Experience the Malay Heritage Centre after-hours in this special overnight programme.



Pentas Pusaka: Silat Fiesta Showcase

3 May, Sunday
10:00am – 6:00pm

Venue: Lawn,
Malay Heritage Centre

Admission: Free

Experience the strength, discipline, and artistry of *Silat* at this spectacular closing highlight of the MHC Reopening Festival. Seize the opportunity to interact with experienced silat practitioners and learn firsthand about the discipline and artistry of their unique traditions.



Anyaman Warna: Creating a Community Batik

26 April, Sunday
11:00am – 12:30pm

Venue: Gelam Room,
Malay Heritage Centre

Admission:
\$40/parent-child* pair
(Tickets are Culture Pass
eligible)

*Suitable for children
aged 5 and above

Bond over this family-friendly workshop as you try your hands at *batik*, a traditional textile-making technique, guided by experienced facilitators. Showcase your art piece by contributing to the community fabric at the end of the workshop.

Event Language: English



Jejak Silam: Discover Archaeology

2 May, Saturday
11:00am – 12:30pm

Venue: Gelam Room,
Malay Heritage Centre



Admission:
\$28/parent-child* pair
(Tickets are Culture Pass eligible)

*Suitable for children
aged 5 and above

Discover Singapore archaeology with an archaeologist and experience its connection to us through contemporary art. Families will be able to learn about archaeology and its processes through selected artefacts and an interactive parent-child activity.

Event Language: English



Layar Tradisi: Build Your Own Mini Jong

3 May, Sunday
10:30am – 12:30pm

Venue: Gelam Room,
Malay Heritage Centre

Admission:
\$50/parent-child* pair
(Tickets are Culture Pass eligible)

*Suitable for children
aged 5 and above

Dive into Singapore's rich maritime heritage through the art of building a traditional *jong*. Explore how these magnificent vessels once ruled the seas of Southeast Asia in this hands-on family workshop.

Event Language: English



Aksara Bebas: Exploring Jawi through Calligraffiti

1 May, Friday
3:00pm – 4:30pm

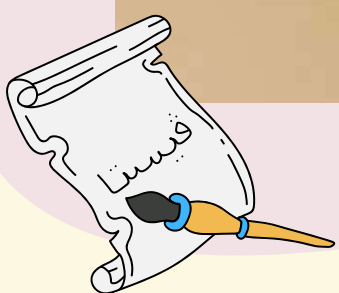
Venue: Gelam Room,
Malay Heritage Centre



Admission: \$25/Adult
(Tickets are Culture Pass eligible)

Discover Jawi, a beautiful heritage script once used in classical Malay literature, in this guided workshop. Explore this cultural art form and experiment with modern, graffiti techniques.

Event Language: English





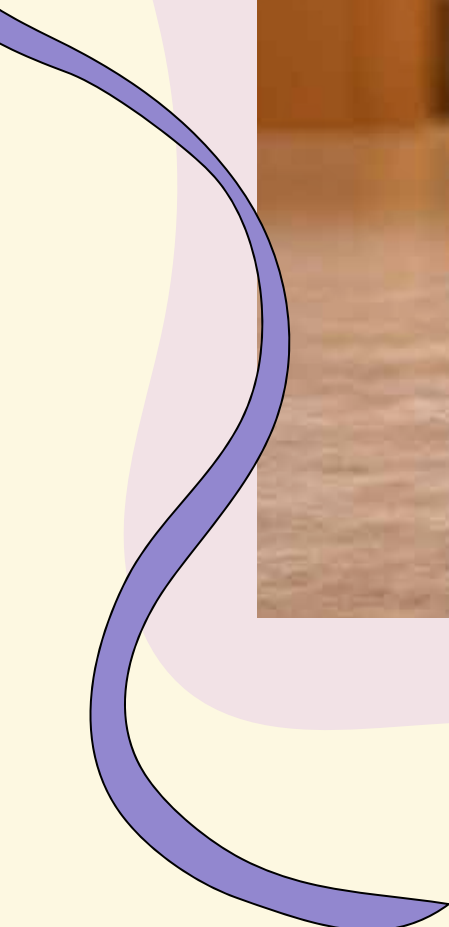
25 April, Saturday
11:30am – 1:00pm

Venue: Lawn,
Malay Heritage Centre

Admission: Free



Celebrate the energy and creativity of young performers at this lively mass performance, led by Artusik Multiethnic Ensemble. Featuring students from schools across Singapore, including Bukit View Primary School, East Spring Secondary School, Fernvale Gardens School (MINDS), Greenwood Primary School, and Haig Girls' School. Be inspired by traditional and contemporary Malay performing arts brought to life through instruments such as the angklung, kulintang, and gamelan.



25 April: 2:00pm – 2:30pm,
3:00pm – 3:30pm

26 April: 3:00pm – 3:30pm,
4:00pm – 4:30pm,
5:00pm – 5:30pm

1 May: 2:00pm – 2:30pm

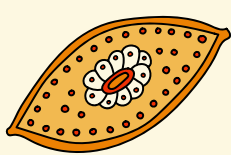
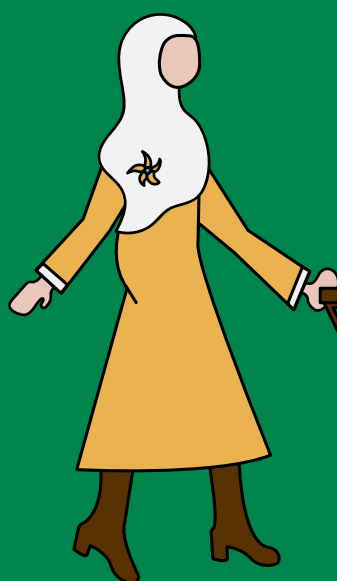
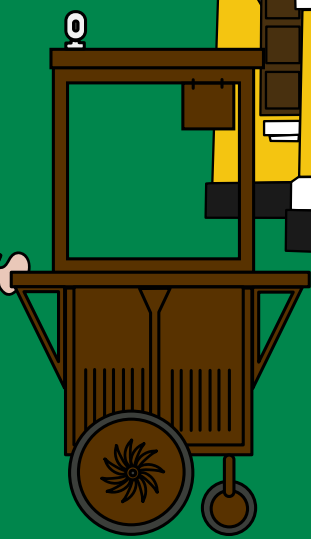
2 May: 2:00pm – 2:30pm,
3:00pm – 3:30pm

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Venue: Sultan Gate Park (25 & 26 April), Sirih Room, Malay Heritage Centre (1 – 3 May)

Admission: Free

Catch our budding storytellers in action! Be inspired by performances created over 10 intensive weeks by the mentees of the Malay Heritage Centre's Intangible Cultural Heritage Mentorship Programme.



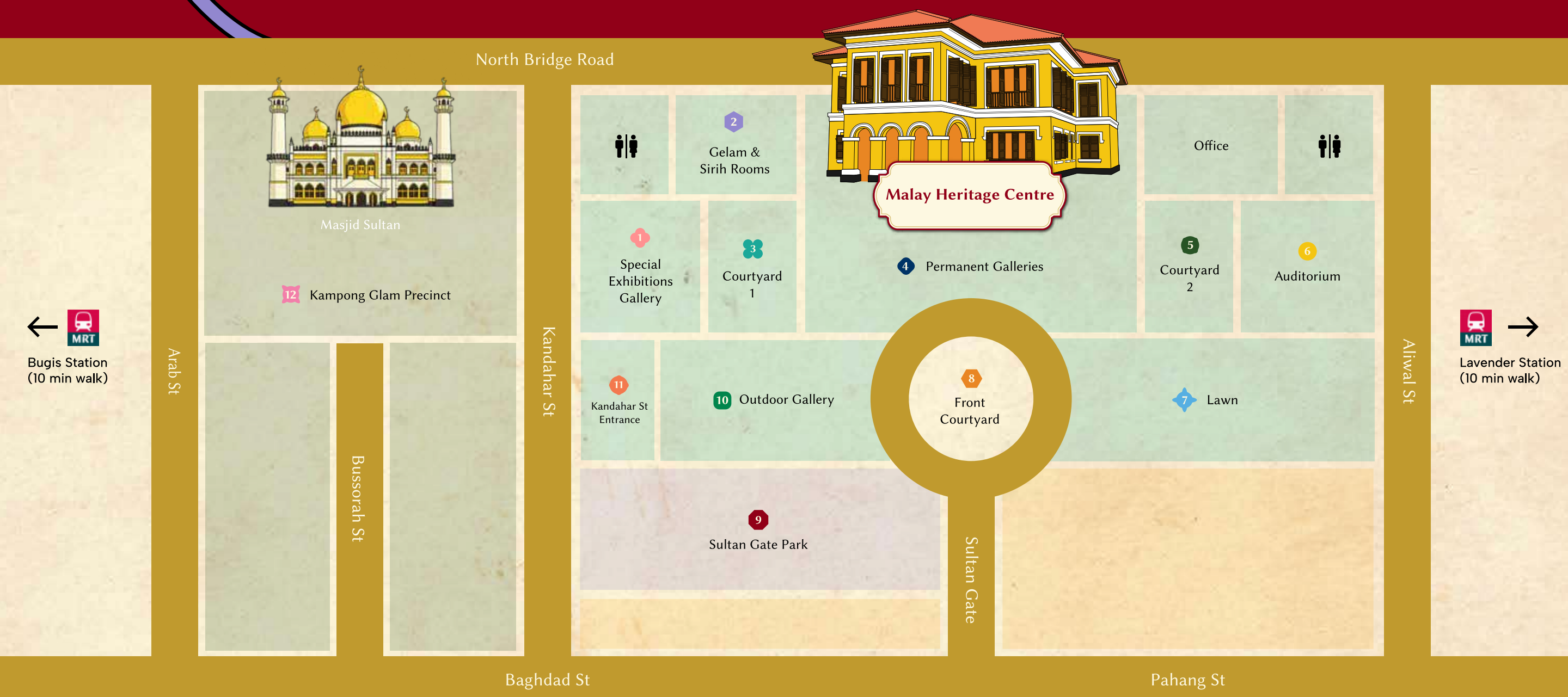
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FESTIVAL MAP.

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REOPENING FESTIVAL

25 April to 3 May 2026
Malay Heritage Centre



Festival Highlights

- 1** Free Admission to Galleries
25 Apr – 28 Jun
Malay Heritage Centre
- 4** Pecah Panggung Parade
25 Apr
Bussorah Street
- 12** LalooLalang Bazaar: Food Market
24 – 26 Apr, 28 Apr – 3 May
MHC Outdoor Compound
- 6** Kota Impian: Modern Women
1 & 2 May
Auditorium, MHC
- 6** Wajah & Bayang: Nusantara Arts Showcase
25 Apr
Auditorium, MHC
- 1** LalooLalang Bazaar: Lifestyle Market
24 – 26 Apr, 1 – 3 May
Special Exhibition Gallery, MHC

Santai Sampai Pagi: A Night Out at MHC Malay Heritage Centre (MHC)

- 7** Film Screening
2 & 3 May
Lawn, MHC
- 2** Jamu Making
2 & 3 May
Gelam Room, MHC
- 3** Jom Joget Dangkung!
2 May
Courtyard 1, MHC
- 6** Lepak and Singing Room
2 & 3 May
Auditorium, MHC
- 7** Night to Light: Calisthenics
3 May
Lawn, MHC
- 7** Pyjamas Contest Showdown
2 May
Lawn, MHC
- 2** Santai Prints – Screen Printing Booth
2 & 3 May
Sirih Room, MHC
- 4** Soap Box Gallery Pop-Up
2 May
Permanent Galleries, MHC
- 11** Takraw Kicking Activity
2 & 3 May
Kandahar Street Entrance, MHC
- 8** Tales of Light: Sang Kancil
1 & 2 May
Front Courtyard, MHC

Performances

- 9** A Warrior Woman: The Story of Tun Fatimah
25 Apr
Sultan Gate Park
- 9** Ayuh Menari! Interactive Performances
26 Apr
Sultan Gate Park
- 12** Dikir Barat bersama Semangat Keris
25 Apr
Bussorah Mall, Baghdad Street
- 12** Flash Mobs
26 Apr, 2 & 3 May
Kampong Gelam Precinct
- 9** Hikayat Jembatan Budi – Utusan Ke Taman Warisan
25 Apr
Sultan Gate Park
- 9** ICH Mentorship Programme: Penglipur Lara Showcase
25 & 26 Apr, 1 – 3 May
Sultan Gate Park / Sirih Room, MHC
- 7** Irama Warisan: Schools' Ethnic Music Showcase
25 Apr
Lawn, MHC
- 12** Kebaya Retro G(e)lam: A Traditional Wear Get-Together
1 May
Bussorah Mall, Baghdad Street
- 9** Malay Bangsawan by Opera Academy
2 May
Sultan Gate Park
- 9** Pentas Main by T3at3r Muzikal Collective
1 May
Sultan Gate Park
- 7** Pentas Pusaka: Silat Fiesta Showcase
3 May
Lawn, MHC
- 9** Wow Wayang with Sri Warisan
Sultan Gate Park

Workshops

- 2** Aksara Bebas: Exploring Jawi through Calligraphy
1 May
Gelam Room, MHC
- 2** Anyaman Warna: Creating a Community Batik
26 Apr
Gelam Room, MHC
- 2** Jejak Silam: Discover Archaeology
2 May
Gelam Room, MHC
- 9** Karya Krafting: Create Your Own Puppets
25 & 26 Apr
Sultan Gate Park
- 3** Kisah Rempah: Stories of Spices
1 – 3 May
Courtyard 1, MHC
- 2** Layar Tradisi: Build Your Own Mini Jong
3 May
Gelam Room, MHC
- 3** Wajah Nusantara: Design Your Own Nusantara Masks
25 & 26 Apr
Courtyard 1, MHC

Installations & Travelling Exhibitions

- 5** Jom Main! A Cultural Playspace for All
25 & 26 Apr, 28 Apr – 3 May
Courtyard 2, MHC
- 9** Threads of Kampong Gelam: A Community Tapestry
1 – 3 May
Sultan Gate Park
- 9** Once Upon a Maritime Heritage Mural
25 Apr – 3 May
Sultan Gate Park
- Kisah–Kisah Kita: Tales and Traditions from the Malay World
25 Apr – 10 May
Malay Street Atrium, Bugis Junction
- Pesta Pecah Panggung Public Transportation Decor
16 Mar – 3 May
Train lines, MRT stations, and buses islandwide

Tours

- 12** Kampong Gelam by the Sea: Maritime History Tour & Talk
2 May
Wardah Books
- 12** Kampong Gelam Heritage Trail
25, 28 Apr – 2 May
Kampong Gelam Precinct
- 12** Kisah Malam: Night–time Tales of Kampong Gelam
25 Apr & 2 May
Kampong Gelam Precinct
- 12** Makan Malam: A Supper Tour of Kampong Gelam
25 Apr
Kampong Gelam Precinct
- 12** Peta Rahsia: Kampong Gelam Treasure Hunt
25 Apr – 3 May
Kampong Gelam Precinct
- 12** Prints and Publication in Kampong Gelam: Tour & Talk
3 May
Wardah Books
- 4** Rantau Ke Rumah
1 May
Permanent Galleries, MHC
- 4** Staff's Spotlight: Guided Tours
25 & 26 Apr, 1 – 3 May
Permanent Galleries, MHC

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