

Clockwise from below: Loh Lik Peng; Wanderlust's quirky touches; vibrant Little India; a tittle at Tippling club; Gardens by the Bay; Tian Tian Hainanese Chicken.

MY TOWN

BRIGHT LIGHTS, SMALL CITY

Ashley Niedringhaus asks Loh Lik Peng, a lawyer-turned-hospitality guru with restaurants and hotels from Sydney to Shanghai, for his top picks in Singapore.



Eat For a humble lunch, you'll find me at **Tian Tian Hainanese Chicken** (Stall 10-11, 1 Kadayanallur St.; chicken rice for two S\$8) in the bustling Maxwell Food Centre. Almost every hawker around the city sells it, but it's worth the lines to get it at this stall. When I'm in the mood for spicy Indonesian-style curry, I head to **Yanti Nasi Padang** (45 Keong Saik Rd.; 65/6324-9268; lunch for two S\$10) and order their killer *rendang*. A trip to Singapore isn't complete without a fancy meal and for that I recommend **Tippling Club** (38 Tanjong Pagar Rd.; tipplingclub.com; tasting menus from S\$160 per person). The food is modern and eclectic but always good, and the laid-back vibe really fits my style.

Shop I like to shop for knickknacks in the vibrant **Little India**. When I go to that area to hunt for treasures, I normally don't have a specific destination

and just let myself get lost in the alleyways and in shophouses that seem out of the ordinary. You'll see my collection of oddities displayed in my restaurants and hotels.

Do I'm a family man now and my schedule doesn't leave me much free time, but I try to get away from work and enjoy the parks with my son on the weekends. I like to take him to the **Botanic Gardens** (1 Cluny Rd.; sbg.org.sg) or **Gardens by the Bay** (18 Marina Gardens Dr.; gardensbythebay.com.sg). Otherwise, you'll find me wandering around my two favorite neighborhoods: **Kampong Glam**, with its refurbished shophouses and multiculti charm, and **Tiong Bahru**, a hipster enclave outside of the city center.

Stay **Unlisted Collection** (unlistedcollection.com), my company, has hotels around the city. Each one has a different vibe. **Wanderlust**



Hotel (2 Dickson Rd.; wanderlusthotel.com; doubles from S\$161) is a retro gem near Little India and **New Majestic Hotel** (31-37 Bukit Pasoh Rd.; newmajestichotel.com; doubles from S\$229) showcases work by top Singaporean designers.

Apart from my own places, I like **Parkroyal on Pickering** (3 Upper Pickering St.; parkroyalhotels.com; doubles from S\$360). I love the way that they incorporate strong architecture and design elements into the hotel. +

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