**Video: A Perfect Weekend in Singapore**

**Text transcript**

[Upbeat music starts playing in the background]

*A statue of Sir Stamford Raffles; cars on the highway; people hurry about at an MRT station; Sri Mariamman Temple; Keong Saik Road; Ravin speaks outside La Champaneria.*

**Ravin das Haridas:** I guess it has to be the vibrancy of cultures because in Singapore, you’ve got Little India, you’ve got Chinatown, you’ve got Geylang Serai. So I guess it’s just how these cultures have come along over the years.

*Steamed and roasted chickens hanging at a hawker stall; a plate of Eggs Benedict; a seafood spread.*

**Ravin:** And when people come here, the food varieties come from all these cultures as well. So you’ve got so many options to try, different spice levels and different tastes of Asia.

*The streets of Kampong Glam and Haji Lane; a Malay man pulls tea (teh tarik) at a traditional coffeeshop while another man looks on; a Malay woman carries her child; a group of old men play Chinese chess; a group of students take graduation photos in their gowns; two office ladies take a smoke break; a group of people chill out on a rooftop; gondolas at Marina Bay Sands.*

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**STAY**

**Hotel Indigo Singapore Katong**

*Exterior and interior shots of the hotel; restored shophouses along Joo Chiat.*

**Adel Aramouni:** Katong is influenced by Peranakan culture, and you can see it in the neighborhood, in the tiles, in the temples and shophouses.

*Adel walks around the hotel’s in-house restaurant; the hotel lobby and lounge.*

**Adel:** We see more and more travelers to the city looking for a different type of travel, and seeking to stay in a hotel that offers authentic and refreshing local experiences.

**SEE**

**Buddha Tooth Relic Temple & Museum**

*Exterior and interior shots of the temple.*

This Chinese Buddhist temple houses what is purportedly the left canine tooth of Buddha himself.

**National Gallery Singapore**

*Shots of the galleries; tourists posing at and admiring exhibits; the atrium.*

Features the world’s largest public collection of contemporary Singapore and Southeast Asian art.

**Gardens by the Bay**

*Shots of the Supertrees; the Supertrees reflected in a puddle of water.*

This sprawling park is home to the iconic Supertrees – man-made vertical gardens housing over 162,900 plants.

**Merlion Park**

*The Merlion at night.*

This is one of five official Merlion statues in Singapore.

**EAT**

Heap Seng Leong

*A plate of kaya toast, kopi guyou and a Chinese newspaper on a table; the coffeeshop’s storefront and interiors; Rae seated inside the shop.*

An old-school coffeeshop specializing in kaya (coconut jam) toast and kopi guyou (black coffee mixed with butter).

**Rae Chan:** This is my second time here. I’m here for the very old-school environment, for the very delicious kaya toast and coffee with butter cubes.

*An old man whips up coffee; patrons sit and enjoy their breakfasts.*

**Rae:** This place is quite rare in Singapore nowadays. It’s rare to have this environment whilst everything else is very modernized.

**Plain Vanilla**

*An array of cupcakes; the store’s interior and exterior.*

A quaint bakery with an array of dainty cupcakes and other baked goods on offer.

**Toby’s Estate**

*Patrons sit and enjoy breakfast at the café; a barista pours latte art.*

A popular café serving up quality coffee brewed from single-origin beans.

**Red House Seafood Restaurant**

*A charcoal chili crab bun is torn open; a steaming plate of chili crab.*

The restaurant’s specialty, chili crab, is an iconic Singaporean dish.

**Potato Head Folk**

*Colorful murals at Potato Head Folk; the restaurant’s Art Deco exterior; the checkered staircase; a burger and fries.*

A trendy burger joint and bar set in a restored Art Deco building.

**Maxwell Food Centre**

*Plates of local delights are set down on a table; patrons dig into their food; hawkers whip up dishes.*

One of the city’s most beloved hawker centers, with dozens of stalls serving up affordable local fare.

**Tommy Tay:** This is comfort food for me. It’s very traditional food in Singapore. In Chinese, it’s called “wu xiang guang chang”. “Wu xiang” translates to five spices, and “guan chang” is referring to the Chinese sausages.

**OUT AND ABOUT**

**BooksActually**

*The bookstore’s exterior and interior; rows of books.*

A homegrown indie bookstore with a curated selection of local and international literature, and vintage curios.

**Kenny Leck:** BooksActually has been running for eleven years. We have always specialized in fiction and literature, with a very heavy focus on Singapore literature. We build it as we go along. For folks who have been following us over the last eleven years, they’ve seen how the bookstore is getting more and more cluttered. Just right behind me here – when we were starting out in our first, second, third year, we had none of these…we had some of it, but not this much. And as time goes, I’m a hoarder I guess!

**Aura**

*A cocktail; a Singapore flag flutters in the wind in the background; two ladies enjoy drinks and a chat.*

For cocktails, served with a side of stunning views.

**Duxton Hill**

*A Duxton Hill road sign; a view of the street.*

**Ravin:** If you look down the street, this area especially, you won’t find any street like this in Singapore. So people always come here and they always love the stretch, because they always say it looks totally different from any part of Singapore they’ve been to. And also the restaurants here – the government has changed and made this whole place a revamped F&B space.

**Oxwell & Co**

*The restaurant’s signage; its exterior and interior.*

A Brit-inspired resto and bar offering classic English dishes with a twist.

**Nick Scorpion:** Oxwell over the past three years has slowly become an icon and an institution on Ann Siang and Club Street. We’re a place with four floors that offers and celebrates anything British.

*Nick stands at behind the bar counter; he dispenses ale from a tap; a chef torches sandwiches; another chef marinates meat; Nick debones a salmon fillet.*

**Nick:** The food and drinks are obviously more British-centric. So in the bar we have things like cider, ale, lagers, cocktails designed for the geographical location, and also the branding of being Brit. The food is modern gastropub, I would say. We’re still doing things like burgers and fish and chips, but everything in there is handmade and house-made, from the bread to the butter to the chips.

*Patrons chat and unwind over food and drinks; a couple walk away from the restaurant and into the night.*

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