ABOUT BALESTIER

A RICH MEDLEY OF ARCHITECTURE, HERITAGE AND HISTORY

Balestier is a fascinating area that tells a riveting tale of Singapore's remarkable journey, from British colonial times to a progressive, democracy society today.

Visit historical monuments marketing the 1911 Chinese Revolution and wander along the five-foot ways that line the landmark buildings rooted in the area's 180-year history. Explore quaint shops of vanishing trades or sit down to a traditional meal of chicken rice or bak kut teh at one of many eateries that define the true-blue Singaporean epicurean experience.

Slide your feet into your favourite walking shoes and with our guide and a camera in hand, you are all ready to discover the colourful and rustic charms of the wonderful district we call Balestier.

THE BALESTIER INSIDER
DISCOVER THE HERITAGE

UNVEIL THE HIDDEN GEMS OF BALESTIER DURING YOUR STAY AT THE RAMADA AND DAYS HOTELS BY WYNDHAM SINGAPORE AT ZHONGSHAN PARK

RAMADA SINGAPORE
At Zhongshan Park in the Balestier and Novena area offers 382 well-appointed contemporary guest rooms with free WiFi, catering to both business and leisure travellers. Facilities include a 30-metre swimming pool, 24-hour fitness centre, versatile meeting and banquet spaces, business centre and the Michelin Bib Gourmand restaurant, New Ubin Zhongshan Park.

DAYS HOTEL SINGAPORE
Days hotel by Wyndham Singapore at Zhongshan Park comprises 405 stylishly designed guest rooms with free WiFi. Facilities include a 24-hour gym, a self-service launderomat for travellers' convenience and 21 on Rajah, a halal-certified all-day dining restaurant.

ZHONGSHAN MALL
Next to the lush outdoor spaces of Zhongshan Park, Zhongshan Mall houses an array of retail stores, an NTUC Finest Supermarket and F&B outlets.

OUR CONCIERGE ALSO RECOMMENDS:

- Combat Durian (D24, Wang Zhong Wang, Golden Phoenix)
  249 Balestier Rd, Singapore 329714

- Hillman Restaurant (Cantonese claypot cuisine)
  135 Kitchener Road, Singapore 208518

- Whampoa Keng Fish Head Steamboat Restaurant
  556 Balestier Road, Singapore 329872
**THINGS TO EXPLORE**

Balestier is a special mix of the old and new, built upon a colourful past and a vibrant present. While the shophouses and terraces of yore have given way to new apartments and shopping centres, there is still much to see and discover.

**SUN YAT SEN NANYANG MEMORIAL HALL**
Declared a National Monument in 1994, the villa was the local headquarters for Dr. Sun Yat Sen. The museum offers a closer look at the life of Dr. Sun and the contributions made by Chinese communities in the Southeast Asia to the 1911 Revolution which overthrew the Qing Dynasty.

**NOVENA CHURCH**
Dedicated to St. Alphonsus, it is one of the first churches built in Singapore after the WWII in 1950. The popular Saturday novena sessions attract as many as 20,000 people each weekend.

**BALESTIER POINT**
Built in 1986, the 8-storey shopping mall stands out with its uncommon design, reflecting Picasso’s cubist influences.

**ZHONGSHAN PARK**
Nestled between our hotels you will find the scenic and tranquil Zhongshan Park. Look down on the pavement to view plaques that document the life of Dr Sun.

**SASONGOROMSI BURMESE BUDDHIST TEMPLE**
With history dating back to 1875, the temple is the only Buddhist temple outside of Myanmar built in traditional Burmese architectural style, complete with eye-catching golden spire and an 11-foot (3m) tall marble statue of Buddha weighing 10 tonnes.

**WATER KIOSK**
Possibly Singapore’s last free water kiosk, a legacy of the early days when clean water was a luxury. This free water kiosk is supplied by a Chinese temple nearby and dates back to the 1920s.

**SHOW MALAY STUDIO**
In the 1950s, the Shaw Brothers Film Studios at Jalan Ampas produced many of the films that made up the Golden Age of Singapore and Malay language cinema.

**HOME Hypo NS**
A civil service club offering entertainment services such as F&B outlets, bowling alley, karaoke studio, cooking classes, and multi-purpose halls for sports and leisure activities.

**TRADITIONAL SPECTACLES SHOP**
Looking for spectacles and a blast to the past? Pop by Lim Kay Khee Optical House, established since 1960, proudly retaining its original interiors.

**NOVENA MALLS**
For a spot of shopping, dining and entertainment, head down to Novena Square, Velocity and Square 2 where a diverse array of restaurants and shops await you.

**PRE-WAR TERRACE HOUSES**
Between Pagu and Martaban Roads is a row of conserved pre-war shophouses built in a European neo-classical style and were specially constructed along the ascending slope creating the effect of unbroken slopes.

**GCH CHOR TUA PEK FONG TEMPLE**
The temple was built by early Chinese migrants in 1847 to seek protection from deities. It houses a free-standing wayang or Chinese opera stage that was constructed in 1906. It is one of two such stages left in Singapore today.

**MASJID HOJJOH ROHIKOBE KEBUN LIMAU**
Kebun Limau means citrus fruit garden; the area where the mosque resides was named for the gardens that once grew here.
BAK CHOR MEE
Sit down to bowl of Bak Chor Mee (Hokkien for minced meat noodles) and get ready to slurp your way through every delicious mouthful.

LAM YEO
For the ultimate cuppa done Singapore-style, drop by Lam Yeo Coffee Powder Shop and brace yourself for the strong aroma of old-style coffee powder, or "kopi" as we call it here.

TANDOORI CORNER
Fancy some Briyani and Tandoori Chicken? Tandoori Corner serves authentic North Indian food at reasonable prices.

WHAMPAA MARKET
Among the affordable delights found in the food centre, the Rojak (fruit and vegetable salad), Nasi Padang and Fish Head Steamboat are the much-loved favourites of locals and tourists alike.

BOLESTER MARKET
Built in 1922 for local farmers to sell their produce and served as a food-rationing centre during World War II, the conserved building houses food stalls serving a variety of mouth-watering local favourites.

TOU SAR PIAH
Also known as Bean Paste Biscuit, there are two kinds of Tau Sar Piah, a sweet and a salty version to cater for different taste buds. What's your preferred flavour?

WHERE TO EAT
A virtual melting pot of diverse cultures, Singapore is the perfect place to take off for a dining adventure. Delve into the foodie paradise of the Balestier district, where culinary gems lie in wait.

NEW UBIN
Zhongshan Park
The Michelin Bib Gourmand recipient serving a confluence of hearty char siew meat and seafood at Ramada by Wyndham Singapore at Zhongshan Park.

21 ON RAJAH
An all-day halal-certified dining restaurant located at Days Hotel by Wyndham Singapore at Zhongshan Park, 21 on Rajah presents a gastronomic mix of Mediterranean and local cuisine.

CHICKEN RICE
Balestier is one of the best places to sample Singapore's national dish of steamed or roasted chicken with flavoursome rice cooked with chicken stock.

TRADITIONAL BAKERIES
The unmistakable whiff of freshly baked bread envelopes you the moment you step into Sing Hon Loong, one of the last traditional bakeries left in Singapore.

EASTERN RICE DUMPLINGS
If you prefer your rice dumplings done the good ol' way, you will surely be delighted with the time-honoured flavours at Eastern Rice Dumplings.

FOUNDER'S BAK KUT TEH
The many celebrity photos that line the walls of the eatery and never-ending crowds are proof of Founder's Bak Kut Teh authentic appeal. Bak Kut Teh is a Chinese dish consisting of pork ribs simmered in a broth of herbs and spices.