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Taiwan is home to plenty of beautiful sights and sounds, from scenic mountains and saltwater hot springs to energetic and vibrant night markets and shopping districts. Some of these locations can be cost-friendly, while others tend to be pricier. So here's a guide to help you see Taiwan on a budget.



WANDER-FUL TAIWAN

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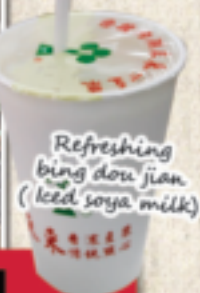


Winners of the Travel2Taiwan contest, Elizabeth Kamaldin and Elizabeth Goh, present the highlights of their 9-day trip! Check out Elizabeth K's blog at bentonions.wordpress.com/!

IN KAOHSIUNG WITH SGD\$100 (NT\$2,000)

Located in the south of Taiwan, the thriving metropolis of Kaohsiung is home to many touristy attractions like the Lotus Lake and Rui Feng Night Market. But as transport expenditure will be fairly hefty - due to fewer train stations available - it is best to set aside a budget of roughly NT\$300 for transport before planning your travelling itinerary.

LAI LAI DOU JIANG DIAN



LUNCH AT LAI LAI DOU JIANG KAOHSIUNG DIAN

Resembling our local coffee shops, this store serves traditional Chinese delicacies. A must try is their beef wrap NT\$100 for two rolls, which is a crunchier twist on our popiah, and also their beef xiao long bao NT\$80 for 10 pcs! Have yourself a bing dou jian (iced soya milk) for NT\$20 to complement your meal.

DOMES OF LIGHT

For the art lovers, head to Formosa Boulevard Station, where you'll find the world's largest public art installation - made out of pieces of stained glass. Called the Domes of Light, the installation is a visual feast, hands down.

DRAGON & TIGER PAGODAS



LOTUS LAKE

Situated at Zuoying Station, the Lotus Lake is one of Kaohsiung's most popular attractions. Dotted with several temples - like the Confucius Temple, Dragon and Tiger Pagodas, and the Spring and Autumn Pavilions - Lotus Lake is a great way to get in-tune with Taiwan's culture.

HAPPY LIFE LEISURE V.S. CAFE



SHINKUCHAN

Close to the Central Park Station is the shopping district Shinkuchan. Open throughout the day, and selling everything from clothes, shoes and accessories to beauty products, the price range for most items is NT\$400 to NT\$1,200.

After the shopping, if you're feeling peckish, visit the Happy Life Leisure V.S. Cafe, which is walking distance from the district, as they serve up some delectable snacks like spicy chicken nuggets NT\$70 or cheese fries NT\$90.

RUI FENG NIGHT MARKET

Another of Taiwan's famous night markets, besides just shopping visitors flock to Rui Feng Night Market for its affordable steamboat. Sitting on child-size stools, happy eaters huddle over steaming bowls piled high with meat and vegetables. Steamboat prices range from NT\$150 to NT\$300, depending on the side dishes you pick.



IN TAIPEI WITH SGD\$150 (NT\$3,000)

Taiwan's bustling capital is home to nearly three million people and at least two world record buildings. With SGD\$150 in hand, it is easy to catch some of the sights of Taipei, and shop till you drop as well. Travelling in Taipei is a breeze with an MRT card (NT\$200), which is good for getting around all over the city.

NATIONAL PALACE MUSEUM



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The National Palace Museum - Taipei's top attraction - is home to the largest collection of Chinese art treasures with some artifacts as old as 5000 years. With an entrance fee of NT\$80, visitors will see exquisite pieces like the Jadeite Cabbage, which is regarded as the crown jewel of the museum. Before leaving, be sure to check out the museum's souvenir shop to purchase mementos like a Jadeite Cabbage fridge magnet (NT\$100) or a metal bookmark (NT\$150).

IN TAICHUNG WITH SGD\$50 (NT\$1,000)

Taiwan's third largest city, Taichung, welcomes tourists with its cool climate, thriving cultural scene, friendly people and picturesque scenery. With just SGD\$50 in hand, it's easy to get around and check out the many sights.

SUN MOON LAKE

Located in the heart of Taiwan is the country's biggest lake - Sun Moon Lake. A favourite among many honeymooners because of its majestic backdrop of mountains, the scenic lake is also a favourite among outdoor enthusiasts because of its cycling paths and hiking trails.

A round trip via bus to Sun Moon Lake will only cost about NT\$340. Depending on the weather or traffic, it may take an hour or two to reach the lake from Taichung train station.

Upon reaching the Shuishe Visitor Centre - the entrance to the lake - visitors will need to purchase a Sun Moon Lake pass that will cost NT\$330. This pass allows you to utilise the different transports available to get you around, like a ferry, cable car or bus.

You could also stop by the Itashao pier and do a little souvenir shopping like a toy bow (for NT\$200) or try out some of their delicacies, which includes tea eggs or porridge (NT\$10).

Round trip bus tickets only NT\$340



Ferry around Sun Moon Lake



Glorious view from the cable car



Delicious tea eggs

JAY CHOU'S RESTAURANT

There are plenty of restaurants in Taiwan that are owned by individuals from the showbiz industry. One such restaurant is the Mr. J. Fujiwara Tofu Shop from Jay Chou. Themed after his movie, Initial D, visitors can try some of the restaurant's popular dishes, which include the small tofu hot pot (NT\$250), beef fried rice (NT\$180) or the fried soft shell crab (NT\$250).



Steaming small tofu hot pot

TAIPEI 101

The world's second tallest building, Taipei 101 is a great place to get some shopping done, with popular brands like agnes b. and CAFE L'ES. There are also plenty of cafes to get a bite or just to get some people-watching done. Plus for just NT\$400, visitors will be able to enjoy stunning views of the cityscape from the 89th floor of the building.



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YI ZHONG JIE MARKET



YI ZHONG JIE NIGHT MARKET

For some shopping, head to the Yi Zhong Jie Night Market. Nicknamed "Taichung's Academic Street" by the locals as it is a favourite spot among students, the night market opens at around 5pm in the evening. As it's catered to the student market, you can easily get an entire getup for less than NT\$400.



THE LIST

GLOBETROTTING MUSIC JUNKIES

For music junkies, summer is more than just a season to break out the flip-flops and tees - it's a time to start marking calendars because the world will be on its feet with the plethora of music festivals held across the globe. We've compiled a list of some of the world's most electrifying music hotspots - that way you can start saving a littler earlier (because some of them can cost a pretty penny).



HO-HAI-YAN ROCK FESTIVAL, TAIWAN
10 July - 14 July 2014
Free for all

A 5-day concert held at Fulong Beach (New Taipei), the Ho-Hai-Yan Festival is free for all. Showcasing the best of Taiwan's most regarded rock musicians like Sodagreen and Mayday in addition to some international bands like flumpool (Japan) and Far From Finished (USA), the festival is a favourite among many. With days set aside for friendly 'battle-of-the-bands' sessions between new and old acts, this music fest is a must for any fan with the love for Taiwanese rock.



LOLLAPALOOZA, USA
1 August - 3 August 2014
\$250 for 3-day pass

The Lollapalooza is a 3-day festival held in Chicago. Initially created by Jane's Addiction frontman (Perry Farrell) to celebrate their departure from the music scene, the idea soon expanded to become a festival to showcase new acts dominating the underground music in the early '90s. Now featuring over 140 artists - from a variety of genres including hip-hop and indie - Lollapalooza 2014 has confirmed bands like The Killers, Imagine Dragons and Nine Inch Nails.



TOMORROWLAND, BELGIUM
July 24 - July 27 2014
\$350 for 3-day pass

One of the largest music festivals in Europe, and the granddaddy of electronic dance music (EDM) fests, Tomorrowland is slightly costlier than the other fabled EDM festival (Creamfields), but definitely worth a visit. With figureheads of the genre like Armin Van Buuren, David Guetta and Paul Oakenfold often headlining the festival, which is set in Boom, it's a must-visit for any fan of electronic dance music.

SPLENDOUR IN THE GRASS, AUSTRALIA
29 July - 31 July 2014
\$350 for 3-day pass

With some Australian music festivals (or spin-offs) choosing to set up shop on Singapore shores (ie. Laneway & Big Night Out), Splendour in the Grass is quintessentially Australian, showcasing the best Australian acts. A winter festival held in Byron Bay (near Brisbane), this 2-day fest has a few international acts making appearances. With a 'Mystery Act' that's revealed a few days before the fest, Splendour in the Grass is a favourite by many looking to enjoy a tune without the smothering heat.

SUMMER SONIC FESTIVAL, JAPAN
10 August - 11 August 2014
\$350 for 2-day pass

A lot closer to home, the Summer Sonic Festival - held in Tokyo and Osaka simultaneously - is Japan's much-publicised rock festival. Seeing a line-up of local and international rock artistes, some of the big names that have previously graced the stages include: One OK Rock, Stereophonics, Franz Ferdinand, Linkin Park and The Strokes. A 2-day festival not to be missed for any rock fan, the concert is preceded by an all-night dance party called the Sonicmania, which sees more dance-friendly artists like Steve Aoki or even the Pet Shop Boys.



READING FESTIVAL, ENGLAND
22 August - 24 August 2014
\$400 for 3-day pass

No stranger to music festival junkies, the Reading Festival - held in Reading - is one of the world's oldest music festivals. Having played host to several music genres in its earlier years, this 3-day festival is now largely dominated by hip-hop, rock, indie and metal artistes, with this year's festival seeing acts like Green Day, Fall Out Boy, Skrillex and System of a Down.



* All dates and prices are from 2013. Check respective websites for next year's dates and prices.

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BEYOND THE TOURIST TRAIL

Travelling overseas for a holiday is a luxury that most of us don't usually get with it being really expensive these days. Not to mention, you would have to take time off from your busy schedule to travel. We've come up with 4 ways you can see the world without paying full price for them.

EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

The beauty of exchange programs would be that you get to immerse yourself entirely in a country's culture by seeing things from a contrasting perspective. Exchange programmes usually involve you living with a local family hence enabling you to see things from a different point of view – an experience likely uncommon for a regular tourist.

Most universities in Singapore (like NUS, NTU) have bilateral agreements with universities around the world for exchange programmes, but if you're not studying there, there are also other exchange programmes available. An example is one hosted by the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA). They hold cultural exchanges in a two-week period where they bring you to explore a host country, allowing you to develop your social skills when speaking to someone of a different background as well as teach you valuable skills on being a global citizen.



VOLUNTEER PROGRAMMES

Join a Volunteer Welfare Organisation (VWO) and you might get to travel overseas in exchange for a couple of days (or weeks) of labour which is usually aimed at helping the community at large. Over the years, schools are picking up this tactic as a measure to nurture their students into becoming global citizens who do their part for the community.

Volunteer programs are a great way for you to explore a new country and understand just how lucky we are to be here in Singapore. For example, Project Coast2Coast, a local VWO renders services to both the local and international community, with overseas volunteer programmes every year to help countries in the region.

Shafiq Yeo, an 18 year old Ngee Ann Polytechnic student, who recently went on a trip to aid a slum in Jakarta, said, "Seeing the smiles from the kids in the slum was definitely a heartwarming experience for me and I encourage everyone to try it. But something like this is definitely not for someone who isn't willing to get their hands dirty."



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WORKING HOLIDAY VISAS

There are a number of countries that offer working holiday visas for youths (aged 18-30) intending to spend their holidays in a certain country and work there to pay for their travels. Singaporeans can opt for the Working Holidaymaker Scheme (UK), Summer Work Travel Program (USA) or the Work Exchange Programme (New Zealand).

The Working Holidaymaker Scheme lasts for 2 years and you are only allowed to work for one year. It starts the moment you reach the country and ends two years from that date, regardless if you leave and return back to the country midway; the remaining time would be used for your holiday.

The Summer Work Travel Program – eligible to those who're in tertiary education – allows you to work part-time during your summer vacation (May-Sep). Some employees even provide free food and lodging!

The Work Exchange Programme lasts for 6 months and you will need to source for a New Zealand-based company to work with.

While the main goal for these visas is for a holiday, working overseas will improve your repertoire of skills when you return to Singapore to work. Through these schemes, you are able to extensively explore another country while supporting your travels with an overseas job.

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Best Of EUROPE

BY YUGE ZHANG

The Eiffel Tower



PARIS

Oh Paris. Give yourself a moment to mull over the fact that you're really in Paris. Getting a concession pass includes discounts to malls and museums. It's a steal in this extremely expensive city. Try fine dining or satisfy your hunger at the nearest Carrefour. Cute French cashiers are always a plus!

Be sure to check out the Eiffel Tower as it glitters in gold as the sun sets. Also, pay a visit to the Louvre, and take a picture of the Mona Lisa. Hang around the Louvre after sunset to watch the glass pyramids light up like magic. To top it off, head down to Champs-Élysées for some retail therapy and Ladurée for some yummy macaroons.



Glass pyramid at the Louvre

The best macaroons at Ladurée



View from the Citadella



Prague Tower

PRAGUE

Prague is filled with beautiful and captivating architecture. Head to the astronomical clock and marvel at its beauty, or admire the intricate architecture of Prague Castle. Climb the old town bridge tower and capture scenic shots of this beautiful city.

If you're hungry, grab a bite of smoked ham and beer in Old Town, while enjoying beautiful music and skillful dances by amazingly talented buskers. Lastly, leave your mark on the famous Lennon Wall (a tourist hotspot!)



The Lennon Wall



The Parliament Building

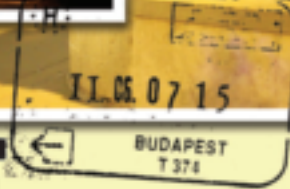


BUDAPEST

Buda Castle



This city is breathtaking - from the Citadel to the Parliament. No wonder Katy Perry shot "Fireworks" here. For an interesting experience, head to Szimpla, one of the weirdest and coolest ruin pubs in Budapest. For some local delights, try the Rose Gelato at St. Stephen's Basilica and the gigantic kebab at Blaha Lujza station only at 550 Forints (SGD2.50). An afternoon out consists of either lazing on the liberty bridge or hiking up the Citadella for a bird's eye view of Budapest.



WHERE THE MOVIES WERE

BY LIM YEN SIU

Been starry-eyed while gazing upon beautiful scenery in a movie or felt a twinge of familiarity when looking at some of the movie sites? Or perhaps you found a particular location interesting and wanted to know more about it? Pay a trip to these places yourself as we uncover some of the most prominent locations in movies!



CLIFFS OF MOHER

Located in Ireland, these towering cliffs overlook the sea and is a popular tourist spot. It is no wonder then that this beautiful place has been featured in movies such as the romantic comedy "Leap Year" (2010) and also in "Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince" (2009).



GUNKANJIMA

Remember the disturbing scene in "Skyfall" (2012) where the evil mastermind shoots and kills a girl with a scotch glass on her head? The site was actually part of a Japanese island named Gunkanjima which used to house over 8,000 people but became a ghost town within two months in 1974 when the villagers abandoned it for jobs in the city.



MONUMENT VALLEY

One of the most iconic landscapes used in movies, this unique rock formation on the border of Arizona and Utah has been featured in sci-fi films such as "Back to the Future Part III" (1990), where protagonist Marty McFly landed when he travelled back to 1885. The valley is also a location for action movies such as "Mission: Impossible II" (2000), where the opening scene was shot entirely on one of the rocks.



THE HATFIELD HOUSE

Also known as "the home of superheroes", this luxurious English house has at one time or another belonged to Lara Croft in "Tomb Raider" (2001) as well as Bruce Wayne in "Batman" (1989) and "Batman Begins" (2005). Viewers of these movies would recognise the signature long hallway of the house.



CHAND BAORI

Viewers of "The Dark Knight Rises" (2012) would no doubt recall the prison pit that Batman had to climb out of in order to regain his freedom. The movie set's walls and stairs were actually modeled after Chand Baori in Rajasthan (India) - an elaborate step-well spanning 3,500 steps over 13 stories built in 800AD to provide water for the arid land.



GASTOWN

Located in Vancouver, this town is not only a national historic site but also a popular movie location that has been featured in "Romeo Must Die" (2000), "Catwoman" (2004) and "I, Robot" (2004). Gastown has also been utilised as a backdrop for popular sci-fi television shows such as "Supernatural" and "Fringe".



KUALOA RANCH

A popular horse-riding location, this luscious landscape of greenery set against a backdrop of majestic mountains makes it an ideal location to shoot movies like the romantic comedy "50 First Dates" (2004) as well as the iconic sci-fi thriller "Jurassic Park" (1993).

UNUSUAL HOTELS

BY: ANNABELLE JEFFREY

When deciding your next holiday, steer away from the usual accommodation facilities and take your pick from the many unusual hotels dotted across the world. Clearly setting themselves apart from other conventional hotels through their unique (and unusual) themes, checking-in at one of these hotels might just be the beginning of an adventure.



KAROSTA PRISON HOTEL, LATVIA

What used to be a dreadful prison is now a hotel where guests can experience the actual treatment of past prisoners, including death threats, gunfire warnings, physical exercise, verbal abuse and woes of misery from fellow inmates. Guests will also be staying in actual prison cells with all the facilities of one. As a bonus, "lucky" guests will be able to "enjoy" the visits of past prisoners as they are rumoured to roam the hallways at night!

HOBBIT MOTEL, NEW ZEALAND

Seen the movie 'Hobbit'? Ever wanted to experience how they live in their tiny houses? The Hobbit motel in New Zealand is almost an exact replica of the Hobbits' underground dwellings, making you feel like you're in Tolkien's middle-earth! Equipped with a kitchen, each apartment houses up to 6 people. Not only is the motel unique, activities such as black water rafting and Billy Black's Kiwi culture show are hit too!



MAGIC MOUNTAIN LODGE, CHILE

This man-made hotel is shaped like a volcano – it even has water spewing off the top of the lodge to make it more realistic. However, carpeted with greenery and antique windows and doors, it looks more like something out of a 'Robin Hood' book than a volcano. The surrounding environment is filled with flora and fauna to make the guests feel right at home in the wilderness. In addition, the shaky wooden drawbridge adds a medieval touch.



CAVE HOTEL, TURKEY

Fashioned out of rocks in the past, the hotel's structure is left as it is so as to embrace its history and tradition. Though it may look a little like a ruin, the rooms have stone fireplaces, travertine-tiled bathrooms and even jacuzzis in some. Each room in the hotel is exclusively decorated to give them character. Plus its famous Turkish night show – with acts like belly dancing and folk performances – is on every night.

ICE HOTEL, SWEDEN

Made of snow with only a few steel structures, this hotel will literally give you the chills. Even its fixtures and furniture are made of ice too! But fear not – this hotel will keep you warm and toasty despite its cool exterior with its fireplace and indoor hot tub. In addition, the hotel provides activities such as snowboarding, dog sledding, ice driving and many more!



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5 WEIRDEST FOODS IN ASIA

BY SARA JANE ONG
& ANNABELLE MARIA

Who doesn't want to travel to experience new sights and foods? Some foods, however, are ... odd, in a sense, but a favourite delicacy in their respective countries. Here are five odd foods you can try.



RABBIT'S HEAD

If you're in Chengdu, China, a must-try is rabbit head. A famous delicacy among the locals, the rabbit head is braised and spiced for hours, which makes the meat extremely tender (and similar to the consistency of duck pate).

Once you get past the horrifying aspect of chewing on a cuddly, adorable bunny, the method to eating this delicacy is splitting the jaw in half to get to the creamiest part of the dish: the brain. Easily made into a chunky soup, the rabbit's head is said to taste like turkey.

PIG'S BLOOD CAKE (ON A STICK)

Just like the name says, pigs' blood is boiled with glutinous rice until it forms a texture similar to an eraser. It is then cut into bars, skewered and rolled around in a handful of peanut flour topped with bits of coriander. Accompanying this chewy dish is a sweet & sour dipping sauce (Tonkatsu Sauce) that complements the saltiness of coagulated pig's blood.



LIVE SPOON WORMS

Spoon worms - otherwise known as the penis fish (or the fat innkeeper worm) - are delicacies in countries like Japan and Korea. The worms are eaten raw and cut into pieces for easier chewing; but be warned, they continue wiggling around the plate even after a fine dice. Known for its soft, chewy texture similar to raw oysters, this delicacy is not for the faint-hearted, especially since it takes a whole lot of chewing to keep this delicacy from escaping.



STARFISH

We all know of someone who has tried fried insects (or even scorpions) and boasted about it. If you're looking to amp up the exotic palate, then have a go at fried starfish. Found mainly in the temple area of Chengdu, you will spot a stall or two selling skewered meat. But upon closer inspection, those skewers are filled with bits of crunchy scorpions, mealworms and bite-sized starfish. Tasting a little like ikan bilis, the dish is best eaten in small volumes because it can make you feel a little nauseous (if you're not used to adventurous foods).



LIVE COBRA HEART

When you order a cobra dish, what follows is a full bottle of rice vodka, funnel and huge knives carried by waiters who will prepare the course (right before your eyes). The cobra's head is first cut, and then the venom and blood are drained from the snake, and then put into the bottle. Despite being drained of blood, the heart will be still pulsating. At one go, adventurous eaters will have to chug a glass of the pulsating heart, venom and blood liquor. The Vietnamese believe that those who eat it will get a part of the cobra's power and strength. Want to be empowered? Try some cobra heart!



FUNNY SIGNBOARDS

FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Part of the fun of travelling abroad is spotting strange or funny signboards that we don't normally see everyday. Here is a collection of some of the most bizarre and funny signs we've come across.

NOTHING EXCITING



GOING PRIVATE:



UNFORTUNATE OTHERS



BY LIM YEN SIU

OUT OF THIS WORLD

If you're hoping for an extraordinary vacation to cure your woes, splurge on these once-in-a-lifetime travel destinations or head for an adventure like no other.

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The resort charges EUR\$11,000 per night.

Eden Rock
ST BARTHELEMY

CASA EL DESTINO, MEXICO

Secure your own villa in this resort located at the point of Punta Mita. Each bedroom in the villa has its own private terrace with an ocean view. A specialised service team consisting of a personal chef, housekeepers and a concierge will be at your every beck and call whilst you indulge in activities such as whale watching and in-villa spa services. Rates range from USD\$10,000 - USD\$15,000 per night.

ISLA DE SA FERRADURA, SPAIN

The size of approximately 8 American football fields, this private island in the Mediterranean is as extravagant as it gets.

Travellers will have their own estate (equipped with a kitchen, a pool and a wine bodega) and access to a subtropical lagoon with a waterfall. Satisfy your thirst for adventure with water-cycling or a visit to a "secret" cave that has since been converted into a spa. The resort is EUR\$147,000 per week.



EXTREME EXPERIENCES

Tired of just eating and shopping and looking for something new to spice up your vacations? These travel spots might just be the place you're looking for!

LIFE BALL. AUSTRIA

If you're looking for the party of a lifetime, head to the Life Ball in Vienna where you can rub shoulders with celebrities like Elton John and Heidi Klum, who have graced past occasions. Tickets are notoriously hard to secure, with 95,000 people vying for 3,780 spots last year. Tickets go up to EUR\$14,400, but your money goes to a good cause since the event supports the fight against AIDS.



MUSHA CAY, BAHAMAS

Situated in the Exuma Chain, you arrive on Musha Cay's private airstrip in style. You can partake in a treasure hunt as a pirate, lose yourself in a monkey village with mind-reading animals, or be a spy in an exhilarating island adventure involving laser beams and helicopters. Illusionist David Copperfield owns the resort and claims that the "Fountain of Youth" is on one of the islands... Prices start at USD\$37,500 per night (min. 4 nights).

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WHERE TO STUDY?

Looking to further your education, but can't decide if you should apply for a local university or head abroad? Here's a bunch of pointers that might ease that

conundrum – just pick the pointers that you best identify with, and you're on your way to making a decision.

STUDYING LOCALLY

CHEAPER: When you choose to study locally, expenses like rent and food are less of a burden, as you will be living at home, and food will usually be taken care of. Most local and private universities also have subsidised fees for local students, along with textbook prices.

FAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS: Adjusting to a new country with new faces and surroundings might be difficult for some. Being away from loved ones for long periods of time can also affect some people, so if you fit that category, studying on home ground is your best bet.



EASIER TO GET A STUDENT LOAN: Student loans are aplenty these days, but banks generally prefer handing out loans to students studying locally, as there are less clauses involved. Moreover students who choose to study locally tend to enjoy lower interest rates than the ones who choose to study abroad.



MORE FOCUSED: As studying abroad has its distractions – from city escapades to late-night chilling with your new hostel mates – you will be hitting the books less than when you're studying locally. Plus with your parents around, escaping study mode is hard when they're there to remind you that you're sitting for a degree.



INTERNSHIPS: Taking on an internship at university is often part of a learning curve, but if you're interning locally not only do you learn the tricks of the trade, you make contacts in the industry, which helps big time when you need to look for a job after graduation.



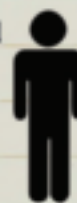
STUDYING ABROAD

BECOMING INDEPENDENT: Living in a different country on your own means there are plenty of things you will have to do by yourself before you get acquainted with the place and people. You will also have to force yourself out of your comfort zone most of the time, and make tough decisions, which all helps in growing up.

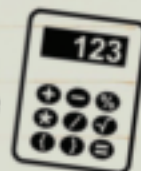


EXPERIENCE NEW CULTURES: New surroundings, new people, new food and new cultures! You will get to experience and learn everything about your host country, and with your new friends in tow, you could even try out things you would have hesitated back home.

DEVELOP VALUABLE CAREER SKILLS: Employers, especially from bigger organisations, appreciate employees who have studied abroad (or have spent some time overseas), as they prove to be more independent, adaptable to volatile situations, able to think on their feet and more open to change.



LEARN TO MANAGE FINANCES: Studying overseas means managing your finances effectively, as you'll have to handle paying rent, food, textbooks, etc. Your parents will definitely be there to help you with the monthly allowance, but there will be impulses to go overboard with the spending, so you'll have to learn how to save and spend wisely.



GAIN A NEW PERSPECTIVE: For most students studying overseas, their formative years are spent learning to fend for themselves, mingling with a diverse crowd, and exploring new things which often leads to them gaining a new (or several) perspective on life.



PROMISING ~DEGREES~

For many, picking a major to make a career out of is often their most daunting task because after graduation that decision could either have you sitting on the sidelines, or having a go at the rat race. So if you still can't quite figure out what discipline fits you, here are five degrees that can lead to promising industries in the future.

DIGITAL MEDIA

With the whole world wired in, this broad discipline teaches you to harness the web architecture to not only build fancy websites (with HTML and JavaScript), but also use it to be an online content creator through graphics, game designing or animation. Suited for anyone who enjoys working with their creative juices, and getting a 'screen tan', you can take on a degree in games programming or audio engineering in schools like the SAE Institute.



LIFE SCIENCE

A field of study that will continue evolving over the years as science breaks barriers to reach new heights, having a life science degree opens up a wealth of research opportunities in industries like cosmetic science, food science or even animal science. So if you're looking to improve peoples' lives - like finding a cure for leukaemia, or working on a stem cell research project to save endangered wildlife - take on a degree like the Bachelor of Biomedical Science, available at institutions like PSB Academy.



FINANCE

Suited for students looking to be leaders in the dynamic financial industry, a degree in finance will equip you with the tricks of the trade so that navigating through sectors like the stock market, investment or auditing firms will be less of a maze. To fathom the industry from a



strategic standpoint, the 'Advanced Masters Degree in Financial Techniques' - taught only in the ESSEC Business School - is open for students who are bachelor's degree holders with one-year working experience, or master's degree holders.

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

Besides offering a spectrum of career opportunities, the world never stops looking for a helping hand, and that's where a degree in behavioural science applies.

For those looking to help people through their adversity by taking on roles like therapists, counsellors and community service workers, a bachelor's degree in psychology would help. This degree also helps you understand the human mind like Carl Jung, who developed the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (something you'll no doubt become familiar with). You can choose full- or part-time programmes, which are available at schools like MDIS.



TOURISM

One of the world's fastest growing industries - especially with the onslaught of budget airlines - the tourism sector is filled with a myriad of work opportunities, from travelling overseas for jobs in hotel chains to working in a casino or cruise liner. So if you're looking for a career that will allow you to move around, and meet new people, you can take up a programme like the Bachelor of International Hotel and Tourism Management offered at the University of Queensland.



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- Top 1% of all universities worldwide (QS World Universities Rankings 2012/2013)

Edinburgh Napier
UNIVERSITY

- Top 10 UK University for "Getting a job" (The Telegraph 2012)



Loughborough University

- Top 10 Business School in UK by national league tables



Manchester Metropolitan University

- Top 20 in UK for quality teaching (The Complete University Guide 2013)

Australia



THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE AUSTRALIA

- Ranked 11th in Australia (Times Higher Education World University Rankings, 2011-2012)



THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
Achieving International Excellence

- Top 100 University (Academic Ranking of World Universities 2012)



THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG AUSTRALIA

- Top 2% of universities in the world (Times Higher Education World Universities Rankings 2012/2013)



It's **possible.**

Should I stay or should I go?

While many of you have already decided on your future educational path, here's a little quiz to help those who're still undecided.
(Note: you'd be silly to take this quiz seriously)

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Local University

Local (or public) universities in Singapore are often in high demand, not just by students but also by local employers like the government. And it's what parents always prefer.

Private University

Offering a much wider range of subjects and study durations, private universities are also linked with some of the most prestigious schools around the world.

Overseas University

Often known as the choice for those who can afford it, going overseas not only teaches you the subjects (prestigious schools are a boon), but also how to be independent.

PRIVATE VS LOCAL UNIVERSITIES

As the importance of getting a degree continues to grow, so is the debate of where to obtain it. There are those that swear by local universities, and there are some that love the flexibility of a private university. So if you can't decide where to go, here are some pointers to note before making that big decision.

PRIVATE



SHORTER DURATION TO COMPLETE:

Most private universities allow students to take on the fast track programme, which means completing their degree within a year or two (depending on their previous qualifications). Local universities, on the other hand, are quite rigid with their graduating timeline, so depending on the major taken up, you would have to dedicate at least 3 to 4 years.



LESS RIGID REQUIREMENTS

For most local universities their requirements are often set in stone, while a private university's requirements tend to be a little more flexible. For example, if you have worked or studied previously in the field that you're looking to apply for now, you might be able to get away with shorter curriculum years, or sit for less subjects and still obtain your degree. Those who don't meet a private university's requirements can sit for a foundation programme organised by the school.



OVERSEAS QUALIFICATIONS IN SINGAPORE

Instead of having to worry about the exorbitant costs (like housing, airfare ticket, etc.) that come with studying overseas, a lot of private universities in Singapore allow students to obtain overseas degrees from recognised universities in Australia, UK and US. So now there's no need to be away from home if you're looking to get an international degree.



SMALLER CLASSES

Local universities often hold larger classes because of the large intake of students as well their stricter timetables (as lectures are often held in the mornings, and tutorials in the afternoon). Private schools tend to host smaller classes due to the flexibility of their timetables, so if you're looking for more student involvement in class, and better teacher-student ratio, private universities are your best bet.



FLEXIBILITY

Private universities tend to offer a wider range of majors, and it is also much easier to take on a double major in a private rather than a local university. Plus, you can also take part-time courses. Moreover, if you realise that your chosen major is not what you want, you will be able to switch majors in the middle of a course without much difficulty (it is harder at most local universities).

LOCAL



COST FRIENDLY TO DEGREES:

Local universities are funded by the government which means school fees are relatively cheaper than private universities. For example, a local university's business degree would roughly cost \$10,000-\$15,000 while a private university's business degree would cost around \$30,000-\$40,000.



ACCESSIBILITY AND BETTER FACILITIES

As local universities are funded by the government, they are often able to build bigger campuses with a whole range of facilities like sports halls, clinics and bigger canteens. This makes it more accessible and convenient for the students studying there.



CERTIFIED MAJORS

To practise disciplines like medicine, law and architecture your degree needs to be professionally recognised by government boards - like the Board of Legal Education, Board of Architecture and Singapore Medical Council - which recognises all local degrees, but very few private ones.



MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Employers in Singapore are more inclined to offer jobs to local university graduates because local universities tend to have more of a favoured brand, as compared to the numerous private universities that provide foreign degrees which companies are not familiar with. Additionally most government organisations prefer hiring local university grads.



PRESTIGE

For most families, getting into a good university always often means a local university. Always held in high regard, graduating from a local university often translates to prestige, and being regarded as the cream of the crop, which means securing a job is much easier.



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HAUNTED HOTELS

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AROUND THE GLOBE

Horror tales have been around for many years, from ghost sightings to poltergeist phenomena – the list of paranormal activities continues to grow across the globe. So if you're blasé about local horror stories, and are looking for some international haunted hot spots, here are a bunch of hotels that seem to be a favourite among visitors of the darker realm.



FIRST HOTEL, BANGKOK

Located in the heart of Bangkok, the First Hotel is famous due to a huge fire that broke out, which resulted in the death of 15 people. The hotel was refurbished but it has not been the same since. Reports have come in about the hotel being haunted, as lifts would stop working and break down on random floors, while other electrical appliances would flicker on and off on their own. It might just be the poor system they have in place, but no one knows for sure.



GRAND HYATT, TAIPEI

The Grand Hyatt in Taipei holds a darker secret - it was built on the grounds of a Japanese prison camp - one that used to torture and execute prisoners of war - during WWII. No one knows for sure why the hotel was built on this ground but the hotel has a long history of ghostly encounters. Every so often, visitors complain of blood curdling screams that fill the hallway. Visitors also kick up a fuss when their belongings are moved and when the doors are suddenly slammed shut by "unknown beings". The paranormal activity in this hotel has led many to shorten their stay at the Grand Hyatt.

THE LANGHAM HOTEL, LONDON

The Langham Hotel has been around for over 146 years. And in that time, she has seen many different types of visitors both normal and paranormal. Home to some famous ghosts like the former French Emperor Napoleon III - who loves to startle guests by shaking beds violently - to a doctor who brutally murdered his wife and himself afterwards. All of these happenings occur only in one room - Room 333 - and many still continue to stay there, including BBC sports announcer James Alexander Gordon, who woke up to see a fluorescent ball-spinning atop him, which eventually took the form of a gentleman in a Victorian evening gown.

HOTEL BURCHIANTI, ITALY

Hotel Burchianti is famous for its historic art. However, these aren't the only factors that come into play for guests at the hotel, as it is rumored that the hotel is infested with spirits. Many guests have claimed seeing spirits roaming around the hotel - like an elderly woman knitting in a rocking chair, and a little girl playing in the hallways to a maid who cleans up after her guests. One guest is even said to have seen the impression of an unknown face on her friend's cheek - she was surprisingly still asleep. The most intriguing fact surrounding this hotel is that after 6pm, it's only male employees working.



STANLEY HOTEL, COLORADO

Welcome to Stanley Hotel. Said to be one of the oldest haunted hotels, it is also where Stephen King drew inspiration for his movie 'The Shining' after a night's stay at room 217, with his wife. There have been many incidents of ghostly encounters in the hotel. The most common one is where the ghost of the original owner's late wife, Flora Stanley, playing the piano late at night. Other television shows like Ghost Hunters have investigated the area, and have found spirits playing peek-a-boo in hallways, or even throwing around furniture. Several visitors have also reported hearing shrilly children's laughter outside their door but there would be no kids in sight. They've also returned to messy rooms, with handprints of small children on the mirrors.



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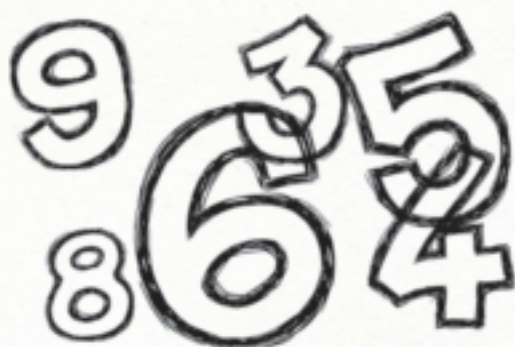


BY KIAT TAN WEI JIE

group travel

Travelling often tops the to-do list for many, so when the time comes around to start scheduling these holidays, many choose to take up the sojourn alone, or with a close buddy. The unspoken rule among many travellers is

that travelling in big groups is often a big headache. But we're here to break that misconception; here are some reasons why taking on that adventure with a big group of friends is the way to go:



strength in numbers

With a larger group of friends, you can travel with a peace of mind as everyone's looking out for each other. Your travelling pack can comprise of people with multiple strengths too. One person may be great at bargaining, the other can speak a foreign tongue, and another could be proficient in map reading.

Another great boon is the mix of personalities that come with each group – from adventurous spirits to prudent individuals – the more the merrier, and with the diversity there's always opportunities to come out of your comfort zone.

building relationships

Through group travelling, relationships are deepened or new ones are developed. Regardless if you're travelling with friends, family, or even with a group of strangers – exploring new environments forces you to learn more about the other person. Bonds and friendships are also strengthened as you tackle situations that crop up during the journey. The team that plays together stays together!



saving more

TRAVELLING

Some airlines and cruises offer group rates that can be significantly cheaper than those for lone travellers. For example, Tiger Airways offers a group fare for a group of ten or more passengers, while Jetstar offers group fares and the flexibility of payment and baggage for large groups. Travel companies also provide group travellers with travel insurance at a cheaper rate. It's advisable to call an airline or travel company to enquire about group discounts.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Travelling with a large circle of friends mean more people can split the bill. Most travellers request for more beds after booking a room but if your group is large enough, some hotels offer bulk rates. Renting private villas are another option – compared to booking numerous hotel rooms, just one villa like those in Bali or Thailand can accommodate the entire group at a cheaper rate. Nothing beats privacy and a bit of luxury (some may have private pools), and with more heads to split the bill, your travel budget will less likely be affected!



TOURS

Plenty of tours and package holidays offer discounts for group travellers. With a group, you can also opt for private tours tailored to suit your itinerary (like kayaking or minivan renting), as many companies stipulate a minimum of 4 or 6 people per trip. Last but not least, the cost of transport – such as travelling in taxis – will be cheaper with more people to divide the bill with.

If all of these sounds good, then grab your buddies and start planning your getaway now!

AIRPLANE PROCEDURES

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EXPLAINED

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHY THERE ARE SO MANY RULES TO ADHERE TO WHILE TRAVELLING IN A PLANE? YOU MAY THINK SOME OF THESE RULES ARE JUST FALLACIES BROUGHT ON BY PREVIOUS GENERATIONS, BUT WITH EVERY RULE COMES A REASON. READ ON TO FIND OUT THE RATIONALISM BEHIND SOME OF THE PRACTICES ON BOARD AN AIRCRAFT.

1. KEEP YOUR SHUTTERS OPEN

REASON: The main reason is to allow passengers to see whatever is happening outside, especially during take-off and landing (the most dangerous phase for all flights). Should accidents happen, this allows passengers to see any external damage or smoke (so they can notify the crew), and choose the safest exits. During evacuation, it helps the crew and passengers to acclimatise their vision during daylight. While these rules aren't FAA regulation, it's standard procedure for most airlines.



2. SWITCH OFF ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES BEFORE TAKE-OFF

REASON: Definitely a topic that is up for debate, electronic devices have not been proven to take down a plane as yet - but there have been cases where they've disrupted communication between pilots and control centers. So still more of a precautionary system, it is best to just heed the advice and keep your smartphones and kindles switched off before your device causes turbulence.

3. SEAT BELTS ON. SEAT BACKS UP. TRAY TABLES LOCKED.

REASON: Take-off and landing are the most statistically dangerous times in the flight. But why recommend seat belts even throughout a smooth flight? Planes can hit sudden, violent turbulence and unexpectedly plummet several metres, sending everyone and everything that's not belted down straight into the ceiling. As for your seat back, if the plane came to a sudden stop during take off or landing, you're less likely to literally slide under the seat in front of you (like a piece of stowed luggage), if your seat back is at 90°. As for un-locked tray tables, they can block the aisle in an escape, or worse still - hit your solar plexus at full speed during a sudden stop.



4. CABIN LIGHTS ARE DIMMED DURING TAKEOFF & LANDINGS

REASON: Dimmed lights in a plane allow you to focus better on the light conditions outside - be it day or night - so if anything happens outside during a takeoff or landing, you won't have glaring lights hindering your view. Extremely important during a plane emergency too, dimmed cabin lights act as a visual aid so that when you're making that exit out of the plane, even with the disarray, your vision will be in tip-top condition.

5. BE IN A BRACE POSITION DURING EMERGENCIES

REASON: Brace positions are meant to prevent severe injuries during emergencies. Even with many opposing theories - like the brace position was initially adopted because it helped in preserving people's teeth, which made identifying dead bodies much easier through dental records - the brace position is actually extremely useful, and has been proven to reduce the risk of getting a head trauma.



6. OXYGEN MASKS

REASON: In the event of an emergency, we all know oxygen masks are supposed to drop down. While you might wonder how on earth you'll finish watching your 3 hour movie wearing a mask the entire time, the reality is planes only supply <10 minutes of pressurised oxygen. So if for some reason the plane couldn't descend in less than a few minutes, everyone would asphyxiate anyway. Not a comforting thought, but worth knowing that if you ever had to wear the mask it would only be a momentary distraction.

BACKPACKING

BY KIAT TAN WEI JIE

MYTHS & TRUTHS



When your life gets too mundane and you need a holiday to escape from the familiarity of a city, it's time to grab a backpack and embark on an adventure. We explore a few myths and realities of backpacking before you set sail on your journey.

MYTH: Only suitable for young adults

TRUTH: Backpackers range from the young to the old

Backpacking is often a type of travel associated with the youth, especially with the spontaneity and cheap hostels. And with movies like *The Beach* and *Eurotrip* illustrating such cliches, it is hard to break it. However, in the backpacking community, age is definitely just a number. There are no steadfast rules to when you should go backpacking, so you'll definitely meet fellow travellers who're well in their 40s, 50s or even 60s!

MYTH: It won't break the bank

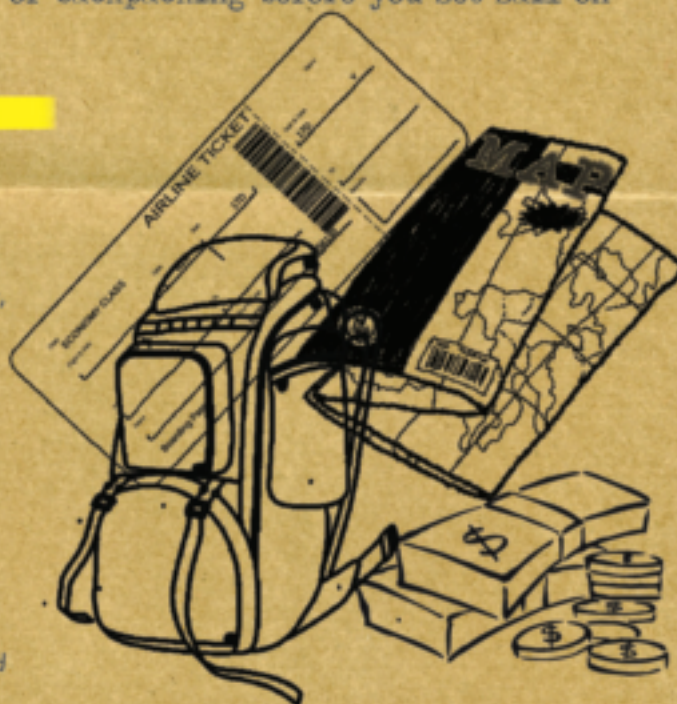
TRUTH: Backpacking is only cheap if you research well

Backpacking can be rather pricey. Before you embark on your trip, consider the places that will give you the optimum bang for the buck. Aside from the total expenditure, which includes plane tickets and accommodations, you have to factor in your daily needs, shopping wants and even that unpredictable ice-cream craving. All of it slowly adds up to a huge sum being splurged, and without a firm budget, backpacking can be expensive.

MYTH: Safety is a concern

TRUTH: It's the destination, not the method of travelling

Many people have this stigma that backpacking is risky business because of the shady accommodations, and quirky characters. However this is untrue, your safety largely depends on you. Make it a priority to read up on the latest world happenings, so you won't unwittingly travel to a country that is in the midst of chaos. It is also paramount to know that staying in an expensive hotel will not guarantee your safety.



MYTH: Backpacking is easy

TRUTH: Planning is an essential part of backpacking

"If you fail to plan, you plan to fail." Fueled by the desire to travel and escape from the bustle of the city, a lot of people undermine the importance of having a plan. Backpacking does teach you the art of budgeting, but budgeting doesn't mean foregoing the necessities. Always plan ahead by packing supplies that you would require, i.e., EpiPen, medication, etc.

MYTH: Backpacking is a solo activity

TRUTH: Backpacking is about making friends

Initially, you may feel that the prospect of backpacking will isolate you from people but the truth is - you are rarely ever alone. One of the greatest things about backpacking is making friends with people from around the world. The people you meet may even be your next backpacking trip buddy! Also, there's no rule that states you'd have to backpack alone: you can grab a bunch of friends and enjoy group discounts.

BY EMILLIO ARDY RODRIGUES

AIRCREW

Myths & Truths

The life of a flight attendant has always been glamorized, even with the odd hours, long layovers and unreasonable passengers, the number of men and women choosing to join the industry continues to grow exponentially.

A huge part of the job does involve travelling, but there's more to it. Read on to find some of the myths that circle this exciting industry:

BOARDING PASS ✈

MYTH: It's all about smiles and serving food
TRUTH: They work tirelessly throughout the flight

It is definitely easy to believe that flight attendants lead an easy life - travelling around the world for free, just serving packaged food, etc. However, their job descriptions do not just end there. They play the roles of safety officers, medics and sometimes even clean up our mess. With all of that in tow, they still have to ensure they look sharp throughout the flight, and there's no such thing as a lunch hour for them.

BOARDING PASS ✈

MYTH: A job more suited for those without qualifications
TRUTH: Flight attendants require plenty of skills, e.g. language, hospitality

This myth might have been true decades ago but new times call for new measures. Most flight attendants are now degree holders in disciplines like Hospitality and Tourism, or even Public Relations, while some airlines do require that flight attendants speak two or more languages, like Emirates Airlines. Long gone are the days, where a pretty face makes the first cut, as most flight attendants are now required to be skillful and versatile in communicating with passengers.

BOARDING PASS ✈

MYTH: Flight attendants are paid really well
TRUTH: They earn about the same as any other white-collar worker

Yes, they do get to see the world but it doesn't necessarily mean that they enjoy fine dining every time they go out. Their average basic income is S\$3500/month. However, this number fluctuates depending on the roster you are given. For example, longer flights (Singapore to Los Angeles) pay better compared to shorter flights (Singapore to Jakarta). Furthermore, aircrew staff are only paid the minute the plane leaves the airport. They have to report hours before the plane departs stay back after the plane lands before they can finally make their way to the hotel.

BOARDING PASS ✈

MYTH: To be a flight attendant, you have to be skinny and good-looking
TRUTH: They must look presentable and well groomed

The rule of thumb is presentability counts in the industry. But you don't have to be sporting a model-like physique, and symmetrical features to get into the industry because grooming yourself well is all that matters. There are airlines that are part of the exception, but most airlines simply require its flight attendants to pass their medical standards, which includes adequate vision acuity and hearing, and being free of life-threatening diseases.

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MYTH: Flight attendants lead lonely lives, as with all the travelling they rarely get to be with family and friends

TRUTH: They share strong bonds with their colleagues, so it never really gets lonely

On long flights, flight attendants would have to be away from their families for as long as a week. In spite of this, flight attendants rarely feel lonely as they are usually with one another - talking, exploring the sights and basically trying to make the best of their time overseas. With the hours and proximity, they form lifelong friendships with their crewmates. Also, with applications like Skype and Facetime, it is never difficult to keep in touch with loved ones.

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TECH REVIEW

GOINOUT

THE NIGHTLIFE NETWORK APP

Goinout is an app that not only gives you information about all the parties happening in Singapore, you can connect with your party-going friends, put fun pictures of the night up, and get all the latest deals and discounts happening in various clubs and pubs across Singapore. Available on both Apple and Android phones, you'll get free entry to hip clubs like Avalon, Kyo, etc. If you're also looking to build your own party entourage, the app even comes with a Twitter-esque feature so you can do plenty of shout-outs and make new friends.



OPEN HOUSE Raffles College of Higher Education

Join their Open House & see their new campus
in February 2014!

Location: Raffles Education Square, 51 Merchant Road

Korea Festival 2013 Visit Korea

Date: 25 - 27 October 2013

Time: 10am - 9pm

Location: Singapore Expo Hall 5B

Tickets: \$38 - \$98

Get up-close and personal with the pretty boys and girls of Kpop bands, A-Pink (25 Oct) and NU'EST (26 Oct), as they perform live for the Korea Festival 2013-Visit Korea! You'll also get to watch popular Korean movies - like Secretly Greatly, The Grand Heist and Miracles in Cell No. 7 - for free!



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MOVIES



REAL

(November 14, 2013)

Cast: Takeru Sato, Haruka Ayase

Based on the novel "Kanzen Naru Kubinagaryu no Hi" by Rokuro Inu, the new feature film Real stars Takeru Sato as Koichi and Haruka Ayase as Atsumi - childhood friends who eventually became lovers. But not everything is what it seems. After a year, Atsumi committed suicide but she did not die and instead fell into a coma. As Koichi desperately search for the reasons why Atsumi wanted to end her life, he agreed to take part in a new, highly risky medical procedure that will allow him to enter the subconscious mind of Atsumi.

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THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE

(November 21, 2013)

Cast: Jennifer Lawrence, Liam Hemsworth, Josh Hutcherson, Elizabeth Banks, Sam Claflin

After defying the rules and winning the 74th Annual Hunger Games with Peeta Mellark, Katniss Everdeen has become the reason for hope in the lower districts. Whilst embarking on a Victor's Tour around the other districts, Katniss finds a rebellion brewing amongst the people. Seeing this, President Snow aims to use the Quarter Quell to put Katniss and the rest of the lower districts back in their place. But will he succeed or will Panem change forever with the rebellion?



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GIGS

16 Oct 2013 | 8pm
The Coliseum, Hard Rock Hotel
Tickets: \$78 - \$88

Bring Me the Horizon



After nine years of tearing up stages with their head banging, heavy metal music, Bring Me the Horizon sets foot on our sandy shores for one-night only. Opening for the band is Japanese metalcore band from Osaka, Crossfaith, so get ready for a night full of head banging and metal music from BMTH with hits from their latest album, Sempiternal.

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26 Oct | 8pm
The Star Theatre
Tickets: \$68 - \$148

The Rob Schneider Show

After a SOLD OUT debut show in 2011, Saturday Night Live veteran (and Adam Sandler's best bud) Rob Schneider is back! Don't miss the opportunity to catch the Hollywood stand-up comedian for one night only.

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29 Oct 2013 | 8pm
The Coliseum,
Hard Rock Hotel
Tickets: \$128 - \$148

One Republic

After hit singles like "Apologize" and "Stop and Stare", One Republic is back with new hits from their latest album, "Native". Come see the band for one night only as Ryan Tedder serenades you with his soulful voice.



16 Nov 2013 | 8pm
Shine Auditorium
Tickets: \$58 - \$98

Megan Nicole

With 350 million views under her belt, Megan Nicole - a YouTube starlet - has been taking centre stage in numerous countries with her saccharine voice, and with her remake of tracks like 'Lazy' by Bruno Mars. Presently working on churning out her own songs, she will be stopping over in Singapore for a concert and a meet & greet session.

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4 Dec 2013 | 8.30pm
Shine Auditorium
Tickets: \$48 - \$108

Dashboard Confessional (Acoustic Solo)

Known for their emo anthems like 'Stolen', 'Vindicated' and 'Hands Down', Dashboard Confessional's frontman Chris Carrabba will return to Singapore's shores this year with a solo acoustic session as part of his 'all request tour'!

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PRODUCTIONS



8-9 Nov 2013
MasterCard Theatres,
Marina Bay Sands
Tickets: \$45 - \$105

Bjorn Again (World's #1 ABBA Tribute Band)

A show endorsed by the members of ABBA themselves, it will be a night of fun and dance with beloved hits such as Dancing Queen, Honey, Mamma Mia, Waterloo and Take A Chance on Me performed in a unique way that is Bjorn Again's very own. Bring along family and friends for a wonderful night filled with dance and laughter!

13-24 Nov 2013
MasterCard Theatres, Marina Bay Sands
Tickets: \$65 - \$195

Starlight Express

Known for his works in Phantom of the Opera, Andrew Lloyd Webber will take you on a journey through the light years in a futuristic tale about love, strife and hope, as a set of toy trains come alive in a child's dreams and compete to be crowned "the fastest engine in the world". Performed on roller skates live, Starlight Express is packed with speed, 3D effects, amazing turbo-charged stunts and much more.



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20 Nov 2013 | 7.30pm
Esplanade Concert Hall
Tickets: \$15 - \$90

Concerto for Orchestra (SSO)

Enjoy an evening of beautiful melodies with guest conductor, Okko Kamu, as he brings you Sibelius' En Saga, Op 9 and Bartok's concerto for Orchestra, along with cellist Qin Li-Wei who'll perform Shostakovich's Concerto No 1 in E-flat major, Op 107.



Angkor Wat

Cheat Sheet

#25 Iconic Landmarks

For those not bitten by the wanderlust bug, iconic landmarks around the world might not really be a topic of interest. But that's still no excuse to be a chowderhead when it comes to naming monuments countries are famous for.

So if the only catalogue you're familiar with is the '7 Wonders of the World', read on to find out some popular landmarks dotted across the globe, so that you can flaunt that knowledge with the next traveller you meet.

ANGKOR WAT, CAMBODIA

Not very far from our shores, Angkor Wat is a temple complex that is also the world's largest religious monument. Said to symbolise the universe, the central tower protruding out is thought to represent the mythical mountain, Meru, located at the centre of our universe. Also one of the most photographed structures in the world, this 500-acre expansive structure is a composite of intricately carved concentric walls, brick towers, and moats. Initially dedicated to Vishnu - a Hindu deity - Angkor Wat shifted from Hinduism to Buddhism, and is a symbol of Buddhism.

HAGIA SOPHIA, ISTANBUL

A statuesque monument that has been both a church and a mosque, the Hagia Sophia is now a museum in Istanbul - the capital of Turkey. Embodying characteristics of two very distinct empires - the Byzantine and Ottoman - this domed monument has been the centerpiece of numerous uprisings. Made up mostly of ornate mosaics, numerous images representing Christianity can be found on its walls. Additionally the four minarets added to the exterior of the building represents Islam.

Hagia Sophia

BURJ AL ARAB, DUBAI

Often confused with the Burj Khalifa (tallest building in the world) because both structures are generally icons of Dubai, the Burj al Arab - Dubai's first symbol - is a luxury hotel that comes equipped with personal butlers and chauffeurs that drive Rolls Royce. Constructed on an artificial island, this world's first seven-star hotel sees a grandeur interior of gold-plated pillars, high-ceilinged stained glass walls, and plenty of dancing fountains. With many of its grand suites coming with their own foyers, checking-in the Burj al Arab would mean burning a hole in your pocket as rooms can go up to a daily rate of SGD\$3,000.



Burj al Arab

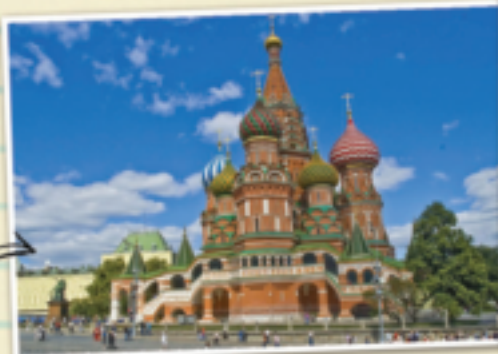


SAINT BASIL CATHEDRAL, RUSSIA

Resembling a gingerbread house, the St. Basil Cathedral located in Moscow is one of Russia's most famous tourist attractions. Situated in the Red Square (Russia's city square), this colourful and highly detailed building is steeped in rich Russian history. Previously a church for the Russian Orthodox community, the cathedral now functions as a museum, which includes restored chapels, high ceilings and hidden winding staircases.

POTALA PALACE, TIBET

Resting majestically on Marpo Ri (Red Hill), the Potala Palace is a symbol of Tibetan Buddhism. Serving as an abode for all the reincarnations of Dalai Lama throughout the years (till the 14th Dalai Lama) the palace is now a museum consisting of murals, painted scrolls, sculptures and stupas of past Dalai Lamas. Within the vicinity are the Jokhang Monastery and Ramoche Monastery, which like the Potala Palace include images of Buddha and manuscripts.



Saint Basil Cathedral



Potala Palace

BY ANGELA LOW

MORE BANG FOR YOUR BUCK

ALTERNATIVE TRAVEL DESTINATIONS

When you think of a cheap getaway, nearby countries like Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand come to mind most of the time. If you're tired of the same old places, here are 3 exotic alternative holiday destinations you can visit without burning a hole in your pocket (airfare aside).



SEOUL NATIONAL FOLK MUSEUM



Street Food - Korean Fishcake

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

LODGING:

A single room at Seoul Backpackers costs about \$50 per person per night, with a queen-size bed, attached bath, free internet and cable television. Another option is a homestay where you live with a Korean family - from \$110 to \$400 per week - which is a perfect platform to learn about the Korean culture and language.

FOOD:

Most street snacks go for \$1 each. Though it sounds like a gamble (coming from the streets and all) they are really tasty and harmless.

Food at certain restaurants are affordable as well; for example, at Yeong Jin Su San, a full meal costs only \$5.

ACTIVITIES:

Visit the war memorial or the National Folk Museum and relish in the rich history of South Korea for free or you can head to the Hongdae neighbourhood for free music performances. It is the place for youths who appreciate the arts and snazzy little cafes and stores. If you love shopping and finding the best bargain for clothes, there is a massive selection of clothing shops (from high-end brands to tiny shops) that fill the subway stations where you can bargain at.

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

LODGING:

Just because "Africa" conjures up images of savannas and wild animals, it doesn't mean staying in tents. At \$47 per night, the reassuringly named Flamboyant Guest Lodge has internet, an outdoor pool, tennis court etc.

FOOD:

Some affordable restaurants include Kapitan's (an outlandishly decorated Indian restaurant), Service Station (an ex-gas station that serves quiches, tarts and cakes) and Bambanani (has a classier vibe with chandeliers and modern art pieces), offering dishes from \$3.



ACTIVITIES:

Where better to experience Mother Nature than in South Africa? With a history tracing back to the Stone Age, the Klipriviersberg Nature Reserve is where you can see all sorts of creatures in their natural habitat on a free self-guided tour. Furthermore, it's only \$9 to enter the Wonder Cave, with its dagger-like rock formations, cave pearls, rimstone pools, historical fossils and bats.

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

LODGING:

JUCY hotel costs about \$60 per night - and it boasts fairly well-designed retro-themed rooms (with purple furniture).

FOOD:

Food in Auckland generally may not be incredibly cheap, but at the Elliot food court, each meal costs about \$5 - the same price as pies at Pie Mania.



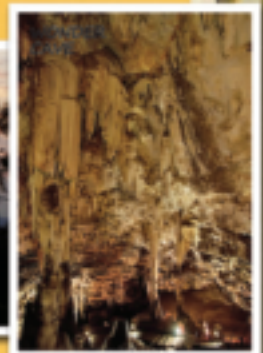
Meat Pie

Enjoy nature for free!

ACTIVITIES:

New Zealand is famous for its natural scenery. You can climb not just a hill or a mountain, but a volcano without paying a single cent! During the Pasifika Festival and the Auckland Lantern Festival, there are free live music and outdoor movies to be enjoyed as well. For an indoor treat, some art galleries provide complimentary guided tours.

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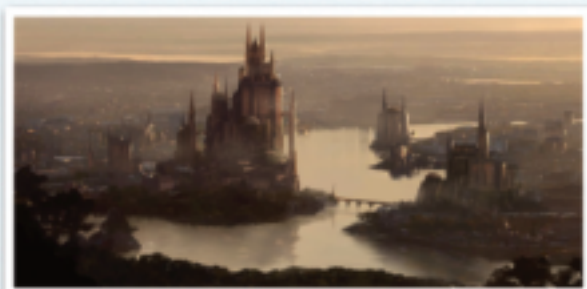
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FICTIONAL LOCATIONS THAT WOULD BE GREAT TO VISIT

Fictional programmes or movies always seem to have the best settings for a holiday, as they often paint the most picturesque views. So even though they're just part of a story, some of these locations would actually make really interesting destinations to visit. Here are some locations we think would be perfect for a holiday getaway, depending on what you're looking for.

PANDORA (AVATAR)

What may seem to look like a normal forest, Pandora is evidently not. Consisting of strangely shaped trees, flora with dangling neon-coloured cords, six-legged wildlife that roam around freely, and large bird-like predators that roam the skies, this colourful forest would be a great spot to explore. All living things in Pandora also emit a bioluminescent glow in various shades of blue, green and purple - just like glow sticks! Pandora definitely sounds like a psychedelic spot to holiday at, especially with some beat-thumping music.



KING'S LANDINGS (GAME OF THRONES)

Looking similar to medieval Paris or London, King's Landing is built on three huge hills with most of its buildings etched in bright red stone. Made up of towering houses and grandiose castles, the whole region screams lavishness. A place perfect for history buffs, or anyone who loves ancient architecture, King's Landings also has copious greenery dotted with plenty of colourful fruit trees, which makes this destination an ideal place to kick back, relax and have a glass of wine or two.

BIKINI BOTTOM (SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS)

Dominated by houses that look like pineapples and rocks, Bikini Bottom is a submerged destination, but don't let the water scare you. A holiday spot that would be perfect for foodies because of the numerous restaurants like the famous Krusty Krab, Chum Bucket, Weenie Hut Juniors and Sea Chicken Shack, Bikini Bottom would also make a great destination to get in-tune with the culture, namely the friendly talking marine life. There are also plenty of beaches to visit, including Goo Lagoon and Palm Bay Ready.

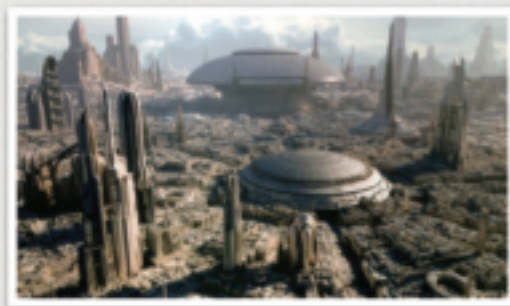


WONDERLAND (ALICE IN WONDERLAND)

For those looking for picturesque views, Wonderland is the place to be. A patchwork of green rolling hills, meadows, expansive forests and gigantic plants set against crystal-blue sky, you will be awed with every turn you make. It's also known for its surprises thanks to its many sneaky inhabitants (namely the Cheshire Cat, Mad Hatter and White Rabbit). There's never a dull moment holidaying in Wonderland - you'll encounter many experiences once you slide down the rabbit hole.

CORUSCANT (STAR WARS SERIES)

For all of you who love being in the middle of the hustle and bustle of things, nothing quite beats Coruscant - the city planet in the Star Wars franchise. The planet literally never sleeps! The skyline is filled with giant skyscrapers, mega towers and dome-shaped buildings all made to look like they're glowing - which is especially beautiful in the night. Another intriguing component of this organised city are the numerous flying cars. Known largely for its order - as it's home to the powerful Jedi (think of them as policemen with light sabres) - Coruscant would be a great place to immerse in the bustling city life without feeling in danger.



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Overwhelmed by schoolwork? Are the MRT stoppages getting on your nerves? Maybe you're just nettled by your friends' incessant whining? Or maybe your life is just in limbo? Sometimes the littlest things can drive you crazy, so here's your quick fix: a tantrum mat. It's portable, so now you can throw a hissy fit any time of the day.

DIRECTIONS

1. Place this page on non-slip flooring (if you're quite the klutz, tape this page down to the floor instead).
2. Place both feet in the space provided.
3. Bend your knees a little as that gets you better arm swings.
4. Now jump up and down really fast, and swing your arms. Coordination is not necessary.
5. Screaming is advisable too. If symptoms persist, see a psychiatrist - you may be a nut.

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