

TRAVEL

NOTICEBOARD

Travel news and tips to help sate your wanderlust.

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1. FOR THE LOVE OF THE COUNTRY

Heed MP Halimah Yacob's imploring and book Regent's weekend staycation package.

Maybe you weren't quick enough to get the fare deals for the long weekend in August. Maybe you just don't want to bump into more Singaporeans abroad. It's okay; we completely understand. If you can't beat them, join them—by taking on the quintessentially Singaporean experience of the staycation. Be enveloped in a completely luxurious experience that will be your home away from home, while technically still in your home (country). Tuck into the sumptuous spreads of their famed Italian restaurant Basilico, and then it's just a hop



and a skip away to the stylish Manhattan Bar for their award-winning Singapore Nacional cocktail. There's bound to be lots happening that particular weekend around the city and the Regent is a good base to operate from. Do it for the love of *limpeh!*

Rates start at SGD208++ a night per person, and only for Singapore residents. Quote "SG50stay" when making reservations.

2. MEDIATED TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

T Galleria by DFS puts the travel stories of three social media influencers at the forefront.

I travel, therefore I Instagram. Or I Instagram, therefore I travel? One may never truly be able to answer that question as long as we remain mired in social media, FOMO and a constant state of sharing of our experiences. But no matter! T Galleria by DFS, a luxury travel retail concept, has launched a campaign centred on the experiences of three frequent travellers, one of whom is our March issue cover man Godfrey Gao. Expect beautiful pictures, gorgeous surroundings and maybe some poignant quotes on how travel has opened up their world and enriched their life. Perhaps, after a jaunt through the digital and brick-and-mortar stores, you too will have to restrain that sudden uncontrollable case of wanderlust, and pick up a travel bag or two while you're at it.

Watch Zhou Yi, Godfrey Gao and Caroline de Maigret on TGalleria.com for an immersive digital experience or visit the physical store for its integrated campaign.

3. FAR FROM THE BACKPACKING CROWD

Saakalya Travel introduces a completely different Bali travel experience.

Face it: if you're not one for the usual same-old, same-old, you're already up to here with Bali weekends that are nothing more than an excuse to put some Instagram shots of artfully placed bare torsos and legs amidst beautiful nature. Kuta nightlife? Please, so over mushrooms. But perhaps a spot of wine will entice you back to the island. Featuring wine tasting, a vineyard tour and a wine-pairing dinner, you even get a chance to hang out with *arak* (local moonshine) brewers. Did you even know Bali has vineyards that produce award-winning vintages? Yeah, we didn't either, but it's tickled our fancy enough to want to sign up for the next oenology weekend. Pass the *arak!*

Your Indulgent Oenology takes place from June 5 to 7, 2015, priced at SGD2,700 per pax for double occupancy and SGD3,200 per pax for single. All meals and beverages, transportation and accommodation included. For reservations visit travel.saakalya.com