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## A mans mission to leave footprints

### The untold story of a cobbler

"In Singapore, we lose a cobbler forever every time one passes away."  
- Mr Lee Tai Chin a 60 year old cobbler.

Sidewalk cobblers, a rare breed now in Singapore, can still be found if one looks hard enough. Once a common sight along sidewalks, five-foot-ways and back lanes, the age of disposables and trends has seen a falling demand for the trade. Mr Lee Tai Chin is one of the few street cobblers left in Singapore. Once a common sight, they are now a rare breed whose market share has been slowly eroded by chain shops, such as Shukey, which repair shoes.

He estimates that there are fewer than 300 street cobblers in Singapore and said that the authorities have stopped handing out licenses to street cobblers. Eventually, he laments, there will be none left.

## Vesak Day Celebrations



Festivities for Vesak Day begin at the crack of dawn in Singapore, as devout Buddhists congregate at temples for a ceremony.

This is when the Buddhist flag is hoisted, and hymns are sung in praise of the Buddha, his teachings his disciples.

Offerings of flowers, candles and joss sticks are also brought to the temples. The fact that the candles and joss sticks burn down and the flowers wither through the day is meant to remind all worshippers that life is fleeting and transient, that all things decay and eventually pass away.

# Easter Celebrations

Singapore, as well as being kid-friendly all year round, has some great activities to do with the kids this holiday weekend. From egg hunts to games and photo ops with the Easter bunny, you'll be sure to be kept busy. So, let's take a look at the best Easter activities for the kids in Singapore!



Good Friday follows Holy Week and fell on the 3rd of April this year. Celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, this religious holiday always comes with various traditions and customs.

Whether you are religious and attend Easter Church masses, or whether you simply use this holiday to spend quality family time, there's always something to do in Singapore this long weekend.

# SINGAPORE ARTS WEEK



## Art Exhibitions

National Gallery - August 16

Gajah Gallery - August 25

Sana Gallery - Sept 9

## Singapore Art Week 2019!

Singapore Art Week is an annual celebration of visual arts which takes place in the month of January to kick start the new year. Jointly organised by the National Arts Council, Singapore Tourism Board, and the Singapore Economic Development Board,

Singapore Art Week reinforces Singapore's position as Asia's leading arts destination. The seventh edition in 2019 will be held from 19 to 27 January. The nine-day celebration of the visual arts will take place in venues across Singapore - from galleries and museums, to art precincts and independent art spaces.



# SINGAPORE FOOD FESTIVAL 2019

## SOME THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO



## COME VISIT US

9 – 19 August 2018

The Coliseum, Resorts World Sentosa

1 Garden Ave, 099621

