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Lifestyle Guide



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## Exploring Peranakan Culture with Chosan Zakka

Peranakan (also known as Straits-born Chinese) are descendants of Chinese traders who settled down along the Straits of Southeast Asia and adopted the local indigenous lifestyle.

Three main areas where the Peranakans resided were Penang, Malacca and Singapore. The males are called Baba and the females are called Nonya. To some extent, the Portuguese, Dutch and Indonesian influenced the Peranakan culture and heritage.

Till today, you would be able to visit and identify distinctive Peranakan architecture around Singapore. Some have turned into great cafes and some have turned into Instagram-worthy spots for the tourists.

Today, we would like to share with you places that we believe still contains rich timeless Peranakan heritage. Here is a little photo guide for you to visit these amazing places!



# Emerald Hill

Google Maps: Emerald Hill

This is the most accessible Peranakan-spot for tourists as it is right across Somerset@313. Strolling through the beautiful streets and shophouse brings you away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Enjoy a cup of coffee or beer while you are there!



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# Koon Seng Road & Joo Chiat Road

Google Maps: Emerald Hill

While it does not have a nearby train station, it is still worth a go as Joo Chiat was designated as Singapore's first "heritage town" in 2011. It's a historical gem well-loved by Singaporeans. Explore the vibrant, gorgeous Peranakan houses that line the streets and also spot murals painted by Ernest Zacharevic, a Lithuanian artist based in Penang. His work is also spotted in other areas like Kampong Glam and Bugis.

Enjoy a bowl of Katong Laksa while you are there !





# Petain Road

This is a lesser-known gem by locals and tourists and is nestled within Jalan Besar, near City Square Mall. Be ready to be greeted with 18 terraced shophouses carrying strong Peranakan influence through its intricate flower motifs and wall tiles.



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We hope you enjoy the Peranakan sights in Singapore! If you are looking to bring a piece of the Peranakan culture home with you, head to our Facebook ([@chosanzakka](#)) or [www.chosanzakka.com](http://www.chosanzakka.com) for our range of Peranakan goods.

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