

Singapore Bicentennial Events Calendar (Updated as of December 2018)

2019	Event
January	<p>28 Jan: Singapore Bicentennial Commemoration Event (SBO & Partners) <i>This is the official launch ceremony of the Singapore Bicentennial. PM will officiate the ceremony on 28 Jan, and all partner events will also launch at the same time.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 Jan: Launch of an Augmented Reality trail: Reflections on Singapore (Singapore River Trail with AR) (NHB) <i>NHB will develop an Augmented Reality (AR) app to allow visitors to experience the Singapore River area in 1819, through the eyes of Raffles and the pioneers who arrived at that time.</i> • 28 Jan to 24 Feb: i Light Singapore – Bicentennial Edition (URA) <i>The i Light Marina Bay festival is a sustainable light art festival featuring a series of innovative and interactive light art installations exhibited around the waterfront promenade of Marina Bay. The 2019 edition is entitled “i Light Singapore: Bridges of Time”, and will see the festival expand beyond Marina Bay to cover the Civic District as well as Singapore River area, all of which have been an integral part of our history.</i> • 28 Jan to 24 Feb: Launch of the Light to Night Festival 2019: The Bicentennial Edition (NGS) <i>The Light to Night Festival is an annual urban art event which transforms historical monuments, cultural institutions and spaces in the Civic District into works of art. This year, Light to Night will have two components – Singapore Art Week edition (18-27 Jan) and the Bicentennial edition (28 Jan – 24 Feb). The installations featured in the Bicentennial edition will carry the Singapore Bicentennial theme.</i>
February	<p>1 Feb to 28 Apr: Launch of “Raffles in Southeast Asia: Revisiting the Scholar and Statesman” @ Asian Civilisations Museum <i>The exhibition will explore Raffles as a collector and explorer in the Southeast Asian region, and how he inspired the collection of Southeast Asian objects from Singapore and around the world. The exhibition will feature artefacts on loan from regional museums and institutions.</i></p> <p>3 Feb: River Hongbao (SFCCA, SCCC, STB, SPH & PA) <i>River Hongbao is an extravaganza of lights, sights and sounds, usually held to usher in the Chinese New Year. The theme of the Bicentennial will also be reflected in the River Hongbao in 2019.</i></p> <p>15 to 16 Feb: Chingay (PA)</p>

	<p><i>Chingay is the largest street performance and float parade in Asia. From the main parade site to the heartlands, it aims to show the dynamism of Singapore's vibrant and multicultural society. The theme of the Bicentennial will be reflected in components of Chingay 2019.</i></p>
March	<p>9 to 23 Mar: Singapore Heritage Festival (NMS) <i>The Singapore Heritage Festival is an island-wide celebration of Singapore's heritage and culture. Singaporeans can take part in heritage trails, tours, open houses and performances in various locations and precincts around Singapore. For 2019, as a nod to one of the themes of the Singapore Bicentennial (i.e., openness), the Singapore Heritage Festival will be working with various Heritage Institutions and members of the Museum Roundtable to identify regional partners who would be keen to contribute to the festival.</i></p> <p>15 Mar to Apr: Find Your Place in History Trails – City Centre Edition (SBO) <i>The trails will consist of a series of projection installations at various historical spots around Singapore. They will allow Singaporeans to experience Singapore through the years, and learn of the less prominent points in our history, in-situ. The kick-off will be in conjunction with the Singapore Heritage Festival. This will run for four weekends from 15 Mar. The launch of the FYPIH trails on 15 Mar will be in collaboration with the Singapore Heritage Festival.</i></p>
April	<p>Apr to Aug: Find Your Place in History Trails – Heartlands Edition (SBO & PA) <i>The Heartlands Edition will consist of a series of ground-up projects led by the People's Association, held at various locations across Singapore. They will allow Singaporeans to learn about local place history, as well as old traditions and customs. Singapore will be divided into five regions, and to kick off each region, SBO will put on a community roadshow.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five Community Roadshows (SBO), launching the series of PA's projects within each region of Singapore <i>Each roadshow will encapsulate 700 years of Singapore's history, as well as the history of the different places of Singapore, in line with the PA projects' locations.</i>
June	<p>1 June to Sep: From Singapore to Singaporean: The Singapore Bicentennial Experience @ Fort Canning <i>An immersive, cinematic and timed experience through five galleries, showcasing iconic moments in Singapore's 700-year history. There will also be three free and easy installations at the Fort Gate area for visitors to explore.</i></p> <p>1 June: Launch of an Augmented Reality trail: Reflections on Singapore (Fort Canning Park Trail with AR) (NParks)</p>

	<p><i>This is part of the AR app launched in Jan. The Fort Canning AR trail within this app will be launched as part of NParks' enhancement plans for Fort Canning in June.</i></p> <p>Singapore Bicentennial Roadshow (SBO) <i>This is a platform to showcase the many community engagement stories and products that are currently being collected by volunteers of the Singapore Bicentennial, as well as the various ground-up initiatives led by different community groups. This will likely be over the Hari Raya period.</i></p> <p>Reissue of "Singapore: A 700-year History" book (SBO) <i>As part of its 10th anniversary, an updated edition of "Singapore: A 700-Year History" will be reissued. It will be updated by prominent historians and original authors, Mr Kwa Chong Guan, Dr Peter Borschberg, Professor Tan Tai Yong and Professor Derek Heng.</i></p> <p>Launch of interactive e-book on 700 years of Singapore's History (SBO) <i>An interactive version of "Singapore: A 700-Year History" will be launched as an accompaniment to the reissued hardcopy. The interactive book will also be used as a teaching aid in schools.</i></p>
August	<p>9 Aug: National Day Parade (MINDEF) <i>NDP19 will be a key partner for the Bicentennial. Further details will be released at a later date.</i></p> <p>16 to 24 Aug: Singapore Night Festival (NMS) <i>The Singapore Night Festival is the largest outdoor performing arts festival held in the heart of the Bras Basah / Bugis heritage precinct. The 2019 edition will take on a special ASEAN focus, featuring festival commissions and collaborations with upcoming and established artists from the region and Singapore.</i></p> <p>Aug 2019 to Aug 2021: "City Hall: A Place for the People" @ National Gallery Singapore <i>This exhibition will look at key events that took place in City Hall throughout Singapore's long history.</i></p> <p>Aug 2019 to Jan 2020: "Early Singapore" @ National Library</p>

	<p><i>This exhibition will feature documents and maps that highlight Singapore’s history in maritime trade before the founding of the British factory in 1819 and its subsequent growth. Visitors will encounter maps, manuscripts and paintings that provide a unique glimpse of the early life of Singapore till 1867 from various perspectives. Artefacts showcased are drawn from the National Library and National Archives’ collections as well as important loans from overseas institutions.</i></p>
September	<p>Sep to Feb 2020: Launch of “An Old New World: From the East Indies to the Founding of Singapore, 1600-1819” @ National Museum of Singapore</p> <p><i>This exhibition will look at the formation of the British East India Company (EIC) and Dutch East India Company (VOC) in the early 17th century. It seeks to chart the British and Dutch’s pursuit of Asian trade – especially that of spices – and how this brought them to the East Indies, where Singapore is located. It will feature over 200 objects from the National Collection, including paintings and prints, manuscripts, maps and globes, furniture, and loans from international museums.</i></p> <p>IPS Conference on the Singapore Bicentennial (SBO, IPS)</p> <p><i>Co-organised with IPS. Further details will be released at a later date.</i></p>
October	<p>11 to 27 Oct (TBC): Malay CultureFest (MHC)</p> <p><i>In conjunction with Malay Heritage Centre’s overarching annual theme of ‘bangsa’ (nation or people), the 2019 festival will focus on the movement of peoples and ideas from the 16th to 19th centuries. The two-week festival will feature newly commissioned performances, film screenings, talks, workshops, trails and site specific activities.</i></p> <p>Oct to Jun 2020: “Seekor Singa, Seorang Putera, dan Sebingkai Cermin: Reflecting and Refracting Singapura” @ Malay Heritage Centre, as part of Malay CultureFest (NHB, MHC)</p> <p><i>As part of Malay CultureFest, the special exhibition hopes to examine various non-colonial/non-European perspectives on Singapore’s significance prior to British control. It will also look at the impact of European contact on indigenous societies and cultures, as well as ideas of “Malay-ness” and “modernity” through episodes in late 16th to 19th centuries.</i></p> <p>Nov 2019 to Jun 2020: “From the Coromandel – Tamils in SE Asia and Singapore” @ the Indian Heritage Centre (NHB, IHC)</p> <p><i>This exhibition will trace the trade, religious, political and cultural contact between the Tamils and Southeast Asia over 200 years.</i></p>

	Oct 2019: “Capturing the Chinese Community in Singapore” @ Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall (NHB, SYSMH) <i>A showcase of portrait photography of prominent Singaporeans from all races to serve as a visual reminder of Singapore’s early beginnings.</i>
November	Singapore Writers’ Festival (TBC)