



Wanderlust, Singapore

Recently refurbished, this boutique accommodation is all about capturing your attention – from the beautiful Peranakan tiles that adorn its exterior to the open-air terrace that serves up a panoramic view of Little India.

For optimum comfort, the spacious loft on the top floor of the heritage building is worth paying for. This home-away-from-home is outfitted with chic, modern furnishings and includes mod-cons such as a kitchenette. But you'll probably want to make a beeline for the on-site restaurant, Kotuwa. It's helmed by Rishi Naleendra of the now closed Michelin-starred Cheek By Jowl, and serves an array of robust Sri Lankan flavours.

The neighbourhood:

Little India is home to colourful heritage shophouses, where you'll find generations-old eateries such as the cheap and cheerful Madras New Woodlands, beloved for the mouthwatering vegetarian feasts presented in *katoris* (mini metal bowls) and placed on a tray lined with banana leaf.

After a hearty meal, spend the rest of your afternoon checking out the area's various cultural attractions such as the Veeramakaliamman Temple, known for its five-tiered tower, or the House of Tan Teng Niah, one of the last surviving Chinese villas in Singapore. 8mcollective.com/wanderlust



Mia Casa by Satori, Hanoi

Opened in January this year, this modern minimalist hotel is tucked away on a narrow street in the capital's historic French Quarter.

The hotel was built from scratch, borrowing from the neighbourhood's finer features, such as French balconies and abundant greenery. Meanwhile, thoughtful design includes a large skylight that bathes the interiors – including the inviting, open-plan lobby – in natural light. The earthy colour tones of the bedrooms make for a peaceful refuge in between exploring this loud and slightly chaotic city.

The neighbourhood:

This area is a haven for history buffs – in the vicinity are handsome colonial architectural gems, including the former offices of the United Nations, the iconic Hanoi Railway Station and a string of beautifully preserved mansions on Ly Thuong Kiet street. After admiring the majestic Opera House, cap off your day with a drink at the iconic Sofitel Metropole Legend, built in 1901, or the upscale Press Club. fb.com/satorihomestay

