



HOTEL FORT CANNING  
SINGAPORE

## MARKING 200 AND BEYOND: AN ALL- ENCOMPASSING SINGAPORE BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION IN THE PARK

*Experience a unique multisensory showcase in Fort Canning Park,  
indulge in an urban escape, and taste heritage gourmet creations as part of  
Hotel Fort Canning's fitting tribute to Singapore's Bicentennial*



Singapore, May 2019 – One of the city's most iconic heritage hotels, Hotel Fort Canning, has unveiled a host of commemorative offerings to honour Singapore's Bicentennial. From 1 June to 15 September 2019, Singaporeans and international guests alike can expect specially-tailored staycation and dining experiences that will run in tandem with an unprecedented multisensory showcase within the historical landmark of Fort Canning Park.

## A HERITAGE GEM IN THE HEART OF THE CITY



Constructed as the Administration Building of the British Far East Command Headquarters in 1926, the colonial-style building that is home to Hotel Fort Canning has prominently hosted the office of The General-Officer-Commanding, Lieutenant-General Percival, and was occupied by the Japanese military from 1942 to 1945. Since 1965, it has housed the Singapore Armed Forces and the Singapore Command & Staff College.

In 2002, the present owners took over the premises and launched a members-only social club - The Legends Fort Canning Park. A brand expansion led to the conceptualisation of a revolutionary hospitality service in the heart of a historical park. In 2012, the magnificent Hotel Fort Canning was unveiled. Lauded for its distinct setting and stylish accommodations, the 86-room award-winning heritage hotel continues to retain much of its colonial charm, characterised by the hotel's rich greenery and contemporary amenities, while delivering luxe hospitality with a slice of intriguing history.

“With a history and heritage closely intertwined with that of our namesake, Hotel Fort Canning is deeply honoured to be a part of the Singapore Bicentennial Commemoration at Fort Canning Park,” comments Oh Chee Eng, CEO of The Legends Fort Canning Park.

“As one of the most iconic colonial buildings in the city, it also marks a celebration of our continued relevance in the history of Singapore. More importantly, the team at Hotel Fort Canning is ever so committed to telling these remarkable Singapore stories – 700 years’ worth – to residents and patrons of the hotel, through the integration of our service offerings,” adds Chee Eng.

### **AN UNPRECEDENTED SHOWCASE IN A REVITALISED LANDMARK PARK**

The 18-hectare Fort Canning Park is deeply rooted in the nation’s history and is a key venue of the Bicentennial commemoration. It has witnessed Singapore’s golden age, when Malay kings ruled from its peak, and watched as the island transformed into a vibrant trading port in the 19th century. The hill was also instrumental in Singapore's war efforts with numerous military buildings located there.

The National Parks Board (NParks) opened nine historical gardens at Fort Canning Park on 27 May 2019, as part of the Fort Canning Park enhancement plan which aims to enliven the rich history of the park. The historical gardens are accompanied by refreshed DIY trail guides, and complemented by an augmented reality app, **BALIKSG: Fort Canning Trail**. Parts of Canning Rise and Armenian Street were also pedestrianised, and covered escalators and platform lifts installed to improve accessibility to and within the park. A range of archaeological-centred programmes with a heritage focus have also been curated for the park to enhance visitor experience. All of these developments mark the completion of the first phase of the enhancement plan.

### **“From Singapore to Singaporean: The Bicentennial Experience” at Fort Canning Centre**

A culmination of the year-long commemoration events, The Bicentennial Experience showcase kicks off at Fort Canning Centre from 1 June to 15 September 2019. Comprising two components: *Time Traveller* and *Pathfinder*, the former is a uniquely immersive experience that brings visitors on a cinematic journey of Singapore’s rich 700-year history, while the latter offers a free-and-easy exploration of interactive installations at Fort Gate.

In line with the milestone commemoration and the launch of the Bicentennial show at the hotel’s doorstep, a line-up of stay and dining programs has been curated to provide hotel guests even more reasons to celebrate.

## BICENTENNIAL GETAWAY



Escape the humdrum of the city to the heart of heritage and nature. Be immersed in an epic historical showcase that amplifies the senses; reconnect with the sights and sounds of nature in the enhanced parkland; discover picturesque Insta-worthy spots aplenty; and explore the best that the city offers.

After a day's exploration, retreat to the hotel and enjoy peace of mind in the midst of our bustling city. Look forward to savouring our Bicentennial-inspired cuisines at The Salon, or enjoy a range of lifestyle amenities that recharge and recalibrate, from three mineral outdoor pools to state-of-the-art gymnasium and pampering spa offerings.

The **Bicentennial Getaway** package entitles guests to a suite of privileges including our signature aperitif hour ritual, limited-edition HFC tote bag, passes to “The Bicentennial Experience” showcase, as well as special dining and spa savings, among others.

Package inclusions:

- Daily breakfast buffet for two persons at The Salon
- Unlimited wines and canapés during Aperitif Hour
- Complimentary welcome beverage for two
- Complimentary limited-edition HFC tote bag
- \*\*Complimentary pair of passes for “The Bicentennial Experience” show at Fort Canning Park
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Complimentary smartphone with unlimited mobile data and IDD calls to 15 countries
- Complimentary parking

- 15% savings on “A Journey Through Taste” 4-course set lunch or dinner at The Salon
- 30% savings on selected massages and facial treatments at Chinois Spa

Rates from \$325 per room per night for two persons.

*\*\*Specific dates and time slots are available for The Bicentennial Experience showcase; ticket reservation is subject to availability upon booking on a first-come, first-served basis. For bookings, please inform our Front Office team upon check-in at the hotel.*

Terms & Conditions:

Valid for stays from 1 June to 15 September 2019. Rates are subject to 10% service charge and prevailing government taxes. Room, dining, spa and Bicentennial show reservations are required and subject to availability. Strict cancellation policy applies. Full non-refundable payment is required upon booking. Full charge is applicable in the event of no-show. Hotel Fort Canning reserves the right to amend or terminate the offer without prior notice.

For room reservations and enquiries, please speak with us at (65) 6559 6769 or email [reservations@hfcsingapore.com](mailto:reservations@hfcsingapore.com).

### **“A JOURNEY THROUGH TASTE” BICENTENNIAL 4-COURSE SPECIAL**

10 June to 15 September 2019

Available during lunch and dinner

The Salon

S\$45++ per person



The arrival of Stamford Raffles in 1819 marks a turning point in the island's history; Singapore grew and prospered. Hordes of immigrants came from Southeast Asia, China, India and beyond, in search of a better life. Their diverse cultures shaped Singapore's rich culinary tapestry of today.

In a tribute to Singapore's food heritage, The Salon presents a 4-course menu that spotlights a melange of flavours reflective of the nation's colonial and multi-ethnic influences.

The epicurean journey begins on a nostalgic note. Presented in a two-tier tiffin carrier evocative of yesteryear, enjoy a trio of appetizers and a Singaporean classic with a twist.

Sample morsels of **Tahu Goreng**, **Deep-fried Masala Chicken Drumlet** and **Homemade Pan-fried Dumpling**. These homespun flavours allude to the city's culinary heritage, fusing diverse influences of the Malay, Indian and Chinese communities.

Unstack the tiers and tuck into chef's rendition of **HFC Peranakan Laksa with Lobster**. Featuring shortened rice vermicelli served in a fragrant coconut-based broth, and flavoured with dried shrimps, the soul of this Nyonya dish lies in Chef's homemade *renpah*. Tender lobster meat adds a touch of luxe, alongside accompaniments of fish cakes, hardboiled egg, *tau pok* (dried bean curd puffs), beansprouts and laksa leaves.

Inspired by the beloved Beef Wellington dish believed to have been named after the Duke of Wellington, indulge in a refreshing take on the steak with **Oven-baked Salmon Wellington**. Chef whips up a winning combination of luscious herb-seasoned salmon fillet and sautéed spinach, encased in a pillow of puff pastry and baked to golden perfection.

For afters, sate your sweet tooth with the **Bread & Butter Pudding with Ice Cream** which draws inspiration from the popular British dessert. This is one luscious combination of buttered bread layered with rich vanilla custard and a scatter of raisins, topped with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

## “SAVOURY STORIES, SWEET TALES” BICENTENNIAL HIGH TEA

10 June to 15 September 2019  
Available from 3pm to 5pm daily  
The Salon and Tisettanta Lounge  
S\$32++ per person



Feel like an aristocrat with a perfect afternoon indulgence amidst the lush setting of the park. In an ode to Singapore’s culinary scene, the new high tea set serves up a mix of local and western delights. Switch things up with locally-influenced savouries and sweets like **Mini Masala Shrimps Slider**, **HFC Chicken Satay Skewer**, **Seafood Kueh Pie Tee** and **Chendol**. Those who fancy their western bites will delight in the **Smoked Salmon Sandwich**, **Mini Pandan Cake** and **Mini Opera Cake**. Each set is complemented with a choice of TWG tea or gourmet coffee.

**Exclusively for selected credit cardholders and partners: Enjoy 15% Off Bicentennial 4-Course Special and High Tea Set at The Salon, Hotel Fort Canning**

Dining reservation is required and subject to availability. For reservations and enquiries, please speak with us at (65) 6799 8809 or email [thesalon@hfcsingapore.com](mailto:thesalon@hfcsingapore.com).

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### **About Hotel Fort Canning**

Hotel Fort Canning is an award-winning conservation hotel nestled in 18 hectares of lush greenery in Fort Canning Park. Lauded as one of Singapore's most iconic heritage hotels, the 86-room establishment bears a storied past that dates back to the early 20th century, with the building being a former British military administration site. Today, the hotel's architecture continues to retain much of its colonial charm, combined with modern conveniences and characterised by an idyllic vibe that beckons urbanites.

To find out more, please download the media kit [here](#).