

CHEK JAWA MARINE WALK



DATE: Thursday 10th May

TIME: Meet 6:45am until 1pm approx

MEET: Newton Circus car park (off Clemenceau Avenue North, or Exit B from Newton MRT).

COST: \$55 members and house guests; \$65 non members (includes bum boats, taxis and guides on Pulau Ubin)

CLOSING DATE: Friday 4th May

Tide times determine an early start for our three stage journey to Chek Jawa Bay. After introducing the nature and history of Pulau Ubin and Chek Jawa to us on the coach, our guide, Margie Hall, will lead us first onto bumboats across to Pulau Ubin and then to taxi-vans heading for the former hamlet of Chek Jawa in the east.

There, as the tide recedes, we will meet our National Parks guides who will take us along the boardwalk across the sea grass beds to descend a short ladder onto a sandbar, hidden by the seas at normal high and low tide times. Treading lightly, we can enjoy close encounters with the world of crabs, moonsnails, sea pens, giant purple carpet anemones, silvery sea stars and whatever other creatures are spotted that day. These and many more marine treasures are revealed to participants on these restricted National Parks tours, possible only during low spring tides and booked many months in advance. Mounting the ladder we continue to spot sea creatures in the shallow sea as we follow the boardwalk around the coastline to our final destination – the Tudor Cottage Education Centre, with its jetty for more underwater viewing and spotting of birds on the adjacent Frog Island.

Taking the taxi vans back to Ubin village, we'll pause awhile to enjoy fresh local coconuts or other drinks, maybe even a little stroll through former gardens and orchards, before returning to Changi and town.

It is compulsory to wear closed shoes for walking in the sea. Old trainers, sports shoes will do, or diving shoes. Bring a plastic bag and a change of footwear for afterwards, plus, hats, sunblock, umbrella and water and snacks for the morning (it's an early start and it can be hot).

Please send booking Slips and Cheques (made payable to British Association of Singapore) to: Karen Dawson-Smith, 861 Old Holland Road, 01-13 Illoura, Singapore, 278684. Email: kareninsing@hotmail.com. Tel: 8264 6504.

EDEN HALL AND GARDENS



DATE: Tuesday 15th May

TIME: GROUP A: 9:45am at Eden Hall (Finish: 11.30)

GROUP B: 10.15 at Eden Hall (Finish: 12.00)

MEET: Eden Hall, 28 Nassim Road WALKING TOUR

COST: \$25 for members and house guests; \$35 for non-members. Proceeds to charity

CLOSING DATE: Tuesday 8th May

SECURITY: Names will be given to the Gate in advance and you will need to bring either passport or driving licence for verification. There may be a handbag search on arrival.

Eden Hall was originally built just over 100 years ago, in 1904, as a private home. During this tour our excellent guide, Fiona Mutch, will tell us the story of how a humble boarding house became the residence of The British High Commissioner, and describe some of the interesting paintings and artefacts on show. We may also be lucky enough to have a tasty addition to the tour...the chance to pop into the vast kitchens and see how the house prepares its banqueting for all manner of events throughout the year.

Stephanie Cartledge-Brown will be giving us a guided tour of the garden, to see many types of local palm and medicinal plants, as well as explaining the architectural style of the house. You are welcome to take photographs in the gardens and public rooms of the house.

The morning includes coffee and cake served at the end of the tour in the dining room. Julie Phillipson, the high commissioner's wife is hoping to join us for part of the morning and is looking forward to meeting you all!

To maximize the number of people we can get onto the tour, we've divided the tour into two groups. We will allocate the groups once we have your booking, but feel free to state a preference on your booking form.

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BLACK AND WHITE HOUSES



DATE: Tour 1: Wed 23rd May
Tour 2: Wed 6th June
TIME: 8.45 am until 1.15pm (approx)
MEET: Dempsey Road Car park. **COACH TOUR**
COST: \$ 45 Members and House guests; \$ 55 Non-Members
CLOSING DATE: 17th May (for Tour 1) and 1st June (for Tour 2)

One of our most popular tours which always fills up very quickly so, if you've missed your chance in the past, get your booking slip in the post now and take this opportunity to visit these beautiful houses from a bygone era! Originally built by the colonial government as quarters for their staff, some of these houses are over 100 years old.

Our guide, Geraldene, will tell you the history behind the old Colonial buildings and show you inside some of them. So, if you have ever wanted to find out more about these wonderful houses and see inside - now is your chance. Spaces are limited so please book early. There are lots of lovely buildings en route so don't forget your camera.

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WETLANDS AND WATERFRONTS



DATE: Tues 12th June
TIME: 8.45 am until 1.15pm (approx)
MEET: Newton Circus car park **COACH TOUR**
COST: \$ 45 Members and House guests; \$ 55 Non-Members
CLOSING DATE: Thursday 7th June.

Whilst most eyes have been focused on the waterside developments and the Marina Bay, various government departments have been busy in the North creating new islands, reservoirs and water-based facilities.

We'll start at the Lorong Halus Wetlands which nestle on the now-dammed Serangoon River. Our guide, Margie Hall, will lead us to view the floating wetlands on the created

Punggol Waterway, and tell us about the latest developments. Then we'll stroll along Riverside Walk and head for Punggol Point, once famous for restaurants serving chilli crab, but now with a 21stC feel as we look across to Pulau Ubin and Malaysia.

Taking in coastal views from Punggol Reservoir barrage, two new islands and the old shoreline at the dam, we will cut through Khatib and Simpang back-ends of Yishun, to reach Sembawang's Lorong Mempurong. Here, bucking the planners, Singapore's last kampong mosque nestles amidst lush vegetation and a spice garden (gradually expanding to the beach). Further along the coast the upper storey café at the SAF Yacht Club gives equally pleasing views as we take refreshments (at own cost).

We end further west at Woodlands Waterfront with a breezy 400 metres stroll out across the sea jetty, almost into foreign waters.

Join us to see another side of Singapore – quite literally. Walks are not long, but it may be hot, so wear comfortable shoes, bring a hat, umbrella and water. Restrooms are plentiful.

Please send booking Slips and Cheques (made payable to British Association of Singapore) to:

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Please note Gwen is away for most of May so there will be a delay getting your confirmation email for this tour.

**PLEASE
NOTE!**

All cheques MUST be accompanied by a booking form, which includes your BA membership number, mobile number, and email address. Otherwise we are not able to confirm your place on the tour. Booking forms can be found at the back of the BEAM or downloaded from the BA website (click on "About BA Tours").