

Singapore bicentennial: What to look out for

The Singapore Bicentennial Office has put together a calendar of events set to take place from next year. The aim is to get the community to reflect on 200 years of history from 1819 and the 500 years prior to the official founding of Singapore. Here are some highlights.

1 i Light Singapore – Bicentennial Edition

- Empress Place
- Jan 28 to Feb 24

- The i Light Marina Bay festival, a sustainable light art festival around the waterfront promenade of Marina Bay, will expand to cover the Civic District and the Singapore River.
- The 2019 edition is entitled i Light Singapore: Bridges Of Time.

2 Find Your Place In History trails

- By the Singapore Bicentennial Office
- April to May

- The trails will consist of a series of projection installations at various historical spots around Singapore, including Telok Ayer Street.
- They will allow Singaporeans to experience Singapore through the years, and learn of the less prominent points in our history, in situ.

3 Singapore Bicentennial Showcase

- Fort Canning Centre
- June 1 to September

- 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.

4 Early Singapore

- National Library
- August to January 2020

This exhibition will feature documents and maps that highlight Singapore's history in maritime trade before the founding of a British trading post in 1819 and its subsequent growth.

5 From the Coromandel – Tamils in S-E Asia and Singapore

- Indian Heritage Centre
- August to January 2020

This exhibition will trace the trade, religious, political and cultural contact between the Tamils and South-east Asia over 200 years.

