

Journeying back 700 years

2019 will be packed with activities designed to take Singaporeans on a reflective journey into the past and give them insights into the island's rich 700-year history.

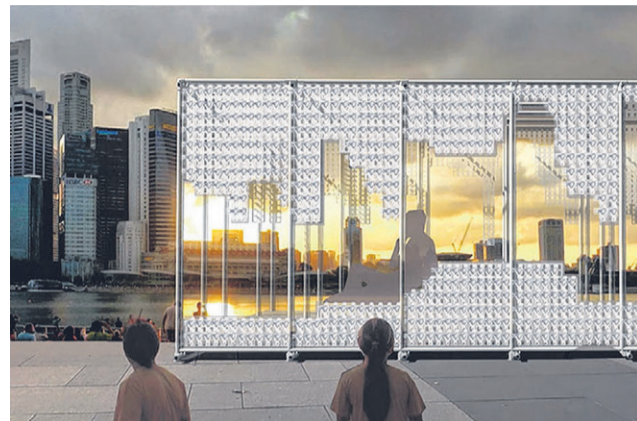
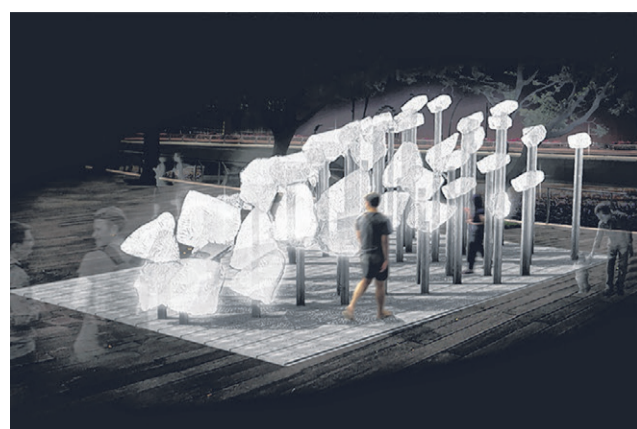
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The Singapore Bicentennial will be officially launched by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong.

From Jan 28

Augmented reality trail of the Singapore River and Fort Canning

Visitors will be able to learn about key events such as the signing of the 1819 treaty at the Padang via a new National Heritage Board and National Parks Board app. The augmented reality app will allow users to "meet" early settlers, including a Baweanese pondok chief, Chinese coolies (below left), and Indian Chettiars, as well as Sir Stamford Raffles and William Farquhar (below right).



Jan 28 to Feb 24

i Light Singapore

The Bicentennial edition of i Light Singapore will feature a total of 32 artworks based on the theme Bridges Of Time. The artworks will be installed at Marina Bay, the Civic District, Singapore River and the Raffles Terrace at Fort Canning Park. The artworks include Cenotaph For A Stone (top), which is a reinterpretation of the Singapore Stone, and Prospective Perspective (above), which uses the humble clothing peg to recreate part of the Singapore skyline.



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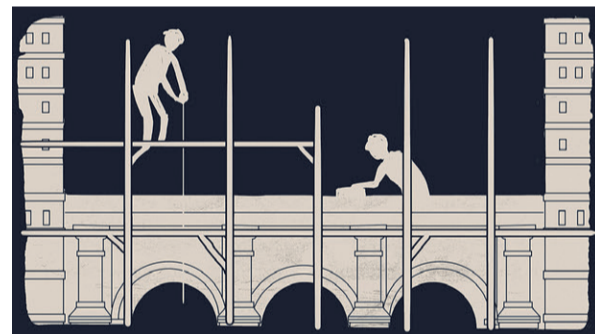
Light To Night Festival

The urban art event will celebrate Singapore's Civic District and examine milestones across the island's 700 years of history through memories and stories from the area. The installations will include projections on the facade of the National Gallery Singapore's City Hall Wing (left).

March 15 to April 7

Projecting little-known stories of Singapore

A series of projected installations will be launched around the city centre every Friday, Saturday and Sunday during this period. These are the working storyboards (right) of what the projection might look like at Nagore Dargah in Telok Ayer Street. The street was the site of many arrivals in the 1800s.



April to August Heartland roadshows

Roadshows showcasing 700 years of history will be rolled out in the heartland as well.



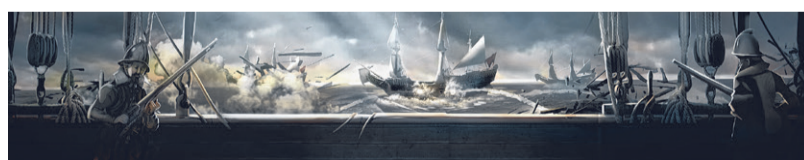
This is a working sketch of how the roadshows will look.

May to August Bicentennial Interactive Book

The book will tell the story of 700 years of Singapore's history through the experiences of 25 historical characters such as Palembang Prince Sang Nila Utama. It will feature illustrations, videos and articles. Chapters will be rolled out progressively each month.



Sang Nila Utama and a stormy sea.



A 1603 tussle off Changi between the Portuguese and Dutch over trade.

June to September From Singapore to Singaporean: The Bicentennial Experience @ Fort Canning

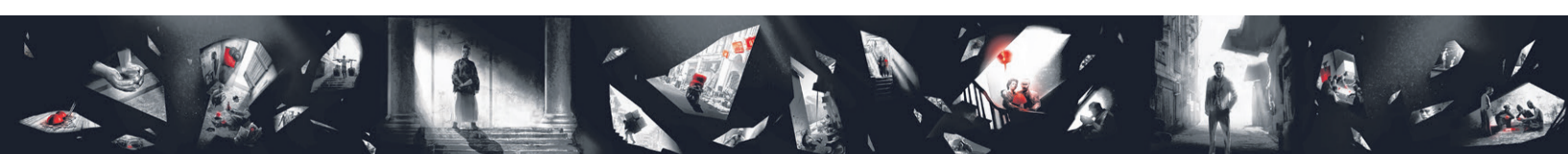
An immersive and cinematic experience through five galleries, showcasing iconic moments in Singapore's 700-year history. There will also be installations at the Fort Gate area for visitors to explore.



Raffles and his crew approaching Singapore in 1819.



Singapore as a trading port in the early 1900s.



Early migrants struggled with many issues, including poverty and sanitation in the early 1900s.