



SENSUOUS PLAYGROUND

Channel your inner artist and celebrate the serial traveller that you are at the stylish boutique Hôtel Vagabond Singapore for it pays tribute to artistic expression across time periods.

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In every part of the world there would be something that captures our attention and melts our hearts. I did not expect the Island nation had anything else to offer for a frequent visitor but Hôtel Vagabond Singapore manages to meld not only a Singaporean personification yet also exude circumnavigational promises.

Unfortunately the alpaca ponchos and silk turbans tend to remain untouched if ever it was brought home due to its impractical nature but within Hôtel Vagabond Singapore, it was these very trinkets that caught my attention and endorsed daydreaming. Nothing could've kept me away from Hôtel Vagabond Singapore, not even the enticing allure of its lively nearby enclaves; from Kampong Glam to Little India all the way to Rochor Canal.



Independent as most boutique hotels are, as part of A Tribute Portfolio Hotel under Marriot International, the service coupled with impeccable taste in art décor contributes to a pleasant stay albeit thought-provoking.

Transporting its guests into a chic Parisian salon credit to award-winning French designer Jacques Garcia against Lalanne-inspired solid brass Rhinoceros reception desk - hand-crafted by 200 villagers who for centuries have crafted the armour of the Rajasthani royal family - have become a customary greeting.

Succinctly, Hôtel Vagabond Singapore seduces its guests in more ways than one. The rooms with hand-painted fabric panels by Dedar Milano are acute to dissolve tension and create an oasis of calm atop King-sized 400-thread count Egyptian cotton sheets. In a curious way, the 41-room hotel is keeping up with the shifting eternal stasis of a heritage, improvising with every passing moment through its restoration efforts on a fantastic colonial-era building that was completed in 1950.

Satinder Garcha, CEO of Garcha Hotels and founder of Hôtel Vagabond Singapore teamed up with Harpreet Bedi, Legal Counsel of Garcha Hotels and the fledging General Manager of Hôtel Vagabond Singapore whom collectively developed the ultimate getaway, where fun is prioritised with as much restful bliss its doors are able to offer; hence the tagline "If you must get in trouble, do it at the Vagabond." The experience is heightened with jazz quartets and indie rockers who perform thrice a week amidst the lavish setting of Asian-inspired craft cocktails. In addition, the amount of commissioned artwork as well as an accompanying selection of in-room music playlists and movies allows guests to continue soaking in the artistic spirit of Hôtel Vagabond Singapore. ❖

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