

THE FULLERTON HOTEL SINGAPORE



The Fullerton Building - "A Monument Worthy of the City"

Built in 1928, this was a government building named after the first governor of the Straits Settlements, Robert Fullerton. It was situated at the mouth of Singapore River at the site of the former Fort Fullerton (1825-1873), the first line of defence for Singapore.

Most people remember it as Singapore's General Post Office although it used to house government departments, the Singapore Club and the Chamber of Commerce. It was conserved and renovated into The Fullerton Hotel Singapore, which opened on 1 January 2001.



Architecture

The Fullerton Building is a magnificent palatial, Neo-classical structure. Commissioned as part of the British colony's centennial celebrations and designed by Major P.H. Keys in 1920, the building has five façades, each in the Doric order.

Head over to Fullerton Road to view the building's most prominent East façade, designed to face the harbour and make a strong impression on travellers arriving in Singapore in the early days.



General Post Office (GPO)

In the days when there were no internet services and mobile phones, the GPO was essential for communication and trade. Many would recall walking through the lower levels of Fullerton Building where the GPO was located. The basement was used for parcel sorting while the first floor had postal counters, telegraphs rooms and letter sorting rooms.

Post a mail through two of our functioning red pillar post boxes located at The Fullerton Heritage Gallery and Post Bar to receive a special postmark. The red pillar post boxes were first introduced in 1873 and serve as a legacy to the British colonial era.

Did you know?

The Fullerton Heritage Gallery has an amazing collection of photographs, maps, stamps and philatelic materials dating back to 1932. Visit the gallery at level 1.



The Fullerton Building - it was such a prominent landmark. When people first arrived in Singapore, that was the first impression they had of the city. In a way, the Fullerton was a symbol of Singapore.
Former President of Singapore
Mr. S. R. Nathan

A Government Building

Besides the General Post Office, Fullerton once housed different government departments. They included the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development Board, Inland Revenue Department, Imports and Exports Department and the Marine Office.

Illustrious personalities who used to work in the historic building include former President S.R. Nathan who worked in the Marine Office in the 1950s and former Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong who began his career at the Ministry of Finance in the 1960s.

Did you know?

As a tribute to the government offices located in the Fullerton Building, some of the meeting rooms at the basement of Fullerton Hotel are named after them:

- Inland Revenue Room - Inland Revenue Authority
- TDB Room - Trade Development Board
- GPO Room - General Post Office
- EDB Room - Economic Development Board



Mile Zero, All roads in Singapore led to the GPO

The Fullerton Building was once the Mile Zero of Singapore. All roads in Singapore used to stem from this point, a system that can trace its roots to the Roman Empire.

Before the road system of modern-day Singapore was introduced, people meant it quite literally when they said they had reached a milestone. They used to find their way across the island with the help of large stone markers found on roads. Standing erect a mile, or about 1.6km, apart, the milestones were labelled with numbers and led people to both rural and modern parts of the island.



Singapore Club

From 1928 to 1961, one third of the building was occupied by the Singapore Club. Established in 1862, this exclusive European club admitted mainly the male high-level government officials and wealthy merchants. Its presence in Fullerton was questioned as the building was built on public funds, yet members of the lavish club represented a small portion of the society. The Club, later known as the Town Club, left Fullerton in 1961. Today, it is known as the Singapore Town Club.

Did you know?

You don't have to be a club member to enjoy the privileges! Approach our Concierge to visit The Straits Room (level 4), which used to house the club's billiard room and view its unique coffered ceiling - Singapore's only barrel-vaulted example, designed by Italian sculptor Cavaliere Rudolfo Nolli (1868-1963).

Or visit the Town Restaurant, named after the Club, and sample Singaporean delicacies such as Fullerton's Hainanese Chicken Rice and Singapore Satay.



The Fullerton Lighthouse

Situated atop The Fullerton Building was the Fullerton Lighthouse, built in 1958 to replace the 103-year-old Fort Canning Lighthouse. Its beacon guided the world's mariners to the safety of the Singapore port until it ceased operation in 1979, when it was overshadowed by skyscrapers.

Today, it has transformed into an Italian restaurant and rooftop bar which offers panoramic views of the Singapore skyline. The beacon which was removed during the building's conservation project is now exhibited at Harbourfront Towers.

Did you know?

After it was decommissioned, the premise around the Lighthouse housed the government canteen, named "spartan". Former Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong, when working at the Ministry of Finance in the building often went to "spartan" for lunch. He recollected that the cuisine, service and furniture were very basic.



Founding Prime Minister at The Fullerton Square

In the 1960s to 1980s, many of the rallies by Singapore's People's Action Party (PAP) often took place at the Fullerton Square during lunchtime to attract the office crowd. The late founding Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew gave speeches to hundreds of "White on White" supporters at a podium, through rain or shine.

Did you know?

"White on White" refers to the attire of PAP supporters: white shirts and white trousers. It symbolises PAP's ideals of clean governance: a white uniform, once smudged, is difficult to make clean again.

The Foundation Stone

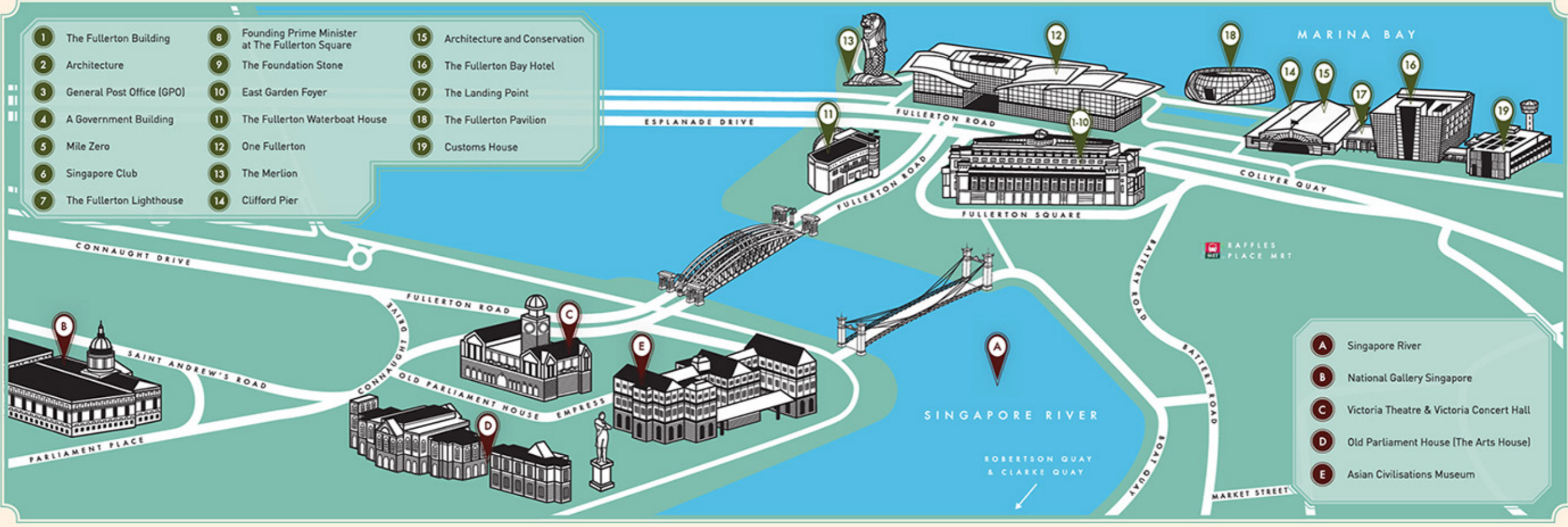
Laid by Singapore's first President Yusof bin Ishak in 1970, the Foundation stone was originally named "The Foundation Stone of the Monument to the Early Founders of Singapore". It was erected as a keynote memorial by the Alumni International Singapore (AIS) to celebrate the achievement of our forefathers. Later, plans to build the memorial were scrapped and the Foundation Stone itself became the memorial.

Locate the memorial at the garden outside Town Restaurant, The Fullerton Hotel today.



East Garden Foyer

Embark on an artistic journey or bring home a piece of art with you at the East Garden Foyer (level 1), a dedicated stage for rotating exhibitions by talented emerging and established international and local artists on selected months of the year.



THE FULLERTON WATERBOAT HOUSE



The Fullerton Waterboat House

Designed in 1940s by Swan & Maclaren for Hammer & Company, the building features a unique Art Deco style with an elegant façade and curved balconies. Once tasked to supply water to ships anchored offshore, the building was gazetted for conservation in 2002 and awarded the Architectural Heritage Award in 2005 for the restoration works, which included the recovery of its original grey Shanghai plaster finish and an addition of a new glass annex.

Today, it has evolved into a classy dining venue and faces the Fullerton Hairpin (Turn 13) of the Singapore Formula One Grand Prix Race Circuit.

ONE FULLERTON

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A graceful waterfront development blessed with stunning vistas of Marina Bay developments, the all-day dining and lifestyle destination is directly adjacent to the well-recognised historic Merlion Park, home to the Merlion.



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A national icon, the Merlion's lion head refers to an ancient myth where a Palembang prince reportedly encountered a lion when he first stepped on the shores of Temasek, renaming this island Singapura ("Lion City" in Sanskrit); its body of a fish refers to Singapore being a port city. This 8.6-metre-tall statue was sculpted by Lim Nang Seng and unveiled by Singapore's founding Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew in 1972.

Try our signature Merlion Cocktail available at Post Bar, The Fullerton Hotel Singapore and The Landing Point, The Fullerton Bay Hotel Singapore or try making your own!



Ingredients
45ml Tequila
25ml Lime Juice
25ml Sugar Cane Syrup
10ml Pomegranate Syrup
10ml Ginger Juice
20ml Egg White

CLIFFORD PIER



Clifford Pier

Opened on 3 June 1933, Clifford Pier was once the major landing point for immigrants and sea passengers arriving in Singapore. Although named after Sir Hugh Clifford, Governor of the Straits Settlements (1927-1929), it is more commonly known as the Red Lantern Pier, because red oil lamps were hung at the pier to guide seafarers ashore. Clifford Pier closed in 2006 and has been restored as The Clifford Pier restaurant in The Fullerton Bay Hotel. The restaurant celebrates Singapore's identity as a melting pot of cultures by serving a mix of local favourites and Western classics.

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Architecture and Conservation

Clifford Pier was an engineering feat of its time with its 10 reinforced concrete arched trusses measuring 36 feet high and spanning 60 feet across, resulting in a column-free space that facilitated passenger traffic flow.

Many elements within Clifford Pier have been conserved and restored to its former glory. Find out more about the restoration works from the plaques located within the perimeters of Clifford Pier.

THE FULLERTON BAY HOTEL



The Fullerton Bay Hotel

Built entirely on water, The Fullerton Bay Hotel makes a striking impression with its breathtaking architecture, award-winning service and glamorous interiors by Asian designers. The form of the building is shaped in response to the flanking Clifford Pier and Customs House buildings. Experience the transition from past to present as you enter the lobby within the historic Clifford Pier, before proceeding through a contemporary linkway with splendid views to the bay, and finally arriving at the voluminous reception atrium in the newly constructed jewel-shaped hotel building.



The Landing Point

The Landing Point is one of the dining venues at The Fullerton Bay Hotel, named after Clifford Pier which was the main landing point in Singapore for visitors and immigrants from 1933 to 2006. Before air travel became popular, most travellers and immigrants arrived at Singapore via Clifford Pier. During the pier's later years of operation, it was used by locals to travel to off-shore islands like Kusu Island for vacation and pilgrimage via bumboats.

THE FULLERTON PAVILION



The Fullerton Pavilion

The Fullerton Pavilion is a first-of-its-kind floating glass dome structure set on Marina Bay, a design masterpiece complete with a public rooftop observation deck. It was built beside the old Finger Pier - the extension dock of the old Clifford Pier.

CUSTOMS HOUSE



Customs House

Integral to the safety of Singapore's harbour, Customs House (formerly known as Customs Harbour Branch Building) was home to the harbour division of the Singapore Customs Police. It was here where customs officers kept a round-the-clock vigil from the 23 metre-high control tower, watching out for illegal and smuggling activities. Raids on the high seas, seizures of illegal goods and encounters with pirates were all part of the colourful stories that once took place on the waters. It ceased operation in 2006 and was restored to become part of The Fullerton Heritage, featuring unique dining concepts.