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an Englishman in New York

CITY HOT SPOT KEONG SAIK ROAD, SINGAPORE



Once a run-down red-light district on the edge of Chinatown, this edgy thoroughfare is now home to a cornucopia of esoteric bars, cafés and vintage stores

EAT

With a flamboyance of pink flamingo artwork and palm tree wallpaper, Loloku (loloku.sg) serves up juices, *poke* bowls and good vibes. Despite a simple sidewalk setup, Tong Ah Eating House (35 Keong Saik) is unmissable for its *kaya* toast: coconut-jam-covered toast dipped in runny eggs. Down the road, Neon Pigeon (neonpigeonsg.com) is famed for its edamame hummus and miso-grilled clams. Listen out for bar manager Symphony Loo's infectious laugh – she carries a bottle of saké for pouring into diners' mouths.

DRINK

Pop into veggie haunt Afterglow (afterglow.sg) – the pink rose-petal-topped beetroot latte is worth it for the photos alone. Down the road at smart speakeasy Potato Head Folk (ptthead.com), bartender Kamil Foltán serves chocolate and cherry negronis, while at Phat Cat Laundry (phatcatlaundry.com) hidden behind a curtain and a trio of washing machines is a Chinese-laundry-themed bar. Order the Foam Party, which is a lemongrass piña colada.

Clockwise from left
A *poke* bowl known as The Nani from Loloku; Neon Pigeon is inspired by Tokyo's small plate restaurants; Keong Saik Road by day



SEE

Spot the piles of discarded shoes outside the northern end of Keong Saik Road, then look up and marvel at the tower of intricate, brightly hued carvings of deities, which top the Sri Layan Sithi Vinayagar Temple (sttemplc.com). At this Hindu place of worship, which was built in the 1920s by Southern Indian Hindu Chettiars, the air is heavy with the scent of joss sticks that worshippers light for luck.

SHOP

Vintage Snoopy telephones, Chinese warrior statues and 1920s rollerskates alongside an Ace of Base cassette – there aren't many places as bonkers as Tong Mern Sern Antiques (tmsantiques.com). This Aladdin's cave is run by antiques dealer Mr Keng Ah Wong. His motto? "We buy junk and sell antiques. Some fools buy, some fools sell." Filmmakers and artists often pop by for inspiration.

EXPLORATION

A RETURN TO THE SILENT WORLD

Aqua Expeditions is running a series of cruises hosted by oceanographic explorer Jean-Michel Cousteau, offering travellers the chance to experience the environmentally diverse Amazon and Mekong rivers from the perspective of a conservationist. aquaexpeditions.com

