

Pesta Ubin: Pulau Ubin Open House (26 May to 24 Jun: 5 weekends)

What is Pulau Ubin?

Pulau Ubin is an untouched island off eastern Singapore, home to the last 'kampung' (village). A visit takes you back to the simpler pleasures of the 1960's. And you don't need your passport.

Escape to Ubin! Life in the slow lane starts as you join the queue for the bumboat that leaves Changi for the 15-minute ride to Pulau Ubin. Stroll or pedal through rustic trails under swaying coconut palms, past quaint kampung houses with their kitchen gardens. Explore flourishing mangroves, lotus-covered ponds. Peek into hidden temples, stop by secluded beaches. Spot hornbills, wild boar and more. Chat with laid-back villagers as you enjoy a cold fresh coconut. On Ubin, the food tastes better, air is fresher, sights and sounds soothing to the soul.

What is Pesta Ubin?

Pesta Ubin is a kampung-style Open House at Singapore's last rustic island, Pulau Ubin! Pesta Ubin is the highlight of each year of '[Celebrating Ubin](#)', which is made possible by the [Friends of Ubin Network \(FUN\)](#). FUN brings together those who are committed to working together for Ubin.

Pesta, pronounced 'Pays-ta', is Malay for festival or party. Pesta often describes festivities that bring a community together, such as a wedding; or a cultural celebration. (It is NOT an Italian dish: which is 'pasta'.)

What's special about Pesta Ubin?

Once a year, people who love Ubin step up to share with the public their special slice of Pulau Ubin. Pesta Ubin activities are heartfelt, organic and led by the community. This year's Open House offers more than 50 activities, involving about 40 Organising Groups, more than 500 volunteers with places for more than 3,500 participants.

Ubin's unique charms are passionately highlighted in Pesta Ubin activities. Its culture, kampung life, nature and wildlife, Ubin land and sea. From Ubin Town to the quarries, and the waters around Pulau Ubin. Morning, noon and night!

Soak in the kinder, gentler way of life on Ubin during Pesta Ubin. Leave the city attitude behind, and get with The Ubin Way. On Ubin, we greet one another with a smile, a "Hello", "How was your day?". Respect the culture, get to know the quirky people of Ubin. Be gentle with wildlife that share the island. Keep our footprint light so Ubin remains unspoilt for those who follow behind us. [More about Pesta Ubin](#).

Want to contribute a Pesta Ubin activity?

Everyone is welcomed to contribute suitable activities for Pesta Ubin! Activities that passionately highlight Ubin's unique charms. Its culture, kampung life, nature and wildlife, Ubin land and sea.

Through these activities, we hope to also raise awareness of Pulau Ubin and issues on Pulau Ubin.

Pesta Ubin is held in the kampung spirit! Indulging in the Ubin Way: laid back, relaxed. Friendly and homely. Celebrating the traditional and natural. Getting to know one another as we explore and enjoy Pulau Ubin.

More about what activities are suitable for Pesta Ubin and how to contribute a Pesta Ubin activity [here](#).

What's happening at Pesta Ubin?

Many Pesta Ubin activities are [free of charge](#). Some [do NOT require registration](#). Simply [come to Pulau Ubin](#) and join the fun! [Find a Pesta Ubin activity](#) that suits your schedule and interest! Don't say Bo Jio!

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- [27 May \(Sun\): Pesta Ubin photo booth](#) Have a kampung make over! Choose from cool Ubin props and quirky kampung accessories. Take a photo and post it #PestaUbin so your friends share in the fun at Pesta Ubin!
- [27 May \(Sun\): FREE Ubin Nature Walk with Strix Wildlife Consultancy](#) Join experienced naturalists to spot amazing wildlife on Pulau Ubin and learn more about Ubin history and heritage.
- [28 May - 2 Jun: Tua Pek Kong Festival](#) For six days and six nights, the birthday of Tua Pek Kong is honoured with colourful festivities. The ancient Wayang Stage at Ubin Town comes alive with traditional opera in glittering costumes as well as more modern vibrant celebrations. Come experience this authentic festival organised by Ubin villagers.
- [9 Jun \(Sat\): FREE Ubin Evening and Night Nature Walk with Strix Wildlife Consultancy](#) Enjoy BYO sunset dinner at Maman Beach while experienced naturalists spot amazing wildlife on Pulau Ubin and share about Ubin history and heritage.
- [9 Jun - 9 Jul: "The Island in Focus" photography exhibition by Photographic Society of Singapore](#) showcasing the work of PSS members' in capturing Pulau Ubin's beauty.
- [10 Jun \(Sun\): Balik Chek Jawa](#) Volunteer guides will be stationed all over the boardwalk to share about Chek Jawa's amazing wildlife. With fun activities for the whole family. (There will be NO activities on the seashores).
- [17 Jun \(Sun\): Ubin Nature Walk with Strix Wildlife Consultancy](#) Join experienced naturalists to spot amazing wildlife on Pulau Ubin and learn more about Ubin history and heritage.
- [23 Jun \(Sat\): FREE Ubin Nature Night Walk with Strix Wildlife Consultancy](#) Join experienced naturalists to spot amazing wildlife on Pulau Ubin and learn more about Ubin history and heritage.

- **24 Jun (Sun): Ubin Day** The Ubin Community comes together for the grand finale of Pesta Ubin. At the Assembly Area, [Kampung Games](#), lots of interactive booths and many other activities. No registration, just join a [guided walk of Ubin mangroves](#) or [coastal cleanup at Jelutong Beach](#) or view films: '[The German Girl Shrine](#)' and '[Moving Gods](#)'; and [Ubin, Sayang](#) - a film about Ubin villagers and mangrove restoration.

Ubin Family Fun! Pesta Ubin is fun for [the whole family](#). There are also activities [specially for kids](#): such as a [Family Nature Camp](#) and other [walks](#), [night activities](#) and [art workshops](#). Relive kampung days with [Kampung Games](#). Learn [how to navigate on Ubin](#) while discovering the island's heritage.

Colourful Traditions Join celebrations of [Tua Pek Kong's birthday](#)! Ubin bursts with six days and six nights of festivities. Ubin Jetty is decked out in flags and lanterns, the ancient Wayang Stage comes alive with traditional opera in glittering costumes. Also check out the many activities that celebrate [Ubin's heritage](#) and relive kampung days with [Kampung Games](#).

For Nature Lovers! From forests to seashores, mangroves to wild gardens. Lots of activities to enjoy, learn and give back to nature on Pulau Ubin. Come for the [Chek Jawa Open House](#) - FREE, no registration required, all are welcomed. Or join special [walks](#) by leading nature guides or go [birdwatching](#) with experts. Join a special [Family Nature Camp](#). There are also [night nature walks](#) and [nature camping](#). Learn more about Ubin's wildlife through [art](#), join a special [sunrise photography session at Chek Jawa](#). Make a difference for nature at Ubin by joining [clean ups](#). View [Ubin, Sayang](#) - a film about Ubin villagers and mangrove restoration.

Life on Ubin Pulau Ubin is Singapore's last kampung (village). Enjoy Kampung Life in the slow lane, join activities that highlight [Ubin's heritage](#). Learn about [kampung life with real life Ubin villagers](#) and about 'Kawan Ubin, a community restoration project. Learn [how to navigate on Ubin](#) while discovering the island's heritage. View [Ubin, Sayang](#) - a film about Ubin villagers and mangrove restoration.

Jalan-jalan: Wonderful Wanderings A leisurely stroll is a great way to savour the sights and sounds of Ubin! Join [walks](#) with experienced enthusiasts who will reveal secret corners of Pulau Ubin. Explore [Chek Jawa](#) in the East. [Night walks](#) are particularly exciting. Some [art](#) activities also include a stroll through Ubin.

Ubin on Wheels Rent a bicycle or bring your own. Learn from experts at a [special mountain biking clinic](#).

Adrenaline Junkies! Lots of [sporty activities](#) to enjoy on Ubin! The [Pesta Ubin WalkBikeRun](#) allows you to get active while exploring Ubin. Learn from experts at a [special mountain biking clinic](#). Go on a [kayaking adventure](#)! Including [kayaking in a quarry](#)! Learn [how to navigate on Ubin](#) while discovering the island's heritage or go [Geocaching](#) on the island!

Splashing Good Time! Have fun in the [waters of Pulau Ubin](#). Lots of [kayaking](#): from a gentle kayaking tour up quiet mangrove creeks, or adventurous trips that start from the mainland. Including a rare opportunity to [kayak in an Ubin quarry](#)! As well as a [Standup Paddleboard \(SUP\)](#) activity to Pulau Ketam while picking up marine litter along the way.

Makan! Indulge in Ubin specials (*Psst: Durian season may start during Pesta Ubin!). Enjoy Ubin-only, Sunday-only Lontong at Pak Ali's shop next to Ubin Jetty. Sample home-cooked food at two Chinese restaurants in Ubin Town. Or just lepak, lim kopi and watch the kampung go by at Ubin Town. More about [makan at Ubin](#).

Join the Dark Side Night wayang during [Tua Pek Kong Festival](#) is magical. Discover Ubin after twilight through [night activities](#) such as nature walks and a special [Family Nature Camp](#).

Inspired by Ubin Artists and photography enthusiasts, find your muse at Ubin! Join [art activities](#) some specially for kids. Or a special [sunrise photography session at Chek Jawa](#). Be inspired by an [exhibition by the Photographic Society of Singapore](#). Also view films: ['The German Girl Shrine'](#) and ['Moving Gods'](#); and [Ubin. Sayang](#) - a film about Ubin villagers and mangrove restoration.

Volunteer for Ubin Some Pesta Ubin activities need [volunteers](#). The [Ubin Navigate programme](#) is looking for volunteers. Others give you an opportunity to volunteer, for example, help out in the several efforts to [clean up](#) the shores of Pulau Ubin. Everyone can make a difference for Pulau Ubin!

[Find a Pesta Ubin activity](#) that suits your schedule and interest!

'Like' the [Pesta Ubin facebook page](#) to get the latest updates! Such as alerts when registrations are opened.

Or follow the Pesta Ubin blog <https://pestaubin2018.blogspot.sg/>

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Here's [more about what to see and do on Pulau Ubin](#)