

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**Journey into the island's hidden wild side with the refreshed Sentosa Nature Discovery**



**SINGAPORE, 1 August 2025** – Get ready to embark on an immersive journey that uncovers the hidden wonders of the island's ecosystems at the refreshed **Sentosa Nature Discovery** which reopens to the public on 2 August. The revamped space has been designed to spotlight Sentosa's rich biodiversity and ongoing conservation efforts through interactive exhibits and storytelling.

More than just a nature trail, this revitalised experience with five zones serves as an environmental learning hub, offering place-based education that deepens understanding of sustainability, biodiversity, and the lesser-known natural stories of Sentosa.

Located at Imbiah Lookout, admission is free for all so bring a curious mind and open eyes as you explore at your own pace, connect with nature, and discover how you can play a part in protecting our natural world.

**What to Expect:**

**Swiftlet Bunker**



Uncover **The Swiftlet Bunker**, one of the key features of the refreshed Sentosa Nature Discovery. The Swiftlet Bunker is a replica of the original World War II bunker on Imbiah Hill, a former strategic military post that remains under restricted access to the public. Today, the underground bunker has become home to the largest known colony of the Edible-nest and Black-nest Swiftlets in Singapore, with more than 250 nests.



This zone offers visitors a rare opportunity to step into a reimagined version of the site and explore how this former military bunker has evolved into an unexpected sanctuary for wildlife. Get ready to step into the shoes of a researcher and discover the hidden world of the swiftlet colony at Imbiah Bunker through an interactive, hands-on survey activity.

Interactive features such as rare video footages of swiftlet nest-building collected over the years, a glimpse of their nests painstakingly weaved from their saliva for raising their young, even viewing real and replica nests. Visitors can also experience the dark and narrow passages where swiftlets navigate through echolocation, a special ability rarely seen in other birds, and discover many other interesting insights on these special birds and their unique habitat and behaviours.

### **Unique Floral and Fauna of Sentosa**



From native wildlife to rare ecological treasures, visitors can learn fascinating facts about the plant and animal species that call Sentosa home – some of which include the Smooth-coated Otter, Mantis Shrimp and Seashore Mangosteen.

### **Habitats of Sentosa**

This zone highlights the island's diverse ecosystems, including coastal and secondary forests, mangroves, coral reefs, seagrass meadows, and urban landscapes. Through engaging displays, visitors can learn about the unique biodiversity each habitat supports and the plants that shape the environment to the animals that depend on them.

## Conservation Efforts



Peek behind the scenes at the innovative projects and passionate people safeguarding Sentosa's land and sea to understand how these efforts are actively shaping a more sustainable future for the island.

## Nature Cinema

Visitors can take a seat at this cinema and be transported by SENTOSA, a short film that reveals the island's bold efforts to protect its natural wonders and build a sustainable future. Produced by Earth in Focus, the film offers a compelling look at conservation through the eyes of a native Sentosa islander.

As part of the launch, Sentosa will be rolling out a **Nature Discovery Series**, from 2 August to 10 August, which involves a curated lineup of free interactive programmes designed to spark curiosity, deepen appreciation for biodiversity, and make nature exploration even more fun for all ages. Highlights include:

- **Nature Navigators (3-10 August 2025):** Embark on a guided adventure across Sentosa's diverse green spaces. Participants will take on eco-challenges that test their wit, endurance, and teamwork, all while uncovering the island's rich natural heritage.
- **Birds and Bunkers: Imbiah Field Notes (2 Aug 2025):** In collaboration with the Bird Society of Singapore, this citizen science session invites participants to observe, identify, and document local bird species. They'll also get rare access to a hidden World War II bunker that now serves as a home to a thriving swiftlet colony.

- **Wild Tales (9-10 Aug 2025):** Perfect for curious minds and little explorers, this cozy storytelling session sparks creativity, builds a love for the environment, and connects young hearts to the beauty of the wild.
- **Explorer's Bingo (2-10 Aug 2025):** A fun, all-ages scavenger hunt that blends learning with play—encouraging curiosity, observation, and a deeper appreciation for the great outdoors.

Full details of all programmes can be found in Annex A. Step into a space where nature, education, and sustainability come to life. Experience it all at the newly revamped Sentosa Nature Discovery!

For more information, please visit <https://www.sentosa.com.sg/things-to-do/attractions/sentosa-nature-discovery/>.

Admission to Sentosa Nature Discovery is complimentary to all. The education hub opens from 9am to 5pm daily.

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## About Sentosa

Sentosa, where discovery never ends, is Asia's leading leisure destination and Singapore's premier island resort getaway, located within 15 minutes from the central business and shopping districts. The island resort is managed by Sentosa Development Corporation, which works with various stakeholders in overseeing property investments, attractions development, and operation of the various leisure offerings and management of the residential precinct on the island.

The 500-hectare island resort is home to an exciting array of themed attractions, award-winning spa retreats, lush rainforests, golden sandy beaches, resort accommodations, world-renowned golf courses, a deep-water yachting marina and luxurious residences – making Sentosa a vibrant island resort for business and leisure. Sentosa is also home to Singapore's first integrated resort, Resorts World Sentosa, which operates Southeast Asia's first Universal Studios theme park.

Situated on the eastern end of Sentosa Island is Sentosa Cove, an exclusive waterfront residential enclave bustling with more than 2,000 homes, quayside restaurants, retail and specialty shops. The island is also proud to be home to Sentosa Golf Club and its two acclaimed golf courses, The Serapong and The Tanjong. Sentosa Golf Club has hosted a number of high-profile professional and amateur tournaments, including the Singapore Open

and HSBC Women's World Championship, welcoming international star players and world-class golf professionals from across the world.

Welcoming a growing number of local and international guests every year, Sentosa is an integral part of Singapore's goal to be a global destination to work, live and play. For more information, please visit: [www.sentosa.com.sg](http://www.sentosa.com.sg).



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### **About Sentosa Development Corporation**

Sentosa Development Corporation (SDC) was established on 1 September 1972 as a Statutory Board under the Ministry of Trade and Industry. Its charter since inception has been to oversee the development, management, marketing, and promotion of the island of Sentosa as a resort destination for locals and tourists.

SDC wholly owns its subsidiaries Sentosa Cove Resort Management Pte Ltd and Sentosa Golf Club Pte Ltd. SDC also owns the Singapore Cable Car Sky Network, managed by Mount Faber Leisure Group Pte Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary which operates as an autonomous commercial arm.

As a testament to its commitment to sustainability, SDC has been conferred the Global Sustainable Tourism Council – For Destinations (GSTC-D) certificate, making Sentosa the first island destination in Asia to receive this accolade.

**Annex A – Nature Discovery Series**

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates &amp; Time</b>	<b>Registration Link</b>
<b>Sentosa Nature Discovery Gallery Tours</b>	<p>Whether you're a nature enthusiast, art lover, or curious explorer, this tour offers a unique opportunity to connect deeply with the environment and awaken your sense of wonder.</p> <p>Engage with our nature guides, interactive installations, and breathtaking visuals that celebrate the wonders of Imbiah.</p> <p>Join us to experience our newly revamped gallery—through the eyes of Conservationists alike.</p>	<p>3–10 Aug 2025 11am–12pm</p> <p>Islanders Exclusive: 2, 3, 9, 10 Aug 2025 3pm–4pm</p>	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
<b>Nature Navigators (Guided Discovery Race)</b>	<p>Dive into the ultimate outdoor challenge designed to inspire teamwork, ignite adventure, and deepen your connection with the nature of Sentosa Island.</p> <p>Participants will be guided across diverse nature spots, tackling exciting eco-challenges that test their skills, wit, and endurance — all while discovering the beauty and secrets of nature.</p>	<p>3–10 Aug 2025 9am–11am</p>	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
<b>Birds and Bunkers: Imbiah Field Notes</b>	<p>Ever wondered what birds are in Singapore's skies? Join the Bird Society of Singapore in a hands-on citizen science experience to find out. You'll learn how to observe, identify and document our fascinating birds - contributing real data to help us better understand our bird population.</p> <p>Gain exclusive access to a hidden World War II bunker that now houses a thriving swiftlet colony. Learn more about their fascinating ecology, nesting and how they raise their young.</p>	<p>2 Aug 2025 4pm–5pm</p>	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
<b>Wild Tales (Storytelling)</b>	<p>Perfect for curious minds and little explorers, this cozy storytelling session sparks creativity, builds a love for the environment, and</p>	<p>9–10 Aug 2025 2pm–3pm</p>	<a href="#">Register Here</a>

	<p>connects young hearts to the beauty of the wild.</p> <p>Conducted by Jolyn, a rising children Storytime reader, enjoy her fun and nurturing ways of engaging your young ones.</p>		
<b>Voices of Sentosa</b>	<p>Join us for a series where voices from the wild speak loud and clear.</p> <p>Leanne Tan, Assistant Manager (Conservation), SDC and Keren Sadanandan Research Fellow, Department of Biological Sciences, NUS are environmental advocates who will share real-life stories of protecting nature and wildlife.</p> <p>Through heartfelt narratives, eye-opening experiences, and inspiring solutions, this programme connects people to the challenges—and triumphs—of conservation around the island of Sentosa.</p>	<p>2–3 Aug 2025 2pm–3pm</p>	<p><a href="#">Register Here</a></p>
<b>Wild Hues</b>	<p>Perfect for all ages, this nature-themed colouring activity invites you to discover amazing animals, plants, and habitats—while enjoying the calming joy of art in a safe space surrounded by Nature.</p>	<p>2–10 Aug 2025 SND operating hours: 9am - 5pm</p>	<p><a href="#">Register Here</a></p>
<b>Promise to Nature</b>	<p>Our Promise to Nature Box is your chance to commit to protecting the planet in simple, meaningful ways. Whether it's saving water, reducing waste, or planting native trees, your promise adds up to real change.</p> <p>Drop your pledge here and join a community dedicated to preserving Earth's beauty for generations to come.</p>	<p>2–10 Aug 2025 9am–5pm</p>	<p><a href="#">Register Here</a></p>
<b>Explorer's Bingo</b>	<p>Perfect for all ages, Explorer's Bingo blends learning with play—encouraging curiosity, observation, and a deeper appreciation for the great outdoors. It's the ultimate</p>	<p>2–10 Aug 2025 SND operating hours: 9am - 5pm</p>	<p><a href="#">Register Here</a></p>

	nature scavenger hunt that everyone can enjoy!  Grab a card, take a walk, and let nature fill your board!		
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SDC is also working with partners to use the educational hub for learning journeys in the future. One upcoming pilot is the “Adaptation and bio mimicry” workshop by Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum, National University of Singapore. Interested educational institutes and communities may reach out to [engagement@sentosa.gov.sg](mailto:engagement@sentosa.gov.sg) for future details.

**Annex B – Sentosa’s unique flora and fauna**

 <p>Credit: Teo Siyang</p>	<p><b>Ridley’s Fagraea (<i>Fagraea ridleyi</i>)</b> [Plants feature] Sentosa is home to the only three individuals known in Singapore! This slow-growing climber clings onto Sentosa’s cliffs with their strong root systems despite challenging terrain and strong winds.</p>
 <p>Credit: Raffles Bulletin of Zoology</p>	<p><b>Mantis Shrimp (<i>Gonodactylellus sentosa</i>)</b> [Marine feature] This Mantis Shrimp was described in 2016 by researchers and was named after Sentosa, the location where the type specimen was collected from. Wielding lightning-fast claws, they spear and smash their prey in our intertidal areas.</p>
 <p>Credit: Rene Ong</p>	<p><b>Hornet-mimicking Hoverfly (<i>Milesia vespoides</i>)</b> [Insects feature] This hoverfly was sighted on Sentosa in 2020, and besides another sighting on Pulau Ubin in 2019, it was not seen in Singapore for almost 200 years.</p>
 <p>Credit: Jeremy Yeo</p>	<p><b>Smooth-coated Otter (<i>Lutra perspicillata</i>)</b> [Mammals feature] These playful mammals form tight-knit family units, and our island’s resident otters that are fondly known as the “Sentosa Family”. This family has successfully adapted to our island landscapes and are frequently seen along our shores.</p>
 <p>Credit: Jeremy Yeo</p>	<p><b>Oriental Pied Hornbill (<i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i>)</b> [Birds feature] The population of these large birds are thriving on Sentosa, usually seen in pairs around the island. When breeding, the female seals the opening of tree cavities with mud and plant fibres, leaving a small opening for the male to deliver food.</p>