

Event Listing

Sandsational Fun at Sentosa 2017

- *'Uniquely Singaporean' sand sculptures to feature local culture, quirks and humour*
- *Sentosa International Sand Sculpting Championship to host 14 international sculptors*
- *Internationally acclaimed Singaporean sand artist JOOHeng Tan to showcase immersive sand works commemorating his 20-year sand art career*



SINGAPORE, 2 AUGUST 2017 – This September, get ready for ***Sandsational Fun at Sentosa*** (圣淘沙沙滩欢乐季) under the sun! The island's Siloso Beach will be home to Southeast Asia's biggest sand festival featuring a plethora of exciting activities set to delight guests from all over!

Anchoring the three-week festival is ***Sentosa Sandsation 2017*** (圣淘沙沙雕展 2017), which will feature more than 30 intricately-carved sand sculptures, up to heights of 4.9 metres. Spread over 2,400 square metres of exhibition space on Siloso Beach, guests will walk through three zones showcasing different experiences, from day to night.

Created by award-winning Singaporean sand sculptor JOOHeng Tan and his team of international sculptors, the first zone will showcase 15 three-dimensional sculptures inspired by local culture, quirks and colloquial slangs. Depicting various facets of Singaporeans' everyday life, both past and present, guests will be taken through the multi-sensory exhibits which marry visuals with audio in the story-telling, as well as lighting effects after dark.

Sentosa Sandsation 2017 will also present the **Sentosa International Sand Sculpting Championship (圣淘沙国际沙雕锦标赛)**, where 14 sand masters from around the globe will showcase their creative expressions of 'Imagination' through sand work. Sculpting for the competition will take place in the second zone of the exhibition from 28 – 31 August 2017, with the top three winners walking away with cash prizes totalling more than S\$12,000.

JOOHeng, whose works have been showcased in over 60 cities across more than 20 countries, will celebrate his 20th year of transforming ordinary sand into incredible artworks through a series of interactive sand art pieces in the third zone. Titled **Shifting Sand 2**, this showcase pays homage to JOOHeng's exhibition held at Sentosa's Palawan Beach back in 2010, when he became the first sand sculptor in Singapore to hold his own sand sculpture exhibition.

In addition, a contest will be held from 10-28 August, where children aged 5-12 years old in Singapore may submit sketches of their imagination, envisioning the future of Singapore in the year 2040. The winning sketch will then be transformed into a sand art by JOOHeng to be showcased at *Shifting Sand 2* from 15-17 September 2017. More details of the contest will be announced on Sentosa's Facebook page.

Beyond **Sentosa Sandsation**, guests will also get to indulge in sumptuous thematic food & beverage offerings along the beach, special staycation packages, on top of unwinding in the evenings with **Merlion Magic Lights** and **Movies by the Beach** (on select nights).

Event Details

Date: 1-17 September 2017

Venue: Siloso Beach, Sentosa

Time: 10am – 9pm daily

Admission: Free*

For more information: Information will be made available at www.sentosa.com.sg, and our Facebook page.

**Island admission and parking charges apply. Guests can enter the island for free via the Sentosa Boardwalk, or hop onto SBS Transit's Service 123 to get to Sentosa's Beach Station.*

More details of **Sandsational Fun at Sentosa 2017** will be released closer to date. In the meantime, do stay tuned to our digital platforms for updates.

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About Sentosa

Sentosa 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. Making Sentosa its home, too, is Singapore's first integrated resort, Resorts World Sentosa, which operates South East Asia's first Universal Studios theme park.

Situated on the eastern end of Sentosa Island is Sentosa Cove, an exclusive oceanfront and residential enclave bustling with some 2,000 homes, romantic 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 New Tanjong. Sentosa Golf Club hosts the SMBC Singapore Open and the HSBC Women's Champions, featuring some of the world's best golf professionals.

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.

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