

Media Release

FEEL THE SPRINGTIME LOVE IN SENTOSA

The Island of Fun gets transformed to welcome the Year of the Monkey

SINGAPORE, 31 JANUARY 2016 – Indulge in *Love in Springtime* at Sentosa with family and friends next month, as ‘The State of Fun’ gets transformed in February to celebrate the month’s favourite festivities: Lunar New Year and Valentine’s Day.

From 1 to 14 February, witness the landscape redesign the sunny island as we welcome the Year of the Monkey, visitors can look forward to a myriad of activities and routes to weave through. Start off with a slow stroll through the Merlion Plaza and be visually treated to floral displays or spot the Family Bliss lantern display featuring three generation of monkeys. Feel the springtime love as you pass the Union of Love and Butterfly Garden light displays before hitting the Prosperity Bridge enveloped by arches of lanterns and romantic Cherry Blossoms. Looking for luck? Weave your way through the Prosperity maze at Siloso Point or visit the Guardian of Prosperity at Sentosa Merlion and receive a free Prosperity Coin Holder with every ticket purchased. What’s more, take a picture of yourself in a monkey pose in front of the Sentosa Merlion and post it on Instagram with #SentosaMerlion for a chance to win attractive prizes!

Make the Lunar New Year weekend one for the family and bond over traditional activities such as calligraphy, paper cutting and palm reading from 6 to 9 February at Siloso Point. A hit with families, Port of Lost Wonder will also be having lantern-making activities for everyone. After expending your creative juices, take a walk under a shelter of lanterns towards the Cherry Blossom Trees to pen a wish with your loved ones, or swing by the Palawan Amphitheatre at 5pm (daily) to get up close and personal with Mickey, the Pig-tailed Macaque. In the light of the year of the Monkey, learn more about Mickey and his species including their facial expressions with “Understanding the Long-tailed Macaques” by Sarbina Jabbar on February 20 from 1pm-2pm.

On 8 and 9 February, visitors can also look forward to Lion and Dragon dances at the Beach Plaza and Port of Lost Wonder. Another canopy of lanterns welcomes visitors as they descend on the popular stop, and are immediately taken by the beautiful colours of the Springtime Garden. Large wall mural lining the paths at the Springtime Garden will certainly provide the perfect picturesque backdrop for couples looking to capture romantic moments with a ‘selfie’.

Discover nature even further with a line-up of activities from February all the way to March 31. Fall in love with the animal kingdom with a photo exhibition “Love in the Animal Kingdom” by award-winning nature photographer C.S. Ling at Sentosa Nature Discovery from 9am to 5pm. Learn more about the magic and work behind these photographs when C.S. Ling speaks on “Photographing Wildlife: From Heart to Lens” at the Discovery Room from 2pm to 2.40pm on 13 February.

End your excursion at Sentosa by heading over to the Merlion Walk learn a little more about your Zodiac sign with the Zodiac 2016 signboard display, or your horoscope at the Horoscope Sign Board on Beach Plaza. Providing the perfect light display to wrap up the

February festivities is the Orchid Connection where the Merlion Zig Zag Ramp will be brilliantly decorated with floral displays. Round up the evening with Wings of Time and feel the Springtime love take flight at Sentosa, this February.

For more information and schedule of the performances, do check out the Sentosa website at www.sentosa.com.sg.

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Details of activities

Merlion Plaza:	Family Bliss Lantern Display, Union of Love, Butterfly Garden, Floral Display, Prosperity Bridge
Merlion Walk and The Orchid Connection:	Lights and Floral Display, Zodiac 2016 signboard
Beach Plaza:	Horoscope Sign Board, Canopy of Lanterns, Springtime Garden, Lion & Dragon dances
Siloso Point:	Long-Tails in Love, Prosperity Maze, Pen-a-Wish Wishing Cherry Blossom Trees, Calligraphy, Paper cutting, Palm reading, Lantern Arch

Guardian of Prosperity at Sentosa Merlion

Date:	1 February – 31 March 2016-01-21
Time:	10am – 8pm (Last admission at 7.30pm)
Price:	Local - \$10 (Adult) / \$7 (Child) Standard - \$12 (Adult) / \$9 (Child)
Info:	Receive a FREE^ Prosperity Coin Holder with every ticket purchased. What's more, take a picture of yourself in a monkey pose in front of the Sentosa Merlion, include #SentsaMerlion when you post on your Instagram and stand to win prizes^!

Lunar New Year at Port of Lost Wonder

Date:	6-9 February 2016
Time:	10am – 6.30pm (Last admission at 6pm)
Price:	\$15/ Child, Accompanying adults enter for free
Info:	Anticipate festive fun for the whole family with exhilarating lion dance performances (8-9 Feb) alongside other activities such as lantern-making. Redeem a special gift when you spend \$50^!

Animal & Bird Encounters at Palawan Amphitheatre

Date:	Daily
Time:	5pm
Info:	Mickey, the Pig-tailed Macaque will feature more prominently and in several new segments. She will be displaying behaviour typical of and unique to those in the macaque family. Photo-taking with Mickey after the show/ up-close and personal with animals will be available during the Close Encounter sessions in the day (4.30pm before show).

Lunar New Year Programmes at Sentosa Nature Discovery

Date: 1 February 2016 – 31 March 2016
Venue: Level 1
Time: 9am – 5pm
Info: Photo exhibition “Love in the Animal Kingdom” by Award-winning nature photographer C.S. Ling

Date: 13 February 2016
Venue: Discovery Room – Level 1
Time: 2pm – 2.40pm
Info: Award-winning Nature Photographer C.S. Ling will be sharing tips on getting to know the behaviour of wildlife and how to anticipate and capture a split-second moment with the right camera settings.

Date: 20 February 2016
Venue: Discovery Room – Level 1
Time: 1pm – 2pm
Info: “Understanding the Long-tailed Macaques” by Sabrina Jabbar in collaboration with the Jane Goodall Institute Singapore. Sabrina has been active in the animal advocacy and protection scene since she was a zookeeper at the Singapore Zoo for 5 years. She developed a love for primates back then and soon joined the ACRES Macaque Campaigns Team where she rescued, rehabilitated and released more than 15 macaques throughout her 2.5 years there. She will be sharing on basic macaque behaviours and facial expressions that the public should know of to ensure co-existence and avoid unnecessary conflict. Common myths about the macaques will also be busted.

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