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5 things you can do at Flora Drive in the east



Wild Wild Wet water adventure park nearby offers thrilling water rides. PHOTO: LIANHE ZAOBAO

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Ever thought about living in a tranquil estate, but reluctant to give up accessibility to the city?

Flora Drive is a genteel neighbourhood that offers a slice of paradise tucked away from the city but at the same time well-connected to major expressways, suburban malls, workplaces in the east and a host of recreational options.

Here are five things you can do at Flora Drive:

1. ENJOY SEAMLESS CONNECTIVITY

With the Pan-Island Expressway (PIE), Tampines Expressway (TPE) and East Coast Parkway (ECP) just minutes away by car, getting anywhere in Singapore from Flora Drive is an absolute breeze.

For instance, after hitting the PIE, Changi Airport is only mere minutes away by car. When the hotly anticipated Jewel Changi Airport is ready next year, work and travel won't be the only reasons to visit Changi Airport.

With a floor size of 134,000 sq m — roughly the same size as VivoCity— the upcoming Jewel promises to be a massive retail and entertainment complex, with some 300 shops and eateries spread across its 10 storeys.

Venturing out to other parts of Singapore is also easy and convenient.



The iconic façade of Jewel Changi Airport is being built in its last phase of construction. PHOTO: LIANHE ZAOBAO

2. STAY NEAR TO A PLETHORA OF AMENITIES, WORKPLACES AND SCHOOLS

Aside from connectivity to the rest of the island, one of the best things about living in Flora Drive is how convenient it is for daily living. Whether you're looking to buy groceries, have dinner after a long day's work with your family, or grab daily essentials, surrounding amenities make your life easier.



Loyang point has been newly refurbished last year. PHOTO: HOUSING DEVELOPMENT BOARD

The recently refurbished Loyang Point is just a six-minute drive away. The heartland shopping houses Giant and Sheng Siong supermarkets, as well as clinics, hair salons, food courts and fast food restaurants and serves a convenient one-stop-shop for all your daily needs.

And if you're feeling like some retail therapy, there is also no need to venture all the way to town. Go to Tampines Central, where there are three shopping malls – Tampines Mall, Century Square and Tampines One – to meet your shopping, dining and entertainment needs. Established brands like H&M, Uniqlo, Sephora, Charles & Keith and Muji can also be found here.

For homeware and groceries, Ikea Tampines is only a 10-minute drive away. There is also a Giant Hypermarket and Courts Megastore in the same compound.



Pasir Ris Central Hawker Centre features old-school dishes as well as international cuisines. PHOTO: ST FILE

To eat out, visit the brand-new Pasir Ris Central Hawker Centre, where traditional hawker delights sits comfortably alongside the modern. At this two-storey hawker centre, you can find old-school dishes such as carrot cake and ayam penyet, as well as contemporary fare such as burgers, healthy grain bowls and Korean army stew.

Another nearby dining destination is Changi Village. Although most people flock here for the famous nasi lemak stall, chicken chop hor fun and hokkien mee, there are also plenty of charming cafés to check out, such as Chock Full of Beans and The Coastal Settlement, and even a beer microbrewery called Little Island Brewing Co.

At the same time, you can save time on your daily commute as workplaces and schools are within reach.

For instance, the Changi Business Park is just a stone's throw away. The sprawling business cluster has international finance and technology companies such as DBS Bank, Standard Chartered, J.P. Morgan, Honeywell and IBM. Singapore Expo is also nearby.

Not only do work and business opportunities abound here, there are also plenty of dining and shopping options over at Changi City Point.



The campus of Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD). PHOTO: ST FILE

The estate is also within walking distance to Tampines Junior College and close to Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD). There are plenty of local and international schools such as The Japanese School, Overseas Family School and United World College of South East Asia (UWCSEA) in the east to choose from.

3. HAVE FUN AT A SMORGASBORD OF RECREATIONAL OPTIONS FOR THE YOUNG AND OLD

Despite its proximity to prominent industries, businesses and schools, Flora Drive offers many options for recreation. After a week of hard work, you won't be short of fun activities for the whole family during the weekend.

Make a stop at Pasir Ris Park, the perfect beachside park for camping and water sports. Or drop by Downtown East, where you can have fun at a bowling alley, state-of-the-art movie theatre and the Wild Wild Wet water adventure park. You could even have a go at indoor laser tag.

If you need to unwind, visit the historic Changi Village, where you can either stroll along the Changi Boardwalk, or take a boat to Pulau Ubin to explore its kampung and hiking trails.

4. CYCLE TO THREE BEACHES NEARBY

In addition, Flora Drive is located near not one, but three beaches, which are all within cycling distance. Take your pick from the fun-filled Pasir Ris Beach, idyllic Changi Beach, or family-friendly East Coast Park.



The Pasir Ris Beach is within cycling distance. PHOTO: BERITA HARIAN

You won't have to wait for the weekend to head to the beach either. Upcoming condominium The Jovell recreates that beach resort feel at your doorstep, with resort-style facilities such as a 200m continuous waterscape and a beach with textures mimicking a sandy feel underfoot.



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5. BENEFIT FROM THE LEGACY OF A REPUTABLE DEVELOPER IN A FLORAL-THEMED ESTATE

Living here at Flora Drive, you will benefit from a legacy that has been established since the 1970s. Tripartite Developers Pte Ltd – a joint venture company between Hong Leong Holdings Limited, City Developments Limited (CDL) and TID Pte Ltd – has acquired land in this area at that time and built nine successful condominiums over the decades.

Upcoming project The Jovell will be the tenth property in this well-thought-out neighbourhood.

With just nine eight-storey blocks, The Jovell offers exclusive living at its finest and pays tribute to Changi's beachside origins with its resort-style landscaping.

Coupled with good connectivity to the workplaces, schools and recreational options, this tranquil seaside abode truly enjoys the best of both worlds.

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