

# Lara Reviews Oasia Hotel & The Barracks!

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Looking for some cool Singapore hotels? Expat Living's Lara Sage recounts two recent stays: The Barracks in Sentosa, Singapore's very own island retreat, and Oasia Hotel Downtown in Tanjong Pagar. Both included some unexpected discoveries!

## A downtown hotel in Singapore – Oasia hotel

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Towering amongst skyscrapers is the impressive, eye-catching Oasia Hotel Downtown by Far East Hospitality. From nearby Tanjong Pagar, the red building stands juxtaposed against the skyline of neighbourhood shophouses.

The varying shades of the Oasia hotel's red metalwork reach skywards. Architecturally, it feels akin to a Jenga tower, as if "blocks" have been removed to create open outdoor spaces on the upper floors.

### Nature and design

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There's also an attention to wellness in the design. The Oasia hotel in Singapore is covered in 21 creepers that flower at different times of the year. This adds continuous interest as well as an organic touch. (A butterfly even passed me by on the 27th floor!)

Geometric patterns abound in the design and décor. For instance, outdoor turquoise features reflect the colours of the inviting rooftop pools. From those two pools, the views stretch in every direction, out to sea and also inland. Tranquillity pods beckon and loungers set in the water offer a peaceful way to trail your hands and feet in the cool water. You quickly forget you're in the heart of the city!



Therein lies another delight in this staycation in Singapore – the proximity of sights and landmarks. Our all-inclusive Club Stay experience at Oasia included the novelty of complimentary bikes that we cycled on to nearby Chinatown. It was a fun and also effective way to explore the area. Only a stone's throw from Maxwell Food Centre, Club Street and Ann Siang Hill, the area also offers countless places to eat out.

Our room overlooked the red rooftops of Chinatown. It's the perfect location for a holiday, business trip or staycation, in an evocative building. The room's lampshades and wooden trimmings echoed the hotel's exoskeleton. A desk was on hand for any work commitments, and the bathtub offered a view of the TV for those who enjoy a leisurely soak. Plus, there are quirky sliding doors for privacy.



## A last word

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Finally, our all-rounded staycation in Singapore also extended to complimentary yoga and other wellness offerings. There are even aqua spin classes, plus superfoods and special dietary options available in the Club Lounge. You can also head to the Lounge for canapés and cocktails in the evenings.

This was such a satisfactory stay that I hanker to try the other Oasia properties. They certainly seem to have this one just right!

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