



Stylish glamour in the Lion City: Fullerton Bay Hotel, Singapore

BACK IN 1933, when hawkers plied Singapore's waters on sampans, the Clifford Pier opened as a landing dock for immigrants and its red oil lamp, hanging from the art deco-style pier, guided ships and boats entering the Singapore harbor. Today, the iconic heritage building has been beautifully restored and reinvented as a destination brasserie in the Fullerton Bay Hotel. With colonial arches and curved trusses, it's a grand spot to sample Singaporean/Asian delicacies like porchetta (slow-roasted crispy suckling pig) and wok-fried turnip cakes.

The Clifford Pier is just one of the striking architectural features of the Fullerton Bay Hotel. From the moment you set foot inside, it's a "wow"! Opened in 2010 with 100 rooms and suites, the six-storey boutique hotel, named one of the "100 World's Best Hotels" by *Travel + Leisure*, is built entirely over water.

Rooms are among the most luxurious we've ever stayed in - and

we're no strangers to fine hotels. All boast enormous wall-to-wall windows and glass doors opening onto decks with smashing views across glittering Marina Bay. At night, we could watch the bay's spectacular laser, light and water jet show without leaving our room. Accommodations also come complete with every comfort and state-of-the-art convenience, including touch-of-a-button blackout shades, free high-speed Wi-Fi, in-room Nespresso machine, pillow menu, fluffy bathrobes and slippers - even a laptop bed stand and an extra flat-screen TV at the foot of your bathtub. Can you say pampered?

On the rooftop, we found the hotel's open-air, 80-foot pool great for swimming laps, and we loved the Red Lantern, a sophisticated restaurant-cum-bar, where we enjoyed sweeping views of Singapore's futuristic skyline.

For high-end luxury in Singapore, the Fullerton Bay Hotel gets it right.

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