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SINGAPORE'S SHUANG LIN (SIONG LIM) MONASTERY

a heritage walk by Chan Chow Wah

The Shuang Lin Monastery is the first Buddhist monastery in Singapore. It was established in 1898 when local Chinese entrepreneur and philanthropist Low Kim Pong, donated land and invited Venerable Xian Hui, to become the first abbot of the monastery. The official name of the monastery is Lian Shan Shuang Lin Monastery, 莲山双林寺, meaning Twin Grove Monastery on the Lotus Hill and it is also variously known as Siong Lim Temple, Low Kim Pong Temple, Balestier Road Chinese Temples or simply Chinese Temple.

As a major Chinese Mahayana Monastery, the monastery has played various roles as Singapore evolved from a British Colony to an independent state. Meanwhile, its cultural and historical legacy has also spread beyond Singapore attracting many visitors from all over the world.

During this tour, you will explore the heritage of the Monastery and learn about the symbols and meanings embedded in its material culture.



venue	Steps of Shuang Lin Cheng Huan Temple (see map) 184 Jalan Toa Payoh Singapore 319941
date time	Sunday, 13 Feb 2011 9.30 am – 12.00 pm
admission	\$20 (members); \$35 (non-members)
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Meet here

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