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Five things to do this weekend (Aug 25-27)

Flora and food galore.

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Get ready to be amazed by the unique food items and showcases set up all across Singapore as the week comes to a close.

Here are five things to do this weekend (Aug 25-27):

1. Feast your eyes on Asia's largest GIFs showcase one last time

The bi-annual <u>GIFFEST</u> is coming to an end soon after its three month-long run this year, and what better way to see it off than to drop by the showcase one last time?

Titled *GIFFEST III: IMPERFECT*, the interactive showcase is held at the National Design Centre until Aug 26. It hosts Asia's largest collection of GIFs from over 80 artists worldwide, including works from artists like Saeko Ehara and Michelle Sherrina.



This year's GIFFEST features works that are hand-drawn and AI-generated. GIF CREDIT: YOUTHOPIA/KIRBY TAN

Visitors can walk through the showcase grounds and be immersed in the colourful artworks and their supported audios – which is something typical GIFs are not capable of doing!

GIFFEST III: IMPERFECT is free to enter and is open from 9am to 9pm.



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2. Walk among rare orchid species at Gardens by the Bay's Cloud Forest

A total of 30 rare orchid species from Peru will be on full display at Gardens by the Bay's Cloud Forest from now to Feb 18, 2024.

Named <u>Orchids of Machu Picchu</u>, the floral display is a collaboration between Gardens by the Bay and the Embassy of Peru.



Among the 30 orchid species is the Epidendrum cylindrostachys, an epiphytic orchid with miniature yellow and purple-spotted flowers. PHOTO CREDITS: GARDENS BY THE BAY

Aside from the 30 live orchid species, another 80 preserved orchid species will be showcased in a five-metre orchidarium.

This is a rare opportunity for visitors to admire the flowers in person outside of Peru. Due to the flowers' conservation status, exporting them is prohibited, though this preserved collection was allowed out of its home country through the support of eco-tourism company Inkaterra.

The floral display will be open from 9am to 9pm. Admission charges to Cloud Forest apply.

3. Try out Lenovo's latest Yoga Series laptops at a pop-up showcase

Lenovo's brand new line of x80 Yoga Series laptops have arrived in Singapore, and are being showcased at the brand's flagship store at Funan Mall from Aug 26 to 27.

Visitors can drop by the store and <u>Lenovo's Creators Zone</u> to test out the new devices, which include the Yoga Pro, Yoga Slim and Yoga Convertible.



The laptops can also be purchased during the showcase, with promotions available for those that purchase models worth \$1,500 and above. PHOTO CREDITS: LENOVO SINGAPORE

On top of getting hands-on with the Yoga Series laptops, visitors can also get a free pre-drawn artwork by local digital illustrator Tan Zi Xi (also known as <u>MessyMsxi</u>) at the showcase. They may also opt for creating their own artworks and getting them printed at the Zone, as part of a collaboration between Lenovo and cutting machine brand Cricut.

After attending the showcase, visitors can stand to win a Lenovo Yoga Slim 7i laptop worth \$1,999 by joining a social media contest on the brand's <u>Instagram</u>.

4. Surround yourself with arts, music and games at Hangout SG

It is time for a little fun in the sun at <u>Hangout SG</u>, where visitors can let loose with the event's various activities and live performances.



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Located at Our Tampines Hub's Town Square, the event introduces members of the community to youth entrepreneurs at its featured Youth Entrepreneur Marketplace. Over 20 small businesses will set up booths and put goods like jewellery, stickers and bath bombs on sale.

Hangout SG also offers visitors the space to jam out to local music, painting activities and games galore.

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On top of the activities and marketplace, visitors can watch an e-sports tournament live at the event on Aug 26, and a band jamming competition on Aug 27.

The two-day event will run from Aug 26 to 27 from 11am to 9pm. Admission is free of charge.

5. Prepare for Mid-Autumn Festival at Takashimaya's celebratory fair

Although the <u>Mid-Autumn Festival</u> is still a month away, it is not too early to start shopping for mooncakes and other celebratory goods!

From now to Sep 29, Takashimaya is holding its annual <u>Mid-Autumn Fair</u>. This year's rendition hosts over 50 brands selling tea sets and all things mooncakes, from snow skin ones to even durian-flavoured ones.



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Some featured brands include Bengawan Solo, TWG Tea and Goodwork Park Hotel. PHOTO CREDITS: TAKASHIMAYA

Visitors can not only browse through the varieties of mooncakes available at the Fair, but also enjoy early bird special discounts of up to 30 per cent off mooncakes.

Admission to Takashimaya's Mid-Autumn Fair is free.

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