

Southern Islands : Lazarus + St John's



Native Name : Pulau Seringat, St John's, Lazarus

Number of Islands : 3

Access : Berth at Jetty or Anchor at Bay

Size of Island : 5.58 Sq KM

Story : Lazarus Island was originally called Pulau Sakijang

Pelepah: *Sa*=One;*Kijang*=barking deer;*Pelepah*=palm frond.. It is not known why it was renamed to Lazarus Island. The origins of the names Seringat and Kias are not known.

Things to do : I always thought that Lazarus was just good for the beach. Recently, I've done some exploring and found that they have a huge diversity of wildlife and fishing spots. Definitely a place you can spend a lazy Sunday with your family and friends and not run out of things to do!

Activities	Description	Available
Beach activities	Including sun bathing, building of sand castle, walks, picnics	Yes
Swimming	Clean turquoise waters most times of the year	Yes
Snorkelling		Yes
Diving		No
Fishing	Available near breakwaters and in the smaller coves	Yes
Jogging		Yes
Bird Watching		Yes
Marine Life	Tonnes of marine life. Oysters, otters fish, etc	Yes
Trekking		Yes
Wildlife Viewing		Yes
BBQ	Bring your own BBQ pits	Yes
Dogs	Long beaches with white sands	Yes

Getting There



Directions:

- Depart from One Degree 15 Marina (est 10 mins)
- Depart from RSYC Marina (est 40 mins)

Berthing/Landing : At Jetty or drop anchor at Eagle's bay marked X

Note :

1. Try to go early to secure a place at the jetty. Go before 9am or between 12-1pm
2. For those anchoring at the bay, ensure that you have a depth of about 2M and take note of the currents/tides
3. For those departing from Sentosa, take note of the Black Rocks marked D. They are less visible at high tide

Map/Amenities



Legend

- T** Toilets
- C** Cove/Beach
- J** Jetty
- A** Accessible Jetty
- B** BBQ
- S** Shelters
- F** Fishing Spots
- K** Snorkelling
- X** Mooring/Drop Anchor
- M** Marine Walk

- D** Danger Spots:
 - Rocks
 - Shallow grounds
 - Strong currents

TBSA's Take On The Island

Lazarus Island has been touted as one of Singapore's best kept secret and I disagree. I think its not longer a secret that we can have access to pristine beaches, wildlife and untouched nature just 5 mins from Sentosa. I think that the island is getting congested and very soon, we will have regular ferries to the island itself (St John's Island is already having a ferry service). I do, however, feel that Lazarus Island, is by far the most small boat friendly island accessible to us. It has a jetty that is suitable for small boats and a bay full of sand (not rocks or corals) with gentle currents most times of the year. I even found a small colony of oysters and sea otters at one of the lesser known beaches on the island. I could go there over and over again without getting tired of the place as there are so many things to do. My favourite activities are BBQ, Jetty jumps, hiking, swimming, fishing, dog walking, cycling the many tracks and simply exploring the undeveloped areas of the island which is quite a bit!

There are however a few areas you need to take note of :

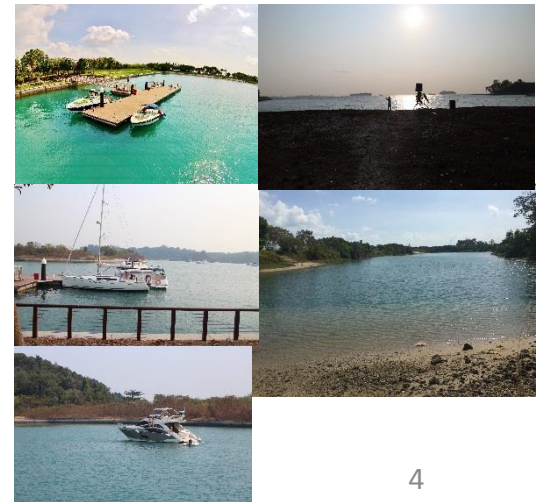
1. Jetty can get crowded at times so be prepared to anchor at the bay.
2. Bring your rubbish back
3. Do not ka cheow the wild life like otters, snakes etc. Also, do not eat the oysters you find

Here's a link to our adventures on the island : <http://youtu.be/ltst-rq1lvY>

Excerpts:

1. Wild Fact Sheets : <http://www.wildsingapore.com/wildfacts/places/lazarus.htm>
2. Maps : Google Earth

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Here's a video of the Island

