

## press release

### Enjoy Spectacular Dragon Dances with a Twist, Fortune Animal Trail and More at Universal Studios Singapore and S.E.A. Aquarium this Lunar New Year

- *Universal Studios Singapore presents the all-new Fu Fighters show and Majestic Dragon Trail featuring favourite characters from all seven zones in the theme park*
- *S.E.A. Aquarium's annual Gong SEA Fa Cai returns with iconic underwater dragon dance, Trail of Fortunes and new educational shark exhibition*



This February, Universal Studios Singapore will ring in the Lunar New Year with all-new performances and favourite characters dressed in their festive best while S.E.A. Aquarium's annual Gong SEA Fa Cai celebration returns with its iconic underwater dragon dance performance and other festivities. PHOTO CREDITS: RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA.

**SINGAPORE, 26 January 2018** – From an all-new dragon dance procession featuring favourite movie characters to Singapore's only underwater dragon dance performance amongst marine animals, guests heading to Universal Studios Singapore and S.E.A. Aquarium at Resorts World Sentosa are in for a treat as both attractions unveil festive offerings to ring in the Lunar New Year.

From 9 to 28 February, guests can immerse in Chinese traditional performances with a twist, educational trails and more as Universal Studios Singapore and S.E.A. Aquarium celebrate the Year of the Dog with fun-filled festivities for the whole family. The attractions will sparkle in customary red and gold overlays, traditional lanterns hanging overhead and streetlamps festooned with auspicious Chinese characters to usher in good luck, prosperity and health.

## **Universal Studios Singapore (9 to 25 February)**

### **NEW! Majestic Dragon Trail**

Trailblazing this year's celebratory event at Universal Studios Singapore is the all-new Majestic Dragon Trail, a reimagined spectacle based on the traditional dragon dance. Guests can join in the pulsating beats of the drums as the auspicious dragon makes its way around the park, interacting with favourite characters such as the Minions, Sesame Street friends and Puss In Boots – all decked out in traditional Lunar New Year attire. With almost 20 character appearances in one visually stunning performance, the 20-minute trail is set to create the best festive photo moments this Lunar New Year.

### **NEW! East-Meets-West Street Performances by The Rockafellas and Mel's Dim Sum Dinettes**

Crowd favourites The Rockafellas and Mel's Dinettes will serve up new East-Meets-West performances. Resident b-boy crew The Rockafellas will wow guests with the Fu Fighters show, with heart-pumping dances combining acrobatics and martial art demonstrations, all set against a state-of-the-art projection mapping at the New York Public Library. Guests can celebrate the spirit of Lunar New Year with Mel's Dinettes – the singing and dancing waitresses of Hollywood's famous drive-in restaurant – as they bring to life the hits of the 50's and 60's, rounding off with popular Lunar New Year tunes, in their gorgeous cheongsam!

### **NEW! Elmo's TV Time at Pantages Hollywood Theater**

Catch the lovable red monster as he directs his own TV channel in this new resident show! Guests can join Jim Magination and the Sesame Street friends as Elmo creates comedy shows, action hits and a reality talent competition that showcases entertaining remixes of popular songs. This all-singing, all-dancing original production is available year-round.

### **NEW! Hello Kitty Studio and Hollywood China Arcade**

Universal Studios Singapore recently debuted the Hello Kitty Studio and Hollywood China Arcade at Hollywood zone. Guests can step inside the super-adorable world of beloved pop icon Hello Kitty, packed with exclusive merchandise. Over at Hollywood China Arcade, revisit their childhood memories with old school arcade machines, from racing games to classic claw crane machines. Guests who spend a minimum of S\$38\* in a single receipt at the park's retail stores enjoy one-for-one credit\*\* at Hollywood China Arcade.

Universal Studios Singapore's Lunar New Year celebration is included with paid park admission. Park hours are extended till 8pm and 9pm on select night for guests to soak in the festivities, in addition to adrenaline-filled rides and world-class attractions at the theme park. Singapore residents enjoy savings on admission at S\$72 for an adult one-day ticket (U.P. S\$76), along with a complimentary S\$5 meal voucher. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for programme timings.

\*\$38 nett in a single receipt. \$28 for Universal Studios Singapore Annual / Season Pass holder.

\*\*Credits available in denominations of \$15, \$30 and \$50 only.

## **S.E.A. Aquarium (9 to 28 February)**

### ***NEW STORYLINE AND CHARACTERS!* Singapore's Only Underwater Dragon Dance**

S.E.A. Aquarium celebrates the Lunar New Year in its own unique way, with an underwater dragon dance performance at the iconic Open Ocean Habitat. A returning favourite at its annual Gong SEA Fa Cai traditions, guests can catch divers in festive costumes performing traditional dragon dances alongside 40,000 marine residents such as majestic manta rays and zebra sharks. This year, the performance is back with new characters, costumes and a storyline that will delight guests. Be mesmerised by the Sea Goddess as she guides the underwater dragon through various marine habitats, and catch her at the Ocean Dome where she will regale the story of the Fish of Fortune.

### ***NEW!* Trail of Fortunes**

Embark on a trail of discovery at three areas that will showcase popular Lunar New Year traditions and beliefs. Uncover fun facts about marine life considered auspicious in Chinese culture, such as the leafy sea dragon, and learn about the many ways to save the ocean, from reducing plastic waste to saying 'no' to shark fins. Guests can also read up on the 12 zodiac animal signs accompanied by their symbolic attributes, discover the marine version of their zodiac friend and learn a fun fact about them.

### ***NEW!* Shark Exhibition in Partnership with James Cook University**

Did you know that hammerhead sharks swim on their sides to increase swimming efficiency? Learn about the latest discoveries at an all-new zone dedicated to the one of the world's most misunderstood animals. The shark exhibition is launched in collaboration with James Cook University, one of the world's leading institutions for shark research. Guests can get an up-close look at the biology of a shark, its anatomy, discover the various fascinating species as well as the conservation efforts to protect these marine animals.

As part of the Lunar New Year festivities, kids can look forward to meeting the aquarium's adorable mascots – Mai the manta ray and Sam the hammerhead shark – all decked out in Chinese-inspired garb. Singapore residents enjoy discounts on admission at S\$34 for an adult one-day ticket (U.P. S\$39), and S\$22 for a child/senior citizen ticket (U.P. S\$29). Guests can also sign up for S.E.A. Aquarium's Annual Pass at a special rate of S\$168 for two adults to enjoy the wonders of marine realm 365 days a year. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for programme timings.

For more information on Lunar New Year festivities, visit [www.rwsentosa.com/cny2018](http://www.rwsentosa.com/cny2018)

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## ABOUT UNIVERSAL PARKS & RESORTS

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## ABOUT RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA

Resorts World Sentosa (RWS), Asia's premium lifestyle destination resort, is located on Singapore's resort island of Sentosa. Spanning 49 hectares, RWS is home to world-class attractions including Universal Studios Singapore, S.E.A. Aquarium, the Maritime Experiential Museum, Dolphin Island and Adventure Cove Waterpark. Other attractions include the Asian flagship of a world-renowned destination spa, a casino, six unique hotels and the Resorts World Convention Centre. With the most number of Michelin stars in one destination, RWS offers award-winning dining experiences at renowned celebrity chef restaurants, establishing itself as a key player in Singapore's vibrant and diverse dining scene. The integrated resort also offers world-class entertainment, from original resident productions to concerts and public shows such as the Crane Dance and the Lake of Dreams. RWS has been named "Best Integrated Resort" since 2011 for seven consecutive years at the TTG Travel Awards which recognises the best of Asia-Pacific's travel industry.

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## Appendix A: Universal Studios Singapore and S.E.A. Aquarium Lunar New Year Programme Highlights

### Note to Editors

1. Photos can be downloaded from <https://app.box.com/v/RWSattractionsCNY2018>
2. All photos are to be attributed to **Resorts World Sentosa**

### UNIVERSAL STUDIOS SINGAPORE (9 to 25 Feb)

Programme	Venue	Timing
Majestic Dragon Trail	Starts at New York, passing through Sci-Fi City and all other zones before ending at New York	9-25 Feb: 2.00pm, 5.00pm 10, 16, 17, 18, 24 Feb: 1.00pm, 5.30pm
Fu Fighters	New York Public Library	9-15 Feb: 7.30pm 16-24 Feb: 7.30pm, 8.45pm 25 Feb: 7.30pm
Mel's Dim Sum Dinettes	Mel Diner's Stage	9-15 Feb: 2.30pm, 4.30pm, 7.00pm 10 Feb: 11.00am, 12.30pm 16-25 Feb: 2.30pm, 4.30pm, 7.00pm 17 & 24 Feb: 11.00am, 12.30pm

### S.E.A. AQUARIUM (9 to 28 Feb)

Programme	Venue	Timing
The Sea Dragon Rises (Underwater Dragon Dance)	Open Ocean Habitat	1.30pm and 3.30pm (daily)
	Shipwreck Habitat	11.30am (Sat, Sun and Public Holidays only)
The Sea Goddess Shares (Storytelling Session)	Ocean Dome	12.00pm, 2.00pm (daily)
		4.30pm (Sat, Sun and Public Holidays only)
Meet & Greet with Mai the Manta and Sam the Shark	Ocean Dome	12.30pm (daily) - Mai 2.30pm (daily) - Sam
Trail of Fortunes	Various exhibits	Regular park operating hours
Shark Exhibition	Shark Seas Habitat	Regular park operating hours

*Note: Timings subject to change. Refer to daily show schedule at the attractions.*