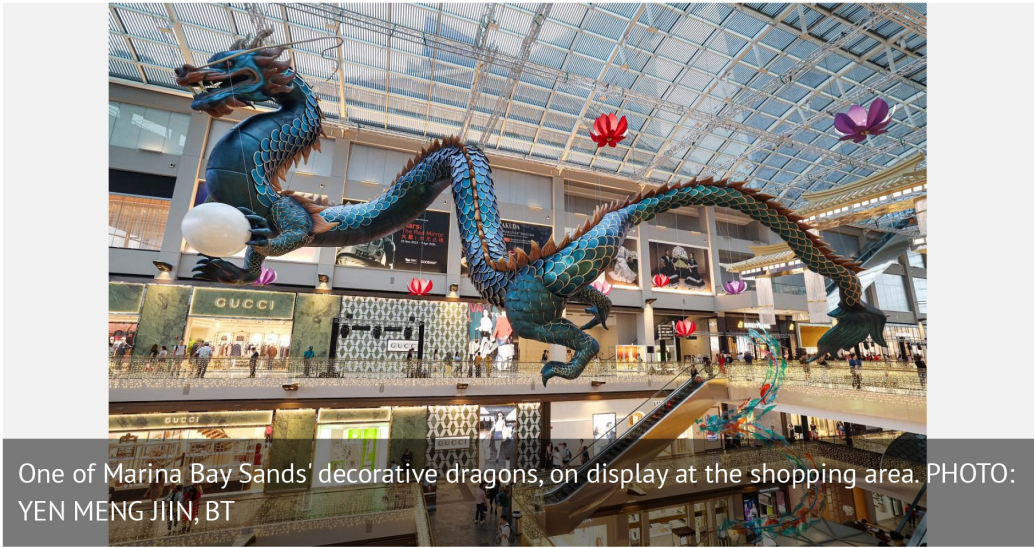




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Marina Bay Sands to stage Singapore's largest drone show as part of Year of the Dragon festivities

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TAKE a stroll around Marina Bay Sands (MBS) and you can spot up to four large majestic dragons – in the colours of teal, aquamarine and purple – on display, three of which are at the Shoppes and the other at the hotel lobby.

At the Grand Colonnade of the Shoppes, there are two 40-metre-long dragons with an iridescent dragon's pearl perched in front of a 15-metre-tall Dragon's Gate, which MBS described as a "symbolic display" to welcome visitors to step into an auspicious year. This weekend marks the start of the Chinese New Year, which ushers in the Year of the Dragon.

These two dragons each have 88 koi fish decorations on their tails, as well as 28 blooming lotus lanterns. There is a shorter, 22-metre-long dragon at the Grand Colonnade South wing of the Shoppes. The fourth dragon is located in the hotel lobby of Tower 1.

MBS said in a release that it will hold its Chinese New Year light-up on Tuesday (Feb 6) at 7.30 pm. The event will showcase dragon and lion dance performances, koi dancers, a modern Chinese art display by the Singapore Chinese Dance Theatre, and a performance by Singaporean singer-songwriter Nathan Hartono.

The integrated resort will also stage the largest drone show in Singapore to date, starting on Feb 10, featuring 1,500 synchronised drones along the Marina Bay waterfront promenade.

The 10-minute show will take place on six evenings, with the other dates being Feb 11, 12, 16, 17 and 18. There was an earlier planned show on Feb 6 after the light-up ceremony, but MBS said that had to be cancelled "due to unforeseen circumstances".

Beginning with a dragon's pearl and incorporating Singapore's national flower, Vanda Miss Joaquim, the show tells the mythical tale of a koi's transformation into the Dragon King, soaring triumphantly against Singapore's city skyline.

MBS said that the drone show marks the start of a collaboration between the integrated resort, Singapore Tourism Board and local bank UOB to introduce "world-class programming" in the precinct.