

A young vibrant bustling town today

Take a look around you, Olá.
What do you see?

From the corner of my eye, I spy something majestic. A rolling hill of sorts in the park. Nope! It is a green roof scattered with windows. Through them, beams of sunlight pour into a mega childcare centre and onto wooden tables scattered with crayons and craft. Innocent laughter fills the air as curious little explorers in sunhats march out into the arms of nature with gusto, ready to explore a second classroom that knows no bounds.

Hear them roar

Across the road at Sengkang Sports Centre, I hear joyous cries, along with sounds of splashing water, from children speeding down water slides in bright red, green, yellow and blue. I follow the sounds of whack and smack and reach the stadium. A small white ball flies across the green pitch and into a netted goal that triggers a team of hockey sticks and triumphant fists to be raised into the air.

A gentle gust of wind greets me as a pair of glass doors slides open and I step into the massive Compass One mall. The buzz of people, both young and old, fill the aisles and corridors — with shopping bags in tow. When I squeeze my way through the crowds at the wet market close by, I think of the spectacular street markets back in Spain. All I hear around me is chitter chatter from vivacious vendors; all I see surrounding me is fresh produce in a vibrant array of colours. How lively a place to be.

A network of connectivity

This neighbourhood may spread far and wide, but it's oh so easy to get around — whatever your choice of ride. I could cycle on paths that take me from park to park, or hop from bigger trains to smaller ones and arrive home before dark. The roads flow like rivers with cars and buses ever so smoothly and they lead to expressways that bring me to town in a jiffy.

Stepping into Eva Armisen's world

It's not long before I arrive at a place unlike the others. A place that evokes a sense of wonder and charm. It is here that I meet a Spanish artist, Eva Armisen, whose works are truly one-of-a-kind. Her childlike illustrations tell such heartwarming stories about love, family and togetherness that inspire you to treasure the tiniest and simplest moments in our lives.

Now, this place is *my* canvas for adventures — both big and small — to be drawn upon. This is where, I, Olá, now call home.

Welcome Olá, the newest resident of Sengkang

Sleek and modern inside and out, OLÁ, the newest executive condominium in the heart of Sengkang is like no other residence around. Think lush thematic landscapes from a valley walk and sensory garden, to a spa forest and stream pool. Nestled in a livable neighbourhood and close to a plethora of modern-day amenities, OLÁ is a wonderland on its own.

Did you know?

In August 2019, Shell Singapore launched its first ever electric vehicle charging service in its Sengkang station.

The names of sub-towns Anchorvale, Compassvale, Fernvale and Rivervale pay tribute to Sengkang's past as a fishing town.

Sengkang was the first town in Singapore to have an integrated transport system that connected the entire housing estate seamlessly.

Singapore's only sculpture park can be found in Sengkang and it spans a whopping 24,000sqm with sculptures such as seven "Dancing Figurines", movable "Rotating Fish Motif Panels" and colourful textured "Bubbles".

OLÁ

A rich history of water and pineapple



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The footpaths I skip on are bejewelled with fish scale-like cobblestones; those streetlights that halo above, they look like portholes of a ship. Is that a shipwreck ahead? Or a nautical-themed play space?

With one foot on the climbing ropes and the other on a balance beam, I imagine myself to be a seafarer, just like the ones from Sengkang's past as a thriving harbour. Those were the days when fishermen returned to their villages after plying their trade along Sungei Serangoon and Sungei Punggol, weaving through prosperous pineapple, rubber and pepper plantations, hands full with bags carrying their bountiful harvest.



From where I stand under a giant mangosteen-shaped pavilion, the air is cool and crisp. A gentle breeze brings with it hints of a sweet scent from tropical fruit gardens across the water.

In this quiet haven, the unmistakable sound of birds flitting past fills the air. Even the purple heron and collared kingfisher mangrove birds have come out to play. What a unique slice of paradise this is, and one I can visit every day.



Here and now

Today, wooden boats bobbing in the waters and houses on stilts are no longer in sight. But alas! A floating sanctuary is right in front of me, lush and green as can be.

This freshwater oasis at Sengkang Riverside Park breathes life to fragrant pandan and railroad vine morning glories that add pops of purple with those trumpet-shaped blooms. What a beautiful sight to behold!



Come discover Sengkang with Olá

Join Sengkang's newest resident, Olá, on a journey like no other. Born and raised in Spain, she is back in Singapore and uncovers the many treasures of this neighbourhood she now calls home.