Discovering *Singapore*

Welcome to Singapore, a dynamic city where tradition meets modern innovation. Sacred temples stand alongside futuristic skyscrapers, and pristine streets lead to lush green spaces filled with tropical plants and vibrant aromas.

Highlights include the Battlebox WWII command center at Fort Canning Hill, the immersive Chinatown Heritage Centre, and the renowned National Gallery. Nature lovers can enjoy the breathtaking Gardens by the Bay or the UNESCO-listed Botanic Gardens, a haven of serenity in the city's heart.

Singapore is equally celebrated for its cuisine, from chili crab to aromatic laksa, offering flavors as diverse as its culture.

With its unique blend of heritage, modernity, and natural beauty, Singapore provides travelers with countless opportunities for discovery, memorable encounters, enriching cultural insights, exciting adventures, and truly unforgettable experiences at every turn.

Activity Level
Moderate

Visa Process

Citizens of the United States do not need a visa for short-term visits to Singapore for tourism or business. All travelers must complete an electronic Singapore Arrival Card prior to arrival.

Singapore Arrival Card Link

https://eservices.ica.gov.sg/sgarrivalcard

We strongly reccomend that you check the below prior to travel in case of any changes;

American Citizens

www.travel.state.gov/en/international-travel

Currency

The official currency of Singapore is the Singapore Dollar (SGD), symbolized as S$. Travelers are advised to exchange money at authorized exchange points or banks for the best rates.



Credit Cards

Credit cards are widely accepted in Singapore.

Acceptance:

Major credit cards, including Visa, Mastercard, and American Express, are commonly used at hotels, restaurants, shops, and many smaller vendors.

ATMs:

Credit cards may be used to withdraw cash at ATMs, though fees and interest charges may apply. Look for machines that accept international cards.

Cash:

Despite broad card use, carrying some cash is recommended for taxis, hawker stalls, and smaller businesses that may not accept cards.

Singapore has a tropical climate, with little seasonal variation. Conditions are generally hot and humid year-round, with occasional heavy rainfall.



Average High Around **90°F** Average Low Around **79°F**



Average High Around **88°F** Average Low Around **79°F**



Average High Around **90°F** Average Low Around **77°F**



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Gratuities

Tipping is not customary in Singapore, as most restaurants and service establishments include a service charge in the bill. Additional tipping is neither expected nor required.



Cultural Norms

Respect Religious Practices:

Observe local customs when visiting places of worship. Remove shoes before entering temples or mosques, and dress modestly.

Photographs:

Always ask permission before taking photos, particularly in religious sites.

Public Behavior:

Singapore enforces strict laws against littering. Dispose of trash in designated bins to avoid fines.

Plug Sockets

In Singapore, the standard plug socket is Type G (same plug type as the UK) Travelers from the United States will need a plug adapter and, for some devices, a voltage converter.



Emergency

Police: Dial 999
Ambulance and Fire Services: Dial 995

Both numbers can be dialed from any phone. Calls are free from landlines and mobile phones.

Check in Process

If you are **embarking on a cruise** from Singapore, the cruise porters will only accept checked-in luggage with wheels.

Transportation

Singapore offers a highly efficient and well-connected transportation system, making it easy for visitors to navigate the city. Here's a quick overview of the main transportation options:

Mass Rapid Transit (MRT):

Coverage: Extensive network connecting most parts of Singapore, including major attractions and neighborhoods.

Payment:

Use an EZ-Link card or a contactless credit/debit card for easy access.

Taxis:

Availability: Widely available throughout the city, your hotel reception can also help you with booking one if none are available outside your hotel.

Payment: Can pay with cash or use credit/debit cards in most taxis."



Dining

Dining in Singapore reflects the nation's cultural diversity, blending Malay, Chinese, Indian, Peranakan, and Western influences. Recognized as a global culinary capital, the city offers everything from street food to fine dining.

Tap water in Singapore is safe to drink and use for brushing teeth, though bottled water is readily available and inexpensive. Exercise caution when purchasing food from street vendors, ensuring it is freshly prepared and served hot.



What to pack

Essentials:

Passport & Visa: Carry your passport, visa, and all required travel documents.
Travel Insurance: Strongly recommended to cover unexpected situations.
Money: Cash (preferably small denominations) and credit/debit cards. ATMs are widely available.
Health Care: Include prescription medications and essential over-the-counter medicines, kept in your hand luggage.

Clothing:

Lightweight, Breathable Clothing: Avoid nylon; cotton and linen are recommended.
Rain Protection: Carry an umbrella or light rain jacket for sudden showers.
Comfortable Shoes: Ideal for walking and exploring.
Cultural Awareness: Choose attire that respects local norms, especially for religious sites.

Personal Items:

Toiletries: Essentials such as toothpaste, shampoo, soap, and personal products.
Sunscreen & Sunglasses: Important for sun protection.
Insect Repellent: Especially useful in rural or tropical areas.

Electronics:

Adapter/Converter: Singapore uses Type G sockets (230V, 50 Hz).
Phone & Charger: A local SIM card improves connectivity and reduces roaming charges.
Camera: Bring extra memory cards and batteries.

Other Useful Items:

Small Backpack/Daypack: Convenient for day trips and carrying essentials.
Hand Sanitizer: Helpful for cleanliness on the go.