Discovering *Singapore*

Welcome to Singapore, a vibrant city of striking contrasts and exotic fusions, where ancient traditions blend effortlessly with futuristic architecture. Sacred temples rest in the shadows of gleaming skyscrapers, while immaculate streets lead to lush rainforests, dense with the canopies of banana trees and fragrant cinnamon plants. Among Singapore's diverse attractions, you'll find the Battlebox WWII, an intriguing British underground command centre nestled within Fort Canning Hill. Step back in time at the Chinatown Heritage Centre, explore the iconic National Gallery, or unwind amid the stunning blooms of Gardens by the Bay.

For a true escape, the UNESCO-recognised Botanic Gardens offers serene, natural beauty. And when hunger strikes, dive into local flavours with chili-spiked crab or aromatic laksa.

In Singapore, every corner offers something unforgettable, ensuring you'll be endlessly captivated and spoiled for choice.

Activity Level
Moderate



Visa Process

United Kingdom, Australian and New Zealand citizens are eligible for Singapore visa exemption scheme for short-stay tourism and business travel. You are required to complete an electronic Singapore Arrival Card prior to arrival into the Country.

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;

Australian Citizens

www.smartraveller.gov.au

New Zealand Citizens

www.safetravel.govt.nz/passports-and-visas

United Kingdom Citizens

https://cibtvisas.co.uk/visa-quick-check

Currency

The currency used in Singapore is the Singapore Dollar, abbreviated as SGD and symbolised as S$. It's advisable to exchange currency at official exchange points for the best rates.

Credit Cards

In Singapore, credit cards are widely accepted and commonly used. Here's what you need to know:

Acceptance:

Widespread Use: Most establishments, including hotels, restaurants, shops, and even some smaller vendors, accept major credit cards such as Visa, MasterCard, and American Express.

ATMs:

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

Tips:

Cash: While credit cards are widely accepted, carrying some cash is advisable for small vendors, taxis, or places that might not accept cards.

The climate in Singapore varies depending on the location and time of travel.



Average High Around 32°C | Average Low Around 26°C



Average High Around 31°C | Average Low Around 26°C



Average High Around 32°C | Average Low Around 25°C



Average High Around 31°C | Average Low Around 25°C

Gratuities

Tipping is not customary or expected in Singapore. Service charges are included on your bills in restaurants.



Cultural Norms

Respect Religious Practices:

Be respectful of religious customs and practices. For instance, remove your shoes before entering temples and mosques, and dress appropriately.

Photographs:

Always ask for permission before taking photos, especially in places of worship.

Public Behavior:

Littering: Singapore has strict laws against littering. Dispose of trash properly and use designated bins.

Plug Sockets

In Singapore, the standard plug socket is Type G (same plug type as the UK)



Emergency

Police: 999

Ambulance and Fire Services: 995

Dial from any phone for emergency assistance. Calls are free from both landlines and mobile.

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 is an incredible adventure, blending diverse flavours, cultures, and cooking styles from around the world. Known as a global culinary capital, the city's dining scene is an eclectic mix that showcases Singapore's cultural diversity, including influences from Malay, Chinese, Indian, Peranakan, and Western cuisines.

While water in Singapore is safe to drink and use for brushing your teeth, bottled water is widely available and affordable if you prefer it. Please exercise caution when buying food from street vendors.



What to pack

Essentials:

Passport & Visa: Ensure you have your passport, visa, and any necessary travel documents.

Travel Insurance:

Always a good idea for unexpected situations.

Money:

Cash (especially small denominations) and credit/debit cards. ATMs are widely available.

Health Kit:

Any prescription medications, over-the-counter medicines (Ensure that you travel with these in your hand luggage)

Clothing:

Pack lightweight breathable clothing; we recommend you avoid wearing nylon. Carry an umbrella or light rain jacket for unexpected showers and comfortable shoes for walking. Consider cultural norms when selecting your attire.

Personal Items:

Toiletries: Basic items like toothpaste, shampoo, soap, and any specific personal items you use.

Sunscreen & Sunglasses:

Protection from the strong sun is crucial.

Insect Repellent:

Especially important in rural or tropical areas.

Electronics:

Adapter/Converter: Phone & Charger: With a local SIM card, you can have better connectivity and avoid high roaming charges.

Camera:

To capture your travels (with extra memory cards and batteries).

Other Useful Items:

Small Backpack/Daypack For day trips and carrying essentials.

Hand Sanitiser:

For cleanliness on the go