

# SINGAPORE

A CITY GUIDE BY SEITER IP CONSULTANTS

Capital	<b>Singapore</b>	Time Zone	(UTC +8)
Population	<b>5,45,466</b>	Language	<b>English</b>
Area	<b>728.6 km<sup>2</sup></b>	Currency	<b>Singapore Dollar SGD</b>

## Climate

**Hot and humid all year-round!**

**Always carry an umbrella as this city is known for its intermittent thunderstorms throughout the day! There are plenty of underground tunnels and malls that link train stations with each other.**

## GETTING AROUND

Public transportation in Singapore is efficient and clean, which makes getting around the city-state a breeze. Singapore's transportation network offers access to every corner of the island, either by bus, MRT underground or taxi.

### Taxis

From Changi Airport, Taxis are available for hire at the taxi stands in the Arrival areas of Terminals 1, 2 and 3. A ride to the city takes about 30 minutes and costs between S\$20 and S\$40. All fares are metered.

There is an additional Airport Surcharge for all trips originating from the Airport. In general Taxis are only allowed to pick passengers up from designated taxi stands. Taxis that are changing shifts, are generally picking up passengers heading out of the city. You can download the [Comfort Deluxe Taxi App](#).

### Private Hire Car

Passengers can also book private hire cars from [Grab](#), [Gojek](#), [Tada Mobility](#) or [Volo](#) for a ride out of the airport or getting around the city.

Make a booking via the respective transport providers' mobile applications (downloadable on Apple App Store and Google Play Store) and head to the Arrival pick-up points at Terminals 1, 2 or 3.

### By Train & Bus

The MRT or local train system, and buses are the fastest way to zip around the city. Pick up an EZ-Link stored-value card from any passenger service counter or TransLink Ticket Office in the train station. They top up in S\$10, S\$20 denominations.

Trips start from as little as \$2. Peak Hours in the city are between 7 am - 10 am, and 4pm-8pm.

Click here to get detailed train timings on the [SMRT Journey Planner](#).



## CONFERENCE ESSENTIALS

The INTA 2023 conference will be held at [Marina Bay Sands](#), located in Singapore city center.

### Hotels near the conference

- [The Raffles Hotel](#) - Raffles Place Met
- [Swireotel](#) - The Stamford - City Hall
- [Fairmont](#) - City Hall
- [W Marriott South Beach](#) - City Hall
- [Mandarin Oriental](#) - City Hall
- [Six Senses](#) - City Hall
- [Pan Pacific](#) - City Hall
- [Park Royal Collection Marina Bay](#) - City Hall
- [Carlton City](#) - City Hall

### Wi-Fi & Connectivity

Visitors can pick up a local SIM card from the airport or any 7-11 store. Depending on your usage, data bundles are sold by local telcos - Singtel or Starhub and cost between S\$10-S\$20 for 1-4GB. Some overseas charges may apply when setting up the sim card. You will also be required to present your passport for identification. Wi-Fi is also widely available in the city and around CBD area.

### Supermarket & Pharmacy

Most shopping centres will have a grocery store chains called Cold Storage or NTUC Fairprice for you to pick up bottles of water, food and toiletries. Pharmacies such as Watsons or Guardian will usually have a pharmacist on duty during the day and open from 9-10 pm.

### Click here to find a Doctor

If you're feeling unwell and would like to see a doctor. You can visit a [general practitioner \(GP\)](#) or do an [e-consultation](#) via a mobile app. Clinic operating hours are subject to change without notice, please call the clinic before your visit.

## KEY THINGS ABOUT SINGAPORE

### Safe Travel Information

Singapore is open to all travellers without quarantine or testing requirements, regardless of their COVID-19 vaccination status.

Travel restrictions and safe distancing rules may change at short notice. For updates on Singapore's COVID-19 situation, refer to [Ministry of Health](#) and [Gov.sg](#).

### Singlish

A huge part of the Singaporean identity is Singlish. A blend of Mandarin Chinese, Hokkien, Cantonese slang, Malay, Tamil and English. It is widely used when ordering food at a hawker centre.

It is an informal, friendly way locals communicate with each other. You'll likely hear the elderly referred to as 'auntie' or 'uncle'. The phrase 'Can lah' loosely translates to an affirmative 'Yes'.

### Tippling

Tippling is not customary in Singapore. You don't need to worry about paying a tip for using any services in Singapore.

However, there may be times that you want to reward a waiter or bellhop for providing excellent service. Most restaurants in Singapore add a 10% service charge to the bill so a tip is not expected.

### The "Fine" City

Singapore, also known as 'The Fine City' has a double meaning. Besides being green, it is strictly enforced with Fines & Penalties. [Read about the things that are illegal in Singapore.](#)

### What to Wear?

With Singapore's soaring temperatures, it is recommended to pack linen or cotton shorts, polo-neck tees, linen shirts, tank tops for beaches and chinos for evenings out.

Long sleeved shirts and dress pants are a widely accepted business attire. Jackets are generally worn indoors.

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## SEE & DO

Whether you're a nature lover, culture buff, thrill-seeker or cocktail enthusiast, Singapore has a wide selection of leisure offerings within easy reach.

### Sentosa Island

A resort island off the southern coast of Singapore, Sentosa is connected to the city via road, monorail, cable car, and a pedestrian boardwalk.

Tiger Sky Tower, located next to Sentosa Station, offers expansive vistas that reach as far as Indonesia. A suspension bridge connects Palawan Beach on the south coast, which is studded with restaurants and bars, with a small offshore island. Tanjong Beach, flanked with palm trees, is a great place to unwind.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

### National Gallery Singapore

Explore the newest and largest museum of contemporary Southeast Asian and Singaporean art in the area, which is located among two of Singapore's breathtaking national monuments.

The Gallery is housed in City Hall and the former Supreme Court, two landmark structures that have made significant contributions to Singapore's history and are aptly situated in the Civic District.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

### Little India and Chinatown

Little India is an explosive fusion of history and new experiences, a feast for the senses. This vibrant neighborhood, which once housed cattle herders, lime kilns, and a racetrack, has developed over the years into a well-liked tourist attraction for both locals and visitors.

Visit Chinatown, a neighborhood that is home to many thriving places of worship. Chinatown is a melting pot of cultures, religions, and beautiful architecture. At nightfall, when the streets of Chinatown come alive with light, music, and fun, old meets new in spectacular way.

### MacRitchie Nature Trail & Reservoir Park

Take a [thrilling stroll](#) across MacRitchie Trails, an 11-kilometer nature path loop that winds through the tropical rainforest of Central Catchment Natural Reserve. The Treetop Walks, a 250-meter aerial free standing suspension bridge crossing MacRitchie's two highest points, gives you the chance to experience the peace of strolling above verdant greenery.

It's likely that you'll see owls, colugos (flying lemurs), squirrels, and long-tailed macaque monkeys.

## EAT & DRINK

Singapore has a diverse range of dining options. From affordable food centres to Michelin star restaurants.

### Hawker Centres

Visit notable hawker centres like [Newton food centre](#), and [Lau Pa Sat](#) for unforgettable local fare. Asian cuisine is generally spicy.

Local must try foods include;

- Chicken rice
- Satay (Skeward meat)
- Mee Goreng
- Char Kway Teow
- Chili Crab

When dining in hawker centers and food courts, cash or contactless payment is used. Meals range from \$4- \$8. Singapore is a multi racial country and cutlery is never shared between the halal and non-halal cuisine.

### Restaurant & Bars

- [Raffles Hill](#) - A less well-known lifestyle hotspot in Singapore that offers some of the newest culinary trends in a classic setting.
- [Ann Slinger Hill](#) and [Club Street](#) - A L-shaped neighborhood that is chic tiny bars and laid-back hangouts that is located between modern Telok Ayer and old Chinatown. This area is ideal for bar hopping as it is home to a ton of hip places that are near to one another. Notable places include [Pegano Head](#), [Safe Vibe Bar](#), [Milano](#), [Mama](#) and [Barbourscourt](#).
- [Square Bar & Lounge](#) - Relax in semi-private cabanas while sipping handcrafted drinks like Love You Long Time and The Garden of Eden. The classic meals on Chef Wolfgang Puck's all-day bar menu are ideal for sharing.

- [Caffe Fornet](#) - Offers a bold New-Italian menu, a unique and comforting take on Italian cuisine which pairs the most unexpected ingredients and local produce together for a beautiful union.

- [Panamericano](#) is the ultimate grill restaurant nestled in Singapore's most prestigious, Sentosa Golf Club. It brings to life the rich diversity of cultures, cuisines and music found in the 14 countries along the sprawling 50,000km of the Pan-American Highway that stretches through the North, Central and South American.

- [Atlas Bar](#), Celebrating Art Deco lobbies of Europe and their rich culinary, and beverage traditions. And [VUE](#) is home to Singapore's first rooftop spritz bar.

## LEISURE & TOURS

### Around Singapore City

The best way to explore Singapore and learn about its history is on a [bike tour](#), [boat tour](#) or the [Singapore River Cruise](#) via its infamous bum boat.

### Tiger Brewery Tour

Step into the [home of Tiger Beer](#) and see how they brew Singapore's iconic beer, with just four high-quality ingredients! The Tiger Brewery Tour takes you behind each step of the brewing process - from milling the malt to packaging.

### Marina Bay Golf Course

Designed by South African Phil Jacobs, [Marina Bay Golf Course](#) is Singapore's only 18-hole public golf course offering a stunning view of the Singapore city skyline. [The course offers evening and night tee times.](#)

## SHOP

### Orchard Road

Orchard Road is one of the world's most famous shopping streets. You'll find modern building structures like [ION Orchard](#), which houses some of the favourite luxury brands, such as Louis Vuitton, Patek Philippe, Saint Laurent, and Tiffany & Co.

### Civic District

[Raffles City](#) is a large complex located in the Civic District within the Downtown Core of the city-state of Singapore.

[Capital Plaza](#) is home to brands like CYC Made To Measure - which boasts a range of menswear.

If you want to get your hands on more luxury goods, there's [The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands](#). Explore the different levels of this shopping haven, which features flagship stores of world-famous brands like MCM, Tom Ford, and Alexander McQueen.

### Changi International Airport Singapore

Be sure to enjoy duty-free shopping for yourself at Changi Airport; the range of options is diverse depending on which terminal you're in.

Be sure to visit [Jewel Changi Airport](#), home to a dazzling, ten-storey nexus of global retail labels, over 80 restaurants and breath-taking spaces that fuse nature and modern architecture.