

World66's guide to Singapore

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Singapore

Singapore is an island city located at the southernmost tip of the Malaysian Peninsula in South East Asia. It is well-known for being one of the richest, most well organised, efficient countries in the world with a very high standard of living and an excellent skyline by the water. Singapore is an island with "1000 shopping malls" or so they say. Despite the hot climate, it is a tropical paradise for most tourists. This great diversity of lifestyles, cultures and religions thrives within the framework of a regulated society. Singapore's "FINE" city reputation is well-earned, and in fact, many will admire at once the clean, modern metropolis. Surrounded by artificially 'ordered' parks, its tall housing projects are populated by more than 80% of the population – whose smiling native charms often belie underlying tensions of the way the island is progressing after 30 years of development.

Highlights of Singapore include some of the ethnic parts of town: Arab street, Chinatown, Colonial District, Orchard road and Little India.

South of Singapore are a few beautiful islands that are well worth visiting. The most visited is Sentosa island. It is a playground for people of all ages. See the Sentosa island section for more information. Nothing here, really....

A common misconception is that chewing gum is strictly not allowed into Singapore and that you will be arrested for that "crime". However, **THAT IS COMPLETELY WRONG!** The law states that chewing gum cannot be sold in Singapore, but it is **PERFECTLY OKAY** for you to bring in chewing gum for your own personal consumption. But if you improperly dispose of the gum, just as you would litter any other thing, you might be fined, **BUT** the authorities rarely enforce this ruling. The signs are there to act as a deterrent and the authorities do not enforce the rules strictly at all.

Singapore – Day Trips

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Batam Island

Batam is a bustling small island city in the Riau Archipelago. Ferries are available daily from the World Trade Centre (WTC) (now renamed to Harbourfront MRT) and Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal (TMFT). Ferries depart approx. every 40 minutes. It is famous for it's boisterious nightlife and amazingly fast growing economy – a veritable border boom town that has been growing at 30% a year for the past 11 years..

A 24 hour visit is well worth and great value for money – a world class 4 staff hotel room goes for only \$50 night.

People visit Batam for a number of reasons:

1] To enjoy just being in Indonesia. The locals in Batam are fun – median age is only 20, so the city's outlook is youthful and optimistic.

- 2] To enjoy it's famed nightlife. Great pubs, discos, casinos and outdoor food courts.
- 3] The enjoy Batam and the Riau Island's great outdoors. Many nice daytrip to areas on natural beauty. Do a Google search for "Batam daytrips"
- 4] As a weekend stopover from one part of the world to another, using Singapore's Changi Airport as a hub.

See photos of Batam scenery at nedbatam.com/daytrips

zipcode: 123456

url: nedbatam.com

address: Batam

tel: +62 813 6468 9261

{Pulau Bintan}

The north and east coasts of Bintan are attractive tourists resorts. The main attractions are the old town of Tanjung Pinang and the relatively untouched beaches. To get there take a ferry form the Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal. The trip takes about 45–90 minutes depending on the quality of the ferry.

{Melaka}

Melaka or Malacca is a great place to visit. It bears witness to six centuries of existence with a rich cultural heritage. The Dutch, Portuguese and English buildings and monuments reflect the former presence of these colonial powers. Melaka is also synonymous wiht Straits–born Chinese culture.

{Johor Bahru}

A bustling Malaysian city right at the border with Singapore. Comfortable air–conditioned busses leave at intervals of 7 minutes from Singapore and the trip takes about 1 hour.

Singapore – Things to do

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Changi Golf Club

The Changi Golf Club was founded in 1946.

Tel=+65–5455133 Fax=+65–5452531 Address=20 Netheravon Road, Changi, Singapore 508505 Sun – Thur & Public Holiday : Fri, Sat & Eve of Public Holiday :

Executive Golf Club

Tel=4532700

Singapore – Nightlife and Entertainment

If you are looking for entertainment, then Sungai Buloh is one of the places to go and have some fun before

exploring the rest of the island. You will find many wild creature there. For those of you who want to try their luck at singing, this place has a fair few karaoke lounges to keep you busy. By the way, it is estimated that Singapore hosts about 700 clubs, bars, pubs and discos. So share your thoughts about them with your fellow travellers.

For those animal lovers, try Night Safari. This is a night zoo where you can ride around on a tram and see nocturnal animals. Walking through this truly unique zoo is a must on any trip to Singapore. Geylang (Spore Red District) is one place where every cabby knows the way. Ask for it and you will be greatly awarded :)

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Lush

For funk, trip hop and acid jazz

address: 207 River Valley Road

tel: +65 7336388

Hu'u Bar

Popular with the rich & beautiful

address: 71 Bras Basah Road

tel: +65 338 6828

Harrys Quayside Bar

Nice jazz bar

address: 28 Boat Quay

tel: +65 538 3029

China Jump Bar and Grill

A Hong Kong-based restaurant serving Western-style grill in the evening, the place becomes a disco at around 10 pm and transforms into one of Singapore's hottest nightspots.

address: 30 Victoria Street

tel: +65 338 9388

Jazz at Southbridge

Southbridge has some of the region's best jazz artistes playing in one of the nicest most comfortable club environments in the country. The music is absolutely amazing, and the whole experience is thoroughly worth it. If you're into the whole night life scene, this must most certainly NOT be missed.

address: 82B Boat Quay

Joyce

Newsroom Bar

address: 11 Unity St robertson Walk #01-19 S237995
email: jlcoolok@hotmail.com
openinghours: 5-3am
tel: 6836-7870

Dancers

This disco is all about dancing. Quite popular with the expat community. Also offers a dance show that is entertaining. Cover charge. Open daily from 6 pm -3 am. Address=Clark Quay Tel=+65-3335535

Zouk

This disco is located at 17 Jiak Kim Street. It is probably the most popular club in town, so do not be surprised to see long queues as early as 8pm. The DJs play different music every day. Call +65-7382988 for more information what's on. For example, Fridays cater to the alternative and cool crowd with house music. Zouk has a big dance floor with two dance platforms.

China Jump

Located at the CHIJMES. This place opens its doors at around 10 pm and is one of Singapore's most popular discos. Top-40 music and a rather young crowd. Very busy - long queues possible. Address= 01-07, Fountain Court, CHIJMES Tel=+65-3389388

Café Busybody

big on desserts and ice cream

address: 14 Scotts Road
tel: +65 736 606

Traders Cafe

Vast spread of local & western cuisines

address: 1A Cuscaden Road
tel: +65 831 4374

Cafe Venezia

+65 7347030 Delights with a western twist

address: #B1-09/10 Orchard Hotel Shopping Arcade

Manchester United Red Café

address: 1 Tanglin Road
tel: +65 732 0819

Lam's Noodle

An extraordinary blend of local food with the exquisite style of the west. This is where Yin and Yang appear in colors, tastes, textures and *menus!*

address: 399 River Valley

Top Ten

Address=05-18a Orchard Towers, 400 Orchard Rd, Tel=+65-7323077 This glitzy, multi-tiered disco attracts a lot of expats. Expensive place. Sometimes live act. Daily 5pm-3am.

Xenbar

If you're wondering where in Singapore you can find all week Salsa, this is The place. It serves \$5 buffettes, dishes up Salsa lessons you can take as a one time thing or over a month, and hosts two dance floors that are absolutely conducive for Salsa dancing. They also play Tango music some nights too, and host a live band occasionally.

Salsa Classes conducted by Suman the Singapore Salsa champ every weekends on Saturday between 6 to 9. Email him at suman_salsero@yahoo.com for any further details.

address: 32b Pagoda Street

DKNY Cafe

address: 390 Orchard Rd.

tel: +65 733 4226

Delifrance

A very popular chain of French-Themed Cafes located in many popular places around the island, as well as the airport. Food's good and prices are reasonable.

url: www.delifranceasia.com

address: All around the island.

Phuture

In the same building as the famous Zouk club. It is rather a chill-out place. Very busy on weekends. Open Wednesday and Thursday until 2 am, weekends until 3 am. Happy hour 6-9 pm. Address=17 Jiak Kim St. Tel=+65-7382988

Cafe L'Espresso

A culinary exploration

address: 22 Scotts Road

tel: +65 730 1743

Hardlanders

address: 231/233 River Valley Road

tel: +65 8874338

Venom

A state-of-the-art sound and lighting system spread over a main deck and an upper deck, which has a sushi bar in case you get hungry while dancing the night away. Open Tuesday–Saturday until 3 am, Sunday until 1 am. Address=Pacific Plaza, 12th Floor, 9 Scotts Rd. Tel=+65–7347677 Now closed. Another club – China Black – is in its place.

Project Shop BLOOD Bros Cafe

Cakes & sandwiches galore

address: 160 Orchard Road

tel: +65 738 6848

Singapore – Shopping

Traditionally the home of Singapore's Indian community, Serangoon Road and its neighbouring side streets are still today a bustling hive of wondrous sights, exotic sounds and intriguing aromas. Here where the locals shop, you can buy almost anything that's Indian, from handicrafts and Kashmir silk to peacock feathers and flower garlands. Glittering saris, some of simplest muslin and others of handmade silk threaded with gold, brassware, cooking utensils and Indian–designed jewellery are particularly good buys.

Check out the spice mill along Serangoon Road for ready–made packets of spices for fish, meat or vegetable curries that slip easily into a suitcase. The jeweller next door sells silver amulets, spears for the Thaipusam festival, and a host of temple offerings. Other shops in the area stock jewelled bridal ornaments as well as cheap but colourful bangles, ankle chains and other adornments. Look too for luggage of every description, Indian bedspreads, pop–art posters of Hindu gods and giant photographs of Indian movie stars. Chella's Gallery, specialises in papier mache boxes and other collectibles from Kashmir.

No visit to Little India would be complete without seeing two of the area's institutions, the Zhu Jiao Centre and Mohammed Mustaffa & Samsuddin Company. The Zhu Jiao Centre is on Buffalo Road by the Bukit Timah end of Serangoon Road. Known as KK Market to the locals, it is a bustling wet market full of fresh vegetables, fish, meat, spices and flowers. For small souvenir items at very reasonable prices, try the well–known brassware shop or one of the other small shops.

At the other end of Serangoon Road, in Serangoon Plaza just before Kitchener Road, is the emporium cum department store cum Aladdin's cave of the Moham med Mustaffa & Samsuddin Company. Don't be deceived by the relatively modest exterior – inside you'll find floor after floor extending in all directions and selling every conceivable

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Isetan (S) Ltd

email: isetansin@isetan.com.sg
address: 593 Havelock Rd #03-02 Singapore
tel: +65 6732 8866
City Developments Ltd

email: enquiries@cdl.com.sg
address: 36 Robinson Rd #20-01 City House Singapore 068877
tel: +65 6877 8228
Raffles City Shopping Centre

address: 252 Nth Bridge Rd Singapore
tel: +65 6318 0236
Mustafa Centre

email: mms786@mustafa.com.sg
address: Dhoby Ghaut, Singapore
tel: +65 6295 5855
Robinsons

email: rbc@robinsons.com.sg
address: 176 Orchard Road, #05-05 Centrepoint, Singapore 238843.
tel: +65 6733 0888
Suntec City Mall

email: suntec@sunteccity.com.sg
address: Temasek Boulevard #07-03 Suntec Tower Five Singapore
tel: +65 6295 2888
Ngee Ann City Management Office

email: enquiries@ngeeanncity.com.sg
address: 391A Orchard Road #08-05 Ngee Ann City Tower A Singapore 238873

tel: +65 6733 0337

Singapore – Internet Cafes

Internet Cafes are found at many shopping malls. Finding an Internet Cafe on Orchard road won't be hard, but trying to get a seat might be if you come in after school hours, when all the gamers come to play.

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CyberCup Cafe

Weekends &

address: 83 Clemenceau Ave, Shell house, #01–31 Singapore 239920

Eden Lifestyle Internet Cafe

We offer a wide range of services, like Telnet, Microsoft Office processing, Printing, Faxing, Scanning, MIRC, ICQ and so on.

address: 501 Orchard Road Wheelock Place #02–08 Singapore(238880)

Bytes and Bites

Excellent restaurant and bar located on the intercoastal waterway, next to the Everglades. One computer in the bar.

Right on Florida's beautiful west coast. Internet access, email, surfing, digital camera, and faxing. We also offer web design and t

tel: 3566166

email: happyday@cyberway.com.sg

at Happy Days, NTUC Club

address: Blk 510 (Above NTUC Fairprice),

Bishan Street 13, 3rd Level,

Singapore 570510

Click it

Located in the center of the city area. All types of food and beverages available. espresso, ice–mocha, cheese cakes, pastries, sandwiches, salad....

price: S\$8

tel: 65–8830282

email: clickit@magix.com.sg

hours: Daily 11am to 11pm

address: 200, Victoria Street #03–29 Parco Bugis Junction
Singapore 188021 Singapore

CyberArena – Internet Point

Most convenient cafe in Singapore, located in heart of city. Across the road from City Hall station.

price: Singapore \$5 hour
tel: 337 0075
email: gamemaster@cyberarena.com.sg
hours: 10am – 12 pm
address: 11 Stamford Rd #01–09
Singapore 178884 Singapore
url: www.wiredisland.net

Cyberarena Internet Point

The most convenient and cheapest cybercafe in Singapore. Located just next to City Hall MRT (Subway station). PIII's, 19

price: Singapore Dollar 4 per hour
tel: 65 337 0075
email: mclanahan@hotmail.com
hours: 10 am to midnight, 7 days a week
address: Capitol Building #01–09, 11 Stamford Road
Singapore 178884 Singapore
url: www.wiredisland.net

Cyberheart Online

A new generation cybercafe that offers fast access with 12 Pentium 400 PC.

Gourmet coffee and beer.

price: S\$10.00
tel: 734–3877
email: wti@pacific.net.sg
hours: 11am to 11pm
address: 442 Orchard Road, #B1–11 Orchard Hotel Arcade
Singapore 238879 Singapore

CyberNet Cafe

hour
Soapy's Card and you're on
in San Juan, St. Thomas, Vancouver, Whistler, Ketchikan, and Juneau. Moneygram,
Payphones, Laptop Ports, Phone Cards and friendly, expert assistants are
features of all Soapy's Stations.

price: \$8 per hour \$4 per half hour, Students \$6 per hour,\$3 per half
tel: 3244361
email: admin@cybertrek.com.sg
hours: Mon To Sat 11am–10pm, Sun 2pm–7pm
address: 57 Tanjong Pagar Road
Singapore 088478

CyberNet Cafe

half hour

price: \$8 per hour, \$4.50 per half–hour,students \$6 per hour,\$3.50 per
tel: 546 1968
email: admin@cybertrek.com.sg
hours: Mon to Sun 7am–11 pm
address: Changi Airport Terminal 2 Transit North
Singapore 819643

D–NEXUS Internet Cafe

D–NEXUS was established in Jan'98. Has Internet Access, E–mail, IRC, Printing and Scanning is FREE. D–Nexus also does CD–Recording.

price: S\$3.00 per Hour
tel: 65–3420596
email: info@d–nexus.com
hours: From 12 noon to 12 midnight
address: 11, East Coast Road, #01–07
Odeon Katong Shopping Complex 437844 SINGAPORE
url: www.d–nexus.com

eden – your lifestyle internet cafe

A peaceful and spacious place for true internet surfers..You'll like it..

price: S\$8.90 (free beverage)
tel: 8870178
email: eden_cafe@hotmail.com
address: 501 Orchard Road Wheelock Place #02–08
Singapore 238880

Everest Web City

a.m to 7.30p.m.

The cafe is equipped with fastest computers and provide the following services

price: Price for 1 Hour S\$5 30 Minutes S\$3 and Minimum \$2for 15 Minutes

tel: 065 2352106
email: everest1@pacific.net.sg
hours: We are Open on all days including weekend and public holidays from 9.30
address: #02-30 Far East Shopping Centre
Singapore 238882 Singapore

G@me CyberCafe

G@me CyberCafe is located at L2 of IMM Buiding (#02-10).
We have the best interactive network gaming centers in Singapore with Creative PCs (Geforce Pro). We have hi-speed internet access services of up to 512K for all your surfing needs.

price: Member SGD 2/hr Non-member SGD 2.50/hr varies to peak/non-peak
tel: (65)564-0090
email: sales@goodwill-intl.com
hours: 9.00 am to 11.00 pm daily
2 Jurong East Street 21 #02-10 IMM Building Singapore 470701,
address: Singapore, 470701,
Singapore
url: www.gwclassified.com

isurf

tel: 7343225 / 2356723
email: isurf@isurf.com.sg
hours: Orchard Road branch: 9am to 9pm daily, Scotts Road branch: 11am to 11pm
545 Orchard Road #02-20 Far East Shopping Centre & 14 Scotts Road
address: #02-14 Far
East Plaza
Singapore Singapore
url: www.isurf.com.sg

Sip 'n Surf Internet Cafe

price: S\$5 per hour (weekdays) S\$3.50 (weekends)
tel: +65 220 9632
email: sipandsurf@yahoo.com
hours: 8 a.m to 10 p.m daily
address: 8 Shenton Way, #01-04, Temasek Tower,
Singapore 068811 Singapore
url: www.sipnsurf.com.sg

Surf@Cafe

Cozy Ambience to sit back, relax and surf the net. Multilingual Internet surfing. 12 computers available, printer, skanner, aol 'friendly'.

price: Singapore dollars \$5
tel: 7324154
email: jaffar@surfacafe.com.sg
hours: 10am–10pm daily
218 Orchard Road #02–06 Orchard Emerald,
address: Singapore, 238851,
Singapore
url: www.surfacafe.com.sg

CyberNet Cafe

hour

Soapy's Card and you're on
in San Juan, St. Thomas, Vancouver, Whistler, Ketchikan, and Juneau. Moneygram,
Payphones, Laptop Ports, Phone Cards and friendly, expert assistants are
features of all Soapy's Stations.

price: \$8 per hour \$4 per half hour, Students \$6 per hour,\$3 per half
tel: 3244361
email: admin@cybertrek.com.sg
hours: Mon To Sat 11am–10pm, Sun 2pm–7pm
address: 57 Tanjong Pagar Road
Singapore 088478

CyberNet Cafe

half hour

price: \$8 per hour, \$4.50 per half–hour,students \$6 per hour,\$3.50 per
tel: 546 1968
email: admin@cybertrek.com.sg
hours: Mon to Sun 7am–11pm
address: Changi Airport Terminal 2 Transit North
Singapore 819643

Singapore – People

Population: 3 490 356 (July 1998 est.)

Age structure:

0–14 years: 21% (male 383 960; female 361 244)

15–64 years: 72% (male 1 252 427; female 1 255 795)

65 years and over: 7% (male 105 417; female 131 513) (July 1998 est.)

Population growth rate: 1.2% (1998 est.)

Birth rate: 13.79 births/1 000 population (1998 est.)

Death rate: 4.68 deaths/1 000 population (1998 est.)

Net migration rate: 2.87 migrant(s)/1 000 population (1998 est.)

Sex ratio:

at birth: 1.08 male(s)/female

under 15 years: 1.06 male(s)/female

15–64 years: 1 male(s)/female

65 years and over: 0.8 male(s)/female (1998 est.)

Infant mortality rate: 3.87 deaths/1 000 live births (1998 est.)

Life expectancy at birth:

total population: 78.49 years

male: 75.46 years

female: 81.77 years (1998 est.)

Total fertility rate: 1.46 children born/woman (1998 est.)

Nationality:

noun: Singaporean(s)

adjective: Singapore

Ethnic groups: Chinese 76.4% Malay 14.9% Indian 6.4% other 2.3%

Religions: Buddhist (Chinese) Muslim (Malays) Christian Hindu Sikh Taoist Confucianist

Languages: Chinese (official) Malay (official and national) Tamil (official) English (official)

Literacy:

definition: age 15 and over can read and write

total population: 91.1%

male: 95.9%

female: 86.3% (1995 est.)

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Who are Singaporeans?

Dear editor As a Singaporean living abroad, I would like to see your views on who singaporeans really are, their feelings, their attitudes, their culture, what moves them, how they react to tourists, what they hold close to their heart and whether there is any warmth in them from Orchard road to ang mo kio town. I think as a reader, that is what I would hope for if i click on the button "People", not a list of boring statistics. Perhaps you should invite tourists who have been there to send in their feedback of their real-life experiences with Singaporeans and comment on their cultural exchange – this will be much more useful for future users of the city guide. Hope you will consider this and change the format of the People section. Thanks!

Singapore – Economy

Economyoverview: Singapore has an open economy with strong service and manufacturing sectors and excellent international trading links derived from its entrepot history. Extraordinarily strong fundamentals allowed Singapore to weather the effects of the Asian financial crisis better than its neighbors but the crisis did pull GDP growth down to approximately 6% in 1997. Projections for 1998 GDP growth are in the 4.5% to 6.5% range. Rising labor costs and appreciation of the Singapore dollar against its neighbors' currencies continue to be a threat to Singapore's competitiveness. The government's strategy to address this problem includes increasing productivity improving infrastructure and encouraging higher value-added industries. In applied technology per capita output investment and labor discipline Singapore has key attributes of a developed country.

GDP: purchasing power parity\$84.6 billion (1997 est.)

GDPreal growth rate: 6% (1997 est.)

GDPper capita: purchasing power parity\$24 600 (1997 est.)

GDPcomposition by sector:

agriculture: NEGL%

industry: 28%

services: 72%

Inflation rateconsumer price index: 1.8% (1997 est.)

Labor force:

total: 1.856 million (1997 est.)

by occupation: financial business and other services 33.5% manufacturing 25.6% commerce 22.9% construction 6.6% other 11.4% (1994)

Unemployment rate: 3% (1997 est.)

Budget:

revenues: \$16.3 billion

expenditures: \$13.6 billion including capital expenditures of \$NA (FY97/98 est.)

Industries: electronics financial services oil drilling equipment petroleum refining rubber processing and rubber products processed food and beverages ship repair entrepot trade biotechnology

Industrial production growth rate: 7% (1996 est.)

Electricitycapacity: 4.513 million kW (1995)

Electricityproduction: 21 billion kWh (1995)

Electricityconsumption per capita: 7 234 kWh (1995)

Agricultureproducts: rubber copra fruit vegetables; poultry

Exports:

total value: \$125.6 billion (1997 est.)

commodities: computer equipment rubber and rubber products petroleum products telecommunications equipment

partners: Malaysia 19% US 18% Hong Kong 9% Japan 8% Thailand 6% (1995)

Imports:

total value: \$133.9 billion (1997 est.)

commodities: aircraft petroleum chemicals foodstuffs

partners: Japan 21% Malaysia 15% US 15% Thailand 5% Taiwan 4% South Korea 4% (1995)

Debtexternal: \$NA

Economic aid: \$NA

Currency: 1 Singapore dollar (S\$) = 100 cents

Exchange rates: Singapore dollars (S\$) per US\$11.7533 (January 1998) 1.4848 (1997) 1.4100 (1996) 1.4174 (1995) 1.5274 (1994) 1.6158 (1993)

Fiscal year: 1 April 31 March

Singapore – Islands

Just south of Singapore are a number of small islands. They offer tranquil beaches, warm waters and villages that haven't changed over the past century. Great for a daytrip or even an overnight stay

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Kusu Island

Legend has it that a magical turtle turned itself into an island to save two shipwrecked sailors – one, a Malay and the other, a Chinese. Now a Malay shrine and a Chinese Temple stand as reminders of that day so long ago. Each year, in the ninth lunar month, thousands of devotees flock to Kusu island on their annual pilgrimage. They throw coins in the Wishing Well in the hope that their wishes will come true. Kusu Island's blue lagoons and pristine white beaches welcome picnickers and sun-seekers, a haven for those who love frolicking in the sun.

email: interbus@maktoob.com

tel: 0507545107

address: KSA

Pulau Sekang

Pulau Sekang is a quaint village on stilts that time has forgotten. This is the Singapore that Raffles saw in 1819 – one traditional Malay fishing village. A handful of villagers lead simple lives in their wooden houses and sturdy boats. Shells and coral are available at bargain prices but there's no charge for the menagerie of birds, monkeys and goats.

Pulau Hantu

"Hantu" is the Malay word for ghost and Pulau Hantu was aptly named. For it was here that ancient Malay warriors once dueled to the death. Despite the forbidden name, Pulau Hantu is a favourite with fishing and snorkeling enthusiasts because of its sheltered beaches and inviting waters

Lazarus island

Lazarus island is yet another island with lush tropical vegetation, golden sands and aquamarine waters. For this reason, it is earmarked by the Singapore Tourist Promotion Board for development into an inviting tropical beach resort island.

Sister Islands

Two tranquil islands, Subar Laut and Subar Darat, are known as Sisters Island. Separated only by narrow strip of sea, their beaches laze in the sun and warm blue waters make snorkeling a favourite pastime. Abundant shade, beach shelters and conveniences make these islands popular with picnickers.

Sentosa

Sentosa is the largest and most famous of all the Southern Islands. This resort island overflows with sights. The Pioneers of Singapore and the Surrender Chamber take you back to Singapore's history. Ride the monorail, be a gunner at an old but restored British Fort, experience Volcanoland, and much more. *Maqbool Mazhar*: i have been there once but i havint got the chance to see much of it. the sights i visites was dancing fountain and underwaterwold. so pls tell me more about it . *Huzaiyah Siddiqui*: no comments

Singapore – Getting There

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Abacus International Pte Ltd

email: marcoms@abacus.com.sg

address: #08–01 Abacus Plaza 3 Tampines Central 1 Singapore 529540

tel: 65 6426 0066

ALPINE TREKKERS & TOURS PRIVATE LIMITED

email: alpine@meganet.com.pk , info@alpine.com.pk

address: 21 AL–Amin Plaza, The Mall, Rawalpindi – Pakistan.

tel: +92–51–5593149

Swain Asia Tours

email: Info@SwainTours.com

address: 6 W. Lancaster Avenue Ardmore, PA 19003

tel: 1–800–22–SWAIN (79246)

The Imaginative Traveller Ltd.

email: :info@eaw.com.sg

address: 1 Betts Avenue Martlesham Heath Suffolk IP5 7RH

tel: 0800 316 2717

Star Cruises

address: No.9, Penang Road, #11-08, Park Mall, Singapore
238459
tel: +65 6223 0002

Singapore – History

An island once known as Temasek held a legend that was to change its name forever. According to a Malay legend, there was once a Sumatran prince that visited this little fishing island. During this visit, he encountered a strange and amazing animal. He later found out that the beast was called a lion. He was encouraged by an omen that stated he would find a city upon sighting the beast. Thus the name Singapura or Lion City was found. "Singa" meaning Lion and "Pura" meaning city.

Moving away from the legend, the official arrival of Sir Stamford Raffles in 1819 claimed that he was the official founder of this wondrous city. What now is a beautiful city that has been transformed into a political and economic country was once a tale of the rise and fall of empires and colonialism.

Having a naturally deep harbor and a shelter from disasters, made the island an important asset for trading. Traders near and far came to the "port of call" to exchange goods and set up businesses. This is how Singapore started to prosper.

Although Singapore's history dates from the 11th century the island was little known to the West until the 19th century when in 1819 Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles arrived as an agent of the British East India Company. In 1824 the British purchased Singapore Island and by 1825 the city of Singapore had become a major port with trade exceeding that of Malaya's Malacca and Penang combined. In 1826 Singapore Penang and Malacca were combined as the Straits Settlements to form an outlying residency of the British East India Company; in 1867 the Straits Settlements were made a British Crown Colony an arrangement that continued until 1946.

The opening of the Suez Canal in 1869 and the advent of steamships launched an era of prosperity for Singapore as transit trade expanded throughout Southeast Asia. In the 20th century the automobile industry's demand for rubber from Southeast Asia and the packaging industry's need for tin helped make Singapore one of the world's major ports.

In 1921 the British constructed a naval base, which was soon supplemented by an air base. But the Japanese captured the island in February 1942 and it remained under their control until September 1945 when it was recaptured by the British.

In 1946 the Straits Settlements was dissolved; Penang and Malacca became part of the Malayan Union and Singapore became a separate British Crown Colony. In 1959 Singapore became self-governing and in 1963 it joined the newly independent Federation of Malaya Sabah and Sarawak (the latter two former British Borneo territories) to form Malaysia.

Indonesia adopted a policy of "confrontation" against the new federation charging that it was a "British colonial creation" and severed trade with Malaysia. The move particularly affected Singapore since Indonesia

had been the island's second-largest trading partner. The political dispute was resolved in 1966 and Indonesia resumed trade with Singapore.

After a period of friction between Singapore and the central government in Kuala Lumpur Singapore separated from Malaysia on August 9 1965 and became an independent republic.

Singapore – Accommodation

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Singapore – Sights

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Mustafa Center

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Singapore river

The Singapore River has undergone dramatic transformation since its early days. Once the lifeline of the nation, it was the economic artery of Singapore where pioneers lived and worked together.

Many will remember a Singapore River filled with twakows, tongkangs and stevedores working hard to unload cargoes from ships anchored in the outer road of the harbour and loading fresh cargoes for these ships. The stench from the flotsam and jetsam on the Singapore River cannot be missed too.

With changes brought forth by rapid economic development and urban renewal, a way of life has disappeared. Nonetheless, the Singapore River has been given a new lease of life since efforts to clean it up started in the late 1970s. Today, the waterway has become a major leisure and tourist attraction. A long promenade was constructed to offer shady walkways, art venues, restaurants for alfresco dining, entertainment and retail establishments in conserved shophouses for rest and recreation.

This set of 10 stamps is released to portray the life and activities around the Singapore River through the decades of the 20th century. The stamp designs capture the Singapore River from the early years when it was filled with lighters, stevedores and godowns with a diverse community living and working together up to the present.

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The oldest Hindu temple of Singapore. It was built in 1827. Take SBS bus 61,103,166 or 197 from North bridge Road to get there.

address: 244 South Bridge Rd.

Kong Meng San Phor

address: 88 Bright Hill Drive

Siong Lim Temple

A Buddhist temple constructed in 1908. The budha was imported from Siam (Thailand). The temple is located close to Toa Payoh MRT.

address: 184E Jalan Toa Payoh

Singapore History Museum

The history museum covers the history of the people of Singapore. It is a rather OK place to explore. Admission is between SGD 1.50 and 4 SGD. Guided tours available.

address: Stamford Rd.

openinghours: 9am–5.30pm, closed Mondays, open until 9pm on Wednesday

Singapore Mint Coin Gallery

Just east of the Boon Lay MRT station ist the Coin Gallery, which exhibits domestic coins and medals as well as a selection of foreign coins. Only interesting for people who are really into this.

address: 20 Teban Gardens Crescent

openinghours: Mon – Fri, 9am–5pm

Singapore Navy Museum

Only something for the military enthusiast. At least the admission is free, but bring your passport.

address: Endurance Block, Sembawang Camp

openinghours: 8.30am–4.30pm (Mon–Fri), 8.30am to 12 noon on Saturday

Singapore Philatelic Museum

A place for the stamp collector. Phone: 3373888.

address: 23B Colemann Street

openinghours: Daily from 9am–5.30pm

Asian Civilisations Museum

This museum highlights the Chinese history. It displays Chinese furniture, ceramics, jade and works of art. The museum is located off Stamford Rd. Take the MRT to City Hall.

address: 39 Armenian Street

openinghours: 9am to 5.30pm, Wednesday until 9pm, Monday closed

Changi Prison Museum

This place has been covered in a novel of James Clavell (King Rat). It as a former prisoners-of-war museum. The museum has on record the daily life of the prisoners. It displays photographs, paintings and sketches. Admission free. Take a SBS bus 2 from Tanah Merah MRT station.

address: 20km Upper Changi Road North

openinghours: 10 am–5pm, closed Sundays and public holidays

Singapore Art Museum

The museum exhibits modern art from Singapore and traditional art from Southeast Asia. Periodic exhibitions. Call 3323222 for more information what's on. Free guided tours at 10.30 daily. To get there take a metro to Dhoby Ghaut.

address: 71 Bras Basah Rd.

openinghours: 9am–5.30pm, Mondays closed, Wednesdays open until 9pm

Asian Civilisations Museum, Empress Place

While the Armenian Street branch of the Museum focuses on Peranakan culture, the flagship Empress Place branch covers all of Asia. This excellent museum deserves at least four hours to fully appreciate the wealth of information and superbly presented displays. Take advantage of the free tours ! Admission is free after 6pm on Friday nights.

address: Empress Place

Singapore – Eating Out

Food is one of our national past times and believe me, the food is fantastic. In this section I will list a number of places where you can give your taste buds a treat.

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Lam's Noodle

An extraordinary blend of local food with the exquisite style of the west. This is where Yin and Yang appear in colors, tastes, textures and menus!

address: 399 River Valley

La Smorfia

La Smorfia's speciality is Seafood. It is open daily for lunch and dinner and it is quite a fancy, nice restaurant to go to.

address: 36 Purvis Street #01-03

tel: +65-3384322

Hooked on Pasta

Good pasta, but no special atmosphere.

address: 3 Temasek Boulevard, #03-018 Suntec City Mall

tel: +65-3396010

Pasta Fresca Da Salvatore

Pasta Fresca has several outlets in Singapore, Malaysia and even China. It is very popular among the locals, but not the place to go for a romantic dinner.

address: 30 Boat Quay

tel: +65 532 6283

Brewerkz Singapore

Can't decide where to go? well the Brewerkz Singapore, has it all... For those beer lovers, you can taste a wide range of beer that is freshly prepared. The portions are huge and the desserts are mmmmmm. If you are a small eater and planning on trying out the desserts than it is advisable to share the meals with someone so that you would have room for dessert.

30 Merchant Road,

#02-07 Riverside Point,

Tel: 438-2311

Mama Africa Restaurant and Wine Bar

Relatively expensive but it is a one stop food festival for your taste buds. Ranging from sweet potato to *ostrich meat* this restaurant has it all and to further enhance your experience at Mama Africa Restaurant and Wine Bar, the decor consists of the unpolished timber floors, hand-painted walls, woven basket lampshades, and recycled tables and chairs – add to the ambience and help you get into the African beat.

88 Telok Ayer Street,

Far East Square #01-01,

Singapore 048470

Tel: 532-9339

WholMeals Cafe & Store

For those calorie counters, weight watchers, health freaks or just those who are into trying new foods, this is the place to be. The menu contains all the yummy stuff without the calories. The fruit drinks are delicious and you could spend all day tasting them.

#01-62 Bugis Junction,

Tel: 337-9257,

Opening hours: Every day from 8 am to 9.30 pm

African Heartbeat Restaurant & Bar

If you haven't got enough African delights and are looking for more, here is another satisfying restaurant where the dress code is smart casual and the food is fantastic.

21 Science Park Road,

#01-01, The Aquarius,

Singapore Science Park II,

Singapore 117628,

Tel: 775-7988

Santa Fe Tex Mex Grill

Situated at Boat Quay, the Tex Mex provides a wonderful range of delights which are large and tasty. If you are into cactus displays and cowboy decor you will enjoy dining here. It portrays a pleasant atmosphere and as mentioned before, you won't stop eating. Although on the expensive side, the food makes up in taste.

73-75 Boat Quay,

Tel: 538-4577

Just Steak

Just as the name suggests, steak is the main attraction of this restaurant. For those meat lovers, the steaks here are cooked to perfection and at a reasonable price as well with light side dishes as well. For those who prefer less meat, the restaurant serves smaller portions as well. With an overall rating of eight out of ten, the dress code is smart casual here too.

20 Upper Circular Road,

The Riverwalk #01-42,

Tel: 438-5522

Margarita's

Anyone up for some mexican? Well there is delightful place called Margarita's that will satisfy your hunger. Most of the dishes are set at a relatively considerable price. Just remember to save some room for desert as they have some out-of-this-world selections.

404 East Coast Road,

Singapore 428998,

Tel: 440-8030,

Opening hours are from 12 noon to 10.30 pm.

Food is relatively small portioned and not well near-authentic enough. However this side is really far from Tex-Mex

Blu

Situated on the 24th floor of the Shangri-La Hotel, the restaurant has excellent taste in decor. As for the food however, is not spectacular. If you are one to dine in restaurants for the experience of the "blue" atmosphere, then try some of the finger foods presented.

Shangri-La Hotel,

Orange Grove Road,

Tel: 737-3644,

Opening hours: 7 – 9.30 pm, closed on Sundays

Cafe Gypsy

If you are the adventurous type and willing to try anything thats different from what you are normally used to then this is the place for you. This cafe serves up some of the most unique and different types of food around. However it is set a little on the expensive side for some dishes such as salad.

92 Club Street,

Singapore 069460,

Tel: 227-7769

Mortons of Chicago

If you are hungry and you are looking for a good western meal then Morton's is the place for you! served in

generous portions, it is enough to make anyone satisfied with the rich tastes combined. If you are a chocolate lover, then the Godiva Hot Chocolate Cake will make your day, aaahhhhh Chocolate heaven.....

The Steakhouse,

Fourth storey,

The Oriental Singapore,

Tel: 339-3740,

Hours: 5.30 to 11 pm

Au Bon Pain

What is filled with the smell of freshly baked bread and all those yummy treats we all long to get our hands on? ahhh the Au Bon Pain bakery of course! It is dedicated to the many types of sandwiches and breads to choose from. To further enhance the love of the bread, diners can enjoy the view from the sidewalk or in the cafe itself. If you haven't got enough of the fantastic bakery, here are two other places it is situated: International Plaza, Anson Road, and Caltex House, Raffles Place, are open from 7.30 am to 7.30 pm.

583 Orchard Road,

#01-01A/K1 Forum The Shopping Mall,

Tel: 838-0848,

Hours: 7.30 am to 10.30 pm (Sundays to Thursdays), and 7.30 am to midnight (Fridays and Saturdays).

Lawry's The Prime Rib

For those of you who can't get enough of the best prime beef, then Lawry's is the place to go to quench your appetite. It is a little less expensive compared to the other restaurants with succulent beef and the necessary side dishes to add flavour. The atmosphere in the restaurant complements the decor.

#02-30 Paragon,

290 Orchard Road,

Tel: 8363333,

Hours: 11.30 am-2.30 pm and 5-10 pm (till 11 pm on Sat)

Billy Bombers American Classic

If you want fantastic food with the feel of the 70s classic decor, then this is the place to go. There is a huge range of perfectly prepared food to suit the tastes of anyone.

160 Orchard Road,

#B1-13, Orchard Point,

Tel: 733-6382,

Hours: 11 am-11 pm (Sun-Thu), 11 am-midnight (Fri and Sat)

Restaurant Casablanca

For those interested in tasting the different varieties Morroccan food has to offer, then this is the place for you. Situated in Hollad Village, it is the newest restaurant to join the scene.

18 Lorong Mambong,

Holland Village,

Singapore 277678

Tel: 465-6016

Opening hours: noon – 2.30 pm and 7 pm – 11 pm on weekdays and noon – 11 pm on weekends.

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address: 63 / 65 Serangoon Garden Way 63 / 65 Serangoon Garden Way

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Singapore – Map

http://www.lonelyplanet.com/mapshells/south_east_asia/singapore/singapore.htm

Singapore – Bars and Cafes

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Bar None – Mariott Hotel

Basically, this bar is the best in Singapore.... It has the best crowd mixed mixed with a great atmopshere. Go on a saturday night and listen to the live band...

They also do a varient of "Whose line is it anyway", impromptu comedy, etc.

Prince of Wales – Backpacker Pub

What makes POW unique? – The only backpacker pub in Singapore – A 45% discount on all drinks for card carrying Backpackers (VIP, STA, YHA, EURO 26) – The only real pub in Little India – Four draught beers on tap (John Smith's Extra Smooth, Newcastle Brown Ale, Beamish Irish Stout, and FOSTER'S) – A pub that an Australian would walk into and know its Australian with out the "cringe factor" (i.e. no pictures of the Harbour Bridge, Opera house, kangaroos, etc). – The main bar is non-smoking, while the large Beer Garden and front porch is smoker friendly. – The music is contemporary modern rock – The staff are young Australians – The web site: www.pow.com.sg

tel: +65 9828 9829

address: 101 Dunlop Street

zipcode: Little India, Singapore

Singapore – Festivals

Festivals

Singapore – Museums

You will gain a full knowledge of Singapore after you visiting these Museums Asia Civilisations Museum, Armenian, Asian Civilisations Museum, Empress Place, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore History Museum and Singapore Philatelic Museum. You can obtain all these Museums information from National Heritage Board.

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National University of Singapore (NUS)

email: qsmanager@nus.edu.

address: 10 Kent Ridge Crescent, Singapore 119260

tel: +65 6775 6666

Shop by Banyan Tree–Museum–Museum Shops

email: museumshop@banyantree.com

address: Head Office–211 Upper Bukit Timah Road Singapore 588182

tel: +65 6849 5761

National Heritage Board (NHB)

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Singapore – Tours and Excursions

These are few of popular attraction in Singapore

Orchard Roads, Boat Quay, Little India, Chinatown, Singapore Botanic Gardens, Singapore Million Dollar Duck Race (The), Singapore Zoological Gardens, Singapore Discovery Centre, Sentosa and many others..

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New Shan Travel Service

New Shan Travel incorporated in 1972, has gained itself a strong foothold in the Singapore travel industry. From an initial setup of 8 staff providing ticketing services, its present staff network of 130 now provides a

full range of travel related services. Amongst the services provided are world-wide ticketing, in-house and airline packaged tours, hotel bookings, visa arrangements, cruises, golf tours and tournaments, GSA representations and air freight forwarding.

Besides its head office at Maxwell Road, New Shan Travel has five other offices in Singapore amongst which is New Shan Air, the GSA for Varig Brazilian Airlines & New Shan Travel (GSA), the GSA for Mexicana Airlines, Copa Airlines and Avensa Airlines. In addition, it has 3 sister companies in Johore Bahru, Kuala Lumpur and Los Angeles.

New Shan Travel believes in working very closely with all the airlines operating in Singapore and constantly receives yearly top sales awards from airlines such as Singapore Airlines, Qantas, MAS, Garuda, EVA, China Airlines, Japan Airlines, SilkAir, Korean Airlines, Cathay Pacific, Air China, China Southern Airlines, China Yunnan Airlines, China Eastern Airlines, etc. It also acts as a re-distributor of airline products to other travel agencies which do not work directly with them.

New Shan(Head Office)

20, Maxwell Road,

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Singapore 069113

Operating Hours :

0900 hrs – 2000 hrs (Monday – Friday) 0900 hrs – 1700 hrs (Saturday)

1000 hrs – 1600 hrs (Sunday & Public Holidays)

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WW2 Singapore

Dont take a tour company – do it yourself easy – visit Kranji War Cemetery and personal graves, visit the Ford Factory used in the surrender with Percival and Yamashita, visit Bukit Timah, Changi, Selerang Barracks and a number of other WW2 Singapore museums and places of war interest. See the book: A Different Brand Of English – a comprehensive travel guide to WW2 Singapore and Thailand.

<http://www.poseidonbooks.com/a_different_brand_of_english.htm>

email: info@poseidonbooks.com

Sentosa Twilight

Get away from the hustle and bustle of the city to Sentosa – the resort island of peace and tranquility. Enjoy a scenic cable car ride and catch a bird's eye view of Singapore's skyline and its busy port. On the island, visit the Images of Singapore, which houses the Pioneers of Singapore, Surrender Chamber and Festivals of Singapore museum. Next, visit the Underwater World, Asia's largest and most innovative tropical oceanarium that is home to over 2,5000 marine animals. Tour ends with a coach ride back to mainland. Tour include stop at the Garden Plaza for 15 minutes spectacular musical fountain.

*Entrance fees included

email: bali@lotusasiatours.com

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IndoFalcon

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tel: +65 6270 6778

Sunny Holidays

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RMG Tours Pte Ltd

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Singapore – Practical Information

Visa Requirement

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Foreigners holding travel documents issued by the following countries will require a visa to enter Singapore: Afghanistan Algeria Bangladesh (*Except Diplomatic/Official passport holders*) Commonwealth of Independent States* (*Except Diplomatic/Official/Service passport holders for a stay of up to 30 days*) Armenia Azerbaijan Belarus Georgia Kazakhstan Kyrgyzstan Moldova Russia Tajikistan Turkmenistan Ukraine Uzbekistan Egypt India (*Except Diplomatic/Official passport holders*) Iran Iraq Jordan (*Except Diplomatic/Official passport holders*) Lebanon Libya Morocco Myanmar (*Except Diplomatic/Official passport holders*) People's Republic of China (*Except Diplomatic/Service/Public Affairs passport holders for a stay of up to 30 days*) Pakistan Saudi Arabia Somalia Sudan Syria Tunisia (*Except Diplomatic/Official passport holders*) Yemen

In addition, visitors holding Hong Kong Document of Identity, Macao Special Administrative Region (MSAR) Travel Permit, Palestinian Authority Passport, Refugee Travel Document issued by the Middle-East countries and Temporary Passport issued by United Arab Emirates will also require a visa to enter Singapore.

* Nationals of the Commonwealth Independent States may be granted entry into Singapore without visas if they are on transit to a third country. However, they are required to fulfil the following conditions:– They are in transit to a third country; They hold a valid passport, a confirmed onward air–ticket, entry facilities (including visa) to the third country and have sufficient funds for the period of stay in Singapore; They continue their journey to the third country within the 96–hour visa free period granted; and They satisfy Singapore's entry requirements. As in all arrivals, the grant of the social visit passes to travellers will be determined by the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority officers at the Singapore Checkpoints.

Visit <http://app.ica.gov.sg> for full information

Singapore – Getting Around

Singapore is internationally recognised as the "Garden City". It is one of the cleanest cities in the world and there is little evidence of any pollution whatsoever in the air, sea or land. The public transportation in Singapore is very efficient, clean, high tech and safe. You can travel around the whole of Singapore cheaply and the transportation network, comprising of the MRT, the LRT, the buses and the taxis is very well organised.

Normal Buses run from 6am in the morning to 12 midnight daily. Between 12 midnight and 6am, Night Buses, charging a flat fee of S\$3, bring you out of the city into the residential neighbourhoods. Singapore is a 24 hour city in terms of public transportation and if you know where to know, its a 24 hour city in terms of entertainment and nightlife as well. You can also go on several bus routes especially designed for sightseers. The fares are based on the distance travelled. You can ask the bus driver for the price of the fare you need to pay on boarding, or pick up a bus guide/brochure at the bus interchanges or even from the bus service information displays located in most bus stops. The easier thing to do would be to purchase a "ezlink" Contactless Smart Card or the "Visitors Card" for tourists, just tap upon entry and tap at the readers when exiting and the correct fare will be deducted, its much easier as you do not have to figure out the fare to pay.

The MRT stands for Mass Rapid Transit system – it is one of the cleanest, safest, most modern., high tech and efficient systems in the world. It operates daily from 6.00am in the morning till midnight, with economy fares. Fares are based on distance travelled and payment is by the "ezlink" Contactless Smart Card, the "Visitors Card" or the single trip "Standard Ticket" only.

No smoking, eating and drinking are allowed on the MRT, LRT and buses. The durian, a tropical fruit is also strictly prohibited. Tourists can also use The Visitors Card to travel around Singapore. The Card, costing \$45, can be purchased upon presentation of an international passport. It is sold as a package comprising the following: The Visitors Card with an encoded travel value of \$10. A booklet consisting of discount coupons for various goods and services e.g. attractions, shopping, golf, hotels, restaurants etc.

In Singapore you can catch a taxis everywhere in anytime from day to late night at very affordable prices. All taxis fare charge according to meter, but there are additional charges applicable when using the expressways and also if travelling within the Central Business District between 7.30 to 9.30 in the morning and 5.30 to 7 in the evening, weekdays. A \$3.00 levy surcharge when you hire a taxis from the airport. Any taxi displays a red sign on its dashboard, the driver is changing shift and will only pick up customers going in his direction. SMRT Taxis also offers ten cabs, which are wheelchair-accessible, to tourists and locals who need them.

If renting a car, be aware that Singaporeans drive on the left side of the road; and the maximum speed limit is 50km per hour in residential areas, and 80km per hour on the expressways. And additional charges on entering the Central Business District and on expressways, especially during peak hours.

Other great ways of getting around Singapore include forganized tours and cruises. Just ask at your hotel or following local tours agencies or get information from the tourist information offices. Remember Singapore is a sleepless big city. You will never feel tired of it.

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Singapore's Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) & Light Rapid Transit (LRT)

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Mass Rapid Transit (MRT)

The *Mass Rapid Transit (MRT)* is a partially underground metro system with trains running on steel wheels. For the North East Line (NE), it is entirely underground and trains are driverless.

North South Line (NS), East West Line (EW) (CG), North East Line (NE) & Circle Line (CC)

North South Line (NS)

The *North South Line (NS)*, comprising of 25 Stations, stretches from NS1 Jurong East Station in the northwest to NS27 Marina Bay Station in the south of Singapore, in to the New Downtown and connects to the East West Line (EW) (CG) at NS25 City Hall Station and NS26 Raffles Place Station. Trains running on this Line are either manufactured by Kawasaki Heavy Industries (KHI), Siemens or Kawasaki Heavy Industries (KHI)/Nippon Sharyo.

East West Line (EW) (CG)

The *East West Line (EW) (CG)*, comprising of 29 Stations, stretches from EW1 Pasir Ris Station in the east to EW27 Boon Lay Station in the west and connects to the North South Line (NS) at EW13 City Hall Station and EW14 Raffles Place Station, and the North East Line (NE) at EW16 Outram Park Station. At the branch

of the main Line at EW4 Tanah Merah Station, a 12 minute interval shuttle service brings passengers to CG1 Expo Station and CG2 Changi Airport Station. Trains running on this Line are either manufactured by Kawasaki Heavy Industries (KHI), Siemens or Kawasaki Heavy Industries (KHI)/Nippon Sharyo.

North East Line

The ***North East Line (NE)***, comprising of 16 Stations, stretches from NE1 HarbourFront Station in the south to NE17 Punggol Station in the northeastern part of the island and connects to the East West Line (EW) (CG) at NE3 Outram Park Station, the North South Line (NS) at NE5 Dhoby Ghaut Station, the Sengkang LRT Line (SK) at NE16 Sengkang Station and the Punggol LRT Line (PG) at NE17 Punggol Station. Passenger service commenced on 20 June 2003. NE11 Woodleigh Station and NE15 Buangkok Station will not be opened for passenger service until the surround areas get further developed. The ***North East Line (NE)*** is the first driverless and underground heavy rail system in the world.

The trains are manufactured by Alstom and are unitized six-car sets, with walk-through articulation. Each car has four doors per side, longitudinal seats (62 per car), and ceiling handholds along the center of the car. Yes, one can still be a straphanger in Singapore. The trainsets use AC propulsion as denoted by the telltale multi-pitch whine. Station stops are announced automatically, using a woman's voice that has a British accent. She even throws in "Please Mind The Gap" for good measure. Each car has six Liquid Crystal Displays (LCD) that show commercials, safety messages, inspirational quotes; travel information scrolls along the bottom. There are also two ceiling-mounted LED Displays that also show travel information, date & time in each car. Operation is totally automatic. In fact, there is no cab; the trainsets have a similar appearance to airport peplemovers — with a covered drivers' console that can be used in an emergency. In a throwback to tradition, there are two railfan windows, one at either side of the front car. In automatic operation, dwell time is set and doors close automatically after a warning signal. I saw no door holding at any time, even during rush hour. There are supposedly roving customer service personnel; I thought I saw one sitting in the middle of the train. He wasn't wearing a uniform, but was holding a two-way radio.

Stations are immaculate — there was not one piece of litter on any platform or train. Station cleaners were everywhere. As with the older lines, modern faregates accept only the "ezlink" Contactless Smart Card for multiple rides, the "Standard Ticket" for single trips or the "Visitors Card" for tourists. Fares range from S\$0.80 to S\$1.80 depending on distance travelled. Stations have Platform Screen Doors (PSD), so all stations are well air-conditioned. Station mezzanines and transfer corridors along the new line are spacious and well-lit. They are also "ADA-compatible," or would be if there was an ADA-like law in Singapore (the older lines are not).

Circle Line (CC)

The ***Circle Line (CC)***, comprising of 29 Stations, stretches from CC1 Dhoby Ghaut Station in the main hotel and retail belt to CC29 HarbourFront Station in the south next to VivoCity, Singapore's largest entertainment and retail centre, due to open in 2006 and will be connected to every other Line at numerous Stations. The initial section of the Circle Line will commence passenger service in 2007 while the last section will commence passenger service by 2010. CC18 Bukit Brown Station, CC19 Adam Station & CC25 West Coast Station will not be opened for passenger service until the surrounding areas get further developed. The ***Circle Line (CC)*** will be the longest driverless and underground heavy rail system in the world.

Light Rapid Transit (LRT)

The Light Rapid Transit (LRT) is an elevated driverless system with train cars running on rubber tyres, similar to the Automated People Mover (APM) systems at Singapore's Changi Airport & the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA). The Light Rapid Transit (LRT) system in Singapore is not the same as the Light Rail Transit systems in Los Angeles & Hong Kong as those systems are at grade, operated by drivers and train cars run on steel wheels. The Light Rapid Transit (LRT) system acts as a feeder service to the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) system for residents of the primarily high density residential neighbourhoods.

Bukit Panjang Line (BP), Sengkang Line (SK) & Punggol Line (PG)

The ***Bukit Panjang Line (BP)*** is a primarily a single Loop system comprising of 14 Stations and connects to the North South Line (NS) at NS4 Choa Chu Kang Station. Passenger service commenced on 06 November 1999. Bombardier's "CX-100" train cars, either in 1 car or 2 car train sets depending on demand, run in both clockwise and anticlockwise directions along this Loop.

The ***Sengkang Line (SK)*** is a 2 Loop system, comprising of a East Loop and a West Loop connect to the North East Line (NE) at NE16 Sengkang Station. Even though both Loops have been constructed, only the East Loop at present, comprising of 6 Stations has commenced passenger service. The West Loop, comprising of another 8 Stations will commence passenger service possibly in 2008 when the area surrounding the Stations along this Loop are further developed. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI)'s individual "Crystal Mover" train cars run in both clockwise and anticlockwise directions along this Loop.

The ***Punggol Line (PG)*** is another 2 Loop system, again comprising of a East Loop and the West Loop connect to the North East Line (NE) at NE17 Punggol Station. Even though both Loops have been constructed, only the East Loop, comprising of 8 Stations will commence passenger service in 2005. The West Loop, comprising of another 7 Stations will commence passenger service at a later date yet to be determined when the area surrounding the Stations along this Loop are further developed. The same Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI)'s individual "Crystal Mover" train cars run in both clockwise and anticlockwise directions along this Loop.

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SBS Transit Ltd – BUSES

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Singapore – Beaches

Singapore beaches are still maintaining environmentally "Green". The air population is still low due to it surrounding by sea. There are few beaches in Singapore nice to visit and spend whole day enjoyment there.

East Coast Park: Along airport parkway between the airport and the central business district, the East Coast Park is the most popular outdoor activities for Singaporeans. You can hiring equipment for canoeing, wind surfing, cycling and roller blading. And your can book a BBQ oven for cooking. There are alots of shady parts and the wind are blowing with nice fresh air.

Sentosa Beach : Beside sandy white beaches, there are many man-made attractions and lots of beach activities such as pedal cars, aqua-bikes, fun bugs, canoes, windsurfing and swimming. There is also fascinating flora and fauna, historical enclaves, adventure theme parks and golf. With several five-star hotels, romantic dining under the stars and night time entertainment including a musical fountain, a night market and the Enchanted Grove of Tembusu, Sentosa has everything a visitor could desire in a holiday venue. In addition to its many other attractions,

Changi Beach : This beach is has one of the oldest coastal parks in Singapore, this place brings back memories for Singaporeans who frequented this area in the 60s and 70s. The beach with beauty white sand extends into the park at places to form a continuous stretch of wide open area dotted with coconut palms, BBQ pits, Park benches and Shelters. There is jogging track and other amenities were added. Visitors can now jog or cycle along the winding tracks from Changi Point to Changi Ferry Terminal and back. This is the place where everybody would like to gather over the weekends for picnics, swimming, barbecues or overnight camping. Sitting by the beach, you can look out to the sea overlooking Pulau Ubin, enjoy the gentle breeze of the sea, the lovely noise created by coconut palms and listen to the waves rolling onto the white sandy beach. Bring your own food here, or you can get some at the nearby Changi Village.

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