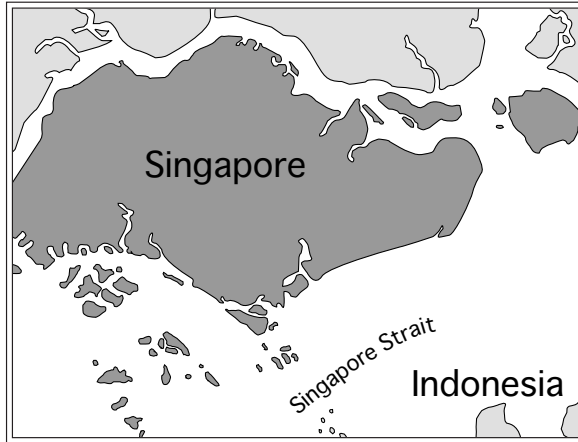


Spotlight on Singapore



HISTORY

Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles stepped foot on the island in 1819 in hopes of making it a fortress of the British Empire. It was successful as a free-trade hub for Southeast Asia, but bad sanitation, disease, opium addiction, and piracy soon spoiled its prosperity. Masses of Chinese workers immigrated thereafter.

The glory days of the empire came to an sudden end in 1942 when the Japanese invaded Singapore. For the rest of WWII the Japanese ran the island and killed and imprisoned thousands of the Chinese inhabitants.

The socialist People's Action Party was founded in 1954 with Lee Kuan Yew. He led the PAP to victory in 1959, becoming the first Singaporean prime minister. Lee set out to make the most of one-party rule, pushing through an ambitious industrialization movement for the island. In 1990, Lee Kuan Yew resigned his position as prime minister.

Singapore may be a small island, geographically speaking, but it is tremendously popular with tourists. Its relaxing activities, great architectural sites, and outstanding dining experiences attract visitors from all over the world making it a prosperous destination.

DOCKING

The cruise ship docks at Pasir Panjang.

SHORE EXCURSIONS

Please check your tour ticket for the correct meeting time and location for your tour. Your cruise line representative will direct you to your transportation.

TRANSPORTATION

Singapore provides inexpensive mass transit options to get around the town easily. Taxis are also widely available throughout the city.

HOW TO GET TO TOWN

Catch a shuttle from Pasir Panjang dock to the Singapore Cruise Centre about 30 minutes away.

SHOPPING

Singapore is known for its shopping opportunities. From haute couture boutiques to street-side bargains, you are sure to find something to take home.

STORE HOURS

Generally, shops are open from 10:00 am to 9:30 pm daily.

BANK HOURS

Banking hours are Mondays to Fridays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. On Saturdays they are open from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm, and Sundays from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.

POST OFFICE INFORMATION

The Tanglin Road Post Office is open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm daily.

PHONE LOCATIONS

Public telephones can be found in booths on the street or in shopping malls, public buildings, or hotel lobbies. International calls can be made only from public phones designated specifically for this purpose with a phone card or credit card.

EMERGENCY

For police, ambulance, or hospital dial 999.



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- Paragon #01-13
- Raffles City #01-36
- Centrepoint #01-19/20
- Lucky Plaza #01-32

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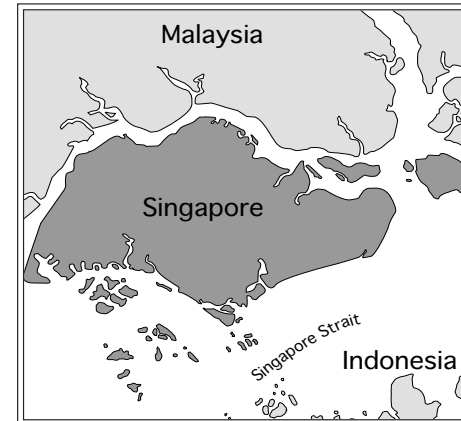
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SINGAPORE

PORT & SHOPPING MAP



CAPITAL

Singapore City is the capital of Singapore.

LOCATION

Singapore's island nation is located at the southern tip of the Malaysian peninsula. The Republic of Singapore consists of the island of Singapore and 63 islets within its territorial waters.

SIZE

Singapore covers approximately 270 square miles in size.

POPULATION

Approximately 4,680,000 people live in Singapore.

LANGUAGE

Singapore's official national language is Malay; however, many Singaporeans speak Chinese (Mandarin dialect), Tamil, and English as well.

CURRENCY

The Singapore dollar is official currency of Singapore.

TIME ZONE

Singapore Standard Time is 8 hours ahead of Greenwich mean time (UTC/GMT +8).

TOURIST INFORMATION

Singapore Visitors' Centres are located throughout the city and are open daily.

PLACES TO SEE

ORCHARD ROAD

It is noted that Orchard Road got its name from the orchards and plantations that existed in the area until the turn of the 20th century. In the 1900s, a mysterious disease swept through the nutmeg plantations, wiping them out within a year. Today, this stretch of road has developed and is now lined with mega malls, five-star hotels and franchises.

CHINATOWN

Chinatown is Singapore's cultural heart, providing beautiful ancient sights with its numerous temples, decorated terraces, shops and activity. Today, fashionable restaurants and expensive shops line the streets.

ESPLANADE - THEATRES ON THE BAY

The purpose of Esplanade was to build a center for performing arts for the island nation of Singapore. It houses a 1,600 seat concert hall and a 2,000 seat theatre for the performing arts.

ARAB STREET

Arab Street is the heart of Singapore's Islamic community. Shop for uncut fabrics including traditional batiks, silks, linens, brocade, and more. You'll also see good quality clothing at bargain prices along with traditional crafts and jewelry.

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