

📍 Merlion Park, Singapore

Trip Notes: Singapore

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

To enter Singapore as a U.S. citizen, you must have a passport valid for at least six months beyond your arrival date and have at least 2 blank visa pages.

PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

Travelers are required to complete a free **SG Arrival Card** (SGAC) online **within 3 days prior arrival**. Submission is free and can be done online via the [Immigration & Checkpoints Authority](#) website or the MyICA Mobile app. For stays longer than 90 days, or for other purposes like working, a visa is required before travel.

VACCINATIONS

No shots or medications are required of travelers arriving from the US into Singapore. Please check with your travel clinic for their recommendation based on your personal health history.

CURRENCY

The local currency is the Singapore dollar (SGD). US dollars are accepted in most major stores. For shopping in markets, and local restaurants, Singapore dollars are required. ATMs are easily located.

Currency converters apps for iPhone, iPad, Android, Windows and Firefox can be found at www.xe.com/apps.

CREDIT CARDS

Visa and Mastercard are widely accepted, American Express less so. Cash is needed for shopping at street markets.

TIME DIFFERENCE

Singapore is 13 hours ahead of US Eastern Standard Time and 16 hours ahead of US Pacific Standard Time.

SHOPPING

Singapore is a designer shoppers paradise. Electronics are popular items to buy, and the signature Singapore souvenir is a gold plated orchid flower. Watches and gold jewelry are also widely sold.

POWER

Singapore operates on 230 volts, 50 hertz and requires plug type G. For information on plugs and voltage, please visit <http://www.worldstandards.eu/electricity/plugsand-sockets/>.



Peranakan House, Singapore



Singapore Skyline



Singapore Botanic Gardens

LANGUAGE

Official languages are English, Malay, Mandarin and Tamil. English is the common language.

CLIMATE

Singapore experiences hot and humid weather all year round. September through February is the wet season, with November - January being the wettest. March and April are the driest months.

PHONES

To dial Singapore from the US: 011 + 65 + number
To dial the US from Singapore: 001 + 1 + area code + number.

TIPPING

Tipping is not expected in Singapore. A service charge of 10% is usually added to bills in restaurants and is shared among the entire staff. If you wish to tip your server, it is better to hand the tip directly to him/her. If you wish to tip a guide or driver, \$12 for a day for the guide and \$8 a day for the driver is recommended.

ETIQUETTE

Act modestly. Some Singaporeans are Muslim and frown on public displays of affection.

Temple attire: When paying a visit to a temple, both men and women are expected to wear shirts that cover shoulders and part of the upper arms. Legs must also be covered.

Mosque attire: When visiting a mosque, women must cover their hair and shoulders, as well as their legs.

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

For Singapore, pack lightweight, breathable clothing, comfortable walking shoes, and a light jacket for air-conditioned areas, plus swimwear for pools and beaches. Don't forget a high-SPF sunscreen, insect repellent, a universal adapter, and a reusable water bottle to stay hydrated. Always carry essential documents like your passport, copies of important travel information, and travel insurance details.

SAFETY & SECURITY

Singapore is widely recognized as one of the safest countries due to its strict laws, efficient law enforcement, and high standards of living, which contribute to low crime rates. Factors like advanced surveillance technology, strict penalties for offenses, and a strong community emphasis on civic responsibility and respect for the law all play a role in its safety.

While the country is generally very secure, visitors should still be aware of petty theft in crowded areas and certain scams, as well as the strict penalties for a range of offenses.



Singapore Skyline



Changi Airport



Illuminated Tropical Garden, Singapore

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2026

- 1 January - **New Year's Day**
- February - **Chinese New Year Holiday**
- 21 March - **Hari Raya Puasa**
- 3 April - **Good Friday**
- 1 May - **Labor Day**
- 27 May - **Hari Raya Haji**
- 31 May - **Vesak Day**
- 9 August - **National Day**
- 8 November - **Deepavali**
- 25 December - **Christmas Day**

OTHER USEFUL LINKS

[US State Department Travel Advisories](#)

[U.S. Embassy and Consulates in Singapore](#)

[Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#)

[US Passports](#)

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