

Singapore



Singapore harbour



CAPITAL CITY:

Singapore

LANGUAGE:

Chinese, Malay, Tamil, English

CURRENCY:

Singapore dollar (SGD)

SGD = ZAR5,65

VISA:

Not required for SA Passport Holders.

Bintan - Indonesian visa required.

AREA:

513,120 km²

TIME DIFFERENCE:

SA time + 6 hours

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

None



Half day Heritage Tour

This tour begins with a visit to the Thien Hock Keng Temple which is more than 160 years old. The unique wooden structure and wood carvings were built and assembled without using any nails. Next stop is Chinatown Heritage Centre. Discover and trace journeys, beliefs and myths of early Chinese migrants who made their way to Singapore. Gain an insight into their lives and experience for yourself the hardship of living in the dark and cramped quarters they built in Chinatown. Last stop is Kampong Glam - where the old Arab Quarters once stood. Learn about the practice of Islam in this part of the world at the Sultan Mosque. Along Arab Street, see the last remaining shops in Singapore still selling sarongs, rattan baskets, brass works and unique leather products used by the Muslim community.

Daily - 09h00 - 14h30. Duration - 3.5 hours.

Adult: SGD 38 pp. Child under 12yrs: SGD 19 pp

WHAT THINGS COST

These prices are an average price and may vary according to areas, hotels and season. (Singapore Dollar)

Glass of Wine:	SGD 10
Beer:	SGD 10
Tea/Coffee:	SGD 4.50
Soft drinks:	SGD 4
Water Small bottle:	SGD 4
Local Meal (lunch):	SGD 28
(Food Court)	SGD 4

BEST TIME TO TRAVEL

Singapore, being so close to the equator has a constant climate that changes little from month to month, making it an ideal year round destination.

The wettest months are between November and January so your best time to travel would be in the low rainfall season from June to August.

This small Tropical- island has become known as a shopper's paradise, with unrivalled opportunities to spend your life-savings on everything from electronics, watches, jewellery and cosmetics to designer labelled fashion items.

It is fun to explore areas such as Chinatown, Little India and Arab Street where some unusual businesses are being run.

You will find a harmonious blend of culture, some of the tastiest cuisine creations in Asia, a variety of arts and an ultra modern architecture.

A world of possibilities, Singapore offers countless memorable experiences just waiting to be discovered.

There are places like Sentosa Island, offering every form of fun imaginable, from golf, to swimming, to exciting theme parks and many historical and cultural attractions, one of which is the Singapore museum.

There is an Underwater world, one of Asia's largest oceanariums. Singapore, with world class attractions such as the Singapore Zoo, a home to more than 4000 residents, some of which are the Komodo Dragon and the white rhino, as well as a charismatic orangutan colony and the blue-eyed white tiger with paws the size of our faces.

Year round Festivals offer great opportunities to explore and observe local cultures at their most enchanting and passionate moments.

Festivals:

Chinese New Year - Jan/Feb: Dragon dances, parades, fireworks, night markets.

Vesak Day - Apr /May celebrates the birthdate of Buddha with the releasing of caged birds & much more

Dragon Boat festival - May/June, celebrated with boat races across Marina Bay



Sentosa Sunset Island Tour

Take a Cable Car ride to Sentosa Island and enjoy a panoramic view of the Port of Singapore as the sun sets. Visit the Images of Singapore exhibition to experience the real magic behind the story of Singapore. Here legend, fact and folklore are creatively interwoven for guests to enjoy the special "I am here" experience. Images of Singapore are a journey into the very soul of Singapore – a place of adventure, ingenuity, perseverance, survival and fun. Next we proceed to the Underwater World, one of the largest oceanariums that has an 83m long acrylic tunnel for a spectacular view of marine life. Finally, visit the "Songs of the Sea" for a spectacular synchronized display of pyrotechnics and laser presentation by the Beach. Return to mainland Singapore is by coach.

** In the unlikely event of any cancellation of the 'Songs of the Sea' performance due to bad weather or technical failure there will strictly be no refund in part or full.*

Daily: Pick-up 15h30. Duration: 4 hours.

Adult: SGD 72 Child: SGD 36



Cheng Ho Imperial Dinner Cruise

For an unforgettable evening, enjoy a sunset dinner cruise to the Southern Islands and see the busiest port in the world, onboard the M.V. Cheng Ho, an air-conditioned Imperial Chinese Vessel. The evening breeze, a setting sun and the peace and quiet of the open sea, combined with a sumptuous international buffet dinner is an experience not to be missed.

Adult: SGD 65 Child: SGD 35



Chinese masks



TIP: Perfect urban retreat that would appeal to your senses

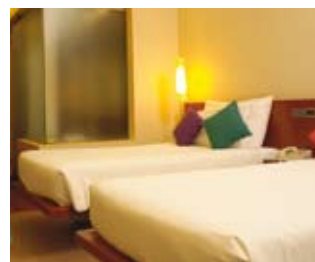
★★★PLUS Copthorne Orchid Hotel

LOCATION: Close to Singapore's popular shopping district in Orchard Road, major tourist attractions, the CBD and convention centres.

ACCOMMODATION: Rooms are located by open air corridors offering and include all the usual amenities and comforts.

FACILITIES: The Palms Asian Brasserie offers culinary delights where you can savour Eastern as well as Western cuisine. The café offers Asian and continental favourites, generous buffets and an extensive a-la-carte menu. Other facilities include a fitness centre, outdoor pool, sauna and spa.

from SGD 269 per room per night



TIP: A unique hotel offering an unforgettable experience

★★★★ Gallery Hotel

LOCATION: Jalan Ampang next to the light rail for easy access to the rest of the city.

ACCOMMODATION: There are two separate wings, the 4-star East Wing and the more classic 5-star West Wing. Air-conditioned rooms with refrigerator and mini-bar, in room safe, tea/coffee, satellite TV, movies on demand, IDD telephone, internet, Interconnecting rooms.

FACILITIES: 5 restaurants, 4 bars, entertainment, 24 hour room service, rooms for those with disabilities, swimming pool with poolbar, tennis courts, gym, spa and baby-sitting facilities.

from SGD 228 per room per night



TIP: Close to Chinatown, shopping and entertainment.

★★★★ Copthorne Kings Hotel

LOCATION: Along the historic Singapore River close to the Shenton Way business district.

ACCOMMODATION: 314 stylish and contemporary air-conditioned rooms offer modern day amenities.

FACILITIES: 3 Award winning restaurants and recreational facilities such as a landscaped outdoor pool with Jacuzzi, a gymnasium, sauna and steam bath.

from SGD 234 per room per night



TIP: Excellent for families, 5 minutes from main shopping areas.

★★★★ York Hotel

LOCATION: Conveniently located just 5 minutes walk from Orchard and Scotts Road, Singapore's main shopping and entertainment belt.

ACCOMMODATION: 406 spacious, well-appointed rooms.

FACILITIES: Include wireless broadband internet access, business centre, function rooms, outdoor swimming pool and Jacuzzi, children's pool and fitness centre.

from SGD 292 per room per night

Other top selling hotels also available on request are : Copthorne Orchid, The Orchard Parade Hotel, Rasa Sentosa Shangri-la, Le Meridien Singapore, Meritus Mandarin Hotel, Raffles The Plaza, Rendezvous Hotel, Swissotel Merchant Court, The Stamford and many others.

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SIGHTSEEING



Singapore Cruise Add-on - 2 Nights

A perfect ministay for travellers who are seeking a pre or post stay in Singapore, as an add on to their cruise.

INCLUDES:

- Return transfers
- 2 night's accommodation at the Pan Pacific inclusive of breakfast and all local taxes
- A Singapore half-day city tour

from SGD 565 pp



Singapore & Bintan Combo 6 nights

Why not include 3 nights in Singapore with an additional 3 nights in Bintan for a holiday that offers everything?

Bintan is located only 45km south-east of Singapore, and has untarnished white beaches and azure waters, offering the ideal retreat for those seeking an escape from the hustle and bustle.

Shop till you're about to drop in Singapore, then escape to the beaches of Bintan to recover. An exhilarating and relaxing combination of destinations.

INCLUDES:

- Transfers throughout
- 2 night's accommodation at the York Hotel incl. breakfast (previous page)
- A half day Singapore City
- 5 night's accommodation in Bintan at the Nirwana Resort incl. breakfast
- All local taxes

from SGD 1043 pp

Note: Bintan Island is an Indonesian territory and visas are required. These can be done on arrival but passports must have a validity of more than 6 months.

Best avoided during the Monsoon season from Nov - Mar, as things like watersports could be cancelled over this period.



The Merlion in Singapore



TIP: Choice offerings for business, entertainment and relaxation.

★★★★ Orchard Hotel

LOCATION: On Singapore's renowned Orchard Road, the city-state's famous shopping and entertainment belt.

ACCOMMODATION: 653 rooms and suites are tastefully appointed in two characteristically unique twin buildings.

FACILITIES: Offers cosmopolitan elegance and comfort, complimented by some of the city's finest dining in award winning restaurants. Guests staying here will enjoy a wide selection of facilities.

from SGD 330 per room per night



TIP: Close proximity to Suntec Expo Centre

★★★★ Pan Pacific Singapore Hotel

LOCATION: In Marina Bay, adjacent to three shopping malls.

ACCOMMODATION: 775 well-appointed and recently refurbished rooms and suites offer magnificent views of the city and harbor. Rooms are luxurious with LCD televisions and remote controlled drapes.

FACILITIES: Guests can enjoy facilities that include tennis courts, a spa, gymnasium and outdoor swimming pool. It boasts 6 award winning restaurants, with Cantonese, Japanese, International gourmet presentations and a delectable selection of tapas to choose from.

from SGD 458 per room per night



TIP: Superbly located in the centre of Orchard Road

★★★★★ Meritus Mandarin

LOCATION: An excellent location in Orchard road, within easy access of the City Hall MRT station and close to many shops and restaurants..

ACCOMMODATION: 1200 large and well appointed air-conditioned rooms in two separate towers offering city and harbour views.

FACILITIES: This property offers a wide range of food and beverage outlets with a choice of leisure facilities that include a gym, massage rooms, sauna and steam baths, tennis and squash courts, swimming pool, etc.

from SGD 413 per room per night



TIP: Extend a business trip to include a getaway retreat to this luxurious resort

★★★★★ Banyan Tree Bintan

LOCATION: Close to Pasar Oleh Oleh and Kampoeng Lagoi, both locations near each other, across the street. Where guests can find restaurants, bar and shopping areas.

ACCOMMODATION: Styled with elegant sophistication, the air-conditioning with mini bar, internet, IDD phone, satellite TV offer the comforts of home for business and leisure travellers.

FACILITIES: A night of romance and epicurean delights await with exclusive outdoor destination dining experiences – on the rocks by the beach, over the swimming pool, in a beach cabana and on the golf green.

from SGD 678 per room per night