Visitor tips for Singapore

Sightseeing/Entertainment

Singapore Flyer

With a height of 165 metres, Singapore Flyer is one of Asia’s latest tourist attractions. Taking approximately 2 ½ years to complete, it was opened in February 2008. Inspired by national architectural icons such as the Elhiet Tower and the London Eye, the Singapore Flyer was conceived by the Japanese designer Kisho Kurokawa and DP Architects, a company known for their unique architectural designs. It promises more than just a view, but a panorama that captures Marina Bay’s skyline with a glimpse of neighbouring Malaysia and Indonesia.

The modern face of Chinatown shopping can be seen in the area around the junction of Cross Street with New Bridge Road and Eu Tong Seng Street. The large shopping complexes here, such as Chinatown Point, Yue Hwa, People’s Park Complex and Chinatown Complex, are not only good sources of Chinese products but also offer bargain-prices for anything from electrical and electronic goods, luggage and products but also offer bargain-prices for anything from electrical and electronic goods, luggage and

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Mustafa Centre

Mustafa Centre, located on Syed Abeli Road in Little India, is Singapore’s only 24-hour shopping mall. It houses the Mustafa department store, which caters mainly to the budget market and carries everything from skincare and electronics to sportswear and luggage. Sumptuous silk fabrics can be found in the basement while there is a huge supermarket on the second level that rivals cold storage with an impressive range of food products from all over Asia.

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Tips for international visitors

The Tourist Refund Scheme was introduced in 1994 to ensure that the imposition of the Goods and Services Tax will not adversely affect Singapore as a shopping destination for tourists. The scheme enables tourists to obtain a GST refund when they purchase goods out of Singapore when they depart. The scheme is currently available only for goods brought out via Changi International Airport and Seletar Airport.

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For more information on sights and events please visit the Singapore Tourist Board at booth A35 or go to www.visitsingapore.com.
**General information**

**Venue**
Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre
1 Raffles Boulevard, Suntec City, Singapore 039593

**Date**
Trade Exhibition: April 16–18, 2010
Scientific Conference: April 15–18, 2010

**Exhibition Opening hours**
Friday to Saturday: 10:00–18:00
Sunday: 10:00–16:00

**Exhibition Conference Passes**
Available onsite. Level 3 Registration desks during open hours. These passes are valid for the duration of the event.
- 3-day ticket (Trade Exhibition), pre-registered: free
- 3-day ticket (Trade Exhibition), onsite: S$ 15
- 4-day ticket (Scientific Conference, inclusive of Pre-Congress Day), onsite: S$ 235–475
- Catalogue, onsite: free of charge with each registration

**Languages**
All scientific and educational programmes will be held in English. Translations will not be provided.

**Academic Accreditation Points**
Delegates who have registered for the lectures and hands-on workshops are eligible to receive continuing education points by attending scientific sessions throughout the meeting.

**Press and media**
Free copies of the congress newspaper today international will be available onsite and provide you with more information regarding the congress and your stay in Singapore.

**WiFi Internet**
Free wireless broadband internet from Wireless@SG, an initiative by the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore and three local wireless operators, is available in many areas of the Suntec Convention and Exhibition Centre and the Suntec City Mall.

**Passport & Visa**
For information about passport and visa requirements, please visit www.ica.gov.sg.

**Airport Transfer**
Travellers looking for a speedy and affordable transport option are recommended to take the Airport Shuttle Service. The cost of the service is based on the number of passengers. The Airport Shuttle Service uses minivan executive coaches and currently serves almost all hotels in Singapore with the exception of Changi Village hotel and hotels on the Sentosa Island. This service is available 24 hours daily. Passengers are required to make their bookings at the counters in the Arrival Halls of Terminals 1, 2 & 3 and the Budget Terminal.

**Taxi**
More than 15,000 air-conditioned cabs circulate on the local roads and provide comfortable, hassle-free travel at a very reasonable cost. They can be flagged down 24 hours a day on most roads, with well-marked taxi stands available outside most major shopping centres and hotels. At Singapore Changi Airport, the taxi stand is located just outside the Arrival Hall on Level 1 in Terminal 1 and at the end of the Arrival Hall on Level 2 (South Wing). All taxis are metered.

**Public Transportation**
Suntec Singapore is conveniently accessible by SMRT and buses. The nearest SMRT Station is City Hall. Suntec Singapore is a 10-minute walk via the underground City Link Mall to the City Hall station. Bus services to Suntec Singapore: 36, 97, 106, 111, 133, 301, 502, 518, 857, 700. Alternatively, visitors can hop on the Suntec City Courtesy Shuttle Bus—pickup point is located outside the City Hall Station entrance at St Andrew’s Cathedral, opposite the Capitol Building.

**Medical Facilities**
Singapore’s medical facilities are among the finest in the world, with well-qualified doctors and dental surgeons. Pharmacies are readily available at supermarkets, department stores, hotels and shopping centres. Registered pharmacists generally work from 9:00 to 18:00. Most hotels have their own doctor on call around the clock. Other doctors are listed under Medical Practitioners in the Yellow Pages of the Singapore Phone Book. Visitors can also contact the following hospitals’ International Patient Service Centres:
- Parkway Group Healthcare Medical Referral Centre, 502 Orchard Road, Tong Building #1601/02, 6735 5000 (24-hour hotline)
- Raffles International Patients Centre, Raffles Hospital, 581 North Bridge Road, 6311 222
- National Healthcare Group International Patient Liaison Centre, National University Hospital, 5 Lower Kent Ridge Road, 6779 2777 (24-hour hotline)
- Singapore Health Services (SingleHealth) International Medical Service, Singapore General Hospital, Block 6 Level 1, Outram Road, 6326 6566

**Currency and banking**
The official currency is the Singapore Dollar and cents. US and Australian Dollars, Yen and British Pound are also accepted in most major shopping centres and big department stores. Banking hours are Monday to Friday from 10:00 to 15:00, Saturdays from 9:30 to 13:00 and Sundays from 09:30 to 15:00 (OCBC and Standard Chartered).

**Climate**
Singapore has an equatorial climate which is warm and humid all year long. The temperature averages around 28 degrees Celsius daily, with abundant rainfall during the monsoon seasons from December to March and June to September.

**Smoking**
Smoking is not permitted in public service vehicles, museums, libraries, lifts, theatres, cinemas, air-conditioned restaurants, non-air-conditioned eating houses, hairdressers, bars, supermarkets, department stores and government offices. In line with efforts to improve the nightlife experience for all, there are smoking restrictions on entertainment outlets. Smoking is no longer allowed in all pubs, discos, karaoke bars and nightclubs, unless within approved smoking rooms or smoking corners. Offenders can be fined up to S$1,000SGD.