Country Profile: Singapore

Singapore is a small, stable, highly developed country with an elected parliamentary system of government. Tourist facilities are modern and widely available. Singapore's resident population of over 4.6 million inhabitants (including permanent residents and foreign workers) comprises 75% Chinese, 14% Malay, 9% Indian and 2% others. English is widely spoken. Criminal penalties are strict and law enforcement rigorous; see sections on “Entry/Exit Requirements,” “Special Circumstances,” and “Criminal Penalties,” below, for further details. Read the Department of State Background Notes on Singapore for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW

Country Name:	Singapore
Continent:	Asia
Capital City:	Singapore
Boundary Countries:	
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	DIRECT PAYMENT: Alexandra Hospital, Day Surgery International, East Shore Hospital, Gleneagles Hospital Ltd., Mount Alvernia Hospital, Mount Elizabeth Hospital, National University Hospital, Raffles Hospital, Singapore Day Surgery Center, Singapore General Hospital, Tan Tock Seng Hospital REFERRAL:Changi General Hospital, KK Women’s & Children’s Hospital, National Cancer Center, National Dental Center, National Eye Center, National Heart Center, National Neuroscience Institute, SingHealth Polyclinic – Bedkok, SingHealth Polyclinic – Bukit Merah, SingHealth Polyclinic – Geylang, SingHealth Polyclinic – Marine Parade, SingHealth Polyclinic – Outram, SingHealth Polyclinic – Pasir Ris, SingHealth Polyclinic – Queenstown, SingHealth Polyclinic – Sengkang, SingHealth PolyClinic – Tampines.
Main Cities:	Singapore
Country Size:	692.7 sq km
Population:	4,608,167

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Mandarin 35%, English 23%, Malay 14.1%, Hokkien 11.4%, Cantonese 5.7%, Teochew 4.9%, Tamil 3.2%, other Chinese dialects 1.8%, other 0.9%.
Currency:	Singapore Dollar (SGD)
Predominant Religions:	Buddhist 42.5%, Muslim 14.9%, Taoist 8.5%, Hindu 4%, Catholic 4.8%, other Christian 9.8%, other 0.7%, none 14.8%.
National Holidays:	National Day, 9 August (1965)
Economic Status:	Singapore has a highly developed and successful free-market economy. It enjoys a remarkably open and corruption-free environment, stable prices, and a per capita GDP equal to that of the four largest West European countries.
Security:	Singapore Armed Forces: Army, Navy, Air Force (includes Air Defense).

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Major Airports:	Airports: 8, Airports w/paved runways: 8

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