



SINGAPORE RELOCATION GUIDE



LIFE IN SINGAPORE

Singapore is known for its...

International Community



Singapore has a thriving multicultural population with individuals from Chinese, Indian, Malay, Western, and many other backgrounds. As of 2020, there were around 1.64 million expats in Singapore out of a total population of 5.7 million.

Stunning Weather



Singapore is constantly sunny, with average temperatures ranging from 30 to 33°C throughout the year. Humidity usually hovers around 70%+ and there are many heavy tropical downpours, particularly during monsoon seasons.

Exploring Wider Asia



Singapore's prime location means it is a great base from which to explore Asia. It is especially easy and cheap to travel to nearby countries such as Malaysia, Vietnam, and Thailand.

Breath-taking Nature



Singapore has five scenic hiking trails through the forest, ranging from 3km to 11km. Gardens by the Bay is in the central area and is a gigantic waterfront garden with a cool, futuristic feel and plenty of exotic plants, making it a wonderful spot for a walk.

Foodie Heaven



Food is central to Singaporean culture, illustrated by the greeting Makan ("have you eaten?") Many expats say the foodie scene is their favourite thing about living in the city.

English Speaking



Although the national language is Malay, Singapore has 4 official languages: Mandarin, English, Tamil, and Malay. English is the most common language spoken, as well as the language of business, trade and of the Singaporean Government.

Housing Variety



Whether you want to rent a HDB (low-cost, government-owned housing) or a privately owned condo, Singapore has a home for every taste. High-rise developments are springing up all over the city. Most of the new privately-owned apartments feature a range of amenities such as pools, playgrounds, gyms, and function rooms.

Endless Activities



Try the River Safari by day or night, a park with over 6,000 animals that live in or along one of the world's most famous rivers. For an amazing picnic, you cannot miss the Botanic Gardens. The Buddha Tooth Relic Temple and the Sri Mariamman Temple are also a short walk from one another. Aside from historical sights, Chinatown is teeming with cool bars, restaurants, and shops to explore for shopping and dining by day or night.

Family Friendly



Top-quality education, breath-taking nature spots, and stunning weather make Singapore a fantastic place to bring up a family. What's more, there are eleven public bank holidays per year (three more in comparison to the UK) so you will get plenty of time off to spend time with your family. A visit to the Universal Studios is a must-do family activity with its many rollercoasters, 3D experiences, water rides, movie-set towns and eateries.

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WORKING IN SINGAPORE

Singapore has been a go-to place for relocating expats for many years, largely due to its robust economy and the high quality of life it provides. With its well-developed, clean environment and infrastructure, Singapore is a cutting-edge, efficient Asian city-state to work in. Singapore's uniqueness is built on its hybrid multiculturalism, diversity, and almost futuristic architecture. Also unique to this dreamy location is its position on the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula. This desirable location has allowed Singapore to develop into one of Asia's most valuable trade and finance centres. Singapore has been ranked among the top 10 wealthiest countries in the world according to GDP per capita consecutively for several years. In 2020, almost 30% of Singapore's population were categorized as "non-residents" (foreigners with residency), illustrative of the thriving expat community present there.

XCEDE GROUP'S SINGAPORE OFFICE

Our Singapore office is situated in the heart of Singapore's Central Area between Chinatown and the Gardens by the Bay. Located within the MYP Centre—a 28-story skyscraper comprised of 19 office levels and two open-air sky gardens—our modern Singapore office was designed with collaboration in mind and boasts plenty of nearby dining options. With train, light rail, and bus services on our office doorstep—all praised for their cleanliness and affordability—it is very easy to get around. Alternatively, taxi and transportation apps such as Grab and Gojek are also very popular in Singapore.

Our Recommendations: There are numerous malls, restaurants, and parks for you to explore on your lunch breaks. Just 5 minutes by foot away from the office you will find the Esplanade Park, a park built in the 40s which offers a peaceful escape. About 500m from the office you will find several local take-out restaurants with a riverside view, with options ranging from Indian delights, Italian favourites, Japanese delicacies, and everything in between. Singapore is known for its incredible rooftop bars too. Just 2 minutes from the office by foot you can enjoy after-work drinks at 1-Altitude. It's currently the highest viewing gallery in Singapore at 282 meters above sea level and boasts stunning 360-degree views of the cityscape; a night out here costs around S\$60 (£30).

COST OF LIVING

The cost of living in Singapore is about on par with London, being around 7% cheaper on average. As any Singaporean expat will tell you however, you get what you pay for and it is totally worth it.

The average monthly rental price for a 1-bed apartment in the city centre is S\$2900 (£1540). Outside the centre that price can go down to around S\$1800 (£980)

If you enjoy cooking at home, your average monthly food cost should be around S\$200 (£110) per person

A kopi—a traditional highly caffeinated black coffee served with milk and sugar—costs a little more than S\$1 (£0.50), while a coffee at a Western-style chain like Starbucks is around S\$6 (£3.50)

The average price for a pint of domestic beer is about S\$10 (£5.50), and international beer is usually around S\$18 (£9.80) per pint

The 14-hour direct flight from Singapore to London costs around S\$760 (£410). There are over 60 flights a week preforming this route

Singapore is known for its abundance of hawker centres, or big food courts boasting a wide variety of dishes. A meal at an average restaurant costs around S\$20 –S\$40 (£11–£22)



WHY XCEDE GROUP?

WHAT WE WILL DO FOR YOU

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- Area tour
- Rental viewing appointments

WHAT WE WILL OFFER YOU

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- Market-Leading Commission Plan
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- Annual Global Incentive
- 1/2 Year Events
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- Monthly Prize Draw
- Quarterly Company Events

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of Over £100M**



**8 Global Offices with
Relocation Opportunities**



**200 International
Employees**

COMMON FAQs

Is There a Time Difference between Singapore and the UK?

Singapore's time zone is GMT+8. This means Singapore is 8 hours ahead of London in the winter. In the British Summer Time, that time difference reduces to +7 hours.

Do I Need a Visa?

All working visitors must apply for an employment visa before arrival in Singapore. The visa process is extremely fast, usually taking less than 1 week to complete.

Do I Need Anything Else to Move There & Work?

The Employment Pass allows foreign professionals, managers, and executives to work in Singapore. An income of at least S\$4500 (£2450) a month is required for this. This visa can be valid for up to 2 years and the renewal will increase that time to up to +3 years. The process costs around S\$350 (£190).

Is It Strict?

Singapore is a city of very strong (and sometimes unconventional) laws which are adhered to strictly. These laws are largely what have made Singapore such a safe, clean, and well-ordered city. It is extremely important to get informed about these unconventional laws, such as using another person's Wi-Fi (defined as hacking), feeding pigeons, smoking in public places and in vehicles (only allowed in your own home).

Do I Need Healthcare Insurance?

It is highly recommended to get privately insured for healthcare in Singapore. Good quality healthcare is easily available, regardless of health insurance, and is very cheap for locals. Nevertheless, for those without access to the city-state's subsidised system, healthcare in Singapore is still reasonably priced if you are insured.

How Does Tax Work?

Singapore personal tax rates for non-residents (expats) is a flat rate of 15% to 22%.

Can I Drive There?

An international driver's licence is valid for up to one year in Singapore. After this period you will be required to convert to a Singapore license.

What About Airports?

In 2020, the Changi Airport in Singapore was named the world's best airport for eight consecutive years by Skytrax (international air transportation rating organization). Several budget airlines offer affordable fares to neighbouring countries such as Thailand, Vietnam, and Malaysia.





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