

FACTS and FIGURES

OFFICIAL NAME: Republic of Singapore

NATIONALITY: Singaporean

CAPITAL: Singapore

GOVERNMENT: Republic of Singapore

NATIONAL DAY: August 9

LAND AREA: 693 sqkm.
(a bit larger than NCR)

LOCATION: Separated from Malaysia by the Straits of Johor to its north and from Indonesia's Riau Islands by the Singapore Strait to its South.

TERRAIN: Lowland; gently undulating central plateau contains water catchment area and nature preserve

CLIMATE: January: coolest month; April: warmest month; May and June: hottest month; November and December: wettest month

NATURAL HAZARDS: Flash floods



POPULATION: 5,076.7 as of June 2010

PEOPLE: Chinese-76.4%; Malay-14.9%; Indian-6.4%; Others-2.3%

LANGUAGES: English, Malay, Indian/Tamil, Mandarin

RELIGION: Buddhism-42.5%; Islam-14.9%; No religions affiliations-14.8%; Taoism-8.5%; Hinduism-4%; Other Religion-0.6%

WORKING WEEK: Monday-Friday, 8-hour work each day, half-day Saturday. Sunday rest day.

CURRENCY: Singapore Dollar (SGD), Exchange Rates: 1 SGD = 34.961100 PHP (As of September 6, 2011)

COUNTRY DIALING CODE: 65

INTERNET

COUNTRY CODE: .sg

TIME DIFFERENCE:
Same Time with the Philippines



REMINDERS: Living in SINGAPORE

Be punctual for appointments.

Business cards are exchanged at the beginning of a meeting. Remember to give and receive the card with both hands. It is polite to look the card over and hold it while speaking.

It is considered proper to address by using Mr., Mrs., or Miss and not first names. Do not use first names unless you are invited to.

Handshaking is a warm way of greeting others regardless of racial background.

It is common courtesy to ask permission to take pictures of people, mosques or temples.

Once invited to a home and while entering a temple or mosque, remove your shoes.

Driving Tips:

- Don't run red lights.
- Don't drink and drive.
- Don't drive like you own the road; drive like you own the car.
- Never try to fit more people in the car than you have seatbelts for them to use.
- Always wear your seat belt--and make sure all passengers buckle up, too.
- Always look out for motorcyclist, by checking your blind spots.



Mga impormasyon ukol sa bansang pupuntahan na dapat mong malaman.

1. Kultura, kaugalian, relihiyon, tradisyon at wika.
2. Batas ng bansa na may kinalaman sa OFWs.
3. Mapa at pangunahing mga lugar.
4. Klima o mga panahon at mga pagbabago sa buhay dahil sa panahon. Pagbabago ng uri ng damit, gamit at mga gawain.
5. Lugar na tutuluyan, address at telepono
6. Mga pagkain at mga di-kinakain.
7. Mga samahan at ahensya na maaaring makatulong sa OFW.

DON'Ts: Living in SINGAPORE

Don't touch opposite sex as it may not be received in a good light.

Don't point with your finger this is considered rude and you may use entire hand with the palm to draw attention.

Do not eat or offer anything with your left hand when with Muslims and don't use your left hand when shaking hands with a Muslim.

Do not bring drugs such as cocaine and heroine into the country. Singapore carries a mandatory death penalty for drug-trafficking and harsh penalties for possession and use within the country.

Do not bring fresh meat into the country unless you have obtained an official permit to do so. Do not bring any animals, birds, reptiles and insects into or out of the country unless you are sure that doing so will not violate international conventions governing such actions.

Smoking in public buses, taxis, lifts, theatres, cinemas, government offices and air-conditioned restaurants and shopping centres is against the law. First offender fine: Up to a maximum of S\$1,000. Dropping a cigarette end in the street has a fine of S\$ 50.

Littering of any kind is subject to a fine (First offender: S\$1,000; Repeat offenders: Up to S\$2,000) with corrective work order cleaning a public place.

As an extension of the law against littering, the import, sale and possession of chewing gum is prohibited.

Spitting is also punishable by law in Singapore. Failure to flush the toilet after use can result in a \$150 (S\$75) fine but then, chances of getting caught are pretty slim.

Urinating in elevators can cause the doors of some to permanently close until the police squad arrives!

