



**SINGAPORE**

“ THE HAPPIEST PLACE IN ASIA ”

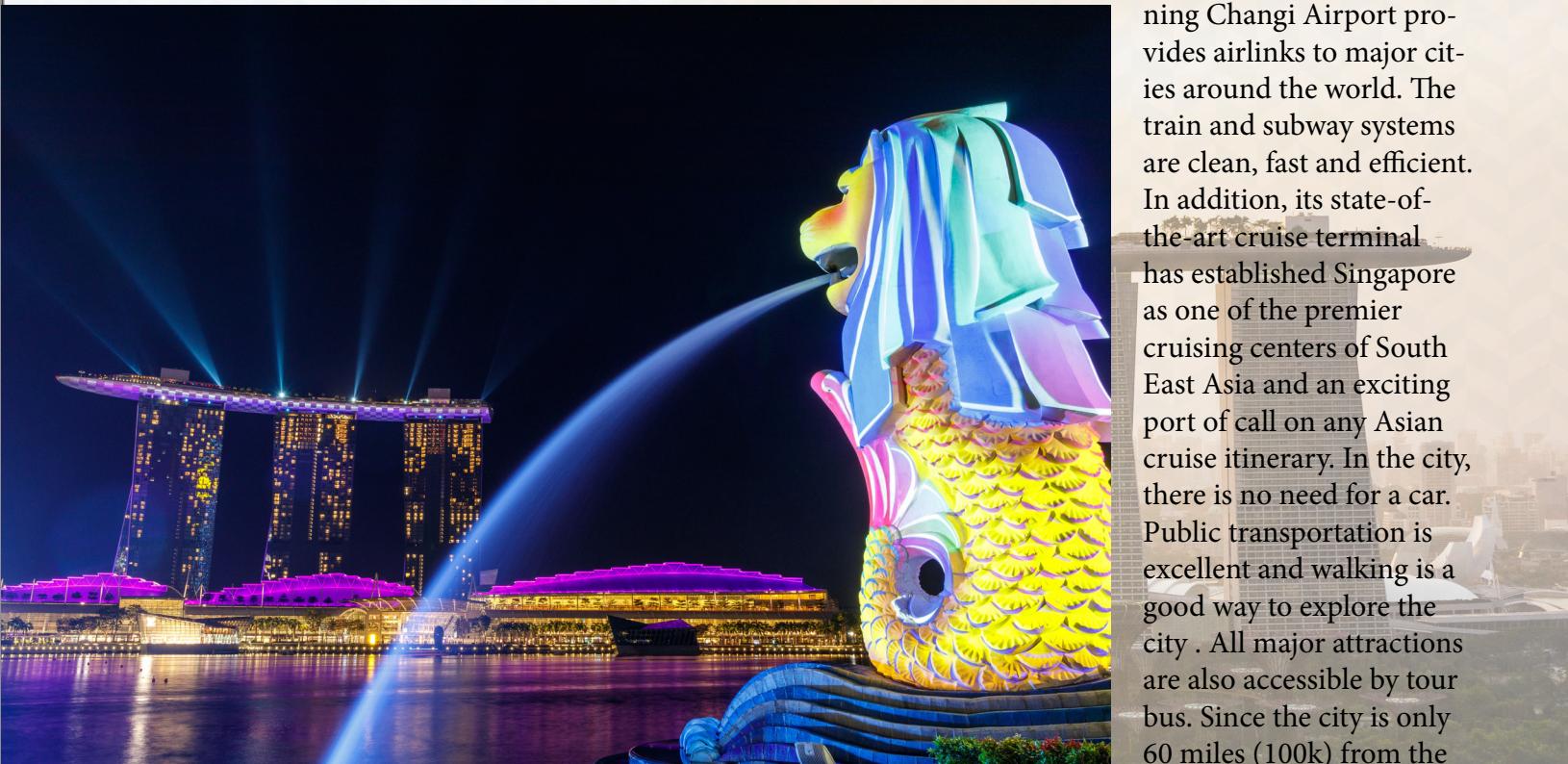
# SINGAPORE

**S**ingapore, officially the Republic of Singapore, is an island city-state in Southeast Asia. It has a total area of 719 square km. Its capital and largest city is Singapore (city-state). English, Tamil, Malay and Chinese are its official languages. Its official currency is Singapore dollar (SGD). In 1819, Singapore was founded as a British trading

independent state of August 9, 1965.

Located at the tip of the Malay Peninsula, Singapore's tropical climate welcomes both leisure and business travelers year round. The island republic's excellent infrastructure enables visitors to enjoy its many sites and attractions in a safe, clean and green environment. Award winning Changi Airport provides airlinks to major cities around the world. The train and subway systems are clean, fast and efficient. In addition, its state-of-the-art cruise terminal has established Singapore as one of the premier cruising centers of South East Asia and an exciting port of call on any Asian cruise itinerary. In the city, there is no need for a car. Public transportation is excellent and walking is a good way to explore the city. All major attractions are also accessible by tour bus. Since the city is only 60 miles (100k) from the equator, the tropical temperatures do not vary much.

Rainfall is fairly evenly distributed through the year. No matter when you choose to visit, warm weather will be abundantly available. The visitor is struck immediately by Singapore's abundance of parks, nature reserves, and lush, tropical greenery.



colony and since then it has grown into a prosperous and tax-friendly country. Singapore is the world's third most densely populated region behind Macau (a Special Administrative Region of the Republic of China) and Monaco. Singapore was occupied by Japan during World War 2. Today, it is titled as "the easiest place to do business" by the World Bank. Singapore is the largest port in Southeast Asia and one of the busiest in the world. It owes its growth and prosperity to its focal position at the southern extremity of the Malay Peninsula, where it dominates the Strait of Malacca, which connects the Indian Ocean to the South China Sea. Once a British colony and now a member of the Commonwealth, Singapore first joined the Federation of Malaysia on its formation in 1963 but seceded to become an

# WHY YOU NEED TO VISIT SINGAPORE ?



## CHANGI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Unforgettable tourist destination in its own right. With a slew of accolades to its name, Singapore's main airport boasts a trove of exciting activities, from shopping and dining to entertainment. The airport comprises four terminals and Jewel Changi,

architecture and nature into a single structure. Whether you're in Singapore for a layover, or spending a week in our tropical paradise, Changi Airport is bound to enchant the moment you land. Here's a small sample of what you'll experience. Much like Singapore which is globally renowned as a 'City in A Garden' Changi Airport is home to green spaces and verdant gardens for travellers looking to unwind and stretch their legs after a long flight.



## MARINA BAY SANDS

The one thing that never fails to amaze me on every visit to Singapore is how amazing Marina Bay Sands is. Whatever length of stay, a visit here is a must, because it is just such an interesting area with so much to do.

Staying at the Marina Bay Sands hotel has its advantages, including access to the infinity pool on the roof, and easy access and various discounts to all the entertainment around. But if you don't plan to stay at the hotel, that's ok too because you can still enjoy Marina Bay Sands. Marina Bay Sands Meet and Greet, Aquarium at Marina Bay Sands, National Museum of Singapore, Canoeing on the Marina Bay, Shopping in Bugis Junction, Cibo Cafe, The Gardens by the Bay.



## SUPERTREE GROVE

Supertree Grove is located in the iconic Gardens by the Bay, a project initiated by the National Parks Board of Singapore. The goal was to transform the city from being a simple 'Garden City' into an actual city within a garden. The Giant Super Trees are 12 'enhanced' trees which compose of actual living plants through a steel base.

Super Tree Grove, each with a height between 25 and 50 meters. The Super Trees have large shade canopies, complete with their own lighting and sounds systems, allowing visitors to enjoy their tour any time of the day.

Giving great views of Marina Bay and its surrounds, the Skyway is definitely worth a visit. At night, the Supertrees come to life with a light and sound show at 7.45pm and 8.45pm every night.

# FOODS



## HAWKER CENTRES|RESTAURANTS

**L**au Pa Sat, also known as Telok Ayer Market, is a historic building located within the Downtown Core in the Central Area of Singapore. It was first built in 1824 as a fish market on the waterfront serving the people of early colonial Singapore and rebuilt in 1838. It was then relocated and rebuilt at the present location in 1894. Laksa is one of the most popular dishes of Singapore, with a diverse variety of ingredients and preparations which vary greatly by region. Because laksa has different varieties across the region, it is difficult to pinpoint the exact origin of the dish. The satay dish includes skewers of grilled meat, sliced cucumbers, sliced onions, pressed rice cakes, served with thick, sweet, and hot peanut sauce on the side. And herein are the 5 best satay places in Singapore which are highly recommended by local foodies.

# BEACHES



## SENTOSA BEACH

Sentosa Island, known mononymously as Sentosa, and formerly Pulau Belakang Mati, is an island located off the southern coast of Singapore's main island. The island is separated from the main island of Singapore by a channel of water, the Keppel Harbour, and is adjacent to Pulau Brani, a smaller island wedged between Sentosa and the main island.



## MARINA BAY

Marina Bay is a bay located in the Central Area of Singapore, surrounded by the perimeter of four other planning areas, the Downtown Core, Marina East, Marina South and Straits View. The area surrounding the bay itself, also called Marina Bay, is a 360 hectare extension to the adjacent Central Business District.



# ACTIVITIES IN SENTOSA



# CULTURE



Culture of Singapore is a melange of Malay, South Asian, Southeast Asian and Eurasian culture and influences. The quintessential cosmopolitan, Singaporean culture has transformed greatly over the years. The indigenous culture of Singapore was originally influenced by Austronesian people who arrived here from Taiwan. During the course of many years, Singapore's culture was further influenced and inspired by multiple Chinese dynasties and other Asian countries which have eventually given shape to the eccentric and striking Singaporean culture that we see today.



Chinese Buddhism happens to be the major religion in Singapore, owing to the large population of Southern Chinese immigrants and their descendants. Hinduism is also prevalent, being the faith of those with South Indian heritage. Christianity is growing quite exponentially as a belief system, and many young Singaporeans are leaning towards it. Singapore has four official languages – English, Malay, Tamil and Mandarin Chinese. Being a former colonial country, English is the most commonly spoken and written language.

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