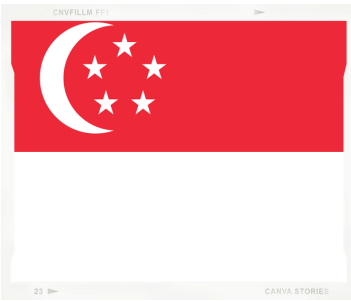


Singapore



The national flag of **Singapore** consists of two equal horizontal stripes: red top and white below.

The color red symbolizes universal brotherhood and equality of man, white purity and virtue. In the upper left corner of a white crescent moon is shown, along with five white stars that form a circle. The crescent moon represents a young and rising nation, the five stars of Singapore's ideals. Democracy, peace, progress, justice and equality

Singapore is a country and city in South East Asia. It's an island of **728sqkm** and a **population** of 5.7mio people. It borders to Malaysia (via bridges)



Singapore is often called a 'fine city' thanks to the number of laws and regulations that can result in a hefty fine if flouted, these can range from smoking in no-smoking areas, jaywalking or even eating and drinking on the MRT. More serious infractions like robbery, vandalism or drug trafficking in Singapore can result in jail sentences, but also corporal punishment like caning or even a death sentence.



Singapore Dollar is the currency. **Four official languages** of Singapore are English, Chinese, Malay and Tamil



The **long-tailed macaque** is the only commonly seen species of monkey in Singapore. Its population numbers some 1,500 individuals. Most dwell in and on the fringes of our rainforest nature reserves – the Bukit Timah and the Central Catchment Nature Reserves.



A cross between *Vanda hookeriana* and *Vanda teres*, the **orchid** is named in memory of Miss Agnes Joaquim, who bred the flower in her garden at Tanjong Pagar in 1893.



Many people remember Singapore as that place you **can't chew gum** in, a rule implemented in 1992 to combat the disruptions gum was causing on the then-newly launched subway system, and involved heavy fines to anyone caught sticking their gum in unwanted places.



Chili crab and **black pepper crab** are two quintessential dishes that dominate the scene and are greatly recommended to tourists. Another favourite is **sambal stingray**. In the meat category, **Hainanese chicken rice** is the most popular dish.



Singapore is renowned for having some of the **cleanest streets in the world**, largely due to a 50,000-strong cleaning workforce employed to keep the streets clean. Singapore is also known for its strict laws on littering, spitting on the streets, vandalism and public urination that can result in heavy fines and/or a punishment where offenders are required to pick up litter in public wearing a bright vest.



Singapore's skyline has changed dramatically in the last 10 years with the introduction of Marina Bay Sands and hosts a lot of shopping malls.