



Singapore is a city state which is connected via a bridge and a freeway to the mainland of Malaysia. The country's islands are located between Malaysia and Indonesia

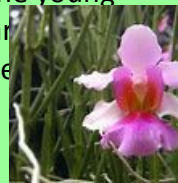


However, Singapore is not only one island! **63 islands** belong to the city state and are dotted around the Singapore coastline, most of these islands are inhabited.



Singapore comes from the Sanskrit name 'Singapura' which means 'lion city'. The Merlion, the country's national symbol, has been inspired by the city's name.

Population: 5.8 million people live in Singapore (2021)
Capital: Singapore. It's a city state!
Name: Republic of Singapore
Government: Parliamentary Republic
Singapore's national language: Malay.
Languages spoken: English, Mandarin, Tamil, Malay
Religion: majority are Buddhists or Christians
Currency: 1 Singapore dollar (SGD) = 100 cents
National Colors: red and white
National Flag: The red stands for brotherhood and equality, the white for purity and virtue, while the crescent moon stands for the young nation on the rise and the five stars are which are followed: democracy, peace, justice and equality.
National Symbols: 'Miss Vanda Joaquim orchid, the Merlion (half fish, half lion)



The largest island (after the main island) is **Sentosa** in the south of the main island. Sentosa Island has many resorts and family entertainment centers such as the Universal Studios, Water world. The historic Fort Siloso is also on Sentosa Island. There are several lovely beaches for a fun day out or a relaxing couple of days after the hustle and bustle of the city.



Singlish	English
Can lah	Yes, we can do this
Can can	Yes, sure, let's do it
I don know leh	Somehow I do not know
I don need lah	I really don't need this
shioh	great, cool



History: Singapore was founded as a British colony by Sir Stamford Raffles in **1819**. During World War II, from 1942 - 1945, Singapore was occupied by Japan. It became independent in **1965**. Much of the country is built on sand on reclaimed land. The sand is imported mainly from Malaysia, Vietnam and Cambodia.
National Day: 9 August



Singapore Facts: The Singaporeans celebrate many festivals. Among the most popular are: **Chinese New Year**, **Mid-autumn** or **Moon Festival**, **Christmas**. For these celebrations, you will see everywhere thousands and thousands of lanterns and light decorations.



of competition. In fact, Singaporean schools are record holders not only in having built the longest human domino chain, but many other records. The human chain was formed by 9234 students and was 4.2km/2.6 miles long! Another fabulous record was set by these students - building a 199.8 meter long coin chain spelling out these words: **'Never give up - your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure.'**



Lucky Numbers	Lucky Colors
2 Two	Red
8 Eight	Light Yellow
9 Nine	Black



Chewing gum is **prohibited** in Singapore. You are not allowed to bring chewing gum into the country, otherwise you might get fined at customs.

When you are given a present in Singapore, **receive it with both hands**. Don't open the present straight away, it is polite to wait and to only open it later.

Always hand over things, such as money, gifts, credit card or business card with both hands. It is considered **impolite** if **only one hand** is used.



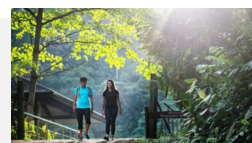
Singapore's Night Safari provides a nocturnal experience; it's also the world's very **first night zoo**. Opened in 1994, the 35-hectare park features over 1,000 animals in their naturalistic night-time environments.



According to the Wildlife Reserves Singapore, the **first man-made waterfall** was built at Jurong Bird Park in 1971. Dropping from a height of 30 meters, it is said to be the tallest waterfall in an aviary to date.



The FORMULA 1 SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX—also made racing history as the world's first ever FORMULA 1 night race.



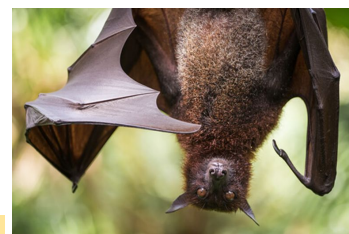
Meeting friends and eating out at a

food center is a favorite past time for many Singaporeans. Singapore families like to spend their time together outdoors, skating or walking in East Coast Park or visiting any of the nature reserves of the islands.



Shopping is also a favorite past time for many Singaporeans, no wonder as Singapore is famous for its huge shopping malls along Orchard Road and the Marina Bay.

This city of skyscrapers is also one that is filled with **lush greenery**. Nearly half of Singapore's land area (approximately 700 square kilometers) is under green cover. Beyond numerous parks and gardens, there are pockets of undiscovered plant life housed in the most unusual of places.



Until the 1930s, **tigers** could be found in the wild in Singapore, now you only can see one in the city's zoo.

Singapore's **flying foxes** are the largest bats in the world! They have a wingspan of up to 1.5 meters/ 4.9 ft. However, these bats cannot be encountered in the busy city but on Pulau Ubin, one of the small islands of the Singapore coast.



Famous people from Singapore

Jet Li



Ross Butler



Only 7% of the food that's eaten in Singapore is grown locally. There are farms in Kranji, in the north of Singapore, as well as on top of the roofs of condos and shopping centers.



Singaporeans love to eat **rice** and **rice noodle** dishes. They also like to eat out and there are many food courts or food centers all over the city. Here people come to eat breakfast, lunch or dinner or just visit for a snack during the day. Food courts are called **hawker centers** and the image below shows one of the most famous hawker centers in Singapore. It is called **Lau Pa Sat**.



Traditional Singaporean Dishes:

Nasi Lemak



Satay



Laksa



Nonya Kueh

