



# 2010 ASIA PACIFIC EXTRAVAGANZA

## AREA GUIDE



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## WELCOME TO SINGAPORE

**May 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>**

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### ABOUT SINGAPORE

- ⬇ Local Singapore Time: GMT + 8 hours
- ⬇ Business Hours:
  - ⬇ Most offices are open from 9.00am to 6.00pm, Monday to Friday with the exception of public holidays.
  - ⬇ General banking hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm.
  - ⬇ Department Stores are open from 10.30am – 9.30pm
- ⬇ Electricity: 230V
- ⬇ Currency: US \$1 = 1.42 SGD
- ⬇ Internet Services: Free wireless Internet Services is available within the respective Wireless@SG coverage areas. To start enjoying free access to Wireless@SG, sign up with any of the three Wireless@SG operators [http://www.infocomm123.sg/wireless\\_at\\_sg/registration](http://www.infocomm123.sg/wireless_at_sg/registration)
- ⬇ Telephone Services:
  - ⬇ When calling Singapore internationally add +65
  - ⬇ When making international calls from Singapore dial + country code + area code + telephone number
- ⬇ Emergency Phone Numbers
  - ⬇ Ambulance and Fire Brigade : 995
  - ⬇ Ambulance (non-emergency): 1777
  - ⬇ Police: 999
- ⬇ Singapore Tourism Board (STB): +65 6736 6622 or +65 6736 9423
- ⬇ Immigration & Checkpoints Authority: +65 6391 6100



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## TRANSPORTATION

- Ⓛ **Buses:** Exact fare is required. Fares for non air-conditioned buses are SGD\$0.70 - SGD\$1.40. Fares for air-conditioned buses are SGD\$0.80 - SGD\$1.70. Check with the bus driver on the appropriate fare for your destination or visit <http://www.publictransport.sg> for the fare structure. Alternatively, call the TransitLink hotline at 1800-767 4333 (toll-free in Singapore only, operating hours are from Monday to Friday, 0800 hrs to 1800 hrs and Saturday, 0800 hrs to 1300 hrs) for assistance.
- Ⓛ **MRT:** Travelling on the MRT is cheap, with rides ranging from SGD\$0.80 to a maximum of SGD \$1.70. Instead of using cash, you may choose to pay your MRT and bus fares with a stored value ez-link card. The card may be bought or revalued at any TransitLink Ticket Sales Office located in most MRT stations and bus interchanges. Each adult card is sold with a minimum value of SGD\$10.00 plus a deposit fee of SGD\$5.00.



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- ⬇ **Taxis:** You can call for a cab from any of the taxi firms with just one convenient number. Just call (65)6-3425-222

Basic fare	Normal	Limousine
Flag-Down (inclusive of 1st km or less)	\$2.80-\$3.00	\$3.20
Every 385 metres thereafter or less up to 10 km	\$0.20	\$0.20
Every 330 metres thereafter or less after 10 km	\$0.20	\$0.20
Every 45 secs of waiting or less	\$0.20	\$0.20
Peak Hour Surcharge	Normal	Limousine
Monday - Friday : 7.00am to 9.30am	35% of metered fare	35% of metered fare
Monday – Saturday: 5.00pm to 8.00pm	35% of metered fare	35% of metered fare
<i>Applicable at the time of boarding. Not applicable on Sundays and Public Holidays.</i>		
Midnight Surcharge	Normal	Limousine
Midnight - 5:59am	50% of metered fare	50% of metered fare
Central Business District (CBD) Surcharge	Normal	Limousine
Monday – Saturday : 5.00pm to Midnight	\$3.00	\$3.00
<i>Applicable for trips starting from CBD area. Not applicable on Sundays and Public Holidays.</i>		
<i>The CBD surcharge is payable on top of the Peak Hour Surcharge.</i>		
Public Holiday Surcharge	Normal	Limousine
From 6pm on the eve to 12 midnight of the public holidays below: New Year's Day, 1st and 2nd Day of Chinese New Year, Hari Raya Puasa, Deepavali, Christmas Day	\$1.00	\$1.00
<i>Where the above holiday falls on a Sunday and the following Monday is a holiday, the Public Holiday Surcharge will be payable up to 12 midnight of Monday.</i>		
Location Surcharges		
Changi Airport & Changi Air Freight Centre		
Friday-Sunday from 5.00pm to 12 midnight	\$5.00	\$5.00
At all other times	\$3.00	\$3.00
Seletar Airport	\$3.00	\$3.00
Singapore Expo Centre	\$2.00	\$2.00
Electronic Road Pricing (ERP) Charges		
Please reimburse our driver for the ERP charges incurred during trip and for Fuji Xerox Tower drop-off.		



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## SHOPPING

- ⬇ A good number of department stores and some smaller shops are open daily from 1000 hrs to about 2100 hrs, or even 2200 hrs. Singapore is one of the few countries in the world it is reasonably safe out in the streets even late at night. As long as basic precautions are taken, you can shop in peace.

Mustafa Centre in Little India is the only department store in Singapore that is open 24 hours a day, everyday!

### Shopping Malls:

- ⬇ ION Orchard - [www.ionorchard.com](http://www.ionorchard.com)  
Reflecting its status as a redefining landmark in the local retail landscape, ION Orchard will house a collection of global flagship and concept stores of both established and new-to-market brands, covering the spectrum of fashion, lifestyle, entertainment and F&B.
- ⬇ Ngee Ann City  
It will take you more than a day to completely browse through this massive complex which won the Tourism Awards 2002, Best Shopping Experience - Shopping Centre. Besides the Japanese giant chain store, Takashimaya, there are over 100 specialty stores retailing sports items, stationery, electronics and electrical, jewellery and designer clothes.
- ⬇ Paragon Shopping Centre  
This haven for fashionistas delights with its diverse mix of renowned international brands A palatable selection of international and local cuisines awaits the discerning diner, particularly at The Food Cellar at B1. Other lifestyle shops include designer furniture stores, sports and spa outlets.



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📍 Vivocity - [www.vivocity.com.sg](http://www.vivocity.com.sg)

Vivocity is an iconic retail, entertainment & lifestyle destination that constantly surprises and stimulates visitors with its vibrant mix of retail and entertainment concepts. It features wide, open spaces for waterfront relaxation and entertainment, and a full calendar of exciting festivals and events that will draw both locals and foreign visitors. Vivocity is open from 10am to 10pm daily



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## SHOPPING TIPS

### ⬇ **Credit/Charge Cards:**

Almost all stores accept major international credit and charge cards (VISA, MASTER, AMEX & Diners). Should you come across a shop insisting on adding a surcharge, do contact the local office of the card company so that corrective action can be taken.

### ⬇ **Goods and Services Tax Refund:**

Under the Tourist Refund Scheme, tourists who buy goods in Singapore from participating retailers can claim a refund of the GST paid if the goods are brought out of Singapore via Changi International Airport or Seletar Airport within 2 months from the date of purchase. You must spend a minimum of \$100 at a participating retail shop on a single day. You may accumulate up to 3 receipts on same day purchases from the same retailer to meet this \$100 threshold. GST refunds are not applicable for land and cruise departures.

For more details on the conditions and refund procedures on the scheme, please refer to this website <http://www.customs.gov.sg>

### ⬇ **Tipping:** Tipping is not a traditional Singaporean Custom. A 10% services charge is added to your bill at all tourist hotels and restaurants.



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## SINGAPORE SIGHT SEEING

### Singapore Flyer



It's hard to miss the giant Ferris wheel-like contraption in Marina Bay. Standing 165m tall – or 42 storeys high, in HDB-speak – and with capsules the size of small buses, the \$240 million Flyer is an observation wheel destined to be one of our biggest tourist attractions. Passengers can stroll (yes, stroll) around 28 air-conditioned and UV-protected capsules, each holding up to 28

people, and on a clear day can enjoy a 360-degree view of the cityscape – a panorama that even extends into neighbouring Malaysia and Indonesia. Here's what you can look forward to on our city's answer to the London Eye.

📍 Ticket Price: Adult: SGD\$29.50 | Child: SGD\$20.65 | Senior Citizen: SGD\$23.60

### Resorts World Sentosa



Resorts World Sentosa Private Limited is the leisure and gaming company that owns and operates Singapore's biggest Integrated Resort, a 49-hectare development called Resorts World Sentosa. The mega resort is located on Singapore's holiday island of Sentosa.

The S\$6.59 billion must-see destination will welcome its first visitors at its soft opening in early 2010. Resorts World Sentosa starts operations with the Resorts World Casino, four hotels, the Universal Studios Singapore® family theme park and MICE facilities that include one of Asia's largest Grand Ballrooms. It also offers a wide range of entertainment and shows, as well as celebrity chef restaurants, brand-name boutiques and a half-kilometer long shopping and dining Strip named FestiveWalk. Visit [www.rwsentosa.com](http://www.rwsentosa.com) for more information



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### Night Safari



As the sun sets, a different world comes to life. At the Night Safari, you can look a rhinoceros in the eye, hear the howls of a pack of striped hyenas or watch giraffes glide serenely across the plain in the still of the night.

Opening Hours: 6pm to midnight (daily), Last ticket sale: 11pm. Getting There: Take the MRT to Choa Chu Kang Station (NS4), then board SMRT Bus 927 to the zoo. Or take the MRT to Ang Mo Kio Station (NS16), then board SBS Transit bus 138.

📍 Ticket Price: Adult S\$22.00 | Child (3 to 12 years old) S\$15.00

### Singapore Zoo



Tired of having the usual breakfast? Then feast with an orang utan, the Oriental small-clawed otter, or even the reticulated python!

Opening Hours: 8.30 am – 6.00 pm. Getting There: Take the MRT to Choa Chu Kang Station (NS4), then board SMRT Bus 927 which takes you all the way to the zoo. Or take the MRT to Ang Mo Kio Station (NS16), then board SBS Transit bus 138.

📍 Ticket Price: Adult S\$18.00 | Child (3 to 12 years old) S\$12.00



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### Jurong Birdpark



Fly, flap, flutter, float... With over 9,000 feathered friends from 600 species, Jurong BirdPark is one of Asia Pacific's most impressive bird parks.

Opening Hours: 9 am - 6 pm (daily). Getting There: Take the MRT to Boon Lay Station (EW27), then take SBS Transit bus 194 or 251.

- 📍 Ticket Price: Adult S\$18.00 | Child (3 to 12 years old) S\$12.00
- 📍 Panorail Ride: Adult S\$5.00 | Child (3 to 12 years old) S\$3.00
- 📍 Website: [www.birdpark.com.sg](http://www.birdpark.com.sg)



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### DINING PRECINCTS

<p>⬇️ <b>Boat Quay</b> – one of the best spots in Singapore for alfresco dining. Once Singapore’s busiest port in the 1960s, it has been transformed into a popular hangout for locals, expatriates and tourists, with chic cafes, high-end restaurants, yuppie pubs and designer galleries.</p>	<p>⬇️ <b>CHIJMES</b> – Situated in the compound of an old girls’ convent school, CHIJMES today is one of Singapore’s premier wine and dine destinations.</p>
<p>⬇️ <b>Clarke Quay</b> – Singapore's only riverside festival village combining dining, shopping and entertainment. On the 23,000 square-metre site are five blocks of building housing and shophouses, restored to their original 19th century style.</p>	<p>⬇️ <b>Far East Square</b> is heaven for foodies! The award-winning architectural aesthetics, and restaurants, bars and cafés attract both tourists and locals.</p>
<p>⬇️ <b>East Coast Parkway</b> – Away from the city, chill out by the East Coast beach and relax with the seaside crowd. The East Coast is the quintessential beachfront recreation and relaxation for many Singaporeans and travellers alike.</p>	<p>⬇️ <b>Rochester Park</b> - Don't miss Rochester Park, Singapore's latest offering for dining and entertainment. Here, trendy restaurants are housed in refurbished 70-year old colonial black and white bungalows, once homes of British officers.</p>
<p>⬇️ <b>Tanglin Village/ Dempsey Hill</b> – Just off Holland Road and outside the Orchard Road area, the Tanglin Village/Dempsey Hill is no longer only known for its antique, teak furniture shops and carpet dealers.</p>	<p>⬇️ <b>Stadium Waterfront/Oasis</b> - Soak in the scenic atmosphere of the Kallang River and enjoy an evening under the stars as you savour the wide selection of delectable international cuisine at the Stadium Waterfront.</p>

See you in Singapore!

