

You're traveling to Singapore!

This short guide will help you prepare for your upcoming journey with Alluring Asia.

Passports & Visa

A valid passport with a minimum of six months validity remaining from the date of entry and evidence of onward/return ticket are required. United States Citizens are allowed to stay in Singapore up to 14 days without a visa.

Click on bullet items below for more information.

- Apply for a passport
- Renew by mail
- Report and replace lost/stolen U.S. passport
- Correct or change U.S. passport information

Immunizations & Vaccines

We strongly recommend you seek the advice of your physician for all travel vaccinations. For additional information please visit www.cdc.gov/travel.

Tipping

Service charges of 10% are added to bills in most leading hotels and restaurants. Where it is not included, a tip of 10-15% of the bill would be appropriate.

Airport porter/hotel bellboy:

\$1.00 - \$2.00 USD per bag.

Your tour guide:

\$10.00 - \$12.00 USD per person per day.

Driver/assistants:

\$6.00 - \$7.00 USD per person per day.

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What to Pack

Singapore has a hot and humid climate all year round. Bring lightweight, loose fitting clothing in natural fibers like linen, silk, and cotton to be the most comfortable.

Casual dress is accepted for most situations as long as it is neat, clean and smart.

Some restaurants and clubs may require more formal dress, so consider packing a dress and a sports jacket just in case.

Hotels, restaurants and shopping malls are usually air-conditioned and can be chilly so be sure to pack a shawl, wrap or pullover.

Singapore is a shoppers dream and one can find items for excellent value. It would be wise to bring along another carry-on bag or suitcase to bring home your newly acquired purchases.

Bring a shawl or pashmina to cover your shoulders and longer skirts or pants to cover your knees when visiting religious sites.

Halter tops and shorts are usually frowned upon in most places except in sport and beach areas.

An umbrella and rain jacket are essential during the rainy season from November through January, but even during the other months it's wise to have one with you for those occasional showers.

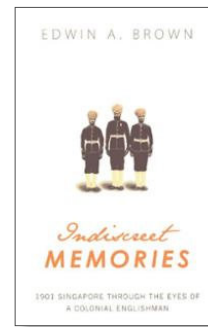
Mosquito repellent, sunscreen, sun hat, sunglasses, hand sanitizer/handi-wipes, binoculars and a flashlight with extra batteries

Electronic chargers for your camera, phone, iPad, etc. and extra camera memory card(s).

Electrical converter and outlet adapter. Their electrical voltage is 220 volts AC and 50 HZ and they use a two round prong plug.

Due to restricted weight limits on all the domestic flights (20kg or 44 pounds) it is recommended that you travel light.

Reading List



Indiscreet Memories, 1901 Singapore Through the Eyes of a Colonial Englishman

Author: Edwin A. Brown, Biography/Memoir, 2007, 248 pages

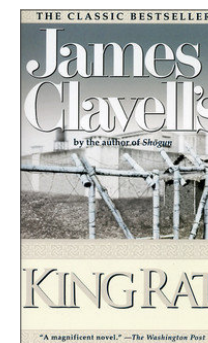
Description: Brown observes day-to-day life as well as extraordinary events -- like a tiger run amok -- in excellent detail in this eyewitness account of Singapore at the turn of the 19th century.



The Singapore Grip

Author: JG Farrell, Literature, 2005, 572 pages

Description: A big, rich, all-encompassing novel set in British-ruled Singapore in the years leading up to and including the Japanese invasion in 1941-42. Farrell, who wrote a trio of novels about the British Empire, was at his most ambitious in this book, which ranges all over the colony from the slums to the cricket clubs. It's an exhaustively researched, meticulously evoked portrait of the colonial city in peace and war.



King Rat

Author: James Clavell, Literature, 1962, 479 pages

Description: The first in Clavell's acclaimed Asia series, this book describes the life of a POW (presumably Clavell himself) in Japanese-occupied Singapore during World War II. It is richly evocative of the region during this important historical period.