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# 1. WELCOME!



## NOW BOARDING...

Welcome to Singapore! On behalf of UNLV Singapore, we would like to welcome you to this wonderful and exciting city. Singapore is the gateway to Asia. It has much to offer in terms of culture, political stability, education, technology and economic growth. Adjusting to life in a new country can be overwhelming, so this handbook can help you get started.

We are sure you will enjoy your stay in Singapore and gain great experiences and memories during your time here. If you have any other questions after reading through the handbook, please do not hesitate to ask. We look forward to welcoming you in person to UNLV Singapore. SEE YOU SOON!

Regards,  
UNLV Singapore

## 2. ABOUT SINGAPORE

Singapore is well known in the world for its diversity of cultures and religious tolerance. It is widely described as a melting pot – different cultures mix, but remain distinct. Some 5 million people live in Singapore. This population is comprised of 77% Chinese, 14% Malay, 8% Indian and 1% Eurasian and people of other descent. In addition, more than 90,000 professional expatriates live and work in Singapore. They, too, bring their own unique cultures, adding vibrancy to the cosmopolitan community.

### Language

There are four official languages in Singapore: Malay, Mandarin, Tamil and English. English is the language of business and administration and is widely spoken and understood. Most Singaporeans are bilingual and speak their native tongue as well as English. Malay is the national language.

### Religion

With its ethnic mix also comes a diverse set of religions. The Singapore skyline boasts the distinctive minarets of mosques, spires of gothic cathedrals, intricate figurines of Hindu Temple gods and distinctive roof architecture of Chinese temples. The main religions are Islam, Taoism, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism and Judaism.

### Culture Shock

Singapore is an intriguing blend of Western modernity and Asian culture. For first-timers, it is an excellent way to get introduced to living in Asia. You will see gleaming skyscrapers, Chinese shophouses, Malay mosques, Hindu temples and endless air-conditioned shopping malls. Most people speak English, and government signs are posted in English. At hawker food stalls where most locals frequent, you will be exposed to a constant stream of the unique brand of English in Singapore: Singlish. A portion of the local Chinese speak Mandarin or other dialects.

### Climate

Singapore experiences a tropical climate with hot, humid weather all year round. Daytime temperatures average 86 degrees F (30 degrees C), and humidity is usually above 75%. Singapore has two distinct monsoon seasons, the North-Eastern season from December to March and the South-Western season from June to September.

### Dress Code

Generally, Singaporeans dress casually. Loose and light clothing is recommended for comfort. Students usually wear jeans, T-shirts and Bermudas. Formal attire is expected for formal class presentations/business functions.

### Travel

It is easy and convenient to travel to other regions in Asia from Singapore. West Malaysia is just one causeway away, and you can easily take a bus to the nearest Malaysian state, Johore. Readily available are both commercial and budget airways to fly to many exciting destinations in South East Asia.

### Acronyms

You are likely to be bombarded with acronyms in Singapore such as SMRT, SBS, DBS, POSB, CPF, ICA, ERP, HDB. These are common abbreviations and used extensively in Singapore. It will take a while for you to get used to it. Do ask if you do not understand what an acronym stands for.

**Safety**

Singapore has a reputation for being safe and having a relatively low crime rate. The government has also made it known that extremism originating from religion or race will not be tolerated in Singapore.

**Smoking**

Smoking is not permitted in public service vehicles, museums, libraries, lifts, theatres, cinemas, air conditioned eating places (except nightspots such as pubs, discos and karaoke bars), restaurants, hair salons, supermarkets, department stores, government offices and at bus-stops. Offenders can be fined up to S\$1,000.

**Drinking Water**

It is safe to drink water straight from the tap in Singapore. However, for those who prefer bottled mineral water, local supermarkets and grocers always have ample stock.

**Electricity**

The electrical current in Singapore is 240 volts AC, 50 cycles per second. Singapore uses the square-shaped three-pin plug. For foreign appliances, you may need an adapter or transformer. These are readily available in Singapore.

**Tipping**

Tipping is not encouraged as most hotels and restaurants in Singapore already levy a 10% service charge on customers' bills. Tipping is not a way of life in Singapore and is prohibited at the airport.

**Drug Abuse**

The death penalty is mandatory for those convicted of trafficking, importing or exporting more than 15g of heroin, 30g of morphine, 30g of cocaine, 500g of cannabis, 200g of cannabis resin or 1.2 kg of opium. Possession of such quantities is deemed as prima facie evidence of trafficking. For unauthorized consumption, there is a maximum of 10 years' imprisonment or a fine of S\$20,000 or both. For more information, please see

<http://www.customs.gov.sg/topNav/hom/>

**Useful Links:**

Official Gateway to Singapore: <http://app.www.sg/>

Your Singapore: <http://www.visitsingapore.com/>

### 3. IMMIGRATION & STUDENT PASSES

All international students studying at UNLV Singapore must apply for a Student's Pass. **Student Pass processing will take approximately 4 -5 weeks.**

UNLV Singapore will register the applicant through the Immigration and Checkpoint Authority (ICA) web-based Student's Pass Online Application and Registration (SOLAR) system. Once UNLV Singapore has successfully registered the applicant, the applicant will be asked to verify the accuracy of

- a) Name
- b) Sex
- c) Date of Birth
- d) Nationality and
- e) SOLAR Application Number (to be informed by UNLV Singapore)

For cases of error, the applicant should inform UNLV Singapore immediately, which would then cancel the earlier registration, and we will re-submit a new application. If all the information is correct, the applicant is to log into the SOLAR System via the Internet for his/her student visa application.

A processing fee of SGD\$30 is required for every application submitted to ICA. The fee is non-refundable regardless of the outcome of the application or if application is withdrawn after submission. Payment can be made via credit card via the SOLAR system. Once approved, the applicant will be issued with an In-Principle Approval (IPA) Letter. **Print out the letter and put it with your passport. Before you depart to study in Singapore, you must have the In-Principle Approval letter (IPA) issued by the Singapore Immigration and Checkpoint Authority (ICA).**

#### Collection of Student Pass – After arrival in Singapore

Students are required to make an appointment with the immigration office for collection of the Student's Pass. The issuance fee for a Student's Pass is SGD\$60.00 and an additional SGD\$30.00 for a Multiple Journey visa, if applicable.

The ICA is located at:

ICA Building  
10 Kallang Road  
Singapore 208718  
(Beside Lavender MRT)

To prevent a long wait at ICA, book an e-appointment via internet for the collection:

1. Key in your FIN number (refer to your IPA letter)
2. Key in your e-appointment ID (refer to your IPA letter)
3. Select your preferred date and time

e-Appointment: [http://www.ica.gov.sg/e\\_services\\_overview.aspx?pageid=308](http://www.ica.gov.sg/e_services_overview.aspx?pageid=308)

On the date of appointment

1. Proceed to the Self Service Ticketing KIOSK 3 located at Visitor Services Centre on the 4<sup>th</sup> storey.

2. Scan in your IPA letter
3. Get the queue ticket
4. Wait for the number to be called.

The Student's Pass must be collected in-person at the immigration office within 30 days of arrival to Singapore.

Please bring the following documents for your Student Pass collection at ICA:

- Printout of eForm 16 submitted through SOLAR (duly signed by the applicant)
- The student's valid passport. A copy of the passport particulars page must be submitted
- The Disembarkation/Embarkation card of the student, granted on entry into Singapore
- A copy of the in-principle approval (IPA) letter
- Medical report (only applicable to students staying in Singapore for more than 6 months)
- One recent color passport-sized photograph (taken on white background)

For more details go to: [www.ica.gov.sg](http://www.ica.gov.sg)

The following nationalities require a visa to enter Singapore:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Afghanistan</li> <li>• Algeria</li> <li>• Bangladesh</li> <li>• Cambodia</li> <li>• Commonwealth of Independent States</li> <li>• Egypt</li> <li>• India</li> <li>• Iran</li> <li>• Iraq</li> <li>• Jordan</li> <li>• Lebanon</li> <li>• Libya</li> <li>• Morocco</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Myanmar</li> <li>• Nigeria</li> <li>• People's Republic of China</li> <li>• Pakistan</li> <li>• Saudi Arabia</li> <li>• Somalia</li> <li>• Sudan</li> <li>• Syria</li> <li>• Tunisia</li> <li>• Ukraine</li> <li>• Yemen</li> <li>• Palestinian National Authority Passports &amp; Refugee travel document</li> </ul>
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### Work Privileges for Foreign Students in an Institute of Higher Learning (IHL)

UNLV Singapore is classified as an Institute of Higher Learning (IHL) by Singapore's Ministry of Education. Under the Employment of Foreign Workers Act (Cap 91A, S4) Work Permit (Exemption)(Consolidation) Notification, foreign students studying at an IHL are exempted from needing and applying for a Work Permit if they wish to work during vacation time. Foreign students studying at an IHL may work up to 16 hours per week during an academic semester.

#### Useful Links:

Immigration Matters: <http://www.ica.gov.sg>

Student's Pass: [http://www.ica.gov.sg/e\\_services\\_overview.aspx?pageid=312&secid=259](http://www.ica.gov.sg/e_services_overview.aspx?pageid=312&secid=259)

e-Appointment: [http://www.ica.gov.sg/e\\_services\\_overview.aspx?pageid=308](http://www.ica.gov.sg/e_services_overview.aspx?pageid=308)

Working in Singapore: <http://www.mom.gov.sg/foreign-manpower/working-in-singapore/Pages/employment-of-foreign-students.aspx>

## 4. ARRIVAL IN SINGAPORE

Under Singapore laws, arriving travelers need to pay taxes to bring in cigarettes or other tobacco products, liquor products or other taxable goods exceeding the duty-free concession and Goods and Services Tax (GST) relief.

You must declare your goods to the checking officer at the Red Channel.

### Upon Arrival

Complete the Disembarkation/Embarkation form you receive on your flight to Singapore. You will present this with your passport and In-Principle Approval (IPA) letter at the Immigration Hall for clearance. (Read the section on Immigration Matters for more details).

### Prohibited Items

The following items are NOT allowed to be brought into Singapore:

- Chewing tobacco and imitation tobacco products
- Cigarette lighters of pistol or revolver shape
- Controlled drugs and psychotropic substances
- Endangered species of wildlife and their by-products
- Firecrackers
- Obscene articles, publications, video tapes/discs and software
- Reproduction of copyright publications, video tapes, video compact discs, laser discs, records or cassettes
- Seditious and treasonable materials

### Jet Lag

You are likely to suffer from jet lag upon arrival as you will be crossing time zones. Singapore is 16 hours ahead of Las Vegas. Stay healthy, sleep well and stay hydrated.

### Transportation from the Airport

After your long flight, it may be advisable to take a taxi to your accommodation; however, public transport options are available. Most taxi drivers understand and speak English. Signage at the airport is in four languages, including English. A direct subway line via Singapore's Mass Rapid Transport (MRT) is located at Changi Airport, Terminal 2. You can take the MRT to the nearest station near your accommodation, or catch a taxi from the station. You may want to consider taking the MRT if your living quarters are within walking distance from a MRT station.

Please note that the operating hours for the MRT are between 0530 hours and 0030 hours. Timing may vary during public holidays or special events. Visit the Transportation in Singapore section for more information.

### Useful Links:

Arrival to Singapore Changi Airport: <http://www.changiairport.com/passenger-guide/arrival;jsessionid=C089A879DEC5D025623D9869008A1838>

Transport from Singapore Changi Airport: <http://www.changiairport.com/getting-around/to-and-from-the-airport;jsessionid=5775117CADB8E0C6C95312E3B9A533D7>



## 5. MONEY MATTERS

You will need to ensure that you have sufficient local currency during your stay in Singapore. Various authorized foreign exchange counters and ATMs are located in Changi Airport so be sure to change some local currency upon arrival. **Ensure that you have sufficient cash to support your time in Singapore.**

### Bank Account

Upon collection of your student pass from ICA, you may open up a bank account with any local bank in Singapore. The bank account will include an ATM (Automated Teller Machine) card that can be used at any of your bank ATMs located around Singapore. This card can also be used for payments via NETS (Network for Electronic Transfers). NETS is Singapore's cashless payment system. A local bank account is also helpful for remitting money between your home country and Singapore, but note that some bank transfers can take up to 2-3 weeks for clearance. Please ensure that you have sufficient cash in local currency to tide over the initial period of your stay in Singapore.

To open an account you will require:

- A valid passport
- A student pass or In Principle Approval Letter (IPA)

It is difficult to obtain a credit card while on a Student Pass in Singapore. However, most international credit cards are widely used and accepted in Singapore.

### Goods and Services Tax (GST) & Service Charges

Also known as Value Added Tax (VAT) in the US, Goods and Services Tax (GST) is a consumption tax that is levied on the supply of goods and services in Singapore and the import of goods into Singapore. GST is an indirect tax, currently at 7%, and applied to the selling price of goods and services provided by GST registered business entities in Singapore. Most hotels, restaurants, pubs and nightspots have a service charge of 10% included in the bill in addition to the 7% GST. Tipping is discouraged in most eateries and prohibited at the airport.

### Costs of Living in Singapore

An international student in Singapore spends on average about SGD\$1000 to SGD\$3000 (approximately US\$ 1100 - US\$2300) a month on living expenses. This amount varies depending on your individual lifestyle. Below is a guide of estimated costs an international student may incur in Singapore per month.

Item	Cost Per Month (SGD)*	US\$ equivalent (estimates)
Accommodation (based on hostel rates)	\$600 - \$1,500 (rental varies with geographical area, type of accommodation, demand, facilities provided and the number of people sharing)	US\$400 – US\$1000
Food	\$1,500 (Based on \$50 a day for 3 meals)	US\$1000
Personal expenses	\$1,000	US\$680
Textbooks & Stationery	\$300	US\$200
Transportation	\$200 (Public Transport namely buses & subway)	US\$130
Telecommunication	\$100	US\$70

\* Costs are only provided as a guide and are current as of February 2012 exchange rates

### Useful Links:

Cost of Living: [www.livinginsingapore.org/costofliving](http://www.livinginsingapore.org/costofliving)

For Currency Converter: <http://www.xe.com/currency>

## 6. ACCOMMODATION

Singapore has a wide variety of accommodation to suit different budgets and needs. Be aware that Singapore accommodation is priced at a premium as one of the most expensive cities in the world. Students should make prior arrangements for accommodation before arriving in Singapore. Explore the various housing options available to decide on what type of housing you need, the budget and location. Recommended student dormitories / hostels operated by private organizations are listed below.



### 1) Radius International City Lodge

99 Rangoon Road

Tel: (65) 6396 3933

[www.radiuslodge.com](http://www.radiuslodge.com)

[Enquiries@radiuslodge.com](mailto:Enquiries@radiuslodge.com)

Nearest MRT Station: within 3 minutes walking distance to Farrer Park MRT, approximately 10 minutes to campus

Radius International City Lodge is located within Little India and is close to the UNLV Singapore Campus by subway. Little India is an exciting mix of spice stores, delicious eateries and restaurants, backpacker hostels, sari and Bollywood record shops. Its charm lies in the fact that many of olden-day trades can still be found by its roadsides, alleys and back lanes. Fortune tellers and their parrots, flower vendors selling garlands of jasmine, and street-side newspaper vendors are just some of the interesting sights to be found.

Type of Room	Monthly Rental Charges (Per bed) + GST*	Facilities
<b>Standard Room</b> without window – 2 bunk beds with study below, attached bath, writing table, wardrobe	S\$800 - \$ 850	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free Housekeeping services</li> <li>• Free wireless broadband access</li> <li>• Air-conditioned rooms</li> <li>• Common/TV area – Board games, snack and drink vending machine, TV</li> <li>• Laundry services (coin-operated)</li> <li>• Excellent city location with plenty of eateries within walking distance</li> <li>• 24 hr security system including CCTV camera</li> </ul>
<b>Twin Deluxe Room</b> – Twin bed, attached bath, writing table, wardrobe	\$850 - \$900	
<b>Super Standard Room</b> with window – Twin bed, attached bath, writing table, wardrobe	\$900 - \$950	
<b>Twin Deluxe Room</b> – Twin bed, attached bath, writing table, wardrobe, TV, phone, carpet	\$950 - \$1,000	

\*\*Singapore GST (7%) is a value added government tax. You will be required to pay this in addition to monthly rent.

### Other Fees

One time non-refundable registration fee: \$50

Refundable Key Card deposit: \$50

Refundable Room Deposit: One month

## 2) Yo:HA@ Jurong

200 Jurong East Ave 1

Tel: (65) 6560 7122

[www.yoha.com.sg](http://www.yoha.com.sg)

[whfoo@emservices.com.sg](mailto:whfoo@emservices.com.sg)

Nearest MRT Station: Jurong East MRT via public bus or within 14 minutes walking distance to Chinese Garden MRT, approximately 45-60 minutes to campus

Yo: HA@Jurong is at the western end of Singapore, located in one of the many public housing towns that provide Singaporeans with quality homes and living environments. The town has various commercial, recreational and social facilities and amenities for the convenience of residents. Yo:HA @Jurong will be a good choice if you want to experience Singaporean local life.

Type of Room	Period of Stay	Monthly Rental Charges (Per bed) + GST*	Facilities
Triple Sharing	1 Month	S\$674.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gym (charge per entry or via monthly subscription), basketball court, recreation area</li> <li>• Wireless internet access</li> <li>• Air-conditioned rooms</li> <li>• Laundry services (chargeable)</li> <li>• Kitchen for light cooking</li> </ul>
	3 Months	S\$629.16	
	6 Months	S\$539.28	
	9 Months	S\$494.34	
	1 Year	S\$449.40	
Quad Sharing	1 Month	S\$588.50	
	3 Months	S\$477.49	
	6 Months	S\$438.17	
	9 Months	S\$404.46	
	1 Year	S\$370.76	

\*Singapore GST (7%) is a value added government tax. You will be required to pay this in addition to monthly rent.

### Other Fees

Security deposit (1 month rental)

1 month advance rental

Security deposit shall be made upon signing Letter of Offer

1 month advance rental shall be made upon check-in

### 3) Novena Hall

78 Gilstead Road

Singapore 309116

Tel: 65-63520580

[www.novenahall.com.sg](http://www.novenahall.com.sg)

[admin@novenahall.com.sg](mailto:admin@novenahall.com.sg)

Nearest MRT Station: 5 minute walk to Novena MRT, approximately 15 minutes to campus

Novena Hall is located 2 stations away from Orchard, the main shopping belt of Singapore. There are three major shopping malls within walking distance from this student dormitory, and the famous Newton Hawker Centre is not far for local dining fare.

Type of Room	Monthly Rental Charges + GST	Facilities
Single with Common Bathroom	S\$1,300 - S\$1,400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Utilities (water &amp; electricity)</li><li>• Laundry service 3 times a week includes ironing</li><li>• Daily room cleaning (except Sunday &amp; Public Holiday)</li><li>• Free Wireless internet</li><li>• Rooms fully air-conditioned</li><li>• Study Room / TV Room</li><li>• Common pantry each level (Fridge, microwave and hot water)</li></ul>
Single with Attached Bathroom	S\$1,700	
Twin with Attached Bathroom	S\$1,100 (per bed)	
Twin with Common Bathroom	S\$1,000 (per bed)	
Three Sharing with Common Bathroom	S\$800 (per bed)	
Four Sharing with Attached Bathroom (connecting rooms)	S\$900 (per bed)	

#### Other Fees

Registration fee of S\$150 (non-refundable)

Payment in FULL upon confirmation if less than 3 months stay

1 month rental deposit (equivalent of 1 month rental) plus 3 months advance monthly rental upon signing

Price subject to seasonal adjustment

#### Serviced Apartments

For those on a higher budget and who are staying for a longer period, serviced apartments are a convenient option. These are comfortable apartments owned and managed by a property company and fully furnished like a normal home, with hotel-style services provided including housekeeping. For a complete listing, refer to the Serviced Apartment Association Directory:

#### Serviced Apartments Association

20 Maxwell Road

#06-03 Maxwell House

Singapore 069113

Tel: (65) 6222 8436

[www.servicedapartments.org.sg](http://www.servicedapartments.org.sg)

## Apartment / Condo Rentals

Rental agents are widely used in Singapore to secure housing rentals. While most agents assist in long-term housing arrangements of 1-2 years, it is possible to secure short-term rental accommodation with agents. Agents will guide you through the rental process, and negotiate rental contracts on your behalf. If you would like to engage the services of a housing agent, contact:

### Mr. Dave Kong

Account Manager

Overseas Students Placement Centre

Mobile: +65 9338 6098

Tel: +65 6345 1180

Fax: +65 6440 5160

[www.ospc.com.sg](http://www.ospc.com.sg) / [www.katonghostel.com](http://www.katonghostel.com) / [www.cambridgehostel.com](http://www.cambridgehostel.com)

[dave@ospc.com.sg](mailto:dave@ospc.com.sg)

### Useful Links:

Student Accommodation in Singapore: <http://www.singaporeedu.gov.sg/htm/stu/stu0309a.htm>

Singapore Housing Options: <http://singapore.craigslist.com.sg>

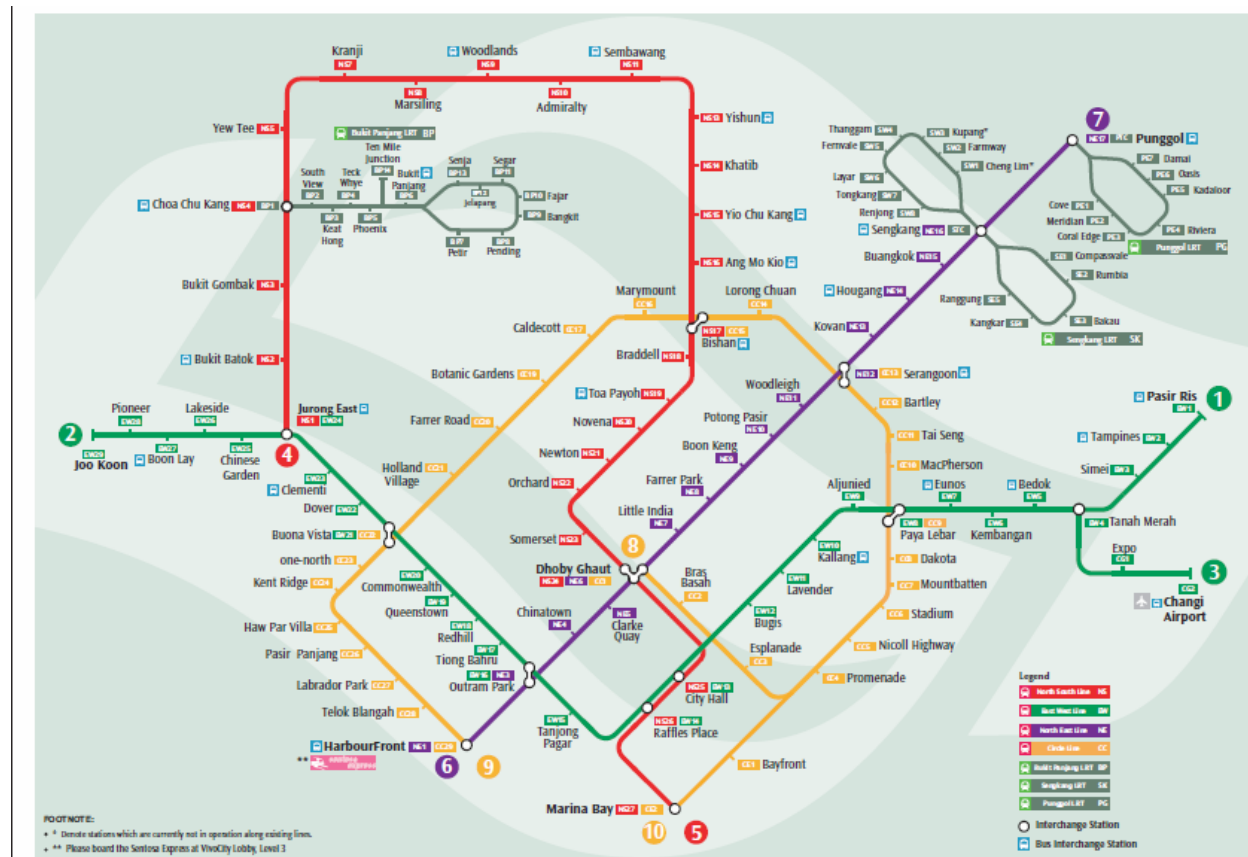
## 7. TRANSPORTATION

The public transportation system in Singapore is one of the best in the world, offering well planned, efficient and convenient transportation options to visitors and locals alike. While automobiles are commonplace, the majority of students, locals, expats and tourists all take public transportation within the city.

### MASS RAPID TRANSIT (MRT)

The subway train system in Singapore is called the MRT (Mass Rapid Transit). These trains are clean, well-maintained, and run from 5:30am to 12:30am. Fares range from S\$0.80 to S\$1.80. You can purchase an ez-link prepaid card at most MRT stations, which is a more convenient way to pay your MRT or SBS bus fares. This is a contactless store-value card which is predominantly used for paying public transport fares (buses, the MRT and select taxis). The cost of your journey will be automatically deducted when you alight from the bus/MRT. The ez-link card costs \$15 and can be purchased from any MRT station or bus interchange.

There are over 50 MRT stations throughout Singapore, making this a convenient way to travel. **UNLV Singapore is strategically located between 2 MRT stations; City Hall (North-South line) and Bugis (East-West line).**



## PUBLIC BUS

Bus fares range from S\$0.80 to S\$1.70. Drivers do not give change, so make sure you have exact change. You can also pay with a pre-paid ez-link card, available for purchase at most MRT stations. An easy way to find the appropriate bus lines for your journey is to visit the **SBS Transit** website. The front page has a convenient search feature which allows you to enter your origin and destination. It will then provide you with bus information and fares for your route.

## TAXIS

Taxis in Singapore are more affordable than in some cities and are very common. You can get a taxi in Singapore by:

### 1) Waiting in line at a taxi stand

- Taxi stands can usually be found at popular commercial centers, shopping malls and near bus stands.

### 2) Waving down a taxi from the sidewalk

- Stand on the sidewalk and hold out your arm when you see an available taxi heading your way. Most taxis will display a green **"TAXI"** sign or phone number on their marquee when they are available. Red signs reading **"HIRED"**, **"ON CALL"** or **"BUSY"** mean that the taxi is not available. On occasion, taxis that are empty may pass you by, or taxi drivers may refuse to take you once they know your destination. Don't worry; it's nothing personal. In these cases, the drivers are usually ending their shift and do not want to go out of their way.

### 3) Calling a taxi

- This option hires you a specific taxi and is convenient during busy peak hours or when you cannot find a taxi stand. **When you call to book a taxi, an additional booking fee is added to your fare.** This booking fee ranges from S\$2.50 to S\$8.00, depending on whether or not it is a "peak" period. Advanced booking (half an hour or more in advance) costs S\$5.20.
- Most taxis responding to a booking call will display a red **"ON CALL"** sign on their marquee. When you book a taxi, you will be given the taxi number (license plate number) so that you can identify your taxi when it arrives. You may also get a phone call to let you know that your taxi has arrived.

Dial-a-Taxi Phone Numbers	
Comfort CabLink	6552-1111 / or use their SmartPhone booking application
Citicab	6552-2222 / or use their SmartPhone booking application
SMRT Taxis	6555-3333 / or use their SmartPhone booking application
Trans-Cab	6555-3333
Silver Cab	6363-6888
Smart Cab	6485-7700

**Most taxi companies will accept both cash and credit cards. Fees for a taxi sometimes include various additional charges or “extras.”**

Examples of common extra fees:

- **Booking fee** - charged when you call for a cab. Varies depending on peak hours, but usually ranges from S\$2.50 to S\$8.00
- **Peak period surcharge** - additional charge when you travel during peak hours. Usually, the peak period surcharge is approx. 25% of metered fare. Peak hours: Mon-Fri 6:00 am – 9.30 am and Mon-Sun & Public Holidays 6.00 pm – Midnight
- **Late night surcharge**  
50% of metered fare.
- **ERP charge** - charge for traveling via ERP routes during peak hours. Charges vary, but usually fall between S\$0.50 and S\$2.00
- **City area surcharge** - charged if you hire a taxi within the CBD area
- **Resorts World Sentosa location surcharge** - \$3.00 for trips starting from Resorts World Sentosa
- Other extra fees may apply; ask your driver for clarification.

If a fare seems unusually high, you can ask the driver to explain the additional fees to you. Also, you can ask for a receipt when you pay, which will itemize charges and additional fees.

Photos of taxis commonly found on the roads of Singapore:



Useful Links:

Ez-link cards: <http://www.ezlink.com.sg>

Singapore MRT: [http://www.smrt.com.sg/trains/network\\_map.asp](http://www.smrt.com.sg/trains/network_map.asp)

Singapore Bus: <http://www.sbstransit.com.sg/>

Comfort Taxi: <http://www.comfort-transportation.com.sg/main.html>

Citicab: <http://www.citycab.com.sg/index.htm>



## 8. IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

Studying and living abroad is exciting! However, you need to make sure you have all the important credentials. Below are some items recommended to bring with you while in Singapore, but this list is not exhaustive.

- Passport (**valid passport for international travel with at least 6 months validity**)
- UNLV Singapore acceptance Letter
- Original or certified copies of your education qualifications
- Valid driver's license (if applicable)
- Health insurance policy (required)
- Medical history and prescriptions
- Emergency contact information
- Recent color passport-sized photos (taken with white background)

## 9. ABOUT UNLV SINGAPORE

**UNLV Singapore** was established in 2006 as a branch of UNLV in Asia. Under the administration of the Hotel College, it currently offers international and American students the college curriculum leading to the UNLV Bachelor of Science in Hotel Administration in as few as three years of year-round study. An accelerated two-year B.S. program is available to eligible Singapore citizens and permanent resident polytechnic diploma holders in affiliation with the Singapore Institute of Technology. Degree-seeking undergraduates must be fully admitted as UNLV students; they and visiting students may earn U.S. academic credits during spring and fall semesters, summer and winter sessions, or on study trips beginning and ending in Singapore. Customized and open-enrolment executive education is provided at Singapore's National Library Building and at client facilities throughout Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

UNLV Singapore is located at Levels 10 and 11 of the National Library Building. It is within walking distance from both the City Hall and Bugis Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) stations and is well served by buses plying along North Bridge Road and Victoria Street.

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## 10. MEDICAL & EMERGENCY INFORMATION

The healthcare system in Singapore is one of the best in the world, with well qualified doctors and dentists, many of whom are trained overseas. This well-established healthcare system is comprised of a total of 13 private hospitals, 10 public (government) hospitals and several specialist clinics, each specializing in and catering to different patient needs, at varying costs. Patients are free to choose the providers within the government or private healthcare delivery system and can walk in for a consultation at any private clinic or any government polyclinic. For emergency services, patients can go at any time to the 24-hour Accident & Emergency Departments located in the government hospitals.

Raffles Hospital, located at 585 North Bridge Road, Singapore 188770, is just an 8-minute walk from UNLV Singapore and houses a Medical Clinic as well as a full suite of hospital services.

Raffles Hospital / <a href="http://www.raffleshospital.com">www.raffleshospital.com</a>		
Phone Numbers & Hours of Operation		
Services		Contact
<b>Call Centre</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact Our Specialists</li> <li>Enquiry on Services</li> <li>Enquiry on Charges</li> </ul>	<b>24 Hours</b>	Tel: (65) 6311 1111 Fax: (65) 6311 2136 Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@raffleshospital.com">enquiries@raffleshospital.com</a>
<b>Appointment Hotline</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specialist</li> <li>Physiotherapy</li> </ul>	<b>24 Hours</b>	Tel: (65) 6311 1222 Fax: (65) 6311 2136 Email: <a href="mailto:specialist@raffleshospital.com">specialist@raffleshospital.com</a>
<b>Accident &amp; Emergency</b>	<b>24 Hours</b>	Tel: (65) 6311 1555 Fax: (65) 6311 1162
<b>International Patient Centre</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical Referrals &amp; Appointment Making</li> <li>Hospital Admissions &amp; Discharge</li> <li>Travel Planning &amp; Visitor Information</li> <li>Medical Evacuation and Repatriation</li> <li>Airport Meeting and Transfer Service</li> <li>Interpreter and Secretarial Service</li> <li>Concierge Service</li> <li>GST Refund</li> </ul>	<b>Office Hours</b>	Tel: (65) 6311 1666 Fax: (65) 6311 2333 Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@raffleshospital.com">enquiries@raffleshospital.com</a>

**Other Hospitals in Singapore:**

<b>Singapore General Hospital</b> Address: Outram Road, Singapore 169608 Tel: (65) 6222 3322 Fax: (65) 6224 9221 <a href="http://www.sgh.com.sg">www.sgh.com.sg</a>	<b>Mount Elizabeth Hospital</b> Address: 3 Mt. Elizabeth, Singapore 228510 Tel: (65) 6737 2666 Fax: (65) 6737 1189 <a href="http://www.mountelizabeth.com.sg">www.mountelizabeth.com.sg</a>
<b>Mount Alvernia Hospital</b> Address: 820 Thomson Road, Singapore 574623 Tel: (65) 6347 6688 Fax: (65) 6255 6303 <a href="http://www.mtalvernia-hospital.org">www.mtalvernia-hospital.org</a>	<b>Gleneagles Hospital</b> Address: 6A Napier Road, Singapore 258500 Tel: (65) 6473 7222 Fax: (65) 6475 1832 <a href="http://www.gleneagles.com.sg">www.gleneagles.com.sg</a>

<b><u>In Case of Emergency</u></b> Toll-free emergency phone numbers in Singapore.
<b>Police: 999</b>
<b>Emergencies/Ambulance/Fire Brigade: 995</b>
<b>Non-emergency ambulance: 1777</b>

**Useful Links:**

General Practitioners/Family Clinics: <http://www.singhealth.com.sg/PATIENTCARE/GP/Pages/Home.aspx>