

Do's and Dont's

GUIDELINES FOR VISITING SINGAPORE

- All foreigners entering Singapore must possess a valid pass allowing them to stay in the country. This pass is granted at the checkpoint for various purposes such as social, business, professional, or tourism. Foreign students are not allowed to work unless they have a Work Pass exemption.

Source: <http://www.mom.gov.sg/foreign-manpower/working-in-singapore/Pages/employment-of-foreign-students.aspx#sthash.agjtseSo.dpuf>.

Source: <http://www.ica.gov.sg/>

- Singapore strictly enforces laws against littering, with first-time offenders facing fines and Corrective Work Orders involving cleaning public spaces.

Source: <http://www.nea.gov.sg/public-health/public-cleanliness>

- Smoking is prohibited in public areas, and dropping a cigarette butt can result in a minimum fine of S\$300. Vandalism offenses, including graffiti, can lead to a mandatory caning sentence.

Source: <http://www.cnb.gov.sg/drugs/bannedsubstance.aspx>

- Possession and use of drugs, as well as trafficking, are heavily penalized, including the death penalty for trafficking offenses. Random drug analysis applies to both residents and non-residents.

Source: <https://www.customs.gov.sg/>

- Strict penalties are imposed for the possession or use of arms in Singapore. Unlawful possession could result in imprisonment and caning.

Source: www.nationalintegratedcouncil.org

- Customs clearance is required for the possession of cigarettes, liquors, and branded goods.

Source: <http://www.ncpc.gov.sg>

- Singapore encourages the peaceful coexistence of different races and religions. Ethnic insults and defamation are not tolerated under the Sedition Act and Maintenance of Religious Harmony Act.

Source: www.nationalintegratedcouncil.org

- Laws regarding the propriety of behavior and modesty are strictly enforced. The "Outrage of Modesty" law addresses assault or criminal force intended to outrage an individual's modesty.

Source: <http://www.ncpc.gov.sg>

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·Driving in Singapore requires a valid Singapore driving license or an International Driving Permit for residents and foreigners residing for more than twelve months. ASEAN member countries' citizens can drive with a valid license.

Source: <http://www.ncpc.gov.sg>

·Individuals below 18 years old are prohibited from buying and consuming tobacco and liquor.

Source: <http://www.contactsingapore.sg/>

<http://www.changiairport.com/>

<https://www.stb.gov.sg/>

<http://statutes.agc.gov.sg> (Type penal code on the search and click Penal Code (chapter 224))

<http://www.mda.gov.sg/>

<http://www.spf.gov.sg/>

Refer to Singapore Penal Code for more information on Singapore law

·Foreign students are not allowed to work in Singapore during term time or vacation time without a Work Pass exemption.

Source: <http://www.ica.gov.sg/>

CULTURE AND ETIQUETTE:

·Handshaking is a common warm greeting regardless of racial background. Shoes should be removed when entering homes, temples, or mosques.

·Punctuality is valued, and the exchange of cards is common. Addressing others with Mr., Mrs., or Miss is considered proper etiquette.