



Singapore



Ahoi there!

*Finally, I have a name.
They call me "Pepe"!*

This time I'm visiting our new office
in Singapore. This city state
Singapore is huge!*

The fascinating island and city state of Singapore is one of the smallest states in the Asia-Pacific region at approximately 682 km² and nevertheless it is nearing the 4.6 million inhabitants mark thanks to its flourishing economy.

In just 150 years, Singapore has become a flourishing trade and industry hub, and today it is a multicultural nation where Malay, Chinese, Tamil and English are spoken.

Thanks to this cosmopolitan population there is a rich range of foods on offer, including all types of Asian dishes. The Singaporean cuisine tells an exquisite story of an extraordinary multicultural heritage, which combines numerous aromatic ingredients together.

Have we whet your appetite? Then we'll be happy to book your trip to Singapore!

Food and drink:

The national dish is "Laksa", a rice noodle soup of which the main ingredients are coconut and chili. Further typical ingredients include prawns, tofu, beansprouts and curry. It is called the dish of "a 1000 ingredients".



Restaurant tips:

www.peonyjade.com
www.ivorykitchen.com

The "hawker centres" are government-run restaurants where you can eat and drink for a reasonable price.



Singapore skyline



The Hindu "Sri Mariamman Temple"



The Merlion



SINGAPORE: History, facts and figures

Singapore was founded by the British trade colony in 1819.

As early as the 14th century, the island, which was then called Temasek, which means "sea town", was the first port of call for Chinese, Arabic and Portuguese merchant ships. Singapore, or Singa Pura, which means "lion town", got its name from a legend; this legend has it that a prince on his adventures from Sumatra, arrived in the country and saw a lion, but after one look into the lion's eyes, the prince lowered his sword and the lion retreated. From then on it was called lion town. Even today, the city's trademark is the Merlion, a mythical creature with a lions' head and the body of a fish.

Today, Singapore has many interesting sights, huge sky scrapers, old colonial buildings, churches, temples, museums and natural parks. One of the most impressive sights, however, can be found in "China town": the Hindu "Sri Mariamman Temple" from the 19th century. Elaborate sculptures of deities and mythical creatures ornament the canopy roof.

Singapore Changi Airport operates internationally and is therefore very important for the island's economy. It is the base for an important aviation hub between Europe and Southeast Asia and therefore counts as one of the five most important airports in Asia.

Singapore is also one of the busiest ports in the world with 600 shipping companies and is the most important trans-shipment centre for container ships worldwide. Here you can find supertankers, container ships, coastal ships, passenger ships and fishing boats.

The island has a tropical rainforest climate with the temperature remaining a little over 28 degrees celcius almost all year round. In the monsoon season, October – February, the temperatures are just a little under the average annual temperature with heavy rainfall.



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