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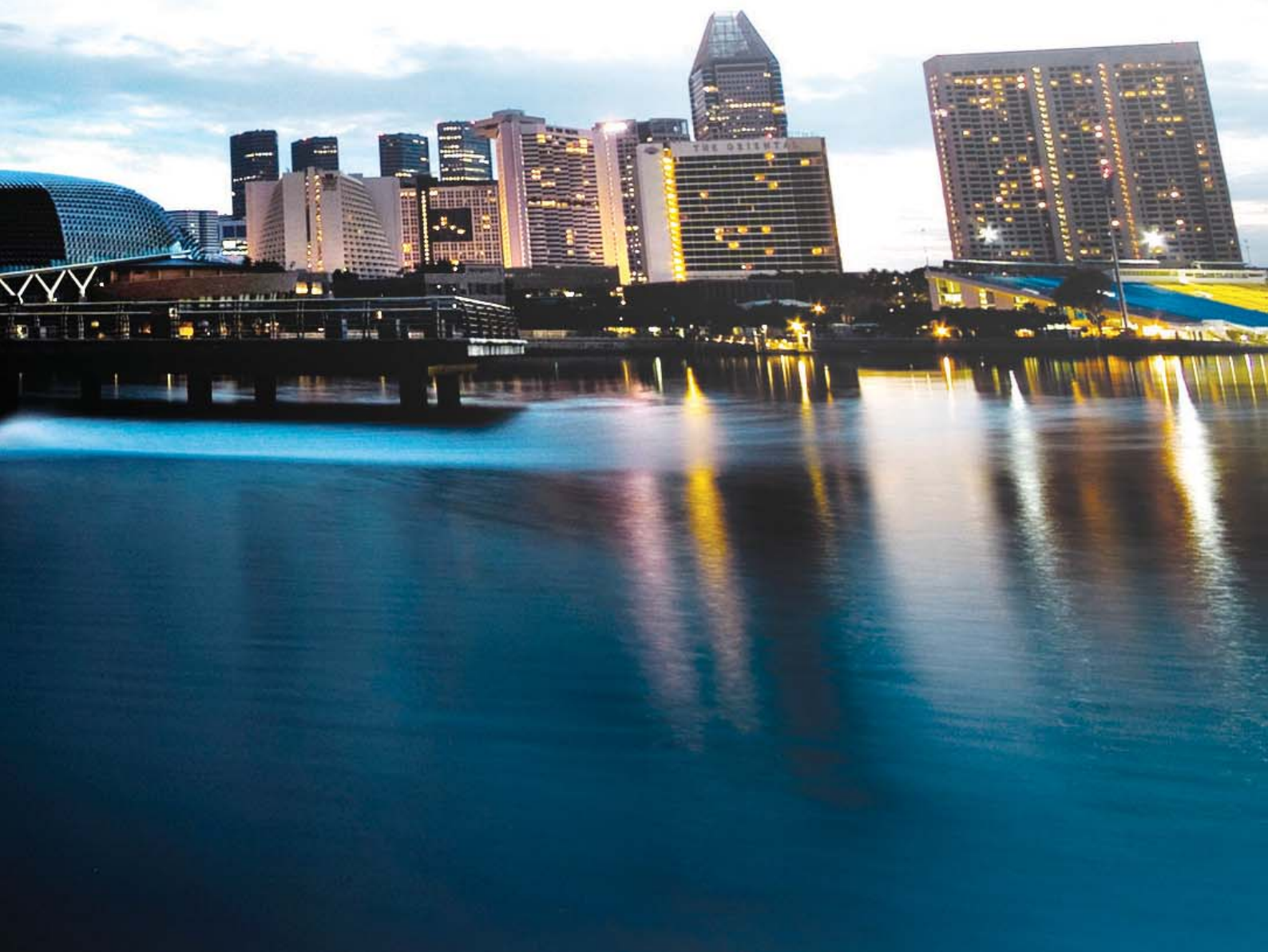
You long to see the world and its various cultures. Then, there's also that deep desire to experience a rewarding work adventure. The Singapore Work Holiday Programme is the perfect solution to achieve all these goals.

Exclusively designed for undergraduates and graduates from universities in eight locations around the globe, this unique programme is set to immerse you in the ultimate cosmopolitan society. Situated in the heart of Asia, Singapore resonates with a sophisticated global beat yet intrigues with its delightful Asian allure. It's a vibrant melting pot and a bustling business centre wrapped up in one clean and convenient package.

With an English-speaking working environment, living in the Lion City is a seamless affair for any global talent. You could say it's an exciting home away from home for Asians.

Wondrous work opportunities aside, you'll also appreciate the tantalising treats and buzzing entertainment the island has to offer from sunrise to sunset and beyond.

The Singapore Work Holiday Programme will be your passport to a fulfilling working adventure like no other, one that will no doubt inspire mind, body and soul. Read on and you'll know what we mean.





SINGAPORE AT A GLANCE



If there is one word that best captures Singapore, it is “unique”. We are a melting pot of diverse cultures. Blending harmoniously together are ethnic groups and religions, giving Singapore its unique identity.

In addition to being a global city with flourishing business opportunities and a thriving arts and cultural scene, Singapore is reputed to offer the best quality of life in Asia.

A clean and green environment with an efficient transport system, communication, excellent healthcare service and well-planned housing make living here a breeze and delightful.

Shopping is a national pastime here in Singapore. Be spoilt for choice with the wide range of high street brands available in mega-shopping malls lining Orchard Road, quaint flea markets along Sungei Road and more. There’s never a dull moment with non-stop entertainment, dining and leisure activities sprinkled with bubbly fun and vigour.

Be by the Bay

The city’s skyline is due for a magnificent metamorphosis with the massive new construction work underway at Marina Bay, the much awaited site for Singapore’s first Integrated Resort (IR) – Marina Bay Sands. Due for completion in 2009, this S\$5 billion resort promises experiences of grand-scale proportions! Elsewhere around Marina Bay,

you can fly high with the Singapore Flyer, a 45-storey high observation wheel or get your adrenalin racing with the Formula One Grand Prix in 2008.

Located 15 minutes away from the city centre is Sentosa Island where Resorts World at Sentosa (an integrated resort) rolls out the red carpet for guests. Be pampered with a wide range of accommodation, food and beverage, retail and entertainment attractions such as the Universal Studios which is the largest theme park in Asia.

Red hot happenings

With so much going on and more in the future, Singapore is a fun-filled place to live and play! The economic growth is robust with abundant opportunities abound.

In fact there has never been a better time to work in Singapore than now with job opportunities, wide choices of entertainment and array of recreational options. A hub for private banking, biomedical sciences, petrol chemical, infocomm and media sectors — Singapore has attracted multinational companies such as Procter & Gamble, Shell and Exxon Mobil.

Great experiences you shouldn’t miss

If adventure and opportunities are what you are seeking, live the Singapore experience with the Work Holiday Programme. Get a taste of working and living here while gaining valuable exposure, skills and knowledge!

The future awaits.

Where the world converges

Live the global lifestyle in a global city where talents come to work, live and play. A land of opportunities, Singapore warmly welcomes a great number of global talents

like you everyday. The world is coming to Singapore even as we reach out to a shrinking world.

We speak to some trailblazers and learn why they chose to come to Singapore.

“ Singapore may not match the aesthetic beauty of French culture, but this is where I want to be.

Francois Delatorre 18 year old; French Student ”

“ I look forward to the doors of opportunities that may open in the future.

Amelia Pranata Business Analyst ”



STAYING CONNECTED ACROSS THE GLOBE



Getting in touch with family and friends back home is just a dial or click away!

With a reliable and extensive telecommunications network, internet and postal services available at reasonable rates, you can chat to your hearts content with loved ones or send letters and emails to pals while in Singapore.

Make a Call

Stay contactable in Singapore with the three local telecommunication service providers:

- SingTel (www.singtel.com.sg)
- Starhub (www.starhub.com.sg)
- M1 (www.m1.com.sg)

Visit their websites for more information.

Get on the Net

Jump onto the internet highway with the four internet service providers (ISP) in Singapore:

- SingNet (www.singnet.com.sg)
- Starhub (www.starhub.com.sg)
- Pacific Internet (www.pacific.net.sg)
- M1 (www.m1.com.sg)

Visit their websites for more information.

Surf for Free

Say hooray to free internet usage! With plans to transform Singapore into an “intelligent” island, free wireless broadband access is made available in public areas like the Central Business District and Orchard Road. Called Wireless@SG, you can log onto the wireless network with a WiFi-enabled device.

Just register with one of the three providers (iCell, QMax, SingTel) and start surfing!

For more details on registration and wireless hotspots, visit IDA website at www.ida.gov.sg.

Postal Love

Postal services are available at all SingPost branches. You can also use S.A.M to weigh the mail or package (up to 2kg) and purchase stamps. Visit www.singpost.com.sg for more details on the rates.



FINDING A PLACE TO LIVE



There are many different types of accommodation with a range of facilities and prices to suit every budget. Have your own cosy abode by checking into a hostel or budget hotel.

Student or youth hostels offer much mobility and flexibility. The Metro-Y Youth Lodge has dormitory-styled accommodation with modern facilities like TV room and computers. Relax in comfortable and spacious spaces created for the youth/budget travellers in mind.

Budget hotels are another option when it comes to living in Singapore. Not only are budget hotels value for money, they also offer quality accommodation and are located conveniently around the island.

With such economical choices for the most comfortable accommodation, you can look forward to an enjoyable stay in Singapore!

Hostel options include:

Bugis Backpackers Hostel

A hostel located right in the heart of Bugis Village.

Tel: +65 6338 5581

Fern Loft Backpackers' Hostel

Inexpensive accommodation located along East Coast Road.

Tel: +65 6449 9066

The Inncrowd

Two hostels are located at the start of the bustling historic Little India conservation district.

Tel: +65 6296 9169

Katong Hostel

There are rooms, which can fill up to 10 people per unit.

Tel: +65 6346 6420

The Metro-Y Youth Lodge

Offering budget bed rates that are very economical and comfortable.

Tel: +65 6743 1775

Waterloo Hostel

The Hostel is within walking distance to shopping centres.

Tel: +65 6336 6555

YMCA of Singapore

Located in the heart of Singapore's major shopping, tourist, business and entertainment belt.

Tel: +65 6336 6000

For a more comprehensive list of affordable accommodation, check out these websites featuring budget hotels and hostels in Singapore:

<http://hotels.online.com.sg/budgethotels.asp>

<http://www.lodgingsingapore.com/hostels/>

http://www.streetdirectory.com/travel_guide/singapore/backpacker/hostel/

<http://singapore.angloinfo.com/af/300/singapore-youth-hostels-and-backpackers.html>



GO PUBLIC!



Getting around Singapore is a breeze with easy access to affordable and quality public transport.

With an efficient public transport system, roads and rail networks, you can generally get to any location in Singapore within an hour. The three main modes of public transport in Singapore are the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT; Singapore's equivalent of the Subway), buses and taxis.

Hop onboard

The public bus transport is provided by two operators, namely SBS Transit and SMRT. It is the most extensive form of public transportation with route networks and bus interchanges throughout Singapore.

The buses run daily from 5.30am to around midnight with extended night services which will cost slightly more. Travel in air-conditioned comfort with fares starting as low as 90 cents to S\$1.80.

Taking the public bus is a great way to gain insights into the daily commuters' way of life but be prepared for the waiting time which occasionally takes over half an hour, depending on the traffic conditions.

Taking the Trains

Get on the fast track with the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) system when commuting around Singapore. It is a great way to travel when you are thinking of hitting the shops in Orchard Road or the Central Business District.

More recently, the Light Rapid Transit (LRT) system was introduced to the existing train network. LRT is an intra-town loop service – passengers can switch from the MRT to the LRT to get to other parts of town and the service has been implemented in the housing estates of Bukit Panjang, Sengkang and Punggol.

The affordable fares make the MRT and LRT a preferred mode of public transport where commuters can travel in pleasant, clean conditions in the shortest time possible.

Tap and go

When taking the bus, MRT or LRT, fares are generally cheaper if you purchase and pay by an Ez-link card. It is a thin, compact smartcard with a stored value. Simply tap on the card readers which are located at the turnstiles of all MRT stations, and on the front and back entrances of all public buses. Travel fare is deducted automatically when you board and alight from the bus or trains.

- A surcharge applies from 12am to 6am
- S\$1 surcharge on public holidays and city surcharge
- Surcharge for phone bookings and advanced phone bookings

You can interact with the taxi drivers for nuggets of interesting and useful tips on Singapore!



Hail a Taxi

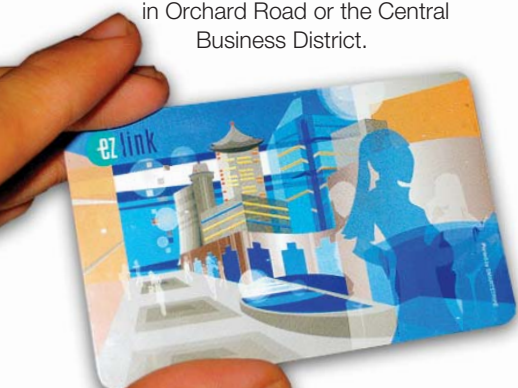
If you are looking to travel in privacy, greater speed and comfort, taxis can be easily hailed or booked through phone. There are seven taxi companies operating in Singapore: Comfort Transportation, CityCab, Yellow-Top Cab, SMRT Taxis, Trans-Cab, Smart Automobile and Premier Taxi.

Taxi fares in Singapore are charged by the meter.

Some fares and surcharges to note:

- Peak period surcharge of S\$2 between the hours of 07:00 and 09:30 and 17:00 and 20:00 (Monday to Saturday)

Fare stages	Non-Aircon		Aircon	
	Ez-link card	Cash	Ez-link card	Cash
Adult				
0 - 4	\$0.62	\$0.80	\$0.67	\$0.90
4.5 - 7	\$0.74	\$0.90	\$0.89	\$1.10
7.5 - 10	\$0.84	\$1.00	\$1.09	\$1.30
10.5 - 13	\$0.94	\$1.10	\$1.19	\$1.40
13.5 - 18	\$1.04	\$1.20	\$1.29	\$1.50
18.5 - 23	\$1.14	\$1.30	\$1.39	\$1.60
23.5 - 29	\$1.23	\$1.40	\$1.48	\$1.70
29.5 & more	\$1.33	\$1.50	\$1.58	\$1.80



ON THE CATWALK



Strut along or shop up a storm for a good bout of retail therapy with the array of quaint little

shops to mega-shopping malls in Singapore. It's fascinatingly addictive!

Ripe pickings at Orchard Road

Take your pick from the freshest and trendiest seasons' threads and accessories along Singapore's main shopping district. From shopping malls, niche boutiques, international and local labels, you will be spoilt for choice.

Head on down to the revamped **Wisma Atria** located just outside the Orchard MRT Station. Be spoilt for choice with affordable high-street fashion wear like Gap, FCUK and Karen Millen, drawing eager shopping crowds from teens, young adults to working professionals.

Ngee Ann City with Japanese giant departmental store **Takashimaya** and Southeast Asia's largest bookstore Kinokuniya is the perfect place to lose yourself in.

Teenagers and young adults will love malls of **The Heeren** and **Far East Plaza**, boasting of a variety of retail shops selling edgy merchandise, exclusive celebrity labels like Ed Hardy, HMV music, local vintage brands and funky accessories. The brand conscious will be drawn to **Paragon** and **Tangs** offering designer labels like Gucci, Valentino and a wide range of cosmetics, perfumes and skin products, as well as exclusive and specialised merchandise.

A contemporary mall with themed floors like "Music & Entertainment", "Hair & Beauty", **Plaza Singapura** is also home to a Golden

Village Cineplex to catch all the latest blockbuster movies!

Shop in the City

Alight at City Hall MRT Station and stroll into another huge shopping belt!

Raffles City Shopping Centre is a hotspot for youths and working adults with surf brands such as Roxy, Animal, grocery haven at the Marketplace, trendy cafes like Ben & Jerry's Scoop Store and Donut Factory attracting throngs of customers on a daily basis.

Link up at Singapore's only subterranean mall – **CityLink** with over 50 shops selling exquisite gifts, apparel, accessories and eateries like Thai Express.

It's hip to be at **Marina Square** too! Rejuvenated with an image overhaul and housing brands such as Zara and Massimo Dutti, Marina Square also tends to your tired body, hands and feet with foot reflexology, nail and spa services to knead those tired muscles away.

Bargains Galore

Nothing beats having fun shopping and saving at the same time!

Relish the thrill of a good buy and hit **the neighbourhood malls, bazaars and flea markets** dotted all round the island. With convenient access to MRT Stations and public transports, feed your retail therapy needs with twenty-four hours convenience stores like 7-11 and Cheers, knick knacks and other collectibles at the Thieves Market (the original flea market in Singapore) and fashion apparels at a steal at **Tanglin Mall's** second hand fashion and jumble bazaar.

Niche Shopping

Looking for something specific at the best prices? Here are the places to make a beeline for.

Gadget geeks can find a huge range of consumer electronics like digital cameras, music players and the like at Singapore's electronics hubs such as **Sim Lim Square** and **Funan DigitaLife Mall**. Remember to bargain with shopkeepers before buying to get the best deal.

Sports fanatics can jog on down to **Queensway Shopping Centre**. Decked out with renowned sports brands like Nike, Adidas and Puma, satisfy your sporting needs at relatively cheaper prices here! Like in Sim Lim, adopt a strategy of walking around, comparing prices and bargaining to keep your wallet happy. Shoe collectors can lay hands on exclusive sneakers from labels like Onitsuka Tiger at the Limited Edt store.



MRT STATIONS	MALLS	WHAT'S THERE
Pasir Ris	White Sands	About 110 shops offering a myriad of merchandise and services, with a National Library branch on the fourth level.
Tampines	Tampines Mall	One of Singapore's leading suburban malls, it offers a good mix of shopping, dining and entertainment under one roof.
	Century Square	A unique ladies-oriented mall, with an "Exclusively Hers" hub on its second floor targeted at females of all ages.
Simei	Eastpoint Mall	Besides the usual fare, Eastpoint also houses Challenger, a big IT store, as well as Pet Safari, which sells pets, animal needs and offers pet grooming services.
Bugis	Parco Bugis Junction	Glass-covered, air-conditioned shopping streets amidst Straits Chinese-style shophouses, with a variety of sidewalk cafes and retail stores that are popular with teenagers.
Tiong Bahru	Tiong Bahru Plaza	A convenient mall catered for families, with food and entertainment facilities like movie theatres and gaming arcades.
Jurong East	IMM	As a one-stop mall for furniture and interior design, IMM is the place to go if you need to revamp your house. A Giant hypermarket and lifestyle stores like Daiso cater to those who are just dropping by.
Boon Lay	Jurong Point	One of the biggest neighbourhood malls, Jurong Point's 200-over shops provide retail therapy for those who stay in the West.
Novena	Velocity @ Novena Square	Besides dedicating most of its shops to sporting needs, Velocity also organizes lifestyle workshops like Jam and Kryoga classes for its customers.
HarbourFront	VivoCity	As Singapore's largest lifestyle and retail mall, VivoCity houses a huge array of international brands. Featuring wide, open spaces for waterfront relaxation and entertainment, it draws huge crowds with its vibrant mix of shops.



NIGHTLIFE HIGH

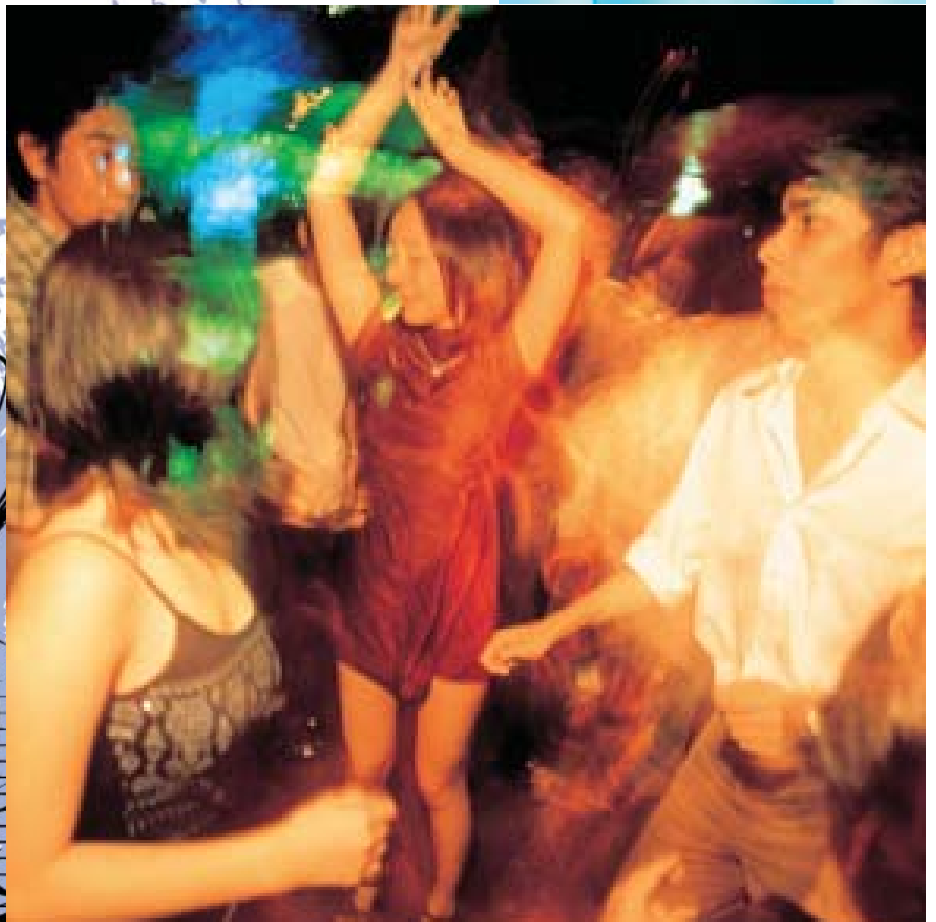
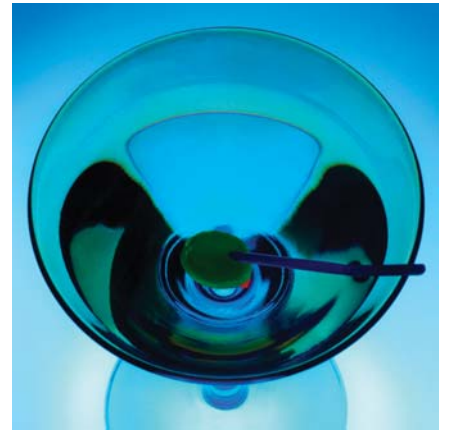


Here in Singapore we understand that all work and no play, makes Jack a dull boy. Watch the city transform when night falls and be drawn into the vibrant clubbing scene of lights, dance and music!

Dance to the hip tunes at Ministry of Sound and established homegrown icons like Zouk. Have a beach party under the stars and sea at Café del Mar in Sentosa or chill to the smooth music at the bars along Clarke Quay.

For a hot night of fun, head on down to Singapore's first coal fire station at St James Power Station.

Before you hit the clubs, do know there are designated smoking rooms available for revelers who want to light up and if you drink, don't drive. Have fun and stay safe!



OFF THE BEATEN TRACK



Looking for something out of the ordinary to do on a weekend? Discover Singapore like you have never seen before and journey into the city's rich and colourful multicultural history and heritage.

Slow down your steps, breathe in the dewy fresh air and take time to take in the sights and discover refreshing hidden corners in Singapore.

Idyllic haven and wildlife

Re-live the good old days and explore Singapore's only surviving kampong (Malay word for "village") – Pulau Ubin. Explore the island's shady trails, beaches, mangrove swaps and kelongs (offshore huts on stilts) on foot or on a bicycle.

Nature lovers can visit Chek Jawa, a natural wetland filled with marine wildlife located at Ubin's eastern tip. Gain valuable insights into their habitats from coastal forests to coral rubble and play a part in the conservation of these beautiful creatures.



Follow Singapore's Heritage Foot Prints

Boasting a rich diverse cultural heritage, be enthralled and enchanted by your own discovery of Singapore's untold

and best-kept secrets! Begin your trail at the Chinatown Heritage Centre and get a glimpse of the ethnic Chinese's early immigrant life.

Next, be greeted by the scent of spices and jasmine garlands in Little India. Stroll down its main street, Serangoon Road where shops selling a treasure trove of silverware, brassware, wood carvings and colourful silk saris are a dazzling sight to behold.

Visit the Sri Veeramkalamman temple, mosques and Mustafa Centre or rest your feet at one of the many restaurants and coffee shops with a glass of teh tarik (Malay for "hand-pulled tea") and crispy roti prata. The best time to visit Little India is during the Thaipusam festival (February) – when devotees carry elaborate "kavadis" pierced into their bodies – and Deepavali, the "festival of lights".

Head on down to Arab Street for a slice of Singapore's Muslim community life. Offering Arabic, Turkish, Egyptian cuisines, handicrafts, batik cloths alongside backpacker hostels and sheesha cafes.

Venture into the distinct ethnic old nyonya-tiled shophouses and restaurants of the Peranakan Chinese at Katong and Joo Chiat. An ethnic minority of the former Straits Settlements – Malacca, Penang and Singapore.

Emerald Treasures

Singapore's cityscape and suburban areas are nestled with lush greenery and peaceful nature spots. Get in touch with Mother Nature and her creations at one of the many national parks and nature reserves such as the Singapore Botanic Gardens.



For a glimpse of migratory shorebirds, head on down to Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve. Embark on a treetop adventure at MacRitchie Reservoir or unwind with leisurely kite-flying at East Coast Park or Marina South.

Must-visit Destination

Revel in endless fun and excitement on Sentosa. Brimming with events all year round, discover a unique blend of leisure and recreational facilities including family attractions, sparkling beaches, lush nature, and more!



TEMPTING THE TASTE BUDS



You will never go hungry with the affordable array of healthy tasty eating choices in Singapore!

The way through a person's heart is through the stomach. This rings true in Singapore and it's not hard to see why people are falling head over heels in love with the endless range of cuisine and hawker food available here.

A gastronomical food paradise, simply step into any restaurant, cafe or hawker centre and indulge in an appetite whetting spread! Best of all, whether you're tucking into an authentic curry or sampling some modern twists on Singapore classics, you will be glad to know that the prices won't break the bank.

For a low-down on the most talked-about restaurants and dishy reviews, visit Hungry GoWhere (<http://www.hungrygowhere.com>), a website where locals and foreigners exchange tasty tidbits and recommendations for the best places to satisfy the hungry soul!

Go Chinese

The largest and most established cuisine in Singapore, comprising of Chinese dialect cuisine types such as Hokkien, Teochew, Cantonese, Hokchiu, Hakka, and Hainanese.

With culinary roots tracing back to southern China, most have been adjusted to suit local tastes by introducing heavy sauces and spices in the Singaporean Chinese cuisine. A fusion result of local Malay, Indian and Western influences.

Wild Wild West

British cuisine was one of the first to arrive on the shores of Singapore, other popular western cuisines include European, Mediterranean, Australian, North and Latin American.

Dig into prime ribs, tender steaks, lamb shanks, pasta, pizza, burgers and more with relish complete with friendly service.

Malay & Indonesian Flavours

The native population of the region, Malay cuisine has been around long before the British arrived. Simmered with Indonesian influences due to the close proximity to Indonesia, traditional favourites like mee goreng (Malay fried rice), satay (skewered BBQ meat) and nasi lemak (coconut rice) are well-loved by Singaporeans of all races.

Irresistibly Indian

Offering both North and South Indian cuisine, the former is spicier and creamier than the latter. Bite into spicy vegetarian curries, dosai, chappati and briyani dishes. The variety of Indian dishes has been widened with traces of Persian/Iranian influences in many of the North Indian dishes.



MAKE IT POSSIBLE WITH THE WORK HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!



How can I apply for the WHP?

You must complete the soft copy application form (in MS Word format) which you can download from the MOM website.

Once you have completed the form, send it as an e-mail attachment to mom_whp_wpd@mom.gov.sg. The subject of your e-mail should read "Application for WHP".

A fee of S\$40 for successful applications will be charged upon collection of the WHP Pass. Where applicable, a fee of S\$20 is also chargeable for a single or multiple journey visa. Refer to the following website for visa details: http://app.ica.gov.sg/travellers/entry/visa_requirements.asp.

What documents must I submit with my application?

You must attach a letter from your University/ College as proof that you are a student, or have been accepted as a student of that university. The letter should include your name, nationality, gender and date of birth. If you are a graduate, a copy of your degree certificate or transcripts must be submitted.

In addition, you must attach a copy of your passport particulars page showing your name, date of birth, gender and photograph. These soft copy documents, to be attached for submission along with your application form, must be in image files in JPEG format ('jpg' extension). Please ensure that the images are clear.

How long will the processing of the application take? How will I be informed of the outcome?

Your application will be processed in 21 days. An e-mail will be sent to inform you of the outcome.

Eligibility

How can I qualify for the WHP?

You must be a full-time student or graduate from a university in one of the following locations:

- Australia • France • Germany
- Hong Kong • Japan • New Zealand
- The United Kingdom • The United States

You may also apply if you have gained admission to the university but have not commenced your studies. All applicants must be between 17 and 30 years of age.

I am not a citizen in any of the eight locations, but am a full-time university student studying in one of them. Do I qualify for the WHP?

Yes, you will qualify as long as you are a full-time student or a recent graduate from the universities on the list.

Why is the WHP open to only eight locations?

The WHP is introduced as a pilot scheme. The locations will be reviewed over time.

How do I know if my university is approved under the WHP?

A list of the universities is available at www.contactsingapore.org.sg/WHPSingapore.

How long can I stay in Singapore? Are there any employment restrictions?

You can work and stay for up to six months. You will not be restricted to only specific types of work. Since this is a short work stint, there is also no minimum salary requirement.

Can I leave and re-enter Singapore after obtaining my WHP pass?

Yes. You can leave and re-enter Singapore within the validity period of your WHP pass.

What other requirements are there for the WHP?

You need to be able to support yourself financially during your time in Singapore. As part of the WHP application process, we require you to declare that you have sufficient funds for your stay and departure.

You will also need to make a health declaration before being issued the WHP pass.

Must I secure employment before I apply for the WHP pass?

No, you do not need to find a job before you apply for the WHP.





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