

Day Trips in Singapore

*Places in Singapore, no passport needed

Pulau Ubin

Take a trip to Pulau Ubin Island to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city and enjoy some nature. Remember to pack some insect repellent, sunblock, a camera and sufficient cash (in SGD).

Getting there: 15-minute boat ride from <u>Changi Point</u> <u>Ferry Terminal</u> (\$4 per person per way, cash payment to boat driver). Note that the departures are not based on a set timetable but on filling the boat, and remember to plan your return journey by coordinating with boat operators to ensure a safe return trip.

Getting around the island: Rent a bike to explore the island, or walk on trails to get closer to the flora and fauna surrounding the island

Key spots to visit:

- Chek Jawa Wetlands Mangrove swamps with a rich marine life ecosystem
- Sensory Trail Learn how fruit trees like papaya, banana, rambutan are planted and maintained, pass by historical sites such as a rubber plantation and a Kampung house
- Puaka Hill Enjoy a panoramic view of the island as well as the remains of an old granite quarry





Sentosa

Spend the day at Sentosa, an island resort off Singapore's southern coast.

Getting there:

- Grab/Taxi Drop-Off in the island (subject to entry fees)
- Take the Sentosa Express from VivoCity shopping mall at Harbourfront MRT (\$4 Entry Fee)
- Walk in via the Sentosa Boardwalk, accessible from VivoCity for free
- Take a Cable Car from Harbourfront Tower II for an aerial overview of the city skyline and habour (\$33-\$35 Round Trip)

Activities:

- S.E.A. Aquarium Large aquarium home to over 1000 species of marine animals
- Universal Studios Singapore Theme park with thrilling rides, shows and attractions
- 3) Skyline Luge Gravity fuelled thrill ride
- 4) Trick Eye Museum Optical illusions exhibit





Day /Overnight Trips from Singapore

*Countries near Singapore, passport required and do check if you require a visa

Johor Bahru (Malaysia)

Johor Bahru is the closest Malaysian state to Singapore. With many Singaporeans visiting over the weekend, it's a great day trip option! Make sure to bring your passport along, check your visa requirements and bring sufficient Malaysian Ringgit.

Getting there: Taking the bus is the easiest way for tourists to get to Johor Bahru, but beware of long bus and immigration queues during peak periods.

Take a bus from Woodlands MRT or Kranji MRT to Woodlands Checkpoint. You will need to take another bus to get to the Malaysia Customs.

Getting around: The easiest way to get around is by taking Grab rides around. Use the Grab rideshare app to make bookings, and pay by linking your card or choosing the cash option.

Activities / Spots:

- 1) Johor Ancient Temple temple built in 1870s
- 2) Café hopping many trendy cafes around
- Mid Valley Southkey Large mall with many food and retail options

Bintan Island (Indonesia)

Just a short ferry away, part of Indonesia is Bintan, a popular spot for a weekend getaway! Make sure to bring your passport along, check your visa requirements, make accommodation plans and bring sufficient Indonesian Rupiah.

Getting there: Take a 60 minute ferry from Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal or HarbourFront Centre. Make sure to book your ferry tickets beforehand as ferries can fill up fast. (Approx. \$70-100 return)

Getting around: Note that there is no Gojek or Grab service in Bintan Island. The best transportation option is through Taxi Services, or hiring a private driver.

Activities / Spots:

- 1) Bintan Desert Book a tour package to visit the desert and sand dunes
- Relax and play Unwind at one of the many beach resorts the island has to offer. Many resorts also offer water activities for thrill-seekers.
- Gastronomy Explore the variety of local foods such as Nasi Padang and Ayam Bakar, or feast on seafood









More Information and Resources

For more comprehensive information on tourism in Singapore, do visit the official Singapore tourism website: <u>https://www.visitsingapore.com/en/</u> Here you can find out more information on the various sights to visit, and also find tours and featured itineraries.

Here are some other useful resources:

<u>https://www.lonelyplanet.com/singapore</u> – Find more inspiration on planning your activities in Singapore, and tips on travel in Singapore.

<u>https://thesmartlocal.com</u> – Explore Singapore from a local's perspective if you wish to get a different travel experience, and also find local reviews on many places.

https://www.klook.com - Book tours and experiences

Other suggested attractions

- 1. Discover wildlife at the Singapore Zoo, River Wonders, Night Safari, or Bird Paradise.
- 2. Take a stroll at Singapore's first UNESCO World Heritage Site, the <u>Singapore Botanic</u> <u>Gardens</u> which is a 165 year old tropical garden located at the fringe of the <u>Orchard Road</u> shopping district.
- 3. Take pictures at the world's tallest indoor waterfall located in <u>Jewel Changi Airport</u> and enjoy the many other attractions available in Jewel such as the Canopy Park and Changi Experience Studio.
- 4. Marvel at the breath-taking views from the <u>Singapore Flyer</u>, which is also within close proximity of <u>Marina Bay Sands</u>.

Travelling around Singapore

Comprehensive guide: https://www.visitsingapore.com/travel-guide-tips/getting-around/

Public Transportation (MRT/Bus)

Public transportation in Singapore is extensive, fast and efficient. Most places are reachable by the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) Trains and buses.

To pay for your rides, you can:

- 1) Get a Singapore Tourist Pass at the Ticket Office of selected MRT stations listed <u>here</u>.
- 2) Buy a Stored-Value card at Passenger Service Centres in train stations or convenience stores.
- Use your foreign-issued Mastercard and Visa bank cards, or mobile wallets to tap into any MRT station or bus without registration. Admin fees apply for foreign-issued cards.

Taxis or Ride-hailing Applications

You can take a taxi or book a ride through ridehailing applications if you do not wish to take the train or bus.

Taxis can be hailed by the roadside at most places, or by queuing for one at a taxi stand.

You may also use a ride-hailing application to book a ride from your pick-up location to your desired destination. Some popular options include:

- 1) <u>Grab</u>
- 2) Gojek
- 3) <u>Ryde</u>
- 4) TADA

*All apps can be downloaded on Google Play or Apple App Store