



Tips for next year's exchange students in Singapore

Visa. Singapore is a very organized place and NUS is no different: you will be given your student visa directly on the campus, as well as your health insurance card and everything you need, from an administrative point of view.

Housing. Some students live in the dorms on campus, but most of them complain of not enjoying the city. Therefore, you'll have to find a flatshare. I used the most famous website there, easyroomates.com, and found it quickly. The south part of Singapore is by far the most convenient, but Queensway is also good. I paid S\$1,500 for a master room (bathroom attached) in a condo in Bukit Timah, a very nice and green area. You can enjoy the condo comfort with swimming-pool, gym etc. or choose a HDB as a more affordable option.

Living expenses. Eating outside is cheap in a food court (\$3 or \$4 for an Asian meal), restaurant prices are equivalent to the ones in Israel. Mobile plans are not an option for people who stay less than a year, you'll have to use prepaid cards (Singtel), more expensive. Going out is relatively expensive, all drinks are about S\$15 in bars at night, but you definitely want to enjoy the night scene.

Transportation. Surprisingly, NUS students do not have the right to get student pass fares, so you're going to use a prepaid bus pass. About S\$1 per journey, which varies with the distance. Very convenient but you have to use Google map to get an idea of the routes, since there are no map at bus stops!

Courses. I made the choice to look at the list of courses beyond the MBA ones, and found a very good entrepreneurship course that allowed me to meet engineers. There are also free Chinese courses, quite difficult, but very useful to say a few words from time to time. You have to register very quickly, definitely the first week you arrive, to hope to have a seat. I attended Asian business environment, very nice with a case study each week. I also enjoyed Innovation through service improvements with Professor Chia.

Beyond the courses, Singapore is a great place for business, you can discover the start-up scene at Block 71. There are also many events that you can attend at the business school every week.

Recreation. Clark Quay is the most famous place with many restaurants, clubs and pubs. An amazing place in the city center with many locals and international people. Best pub in the area: Le Noir! Another area is Sentosa, an island in the south with nice pool parties. You can also mix with locals quite easily, enjoy the Asian entertainments (KTV!)

General experience. Singapore is a hub for Asia and you should use this opportunity to travel in the surrounding countries during week-end: Vietnam, Thailand, China, Malaysia, Indonesia, Myanmar etc!

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