

TRAVEL AND HOTEL INFORMATION

About Singapore

Climate: 25-33 degrees Celsius. Tropical. Cooler months are from November to January.

Drinking Water: Water is clean and safe to drink from the tap.

Driving: Minimum age is 18 years with a valid state/provincial driver's license. An international driver's license is required for visits beyond one month. Cars are right-hand drive; driven on the left-hand side of the road.

Electric Current: Standard voltage is 220-240 volts AC, 50 cycles per second. Most hotels are equipped with transformers for 110-120 volts AC, 60 cycles per second appliances.

Recreation/Sports: Some of the popular recreational activities are: archery, canoeing, cycling, golfing, and scuba diving, squash, swimming, tennis, water skiing and wind surfing.

Smoking: Smoking is prohibited in public buses, elevators, theaters, cinemas, air-conditioned restaurants, shopping centers and government offices.

Tipping: Prohibited at the airport and discouraged at hotels and restaurants those have a 10% service charge.

Travel Season: Singapore's tropical climate offers visitors unlimited opportunities to experience a leisure vacation and the outdoors year-round.

What to Wear: Singapore has a warm and humid climate throughout the year with a daily average temperature range of 24 degrees Celsius to 32 degrees Celsius. Light and summer clothing made from natural fabrics like cotton is best for everyday wear. Casual dress is acceptable for most situations and occasions but some establishments may require a more formal dress code. It is always advisable to check beforehand on dress regulations, if any.

Banking / Money Changing: Banking hours is: Monday to Friday, 10am -3pm; Saturday, 9:30am-1:00pm; Sunday, 9:30am-3pm (some banks in Orchard Road). Travelers' checks/cheques and foreign currencies may be changed at most banks and licensed money changers. Most automated teller machines (ATM) offer the PLUS, STAR or CIRRUS network systems

Communications: Singapore is the center of telecommunications in Southeast Asia with 24-hour telex, international direct dial (IDD) telephone, telegram and facsimile services. Telephone country code is 65.

Credit Cards: American Express, Carte Blanche, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa are widely accepted.

Language: English, Malay, Mandarin and Tamil are the four official languages. While Malay is the national language, English, as the language of business and administration, is widely spoken and understood.

Office Hours: Business/government offices are usually open Monday to Friday, 9AM-5PM and Saturday, 9AM-1PM.

Time Difference: 13 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time; 14 hours ahead of Central and 16 hours ahead of Pacific Standard Time.

Drug Abuse: Drug abuse is viewed seriously in Singapore. Illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances is strictly prohibited.

Hotel Phone Services: Most hotels offer in-room international direct dial (IDD) telephone services. However, some hotels may charge a minimal 30 cents successful call transaction surcharge. As there are different IDD service providers in Singapore, rates and access codes are dependent on the service provider used by the hotel. Generally, local calls are charged at 10 cents for every 3 minutes.

Laundry: Same-day laundry service is available in most hotels. Typically, it costs SGD 5 for a laundered shirt, SGD 10 for a dress and SGD 14 for a dry-cleaned suit. Independent dry-cleaners can be found in the Yellow Pages of the Singapore Phone Book.

Medical Facilities: Singapore's medical facilities are among the finest in the world, with well-qualified doctors and dental surgeons. Pharmaceuticals are available from numerous outlets, including supermarkets, department stores, hotels and shopping centers. Registered pharmacists work from 9 am to 6 pm. The Traveler's Health and Vaccination Clinic at Tan Tock Sang Hospital provides pre-and-post travel evaluation, advice and treatment of travel-related illnesses as well as vaccination services.

Traveler's Health and Vaccination Clinic Tan Tock Sang Hospital Medical Centre Level B2 11 Japan Tan Tock Sang Singapore 308433 Tel: 65-6357 2222 Fax: 65-6352 5661	Opening hours: Mon - Fri, 8:00am - 5:30pm Sat, 8:00am - 12:30pm Closed on Sun & public holidays.
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Internet: http://www.ttsh.gov.sg/patient_public/patient_frame.htm

Most hotels have their own doctor on-call around the clock. Other doctors are listed under Medical Practitioners in the Yellow Pages of the Singapore Phone Book. For an ambulance, dial 995. Visitors could also consult doctors at the following hospitals:

HOSPITAL: Singapore General Hospital
ADDRESS: Outram Road, Singapore 169608
TEL: 65-6222 3322
FAX: 65-6224 9221

HOSPITAL: Mount Elizabeth Hospital
ADDRESS: 3 Mt. Elizabeth, Singapore 228510
TEL: 65-6737 2666
FAX: 65-6734 0518

HOSPITAL: Mount Alvernia Hospital
ADDRESS: 820 Thomson Road Singapore 574623
TEL: 65-6253 4818
FAX: 65-6255 6303

HOSPITAL: Gleneagles Hospital
ADDRESS: 6A Napier Road, Singapore 258500
TEL: 65-6473 7222
FAX: 65-6470 5616

Mobile Phones: There are three mobile phone networks - CDMA, GSM900 and GSM 1800 - and 3 mobile telephone service providers - SingTel, M1 and Starhub. For SingTel, the access code is 001, for M1, the access code is 002 and for Starhub, the access code is 008.

Money Changers: Apart from banks and hotels, money can be changed wherever the sign "Licensed Money Changer" is displayed. Most shopping complexes have a licensed money changer. Visitors are discouraged from changing money with unlicensed money changers.

Safety: Travelers across the world are understandably more concerned about personal safety and security issues today than ever before. The Singapore Tourism Board would like to assure all our visitors that the situation in Singapore remains calm and stable and it is business as usual.

The Singapore Government has and will continue to be vigilant in ensuring that Singapore remains safe. It has stepped up security measures at key installations and other sensitive places. The Government has also made it known that extremism originating from religion or race has no place in Singapore and it will not hesitate to take action against any extremist or terrorist groups or individuals. The swift and definite actions of the Singapore Internal Security Department over the recent arrests of the 15 terrorists in January 2002 are testimony to this.

Visa

According to the Singapore Immigration Registry website:

http://www.gov.sg/mha/sir/travel_tips/visareqs.html

Foreigners holding travel documents issued by the following countries will require a Visa to enter Singapore:

List of Countries

Afghanistan
Algeria
Bangladesh*
Cambodia**
Commonwealth of Independent States
Armenia
Azerbaijan
Belarus
Georgia
Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan
Moldova
Russia
Tajikistan
Turkmenistan
Ukraine
Uzbekistan
Egypt
India*
Iran
Iraq
Jordan*
Laos*
Lebanon
Libya
Myanmar*
People's Republic of China
Pakistan
Saudi Arabia
Somalia
Sudan
Syria
Tunisia*
Vietnam*
Yemen

* *Except for visitors with Diplomatic and Official passports. (Laos diplomatic/Official Passport Holders are only exempted from visa requirements for a stay of up to 30 days)*

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In addition, those holding Hong Kong Documents of Identity, Macau SAR Travel Permit, Refugee Travel Documents issued by Middle-East countries and Palestinian Authority Passports will also require a Visa.

You may wish to visit The Singapore Immigration and Registration (SIR) website:

http://www.gov.sg/mha/sir/visitor_sc/visaappln.html

To be confirm your visa requirements. Application forms can also be obtained in advance from the SIR website.

http://www.gov.sg/mha/sir/visitor_sc/visaappln.html#typesofvisaapplications

Generally, it takes 2-4 weeks to process visa applications. If you encounter any difficulties with your visa application, you may send your enquiry to the ASCC 2002 Secretariat at ASCC2002@nus.edu.sg

Tours

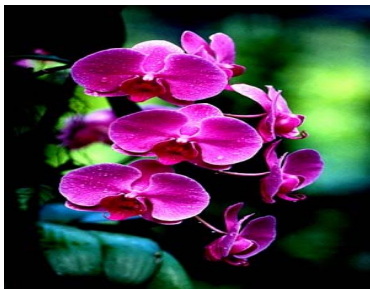
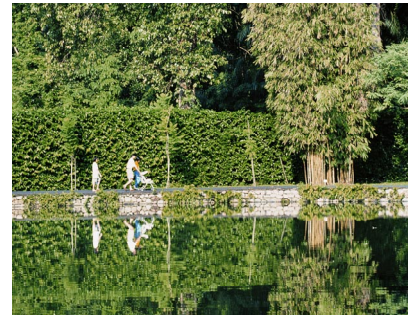
Conference delegates visiting Singapore may wish to explore more of Singapore by joining some of the optional local tours available. For the more adventurous, we also have readily available regional tours to neighboring countries such as Malaysia and Indonesia.

Local Tours

City Synopsis

See the city's colonial heritage in its entire splendor with a drive past PARLIAMENT HOUSE and the imposing SUPREME COURT and CITY HALL that overlooks the PADANG, the venue for many state occasions.

Then proceed to fascinating CHINATOWN where temples and traditional shop houses retain the Chinese character in this enclave. Next, capture a bird's eye view of the world's busiest port from MT. FABER. From a height of 105 meters above sea level, you can see the oil refineries on the off-shore islands, reflecting Singapore's position as one of the world's largest petroleum refining centre.



A stop will be made at a JEWELLERY WHOLESale FACTORY for a demonstration on jewellery hand-crafting, where purchase is optional.

The next stop is the NATIONAL ORCHID GARDEN located in the BOTANIC GARDENS where the first rubber trees were planted in this part of the world.

Finally, we drive pass LITTLE INDIA to experience the lively trading community and be overwhelmed by the charms of this part of old Singapore.

Frequency:	Twice Daily
Timing:	9:30AM - 1:00PM / 2:30PM - 6:00PM
Pick-up:	From 9:00AM / From 2:00PM
Price:	S\$29 (Adult) / S\$15 (Child)

Sentosa Isle of Tranquility

SENTOSA, which means Isle of Tranquility in Malay, has been transformed into a top pleasure resort offering an interesting variety of activities.

Enjoy a scenic CABLE CAR RIDE to the island of Sentosa. Visit the fascinating IMAGES OF SINGAPORE to re-live the history and festivals of Singapore. Next, adjourn to the UNDERWATER WORLD, Asia's first and largest tropical fish oceanarium with over 5,000 marine specimens.



Visit the Merlion Walk and observe the spectacular 37 metres Merlion Tower soaring into the sky. A monorail ride enables you to catch a bird's eye view of the island's attractions and catch Singapore's busy port.

Optional: For those who wish to explore the island further, convenient transportation is available to the hotel at your own expense.

Dolphin Lagoon - View the pink-colored Indo-Pacific Humpback Dolphins. Admission is free.

Volcanoland - Asia's biggest man-made and most active volcano with interesting multi-sensory show. Check our special entrance

Frequency:	Daily
Timing:	8:30AM - 12:30PM
Pick-up:	From 8:00AM
Price:	S\$50 (Adult) / S\$25 (Child)

Night Safari Adventure

Discover the beautiful and unusual wildlife in their **NATURAL JUNGLE** setting and know more about their nocturnal life.



Watch the Cape Buffalo, African Bongo, Blue Sheep, Striped Hyena, Golden Jackal, the Greater One Horned Rhinoceros and many others roaming freely through the Night Safari lush ground.

Experience the 360 meters exhibit, home to the Egyptian Fruit Bats and World's largest bats, the Malayan Flying Foxes. Watch the bats swoop overhead and at shoulder level.

Take in the smell, sound and mysterious ambience of the night as you make new discoveries at every turn. We also take a **TRAM RIDE** round the ground.

Frequency:	Daily
Timing:	7:00PM - 10:30PM
Pick-up	From 6:30PM
Price:	S\$42 (Adult) / S\$21 (Child)

Regional Tours

Visit Malacca (Malaysia)

This full day tour takes you north to visit Malacca, one of the oldest cities which have been referred to as the "Cradle of Malaysia's civilisations".



Malacca's rich history covers 600 years from a Malay Kingdom under Chinese protection to a Portuguese build port, then taken over by the Dutch, who passed it to the British and eventually made a part of Malaysia. The drive to Malacca takes us through rubber and oil plantations and other cash crops and fruit farms.

After **LUNCH** in Malacca, we relive the past by visiting historical sites such as the **CHENG HOON TENG TEMPLE** in Chinatown, the **DUTCH SQUARE** with its old colonial buildings, the ruins of the Portuguese fortress, A FARMOSA and last but not least a climb up **ST. PAUL'S HILL** to see where the body of St Frances Xavier was interred.

See a **DEMONSTRATION** on how fine jewellery of world-class quality is made. You will be fascinated by how certain interesting jewellery details are achieved.
A Tour Worth for its Rustic Charms !!!

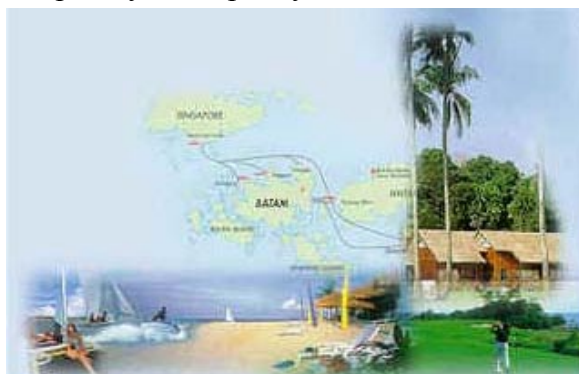
Frequency:	Daily (Except Public Holidays)
Timing:	8:30AM - 8:30PM
Pick-up:	From 8:00AM
Price:	S\$75 (Adult) / S\$38 (Child) Lunch included / Passport required.

Batam Island (Indonesia)

Take a high speed ferry to Batam Island, a popular resort destination in Indonesia and experience the rustic charm alongside the trappings of a modern resort, including duty-free shopping.

The first stop is the **IHARA BUDHI SAKTI TEMPLE**. Proceed next to **NAGOYA TOWN**, the largest township in Batam where you will walk through the narrow streets too see locals peddling their wares. Then proceed to **BUKIT SENYUM** for a panoramic view of Batam and the Singapore Skyline.

Shop till you drop as you visit the **BIGGEST INDONESIAN EMPORIUM**. Come and



buy direct face to face from various producers from all over Indonesia for the finest quality goods. Lunch at a Kelong Seafood Restaurant in **BATU BESAR**. The restaurant is built on stilts over the sea.

Next adjourn to a local **CULTURAL SHOW** put up by the natives. Final stop is **NONGSA POINT RESORT** where you will be served refreshment. For a small fee of S\$5.00, you can enjoy a refreshing

afternoon swim in the pool or relax at the outdoor jacuzzi. Spare shirt and towel are recommended.

Note: Drop-off service from Singapore ferry terminal back to hotel is not included. If transfer back to hotel is needed, it can be arranged at an additional cost.

Frequency:	Daily (Except Public Holidays)
Timing:	8:00AM - 6:00PM
Pick-up:	From 7:15AM
Price:	S\$82 (Adult) / S\$44 (Child 12-11 yrs) Minimum 2 passengers / Passport required. Upon confirmation, 100% cancellation charges applied.

All the above mentioned tours can be arranged and purchased from our tour counter during the conference. Tour pick-up points are available at all our official hotels. For additional information and other optional tours, please visit our travel agent's website at <http://www.singaporetours.com.sg>

Hotels

The organizing committee has appointed three official hotels for *The 4th Asian Control Conference* as follows:

CONRAD CENTENNIAL SINGAPORE

2 Temasek Boulevard, Singapore 038982

<http://www.conradcentennial.com.sg/>

(Opposite the Conference venue)

CARLTON HOTEL SINGAPORE

76 Bras Basah Road Singapore 189558

www.carlton-hotel.net

(About 10 minutes walk from the ASCC conference venue. A two-way transfer to and from the Conference venue is available)

GRAND PLAZA HOTEL SINGAPORE

10 Coleman Street, Singapore 179809

<http://www.plazapacifichotels.com/grandplaza/index.htm>

(15-minute walk from the conference venue, and daily transfers to and from the conference venue will be provided).

The location map for three hotels is provided on [page ??](#).

The specially discounted rates have been obtained and shown as follows.

CONRAD CENTENNIAL SINGAPORE	5 Stars	S\$200.00 +++	
GRAND PLAZA HOTEL SINGAPORE	4 Stars	S\$135.00 +++	
CARLTON HOTEL SINGAPORE	4 Stars 5 Stars	S\$135.00 +++ S\$160.00 +++	Deluxe Premier

Note: the above rates are quoted per room per night in Singapore \$ for both single and double occupancy, subject to prevailing taxes and services charges, and exclusive of breakfast.

In order to enjoy the special preferential rates that have been negotiated, our delegates will have to make their hotel reservations using the forms in the author's kit. They should submit your reservations directly to the respective hotels. Confirmation of reservation will be made by the hotel, too. As the month of September coincides with several other major events happening in Singapore, it is recommended that early room bookings be made to avoid disappointment.



We hope that this arrangement will bring greater convenience to your travel arrangement to attend *The*

4th Asian Control Conference and we look forward to meeting you in Singapore.

Local Arrangement

For further information on hotel and local arrangement, please contact the Local Arrangements Co-Chair:

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Requests for meeting rooms should be made to the Local Arrangements Chair well in advance with details regarding room specifications, date, time, number of attendees, and any special requirements. Such requests will be accommodated on a space-available basis.