



COUNTRY PROFILE

SINGAPORE



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Country : Singapore
Capital : Singapore (city)
Language : English, Mandarin, Malay, and Tamil
Population : 5 535 000 inhabit km² (2015)
Density : 7 697 inhabit km²
Surface area : 130 395 km²
Currency : Singapore dollar
Time zone : UTC +8
Internet domain : .sg
Telephone code : +65

HEALTH SYSTEM

The health system in Singapore is a true world reference. Recognized for its effectiveness, it is organized in 3 subsystems, Medisave, Medishield and Medifund.

Each employee has a Medical Saving Account that he feeds at 6% to 8% of his salary (depending on age). The amount is used to cover his health expenses (e.g. hospital bills, etc.).

For rare and more serious diseases, the costs of which cannot be borne by Medisave, their coverage is provided by the Medishield, established since 1990.

Poor people and needy patients, in turn, benefit from a specific fund, the Medifund.

Only permanent residents benefit from this health system in Singapore. For expatriates, it is essential to take out a private insurance, type "World Pass".

VACCINES

To get to Singapore, no vaccine is required. In contrast, travelers over one year of age from an infected country must present a yellow fever vaccination certificate.

It is also recommended to update the vaccination schedule :

- **DTPolio** : this includes the 3 main vaccines against tetanus, diphtheria, polio.

Also remember to immunize against hepatitis A and B before your stay in Singapore :

- **Hepatitis A** : the hepatitis A vaccine is recommended for people who wish to stay for a long time or those who intend to settle in areas with uncertain health conditions or in isolated areas.

- **Hepatitis B** : this vaccine is recommended for long or repeated stays.

SICKNESS

There are no particular risks in Singapore, but it is still better to protect yourself against :

- **Hepatitis A** : transmitted mainly by water and contaminated food. People staying in precarious hygiene conditions must double their attention.

- **Hepatitis B** : it is a viral disease transmitted by blood or sexual intercourse.

- **Traveler's diarrhea** : it is mainly due to water and poor hygiene. The risk is low, but prevention is required.

- **Japanese encephalitis**.

Care	Rates
Normal clinic consultation	27,50 \$ (17 EUR)
Emergency consultation in a hospital	227 \$ (149 EUR)
Dermatology consultation	150 \$ (98 EUR)
Setting up a simple dressing	30 \$ (19 EUR)
Practice cost (package charged for technical acts)	30 \$ (19 EUR)
Radios	78 \$ (51 EUR)
Laboratory examinations	62 \$ (40 EUR)

THE DISADVANTAGES OF THE PUBLIC **SYSTEM**

- Waiting times are relatively long.

THE DISADVANTAGES OF THE PRIVATE **SYSTEM**

- Health care costs are very high

IN CASE OF **EMERGENCY**

Police : **999**

Fire Department and ambulance : **100**

Consular Permanence : **(65) 98 16 63 64**

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WORLD PASS **TIPS**

Before traveling to Singapore, it is recommended that you take out private insurance to be better reimbursed for your health expenses in the country. World Pass health insurance allows you to benefit from:

- 100% reimbursement of health and medical expenses at their real costs
- Direct payment of hospitalization and subsistence costs
- Assistance and medical repatriation
- Civil liability

Know that there is no social security agreement between France and Singapore. It is also interesting to register with the "Caisse des Français a l'étranger (CFE)."



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