KEY FACTS

Population:	4,839,400
Area:	707.1 km^2
Capital City:	Singapore City
Languages:	English, Malay, Mandarin, Tamil
Currency:	Singapore Dollar (SGD)
Time Zone:	UTC/GMT +8 hours

CLIMATE

Hot and humid with temperatures ranging between 79°F (26°C) and 86°F (30°C) during the day getting cooler at night. The wettest months are November to January, however rainfall occurs throughout the year. Rainstorms are usually short but heavy.

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SINGAPORE

One of the jewels of the East, Singapore is a bustling mixture of both the ancient Orient and modern Western civilisation. Temples stand side by side with glittering skyscrapers. It is well known for its economic progress, cultural harmony and social stability. Singapore has long been an attractive tourist destination but is also a major player in the financial services and industry front. Many multinationals have set up their Eastern bases in Singapore.

Cost of Living: Singapore is considerably more expensive than its South East Asian neighbours. However expatriate salaries tend to reflect that fact and as such the standard of living is very good.

Accommodation: Unfortunately accommodation costs are extremely high. It's not unusual to find several people sharing apartments.

Transport: The efficient public transport system are the best way to get around Singapore. Bicycles are also popular.

Socialising: Singapore has a thriving expatriate social scene. Eating out is considerably cheaper than in Ireland and it's well known as the food capital of Asia with all the Asian specialties being represented. The markets prove fascinating for both tourists and residents alike and the myriad of sporting clubs would please any sports enthusiast. For the more culturally minded, the museums and temples are a welcome relief from the hustle of the Singapore streets.

Dress Code: The office dress code is professional but allows for the humidity when enforcing dress codes.

Taxation: Singapore has a progressive tax rate going from 0% to 22% depending on whether you have residency status. It's one of the lowest tax rates in the world.

Getting There: There are regular global flights and employers generally pay location costs and return flights.

Visas: Your employer must sponsor your employment pass.