

SINGAPORE

Bridging the East and the West

Singapore is the smallest country in Southeast Asia. Yet it is one of the biggest commerce, finance and transport hubs in the world.

Singapore is Asia's Precious Metals Trading Hub. Straddling geographically between the fast growing markets of China, India and Southeast Asia, it has become an efficient marketplace where one can easily import, purchase, store and even collateralize precious metals. Its economy is the epitome of 'free market', with the government allowing trade to flourish with minimal intervention.



Top investor in many countries



Singapore, a city of 5.6 million, is the largest investor in China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia and Myanmar in recent years.

Tenth biggest forex reserves



USD 264 billion in foreign reserves and gold, after economic giants Russia and India

Greenest city in Asia



Two-thirds of trips during morning commute is by public transport. Stringent laws on littering help maintain cleanliness.

Third richest by GDP per capita



After Qatar and Luxembourg

Best infrastructure



Singapore is tops when it comes to infrastructure among 231 cities as ranked by Mercer



"If I have to choose one word to explain why Singapore succeeded, it is 'confidence'."

-Lee Kuan Yew, founding father of modern Singapore

GOVERNMENT

As a small city state surrounded by big countries and vulnerable to external market forces, the Singapore government is always forward-looking. Some of its strategies are being formulated to be implemented 50 years into the future. Be that policies in economics, defense or social development, the government continues to garner support from its citizens when implementing its programs.





010 Very clean as per Corruption Perceptions Index

Forex reserves, USD 250 billion

Unemployment rate



WEALTH & OPPORTUNITIES

Savings rate is among the highest in the world due to a fully funded (not pay-as-you-go) plan. Singaporeans are given ample opportunities to succeed in the workplace, with the city-state being the Asian headquarters for hundreds of MNCs. Singapore-based firms, be they private or owned by its two sovereign wealth funds, are the top investors in Asia-Pacific.



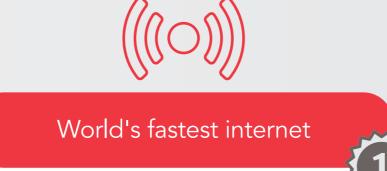
Top creditor nation per capita

GDP per capita, as per IMF and World Bank

INFRASTRUCTURE

Living in Singapore is made comfortable as most everything here simply works. The buses, trains and taxis are efficient, crime rates are very low, internet service is fast and reliable and hopping in and out of the country via arguably the world's best airport is something to look forward to.













The government also supports SMEs – the largest employer group in the country – by way of tax breaks, cash grants and assistance in expanding sales activities in other countries.

complemented by foreigner workers who can be easily hired.



Lowest income tax rates

in ASEAN

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Open society, business-friendly labor

laws, 30% non-resident, 39% non-citizen

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