



Host University: National University of Singapore

Exchange term: Spring 2018

Singapore

It has one of the world's fastest growing economies. Small population of 5.5 million, side to side crossed in 60 minutes and is well known for its diversity and ethnical acceptance. Singapore the country-city is decorated with botanic gardens, blessed with gardens by the bay and highlighted with the most iconic hotel with the largest rooftop pool – Marina Bay Sands. A wonderful place on earth to do an exchange semester.

Accommodation

The tricky part indeed. Three months before arriving to Singapore I started scouting for the ultimate accommodation, I focused more on the future flat mates rather than the quality of the accommodation. Using multiple groups on Facebook (MBA NUS groups, Rent in Singapore groups) different sites (easyroommate.com, findaflatmate.com) together with exploring the city with google maps can help out making the mind where to live. Eventually, and after receiving guiding emails from the university (I was mainly in touch with **Cheah Wai Cheng**) I chose Kent-vale accommodation with the other exchangers as flat mates. It is close to the university and had decent prices.

Transportations

MRT is the cheapest alternative to travel around Singapore. But still, since I was short on time and because MRT is poorly spread out in certain areas, 99% of the cases I preferred to use UBER or GRAB. Nonetheless I do recommend to download the MRT app together with GRAB (UBER was purchased by GRAB and no longer operates in Singapore).

Visa

Just follow the instructions you receive from the assistant manager on the behalf of the university. I started receiving emails four months before my scheduled semester, step by step I got my temporary affirmation to enter Singapore and finally got the student pass after ICA's Off-Site Enrolment. After the student pass is issued, getting in and out from Changi (Singapore's airport) could not get any more convenient and I assure you it will become one of the most appreciated places you'll ever visit.

Living expenses

As it is well-known, Singapore is quite expensive and totally different from all the countries surrounding it (except the region Hong-Kong). Given that fact, it totally depends on your consuming habits. Average expenses can vary between 1,200 SGD up to 3000 SGD monthly (excluding rent of course).

Nightlife

Singapore offers a vary spectrum of nightlife alternatives. Dancing, Clubbing, Concerts, Hidden bars, Scenic parties etc. Don't miss Wednesday girls' night out.

Courses

I did not have any specialization in my MBA yet. So my modules selection was quite opened. According to Tel-Aviv University requirements, at least 4 credits must be completed on exchange semester, but NUS requires at least 6 credits. Eventually, I selected the following courses:

- **Asia business environment** – Highly recommended for exchangers. The course introduce basic concepts of international business, focusing on south-east Asia countries. Grading includes class participation, discussion forum participation, group project and a home exam.
- **Valuation of Mergers and Acquisitions** – Focus on financial methods used in mergers and acquisitions, buyouts and corporate restructuring. This is an advanced course, so do not select this module if there is no background in this field. Grading includes **weekly cases**, two mini cases in class and participation.
- **Operations Leadership** – The course focus on supply chain management, service profit chain and operations leadership. Grading includes number of assignments.

For further information, please feel free to contact me.