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Sofaer MBA program

Summer exchange – 2<sup>nd</sup> term in NUS

Hi all. I took a summer exchange program in NUS in Singapore.

**Singapore** – A very modern, business country. Skyscrapers all around. Very clean, very safe, no crime at all. Weather in Singapore is hot and humid all year long which can be a bit annoying, but most of the time you'll be indoors. AC is a must. The first language is English which is convenient.

**Summer exchange** – Summer semester is actually 2 different terms. I took the 2<sup>nd</sup> term only which is 6 weeks altogether. FYI – summer semester isn't mandatory for NUS students (just like in Israel) so there are less students.

**NUS** – A beautiful university, nice campus. Classes are very clean and modern. There's a very nice pool & Gym area in the "University town" – you get there with an NUS free bus number A1.

I took the "Sales management" course with A/P Perry Chou. It was very interesting. I never studied sales before, we never touched this subject during our MBA. We had group and individual assignments to be delivered – it wasn't too hard.

**Visa** – Israelis do not need a visa for a less than 30 day visit – but your visit will be longer. When you get to the university you get a visa approval, and then you set a meeting to get your formal student pass to gain access to multiple entries to Singapore.

**Transportation** – Very easy and convenient. The first thing you need to do is to buy an EZ pass card (available in the airport) and you use it to take the MRT (subway train) or the buses – both are very clean, you pay with the card – charge it in every train station.

**Accommodation** – That's the tough part – very expensive! It depends of course where you're located and how fancy the apartment is, but it's expensive (kind of like Tel Aviv, maybe even more).

**Food** – Although Singapore is expensive, there are a lot of food courts where you can buy a good meal for 6 SGD or even less. Go to food courts – they are clean, cheap and good local food.

**Nightlife** – The best night to go out is Wednesday. It’s “Ladies night” – discounts and free entries for the ladies – therefore more ladies – therefore – more men – better parties. Drinks are very expensive!

Dance places – 1 Altitude, Cest la vie (in the Marina Bay Sands, tower 3).

Fun bars are located at the - Clarke quay, boat quay and club street.

**Vacation** – Thailand is just a 1 hour flight! Phuket is the cheapest and closest island to have a great vacation.

**Applications you must have in Singapore** –

- **Uber** – works great! Even works from the airport. (Grab - a competitor, also good)
- **KLOOK** – Easy and cheap way to buy tickets to Singapore’s attractions.
- **Google maps** – Amazing for public transportation \ walking around.

**Conclusion** – Singapore is a great place to learn and see how real business looks like!

I’ll be happy to help and answer anything you’d like to know!

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