

Relocation checklist for Singapore



It's possible to relocate to Singapore headache free but you need a solid plan. Below are some important checkpoints for a stress-free transition to Singapore. For more information click [here](#).

6+ months prior to move

- School search**

There are more than 60 international schools in Singapore. Factors including age, interests, additional support, curriculum, location etc. all play a part in determining which school to aim for. We recommended starting your search well in advance, as popular schools are often oversubscribed and there might be a specific cut-off application date.
- Pre-visit/ neighborhood tour**

This is the opportunity to do visit schools, join orientation tours in the different areas of Singapore and begin your accommodation search. All of which can help make your transition to life in Singapore smoother.
- Vaccination**

Make sure that you and your children have the necessary vaccinations (click [here](#)). This is necessary for school applications.
- Pet relocation**

Bringing your pet requires planning ahead. Make sure you have the necessary vaccinations in place, which vary depending on country of origin. Click [here](#) to find out more. If it seems daunting there are pet relocation companies that can facilitate the entire process.
- Moving company**

Prices and quality definitely vary, so do your homework! Remember that cost is normally calculated by volume. You can always rent furniture in Singapore (reasonable prices) and there are several IKEAs ...

2-3 months prior to move

- Accommodation**

A general rule of thumb is that rental apartments in Singapore can generally only be viewed and secured 2 months prior to arrival. Now is the time to do this. Being new to Singapore it is best to enlist the help of a real estate agent or consultant. Click [here](#) for listings.
- Furniture rental**

When you have assessed what to bring and what not to Singapore, it can be good to start looking into different furniture rental companies. Lease terms are 1 or 2 years, and this can be a great addition to your furniture delivery.
- Serviced apartment**

If you haven't been able to secure your long term accommodation yet, or want to wait until you arrive in the Singapore, there are several great short term serviced apartment options. These are available from a minimum stay of 6 days.

Arriving in Singapore

- Accommodation**

If you have already found your long-term home, make sure you have a thorough inspection before moving in. Is it properly cleaned? Have you arranged to have the gas and electricity switched on? Do you have a chosen broadband provider? Do you have home insurance? Do you need a handyman to make small changes eg hanging pictures (although do check that your lease permits this first)?
- Domestic helper**

Will you need help at home from a domestic helper? They are the backbone of many families, helping with household chores, babysitting, pet sitting, cooking etc. There are many different agencies, make sure to choose carefully, as finding the perfect match is imminent for both you and your helper.
- FIN card and Singpass**

Only once you arrive in Singapore can you apply for your FIN card (Foreign Identification Card) which allows you to apply for a Singpass account. Singapore Personal Access, or Singpass, is your trusted digital identity for all the secure transaction needs in your everyday life.
- Membership clubs**

There are different clubs where you can obtain membership, including the Hollandse (Dutch) club, the Swiss club, the British club, the American club, the Tanglin club etc. These are a meeting point for all kinds of nationalities and have sports' facilities, kids clubs, restaurants, business centres and much more.