

# **SINGAPORE**

# **ABOUT SINGAPORE VACCINATIONS**

Singapore is a small island located at the tip of the Malay Peninsula, 137 km north of the Equator. The year-round average temperature is about 26°C with little or no seasonal variance, although the maximum temperature each day may go above 36°C. Vegetation is lush and tropical.



# **VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASES**

#### **YELLOW FEVER**

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required for travellers aged 1 year or over arriving from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission and for travellers having transited for more than 12 hours through an airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission.

No vaccination certificate is required for direct travel from Australia or New Zealand.

#### **COVID-19**

For the most up to date requirements for entry into Australia, go to Smartraveller.

Please click this COVID-19 Travel Regulations Map (IATA) to view the latest Singapore COVID travel requirements.

## **HEPATITIS A**

Moderate risk to travellers, vaccination recommended.

## **HEPATITIS B**

Moderate presence of Hepatitis B in local population. Vaccination would be recommended.

## TYPHOID

Moderate risk for most travellers. Vaccination recommended for travel to smaller cities, villages and rural areas outside

usual tourist routes. Some medical conditions pre-dispose to infection; whether vaccinations would be recommended should be discussed with a medical practitioner. Consult a medical practitioner for your specific risk.

#### INFLUENZA

Year round risk present. Most common vaccine preventable illness in travellers. Vaccine recommended, effective for 1 year.

#### RABIES

Disease present. Recommendation for vaccination will depend on specific itinerary and activities planned. Generally rabies vaccination is advised for high risk individuals such as veterinarians or animal handlers, cavers. Additionally for higher risk travellers who plan: extended periods outdoors, rural travel, adventurous activities including bicycling; also expats or long-term travellers to endemic regions and children (risk of more severe or risk-prone bites and may not report contact at all).

#### **JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS**

Disease present. Seasonal risk will vary by country. Whether vaccinations will be recommended will depend on itinerary, length of stay, type of travel etc and needs to be discussed with a medical practitioner. Risk is highest around pig farms and in agricultural areas. Mosquito avoidance measures are highly recommended all year round. Consult a medical practitioner for your specific risk, particularly if travelling during the wet season.

#### POLIO

No risk to travellers.

#### **TICKBORNE ENCEPHALITIS**

No risk to travellers.

#### **MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS**

Low risk to travellers.

#### **CHOLERA**

No risk to travellers.

# **OTHER DISEASES**

#### **TRAVELLERS DIARRHOEA**

Moderate risk. Travellers' Diarrhoea affects 20-60% of overseas travellers, food and water precautions are essential. Self-treatment medications may be recommended.

#### **INSECT-BORNE DISEASES**

Diseases such as <u>Dengue</u>, <u>Chikungunya</u>, <u>Zika</u> may be present. Seasonal risk will vary by country. Whether preventive measures will be recommended will depend on itinerary, length of stay, type of travel etc. and needs to be discussed with a medical practitioner. For those countries with disease present, risk is highest in urban and semi-urban areas, but may also occur in rural areas; <u>insect avoidance measures</u> are highly recommended all year round. Travelvax believes that the best defence is to understand their habits, dress properly and use an <u>effective insect repellent</u> in the correct manner. Consult a medical practitioner for your specific risk.

#### **SCHISTOSOMIASIS**

No risk to travellers.

#### STIs

Low incidence of sexually transmitted and blood-borne diseases. Safe sex and needle precautions should be followed by all travellers.

### ALTITUDE

No risk to travellers.

# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### **PERSONAL SAFETY**

In order to check before and during travel for any high-risk areas visit the Smartraveller website. Avoid unnecessary displays of wealth or valuables and minimise the amounts of cash carried. Keep secure records of passport/credit card/licence numbers. For more safety tips visit: <a href="https://www.smartraveller.gov.au">www.smartraveller.gov.au</a>.

#### **MEDICAL CARE**

Comprehensive medical facilities accessible throughout the country. Check for any contacts supplied by your emergency assistance organisation (nominated by your travel insurer) or with IAMAT (International Association of Medical Assistance for Travellers).

#### **FIRST AID KITS & ACCESSORIES**

No particular need outside personal requirements. Travellers involved in adventurous activities (trekking, cycling, camping, etc) should always carry an appropriate first aid kit. Consult a medical practitioner for the need to carry an insect repellent containing DEET, Picaridin or Citriodiol.

More information on Singapore is available during your pre-travel consultation with Travelvax. Call 1300 360 164 for the location of the clinic nearest to you.