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Singapore on \$50 a day



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Singapore on \$50 a day

As a melting pot of Chinese, Malay, Indian and Western cultures, Singapore has an awesome history, and some of the best food on the planet. However, exploring doesn't have to hurt your bank balance (just your waistline). Here's how to do it on \$50 a day.

Breakfast

It would be rude not to give Singapore's signature breakfast, Kaya toast, a go. Kaya (pronounced "car-yah") is a jam or paste, made from slow-cooking eggs, sugar, vanilla, coconut milk and pandan leaves. People eat it as a spread on toast and you can find it all over the place, such as the chain Ya Kun, for as little as \$3.

How to get around

Transport is cheap and easy in Singapore. The Singapore Tourist Pass is an all-day travel pass that will get you unlimited travel on MRTs and buses for \$10.

A morning at the zoo

Singapore Zoo is an experience in itself and well worth budgeting into your day. Head there first thing in the

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morning, as by the afternoon it can get crowded. This zoo is unlike any other, in that the bars are invisible and the animals appear to roam free in a giant rainforest. The cheapest ticket is \$20 for an adult, and you can spend a good few hours wandering round, snapping photos.

Lunch

Singapore's host of hawker centres offer foods that reflect cuisines from neighbouring countries, such as Malay, Thai, Indian and Chinese. One of the best, according to locals and visitors alike, is The Lau Pa Sat Festival Market, which has some of the best satay on the planet. You'll be full for peanuts (literally) with lunch costing as little as \$3-\$6.

A peaceful, quiet afternoon

Singapore Botanic Gardens is a stunning national park that's open daily and is free to get in. Read your book or walk about and work off that lunch, then take some photos of the flowers and foliage. It's a beautiful escape in the city and ensures you'll breathe air that hasn't passed through fifty exhaust pipes first. There's a small fee for entering the Orchid Garden, but you've got change to spare (trust us).

Thian Hock Keng Temple

Thian Hock Keng is Singapore's oldest Chinese temple and considered the most important temple of the local Hokkien community. It's free to get in and you're encouraged to take photographs. Note that you're not allowed to sit on the bench or snap your camera near the prayer area. Buy some dollar joss paper and burn it in the red, gourd-shaped kilns in the courtyard. It's supposed to bring you good luck. Also, take in the nearby Sri Mariamman Temple and then have a stroll around nearby Chinatown.

Spend some time on Sentosa

Alternatively, you could make your way over to Sentosa. A former fishing village turned British military base, Sentosa became a rather idyllic island resort in 1972. It still attracts visitors by the thousands every month, who flock to the 3.2km stretch of beaches. There's entertainment day and night, lush green forest walks, where you're likely to see monkeys and peacocks, manicured gardens and amusement parks. Though if you're on a budget skip the parks and enjoy the sand and sun instead.

Hit up another hawker stall for a cheap and tasty dinner, and that about wraps up your \$50.

Costs

- Breakfast: \$3
- Travel pass: \$10
- Zoo: \$20
- Lunch: \$6
- Temples: \$3-\$6
- Dinner: \$5
- Total: \$47-\$50**

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