



Singapore

Joined the Commonwealth in 1965 - visited by the Queen in 2006



Singapore is an island nation in South-East Asia

Pop: (2013) 5,412,000 Capital: Singapore Area: 699 sq km

Singapore, with a population density of 7,422 people per sq km is the most densely populated country in the Commonwealth. It is a highly developed, successful nation with a vibrant and diverse economy. Its excellent deep water harbour is one of the busiest ports in the world. Originally, it gained its wealth as an entrepôt but the development of the electrical industry and the refining of oil caused the economy to take off. Pharmaceuticals and financial services completed the rise to success.

The land is largely flat and the climate hot and humid year round. Much of the natural vegetation has previously been cleared but today there is much planting to achieve the status of a garden city state. Most animals are confined to the rainforest area of the nature reserves and include flying lemurs and the long tailed macaque.

A popular destination in its own right, Singapore is known for its designer shopping and exciting night life as well as often being chosen as a stop-over point by the global traveller.



Singapore's Robertson Quay

