



U.S. EMBASSY SINGAPORE

CONSULAR AND TRAVEL



ABOUT US

The U.S. Embassy Singapore consists of 24 U.S. Federal Government agencies working in Singapore and the region. Through the U.S. Embassy, the United States maintains a strong bilateral relationship with the Government of Singapore and stands ready to assist American Citizens in Singapore, many of whom work for American businesses with offices in this country.

Global Entry/ APEC Business Traveler Card

The United States was pleased to open Global Entry eligibility to include Singaporean citizens in June 2016. Singapore is the first ASEAN country to be in the program. Singapore in turn allowed Americans to apply for its enhanced-Immigration Automated Clearance System (eIACS) under the Trusted Traveler Program (TTP). U.S. Embassy Singapore is the only U.S. Embassy in Asia to offer regular Global Entry and APEC Business Traveler Card interviews, saving regional applicants a lengthy trip back to the United States to complete their interview process. Alternatively, applicants may complete the Global Entry interview process without an appointment at a designated airport upon arriving in the United States.

The U.S. Embassy Consular Section’s most important function is to protect U.S. citizens abroad through the provision of routine, special, and emergency services. It also facilitates legitimate travel to the United States through the issuance of U.S. passports and visas while safeguarding America’s borders. Visas issued to foreign nationals help the U.S. economy, unite families through immigration, and further strengthen the bilateral and people-to-people ties between Singapore and the United States.

Singaporeans eligible for travel under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP) must have an approved Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) application. Eligible VWP travelers are strongly encouraged to file their applications early, at least 72 hours prior to travel, through the official ESTA website, and avoid phishing scams and excess fees charged by third party websites. An approved ESTA is \$14 USD. If your ESTA is denied, you are only charged \$4 USD for the processing of your application.

The United States works closely with Singapore to share best practices in aviation security methodology including the latest security technologies, policies, and procedures. Singaporeans who join Global Entry are eligible for TSA Pre✓, a trusted traveler program allowing eligible participants access to expedited screening lanes in the United States when traveling with participating airlines.

The United States also works with Singapore to increase airline passenger security through the use of advanced passenger information (API) and passenger name record (PNR). This gives border authorities the ability to make advance decisions on passengers of interest, including possible terrorists, prior to their boarding the aircraft.

BY THE NUMBERS



5,000

U.S. passports issued every year at U.S. Embassy Singapore



500

U.S. citizens born in Singapore each year



40K

U.S. visa applicants at U.S. Embassy Singapore per year (prior to COVID-19)



166K

Trips by Singaporeans to the United States in 2018



1,000

Singaporeans approved for Global Entry since June 2016

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