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Testo

Singapore is tiny city state below Malaysia and was the first country I have been in Asia.

It is in tropical zone so the weather is pretty hot for the whole year and rainy. Somethimes it is low sometimes it is hard but one should be prepared for the rain all the time

I had a great time and learned a lot about South Asia. I believe it is a unique country to expand our knowledge about the world and the future of living. About education at NUS: The National University of Singapore has a huge, beautiful and green campus. They have a different system, almost every design studio is open for all students and they are very transparent about what is the process and outcome of the course. I attended Service Design Studio. The project was in collaboration with the Ministry of Education of Singapore, therefore I had the chance to understand and witness how a public service actually implemented in Singapore. Professionally, it was a valuable experience for me.

About living in Singapore: Even though Singapore is an island country, it has a great variety of people and hosts various cultures in harmony. The country has four official languages including English, therefore it is possible to communicate in English with almost everyone. Citizens are very familiar and kind to foreigners since there is a huge expat community living in Singapore. It is also considered one of the safest countries on earth and according to my experience, it is absolutely correct. Singaporeans feel totally comfortable about leaving their bags or electronics in public places and I have never witnessed that a thing is stolen. What surprises me the most is the user-friendliness of almost every public service in Singapore.

As an exchange student, I was able to get my residence permit and student card in 20 minutes. Likewise, transportation, health, and many other public services work almost perfectly. Singapore gave me an impression of a future city. Last but not least, since Singapore is located in the middle of South Asia and Oceania, it is very easy to travel to surrounding countries. It is a great opportunity to explore different cultures. I believe overall both academically and socially, I learned and improved myself a lot during my exchange in Singapore.