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# **KNOW** BEFORE YOU GO

# Singapore | September 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> 2023

The **Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC)** welcomes you to the **127th OGC Member Meeting, September 25-29, 2023,** in Singapore at the <u>Lifelong Learning Institute</u>. To help you prepare, we've put together this quick reference guide so you're ready for a successful in-person attendee experience. For more details, the <u>OGC website</u> is where you'll find *everything* OGC, including Events, Education, and so much more!

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### <u>Address</u>

Lifelong Learning Institute (11 Eunos Road 8 Singapore 408601) Tel: 6745 1002 or 6718 0426

#### <u>Agenda</u>

See the agenda, featured speakers, and more on the Member Meeting Event Page.

#### <u>Attendee List</u>

<u>See who</u> will be attending the **127th OGC Member Meeting on OGC Portal**. (Note: Only available to OGC Members. If you are an OGC Member needing help with your portal access, please contact us at <u>registration@ogc.org</u>.

#### Conference Registration and Badge Pick Up

<u>The conference registration desk is located on Level 1 outside Event Hall 1-1</u>. Registration will be open daily, one hour before the start of the first session, for badge pick-up and on-site registration. For those who have registered earlier, please collect your badges on-site. Please note wearing badges all the time is mandatory for access to the event. For those needing on-site registration, please check in at the registration desk for next steps.

#### Hotel Options

Click <u>here</u> for a complete list of available hotels near the conference venue. Keep in mind that rates may vary depending on availability. Please always be aware of your surroundings. Alcohol impairs judgement, so please be especially vigilant after consumption.

#### Wifi Access

ID: LLIGUEST / Password - LL!408601

#### LOCAL INFORMATION (Including Travel and Weather)

#### Connectivity & Free Public Wi-Fi

Visitors can access free Wi-Fi at any Wireless@SGx hotspot with their foreign mobile numbers by downloading the Wireless@SGx App. Overseas charges may apply. Learn more <u>here</u>.

#### **Currency & Banking**

The Singapore dollar is used here and notes come in denominations of S\$2, S\$5, S\$10, S\$50, S\$100, S\$1,000 and S\$10,000. Coins come in 5, 10, 20 and 50 cents and S\$1.

It is advised to carry some cash with you. Most hawker centers, residential neighborhood shops, and

kopitiams (coffee shops) may only accept currency. Carrying \$50-\$100 should be more than enough, but if you do run out, money-changers and ATMs are everywhere. (Go with the ATMs, if you can. Better rate.)

# **Drinking Water**

You can drink water straight from the tap as the water in Singapore passes World Health Organization standards. You can also buy bottled water easily.

# Explore Singapore

For more information, please feel free to browse the <u>Visit Singapore</u>, that will provide you more information on See & Do, Festivals & Events, Eat & Drink, Shop, Stay, Tours and more.

# **Getting Around Singapore**

- Ground Transportation (Metro, Bus, Taxi, Car)
- Visit <u>here</u> for relevant ground transportation options for getting around Singapore. Both ride-share and taxis can be booked through the <u>Grab</u> app.
- <u>OneMap.sg</u>
  Visit <u>here</u> for the most detailed map of Singapore with over 100 useful day-to-day information and services.
- Train Station Videos

How to walk from the nearest train station (Paya Lebar MRT Station) to the Lifelong Learning Institute (*Note: these are unlisted youtube videos and can only be viewed with the links above (ie: not searchable in youtube):* 

From ground floor of the tra	ain station:	From basement of the train station:
https://youtu.be/XE_xrR-0\	/UM	https://youtu.be/dtIV7Q0mCx4

#### Power Plugs

The standard electrical current used in Singapore is 220-240 volts AC (50 cycles) and you can use power plugs with three square prongs (Type G).

#### Pre-departure Checklist:

- Secure tickets for any flight to Singapore
- Three (3) days before arrival (including the day itself): Submit SG Arrival Card and e-health declaration via the official and free e-service on the <u>Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA)</u> website
- More information available here from the <u>Singapore Tourism Board</u>

#### Quarantine-free Travel requirements to Singapore

All travellers are welcome to Singapore regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status. Travellers from eligible countries/regions will also be able to use the automated lanes during arrival for immigration clearance at our checkpoints under the <u>Automated Clearance Initiative</u>.

#### Smoking Areas

You are not allowed to smoke in all air-conditioned places such as malls and eateries. You may smoke in designated smoking areas. It is an offense for a person to smoke in smoking prohibited areas listed under the Smoking (Prohibition in Certain Places) Regulations 2018. Check <u>here</u> for a list of places where smoking is prohibited/allowed.

#### <u>Tax Refund</u>

Tourists can claim a refund on the 8% Goods and Services Tax (GST) paid on your purchases if you spend



more than \$100 at any participating shops. Check here for more information.

# Time Zone

Singapore Time (SGT) is eight (8) hours ahead of Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). This time zone is in use during standard time in Asia. Please use a resource such as <u>timeanddate</u>.

# Tipping

Tipping is encouraged when you experience good service, and this would be above the standard 10 percent gratuity to your bill added by some restaurants and hotels.

# Weather

Singapore is hot and humid all year-round, with temperatures usually reaching over 30°C. You should be prepared for rain at any time, which can be torrential but usually brief.

Late-September average high temperature: 89 °F / 32 °C, average low: 77 °F / 25 °C. Intense thunderstorms occur generally during noon and early evenings. This time is usually rainier as compared to the inter-monsoon period at the beginning of the year.

# What to Pack

Attire is business casual for the conference during the day. We do recommend you dress in layers as temperatures in meeting rooms can vary. Some events may take place outside in the evening when the weather cools down, so be sure to bring appropriate clothing options.

# **Useful Numbers**

- Police: 999
- Ambulance & Fire: 995
- Flight Information: 1800 542 4422
- Tourist Hotline: 1800 736 2000

# NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES\*

Monday, September 25 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm <u>Reception and Networking Session</u> Location: Lifelong Learning Institute

Wednesday, September 27 | 6:30 - 9:00 pm <u>Offsite Networking Dinner</u> Location: TBD (<u>Separate fee required: dinner and complimentary ground transportation provided</u>)

Thursday, September 28 | 12:00 - 1:00 pm <u>Networking Lunch</u> Location: Lifelong Learning Institute

\*Not sure who's new? If you see a first timer (easily spot other first-time attendees by the "specially-marked" stickers on their badges), say hello; sit by them in the sessions, and introduce them to some of your contacts! Not only will you help the first timers, but you'll grow your own network and likely make a great new friend!

# STAY CONNECTED BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER THE MEETING

- Have questions about the 127th OGC Member Meeting, please contact OGC Registration.
- Join the **#OGCMemberMeeting** conversation! Follow us on LinkedIn, Slack, Twitter, YouTube, and engage in conversations on our pages!
- March 25-29, 2024 128th OGC Member Meeting <u>Delft</u>, Netherlands
- June 10-14, 2024 129th OGC Member Meeting Montreal, Canada

# VIRTUAL ACCESS

# Virtual Platform is Available to All Who Register

Although the **127th OGC Member Meeting** is intended to be experienced in person, all registered attendees for the **127th OGC Member Meeting** will have access to the meeting virtual platform when it opens on Monday, September 25, at 8:30 a.m. Singapore Standard Time Zone (GMT+8). Join via the Meeting Dashboard at <u>https://ogcmeet.org</u>. Bookmark it to ensure quick access.