NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

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The University

- Established in 1980
- #8 in the QS World University Rankings 2025
- 38,000 students from 100 countries
- 13 Faculties across 3 different campuses



Feeding Plum, one of the campus cats



Gardens by the Bay, Singapore

Singaporean Culture

- **English** is the main language, but Malay, Tamil and Mandarin are also national languages
- **Hawker centres** are the main way of eating there, they are big food courts with all sorts of cuisines available
- There are many interesting **national holidays**, such as Chinese New Year, the Hindu festival Deepavali, and of course Christmas!
- It is often thought of as a **'Gateway to Asia'**. with a mix of both Western and Asian cultures.

Travelling

Singapore was such a good country to visit for travelling, as it is an excellent hub in South East Asia. The exchangers have big group chats that are always planning trips, it's so easy to find people to travel with! Alternatively, many also opted to solo travel.

The easiest way to travel is by cheap flights such as Scoot (a bit like Ryan Air), but you can also get boat trips, and even get a bus directly from Singapore to Malaysia.



My trip to Mt Bromo, Indonesia

Key tips

- Try to get **accommodation on campus-** it's a lot cheaper and more convenient to get to lectures.
- **Make the most of your exchange**! Whether it be travelling, joining a society or meeting new friends, just throw yourself into the experience.
- Singapore does not have good allergen laws- if you have a **dietary restriction** (ie nut allergy, vegetarian) it is very difficult to get food.
- Be prepared for some **strict rules**- obviously no chewing gum but also some more serious laws, for example alcohol and smoking is banned on campus.

My experience

I studied in the Department of Mathematics, taking courses primarily in pure maths, plus two electives (Chinese and World Religions). My favourite course was MA4207 Mathematical Logic , it was really interesting and something I wouldn't have been able to study if I stayed at Bath!

Whilst I was there I joined the NUS Cat Café society, feeding the campus cats, and visited 6 different countries.

I stayed in UTown, at UTown Residences, which was simple but decent accommodation close to campus amenities.