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Singapore's Changi Airport is one of the world's busiest with over 100 airlines connecting to more than 330 global cities. Changi is so enormous it's almost a mini city. [Skyscanner Australia](#) has created this essential guide to help keep you entertained during a stopover in Singapore. You're welcome!

Every 90 seconds an aircraft takes off or lands at [Singapore Changi Airport](#), transporting over 55.5 million people in 2015, almost equivalent to Australia's entire population three times over! With so many passengers arriving and departing, Changi Airport is an efficient aviation hub for travellers transiting Singapore. If you must spend countless hours waiting for your next flight, Changi's probably the best airport in the world to do so. With the recent announcement of the [Canopy Park](#) (designed to offer play attractions, gardens, walking trails, shops and dining outlets), Changi Airport is set to become a world-class attraction in itself. However, travellers will need to wait until early 2019 before they can experience this leisure attraction located at the upcoming Terminal 4 '[Jewel Changi Airport](#)' scheduled to open next year.

If, on the other hand, you're lucky enough to have an extended stopover in Singapore, check out our handy [24 Hours in Singapore guide](#) on things to do in Singapore.

Free Singapore tours

With a whole eight hours to spare you could leave the airport behind and do a flying visit of Singapore attractions. Free tours depart from Terminal Two (T2) and Terminal Three (T3) transit areas. You'll need at least six hours transit time (including immigration clearance) to do the 2.5 hour free City Sights or Heritage Tours. Check your cabin or oversized baggage into the Left Baggage counter and you're on your way to Singapore!

Terminal 1 (T1)

The [Aerotel Airport Transit Hotel](#) in T1 comes with a rooftop swimming pool, hot tub and poolside sun lounges along with showers, a gym and a poolside bar. Bookings for pool and hot tub access can be booked in three-hour slots. Naturally, there's rooms available too for sleeping, which can be booked in six-hour blocks.



While you're at rooftop level check out the open-air Cactus Garden. In case you get thirsty admiring over 100 species of cacti and arid plants from deserts of Africa, Asia and America there's a convenient cocktail bar in the garden too. Other gardens across T1 include the Piazza Garden with its elaborate ever-changing display, the Sculptural Tree Garden and Water Lily Garden.

Indulge in some pampering at the [Wellness Oasis](#) with an indulgent massage, pedicure and manicure or their signature Fish Spa treatment where small fish eat away dead skin on your feet leaving fresh soft skin behind. Perfect for travel-weary feet!



Terminal 2 (T2)

A movie theatre screens free movies 24 hours a day in T2 showing a cross section of movies from animated family favourites to classics and recent release blockbusters. Though if you're anything like me on a longhaul flight you've probably had your fill of movies by the time you land at Changi.

If that's the case head to the interactive Enchanted Garden, a delightful wonderland that magically comes to life as you wander through it. Apologies for giving up the game, but the garden is controlled by motion sensors which trigger flowers to bloom and birds to tweet while pathways light up in a carpet of sparkling lights. Fresh flowers and ferns cascading from mosaic floral sculptures are the centrepiece of this enchanting garden. If you've got a pair of red 'Dorothy' shoes you've been desperate to take on holidays, this is just the place to parade them. The Orchid Garden is another tranquil spot worthy of a visit.



The Family Zone is a family-friendly hangout with Baby Care Rooms, playground and other distractions to keep young children entertained. Older kids will happily while away a couple of hours on Xbox 360/Playstation 3 game consoles and MTV music video booth with quality sound piped directly to each seat. The Xbox Kinect Room is a sports gaming experience controlled by your movements, actions, facial expression or voice. Games include soccer, beach volleyball, table tennis track and field events. An Art Rubbing Zone allows kids to create their own Singapore souvenirs by creating imprints of Singapore's iconic attractions.

Catch up on sleep at the [T2 Ambassador Transit Hotel](#) where room bookings are made in six-hour blocks.

Terminal 3 (T3)

The Butterfly Garden is one of most extraordinary highlights of T3. A world first in an airport, enjoy watching around 1,000 tropical butterflies flutter around lush gardens and a 6m tall grotto waterfall. There's also an educational centre where you can learn about butterfly lifecycles, breeding and feeding.

Designer Shilla Beauty Loft is the place to go for luxury beauty services from Dior, Chanel, La Prairie and SK-II such as pre-flight makeovers, skin consultation and rejuvenation.

T3's TV Lounge is just like kicking back in your own lounge room without the arguments about who controls the remote. Admittedly, it's like sharing your lounge room with 55 million strangers who come and go in various stages of alertness trailing trolley bags. But the point is, you've got a big TV screen, a couch and endless hours to zone out in front of a TV, and for some that's all that matters. There's also a movie theatre in T3 screening movies around the clock.



Art installations abound in T3. Australian artist Janet Laurence created The Memory of Lived Space blending architecture and nature. A super-sized saga seed, which are a common tree in Singapore, is cast in bronze and painted bright red. Vessel is another art installation of stoneware sculptures influenced by performing arts and the cuisine of Singapore's neighbors. Going Home is a towering sculpture representing a family nucleus with a theme of being homeward bound. Fittingly, it's positioned in the Arrivals Hall.

Check into the [T3 Ambassador Transit Hotel](#) to catch up on sleep, where room bookings are made in six-hour blocks.

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Services and facilities in all terminals

All three terminals have a business centre, medical clinic and pharmacy, prayer rooms, shower & beauty therapies, members-only and pay-to-use airline lounges, wheelchair hire, baggage storage, children's playground, baby care room, smoking area, money changers, free wifi, internet stations and gadget charging. T1 & T2 have a post office. Move easily between terminals with the free Skytrain.

Then there's the shopping, eating and drinking opportunities which are almost endless. Most shops will take multiple currencies so it's a good opportunity to spend leftover holiday cash.



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