



## FAQ - Information for Delegates

### 1. Where is Singapore?

Singapore is an island city-state located in Southeast Asia. It lies just 137 kilometres north of the equator. Visit [YourSingapore.com](http://YourSingapore.com) for more information about Singapore.

### 2. Do I need a visa to travel to Singapore?

Please check the [Immigration & Checkpoint Authority website](http://Immigration & Checkpoint Authority website) to determine your visa status. Should you require a visa, you will need to apply for it *before* arriving in Singapore. If you need an official letter of invitation, please email Carol at [jewel2singa@gmail.com](mailto:jewel2singa@gmail.com).

### 3. Are there any health advisories for travelling to Singapore?

Please consult your doctor or check the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website](http://Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website) for travellers' health information. Do note that proof of yellow fever vaccination is *required* only if you are arriving from a country with risk of yellow fever.

### 4. Will I be able to connect to the Internet?

Free wifi is available 24/7 at Village Hotel Changi for all delegates. If you do not bring your own wireless device, there is a small business centre behind the front desk.

### 5. Can I use my cell phone at the conference venue?

Yes, there is excellent cell phone reception at Village Hotel Changi. SIM cards can also be purchased at the airport, mobile phone shops, and most convenience stores. All prepaid Tourist SIM cards include voice and data plans. If you download [WhatsApp](http://WhatsApp), you may make free calls/texts internationally.

### \*Updated 6. How much money will I need, in addition to paying the conference fee?

Your registration fee covers all your meals from dinner on Sunday, 28 Oct, through breakfast on Friday, 2 Nov, plus the Wednesday outing. Please bring personal funds to cover your transportation after LittWorld back to the airport. Taxi fare costs \$20-\$25 one way, but you may find others to share a taxi with. Or consider sharing a ride using [Grab](http://Grab) (similar to Uber) if you have a smart phone.

You may want additional funds to cover gifts, purchases at book tables or the coffee shop, laundry service fees, or meals and accommodation for an extra night before/after the conference.

Village Hotel Changi accepts Singapore Dollars, in addition to Visa, Mastercard and Amex.

### 7. Where should I exchange currency?

We strongly encourage you to use the currency exchange counter at Changi Airport, available 24 hours. There are also ATMs available at the airport.

The hotel's exchange rate is NOT as good as at the airport. In addition, the hotel can only convert USD, British Pounds, Euros, Swiss Franc, Yen and Australian dollars. There are NO currency exchange places near the hotel, so we advise you to change money at the airport.

Check currency rates at [xe.com](http://xe.com).

Singapore's currency is Singaporean dollars: S\$. This is easy to confuse with American dollars, but prices are Singaporean dollars unless otherwise indicated.

**\*Updated 8. What time should I reach/leave Singapore?**

LittWorld will start with dinner at 6:00 pm on Sunday, 28 Oct, and end after breakfast, 9:00 am, on Friday, 2 Nov. Lunch on Sunday, 28 Oct, is NOT included in your registration.

The Village Hotel Changi is located only 15 minutes from the airport. The hotel's shuttle departs from the airport every 90 minutes and offers complimentary service between 6:30 a.m. and 11 p.m. Outside of those hours, the regular airport shuttle leaves every 30 minutes, but will cost \$9 per person.

The hotel does NOT provide a free shuttle back to the airport. Participants must arrange and pay for their own transportation after LittWorld to the airport. Taxi fares are about \$20-\$25 one way, or you may schedule a ride with [Grab](#) (similar to Uber) via the app on your smartphone.

Check-in time is officially 2 p.m. If you arrive in the early morning hours of October 28 and want a hotel room, you must reserve an extra night in advance with the hotel. You may use the swimming pool, shower facilities at the pool, and gym while you are waiting to check in.

Check-out is by 12:00 noon. You may use the baggage storage room if you have an early arrival time or late departing flight.

**9. Where is Village Hotel Changi?**

1 Netheravon Road Singapore 508502. The hotel is located at the quiet, east end of Singapore, within the charming and laidback Changi district. It is only 15 minutes from the Changi Airport.

**10. What amenities are available at Village Hotel Changi?**

- Outdoor swimming pool, gym
- Laundry and dry cleaning services (for a fee)
- Coffee shop
- Baggage storage room
- Safe deposit boxes
- Doctor on call

**11. What's the weather like in Singapore and how should I dress?**

Hot and hotter; wet and wetter! Singapore has a tropical climate and temperatures are around 22–35°C (72–95°F). However, the city is famous for its chilly, air-conditioned indoors, so you may want to pack a light shawl or cardigan.

Most participants dress business casual in slacks, skirts, shirts or blouses, and rarely in full suits. You may want more casual clothing for the day outing. LittWorld will conclude with a special Celebration Dinner on Thursday evening, 1 November, at which national dress or other appropriate attire are welcomed.

An umbrella will also be useful as Singapore experiences rainfall throughout the year.

**12. What electrical system does Singapore use?**

Electrical voltage in Singapore ranges from 220 to 240 volts. The primary socket type used is Type G, British BS-1363. Please check [this website](#) for more information.

**13. What should I bring?**

A Bible, notebook and pen, namecards or businesscards, personal medication, comfortable clothing, an umbrella, modest swimwear, and walking shoes, sunscreen, adaptors or voltage converters, an international driving license if you plan on driving, camera, batteries. Many things, such as toiletries and cosmetics can be purchased in Singapore, but may be expensive due to the exchange rate. It is best to bring these things with you. Towels, shampoo and soap are provided.

Valuable possessions should be kept with you or in a safe deposit box at all times. Village Hotel Changi and MAI are not responsible for any lost items.

**\*Updated 14. Will I be able to display some of my publications?**

To reserve your table space, email [bonnie@littworld.org](mailto:bonnie@littworld.org). Each registered publishing group or individual author may display and/or sell materials on limited table space, on a first-come, first-serve basis. We suggest bringing up to 30 copies total of your best publications.

**15. May I ship my books or publications for display in advance of the conference?**

Yes, you may ship up to the address below. Your materials should arrive between October 1 to October 20.

Please label:

LittWorld 2018

c/o Graceworks Private Limited

22, Sin Ming Lane,

#04-76, Midview City

Singapore 573969

Tel: 65-67523403

**16. In what languages will conference sessions be interpreted?**

All plenary sessions will be held in English. Simultaneous translation for plenary sessions only will be available in Mandarin. Please inquire as soon as possible about any special translation needs: [mai@littworld.org](mailto:mai@littworld.org)

**17. Are there options for tourism before or after the conference?**

[Local Singapore Tours](#) offers a wide variety of activities and tours, be it *batik* printing, kayaking, or food tours. Please make your own arrangements before or after the conference.

*Note: Our conference outing on Wednesday will be to [Singapore Botanic Gardens](#), one of Singapore's top attractions and a UN World Heritage Site.*

**\*Updated 18. May I stay at Village Hotel Changi before or after the conference?**

To book extra nights at the Village Hotel Changi before or after the conference at your own expense, please write Assistant Director of Sales Priscilla Chong, [prischong@fareast.com.sg](mailto:prischong@fareast.com.sg) and mention that you are attending LittWorld 2018. You will receive the special conference rate for any extra nights, including a complimentary breakfast, and be allowed to stay in the same room for the duration of your stay. (Nights included in your paid conference registration are Oct. 28, 29, 30, 31 and Nov. 1)

If you would like other hotel options for before or after the conference, we have compiled [this list](#).

If you arrive in the early morning hours of October 28 and want a hotel room before official check-in time at 2 p.m., you must reserve an extra night in advance. You may use the swimming pool, shower facilities at the pool, and gym while you are waiting to check in.

**19. Do I need travel insurance?**

If you desire travel insurance, you are responsible for obtaining your own insurance to cover medical expenses, missed flights or other circumstances.

**\*New 20. I cannot attend LittWorld but I paid for my registration. Can I get a refund?**

After August 15, payments for LittWorld are nonrefundable. However, you may send a replacement for yourself.

**\*New 21. How can I prepare in advance for LittWorld by making appointments with others?**

We will be debuting our conference app, Whova, which you can download to a smart phone and/or will be able to access on your computer. Within a week before LittWorld, you'll be able to upload your own photo and details, access the schedule and speaker info/handouts, send messages to other participants, and much more.

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