

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Field Studies Singapore?

Field Studies Singapore is a fun and educational program that involves discovering many aspects of culture, tradition, history and food in Singapore.

The program began in September 2006 and is geared towards people who would like to spend time exploring Singapore with a great group of people.

As a group, we meet once a week on Wednesday mornings and visit interesting places. After the tour, a luncheon is arranged in the area.

Who plans the itinerary?

Group members work in pairs to plan an itinerary and they are responsible for organising one outing and lunch in the area.

Where might we go?

Past tours have included: Bukit Brown Cemetery, Singapore Chinese Orchestra, Pulau Ubin, Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, Semakau Landfill, Joo Chiat area, and many different Monasteries and Temples.

How do we choose our destination?

At the start of the program we have an introductory morning where you will meet the rest of the group. You will select a partner and then be asked to commit to a date for which you and your partner will organise a tour.

You and your partner possible will then decide on a destination for your tour. You may choose any of the suggested destinations or come up with alternative ideas of your own. If you are ready to commit to a topic/destination by the end of the introductory morning you may do so. If, you would prefer more time you can advise the Field Studies Coordinator of your preferred topic later.

At least 2 weeks prior to your tour, The FSS Coordinator will need to know the precise outline of the tour.

When will the program commence?

Wednesday, 24 January 2018

When will the program end?

28 March 2018

When do we meet?

We will meet as a group on Wednesday mornings:

24 & 31 January; 7, 14, 21 & 28 February; 7,14,21 & 28 March 2018

We will meet at the starting point of every tour. The tour organizers will decide on a location and email each member an invitation containing all the details and information about lunch (which is an optional extra)

What do I need to consider before joining this program?

Are you available on the dates above, beginning around 9am until approximately 2.30pm?

What happens if I have to go away and miss a Wednesday?

The success of this program depends on the level of commitment of the group members. We encourage you to be available to attend all Wednesdays. We understand that emergencies can arise and you may not be able to attend all sessions. However, if you already know that you will not be available for two or more sessions, please do not sign up.

What does it cost?

The cost is \$150. This includes any admission fees for certain destinations, bus transport if we travel together as a group and any "donations" that are required. The fee also includes a contribution to FOM.

Lunch, after the tour, is an integral part of the program, and is not included in the initial cost. Each member will pay for their lunch and the cost of this will be included in the invitation from the tour organisers. The cost for lunch is approximately \$25 per person (not compulsory)

Do I need to be a member of FOM?

This program is for FOM members. If you are not currently a member, you will need to apply and pay the FOM membership as well as the payment for FFS.

Places are limited to 16 participants.

Do I get refund if sign up for the program, attend a session, and then decide it's not for me?

Once the sessions have started no refunds will be processed.

How much work is involved in planning the itinerary for an outing?

You and your partner will be asked to research a destination/subject, and then operate as tour leaders for the morning. You will plan the arrival time, departure time, the information narrated to the group, and organize lunch for the group. If you need to use "experts" in guiding, please do so, but make sure you factor any cost into your budget.

Is there any assistance available to help us plan our itinerary?

Mentors who have lived in Singapore awhile and have previously been participants in the program can give tips and advice to help you and your partner develop your tour.

How many people will participate in the program?

The program is limited to a maximum of 16 participants.

Report

After your tour, you will be expected to write a short report with pictures. This report is meant to be both a summary and a remembrance of the tour. At the end of the program all the reports will be combined into a booklet and each participant will receive an emailed booklet.

Is there anything else I should know?

You need to have regular access to the internet and emails as this where you will receive all communications.

How do I sign up?

All registrations for this program is done directly through the FOM website