

Immediate Press Release

Singapore Holidaymakers to Travel More With Eight Long Weekends in 2014

With up to eight long weekends to be enjoyed in 2014, more Singapore holidaymakers are expected to make holidays trips next year, says online travel specialist GoingPlaces.sg.

Singapore, 19 April 2013 - A recent announcement by the Ministry of Manpower confirmed the dates of gazetted [public holidays in 2014](#). Out of the 11 public holidays, up to 8 of these will result into long weekends or super long weekends for those who work 5-day week and willing to take a day of leave on the Friday.

1. Chinese New Year
 - Friday, 31 January 2014
 - Saturday, 1 February 2014

2. Good Friday
 - Friday, 18 April 2014

3. Labour Day
 - Thursday, 1 May 2014

4. Hari Raya Puasa
 - Monday, 28 July 2014

5. National Day
 - Saturday, 9 August 2014

6. Hari Raya Haji
 - Sunday, 5 October 2014

7. Deepavali
 - Thursday, 23 October 2014

8. Christmas Day
 - Thursday, 25 December 2014



This good news is welcomed by the travel industry which expects the eight long weekend breaks in 2014 will entice more Singapore working adults to travel than this year as some travelers may have postponed their travel plans to next year due to worries about the outbreak of bird flu in China and tensions in the Korean Peninsula.

Singaporeans are among the most well-travelled in the region and will take advantage of the long weekends to make short trips to their favorite destinations nearer to home such as Hong Kong, Bangkok, Taipei and Tokyo without taking leave from work, and save their annual leave for a longer-haul trips to Europe or USA.

While many travel agencies in Singapore are optimistic about the potential travel surge in 2014, hence gearing up on block booking airplane seats, hotel rooms for travel during those periods, GoingPlaces.sg, a travel website popular with Singapore holidaymakers, observed that budget-conscious travellers now prefer free-and-easy holidays instead of group tours when they go on weekend getaways. These free independent travellers prefer to go online to look out for [attractive travel deals](#), cheap flights, discount hotel rooms and [travel insurance promotions](#).

With an expected overall spike in demand for overseas travel next year, airfares are likely to be more expensive during the long weekend periods. "To keep the trip affordable, budget-minded travellers should plan the holidays ahead and book hotel rooms at least 30 days in advance to ensure availability and early-bird discount", advised Lim Phing Phing, founder of GoingPlaces.sg

For more information on popular long weekend destinations and travel itinerary, please visit <http://www.goingplaces.sg/itinerary/>

About GoingPlaces.sg:

A travel website based in Singapore, www.goingplaces.sg features travel articles, hotel reviews and travel deals to avid travelers seeking for travel ideas and planning getaway holidays out of Singapore to destinations in Asia and beyond.

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