

## **The Westin Stamford & Westin Plaza**

2 Stamford Road

Singapore 0718

In addition to restaurants in the international standard hotels, there are a number of restaurants specializing in European cuisine. There are also many fine restaurants serving Chinese, Malay, Indian, and Indonesian food. Major Canadian credit cards such as Visa, MasterCard and American Express are generally accepted in tourist areas.

Most restaurants add a service charge of 10 per cent plus 3 per cent government tax. Elsewhere a 10 per cent tip is advised. For portorage \$0.50 per bag is adequate, except in hotels. Tipping taxi drivers is not customary, but visitors wishing to do so should tip 10 per cent of the bill.

In Singapore all authorized taxis are metered and most are air-conditioned. Taxi fares as of April 1, 1985 are as follows:

Taxi fares begin at \$1.60 (S) for the first 1.5 km. For every 300 m travelled up to 10 km, the charge is \$0.10 and for every subsequent 250 m travelled the charge is \$0.10. A waiting charge for \$0.10 per 45 seconds is also applicable. Between midnight and 6:00 a.m. there is a 50 per cent surcharge. A luggage charge of \$1 (S) will be levied for all luggage in the trunk. There is also a \$3 (S) surcharge on all trips **from** the airport. Taxis may be hired for \$15-20 (S) per hour (negotiable with the taxi driver), which is advisable when companies visited are outside the downtown district. Both rented and chauffeured vehicles are available from car rental companies. An international driving licence is required to rent a car. Driving is on the left hand side of the road.

## **Flight Information at Changi Airport: 545-8888**

An airport tax of \$5 (S) is levied on passengers embarking for Malaysia. A tax of \$12 (S) is levied for other international travel.