

LEARNING ACROSS BORDERS

Professional Development Trip to Malaysia & Singapore



SPIRAL International is excited to announce an upcoming 11-day Professional Development trip to Singapore and Malaysia from November 23 - December 3, 2024! This trip is designed specifically for Vermont educators who are looking to grow professionally and experience cultural exchange.

Singapore and Malaysia are famous for their incredible success in creating multi-cultural societies that support diversity and inclusion. In both countries, there are three main ethnic groups whose cultures, religions and languages blend to create a unique education system that supports students from all backgrounds.

American educators will observe classrooms, teach a demo class, spend time shadowing teachers, and share different educational practices with one another.

In addition to academics, educators will have the opportunity to sight-see, visit museums and cultural centers, and tour many of the beautiful natural spaces that both countries are home to.

This professional development project will be led by a staff member of SPIRAL International and by Ms. Jacqueline Parks, Principal of Williston Central School, Vermont, USA.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & WHAT TO EXPECT



Singapore

- Visit Chinatown, Garden by the Bay, and experience Sentosa Island Drive
- Attend programming at local schools and meet with Singaporean educators

Johor Bahru, Malaysia

- School visits to deepen understanding of Malaysian education system
- Visit Tan Hiok Nee Heritage Street for cultural learning activities
- Enjoy the night markets
- Day trip to Pengerang (Lobster Village) and Kota Tinggi, a village where participants can learn about rice planting and enjoy the fireflies

Melaka, Malaysia

- Melaka Nyonya Village visit to learn about Chinese and Malay cultures
- Melaka Straits Mosque - “mosque on the water”
- Portuguese architecture tour
- Jonker Walk Market Street

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

- Batu Cave visit
- Petronas twin towers tour
- Visit the National Museum of Malaysia, the Islamic Arts Museum, and the Malaysian National Palace
- Walk Petaling Street and Jalan Alor Night Market



SPIRAL International will cover:

- International airfare
- All domestic travel expenses in Singapore & Malaysia
- Accommodations (double-occupancy) and meals
- Expenses for all activities and cultural experiences (as on the itinerary)
- Domestic Singapore & Malaysia travel insurance

You will be responsible for:

- \$4,300 program fee
- Personal expenses
- Any personal travel aside from the scheduled itinerary (prior to or post trip)
- Expenses caused by airline rescheduling, cancellations, or delays (purchasing trip protection insurance is strongly recommended)

Who can apply?

- This program is exclusively open to educators

Registration Process

- Must complete Registration form - [Click here!](#) - and send deposit of \$600
- Registration deadline: September 12, 2024

Questions

- Questions regarding the application can be sent to Alex Nostrand at alexandra@spiralinternational.org

