

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 April 17-27, 2025! This trip is designed specifically for 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 a local school and meet with Singaporean educators

Johor Bahru, Malaysia

- School visit to deepen understanding of Malaysian education system
- Visit Tan Hiok Nee Heritage Street for cultural learning activities
- Enjoy the night markets
- Day trip to Putuo Village Buddhist Sanctuary

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: January 2, 2025

Questions

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

