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Sheraton Towers Singapore

Because life is short

For travel-weary guests on any of several continents, arriving at a Sheraton hotel has a soothing “Welcome Back, Welcome Home” feel. Centrally located on Scotts road in the Asian crossroads of Singapore, **Sheraton Towers** fully meets this expectation. Stepping inside, the expansive lobby gives an arriving guest an impression of understated elegance. There’s a grand staircase on the left, clusters of armchairs on the right, and beyond, a stylish bar and dining room surrounded by lush gardens and cascading waterfalls.



Relax by the secluded pool.

The reliably fine service that one expects at a Sheraton hotel is also evident here: the staff is courteous, efficient, and fully proficient in English. Check-in is swift and streamlined, and within minutes you’re in your room. Now it’s time to relax—full butler service, including packing and unpacking, morning call with coffee, shoeshine, and laundry pickup, is available on every floor. There’s also 24-hour concierge service to help you organize your business and leisure activities around town.

Decorated in pleasant tones of beige and brown, the deluxe category guestroom occupied by visiting **Cognoscenti Magazine** editors had a hushed and muted feel about it—just the thing for getting a good night’s sleep. (The abundance of soft down pillows and Egyptian cotton bedding didn’t hurt, either.)

The continental-style furniture felt both solid and comfortable—not at all the pre-fabricated sort that one finds at lesser hotels. A bedside control panel operated everything from lights to air-conditioning—and the climate control system was both quiet and efficient, which is some-

thing one can’t always take for granted, even at 5-star lodgings.

Work, you said? Business-friendly amenities include a two-line speaker phone with voicemail and optional broadband Internet access (S\$28 per day), as well as a spacious and well-designed desk and chair, as one typically find at Sheratons worldwide. The marble-accented bathroom was well laid-out but smallish—standing in front of the single sink, our leg just about brushed up against the toilet. The combination bath/shower was outfitted with an old-fashioned shower curtain, in contrast to the more stylish glass-walled models increasingly in use elsewhere.

The Dining Room, located on the lobby floor, featured impressively high ceilings and pretty stone walls. Here an American breakfast, replete with made-to-order omelettes and squeezed-to-order juices, is served daily. The Dining Room also dishes up international and Asian dishes later in the day, with the Italian restaurant **Domus**, the Cantonese **Li Bai**, and 24-hour room service rounding out the on-site dining options.

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