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Singapore is an Asian melting pot of fascinating crossroad between East and West. Here the hypermodern buildings of the financial district blend with Chinatown's classic small houses. As an old trading town, Singapore is the natural place for anyone who wants to shop – the range is enormous.

In addition, Singapore offers a cuisine with influences from all corners of Asia that exceeds the highest expectations.

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## THE CITY



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Singapore is clean, safe and efficient and the inhabitants are as proud of this as they are of the city's great financial heart beating around the clock. The harbour is the busiest in the world and capital flows on the stock exchange. All the world's banks, insurance companies and investors are represented here.

In 200 years, Singapore has gone from being a deserted island to an eminent industrial nation and major financial power, as reflected in the flourishing townscape.

A good start for anyone who wants to experience Singapore today, with its mixture of old and new, is to have a drink on Boat Quay in the late afternoon. The renovated harbour district is packed with bars and restaurants. People from the financial district also meet here after work to socialise.

Another traditional watering hole is Raffles Hotel, built in the Colonial style. Is there anything more embedded in mystic than to drink a Singapore Sling in the hotel's Long Bar? It is a fantastic environment for a drink, the perfect way to experience Singapore and perhaps the very best way of all to experience the meeting between the city's exciting history and modern times.

Anyone who is looking for the original Singapore might like to head for the crowds of Chinatown where fortune-tellers, calligraphers and temple visitors are a permanent feature of everyday life. In Little India you will find the best Sari fabrics and lots of exciting spices. Don't miss the small shops on Arab Street either.

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## DO & SEE



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Singapore is a hectic metropolis with bustling street life. Here are many sights to see and you can experiences everything from a drink at legendary Raffles Hotel to meeting tigers.

## Trick Eye Museum

This is a museum like no other. Trick Eye is short for I Trick of the eye', which refers to an art technique that turns two-dimensional paintings into three-dimensional images through the use of optical illusions. With that, 2D paintings on the museum walls, floors and ceilings appear to pop out of the surface and come to life. Visitors are more than welcome to explore the various themed galleries with their eyes, hands and even cameras. Step inside the paintings to complete a visual narrative with your creative poses, and watch a "tricky" story unfold before your camera. At Trick Eye Museum, you'll be creating unforgettable memories with friends and family amid fun and laughter, with a dash of educational and cultural enrichment. Get ready to let your imagination march into a miraculous dimension of original 3D artworks.

Address: Waterfront, Resorts World Sentosa, 26 Sentosa Gateway, Singapore 098138 Phone: +65 6795 2370 / +65 6795 2371 Internet: www.facebook.com/TrickEyeSingapore

## Singapore Zoo

The Singapore Zoo is a so called "open zoo" and it is a world famous zoological garden with 315 animal species,

of which approximately 60 are endangered. You can find all the big cats here: lion, tiger, jaguar, leopard and puma, also rare white tigers. If you want to, you can meet orangutans face-to-face. Most of the animals are kept in spacious, landscaped enclosures separated from the visitors by dry or wet moats. Dangerous animals are housed in landscaped glass-fronted enclosures. The park also offers an exciting night safari.

Address: 80 Mandai Lake Road, Singapore Phone: +65 6269 3411 Internet: www.zoo.com.sg

## The Sultan Mosque

The Sultan Mosque with its cupola and minarets gleams light green and is a very beautiful building in the Kampong Glam district. This mosque is the Muslims' most important building in Singapore (there are 68 mosques in the city in total). Visitors are welcomed to the mosques even if certain parts are still off limits to those who are not faithful Muslims.

Address: 3 Muscat Street, Singapore Phone: +65 6293 4405 Internet: www.sultanmosque.org.sg

## **Boat Quay**

This newly renovated part of an old harbour district has a long row of bars and restaurants, both inside and outside. Many people gather here in the evening, sitting by the river and eating a delicious dinner outside is a beautiful experience.

Address: South Bridge Road, Singapore More Info: Next to the Singapore River, starting at South Bridge Road (source)

## Fort Canning Park

This park, in the middle of the colonial city centre, is a great spot for anyone who wants to learn more about Singapore's military history. Raffle's last home during his time in the city is also here. An exciting tour of the subterranean command headquarters used by the British during the Second World War is a must when visiting the park.

Address: 51 Canning Rise, Singapore Phone: +65 6471 7361 Internet: www.nparks.gov.sg

## **Suntec City**

Eat, stroll and be impressed by this monumental indoor complex full of shopping arcades, cinemas, restaurants, conference centres and works of art - including a gigantic fountain. Moreover, it is a good place to cool down when the tropical heat is too oppressive outside.

Address: 1 Raffles Boulevard, Singapore Phone: +65 6337 2888 Internet: www.suntecsingapore.com

## **Sky Tower**

Singapore's tallest observatory tower offers panoramic views at 131 meters above sea level across Singapore, Sentosa, Southern Islands, right up to neighboring Malaysia and the Indonesian islands. Day or night, views from the tower are breathtaking.

Address: 101 Thomson Road, Singapore Phone: +65 6275 0388 Internet: www.skytower.com.sg More Info: Located adjacent to the Sentosa cable car station

## **Singapore Flyer**

Standing at 165 meters, the Singapore Flyer is even taller than the London Eye. This Ferris wheel gives you a visual feast of the Marina Bay and the great icons and landmarks of Singapore.

Address: 30 Raffles Avenue, Singapore Phone: +65 6333 3311 Internet: www.singaporeflyer.com

## **Clarke Quay**

This riverside quay was once the entrepôt centre of the Singapore harbour. Now a bustling night-life area, the run-down warehouses - "go downs" - have been turned into nightclubs, restaurants and flea markets. Though fully renovated, historical buildings have been preserved, letting it retain its special character.

Address: 3 River Valley Road, Singapore Phone: +65 6337 3292 Internet: www.clarkequay.com.sg More Info: Upstream from Boat Quay

## **Holland Village**

Often referred to as "Holland V," this happening area is popular with young Singaporeans and expatriates. It offers a bohemian mix of fine restaurants, cool bars and street eateries. Holland Village also is a hub for antiques, with many outlets dealing in arts and handicrafts, especially home ware and furniture.

Address: Holland Village, Singapore Public Transport: Buona Vista Internet: www.holland-village-singapore.com

## The Southern Ridges

A remnant of the luxurious greenery once covering the whole of the island, the Southern Ridges is a series of green spaces strung along 9 km. Take the elevated Canopy Walk through the rainforest, stop to study all things gardening at Hort Park, then cross the beautifully designed Henderson Waves bridge, and, finally, take the cable car down to Sentosa Island after having admired the panoramic view from Mount Faber.

Address: Harbour Front, Singapore Phone: +65 6471 5601 Internet: www.nparks.gov.sg

## **Dempsey Hill**

During colonial days, this area housed British military barracks. Today it has been revamped into a shopping, eating and lifestyle area with lush gardens and spa-like ambience. This is a great place to get away for the weekend! Grab a taxi from Orchard Road and spend a day antiquing and relaxing in this colonial hotspot.

Address: Dempsey Hill, Singapore

## Chinatown

Construction of the Chinese district of Singapore started in 1828 and started out rougher, more cramped and crowded than it is today. Most of it has been renovated, but the narrow streets and shops remain, as do several large markets. Drop into the Peoples Park Complex shopping centre and Chinatown Complex market and the experience is even more amazing.

Address: South Street, Singapore

Public Transport: Chinatown (can also be reached from Outram station) Internet: www.chinatown.sg

More Info: South Street, South Bridge Road, Eu Tong Sen Street and Sago Street

## **Raffles Hotel**

The drink Singapore Sling was created here in 1915, by the bartender Ngiam Tong Boon, and it is still served in the traditional Long Bar. This is a wonderful hotel with a great atmosphere, museum and beautiful gardens. Food is important at the hotel where the cuisine is world-class. For anyone who wants to learn to cook like the great chefs, courses are given at Raffles Culinary Academy. Outside the entrance stands probably the most photographed doorman in the world.

Address: 1 Beach Road, Singapore Public Transport: City Hall Phone: +65 6337 1886 Internet: www.raffleshotel.com

## **Underwater World and Dolphin Lagoon**

Here you'll get to observe several fascinating dolphins. Lucky visitors might even score a peck on the cheek, or a chance to wade next to them. There is also the option to swim with the dolphins. Advance booking for dolphin package is required.

Address: 80 Siloso Road, Sentosa, Singapore Phone: +65 6275 0030 Internet: www.underwaterworld.com.sg More Info: Yellow Line Bus, Red Line Bus or Palawan-Tanjong Beach Tram

## Esplanade

At the mouth of the Singapore River lies the Esplanade, a performance art centre featuring a concert hall, a theatre hall, recital and rehearsal studios, as well as outdoor performance spaces. Casually referred to as "the Durian" because of its resemblance to the famous tropical fruit, the architecturally stunning building boasts some of the world's best acoustics. Even with no one on stage, this is a great spot for lunch or afternoon tea at the neighbouring Esplanade Mall.

Address: 1 Esplanade Drive, Singapore Public Transport: City Hall Phone: +65 6828 8377 Internet: www.esplanade.com

## DINING



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Singapore is an unparalleled city when it comes to food – a number of major Asian cuisines blend with the best of the Occident. Indian, Malay, Japanese, Chinese and Singapore's own cuisine meets in Singapore and the result is a fantastic choice, both in terms of the number of restaurants and the quality.

In Singapore you can eat cheap and tasty at one of the twenty something hawker centres - earlier they were open air complexes selling a variety of food, today they are slowly being replaced by indoor and air-conditioned food courts. If you prefer the opposite, but still tasty, you may chose to eat extremely expensive and luxuriously in skyscraper restaurants!

## **Newton Food Centre**

This is a a traditional and major hawker centre in Newton, Singapore. The centre is often promoted as a tourist attraction in itself and here you can find practically everything when it comes to food: fishball noodles, satay, fried oysters and lobsters.

-"A hawker centre or cooked food centre is the name given to open-air complexes in Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore and Riau Islands, housing many stalls that sell a variety of inexpensive food".

## -Wikipedia

Address: Clemenceau Ave North, Newton Circus, Singapore Public Transport: Newton More Info: Along Clemenceau Ave North, Newton Circus

## **Quayside Seafood Restaurant**

Quayside Seafood Restaurant has a fantastic choice of fish and seafood – from all of Asia's cuisine. It is wonderful located right next to the water, with the Singapore River flowing past it.

Address: Blk 3A Clarke Quay, Alfresco, Singapore Public Transport: Clarke Quay Phone: +65 9633 9146 Internet: www.quaysidedining.com

## East Coast Seafood Centre

This tri-block food centre in East Coast Park is best known for its great seafood restaurants. Three examples are Fishermans Village, Long Beach Seafood Restaurant and Jumbo Seafood. Chili crab and black pepper crab are among the signature local dishes.

Address: Block 1202, East Coast Parkway, Singapore

## Lau Pa Sat

Built in 1894, Lau Pa Sat is an impressive piece of Victorian architecture. It used to be a wet market, but has since then been transformed to a food court – popular with tourists and locals alike. Make sure to come here on Saturday night when Boon Tat Street, just south of the food court, is filled with tables and chairs to allow outdoor dining.

Order an ice cold Tiger Beer to go with the delicious Satay – grilled skewered meat served with peanut gravy – and enjoy the people as well as the great atmosphere. Also try the traditional Ice Kachang, a local dessert.

Address: 18 Raffles Quay, Singapore Public Transport: Raffles Place Opening hours: Open 24 hours Phone: +65 6220 2138 Internet: www.laupasat.biz

## Mango Tree

This award winning east coast darling specializes in seafood from India's South west coast. Take a seat in the outdoor area and enjoy spicy dishes like Kerala Fish Curry and Garlic crab. To cool off, try the home made mango ice cream. Prices are reasonable and the service is attentive.

Address: 112 East Coast Road, Singapore Phone: +65 6604 9661 Internet: www.themangotree.com.sg

## Colours by the Bay

Korean barbecue, Thai Express, Indian Coastal Food or traditional Irish pub cuisine? Colours By The Bay consistis of a group of different restaurants, all under one roof. Thanks to a wireless ordering system that lets you choose from any of the restaurants' menus, you may now compose your own palette of culinary experience.

Address: 10 Anson Road, Singapore Public Transport: City Hall Internet: www.colours.com.sg More Info: Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay

## Sun with Moon

Serving modern Japanese food in a comfortable setting, this restaurant has a different menu depending on the time of day you choose to visit. Some of the dishes might be on the pricy side, but the quality and presentation is top notch.

Address: 501 Orchard Road, Singapore Public Transport: Orchard Phone: +65 6733 6636 Internet: www.sunwithmoon.com.sg More Info: Wheelock Place

## Ya Kun Kaya Toast

For a touch of local cuisine, try the traditional Singaporean breakfast consisting of coffee, toast laced with Kaya (a special jam made from coconut and sugar) and soft-boiled eggs. This is one of the biggest and oldest 'kopitiam' meaning 'coffee shop' in Hokkien. It can be found all over the Island. They're not just good for breakfast, but will serve a nice light meal any time of the day.

Address: 1 Woodlands Square, Singapore Phone: +65 6891 2119 Internet: www.yakun.com

### **Crystal Jade**

For Chinese cuisine, try one of the Crystal Jade restaurants. Classic dishes like roast pork bun and carrot cake go along with Cantonese dim sum and a heap of noodle and congee (rice porridge) varieties.

Address: 2 Lorong Mambong, Singapore Phone: +65 6469 0300 Internet: www.crystaljade.com More Info: Some ten restaurants around the city

### Jaan

At Jaan restaurant, located on the 70th floor in Swissôtel, the delicious and beautiful courses compete with the stunning and unforgetable view over the city and the harbour. This is modern French cuisine at its best. Reservations are recommended and try to catch the timing for sunset.

Address: 2 Stamford Road, Singapore Phone: +65 9199 9008 Internet: www.swissotel.com More Info: Located in the Swissôtel

## Shinji by Kanesaka

For top notch sushi and Japanese cuisine, head to one of

Address: 1 Beach Road, Singapore Opening hours: Closed on Sundays Phone: +65 6338 6131 Internet: www.shinjibykanesaka.com More Info: Via Seah Street lobby

## in ITALY

Chef Mario Caramella and his team are happy to give you a warm welcome when you step into his Italian restaurant. Enjoy antipasti, pasta, cheese and Italian wines to reasonable prices.

Address: 38 Craig Road, Singapore Phone: +65 6423 0918 Internet: www.initaly.asia

#### Au Jardin by Les Amis

In a green and lush area of the Botanic Gardens, Au Jardin by Les Amis is located. This is a perfect spot for a quiet lunch and some rest from the bustling city. The food is French and the menu offers a wide array of dishes.

Address: 1 Cluny Road, Singapore Phone: +65 6466 8812 Internet: www.lesamis.com.sg

## Noti Restaurant & Bar

Noti Restaurant & Bar is located in Chinatown at Club Street. Italian dishes with homemade pasta, cooked to perfection, are served in a homely but modern dining room.

Address: 54 & 56 Club Street, Singapore Phone: +65 6222 0089

## Blu Kouzina

At Blu Kouzina, a dining room decorated with the traditional blue and white colours and waiters serving

dishes such as mousaka, souvlaki and grilled feta cheese give you the perfect atmosphere of Greece. The owner will happily to recommend his favourites and answer all your questions.

Address: 893 Bukit Timah Road, Singapore Phone: +65 6875 0872 Internet: www.blukouzina.com

## CAFES



Photo: Arun Katiyar

As in the rest of Asia, the café culture is not particularly widespread, but the café chain Starbucks is everywhere with lots of cafés dotted around the city. You can also find different 'kopitiam' - meaning 'coffee shop' in Hokkien. They can be found all over the Island. They're not just good for breakfast, but will serve a nice light meal any time of the day. Outlets offering breakfast as well as other savoury delights are Killiney Kopitiam and the relatively new Toastbox franchise.

## Papa Palheta

Papa Palheta specialise in roasting and serving specialty coffee. It is located in the Newton area, away from the island's café hubs. The people that run this place is definitely very passionate about coffee. Thei rvision is to run the best coffee shop and not the biggest coffee shop.

Address: 140 Bukit Timah Road, Singapore Phone: +65 9799 0420 Internet: www.papapalheta.com

## Kith

The word "kith" means more or less kin, it could be neighbours, good friends or relatives. And what better place to meet family and friends than a cozy and homey café? Their coffee is high quality, the beans specially roasted by a local supplier.

Address: 7 Rodyk St, Singapore Phone: +65 6341 9407 Internet: www.kith.com.sg

## Canelé

Canelé Pâtisserie Chocolaterie has plenty of experience from making pastries for more or less two decades. They have a French pastry chef who has conquered kitchens of both Michelin-starred restaurants and luxurious hotels.

Address: 290 Orchard Road, Singapore Phone: +65 6733 8893 Internet: www.canele.com.sg

## **15 Minutes**

The café 15 Minutes strives not only for good coffee and food, but also good music and art. They've been inspired by Andy Warhol's famous quote "In the future, everybody will be world famous for 15 minutes", and are located in Lasalle College Of The Arts.

-"15 Minutes – a place for Friends, Food & Fame!"

Address: 1 McNally Street, Singapore Phone: +65 6333 5915

## Tea Time

As a former British colony, the tradition of afternoon tea naturally exists in Singapore. An extra bonus for connoisseurs is its proximity to Chinese tea plantations with all the exclusive types. Many of the hotels serve tea in the afternoon. A tip for a great experience is Ah Tengs Bakery at Raffles Hotel which offers tea with all the traditional trimmings and home-baked too!

Address: 1 Beach Road, Singapore Phone: +65 6412 1816 Internet: www.raffles.com

## **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



Photo: Michael Gwyther-Jones

Those who want to dance and enjoy themselves all night long have plenty of options in Singapore. Often, the visitor who is looking for something to drink in Singapore, is tipped off to try a Singapore Sling at Raffles, but there are lots of other alternatives.

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## **IndoChine Bar Opiume**

The IndoChine Group has created a concept where you can get everything: fantastic Asian food and drink, entertainment and dance. They have several bars and restaurants in the city.

Address: 1 Empress Place, Singapore Phone: +65 6339 2876 Internet: www.indochine.com.sg

## Alley Bar

Just off Orchard Road lies this chic cocktail bar that has taken its name from a small alley which it opens out into. Enjoy a mojito and complimentary tapas as after-work

## turns into late-night drinking and socializing.

Address: 180 Orchard Road, Singapore Public Transport: Somerset Phone: +65 6738 88 18 Internet: www.peranakanplace.com

## Shanghai Dolly

This is a chic nightclub at Clarke Quay, luxuriate in Oriental opulence beckoning at every level. Toast the happy hedonism of bygone days in the Main Hall, featuring William Scorpion, Jiaqi, Joh Toh, Queem, San Yue and Starway, along with a host of new singers, dancers, DJ's and VJ's. Relax in the Piano Bar upstairs, and feast on local and international favourites in the top-quality restaurant.

Address: Clarke Quay, The Foundry, Singapore Public Transport: Clarke Quay Phone: +65 6336 7676 Internet: www.stjamespowerstation.com

## Attica

Another Clark Quay venue, Attica and its sister club Attica Too, caters to the trendy, fun-loving partygoer. A posh looking place with reasonable drink prices, you are welcome to dance the night away (open until 6 o'clock on weekends) along the banks of the Singapore River.

Address: 3A River Valley Road, Singapore Public Transport: Clarke Quay Phone: +65 6333 9973 Internet: www.attica.com.sg

#### **St James Power Station**

This mega complex, located in a refurbished power plant, opened in 2006 has something for everyone. Pay once and marvel at the diversity of its outlets ten different clubs, offering everything from karaoke and mandarin-pop to live rock acts as well as laid-back jazz.

Address: 3 Sentosa, Singapore Public Transport: Harbour Front Phone: +65 6270 7676 Internet: www.stjamespowerstation.com

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#### Zouk

Zouk is one of Asia's nicest clubs, located in three old warehouses by the river. The club has Moorish and Aboriginal-influenced interior, large dance floor, bars and food.

Address: 17 Jiak Kim Street, Singapore Public Transport: Clarke Quay Phone: +65 6738 2988 Internet: www.zoukclub.com.sg

## Supperclub

Just opposite to the Raffles Hotels, lies the first Asian incarnation of the world famous Supperclub. Dining here is a wholly different experience where you are asked to throw formality out the window as you are served a five-course surprise dinner while lying in bed! As the evening progresses you may indulge in arts, music and amazing visuals projected on the 500 sq foot video wall.

Address: 331 North Bridge Road, Singapore Public Transport: City Hall Phone: +65 6334 4080 Internet: www.supperclub.com

## SHOPPING



Photo: Akuppa John Wigham

Shopping is a national sport in Singapore and there is an enormous range in all price brackets to choose from. The artery of Singapore's shopping life is naturally Orchard Road where the largest and most well-known department stores are lined up. Moreover, there are lots of shopping centres and markets around the city.

Anyone who is after a bargain is smart enough to check the prices at home before leaving, just to have something with which to make a comparison. Not everything is cheap, but watches, clothes, cloth, gold, spices and jade are definitely found at a good price.

## **Orchard Road**

Orchard Road is the main shopping street in Singapore. There are department stores and shopping centres at an incomparable range which beats most. Anyone who wants, could easily add a few days to their trip just to walk up and down Orchard Road.

Address: Orchard Road, Singapore Internet: www.orchardroad.org More Info: Somerset and Dhoby Ghaut

#### Kampong Glam & Little India

In the Muslim districts there are lots of small, bazaar-type shops selling fabric, baskets and mats. Arab Street is the main street in Singapore's Muslim world and much of what is sold is also of religious and ethnic origin (prayer mats and head dresses for example). Fabric is number one here - silk and cotton in all forms, there is also batik from other parts of Asia. Serangoon Road and the adjacent streets (centre for Singapore's Indian community) offer wonderful fragrances and impressions.

Address: Arab Street, Singapore Public Transport: Bugis or Little India Internet: www.kampongglam.org.sg and www.lisha.org.sg

#### Riverside

At Clarke Quay, there are a number of newly renovated harbour warehouses accommodating some 150 shops. They sell antiques, clothes, souvenirs and other things, there is also a flea market on Sundays. Immediately adjacent is Liang Court, where there are a number of Japanese designer shops. Riverside Point is an exclusive shopping centre in the area.

Address: Clarke Quay, Singapore Public Transport: Clarke Quay

## Centrepoint

Centrepoint is the largest and most popular shopping centre in Singapore. This includes, among other things, the legendary Robinsons & Co. as well as shops for music, clothes, optics, electronics, furniture, mats and books everything anyone might need. There are also many restaurants and fast-food restaurants.

Address: 176 Orchard Road, Singapore Public Transport: Somerset Phone: +65 6737 9000 Internet: www.fraserscentrepointmalls.com

#### Ngee Ann City

It takes more than one day to properly get around this massive complex. The main attraction is Takashimaya, the large Japanese chain store. Apart from that, you'll find more than 100 specialised shops for sports, stationery, electronics, jewels and designer clothes. Brands like Boss, Zara and Mango are found here, as well as south-east

## Asia's largest bookstore, Konokuniya.

Address: 391A Orchard Road, Singapore Public Transport: Orchard Phone: +65 6733 0337 Internet: www.ngeeanncity.com.sg

## Plaza Singapura

This is Singapore's first shopping mall with many shops, built in 1974 and a favourite with the locals. A one-stop-shop for lifestyle items with brands like Carrefour, John Little, Marks & Spencer and Best Denki.

Address: 68 Orchard Road, Singapore Public Transport: Dhoby Ghaut Phone: +65 6332 9298 Internet: www.plazasingapura.com.sg

## Chinatown

Chinatown is located just next to the financial district's skyscrapers. It is colorful, crowded and with typical aromas of the Chinese district (spices, herbs, medicines, fruit). In Tanjong Pagar will find traditional tea shops, masks and other artwork. In the narrow Smith Street, Trengganu Street, Temple Street and Pagoda Street, it's easy to find all kinds of bargains.

Do not forget Sago Street with its China stores. Peoples Park Complex shopping center is a must, especially for the crowd. Do not miss OG People's Park, which has become popular with its fashion boutiques, jewelry and cosmetics.

Address: Chinatown, Singapore Public Transport: Outram or Chinatown Internet: www.chinatown.sg

#### Marina Square

Bigger than seven football fields combined, Marina Square is one of the largest shopping malls in Singapore. Located at Marina Bay adjacent to Suntec City, the recently revamped mall is divided into eight uniquely thematic zones with over 250 stores on five levels. With its recently introduced Tourist Previlege program this is the mall where you can happily "shop until you drop!"

Address: 6 Raffles Boulevard, Singapore Phone: +65 6335 2627 Internet: www.marinasquare.com.sg

## Sim Lim Square

Located near Bugis Street and regarded as the most established IT-mall in Singapore, Sim Lim Square is a six-storey complex guaranteed to satisfy your need for anything electronic. The first storey is devoted to consumer electronics and on the levels above, you will find IT-related products. Bargaining is encouraged on all floors.

Address: 1 Rochor Canal Road, Singapore Public Transport: Bugis Phone: +65 6338 3859 Internet: www.simlimsquare.com.sg

## Far East Plaza

What Far East Plaza lacks in glamour, it certainly makes up for in diversity and bargaining fun. Located on Scotts Road just off Orchard, this mall, popular among locals as well as expatriates, boasts more than 800 stores and there is most certainly something for everyone.

Address: 14 Scotts Road, Singapore Public Transport: Orchard Phone: +65 6732 6266 Internet: www.fareast-plaza.com

## ACCOMMODATIONS



Photo: Akuppa John Wigham

Singapore has a large selection of hotels in all price ranges. You find everything from the highest luxury to simple and inexpensive rooms.

## **Goodwood Park Hotel**

Goodwood Park Hotel is one of Singapore's most traditional hotels, over 100-years-old. There are more than 200 guest rooms and suites in several wings. The hotel has splendid surroundings and a timeless charm.

Address: 22 Scotts Road, Singapore Public Transport: Orchard Phone: +65 6737 7411 Internet: www.goodwoodparkhotel.com

## Hotel 1929

With 32 uniquely furnished rooms in a beautiful mixture of retro and modern design, this hotel really does stand out from other hotels in the area. It is centrally located and just a 5 minute taxi ride from the business district.

Address: 50 Keong Saik Road, Singapore Public Transport: Chinatown or MRT Outram Park Phone: +65 6347 1929 Internet: www.hotel1929.com

## **Strand Hotel**

Strand Hotel provides their guests with 24 hours personalised service and works well for both business and leisure travellers. It is located close by restaurants, shopping and museums.

Address: 25 Bencoolen Street, Singapore Phone: +65 6338 1866 Internet: www.strandhotel.com.sg

## Shangri-La

Shangri-La hotels are consistently ranked as some of the best luxury hotels in the world and this is where the legendary hospitality of Shangri-La first began. The hotel, which is surrounded by fifteen acres of botanical gardens, is only a short walk from the entertainment and shopping on Orchard Road.

Address: 22 Orange Grove Road, Singapore Phone: +65 6737 3644 Internet: www.shangri-la.com

## **Novotel Clarke Quay**

This hotel is located near Orchard Road and other entertainment and shopping areas. It features 402 beautifully appointed rooms, swimming pool, restaurants and bar.

Address: 177 River Valley Road, Singapore Phone: +65 6338 3333 Internet: www.novotelclarkequay.com.sg

### Mandarin Orchard Singapore

This is a perfect accomodation choice for the shopaholic. It is located right on the lively Orchard Road with a wide array of shops, boutiques and malls and even the hotel it self is connected to a shopping centre. For relaxing moments, Mandarin Orchard Singapore features an outdoor pool with sun deck and the 1,051 rooms are decorated in tranquil colours.

Address: 333 Orchard Road, Singapore Phone: +65 6737 2200 Internet: www.meritushotels.com

## **Resorts World Sentosa - Festive Hotel**

Resorts World Sentosa opened in 2010 and attracts families and everyone with a childlike mind. This is the home to Universal Studios Singapore and it features the world's largest oceanarium, a water park and a Maritime Experiential Museum. For the adults there is also a spa. The resort includes 6 different hotels and Festive Hotel is one of them. Singapores business district is within a 10 minutes drive.

Address: 8 Sentosa Gateway, Singapore Phone: +65 6577 8888 Internet: www.rwsentosa.com More Info: Located on Sentosa Island

## **Robertson Quay Hotel**

This three star hotel is located along the river and the 150 rooms offer either river- or city view. In a 5-minute drive, Orchard Road with all its shops and restaurants is reached. The hotel also features a pool and in the lobby lounge, a breakfast is served every day.

Address: 15 Merbau Road, Singapore Phone: +65 6735 3333 Internet: www.robertsonquayhotel.com.sg More Info: Located on the Riverside

## **Marina Bay Sands**

Marina Bay Sands Hotel, with its three towers and a skypark on top that connects them all, is an iconic building of the city. The impressive luxury hotel offers 2,560 rooms, 20 restaurants, a spa, a museum, live shows and an amazing infinity pool on the skypark.

Address: 10 Bayfront Avenue, Singapore Phone: +65 6688 8868 Internet: www.marinabaysands.com

## Swissotel The Stamford

For the best view you should stay at Swissotel The Stamford, one of Southeast Asia's tallest hotels. The rooms are stylish decorated and some of them offers amenities such as DVD players and iPod docks. Orchard Road is located a 10-minute train ride from the hotel but you can also find a shopping centre and 11 different restaurants inside the hotel complex.

Address: 2 Stamford Road, Singapore Phone: +65 6338 8585

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Internet: www.swissotel.com

## mOOn Hotel

This hotel, located in Little India, offers 80 contemporary designed bright rooms. WiFi and minibar are complimentary in all of the rooms and with public transport just a few minutes away, you reach all major sights easily.

Address: 23 Dickson Road, Singapore Phone: +65 6827 6666 Internet: www.moon.com.sg

## 5footway.inn

5footway.inn is a hostel chain with 4 properties throughout the city. All of them are decorated in a trendy and cool design that attracts a young and hip traveler. There are different room types to choose from and you can find everything from single rooms with private bathroom to mixed dorms. Some of the hostels provides free WiFi and breakfast for their guests.

Address: 63 Pagoda Street, Singapore Phone: +65 6221 5832 Internet: www.5footwayinn.com

## Le Grove Serviced Apartments

In an exclusive area close to Orchard Road, Le Grove Serviced Apartments are located. In addition to the 97 fully equipped stylish 2- and 3 bedroom apartments, the complex also offer its guests the possibility to enjoy the swimming pool or work out in the gym or at the tennis court.

Address: 32 Orange Grove Road, Singapore Phone: +65 6732 2212 Internet: www.legrove.com.sg

## **York Hotel**

The 4-star York Hotel is located just a 5 minutes walk from the lively shopping street Orchard Road. The rooms, furbished in smooth and tranquil colours, give the hotel guests a relaxing moment after a day in the bustling city.

Address: 21 Mount Elizabeth, Singapore Phone: +65 6737 0511 Internet: www.yorkhotel.com.sg

## **Fragrance Hotel - Riverside**

This middle class hotel lies within walking distance from lively Clarke Quay and colourful Chinatown. The guest rooms are comfortably designed and provides all necessary amenities. There is an outdoor swimminpool on the rooftop for guests to enjoy.

Address: 20 HongKong Street, Singapore Phone: +65 6636 0888 Internet: www.fragrancehotel.com

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## Airports

The airport in Singapore is called Changi and like everything else in the city, it is a miracle of efficiency. All services are provided locally and it is recognised as one of the best airports in the world. Both its terminals are linked

by a skytrain which operates both at the transit and public areas and Terminal 3. Obviously, the shopping is high class here as well.

Transportation to and from the city is excellent as the end station of one of the routes on the MRT tube is at the airport. The tube is also the cheapest and fastest way to the city. A taxi to the city takes around 30 minutes. Budget transport to the city and other parts of the island can also be by bus or by train. Terminals are located at the basement of Terminals 1 and 2. Prepare the exact fare for buses as no change will be given. If you choose to go by train, you would have to switch trains at EW4 - Tanah Merah MRT Station to get downtown.

A Ground Transport Centre (GTC) is available at the Arrival Hall of both Terminals.

For more details on time tables and fares, pick up a copy of the MRT brochure at the Changi Airport MRT Station.

Phone: +65 6595 6868 Internet: www.changiairport.com

## **Public Transport**

The MRT (Mass Rapid Transit) tube with its driver-free trains is the artery of Singapore's local transport. The network comprises three main lines which link up the city. The train runs from early in the morning until midnight and it is clean, fast and very safe. Tickets and different types of reduced rate tickets can be bought at all stations.

Singapore also has an extensive network of buses that cover local transport in areas to which MRT does not go. Buses are cheap and proportionately comfortable. There are buses both with and without air conditioning. In both cases, you save money by buying a bus ticket.

Internet: www.smrt.com.sg

#### Taxi

Flexible and easy – there are a great many taxis in

Singapore which all use taximeters. Taxis are cheap even if there is a surcharge at night time and for driving through certain areas during rush-hour traffic. There are a few large taxi companies of which Comfort is the largest.

City Cab +65 6552 2222

Comfort +65 6552 1111

SMRT +65 6555 8888

Transcab +65 6555 3333

Premier Taxis +65 6363 6888

SMART +65 6485 7777

Internet: www.taxisingapore.com

## **Post Office**

Singapore Post has 1,300 offices spread across the island. These offer all postal services and telecommunications. General opening hours are Monday to Friday 8.30–17.00 and Saturdays 8.30-13.00.

Singapore Post (main office)

Address: 10 Eunos Road 8, Singapore Phone: +65 6741 8857 Internet: www.singpost.com.sg

## Pharmacy

There are pharmacies in most supermarkets, department stores, hotels and shopping centres and they are usually open from 9.00-18.00. Many hotels have their own 24-hour doctors, while other doctors are listed under

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Medical Practitioners in the Yellow Pages.

## Telephone

Country code: +65

Electricity 220 - 240 volts, AC 50

## **EVENTS**



Events from Nickes.Com

## F1 Singapore 2014 — Motorsport

Date: 21/09/2014

Address: Singapore Circuit, Singapore Internet: http://www.nickes.com/en/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=715985

**Population** 5,312,400

**Currency** 1 Singapore dollar (SGD) = 100 cent

**Opening hours** Most shops in the city are open from 10.00 until 20.00 or 21.00 every day of the week.

**Newspapers** Straits Times The New Paper The Business Times

**Emergency numbers** Police: 999 Emergency/Ambulance/Fire Brigade: 995

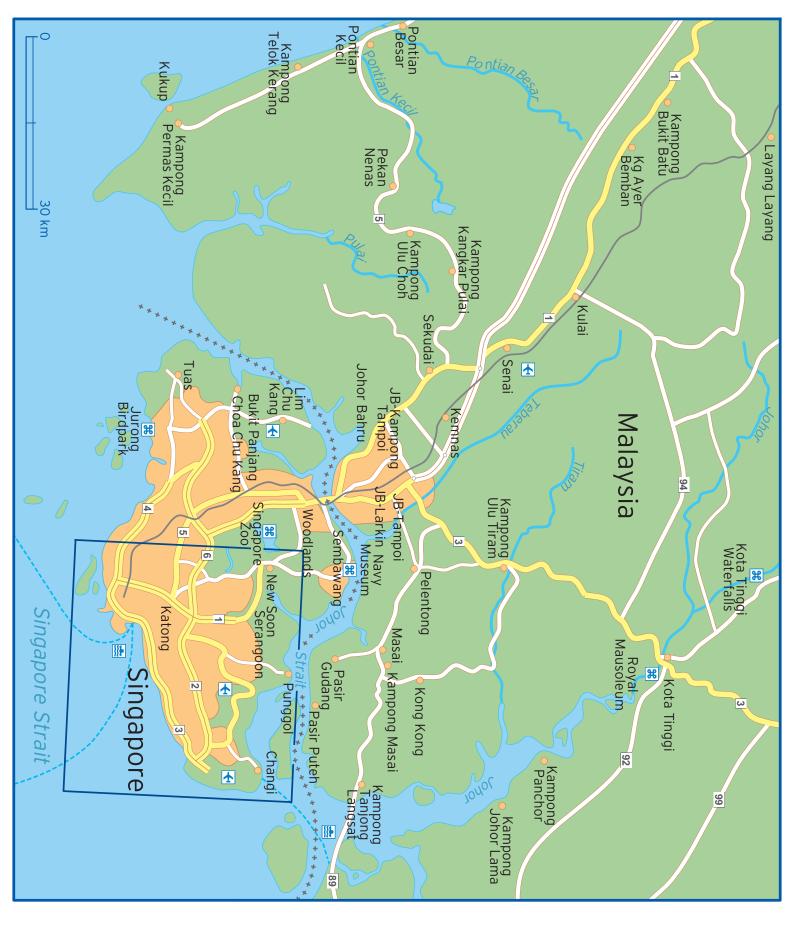
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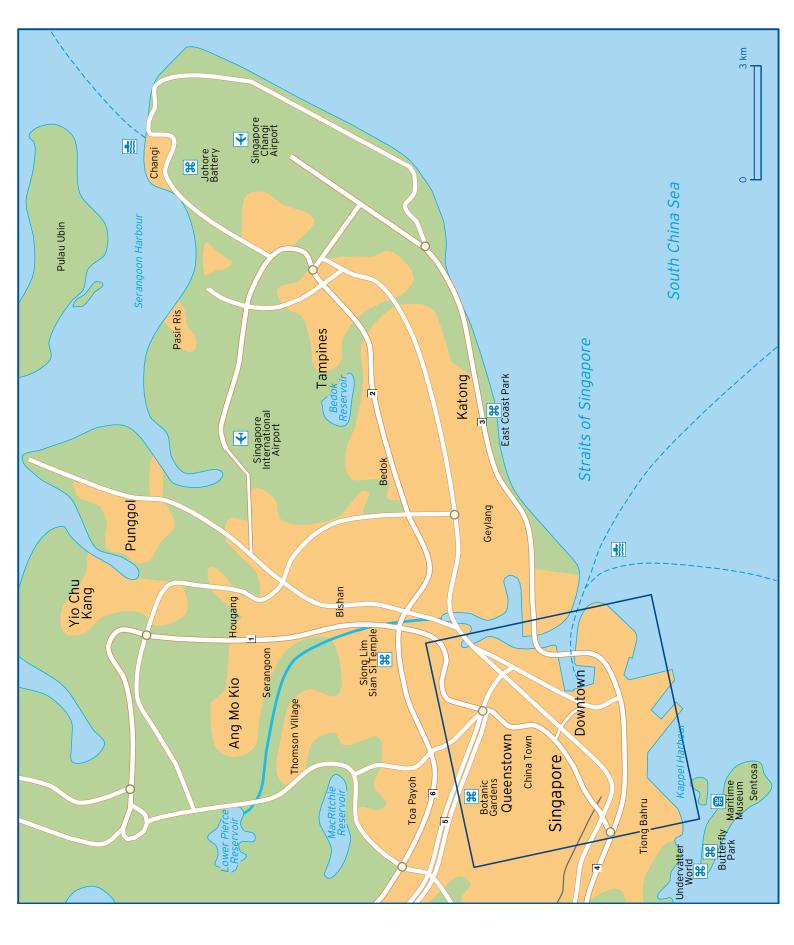
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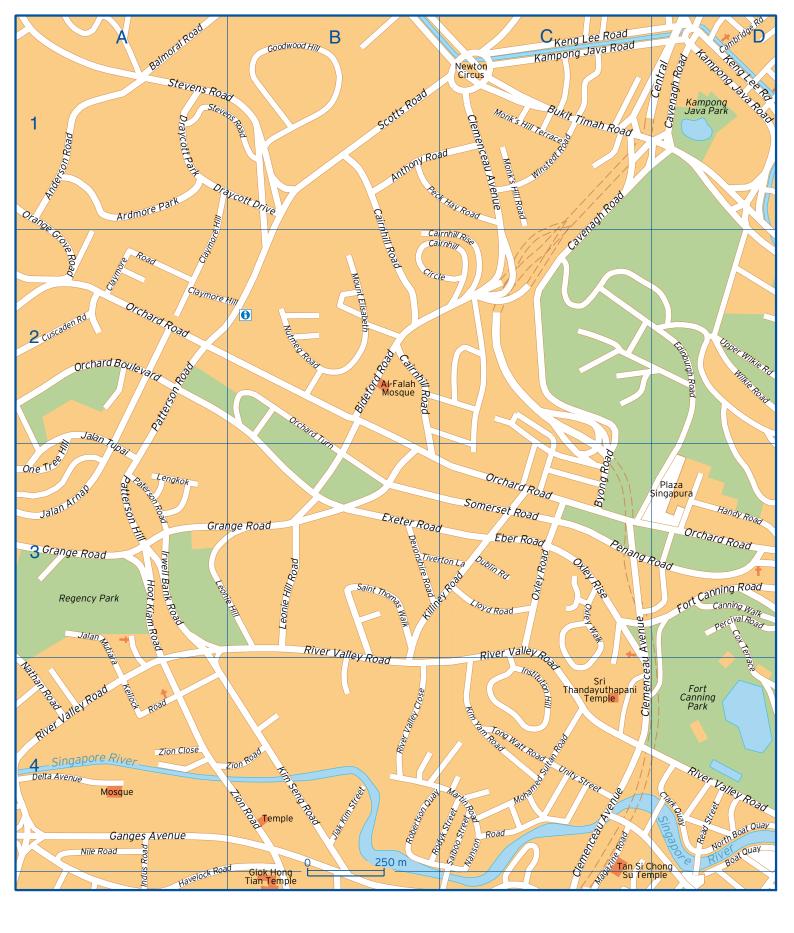
Changi Arrivals Hall 6.00 to 00.00 daily

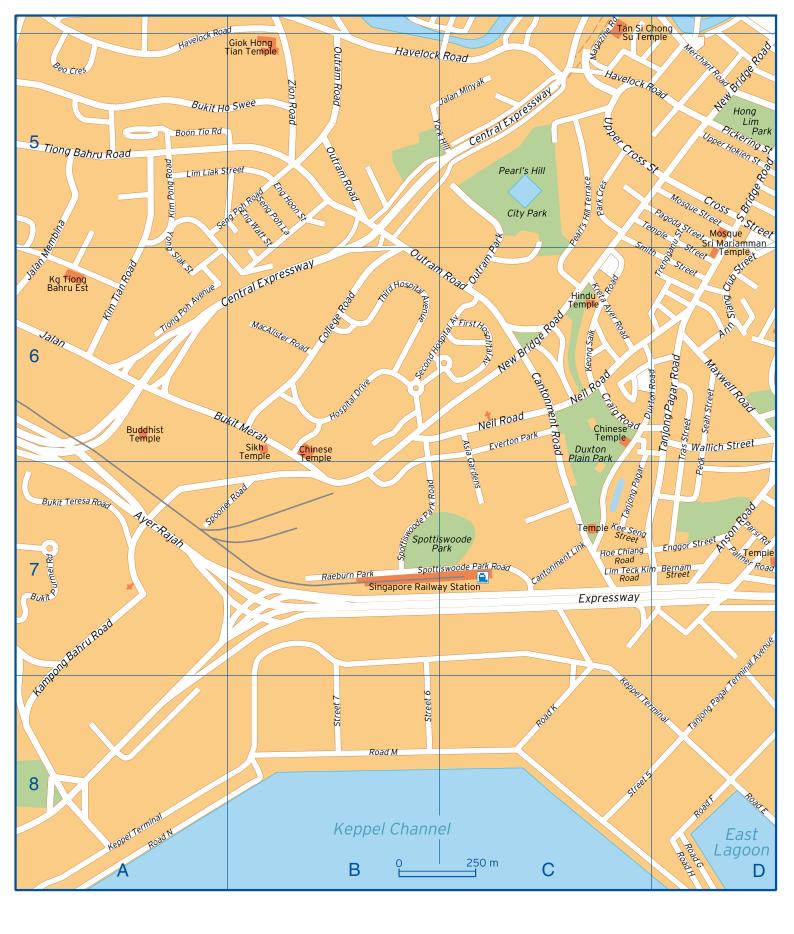
Touristline

1800 736 2000 +65 6736 2000 (Overseas) Operating Hours 9.00 to 18.00 Monday-Friday













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Adis Road	D2 D3	Central Expressway	A6 B6 C5 C7	Hertford Road	D1
Albert Street	E2	China Street	D5	High Street	D4
Allwal Street	F2	Church Street	D5 E5	Hill Street	D4 E4
Amoy Street	D6	Circular Road	D5	Hindoo Road	E1
Anderson Road	A1	Clark Quay	D4	Hoe Chiang Road	C7
Ann Siang Club Street	D6	Claymore Hill	A1 A2 B2	Hongkong Street	D5
Anson Road	D7	Claymore Road	A2	Hoot Kiam Road	A3
Anthony Road	B1 C1	Clemenceau Avenue	C1 C3 C4 C5	Hospital Drive	B6
Arab Street	F2	Clive Street	E2	Hylam Street	E3
Armenian Street	D4	Coleman Street	D4 E4	Indus Road	A4 A5
Asia Gardens	C6 C7	College Road	B6	Institution Hill	C4
Ayer-Rajah	A7	Collyer Quay	E5	Irwell Bank Road	A3
Baboo Lane	E1	Connaught Drive	E4	Jalan	A6
Balmoral Road	A1	Cox Terrace	D3 D4	Jalan Arnap	A3
Battery Road	E5	Craig Road	C6	Jalan Berseh	F1 F2
Beach Road	E4 F3 G2	Crawford Street	G2	Jalan Besar	E2
Bencoolen Street	D3 E3	Cross Street	D5	Jalan Kubor	F2
Beo Cres	A5	Cuff Road	E2	Jalan Membina	A5 A6
Bernam Street	D7	Cuscaden Road	A2	Jalan Minyak	C5
Bideford Road	B2	Delta Avenue	A4	Jalan Mutiara	A3 A4
Birch Road	E1	Desker Road	E1	Jalan Sultan	F2
Boat Quay	D4 D5 E5	Devonshire Road	B3	Jalan Tupai	A2 A3
Bond Terrace	D4	Dickson Road	E2	Jellicoe Road	F1 F2
Boon Keng Road	G1	Dorset Road	D1	Jiak Kim Street	B4
Boon Tat Street	D6 E6	Draycott Drive	A1 B1	Johore Road	E2 F2
Boon Tiong Road	A5	Draycott Park	A1	Kallang Avenue	G1
Bras Basah Road	D3 E3 E4	Dublin Road	C3	Kallang Junction	G1
Buffalo Road	D2 E2	Duxton Road	C6 D6	Kallang Road	G1
Bukit Ho Swee	A5 B5	East Coast Parkway	F6 G4	Kampong Bahru Road	A7 A8
Bukit Merah	A6 B6	East Lagoon Link	E7	Kampong Bugis	G1 G2
Bukit Purmei Road	A7	Eber Road	C3	Kampong Java Road	C1 D1
Bukit Teresa Road	A7	Edinburgh Road	D2	Kandahar Street	F2
Bukit Timah Road	C1	Eng Hoon Street	B5	Kee Seng Street	C7
Burman Road	E1	Eng Watt Street	B5	Kellock Road	A4
Byong Road	C3	Enggor Street	D7	Keng Lee Road	C1 D1
Cairnhill Circle	B2 C2	Esplanade Bridge	E4 E5	Keong Saik	C6
Cairnhill Rise	B2 C2	Everton Park	C6	Keppel Terminal Avenue	A8 C8 D8
Cairnhill Road	B1 B2	Exeter Road	B3 C3	Kerbau Chander Road	E1 E2
Cambridge Road	D1	First Hosptital Avenue	C6	Killiney Road	B3 C3
Canning Rice	D3 D4	Foch Road	F1	Kim Pong Road	A5
Canning Walk	D3	Fort Canning Road	D3	Kim Seng Road	B4
Cantonment Link	C7	French Road	F1	Kim Tian Road	A6
Cantonment Road	C6	Ganges Avenue	A4	Kim Yam Road	C4
Carlisle Road	D1	Goodwood Hill	B1	King Georges Avenue	F1
Carpenter Street	D5	Grange Road	A3 B3	Kinta Road	E1
Cavan Road	F1	Hamilton Road	F1	Kitchener Road	E1 F1
Cavenagh Road	C1 C2 D1	Hampshire Road	D1 E1	Kreta Ayer Road	C6
Cecil Street	D6 E6	Handy Road	D3	Lavender Street	F1
Central	D1	Havelock Road	A5 B4 B5 C5 D5	Lengkok	A3

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Leonie Hill	A3 B3	Orchard Boulevard	A2	Robertson Quay	B4
Leonie Hill Road	B3	Orchard Road	A2 C3 D3	Robinson Road	D6 E6
Lewin Terrace	D4	Orchard Turn	B2 B3	Rocher Canal Road	E2
Liang Sean Street	E3 F3	Outram Park	C5 C6	Rochor Road	F3
Lim Siak Street	A5 B5	Outram Road	B5 B6 C6	Rodyk Street	B4 C4
Lim Teck Kim Road	C7 D7	Owen Road	E1	Rowell Road	E1
Lloyd Road	C3	Oxley Rise	C3	Saiboo Street	C4
MacAlister Road	B6	Oxley Road	C3	Saint Thomas Walk	B3
MacKenzie Road	D2	Oxley Walk	C3	Scotts Road	B1
Magazine Road	C4 C5	Pagoda Street	D5	Seah Street	E3
Malabar Street	E3	Palmer Road	D7	Second Hospital Avenue	B6 C6
Marina Boulevard	F6 G7	Park Cres	C5	Selegie Road	D3
Marina Grove	G6	Parsi Road	D7	Seng Poh Lane	B5
Marina Mall	G6	Paterson Hill	A3	Seng Poh Road	A5 B5
Marina Park	G6	Patterson Road	A2 A3	Serangoon Road	E1
Marina Place	F6 F7	Pearl's Hill Terrace	C5	Shenton Way	D6 E6
Marina Station Road	E6	Peck Hay Road	B1 C1	Short Street	E2
Marina Street	E7 F7	Peck Seah Street	D6	Smith Street	C5 D6
Marina Way	G5 G6	Penang Road	C3 D3	Somerset Road	C3
Market Street	E5	Perak Road	E2	South Bridge Road	D5
Marne Road	E1 F1	Percival Road	D3	Spooner Road	A7 B7
Martin Road	C4	Petain Road	F1	Spottiswoode Park Road	B7 C7
Maude Road	F1	Pickering Street	D5	St. Andrew's Road	E4
Maxwell Link	D6 E6	Prince Edwards Road	D7 E7	Stamford Road	D3 E4
Maxwell Road	D6	Prinsep Street	E2 E3	Stevens Road	A1 B1
Merchant Road	D5	Purvis Street	E3	Street 1	D8 E8
Middle Road	E3	Queen Street	E3	Street 2	D8 E8
Mohamed Sultan Road	C4	Race Course Road	E1	Street 3	D8
Monk's Hill Road	C1	Raeburn Park	В7	Street 4	D8 E8
Monk's Hill Terrace	C1	Raffles Avenue	F4	Street 5	C8 D8
Mosque Street	D5	Raffles Boulevard	F4	Street 6	B8
Mount Elisabeth	B2	Raffles Link	E4 F4	Street 7	B8
Mount Emily Road	D2	Raffles Quay	E6	Sultan Gate	F2
Nanson Road	C4	Rangoon Road	E1	Sungei Road	E2
Nathan Road	A4	Read Street	D4	Syed Alwi Road	E1
Neil Road	C6	Republic Avenue	G3	Tan Quee Lan Street	E3 F3
New Bridge Road	C6 D5	Republic Boulevard	F4 G4	Tanjong Pagar	C7
Nicoll Highway	F3 G2 G3	Rhu Cross	G3	Tanjong Pagar Road	D6
Nile Road	A4	River Valley Close	B4	Tanjong Pagar Terminal Avenue	D7 D8
Niven Road	D2	River Valley Road	A4 B3 B4 C4 D4	Tanjong Rhu	G3
Norris Road	E1	Road A	E8	Tanjong Rhu View	G3
North Boat Quay	D4 E5	Road E	D8	Telok Ayer Street	D6
North Bridge Road	E3 E4 F2	Road F	D8	Temasek Avenue	F4
North Canal Road	D5	Road G	D8	Temasek Boulevard	F4
Northumberland Road	E1	Road H	D8	Temple Street	C5 D5
Nutmeg Road	B2	Road K	C8	Third Hospital Avenue	B6
One Tree Hill	A2 A3	Road M	B8	Tiong Bahru Road	A5
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Ophir Road	F3	Road N	A8	Tiong Poh Avenue	A6

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Tong Watt Road	C4	Upper Hokien Street	D5	Wilkie Road	D2
Tras Street	D6 D7	Upper Weld Road	E2	Winstedt Road	C1
Trengganu Street	D5 D6	Upper Wilkie Road	D2	Yong Siak Street	A5 A6
Tyrwhitt Road	F1	Veerasamy Road	E1 E2	York Hill	B5 C5
Unity Street	C4	Victoria Street	E3 F2	Zion Close	A4
Upper Circular Road	D4 D5	Wallich Street	D6	Zion Road	A4 B4 B5
Upper Cross Street	C5 D5	Waterloo Street	E3		