

### Singapore's Heritage

**Arab Street**  
Arab Street is lined with preserved two-story shop houses that offer a wide variety of products and services for the Muslim community in Singapore. Today, it is also popular with locals and tourists for its varied offerings of colourful bangle and accessories to the bazaar-like spill out of goods such as rattan baskets and trays onto the walkway. On Masjid Street, located near the mouth of Arab Street, is the Masjid Sultan, which was gazetted as a national monument on 8 March 1975. Map Ref: Singapore City Map K20

**Chinatown**  
The Shing, Telok Ayer and Pagoda Streets conversion into pedestrian walkways makes it even more worthwhile for you to visit Chinatown and experience the historic area that is still abuzz with interesting shop houses that offer an interesting variety of products from apparels, accessories, souvenirs, art and antiques to the Chinese medical halls and tea houses. There's also the 45 years old Yee Hwee Chinese Products building that offers a wide range of authentic Chinese products. Chinatown also has its own share of modern shopping malls integrated into the area. It is the largest historic district in Singapore and many parts of it were given conservation status since the 1980s. Visit the Chinatown Heritage Centre at Pagoda Street for an experience of what the living quarters were like in the old days. Though dominated by Chinese migrants in the 1800s, this ethnic enclave was also home to small communities of Indian traders. The Sri Mariamman Temple (1843) and Masjid Jama' (built between 1830 and 1835), are national monuments that bear witness to their presence in the area. Map Ref: Singapore City Map U12

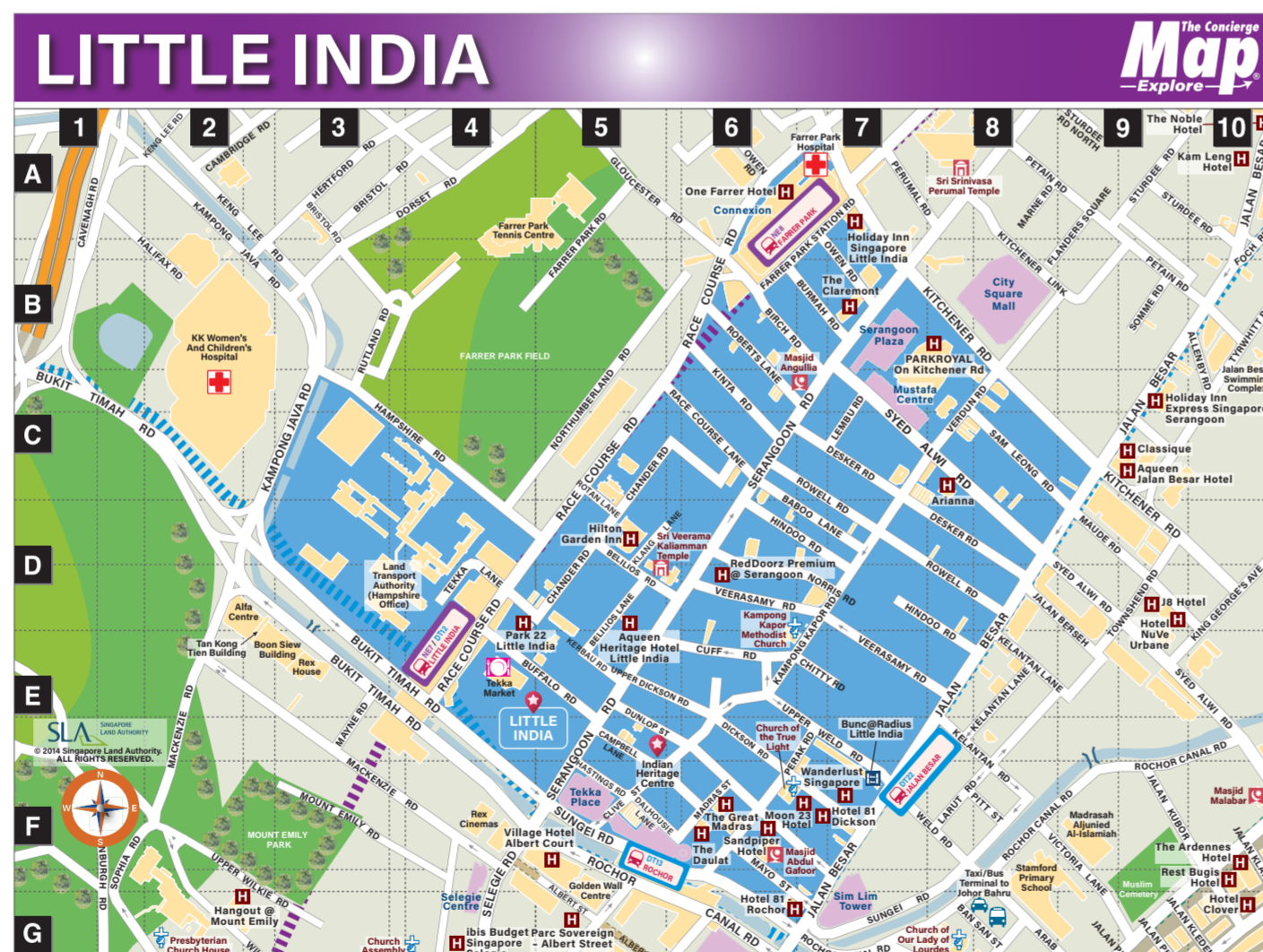
**National Museum of Singapore**  
With a rich history dating back to its inception in 1887, the National Museum of Singapore is Singapore's oldest museum with the youngest and most innovative soul. Designed to be the people's museum, the National Museum is a custodian of the 11 National Treasures, and its Singapore History and Living Galleries adopt cutting-edge and varied ways of presenting history and culture to redefine conventional museum experiences. Located at 83 Stamford Road. Map Ref: Singapore City Map H14

**Sri Srinivasa Perumal Temple**  
Constructed in 1876, dedicated on 10 November 1978. Dedicated to the Hindu God Vishnu, the original temple was reconstructed when it fell into a poor state in the 1960s. The most prominent feature is the distinctive and colourful gopuram or multi-tiered gateway tower over the entrance. Located at 397 Serangoon Road. Map Ref: Singapore City Map E18

**Church of Our Lady of Lourdes**  
Constructed in 1888. Gazetted on 14 January 2005. This church was the first Catholic church to serve Singapore's Indian community. This building was designed in the neo-gothic style, similar to the Basilica of Lourdes, France. The church's pointed arches, spires, flying buttresses and 16 slender pillars were imported from France. Located at 50 Opiah Road. Map Ref: Singapore City Map J18

**Yueh Hai Ching Temple**  
Constructed between 1852-1855. Gazetted on 28 June 1996. This is one of the oldest Taoist temples and served as the communal and social centre for Teochew immigrants in the 19th century. Located at 30B Philip Street. Map Ref: Singapore City Map T15

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Before the arrival of Sir Stamford Raffles in 1819, Chinese immigrants had already settled in Singapore cultivating gambier and pepper. The establishment of a free port in Singapore and the lure of the new opportunities here led to a growth in immigrants, especially from China.

In his 1822 Town Plan, Raffles allocated the whole area west of the Singapore River, known as the "Chinese Camp" as he envisaged that the Chinese would form the bulk of the growing number of town settlers and grouped them into ethnic quarters for easy administration.

Hailing from the various provinces in China, the Chinese immigrants started grouping into their dialect groups, the Cantonese occupied Temple Street, the Hokkien were located in Telok Ayer Street and Hokkien Street, while the Teochews were settled in South Canal Road, Garden Street, and Carpenter Street. Clans were established, temples were built and businesses were formed. From delicacies to death-houses, there were businessmen, traders, craftsmen, hawkers, street peddlers, and even coolies for hire.

Today... Chinatown is still bustling with activities, albeit minus the gory and illegal stuff, even as large sections of the area have been declared national heritage sites and officially designated for conservation.

Under the Raffles Plan of Singapore, an area called Chulia Kampong was originally a division of colonial-era Singapore where Indian immigrants would reside under the plan's outline of the formation of ethnic enclaves. However, as Chulia Kampong became more crowded and competition for land escalated, many ethnic Indians emigrated to what is now known as Little India.

Today... you will still get to see and feel the vibrant "Indian community" atmosphere, even though the area is not solely an Indian neighbourhood. Located in the neighbourhood alongside shops that cater predominantly to the Indians are Chinese clan associations, places of worship of different religions, and a variety of different businesses ranging from electrical supplies, hardware, second-hand goods alongside traditional spice grocers and grocers.

The myriad of offerings in Little India are just too much for this limited space. But it is definitely the place to go if you want to experience all things Indian at one-stop, that is Singapore's Little India.

Kampong Glam is an area with strong ethnic origins. The strong ties to the Native Malay and Muslim community and has sometimes been termed the "Muslim Quarter" due to its history. The Muslim population still remains a significant presence in Kampong Glam, especially in Bussorah Street. The area remains a centre for Muslim activities and the Sultan Mosque remains a major landmark and congregation point for the Singapore Muslims.

Like Little India and Chinatown, Kampong Glam has been restored, refurbished and new life breathed into it, bringing back the former colour and vibrancy of the area. Rows of conserved shophouses can be found in Haji Lane, Arab Street, Baghdad Street and Bussorah Street.

Many of these shophouses have new tenants such as design and IT firms, art galleries, crafts and curiosity shops, food caterers, cafes, bars and restaurants. They blend in with traditional businesses like textile and carpet shops, blacksmiths and shops selling religious items used by Muslims. It is also an area of good restaurants, from Malaysian coffee shops and bakeries to even fine modern European dining.

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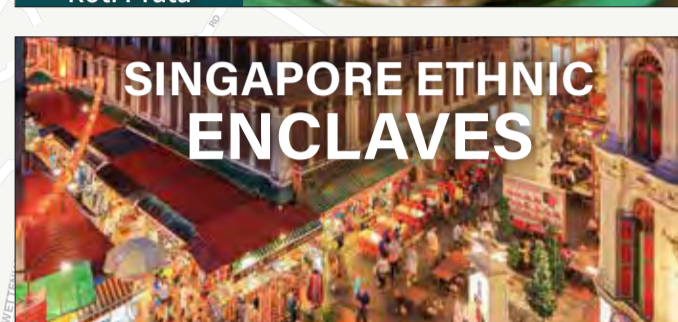
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Chicken Rice



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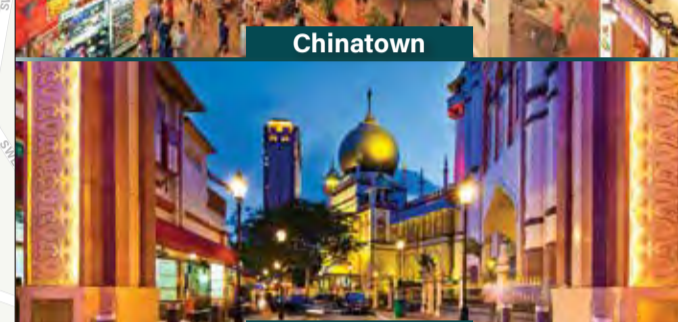
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Little India

# SINGAPORE PLACES OF WORSHIP



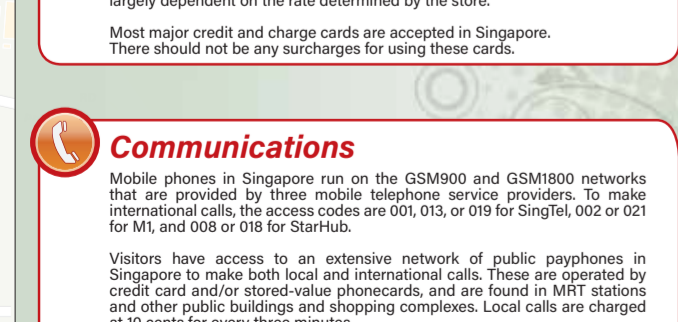
Kwan Im Thong Hood Cho Temple



Sultan Mosque



Sri Krishnan Temple



St Joseph's Church

# Useful Tips

## Money Matters

Major currencies accepted in the main shopping malls and department stores are the US, Australian and British Pounds, the Japanese Yen and the Singapore Dollar. Please note that the currency exchange rate for accepting these currencies is largely dependent on the rate determined by the store.

Most major credit and charge cards are accepted in Singapore. There should be no surcharges for using these cards.

## Communications

Mobile phones in Singapore run on the GSM900 and GSM1800 networks that are provided by three mobile telephone service providers. To make international calls, access codes are 001, 013, or 019 for SingTel, 021 or 021 for M1 and 028 or 018 for StarHub.

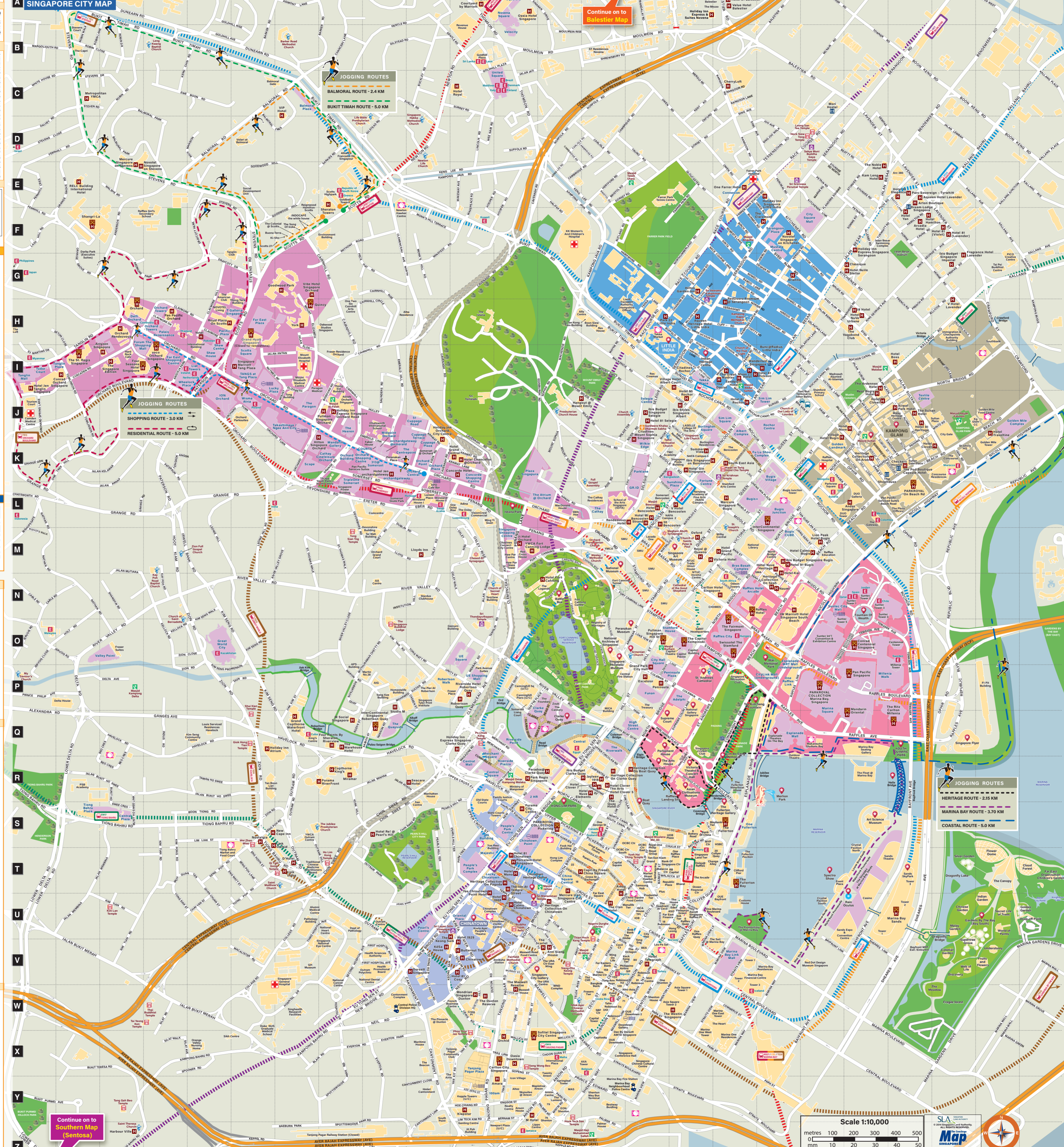
Visitors have access to an extensive network of public payphones in Singapore to make both local and international calls. These are operated by credit card and/or stored-value phonecards, and are found in MRT stations and other public buildings and shopping complexes. Local calls are charged at 10 cents for every three minutes.

S\$2, S\$5, S\$10, S\$20 and S\$50 stored-value phonecards can be purchased from post offices and phonecard agents. International Calling Cards are also available at all post office branches, if even stores and other retail outlets.

## Using Your Devices

The voltage used in Singapore is 220-240 volts AC, 50 cycles per second. Power outlets are three-pin and square-shaped types. On request, most hotels provide plug adapters and even transformers if your equipment comes with a different voltage.

Visitors can enjoy free wireless broadband access with speeds of up to 1 Mbps at various indoor and outdoor public areas through the Wireless@SG network. Please call any of the three operators for more information - Call Tel: 6292-4252 (Max Tel: 878-0303) and Singtel (Tel: 6238-3899).



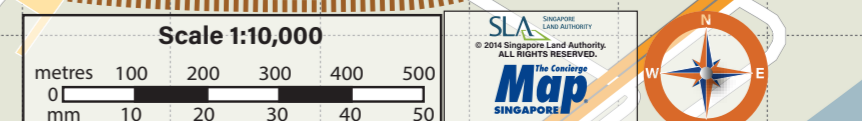
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