

Life in Singapore

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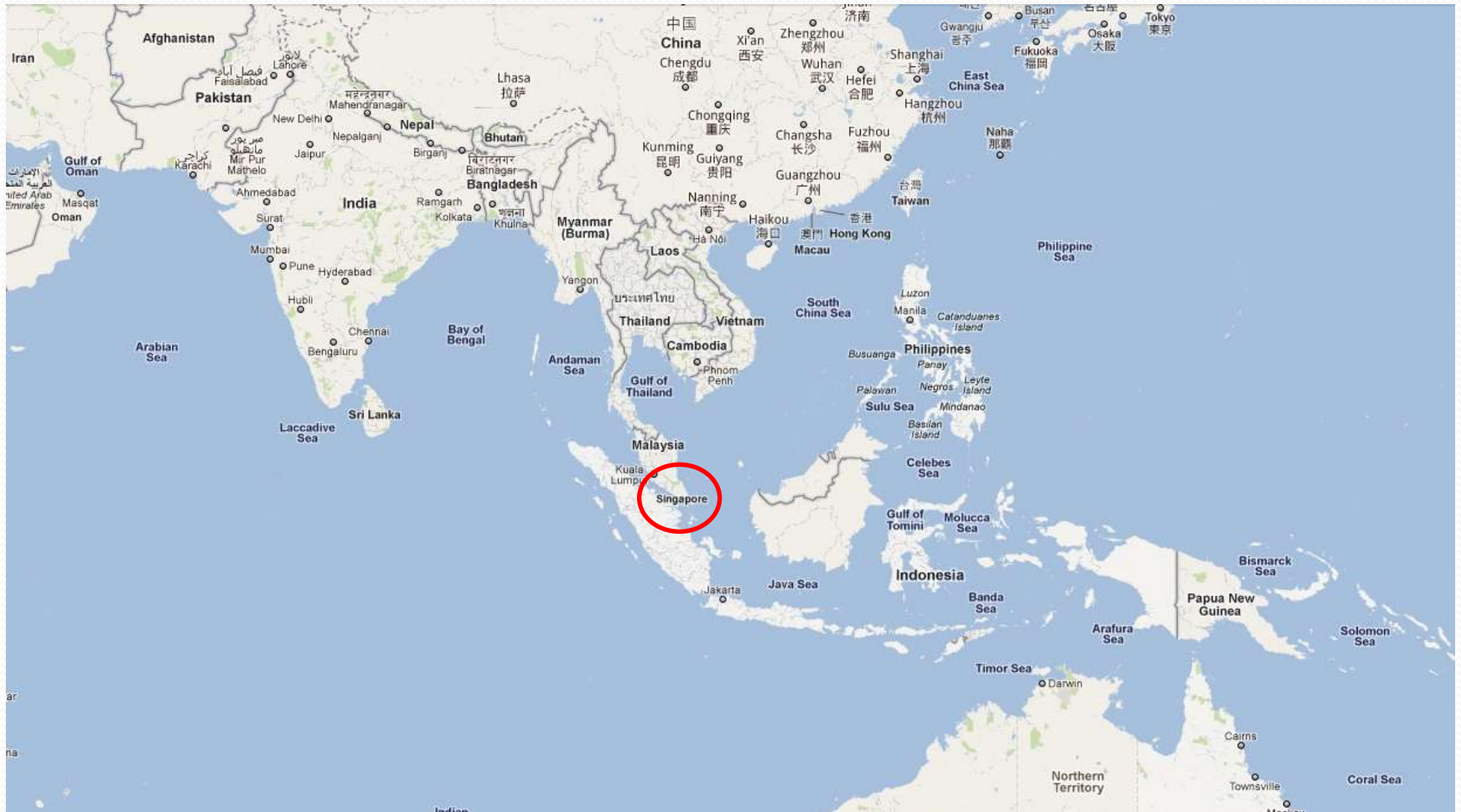
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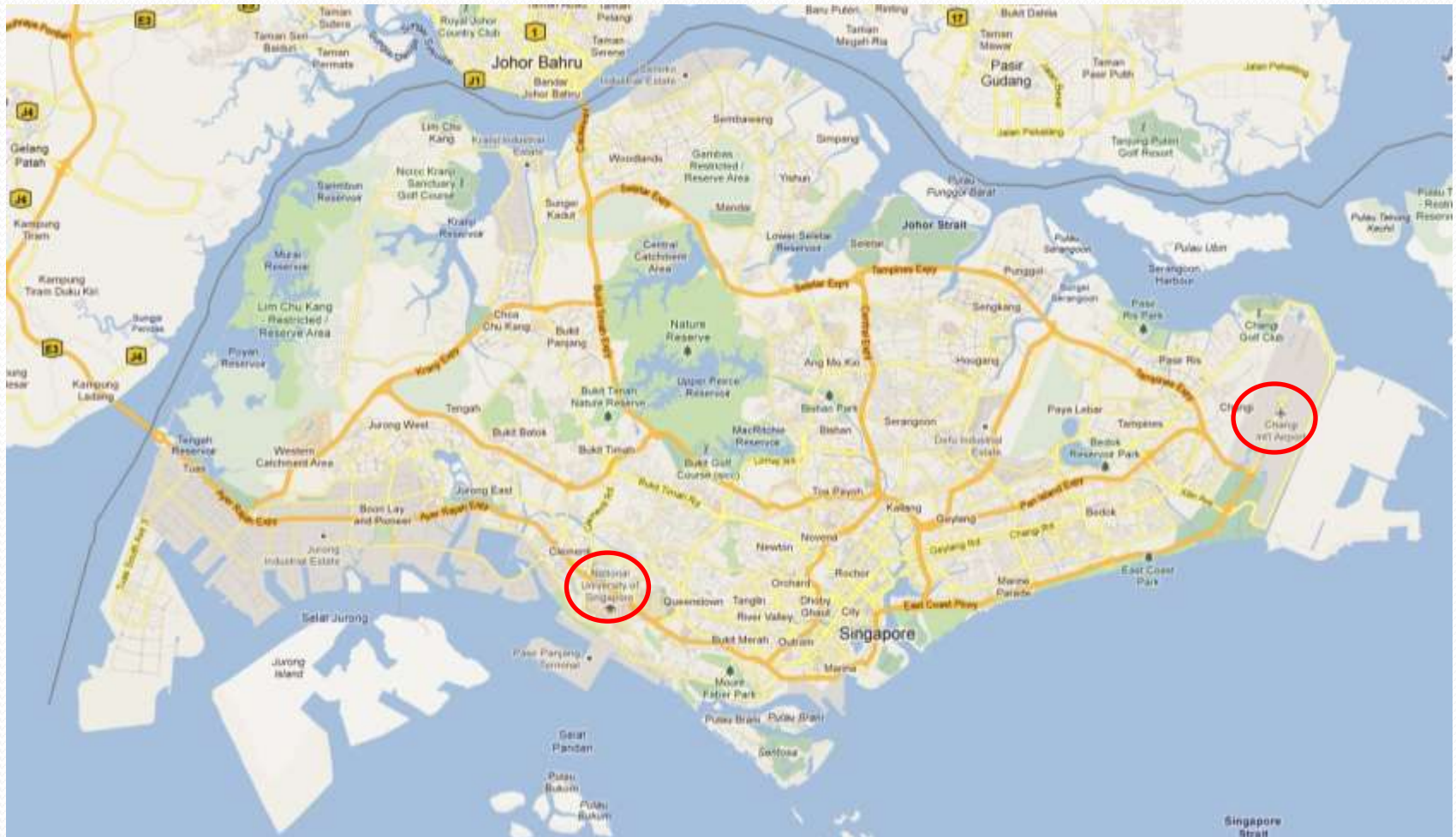
Singapore



Geography



Geography (contd.)



Basic Facts

- Singapore means “Lion City”
- Independence Day : 9 August 1965
- Consists of 63 Islands
 - Main Land is called *Pulau Ujong* meaning “island at the end (of the peninsula)”
- Climate : Tropical Rainforest
 - Temperature : 23°C to 32°C
 - Humidity : 73% to 79%
- Time Zone: +8 GMT



Vanda
Miss
Joaquim

Basic Facts

- Languages : English, Malay, Chinese, Tamil
- Demographics
 - 40% Foreigners (6th Highest in the world)
 - 74.2% Chinese, 13.4% Malay, 9.2% Indian, 3.2% Other
 - 33% Buddhism, 18% Christianity, 17% No Religion, 15% Islam, 11% Taoism, 5.1% Hinduism, 0.9% Others
- Holidays
 - Ministry of Manpower (<http://www.mom.gov.sg>)
 - Employment Practices
 - Employment Rights & Conditions\Leave & Holidays

Basic Facts

- For more info
 - Your Official Gateway to Singapore (www.sg)



- Wikipedia (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore)
- Google

Getting Around



Modes of Transport

- Trains
 - MRT (Mass Rapid Transit)
 - LRT (Light Rapid Transit)
 - 6AM to 11:30PM
- Buses
 - 5:30AM to 11:30PM
- Taxis
 - Rates based on meter (No tipping)
 - Most Expensive (Specially after midnight)

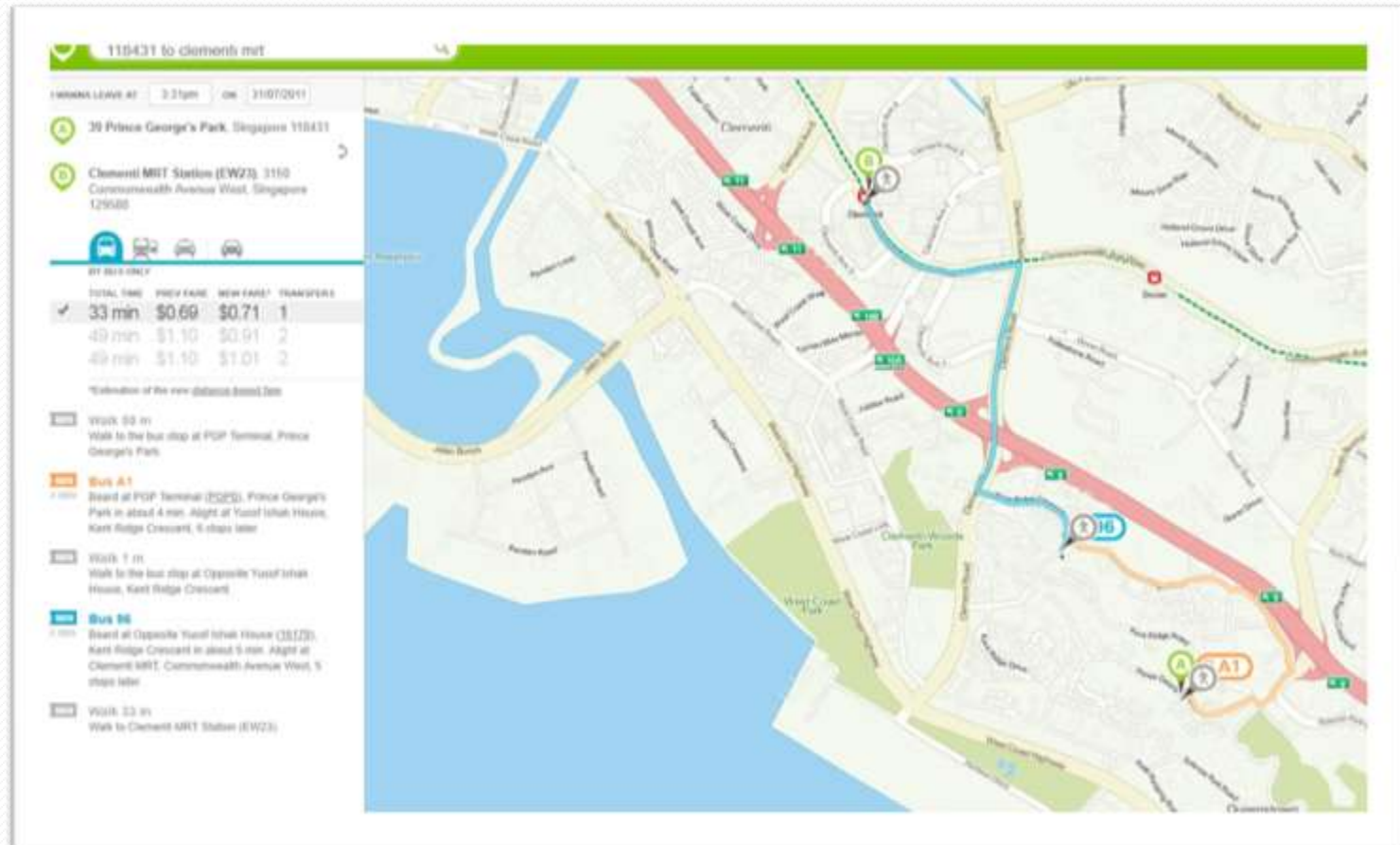


Train System



Planning Route

- Goto www.gothere.sg



Accommodation



Accommodations

- Hostels
 - NUS Hostels (PGPR, University Town)
 - Office of Student Affairs (OSA)
 - For Full Time Students only
 - <http://nus.edu.sg/osa/housing/graduate/index.html>
 - Yoha and others
- Apartment
 - Rent: Approx S\$1800/- for 2 Room + 1 Living Room
 - Utility: Approx S\$100/-
 - Transport: Approx S\$120/-



Food



Food

- Food Courts in NUS
 - <http://www.nus.edu.sg/oed/services/retail-and-dining/outlets.htm>
- Food Courts in Singapore
 - In most market place and shopping malls
- General Stores
 - Fairprice, Giant, Sheng Seong etc
 - 7 Eleven (24 Hours)
 - NUS Coop is quite expensive

Food

- Information for Muslims
 - Halal Certification Organization
 - MUIS (www.muis.gov.sg)
 - Food Stalls and Items are label with HALAL logo

Infotainment



Telecommunications

- Companies
 - Singtel, Starhub, M1
- Packages
 - Prepaid, Postpaid
- Prepaid
 - Hot128, Happy128 etc
 - No phone
 - Paid incoming calls
 - No security deposit
- Postpaid
 - Student package
 - Additional outgoing minutes
 - Added services
 - 2 Years Contract
 - Some also include data (internet)
 - Reduced phone price
 - Security deposit

Notebooks

- NUS Notebook Ownership Scheme
 - 1 Purchase in 1.5 years
 - Bundled with Windows 7 Professional, MS Office Plus, Adobe Creative Suite 5.5 Web Premium
- IT Exhibition
 - Comparatively cheaper than normal prices

Banking



Banking

- Lots of Banks
 - Eg. DBS, OCBC, UOB, Citibank etc
- Internet Banking
 - Saves many trips
- Debit Cards/ATM Card
 - Not applicable for installment

Recreation



Places to Visit

- Raffles Place
 - Merlion, Esplanade, Skyrisers, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore Flyer etc
- Sentosa Island
 - Universal Studios, Song of the Sea, Underwater World Singapore etc
- Sister Islands, Pulau Ubin, East Coast Park etc
- Science Centre, Night Safari, River Safari, Bird Park, Museums etc

Others

- Independence Day Parade
- Chinese New Year Festival
- New events on
 - <http://www.yoursingapore.com/>
- Movies
 - IMAX by SHAW, GVMAX by Golden Village etc
- Malaysia, Thailand etc

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