

# MAGIC The Gathering GRAND PRIX SINGAPORE

## Travel Guide



## Welcome to Singapore!

**Official event information:**

[http://www.wizards.com/Magic/TCG/Events.aspx?  
x=mtg/event/grandprix/singapore13](http://www.wizards.com/Magic/TCG/Events.aspx?x=mtg/event/grandprix/singapore13)

**Other event information (including side event information):**

<https://www.facebook.com/PlayEventsLLP>

# Practical Information

**Timezone:**

GMT+8

**Language:**

English (British)

The most common language is English, spoken by almost every Singaporean (except most aged). Signs and notices are in English, often together with Chinese, Malay and Tamil.

**Currency:**

Singapore Dollars (S\$)

US\$1 is about S\$1.22, €1 is about S\$1.60

Credit cards are widely accepted but smaller shops might add a 3% surcharge. Currency exchange/money changers can be found in every shopping mall and offer better rates than banks and the airport. However, cash will be necessary if you are looking to enjoy the good food in hawker centres or small eateries.

Restaurants and service establishments will add a 10% service charge to the bill. There is also a 7% Goods and Services Tax (GST) which will be added to most bills (some stores might absorb the GST). As such, tipping is not practised in Singapore.

**Electricity:**

220-240V AC, 50Hz; 3-pin British plug

**Dialing code:**

+65

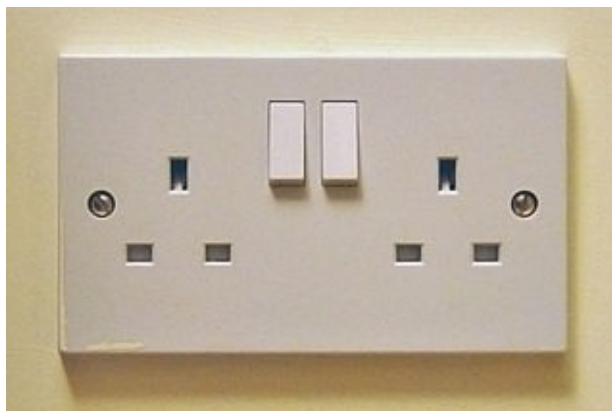
**Emergency phone numbers:**

999 - Police

995 - Ambulance and Fire

**Climate and weather (for January):**

Hot and humid



The weather is usually sunny but rain is possible in January as it is towards the end of the northeast monsoon. Rain falls in dramatic torrents rather than day-long drizzles. The temperature ranges from 32°C in the day to 25°C at night. T-shirts and shorts are the norm for locals and are recommended.

**Smoking:**

Smoking is banned in all air-conditioned places, as well as within 5 metres from any building entrance. Violation of smoking laws can incur a maximum fine of S\$1,000.

# Transport Information

## Tournament location:

Singapore Expo Convention and Exhibition Centre

Level 2, Garnet Rooms 212-219

1 Expo Drive

Singapore 486150

<http://singaporeexpo.com.sg/visit-directions-accessibility/>

Getting there: **CG1 Expo**

## Judge hotel:

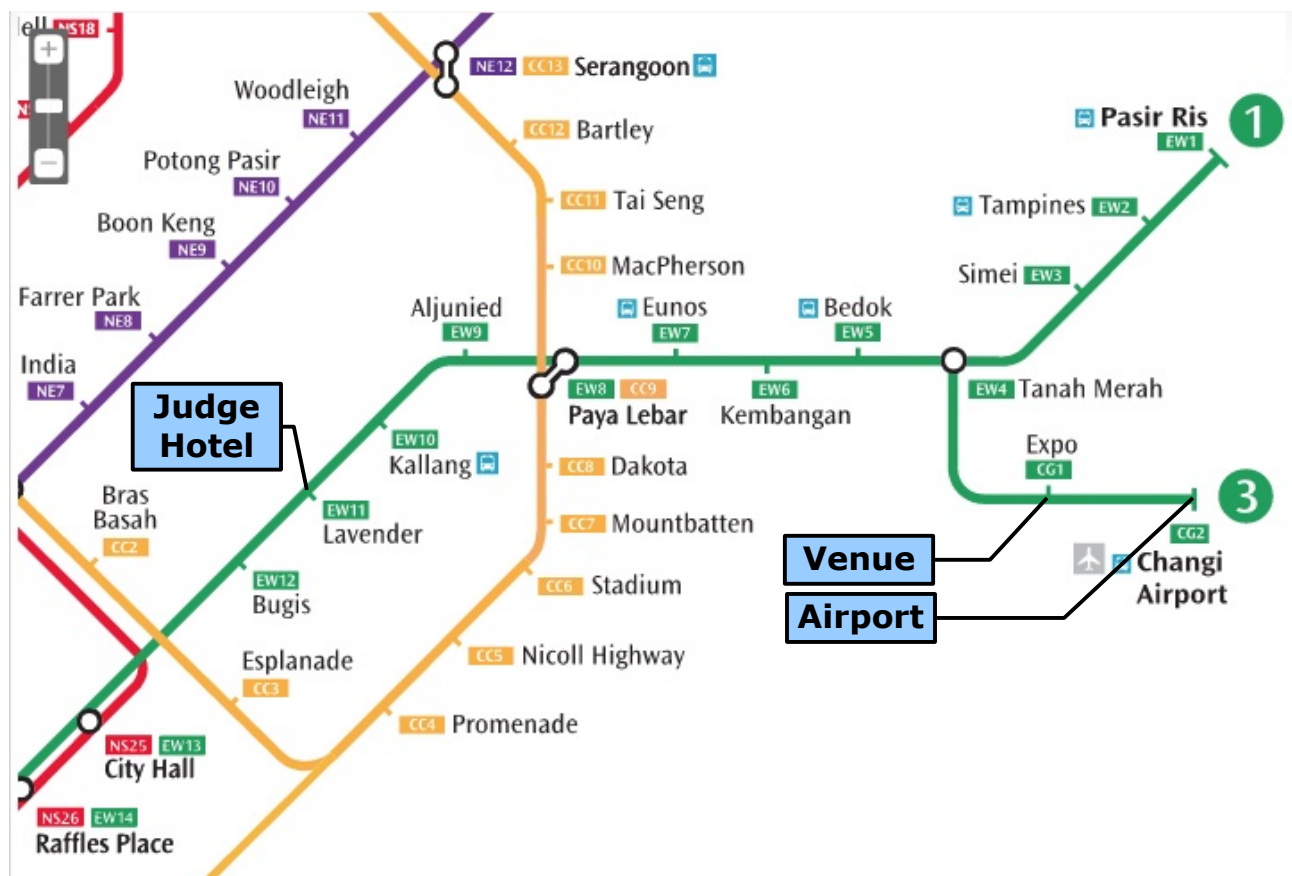
V Hotel

70 Jellicoe Road

Singapore 208767

<http://www.vhotel.sg/location.html>

Getting there: **EW11 Lavender**



## Airport to judge hotel

1. Hop on the MRT (Singapore's subway/metro) at **CG2 Changi Airport**.
2. Travel to **EW4 Tanah Merah**.
3. Transfer to the westbound train on the left platform (towards **EW29 Joo Koon**).
4. Alight at **EW11 Lavender** and exit via Exit B. The hotel sits right on top of the MRT station.

The trip will take around 29 minutes and will cost S\$2 (there is an additional S\$1 refundable deposit for single-trip tickets).

Alternatively, you can take a taxi to the hotel. A taxi trip will take around 21 minutes and the taxi fare will vary depending on the time of the day due to different surcharges:

around 9 am - about \$23  
around 12 pm - about \$17  
around 3 pm - about \$17  
around 6 pm - about \$26  
around 9 pm - about \$20  
around 12 am to 6 am- about \$24

### **Judge hotel to venue**

Along the way to the hotel from the airport, you would have passed by the venue which is at **CG1 Expo**, one stop away from the airport.

1. Take the eastbound train (towards **EW1 Pasir Ris**).
2. Travel to **EW4 Tanah Merah**.
3. Transfer to the train in the middle platform (towards **CG2 Changi Airport**).
4. Alight at **CG1 Expo**.

The MRT trip will take around 24 minutes and will cost S\$1.90. A taxi trip to the venue will take around 20 minutes and will cost about \$19 at around 7 am.



There is a stored value card called ez-link card if you do not wish to purchase a single-trip ticket every journey. An ez-link card will cost S\$12, with a S\$5 non-refundable deposit and S\$7 credit. There are fare discounts (depending on distance) for trips made with an ez-link cards (e.g. the trip from the hotel to the venue will cost S\$1.35 instead with an ez-link card). Ez-link cards can also be used on buses and at some dining and retail outlets.

Despite the fare discounts, the ez-link card is not recommended as you would have to make a significant amount of trips to recover the S\$5 deposit.

There is another card called the Singapore Tourist Pass. This pass allows unlimited rides on trains and busses for a fixed amount of days. The prices are S\$10 for 1 day, S\$16 for 2 days, and S\$20 for 3 days with a S\$10 refundable deposit.

This pass is also not recommended unless you are going sightseeing and will be transiting a lot around the island.



## MRT (Mass Rapid Transit)

There are currently four main lines in the MRT system with another line under construction. They are the red North-South Line (with stations coded **NS**), green East-West Line (**EW**), purple North-East Line (**NE**) and yellow Circle Line (**CC**). The network covers most places of interest.

Single-trip tickets cost from S\$0.80 to S\$2 plus a S\$1 refundable deposit, just insert your used ticket into the ticketing machine to get your dollar back. All lines are seamlessly integrated, even if the lines are operated by different transport companies, so you do not need to buy a new ticket to transfer. The North-East and Circle lines are fully automated, there are no drivers and you can get a view of the tunnel at the front of the train.

## Places of Interest

### Singapore Zoo

With a reputation of being the best rainforest zoo in the world, the Singapore Zoo houses 3,000 animals in a natural living environment so visitors can enjoy the closest contact they can get within a safe range.

Operating hours: 8.30 am - 6 pm daily  
Getting there: **NS16 Ang Mo Kio** and transfer to bus 138



### Night Safari **Recommended!!**



The world's first enclosure for nocturnal animals, the Singapore Night Safari turns an exciting zoo experience into a beautiful evening soiree with these extraordinary species that come alive at night. Visitors can explore the park on foot or in a tram, both of which brings you up close and personal with some of these exotic species.

Operating hours: 6 pm - 12 midnight daily  
Getting there: **NS16 Ang Mo Kio** and transfer to bus 138

## Jurong Bird Park

With its well-manicured landscape embellished with exotic plants and flowers, the Jurong Bird Park showcases 5,000 birds of 380 varieties, as well as an aerial trail that brings you closer to the colours of nature.

Operating hours: 8.30 am - 6 pm daily  
Getting there: **EW27 Boon Lay** and transfer to bus 194 or 251



## Chinatown **Recommended!!**



Also known as 'bullock-cart water' (牛车水) to the local Chinese, Chinatown is your destination for everything Chinese in Singapore. With the Chinese Lunar New Year just a mere month away after GP Singapore, be sure to drop by Chinatown to bask in the atmosphere, view the extensive street decorations and enjoy the festivities.

Getting there: **NE4 Chinatown**

## Orchard Road

Densely populated with scores of multi-storey malls, the famed Orchard Road is a dream come true for the seasoned urban shopper. Anything and everything can be found here, from high fashion to cult brands, international department stores to local designers. You can also feed your appetite with an international selection of restaurants and cafes available in every mall.



Getting there: **NS22 Orchard**, **NS23 Somerset**



## Merlion Park

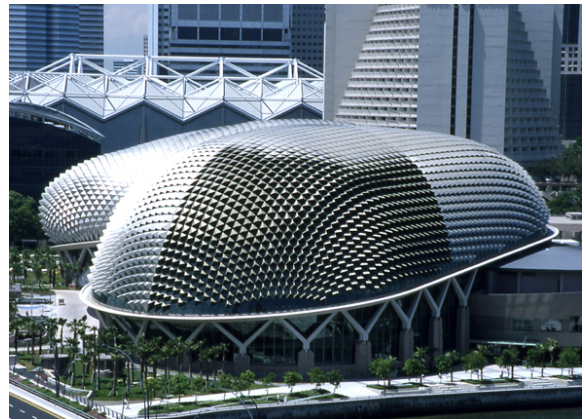


Measuring 8.6m tall and weighing in at 70 tonnes, the famous water-spouting Merlion is the national symbol of Singapore, with its story of origins dating back to the 11th century.

Getting there: **NS25EW13** City Hall

## Esplanade **Recommended!!**

Known for its unique architectural style with window shades that resemble the spikes of a durian, Esplanade is a world-class concert and performance hall that has seen many a famous production within its theatres. Perhaps more mouthwatering is the Makansutra Glutton Bay Food Centre, which is located beside the Esplanade, offering a variety of local hawker cuisines.



Getting there: **CC3** Esplanade

## Clarke Quay



Formerly the quieter side of the Singapore River, Clarke Quay has in the last decade flourished into the trendiest nightlife centre in Singapore. Previously used as warehouses, these buildings are now occupied by restaurants, bars, pool halls and dance clubs.

Getting there: **NE5** Clarke Quay

## Marina Bay Sands

Magnificent in architecture and scale, Marina Bay Sands is the ultimate city-dweller's playground with its impressive Sky Park, grand casino, inviting shops and restaurants of every imaginable cuisine. The Sky Park (that spaceship shaped thing 'docked' at the top of Marina Bay Sands Hotel) is designed to offer visitors a close-up view of Singapore's skyline.



Getting there: **CE1 Bayfront**

## Gardens by the Bay



The newest development on the bay, Gardens by the Bay is the epitome of a garden in the city. Covering an area of 101 hectares, it consists of three distinctive waterfront gardens that feature two indoor plant conservatories and 23,000 plants, 18 super trees (that look like something out of Avatar), as well as themed gardens that showcase a variety of floral and tropical plants from 6

continents.

Getting there: **CE1 Bayfront**

## Singapore Flyer **Recommended!!**

Standing at 165 metres high, the Singapore Flyer is the world's largest observation wheel, looking out at the vast Singapore Strait. Being in the capsule gives you a 360-degree view of the dazzling bay, while its transparent floors offer another dimension to the experience.

Getting there: **CE1 Bayfront**





## Resorts World Sentosa



A large-scale integrated resort owned by Malaysia's Genting Group, Resorts World Sentosa is a fun-filled destination for the young and old. Spend the day catching thrills in the glitzy casino, or finding spills at the recently opened marine life park.

Getting there: **NE1CC29** Harbourfront and transfer to Sentosa Skytrain

## Universal Studios Singapore

The first internationally-renowned theme park to set up in Asia, Universal Studios Singapore offers 24 themed attractions, including the world's first 'Transformers 3D' ride. Also features 'Battlestar Galactica', the world's highest double-track roller coaster.

Getting there: **NE1CC29** Harbourfront and transfer to Sentosa Skytrain



## iFly Singapore



Built at the cost of S\$25 million, iFly Singapore is the world's largest indoor skydiving wind tunnel that allows you to experience wind speeds of up to 216km/h. The tunnel reaches a height that's equivalent to a 5-story building, which makes it a perfect training ground for gravity-defying spins and somersaults.

Getting there: **NE1CC29** Harbourfront and

transfer to Sentosa Skytrain

## Singapore Cable Car

Get a bird's eye view of Sentosa island from the top of Mount Faber, before launching on a 1.6km cable car ride onto the island itself. This is definitely the most scenic route onto the island, surrounded by lush greenery of Mount Faber and panoramic views of the Singapore coastline.

Getting there: **NE1CC29** Harbourfront and hop on a taxi to Mount Faber



## Gaming Stores

### CardmasterGames

60 Orchard Road, Dhoby Ghaut MRT Station, #B1-01/02/03,  
Singapore 238889

<http://sgcardgames.com/viewtopic.php?t=51889>

Getting there: **NS24NE6CC1** Dhoby Ghaut

### GamesHaven

736A, Geylang Road, #02-00  
Singapore 389647

<https://www.facebook.com/gameshavensg>

Getting there: **EW8CC9** Paya Lebar

### SG Cards

220A, Upper Thompson Road  
Singapore 574352

<http://sgcardgames.com/viewtopic.php?t=55079>

Getting there: **CC16 Marymount** and transfer to bus 410

### Sun Island Cafe

5 Bishan Street 14, Bishan Sports Hall, #03-01  
Singapore 579783

<http://www.sunislandcafe.com/>

Getting there: **NS17CC15** Bishan