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Sights

- Beach
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- Buddhist
- Castle/Palace
- ♠ Christian
- Confucian Hindu
- Islamic
- Jain
- Jewish
- Monument
- Museum/Gallery/Historic Building
- Shinto Sikh
- C Taoist
- Winery/Vineyard
- Zoo/Wildlife Sanctuary
- Other Sight

Activities, Courses & Tours

- Bodysurfing
- Diving
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Course/Tour
- Sento Hot Baths/Onsen
- Skiing Snorkelling
- Surfing
- Swimming/Pool
- Walking
- Windsurfing
- Other Activity

Sleeping

- Sleeping
- Camping

Eating

Eating

Drinking & Nightlife

- Drinking & Nightlife
 - Cafe

Entertainment

Entertainment

Shopping

Shopping

Information

- Bank
- Embassy/Consulate
- Hospital/Medical
- @ Internet
- Police Post Office
- Telephone
- (II) Toilet
- Tourist Information
- Other Information

Geographic

- Beach Gate
- Hut/Shelter
- Lighthouse Lookout
- ▲ Mountain/Volcano
- Oasis
- Park
-) (Pass
- Picnic Area
- Waterfall

Population

- Capital (National)
- Capital (State/Province)
- Citv/Large Town
- Town/Village

Transport

- Airport
- Border crossing
- Bus
- ++⊕++ Cable car/Funicular
- —

 Cycling
- -@- Ferry
- Metro station
- - Parking
 - Petrol station
 - S-Bahn/Subway station
 - Taxi
- +- Train station/Railway
- - Tube station
 - U-Bahn/Underground station
 - Other Transport

Note: Not all symbols displayed above appear on the maps in this book

Routes

Tollway Freeway

Primary Secondary

Tertiary

Unsealed road

Road under construction Plaza/Mall

Steps) = Tunnel

Pedestrian overpass Walking Tour

 Walking Tour detour Path/Walking Trail

Boundaries

--- International

--- State/Province - Disputed

- Regional/Suburb

Marine Park Cliff

- Wall

Hydrography

River, Creek Intermittent River

Canal Water

Dry/Salt/Intermittent Lake

Reef

Areas

Airport/Runway

Beach/Desert Cemetery (Christian)

Cemetery (Other)

Glacier

Mudflat

Park/Forest

Sight (Building)

Sportsground

Swamp/Mangrove



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