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- Bird Sanctuary
- Buddhist Castle/Palace
- Christian
- Confucian
- Hindu
- Islamic
- lain
- lewish
- Monument
- Museum/Gallery/Historic Building
- Shinto Sikh
- Taoist
- Winery/Vineyard
- Zoo/Wildlife Sanctuary
- Other Sight

#### Activities. Courses & Tours

- Bodysurfing
- Diving
- Canoeing/Kavaking
- 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
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- ♣ Hospital/Medical
- @ Internet
- Police
- Post Office
- Telephone
- (I) Toilet
- Tourist Information
- Other Information

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- 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

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- Airport
- Border crossing
- Bus
- ++ € ++ Cable car/Funicular
- 63 Cycling
- Perry
- Metro station
- Parking
- Petrol station
- S-Bahn/Subway station
- Taxi
- T-bane/Tunnelbana station
- -**⊕** Tram
- Tube station
- U-Bahn/Underground station
- Other Transport

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### 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
- 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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