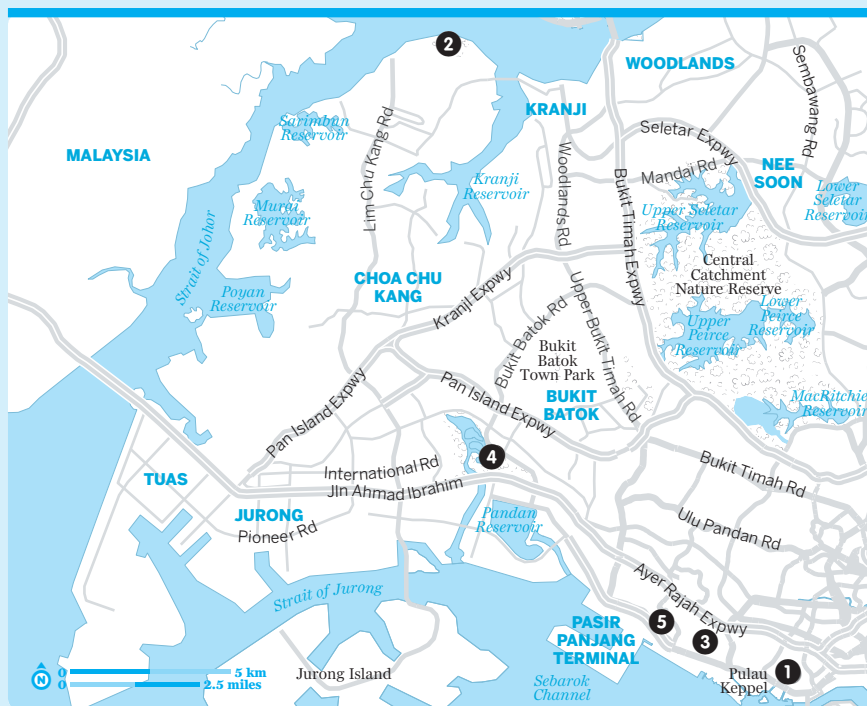


West & Southwest Singapore

Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1 Ride the spectacular **cable car** (p111) to the summit of Mt Faber or across the harbour to Sentosa Island.
- 2 Join true twitchers for a spot of birdwatching on the mangrove swamps of **Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve** (p113).
- 3 Stretch your legs for a park-to-park walk along the **Southern Ridges** (p112) to Mt Faber.
- 4 Pull levers and twiddle knobs at kids' favourite, the **Singapore Science Centre** (p113), before catching an IMAX film at the enormous **Omni-Theatre** (p113) next door.
- 5 Step back in time and experience 1950s-style tourism at Singapore's most old-fashioned theme park: the wonderfully quirky **Haw Par Villa** (p111).



Lonely Planet's Top Tip

For a healthy way of taking in some of this area's less-visited attractions, don a hat, pack plenty of water and hike at least part of the 9km-long Southern Ridges walking trail (p112). It takes you from park to park, right across southwest Singapore, and eventually brings you to Mt Faber.



Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Eng Lock Koo (p115)
- ➔ Emerald Lodge (p115)
- ➔ Sky Dining (p115)

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Best Places for Walks

- ➔ Southern Ridges (p112)
- ➔ Mt Faber (p111)
- ➔ Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve (p113)
- ➔ Labrador Nature Reserve (p112)
- ➔ Chinese Garden (p114)

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Best Places for Wildlife

- ➔ Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve (p113)
- ➔ Jurong Bird Park (p113)
- ➔ Labrador Nature Reserve (p112)

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Explore West & Southwest Singapore

This vast area is packed with sights that together would take a number of days to see. But you don't need to see them all. None is an absolute top-draw, must-see sight; most are quirky or somewhat specialist, so pick and choose what best suits you so you can plan your foray into western Singapore without wasting too much travel time.

Bundling sights together into one trip makes sense. The Science Centre, Omni-Theatre and Snow City stand side by side, while a number of sights in the northwest are accessed via Kranji MRT station.

Consider timing your visit to Mt Faber to coincide with sunset, so as the sun goes down you can either be on the cable car or at a restaurant or bar on the summit. It's then easy to get back to your hotel via HarbourFront MRT station.

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➔ **Deals** Don't forget to look into the combined ticket deals for the Science Centre, the Omni-Theatre and Snow City. Likewise, Jurong Bird Park is part of a possible three-in-one ticket deal with Singapore Zoo and the Night Safari. You can also get various Sentosa Island deals if you're travelling there by cable car.

➔ **Bus it** As with northern and central Singapore, the area covered in this chapter is vast so the temptation is to visit the sights by taxi. No need. Every place we cover here can be reached by MRT, or by MRT followed by a short bus ride. The exception is Mt Faber, but there's a cable car for that!

➔ **Sun-kissed** The west and southwest is full of parks, hills and nature reserves. They're wonderful places for strolling around, but don't underestimate the strength of the Singapore sunshine. Come prepared.

Getting There & Away

➔ **MRT** This vast area is actually served pretty well by the MRT. Some attractions have their namesake stations. Otherwise, HarbourFront, Jurong East, Boon Lay and Kranji are all useful stations, which are either walking distance to sights or have bus connections to them.

➔ **Bus** For the more out-of-the-way sights you'll need to combine MRT trips with a bus ride. We list all the options with each review. The Kranji Express (p114) is a handy minibus service you can use to visit the farms in the northwest.