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# **Map Legend**

# **Sights**

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

#### Activities. Courses & Tours

- Bodysurfing
- Diving/Snorkelling
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Course/Tour
- Skiing
- Snorkelling
- Surfing
- Swimming/Pool
- Walking **(a)** 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
- Hut/Shelter Lighthouse
- Lookout
- ▲ Mountain/Volcano
- Oasis
- Park
- ) ( Pass
- Picnic Area
- Waterfall

# **Population**

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

#### **Transport**

- Airport
- Border crossing
- ## Cable car/Funicular
- Ferry Metro station
- - Parking
  - Petrol station
- Subway station
- Taxi
- +- Train station/Railway
- --- Tram
  - 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 Water

Dry/Salt/Intermittent Lake

Reef

#### Areas

siliz

Airport/Runway

Beach/Desert Cemetery (Christian)

Cemetery (Other)

Glacier

Mudflat

Park/Forest

Sight (Building)

Sportsground

Swamp/Mangrove

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