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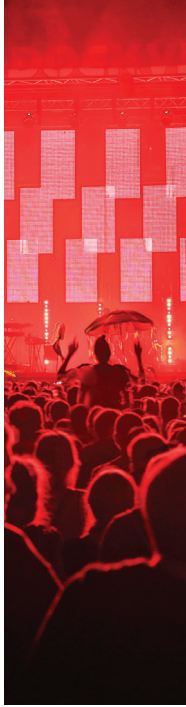
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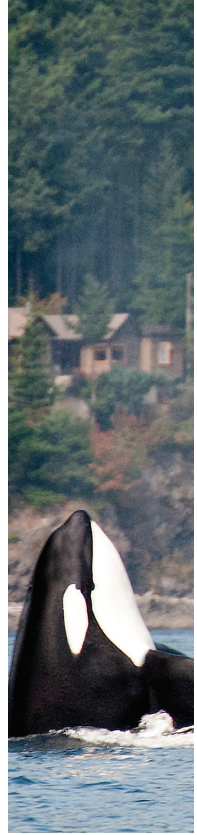
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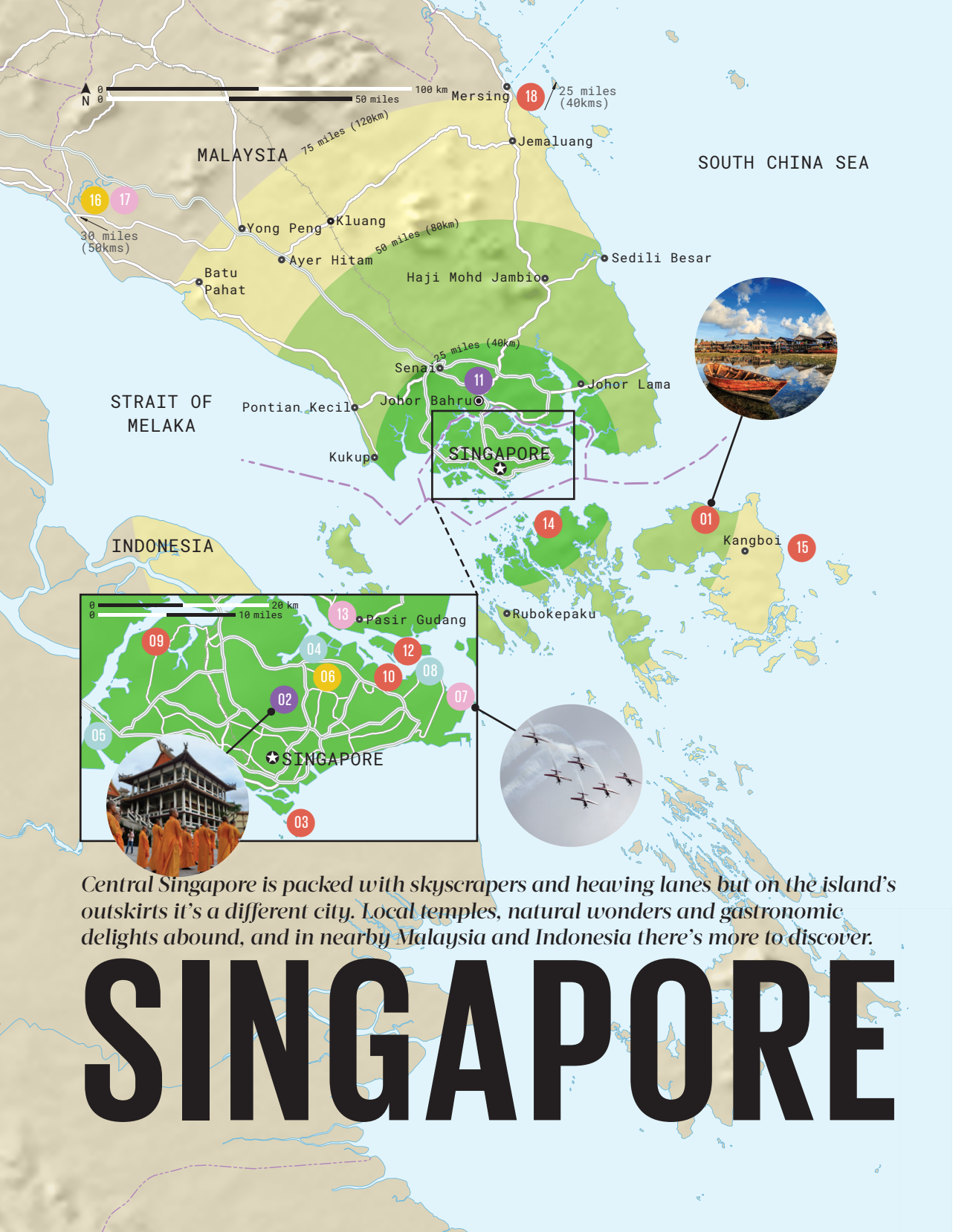
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MALAYSIA

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INDONESIA

SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE

*Central Singapore is packed with skyscrapers and heaving lanes but on the island's outskirts it's a different city. Local temples, natural wonders and gastronomic delights abound, and in nearby Malaysia and Indonesia there's more to discover.*

# SINGAPORE



ONE HOUR FROM

01 Pulau Bintan

This charming Indonesian island is a favourite weekend spot. The beaches closest to Singapore are dotted with fancy resorts, but further afield you'll find local towns with plenty to see. Traverse a floating Chinese village, visit a Buddhist temple swallowed by a Bayan tree or take to the sky kitesurfing. Ferries depart Tanah Merah Ferry terminal, and once on the island taxis and private cars can be hired. **1hr by ferry.**

TWO HOURS FROM

02 Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery

Recentre your mind and soul at Singapore's largest Buddhist monastery. Time easily slips away as you wander the ornately decorated temples, tranquil manicured gardens peppered with koi ponds, and meandering pathways. Be awed by the 13.8m bronze Buddha in the Hall of No Form and take time to reflect under the bodhi tree. Dress appropriately with knees and shoulders covered. **1hr 10min by bus 410 or 52 from Bishan MRT station.**

03 The Southern Islands

Escape the shiny city to this near-deserted trio of offshore islands. Alight at St John's and cross the concrete walkway to Lazarus, to frolic on arguably Singapore's most picturesque beach. Sunbathing done, head to Kusu and climb the 152 steps to the 19th-century Malay shrines. Be sure to bring plenty of water and food. **Ferries (www.islandcruise.com.sg) depart Marina**

**South Pier, accessible via the Marina South Pier MRT station. 1hr 10min to St John's from the CBD.**

04 The Summerhouse Garden Dome Dining

Singapore's hot and humid weather can make alfresco dining a slightly sweaty affair, but that's all changed with The Summerhouse's three cooled dining domes. Located in the restaurant's edible garden, guests can pick from three interior themes, Bohemian, Scandinavian and Lounge, and relax with mood lighting, piped music and delectable farm-to-table cuisine. **www.thesummerhouse.sg/garden-domes; 1hr 20min by MRT to Khatib station, then bus 117.**

05 Tiger Beer Brewery Tour

Sadly, you won't find any wild tigers stalking the rainforests in Singapore; the last one was shot in 1930. It's little compensation, but you will see a tiger emblazoned on every bottle of Tiger Beer, brewed in the Lion City since 1932. You can delve into the brand's history and brewing methods at the Tiger Beer Brewery. Guests over 18 get to sample the golden ale! **www.tigerbrewerytour.com.sg; 1hr 30min by MRT to Joo Koon station, then bus 182.**

06 Lorong Buangkok

Step back in time at Singapore's last remaining *kampong* (village). The pace is slow here, with crickets humming, chickens roaming about and ramshackle timber houses peeking from behind overgrown pathways. **1hr 30min by bus 88 from Ang Mo Kio MRT station to Ang Mo Kio**

HERE,  
THERE,  
EVERYWHERE

Singapore's sleek and efficient MRT system is not only the easiest, quickest and coolest (all carriages are air-conditioned) way to get around this city-nation, but it's also the cheapest. Single trip fares cost between just S\$1.40-2.50 and even less when using an EZ-Link card, available for purchase at MRT stations and 7-Elevens. Once your card is topped up with credit, you can quickly 'tap' on and off as you commute; the cards are also accepted on city buses.



*Almost half of New England is within easy distance of Boston, from the cow-dotted hills of Vermont and the arty villages of western Massachusetts to the tumbling grey seas of Maine. Bus and ferry services make it easier still.*

# BOSTON