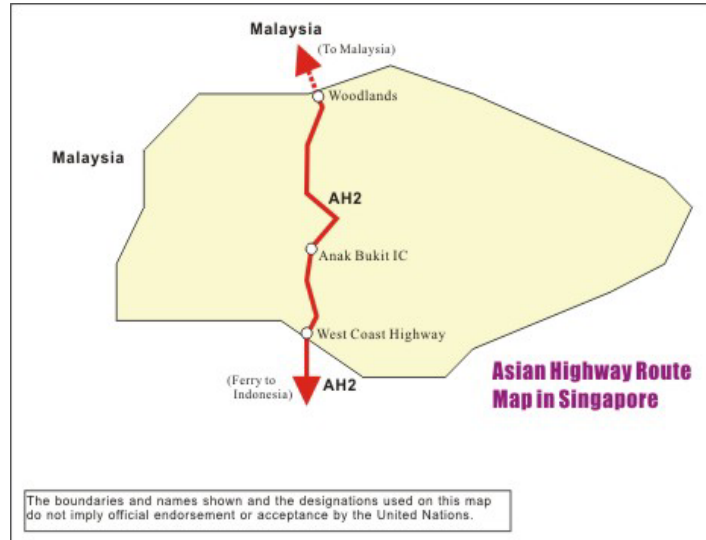


25. Singapore



A. Introduction

The Asian Highway links Singapore to Indonesia (by ferry) and Malaysia. Singapore has a comprehensive road network aimed at providing better connectivity to all commuters and to sustain economic growth. The Woodlands Checkpoint-West Coast Highway is the existing Asian Highway which is of primary class with six lanes. Inclusion of the Second Link-Tuas Check Point-West Coast Highway in the Asian Highway network is still under negotiation.



Singapore is largely a low-lying island with a tropical climate. It is almost entirely urbanized and densely populated. Lying on the equator, the thriving city-state that has become one of the juggernaut economies of Asia. Its port, at Keppel Harbor, is one of the world's largest and busiest. The economy is supported primarily by manufacturing, service industries like tourism, and trade. Shipbuilding is also important.

The population is mainly Chinese; Malays and Indians constitute large minorities. Malay, Chinese, Tamil and English are all widely spoken.

Country Profile	
Capital	Singapore
Area	692.7 sq km
Population	4,452,732 (July 2002 est.)
Urban Population	100 per cent
GDP	US\$ 95.94 billion (2003)
GDP per Capita	US\$ 21,547 (2003)
Currency	Singapore Dollar
Major Ports	Singapore
Total Length of Roads	3,149km (2002)
Asian Highway route length	19 km
Number of motor vehicles	706,956 (2002)

B. Asian Highway in Singapore



AH2: Bukit Timah Expressway



AH2: Woodlands Checkpoint

Status of the Asian Highway in Singapore

Route No.	Itinerary	Length (km)	Paved (km)	
			2 Lanes or more	1 Lane
AH2	Singapore – Woodland	19	19	
Total		19	19	
Percentage		100	100	

C. Tourism spots along the Asian Highway

Sentosa (AH2)

“Sentosa”, meaning peace and tranquility in Malay, is one of Singapore’s top recreational playgrounds. One of its highlights is Underwater World, a state-of-the-art leisure and educational attraction showcasing the rich variety of marine life to be found around the region.



The Esplanade (AH2)

The Esplanade is the country’s centre of culture and performing arts. It boasts theatres, concert halls, a library, galleries and restaurants. It has earned the nickname "Durian", as its shape resembles two halves of the yellow-green durian fruit from South-East Asia and the roofs bring to mind its prickly outer skin.

D. Sample itinerary

1. Arrive in the *Asian Highway* city of Singapore.
2. Tour Jurong Bird Park. Take the panorail ride for a panoramic view of the park and to the world’s largest walk-in aviary. The famed bird show is claimed to be the first of its kind in this region and boasts a wide variety of performing birds.
3. Visit Sentosa Island, the Isle of Tranquility. Take a scenic cable car ride to Sentosa and catch a bird's eye view of Singapore's skyline and one of the world's busiest ports. The Underwater World is one of Asia's largest tropical oceanariums.
4. Spend a day shopping at Chinatown, Little India, Arab Street and the many shopping malls. Try the Night Safari, claimed to be the world's first wildlife park to be viewed by night.
5. Depart Singapore.

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