SENTOSA



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The name Sentosa translates as "peace and tranquility" in Malay, which was in turn derived from the Sanskrit term Santosha, meaning "contentment, satisfaction". The island has changed name several times. Up to 1830, it was called Pulau Panjang ("long island"). It was then called Pulau Belakang Mati which in Malay means the "Island of Death Behind". There are a number of different suggestions on how the island came to acquire such an unpropitious name. From piracy to the spirits of warriors to an outbreak of a disease, Sentosa is now a haven for visitors as well as locals to just getaway from it all and have FUN.

Sentosa Island is located off the southern coast of Singapore's main island. The island is separated from the main island of Singapore by a channel of water, the Keppel Harbour. Access to the island is via vehicle through the Sentosa Gateway causeway or via the Sentosa Express from the Harbourfront MRT Station. A more interesting route would be via the cable car service from the stations at Mt. Faber or the Harbour Front Tower.

Formerly used as a British military base and thereafter as a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp, the island is now one of Singpore's main tourist attraction with 17 hotels, historial sites, themed attractions and the Resorts World Sentosa integrated resort. The key attraction on the island is the Universal Studios Singapore theme park.

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