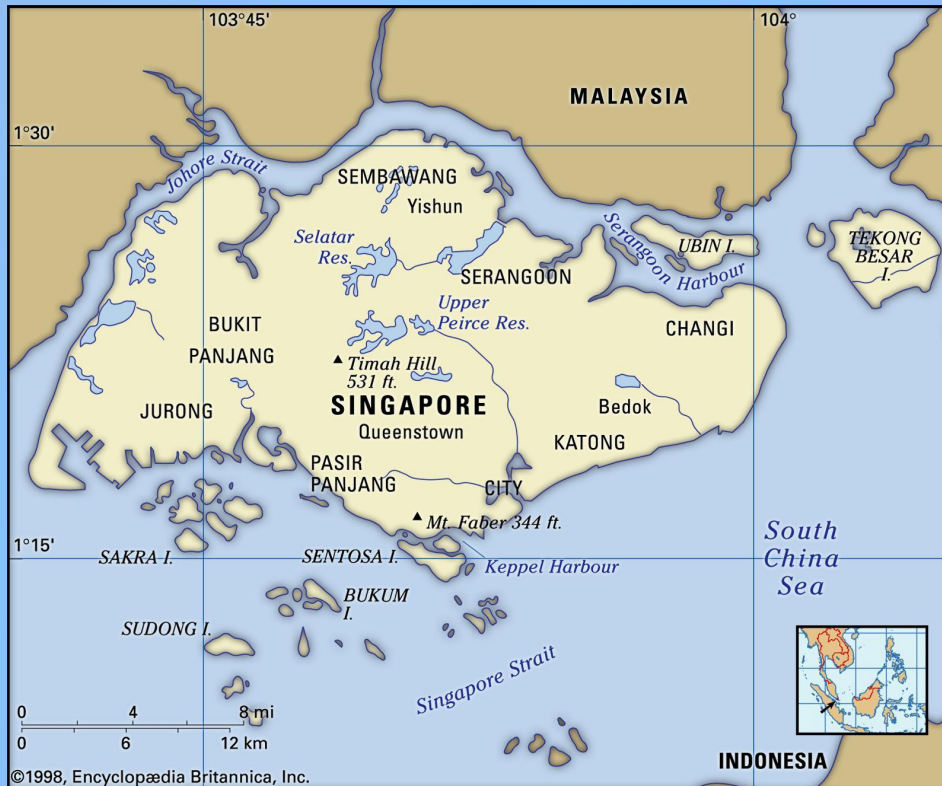


Singapore

Singapore, city-state located at the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula, about 85 miles (137 kilometres) north of the Equator.



It consists of the diamond-shaped Singapore Island and some 60 small islets; most of the islands of the country are uninhabited; the main island occupies all but about 18 square miles of this combined area. The main island is separated from Peninsular Malaysia to the north by Johor Strait, a narrow channel crossed by a road and rail causeway that is more than half a mile long.



Merlion park

Statue of Merlion (Merlion) embodied the symbol and mascot of the country - the sea lion. It is a mythical creature with a lion's head and body of fish is part of the history of Singapore. According to legend, Prince Three Sri Buana (Sri Tri Buana), shipwrecked off the coast of the island, saw a creature like a lion, and considered it a good sign, sent down from above and founded on this place a city Singapura, which means "Lion City".





The cast concrete statue of the Merlion statue height of 8.6 meter weight of 70 tonnes was set for the logo of the city, developed in 1964 by Fraser Brunner commissioned by the Singapore Tourism Board (Singapore Tourism Board) and installed at the mouth of the Singapore River. A September 15, 1972 The opening ceremony of the park Merlion, so beloved to all local residents and visitors. Not far from the original statue, her mirror image, according to the canons of Feng Shui, and is three-ton "Little Boy" Merlion.

