

Singapore Survival Kit for QTD Participants

Practical Tips

- **Official Language:** English.
- **Cash:** Cash is very useful. While credit/debit cards can be used widely, food courts might only take cash. Use a money exchange at the airport or at a subway station, or take cash out of an ATM. ATM fees vary depending on the foreign bank and your home bank.
 - If you have Revolut/Wise, that will potentially be useful.
 - 100 EUR worth of SGD cash is more than enough for the conference period, the rest can be handled with cards. Perhaps bring 100 EUR more as backup where you can go to money changer if you ever need it.
- **Tipping:** Not practiced.
- **SIM Card:** Buy local SIM/eSIM at airport or shops (passport required).
- **Groceries:** FairPrice supermarket is found almost everywhere, along with Cold Storage, Sheng Siong, and Giant.

Health Tips

- **Sun & Heat:** Use sunscreen daily; UV is high year-round. A hat and loose clothing help.
- **Humidity:** Weather is very humid. Dress light for the heat, but carry a light jacket for cold indoor air-conditioning.
- **Rain:** Expect rain on most days, but short showers. Carry umbrella.
- **Food & Water:** Food courts are safe. Wash/peel/boil fresh veggies though. Tap water is safe to drink.
- **Mosquitoes:** Bring repellent. Dengue/Zika occur occasionally. Can be monitored on <https://www.nea.gov.sg/dengue-zika/dengue/dengue-cases>, also for Zika. Long, airy clothes help prevent bites.
- **Emergency numbers-** Ambulance: 995, Police: 999

Transport

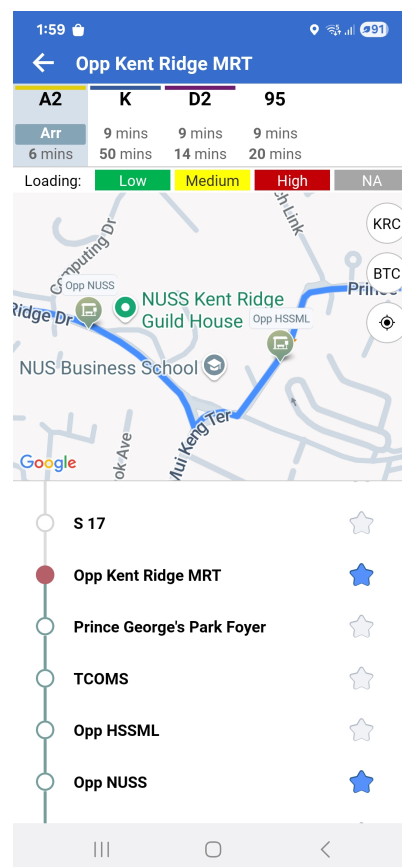
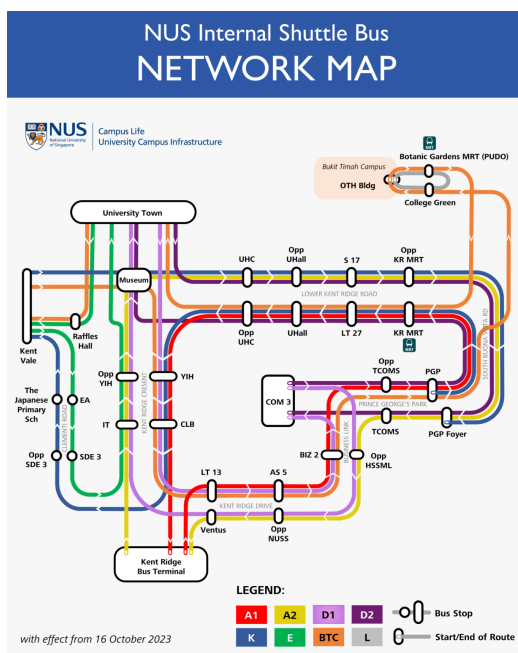
- **Public Transport:** Reliable and cheap. Use rechargeable EZ-Link card (available at MRT stations): recharging is easiest with cash bills. MRT = Mass Rapid Transit
- **Fare Payment:** Prefer cards (Visa/Mastercard), or EZ-Link. Foreign bank cards (Visa/Mastercard) can work for public transit with small extra charge 0.60 SGD.
- **Costs:** 2 SGD max per trip.
- **Navigation and Plannings:** Use apps like Google map, Citymapper or MyTransport.SG.
- For buses, people enter strictly from the front door. You tap your card when you get in, and tap out when you get off (otherwise you will be charged maximum distance fare).
- **Note:** Uber is unavailable; use Grab or GOJEK apps for taxis (more expensive than MRT/bus).

Tourist Tips

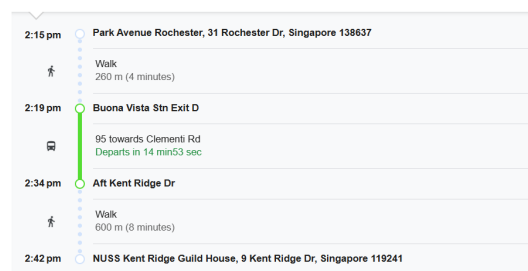
- **Park Connectors:** Great for running, biking, or walking: <https://pcn.nparks.gov.sg/>
- **Changi Airport:** Worth exploring – especially the Butterfly Garden.
- **Marina Bay Sands, Gardens by the Bay**
- **Sentosa:** Small island beach available for swimming; not ideal for scenic beach views due to busy harbor.
- **Shops & Food Courts:** Open daily including evenings. Some food courts/hawker centers are even open through/past midnight.

Instructions to Reach Conference Venue

- **From Kent Ridge MRT station:** Take the NUS internal shuttle bus A2 from opposite Kent Ridge MRT station and alight opposite NUSS.

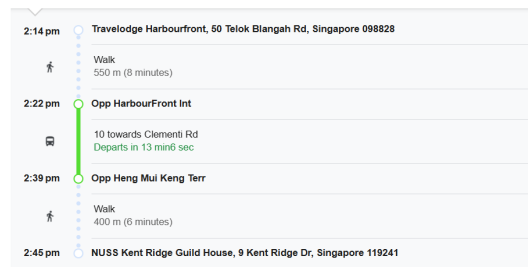


- **From Park Avenue Rochester Hotel:** Bus Number 95 (~ 27 mins).



By Taxi: 10-12 SGD, ~ 15 mins.

- **Travelodge Harbourfront Hotel:** Bus Number 10 or 30 or 143 (~ 31 mins).



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QTD 2025 conference website and WhatsApp group

- Website link: <https://qtd2025.quantumlah.org/>
- WhatsApp group link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/BgOUNWKiVMfAYKZbCGgjzd>

