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MAP LEGEND

ROUTES

	Tollway		One-Way Street
	Freeway		Mall/Steps
	Primary		Tunnel
	Secondary		Pedestrian Overpass
	Tertiary		Walking Trail
	Lane		Walking Path
	Under Construction		Track
	Unsealed Road		

TRANSPORT

	Ferry		Rail
	Metro		Rail (Underground)
	Monorail		Tram/Lightrail
	Bus Route		Cable Car, Funicular
	Skytrain		Rail (Fast Track)

HYDROGRAPHY

	River, Creek		Canal
	Intermittent River		Water
	Swamp		Lake (Dry)
	Mangrove		Lake (Salt)
	Reef		Mudflats

BOUNDARIES

	International State, Provincial		Regional, Suburb
	Marine Park		Ancient Wall
			Cliff

AREA FEATURES

	Airport		Land
	Area of Interest		Mall
	Beach, Desert		Market
	Building		Park
	Campus		Rocks
	Cemetery, Christian		Sports
	Cemetery, Other		Urban
	Forest		

POPULATION

	CAPITAL (NATIONAL)		CAPITAL (STATE)
	Large City		Medium City
	Small City		Town, Village

SYMBOLS

Sights/Activities	Eating	Information
	Drinking	
	Entertainment	
	Shopping	
	Sleeping	
		Geographic
	Transport	

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

Sleeping and Eating reviews are listed in budget order.

	telephone
	opening hours
	air-con available
	internet available
	wi-fi available
	swimming pool
apt	apartments
d	double rooms
dm	dorm beds
f	family rooms
q	quad rooms
r	rooms
s	single rooms
ste	suites
tr	triple rooms
tw	twin rooms

CONVERSIONS

TEMPERATURE

$$^{\circ}\text{C} = (^{\circ}\text{F} - 32) \div 1.8$$

$$^{\circ}\text{F} = (^{\circ}\text{C} \times 1.8) + 32$$

DISTANCE

$$1\text{in} = 2.54\text{cm}$$

$$1\text{cm} = 0.39\text{in}$$

$$1\text{m} = 3.3\text{ft} = 1.1\text{yd}$$

$$1\text{ft} = 0.3\text{m}$$

$$1\text{km} = 0.62\text{miles}$$

$$1\text{mile} = 1.6\text{km}$$

WEIGHT

$$1\text{kg} = 2.2\text{lb}$$

$$1\text{lb} = 0.45\text{kg}$$

$$1\text{g} = 0.04\text{oz}$$

$$1\text{oz} = 28\text{g}$$

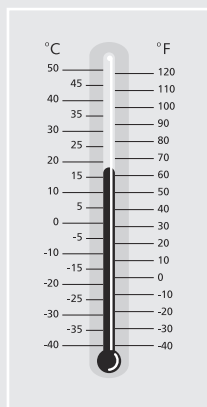
VOLUME

$$1\text{ imperial gallon} = 4.55\text{L}$$

$$1\text{L} = 0.26\text{ US gallons}$$

$$1\text{ US gallon} = 3.8\text{L}$$

$$1\text{L} = 0.22\text{ imperial gallons}$$



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