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Indonesia's sprawling capital is one of Southeast Asia's fastest-growing, most chaotic, and exciting places. It is the gateway to a vast, vibrant, and varied island nation home to dozens of fascinating cultures. Formerly the colonial capital of the Dutch East Indies, when it was known as Batavia, Jakarta has grown from its original seaport district into a huge modern conurbation of high-rise hotels and apartments, thronged shopping malls, and wide, crowded avenues.

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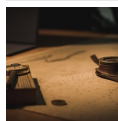
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Jakarta is a city of contrasts, where colonial-era streets sit alongside soaring high-rises and sprawling suburbs stretch in every direction. The city's core is Taman Merdeka, or Independence Square, dominated by the 132 m National Monument topped with a glittering stylised flame. Nearby, Kota Tua (Old Town) preserves traces of Dutch Batavia, with Taman Fatahillah at its centre, surrounded by old buildings and museums.

Glodok, Jakarta's Chinatown, is lively and colourful, mixing long-established markets with newer cafés and shops. At Sunda Kelapa, the old port, wooden schooners still carry cargo between Jakarta and the outlying islands, alongside warehouses dating back to the colonial era. South of the centre, Jalan Jaksa offers a jumble of budget guesthouses, tour offices, and souvenir shops, reflecting the city's enduring role as a hub for travellers.

Today, Jakarta continues to grow and change, balancing modernity with history. Despite its sprawl and traffic, the city remains a place of energy and contrast, where past and present sit side by side, giving visitors a glimpse of Indonesia's evolution in one bustling metropolis.

DO & SEE



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Jakarta mixes old and new in a way that feels surprisingly seamless. Restored colonial streets sit alongside modern towers, and there's plenty to see whether you're after history, art, or just a good wander. Start at the National Monument, the city's proud symbol of independence, and take in the skyline from its viewing deck. Then head to Kota Tua, the Old Town, where museums around Fatahillah Square trace Jakarta's story from Dutch rule to today. For a change of pace, dive into a flavourful journey in Glodok, the city's Chinatown. Art fans should make time for Museum MACAN's contemporary shows, while those after some green space can unwind at Ragunan Zoo or in the quiet gardens of Taman Suropati.

Jakarta Old Town



Jakarta's Old Town, known as Kota Tua, is where the city first took shape under Dutch rule. The cobbled square is lined with faded colonial buildings that now house museums, cafés, and street artists. It's a good place to walk around, people-watch, and imagine how Batavia might have looked centuries ago. Don't miss Fatahillah Square, the Jakarta History Museum, and the Wayang Museum while you're there.

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Address: Jalan Kali Besar Timur, Jakarta

Taman Fatahillah



Fatahillah Square is the heart of Jakarta's Old Town and the centre of what was once Dutch Batavia. The open square is surrounded by restored colonial buildings that now house the Jakarta History Museum, the Wayang Museum, and the Fine Art and Ceramics Museum. It's a lively spot for people-watching and taking in the old architecture that hints at the city's past.

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Address: Jalan Lada Dalam No.7, RT.7/RW.7, Pinangsia, Kec. Taman Sari, Kota Jakarta Barat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta

National Monument (Monas)



The National Monument, or Monas, rises from the centre of Merdeka Square as a symbol of Indonesia's independence. Visitors

can take a lift to the viewing deck for wide views over the city or explore the museum at its base, which traces the country's struggle for freedom. The surrounding park is a favourite spot for locals to stroll, grab street food, or rest in the shade.

Photo: Leonid Andronov/Shutterstock

Address: Merdeka Square, Jakarta, Jalan Lapangan Monas, Gambir, Central Jakarta City, Jakarta

Taman Mini Indonesia Indah



Taman Mini Indonesia Indah is a sprawling cultural park in East Jakarta that brings the whole country together in one place. Each province has its own pavilion built in traditional style, complete with crafts, costumes, and exhibits that show off local life. There's even a lake shaped like the Indonesian archipelago, in addition to museums to wander through and a cable car that gives a great view of it all. It's a fun way to get a feel for Indonesia's diversity without leaving the city.

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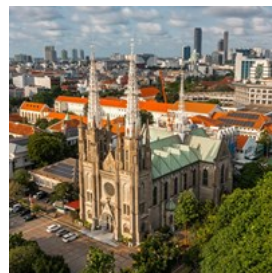
Address: Jalan Taman Mini Indonesia Indah, Ceger, Kec. Cipayung, Kota Jakarta Timur, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta

Opening hours: Daily 5am-8pm

Phone: +62 811 8882 0220

Internet: https://tamanmini.com/taman_jelajah_indonesia

Jakarta Cathedral (The Church of Our Lady of the Assumption)



Jakarta Cathedral is a magnificent example of neo-Gothic architecture in the heart of Indonesia's bustling capital. Inside, stained glass windows, tall spires, and an old pipe organ give a sense of its long history. It sits just across from the Istiqlal Mosque, and together the two landmarks reflect Jakarta's mix of faiths and everyday coexistence.

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Address: Jalan Katedral No.7B, Ps. Baru, Kecamatan Sawah Besar, Kota Jakarta Pusat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta

Opening hours: Thu-Tue 8am-8pm, Wed closed

Phone: +62 21 3519186

Jakarta History Museum



Set in the old town hall of Batavia, this 17th-century building now tells the story of Jakarta's past under Dutch rule. The museum houses furniture, maps, paintings, and relics from the colonial era, showing how the city grew from a trading post into today's capital.

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Address: Taman Fatahillah No.1, Pinangisia, Kec. Taman Sari, Kota Jakarta Barat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 9am-3pm, Mon closed

Phone: +62 21 6929101

Istiqlal Mosque



Istiqlal Mosque is Indonesia's largest mosque, with space for more than 10,000 worshippers. Completed in 1978 and designed by Frederic Silaban, the building combines modern lines with traditional Islamic design. Visitors can admire the soaring dome and towering minaret, and explore the spacious prayer hall outside of prayer times.

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Address: Jalan Taman Wijaya Kusuma, Ps. Baru, Kecamatan Sawah Besar, Kota Jakarta Pusat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta

Opening hours: Daily 4am-10pm

Phone: +62 21 3811708

Internet: <https://eng.istiqlal.or.id>

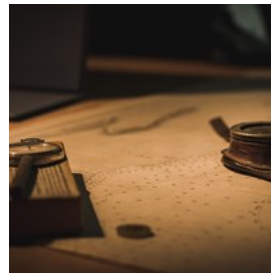
Thousand Islands (Kepulauan Seribu Regency)



The Thousand Islands are a group of over a hundred small islands off Jakarta's coast. They offer clear waters, coral reefs, and plenty of opportunities for snorkelling and diving. Some islands are quiet and sandy, like Pulau Macan, while others, such as Pulau Onrust, have colonial-era ruins to explore. Visitors can hop between islands, paddle in calm lagoons, or just relax on the beaches.

Photo: avepho/Shutterstock

Maritime Museum



Set in old Dutch warehouses by the Sunda Kelapa harbour, the Maritime Museum tells the story of Indonesia's long history with the sea. Inside are model ships, navigation tools, maps, and photos that trace the country's seafaring past. The building itself is worth a look too — its thick walls and timber beams date back to the 17th century.

Photo: Pixabay

Address: 1 Jalan Pasar Ikan, RT.11/RW.4, Penjaringan, North Jakarta City, Jakarta

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 8am-4pm, Mon closed

Phone: +62 21 6693406

Internet: www.instagram.com/museumkebaharianjkt

Wayang Museum



The Wayang Museum celebrates Indonesia's long tradition of shadow puppetry. Its rooms are filled with intricately carved puppets from Java and other parts of the country, along with

examples from Malaysia, Thailand, and China. Take your time to look at the detail in each figure, and if you're lucky, you might catch a short wayang performance accompanied by live gamelan music.

Photo: Kallistii/Pixabay
Address: Jalan Pintu Besar Utara No.27 Pinangsia, RT.3/RW.6, Kota Tua, Kec. Taman Sari, Kota Jakarta Barat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta
Opening hours: Tue-Sun 9am-3pm, Mon closed

Museum MACAN (Modern and Contemporary Art in Nusantara)



Museum MACAN is Indonesia's first museum dedicated to modern and contemporary art. It grew out of collector Haryanto Adikoesoemo's personal collection, which includes works by global names such as Andy Warhol, alongside leading Indonesian artists. The space hosts rotating exhibitions, installations, and interactive pieces, making it one of Jakarta's most engaging art destinations.

Photo: Mike Petrucci/Unsplash
Address: AKR Tower Level M, Jalan Panjang No.5, Kb. Jeruk, Kec. Kb. Jeruk, Kota Jakarta Barat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta
Phone: +62 21 22121888
Internet: www.museummacan.org

Jakarta History Museum



Housed in the old City Hall building from 1710, the Jakarta History Museum traces the city's past from its colonial days to modern times. Inside, you'll find furniture, maps, paintings, and ceramics from across Indonesia and Europe.

Wander through the creaky wooden floors and heavy teak furniture for a sense of what life was like during the Dutch era.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock
Address: Taman Fatahillah No.1, Pinangsia, Kec. Taman Sari, Kota Jakarta Barat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta
Opening hours: Tue-Sun 9am-3pm, Mon closed
Phone: +62 21 6929101

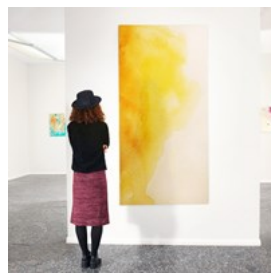
Taman Ismail Marzuki Art Centre (TIM)



Taman Ismail Marzuki is Jakarta's main hub for arts and performance. It brings together everything from traditional gamelan and Balinese dance to indie film screenings and experimental theatre. Drop by to catch a show, browse the galleries, or just see what's on. The schedule changes often, so it's worth checking their website or local listings before you go.

Photo: Fairuz Naufal Zaki/Unsplash
Address: Jalan Cikini Raya No.8, Cikini, Kec. Menteng, Kota Jakarta Pusat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta
Opening hours: Daily 8am-11pm

Art:1 New Museum



Art:1 New Museum is a contemporary art space that highlights modern Indonesian painting and sculpture. It mixes works by well-known artists with pieces from newer names, so there's always something unexpected to see. Temporary shows and installations change regularly, making it a good stop if you want to get a feel for Jakarta's current art scene.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock
Address: Jalan Rajawali Selatan Raya No.3, Gn. Sahari Utara,

Kecamatan Sawah Besar, Jakarta, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta
Phone: +62 21 64700168
Internet: www.art1museum.com

Museum Bank Indonesia



Housed in a stunning historic building that once served as Indonesia's first bank, this interesting museum offers a deep dive into the nation's financial history. Visitors can explore an impressive collection of banknotes and coins from around the world, tracing the evolution of currency through engaging exhibits. Do not miss the gold safe, where the country's gold was stored without the population being aware of it.

Photo: Sasha India/Unsplash

Address: Jalan Pintu Besar Utara No.3, RT.4/RW.6, Pinangisia, Kec. Taman Sari, Kota Jakarta Barat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 8am-3:30pm, Mon closed

Phone: +62 21 1500131

DINING



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Jakarta's food scene reflects the mix of people who've made the city their home. With migrants from across the Indonesian archipelago, the range of flavours here is huge. You'll find staples like noodles and nasi goreng (fried rice) on every corner, but there's plenty more to discover.

Most meat dishes feature chicken or beef, as pork is less common in this mostly Muslim city. Upscale restaurants, often tucked inside hotels, cater to those after a refined meal, but the real heart of Jakarta's food culture lies on the streets — in smoky stalls and late-night carts serving quick, flavour-packed plates that are as affordable as they are satisfying.

Street Food



Jakarta's street food scene is a culinary adventure waiting to be explored. From bustling markets to late-night stalls, there's something for every appetite. Popular areas include Glodok (Chinatown), Blok M, and Kota Tua, where locals and visitors alike line up for quick, satisfying bites.

A few must-try dishes include Bakmi Goreng (stir-fried noodles with vegetables and protein), Soto Ayam (a comforting chicken soup with turmeric and spices), and Martabak (a thick pancake filled with sweet or savoury ingredients). For a taste of Betawi cuisine, sample Nasi Uduk (coconut rice served with fried chicken, tempeh), and sambal, or Gado-Gado (a salad of boiled vegetables topped with peanut sauce).

Photo: Misbahul Aulia/Unsplash

Dapur Babah Elite



Housed in two restored 1940s shophouses, Dapur Babah Elite mixes Javanese, Peranakan, and old Dutch flavours in a nostalgic setting filled with antiques and old photos. Dishes like 'ayam lodho' and 'nasi campur babah' come highly recommended, and the adjoining Tao Bar is a good spot to pop in for a drink afterwards.

Photo: Takashi Miyazaki/Unsplash

Address: 4, Jalan Veteran I No.18-19, RT.4/RW.2, Gambir, Kecamatan Gambir, Kota Jakarta Pusat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta

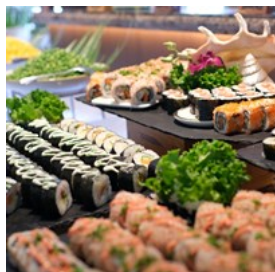
Opening hours: Daily 11am-10pm

Phone: +62 851 0060 2256

Internet:

<https://tuguhotels.com/restaurants/jakarta/dapurbabahelite>

Asia Restaurant - The Ritz-Carlton



Asia Restaurant at The Ritz-Carlton Jakarta is a refined all-day dining spot with an international focus. The buffet is the main draw, with live cooking stations where chefs prepare everything from sushi and grilled seafood to Western favourites like pizza and roasted meats. The weekend brunch is especially popular, featuring seafood, prime cuts, cheeses, and even truffle-infused dishes.

Photo: Khai Fong Dmytro Nguen/Shutterstock

Address: Jalan DR. Ide Anak Agung Gde Agung No.1 Kav.E.1.1, Mega Kuningan, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta
Phone: +62 21 2551 8888

Internet: www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/jktrz-the-ritz-carlton-jakarta-mega-kuningan/dining

Il Mare



Set inside Hotel Mulia, Il Mare is one of Jakarta's long-standing destinations for refined Italian dining. The focus is on Northern Italian flavours: handmade pasta, fresh seafood, and prime grilled meats. Signature dishes like Cold Angel Hair with Caviar and Wagyu Beef stand out, and the extensive wine list ensures the right pairing for every plate.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock

Address: Jalan Asia Afrika, RT.1/RW.3, Gelora, Tanah Abang, Senayan, Jakarta

Phone: +62 21 5747777

Internet: www.themulia.com/jakarta/jakarta-outlets/il-mare

Plan B



Plan B is a neighbourhood spot serving straightforward Spanish food done well. The menu covers the classics like tapas, paella, and slow-cooked stews, alongside a selection of Spanish wines to match. Chef Oskar Urzelai, who's from Spain, runs the kitchen, often chatting with diners about what's cooking.

Photo: Vittorio Caramazza/Shutterstock

Address: Rukan Permata Senayan, Jalan Tentara Pelajar Blok D25, RT.1/RW.7, Grogol Utara, Kec. Kby. Lama, Kota Jakarta Selatan, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta

Opening hours: Daily 10:30am-12:30am

Phone: +62 811 9532 526

Internet: <https://linktr.ee/planbspanishjakarta>

Pondok Laguna



Just a short walk from Chinatown, Pondok Laguna is one of Jakarta's most beloved spots for seafood and classic Indonesian dishes. The dining room is always lively, filled with families and groups sharing generous plates of grilled fish, squid, and prawns. Their Tahu Kipas (crispy tofu stuffed with vegetables and shrimp) is a local favourite and often cited as the best in town.

Photo: Natthawon Chaosakun/Shutterstock

Address: Jalan Batu Tulis Raya No.45, RT.3/RW.2, Kb. Klp., Kecamatan Gambir, Kota Jakarta Pusat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta

Opening hours: Daily 11am-9pm

Phone: +62 21 3459991

AMUZ Gourmet Restaurant



Tucked inside the Sudirman Central Business District, AMUZ is one of Jakarta's most acclaimed fine-dining addresses. Led by French chef Gilles Marx, the restaurant serves contemporary French cuisine with a focus on seasonal ingredients and elegant presentation. The wine list leans heavily toward French labels, thoughtfully curated to complement the menu.

Photo: Francisco De Legarreta C./Unsplash

Address: Jalan Jenderal Sudirman No.Kav. 52-53, RT.5/RW.3, Senayan, Kec. Kby. Baru, Kota Jakarta Selatan, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11:30am-2:30pm / 5:30pm-11pm;
Sun closed

Phone: +62 21 2505064

Internet: <https://amuzgourmet.com>

More Info: Located at The Energy Building, 2nd Floor.

The Japanese @ Sari Pacific Jakarta



The Japanese at Sari Pacific Jakarta serves authentic Japanese cuisine in the heart of the city. The restaurant has two Teppanyaki stations and Jakarta's first Robotayaki counter, where chefs cook right in front of diners. Sushi, sashimi, and teppanyaki dishes are all carefully prepared with high-quality ingredients, and the serene Tatami rooms or private dining spaces make it a calm escape from the city bustle.

Photo: Marcelo_Krelling/Shutterstock

Address: Jalan M.H. Thamrin No.6, Kb. Sirih, Kec. Menteng, Kota Jakarta Pusat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta

Opening hours: Daily 11am-2:30pm / 5:30pm-10:30pm

Phone: +62 21 29932889

Internet: www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/jktak-sari-pacific-jakarta-autograph-collection/overview

Ganesha Ek Sanskriti



If you are longing for authentic Indian cuisine while in Jakarta, Ganesha Ek Sanskriti is the place to go. Located on the 9th floor of the Centre Park Building, this restaurant is celebrated for its authentic Delhi-style dishes, such as butter chicken and mutton kebabs, alongside some tasty vegetarian options.

Photo: Joe Gough/Shutterstock

Address: CP 901, Gedung BRI II, Center Park, Jl. Jenderal Sudirman No.Kav 44-46 Lantai 9, Bend. Hilir, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 11am-10:30pm, Fri & Sat 11am-11pm

Phone: +62 21 5719415

Internet: <https://ganeshaeksanskriti.com>

The Duck King



The Duck King is a well-known Chinese restaurant chain with several outlets around Jakarta, and it's often recommended for reliable, authentic flavours. As the name suggests, roast duck is the specialty, but the menu also includes dim sum, noodle dishes, and classic Cantonese plates. Easy spot to drop in for a quick lunch or a relaxed dinner, and most outlets are in central areas convenient for city sightseeing.

Photo: Janesca/Unsplash

Address: Senayan City Mall - Jalan Asia Afrika No.19, RT.1/RW.3, Gelora, Kecamatan Tanah Abang, Kota Jakarta Pusat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta
Opening hours: Daily 10am-9pm
Phone: +62 21 72781223

CAFÉS



Nathan Dumlao/Unsplash

Café culture is something that the Indonesian capital has developed in the past 30 years, though hawker stalls and street food still remain the most popular option among locals and tourists alike.

As the coffee culture took over, street vendors started selling instant brews and international brands of cafeterias began popping up at a fast

pace, making the coffee routine an unmissable tradition throughout the diverse Jakarta.

La Moda



La Moda sits inside Plaza Indonesia, right next to the Grand Hyatt, and doubles as a café and occasional fashion venue. The menu mixes

European café classics with a few Indonesian dishes. It's a convenient stop if you're shopping or want a seat to watch the city go by, with coffee strong enough to keep you going between boutiques.

Photo: TrendUp/Pixabay

Address: Jalan M.H. Thamrin No.28 - 30, Gondangdia, Kec. Menteng, Kota Jakarta Pusat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta
Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm
Phone: +62 21 29921298
Internet: www.instagram.com/lamodajkt

Bakoel Koffie



Housed in a colonial-era shophouse in Menteng, Bakoel Koffie has been part of Jakarta's coffee story since the late 1800s. It's the kind of

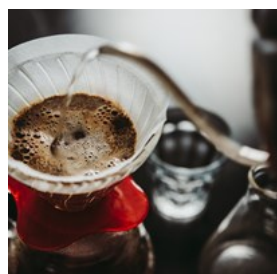
place where students, artists, and professionals all share tables over cups of kopi tubruk or freshly roasted Java blends. The space feels timeless making it a great choice for a quiet catch-up or a break between exploring nearby sights like Taman Ismail Marzuki.

Photo: New Africa/Shutterstock

Address: Jalan Cikini Raya No.25, RT.16/RW.1, Cikini, Kec. Menteng, Kota Jakarta Pusat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta
Opening hours: Mon 9am-11:30pm, Tue-Sun 8am-11:30pm
Phone: +62 21 31936608
Internet: www.bakoelkoffie.com

Email: info@bakoelkoffie.com

Giyanti Coffee Roastery



Hidden down a quiet alley in Menteng, Giyanti Coffee Roastery is one of Jakarta's best-known destinations for proper coffee. The place has a homey and community feel with vintage furniture and friendly baristas who know their beans. They roast on site, focusing on Indonesian coffee, and their palm-sugar latte is a local favourite.

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Address: Surabaya St No.20, RT.15/RW.5, Menteng, Central Jakarta City, Jakarta

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 8:30am-9pm, Mon closed

Phone: +62 21 31923698

Internet: www.giyanticoffeeroastery.com

Café Batavia



Café Batavia is a historic café located in the heart of Jakarta's Old Town.

Housed in a colonial-era building dating back to the 1830s, it offers a

unique blend of Dutch colonial architecture and Indonesian hospitality. The café offers a diverse menu, featuring Indonesian classics like nasi bakar and tongseng kambing, alongside international options like steaks and pasta.

Photo: [Haldian/Shutterstock](#)

Address: Jalan Pintu Besar Utara No.14, RT.7/RW.6, Pinangisia, Kec. Taman Sari, Kota Jakarta Barat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 9am-midnight, Fri 9am-1am, Sat 7am-1am, Sun 7am-midnight

Phone: +62 21 6915534

Internet: www.cafebatavia.com

Lucky Cat Coffee & Kitchen



Lucky Cat is a cosy, 24-hour café nestled in Jakarta's Kuningan district. With a rustic-chic vibe, it features a bi-level layout adorned with

hanging plants and a central tree. The menu features a diverse selection of Asian and Western dishes, including favorites such as nachos, spaghetti carbonara, and avocado toast. Whether you're grabbing a late-night coffee or enjoying a leisurely brunch, Lucky Cat provides a welcoming spot for any time of day.

Photo: [Fusionstudio/Shutterstock](#)

Address: Parkir Selatan Plaza Festival, Jalan H. R. Rasuna Said No.C22 2, RT.2/RW.5, Karet Kuningan, Kecamatan Setiabudi, Kota Jakarta Selatan, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta

Opening hours: Open 24/7

Phone: +62 21 52961475

Internet: www.instagram.com/luckycatcoffeekitchen

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Jakarta is a city that truly comes alive after dark, offering everything from easygoing neighbourhood pubs to high-energy clubs and karaoke lounges. As the sun sets, locals and visitors alike spill into the city's maze of streets, where upmarket bars and nightspots buzz with music, conversation, and cocktails late into the night.

Eastern Promise



Eastern Promise has been a fixture on Jakarta's bar scene since 1989 and remains a go-to spot for the city's expat crowd.

Modelled after a classic British pub, it's the kind of place where you can grab a pint of draught beer, tuck into a meat pie, and catch live sports on big screens. There's also a darts corner, regular live music, and a friendly atmosphere.

Photo: Louis Hansel/Unsplash

Address: Jalan Kemang Raya No.5, RT.1/RW.7, Bangka, Kec. Mampang Prpt., Kota Jakarta Selatan, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta

Phone: +62 21 71790151

Internet: <https://easternpromise.id>

B.A.T.S.



B.A.T.S. at the Shangri-La Hotel brings a slice of New York nightlife to Jakarta. Set in a cosy, dimly lit space with brick walls and a buzzing bar

scene, it's known for its live bands, themed parties, and energetic crowd. The drinks list is pretty solid, and the menu covers American comfort food, from burgers to steaks.

Photo: santypan/Shutterstock

Address: Shangri-La Kota BNI, Jalan Jenderal Sudirman No.Kav. 1, Karet Tengsin, Kecamatan Tanah Abang, Kota Jakarta Pusat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 5pm-3am, Sun 5pm-2am

Phone: +62 21 29229999

Internet: www.shangri-la.com/jakarta/shangrila/dining/bars-lounges/bats

Churchill Wine & Cigar Bar



Tucked inside the Hotel Borobudur, Churchill Wine & Cigar Bar offers a refined escape from Jakarta's bustle. With plush leather chairs, dim

lighting, and a curated selection of fine wines and premium cigars, it's the ideal spot for a quiet, classy evening. A favourite among diplomats and long-time patrons, it delivers a touch of old-world elegance right in the heart of the city.

Photo: Yohan Cho/Unsplash

Address: Jalan Lap. Banteng Selatan No.1, Ps. Baru, Kecamatan Sawah Besar, Kota Jakarta Pusat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta

Opening hours: Daily noon-midnight

Phone: +62 21 380 5555

Internet: www.hotelborobudur.com/topic/dining/lounge-bar/churchill-wine-cigar-bar

More Info: Located at Borobodur Hotel

The Jaya Pub



Jaya Pub is Jakarta's oldest bar and a true city institution. With its retro décor, live bands, and easygoing crowd, it feels like a throwback to the

city's groovier days. The music focuses on classic rock, the beers come cold, and the mix of locals, expats, and curious newcomers keeps the place buzzing well into the night.

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Address: Gedung Jaya, Jalan M.H. Thamrin No.Kav. 12, RT.10/RW.10, Kb. Sirih, Kec. Menteng, Kota Jakarta Pusat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 5pm-2am, Sun closed

Phone: +62 21 31925633

Internet: www.instagram.com/jayapub_jkt

Lucy In The Sky Spark



Up on the rooftop of Senayan Park Mall, Lucy In The Sky gives you a leafy garden terrace and sweeping city-view backdrop for drinks and bites. The décor blends 60s retro with tropical greenery and a glass roof over part of the space for a semi-outdoor feel. Enjoy cocktails, beers, and a simple menu of Asian-Western snacks, all while DJs keep the mood alive from early evening until the wee hours.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock

Address: Senayan Park, Jl. Gervang Pemuda No.3 1, RT.1/RW.3, Gelora, Kecamatan Tanah Abang, Kota Jakarta Pusat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta

Opening hours: Daily 4pm-3am

Internet: www.instagram.com/lucyintheskyjakarta

SHOPPING



Tamanna Rume/Pexels

Over the past decade, Jakarta has transformed into a true shopping hub, with sleek, air-conditioned malls springing up across the city. For souvenirs, look for traditional pieces such as ikat and batik textiles, Balinese wood carvings, or antique pottery, though it's worth noting that some 'colonial antiques' are reproductions.

Plaza Blok M



Plaza Blok M is one of Jakarta's oldest and most characterful shopping malls, popular with locals for its mix of affordable fashion, electronics, and souvenir shops. It's also home to numerous cafés, small bars, and eateries.

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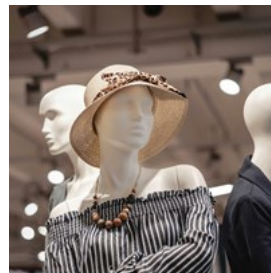
Address: Jalan Bulungan No.76, RT.6/RW.6, Kramat Pela, Kec. Kby. Baru, Kota Jakarta Selatan, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +62 21 7209288

Internet: www.plazablokm.com

Mall Taman Anggrek



Mall Taman Anggrek is one of Jakarta's biggest and busiest shopping destinations. Spanning seven floors, it's packed with international fashion brands, sportswear, electronics, and local boutiques, plus a large food court offering cuisines from across Asia and an indoor ice-skating rink.

Photo: Sara Kurfel/Unsplash

Address: Letjen S. Parman St, RT.12/RW.1, South Tanjung Duren, Grogol petamburan, West Jakarta City, Jakarta

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +62 2 5643777

Internet: www.taman-anggrek-mall.com

Plaza Indonesia

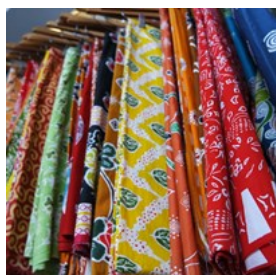


Spread over seven floors, Plaza Indonesia includes an ample assortment of upmarket shops to choose from, including luxury brands such as Chanel, Louis Vuitton, and Marc Jacobs as well as many eateries, and a supermarket.

Photo: Pexels/Pixabay

Address: Jl. M.H. Thamrin No.Kav.28-30, Gondangdia, Kec. Menteng, Kota Jakarta Pusat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta
Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm
Phone: +62 21 29920000
Internet: www.plazaindonesia.com

Jalan Thamrin

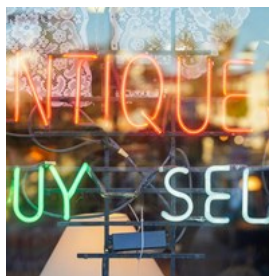


Jalan Thamrin is Jakarta's main shopping artery, home to some of the city's most iconic retail landmarks. Grand Indonesia and Plaza Indonesia anchor the area with luxury brands, designer boutiques, and stylish cafés, while the recently revitalised Sarinah (Jakarta's first department store) offers an array of Indonesian-made products, from batik to local coffee. For a more budget-friendly approach, Thamrin City Mall and nearby street markets are great for hunting down textiles, souvenirs, and traditional crafts.

Photo: Iniizah/Unsplash

Address: Jalan Thamrin, Jakarta

Jalan Jaksa



Jalan Jaksa has long been known as Jakarta's backpacker hub, and its jumble of antique and craft shops still reflects that bohemian spirit. It's the place to browse for Indonesian and Chinese pottery, wood carvings, textiles, and colonial-style furniture. Be prepared to bargain, as haggling is part of the experience.

Photo: Samuel Ramos/Unsplash

Address: Jalan Jaksa, Jakarta

Grand Indonesia



Grand Indonesia is one of Jakarta's biggest and most elegant malls, spread across two wings filled with local boutiques and global brands.

Beyond the shops, it's a lively spot for dining and entertainment, with more than 200 restaurants and cafés, a cinema, and a bowling alley, plus a daily dancing fountain show.

Photo: Alexandra Maria/Pexels

Address: Jalan MH Thamrin No.1, Menteng, Kec. Menteng, Kota Jakarta Pusat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta
Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm
Phone: +62 21 23580001
Internet: www.grand-indonesia.com

Plaza Senayan



Plaza Senayan is one of Jakarta's most refined shopping destinations, known for its mix of international luxury brands and Indonesian designer boutiques such as Sebastian's, Ghea, and Biyan. It's a great place to find elegant

evening wear and contemporary takes on traditional Indonesian fashion. The Sogo Seni handicraft centre inside Sogo is also worth a visit, offering one of the city's best selections of locally made art, textiles, and crafts.

Photo: markusspiske/Pixabay

Address: Jalan Asia Afrika No. 8, RT.1/RW.3, Gelora, Kecamatan Tanah Abang, Kota Jakarta Pusat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +62 21 5725555

Internet: www.plaza-senayan.com

Pasar Seni



Founded in 1977, Pasar Seni is an open-air art market that celebrates Indonesian creativity in all its forms. Here, local painters, sculptors, and craftsmen display their work in a relaxed, village-like setting. You can often meet the artists themselves and catch live performances on weekends.

Photo: Denis Kuvaev/Shutterstock

Address: Taman Impian Jaya, Jl. Lodan timur No.7, RW.10, Ancol, Kec. Pademangan, Jkt Utara, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-5pm, Sat 7am-7pm, Sun 5am-7pm

Internet: www.ancol.com/home

Pondok Indah Mall



Pondok Indah Mall includes three different shopping centres in which you will have no shortage of options among the endless shopping opportunities. Shop clothing, footwear, and furniture or stop by for a coffee.

Photo: jarmoluk/Pixabay

Address: Jl. Metro Pondok Indah No.Kav. 4, RT.1/RW.16, Pd. Pinang, Kec. Kby. Lama, Kota Jakarta Selatan, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +62 21 7506750

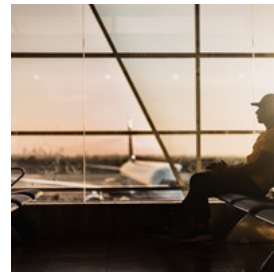
Internet: www.pondokindahmall.co.id

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Soekarno-Hatta International Airport (CGK)



Soekarno-Hatta International Airport (CGK) is Jakarta's main gateway, located about 30 km northwest of the city centre. The journey

typically takes between 45 minutes and 1.5 hours, depending on traffic. Travellers can reach the city via the Airport Rail Link, which connects directly to BNI City Station in central Jakarta, or by DAMRI airport buses serving major areas and hotels. Taxis and ride-hailing apps such as Grab and Gojek are also widely available from all terminals.

Photo: Marco López/Unsplash

Address: Soekarno-Hatta International Airport

Passport/Visa



Indonesia offers various ways for travellers to enter the country depending on their nationality, residency, and length of stay. The

most common options are a visa exemption, a visa on arrival (VOA), and a consular visa. Each option has its own conditions and required documents.

Visa Exemption applies to nationals from select countries, such as Brunei, Cambodia, Colombia, East Timor, Hong Kong, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Suriname, Thailand, Vietnam, Brazil, and Turkey. These travellers can enter Indonesia for tourism without paying a visa fee, but the stay is limited to 30 days and cannot be extended. The following documents are required: a valid passport, a return or onward ticket, payment of the Bali tourist tax (if visiting Bali), and completion of the SATUSEHAT health declaration. Entry is allowed by air, land, and sea.

Visa on Arrival (VOA) is available to citizens of around 75 nationalities. It allows travellers to enter Indonesia for up to 30 days, with the possibility of extending the stay once. VOA can be obtained at the airport or applied for online prior to travel. It comes with a fee. Required documents include: the visa itself (VOA or eVOA), a valid passport, proof of departure (return or onward ticket), payment of the Bali tourist tax (if applicable), and the SATUSEHAT health declaration. This option also permits entry via air, land, or sea.

Tourist Visa (B211A) is needed for nationalities

that are not eligible for visa exemption or VOA. It is a consular visa obtained either online or through an Indonesian embassy, and allows travellers to stay up to 60 days. Travellers must present a valid passport, a visa, a return or onward ticket, payment of the Bali tourist tax, and the SATUSEHAT health declaration. This option suits travellers who require a longer stay or come from countries not listed in the other categories.

For Indonesian nationals, travel is straightforward: only a valid passport and the SATUSEHAT health pass are required. For foreign residents of Indonesia, permanent residence proof must be shown along with the passport and health pass.

Travellers are encouraged to complete the SATUSEHAT form before departure to avoid delays upon arrival. If visiting Bali, make sure to pay the tourist tax online or through a registered provider. Although yellow fever vaccination isn't commonly required, it may be requested if entering from a country listed as at-risk by the WHO.

Photo: ConvertKit/Unsplash

Taxi



Taxis are readily available in Jakarta, with the most reliable taxi companies including Silver Bird and Blue Bird. Blue Bird taxis are easily recognisable by

their blue colour, while Silver Bird taxis are black and offer a more luxurious experience. While it's possible to hail taxis on the street, using a reputable company is recommended to avoid scams. Ride-hailing apps like Grab and

Gojek are also widely used in Jakarta, offering both car and motorcycle options.

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Public Transport



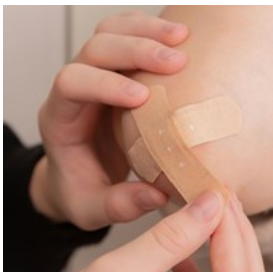
Jakarta's public transport network offers several options for visitors. The TransJakarta BRT is a bus rapid transit system that runs on dedicated lanes, helping you avoid traffic. The MRT (Mass Rapid Transit) and LRT (Light Rail Transit) are rail systems connecting the city centre with southern districts, while the KRL Commuter Line links Jakarta with suburban areas, including attractions like Kota Tua (Old Town) and Monas.

Travellers can use the JakLingko card across buses, trains, and the MRT for convenience. Ride-hailing apps like Grab and Gojek provide flexible car and motorcycle options. Peak hours can still be busy, but these combined choices make exploring Jakarta manageable.

Photo: Reinaldo Kevin/Unsplash

Internet: www.jaklingkoindonesia.co.id/en

Pharmacy



Pharmacies in Jakarta are easy to find in major districts and malls across the city. Look for signs with the word 'Apotek'. Major chains like Kimia Farma, Guardian, Watsons, and Century are the most reliable, offering prescription and over-the-counter medications, vitamins, and basic health products.

Photo: Diana Polekhina/Unsplash

Post



Post offices in Jakarta typically operate from 8am to 4pm, Monday through Friday, and from 8am to noon on Saturdays, offering a range of services including mail and parcel delivery and financial services such as money transfers and bill payments.

Photo: Ali Bakhtiari/Unsplash

Address: Kantor Pos Besar - Jl. Lap. Banteng Utara No.1, Ps. Baru, Kecamatan Sawah Besar, Kota Jakarta Pusat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-7pm, Sat 8am-6pm, Sun 9am-3pm

Phone: +62 21 3520037

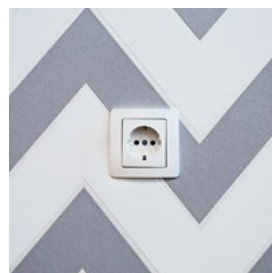
Telephone



Country code: +62 Area code: 21

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Electricity



Indonesia operates on a 230V voltage and 50Hz frequency. The power sockets are Type C and Type F, which are the same types commonly used in most European countries.

Photo: Neven Krcmarek/Unsplash

Population

Metro area: 11.6 million (2025)

Currency

Indonesian Rupiah (IDR)

Newspapers

Jakarta Post: www.thejakartapost.com

Jakarta Globe: <https://jakartaglobe.id>

Emergency numbers

Police: 110

Fire: 113

Ambulance: 118

Tourist information

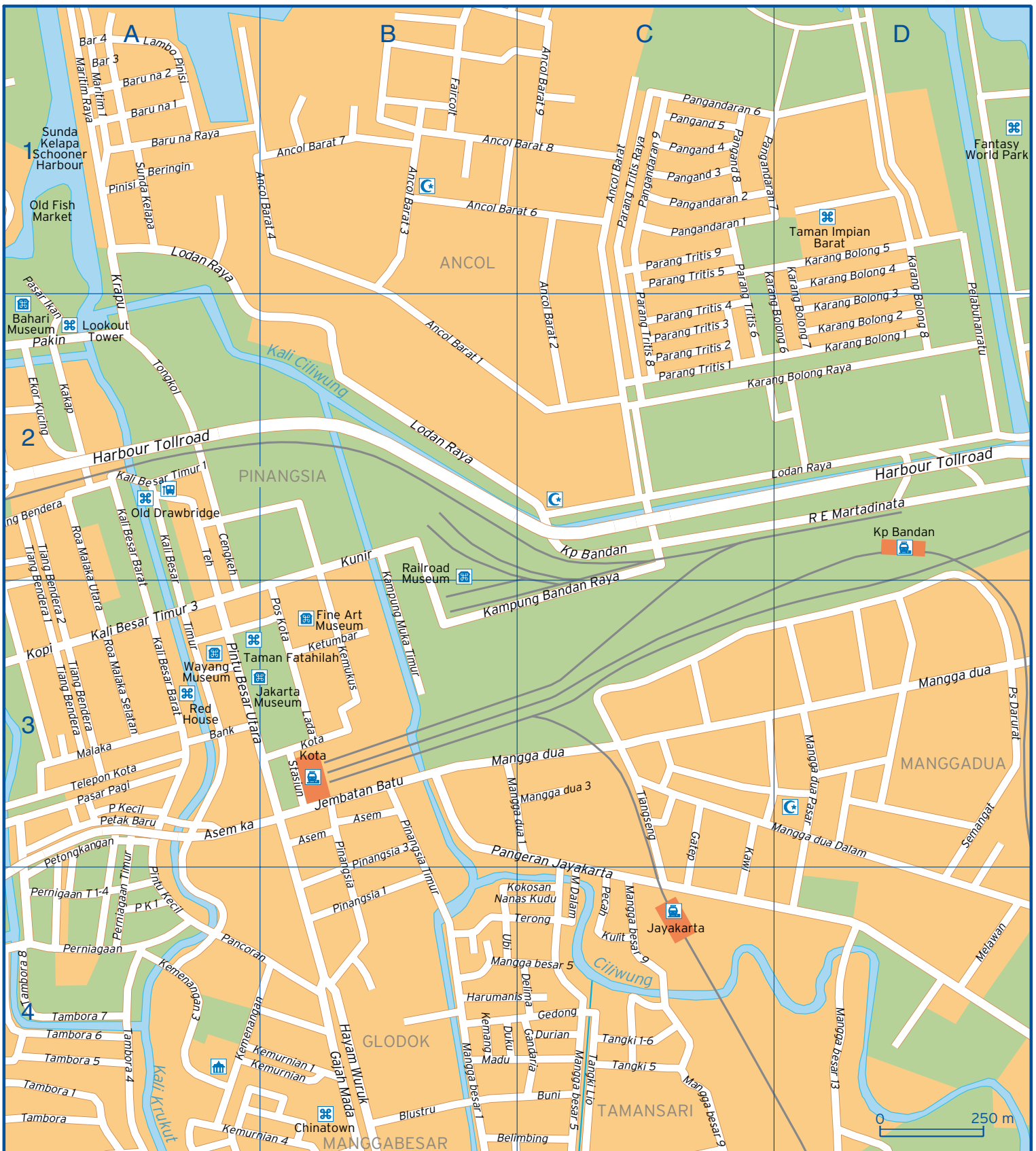
Jakarta Tourist Information Center (Taman Fatahillah)

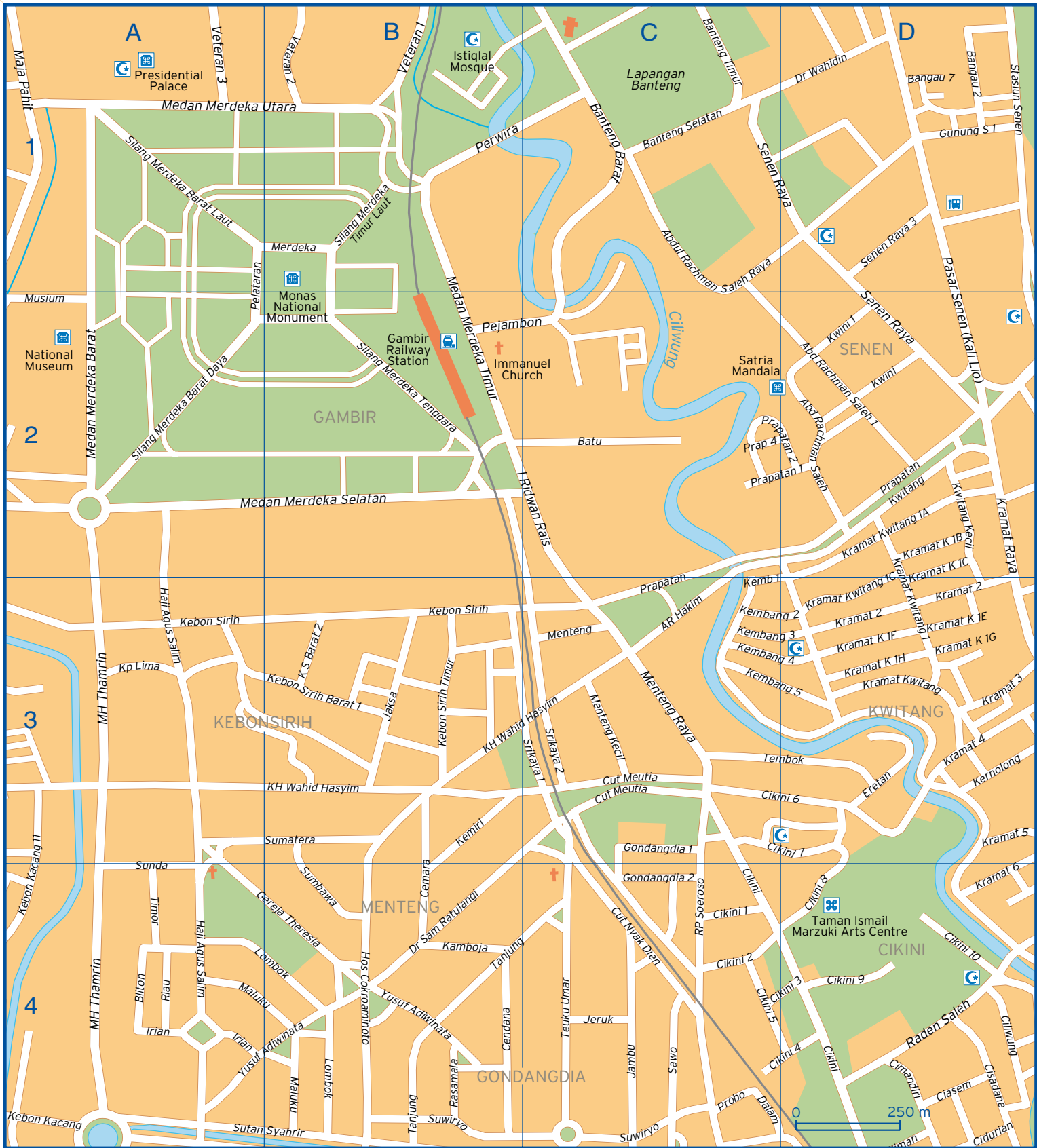
Jalan Kali Besar Timur 4 No.29, RT.3/RW.6, Pinangsia, Kec.

Taman Sari, Kota Jakarta Barat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota

Jakarta

Opening hours: daily 8am–4pm





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Presidential Palace

Istiqlal Mosque

Lapangan Banteng

National Museum

Monas National Monument

Gambir Railway Station

Immanuel Church

Satria Mandala

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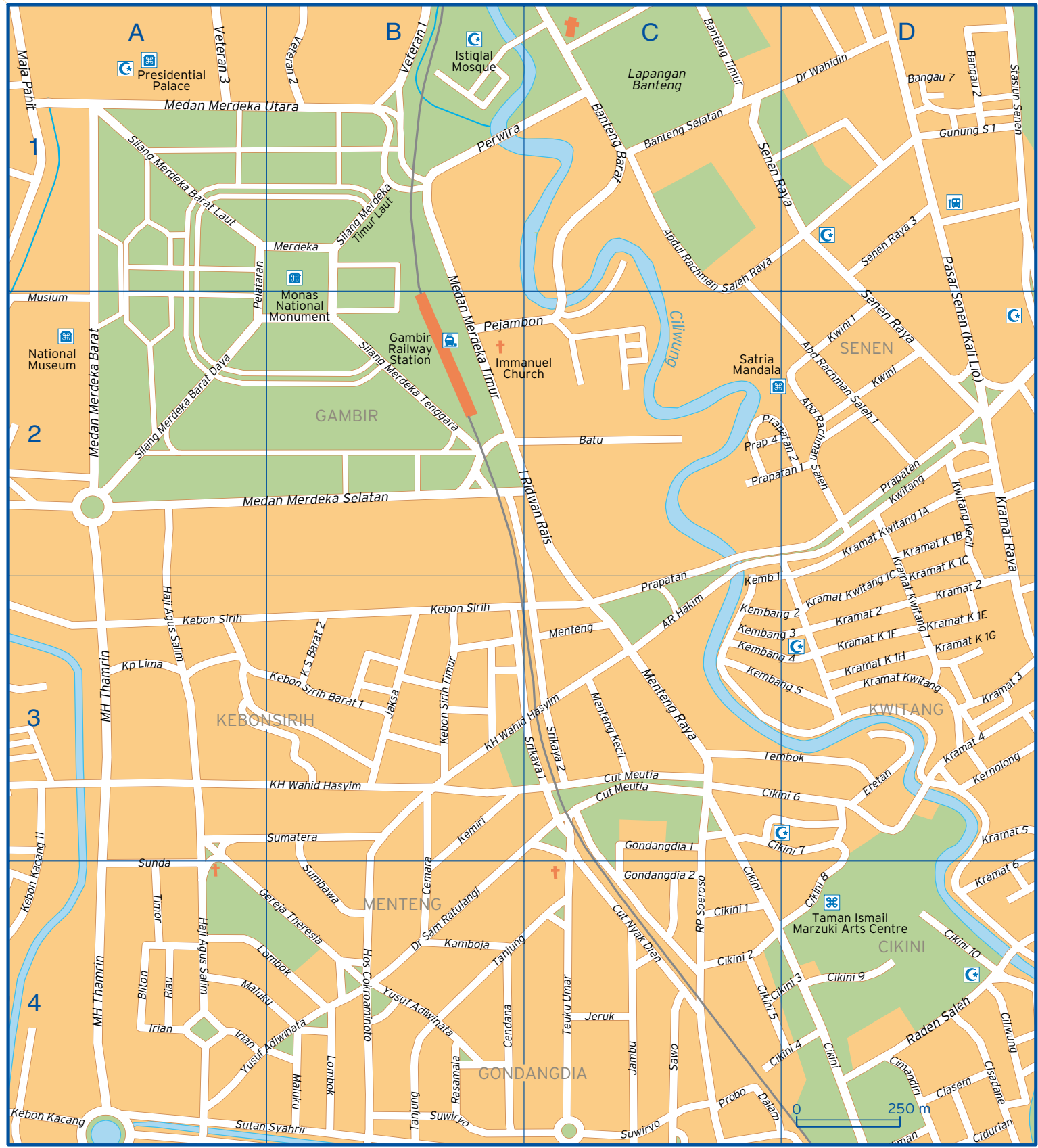
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