



Batam Ferry From Singapore 2026: New HarbourFront Terminal, Fares and Tips

Description

The **Batam ferry from Singapore** is the fastest weekend escape most of us have, and in 2026 the trip looks a little different. The ageing HarbourFront Centre has closed for redevelopment, and all ferry and cruise sailings now leave from a brand-new terminal next door. Here is what has changed, what it costs, and how to plan a smooth day trip or overnight stay.



Batam Centre harbour, a common arrival point for the Batam ferry from Singapore. Photo: Ibnuyahya / Wikimedia Commons, CC BY 3.0

The new HarbourFront terminal: what moved and when

HarbourFront Centre shut its doors on 27 July 2026 to make way for a 33-storey mixed-use development. Ferry operations did not stop, though. They shifted to the new Singapore Cruise Centre terminal at **5 HarbourFront Avenue, Singapore 099549**, a red terracotta building on an adjacent site within the same precinct. It is still a short walk from HarbourFront MRT Station (Exit B, NE1/CC29), so your commute barely changes.

The move happened in two phases. Batam Fast Ferry relocated first, from 7 July 2026. The remaining operators, Horizon Fast Ferry, Majestic Fast Ferry, Sindo Ferry and Indo Falcon, followed with cruise services from 15 July 2026. Sailings to Batam Centre, Harbour Bay, Sekupang, Tanjung Balai (Karimun), Gold Coast and Nirup Island all continue as before.

What is new inside

The new terminal is built for speed. Expect self-service check-in kiosks, passport-less immigration clearance and more food and retail options than the old hall offered. If you have not sailed since the move, give yourself a few extra minutes on your first visit to find the new counters.

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Batam Centre Ferry Terminal on the Indonesian side. Photo: Masgatotkaca / Wikimedia Commons, CC BY-SA 3.0

Batam ferry fares in 2026

Prices have crept up but the crossing is still cheap for what it is. A return ticket from HarbourFront to Batam Centre or Sekupang typically runs about **S\$76**, while one-way adult fares sit in the **S\$30 to S\$45** range depending on operator and timing. Majestic Fast Ferry, for example, lists selected one-way sailings from **S\$43**.

One thing to budget for: since 12 March 2026, a fuel surcharge applies on top of the base fare. You will pay an extra **S\$6** travelling from Singapore to Batam, and **IDR 65,000** on the return leg. It is usually collected separately at check-in, so keep some cash or a card handy. Watch out for one-off promotions too, as operators and booking platforms have been running discounts of up to 50 per cent off through the end of 2026.

How long does the crossing take?

The sea journey is short, roughly 50 minutes to just over an hour depending on the operator and sea conditions. Factor in check-in and immigration on both sides and a realistic door-to-door estimate is closer to two to two-and-a-half hours, which still makes a same-day return very doable.

Batam or Bintan? Picking your island

Batam is the easy, urban option. It is closer, cheaper and packed with malls, spas and seafood, with Nagoya as the main shopping and dining hub. If you would rather trade the shophouses for resorts and quiet beaches, Bintan is the softer choice, and most Bintan sailings still leave from Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal rather than HarbourFront. Our [Bintan weekend getaway guide](#) breaks down that side of the trip in detail.

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Nagoya is Batam's main shopping and dining district. Photo: Sharon Hahn Darlin / Wikimedia Commons, CC BY 2.0

Practical tips for a smooth trip

A few things worth knowing before you tap out of HarbourFront MRT:

- **Time zone:** Batam is one hour behind Singapore. Book your return around Singapore time and double-check which clock your ticket uses.
- **Passport validity:** Make sure you have at least six months' validity. Indonesia grants Singapore passport holders visa-free entry for short visits.
- **Cash and cards:** Bring some Indonesian rupiah for taxis, tips and the return surcharge. Cards are widely accepted at malls and resorts.
- **Arrive early:** Weekend morning sailings fill fast. Aim to check in at least 60 to 90 minutes before departure.
- **Book return in advance:** Locking in your return sailing saves you queuing at the Batam counter on a busy Sunday.

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Batam city is a short ferry ride from Singapore. Photo: Diego Delso / Wikimedia Commons, CC BY-SA 3.0

The verdict

The new HarbourFront terminal is a genuine upgrade, and the Batam ferry from Singapore remains one of the best value short breaks in the region. Between the modest fare rise and the new fuel surcharge, budget around S\$85 to S\$90 all-in for a return crossing, then spend the savings on a massage and a seafood lunch. If you are still weighing up your options for the region, our [Genting Dream cruise guide](#) and our rundown of the [Malaysia e-Gate for Singaporeans](#) are both worth a read before you book.

Fares, schedules and surcharges are correct at the time of writing (9 August 2026) and may change. Always confirm the latest details with your ferry operator before booking.

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