



Causeway Link to JB: Choose Woodlands or Tuas Before You Board

Description

Use Woodlands for CW1 from Kranji, CW2 from Queen Street or CW5 from Newton when the target is JB CIQ or Larkin. Use Tuas routes when western Singapore and Second Link destinations fit better. Every traveller must alight for both countriesâ?? immigration checks. [Causeway Link cross-border travel guide](#). [Causeway Link Transit Pass FAQ](#). [Causeway Link Woodlands CIQ guide](#).

Choose the branch that matches your case

Situation	Next step
Starting near Kranji	CW1 gives the shortest Singapore feeder of the three First Link routes
Starting in the city	Compare CW2 Queen Street with CW5 Newton
Starting in the west or heading via Second Link	Compare CW3, CW4, CW4S, CW6 and CW7
Johor destination is beyond the checkpoint	Plan the onward bus or local transfer separately

Choose the border before the service number

First Link runs through Woodlands and Johor Bahru CIQ. Second Link runs through Tuas and Sultan Abu Bakar CIQ. The correct border depends on both Singapore origin and Johor destination. [Causeway Link cross-border travel guide](#).

A route that starts closer can still be slower if it leaves you far from the final Johor stop. Map the whole chain.

Use the three First Link boarding points

Causeway Link lists CW1 from Kranji MRT, CW2 from Queen Street Terminal and CW5 from Newton Circus. CW1 and CW2 continue toward Larkin, while current endpoints should be rechecked before travel. [Causeway Link Transit Pass FAQ](#).

Choose by access and operating hours, not by a claim that one route always clears faster. Border queues vary.

Understand the immigration transfer

From Singapore, passengers alight at Woodlands or Tuas to clear exit immigration, then board an eligible cross-border bus to reach the Malaysian checkpoint and alight again. [Causeway Link Woodlands CIQ guide](#).

Keep documents and luggage ready. The bus you boarded earlier may leave while you are in immigration, so follow the operator's same-service or eligible-service instructions.

Match Tuas services after the checkpoint

Causeway Link's current guidance maps CW3, CW4 and CW4S toward Jurong East, CW6 toward Boon Lay and CW7 toward Tuas Link on the Singapore side.

From Johor, these routes use the Second Link. Confirm the specific Johor boarding stop and final Singapore destination because route patterns can change.

Plan the last kilometre in Johor

JB CIQ connects directly with JB Sentral, while Larkin and Second Link locations need separate onward planning for malls, hotels or regional buses.

Write down the onward route, payment method and last service before crossing. Roaming or data may be unreliable at the exact handoff.

Keep fare and payment flexible

Causeway Link publishes current route and pass information, but cash, card, pass eligibility and fares can differ by boarding country and service.

Carry small amounts in both currencies and a backup payment method. Check the operator page on travel day rather than relying on an old screenshot.

Build buffer around immigration, not the timetable

Traffic, inspection and queue length can break a tight connection. Add more time on Friday evenings, weekends and public holidays.

For a fixed coach, flight or event, work backwards from the non-refundable departure and choose the border with the largest recovery margin.

Build a dated decision record

Write down the exact outcome you need: select the border and boarding point that match the Johor destination and allow realistic immigration buffers. Keep the household, company, product, trip or booking facts that produced the result beside it. A result based on different facts is not a precedent, even when the headline issue looks similar.

Record the date and the controlling page you checked. For this decision, the source set is Causeway Link cross-border travel guide; Causeway Link Transit Pass FAQ; Causeway Link Woodlands CIQ guide. Save the relevant reference number, model, class, property detail, deadline, service route or ticket choice. That makes it possible to reconstruct the decision if a rule, inventory position or personal fact changes.

Use two working aids instead of a single yes-or-no note. First, make a border-and-origin route chooser. Second, add a two-checkpoint connection-time worksheet. The first shows how the facts map to the official rule or live service; the second exposes the timing, cost, trade-off or follow-up action that a simple eligibility answer can hide.

Set a stop condition before acting. Pause if you encounter choosing only by the nearest terminal, assuming the same bus waits, treating road time as total time, or if any fact no longer matches the source you checked. Re-run the relevant official tool or contact the competent organisation. The purpose of the record is not paperwork for its own sake. It prevents an old screenshot, rough estimate or remembered rule from becoming an expensive assumption.

Work the example before the real decision

A traveller staying near Bugis and visiting central JB compares CW2 from Queen Street with the train. If using CW2, the plan includes travel to the terminal, two immigration processes and a post-CIQ walk or bus. A 30-minute road estimate is not used as the total journey time.

Reader checklist

1. Choose First or Second Link
2. Confirm the current service number and stop
3. Prepare passport and arrival requirements
4. Plan two immigration alights
5. Map the Johor onward leg
6. Carry backup payment
7. Add a border buffer

Mistakes to avoid

- Choosing only by the nearest terminal
- Assuming the same bus waits
- Treating road time as total time
- Ignoring the Johor onward leg
- Using stale fares or schedules

Related next reads

After select the border and boarding point that match the Johor destination and allow realistic immigration buffers, [connect JB Sentral with Senai Airport](#). You can also [plan Bangkok rail travel](#).

Questions readers ask

Which services use Woodlands?

Causeway Link lists CW1, CW2 and CW5 for the First Link.

Do passengers alight twice?

Yes, for Singapore and Malaysian immigration.

Which service ends at Tuas Link?

Current Causeway Link guidance lists CW7.

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