



Sentosa trials free on-demand self-driving shuttles with TADA from early 2027

## Description

Visitors to Sentosa will be able to call up a free self-driving shuttle from early 2027, in a pilot that lets the vehicles skip stops nobody needs. [Sentosa Development Corporation \(SDC\)](#) is running the trial with ride-hailing firm TADA Mobility, using two autonomous vehicles built by WeRide.

Rides are booked through the TADA app, which uses GPS to suggest the nearest pick-up point. The service is complimentary during the pilot and runs from 1pm to 7pm.



One of the two WeRide autonomous vehicles in the Sentosa and TADA pilot. Photo: Sentosa Development Corporation

## **Straight to the beach without changing shuttles**

The pilot adds 27 pick-up and drop-off points to the island's transport network, opened in stages. The shuttles will use Siloso Beach Walk and Palawan Beach Walk, the service roads along the two beaches, as well as Sentosa's public roads.

That lets guests reach beachfront attractions and restaurants directly instead of switching to a beach shuttle. It is the first on-demand shared service on Sentosa to cover so many locations. Each vehicle follows a set route but can pass any stop where no one is getting on or off.



A WeRide shuttle carrying TADA branding on a road on Sentosa. Photo: Sentosa Development Corporation

## Eight seats and a safety operator

Each autonomous vehicle seats up to eight guests, with a trained safety operator on board and remote monitoring to send help when it is needed. Screens and announcements inside the vehicle keep passengers updated during the trip, and QR codes on wayfinding signs around the island lead to details of the service and its stops.

SDC and TADA will work with the Land Transport Authority on safety and operating protocols. Before the first passengers board, the two partners will run further trials of the routes, booking, boarding and safety procedures. Voiced commentary on nearby attractions is also being explored.

For SDC chief executive Thien Kwee Eng, the point is ease of movement: “With this pilot, guests can simply book a ride, get picked up nearby, and travel to where they want to go, giving them more time to enjoy the island and connect with their loved ones.”

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One of the two autonomous vehicles on a palm-lined road beside a Sentosa attraction.  
Photo: Sentosa Development Corporation

## West side first

The service rolls out in phases. Phase 1 is targeted for early 2027 and covers the western side of the island, linking hotels, beaches and attractions around Siloso, Imbiah and Beach Station.

Later phases will extend the shuttles to the rest of Sentosa, subject to approval from the Land Transport Authority. Sentosa first trialled autonomous vehicles in 2019, and WeRide’s vehicles now run in more than 60 cities across 13 countries.



A WeRide shuttle on a coastal road on Sentosa, with the sea on the right. Photo: Sentosa Development Corporation

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