



Singapore–Johor Cross-Border Taxis: Where Pick-Ups Work

Description

Since 4 May 2026, licensed cross-border taxis may drop passengers anywhere in Singapore and in Johor Bahru, Iskandar Puteri, Forest City, Kulai and Senai. Pick-up is freer in the taxi’s home country; in the foreign country it is limited to designated ride-hail points or the existing terminals.

A Singapore traveller booking a licensed taxi to or from Johor after the May 2026 scheme changes faces a narrower question than the headline suggests: choose a legal pick-up and drop-off combination and avoid an illegal cross-border car offer. The table separates the branches that change the answer before the practical checks and worked example.

Choose the branch before acting

Situation	Practical next step
Singapore taxi picking up in Singapore	Home-country pick-up is unrestricted within normal licensing rules
Malaysia taxi picking up in Singapore	Use one of the three designated points through an approved ride-hail operator
Street hail for Johor	Use Ban San Street Terminal for the established terminal route
Return street hail from Johor	Use Larkin Terminal under the continuing arrangement

Start with the taxi’s registration country

The joint statement makes home-country and foreign-country pick-ups different. A licensed taxi can pick up without the cross-border scheme’s designated-point restriction in its home country; in the other country, it may collect only through the specified routes. [Singapore–Malaysia cross-border taxi joint statement](#).

Foreign-country ride-hail pickups are limited to three designated points in each country. The taxi must be assigned through an approved platform and cannot simply cruise, wait or accept a roadside job elsewhere. [Singapore??Malaysia cross-border taxi joint statement](#).

Drop-off areas are broader

The enhanced scheme permits drop-off anywhere in Singapore and in Johor Bahru, Iskandar Puteri, Forest City, Kulai and Senai. Confirm the destination is inside the named Malaysian operating area before booking. [Singapore??Malaysia cross-border taxi joint statement](#).

Ban San Street Terminal and Larkin Terminal continue to allow street-hail and ride-hail under the established arrangement. They remain the clearest walk-up option when a designated app pickup does not suit the itinerary. [Singapore??Malaysia cross-border taxi joint statement](#).

Verify a licensed vehicle and operator

The scheme adds identifiable livery, plate-prefix and taxi-topper requirements for taxis operating in the foreign country. Travellers should match vehicle and driver details to the platform or terminal record before boarding. [Singapore??Malaysia cross-border taxi joint statement](#).

Vehicle age and cross-border licensing safeguards apply, and the approved operator list can change. Use LTA or APAD's current list rather than a social-media driver contact or a private-car offer. [Singapore??Malaysia cross-border taxi joint statement](#).

Plan the border time separately

A legal taxi does not bypass immigration or congestion. Build a buffer for Woodlands or Tuas, ensure every passenger has the required travel documents and confirm whether the quoted fare includes tolls and waiting. [Singapore??Malaysia cross-border taxi joint statement](#).

For a group, compare the licensed taxi with coach or bus routes on total door-to-door time, luggage and terminal transfers. Convenience is the value of the new drop-off freedom; it is not a guarantee of a faster checkpoint crossing. [Singapore??Malaysia cross-border taxi joint statement](#).

Put the numbers or sequence to work

A Singapore-registered cross-border taxi can collect a family at home in Singapore and drop them at a hotel in Iskandar Puteri. For the return, that same Singapore taxi is foreign in Malaysia, so the family must use a designated ride-hail pickup or Larkin Terminal rather than ask for an arbitrary hotel pickup. The registration country, not the passenger's nationality, controls the branch.

The example is a planning model, not a quoted price, official calculator result, medical instruction or promised outcome. Replace its assumptions with the issued notice, live service, signed contract, current timetable or professional advice that controls the real decision.

Before you commit

1. Identify the taxi's registration country
2. Confirm the destination is inside the permitted area
3. Use an approved platform or terminal
4. Check the exact designated pickup point
5. Match driver, plate and vehicle details
6. Confirm fare, toll and waiting terms
7. Allow border and immigration time

A useful working note combines a **registration-country pickup decision tree** with a **legal door-to-door versus terminal comparison for a return trip**. Enter only details that can be tied to a current document or live record.

Missteps that change the answer

- Booking an unlicensed private car
- Assuming drop-off freedom means pickup anywhere
- Arranging a foreign taxi outside designated points
- Ignoring the taxi's registration country
- Treating a booking as a border-time guarantee

If one of these conditions appears, pause before payment, submission, travel or implementation and reconcile it through the relevant official service. Save the issued result or acknowledgement; a search snippet or forwarded screenshot cannot establish a current entitlement.

Save the exact pickup pin

A designated pickup point is more specific than a neighbourhood name. Save the platform pin, terminal instructions and driver assignment, then send them to every traveller. On the return journey, repeat the home-country test because the same taxi changes from domestic to foreign status when it crosses the border.

Related next steps

Once this decision is settled, you may need to [prepare the Johor immigration step](#). The next adjacent check is to [prepare for Thailand customs](#).

Common questions

Can a licensed taxi drop me at a Johor hotel?

Yes if the hotel is within the named operating areas. [Singapore's Malaysia cross-border taxi joint statement](#).

Can a Malaysian taxi pick me up anywhere in Singapore?

No. Foreign-country pickup is limited to designated routes. [Malaysia MOT implementation annex](#).

Do Ban San and Larkin still operate?

Yes. The joint statement says their street-hail and ride-hail arrangements continue.
[Singapore&Malaysia cross-border taxi joint statement](#).

Rules, service details and schedules can change. Reopen the linked official page before acting when the date, eligibility, payment destination, safety instruction or live availability is decisive.

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