

Marina Bay Circuit

Home of the Singapore Grand Prix

Sitting on the Marina Bay of Singapore, the Singapore Grand Prix has been a mainstay of the F1 calendar since its inception in 2008. The Singapore Grand Prix has become an instant icon, making many headlines in its 13-race history – none less than being the inaugural Formula One race at night.

Due to the climate, this track is a true test of a driver's skill and concentration, with cockpit temperatures climbing to as high as 60°C - despite the race being at night. The track itself is set for some changes for the 2023 race which will reduce the overall lap time by around 20 seconds.

This also means that there will be one fewer grandstand available in 2023, with the Bay Grandstand unavailable for use. No grandstands at the Marina Bay circuit are covered, so bring a poncho – but you will have giant screens viewable from every seated position on the track.

- Circuit Length – 4.92km
- Number of Laps – 63
- Race Distance – 310.46km
- Max Speed – 323km/h
- Average Temperature in September – 25-31c
- Currency – SGD (Singapore Dollar)
- Closest Airport – Changi International Airport
- Language – English, Malay, Mandarin, Tamil

MARINA BAY CIRCUIT: HISTORY AND CONSTRUCTION

The Marina Bay Street Circuit was designed by legendary circuit architect Hermann Tilke and refined by KBR Inc., with construction beginning in August 2007.

Construction of the pit complex and track sections began in mid-2007, with the circuit opening on August 31, 2008, following approximately S\$ 333 million in construction costs.

The inaugural Singapore Grand Prix at Marina Bay took place on 28 September 2008, marking the 15th round of the 2008 Formula One World Championship. Singapore became the first Formula One venue to host a night-time race in F1 history, with the race held entirely after sunset under floodlights.

The circuit is 4.927 km (3.061 mi) long, featuring a harbourside location similar in style to the Circuit de Monaco and Valencia Street Circuit. The circuit is a hybrid design, with approximately 25% of the circuit being custom-built and the other 75% utilizing public city streets.

RACING AT MARINA BAY: F1 CARS AND DRIVING EXPERIENCE

The Marina Bay Circuit is one of the most physically demanding on the calendar, with its bumpy street surface coupled with humid conditions, causing drivers to lose as much as 3kg in body weight over the course of a race.

The circuit features 19 turns (following the 2023 layout change from the original 23), with tight corners and long straights requiring precision and control at high speeds.

The street circuit is narrow, and stray too far from the racing line and you can find yourself in the wall, requiring exceptional precision driving.

Singapore's humidity is rarely below 70%, with the risk of heavy rain a persistent threat, combining with the track layout and bumpy surface to create one of the most physically challenging circuits.

LEGENDARY DRIVERS AT MARINA BAY CIRCUIT

Numerous Formula One legends have raced at the Singapore Grand Prix since 2008. Sebastian Vettel dominated the early years of the Singapore Grand Prix, winning multiple times and leading the drivers' championship by over 100 points in 2011.

Other legendary drivers including Ayrton Senna, Lewis Hamilton, Fernando Alonso, and Michael Schumacher have all left their mark at Marina Bay.

SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX: MOST WINS RECORD

Sebastian Vettel has the most wins at the Singapore Grand Prix, with five victories. Lewis Hamilton follows with multiple wins at the venue, including a memorable 2014 victory when he passed Nico Rosberg on the final lap.

MOST FAMOUS SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX RACES AND MEMORABLE MOMENTS

The first race in 2008 was won by Fernando Alonso driving for Renault, though that result has since been tarnished by controversy when Renault were found to have ordered Nelson Piquet Jr. to crash, as the ensuing safety car would strongly benefit Alonso.

In 2011, Sebastian Vettel won from his 11th pole of the season, demonstrating his dominance that year. Lewis Hamilton's 2014 victory is notable when he passed Nico Rosberg on the final lap to take the checkered flag.

The 2023 Singapore Grand Prix was praised widely and awarded titles such as 'Best Race' by international media, with Carlos Sainz taking victory.

WHY DRIVERS LOVE MARINA BAY CIRCUIT

The track passes several local landmarks including the Singapore Flyer, Supreme Court, and Parliament, creating a spectacular backdrop for racing. The combination of night racing under floodlights, challenging street circuit characteristics, and exciting race conditions makes Marina Bay a unique Formula One venue.

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UNIQUE SAFETY CAR RECORD

The circuit held a unique record of having at least one safety car appearance in every Grand Prix until the 2024 race, with a total of 24 safety car deployments in 16 races. This unusual streak highlights the demanding and unpredictable nature of the Singapore Grand Prix.

SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX FAN EXPERIENCE

The first race in 2008 was a resounding success, receiving widespread acclaim from teams, drivers, and fans alike for its organisation, challenging circuit, and overall spectacle.

The Marina Bay Circuit offers various viewing areas including multiple grandstands with excellent sightlines of the racing action. The circuit features about 1/2 km of straight with grandstands between the track and river, and a large pit/media building.

In 2023, energy-efficient LED lights replaced the existing lighting around the track, reducing energy consumption by around 30%, whilst providing adequate light levels for night racing.

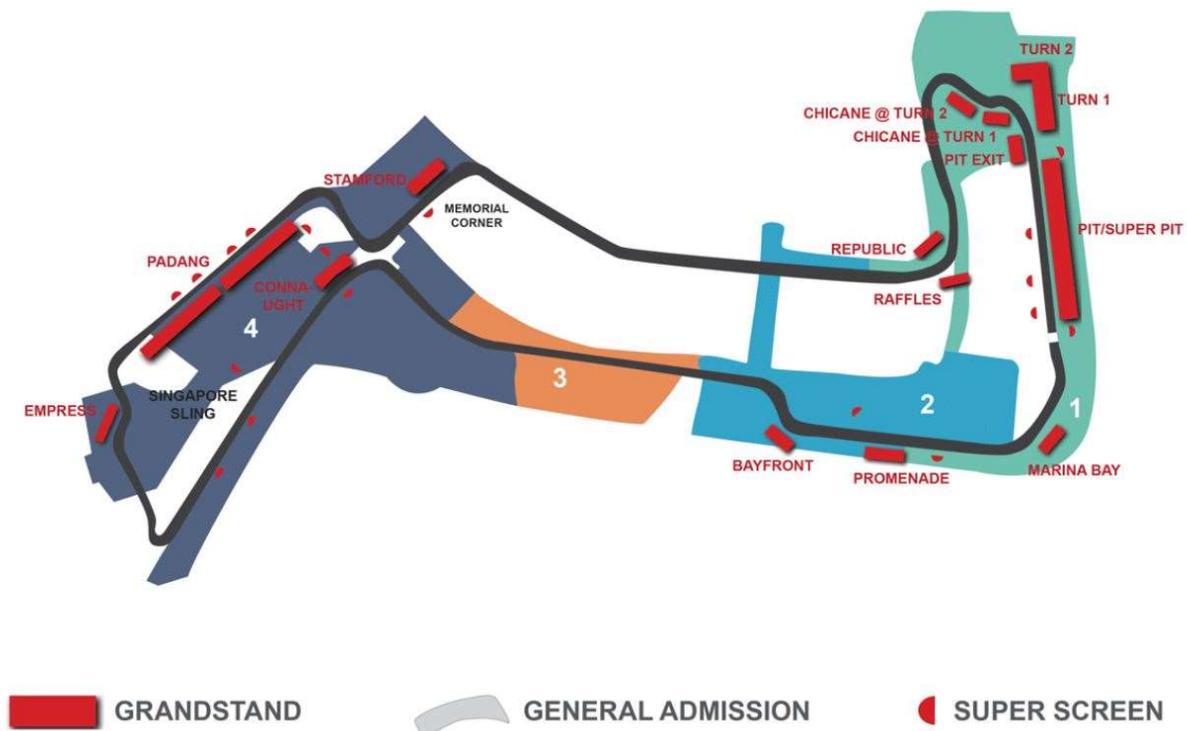
SURROUNDING AREAS AND SINGAPORE ATTRACTIONS

The Marina Bay Street Circuit is centrally located in Singapore's Downtown Core and Kallang areas, providing easy access to world-class attractions. The circuit passes beneath one of the spectator grandstands in the latter stages of the lap, creating a unique architectural experience.

Singapore offers vibrant attractions including the iconic Singapore Flyer, world-class shopping districts, Michelin-starred restaurants, and diverse cultural attractions.

The city-state's modern architecture, tropical setting, and cosmopolitan culture make it an ideal destination for Formula One fans combining the Grand Prix with a wider Singapore experience.

GRANDSTANDS SEATING



PIT

The Pit Grandstand at Singapore is one of the longer and more extravagant grandstands on the F1 calendar. Being a long grandstand, the pit grandstand has a full view of the start/finish straight.

Encapsulating a DRS zone, you are guaranteed to see action, and with the short run to turn 1 there is always the chance of a start line incident such as Raikkonen, Vettel and Verstappen's in 2018. You will be able to soak in the atmosphere building up pre-race, as well as the podium celebrations.

SUPER PIT

Sitting just above the pit grandstand is the luxurious Super Pit Grandstand. Here you will enjoy all the fantastic views that the pit grandstand with the benefits of sitting in a higher position. The Super Pit Grandstand also provides you with priority access, and a more comfortable padded seat.

TURN 2

Semi-attached to the Turn 1 Grandstand is the Turn 2 Grandstand, here you will have a front-on view of the main straight and first three corners. While Turn 2 Grandstand feels slightly more set back from the track than its sister grandstand, the views provided well and truly make up for it.

Turn 2 Grandstand provides unrivalled views of the race start, as you watch all 20 cars shoot off the line looking to gain positions into the first three corners.

STAMFORD

At the end of the longest straight on the track is the Stamford Grandstand. Here you will have a high chance of seeing plenty of overtakes throughout the race – not only is the Turn 7 section of the track at the end of a long DRS zone, but there is also a large run off at the 90-degree corner which allows the drivers more options to try an overtake.

You will have plenty of photo and video opportunities in the Stamford Grandstand.

PADANG A & B

On the short straight between turns 9 and 10 are the Padang A & B grandstands. Here you will see cars accelerating through this section in order to get the best entry into the Turn 10 chicane.

The Padang Grandstands are a unique section of the circuit, sat between the main concert stage means the atmosphere is electric all weekend long. You will find many food and drink options conveniently located around the Padang Grandstands.

CONNAUGHT

The final grandstand before the main straight – the Connaught Grandstand – is another option to see wheel-to-wheel action and incidents. You will be sitting on the inside of Turn 14 which is a tight right-hander at the end of another DRS Zone.

There has been plenty of action at this section of track over the years. Photo opportunities abound, here you will have a great chance to see the iconic sparks of an F1 car under the lights as they fly down the back straight. Food, drinks, amenities and souvenirs sit right behind the Connaught Grandstand for your convenience.

EMPRESS

While the Empress (or Orange @ Empress) Grandstand is the smallest one in Singapore, it well and truly makes up for it with how close to the track you will feel. The Empress Grandstand is sat between the Turn 11 and 12 section and is located right in front of the picturesque Victoria Theatre.

Here you will see F1 cars at the peak of their braking ability, as they cross the iconic Anderson Bridge.

BAY

A sight to behold, the Bay Grandstand is one of the largest grandstands on the entire Formula One calendar with 27,000 seats. The Bay Grandstand has a fantastic view of Marina Bay and is hugely popular with spectators.

Located just before the final set of corners of the lap, here you will see the cars shoot down a short straight and drive directly under the grandstand. The corner itself under the grandstand is a tight left hander with walls on either side, always a tricky proposition for the drivers to navigate.