

## Southern Islands : Kusu Island



**Native Name** : Kusu Island

**Number of Islands** : 2    **Access** : Berth at Jetty or Moor and Swim

**Size of Island** : 8.5 hectares

**Story** : Legend has it that a magical tortoise turned itself into the island to save two shipwrecked sailors. It is also known as Peak Island or Pulau Tembakul in Malay



**Things to do** : There are now three Malay shrines or "keramats" and a Chinese temple on Kusu Island. Nearby, the Tortoise Sanctuary houses hundreds of tortoises. This island is also popular for its lagoons, pristine beaches and tranquil settings.

Activities	Description	Available
Beach activities	Including sun bathing, building of sand castle, walks, picnics	Yes
Swimming		Yes
Snorkelling	Beware of strong currents when snorkelling	Yes
Diving		No
Fishing	Available near breakwaters	Yes
Jogging		Yes
Bird Watching		Yes
Marine Life		Yes
Trekking		Yes
Wildlife Viewing	Captive tortoises	Limited
BBQ		Yes
Dogs	Long beaches with white sands	Yes
Heritage/Cultural	Temple visits	Yes

# Getting There



## Directions:

-  Depart from One Degree 15 Marina (est 15 mins)
-  Depart from RSYC Marina (est 40 mins)

Berthing/Landing : You can berth at the small jetty or drop anchor in the northern cove. Be careful of receding tides in the cove.

## Note :

1. Enter the bay/cove only during mid to high tides. During low tides, there is possibility of beaching as the depth is about 1-1.5M
2. **Do not use** the commercial jetty as they are suitable only for bigger boats
3. Use the small jetty but be aware of other boats needing to use it

# Map/Amenities



## Legend

- T** Toilets
- C** Cove/Beach
- J** Jetty
- A** Accessible Jetty
- B** BBQ
- S** Shelters
- F** Fishing Spots
- K** Snorkelling
- X** Mooring/Drop Anchor
- M** Marine Walk
  
- D** Danger Spots:
  - Rocks
  - Shallow grounds
  - Strong currents

## TBSA's Take On The Island

For those seeking a prayerful time on the island, you will need to jostle with the rest of the worshippers during the 9<sup>th</sup> month of the lunar calendar. At other times of the year, the island is simply tranquil. You have unspoiled beaches to swim and snorkel in and wide expanse of white sands to just relax. Its probably not the most exciting of the southern islands, but the peacefulness will grow on you. Check out the marine walk at low tides at both the lagoons. The city skyline from the island is fantastic.

There are however a few areas you need to take note of :

1. Strong currents, need to watch out for swimmers especially the weaker ones
2. You can berth at the jetty but only for a short while. Choose the smaller jetty as the larger one is for commercial boats. Beware of rocks near the jetty when you berth
3. There is a confluence of currents between Lazarus and Kusu island so drive carefully
4. Low tides. The bays are totally drained at low tides. Its important that you understand that when mooring your boat in the bays. Read the tides and get out 3 hours before the lowest tides
5. You cannot stay overnight on the island. Get out before it gets dark

Here's a link to our adventures on the island : <http://youtu.be/SleklGMYn9k>

Excerpts:

1. Story and Things To Do : taken from Sentosa : <http://www.sentosa.com.sg/en/nature/southern-islands/kusu-island/>
2. Maps : Google Earth



## Here's a video of the Island

