# Pearls of the Indian Ocean

Introduction

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#### **Pearls of the Indian Ocean Lectures**

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## **United Arab Emirates**

Population: 9.4 million

Land Area: 32,300 sq mi

Government: Federal absolute monarchy

Language: Arabic

Money: UAE dirham (1 AED=\$0.27)

GDP: \$693.765 billion (2017 est.)



The biggest, the tallest, the richest!

#### **INDIAN OCEAN**







### Republic of India

Population: 1.324 billion

Land Area: 1.269 million sq mi

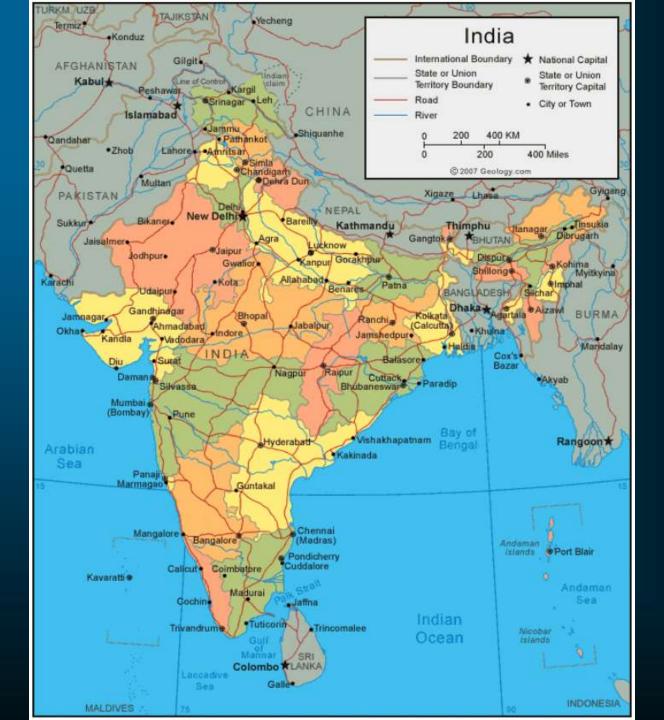
Government: Federal parliamentary

constitutional socialist republic

Language: Hindi and English

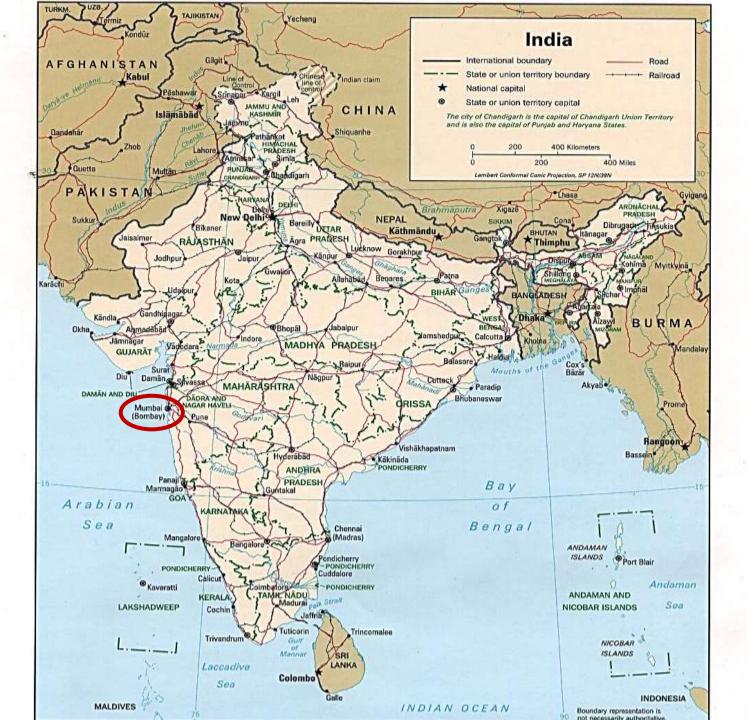
Money: Indian rupee (1 INR=\$0.015)

GDP: \$9.489 billion (2017 est.)





# India Himalayas, Ganges, Taj Mahal, and more (elephants!)



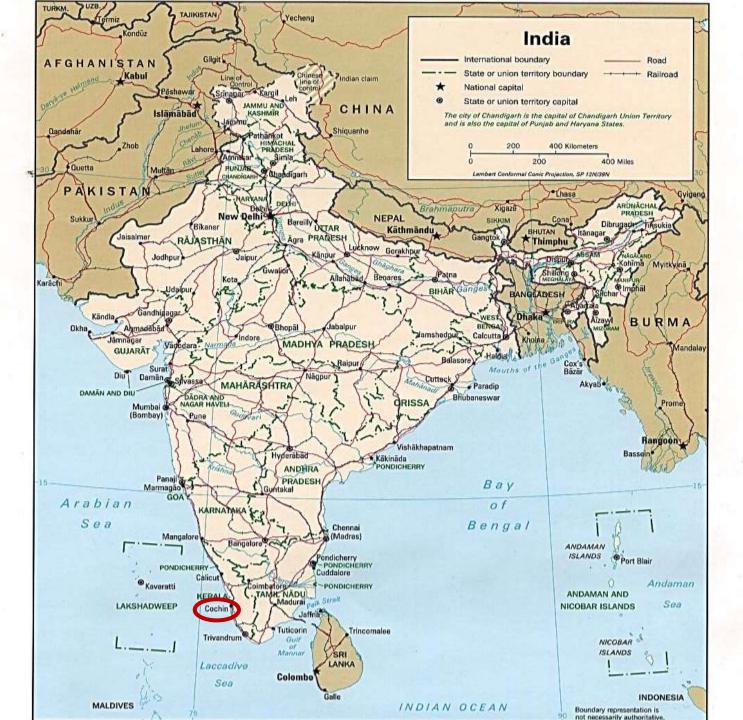


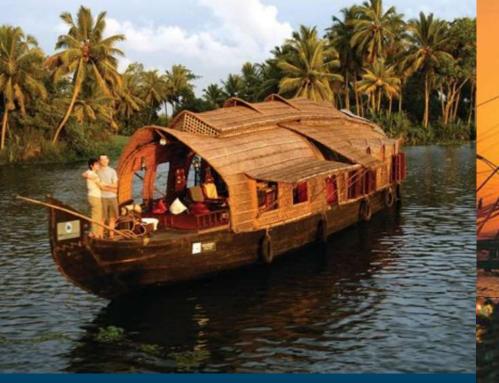
Mumbai, India (aka Bombay, aka City of Dreams)
Culture, business and Bollywood





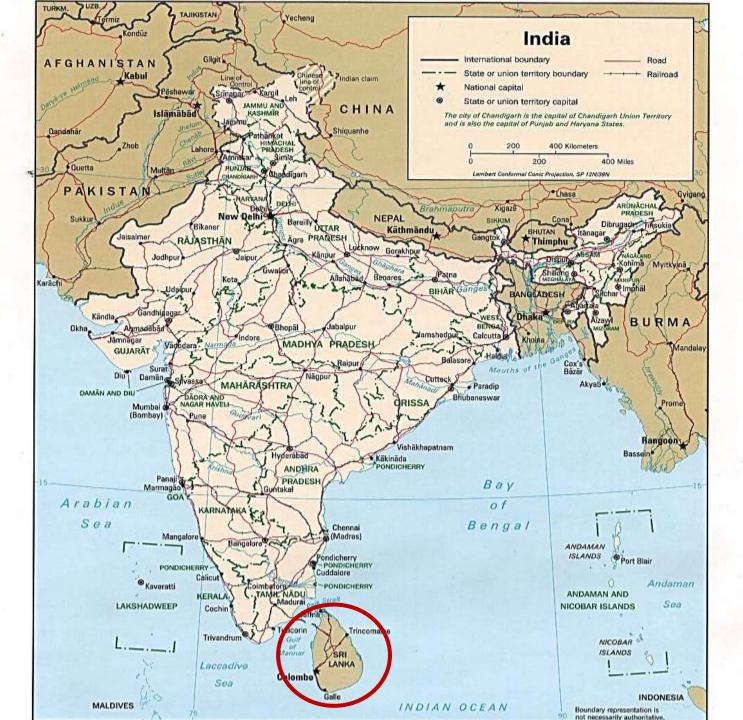
Mangalore, India (aka Mangaluru, aka Gateway of Karnataka)
Coffee, cashews, and coconuts



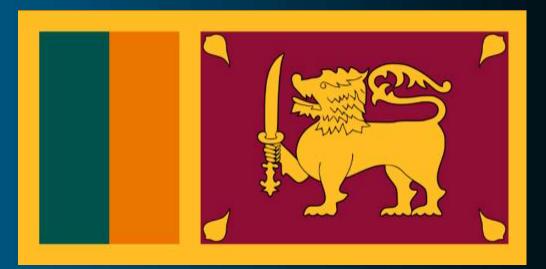


Cochin, India (aka Kochi, aka Queen of the Arabian Sea) Spices and Kerala cuisine









#### Sri Lanka

Population: 21.2 million

Land Area: 25,330 sq mi

Government: Unitary semi-

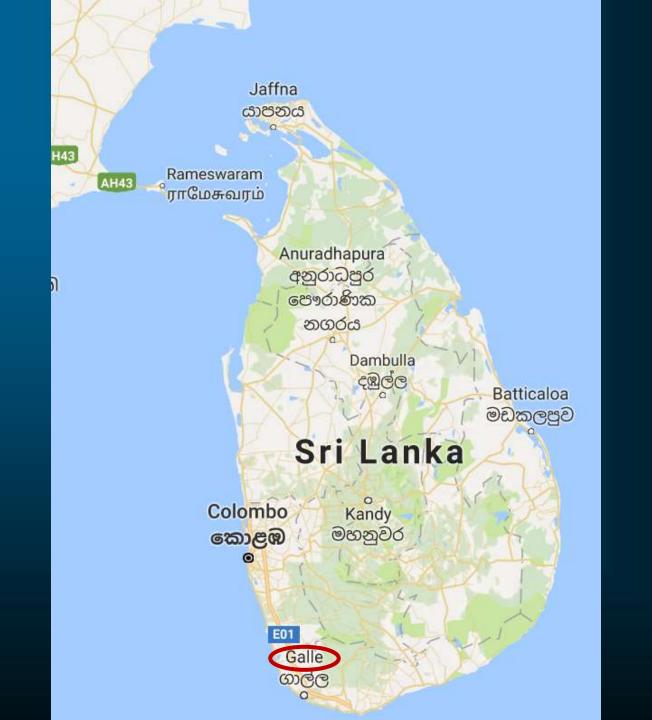
presidential constitutional republic

Language: Sinhala and Tamil

Money: Sri Lankan rupee

(1 LKR=\$.0065 USD)

GDP: \$278.4 billion (2017)





Galle, Sri Lanka (aka Gimhathitha, aka . . . Tarshish?) Exotic seaport, fort and colonial architecture



#### **INDIAN OCEAN**







#### Kingdom of Thailand

Population: 68.8 million

Land Area: 198,120 sq mi

Government: Constitutional

monarchy OR military junta

Language: Thai

Money: Baht (1 THB=\$.03 USD)

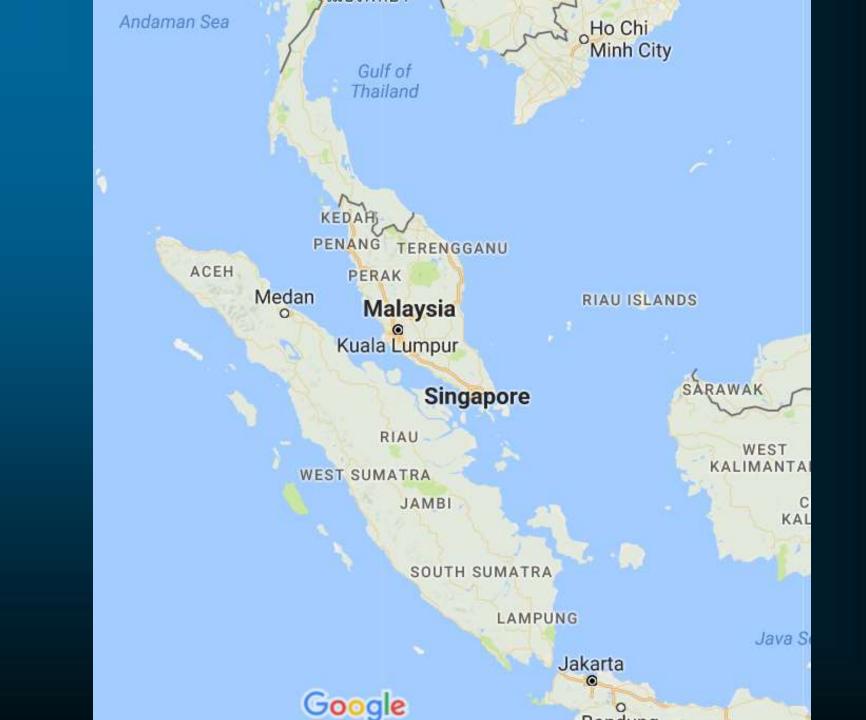
GDP: \$1.226 trillion (2017)



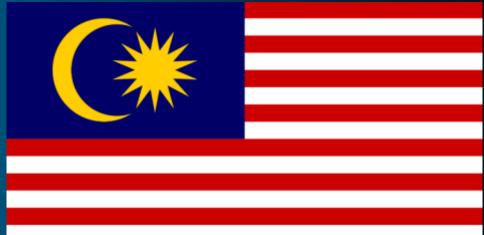


Phuket, Thailand (aka Talang, aka Jung Ceylon)
Exotic seaport, fort and colonial architecture









#### <u>Malaysia</u>



Population: 68.8 million

Land Area: 127,724 sq mi

Government: Federal

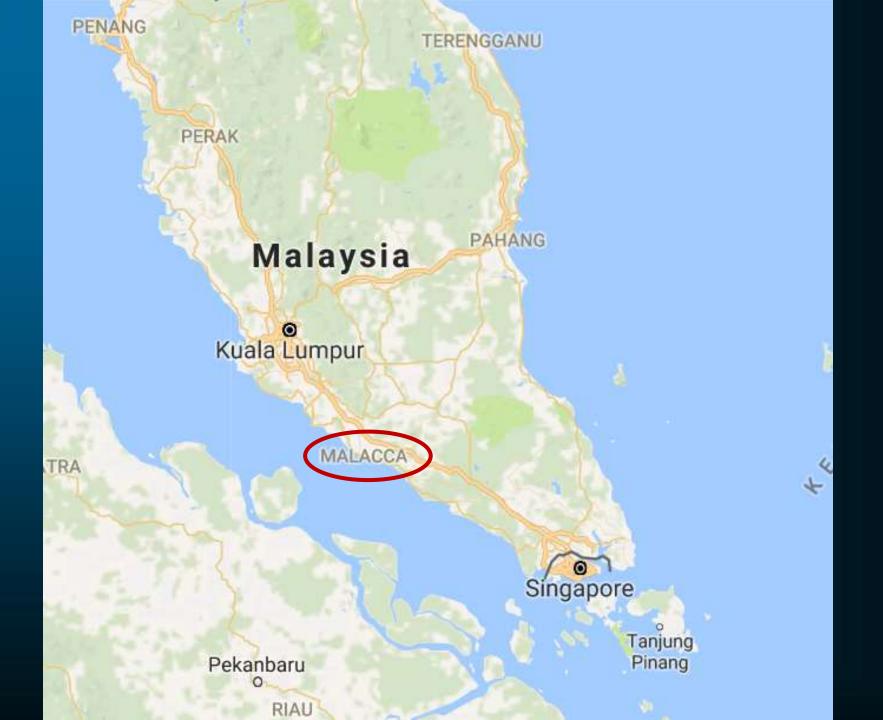
parliamentary elective constitutional

monarchy

Language: Malaysian

Money: Ringgit (1 MYR =\$.24 USD)

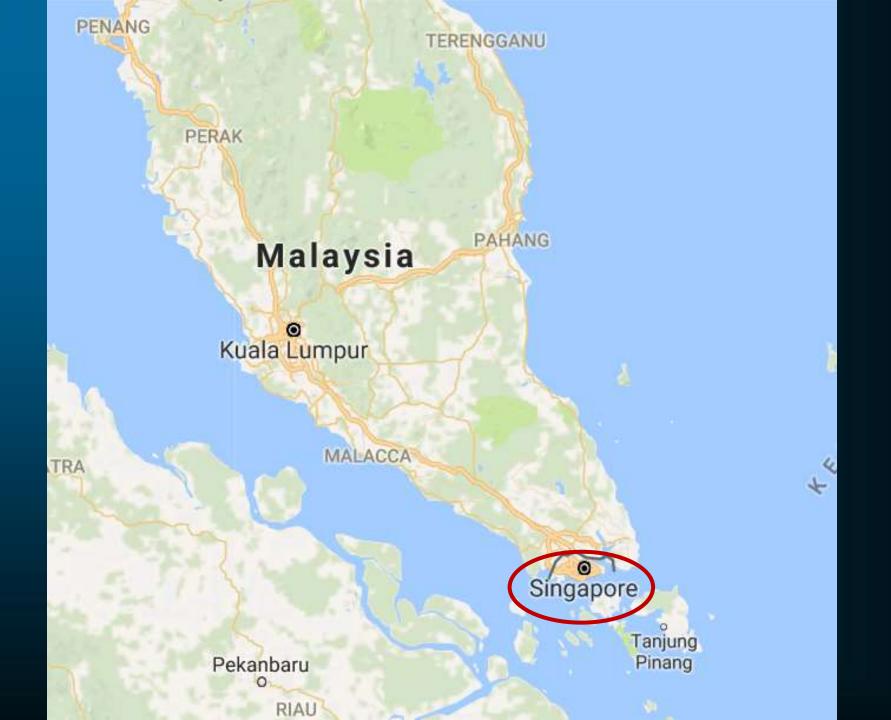
GDP: \$913.6 billion (2017)





Malacca, Malaysia (aka Bandaraya Bersejarah, aka Historical City) Stadthuys, Little India, Portuguese Settlement











#### Singapore

Population: 5.6 million

Land Area: 278 sq mi

Government: Unitary dominant-

party parliamentary republic

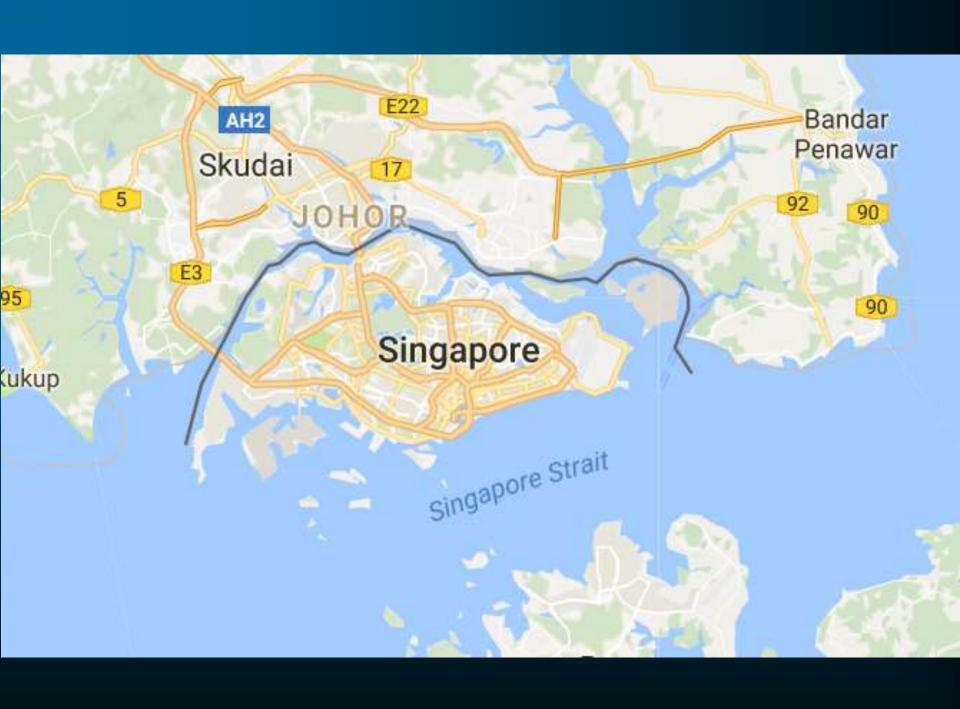
Language: English, Malay,

Mandarin, Tamil

Money: Singapore dollar

(1 SGD = \$.74 USD)

GDP: \$508.4 billion (2017)



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