Introduction

Welcome to Hong Kong!

A bustling metropolis and a haven for natural beauty; a city where rich Chinese tradition co-exists with cutting-edge global innovation; a place where the ancient and modern live side by side: Asia’s world city gives you a tremendous variety of unique travel experiences in one compact destination.

A quick stroll will take you from a traditional street market to a state-of-the-art shopping mall, passing incense-filled temples. A short ride transports you from iconic skyscrapers to unspoilt panoramas of sun and sea. A morning hunting for antique watches can be followed by an afternoon hiking on a picturesque island and capped off with an evening sampling the latest trends in modern gastronomy.

In Hong Kong, every moment is an opportunity to experience a different world.

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History and Geography

This vibrant, dynamic city was just a ‘barren rock’ housing a collection of fishing villages when claimed by Britain in 1842 following the First Opium War with China.

Hong Kong Island was ceded to Britain under the Treaty of Nanking. The Kowloon Peninsula and Stonecutters Island were handed over in 1860 and a 99-year lease was granted on the New Territories, comprising the area north of Kowloon up to the Shenzhen River and 235 outlying islands, in 1898.

Hong Kong returned to Chinese sovereignty on 1 July 1997, and is now a Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China operating under the ‘one country, two systems’ principle.

Today, Hong Kong is a flourishing international centre with a population of more than seven million people. With a land area of more than 1,100 square kilometres and over 260 outlying islands, Hong Kong is compact and accessible. It consists of Hong Kong Island, separated from the Kowloon Peninsula by Victoria Harbour, and the New Territories that begin north of Kowloon and extend to the Mainland China boundary.

A unique combination of more than 150 years of colonial influence and 5,000 years of Chinese tradition, Hong Kong is a fantastic holiday experience that you will treasure forever!

Discover life, familiar, yet exotically new. Make your way through busy streets; stroll through lush greenery; each corner brings a surprise! Float across green waters as a setting sun washes skyscrapers with golden light. Witness the fusion of East and West. Immerse yourself in ancient culture and festivals. Learn first-hand how locals live and love life.

Asia’s world city, so dynamic and yet so compact, beckons. Its fantastic sights will leave you spellbound with wonder. At any time, day or night, you can feel the pulse of this modern, cosmopolitan centre. You’ll be delightfully surprised with what you find. Rich in cultural content and fun things to do. Hong Kong offers a cornucopia of attractions and sights that will leave a memorable impression of a city you will always want to call your very own.
Hong Kong Island

1. The Peak
Check out the best views of the city’s skyline and harbour from the Lugard Road Lookout, Lions View Point Pavilion, the viewing terrace at The Peak Galleria, and the Peak Tower Sky Terrace 428. There’s also a wide range of shops. You can also enjoy spectacular dining experiences at various restaurants offering fabulous views over the harbour. And be sure to drop by Madame Tussauds Hong Kong, open from 10am to 10pm daily, for an engrossing interactive entertainment experience.

Take the Peak Tram from the Lower Peak Tram Terminus on Garden Road (bus 15C from the lay-by outside Star Ferry Pier in Central or walk from MTR Central Station Exit J2).

Take bus 15 from Exchange Square bus terminus (MTR Hong Kong Station Exit D) up the twisting roads to the Peak.

2. Hollywood Road (Central) / Man Mo Temple (Sheung Wan)
Bag a bargain in Hollywood Road and Upper Lascar Row (also known as ‘Cat Street’) where shops and stalls sell antiques and handicrafts. There’s everything from dinosaur eggs to Han décor – at a fraction of auction house prices. Nearby Man Mo Temple is a photogenic tribute to the God of Literature (Man) and the God of War (Mo). It was declared a monument in 2010. Opening hours: 8am – 6pm.
MTR Sheung Wan Station Exit A2 then walk along Hillier Street to Queen’s Road Central. Then proceed up Ladder Street (next to Lok Ku Road) to Hollywood Road to the Man Mo Temple.
MTR Central Station Exit D2 and turn right into Theatre Lane and then walk along Queen’s Road Central towards The Center. Then take the Central – Mid-Levels Escalator to Lyndhurst Terrace. Follow the signs and walk to the Man Mo Temple.

3. Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum (Mid-Levels)
The Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum is located in a historic 2,560 square-metre four-storey building. There are two permanent exhibition galleries covering the life history of Dr Sun, a world-renowned revolutionary, and his close relationship with Hong Kong.

Apart from being a showcase of invaluable artefacts of Dr Sun Yat-sen and the 1911 Revolution, the building itself is part of Hong Kong’s cultural heritage. The early 20th century building has been faithfully restored to its original majestic appearance while incorporating a modern museum facility. It was declared a monument in 2010. Open 10am – 6pm Monday to Wednesday and Friday; 10am – 7pm Saturday, Sunday and public holidays. Closed Thursday (except public holidays, the anniversaries of Dr Sun’s birth [12 November] and death [12 March]) and first two days of the Lunar New Year. See page 53 for Museum Weekly Pass details.
MTR Central Station Exit D2 and turn right to Theatre Lane. Walk along Queen’s Road Central towards The Center. Then take the Central – Mid-Levels Escalator to Caine Road, turn right and follow the sign, about a 5-minute walk.

Must Try

Peak Tram
The Peak Tram, which has been in operation since 1888, takes people up an incline so steep that buildings look like they are leaning at a 45-degree angle. Find out more at the Peak Tram Historical Gallery located at Lower Peak Tram Terminus. (see page 75).
4. Western Market / Sheung Wan Fong (Sheung Wan)

Western Market, a distinctive Edwardian-style building, is a great place to go for arts, crafts, collectables and cloth. There’s also a Chinese restaurant with a dance floor for Latin and ballroom dancing. Open daily 10am – midnight. Next to it is a compass-like piazza named Sheung Wan Fong where you can orientate yourself to the many traditional trades and shopping streets in Sheung Wan.

MTR Sheung Wan Station exits B or C.

5. SoHo (Mid-Levels)

SoHo offers a wide range of upmarket international restaurants and bars along Staunton Street, Elgin Street and Shelley Street. Jump on what Guinness World Records calls the world’s longest covered escalator and experience the cosmopolitan atmosphere of this popular food district.

MTR Central Station Exit D2 and turn right to Theatre Lane. Walk along Queen’s Road Central towards The Center. Then take the Central – Mid-Levels Escalator.

6. Lan Kwai Fong (Central)

When the lights go down, the ‘in crowd’ heads for Lan Kwai Fong, a buzzing centre of clubs, bars and restaurants. A must for night owls and people-watchers.

MTR Central Station Exit D2. Walk along Theatre Lane and up D’Aguilar Street, about a five-minute walk to Lan Kwai Fong.

7. Golden Bauhinia Square (Wan Chai)

The imposing Forever Blooming Bauhinia sculpture and the Reunification Monument are located on Golden Bauhinia Square (Expo Promenade) outside the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC) on the waterfront in Wan Chai. They mark the most significant occasion in Hong Kong’s history – the return of Hong Kong to the People’s Republic of China and the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on 1 July 1997. Flag-raising ceremony daily, 7:50am – 8:03am. Enhanced flag-raising ceremony on 1st of every month, 7:45am – 8:13am. Flags lowered at 6pm. It’s also a great vantage point to watch A Symphony of Lights from Hong Kong Island (see page 17).

MTR Wan Chai Station Exit A5. Follow signs to Golden Bauhinia Square by covered walkway. About a 15-minute walk.
8
Horse Racing / Hong Kong Racing Museum (Happy Valley)

Horse racing is the most popular sport in Hong Kong, attracting a huge local following. Attending a race meeting at the Happy Valley Racecourse is an opportunity to experience true Hong Kong culture. This magnificent course has been the home of Hong Kong horse racing since 1846. Hong Kong’s second racecourse at Sha Tin, opened in 1978, and is home to the world’s richest day of turf racing and the world’s longest Diamond Vision Television screen. The racing season runs from September to June/early July the following year. Night race meetings are held in Happy Valley on most Wednesday evenings, while day race meetings are held in Sha Tin on Saturdays or Sundays.

Join a Come Horseracing Tour that lets visitors spend the day or evening in the plush comfort of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Members’ Enclosure enjoying all of the exciting track action. Participants can also enjoy betting orientation, plus guided tours of the parade ring and winning post.

Adjoining the stands of the Happy Valley Racecourse is the Hong Kong Racing Museum, dedicated to the history of Hong Kong horse racing since the mid-19th century. Enjoy exhibits, souvenir shop and stunning views of the track. Open 12pm – 7pm, Monday to Sunday or 12pm – 9pm on night race meetings.

- To Happy Valley Racecourse: MTR Causeway Bay Station Exit A, walk along Wong Nai Chung Road towards Happy Valley Racecourse for about 20 minutes.
- To Sha Tin Racecourse: MTR Racecourse Station. (Racing days only)

For Come Horseracing Tour: contact your travel agent or hotel tour desk.

Remarks: No person under the age of 18 is allowed to enter premises where bets are accepted.

9
Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence (Shau Kei Wan)

Converted from the 19th century Lei Yue Mun fort, the museum includes a permanent exhibition featuring the history of Hong Kong’s coastal defences since the Ming dynasty, as well as a historic trail. A great day out for children and adults. Open March – September: 10am – 6pm, October – February: 10am – 5pm, closed Thursday (except public holidays) and first two days of the Lunar New Year. See page 53 for Museum Weekly Pass details.

- MTR Shau Kei Wan Station Exit B2 to Shau Kei Wan Main Street East. Follow the signs (about a 15-minute walk) or take a taxi.

10
Jumbo Kingdom (Aberdeen)

Welcome to the Jumbo Kingdom, one of Hong Kong’s truly unique attractions. Since its opening in 1976 as the Jumbo Floating Restaurant, it has excelled in the preparation of seafood for discerning diners. The restaurant, designed like a classic Chinese palace, can accommodate up to 2,300 people. Situated in Aberdeen harbour, the Jumbo is one of the world’s largest floating restaurants and an iconic tourist landmark of Hong Kong. Open Monday to Saturday, 11am – 11:30pm; Sunday and public holidays, 9am – 11:30pm.

- Bus 70 from Exchange Square bus terminus (MTR Hong Kong Station Exit D) to Aberdeen terminus. Cross highway via subway (pedestrian tunnel), turn right and walk to dock for free boat ride to floating restaurant; or take bus 75 from Exchange Square bus terminus to Shum Wan Shuttle Ferry Pier for the free boat ride.

11
Ocean Park (Aberdeen)

Get set for a jam-packed day of excitement at one of Asia’s largest aquariums and theme parks. In 2012, Ocean Park became the first Asian winner of the biannual Applause Award, the most prestigious award in the amusement and theme park industry.

Polar Adventure – Explore the North and South poles in one day

Explore the two poles in one Day at Ocean Park’s Polar Adventure. Jump aboard the Arctic blast bobsled to learn about life at the North Pole and the South Pole from the animals that live there! Surround yourself with southern rockhoppers, gentoos and king penguins. Get up close with Arctic foxes, long-tusked Pacific walruses, northern sea lions and snowy owls. When it is time for a break, dine at Tuxedos Restaurant and marvel at over 70 penguins frolicking on the ice.

Visitors can purchase general admission tickets from Ocean Park Main Entrance, all 7-Eleven Stores in Hong Kong and Citybus 629 Terminal near MTR Admiralty Station Exit B.

- Bus 629 from MTR Admiralty Station Exit B.
12 Repulse Bay (Repulse Bay)
This crescent-shaped stretch of sand is one of the most beautiful beaches in Hong Kong. Adjacent to the beach is an ornate Chinese pavilion with two 10-metre-tall statues of traditional Chinese deities Kwun Yum and Tin Hau. The nearby Repulse Bay complex, built in colonial style, offers upmarket shopping and dining.

- Bus 6, 6A, 6X, 66 or 260 from Exchange Square bus terminus (MTR Hong Kong Station Exit D).

13 Stanley Market / Murray House (Stanley)
Stanley is world famous for its relaxed ambience, sea environs, and bargain buys in the Main Street market. Open daily from 10:30am – 6:30pm. Murray House, an 1846 colonial building originally located in Central, was dismantled and restored in Stanley in 1998. It now contains a variety of restaurants featuring an international array of cuisines.

- MTR Hong Kong Station Exit D and take bus 6, 6A, 6X, 66 or 260 at Exchange Square bus terminus.
- MTR Causeway Bay Station Exit B and take green minibus 40 at Tang Lung Street.

14 Hong Kong Maritime Museum (Central)
The best place to understand Hong Kong’s inextricable and historic ties to the sea are at the Hong Kong Maritime Museum, where you’ll find precious models of ancient ships, artistic nautical works and interactive displays of modern ships and ports. You can also learn about Hong Kong’s growth and development as a major world port and top maritime centre. Open 9:30am - 5:30pm, Monday to Friday; 10am - 7pm, Saturday and Sunday. Open on public holidays except the first two days of Chinese New Year.

- MTR Hong Kong Station Exit E1 and walk through the ifc mall to Central Ferry Pier No. 8.

Kowloon

15 Ap Liu Street Flea Market (Sham Shui Po)
Ap Liu Street is well known for selling bargain-priced new and second-hand electrical devices and electronic products, A/V equipment and tele-communications products. Sharp-eyed shoppers can also find good deals in antique watches, old coins and other relics. Ap Liu Street Flea Market stalls trade daily between noon and night-time.

- MTR Sham Shui Po Station Exit C2.

16 Temple Street Night Market / Yau Ma Tei Theatre (Yau Ma Tei)
Temple Street Night Market opens at 4pm, but really comes alive after sunset. It offers an amazing range of inexpensive items, especially for men. That’s why it is also called ‘Men’s Street’. There are also fortune-tellers and impromptu Chinese opera performances. Open daily, 4pm – midnight.

- MTR Jordan Station Exit A. Turn right into Jordan Road and walk three blocks to Temple Street.

Chinese opera is one of the gems of the local culture featuring stunning costumes, great plots and lyrics. What better way to get acquainted with this art form than to pay visit to the Yau Ma Tei Theatre, a heritage building that has been revitalized into a Chinese opera theatre. Catch a live performance and you’ll be stunned by this cultural heirloom. Happily some of the stage performances come with English subtitles. Visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/ymtt for details. The Theatre opens daily, 1pm – 8pm.

- MTR Yau Ma Tei Station Exit B2. Walk along Waterloo Road for approximately five minutes to Reclamation Road.
17. Jade Market and Jade Street (Yau Ma Tei)

The Jade Market, located in Yau Ma Tei at the junction of Kansu and Battery streets, features 400 stalls selling jade of all types, shapes, sizes and prices. Open daily, 9am – 6pm. Nearby is Jade Street, located on Canton Road between Kansu Street and Jordan Road. A giant jade stone weighing three tons has been placed at the junction of Canton Road and Jordan Road as a landmark.

- MTR Yau Ma Tei Station Exit C and walk to Kansu Street.

18. Ladies’ Market (Mong Kok)

Ladies’ Market in Tung Choi Street is the place for bags, accessories and inexpensive women’s clothing. Men’s and children’s clothing and toys are also on sale. Open daily, noon – 10:30pm.

- MTR Mong Kok Station Exit E2. Take the Nelson Street Exit and walk two blocks.

19. Bird Garden / Flower Market / Goldfish Market (Mong Kok)

The charming Chinese-style garden on Yuen Po Street includes some 70 songbird stalls as well as courtyards and moon gates. Look and listen, but it’s wise to avoid contact with the birds. The Bird Garden is open 7am – 8pm, daily. The colourful Flower Market sells everything from Dutch tulips to exotic orchids. It’s open daily, 7am – 7pm. The Goldfish Market on nearby Tung Choi Street sells aquariums, corals and exotic fish. Open daily, 10:30am – 10pm.

- MTR Prince Edward Station Exit B1, walk east along Prince Edward Road West.

20. Lui Seng Chun (Mong Kok)

Once an old Chinese shophouse or tong lau, Lui Seng Chun is a Grade 1 historic pre-WWII building. In 2008, Hong Kong Baptist University with financial assistance from the government revitalized the building transforming it into the Hong Kong Baptist University School of Chinese Medicine – Lui Seng Chun. The building includes a herbal tea shop on the ground floor as well as a display introducing the old Lui Seng Chun.

The ground floor display areas: 9am – 1pm and 2pm – 8pm from Monday to Saturday, and 9am – 1pm on Sunday. Closed on public holidays. Free guided tours are available by registration. For details, please visit http://scm.hkbu.edu.hk/lsc or call 3411 0628.

- MTR Prince Edward Exit C2. Walk along Prince Edward Road West to Lai Chi Kok Road. Proceed along Lai Chi Kok Road until you reach Lui Seng Chun.

21. sky100 Hong Kong Observation Deck (Tsim Sha Tsui)

sky100 Hong Kong Observation Deck is the highest indoor observation deck in Hong Kong. Soaring high above the city on the 100th floor of the International Commerce Centre (ICC), the tallest building in town, sky100 Hong Kong Observation Deck offers visitors an unbeatable 360 degree panoramic view of the city below. In addition, sky100 Hong Kong Observation Deck is also home to a large-scale interactive multimedia exhibit and a fully-fledged guest centre which offers fascinating insights on local history and culture and enriches visitors with a thorough understanding of Hong Kong. Open daily, 10am – 9pm.

- MTR Kowloon Station Exits C1 or D1, via Elements – Metal Zone 2/F.

22. Avenue of Stars (Tsim Sha Tsui)

The Avenue of Stars along the Tsim Sha Tsui promenade pays tribute to the stars of the silver screen and the people who make the magic happen. There are plaques, handprints of stars, sculptures — including a two-metre-tall statue of the legendary kung-fu action star, Bruce Lee, a century of movie history milestones, souvenirs for sale, and panoramic views of the harbour and Hong Kong Island skyline. It’s also a great vantage point to watch A Symphony of Lights from Kowloon side (see page 17).

- MTR East Tsim Sha Tsui Station Exit J, and follow the signs.
23 Clock Tower (Tsim Sha Tsui)

The old Clock Tower is a landmark from the Age of Steam. Part of the original Kowloon Canton Railway Terminus, it was completed in 1915 and came into operation in 1921. Surviving demolition of the station in the mid-1970s, it became a declared monument in 1990.

MTR East Tsim Sha Tsui Station Exit J, about a 10-minute walk.
Take the Star Ferry from Central or Wan Chai to Tsim Sha Tsui.

24 Hong Kong Cultural Centre / Hong Kong Space Museum / Hong Kong Museum of Art (Tsim Sha Tsui)

The Hong Kong Cultural Centre is one of the city’s main performing arts venues. Cultural Centre open daily from 9am – 11pm. The Hong Kong Space Museum offers astronomy exhibits and the Stanley Ho Space Theatre is capable of projecting full-dome animation and movies with ultra-high definition images. Exhibition halls open daily on Monday; Wednesday to Friday, 1pm – 9pm; Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays, 10am – 9pm; closed on Tuesday (except public holidays) and the first two days of the Lunar New Year. The adjacent Hong Kong Museum of Art features Chinese antiquities, fine art, calligraphy and special exhibitions. Open Monday to Wednesday and Friday, 10am – 6pm; Saturday, Sunday and public holidays, 10am – 7pm, closed Thursday (except public holidays) and first two days of the Lunar New Year. Please see page 53 for Museum Weekly Pass details.

MTR East Tsim Sha Tsui Station Exit J. It’s about a 10-minute walk.
Take the Star Ferry from Central or Wan Chai to Tsim Sha Tsui.

Must Try

Star Ferry

This floating icon, operating between Hong Kong Island and Kowloon since 1898, is a delight for both children and adults, offering stunning panoramic views of the surrounding harbour (see page 75).

Must See

A Symphony of Lights

A Symphony of Lights brightens the Hong Kong skyline.

This spectacular multimedia event, named the world’s largest permanent light and sound show by Guinness World Records, covers more than 40 buildings on both sides of Victoria Harbour. They are decked out in lights, which at the flick of a switch, glow in a myriad of colours depicting Hong Kong’s vibrancy. The best views are along the Tsim Sha Tsui waterfront between the Avenue of Stars and the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, the promenade at Golden Bauhinia Square in Wan Chai (see page 9), or from sightseeing boats in the harbour. Shows at 8pm nightly. Spectators can listen to the show’s music and narration on 103.4 FM (English), or live along the above-mentioned waterfronts, (English on Monday, Wednesday and Friday) or by calling +852 35 665 665 (usual service charges apply).

MTR East Tsim Sha Tsui Station Exit J, and follow the signs to the Avenue of Stars and Tsim Sha Tsui waterfront.
MTR Wan Chai Station Exit A5. Follow signs to Golden Bauhinia Square by covered walkway. About a 15-minute walk.
For ferry tours, contact your travel agent or hotel tour desk.
**1881 Heritage (Tsim Sha Tsui)**

Located on Canton Road, Tsim Sha Tsui 1881 Heritage boasts an area of 130,000 square feet. It features a shopping mall, a heritage hotel, and an exhibition hall. The original site of 1881 Heritage was occupied by the Hong Kong Marine Police as their headquarters from the 1880’s to 1996. The buildings’ unique Victorian architecture epitomizes its rich colonial background. Except for the Former Fire Station, the Former Marine Police Headquarters Main Building, Former Stable Block, Former Time Ball Tower were declared monuments by the Antiquities and Monuments Office in 1994, as proof of their historical significance. Please call +852 2926 8000 for free guided tours reservation.

![The Former Marine Police Headquarters Main Building.](image)

- MTR Tsim Sha Tsui Station Exit E, walk towards Salisbury Road, turn right, take subway (pedestrian tunnel) next to YMCA to 1881 Heritage.

**Hong Kong Avenue of Comic Stars (Tsim Sha Tsui)**

Get a fascinating glimpse of life in Hong Kong through their comic book heroes at the Hong Kong Avenue of Comic Stars in Kowloon Park east. Along the 100-metre avenue you’ll find 24 statues (1.8m – 3m tall) and the bronzed hand prints of 10 distinguished local comic artists. Guided tours are offered from end of September to December and mid-March to June on weekends in Cantonese, English and Mandarin. Open daily, 5am – midnight.

![Meet Hong Kong's comic book heroes.](image)

- MTR Tsim Sha Tsui Station Exit A1.

**Hong Kong Museum of History / Hong Kong Science Museum (Tsim Sha Tsui)**

The Hong Kong Museum of History includes a fascinating 7,000-square-metre permanent exhibition ‘The Hong Kong Story’ with cultural objects related to the archaeology, history, ethnography and natural history of Hong Kong and South China. Open Monday, Wednesday to Friday 10am – 6pm; Saturday, Sunday and public holidays 10am – 7pm. Closed Tuesday (except public holidays) and first two days of the Lunar New Year.

![A DC3, the classic workhorse of the skies.](image)

The Hong Kong Science Museum makes learning fun. There are about 500 exhibits, about 70% of which are hands-on. These exhibits offer insights into a wide range of science and technology topics including robotics and transport. Open Monday to Wednesday, and Friday 10am – 7pm; Saturday, Sunday and public holidays 10am – 9pm. Closed Thursday (except public holidays) and first two days of the Lunar New Year. Please see page 53 for Museum Weekly Pass details.

- MTR Tsim Sha Tsui Station Exit B2 and walk 10 minutes along Cameron Road towards Tsim Sha Tsui East.

**Kowloon Walled City Park (Kowloon City)**

The former Kowloon Walled City, once a semi-lawless, high-rise slum, was transformed into an award-winning park in 1995, featuring a Qing dynasty almshouse, the Old South Gate, pavilions, sculptures, flower gardens and a playground. Open daily, 6:30am – 11pm.

![Elegant, traditional Chinese architecture.](image)

- Taxi from MTR Lok Fu Station Exit B to the entrance on Tung Tau Tsuen Road.
- Bus 1 from the Tsim Sha Tsui Star Ferry bus terminus and alight at Tung Tau Tsuen Road (opposite the park).
29. **Sik Sik Yuen Wong Tai Sin Temple (Wong Tai Sin)**

This is one of the most popular temples in Hong Kong. All three main religions of China – Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism – are practised at this colourful temple. Fortune-tellers, some of whom speak English, often work outside the temple. Open daily, 7am – 5:30pm. (Tai Sui Yuenchun Hall is open daily from 8am – 5pm)

- MTR Wong Tai Sin Station Exit B2 or B3. A three-minute walk.

30. **Nan Lian Garden (Diamond Hill)**

This Tang dynasty (618AD to 907AD) style garden features unique timber structures, water ponds, various odd-shaped rocks and lots of old and valuable trees. The whole park has been artfully arranged to imitate nature. By following its one-way circular route, visitors will find its splendour unfolding with every step! Apart from the scenic Lotus Pond and Blue Pond there is also the Long Men Lou restaurant where visitors can enjoy the vegetarian cuisine. Visitors can learn all about Chinese tea-drinking culture and etiquette at the Pine Teahouse inside this lovely green oasis. Open daily, 7am – 9pm.

- MTR Diamond Hill Station Exit C2, then follow the signs to the Nan Lian Garden.

31. **Lei Yue Mun Seafood Bazaar (Kwun Tong)**

This fishing village is popular for its seafood and ideal for a night out with friends. You can choose your own fresh seafood (so fresh it’s still swimming in a tank!) and decide how you’d like it prepared.

- MTR Yau Tong Station Exit A2 outside Lei Yue Mun Plaza, take green minibus 24 to Sam Ka Tsuen Ferry Pier, follow the signs, about a 15-minute walk.

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32. **Hong Kong Heritage Museum (Sha Tin)**

Packed with fascinating hands-on exhibits, this museum is dedicated to preserving the material and visual culture of Hong Kong’s people. The complex features a variety of specially designed exhibits covering history, art and culture. Also on display are the gifts from China’s provincial authorities to mark Hong Kong’s return to the China. Newly-opened ‘Bruce Lee: Kung Fu • Art • Life Exhibition’ in the museum presents more than 600 invaluable items of the famous martial artist Bruce Lee. Open 10am – 6pm, Monday and Wednesday to Friday; 10am – 7pm, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays; closed Tuesday (except public holidays) and first two days of the Lunar New Year. Please see page 53 for Museum Weekly Pass details.

- MTR Che Kung Temple Station Exit A, walk five minutes along the footbridge to the museum.

33. **Che Kung Temple / Tsang Tai Uk (Sha Tin)**

The centuries-old Che Kung Temple, with its existing structure reconstructed in 1994, is dedicated to a Sung dynasty general deified for his devotion to the villagers of Tin Sam. Inscriptions on the temple door-pillars proclaim him as the defender of the Sha Tin community. Noteworthy are brass windmills in the courtyard, which you can turn for good luck. Open 7am – 6pm daily.

Tsang Tai Uk ancestral home was built in mid-19th Century by a prosperous stonemason. Constructed in a Hakka-style, it includes ancestral halls, iron-bound gates, wells and decorated roofs.

- MTR Che Kung Temple Station Exit B to Che Kung Temple or Exit D to Tsang Tai Uk and follow the directional signs.


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**34**

City Art Square (Sha Tin)

The City Art Square is located at the Sha Tin Town Hall Plaza. With the aims to improve the public environment, develop the arts and culture, and promote the Beijing Olympic Games, world-class art displays were introduced in the City Art Square. These displays include original and uniquely-styled sculptures and public art installations designed and created by 19 world-renowned overseas, mainland and local artists and designers.

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**35**

Ching Chung Koon (Tuen Mun)

Originally opened as a rural retreat in 1961, this peaceful oasis in the heart of Tuen Mun’s crowded residential estates features pavilions, lotus ponds and bonsai trees. The ground’s Taoist temple contains many treasures, including lanterns from Beijing’s Imperial Palace. Open daily, 7am – 6pm.

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**36**

Ping Shan Heritage Trail (Yuen Long)

This trail reveals some of the most interesting historical buildings still standing in the Yuen Long District of the New Territories. It provides an insight into the very foundation of Hong Kong life hundreds of years ago when hard-working peasants tilled their smallholdings. This is also the home of the Tang clan – one of the five great clans that established themselves in the New Territories almost 1,000 years ago. Pick up a free copy of the Ping Shan Heritage Trail leaflet at any in-town HKTB Visitor Centre.

- MTR Tin Shui Wai Station Exit E.

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**37**

Hong Kong Wetland Park (Tin Shui Wai)

This 60+ hectare integrated, themed education and recreation venue and world-class ecotourism facility contains extensive wetland habitats, outdoor exhibits, boardwalks and bird hides.

Look and listen, but it’s wise to avoid contact with the birds. A 10,000 square-metre Visitor’s Centre features exhibits and interactive facilities to demonstrate the biodiversity of wetlands, issues related to human culture and conservation, and the beauty of wetlands from global to local perspectives. Opening hours: 10am – 5pm daily except Tuesday and public holidays. Ticket service: 9:30am – 4pm.

- MTR Tin Shui Wai Station Exit E, change to Light Rail 705 and get off at Wetland Park Station.

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**38**

Mai Po Wetlands (Yuen Long)

More than 380 species of birds have been recorded at Mai Po, along with a number of Hong Kong’s reptile and mammal species. Look and listen, but it’s wise to avoid contact with the birds. This site was listed as a Wetland of International Importance in 1995. Access to wetlands is limited.

Please call the World Wide Fund For Nature Hong Kong at +852 2526 1011.

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Enjoy the tranquillity of Ching Chung Koon.

- MTR Siu Hong Station, then take a taxi; or take Light Rail 505 to Ching Chung Station.

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Public art installations at the City Art Square in Sha Tin.

- MTR Sha Tin Station Exit A, walk towards the Sha Tin Town Hall.

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Tai Sing Lau Pagoda along Ping Shan Heritage Trail.

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Mai Po is a stop for migratory birds.

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New Territories

23
**Tai Fu Tai Mansion (Yuen Long)**

This residence was built in 1865 by a senior Man clan member, who reached the Tai Fu (high ranking officer) grade in the Imperial Chinese civil service exam. A cultural gem, this is one of the most beautifully decorated buildings in the New Territories. Open 9am – 1pm; 2pm – 5pm. Closed Tuesday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year’s Day and the first three days of the Lunar New Year.

- MTR Sheung Shui Station, take bus 76K (opposite the station) and alight at San Tin near the post office. Then follow the sign and walk 5 – 10 minutes to Tai Fu Tai.

**Sam Tung Uk Museum (Tsuen Wan)**

This restored, two centuries-old walled village was once a prosperous Hakka farmer’s family compound, comprising 12 houses set within defensive walls. It now houses a folk museum. Open 10am – 6pm; Christmas Eve and Lunar New Year’s Eve open until 5pm. Closed Tuesday (except public holidays) and the first two days of the Lunar New Year.

- MTR Tsuen Wan Station Exit E, then follow the sign to 2 Kwu Uk Lane.

**Tsing Ma Bridge (Tsing Yi)**

The world’s longest road-and-rail suspension bridge, the graceful 2.2-kilometre Tsing Ma Bridge is one of the landmarks of Hong Kong. The Lantau Link View Point, north of the bridge on Tsing Yi provides excellent views of this and two adjoining bridges. The View Point is open 7:30am – 11:00pm daily. The Visitor’s Centre is open 10am – 5pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 10am – 6:30pm, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays; closed Wednesday (except public holidays) and Christmas, New Year’s day and Chinese New Year holidays.

- To get to the Lantau Link Visitors’ Centre, take a taxi or green minibus 308M* from MTR Tsing Yi Station Exit A1.
  - 308M minibus schedule:
    - From MTR Tsing Yi Station (at one-hour intervals)
      - 10am – 4pm, Monday – Friday; 9:30am – 6:30pm, Saturday, Sunday & public holidays.
    - To MTR Tsing Yi Station (at one-hour intervals)
      - 10:30am – 4:30pm, Monday – Friday; 10am – 7pm, Saturday, Sunday & public holidays.
  - * Please check with the minibus driver before boarding, as some buses don’t stop at the Lantau Link Visitors’ Centre.

**Noah’s Ark Hong Kong (Ma Wan)**

Noah’s Ark Hong Kong is the latest theme park of Hong Kong hosting the world’s first full-sized replica of the biblical ship. We dedicate to provide an interactive and fun learning experience for you and your kids. The theme park features 67-pair one-on-one ratio animal sculptures, 5 interactive attractions, fantastic nature gardens, 4-D movies and more. This fun-filled, educating and conservational Ark on the Ma Wan Island waterfront overlooks the breath-taking view of Hong Kong’s iconic landmark “Tsing Ma Bridge”; and is filled with wholesome and entertaining activities for the whole family. Open 10am – 6pm daily.

- Take “Ark Express” at Grand Century Place, Mong Kok (via MTR Mong Kok East Station Exit D). For bus fare and schedule, please visit www.noahsark.com.hk
- Enquiries: +852 3411 8888

**Fung Ying Seen Koon (Fanling)**

Dominating the skyline from its commanding site on a hillside overlooking the New Territories town of Fanling, the temple is a superb example of Taoist design and craftsmanship. Open daily, 8:30am – 5pm.

- MTR Fanling Station. Look for the temple’s distinctive orange double roof.

Fung Ying Seen Koon is one of the most important Taoist temple complexes in Hong Kong.
44 Lung Yeuk Tau Heritage Trail (Fanling)
Lung Yeuk Tau means ‘Mountain of the Leaping Dragon’ in Chinese. The trail takes walkers through almost a dozen centuries-old villages, five of which are enclosed within the protection of stout walls. Most are connected with the Tang clan, one of the historic Five Great Clans of the New Territories.

![Centuries-old ancestral hall.](image)

- MTR Fanling Station, take green minibus 54K or take a taxi to Lung Yeuk Tau, and alight at Shung Him Tong.

45 Lam Tsuen Wishing Trees / Tin Hau Temple (Tai Po)
A visit to the Lam Tsuen Wishing Trees is a great way to experience local Chinese traditions. During Chinese New Year, many Hong Kong people make a pilgrimage to the wishing trees to make their New Year’s wishes. The nearby Tin Hau Temple was built during the Qing dynasty and is the largest temple of its kind in Tai Po. Open daily, 7am – 6pm.

![Make your wish at the Wishing Tree.](image)

- Bus 64K or 64P from MTR Tai Po Market Station or taxi from MTR Tai Wo Station.

46 Sai Kung Town / Sai Kung Promenade (Sai Kung)
Sai Kung Town, once a gathering spot for local fishermen and villagers, is now a trendy rural retreat famous for its collection of seafood restaurants and European and Asian eateries. It’s great to walk along the town’s waterfront promenade (appropriately called ‘Seafood Street’ because of many seafood restaurants along it) and soak up the small town ambiance. The promenade connects the town to beaches and has wonderful views out over the bay to offshore islands.

![Enjoy seafood at the promenade.](image)

- MTR Hang Hau Station Exit B1 and take green minibus 101M or MTR Choi Hung Station Exit C2 and take green minibus 1A to the Sai Kung town terminus.

47 Hong Kong Global Geopark of China
You don’t have to be a rock buff to enjoy the Hong Kong Global Geopark of China. Located in the East and Northeast New Territories, the park includes the Sai Kung Volcanic Rock Region and the Northeast New Territories Sedimentary Rock Region and showcases Hong Kong’s timeless and eerily beautiful landforms.

![Stunning rock formations crafted by nature.](image)
Outlying Islands

**Hong Kong Disneyland (Lantau Island)**

Embark on a magical journey through seven themed lands at Hong Kong Disneyland where you will meet your favourite Disney characters. Enjoy a day filled with colourful parades, fantastic Broadway-style shows, thrilling attractions and a mesmerising night-time fireworks display. Exciting seasonal and festive activities organised by Hong Kong Disneyland throughout the year ensure non-stop fun for families and people of all ages. At the end of your pleasure-filled day, relax in one of its two award-winning themed hotels.

**Mystic Point**

You can never be sure what mysteries will be unlocked during your visit to Mystic Point, Hong Kong Disneyland’s latest and exclusive attraction. Lord Henry Mystic, an eccentric explorer has graciously opened his home to everyone where visitors can ride in his latest invention, the ‘Mystic Magneto-Electric Carriage’, to view his acquisitions from around the world. At Mystic Point, you can’t always trust your senses. Discover for yourself what is real and what is not.

- MTR Disneyland Resort Station.

**Ngong Ping 360 (Lantau Island)**

Your Ngong Ping experience starts with a stunning cable car ride that offers breathtaking views of North Lantau and the South China Sea. Arriving at the themed Ngong Ping Village, enjoy a variety of shopping and dining options in this pleasant Chinese-style village setting located next to the world-famous Giant Buddha.

Make sure to try out the all new ‘Crystal Cabin’ which is equipped with a glass bottom to give passengers an astonishing bird’s eye view! Advance booking is recommended. Open weekdays 10am – 6pm; weekends and public holidays 9am – 6:30pm.

- To Cable Car: MTR Tung Chung Station Exit B and walk 5 minutes to the Tung Chung Cable Car Terminal.
- To Ngong Ping Village: MTR Tung Chung Station Exit B, then take bus 23 from Tung Chung Town Centre, or; catch a ferry from Central Pier 6 (MTR Hong Kong Station Exit E1, walk through ifc mall) to Mui Wo, then bus 2; or MTR Tung Chung Station Exit B and then bus 23 from Tung Chung Town Centre.

For the Big Buddha, Po Lin Monastery and Ngong Ping Piazza: take a ferry from Central Pier 6 (MTR Hong Kong Station Exit E1, walk through ifc mall) to Mui Wo, then bus 2; or MTR Tung Chung Station Exit B and then bus 23 from Tung Chung Town Centre.

For Wisdom Path: From Po Lin Monastery, follow the sign to the Tea Garden entrance and then walk along the hiking trail for 15 minutes.

**Big Buddha / Po Lin Monastery / Wisdom Path / Ngong Ping Piazza (Lantau Island)**

The Tian Tan Buddha, also called the Big Buddha, is an outdoor bronze Buddha which sits serenely atop Ngong Ping Plateau amid spectacular mountain scenery, and can be visited daily between 10am – 5:30pm. The nearby Po Lin Monastery (open 8am – 6pm daily) is a sacred spot for devout Buddhists in Hong Kong.

Not too far away is the Wisdom Path, an outdoor replica of the centuries-old Heart Sutra, one of the world’s best-known prayers that is revered by Confucians, Buddhists and Taoists alike. The sutra is displayed on wooden pillars placed in the form of an infinity symbol (∞) to symbolise the idea of immeasurable splendour and infinity.

Spanning about 1.5 hectares, Ngong Ping Piazza has a strong Buddhist character which blends in with the area’s religious ambience. Visitors can explore Ngong Ping in four coherent stages – the Pai Lau, Bodhi Path, the Di Tan and a Chinese landscaped garden.
**Tai O Fishing Village / Tai O Heritage Hotel (Lantau Island)**

Distinguished by the stilt houses in its main creek, Tai O on Lantau Island is also home to temples and monasteries. It is inhabited mainly by the Tanka people, descendants of Hong Kong’s first settlers.

Originally built in 1902 as a British police station, the recently opened Tai O Heritage Hotel is now a charming nine-room boutique hotel boasting stunning sunset views of the South China Sea, and its own rooftop restaurant. Check out the original police watch towers, searchlights, and the Heritage Interpretation Centre. Then explore the narrow lanes of Tai O, the last traditional fishing village in Hong Kong.

**SkyPlaza / SkyCity Nine Eagles Golf Course (Lantau Island)**

Before departure or upon arrival, visit SkyPlaza located in Terminal 2 of Hong Kong International Airport, where there are more than 100 retail and catering outlets and several entertainment zones, mostly in the non-restricted area.

Just a few minutes’ ride by shuttle bus from Terminal 2 is the SkyCity Nine Eagles Golf Course. This challenging nine-hole course is beautifully landscaped and features a man-made lake, an island green and extensive bunkering. Booking hotline: +852 3760 6688. (Tee off time: 7:36am – 9:00pm daily)

- MTR Airport Station.

**Cheung Chau**

This tiny dumbbell-shaped island is densely populated with villagers who still cling to old traditions. Pak Tai Temple, the oldest temple on the island, has historic relics and is the focal point of the exotic Cheung Chau Bun Festival (usually in May) which is not to be missed. Open daily 7am – 5pm.

- Take a ferry from Central Pier 6 (MTR Hong Kong Station Exit E1, walk through ifc mall) to Mui Wo, then bus 1; or MTR Tung Chung Station Exit B and then bus 11 from Tung Chung Town Centre. Take a two-minute ride on boat shuttle near the Tai O Bus Terminus or a 20-minute walk to the Hotel.

**Lamma Island**

Lamma features good hiking and beaches between two villages on either side of the island. Sok Kwu Wan village is famous for its open-air seafood restaurants. Yung Shue Wan has a mix of Chinese and Western-style restaurants and bars to enjoy.

- Take a ferry to Yung Shue Wan or Sok Kwu Wan (about a 30-minute trip) from Central Pier 4 (MTR Hong Kong Station Exit E1, Walk through ifc mall).
Shopping Malls and Department Stores in Major Tourist Districts

Hong Kong Island

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When it comes to shopping, nothing beats Hong Kong! For sheer variety, quality and trendiness, Asia’s world city is truly a shopper’s paradise. No matter if you’re looking for the latest fashions, luxurious jewellery, electronic gadgets or even Chinese antiques, you can find almost anything you ever wanted in one of Hong Kong’s shopping malls or department stores. What’s more, Hong Kong’s unique market-places, themed streets and open markets are where you can find all sorts of shopping surprises. So take advantage of Hong Kong’s tax free status and experience the shopping spree of a lifetime in Asia’s world city.
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Fashion & Cosmetics

Savvy shoppers know that if it's fashion and beauty items they're after, then a stop in Hong Kong is a must. This compact destination is a shopper's dream filled with swank and trendy outlets featuring cosmetics from international brands as well as clothes from local designers. So get your list of must-have items out now and get shopping. The prices are unbeatable!

Jewellery & Watches

Looking for jewellery, gold, and other luxurious accessories? From a simple gem pendant to an elegant diamond necklace from top brands to casual sports watches, Hong Kong boasts a wide range of luxury products to suit all budgets and tastes. Excellent quality is one of the main reasons why visitors like shopping in Asia's world city.

Shop Smart:

- Only buy from reputable shops and get a proper receipt stating purchase details.
- By law, gold and platinum jewellery must be stamped with a purity hallmark.
- There are '4Cs' to consider when buying diamonds; carat, clarity, cut and colour. Get a laboratory report for guidance and insurance purposes.
- When shopping for pearls, check the origin, lustre, size and brilliance.
- When shopping for Fei Cui (Jade), take note of its colour saturation and distribution, transparency, size and craftsmanship. Types of Fei Cui:
  - Natural Fei Cui (known as “Type A” in the jewellery trade): refers to natural Fei Cui which has not been subject to any form of chemical treatment.
  - Chemically treated and resin impregnated Fei Cui (known as “Type B” in the jewellery trade).
  - Dyed Fei Cui (known as “Type C” in the jewellery trade).
  - Chemically treated, resin impregnated and dyed Fei Cui (known as “Type B+C” in the jewellery trade).

- Useful contact numbers:
The Hong Kong Jewellers' and Goldsmiths' Association: +852 2543 9633
The Diamond Federation of Hong Kong (for tips on shopping for diamonds): +852 2524 5081
The Gemmological Association of Hong Kong (for a list of gem-testing laboratories): +852 2366 6006
The Hong Kong Accreditation Service (for accredited testing organisations for Fei Cui and diamonds): +852 2829 4840
Open-air Markets / Theme Shopping Streets

Adventurous travellers can head straight for these funky markets and theme shopping streets that best illustrate Hong Kong’s living culture. Each of these markets and streets has its own charm and contains hidden treasures just waiting to be discovered. We’ve highlighted which products you’ll find in each of the places listed below to help you along on your shopping spree. Happy shopping!

Ap Liu Street
New and second-hand electrical devices
- Electronic products • A/V equipment
- Telecommunications products • Relics
Refer to page 13 for details.

Yuen Po Street Bird Garden
Songbirds • Crafted bird cages
Refer to page 14 for details.

Flower Market
Flowers • Houseplants
- Gardening equipment
Refer to page 14 for details.

Goldfish Market
Exotic fish • Aquariums & equipment
- Fish food
Refer to page 14 for details.

Fa Yuen Street
(North section - Market)
Clothing • Domestic goods
☞ MTR Prince Edward Station Exit B2 and walk along Prince Edward Road West to Fa Yuen Street.

Fa Yuen Street
(South section - Sportswear Street)
Trendy sportswear • Sports equipment
☞ MTR Mong Kok Station Exit D3 and walk along Argyle Street for 3 minutes.

Electronics
Looking for the latest hot smart phone, digital video camera or tablet from leading brands from around the world at unbeatable prices? Look no further than Hong Kong where the city’s malls and streets dedicated to all things digital will surely tickle the fancy of technology buffs with all manner of new digital products on offer including the latest cutting-edge computer hardware and software, audiovisual products and home theatre systems.

Shop Smart:
- Make sure that products such as DVD players, camcorders, video recorders and mobile phones are compatible with the operating systems in your home country.
- Ensure the software is legal and in your native language.
- Check voltage and plug compatibility with your home country.
- Verify that the correct product, all parts, accessories and the warranty card are included in the box.
- Check the warranty terms and its geographical coverage.

Traditional Chinese Goods
There is no better way to remember your trip of a lifetime to Asia’s world city than to treat yourself to a souvenir or memento of your visit. Whether it be a box of Chinese tea, purchasing an antique, Chinese handicrafts or even dried seafood, traditional Chinese products make an excellent gift item. Finding such gifts is easy in Hong Kong and shopping for that special gift is always fun.

Shop Smart:
- Check the product’s unit price and the method of measurement before purchasing.
Ladies’ Market
Clothing & Accessories
• Children’s clothing
• Toys • Domestic goods
Refer to page 14 for details.

Sai Yeung Choi Street South
A/V and electronic products
• Telecommunications products
• Cosmetic products • Boutiques
☞ MTR Mong Kok Station Exit D3.

Temple Street Night Market
Electronic gadgets • Clothing
• Pens • Watches • Toys
Refer to page 13 for details.

Jade Market and Jade Street
Jade of all types, shapes, sizes and prices
Refer to page 14 for details.

Des Voeux Road West
Dried seafood • Tonic foods
• Traditional medicine
☞ Take a tram heading for Kennedy Town/Whitty Street from Central. The whole ride takes about 7–8 minutes.

Li Yuen Street East & West
Clothing • Accessories • Domestic goods
☞ MTR Central Station Exit C, turn left and walk along Des Voeux Road Central for 2 minutes.

Jardine’s Crescent Street Market
Clothing • Accessories
• Domestic goods
☞ MTR Causeway Bay Station Exit F.

Stanley Market
Chinese artwork • Silk garments
• Clothing • Children’s clothing
• Souvenirs
Refer to page 12 for details.

Dining
Live your desires in the Culinary Capital of Asia! Indulge yourself with opulent cooking artistry. Dine in ultimate style or with incredible views. Savour Hong Kong’s signature dishes and regional Chinese delicacies. Try the incredible flavours from throughout Asia and marvellous Western cuisine. There is nothing like sipping a great vintage wine when you’re enjoying a fantastic meal. There is no longer any duty on wine in Hong Kong, so ordering wine by the glass or bottle is very affordable. So, indulge your palate and choose from a great assortment of wines with your meal. Hong Kong is a city where eating and drinking is a passion and where memorable dining experiences await you!
Seafood

For a truly distinctive Hong Kong culinary experience, you must try the fresh seafood. Freshness is guaranteed because you can select live fish or shellfish from tanks at the restaurant. So whether you like steamed, fried, grilled or simmered, seafood cooked Hong Kong-style will spoil you for life!

Typhoon Shelter Spicy Crab
This mouth-watering crab dish is stir-fried using many different spices such as minced garlic and dried chillies.

Baked Lobster in Cheese
Nothing beats a fresh lobster plucked from its tank, smothered in cheese and then cooked to perfection.

Steamed Fish
Hong Kong people love to eat fresh seafood. A freshly steamed fish with ginger and spring onions turns any meal into a banquet.

Chinese gourmet food

Cantonese Cuisine
Fresh ingredients and fast cooking at high temperatures to seal in the flavours are the hallmarks of Cantonese cuisine.

Roasted Goose
Roasted goose dipped in plum sauce, this dish is one of the highlights of any meal featuring Cantonese cuisine.

Sweet and Sour Pork
Sweet & sour pork combines different flavours to produce a dish that has won rave reviews around the world.

Peking Cuisine
Peking restaurants feature dishes that are very different from their southern counterparts from Guangdong Province.

Peking Duck
The crispy skin is deftly carved at the table and the moist slivers of skin are wrapped in thin pancakes with spring onions or leeks, cucumber, turnip and a delicious plum sauce.

Noodle Making
No trip to a Peking restaurant would be complete without a demonstration of noodle making by one of the talented chefs. It's a true art form!

Shanghainese Cuisine
Experience the sensational rich, sweet flavours of Shanghainese cuisine.

Shanghai Dumplings
These dumplings come with many different fillings and when dipped in vinegar make for wonderful eating.

Hairy Crab
When autumn rolls around, Hong Kong people's culinary desires turn to the famous hairy crabs from Shanghai.

Sichuan & Yunnan Cuisine
Sichuan food is often smoked and simmered with chilli peppers and aromatic seasoning. Hunan cuisine is equally spicy.

Sichuan Dan Dan Noodles
If you like your food HOT, then you'll love this dish. Sichuan Dan Dan Noodles are served with a rich spicy broth.

Ma Po Tofu
This popular Sichuan tofu dish includes sautéed minced pork for flavour, braised chilli bean paste & garlic, topped with a pinch of Sichuan peppercorns.

Chiu Chow Cuisine
This cuisine focuses on seafood and uses sweet sauces to flavour its dishes.

Sliced Garlic Goose with Vinegar Sauce
Marinated goose is a Chiu Chow favourite, emphasizing the importance of poultry in the cuisine.

Fried Chicken with Chuenjiew Sauce
This tasty dish featuring stir-fried peppery chicken is another must for food lovers.

Hong Kong delicacies

Dim Sum
Dim sum (literally to ‘touch the heart’) are special Cantonese snacks chosen from steaming bamboo and include such tasty treats as shrimp dumplings, steamed barbecued pork buns, and steamed pork dumplings which are paraded past on trolleys.

Shrimp Dumplings (Har Gao)
These mouth-watering delicacies consist of shrimp wrapped in a translucent skin, are one of the highlights of any dim sum feast.
Dessert

Hong Kong desserts will give your sweet tooth a real workout! Traditional desserts include sweet soups, steamed milk or sweet dumplings. Dessert outlets also offer fruit juices and fruit-based desserts that are real thirst quenchers.

Fruit-based Desserts
You might not realise it, but Hong Kong people are big fruit eaters, particularly after a hearty meal. They have invented all sorts of great fruit-based desserts and drinks.

Red Bean Soup
This sweet soup is a real dessert favourite with Hong Kong people. Give it a try. You’ll like it!

International Cuisine

There are dazzling varieties of appetising international cuisines to choose from in Hong Kong. Whether you fancy a spicy Thai dish, Vietnamese spring roll, tandoori chicken from India, Singapore fried rice, Hainan chicken or a Malaysian-style satay, Asia’s world city offers it all. From traditional French, Italian and Spanish, to Mexican, Hungarian and Scandinavian, you can find a taste to tempt your palate in Hong Kong. Buffet fans should head for any major hotel to sample a wide variety of international cuisine.

Japanese Food
The number of Japanese restaurants and the different styles of food preparation is truly amazing, no doubt because people here love Japanese food.

Korean Food
Korean food is another very popular cuisine with the locals. Garlic, ginger and sugar are major Korean seasoning staples as well as ginseng root, which is believed to have healing powers.

American Food
If you’re craving a burger, a thick juicy steak and some fries, Hong Kong has a legion of American-style restaurants just waiting to serve you.

Buffet-style Meals
Many of Hong Kong’s restaurants and hotels offer buffet-style meals that boast an enormous range of dishes to suit every appetite. They also offer special cuisine themed buffets.
Major dining locations

Virtually every block in Hong Kong boasts a restaurant, although the best tend to congregate in the following dining locations:

**Causeway Bay – Traditional Hong Kong-style food**

Causeway Bay’s myriad restaurants and cafés around Jardine’s Bazaar, Times Square, Hysan Place, Lee Theatre, Percival Street and Paterson Street offer everything from Hong Kong-style food to Asian and international gourmet cuisine.

**Wan Chai – Trendy fusion**

Wan Chai epitomises Hong Kong’s trend for fusion as much through its cuisine as through its architecture. Dining and shopping complex The East offers a mix of upmarket European restaurants and specialty Asian dining. And the Star Street precinct is Hong Kong’s fashionable foodie district, full of the latest talked-about venues.

☞ MTR Wan Chai Exit A3, turn right along Spring Garden Lane to Queen’s Road East

**Lan Kwai Fong, SoHo and Sheung Wan – Cosmopolitan atmosphere**

Night owls and partygoers always head for Lan Kwai Fong and SoHo in Central and the adjacent neighbourhood of Sheung Wan. Concentrated in a small warren of streets, Lan Kwai Fong includes bars and restaurants as well as alfresco dining. It’s a party atmosphere every night of the week. SoHo, another trendy area located around the Central – Mid-Levels Escalator, offers a wide variety of international cuisine and a great night on the town. In the historical Sheung Wan area, you can find new funky neighborhoods such as Gough Street, Po Hing Fong and Tai Ping Shan Street where many characteristic restaurant, cafes, boutiques, art galleries and design studios are located.

**Stanley – Alfresco seaside dining**

Stanley, located on Hong Kong Island’s southeast shore, is home to numerous restaurants and pubs offering Chinese, French, Italian and Asian food, particularly along Stanley Main Street and Stanley Plaza. For a real treat, try the restaurants in Murray House where panoramic views of this picturesque seaside village provide a glorious backdrop to quality alfresco dining (see page 12).

**Kowloon City – Reasonably-priced Asian cuisine**

Kowloon City is famous for Thai, Chinese hot pot and Chiu Chow food at reasonable prices along Kai Tak Road, Nam Kok Road, Lung Kong Road and Fuk La Tsun Road. It is a deservedly popular dining area for local families and visitors.

☞ MTR Lok Fu Station and take a short taxi ride.

**Tsim Sha Tsui – Trendy dining**

There’s an equally large variety of exotic cuisine to suit all budgets available in Tsim Sha Tsui and Tsim Sha Tsui East. Browse main thoroughfares like Nathan Road, Canton Road and Chatham Road, as well as side streets such as Ashley Road, Hillwood Road and Granville Road. Shopping centres also often offer quality dining options such as the Sichuan and Cantonese restaurants found in the Miramar Shopping Centre on Kimberley Road. Wander over to Knutsford Terrace, Knutsford Steps and Observatory Court, and sample some great dining options. It’s a smorgasbord of taste treats.

☞ Knutsford Terrace, Knutsford Steps and Observatory Court - MTR Tsim Sha Tsui Station Exit B1

**Lei Yue Mun, Sai Kung and Lamma Island – Fresh seafood**

Lei Yue Mun, Sai Kung and Lamma Island are world famous for their alfresco seafood restaurants, where diners choose their live seafood from a tank and have it cooked to order in any style they desire. Remember to ask for the price before ordering. These restaurants also serve a variety of meat dishes (see pages 20, 27 and 31).
Central, Causeway Bay, Wan Chai and Tsim Sha Tsui are considered some of the hippest happening ‘must-visit’ nightlife areas on everybody’s itinerary in Hong Kong. Here is where you can find a place that fits your mood: happening bars, neighbourhood pubs, funky nightclubs, hostess bars, sophisticated wine bars and more.

**Trendy night districts**

**Central**
- **Lan Kwai Fong** – MTR Central Station Exit D2. Walk along Theatre Lane and up D’Aguilar Street, about a five-minute walk to Lan Kwai Fong
- **SoHo** – MTR Central Station Exit D2 and turn right into Theatre Lane. Walk along Queen’s Road Central towards The Center. Then take the Central – Mid-Levels Escalator

**Wan Chai**
- **Lockhart Road** – MTR Wan Chai Station Exit C, walk along Lockhart Road
- **Luard Road** – MTR Wan Chai Station Exit C, turn left along Lockhart Road for two minutes
- **Jaffe Road** – MTR Wan Chai Station Exit C, turn right, walk along Lockhart Road and then left into O’Brien Road and turn right into Jaffe Road

**Tsim Sha Tsui**
- **Knutsford Terrace, Knutsford Steps, Observatory Court** – MTR Tsim Sha Tsui Station Exit B1, turn right and walk along Nathan Road two blocks and turn into Kimberley Road. Look for walkway just past the Miramar Shopping Centre
- **Ashley Road** – MTR Tsim Sha Tsui Station Exit C1, turn right and walk along Nathan Road and turn right into Peking Road, walk three blocks and turn right into Ashley Road
- **Hart Avenue and Prat Avenue** – MTR Tsim Sha Tsui Station Exit A2, walk along Humphreys Avenue for five minutes
- **Tsim Sha Tsui East** – MTR East Tsim Sha Tsui Station Exit P1
A Fusion of Cultures

Explore the culture and heritage of Hong Kong where centuries-old temples and colonial buildings stand beside futuristic architectural marvels. Discover a stunning blend of old and new, a living fusion of East and West, a totally unique destination. Gain a deeper understanding of Chinese culture by visiting one of the many museums or by taking in one of the colourful and boisterous Chinese festivals taking place throughout the year.

Colonial Treasures

Hong Kong’s colonial past alone makes it a cultural gem. From the Noonday Gun in Causeway Bay to Government House (home to former British Governors and now official residence of the Chief Executive of the SAR) in Central; and from St John’s Cathedral, believed to be the oldest surviving Western ecclesiastical building in Hong Kong, to the Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware (former home of the Commander British Forces) in Admiralty, you’ll find fascinating examples of this legacy.

Chinese Traditions

As you would expect, Hong Kong is steeped in Chinese heritage. Everyday life is greatly influenced by the three predominant religions (Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism). There are more than 600 temples of which the Sik Sik Yuen Wong Tai Sin Temple (a popular place of worship), Man Mo Temple (dedicated to the gods of war and literature), Chi Lin Nunnery (spectacular Tang dynasty-style architecture) and the many Tin Hau temples (dedicated to the Goddess of the Sea) are must visits.

Hong Kong’s fusion of cultures will provide you with many fantastic experiences and its one of the reasons why this city is one of the world’s most popular destinations.
Chinese Festivals

Throughout the year, from Chinese New Year to the Mid-Autumn Festival, the lunar calendar is filled with traditional Chinese celebrations. Participating in one of these fantastically colourful and noisy events is a must do on everybody’s Hong Kong itinerary.

For sheer exuberance, colour and noise, nothing beats a traditional Chinese festival! **Chinese New Year** (January / February) is the ‘biggie’ as the city comes alive with colourful lights, all-night flower markets, an International Night Parade and incredible fireworks over Victoria Harbour.

There’s romance in the air with the **Spring Lantern Festival** (Yuen Siu) at the end of Chinese New Year, known as Chinese Valentines Day, where lovers rendezvous under colourful Chinese lanterns hung in parks.

Join local fishermen in April / May as they celebrate the birthdays of **Tin Hau** (Goddess of the Sea) and **Tam Kung** (also revered by fishermen). Boats are decorated and prayers offered for bountiful catches. There are parades with lion dances and floats.

The **Birthday of Lord Buddha** (April / May) is celebrated with fascinating rituals like bathing the Buddha at the Po Lin Monastery on Lantau Island.

The **Cheung Chau Bun Festival** (April / May) is a unique cultural event featuring huge bamboo towers covered with sweet buns, a bun tower climbing event and parade with children in traditional costumes held aloft.

The **Dragon Boat** (Tuen Ng) Festival (May / June) combines traditional celebrations with thrilling boat races to the sounds of booming onboard drums.

The **Mid-Autumn Festival** (September / October) celebrates the harvest moon and is a special time for children and families, who take colourful lanterns to parks, beaches and hilltops to gaze at the moon.

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Museums for Everyone

Covering such a broad range of topics, Hong Kong’s vast collection of museums will ensure that everyone can gain a deeper understanding of life in this culturally-rich city. From intriguing displays of Chinese art and antiquities, to local history, coastal defence, film, space, science, medicine and the correctional services, Hong Kong’s seemingly endless list of museums will both fascinate and educate.

To make the most of your museum visits, buy a HK$30 **Museum Weekly Pass** available from participating museums. The pass provides unlimited access to the following seven museums for a whole week*:

**Hong Kong Museum of Art**

Marvel at the collections of gold, ceramics, calligraphy and paintings.

**Hong Kong Science Museum**

Great hands-on exhibits. The 22-metre-high Energy Machine produces spectacular audio-visual effects, enabling visitors to discover the relationship between energy conversion and movement.

**Hong Kong Space Museum**

Explore the final frontier – learn all about astronomy and space technology at the Space Museum. There are two exhibition halls – the Hall of Space Science and the Hall of Astronomy with plenty of interactive exhibits, and the Stanley Ho Space Theatre. Equipped with a new 8k digital planetarium projection system and the IMAX Dome projector, the theatre is capable of projecting full-dome animation and movies with ultra-high definition images.

**The Hong Kong Museum of History**

Includes dozens of interesting reconstructions and street scenes highlighting life in Hong Kong from the beginning of time through to the return to Chinese sovereignty in 1997.

**The Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence**

Find out all about Hong Kong’s military past at this museum located in a real fort.

**The Hong Kong Heritage Museum**

Features 12 galleries in a lovely Chinese open courtyard design presenting a unique mix of history, art and culture.

**Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum**

Relive the epoch-making achievements of revolutionary pioneer Dr Sun Yat-sen who is renowned for transforming China from a monarchy into a republic.

*The Museum Pass excludes entrance to some special exhibitions and the Stanley Ho Space Theatre Programmes in the Hong Kong Space Museum.
Other enjoyable museums include:

**Hong Kong Island**
City Gallery, Central
Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware, Central
Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery, Quarry Bay
Hong Kong Arts Centre Pao Galleries, Wan Chai
Hong Kong Correctional Services Museum, Stanley
Hong Kong Film Archive, Sai Wan Ho
Hong Kong Maritime Museum, Central
Hong Kong Museum of Medical Sciences, Mid-Levels
Hong Kong Racing Museum, Happy Valley
Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre, Central
Law Uk Folk Museum, Chai Wan
Oil, Fortress Hill
Police Museum, Mid-Levels
University Museum & Art Gallery, The University of Hong Kong, Mid-Levels

**Kowloon**
Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre, Tsim Sha Tsui
Hong Kong Housing Authority Exhibition Centre, Ho Man Tin
Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum, Sham Shui Po

**New Territories**
Art Museum, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Sha Tin
Hong Kong Railway Museum, Tai Po
Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery cum Heritage Trail Visitors Centre, Yuen Long
Sam Tung Uk Museum, Tsuen Wan
Sheung Yiu Folk Museum, Sai Kung

From engaging Western cultural performances to colourful Chinese festivals, from the world’s leading symphony orchestra to fascinating Chinese opera, from the latest blockbuster Broadway musical to a contemporary Chinese dance performance, Hong Kong – the Events Capital of Asia – offers exciting entertainment throughout 2015.

**Great Outdoors Hong Kong**
- Hong Kong Winterfest
- Hong Kong Chinese New Year
- Hong Kong Pulse 3D Light Show
- Hong Kong Arts Month
- Hong Kong Cultural Celebrations
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Upcoming Events

Great Outdoors Hong Kong
November 2014 – March 2015
It’s time to dust off your hiking boots and load up your backpack to explore the city’s stunning green landscape. Guided hikes and cycling tours pass from spectacular downtown skyline to remote beaches, rustic villages and serene islands full of cultural and historical importance.

Hong Kong WinterFest
5 December 2014 – 1 January 2015
Selected by CNN as one of the Top 10 places to spend Christmas, Asia’s world city celebrates the holiday season with its colourful WinterFest. A joyful spirit reigns supreme as buildings around the iconic Victoria Harbour are decked out in fantastic seasonal illuminations and the whole city glows with a happy ambience. Attractions like Disneyland, Ocean Park, Ngong Ping 360 and Madame Tussauds all host fun Christmas events. A festive atmosphere will take over the entire city as locals and visitors take part in exciting countdown celebrations to welcome 2015! Join the fun and salute the New Year Hong Kong-style!

Hong Kong Chinese New Year
February – March 2015*
Come and join us for the Hong Kong Chinese New Year as the city welcomes the Year of the Sheep! It’s the biggest celebration on the lunar calendar and Hong Kong people mark it with a unique fusion of ancient customs and modern fun in the world’s biggest Chinese New Year celebrations. Festivities include flamboyant flower markets, a spectacular night parade, float display and stage performances, fabulous fireworks and lively sporting events, plus plenty of other attractions.

Hong Kong Pulse 3D Light Show
14 February – 5 March 2015 (except 19 February 2015)
Enjoy truly magical moments in the form of a spectacular 3D light show with exciting audiovisual effects. This exhilarating experience, which will take place at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre and the Clock Tower at Tsim Sha Tsui, will coincide with Chinese New Year celebrations and feature content related to that event. Seize the chance to take in the unique glamour which echoes the vibrancy and enhances the festive ambience of Asia’s world city!

Hong Kong Arts Month
March 2015
Inspiration takes Hong Kong by storm this March as the city celebrates Hong Kong Arts Month. Art lovers are in for a treat as major international festivals, exhibitions, and performing arts come to town, including some of the most iconic events such as Art Basel and Hong Kong Arts Festival. Immerse in the flourishing arts scene of Hong Kong by checking out the next museum or outdoor installation – you can take your pick from the full spectrum.

Hong Kong Cultural Celebrations
April – May 2015
The unique Cheung Chau Bun Festival, which was inscribed into China’s third national list of intangible cultural heritage, is just one of the four classic traditional festivals happening in Hong Kong in April/May. There are also events making the birthdays of important deities such as Tin Hau and Tam Kung as well as a religious festival celebrating the birth of Lord Buddha.

* Dates to be confirmed.
Hong Kong Summer Fun
July – August 2015
Hong Kong Summer Fun, featuring special summer events and exclusive offers by the city’s top attractions, is sure to dazzle your senses. With cultural festivals, quirky expos, themed tours, popular music concerts, your trip will be packed with endless fun. Add in Visa Quality Summer Privileges as well as various accommodation offers, and you’ll see why Hong Kong is definitely the place to be this summer.

2015 Hong Kong Dragon Boat Carnival
July 2015
Thousands of the world’s top dragon boat athletes will take to the water in the stunning Victoria Harbour and vie for glory at the legendary Hong Kong International Dragon Boat Races. Right next to all the racing action is the Beerfest where you can enjoy non-stop music, live entertainment and jugs of refreshing beer.

Hong Kong Halloween Treats
Mid-September – 31 October 2015
The annual outbreak of mad masquerading, complete with fancy dress parties, themed shopping malls and festive foods is known as Hong Kong Halloween Treats. Head to major attractions for thrilling excitement beyond your imagination and see the locals’ affection for costumes and parties that have ensured this Western holiday a permanent home in Asia’s world city.

Hong Kong Wine & Dine Festival
late October – November 2015
Hong Kong, Asia’s world city, is kicking off its Wine & Dine Festival with the celebrated 4-day gourment extravaganza (22 – 25 October), featuring great wine, good food, live entertainment and spectacular city views. This month-long epicurean feast offers fun-packed carnivals in popular food districts. The city’s top hotels and restaurants will also be serving up tempting wine and dine offers. Wine promotions, food and wine-themed classes and tours will be all over town!

Hong Kong New Year Countdown Celebrations
31 December 2015
When the clock ticks down to midnight, heart-pounding pyrotechnics will light up Hong Kong’s skies, exploding in a radiant shower of lights to illuminate the beautiful Victoria Harbour. Get yourself to Asia’s world city this New Year’s Eve. Pick a spot, join the party and welcome 2016 with all the breathless excitement and glamour of a Hong Kong celebration!
Sports Events, Arts & Entertainment

Hong Kong, as the events capital of Asia, offers a wide range of exciting events to visitors. Leading jockeys, trainers and their horses cater to the local passion of horse racing during the September–July season. Golf aficionados can enjoy top-notch golf at the Hong Kong Open (October), which attracts some of the world’s leading golfers.

Top long-distance runners are under starter’s orders with the Hong Kong Marathon (January). End of March sees rugby fans from all over the world hit town for the Hong Kong Sevens.

Hong Kong also boasts a vibrant arts scene, spearheaded by a galaxy of world-class stars performing at the Hong Kong Arts Festival (February – March). February also sees the Hong Kong Salsa Festival come to town. This international event is a seven days and seven nights salsa dance party!

Hong Kong offers sophisticated performances by dynamic local companies that explore new artistic concepts while perfecting traditional styles. Whether your interests run from classical to traditional Chinese music, from modern ballet to Chinese opera, you’ll find an evening’s entertainment that is sure to please.

During the summer months, Le French May (May – June) and the International Arts Carnival (July – August) continue to wow audiences with their star-studded line ups. There are also a plethora of pop stars and popular Broadway musicals that regularly come to town to keep local audiences on the edge of their seats. For movie buffs, the Hong Kong International Film Festival (March – April) features an exceptional cross-section of the world’s cinema.

In Hong Kong, there are many great sights and attractions, and happily for travellers, there are many different ways to get out and enjoy the sights. Whether you join a tour or do the town on your own, this city will leave you mesmerised. Enjoy the diversity and excitement of Hong Kong.
Joining a tour is one of the most convenient ways of enjoying all the exciting sights and activities of Hong Kong. There is a good range to choose from, day or night. Join a harbour cruise, outlying islands tour, or a fascinating culture and heritage tour to the New Territories. Take a hiking tour and visit the green side of Hong Kong or enjoy a dolphin-watching cruise. Whether by boat or by coach, by day or by night, every tour will captivate you and dispel the belief that Hong Kong is all skyscrapers and shopping malls. Check DiscoverHongKong.com for options.

For a DIY approach to Hong Kong, the HKTB has developed a series of urban walks through different districts, offering visitors the perfect opportunity to experience the living culture that makes Asia’s world city such a diverse and fascinating destination. Details of the walks are contained in the handy publication, Hong Kong Walks, which you can download from the DiscoverHongKong.com website.

Embark on a romantic and relaxing cruise vacation!

As a cruise hub in Asia, Hong Kong is already an established and ideal launching point for diverse year-round cruise itineraries. From short five-day breaks in nearby Southern China, Taiwan, Japan or Korea, to longer voyages that include the delights of Southeast Asia, Hong Kong is the gateway to Asia’s most exotic and exciting cruise destinations.

International cruise lines such as Celebrity Cruises, Costa Cruises, Princess Cruises and Royal Caribbean International offer a series of seasonal itineraries to/from Hong Kong.

Perfect for the short getaway, Star Cruises’ largest vessel, the SuperStar Virgo, is now based in Hong Kong, offering an array of onboard entertainment and facilities with its 2-day 1-night itinerary that departs from Hong Kong every day.

With hassle-free connections by air, rail or ferry to Mainland China, Hong Kong is your perfect cruise destination.

Please visit www.discoverhongkong.com/eng/cruise/index.jsp for details.
Beyond Hong Kong

Let Hong Kong with its convenient bus, train, ferry and plane connections be your gateway to the rest of China. Asia’s world city is the perfect jumping off point to discover the former Portuguese enclave of Macau and Mainland cities such as Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Beijing and Shanghai.

Suggested Itinerary

To help the first-time visitor make the most of a five-day visit, we’ve put together this sample itinerary of popular outings. You can find many more alternatives on HKTB’s website at DiscoverHongKong.com.

Day 1
AM – Arrival
Evening – Enjoy Chinese or western cuisine in Tsim Sha Tsui
Later, stroll along the Tsim Sha Tsui waterfront promenade to enjoy the harbour skyline, and discover the magic of Hong Kong movies at the Avenue of Stars.

Or visit the sky100 Hong Kong Observation Deck located at 100/F of Hong Kong’s tallest building – the International Commerce Centre. This is the highest indoor observation deck in Hong Kong and offers a stunning 360-degree bird’s-eye view of world-famous Victoria Harbour.

Day 2
AM – Hong Kong Island Tour
Visit highlights on Hong Kong Island: The Peak, Aberdeen fishing village and Stanley Market

PM – Enjoy lunch at a seafront restaurant in Stanley and spend an afternoon at the nearby beach

Evening – A Symphony of Lights Harbour Cruise
Enjoy unlimited free drinks on board a Chinese tour boat and experience breathtaking vistas of the Hong Kong skyline for the ‘A Symphony of Lights’ show that colourfully lights up prominent buildings at night.

Night shopping at Temple Street Night Market or Ladies Market

Day 3
AM – Heritage Tour (half day)
Visit the New Territories for a fascinating tour of heritage sites dating back hundreds of years including ancestral halls and home of a Qing dynasty scholar!

PM – Enjoy dim sum lunch at a Chinese restaurant followed by shopping in Hong Kong’s dynamic shopping districts

Evening – Horse Racing Tour
Experience all the excitement and glamour of the sport of kings – Hong Kong style.

Day 4
Full Day – New Lantau Island Tour
Enjoy a scenic ferry ride to Lantau Island and then visit some popular attractions such as the Po Lin Monastery and the Giant Buddha. Lastly, enjoy a variety of shopping and dining options at the themed Ngong Ping Village.

Evening – Night out in Lan Kwai Fong

Day 5
AM – Departure

If you want to appreciate the best that Asia’s world city has to offer, remember to bring some comfortable walking shoes!
Macau

You’ll be inspired by Macau’s mixture of western and eastern cultures. The city is blessed with a unique heritage and history, the latest world-class facilities and entertainment, international cuisines, festivals and events. Discover Macau, an energetic city; it’s a unique experience.

Mainland China

(Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Beijing and Shanghai)

Shenzhen City, just the other side of the Hong Kong-Mainland China boundary, is a popular shopping spot with locals and known for its theme parks, folk villages and museums. Not far away is Guangzhou, the capital city of Guangdong province - home of Cantonese-speaking people. It is also one of China’s most important trading and industrial centres. Check out the Dr Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall, the Southern Yue King Tomb Museum and the Five Rams Statue. Farther north is Beijing, the capital city of China. Explore the 9,999-room Imperial Palace, (the ‚Forbidden City‘): the Temple of Heaven, the vast Summer Palace and of course, the Great Wall of China. To the east on the Yangtse River, is Shanghai, a leading commercial centre famous for its Bund (waterfront). Visit the Jade Buddha Temple and the Shanghai Museum.

Visas

Visas are required for travel in Mainland China. You are advised to consult the Embassy or Consulate General of the People’s Republic of China in your own country of residence first for travel information before your departure to Mainland China.

For detailed information on visa applications, please visit the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China: www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/
Hong Kong has a wide variety of accommodation to suit every budget, from luxury six-star-equivalent hotels to modest guesthouses and youth hostels.

Here you can get spoiled in style, where you will be enveloped in the intoxicating spirit of East and West that only Hong Kong can deliver. With one of the highest staff-to-guest ratios anywhere, Hong Kong’s international hotels set the standard for luxury and elegance. After a full day of shopping or sightseeing, treat yourself to a massage, a facial, a pedicure or manicure – or have them all. Here, Eastern wisdom is combined with Western-style luxury to produce a feeling of total reinvigoration.

Wherever you stay in Asia’s world city, there is a hotel that will put you in at the heart of all the action – no matter whether you are looking for a diverse shopping, dining and nightlife experience. For those looking for open spaces and a slower pace of life, Hong Kong has hotels located off the beaten track.

Looking for budget accommodation you can trust? Our Quality Tourism Services (QTS) Visitor Accommodation Scheme makes it a breeze. Under the scheme administered by the Hong Kong Tourism Board, QTS Scheme-accredited visitor accommodation providers must pass stringent assessments each year to ensure that the highest possible service standards are maintained.

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Sunny Day Hotel (Mong Kok)  www.sunnydayhotel.com
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The Anne Black - YWCA  hotel.ywca.org.hk
The Bauhinia Hotel (Tsimshatsui)  www.thebauhinia.com.hk
The Cityview  www.thecityview.com.hk
The HarbourView Place@ICC Megalopolis  www.harbourviewplace.com
The Imperial Hotel  www.imperialhotel.com.hk
The Kimberly Hotel  www.kimberley.hk
The Kowloon Hotel  www.harbour-plaza.com/klnh
The Langham, Hong Kong  hongkong.langhamhotels.com
The Luxe Manor  www.theluxemanor.com
The Mira Hong Kong  www.themirahotel.com
The Peninsula Hong Kong  www.peninsula.com
The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Hong Kong  www.ritzcarlton.com
The Royal Garden  www.royalhkg.com.hk
The Royal Pacific Hotel & Towers  www.royalpacific.com.hk
The Salisbury-YMCA of Hong Kong  www.ymcahk.org.hk
W Hong Kong  www.whotels.com/HongKong
X1 Hotel  www.x1hotel.com.hk
YHA Mei Ho House  www.meinohouse.hk

New Territories Hotels
Courtyard by Marriott Hong Kong Sha Tin  courtyardshatin.com
Crowne Plaza Hong Kong Kowloon East  www.crowneplaza.com
Dorsett Tsuen Wan, Hong Kong  www.dorsethotels.com/hongkong/tsuenwan
Harbour Plaza Resort City Hong Kong  www.harbour-plaza.com

Holiday Inn Express Hong Kong Kowloon East  www.hiexpress.com/kowlooneast
Hong Kong Gold Coast Hotel  www.goldcoasthotel.com.hk
Hyatt Regency Hong Kong, Sha Tin  hongkong.shahtin.hyatt.com
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Noah’s Ark Hotel & Resort  www.noahsark.com.hk
Panda Hotel  www.pandahotel.com.hk
Rambler Garden Hotel  www.ramblerhotels.com
Rambler Oasis Hotel  www.ramblerhotels.com
Regal Riverside Hotel  www.regalhotel.com
Royal Park Hotel  www.royalpark.com.hk
Royal View Hotel  www.royalview.com.hk
Silka Far East Hotel Hong Kong  www.silkahotels.com/fareast
The Bay Bridge Hong Kong Hotel & Serviced Apartments  www.baybridgehongkong.com

Outlying Islands Hotels
Auberge Discovery Bay Hong Kong  www.aubergediscoverybay.com
Cheung Chau Warwick Hotel  www.warwickhotel.com.hk
DisneY’s Hollywood Hotel  www.hongkongdisneyland.com
Hong Kong Disneyland Hotel  www.hongkongdisneyland.com
Hong Kong SkyCity Marriott Hotel  skycitymarriott.com
Novotel Citygate Hong Kong  www.novotelpagehk.com
Regal Airport Hotel Meeting & Conference Centre  RegalHotel.com
Silvermine Beach Resort  www.silvermineresort.com
Tai O Heritage Hotel  www.taiioheritagehotel.com

Visitor accommodation accredited by the Quality Tourism Services (QTS) Scheme

Hong Kong Island
Bridal Tea House Hotel (Western District)  www.hkchhotel.com
By The Park  www.mingleplace.com
JJ Hotel  www.jjhotel.com.hk
King’s Hotel  www.kingshotelhk.com
Ovolo - 286 Queen’s Road Central  www.ovolohotels.com

Kowloon
Casa Hotel  www.casahotel.com.hk
Evergreen Hotel (Hong Kong)  www.evergreenhotel.com
Hotel 36  www.36hotell.com
Pop Hotel  www.pophotel.com.hk
West Hotel  www.westhotel.com.hk

Outlying Islands
Concerto Inn  www.concertoinn.com.hk

Information is correct as of November 2014. Please refer to discoverhongkong.com for latest listing.
Public Transport

Hong Kong has a well-developed transportation infrastructure. Whether by ferry, rail, bus, tram or taxi, you can get around easily and catch wonderful glimpses of the city along the way.

Taxis

Urban taxis are red, while the New Territories ones are green and those on Lantau Island are blue. Flagfall charges for the first 2km are from HK$17 to $22 with incremental charges for every subsequent 200m from HK$1 to $1.6 (depending on the taxi type and meter fare). Detailed taxi fare information is listed on the inside of the taxi.

For further information and updates, please call Transport Department Enquiry Hotline: +852 2804 2600 or visit www.td.gov.hk

Please note the friendly tips below:

- By law, passengers are required to use seatbelts
- Always ask for a receipt from the taxi driver
- Please refer to taxi meter for exact charge
- Please pay taxi driver in local currency, i.e. HK$
- There are extra charges for tunnel and bridge tolls, driver’s return toll and luggage handling

MTR

Getting around Hong Kong and visiting the city’s fantastic attractions couldn’t be easier with the quick and efficient MTR (look for this sign 🚇) rail system that covers all major districts in the territory, and includes stops at the boundary with Mainland China (Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau). The MTR consists of ten lines: Island, Tsuen Wan, Kwun Tong, Tseung Kwan O, Tung Chung, West Rail, East Rail, Ma On Shan and Disneyland Resort, as well as an Airport Express. In addition, the MTR operates a Light Rail system running between Yuen Long and Tuen Mun in the New Territories, plus an inter-city train service into Mainland China.

Ferries

Several fleets of ferries ply the waters of Hong Kong connecting Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and the Outlying Islands. Star Ferry is Hong Kong’s most scenic and an inexpensive mode of travel across Victoria Harbour. Ferries travel between Kowloon and Hong Kong Island from piers in Tsim Sha Tsui in Kowloon and Central and Wan Chai on the Island (see page 17).

Peak Tram

Operating since 1888, the cable-pulled tram travels between Central and The Peak, one of the city’s most scenic transport routes. It runs daily between 7am and midnight (see page 6).

Trams

Trams operate six overlapping routes along what was the northern shore of Hong Kong Island between Shau Kei Wan and Kennedy Town and around Happy Valley (see page 9).

Buses


Remarks: Eating and drinking are not allowed on most public transports.

Octopus Card

Make use of the Octopus Card, an electronic fare card that is accepted by almost all public transport, and at many restaurants and stores. It’s easy and convenient to use, saves time and eliminates need for small change. Add money to it when you need to, and any unspent value in On-Loan Octopus is refundable along with the HK$50 deposit (minus HK$9 handling fee for cards returned within three months). You can also opt for a non-returnable Sold Octopus. For more details, please call +852 2266 2222.

On-loan Octopus Cards:
**Hassle-free discount travel with MTR Tourist Tickets**

**Airport Express Travel Pass**
Buy the HK$220 or HK$300 Airport Express Travel Pass (both passes include a HK$50 refundable deposit) to enjoy:
- One or two single journeys on the Airport Express excluding travel between Airport and AsiaWorld-Expo stations
- Three consecutive days of unlimited travel on MTR, Light Rail and MTR Bus (Northwest New Territories) *

Ticket is valid for 180 days from day of issue.

**Adult Tourist Day Pass and Child Tourist Day Pass†**
Buy the HK$55 Adult Tourist Day Pass or HK$25 Child Tourist Day Pass, you can enjoy any one day# of unlimited travel on the MTR and Light Rail** to experience this dynamic city. Ticket is valid for one month from day of issue.

Note:
The above tourist tickets are restricted to visitors who are non-Hong Kong residents and who have been in Hong Kong for less than 14 days.
- Except additional travel on the Airport Express, East Rail Line First Class, Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau stations.
† Valid for children aged 3 to 11.
# One day unlimited travel means 24 consecutive hours starting from the recorded entry time of the first journey.
** Except Airport Express, MTR Bus, East Rail Line First Class, Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau stations.
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The above apps developed by the Hong Kong Tourism Board are designed for offline use. Please remember TO TURN OFF DATA ROAMING to avoid unnecessary charges.

DiscoverHongKong.com

Useful Information

Shopping Tips

Compare prices
Do some comparison shopping before you buy. Prices are usually clearly marked, particularly in shopping malls, department stores and chain stores. However, some small shops and street markets do not always display prices. Here, bargaining is possible.

Environmental Levy Scheme on Plastic Shopping Bags
To reduce the use of plastic shopping bags, both chain and large supermarkets, convenience stores, and personal health and beauty product stores are required to charge HK$0.50 for each plastic shopping bag provided to customers. Customers are advised to bring their own shopping bags to avoid the levy.

Know your products
Make sure you know what you want in terms of models, features, prices, accessories and the warranty including its geographical coverage. Call the Consumer Council Hotline +852 2929 2222 for names of sole agents of popular brands.

Shop With Extra Peace Of Mind
To enhance consumer protection while shopping, amendments have been made to the Trade Descriptions Ordinance. Before shopping, consumers are advised:
- to gather information on the product or service as well as users’ experience;
- to make comparisons of prices, quality and functions;
- to ask for more detailed information not provided in advertisements and promotional messages;
- to check clearly the price of the goods before purchasing in particular how price is derived from the unit of quantity;
- to stay alert and do ask if in doubt; and
- to turn down suspicious offers firmly and leave the shop immediately.

For enquiries or complaints, please call Customs and Excise Department 24 Hours Hotline.
General Enquiry: +852 2815 7711
Information Hotline: +852 2545 6182
Be aware of parallel imports
Parallel imports are items brought into Hong Kong by someone other than the official import agent. Be aware that the reason parallel imports are usually cheaper is because they often offer a restricted guarantee or limited after-sale service.

Beware of bait-and-switch tactics
Watch out for the bait-and-switch tactics. Unscrupulous retailers showcase a product at an ambiguous price, but after getting a deposit, they claim the item is out of stock. They then try to sell an often inferior item at an inflated price. Always look for clearly marked prices, shop around before you buy, know the product you want to buy, check for the included accessories and shop where you see the QTS sign.

Beware of touts (street traders)
Be cautious if approached by sales staff on the street. Don’t buy from street touts, nor follow them to any warehouses or showrooms.

Inspect your products
Check the product before paying and make sure you have all the accessories that should be included.

Do not purchase pirated or fake goods
To protect your own interests, please do not purchase pirated or counterfeit goods. The Customs and Excise Department is the enforcement agency responsible for intellectual property rights protection. For any enquiries, please call Customs and Excise Department 24 Hours Hotline: +852 2815 7711.

Check your receipts
Check your receipts and ensure that all details and verbal agreements are fully listed.

Credit card payment
Most Hong Kong shops accept credit cards. Check the credit card slip before signing it and remember to take your receipt. Credit card companies and/or banks issuing the cards may charge a currency-exchange fee on overseas purchases. Please check with your credit card issuer for further details.

Dining Tips

Reservations
Popular restaurants are often busy during lunchtime (1pm – 2pm), at night and on weekends, so it is a good idea to make a reservation.

Dress Code
Casual wear is acceptable in most restaurants. For some high-end restaurants where there is a specified dress code, please check upon reservation. As most premises are air-conditioned, you might need a light sweater or jacket.

Additional Charges
Some restaurants may serve tea, condiments and non-ordered snacks that will be charged to your bill. Check with the waiter about such additional charges after being seated but before accepting any food or drinks.

Service Charge
Most restaurants add 10% to the bill. However, some tea cafes do not impose service charge. Please check with the waiter about the charges before being seated.

Hawkers (food carts)
Occasionally, you may see someone selling food from a street cart. Please note that many of these street carts are not licensed, so be careful if you purchase food from a food cart vendor.

Credit Card Payments
Most Hong Kong restaurants accept credit cards. Check the credit card slip before signing it and remember to take your receipt. Credit card companies and/or banks issuing the cards may charge a currency-exchange fee on overseas purchases. Please check with your credit card issuer for further details.

Visitor Assistance
Inbound visitors can contact the following organizations for assistance:

Inbound Tour Group
Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong : + 852 2807 0707
Monday to Sunday 9am – midnight; during non-office hours, leave a message at the above hotline number, and the TIC will contact you on the next working day.

Refund Protection Scheme (Registered Shops) for Inbound Tour Group Shoppers
Group visitors who patronise a registered shop arranged by Travel Industry Council (TIC) member agents are entitled to full refund protection if they are dissatisfied with their purchases. To apply for a refund, visitors may contact their tour organisers or receiving agents. Group visitors must produce the original receipt and return the purchased item, which must be undamaged and on which there must be no wear and tear because of use. For details of the refund protection, please visit the TIC’s website www.tichk.org or contact them at +852 2807 0707.
Consumer Rights
To enjoy shopping with extra peace of mind, always keep your receipts:
Refund Protection Scheme (Registered Shops) for Inbound Tour Group Shoppers: +852 2807 0707 (Refer service hours above)
Consumer Council: +852 2929 2222
(Monday to Friday, 9am – 5:30pm. During non-office hours, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays, leave a message at the above hotline number, and the Consumer Council will contact you within three working days.)
Piracy, Counterfeit Products or Other Complaints about Violations of the Trade Descriptions Ordinance
Customs & Excise Department 24 Hours Hotline: +852 2545 6182
Serious Disputes
Hong Kong Police: 999 (24 hours)

Smoke-free Hong Kong
Smoking is prohibited in all indoor public places, including restaurants, karaoke, malls and bars. The smoking ban is also implemented on public transport carriers, public transport facilities and in both indoor and outdoor areas of some premises such as public beaches and swimming pools, escalators and the Hong Kong Wetland Park. No person shall smoke or carry a lighted cigarette, cigar or pipe in designated no smoking areas, or else will be liable to a fixed penalty of HK$1,500.

Fast Facts
Hong Kong International Airport
This is one of the world’s largest and most modern airports, frequently voted the best. Situated at Chek Lap Kok on the Outlying Island of Lantau, Hong Kong International Airport offers visitors a spectacular welcome and truly makes Hong Kong the gateway to Asia.
Immigration
Visitors must hold valid passports. Visitors from most countries don’t require a visa and can stay for periods that vary from 7 to 180 days, depending upon nationality. Check the Hong Kong Immigration Department website (www.immd.gov.hk) or contact any Chinese consular mission. Visas are required for travel in Mainland China and they should be obtained from the Chinese diplomatic and consular mission in your own country of residence before your departure to Mainland China. For detailed information on visa applications, please refer to page 66.

Frequent visitors (aged 18 or above) to Hong Kong holding a valid travel document with selected travel pass/cards (HK$AR Travel Pass, APEC Business Travel Card with the economy code ‘HKG’, HKIA Frequent Visitor Card or Frequent Flyer Programme Membership Card issued by selected airline) can now enjoy the convenience of self-service immigration clearance (e-Channel) at the airport. For more details, please go to www.gov.hk/en/nonresidents/visarequire/echannel/fv.htm.

Customs Allowances
Visitors aged 18 or above may bring into Hong Kong the following items duty free, for their own use:
• 1 litre of alcoholic liquor with an alcoholic strength above 30% by volume; and
• 19 cigarettes or 1 cigar (or 25 grams of cigars) or 25 grams of other manufactured tobacco.


All other consumer items in Hong Kong (except powdered formula for infants and children under 36 months) are duty free and without restrictions. For more details, please visit http://www.customs.gov.hk/en/trade_facilitation/prohibited_articles/exports/API/index.html. Visitors entering Hong Kong must go through Customs clearance and declare any dutiable commodities exceeding duty-free quotas. The Red and Green Channel System has been implemented at all entry points. For details, please visit the Customs and Excise Department website: www.customs.gov.hk/en/passenger_clearance/red_green/

Security Restrictions for Carry-on Baggage on Departure & In Transit
Apart from the usual restricted articles like firearms and sharp objects barred from the cabins of aircraft, departing and transit passengers are also screened for liquids in carry-on cabin baggage. All liquids, gels and aerosols must be in containers no bigger than 100ml and placed in a single transparent re-sealable plastic bag with a capacity not exceeding one litre. Only one transparent plastic bag per passenger is permitted. Please visit www.hongkongairport.com/eng/tbu/security.htm for details.
Air Passenger Departure Tax
Air passenger Departure Tax (HK$120, travellers aged 12 years and above) is usually included in the price of your ticket. Passengers who arrive and depart Hong Kong within the same day are exempt from paying the departure tax. There is also a security charge of HK$45 (normally included in the price of the airline ticket) to maintain the standards of safety, security and passenger services currently required at international airports.

Airport Facilities
Hong Kong International Airport features two bright, air-conditioned passenger terminals housing many shops, restaurants and snack bars. Other facilities include Internet access, free Wi-Fi connectivity in Terminal 1 (T1) and Terminal 2 (T2), banks, ATMs, money changers, post office & boxes, pay phones, help & courtesy phones, police report centres, nursing rooms and children’s play area, hair and beauty salons, massage service, entertainment and more.

Most of the facilities in Terminal 1 (T1) are contained in Hong Kong SkyMart, which also features duty-free and international brand outlets. Facilities in the nearby Terminal 2 (T2) can be found in Hong Kong SkyPlaza, mostly in the non-restricted area. Also, there is a golf course located near Terminal 2.

From either Terminal 1 or Terminal 2, there is direct access to a variety of transport links (Airport Express train, franchised buses, hotel limousine and private cars). There are two HKTB Visitor Centres and two Hong Kong Hotels Association Hotel Reservation Centres in the Buffer Halls at Arrivals Level.

General Business Hours
Weekdays 9am – 5pm or longer (depending on the kind of business) with some offices open Saturdays 9am – 1pm. Closed Sundays and public holidays.

Car Hire
Rental cars are not often used (and rarely needed), but chauffeur driven cars are widely available. Many hotels have limousines for hire.

Electricity
220 volts, 50 Hz. Most hotels provide adaptors.

Health Regulations
Vaccination certificates are usually not required. Check before departure as requirements may change.

Identification
It is always advisable to carry your passport or other form of identification with a photograph at all times.

Media
There are around 45 English/Chinese/bilingual newspapers, as well as locally-published international newspapers – The International Herald Tribune, The Financial Times and The Wall Street Journal Asia available at bookstores, hotels and some street vendors. There are several local TV stations as well as cable and satellite TV available in most hotels.

Population
More than 7 million people live in Hong Kong.

Postal Service
General Post Office, Hong Kong Island (2 Connaught Place, Central); Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office, Kowloon (G & 1F, Hermes House, 10 Middle Road, Tsim Sha Tsui). Enquiries hotline: +852 2921 2222 or www.hongkongpost.com

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As Ching Ming Festival in 2015 falls on a Sunday, the following day will be designated as a general holiday in substitution. However, as the day following Ching Ming Festival and Easter Monday fall on the same day, the next following day that is not itself a general holiday will be observed as an additional general holiday.
Safety
Hong Kong is remarkably safe during the day and night. Police, who are friendly and helpful, patrol frequently.

To ensure that your stay is a pleasant one, always take care of your belongings.

Water and Hygiene
The fresh water supplied by the government fully conforms to the quality recommended by the World Health Organisation. However, most people prefer to drink bottled water, which is widely available throughout the city.

Hong Kong employs strict hygiene laws and imposes HK$1,500 fines for littering. The city also maintains a high standard of facilities to better protect public health. Public washrooms and hand sanitisers can be found at most tourist sites and in shopping malls. Please help keep Hong Kong clean and beautiful! In addition, please remember to study the rules and regulations of public venues including tourist attractions and shopping malls.

Telecommunications
Hong Kong has excellent telecommunication connections with virtually everywhere in the world. Most hotels have IDD services. You can also make long distance calls from payphones around the city (call 10013 for details). Local calls from a phone booth cost HK$1 for five minutes. Should you wish to use your own mobile phone while travelling, please check to ensure that it can be used in Hong Kong and to confirm charges with mobile telephone service providers in your home country prior to departure. Alternatively, you can buy a prepaid SIM card from the retail stores of telephone companies and at convenience stores. The Discover Hong Kong Tourist SIM Card offers both voice calls and data plans with 5- and 8-day options.

Most hotels in Hong Kong offer broadband Internet access. Look for the ‘Wi-Fi.HK’ logo (www.wi-fi.hk/en) or search for the ‘Wi-Fi.HK’ SSID with your smartphone or tablet for free Wi-Fi hotspots, including at the Hong Kong International Airport, popular visitor attractions, shopping centres, coffee shops as well as premises providing GovWiFi service (www.gov.hk/en/theme/wifi/program/index.htm) such as museums, promenades and major parks. You can also access the Internet for free at most convenience stores, MTR stations and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council’s SME Centre.

Useful telephone numbers

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<td>Hong Kong International Airport</td>
<td>+852 2383 8380 / 24 Hours Hotline</td>
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