HONG KONG

Hong Kong is situated on the southeastern coast of China and spreads out over 1,100 square kilometres (425 square miles).

The main areas are Hong Kong Island, Kowloon Peninsula and the New Territories. Hong Kong Island lies just south of Kowloon and the two are separated by Victoria Harbour. The New Territories lie north of Kowloon and run up to the boundary with mainland China.

As well as making up the bulk of Hong Kong's land mass, the New Territories also include more than 260 outlying islands.

Hong Kong was a collection of fishing villages when claimed as a crown colony by Britain in 1841. At that time it was described as a "barren rock", much to the amusement of today's property barons.

More than 70 per cent of Hong Kong's total area is rural, including about 40 per cent designated as protected country parks. This means Hong Kong has one of the world's highest ratios of designated parkland.

Hong Kong's visitors seek out a wide range of natural, cultural and cosmopolitan attractions. The most popular attractions during the past few years have included:



VISA REQUIREMENTS:

Indian nationals do not require a visa to be obtained for a stay of 14 days.

HOW TO GET THERE:

Hong Kong International Airport (Chep Lap Kok) is the only international airport

FLIGHTS INTO HONG KONG:

Direct Flights:

Air India and Cathay Pacific operate direct flights to Hong Kong

There are many other airlines which connect Hong Kong indirectly from India, namely Singapore Airlines, Malaysian Airlines, Thai Airways and Srilankan Airlines

CURRENCY

The Hong Kong dollar (HK\$) is used here. There are 100 cents in a dollar. Coins, issued by the government, are bronze-coloured for 10 cents, 20 cents and 50 cents; silver-coloured for HK\$1, HK\$2, and HK\$5; nickel and bronze for HK\$10. Notes in denominations of HK\$10, HK\$20, HK\$50, HK\$500, and HK\$1,000. The Bank of China issues all of the denominations except HK\$10. Traveller's cheques and USD/EURO could be exchanged for HK\$ at foreign exchange counters in the airport and the city.

GETTING AROUND:

Public transport in Hong Kong is extremely good, covering the city and beyond with an extensive network of modern trains, ferries and buses. On Hong Kong island you'll also find an ageing network of trams - still efficient and one of the most picturesque ways to get around.

An integrated payment system is in operation. Called the "Octopuscard" it employs swipe card technology to allow you to pay for transport without using cash. You simply swipe your card at the machine on your chosen form of transport and the fare is automatically deducted from your credit.

You have to be planning on using a lot of public transport to make it worthwhile however. An octopuscard costs HKD150 (HKD50 of which is a refundable deposit, and HKD100 of which is credit). It is undoubtedly the simplest way to pay for services but is possibly only suited for longer stays or tours. Cards can be recredited using machines at transport hubs.

Hong Kong International Airport (Chep Lap Kok)

The super-modern Chek Lap Kok airport is considered one of the world's finest. Designed by British architect Norman Foster it was the fastest and largest construction project in the world, entailing the additional construction of a massive suspension bridge for transport to the city and the artificial extension of a tiny island to accommodate the airport. It is said to be the largest enclosed space in the world. Located 24 miles from Hong Kong, getting in from Chep Lap Kok airport isn't all that cheap, no matter how you do it:

Trains

Fast (very fast) and convenient, the Airport Express has three stops: Tsing Yi, West Kowloon and Central. Catch it from the Ground Transportation Centre near the exit. HKD180 for a return journey to Hong Kong Island; HKD160 to Kowloon.

Taxis

Cabs are expensive, and due to the congestion they aren't terribly fast. If you want to take a cab, make sure you catch one with a green roof for Kowloon and New Territories, one with a red roof for HK Island or a blue roofed one for Lantau Island. Budget around HKD380 for fares into downtown.

Buses

The airbus routes from the Ground Transportation Centre are all prefixed with an "A" (night bus routes are prefixed with an "N") and travel to a variety of convenient locations. Signs also indicate which hotels are served by which buses.

Dedicated airport buses are run by Cityflyer and Kowloon Motor Bus (KMB); fares range between HKD17-45 one-way depending on your destination.

Ferries

Ferry services operate between the airport and Tuen Mun in the New Territories between 06h00-22h00 daily at 30-minute intervals.

Cities	Kms	By Air	By Train	By Sea
Hong Kong - Macau	40	20 mins	N/A	55 mins
Hong Kong - Shenzhen	48	-	1 hr	55 mins

BUSINESS:

Sunday is the weekly holiday; Normal office hours are 9am-5pm on weekdays, and 9am-1pm on Saturdays. Major banks are open 9am-4:30pm on weekdays, and 9am-12:30pm on Saturdays. Closed Sundays and public holidays. The vast majority of shops are open every day throughout the year, some only closing during the Chinese New Year holiday. Many stores, especially in the tourist areas and hotels, are open all day and during evenings.

CLIMATE:

It enjoys a mild climate from the middle of September to the end of February, while the weather from May to mid-September is rather warm and humid. Eighty per cent of Hong Kong's precipitation occurs between May and September, with August registering the highest rainfall.

CLOTHING:

Hong Kong's subtropical climate means you won't be needing the winter woollies for most of the year. Loose-fitting cotton clothing generally fits the bill. The exception is from mid-December to February, when the mercury might fall to a mild 10oC (50oF). But even in the summer, it pays to bring along a light sweater - air-conditioning in some restaurants and cinemas is often turned up high. Rain showers are possible during the rainy season (around May to September), so also be sure to pack a light waterproof jacket.

TIME:

Hong Kong is 2 hrs 30 mins ahead of us

ELECTRICITY:

The standard electrical voltage in HK is 220 volts AC, 50HZ, so you will need an adaptor for your 100-volt appliances and electrical equipment.

DAILING CODE:

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TIPS

Most restaurants will levy a 10 per cent service charge but waiters will expect to be given some loose change. Restaurants that don't add a service charge will expect a 10 per cent tip. However, tipping is left to your discretion. Bellboys, porters, restroom attendants and taxi drivers will happily accept loose change

LANGUAGE:

The official languages are Chinese and English, with Cantonese the most widely spoken Chinese dialect.

INFORMATIVE WEBSITES:

www.discoverhongkong.com

CRUISES FROM HONG KONG

Star Cruises

Hit the high seas with Hong Kong's own Star Cruises, the world's third largest cruise company and an eight-time winner (since 1997) of the "Best Cruise Operator in Asia Pacific" award

conferred by TTG Asia magazine. It operates a combined fleet of ships with 30,000 lower berths.

Costa Cruises

Leading European cruise line, Costa Crociere has set up its Asia division in Hong Kong and launched a series of seasonal itineraries with its newly renovated ship, *Costa Allegra*, started in November. Embark on a journey with Costa ships that create a dreamy atmosphere where guests can savour artistic living.





MUST SEES

Victoria Peak

There's a reason why The Peak is one of the most popular attractions in Hong Kong: It is absolutely incredible! Looking down from The Peak you'll be amazed by the spectacular view of the surrounding city skyline, the world-famous Victoria Harbour and Kowloon, towering skyscrapers and peaceful green hillsides.

Getting there is an unforgettable trip. There's nothing in the world like the Peak Tram. Pulled by steel cables, the tram climbs 373 metres (about 1,200 feet). It's so steep that the buildings you pass look like they're leaning at a 45° angle! Whether you're going up or coming down, you'll love this trip.

Madame Tussauds, Hong Kong offers visitors an unprecedented hands-on multimedia experience at its celebrity waxworks museum. The world-famous attraction now features more than 100 incredible wax likenesses of stars, world leaders and sports heroes displayed in five totally interactive themed settings that are spread over three floors within the completely refurbished Peak Tower complex.



Western Market, renovated in 1991 and converted into a shopping complex, is an Edwardianstyle building featuring shops selling arts and crafts and fabric.

The Edwardian-style building, completed in 1906 has a red brick exterior with a handsome granite arch over its entrance. The market now houses shops formerly located in old alleys in the heart of Central, which sold all manner of cloth. The building is also home to traditional handicraft stalls and a number of cafes. The top floor is home to the Grand Stage where dance lovers can rendezvous and enjoy a romantic dinner.

Lan Kwai Fong

When the lights go down, the "in crowd" heads for Lan Kwai Fong, a buzzing centre of clubs, bars and restaurants. This cheerful warren of Western-style restaurants, nightclubs, delicatessens and bars is a must for night owls and people watchers. Lan Kwai Fong is an L-shaped, cobble-stoned lane surrounded by Central's cluster of skyscrapers. Nearby lanes are also buzzing with bistros and pubs in Hong Kong's trendiest nightlife area.

SoHo

Stroll along nearby Hollywood Road and you'll soon discover Hong Kong's "SoHo", the area "South of Hollywood Road". It 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. Here you'll enjoy international fare from New Orleans to Nepal, Mexico to Malaysia, Provence to Portugal.

Jumbo Kingdom & Aberdeen

Feel like dinner amidst the sumptuous surroundings of a Chinese palace? Welcome to the Jumbo Kingdom, one of Hong Kong's truly unique attractions. Since its opening in 1976 as the JumboFloating 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 a tourist icon. The multifaceted Jumbo Kingdom has a "six-star" gourmet restaurant, which provides excellent quality food featuring traditional Chinese and modern fusion dishes, an open-deck cafe and restaurant, a wine garden and a tea garden.

Aberdeen

Aberdeen is a scenic highlight of any trip around Hong Kong Island. Brightly decorated trawlers, which double as floating homes for Aberdeen's fishermen, fill a sheltered harbour whose hillsides are decked with woodland and residential towers - not to mention Hong Kong's famously glitzy floating restaurants.

Take a trip in a sampan around the old harbour to soak up this unique and disappearing atmosphere. You'll see the huge floating restaurants, too - spectacularly lit up at night even if they're no longer quite as fine as they once were. Eating on the water surrounded by this strangely chaotic but picturesque scene is something you'll never forget.





Ocean Park

The 80-hectare (200-acre) park, situated on the southern side of Hong Kong Island, features thrill rides as well as amazing aquarium exhibits and performances by various sea creatures. A cable car system links the lowland and headland sections, offering spectacular views en route. New and fun-filled entertainment facilities are introduced from time to time and a major refurbishment is underway. In addition to the new giant pandas, Ocean Park recently unveiled a fascinating Sea Jelly Spectacular, featuring more than 1,000 sea jellies of all sizes from all over the world. The whole family will enjoy SkyFair, a thrilling balloon ride where you can soar more than 100 metres into the air for a breathtaking view of the majestic south side of Hong Kong. Other popular additions have been the Abyss Turbo Drop, the Mine Train, Amazing Amazon, the Flying Swing and the Film Fantasia Simulator Ride.





Open-Air Markets

Market shopping is a fascinating part of the Hong Kong experience. Visit the Ladies' Market in Mong Kok for inexpensive fashion items or Yau Ma Tei's Temple Street Night Market for anything from T-shirts to electronics. As well as souvenir markets, visitors can enjoy markets dedicated to birds and flowers.

Giant Buddha & Po Lin Monastery

No trip to Hong Kong would be complete without a visit to the world's tallest, outdoor, seated bronze Buddha which sits serenely atop Ngong Ping plateau amid the spectacular mountain scenery of Lantau Island. The eyes, lips, incline of the head and even the right hand (raised to deliver a blessing to all), combine to lend great depth of character and dignity to this extraordinary statue.

The majestic figure of the seated Buddha is 34 metres high, was cast in China and took over 10 years to complete. Weighing 250 tonnes, it was unveiled in 1993 amid deeply religious ceremonies. Visitors can climb the 268 steps to reach the platform where the Buddha is seated.

Besides attracting Buddhists from all over Asia, the magnificent figure with its compelling presence almost instantly transformed the remote Po Lin Monastery with its devout monks into a must-visit on tourist schedules. The Po Lin Monastery is set amid spectacular mountain scenery on the 520-metre high Ngong Ping plateau. Besides admiring the massive statue there is also much to see and do at the monastery itself with its various figures of gods and other colourful manifestations of aspects of the Buddhist religion. You can even enjoy a vegetarian lunch prepared by monks.



Hong Kong Disneyland

Hong Kong Disneyland invites visitors into the legendary fairytale kingdom that celebrates the spirit of fantasy, the world of tomorrow and a forever-young sense of adventure. Mickey Mouse will welcome you to the happiest place on Earth complete with attractions exclusively designed for Hong Kong.

Families visiting the Hong Kong Disneyland Resort will have magical journeys through four themed lands, namely Main Street U.S.A., Fantasyland, Adventureland and Tomorrowland, plus two Disney-style hotels. Hong Kong Disneyland will offer a diverse range of food at various restaurants in the park. In addition there are specialty stores selling Disney memorabilia and souvenirs in each themed land and at the two hotels.





Repulse

Bay

Repulse Bay is one of the most accessible and picturesque beaches on the south side of Hong Kong Island.

Sik Sik Yuen Wong Tai Sin Temple

Decorated in a riot of colours, Wong Tai Sin is an excellent example of a traditional Chinese temple. Yellow latticework and multicoloured carvings complement the temple's red pillars and golden roof.

In perpetuation of such an unselfish philosophy, the temple preaches three traditional religions - Taoism, Buddhism and Confucianism.

There is a small entrance fee to these areas, which are open from 9am to 4pm daily, apart from Monday. Other areas of the temple are open daily from 7am to 5:30pm.



Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre

The Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre is one of Hong Kong's defining landmarks, with its distinctive curved three-tier roof and vast expanse of glass walls creating a dramatic vista.

Stanley Market

A popular market town on the sunny south side of Hong Kong Island, Stanley's relaxed ambience, crisp sea environs and bargain buys have made it world famous. Seven days a week the open market around Stanley New Street and Stanley Market Road throbs with the passing parade of life as bargain-hunters from all over the world join in the fun of haggling with shopkeepers and stallholders after swooping on brand-name clothing and accessories, or simply irresistible souvenirs, ornaments and other Oriental knick-knacks. The market is open from 10:30am to 6:30pm.

Symphony of Lights

This spectacular multimedia display, already named the "World's Largest Permanent Light and Sound Show" by Guinness World Records, has been further expanded to include 44 buildings on both sides of Victoria Harbour. The show creates an all-round vision of coloured lights, laser beams and searchlights performing a stunning, unforgettable spectacle synchronised to music and narration that celebrates the energy, spirit and diversity of Hong Kong and is staged every night at 8:00 p.m.

There are five main themes — Awakening, Energy, Heritage, Partnership and the finale, Celebration. On festive days, special pyrotechnic displays launched from the middle of the harbour add extra sparkle to the show.

For the best view of A Symphony of Lights, take a harbour cruise or head to the waterfront promenades on either side of Victoria Harbour*. The show, organised by the Tourism Commission, is a must-see event on any visit to Hong Kong.

*Vantage Points:

- Along the Tsim Sha Tsui waterfront between the Avenue of Stars and the Hong Kong Cultural Centre
- 2. On the waterfront promenade outside the Golden Bauhinia Square in Wan Chai
- 3. Aboard a harbour cruise**



Clock Tower

The old Clock Tower near the Star Ferry concourse in Tsim Sha Tsui is a declared monument and a landmark from the Age of Steam, when it formed part of the Kowloon - Canton Railway terminus.

Erected in 1915, the distinctive 44-metre red brick and granite tower is a graceful reminder of those Colonial times. But over many pre-war years it had far greater significance for

innumerable of Chinese migrants for whom the former terminus was the conduit to new lives either in Hong Kong or by ship to distant destinations overseas.

Today, the site of the historic railway station is occupied by the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, its curving roof and futuristic features creating an unusual background to the Clock Tower.

Avenue of the Stars

Discover what makes Hong Kong the Hollywood of the East at this tribute to the professionals who have contributed to the territory's hundred-year history of filmmaking. The Avenue of Stars features commemorative plaques, handprints of movie celebrities, descriptive milestones, kiosks with movie memorabilia, a towering Hong Kong Film Awards statuette, and a life-size statue of the legendary kung-fu action star, Bruce Lee. The location on the Tsim Sha Tsui promenade offers incredible panoramic views of the famed Victoria Harbour and the memorable Hong Kong skyline. It is also a good place to watch the spectacular A Symphony of Lights, a nightly multimedia show with added pyrotechnics on special occasions.

Tsing Ma Bridge

The magnificent Tsing Ma Bridge, the world's longest span suspension bridge carrying both road and rail traffic, is the key connection between Hong Kong and its international airport on Lantau Island. The bridge is 2.2 kilometres long, with the main span measuring 1,377 metres. The towers supporting the bridge are 206 metres high with a clearance of 62 metres. Approximately 49,000 tonnes of structural steel was used in the construction of the bridge, which cost HK\$7.14 billion to build. This was only 5% of the total cost of HK\$155.3 billion for all the Airport Core Projects, acclaimed as one of the top 10 construction projects of the 20th Century - rivalling such projects as the building of the Panama Canal, the Anglo-French Channel Tunnel and the Golden Gate Bridge

The bridge consists of a six-lane open roadway with two railway lines and a two-lane road unclosed beneath. If a particularly severe typhoon strikes Hong Kong, and the bridge has to be closed to road traffic, the trains and some road traffic can still get back and forth to the airport with passengers and their luggage.

Opened mid-1997, this engineering marvel is now Hong Kong's proud new landmark, massively imposing by day, and a twinkling network of lights by night. The Lantau Link View Point and Visitors' Centre north of the bridge on Tsing Yi provide excellent views of this and two adjoining bridges.

Man Mo Temple

It is a picturesque tribute to the God of Literature (Man) and the God of War (Mo). The temple is located about halfway along the road and a stop in its quiet, incense-shrouded interior makes a pleasant break. You can see giant incense coils hanging overhead.

At the western end of the road is Hollywood Road Park, where a photo display shows the original old settlement close to this area.



THE POPULAR TOURS IN AND FROM HONG KONG:

Half Day City day tour:

View the Victoria Peak which at 1503 feet above the sea level gives a breathtaking panoramic view of the city. Visit Aberdeen Harbour and catch a glimpse of the life-style of Hong Kong's remaining fisher folk. Also visit the most famous beach in Hong Kong - Repulse Bay Beach.

Daily at 8 am from the Hotel lobby and duration of approx 04 hrs.

Disneyland Full day tour:

A full day tour of fun, adventure and entertainment to Disney Land, located just 24 minutes from downtown Hong Kong on picturesque Lantau Island, even the view of Hong Kong Disneyland is simply out of this world. The park consists of four themed lands similar to those found in the other Disneyland parks around the world. Enjoy the 'Lion King'- A colorful pageant of music and dance inspired by celebrating Disney's animated classic. See the delightful Mickey's Philarmagic - Join Maestro Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and a cast of their pals for a dazzlingly immersive 3-D attraction that bursts forth with amazement! It's a hilarious adventure through movies, music and mayhem. Be a rocket jockey and blast into the outer-galaxy past shooting stars and other-worldly celestial satellites in 'Space Mountain' Today be dazzled by the spectacular Disney Parade where all your loved Disney characters come to life. These are just a few of the many things you can enjoy in Disneyland.

Daily at 8 am from the Hotel lobby and duration of tour approx 08 hrs

Ocean Park full day tour:

Ocean Park is one of the largest oceanariums in the world and the largest of its kind in S.E. Asia with an area of 870,000 square metres. It features aquariums, dolphin shows, thrilling rides, Asia's largest film simulator ride and the giant pandas. Come and visit the 10,000 square meters of Middle Kingdom and watch the amazing 5,000 year-old history of China unfold before you. Ocean Park has shows, Parks and many other attractions to keep you busy, such as a cable car which offers an impressive 360 degree view of the Park and an Ocean Theatre where adorable marine mammal stars like dolphins and sea lions can show off their spectacular tricks to thrill you. See a pair of giant pandas, An An and Jia Jia and experience the 'Abyss' for the ride of a lifetime! Before being transferred back to your hotel, we will take you to a jewellery factory to view the art of jewellery-making by hand.

Daily at 08 am from the hotel lobby and the duration of the tour is approx 07 hrs

Macau Excursion

On this tour, once can experience the charm of the Chinese and Portuguese heritages embraced in the array of modernised architecture. After arriving in Macau from Hong Kong, you will be able to take a glimpse at the statue of Kun Iam which presides over the Macau waterfront. Then it is on to the landmark of Macau (Ruins of St. Paul's), a church dating back to 1602 but damaged by fire in 1835. The fine art carvings and statues of the church miraculously can still be seen on the surviving facade. A visit to the Museum of Macau will be followed by the observation lounge of Macau Tower, standing at 223M above ground to view all the Macau's

landmarks and historical sites. Then see the Temple of A-Ma which was built 400 years ago. The tour will also give you the opportunity to try your luck in a casino and finish by having a glance at the Lotus Flower in Full Bloom.

Daily at 7 am from the hotel lobby and the duration of tour is approx 10 hours

Shenzhen Leisure (Window of the World)

The tour begins by taking a 50 minutes catamaran ride to Shenzhen. After arriving at Shenzhen, you will visit a local kindergarten to experience the school life of local kids. Then move onto a free market to see the local people's bargaining power, followed by a visit to the Mineral Museum where geologic mineral can be seen. Next you can enjoy the most popular activities, experience the famous reflex foot massage before having lunch at the local restaurant. After lunch, you will visit the highlights of theme park, Window of the world - See the world's in an at-a-glance visit, and you will be amazed by a total of 118 scenic spots offered in this park.

Daily at 7 am from the hotel lobby and the duration of tour is approx 11 hours

Some of the Hotels in Hong Kong

5 Star Hotels

Renaissance Kowloon Inter-continental Grand Standford Sheraton hotel (TsimSha Tsui) Regal Hong Kong Conrad

Conrad Hotel is one of the best properties in Hong Kong with a central location and great services.

4 Star Hotels

Charter House
Royal View
Royal Pacific
Novotel Century
Panorama
Excelsior
Regal Oriental
Regal Riverside (Kowloon city)
Regal Kowloon (Tsim Sha Tsui East)
Harbour Plaza Metropolis

3 Star Hotels

Panda BP Int'l House Shamrock Imperial Hotel (Tsim Sha Tsui)

Disney Hotels:

Disneyland hotel - 5 Star Hollywood hotel - 4 Star

INDIAN RESTAURANTS IN HONG KONG

Name of Restaurant	Address and Contact Nos.
Saffron Restaurant	Wing on Plaza, UG/F 1-4, 62 Mody Road, Tsim Sha Tsui,
	Kowloon
	Tel: (852) 27241007
Gaylord	1/F Ashley Centre, 23-25 Ashley Road, Tsim Sha Tsui,
	Kowloon
	Tel: (852) 23761001
Bombay Dream	2 nd floor, Eastern flower centre, 22-24 Cameron Road,
	Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon
	Tel: (852) 29710009
New Sangeet	Shop UG-06-08, upper ground floor, Toyo Mall, Inter-
	continental plaza, 94 Graville Road, Tsim Sha Tsui,
	Kowloon
	Tel: (852) 23695619
India Today Restaurant	Shop 1A, 1/F, Million City 26-30 Elgin Street, Central
Life and Constitution	Tel: +852 2801 5959
International Curry House	G/F 26-28 Tai Wong Street East, Wan Chai
India Taday Dastayyant	Tel: +852 2529 0088
India Today Restaurant	Shop B, 1/F, Sentact Building 349A King's Road, North Point
	Tel: +852 3104 2215; +852 3104 2216
Jashan Celebrates Indian Cuisine	1/F, Amber Lodge 23 Hollywood Road, Central
	Tel: +852 3105 5300; +852 3105 5311
Tandoor Indian Restaurant	1/F, Lyndhurst Tower 1 Lyndhurst Terrace, Central
	Tel: +852 2845 2262
Veda Restaurant	G/F 8 Arbuthnot Road, Central
	Tel: +852 2868 5885
Viceroy Restaurant	Shop B, 2/F, Sun Hung Kai Centre, 30 Harbour Road,
	Wan Chai
	Tel: +852 2827 7777
	Fax: +852 2827 4497

SHOPPING

Hong Kong is the haven for some great shopping and the options are immense. During the winter (late December to February) and the summer sale (July to September) major discounts are available for the avid shopper.

KOWLOON SIDE

Tsim Sha Tsui

The area has loads of department stores.

Granville Road

This is a must for all your bargain shopping as it is lined with factory outlets.

Griffon Street

The hotel Kimberly is on this street. This is one complete line of shops on either side and has some very good bargain buys. Shops like Baleno, Bossini dot the streets.

This street is a 15 min walk from the Tsim Sha Tsui Metro station and the walk enroute also has the Disney shop.

Ocean Terminal Shopping Mall

This is the largest covered Mall in the city. It is on Canton Road and starts from the Star Ferry Terminal from the Marco Polo Hotel and extends all the way to the other end in a straight line to the Royal Pacific Hotel. One can spend the whole day here and what is the USP here is that being covered one can shop here during any season and nothing can deter you!

Canton Road

This road is opposite Harbor City and is the best place to pick up all your designer wear, both local and international.

Mong Kok

Mong Kok is most famous for the hustle and bustle of its fascinating markets.

The Ladies' Market on Tung Choi Street in Mong Kok, is Kowloon's most popular day-long street market devoted to shoppers seeking bargain-priced clothing, accessories and household knick-knacks. Many stalls also sell items for men and children.

Mong Kok's Goldfish Market is a favorite source of supply of aquariums, which are perceived to bring good luck if correctly positioned according to fung shui principles in the house. Nearby is the favorite gathering place for Hong Kong's songbird owners, who meet at a Bird Garden situated in Yuen Po Street in Mong Kok. One of Hong Kong's most colorful specialist street markets, the Flower Market, offers sweet scents, exotic blossoms and fortune-bringing houseplants.

There is a metro station right in the middle of the market so its very easy to access. Come night and the whole place is transformed what with the neon lights and the sea of people.

A major part of the area is closed for traffic and is a pedestrian area. Just a point to remember here that you must take care of your bags!

Sham Shui Po

Sham Shui Po is renowned for its electronic gadgets. In Sham Shui Po you'll be able to pick up virtually any computer products at a competitive price. Apliu Street, also in this area, is a market with an abundance of character. Focused on nearly-new electronic goods, it's a good place to soak up the Hong Kong market experience and maybe even pick up a bargain. To go there, take Exit C2 from Sham Shui Po MTR Station.

HONG KONG ISLAND

The Landmark, The Galleria, Prince's Building, Alexandra House and the IFC mall are the main shopping centers, with designer shops and exclusive brand names in abundance.

Two parallel streets in Central known as "The Lanes", Li Yuen Street East and Li Yuen Street West are a riot of stalls hawking everything from inexpensive clothing, watches and costume jewellery to luggage and shoes. Situated between Queen's Road Central and Des Voeux Road Central, the market is open daily from 10am to 7pm.

Stanley Street is known for its range and reasonably priced photographic equipment. Hollywood Road winds above the Central business district and is Hong Kong's antiques row. Farther west towards Sheung Wan is a bustle of sidewalk hawkers on Central's stepped "ladder" streets.

Western District

Western Market in Sheung Wan is a handsomely renovated Edwardian building filled with Chinese handicraft stores and fabric shops. It is situated at the corner of Connaught Road and Morrison Street, Sheung Wan. The area to the west is famous for its small Chinese-style shops selling dried seafood and medicinal herbs.

Cat Street bazaar is best known for stalls and shops selling antiques, such as watches, old coins and stone carvings.

The area is also home to many interesting Chinese herbal medicine stores.

Admiralty

Admiralty too is famous for its brand-name luxury goods.

Pacific Place, one of Hong Kong's most popular malls, is the ideal place to go in this area. You'll find perfect gift ideas within its 130-plus outlets, including the Lane Crawford and Seibu department stores and top designer labels. Pacific Place is connected to the Admiralty MTR Station.

Wan Chai

Wan Chai's streets are steeped in history and offer an amazing range of shopping. Along Queen's Road East you can find a number of excellent rattan and Chinese furniture shops which will happily arrange to have your purchases sent home.

Spring Garden Lane is a great place to pick up clothes at very competitive prices. The market stalls exclusively sell products originally meant for export, meaning quality and price are very competitive. It also connects to local wet and dry markets, and so offers a multicultural experience in the heart of Wan Chai. Spring Garden Lane is in between Queen's Road East and Johnston Road.

Causeway Bay

Causeway Bay is known locally as "Little Japan" because of the major Japanese department stores in the area.

Shops specializing in shoes, electrical appliances and fashion for young people are found in abundance. Taking a stroll through the many shopping malls, including Times Square, Caroline Centre, World Trade Centre, The Lee Gardens, Lee Theatre Plaza, Fashion Island and Island Beverley, reveals a strong focus on fashion and food. In Square, in Windsor House, is known for a wide range of computer products.

Causeway Bay is full of surprises, with a mini shopper's paradise in its heart, sure to astonish. Jardine's Crescent is great for inexpensive clothing, accessories and domestic goods - and all at great value. Nearby, Jardine's Bazaar stocks traditional dried foods and bean curd (tofu). To get there, take Exit F from Causeway Bay MTR Station.

Stanley Market

Stroll through the markets at one of Hong Kong's most famous coastal areas. Stanley Market is a warren of stalls, shops and restaurants. Historic lanes are jam-packed with vendors selling Chinese paintings, handicrafts and furniture, silk collectibles, curios and a wide variety of Hong Kong souvenirs. Open from around 10:00am to 6:00pm daily

MACAU

Macau is a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China since 20 December 1999, and, like Hong Kong, benefits from the principle of "one country, two systems". The tiny SAR is growing in size - with more buildings on reclaimed land - and in the number and diversity of its attractions. The greatest of these continues to be Macau's unique society, with communities from the East and West complementing each other, and the many people who come to visit.

LOCATION & AREA

The Macau Special Administrative Region (MSAR) is a part of China's territory. It is located on the Southeast coast of China to the western bank of the Pearl River Delta. Bordering on Guangdong Province, it located 60km from Hong Kong and 145km from the city of Guangzhou.

TIME

Macau is 8 hours ahead of GMT. It is 2 ½ hours ahead of India

LANGUAGE

Chinese and Portuguese are the official languages, English is generally used in trade, tourism and commerce.

CURRENCY

The Pataca (MOP\$) is Macau's official currency. The HongKong Dollar is also accepted here

INTERNATIONAL DIALING CODE

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CLIMATE

Moderately warm and similar to Hong Kong

DRESS

It is usually casual even in the casinos. Cotton or light clothing is recommended for summer while woolen clothing and sometimes a top-coat for the winter. Sweaters and jackets are useful for the cooler evenings from October to April.

WATER

Macau's water is supplied directly from Mainland China and is purified. Chlorine is added for extra protection. Distilled drinking water is supplied in all hotel rooms and in restaurants.

Tap water is safe to drink both in Macau and on the islands. Its quality is regularly checked and guaranteed by the Health Department according to international standards.

ELECTRICITY

Electricity in Macau is at 220V, 50Hz. The power plugs used in Macau are of the three-pin, square-shaped or round-shaped type. It is suggested to check before using an electrical appliance.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Macau is a very safe place. There are police stations and reporting centres throughout the territory and for emergency dial 999. There are also two new 24 hour emergency hotline numbers 110 and 112 meant to facilitate emergency calls by tourists from the mainland and abroad.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Local calls on public phones cost MOP\$1.00. Phone cards can be purchased for MOP\$50.00, MOP\$100.00 or MOP\$150.00 and they can be used as well as coins in public phones located all around the city and the islands. In the busiest areas there are also credit card phones. If you would like to use your mobile phone while in Macau, please contact the information services, dialing 1000(CTM), 1118(Hutchison Telecom) or 1628(SmarTone).

HOW TO GET THERE:

By Air

Helicopters

East Asia Airlines and Heli Express Limited co-operates aircraft between the helipads on the Macau and Hong Kong Ferry terminals. Each flight takes only approximately 16 minutes. Macau to Hong Kong service operates from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. and the Hong Kong to Macau service operates from 9:30 a.m. to 10:59 p.m.

The helicopter service between Macau Ferry Terminal and Shenzhen Baoan International Airport, PRC is also provided. The journey takes about 15 minutes at day and approximately 25

minutes at night. Macau to Shenzhen service operates at 9:45 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. and the Shenzhen to Macau service operates at 11:45 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., and 8:30 p.m.

Aircrafts

Tourists can use the Macau International Airport for travelling to several destinations in the region on direct flights or catch connecting flights to different portsof Asia, Europe or America. The airport is located on Taipa Island and is 15 minutes away from the Macau Ferry Terminal, 20 minutes from the Barrier Gate and only 10 minutes away from the COTAI Frontier Post. It operates 24 hours a day.

Bv Sea

Hong Kong has many facilities for Macau-bound travellers. The main sea terminal and heliport are located in Shun Tak Centre, on the waterfront West of Central District on Hong Kong Island. It is above Sheung Wan MTR station (Mass Transit Railway) and next to a terminus for buses and minibuses from many parts of Hong Kong, including the A2 Airbus from the airport.

Passengers are advised to be at the terminal at least 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time, in order to complete immigration formalities.

To and from Hong Kong

Tourists can find quite a number of jetfoils and Catamarans available, run by TurboJET or First Ferry, which differ in speed, comfort and price. Trips are made between the Hong Kong Ferry Terminal (located in the Shun Tak Centre at Sheung Wan) and the Macau Ferry Terminal (located in the Outer Harbour). The China Ferry Terminal is located on the Tsimshatsui waterfront alongside Harbour City, on the Kowloon side of the harbour. It is used for Catamaran sailings to and from Macau, and is convenient for visitors staying in Tsimshatsui hotels. The trip takes about an average of 60 - 75 mins.

To and from Shenzhen

The Yuet Tung Shipping Co. offers a ferry service departing from Macau (at the end of Av. Almeida Ribeiro, Rua das Lorchas, near the Master Hotel, Pier 14) at 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m and 8:15 p.m. Tickets approximately cost MOP\$129 for adults and MOP\$78 for children. Passengers departing from She Kou (Shenzhen) can travel at 8:15 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 3:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The trip takes about one hour and twenty minutes. Please call (853) 2857 4478 for more details.

TurboJET's service also extends to carrying passengers to and from Shenzhen. The company offers trips between Macau and Shenzhen Fu Yong Ferry Terminal (09:45a.m., 10:45 a.m.*, 12:30 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. departing from Macau; 10:30 a.m.*, 1:30 p.m.and 5:30 p.m. departing from Shenzhen). The journey is just over 1 hour. Regular fares vary from HK\$171 to HK\$271. For more information, please visit

* Available on Saturday and Sunday.

Bv Land

There are two gateways available, the Barrier Gate and the COTAI Frontier Post. The Barrier Gate operates from 7:00 AM to midnight. The COTAI Frontier Post at the Taipa-Coloane Reclaimed Area operates from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

To and from major cities in Grangdong Province, mainland China

The Kee Kwan Motor Road Co. offers an air-conditioned bus service between Macau and major cities in Guangdong Province during 7:15 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Buses depart from the bus stop near the Master Hotel (at the end of Av. Almeida Ribeiro and Rua das Lorchas). Tel: (853) 2893 3888.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

All visitors must hold a passport with at least 06 months validity. No visa is required for Indian nationals for a stay up to 30 days.

CUSTOMS

On arrival

Visitors are usually subject only to routine inspections. The importation of firearms without special permission is not allowed as well as other illegal and dangerous items. Drug trafficking is punished by law!

Other items are not restricted nor subject to the importation duties, providing they are carried in reasonable quantities and contents.

On departure

There are no export duties in Macau: antiques, gold, jewelry, radios and cameras among other items are duty free articles.

However, Hong Kong SAR customs authorities will allow visitors, aged 18 or above, one litre of alcoholic liquor and 60 cigarettes or 15 cigars or 75 grammes of other manufactured tobacco into the Hong Kong SAR duty free. Visitors holding Hong Kong Identity Cards must have spent 24 hours or longer outside Hong Kong in order to be qualified for the above duty-free concessions.

EMBARKATION FEE

Macau requires a departure fee of MOP\$19, which is normally included in the ferry ticket price.

ENTERTAINMENT HIGHLIGHTS IN MACAU

GREYHOUND RACES

The Greyhound races (dog races unique only to Macau) are held on Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 19:25 hrs to 23:00 hrs.

There are 16 games on every racing evening

The cost of entry for a single person is MOP \$10.00 which is usable for betting on one race

Address: The Canidrome on Avenida General Castelo Branco

Public buses to Canidrome: 1, 1A, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 9A, 23, 25, 26, 26A, 32, 33 & 34

HORSE RACES

The Macau Jockey Club is equipped with modern facilities and has assembled a cosmopolitan group of trainers, riders and administrators while horses are being imported from several countries in order to provide racing of international standards. With private boxes and airconditioned grandstand, Club members and public can enjoy the races, whether watching them live, on the Diamond Vision or the closed circuit television monitors. Chinese and European restaurants are available

Horse race takes place twice a week and the race program has to be checked.

Admission Fee for the A/C area is MOP \$20.00 and the public Stand has NO admission fee.

Public buses to Jockey Club: 11, 15, 22, 28A, 30, 33, 34, 35 & AP1.

GO KARTING

At the end of the causeway linking Taipa with Coloane is a karting circuit and grandstand, which is visited by locals and foreigners at weekends, either for practicing or for watching the races.

CASINOS

There are plenty of casinos in Macau offering probably the widest range of games in the world, including baccarat, blackjack, roulette etc. Visitors are advised to carry their passports while

visiting the casinos. Casinos are open 24 hours a day. No tip required. It is recommended that visitors read signs at the entrances to chance only what they can afford.

SIGHTSEEING OPTIONS IN MACAU

A-Ma Temple

Legend goes that Macau got her name from the deity A-Ma-Gau, the seafarer's goddess after whom the beautifully carved A-ma temple was built. This temple was built at the spot where the goddess re-appeared to the fisherman during the early 16th Century. The temple is worth the visit for its beautifully tilted roofs, spectacular views and lion dances on weekends. Buses: 1, 1A, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 10A, 11, 18, 21, 21A, 28B & 34

The Ruins of St Paul

For those who are keen to learn more about Macau's past a visit to the ruins of St.Paul is a must. What we see today at the ruins- the magnificent façade and the grand staircase was once part of the greatest church of Macau. A fire completely destroyed the church, leaving behind a symbol of architecture of the early Portuguese settlement in Macau Buses: 2, 3, 3A, 5, 7, 8A, 10, 10A, 11, 18, 19, 21, 21A

Senado Square

In the heart of Macau, lies the fabulous Senado Square - almost straight out of storybook Europe. Most incredible is the pavement itself - a symphony of "waves" designed in typical Portuguese style. And in true European fashion, charming little streets extend from the Square into flea markets selling bags, clothes, snacks, antiques and other exciting items Senado Square is just another example of the beautiful Portuguese heritage in Macau.





NIGHTLIFE IN MACAU

Nightlife in Macau is famous for its variety, its frantic pace and constant change. For night owls this is a city that never sleeps, with plenty of bars, shops and restaurants, as well as casinos, open all night long. Visitors will have no problem if they wish to get a delicious meal or go dancing in the middle of the night. There is a great variety of night entertainment in Macau. If you are looking for bars and pubs, you will find a great number of them along the Avenida Sun Yat Sen close to the Kum Iam Statue and the Cultural Centre. With its picturesque location, facing the Outer Harbour and Pearl River, you can enjoy the music and the wine while watching the boats gliding by. The music is completely cosmopolitan, with bars throbbing to the rhythms of Brazil, Portugal, England, Africa and every part of Asia. Likewise the songs will come in languages from around the world. In some bars there are live bands performing at the clients' request, for instance in the bars and pubs of five star hotels like the Emperor Hotel, Holiday Inn and Mandarin Oriental.

CRAZY PARIS SHOW

The Crazy Paris show has (temporarily) changed its venue to a Restaurant Portas do Sol located at the Hotel Lisboa. They have Chinese dinner served at 20:30 hrs with live band music in between the dinner followed by a 20 minutes Crazy Paris show at 22:00 hrs

The whole package costs MOP \$250.00.

JAI ALAI SHOW

In the Jai Alai Show Palace, on the 2nd Floor of the Jai Alai Complex there are continuous cabaret style performances every night from 7:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

MUSEUMS

MUSEUM PASS

At the cost of MOP\$25 for adults and MOP\$12 for children under 18 years old and senior over 60 years old, visitors can buy a Museum Pass, which entitles to one free entry, within a period of 5 days to each of the following museums: Grand Prix Museum, Wine Museum, Maritime Museum, Lin Zexu Museum, Museum of Art and Museum of Macau. Museum Pass may be purchased at any of the above Museums

GRAND PRIX MUSEUM

Address: Rua Luis Gonzaga Gomes, 431, basement (Tourism Activities Centre-CAT).

Time: Everyday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Closed on Tuesdays).

Tickets: Under 10 and over 60: Free. From 11 to 18 years of age: 5 MOP\$

Adults: 10 MOPS\$

Visitors can also visit the Wine Museum (located in the basement of the same building), paying

a joint ticket of 20 MOPS\$

To get there: Buses no. 1A, 3,3A, 10,10A, 10B, 12,17, 23, 28A, 28B, 28C, and 32, AP1.

WINE MUSEUM

Address: Rua Luis Gonzaga Gomes, 431, basement (Tourism Activities Centre-CAT).

Time: Everyday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Closed on Tuesdays).

Tickets: Under 10 and over 60: Free.

From 11 to 18 years: 5 MOPS\$

Adults: 15 MOPS\$ (including wine tasting).

To get there: Buses no. 1A, 3,3A, 10,10A, 10B, 12,17,23,28A, 28B, 28C, and 32, AP1.

Visitors can also visit the Grand Prix Museum (located in the basement of the same building), paying a joint ticket of 20 MOPS\$

For more info

http://www.macautourism.gov.mo/

MACAU TOWER

Soaring 338 metres above the city, the Macau Tower is the 10th highest freestanding tower in the world and the 8th tallest in Asia. It stands taller than Auckland's Sky Tower, Paris' Eiffel and Sydney's AMP Tower

Skywalk X

Without handrail, glass wall or grate at a thrilling altitude of 233 meters aboveground, walk the outer rim of the Tower with complete safety - thanks to the world's first overhead safety system. No special technical skills or level of fitness required - just a cool head and nerves of steel.

The Package includes certificate and print photo \$160 / \$190

Sky Jump

A new attraction on the Macau Tower, the sky jump takes visitors on a 20 second flight over the breath-taking view of Macau.

Mast Climb

Macau Tower is the one and only tower in the world that takes its guests to its very top. A true test of stamina and courage for those who dare to conquer Macau's highest summit at 338 meters!

You can also just enjoy a meal at the Tower. Located on the 60th floor of the Tower, is the 360° Café which serves a buffet of international delicacies with an emphasis on West and South East Asian cuisine. The friendly service and relaxed atmosphere make it a great venue for special occasions, romantic dinners or simply an evening out to enjoy a dazzling view of Macau.

Designed to capitalize on its magnificent setting beside the Pearl River, The Macau Tower can host conferences from small meetings of 05 persons to large seminars of 1600. The Conference Centre provides the perfect location for events intended to be as extraordinary as they are successful.

- Grand Hall divisible into 8 rooms to cater to conferences and seminars
- Salon rooms are suitable for smaller meetings and private events
- Accommodates up to 1,600 people for a seminar
- Seats up to 1,000 people for banqueting
- Unique open terrace to host cocktail parties and intimate gatherings
- Professional team to cater for all events



Fisherman's Wharf - Macau's first theme park

The 55-minute ferry ride from Hong Kong beckons you to visit the Fisherman's Warf - Macau's first theme park. Located just adjacent to the ferry terminal, the Wharf is the latest addition to Macau's glitzy nightlife and ancient heritage.

Opened on 1st January 06 and free entry for visitors, the Wharf combines entertainment, retail, food, hotel, marina and even excellent convention and exhibition facilities under one roof!

The Fisherman's Wharf is divided to the following 3 sections: -

Head to the Dynasty Wharf to shop and shop until you drop. This section done up in typical Tang dynasty architecture houses the best of international brands under one roof.

- ✓ The East meets West is the perfect venue to mix business and pleasure. Children will love the exciting live shows like the 'Flying Camels' & 'Aladdin's Express', family rides and other exciting theme settings. The convention facility and grand amphitheatre on the other hand offers the perfect venue for all your corporate meetings and other functions.
- ✓ For those looking to experience the difference of Macau, the Latin & European architecture of the Legend Wharf is the right place for you. Check into the 'Rocks'- A Victorian hotel wherein each room has its own balcony to sit back and enjoy the natural beauty of Macau's outer harbour. If you crave for more then enjoy the best of the Wharf on your own fully serviced private yacht at the well-equipped marina. Finally visit the 'Babylon' a boutique casino that offers a totally new gaming experience to visitors.

HOTELS IN MACAU:

5 Star Hotels

Grande Waldo Landmark Hotel Lisboa Mandarin Oriental StarWorld Hotel The Westin Resort Macau Venetian Macau

4 Star Hotels

Golden Crown China Hotel Holiday Inn Macau Metropark Hotel President Hotel Rio Hotel

3 Star Hotels

Emperor Hotel Grand Emperor Hotel Metrópole Sintra

Venetian Macau...Asia's 1st Integrated Resort Hotel

The opening of the Venetian® Macao-Resort-Hotel makes Macau one of Asia's most exciting entertainment destinations and most preferred convention and exhibition venues.

The area of the Venetian is large enough to hold ninety Boeing 747 jumbo jets; nowhere else in Asia will you find such a rare combination of facilities, attractions and amenities than at this 3,000 suite flagship property.



Where Shopping is an Adventure...

Where else in Asia will you come across a property that is twice the size of the original Venetian of the US & which houses more than 350 stores showcasing the best of designer labels & other favourite retailers.

Where Entertainment never stops...

There's one more reason to visit the Venetian - The exciting entertainment as never before. The Venice inspired "Baroque Theme Mall; the Gondola rides across all 3 canals & not be missed the Unique & Unrivalled street style entertainment". It has everything to enthral you under one roof.

Name of Restaurant	Address and Contact Nos.
Aruna Indian Curry House	Av. Amizade 779B, Edif, Chong Yu,
	Block 2, Loja O, G/F, Macau
	Tel: (853) 28701850
The Nepalese Cruise	Rua De Bradance, 47BC Edf. Mei Tou
	Kok, B1.7.R/C (BC), Taipa Island, Macau
	Tel: (853) 28842724

SHENZHEN

Window of the World

The Window of the World is a theme park located in the western part of the city of Shenzhen in the People's Republic of China. It has about 130 reproductions of some of the most famous tourist attractions in the world squeezed into 480,000 square metres. The 108 meter (354 ft) tall Eiffel Tower dominates the skyline and the sight of the Pyramids and the Taj Mahal all in proximity to each other are all part of the slightly kitsch appeal of this theme park.

There are also a wide selection of international restaurants and mini exhibitions on famous figures from world history. Window of the World allows you to eat Mexican food, see the Niagara Falls then wander around Angkor Wat. The site takes at least half a day to explore and every day ends with a firework and laser show.





