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1. Geographical location

Macau also called as Macao is officially the Macao region of the republic peoples of China and is bordered by the city of Zhuhai in Mainland china. It is the most densely populated region in the world. One of its more striking landmarks is Macau tower which is 38m high where that can provide the viewers with the sweeping view of the city.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

The Southern And Eastern Prefecture Of The City Is Covered By The South China Sea And Away From The City; Pearl River Is Located Which Has The Average Area Of 9,500 M. From The Macau Country, Hong Kong Lies At A Distance Of 64km To Its East Across The Delta. Zhuhai Is The Mainland Of China To The North Side And The Pear River Estuary To The East And South. Northwestern Side Of The Country Zhuhai Is Located From The Average Distance Of 8.7kms. On The Southern Side, South China Sea Is Located Within The Distance Of 751kms. This Is The Marginal Sea That Is A Part Of The Pacific Ocean.



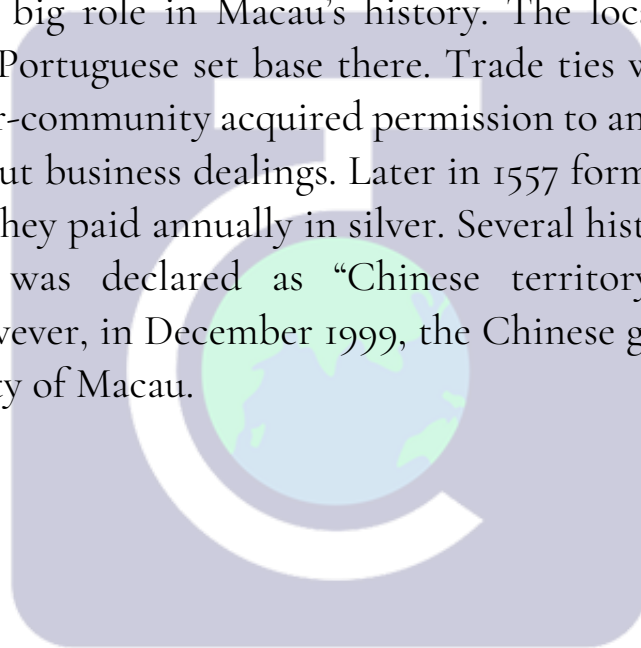
3. Significance

More popular as a haven for gamblers, Macau is the most densely populated region in the world. It generates a major part of its revenue from the casinos that are frequented by millions of visitors from all over the world. Macau was one of the earliest Asian regions to be colonized and the last to be relinquished, leaving with a strong colonial influence. The UNESCO World Heritage Site designation has been awarded to 25 buildings and sites in Macau. Tourism and hospitality industries are major contributors to the economy.



4. History

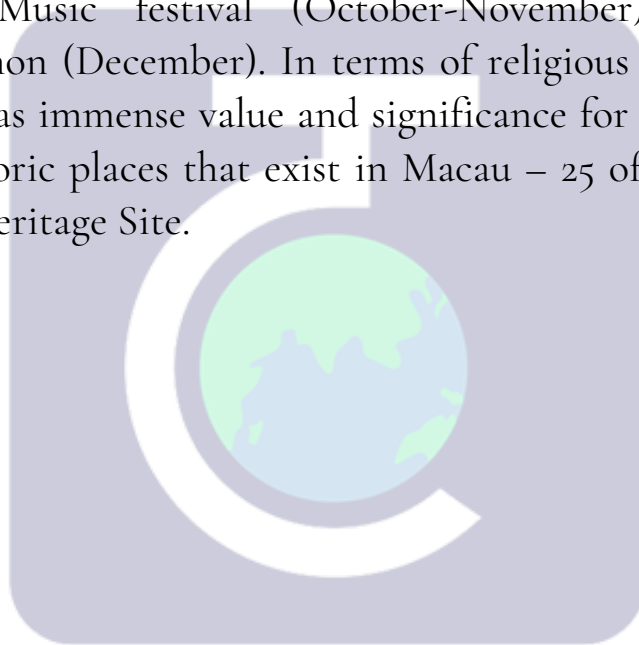
Globally famous as the 'Vegas of China', the history of Macau goes all the way back to Qin dynasty (221–206 BC). The region's first population is believed to be the inhabitants who stepped into Macau seeking safety from the invasion Mongols during the Southern Song. Fishman moved into Macau from Guangdong and Fujian. The native population of Macau is believed to be Tanka boat people. Portuguese played a big role in Macau's history. The location flourished as a settlement after the Portuguese set base there. Trade ties were established after the Portuguese trader-community acquired permission to anchor ships in Macau's harbours and carry out business dealings. Later in 1557 formed a permanent base in Macau for which they paid annually in silver. Several historic incidents played out before Macau was declared as "Chinese territory under Portuguese administration". However, in December 1999, the Chinese government took over the formal sovereignty of Macau.



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5. Cultural identity

Due to the heavy influence of Chinese and Portuguese in Macau, its cultural values and religious rituals bear a strong resemblance to the Chinese and Portuguese cultures. Every year in November Macau hosts the Macau Grand Prix, it is the biggest event in Macau. Other equally popular events include: Macau Arts festival (March), the International Fireworks Display Contest (September), the International Music festival (October-November), and the Macau International Marathon (December). In terms of religious festivities, the Lunar Chinese New Year has immense value and significance for the people of Macau. There are many historic places that exist in Macau – 25 of them were officially ranked as a World Heritage Site.



Index**6. Natural resources**

It has a humid subtropical climate with an annual average rainfall. The natural resources that are extensively found in the country is Granite, Kaolin Clay, Feldspar, Quartz, Beryl, Graphite, Tin, Tungsten, Molybdenum, Copper, Zinc, Lead, Iron and Gold. Other natural resources include forest and wildlife. It is rich in biodiversity and consists of almost 3,000 varieties of flowering plants including 120 orchid and over 300 native tree species.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)**7.1. Paid****7.1.1. The Venetian Macao**

Address : Estrada da Baia de Nossa Senhora da Esperanca, Macau

Location : 22.1470331, 113.55983900000001

Contact : +853 2882 8888

Website : <https://www.venetianmacao.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Av. Cidade Nova / Venetian Bus Station

Entry Fee : The Gondola trip – adult 108 MOP, children 80 MOP ZAIA – adult 388-788 MOP, children (2-11) 194-394 MOP, VIP 1288 MOP

Open & Close Timing : Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday 10:00hrs-23:00hrs Friday, Saturday 10:00hrs-23:59hrs

Time Required : 5

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. Wine Museum

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

Zipcode : 431

Location : 22.1947, 113.55269999999996

Contact : +853 8798 4188

Entry Fee : Wine tasting tour 15 MOP

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 10:00hrs-20:00hrs; Tuesday closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. Macao Museum/Museu de Macau

Address : Avenida da Praia, Carmo Zone, Taipa, Macau

Location : 22.1972478, 113.54220559999999

Contact : +853 2835 7911

Website : <http://www.macaumuseum.gov.mo/>

Nearest Public Transport : Tong Nam Primary School Esc. Tong Nam Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult – 15 MOP Student, group – 8 MOP

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 10:00hrs-17:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. Camoes Garden

Address : Praca de Luis de Camoes de Macau, Macau

Location : 22.19982, 113.53948880000007

Nearest Public Transport : Praca Luis Camoes Bus Station

Entry Fee : 5 MOP

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. Maritime Museum

Address : 1 Largo do Pagode da Barra, Macau

Location : 22.18594479999999, 113.53055440000003

Contact : +853 2859 5481

Website : http://www.marine.gov.mo/subpage.aspx?a_id=1431489058

Nearest Public Transport : Barra Square Largo do Pagode da Barra Bus Station

Entry Fee : Sundays 10-17 years – 3 MOP, 18-65 years – 5 MOP Other days 10-17 years – 5 MOP, 18-65 years – 10 MOP Free for children under 10 years and adults over 66 on all days.

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Sunday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs; Tuesday closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.6. Ruins of St. Paul's

Address : Rua de Sao Paulo, Macau, China

Location : 22.1976747, 113.54086039999993

Contact : + 853-5993162

Website : <http://www.macauheritage.net/en/HeritageInfo/HeritageContent.aspx?t=M&hid=43>

Nearest Public Transport : Rua De Tomas Vieira R. Tomas Vieira Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Sunday 09:00hrs-18:00hrs; except Tuesday 09:00hrs-14:00hrs;

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.7. Macau Tower

Address : Macau

Location : 22.1798559, 113.53677889999994

Website : <https://www.macautower.com.mo/>

Nearest Public Transport : Torre / Tunel Rodoviaros bus station

Entry Fee : Tower Admission Adult MOP 135 Senior Citizens (aged 65 or above) MOP 70 Children (age 3 - 11) MOP 70 Infants (aged under 3) Free

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Sunday 10:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

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7.2. Free**7.2.1. Senado Square**

Address : Largo do Senado, Macau

Location : 22.1938746, 113.54019919999996

Website : <http://www.macaupatrimony.net/cn/HeritageInfo/HeritageContent.aspx?t=M&hid=12>

Nearest Public Transport : Almeida Ribeiro Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. A-MA Temple

Address : West Mountainside of Mage, Macau, China

Location : 22.1871333, 113.53115000000003

Contact : +853 2836 6866

Website : <http://www.macaupatrimony.net/cn/Default.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : Barra Square Largo do Pagode da Barra Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 07:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Macau Fisherman's Wharf

Address : 3013 Nanwan South Rd, Zhuhai, Guangdong, China

Zipcode : 3013

Location : 22.1918188, 113.55629580000004

Contact : +86-7568822888

Nearest Public Transport : Avenida Dr. Sun Yat-Sen / Avenida Amizade Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Kun Iam Temple

Address : Av. Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, Macau, China

Location : 22.204335, 113.54960499999993

Nearest Public Transport : Nape/ Rua De Madrid Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Saturday-Monday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs; Friday closed

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. St. Lawrence Church

Address : R. de São Lourenco, Macau

Location : 22.1906186, 113.53676470000005

Contact : + 853-28315566

Website : http://www.stlawrencechurchmacau.com/po6/po6_01.html

Nearest Public Transport : Rua Sao. Lourenco Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 10:00hrs-16:00hrs; Saturday 10:00hrs-13:00hrs; Sunday closed

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. City of Dreams

Address : MacauEstrada do Istmo, Cotai

Location : 22.1491337, 113.56662989999995

Contact : +853 8868 6688

Website : <https://www.cityofdreamsmacau.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Rotunda Do Istmo / City of Dreams Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 4

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Taipa

Address : Taipa Village, Macau

Location : 22.15968479999999, 113.56392200000005

Nearest Public Transport : Edificio Do Lago Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 10

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Saint Dominic's Church

Address : Tv. de São Domingos & Largo de São Domingos, Macau

Location : 22.194616, 113.54037800000003

Contact : +853 2836 7706

Website

<http://www.macaumuseum.gov.mo/w3ENG/w3MMabout/DomingosC.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : Rua Dos Mercadores Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Grand Prix Museum

Address : 431 R. de Luis Gonzaga Gomes, Macau

Zipcode : 431

Location : 22.1949068, 113.55293589999997

Contact : +853 8798 4108

Website : http://zh.macaotourism.gov.mo/sightseeing/sightseeing_detail.php?c=2&id=18#.V-uw4h94dU

Nearest Public Transport : Gonzaga Gomes/ Auto-Silo Da Rua De Malaca Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Sunday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs; Tuesday closed

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Guia Fortress

Address : Top of Dongwangyang Mountain, Wangdetang District, Macau, China

Location : 22.196539, 113.54965199999992

Website : [http://www.macao.com/en/Guia-Fortress-\(including-Guia-Chapel-and-Lighthouse\)-2-14-55.html](http://www.macao.com/en/Guia-Fortress-(including-Guia-Chapel-and-Lighthouse)-2-14-55.html)

Nearest Public Transport : Calcada Vitoria Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 4

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Red Market

Address : Av. do Alm. Lacerda, Macau

Location : 22.2054155, 113.54484209999998

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Av. de Horta e Costa

Address : Macau

Location : 22.2023494, 113.54754619999994

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. R. de São Paulo

Address : Macau

Location : 22.1967249, 113.54057969999997

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Key sites sports & adventure

Tourists have several choices of adventure and extreme sports activities in Macau. One of the highest bungee jump tower is found in Macau. The participants can jump at speed of 200km/hr. Other adventure sports include Macau ski diving and Macau tower climb.

- **Bungee Jumping/Sky walk/Sky jump/Tower Climb -**

Address : Macau Tower, Largo da Torre de Macau

Location : 22.1798559,113.536778899999

Contact No : +853 2893 3339

Website : <https://www.macautower.com.mo/>

Nearest Public Transport : Macao Tower Torre de Macau Bus Station

Entry Fees : Bungy Jump ranges from MOP 1088-MOP 3088 Tower Climb MOP 2288 Sky Jump 2588 Sky Walk 788

Open / Close Time : Bungy Jump/Sky Jump/Sky Walk Monday-Thursday 10:00hrs-18:30hrs Saturday, Sunday 10:00hrs-22:00hrs Tower Climb Monday-Sunday 11:00hrs morning session, 15:00hrs afternoon session

Time Required : 5

Wait Time : 10 minutes

9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Macau residents participate in various sport games. Football is the most popular sport in Macau. Macau has well organized football league. Basketball is also another popular sport. Basketball is played under FIBA rules. Macau rugby union is the association that runs rugby sport in Macau. Other sports played in Macau include volleyball, athletics, tennis and boat races. International sport activities that are held in Macau include; Macau international marathon, Macau Open Badminton Championships, Macau Open (Golf), Macau Open (Squash) and FIVB Volleyball Grand Prix. Stadiums in Macau include;

- **Macau Stadium:**

Address : Macau Stadium, Taipa, Macau

Location : 22.154928,113.55277699999999

Contact No : +853 2858 0762

Website : <http://www.sport.gov.mo/zh/>

- **Macau East Asian Games Dome:**

Address : Macau East Asian Games Dome Cotai, Macau, Macau

Location : 22.1401,113.568622

Contact No : +853 2887 0688

10. Spas and relaxation

- **Tria Spa at MGM Macau:**

Address : 3/F Avenida Dr.Sun Yat Sen Nape, Macau

Location : 22.1855022,113.54827899999998

Contact No : +853 8802 3838

Website : <https://www.mgm.mo/triaspa>

- **Rio Hotel & Casino:**

Address : , R. de Luis Gonzaga Gomes, Macau

Location : 22.1927984,113.54984400000001

Contact No : +853 2871 8718

Website : <http://www.riomacau.com/>

- **The Spa at Encore:**

Address : 1/F Encore at Wynn Macau Rua Cidade de Sintra NAPE
Macau, Macau

Location : 22.188362,113.54715069999997

Contact No : +853 8986 3228

Website : <http://www.wynnmacau.com/en/>

- **The Oriental Spa (inside Mandarin Oriental):**

Address : Avenida Dr Sun Yat Sen Nape, Macau

Location : 22.184136,113.54697199999998

Contact No : +853 8805 8588

Website : http://www.mandarinoriental.com/macau/luxury-spa/?htl=MOMAC_spa&eng=google&src=local

- **Banyan Tree Macau:**

Address :                                              

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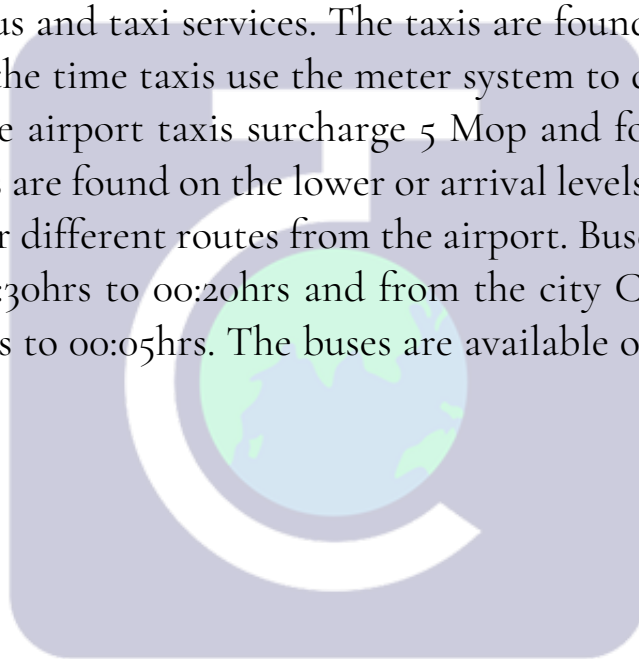
11. Key local guides and tours

You might hear some people refer it as the “Las Vegas of the East”. Macau is a balance of both modernity and tradition. It has over 30 UNESCO world heritage buildings. Macau is the former colony of Portuguese. It is a city that is unbelievably organized. It is the perfect town to take private tours. There are many tour guides who are trained and experienced who will promise to make your time worthwhile. There are different types of tour packages that one can take. These packages include Macau Excursion (with Cotai Strip), Macau Excursion - Morning Town Ride, Macau Excursion and Macau One-day Tour.



12. Transportation hubs

Macau International airport is located on the Eastern shore of Tapia Island approximately 5km or 3 miles from Macau city Centre. It will charge around 40 – 50 MOP by bus. The airport has a capacity to handle 6 million passengers and on average it receives 5 million passengers per year. The drive from the airport takes around 30 minutes. There are mainly two modes of transport from the airport to the city Centre i.e. bus and taxi services. The taxis are found on the lower side of the airport. Most of the time taxis use the meter system to determine passenger's fare. To and from the airport taxis surcharge 5 Mop and for every 50 seconds it charges 1 MOP. Buses are found on the lower or arrival levels of the airport. There are different buses for different routes from the airport. Buses from the airport to city operate from 06:30hrs to 00:20hrs and from the city Centre to airport they operate from 06:56hrs to 00:05hrs. The buses are available on intervals of 10 to 15 minutes.

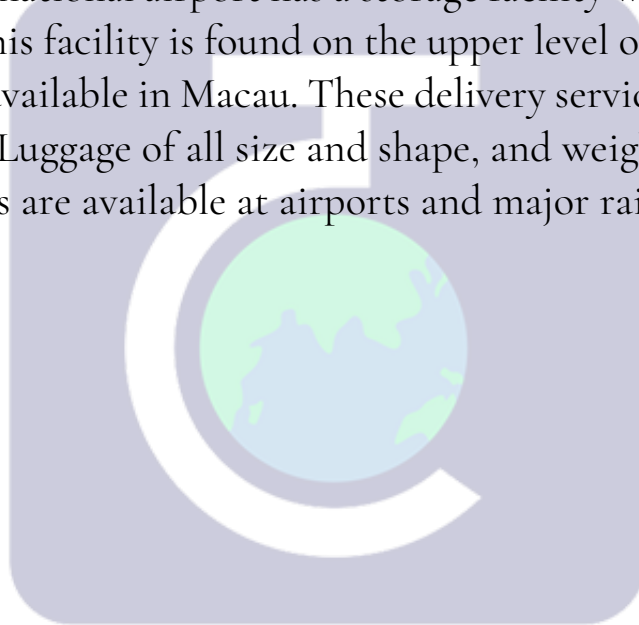


13. Transportation cost

There are two main modes of transport in Macau; buses and taxis. There are two types of taxis that operate in Macau i.e. white and yellow taxis. White taxi can carry a maximum of six passengers while yellow carries only a maximum of four. Local maps are usually provided by the tourist administration to the taxi drivers so they can better provide good services to the tourists. The maps are in English, Chinese and Portuguese languages. For the first 1600 meters the fare is usually 17 MOP, the extra 260 meters the fare is 2 MOP. Waiting charge is from 1 MOP to 2 MOP per minute. From Tapia to Coloane Island there is a surcharge of 2 MOP. From Macau Peninsular to Coloane Island, taxis also a surcharge by 2 MOP. Transmac and TCM are the two public bus companies that operate in Macau. The buses are comfortable and air conditioned. It is always advisable to have the exact fares without change because there are no bus conductors. Around Macau Peninsular the fare is usually fixed at 2.5 MOP. From Macau Peninsular to Coloane Islands and Tapia the charge is 5 MOP.

Index**14. Baggage allowance**

Taxi surcharge 3 MOP for all luggage carried in the trunk of the car. For all luggage that are 50 cm in length, 40 cm width and a height of 23 cm or less than that are carried for free in all buses. If the dimensions exceed the ones given above then they attract a charge of 3 MOP per bag. It is advisable to avoid morning peak hours and evening peak hours because the buses are full with people from or to work. Macau International airport has a storage facility which charges 20 MOP for every 24 hours. This facility is found on the upper level of the airport. Baggage delivery services are available in Macau. These delivery services carry your luggage to the address given. Luggage of all size and shape, and weight, are delivered with care. Delivery services are available at airports and major railway stations.



15. Restaurant & Nightlife

Cotai and Macau Peninsular are the two regions with a lot of restaurant. Macau Peninsular has more than 20 restaurants while Cotai has more than 10.

Food -

Cotai and Macau Peninsular are the two regions with a lot of restaurant. Macau Peninsular has more than 20 restaurants while Cotai has more than 10.

- **Restaurante Espaço Lisboa:**

Address : No. 8 Rua das Gaivotas, Coloane Village, Macau

Location : 22.1183396,113.5515332

Contact No : +853 2888 2226

Open / Close Time : Monday to Sunday 18:00hrs-22:30hrs

- **Wong chi kei:**

Address : 17 Largo do Senado, Macau

Location : 22.1941043,113.54020309999999

Contact No : +853 2833 1313

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:30hrs to 01:30hrs

- **Lord Stow's Bakery and Cafe:**

Address : Macau, G/F C Houston Court 21 Largo do Matadouro, Coloane Village, Macau

Location : 22.1485367,113.56195520

Contact No : +853 2888 1851

Website : <http://www.lordstow.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday 09:00hrs to 17:00hrs, Tuesday to Sunday 09:00hrs to 22:00hrs.

- **The Eight 8??:**

Address : 2/F, Grand Lisboa Hotel, Avenida de Lisboa, Macau

Location : 22.190916,113.54348000

Contact No : +853 8803 7878

Website : <http://www.grandlisboahotel.com>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:30hrs-02:30hrs; 18:30hrs-22:30hrs

- **Golden Flower:**

Address : G/F, Wynn Macau, Rua Cidade de Sintra, NAPE, Porto Exterior, Alameda Dutor Carlos d'Assumpção, Macau

Location : 22.1883979,113.5453056

Contact No : +853 8986 3663

Open / Close Time : Monday-Saturday 17:30hrs-00:00hrs; Sunday Closed

- **Seng Cheong Restaurant (????):**

Address : 28-30 Rua Do Cunha, Taipa, Macau (澳門 28-30 街)

Location : 22.1537572,113.55686430

Contact No : (+853) 2882 5323

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Belon:**

Address : Belon, 31/F, Banyan Tree Macau, Galaxy Macau, Avenida Marginal Flor de Lotus, Cotai, Macau,

Location : 22.148167,113.55293400

Contact No : +853 8883 6090

Open / Close Time : Daily 18:00hrs-23:00hrs Sunday 11:30hrs to 15:00hrs

- **Antonio Macau:**

Address : António, Rua dos Clerigos No. 7, Old Taipa Village, Taipa, Macau

Location : 22.1528465,113.5565249

Contact No : +853 2899 9998

Website : <http://antoniomacau.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Sunday 12:00hrs to 15:00hrs, 18:00hrs to 22:30hrs Saturday, Sunday 07:30hrs-1:00hrs

- **Lion's Bar:**

Address : MGM Macau, Avenida Dr. Sun Yat Sen, Nape, Macau

Location : 22.1852194,113.54673739

Contact No : 853 8802 2375

Website : <https://www.mgmmacau.com/>

Open / Close Time : Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 22:00hrs-01:30hrs; Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Closed

- **China Rouge:**

Address : Galaxy Macau, Estrada da Baía de Nossa Senhora da Esperança, COTAI, Macau

Location : 22.149224,113.55339400

Contact No : + 853 2888 0888

Website : <https://www.galaxymacau.com/zh-hant/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday-Sunday 21:00hrs-01:30hrs

- **Club Cubic:**

Address : Hard Rock Hotel complex, City of Dreams, Cotai, Macau

Location : 22.149366,113.56627000

Contact No : 852 6638 4999

Website : <http://www.cityofdreamsmacau.com/en/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 19:00hrs-01:00hrs

- **Lisboa Hotel:**

Address : 2 Av. de Lisboa, Macau

Location : 22.189349999,113.54488330

Contact No : +853 2888 3888

Website : <http://www.hotelisboa.com/>



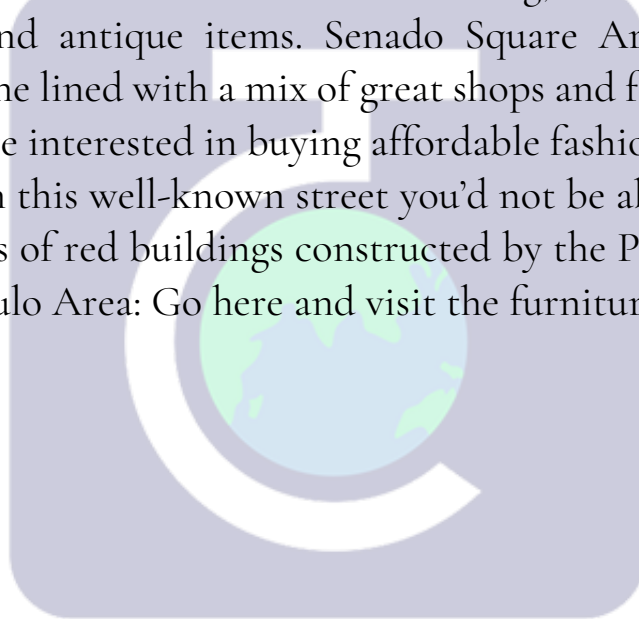
Index**16. Average meal cost**

In an inexpensive restaurant a normal meal is available at 50.00 MOP. A three-course meal at a mid-range restaurant for two people is available at 290.00 MOP. A combo meal at McDonald's can be purchased at 25.00 MOP. You can have a fresh cappuccino at 32.00 MOP. 11.2 oz small bottle of water is available at 6.29 MOP. A mid-range bottle of Wine is available at 65.13 MOP.



17. Shopping

The free port status of Macau ensures that the destination is a paradise for the shoppers! There are hoards of items which one can buy in Macau and there are plenty of shopping hotspots to check out! Macau Peninsular: This area is home of some of the best-known malls in Macau - Av. Almeida Ribeiro (New Road), Av. Infante D. Henrique , Rua Pedro Nolasco da Silva and Av. de Horta e Costa. They offer you a wide selection of the best branded clothing, finest range of accessories, traditional outfits and antique items. Senado Square Area : This place is a bustling shopping zone lined with a mix of great shops and food stores. This place is a great spot if you're interested in buying affordable fashion. Red Market & Av. de Horta e Costa: On this well-known street you'd not be able to make best buys but also see the sights of red buildings constructed by the Portuguese in the 20th century. Rua de S.Paulo Area: Go here and visit the furniture and antique shops.



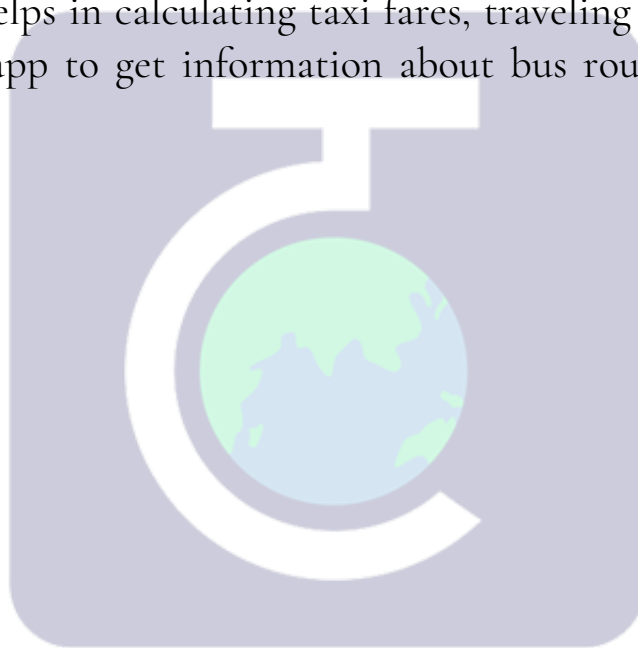
18. Tourist benefits

There are free duty shops in Macau. These shops sell a wide variety of goods to both foreigners and the locals. Their prices are less compared to other shops where there is duty. Macau International airport has more than three of these shops. Some of the shops specialize in particular products. There is no tax rebate in Macau.



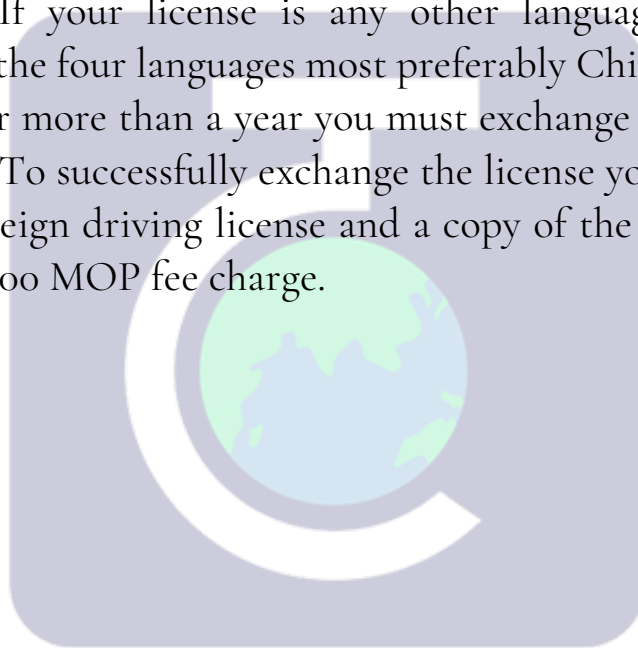
19. Essential local apps

Several travel apps are available to make it easier and more convenient to get around Macau. Open Rice is a restaurant search app that assists in finding the nearest restaurants based on food search, deal, food trends, and helps in booking tables. Taste Macau is a comprehensive restaurant finding app to search the best restaurants in Macau based on cuisine, location, pricing, ratings and reviews, etc. Macau Taxi Meter helps in calculating taxi fares, traveling time, etc. Macau Bus Guide is an offline app to get information about bus routes and stops, traffic jams, and the like.



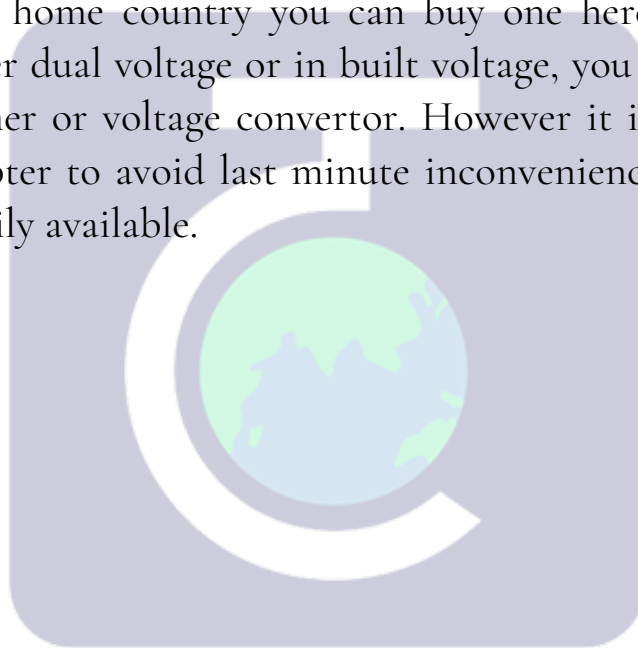
20. Driving

Macau uses the left hand side of the road and this means that the driver is on the right hand side. For you to drive in Macau you must be 18 years and above. If you have foreign driving licenses you must obtain an order from the nearest transport office or police station. International driving license is also accepted. The foreign driving license can be in four of the following languages; Portuguese, Chinese, English or French. If your license is any other language you must have a translation to any of the four languages most preferably Chinese or Portuguese. If you intend to stay for more than a year you must exchange the foreign license to local Macau License. To successfully exchange the license you must have; original and copy of valid foreign driving license and a copy of the Macau SAR resident Identity card and \$1000 MOP fee charge.



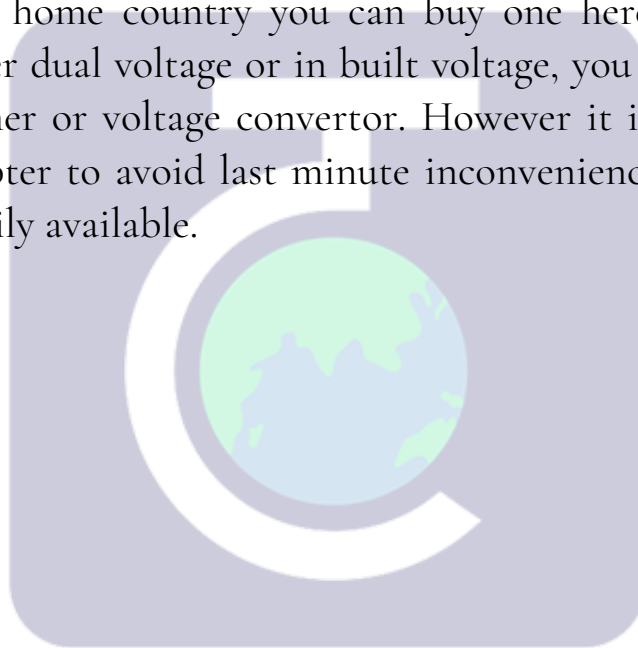
21. Travel essentials

Macau has a standard voltage of 220/240 volts with a frequency of 50 Hz, same as countries from Europe and Africa. Almost all the power sockets in this city are the Type G (British BS-1363) and the Type D (old British BS-546 5 amp "small"). Type G has three rectangular shaped prongs while Type D has three rounded prongs. Travel adapters are easy to find in Macau so it is not a must you come with one from your home country you can buy one here. If you're electrical appliances have either dual voltage or in built voltage, you do not have to buy a step down transformer or voltage convertor. However it is always advisable to buy an external adapter to avoid last minute inconveniences. Plug adapters are easy to find and readily available.



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23. Local currency

Macanese pataca is the official currency of Macau. It is denoted as MOP. 1 USD = 7.99 Macau Pataca



24. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

There are several money exchange shops around the city including Macau International airport. Though exchange rate commission differs from one institution to another, the most common exchange rate is between 1.5% and 2.5%. Banks in Macau offer the best rates compared to exchange shops. Macau Patacus is extremely rare in other parts of the continents so make sure you do not cross the borders with it not unless you want to use the notes as souvenir. Most of the banks in Macau do accept foreign cards (master card, visa, American express). The banks usually do not charge withdraw fee but charge a commission of around 2% exchange rate. Remember before you travel to consult with your bank.



25. Staying connected

There are four mobile networks in Macau: Three Macau, Smart tone, CTM (MobiWeb) and China Telecom Macau. China Telecom Macau is CDMA only (GSM incompatible) for more information on China Telecom visit their site to see which devices are supported. The other mobile networks are GSM supported on 900 and 1800 MHz for 2G, 2100MHz for 3G and 4G/LTE. SIM cards are available around the city and on all major ports (airports, ferry port, Checkpoints) without registration. VLP calls and tethering are allowed in Macau and also Internet is not censored. CTM (MobiWeb) prepaid SIM cards which are known as 'Best' are sold all round the city. \$ 48 will give you 480 minutes of local phone call talk time and 480 MB of data for a period of 30 days. Three (by Hutchison Whampoa) SIM cards are sold by selected dealers. Recharge vouchers are available \$ 50, \$100, \$200 and \$500. The vouchers are available in many outlets including 3Shops. Government of Macau has provided free Wi-Fi in numerous places in Macau. The WIFI service is popularly known as WIFI Go. Some of the hot spots have very high speeds while others are very slow. Other places you can find free WI-FI include hotels casinos etc. Some of the mobile service providers provide paid Wi-Fi around Macau.

26. Time Zone

Macau follows China Standard Time (CST) zone with UTC + 08:00 hours.



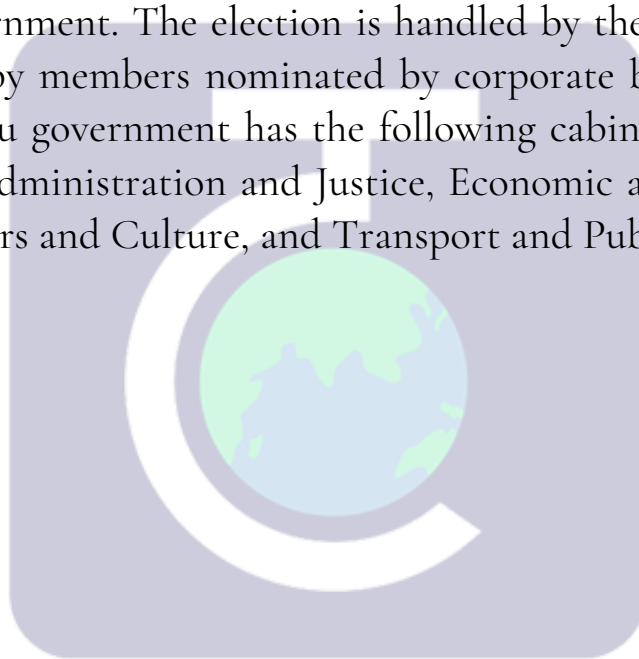
27. Languages

Mandarin, English and Hokkien are the prominent languages with Chinese and Portuguese as the official languages.



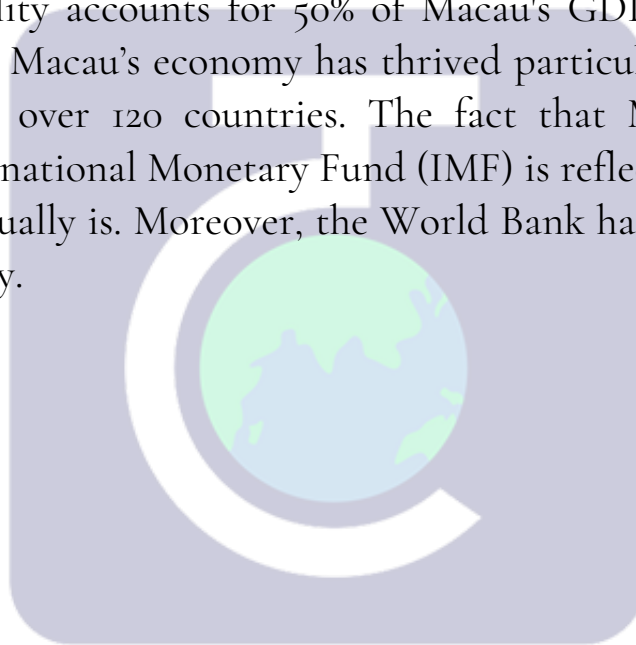
28. Political Scenario

The politics of Macau is dominated by the People's Republic of China. As a sovereign entity however, Macau has its own line of political bodies including a legislature. The region of Macau has a multi-party system and all governmental decisions are tackled and handled by the Executive powers in the government. The selection of The Chief Executive of Macau is done by People's Republic of China's central government. The election is handled by the electoral committee which is populated by members nominated by corporate bodies. The executive division of the Macau government has the following cabinet departments, each led by a secretary: Administration and Justice, Economic and Financial Affairs, Security, Social Affairs and Culture, and Transport and Public Works.



29. Economic Scenario

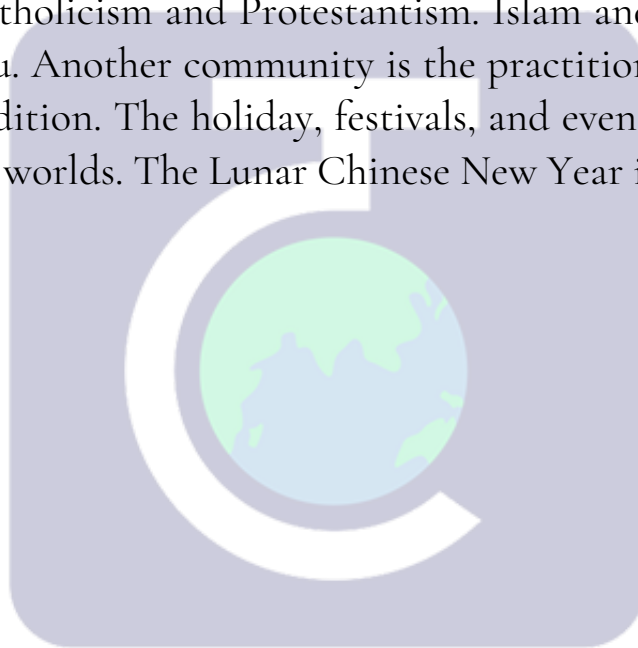
The cornerstone of Macau's economy is tourism. Every year a large influx of travelers and tourists come in Macau, making it one of the world's best-known tourist destinations. Other than tourism, the main economic boosters are sectors of export-gearred textile and garment manufacturing, banking and other financial outlets. The combining revenue generated from export earnings, and the gaming, tourism and hospitality accounts for 50% of Macau's GDP, and 70% of Macau government revenue. Macau's economy has thrived particularly due to its sound trade relations with over 120 countries. The fact that Macau is one of the members of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is reflective of how good the region's economy actually is. Moreover, the World Bank has ranked Macau has a high-income economy.



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30. Religious belief

The Oriental and the Western religions co-exist peacefully in Macau. The dominant religion is the Chinese folk ones including Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism practiced mostly by the resident Chinese population. The Buddhist disciples are the majority among these. Christianity was introduced with the arrival of the Portuguese and now there are many denominations of the religion including Roman Catholicism and Protestantism. Islam and Baha'i followers are also present in Macau. Another community is the practitioners of Falun Gong, a Chinese spiritual tradition. The holiday, festivals, and events are all a mix of the Eastern and Western worlds. The Lunar Chinese New Year is the most important traditional festival



31. Visa requirements

All visitors in Macau must have a valid passport. The passport should have a validity of six months. A part from the nationals of 66 countries exempted all others should have a visa. Only nationals of six countries must have visa before they arrive. These countries include; Nepal, Pakistan Nigeria,, Bangladesh Sri Lanka and Vietnam. Visa application takes 5 working days. The requirements include; valid original passport and a copy, document of financial status, document of transportation, accommodation passport size photos, processing fee and a completed visa application form. Validity period for a tourist visa ranges from 14 days to one year. Tourists are allowed to extend their visa up to one year. There are different types of tourist visas. People with tourist visa are not allowed in any way to engage in economic activity or employment.



Index**32. Essential vaccination**

It is recommended to be vaccinated for Hepatitis A & Hepatitis B, Typhoid, Tetanus and Diphtheria, Rabies, Measles and that of Routine vaccination.



Index**33. Theft and Safety**

Beware of pickpockets in crowded areas. Keep your valuables safely away from easily accessible bags and pockets. Stay away from street prostitutes and hawkers. Do not give money to strangers claiming they have lost their wallet and have not eaten the whole day.



Index**34. Embassy/Consulate**

There are many foreign embassies and consulates in Macau. A few of them are located at Edifício FIT, Avenida da Amizade, Avenida da Amizade and King Xiu Garden. You can have more information at <http://www.embassypages.com/macau>.



35. Accessibility

The government law mandates access to public buildings for the disabled. Crosswalks with audible signals for hearing impaired and raised treading for visually impaired pedestrians are provided.



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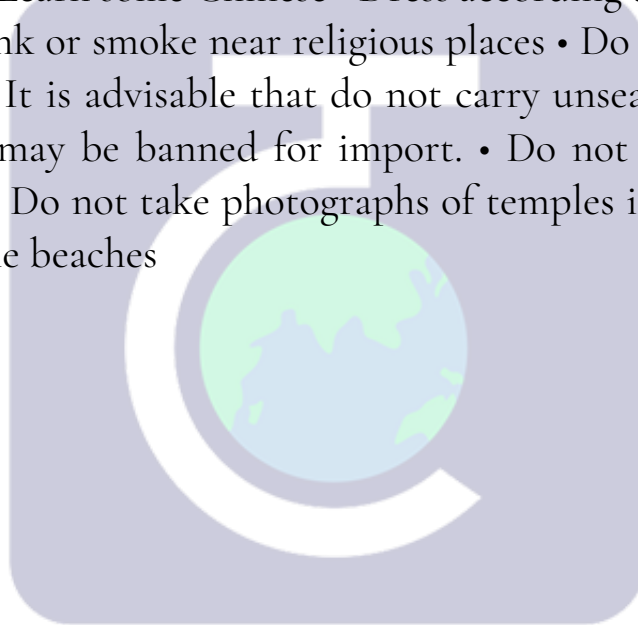
In case of emergencies you can call 999 for Police, 999 for Fire and that of Ambulance, you can call at 999. You are provided with top-notch medical services and facilities even if you are a tourist. The hospital that provides the travel insurance is Kiang Wu Hospital Warehouse and that of Hospital Center S. Janurio.



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37. Do's and Don'ts

The Macau people have special traditions and etiquette in a social and private environment and are easily offended if some foreigner behaves in a different way than expected. Do's - • Respect the traditions of the people • Stay away from prostitutes • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. • Give gifts when visiting your host in Macau • Learn some Chinese • Dress according to occasion and venue Don'ts - • Do not drink or smoke near religious places • Do not address strangers by their first name • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. • Do not give tools or cutting instruments as gifts • Do not take photographs of temples if prohibited • Do not sunbath topless on the beaches



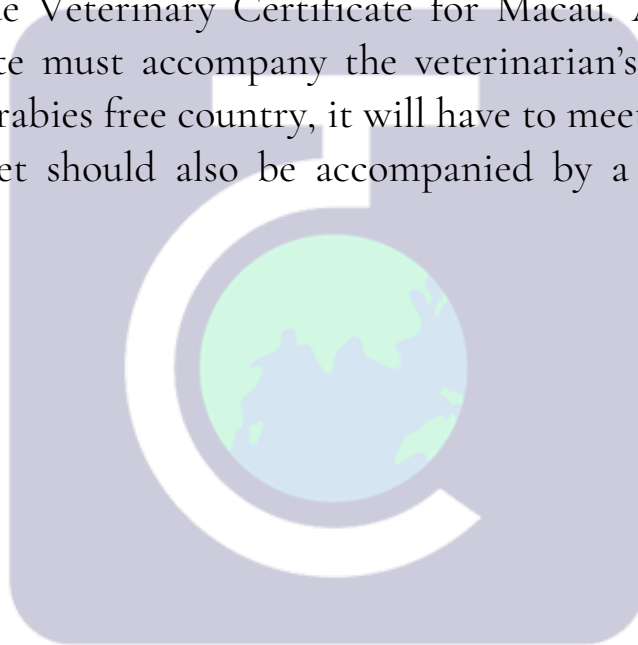
38.Tipping basics

There is no mandate to tip in Macau as 10% service charge is included in the prices of most of goods. However a small tip to the bellhop and the waiter is generally appreciated.



39. Pet info

If the pet is coming from rabies free countries or countries with low incidence of rabies, they will not be quarantined provided they conform to the import rules. An import permit is needed for entry. Microchip the animal 3 months before travel. A rabies vaccination should follow the microchipping procedure. Perform a Blood Titer test after vaccination. If all the tests are approved, a licensed veterinarian can issue Veterinary Certificate for Macau. A copy of the rabies vaccination certificate must accompany the veterinarian's endorsement. If the animal is not from a rabies free country, it will have to meet the qualifications to enter Macau. The pet should also be accompanied by a copy of the owner's passport.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Why Choose Macau ? Synonymous with gambling, this Asian Las Vegas is a thriving, crowded city with numerous attractions other than the busy casinos. However, gambling is undoubtedly the ultimate purpose of a majority of tourists to this opulent city. Centuries of colonial and Chinese connections have made Macau a melting pot of cultures. Just a walk around the city will show the European and Oriental influences in its churches, temples, fortresses and other buildings. An interesting sample of the fusion of both cultures is the statue of the Bodhisatta Avalokitesvara, a Chinese deity, with an unmistakable resemblance to the European Virgin Mary statues. For those interested in history and heritage, there is the Historic Center of Macau with 25 locations and buildings in a heritage area which are historically significant and listed in the World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Some of the oldest temples, churches, fortresses, and squares are included in this area and can be covered on a Heritage Walk tour. There are many historical and cultural museums as well. There is no dearth of adventures in Macau. Greyhound racing is a sport and a gambling game at the same time. Bungee jumping, sky jump, sky walk, bouldering, hiking, and sport climbing are a few of the thrills other than gambling that this city has to offer. The food in Macau is a happy mix of Cantonese and Portuguese cuisines and ingredients and spices from all over the world. You may get to taste some unique flavors and dishes. If you want to be away from the city, try the pretty fisherman villages that still house the colonial-era houses and shops.

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