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1. Geographical location

Hong Kong mainly consists of three main territories that are Hong Kong Island, Kowloon Peninsula, and New Territories. It is located in eastern Asia on the South China Sea at the entrance of the Pearl River Delta and 60kms east side of Macau on the opposite of the Pearl River Estuary. The highest Point on the territory is Tai Mo Shan at a height of 958 meters and the lowlands exist in the north-eastern part of the New Territories. Total area of cities measures about 2.754kms (1.063 sq.) that covers 1.104kms (426 sq) of land and 1.650kms (640 sq) of a sea.



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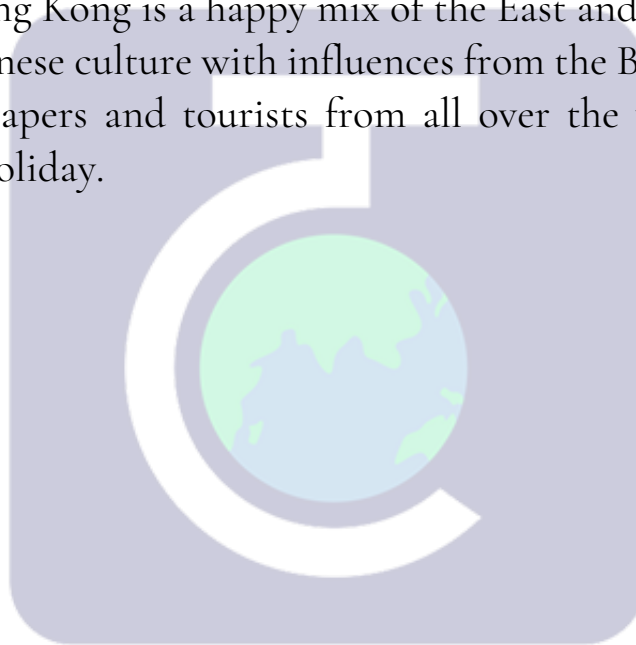
2. Neighbouring cities/countries

The Nearest City From Hong Kong Is Kowloon A Mountain Range, At A Distance Of 4kms. Tsuen Wan To Yuen Long Kau Hui Is The Second Nearest City At 11kms Of Distance, Sha Tin To Tuen Mun 22kms, And Tai Po 18 Km And Macau Is Earlier Portuguese Colony On The West Side Of The Delta River Mouth From Hong Kong. Nearest Countries Of Hong Kong Is Macao Distanced From 62km And Taiwan Is A Second Nearest Country Around 715km. The Nearest International Airport Is Around 29.9kms From Hong Kong The Travel Time Will Be 26mins Via Route 8, And 1h 15min Via Bus Travel.



3. Significance

With a long history of foreign occupations Hong Kong today is an autonomous territory with a high degree of powers. It is a prominent financial center in the world. The natural harbor ensures high accessibility for international cargo ships. Human settlements are said to have been present in the land as old as the Paleolithic Period. Having gone through Oriental and Colonial cultural and social influences, Hong Kong is a happy mix of the East and the West. Traditions are rooted in the Chinese culture with influences from the British rule. The city is known for its skyscrapers and tourists from all over the world flock to Hong Kong for a colorful holiday.



4. History

The history of Hong Kong spans across numerous different eras. Archeological finds have indicated that first sign of activity in Hong Kong took place 30,000 years ago. Stone tools and any other relevant objects have been unearthed from many sites in the region. During the reign of the Qin dynasty (221 – 206 BC), the territory which is Hong Kong now, was merged into China at the time. Several dynasties set foot and control on Hong Kong territory over the decades before the British arrived with aspirations to colonize Hong Kong starting in early 19th century. British and Chinese went to war after which the British declared Hong Kong as a Crown Colony of the British Empire. After much political philandering, Great Britain finally loosened its grip on Hong Kong territory and transferred control of Hong Kong and surrounding territories to the People's Republic of China. Hong Kong's date with revamping itself and turning modern began in the 1950s and continues till date.



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5. Cultural identity

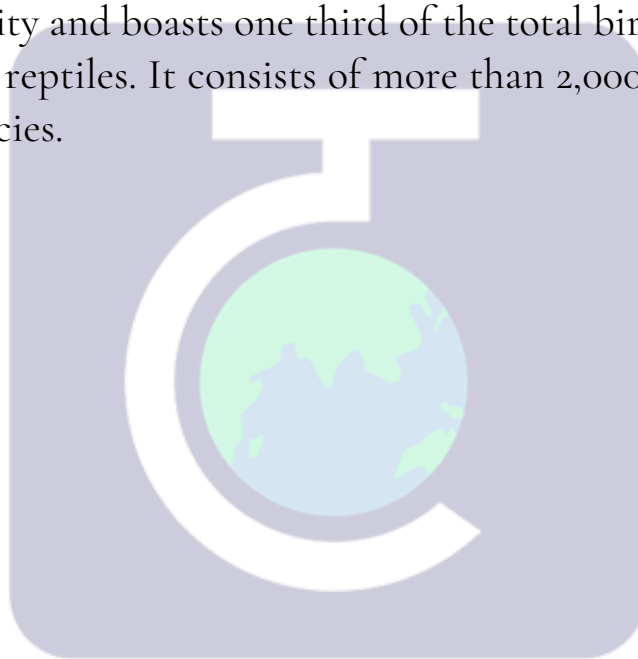
The cultural identity of Hong Kong borrows heavily from the Cantonese ways and customs. There are also varying influences of Cantonese, Shanghainese, British, Indians and Jewish. Cantonese and English are counted as the official languages. The villages set across in the New territories mainly use Hakka to converse. The religious and spiritual fabric of Hong Kong is extremely variegated, however as most of Hong Kong's populace is pre-dominantly of Chinese descent, they practice the Chinese folk religion. Cantonese opera and pop culture is also very popular and revered.



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6. Natural resources

The natural resources such as Metalliferous minerals and Non-metalliferous industrial minerals, quarried rocks and building stone and deposits are found in the country. It has a relatively large number of mineral occurrences and they are Tungsten, Tin, Molybdenum, Copper, Lead, Zinc, Iron and Gold are found. Tropical cyclones and Thunderstorms are the disasters that prevailed in the area. It is rich in biodiversity and boasts one third of the total bird species, fresh water fish, amphibians and reptiles. It consists of more than 2,000 moth, 110 dragon fly and 230 butterfly species.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Victoria Peak

Overlooking the Victoria Harbour all the way up to the hills of the New Territories and the sparkling skyscrapers, Victoria Peak is one of the most-visited attractions in Hong Kong. Get ready to experience the dazzling beauty of the city from the highest point in Hong Kong. The best time to visit the peak is during sunset when the sky transforms into orange and pink before turning into a sparkling galaxy of light above you. There is a Peak Tower with an observatory platform, dining area, shopping mall and a museum.

Address : Victoria Peak, Central, Hong Kong

Location : 22.2758835, 114.145532

Nearest Public Transport : Sai Ying Pun Subway Station

Entry Fee : The Peak Tram & Sky Terrace 428 Adult Return HKD 88 Single HKD 75 Child (aged 3-11) & Senior (aged 65 or above) Return HKD 42 Single HKD 34 Peak Tram tickets Adult Return HKD 45 Single HKD 32 Child (aged 3-11) & Senior (aged 65 or above) Return HKD 20 Single HKD 12

Open & Close Timing : Peak Tram Operating Hours : Monday-Sunday 07:00hrs-24:00hrs Frequency : Departs every 10 to 15 minutes Sky Terrace 428 Opening Hours : Monday-Friday 10:00hrs-23:00hrs Saturday-Sunday 08:00hrs -23:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.2. Hong Kong Disneyland Resort

A visit to Hong Kong is not complete unless you spend the day at Disneyland. Get ready to explore the 7 different parks inside Disneyland, where you befriend your favorite Disney characters. The distinct theme parks inside Disneyland include Fantasy Land, Toy Story Land, Adventure Land and many such zones that will leave you amazed. The newly added Marvels ride will surely get your heart pumping faster than usual, making it a must-try for those who love adventure. Power-packed with adventure and entertainment, Disneyland is a perfect setting for a day away from the city as you embrace your inner child.

Address : Lantau Island, Hong Kong

Location : 22.3154124, 114.03988079999999

Contact : + 852-35503369

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

Nearest Public Transport : Disneyland Resort Subway Station

Entry Fee : 1 Day Ticket – General Admission – 589 HKD Children (3 - 11) – 419

HKD Senior (65+) – 100 HKD 2 Day Ticket – General Admission – 759 HKD

Children (3 - 11) – 539 HKD Senior (65+) – 170 HKD

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Thursday 10:30hrs-20:30hrs Friday

10:00hrs-20:30hrs Saturday, Sunday 10:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 10

Expected Wait Time : 30 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.3. Ocean Park

Located in a sprawling landscape to the Southern coast of Hong Kong, Ocean Park is an amusement park cum marine-life mammal park and also includes a bird theatre, tropical rainforest and crocodile lake. Experience the ultimate adrenaline rush as you sit on thrilling rides like the Dynamic Express, Crazy Roller Coaster, Frog Leapfrog and many other rides. The park also exhibits various animal shows, with the Dolphin Show at the Ocean Theater being the best of all. The presence of Giant Pandas in the Panda Villa is what attracts most of the people to this park all the time.

Address : 180 Wong Chuk Hang Rd, Hong Kong

Zipcode : 180

Location : 22.2346359, 114.17217460000006

Contact : + 852-5520291

Website : <http://www.oceanpark.com.hk/en>

Nearest Public Transport : Wong Chuk Hang Sun Wai Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult 438 HKD Children (above 3 years) 219 HKD

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 10:00hrs-19:00hrs Saturday, Sunday

10:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. Ngong Ping Cable Car Tung Chung Station

Embark upon an exciting journey on this springboard and witness the dazzling beauty of the Tung Chung Bay and the North Lantau Country Park. This manmade marvel treats you with a bird's eye view of the Po Lin Monastery and the Tian Tan Buddha and leaves you mesmerized with the panoramic view of the Ngong Ping Plateau. This aerial tramway has become a major tourist destination and should definitely be on your list while you're visiting Hong Kong.

Address : Lantau Island, Hong Kong

Location : 22.290221, 113.93852700000002

Contact : +852 3666 0606

Website : <http://www.np360.com.hk/en/>

Nearest Public Transport : Ngong Ping Cable Car Station

Entry Fee : Adult – 135-213 HKD Child (above 3 years) – 68-146 HKD Senior – 98-176 HKD

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 11:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday, Sunday 10:00hrs-17:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. Hong Kong Museum of History

Visit this museum in the heart of Hong Kong to know about the cultural and historical past of the country that is displayed in replicas of eras and periods like mock streets. The 7,000-square-meter spaced museum displays 400 million years of history and also exhibits a number of objects related to ethnography, archaeology and natural histories. If you are a history buff, do visit this museum to know about the background of Hong Kong and South China.

Address : Science Museum Rd, Tsim Sha Tsui East, Hong Kong

Location : 22.3018574, 114.17734730000006

Contact : +852 2724 9042

Website : <http://hk.history.museum/>

Nearest Public Transport : Hong Kong Science Museum Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult - 10 HKD Students, seniors, disabled - 5 HKD

Open & Close Timing : Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs
Saturday, Sunday 10:00hrs-19:00hrs Tuesday closed

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.6. Madame Tussauds Hong Kong

Located near Victoria Peak Garden, Madame Tussauds is the first wax museum in Asia consisting of about 100 wax statues of famous personalities right from the Bollywood superstar, Amitabh Bachchan to the former president of USA, Barack Obama. The giggling statue of Miriam Yeung, the ever-angry beast, Hulk, the master of martial arts, Bruce Lee are some of the unique statues installed in this wax museum. All these statues are arranged in different sections like the Kung-fu zone, Hong-Kong Glamour, Animated World and Music icons.

Address : Shop P101, The Peak Tower, 128 Peak Road, The Peak, Hong Kong

Location : 22.2711757, 114.14972520000003

Contact : +852 2849 6966

Website : <https://www.madametussauds.com/hong-kong>

Nearest Public Transport : Peak Tower Cable Car Station

Entry Fee : Wax Museum + round-trip cable car ticket Adult - 249 HKD Children (3-11) – 186 HKD Senior – 186 HKD Family package – 665 HKD

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.7. Sky 100 Hong Kong Observation Deck

Hop aboard on this 360-degree indoor observation deck in the International Commerce Center which will leave you spellbound with the architectural beauty of the city. You can also witness the multiple colors of the sky diffuse during sunset. See the vibrant city from the 100th floor and be amazed by the picturesque view from the top. You can also grab a bite at the café which offers some amazing dishes to satiate your hunger.

Address : Elements, International Commerce Centre (ICC), 1 Austin Rd W,

Hong Kong

Location : 22.303381, 114.16023100000007

Contact : +852 2613 3888

Website : <http://sky100.com.hk/en/>

Nearest Public Transport : International Commerce Centre Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult – 168 HKD Child – 118 HKD Senior – 118 HKD Family combo (2 adults, 1 child) – 365 HKD VIP Passes – 500 HKD

Open & Close Timing : Sunday–Thursday 10:00hrs–21:00hrs (Last entry: 20:30)

Friday–Saturday 10:00hrs–22:30hrs (Last entry: 22:00)

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.8. Sik Sik Yuen Wong Tai Sin Temple

Located in San Po Kong, Sik Sik Yuen Wong Tai Sin Temple is a traditional Chinese temple frequented by locals as well as tourists. The structure of the temple imposes red pillars, golden roof and yellow latticework which is a treat for the eyes whereas the fragrance of flowers and incense sticks will take you to a world of tranquility. Home to the Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism, the temple is not just a place of worship but is also a very beautiful and scenic attraction.

Address : Wong Tai Sin, Hong Kong

Location : 22.342475, 114.19349609999995

Contact : +852 2327 8141

Website : <http://www1.siksikyuen.org.hk/>

Nearest Public Transport : Lung Cheung Mall Bus Station

Entry Fee : 2 HKD

Open & Close Timing : Daily 07:00hrs–17:30hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.9. Hong Kong Science Museum

This is a science and technology museum covering a vast range of scientific realms and displaying many interesting exhibits most of which are hands-on items,

which means that you can actually touch the exhibits. Located in the heart of the city, this museum is a perfect place for your kids to learn about science through the various fun-filled programs that are conducted here. The highlight of the museum is the 22-metre-high twin tower energy machine that demonstrates the different forms of energy through various audio-visual effects.

Address : 2 Science Museum Rd, Hong Kong

Location : 22.3011952, 114.17784400000005

Contact : +852 2732 3232

Website : <http://hk.science.museum/>

Nearest Public Transport : Hong Kong Science Museum Bus Station

Entry Fee : Standard ticket – 20 HKD Group ticket – 14 HKD Senior, disabled – 10 HKD Free admission on Wednesdays Free admission for full time students

Open & Close Timing : Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00hrs-19:00hrs Saturday, Sunday 10:00hrs-21:00hrs Thursday closed

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.10. Hong Kong Heritage Museum

Situated near the Shing Mun river, Hong Kong Heritage Museum is divided into 12 different galleries displaying an extensive collection that expresses the history, art and culture of Hong Kong and a part of South China. The museum conducts interactive programs and exhibitions that provide the best experience to know more about the history of Hong Kong. An interesting feature in this museum is the “Bruce Lee: Kung-Fu Art Life” exhibition dedicated to the bequest of the legend.

Address : 1 Man Lam Rd, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

Location : 22.377275999999999, 114.18528400000002

Contact : +852 2180 8188

Website : <http://www.heritagemuseum.gov.hk/>

Nearest Public Transport : Hong Kong Heritage Museum Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult – 10 HKD Children under 4 years – free Concessionary – 5 HKD Group – 7 HKD Wednesday free admission

Open & Close Timing : Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday Friday 10:00hrs-19:00hrs Tuesday closed

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.11. Hong Kong Space Museum

Located in the waterfront area of Tsim Sha Tsui near the coast, the Space Museum functions more as a planetarium that includes a Hall of Astronomy, Space Theater, Hall of Space Science, gift shops, workshops and offices. Be amazed at the unique egg-shaped architecture of the museum and try out the interactive exhibits displayed here.

Address : 10 Salisbury Rd, Tsim Sha Tsui, Hong Kong

Location : 22.294288, 114.17190099999993

Contact : +852 2721 0226

Nearest Public Transport : East Tsim Sha Tsui bus Station

Entry Fee : 24 HKD

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.12. Hong Kong Wetland Park

Located close to the Shenzhen Bay, Wetland Park is a conservation area with a 61-hectare wetland reserve. The park will tell you more about the glorious mélange of the country's wetland ecosystem and its creature, and the need to conserve them. The exotic flora and fauna of Hong Kong that includes birds, butterflies, dragonflies, amphibians and fish is a respite for those wishing for a solitary rendezvous with nature.

Address : Wetland Park Rd, Tin Shui Wai, Hong Kong

Location : 22.468564999999999, 114.00519199999997

Contact : +852 3152 2666

Nearest Public Transport : Hong Kong Wetland Park Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult – 30 HKD Children (3-17), full time students, senior, disabled – 15 HKD Children below 3 years - free

Open & Close Timing : Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.13. Hong Kong Maritime Museum

Located on the port of Hong Kong Island, the Maritime Museum exhibits the story of ships, boats, maritime trade, exploration, and naval conquests of China and its connections with the rest of the world. Stretched across 4,400 square meters, the maritime museum is divided into 13 galleries over 3 levels and is known for displaying more than 1,200 objects. Recognized as one of the best museums in Hong Kong, it enables visitors to explore the current maritime developments and achievements.

Address : Hong Kong, Central Ferry Pier No. 8 ,Man Kwong Street, Central

Location : 22.286686, 114.16204600000003

Contact : +852 3713 2500

Website : <http://www.hkmaritimemuseum.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Central (Star Ferry) Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult – 30 HKD Senior, students, children, disabled – 15 HKD

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 09:30hrs-17:30hrs Saturday, Sunday 10:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.14. Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence

Museum of Coastal Defence is a treasure house of coastal frontier military set-ups right from initial defence stories to present day strategies. Located inside the Lei Yue Mun Fort built about a century ago, the museum is known to display an exhibition of ‘600 Years of Coastal Defence’.

Address : 175 Tung Hei Rd, Shau Kei Wan, Hong Kong

Location : 22.2829787, 114.23496320000004

Contact : +852 2569 1500

Website : <http://hk.coastaldefence.museum/>

Nearest Public Transport : Museum Of Costal Defence; Tung Hei Road Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult – 10 HKD Students, disabled, senior – 5 HKD Group – 7 HKD

Children below 4 years – free Wednesdays – free

Open & Close Timing : Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday
10:00hrs-18:00hrs Thursday closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Tian Tan Buddha

Located on Lantau Island close to the Lantau South Country Park away from Hong Kong City, Tian Tan Buddha is 34-meter high statue of Buddha Shakyamuni placed on top of a lotus at a height of 26.4 meters. Also known as the Big Buddha, the statue attracts millions of pilgrims from all over Asia and has become a very popular attraction amongst other international tourists as well.

Address : Ngong Ping Rd, Lantau Island, Hong Kong

Location : 22.2539847, 113.90498400000001

Contact : +852-29855248

Website : <http://www.plm.org.hk/>

Nearest Public Transport : Ngong Ping Bus Terminus

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-17:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Victoria Harbour

Known for its breathtaking night view and city skyline, the Victoria Harbour is a spot for the annual fireworks show of the Lunar New Year. The harbour is best-viewed in its full glory from the Peak Tower. The view from the Avenue of Stars promenade is yet another captivating visual spectacle.

Address : 1, 133 Java Rd, North Point, Hong Kong

Location : 22.3059872, 114.16954859999998

Nearest Public Transport : Tin Chiu Street Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Nan Lian Garden

Located in the center of Hong Kong in a very tranquil environment, Nan Lian Garden is a park built in the Tang Dynasty form of architecture. Stretched over 3.5 hectares of land, the garden is surrounded by the tall buildings and is one of the most beautiful sites in Hong Kong. This garden holds permanent exhibitions

of Chinese timber architecture, rocks and potted plants. You can also nibble on some delicious food at the vegetarian restaurant or teahouse inside the garden.

Address : 60 Fung Tak Rd, Hong Kong

Location : 22.3391646, 114.20533699999999

Contact : +852 3658 9366

Website : <http://www.nanliangarden.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Chi Lin Nunnery Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 07:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Chi Lin Nunnery

Chi Lin Nunnery is a large temple complex with dainty wooden architecture and tranquil lotus ponds located right opposite the mesmeric Nan Lian Garden. The architecture of some of the temples is unique with the halls having a number of statues made of clay, wood and gold that represent divinities such as the Shakyamuni Buddha and Bodhisattvas. Established in 1934, The Nunnery is a repository of Buddhist relics.

Address : 5 Chi Lin Dr, Hong Kong

Location : 22.339743, 114.20465100000001

Contact : +852 2354 1888

Website : <http://www.chilin.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Chi Lin Nunnery Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-16:30hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Hong Kong Park

A vast landscape of green grass in the heart of the city set with amazing features attracts a large number of locals as well as tourists. This tranquil public park consists of an artificial waterfall, lake and an aviary that is known to house 80 types of bird species in a beautifully designed tropical rainforest. Hong Kong Park is a perfect place for an evening stroll with your loved ones.

Address : 19 Cotton Tree Dr, Hong Kong

Location : 22.277763, 114.16181200000005
Contact : +852 2521 5041
Website : <http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/tc/parks/hkp/>
Nearest Public Transport : Hong Kong Park Bus station
Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs-23:00hrs
Time Required : 3
Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Ten Thousand Buddhas Monastery

Built in the 1950s, this magnificent temple houses more than 10,000 Buddhas. Nearly 12,800 miniature statues are placed on the walls of the main temple and numerous golden Buddhas in unique poses welcome you all the way up to the monastery. There are numerous halls and pavilions, as well as a 9-floor pagoda which defines the ancient architecture of the country making it a must-visit in Hong Kong.

Address : Lots 358-359, IN D D 185,, Sha Tin, Hong Kong
Location : 22.3873896, 114.18485429999998
Contact : +852 2691 1067
Website : <http://www.10kbuddhas.org/index.do>
Nearest Public Transport : Grand Central Plaza Bus Station
Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:30hrs
Time Required : 3
Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Peak Tower

Peak Tower is the perfect place to buy souvenirs for your friends or relatives.
Address : 128 Peak Rd, The Peak, Hong Kong
Zipcode : 128
Location : 22.2712204, 114.1499589
Website : <http://www.thepeak.com.hk/en/>
Nearest Public Transport : Peak Tower cable Car Station
Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 10:00hrs-23:00hrs Saturday, Sunday 08:00hrs-23:00hrs
Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Man Mo Temple

Built in 1847 this temple houses the Literature God (Man) and the Martial God (Mo), and is frequented by students and scholars looking to succeed in the civil examinations of Imperial China. This temple is the largest Man Mo temple in Hong Kong which is visited by many tourists as it provides a calming atmosphere in contrast to the busy city.

Address : Man Mo Temple, 124-126 Hollywood Rd, Hong Kong

Location : 22.2838844, 114.15018050000003

Contact : +852 2540 0350

Website

http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/Museum/Monument/b5/monuments_96.php

Nearest Public Transport : Man Mo Temple Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Hong Kong Zoological And Botanical Gardens

Stretched over 5.6 hectares of land in Central Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens are sliced into 2 parts by the Albany Road. Locally known as the old and new garden, this zoological space consists of a playground, fountain and an aviary. This garden is known for spotting various species of bird including the red-crowned crane. The garden also houses mammals and reptiles like the Bornean Orangutan and the elongated tortoise.

Address : Albany Road, Central, Hong Kong

Location : 22.2779269, 114.15631340000004

Contact : +852 2530 0154

Website : <http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/tc/parks/hkzbg/>

Nearest Public Transport : Government House Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 05:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Victoria Park

Named after Queen Victoria, Victoria Park in Causeway Bay is a park with lush greenery and serenity in the midst of the monotonous city life. The Victoria Park features interesting amenities like tennis courts, swimming pool, playgrounds, and the statue of Queen Victoria.

Address : Victoria Park Swimming Pool, 1 Hing Fat St, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

Location : 22.2828521, 114.18926599999998

Contact : +852 2890 5824

Website : <http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/tc/parks/vp/>

Nearest Public Transport : Causeway Bay (Tin Hau) Bus Terminus

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

Located along the Victoria Harbour, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre has walkways linking it to the nearby hotels and commerce hubs. The center is a popular venue for exhibitions, seminars and conferences, attracting businessmen from all over the world. This site is majorly popular with Chinese visitors who come here to take photos of the Reunification Monument, which has calligraphic inscriptions of President Jiang Zemin.

Address : 1 Expo Dr, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

Location : 22.283219, 114.17310270000007

Contact : +852 2582 8888

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

Nearest Public Transport : Convention Avenue Bus Station

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Mongkok Commercial Centre

Zipcode : 0

Location : 22.3189885, 114.16893800000003

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Causeway Bay

Causeway Bay can easily be termed as the mecca of shopping in Hong Kong, with its large number of malls, street shops, departmental stores and a lot more. You can also find a vast variety of restaurants located here that will take care of your hunger pangs.

Address : Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

Location : 22.2859787, 114.19149190000007

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.14. Times Square Hong Kong

Located in the heart of the city, Time Square is one of the largest shopping malls in Hong Kong. The Times Square Shopping Mall is a one-stop destination to fulfill all your retail needs. The mall has around 230 stores right from luxury fashion brands to a supermarket. Make sure you visit this here while in Hong Kong and take back home some souvenirs.

Address : Times Square Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Location : 22.2781556, 114.18202999999994

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.15. Cheung Chau

Located 2 hours away from Hong Kong, Cheung Chau is an island of temples, beaches, rock carvings, and pirates' hideout and is a perfect getaway from the humdrum of the city, making it a haven for nature-lovers and adventure-seekers. The Bun Festival which takes place during May is a unique to this island and is definitely worth visiting.

Address : Hong Kong

Location : 22.2016179, 114.02650070000004

Nearest Public Transport : Central Pier ferry terminal

Time Required : 8

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Key sites sports & adventure

There are several extreme sports in Hong Kong. These sports include Rock climbing, paragliding, mountain biking, motocross etc.

- **Ferry Trip -**

Address : Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong

Location : 22.294157,114.169079

Contact No : +852 2367 7065

Website : <http://www.starferry.com.hk/tc/home>

Nearest Public Transport : Star Ferry Pier Tsim Sha Tsui Ferry Station

Entry Fees : Weekdays – adult 2.50 HKD, children 1.50 HKD Weekends – adult 3 HKD, children 1.80 HKD Senior - free

Open / Close Time : Daily 07:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 2.00

Wait Time : 15 minutes

- **Hiking/Rock climbing -**

Address : Dragon's Back, Hong Kong

Location : 22.2271478,114.2399671

Website : <http://hongkong.ecotravel.hk/>

Nearest Public Transport : Lan Nai Wan Bus station

Entry Fees : HKD 760

Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs-13:00hrs and 14:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 4.00

- **Windsurfing/Kayaking/Paddle boarding -**

Address : Cheung Chau Windsurfing Centre, 1 Hak Pai Rd, Cheung

Chau, Hong Kong

Location : 22.2073519,114.0336657

Contact No : +852 29 81 83 16

Website : <http://www.ccwindc.com.hk/menu/>

Entry Fees : Ranges from HKD90-HKD15

Open / Close Time : Monday-Friday: 12:00hrs-18:00hrs Saturday & Sunday: 10:00hrs-19:00hrs Close on Wednesday

Time Required : 4

- **Scuba Diving -**

Address : Unit 5,1/F, Ko Fu House,, 58-72 Fuk Man Road, Sai Kung, New Territories., Hong Kong

Location : 22.3820622,114.273156799999

Contact No : +852 2792 4495

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

Entry Fees : Ranges from HKD1200-HKD4800

Open / Close Time : Monday-Friday 10:00hrs-17:30hrs Saturday-Sunday 08:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 6

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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Sports are an integral part of Hong Kong culture. Horse racing is the most popular sport as it has a large following. Football has one major league and a shield cup which is similar to England's FA cup. One of the HSBC rugby series (Hong Kong Sevens) is played in Hong Kong stadium. Other sports played in Hong Kong include; Baseball, athletics, tennis, handball, cricket, basketball, badminton, volleyball etc. Major international events held in Hong Kong include; Hong Kong sevens, Hong Kong Tennis Classic, 2008 summer Olympics

- **Hong Kong Stadium:**

Address : 55 Eastern Hospital Rd, So Kon Po, Hong Kong

Location : 22.2727866,114.18825079999999

Contact No : +852 2895 7926

Website : <http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/tc/stadium/hks/>

- **Happy Valley Racecourse:**

Address : 6/F Grandstand, Happy Valley Racecourse, Happy Valley, Hong Kong

Location : 22.275472,114.18062899999995

Contact No : +852 2895 1523

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

10. Spas and relaxation

- **Sense of Touch Repulse Bay Day Spa:**

Address : G211, 1/F, The Repulse Bay Arcade, HK, 109 Repulse Bay Rd, Repulse Bay, Hong Kong

Location : 22.238965,114.19558400000005

Contact No : +852 2592 9668

Website : <http://www.senseoftouch.com.hk/mavista/cms/en/home>

- **LUXE by Happy Foot Reflexology Spa:**

Address : Hong Kong, QRE PLAZA, 7/F

Location : 22.2749467,114.17228120000004

Contact No : +852 2573 3438

Website : <http://www.happyfoot.hk/mavista/cms/en/home>

- **Plateau Spa - Grand Hyatt Hong Kong:**

Address : 1 Harbour Rd, Hong Kong

Location : 22.281462,114.17241000000001

Website: http://hongkong.grand.hyatt.com/hyatt/pure/spas/index.jsp?src=agn_phd_gh_lclb_hkggh

- **Sala Raj Thai Massage:**

Address : Tung Fong Building, 151-155 Johnston Rd, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

Location : 22.2768654,114.17411089999996

Contact No : +852 2898 7450

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

- **Spa at Ritz Carlton:**

Address : Elements, International Commerce Centre (ICC), 1 Austin Rd W, Yau Ma Tei, Hong Kong

Location : 22.303467,114.160211

Contact No : +852 2263 2263

Website : <http://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/china/hong-kong>



11. Events calendar

Month

Events

The 45th Hong Kong Arts Festival

It presents a range of drama, opera and music events with both contemporary and traditional creations.

Masters of Hong Kong @ AsiaWorld-Expo (10-12th)

This event features top-notch show jumping competitions, food, Dance, culture, art, cinema and entertainment. Best place to discover world of equestrian sport!

Hong Kong Arts Festival @ multiple venues (Grand Theatre, Hong Kong Cultural Centre Grand Theatre, Hong Kong Cultural Centre Lyric Theatre and Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts) (16th Feb to 18th March)

Dating 44 years back Hong Kong art festival is an event that is held every year. The event features music, opera dance and drama from both Modern and traditional artists.

Hong Kong sevens @ Hong Kong Stadium (7th to 9th)

World HSBC will make a pit stop in Hong Kong this coming April. Hong Kong sevens usually attracts more than 40,000 rugby spectators each year. The tournament features thrilling and captivating Rugby Games.

Dragon Boat Race @ Hong Kong (30th)

Also known as Tuen Ng Festival honors Qu Yuan Chinese national hero who was on the forefront protesting against corrupt leaders. The highlight of the day is a boat race.

Talented Architects @ Wetland park (all month)


The program showcases amazing animal structures that meet their unique living needs. Visitors can get to learn how some of these structures are built

Kwan Tai Festival @ Man Mo Temple (27th)

Kwan Tai is widely considered as a symbol of Royalty and integrity. Kwan Tai birthday is

marked by elaborate ceremonies across town, including those at Man Mo Temple on Hong Kong Island, where an ever-burning lamp flickers before Kwan Tai's statue.

Sister Sister Festival @ Hong Kong (9th)



Sometimes sister sister festival is known as Chinese Valentine's Day. The festival is based on a Chinese legend where two lovebird stars Altair and Vega are separated on either side of the milk way but on this day magpies of the world build a bridge for the two love birds to be together.

Road to ULTRA Hong Kong @ Nursery Park (17th)

ULTRA is a music event that is considered to be the most famous and the largest music electronic event across world.


National Day (1st)

The entire first week of October is known to be the Golden Week which highlights the skyline of Hong Kong with breathtaking fireworks. It is one of the most favorite holidays of Chinese.

The Chinese Zodiac @ Concert

Hall (12th)

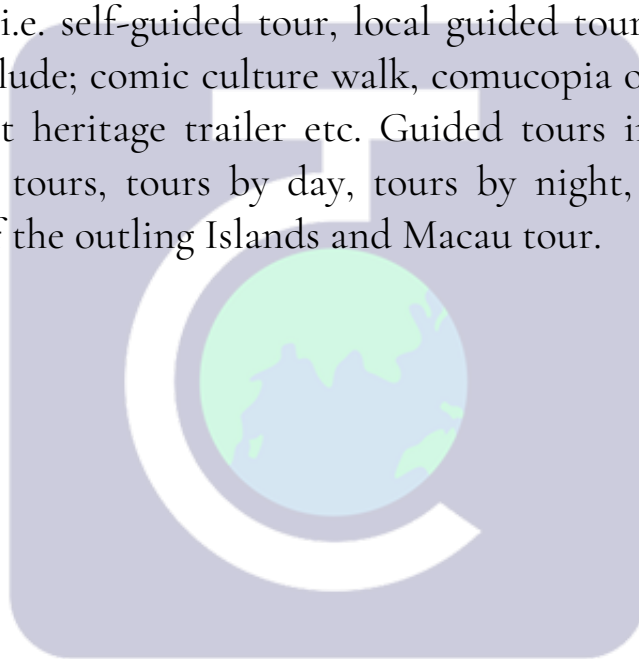
The event is held by Nan-Chang Chien. The concert focuses on the creative and the oriental myths presented in a very humorous way to the audience. Beerfest Asia @ West Kowloon Cultural District (1st to 4th)



Sample award winning Asia's finest beers crafts. The events also features music acts including an international tribute, local bands and DJ's.

12. Key local guides and tours

Hong Kong offers numerous majestic sights and activities for all visitors. It is almost impossible to cover Hong Kong in short period of time or in one visit. Hong Kong is a destination for all; from visitors traveling on a budget to spend thrifts. There are myriad of self-guided and local tours in Hong Kong. All tours will lead you to heart of Asia's most fascinating city. There are various tours that exist in Hong Kong i.e. self-guided tour, local guided tours and planned tours. Self-guided tours include; comic culture walk, comucopia of delights, century of architecture, the first heritage trailer etc. Guided tours include; nature tours, Explore Hong Kong tours, tours by day, tours by night, living culture tours, Shenzen tour, tour of the outling Islands and Macau tour.



13. Transportation hubs

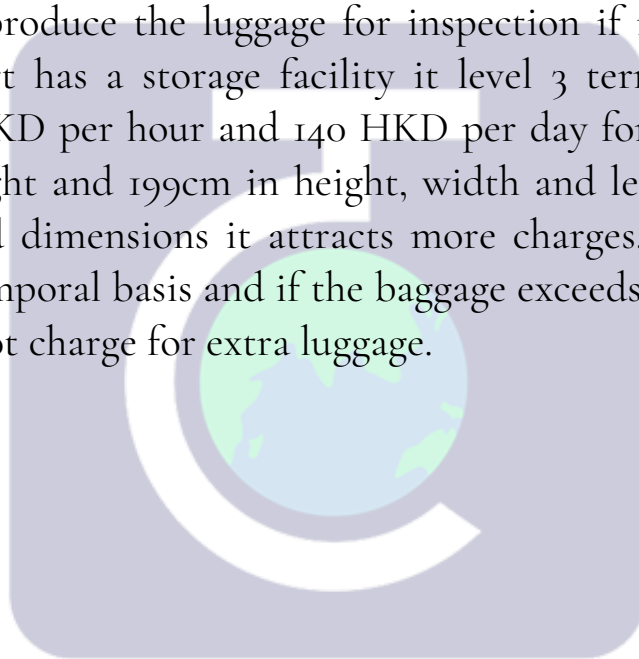
Opened in 1998 Hong Kong International airport is the main airport in Hong Kong. To distinguish it from the previous International airport (Kal Tak Airport) which was closed, Hong Kong International airport is also known as Chek Lap Kak Airport. Designed by a British architect, Hong Kong airport structure is a master piece considered as one the best structures built in the 20th Century. The airport is located in Chek Lap Tak Island 35.5km from the city. The airport handles over 67 million passengers per year. There are various modes of transportation from the airport to the main land. Airport express train is probably the fastest mode to the city center. Airport Express runs on intervals of 10 minute from 06:00hrs till 00:00hrs. From the airport to Hong Kong station is 100 HKD, to Kowloon station is 90 HKD, to Tsing Yi Station is 60 HKD and AsiaWorld-Expo is 5 HKD. Taxis are readily available from the airport. Taxis use the Taximeter to determine the charge but the minimum fare you can pay is 220 HKD from the airport to the city Centre. Buses have more than 30 destinations from the airport to the main land. The buses operate from 06:00hrs to 00:00hrs. Exchange Square Bus Terminus and Shing Mun Tunnels Bus Interchange are two of the main bus stations. Subway stations include Hung Hom Station, Central Station , Prince Edward Station , Tsing Yi Station and Tai Wo Station .

14. Transportation cost

Getting around in Hong Kong is quite flexible, fast and easy. There are five modes of transport that include; ferries, taxis, trams, Mass transit railway, buses and mini buses. Mass transit Railway (MTR) consists of ten rail lines Tsuen Wan, Kwun Tong, Tseung Kwan, Tung Chung, West Rail, East Rail, Ma On Shan, Disneyland Resort and the Airport express. Day pass for adults cost 65 HKD and 30HKD for a child. The day pass is for foreigners who have being in Hong Kong for less than 14 days. There are five bus companies (Citybus, long win, Kowloon, New lantao New World First bus) in Hong Kong. Citybus and Long Win Company are the most common bus companies that operate in Hong Kong. Each bus company mainly operates in differently designated places. Cash fares are accepted in buses. Octopus cards are used in both MTR and bus system. There are two types of cards best suited for tourist: solid tourist card is sold at 39 HKD and standard tourist card which has refundable deposit of 50 HKD. The Standard card allows discounted fares for children under the age of 11. Taxis are color coded according to area of operation. They are allowed to pick passengers from anywhere apart from the few restricted areas. They are flexible and easy to find. The minimum you can pay for a taxi is 22 HKD. The fare chart is displayed on the dashboard.

Index**15. Baggage allowance**

Mass Transit Railway (MTR) only allows one luggage per passenger. The luggage should not exceed the length and width of 170 cm and height of 130 cm. Small luggage are allowed to be combined to make one huge luggage as long as it does not exceed the specified dimensions. If a luggage is carried in a trolley or handcart or any other conveyance they are included in measurement. A passenger must be willing to produce the luggage for inspection if need be. Hong Kong International Airport has a storage facility at level 3 terminal 2. The storage facility charges 12 HKD per hour and 140 HKD per day for luggage that do not exceed 30kgs in weight and 199cm in height, width and length. If your luggage exceeds the specified dimensions it attracts more charges. The storage facility stores baggage on temporal basis and if the baggage exceeds one month then it is disposed. Taxis do not charge for extra luggage.



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16. Restaurant & Nightlife

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- **Fook Lam Moon Restaurant:**

Address : Shop 3, G/F, 35-45 Johnston Rd, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

Location : 22.2769489999999, 114.170940999999

Contact No : +852 2866 0663

Website : <http://www.fooklammoon-grp.com/>

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

- **Mak's Noodle:**

Address : 77 Wellington St, Central, Hong Kong

Location : 22.283051699, 114.15464299

Contact No : +852 2854 3810

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-21:00hrs

- **Yung Kee Restaurant:**

Address : Yung Kee Building, 32-40 Wellington St, Central, Hong Kong

Location : 22.2816151, 114.15554859

Contact No : +852 2522 1624

Website : <http://yungkee.com.hk/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-23:30hrs

- **Caprice:**

Address : Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong, 8 Finance St, Central, Hong Kong

Location : 22.2866065,114.15657239

Contact No : +852 3196 8888

Website

<http://www.fourseasons.com/hongkong/dining/restaurants/caprice/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs-14:30hrs; 18:00hrs-22:30hrs

- **Tim Ho Wan - Olympian City:**

Address : 2 Hoi Ting Rd, Tai Kok Tsui, Hong Kong

Location : 22.3171379,114.16282780

Contact No : +852 2332 2896

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

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs-21:30hrs

- **Rainbow Seafood Restaurant:**

Address : Sok Kwu Wan First St, Hong Kong

Location : 22.2058445,114.13157939

Contact No : +852 2982 8100

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

- **Maxim's Palace Chinese Restaurant:**

Address : Hong Kong, 5-7 3

Location : 22.282423,114.16192899

Contact No : +852 2521 1303

Website : <http://www.maxims.com.hk/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-15:00hrs; 17:30hrs-22:30hrs

- **Din Tai Fung:**

Address : Miramar Shopping Centre, 4 4F, 132-134T Nathan Rd, Tsim Sha Tsui, Hong Kong

Location : 22.2973347,114.16932910

Contact No : +852 2898 2499

Website : <http://www.dintaifung.com.hk/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:30hrs-22:30hrs

- **Volar:**

Address : HONG KONG ISLAND, 44 D'Aguilar St, Central, Hong Kong

Location : 22.280817,114.15524499

Contact No : +852 2810 1510

Open / Close Time : Tuesday-Saturday 18:00hrs-05:00hrs

- **CÉ LA VI:**

Address : 25/F California Tower, 36, 30 D'Aguilar St, Central, Hong Kong

Location : 22.2810077,114.15550269

Contact No : +852 3700 2300

Website : <http://hk.celavi.com/>

Open / Close Time : Sunday-Thursday 11:30hrs-23:00hrs; Friday & Saturday 11:30hrs-00:00hrs

- **PLAY Club:**

Address : On Hing Building, 1 On Hing Terrace, Hong Kong

Location : 22.280549,114.15649899

Website : <http://www.playclub.asia/>

Open / Close Time : Thursday-Saturday 22:00hrs-05:00hrs



Index**17. Average meal cost**

A normal meal at an inexpensive restaurant, including a drink is available at 92 HKD. A combo meal in fast food restaurant is available at 33 HKD. One bottle of red table wine is available at 198 HKD.



18. Shopping

Hong Kong ranks amongst the must-go destinations of the world as far as shopping is concerned. There is a plethora of markets and malls dotting the city-line of Hong Kong to win over all kinds of shoppers. Central : If you want to purchase the swankiest of designer-brands and hop across from one mall to another, you have to head to Central. This shopping district is apt for shoppers who dig brands and don't mind spending cash. There are elitist boutiques and high-end shops here which have iconic branded goods from designers of London, New York and Hong Kong. You will see the iconic Louis Vuitton Shop, Hong Kong's one-and-only Harvey Nichols store here. Hong Kong's most famous store is also here: Shanghai Tang. Mongkok: If you enjoy buying copy versions of every high-end product there is, come to Mongkok. Laden with different dedicated markets, this well-spread shopping hub prides itself for selling all kinds of things at incredibly cheap prices. Be it jeans, watches, handbags, everything is available and affordable here! Causeway Bay: There can be no better place to shop than this in all of Hong Kong! Every inch of this huge market space is lined up with malls, shops and neon advertising signs. If you want to see and experience manic shopping energy of Hong Kong, come to Causeway Bay. The famed Times Square Shopping Mall is the pride of this shopping locale. The prices are good but bargaining is always allowed!

Index**19. Tourist benefits**

Hong Kong has goods and service taxes (GST) refund policy for goods bought in the city but are not consumed. GST rebates applies only to foreigners. Goods and services fully or partly consumed in Hong Kong are not eligible to rebates. Rebates are claimed at the immigration offices in ports. There are tax free duty shops in seaports the airports.



20. Essential local apps

Hong Kong is a very busy and crowded city where people mostly use public transport for travel. It will be useful to have some travel apps for easy navigation within the region. Hong Kong Taxi Translator can be used to search streets, residential areas, buildings, sightseeing spots, etc and create flashcards in Chinese characters for the taxi drivers to read. HKe Transport is useful for planning routes using public transport like bus, trams, minibuses, ferry, MTR, along with fare and estimated travel time. Open Rice helps in searching restaurants based on food, book tables, get suggestions, etc.



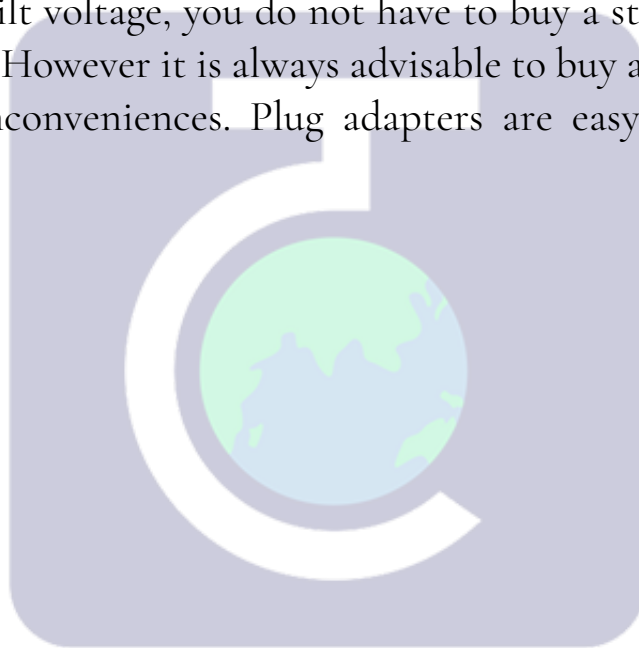
21. Driving

For Foreign tourists to drive in Hong Kong, they require a driving permit issued in Hong Kong. Visitors from specific countries such as Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Spain and Sweden do not have to do a driving test for them to get the driving license. Requirements for a successful application include; one passport size photo, valid visa, valid passport and processing fee. All other visitors apart from those from the selected counties must do a driving test.



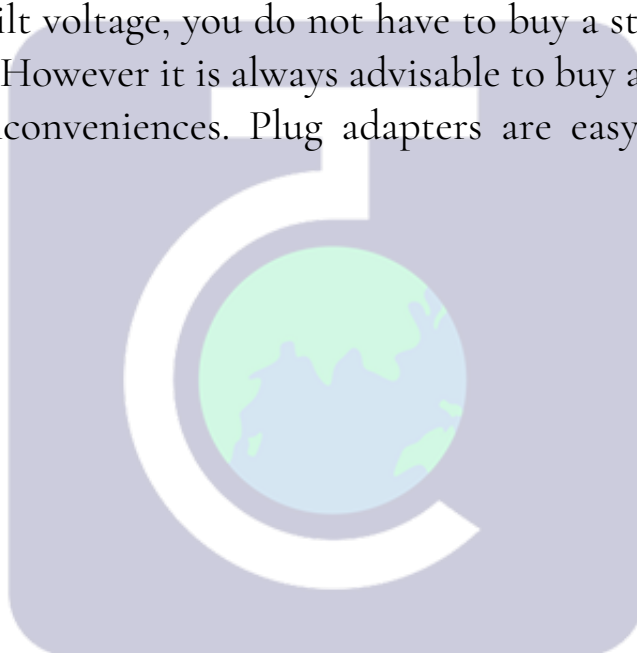
22. Travel essentials

Hong Kong has a standard voltage of 220 to 240 volts with a frequency of 50 Hz. Almost all the power sockets in this city are the Type G (British BS-1363) and the Type C (European CEE 7/16 Euro plug). Type G has three rectangular shaped prongs. Travel adapters are easy to find Hong Kong so you can either come with one or buy one in Hong Kong. If your electrical appliances have either dual voltage or in dual built voltage, you do not have to buy a step down transformer or voltage convertor. However it is always advisable to buy an external adopter to avoid last minute inconveniences. Plug adapters are easy to find and readily available.



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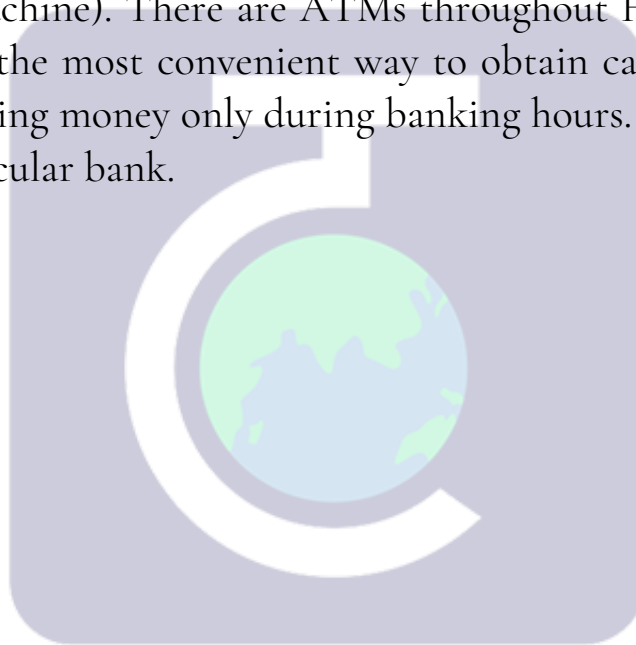
24. Local currency

Hong Kong Dollar is the local currency of Hong Kong. It is denoted as HKD. 1 USD = 7.75 HKD



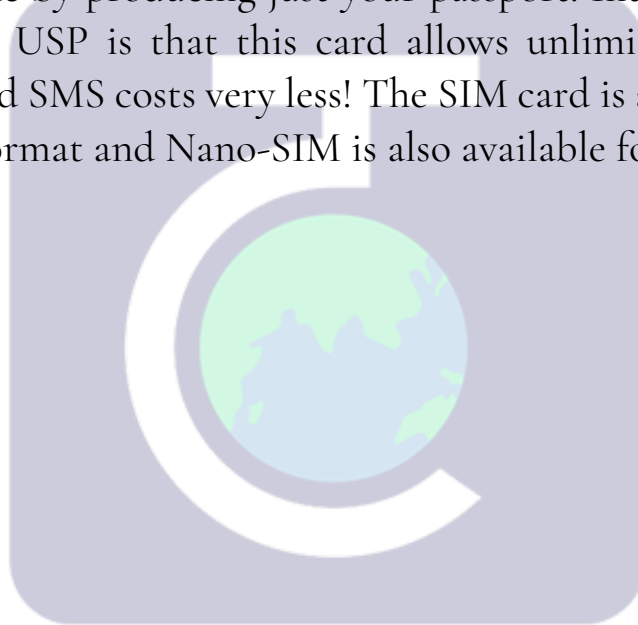
25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

There are many money exchange shops in hotels airports and malls in Hong Kong. It is not advisable to use these shops to change money because they charge outrageous commissions. Do not be fooled by the shops which advertise no commission because they exchange very low prices. Exchange commission is around 2% on average. The best way to get cash away from home is from an ATM (automated teller machine). There are ATMs throughout Hong Kong, making a credit or debit card the most convenient way to obtain cash since it eliminates the hassle of exchanging money only during banking hours. ATM withdrawal fee depends on the particular bank.



26. Staying connected

For the convenience of tourists, the Hong Kong telecom sector has devised the specialized the 'Discover Hong Kong Tourist SIM Card'. This is easily gettable at the Hong Kong International Airport Arrival Hall, there outlets lined up around town selling this card, you can approach one of the stores and purchase the SIM card. You can procure either of the prepaid packages – 5-day and 8-day and use on your mobile phone by producing just your passport. Internet data packs also include. The biggest USP is that this card allows unlimited local calling and international calls and SMS costs very less! The SIM card is available in in regular SIM or Micro-SIM format and Nano-SIM is also available for iPhone users.



27. Time Zone

Hong Kong follows Hong Kong Time Zone with UTC + 08:00 hours.



28. Languages

Chinese and English are the main languages spoken in Hong Kong.



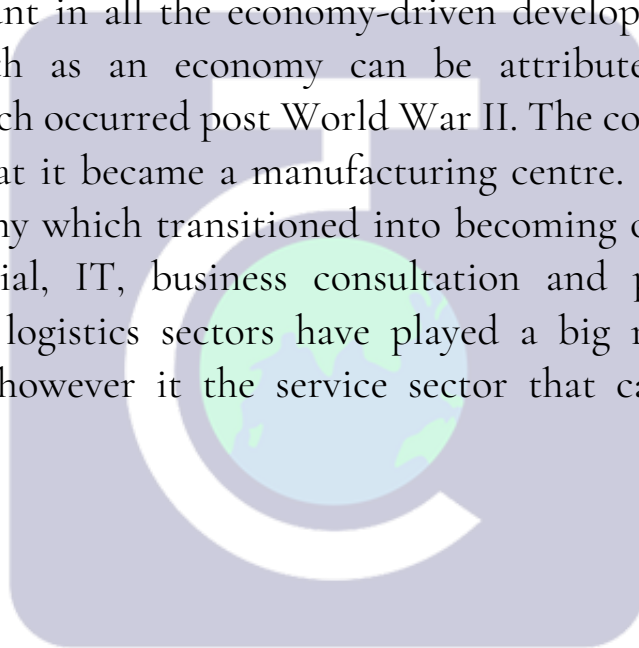
29. Political Scenario

Hong Kong's model of governance is similar to the the British model of colonial administration set up in the 1850s. Although the country operates under the principality of 'one country, two systems', as agreed upon in the 1984 Sino-British Joint Declaration. The country is autonomous in majority areas except defense and foreign affairs. The top-tier leader of Hong Kong is the Chief Executive, elected after an election in which 1200 committee members vote. Nominally the selection of the Chief Executive is made by the Chief Executive. Pillars of the government are: Executive Council, Legislative Council, civil service and Judiciary.



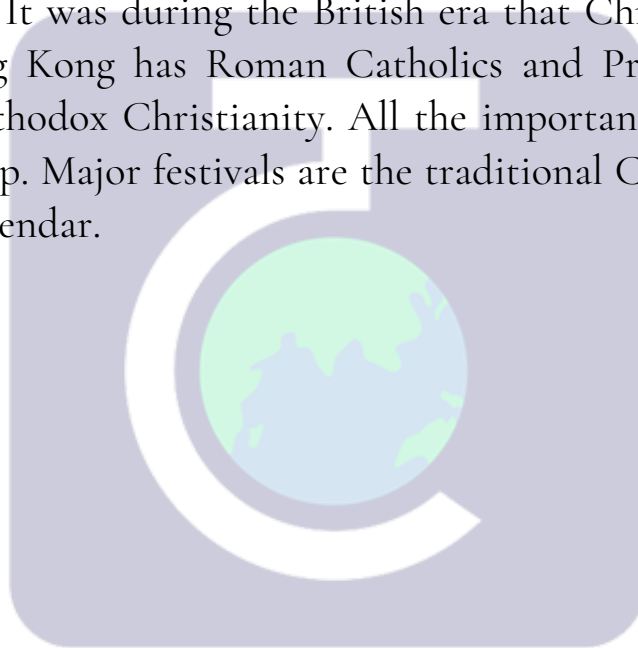
30. Economic Scenario

The economy of Hong Kong is solid and one of the most influential ones in the world. Hong Kong is, in fact, one of the key financial hubs of the world. Its economy is particularly characterized by free trade and low taxation. The Hong Kong Stock Exchange is the 7th largest in the world. The economy of Hong Kong is mainly influenced by the market forces and the private sector. The government is a passive participant in all the economy-driven developments and decisions. Hong Kong's growth as an economy can be attributed to its fast-paced industrialization which occurred post World War II. The country fashioned itself in such a manner that it became a manufacturing centre. In the 1980s it was a service-based economy which transitioned into becoming one of the leaders for management, financial, IT, business consultation and professional services. Transportation and logistics sectors have played a big role in pumping the country's economy, however it the service sector that calls the shots in the economy.



Index**31. Religious belief**

Hong Kong is a religiously diverse land. Most of the Chinese descent people practice Chinese folk religions like Confucianism or Taoism. Some also follow Chinese Buddhist beliefs. Other major religions include Protestantism, Catholicism, Islam, Hinduism, and Sikhism. There are some smaller communities as well that practice other religions. The greatest majority follow Chinese traditional religions. It was during the British era that Christianity entered the region. Today, Hong Kong has Roman Catholics and Protestants along with Mormonism and Orthodox Christianity. All the important religions have their own places of worship. Major festivals are the traditional Chinese ones based on the Chinese lunar calendar.



32. Visa requirements

Foreigners from some countries do not require visas to enter in Hong Kong. These visitors are expected to stay for a maximum of 180 days. However, they require a valid passport and form of identification. Passport should be valid for more than the period the visitor intends to stay. Visitors should have enough funds to last for the entire time and should not have major criminal record. For the list of countries who's national do not require visa and for more info visit <http://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/services/visas/visit-transit/visit-visa-entry-permit.html>



Index**33. Essential vaccination**

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



34. Theft and Safety

Hong Kong is one of the safest cities for a tourist. However, chances of petty crimes are always there and the visitors must be cautious about the purse and other valuable belongings while walking on the busy, crowded streets of the city.



Index**35. Embassy/Consulate**

There are many embassies and consulates in Hong Kong. A few of the main areas are Harbour Road, Queensway – Admiralty, Connaught Place, Wang Hoi Road and Queens Road Central. You can have more information at <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/china>.



36. Accessibility

People with disabilities have special facilities for barrier-free travel throughout Hong Kong. Disabled friendly transportation, hotels, attractions, shopping and dining, and resources are available everywhere.



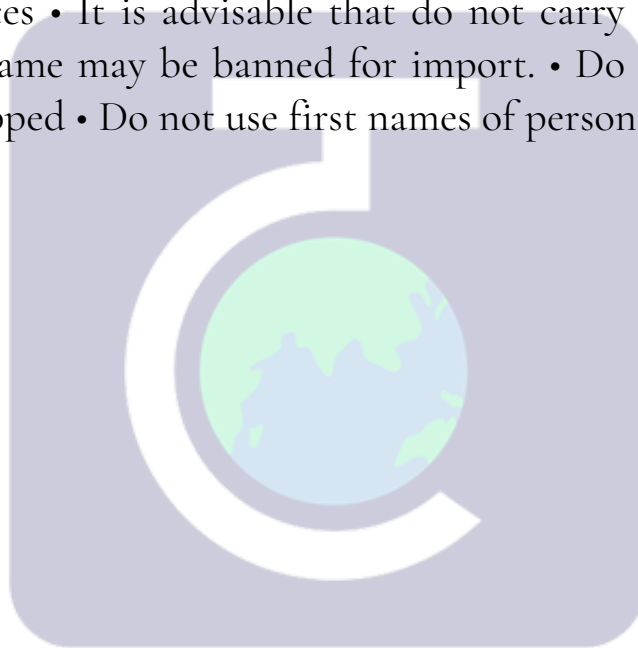
37. Emergencies

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 hospitals that provide travel insurance are Hong Kong Baptist Hospital and Evangel Hospital .



Index**38. Do's and Don'ts**

Do's - • Check season before travel. Summer is really worse in Hong Kong • Avoid rush hours for travelling around • Learn a few Cantonese words • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. • Stay away from crowded neighborhoods on weekends • While dining, wait to be seated Don'ts - • Do not litter in public places • Do not smoke at public places • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. • Do not throw away used chewing gum unwrapped • Do not use first names of persons without permission



Index**39.Tipping basics**

It is not mandatory to tip in Hong Kong. Most of the restaurants put a sign board of 'No Service Charge' which directs that it is mindful to tip with 10% of your meal bill. In bars, you can tip only when you are served with waiters or waitresses. Ask the driver to keep the change as a part of tip.



Index**40.Pet info**

Bringing pets into Hong Kong involves complex procedures that will take months of planning to be executed. Pet import laws mostly pertain to expat pet import. Pets are generally classified into coming from 3 categories of countries and the period of quarantine varies for each category. For Category I and Category II countries, the procedures of quarantine is simple and without any fuss. Animals from Category III countries are required to go through quarantine at the owner's expense. To get your pet into Hong Kong, you need to get a special import permit from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation department. You can have more information at their government site <http://www.gov.hk/en/nonresidents/living/pets.htm>.



Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Why choose Hong Kong ? Hong Kong is truly a global city with diverse cultures and a modern look and feel. The city is well connected to all the major countries and destinations allowing easy access. What is more interesting about Hong Kong is that amid all the concrete jungle that the city is, there are islands of greenery and wilderness and the land itself is surprisingly rural in character. The best view of Hong Kong is possible from the Victoria Peak. The Peak Tower is not just an observation tower; it has a shopping mall, restaurants, and museums. The view from the tower is absolutely breathtaking, especially at night when the cityscape is fully lit up and the nearby Victoria Harbor gleams in the pool of lights. The ride in the Peak Tram through the verdant woods to reach the top offers stunning views of the harbor and the skyscrapers. One major attraction that every visitor must try is a ride on the Star Ferry. The journey offers a panoramic view of the tall buildings in the background of majestic hills that surround the city. Hong Kong is not just an affluent city. The countryside is equally mesmerizing with country parks and marine parks. The serenity of the ancient villages is sure to cast a spell on the visitors. Visit the many fishing villages, open countryside, solitary beaches, and numerous monasteries to escape the colors and lights of the main city. There is so much to see and do in Hong Kong. Museums, parks, theme parks, temples, churches, monasteries, night markets, festivals, the stilt houses of the Tanka boat people in Tai O, shopping, cultural evenings – the list is endless. It is definitely a tourist's haven.

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