

# HKU Visitor Tour Guide

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Welcome to The University of Hong Kong (HKU) - one of Asia's leading universities, nestled in the lush hills of Pok Fu Lam. This guide provides a scenic walking tour of HKU's most iconic landmarks, perfect for first-time visitors.

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### Recommended Walking Route

Total Distance: ~3.7 km

Estimated Time: 60-75 minutes (excluding time spent at each site)

1. HKU MTR Station
2. Main Building (Benbu Dala / Loke Yew Hall)
3. Zhongshan Square
4. St. John's College
5. University Hall

All paths are pedestrian-friendly and mostly along sidewalks or quiet roads.

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### 1. Main Building (Benbu Dala / Loke Yew Hall)

- Location: 114.142901, 22.281354
- Walking from MTR: 337 meters (~4.5 minutes)
- Highlights:

- Built in 1912, this colonial-style building is the heart of HKU.
- Also known as Loke Yew Hall, it features red-brick walls, arched verandas, and a grand clock tower.
- A declared monument of Hong Kong.
- Photo Tip: Capture the symmetrical facade from the front steps!

![[Main Building]]([https://aos-comment.amap.com/B073C04GMZ/comment/file\\_media\\_Photo\\_1237\\_IMG\\_1761120165\\_1164\\_IMG\\_20251022\\_160105\\_jpg\\_ss\\_\\_1762179879411\\_90396211.jpg](https://aos-comment.amap.com/B073C04GMZ/comment/file_media_Photo_1237_IMG_1761120165_1164_IMG_20251022_160105_jpg_ss__1762179879411_90396211.jpg))

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## 2. Zhongshan Square

- Location: 114.143163, 22.280652
- Walking from Main Building: 61 meters (~1 minute)
- Highlights:
  - A peaceful open plaza named after Dr. Sun Yat-sen, an alumnus of HKU.
  - Surrounded by greenery and often used for campus events.
  - Quiet spot for reflection and photos.
- Rating: 4.0

![[Zhongshan Square]](<https://store.is.autonavi.com/showpic/969f796f5bb3220431ed7f95e2ab60b6>)

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## 3. St. John's College

- Location: 114.137058, 22.277939
- Walking from Zhongshan Square: 1.0 km (~13.5 minutes)
- Highlights:
  - One of HKU's oldest residential colleges, founded in 1912.

- Beautiful Gothic-style architecture with ivy-covered walls.
- Located along the scenic stretch of Bonham Road.

![[St. John's College]](<http://store.is.autonavi.com/showpic/94fdb5f4590b05d0af36e5a4d46d440>)

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## 4. University Hall

- Location: 114.140246, 22.260785
- Walking from St. John's College: 2.2 km (~30 minutes)
- Highlights:
  - Originally built in 1861 as a private residence, later became part of HKU.
  - Stunning Victorian-Gothic architecture with stained glass and wooden staircases.
  - Hosts cultural events and student gatherings.
- Rating: 4.2 - Highly praised by visitors!

![[University Hall]]([https://aos-comment.amap.com/B073C04NWT/comment/content\\_media\\_external\\_file\\_99893\\_ss\\_\\_1752451404434\\_73104383.jpg](https://aos-comment.amap.com/B073C04NWT/comment/content_media_external_file_99893_ss__1752451404434_73104383.jpg))

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## Visitor Tips

- Best Time to Visit: Weekdays (8:00 AM - 6:00 PM), especially in the morning for soft light and fewer crowds.
- Wear Comfortable Shoes: The campus is hilly with many stairs.
- Bring Water & Snacks: Limited public vending areas.
- Photography: Allowed in outdoor areas; be respectful near academic zones.
- Accessibility: Some older buildings have limited access.

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Final Note: End your tour with a coffee or meal at the HKU Tea Restaurant near the campus center!

Enjoy your visit to one of Hong Kong's most historic and beautiful campuses!