

Hong Kong was great. I don't know why, but I always feel so content when I am in Asia. Hong Kong is so much like Korea that I felt right at home.

I spent the first day wandering around Kowloon with Cecilia and Max. We saw a lot of the major sites such as the Star Ferry, the clock tower, the Peninsula hotel. We also visited the Jade market, and a bunch of other markets. We had a nice lunch at this Chinese place near the Prudential building. In the evening Cecilia and I walk through the night market. My mom and Kenny arrived that evening.

The next day Max took all of us to Wong Tai Sin temple, and then over to this tomb. That afternoon Kenny, Jutta, and I went over to Hong Kong Island went up the mid-level escalators and took the tram to the peak.

The third day, we all went to Macau. At the ferry station we hired a guide to drive us around and show us the sites. Max, Jutta, and Cecilia headed back to Kowloon that afternoon. Kenny and I stayed and visited Macau's two islands (Taipa, and Coloane), and took a peak into a couple of the casinos. We went to a black sand beach (Hac Sa) on Coloane. While there we noticed this statue on the hill. Some guy offered to drive us up to it for \$100 HK. The statue toured out to be of A-ma, a goddess who protects seafarers. The name "Macau" itself derives from A-Ma-Gau or place of A-Ma. A-ma is Chinese for mother.

The fourth day Max, Jutta, and Cecilia went to Lantau to see the big buddha, but they left to early for Kenny and I. So Kenny and I went back to Hong Kong Island and visited the snake restaurant(no we didn't eat snake). We also road the trolley car to Shau Kei Wan. From Shau Kei Wan we took a bus to Shek-o. Shek-o has great beaches and a peaceful atmosphere. That night Kenny and I went out for Korea food.

The fifth day Jutta, Kenny, and I took a tour through the New Territories. The tour took us to the Yeun Yeun Institute, up Tai Mo Shan (the highest peak in HK), near Sha Ta Kok (the 1/2 HK, 1/2 China city),into a traditional Hakka village, to fishing village, and to the market in Tai po.

The sixth day Kenny and I went to the Po Lin Monastery in Lantau to see the big buddha, and from there we caught a ferry to Cheung Chau Island. Cheung Chau Island has no cars, so we rented bikes to tour around.

The seventh day Cecilia, Jutta, Kenny and I went to Kowloon Tong to see our temple, and from there we went over to Hong Kong Island to see all the Philipino maids gathering in the streets on their day off. It was amazing, almost like we weren't in Hong Kong, as it was mainly Philipino's everywhere enjoying there day off. After that we all just went our separate ways for a few hours to pick up souvenirs. I actually caught a bus to the peak, and found that to be a more interesting way to get to the peak then the tram was. That evening the whole group got together for a nice Chinese meal.

My flight left before everyone else, on the morning of Feb 23.

As for souvenirs, I picked up a few key chains, and a couple of jade chopstick sets for myself. For Yenny, I bought a jade handled mirror, with a porcelain back.