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An Overview

Hong Kong has a global outlook and combines the best of East and West. It is a world in a city. In Hong Kong, rule of law is upheld and every effort is made to ensure a just, corruption-free society where people can feel secure and businesses can compete on a level playing field. Energetic, vibrant, flexible - these are the words most often used to describe Hong Kong. Pluralistic and tolerant, Hong Kong has a rich culture and traditions, and a modern cityscape that contrasts with a rural landscape full of varied plant and animal life.
Globally connected with a first-rate infrastructure and communications network, Hong Kong is the gateway to China and the rest of the world.



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Basic Facts

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Full Name: Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China
Official Languages: Chinese(Cantonese); English
Ethnic Groups (2017): 92.0% Chinese ;2.5% Fillipino;2.1% Indonesians; 0.8% White:2.6% others
Area:2,755 km2
Population 2017 estimate
7,409,800(100th)
Density
6,544[2]/km2 (16,948.9/sq mi) (4th)
Religion
Chinese folk religion, Buddhism, Taoism, Irreligion, or Atheism (82.8%) Protestantism (6.5%) ;Catholicism (5.1%);Islam (4.1%);Hinduism (1.3%); Sikhism (0.2%)
GDP (PPP) 2017 estimate
Total
$453.019 billion
Per capita
$61,015 (10th)
HDI (2015) 0.917
very high · 12th
Currency
Hong Kong dollar (HK$) (HKD)
1 USD=7.84 HKD (as per 15 March, 2018)

Airport: Hong Kong International Airport (HKG)
Area Code:+852
Time zone: GMT+8
Visa Free For: Visa free for most European/ American countries
Taxes: Hong Kong does not have sales tax / GST / VAT.
Electricity: 220 volts AC, 50Hz.
Tips: Except 5 starred hotel, most places tips are not necessary.
Water Supply: NOT directly drinkable.

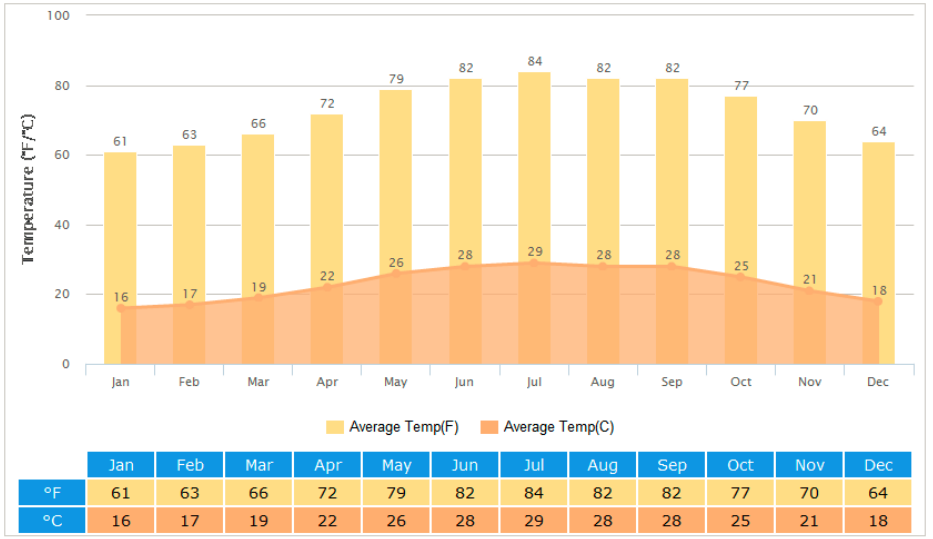


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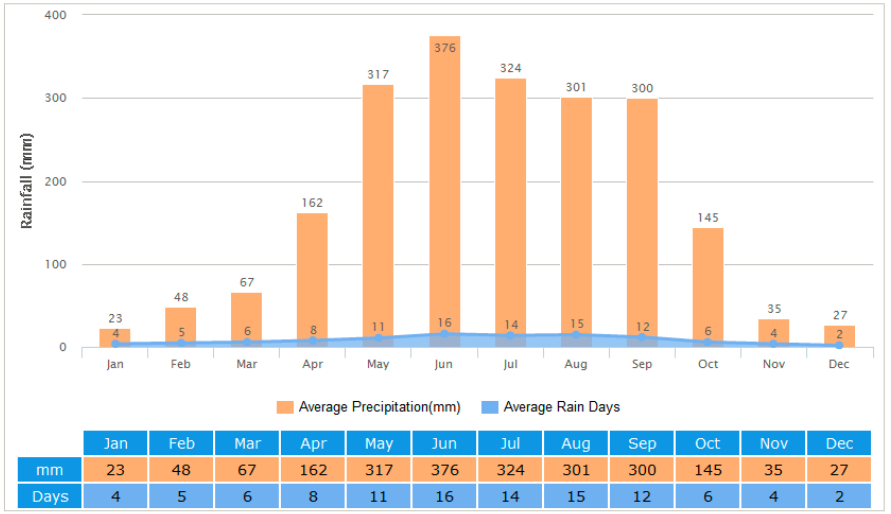
In the Köppen–Geiger classification system, Hong Kong has a humid subtropical climate , though it is situated 128 kilometres (80 mi) south of the Tropic of Cancer. Summer is hot and humid with occasional showers and thunderstorms, and warm air coming from the southwest. Typhoons most often occur in summer, sometimes resulting in flooding or landslides. Winters are mild and usually start sunny, becoming cloudier towards February; the occasional cold front brings strong, cooling winds from the north. The most temperate seasons are spring, which can be changeable, and autumn, which is generally sunny and dry. Snowfall is extremely rare, and usually occurs in areas of high elevation. Hong Kong averages 1,948 hours of sunshine per year, while the highest and lowest ever recorded temperatures at the Hong Kong Observatory are 36.6 °C (97.9 °F) on 22 August 2017 and 0.0 °C (32.0 °F) on 18 January 1893, respectively. The highest and lowest ever recorded temperatures across all of Hong Kong, on the other hand, are 38.4 °C (101 °F) at Waglan Island in June 1991and −6.0 °C (21.2 °F) at Tai Mo Shan on 24 January 2016, respectively.

Average Temperatures of Hongkong



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
°F	61	63	66	72	79	82	84	82	82	77	70	64
°C	16	17	19	22	26	28	29	28	28	25	21	18

Average Rainfall of Hongkong



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
mm	23	48	67	162	317	376	324	301	300	145	35	27
Days	4	5	6	8	11	16	14	15	12	6	4	2

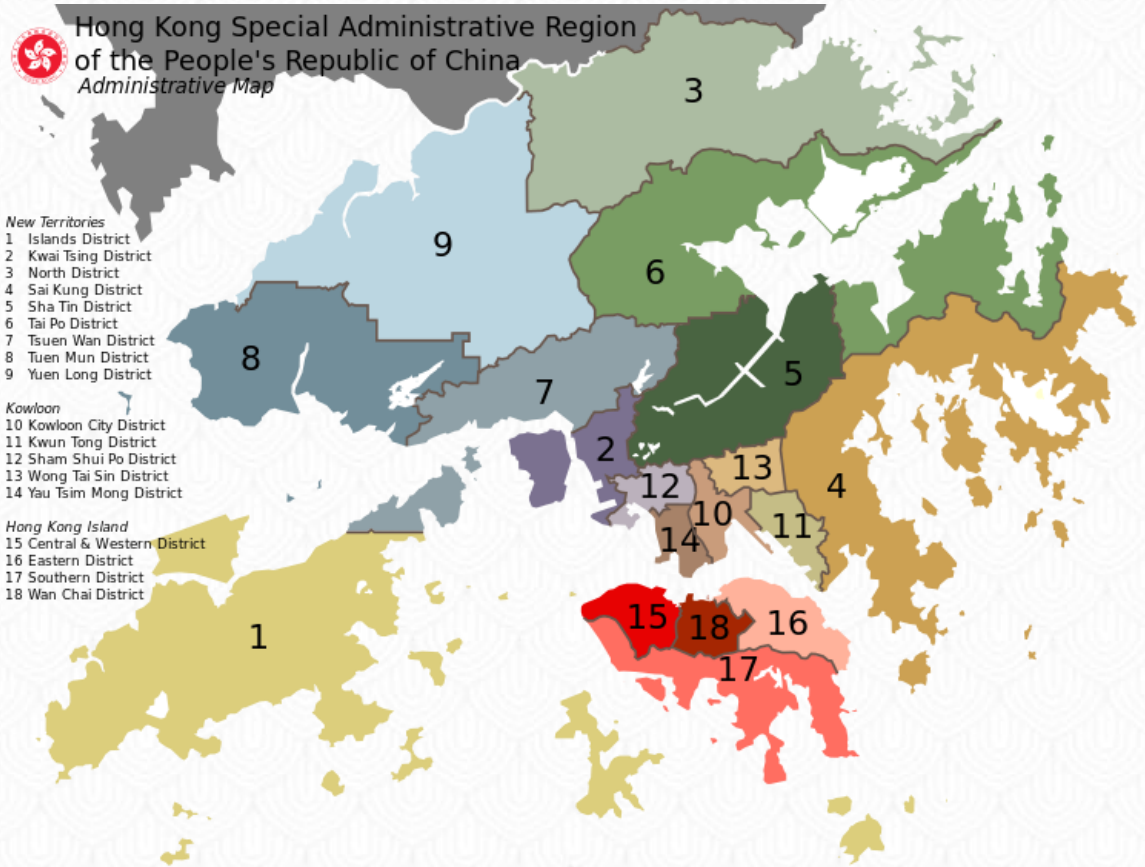
Understand Hong Kong Districts

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Even though Hong Kong is relatively small, it's large when it comes to places to stay and things to do. Hong Kong is separated into districts, and each district offers a unique mix of culture, food, activities, and transportation. When planning your visit to Hong Kong, it's helpful to become familiar with these different "neighborhoods" and what they have to offer visitors.While there are many Hong Kong districts, the list below only includes the most popular districts for visitors to Hong Kong .

The Central area is the primary financial and commercial hub of the city. The area is also known for it's many skyscrapers & seemingly endless luxury malls and shops. So you can do a lot of damage to your bank account around here.

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What's the relationship between Hong Kong and Mainland China

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Many recognize Hong Kong as an international financial hub, business center, shopping paradise, and tourist destination but are still unclear about its true identity. Is Hong Kong a de facto country or is it truly a part of China? As with many things in Hong Kong, the answer is not clear cut. Hong Kong maintains its own passports, currency, police force, and legal and judicial system. However, the mainland Chinese government manages Hong Kong's military defense as well as its diplomacy with foreign countries.

To understand the root of Hong Kong's separation from mainland China, one must go back to the Opium Wars between the Great Britain and China (1839-1860). During these military and trade clashes, China was forced to cede Hong Kong Island and a part of Kowloon to Great Britain in perpetuity. In 1898, Britain negotiated a major land expansion of the Hong Kong colony and signed a 99-year lease with China. The lease ended in 1997 at which time Britain returned Hong Kong to China as a Special Administrative Region (SAR) called the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (HKSAR). Under the doctrine of "one country, two systems," China allowed the former colony to continue to govern itself and maintain many independent systems for a period of 50 years. The Basic Law defines the limited autonomy of Hong Kong.

	Hong Kong	Mainland China
Language	Chinese(Cantonese) and English as official languages	Chinese(Mandarin) as the only official language
Currency	Hong Kong Dollars	China Yuan(Ren Min Bi)
Social System	Capitalism, world's freest economy	Communism with China special characteristics
Law	based on the British Common Law system of justice.	based on Civil Law.
Travel	Visa free to most European/American countries	Visa required for most countries
Internet	Uncensored	Censored
Driving	Left	Right

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The Peak

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The highest point on Hong Kong Island, this has been the city's most exclusive neighbourhood since colonial times — back then it was the cooler air that attracted the rich and famous; in the post air-conditioning era, the views of one of the world's most spectacular cityscapes keep them coming.hat view is also what makes The Peak one of the most popular attractions in Hong Kong. By day your eyes stretch across sparkling skyscrapers and Victoria Harbour all the way to the green hills of the New Territories. In early evening this panorama melts into pink and orange before reincarnating as a dazzling galaxy of light, shimmering beneath you. And if you listen carefully enough, you can hear Asia's world city humming below.

The Peak Tram

Riding the Peak Tram is a visual experience in its own right — Hong Kong Island's skyscrapers slide past your window at what appear to be impossible angles as you make the ascent to The Peak on the city's historic, funicular railway.Located at Lower Terminus, The Peak Tram Historical Gallery is a way of paying tribute to The Peak Tram, its heritage and the history of Hong Kong. Since 1888, The Peak Tram has served Hong Kong, quietly witnessing 120 years of the city's changes. The gallery brings back many memories for local visitors and gives overseas visitors a glimpse of how the Pearl of the Orient has come to shine.

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Vibrate Culture Root-Kowloon

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Kowloon Hong Kong is the city's slightly grittier side. The Kowloon Peninsula is often - and only half jokingly - referred to as the 'dark side' by residents on Hong Kong Island- some would argue more authentic, more Chinese. In Kowloon some most famous temples, humble local are found here.

Kowloon is home to some of the most densely populated neighbourhoods not only in Hong Kong but on the planet. They are also some of the city's most interesting districts.

This is also the area to find Hong Kongs best markets. Our favourite is the Temple Street Night Market. Kicking off at around 8pm the selection of products on sale is as broad as in your local mall and still a good bit cheaper.

Beyond the market stalls you'll also find showbiz fortune tellers reading palms, heads and other body parts, as well as traditional Cantonese opera singers giving impromptu concerts.

Elsewhere, the famous Ladies Market in Mongkok is set up on a similar theme selling handbags, shoes and clothes, but also a healthy helping of tourist tat. More interesting is the Goldfish Market, which is a giant outdoor pet store, and the Bird Market, where feathered friends are for sale.

Wider Kowloon also offers rewards, with the Sik Sik Yuen Wong Tai Sin Temple one of Hong Kong's most popular places of worship and an excellent place to get introduced to the color, noise and energy that surrounds traditional Chinese festivals.

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Majestic Central

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Central is the epicentre of Hong Kong. This is where you will find many of the finance companies head offices but also cultural attractions dating back to Hong Kong's colonial era, and certainly the island's busiest streets. If you want a true Hong Kong experience then you simply must spend time in Central. The gleaming steel and glass skyscrapers of HSBC, Bank of China and the towering International Finance Centre (IFC) will no doubt catch your eye first, but as you spend time in Central Hong Kong you will find it is packed with interesting things to see and do – both charmingly old and brand new. Nowhere are the contradictions of Hong Kong better seen and felt than in Central.

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Dynamic LKF and SOHO

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Lan Kwai Fong & Soho are two of Hong Kong's most noted night-spots, buzzing with fashionable locals and trendy tourists seeking a cool place to hang out and enjoy a few drinks or a bite to eat once the sun goes down. Lan Kwai Fong is a famous cobble-stoned maze of restaurants, bars and nightclubs located in the heart of the Central Business District. Surrounded by the glass and steel of nearby skyscrapers this is one of Hong Kong's loudest hangouts. Sophisticated Soho offers a wide range of high-end international eateries catering to a discerning clientele seeking something a bit special. There are also plenty of chic bars which are usually packed with those who like to be seen. Soho starts just south of Hollywood Road and meanders along Elgin Street, Shelley Street and Staunton Street. An abundance of global cuisine will take your taste buds on a whirlwind journey across South America, India, Europe and Asia with culinary delights served from faraway places including Provence and New Orleans.

SoHo Vibrant Soho is Hong Kong's premier entertainment district featuring one of the longest escalators in the world. The area includes The TakeOut (Asia's first Comedy Club), restaurants, bars, nightclubs, antique stores and art galleries. Soho is a blend of Chinese and colonial architecture with modern additions, including the escalator and sleek restaurants. The neighbourhood draws a mostly refined expat crowd enjoying a night on the town with a vibe that is decidedly more upmarket than Lan Kwai Fong.
Lively Lan Kwai Fong consists of a few streets in the Central area forming a rectangle that was previously used by hawkers before the Second World War. Today the zone is home to some of the best bars and clubs in Hong Kong earning itself the moniker 'party central'. There are over 80 bars, restaurants and nightclubs catering to all tastes from casual watering holes to upmarket saloons. Despite there being a range of restaurants, most people visit Lan Kwai Fong to enjoy the bars and the multitude of promotions on offer including all night happy hours.

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Shopping Havens









There are shops in Hong Kong crammed into every possible space. This is a shoppers paradise. In Causeway Bay you can enjoy the exhilaration of shopping under the neon lights late into the night, while Mongkok has markets dedicated to everything from flowers to goldfish. Chinese Art? Look no further than Hollywood Road.

Causeway Bay: The best place to go shopping in Hong Kong. Just about every square inch of Causeway Bay is covered in malls, shops and neon advertising signs. If you're looking for the manic Hong Kong shopping experience, this is it. The area is best known for its hip, independent fashion retailers, pitched around the Fashion Walk Area. You'll also find SOGO, Hong Kong's biggest and best department store, and the Times Square shopping mall, one of the largest in the city.

Mongkok: Less glitzy than Causeway Bay on Hong Kong Island, Mongkok is famous for its markets. The different markets sell everything from cheap jeans and shorts to watches, handbags and copy versions of every designer product on earth. The Ladies Market and Temple Street Night Market are the two biggest.

Central: Hong Kong's Central district is awash with cash, so unsurprisingly you'll find most of the city's swankiest, malls, shops and boutiques nestled in amongst the skyscrapers. Many of the designers who keep a shop in New York, London and Hong Kong have their outlets here, including the iconic Louis Vuitton Shop, Hong Kong's only Harvey Nichols and the flagship Lane Crawford, luxury department store. Also in the area is arguably Hong Kong's most famous store, Shanghai Tang, where you'll find celebrities looking at their contemporary Chinese clothes.

Hollywood Road: Split between the Central and Sheung Wan, Hollywood Road is probably the best place in the world to buy Chinese contemporary art. Loaded with art galleries, the street is the heart of the now booming Chinese contemporary art market and you'll find works by the most renowned Chinese artists hanging from the walls here. If that wasn't enough, Hollywood Road is also famous for its Chinese antique shops. There are around fifty outlets stocking the finest furniture, ceramics and art from the past 1000 years.

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Colorful Neighborhoods






For the best of what Hong Kong has to offer in food and drink – as well as independent art galleries, breweries and boutique shops – get away from the crowds in Causeway Bay and Tsim Sha Tsui and focus on the other happening hoods, including up-and-coming hipster areas and well-known upmarket districts.

PoHo, Sheung Wan: PoHo refers to the area surrounding Po Hing Fong and Tai Ping Shan Street in Sheung Wan. This area has seen rapid transformation over the past few years, changing from a sleepy residential neighborhood to a hangout for Hong Kong's most stylish urban youth. The name 'PoHo' is a reference to how many building names in the area start with 'Po', meaning 'treasure' in Cantonese.The neighborhood is home to relaxed eateries, independent boutiques and fantastic street art.

Sai Ying Pun: One of Hong Kong's oldest districts, Sai Ying Pun served as the campsite of the British military in the late 19th century. Until very recently, it was a quiet residential neighborhood, but the recent extension of the MTR line to north-west Hong Kong island has brought about a surge of gentrification.

Kennedy Town: This up-and-coming neighborhood sits on the very western end of north Hong Kong island. Like Sai Ying Pun, Kennedy Town's popularity has grown thanks to the accessibility brought about by a recent MTR expansion. Businesses and recently-graduated young professionals are swarming here because of the relatively cheaper rents compared to places like Central and Causeway Bay.

Sham Shui Po : This is a hot spot to indulge in mouthwatering street food, select edgy electronic goods or even purchase some of the more practical goodies. The area has long been struck by urban decline – it is encompassed by old Chinese buildings and people venturing past packed like sardines. A bolt of anxiety might shoot through you upon your first arrival, but with our professional help, you will be able to wander in this treasure island with ease.

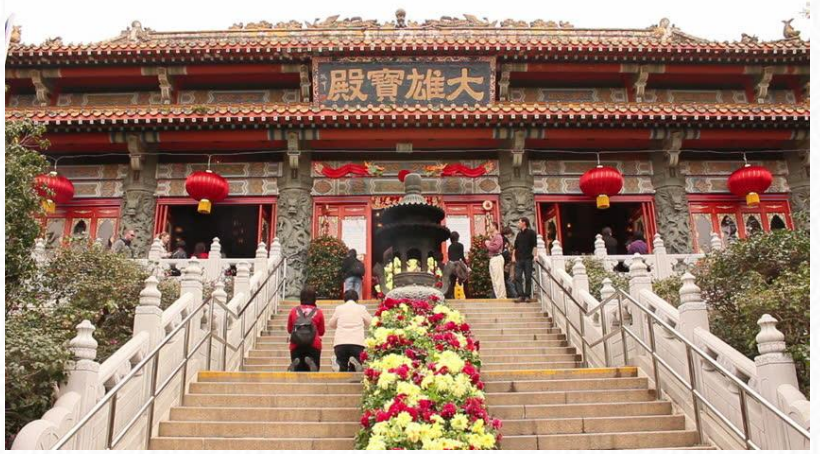
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Wonderful Lantau Island

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Bigger than Hong Kong Island, Lantau Island has some of Hong Kong's biggest and best sights. Mighty Big Buddha, the amazing views from the Ngong Ping Cable Car is what you can not miss from the gem of island.

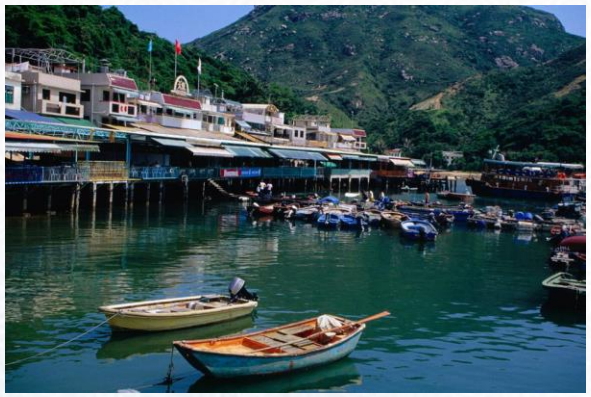
112ft up and 5.7km long, the Ngong Ping Cable Car offers a bird's eye tour over the lush peaks of Lantau Island and the glistening South China Sea. For the most impressive views, splash out on a glass-bottomed gondola which lets you gawp at the nature beneath your feet. At the end of the trip, head for the giant, 250-ton Tian Tan Buddha, one of the biggest of its kind in the world.

One of Hong Kong's top attractions, the Big Buddha is a 34-meter tall statue that dominates the hills of Lantau Island. The Buddha is one of the biggest in the world and an awe-inspiring sight when you find yourself at the statue's feet, under its shadow. Part of the Po Lin Monastery complex also on sight is a beautiful temple building manned by monks togged out in traditional clothing. Check out our full profile of the Big Buddha for more information on the massive statue, the attached Po Lin Monastery and transport in the area.

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Gems of Outlaying Islands and Sai Kung

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Hong Kong's laid-back outlying islands seem a world away from the city's trademark hectic pace. But these islands also embody the same contrasts that make Asia's world city such an alluring destination: tradition and innovation, serenity and dynamism, and influences of East and West.

Lamma Island :From a traditional Chinese fishing village to a laid-back multicultural community, Lamma's blend of Western and Chinese island life creates an atmosphere that has proved irresistible for Hong Kong's busy residents. Many come here as day-trippers; some stay for good.

Cheung Chau :Small it may be, but the island of Cheung Chau packs a powerful punch when it comes to attractions. Aside from its annual explosion of Bun Festival fun, Cheung Chau's temples, seafood restaurants, beaches — and even a pirate's hideout — make it an interesting getaway all year round.

Peng Chau: The small island of Peng Chau became a bustling industrial centre during the 70s and 80s. Then, as if waking from a restless dream, it quickly reverted to its former rural incarnation. Now only abandoned workshops, an empty theatre, rustic temples and an unhurried way of life endure.

Sai Kung: Sai Kung has all along been recognized as the "Back Garden of Hong Kong". Being rich and unique in geological features, culture and history, Sai Kung is indeed valuable natural resources of Hong Kong. You can experience the sublime beauty of the country parks, indulge yourself in mouthwatering seafood, enjoy sunbathing on beaches, visit the spectacular volcanic rock region of the Hong Kong National Geopark, explore fishing villages and its Hakka culture, or search for historical buildings. Your visit to Sai Kung will bring you to a haven of peace that is away from the hustle and bustle of city life

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Unforgettable Experience



Experience

Dine with a View







With close to 1,300 skyscrapers and more than 7,800 high-rise buildings scattered throughout the city, Hong Kong is a prime location for breathtaking views. What better way to eat and drink out than taking in the dazzling sights of the best skyline in the world from the clouds? Here are the best sky-high cityscapes, as well as some great vantage points for those who like their cocktails closer to ground, but still want to gaze at the special sights that make this city so unique Below are our favorite picks:

Sevva: Dazzling 360-degree views of the city are in store at SEVVA's rooftop bar in Central. A casual setting with colourful pillows on comfy sofas, it's a good place for afternoon tipples while the sun is still out, and the perfect place for a nightcap as the city lights up. Decent cocktails and mocktails are on the menu, as well as nibbles in the form of share plates or the famed Ms B's cakes. The Bankside and Harbourside restaurants are known for their chic settings of wall-adorned art and glistening chandeliers.

Ce La Vi: One of the better views in Lan Kwai Fong, with a prime spot on top of the California Tower, the Skybar rooftop garden let's you gaze across the city while rubbing elbows with a mixed crowd of business types and partiers. There's even a jacuzzi, although we have yet to see anyone actually in it. Expect stiff cocktails with equally stiff prices and a lively atmosphere – perhaps even livelier if someone actually jumps in the water.

Hutong: When the door to the lift opens onto the 28th floor of the One Peking building, you will gasp at the beautiful setting in front of you: hanging red Chinese lanterns, silk curtains, striking wooden furniture and an array of Chinese antiques. The restaurant is beautifully lit for special evenings watching the sunset over the harbour but just as stunning in the day for their exotic brunch. It truly is a stunning venue and will impress your visiting friends in many ways – the view, the decor and the enticing Chinese cuisine.

Wooloomooloo Prime TST: Enjoy your steak in style at Wooloomooloo Prime TST. Check out the sparkling 270 degree harbour views from their floor to ceiling windows on the 21st floor of The One on Nathan Road. As well as their signature 150 day grain fed Australian Black Angus beef, you can upgrade to 200 days grain fed Australian steaks. If you're feeling hungry they offer cuts ranging from 10oz to a hearty 20oz.

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Cruising within the Dazzling with a Chinese Style

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The **Hong Kong junk** has come to represent the old traditional values that are still so ever present in this cosmopolitan city. The sight of this venerable vessel with its flashy red sails set against the backdrop of an ultra modern skyline is certainly striking and it has become a cherished symbol of the city.

Appreciate Hong Kong's magnificent harbor views aboard one of the city's last remaining traditional red-sail Chinese junks! Relax in style on a comfy lounge bed, enjoy a complimentary drink and soak up the sights and sounds of Hong Kong's fantastic night scene. The Aqua luna Evening Sail cruises you across the Victoria Harbour, taking in the skyline over a complimentary cocktail. Choose to cruise just as the sun is setting or wait until the fall of darkness when the city lights glimmer across the water.

In 2017 Aqua group launch a new Aqua Luna junk with blue and white sails, paying tribute to the Ming Dynasty. Aqua Luna II has been meticulously built over the past two years, and is made exclusively from wood and bamboo, with no nails used in the entire structure! If you're planning a special event, it's worth knowing the junk can comfortably hold up to 80 guests on its two decks.

Except Aqua Luna, another choice will be Duk Ling, The Duk Ling is "the" Hong Kong Junk. This true relic which underwent full restoration in the 1980's, is an original junk used by fishermen and the last of its kind in Hong Kong waters. Duk Ling is licensed to carry up to 36 passengers plus crew.

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Taichi by the Harbour Front

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An essential part of many peoples' lives in Hong Kong, Tai Chi is practiced in public parks throughout the city, especially early in the morning. While there are no free classes anymore, you can still find groups to join for small entry fees.

Tai Chi is an ideal form of exercise that is also perfect for relaxation. For this city which always seems to have both feet on the gas pedal, Tai Chi is a favorite way to unwind and stay healthy.

The practice includes a series of fluid movements which are designed to keep the balance of Yin and Yang in the body. None of these movements are strenuous, nor are they difficult to learn, making Tai Chi accessible and inviting to tourists.

Experience

Zen up with cultural fest of tea ceremony

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The only way to truly taste tea is through a traditional Chinese tea ceremony. This will take you through the special Gongfu style of brewing the leaves, where you'll learn about when to let it breathe, for how long and offer tasting notes for when you actually get a mouthful. It's a fantastic experience that's full of tradition.

The Flagstaff Museum of Teaware runs semi-regular tea ceremonies in partnership with the Lok Cha tea house, one of Hong Kong's oldest. To find out when the next ceremony is and whether it will be in English it is best to call the Museum as accurate information on the website can be hard to track down.

The ceremonies here are dedicated to showcasing the Gongfu method of tea preparation that was once common throughout Guangdong. This roughly translates as making tea the hard way and it's designed to bring out the full flavour in the tea.

You'll also learn about the history of tea in China and Hong Kong, what the different types of tea are and why some are pricier than others. It's the complete experience and you can expect to spend two to three hours at the tasting. It's advisable to book in advance as places tend to fill up quickly.

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A Walk with Ancient Oriental Philosophy

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Literally translated as ‘wind and water’, feng shui follows the principle of humans living in harmony with nature. Learn all there is to know about this ancient philosophy on this tour and how it has directly influenced the landscape of Hong Kong’s major commercial areas. The tour begins with a stop at Lung Cheung Road lookout, where you’ll be shown the place with the highest concentration of the dragon energy that’s reputed to have created Hong Kong’s remarkable prosperity, known as the ‘dragon's den’. Then, delve into the feng shui principle of suppressing negative influences on surroundings at Nine Dragons Wall in Wan Chai. Finally, you’ll head into Central, where your guide will explain feng shui's influences on notable landmark buildings as well as the energy that has propelled Asia’s world city to become a leading international centre of prosperity.

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Healing Trip with Old Chinese Wisdom

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The plants, roots, animal parts and herbal concoctions of Traditional Chinese Medicine will no doubt seem curiously exotic or even downright strange to many visitors. In Hong Kong, where tradition and modernity effortlessly co-exist, these ancient potions are not considered alternative. Traditional Chinese Medicine is an integral part of Chinese life and the way Chinese people perceive health and treat illness. In Hong Kong, more than a fifth of all medical consultations are made with practitioners of Chinese medicine.

With professional Chinese medicine expert, we are take a deep look into Hong Kong's Medicine Street-Ko Shing Street. It is the heart of the wholesale herbal medicine trade in Hong Kong, and its dispensary employees have earned a reputation for being highly knowledgeable. But you don't need to be carrying a shopping list of exotic ingredients to get something out of this place; a mere stroll down the street will expose you to the sights of ancient remedies that provide a tangible link between Asia's world city and its distant past.

Then we will take our way to an indoor clinic to learn some ABCs of the ancient wisdom, you will be able to experience some acupuncture-If you dare!

Experience

Marveled at a Horse Racing

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Horse racing became a fixture in Hong Kong in 1841 but enjoyment of this sport was originally confined to the city's elite. Today, a trip to one of the city's world-class tracks — Happy Valley on Hong Kong Island or Sha Tin in the New Territories — will confirm that it has very much gone mainstream since.

The racing season starts in September and runs to July of the following year. Any meeting will provide a taste of the local passion for racing, with hundreds of fans armed with racing guides intently listening to radio commentary, gripping their betting sheets and cheering on their favourites. To experience all the real glamour and spectacle of the sport, try to see the Hong Kong Derby, the Queen Elizabeth II Cup or the 'turf world championship' Hong Kong International Races, when some of the richest racing purses in the sport attract horses and jockeys from all over the world and the competition is intense. Don't miss 'Happy Wednesdays' at Happy Valley Racecourse where you can enjoy night carnivals season-round alongside the thrill of live racing, with music, bites, drinks and more!

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Hike Through the Green and Blue

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If you've been to Hong Kong and haven't gone on a hike, then you are missing out on half of the city! Sprawling city views and rooftop bars may have their own charm, but there is nothing quite like a hike to get away from the hustle and bustle. It really is the best way to take advantage of our incredible forests, wild isolated beaches, and stellar city views.

Hiking options in Hong Kong suit everyone. **Dragon's Back** isn't too challenging and while it can get busy (go early to avoid a busy trail) the views are unbeatable on a clear, sunny day. **Lamma Island** a lovely day trip and a relatively easy hike. Most of the paths are paved, there are vistas around every corner, and the villages and beaches have a distinct character (one beach overlooks the power plant). The main trail is one of the only ways to get between the villages on land; since Lamma is not accessible by car, walkers and bikers are everywhere. **The MacLehose trail stage** one starts at the High Island reservoir, where you can sneak in some fun cliff jumping in Sheung Luk stream. After the swim, the hike is full of rolling hills and ocean views, complete with islands dotting the sea. **Lion Rock** hike has an amazing variety of sites – from historic artefacts to wild monkeys! The first part of the trail is fairly easy and goes along the Gin Drinker's Line, where the Commonwealth troops defended Hong Kong against the Japanese in WWII. You can see trail markers and pillboxes all along the path, whilst the historic sites alternate with shrines and blend into the surroundings

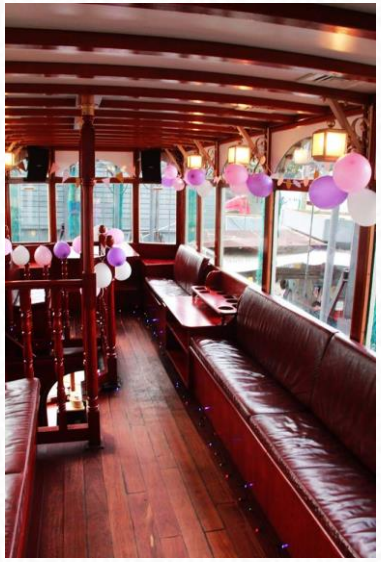
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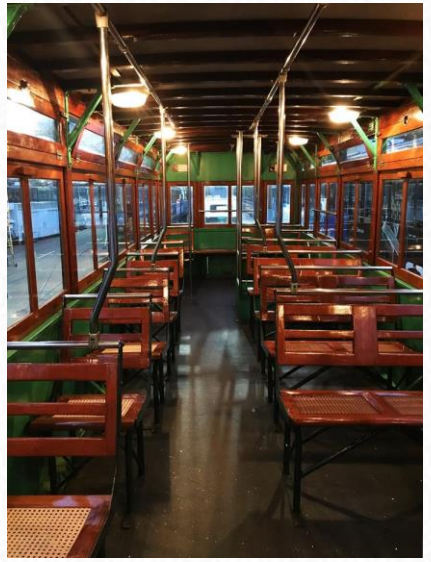
Party in an Iconic Hong Kong Tram

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On the open-top upper deck, indulge yourself in a spectacular 360° view of Hong Kong's nightlife as the tram strolls leisurely along the track that extends from the nostalgic Western District through the contemporary financial area and shopping hubs of Hong Kong Island. Evening breeze, light music, fine champagne··· it will become an once-in-a-lifetime experience you and your guests will never forget.

Experience

Bound with Dragon Boat Racing

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Dragon boats are the basis of the team paddling sport of dragon boat racing, a watersport which has its roots in an ancient folk ritual of contending villagers, which has been held for over 2000 years throughout southern China. While competition has taken place annually for more than 20 centuries as part of religious ceremonies and folk customs, dragon boat racing has emerged in modern times as an international sport, beginning in Hong Kong in 1976. But the history of dragon boats in competition reaches as far back as the same era as the original games of Olympia in ancient Greece. Both dragon boat racing and the ancient Olympiad included aspects of religious observances and community celebrations along with competition.

Now you get your chance to experience the world famous yet most Chinese authentic style sport with a team building under professional instruction!

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Dining

Dining

Part 1- Dim Sum







Dim sum, literally “touch heart”, is Hong Kong’s local cuisine with a variety of flavours and textures, both savoury and sweet. Most often had by locals for breakfast, dim sum is a staple that you can find just about anywhere. Dim Sum. A Hong Kong classic, there’s a dish for everyone, and it’s the perfect food to enjoy with a crowd.

Tim Ho Wan: Known as the world’s cheapest Michelin-star restaurant, Tim Ho Wan is a Hong Kong favourite for both locals and expats alike. Aside from the prestigious title awarded to this restaurant, people flock here for the Baked BBQ Pork Buns, which are unlike the pork buns found at other dim sum restaurants.

Lin Heung Teahouse – This old-school gem has all the classics, along with the excitement of jostling for the best dishes as they come right out of the kitchen. After you wash your dish and chopsticks in tea (as is the custom), you’ll want to spend a moment observing the scene so you can make a plan of attack.

City Hall Maxim’s Palace-For many Hong Kongers, nothing beats City Hall Maxim’s Palace for dim sum. The perfect place to take visitors, the biggest appeal of this banquet hall are the dim sum trolleys that make their way through the tables. There are a huge variety of traditional and delicious dim sum on offer to suit any palate.

Luk Yu Teahouse: Central's Luk Yu Teahouse offers old Hong Kong glamor with art deco styling, a retro menu and a rich history.It's no wonder it regularly appears in movies and literature. Opened in 1933, Luk Yu Teahouse relocated to its current location in 1976.The building's colonial facade opens into a three-floor restaurant dripping with nostalgia.Eating at Luk Yu is like falling through a time warp.

Dining

Part 2- Authentic Fine Dining- The Chairman

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The Chairman looks to small suppliers and local fishermen for its ingredients and much of the produce used is also organic. Showing respect for the provenance of ingredients, and using them in homemade sauces and flavoursome dishes such as steamed crab with aged Shaoxing, crispy chicken stuffed with shrimp paste and almond sweet soup, has attracted a loyal following. The restaurant is divided into four different sections and service is pleasant and reassuringly experienced.

Dining

Part 2- Authentic Fine Dining- Duddell's

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Duddell's is a two-story Cantonese cuisine restaurant, gallery and bar located in the heart of Central. Founded by entrepreneur Yenn Wong, whose other restaurants include Ham and Sherry, 22 Ships, Aberdeen Street Social, Chachawan and many more. With the tagline, 'honest about art, serious about food,' Duddell's is a place where you can view art exhibitions curated by prominent art personalities, while savoring delicious Michelin starred Cantonese cuisine. The restaurant's downstairs dining room menu features a wide array of Cantonese cuisine and seafood, and upstairs is the salon and library, where guests can enjoy simple dim sum dishes over a glass of wine or tea and relax in the outdoor garden terrace.

Dining

Part 2- Authentic Fine Dining- Mott 32

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Mott 32 is named after 32 Mott Street in New York. 32 Mott Street was the site of NYC's first Chinese convenience store, which opened in 1851, and was the nucleus for what is now a vibrant Chinatown in one of the most dynamic cities in the world. The contemporary Chinese restaurant located in the heart of Central is a celebration of Hong Kong culture and cuisine.

The provenance of ingredients is paramount and they embrace unique flavours discovered globally. The restaurant practise ethical sourcing using organic and sustainable ingredients where possible. They work closely with farms, never compromising the quality of the ingredients that our culinary team present.

The chefs use the latest in modern and innovative cooking techniques from around the world. The restaurant's cooking is principally Cantonese with some signature Beijing dishes and some of the best Szechuan food in central Hong Kong, bringing the most out of traditional recipes passed down from generation to generation. This particular level of modernity combined with the respect for tradition is what makes Mott 32 so spectacularly unique.

Dining

Part 2- Authentic Fine Dining- Hutong (Beijing Cuisine)

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With incredible views over the harbor and a dedication to creating an atmosphere straight out of ancient China, Hutong is a fascinating introduction to the heights of Hong Kong cuisine. It is inspired in its distinctive interior by the Beijing Hutong, traditional courtyard residences which once dotted the city. It combines this historically inspired interior design with cuisine which brings traditional elements to the fore in a minimalist but very powerful way. There are dishes such as the black fungus and sharks' lips salad and the 'red lantern', a soft shell crab that comes in a wicker basket brimming with red peppers. There is also Hutong's signature crispy de-boned lamb ribs. These plates are aimed at making a visual statement as much as a gastronomic one, and this fine dining haven does not disappoint.

Dining

Part 3- Flavors International- Mercato







Keeping in line with its namesake concept, the restaurant aspires to capture the vibrancy of an Italian marketplace, striking a rich balance between the rustic and the refined, the public and the domestic. The original tripartite of conceptual elements—Street, Market and Landscape—is reinterpreted afresh with a new material palette and details.

“The Street” defines the entrance foyer; a raw steel gate with custom graphic lettering marks a threshold beyond which guests can begin to sense the impending excitement.

Containing the main dining and bar areas, “the Market” is demarcated by a thickened enclosure of red brick curving ever so gently inward as it rises up.

A main feature of “the Market” is the Bar with its black steel shelves hovering overhead, and a large pivoting mirror that reflects the various activities inside the restaurant. Custom pendants in smoke glass and green glass harken back to the gas street lamps that were once found throughout Europe.

Dining

Part 3- Flavors International- 8 ½ Otto e Mezzo

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Located in the second floor of Landmark Alexandra, the restaurant occupies a total of 4,700 square feet space. Overlooking the famous bustling street view of Chater Road, the spacious main dining room can accommodate up to 55 pax, while the two delightfully-decorated private dining rooms can sit 12 guests each.

The great chef 's commitment to delight his guests delivering only the best Italian cuisine using the freshest ingredients is even more enhanced at 8 ½ Otto e Mezzo BOMBANA, for which he has taken care of every detail from kitchen to interior design to ambience and menus.

Japanese studio design post headed the interior design of 8 ½ Otto e Mezzo BOMBANA under the attentive supervision of Chef Bombana. Apart from the dining area, the restaurant features a cozy lounge and bar area with wooden decorations recreating the ambience of a “forest” and soft lightings.

Dining

Part 3- Flavors International- Bibo






Bibo is the embodiment of understated luxury: a dynamic, groundbreaking realization of art, in all forms — on the wall, on the plate and in the cocktail glass.

Diners come to enjoy the very best of seasonal French gastronomy alongside the works of some of the world's most renowned artists like Banksy, Damien Hirst, Daniel Arsham, Jeff Koons and Aya Takano, to name but a few.

Brought together in a space where street art meets fine dining, Bibo evokes a 1930s feel of form and function. From the arched ceiling corners and brass pipes to Versailles style French oak parquet and misaligned-stacked stone slab dining tables, Bibo's commitment to French Art Deco is unparalleled.

After entering via a discreet sliding door and descending a flight of stairs, a bohemian world awaits. The design cleverly merges an abandoned tramway company with the work of internationally acclaimed artists, creating the perfect canvas for the hospitality team to be creativ

Dining

Part 3- Flavors International- L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon

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Owned by legendary chef Joël Robuchon, who holds the most Michelin stars in the world, L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon is located in luxury shopping center, The Landmark. Serving up modern French food in small portions, the restaurant draws inspiration from the simplicity of Japanese cuisine, delivered in a vibrant atmosphere much like that of a tapas bar. While seated at a bar counter that wraps around the open kitchen, guests can see chefs prepare dishes right in front of their eyes using a range of ingredients from countries all around the world.

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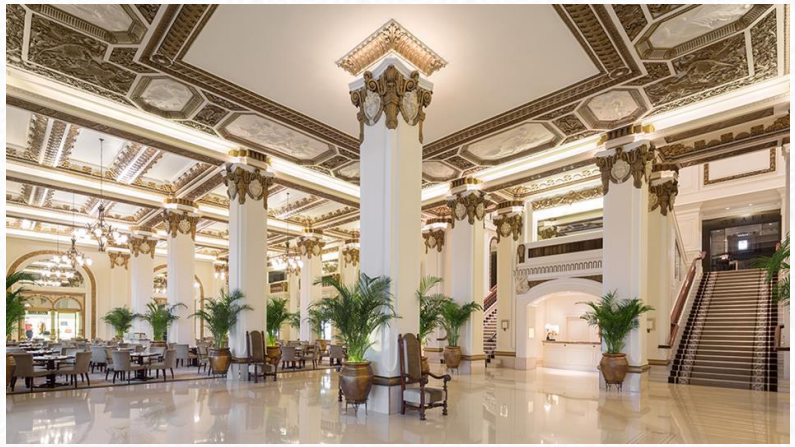
Preferred Hotels



Hotels

The Peninsula Hong Kong







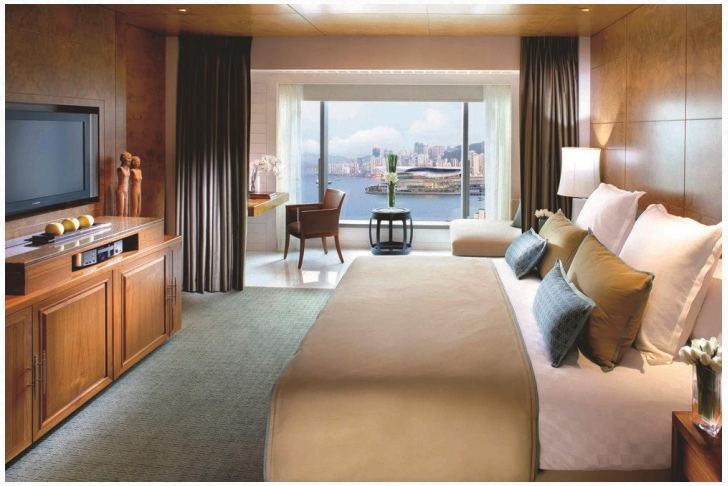
Building on its 90 years as a global beacon of hospitality, the legendary “Grande Dame of the Far East” continues to set hotel standards worldwide, offering a blend of the best Eastern and Western hospitality in an atmosphere of unmatched classical grandeur and timeless elegance. A stay at the hotel allows you to re-live the glamour of travel of a by-gone era and explore the many antiques and historical artifacts on display around the hotel.

Hotels

Mandarin Oriental Hong Kong







As the first and flagship hotel of Mandarin Oriental Group , Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong is as legendary as the city itself. With a central location and five-star facilities, the hotel renowned for our sleek design, impressive service and exquisite blend of luxury, comfort and style

Hotels

Hotel Icon Hong Kong







The perfect Hong Kong harbour view, delicious local and international cuisine, cocktails on the club floor, the ultimate rooms for comfort and style, heartfelt service, a stylish pool and spa floor, thoughtful details and all right in the heart of Tsim Sha Tsui.
Hotel ICON is situated in the heart of Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, a location offering a unique window on Hong Kong and the most vibrant and genuine experience of city life. You'll find that Tsim Sha Tsui is a great place to stroll and enjoy wonderful views of Victoria Harbour, particularly at night.
Few places can match the stunning urban, harbour and mountain views of Hong Kong. Hotel ICON in Tsim Sha Tsui enjoys some of the city's finest with vistas guaranteed to take your breath away, while the nightly 'Symphony of Lights' show across Victoria Harbour has few better vantage points.

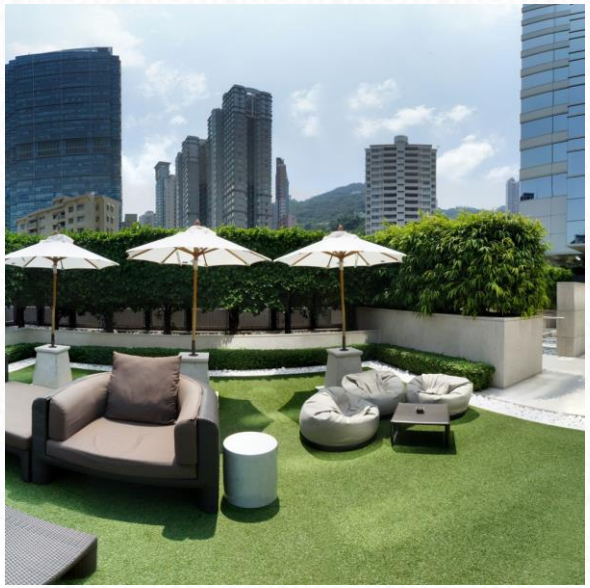
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The Upper House Hong Kong

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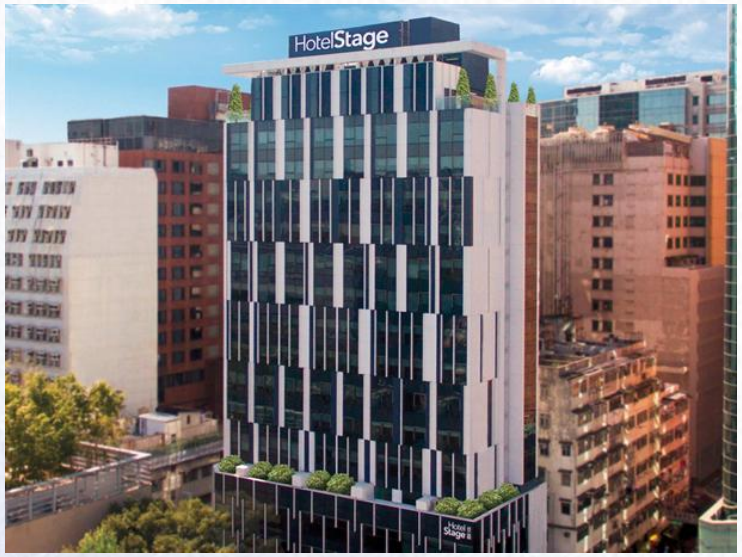




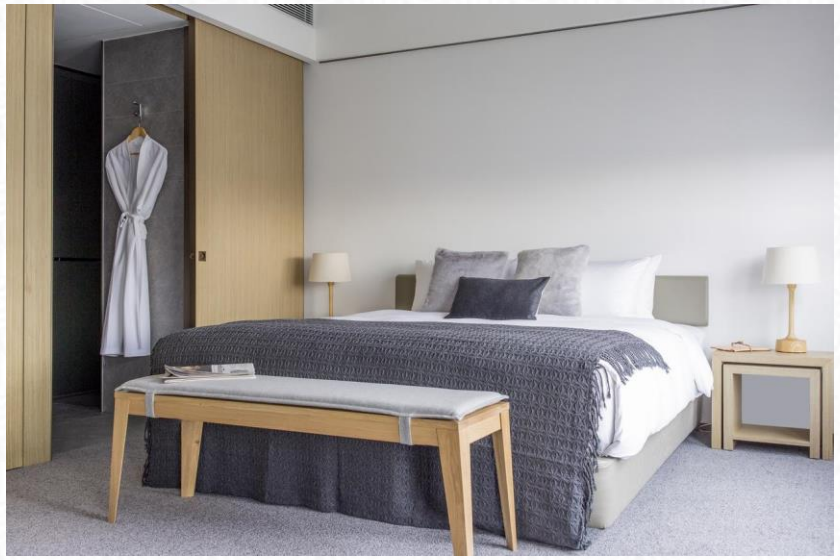
Envisioned by Hong Kong-based architect Andre Fu, the Upper House was designed to give guests the experience of staying in a luxury residence within easy reach of the design stores, markets, and nightlife of the Wan Chai neighborhood. Every detail here has been carefully considered, from the environmentally friendly paint to the arrangement of the hotel's over 400 works of original art. As they climb the levels of the hotel, guests encounter sculptures with names like Silence, and Rise, and Lifted, which take them on an upward journey that ends at the 49th-floor Sky Bridge—a candle-lined walkway overlooking the atrium that's lit by a James Turrell–esque skylight.

Hotels Hotel Stage

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Located in the heart of Yau Ma Tei and just 3 minutes' walk from the local Jordan subway (MTR) station, Hotel Stage offers guests an ideal base to experience both the dynamics of Kowloon's commercial district and the cultural riches of surrounding neighborhoods, including Tin Hau Temple, the Jade market, and the district's many cultural and heritage hotspots. Driven by a passion for this diverse and inspirational community, Hotel Stage also lends itself as a platform for local artists to showcase their locally inspired ideas, fostering creative exchanges between our guests and the rich cultural fabrics of our community.

Hotels Mira Moon Hong Kong







Located in the heart of bustling Causeway Bay, Mira Moon is an award-winning design boutique hotel reinterpreting Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival mythology through its interiors. With 90 one-of-a-kind guestrooms and a striking penthouse suite, your stay will be made even more memorable with a wide array of unparalleled services provided by our experienced and attentive team.

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Preferred Venues

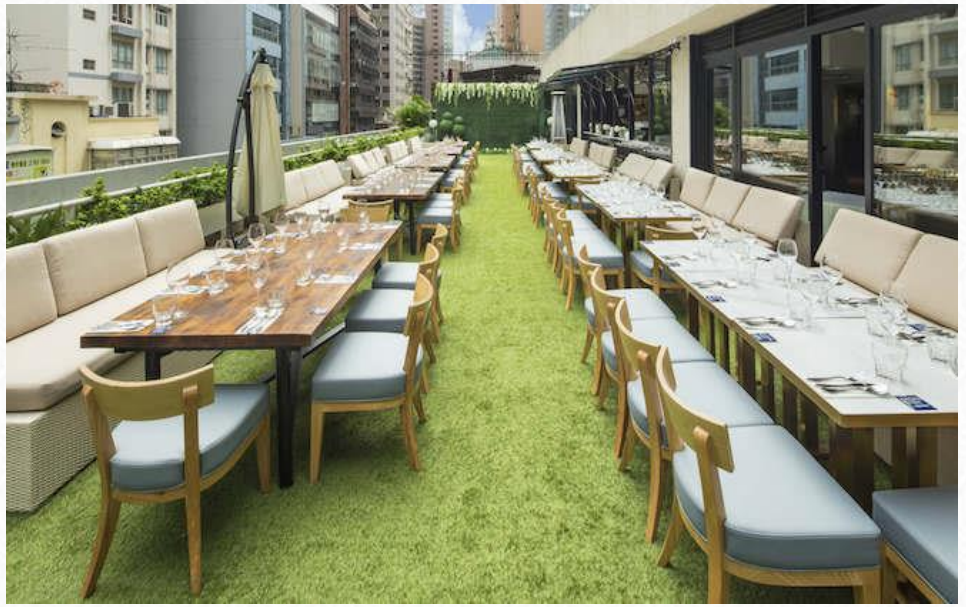


Venues In the Sky

Hong Kong offer a great number of rooftop venues in all sizes.

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Ce La Vi

Urban Park

Woloomooloo

Rooftop at Parklane Hotel

Venues

Surrounded by Arts

As the city of wealth and fortune, Hong Kong is home to some most exclusive private clubs with great art deco.

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China Club

Kee Club





Fringe Club

Helena May

Venues By the Ocean

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The Harborside

Verandah Repulse Bay

The Watermark

Al Molo

Venues

Above the Harbour

As a city blessed by world-class fine harbor, Hong Kong is home for some of the most iconic event boats.

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Aqua Luna

The Bounty

Yacht

Michelangelo

Venues

Into the Past

Hong Kong is not old, but it has enough heritages to make your event unique.

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The Hullett House, former Marine Police Headquarter Compound,

Lockcha Tea House, former Flagstaff House

The Peak Lookout, completed in 1901.

The Pawn,once a pawn house, the history of site dates back to 1888.