Hong Kong is one of the most important financial and business centers in the world. At the same time, administratively it belongs to the People’s Republic of China. It is a busy metropolis, a maze of skyscrapers, narrow streets, department stores and neon signs and a population of more than 7 million, making it one of the most densely populated areas in the world. On the other hand, more than 40% of its area is protected as country parks and nature reserves where rough coasts, untouched beaches and deep woods still exist.

Hong Kong is a bridge between east and west – it’s a city where cars drive on the left, where British colonial cuisine is embedded in the very fabric of the city, and every sign is in English, too. But at the same time, the street life is distinctively Chinese, with its herbal tea shops, snake soup restaurants, and stalls with dried Chinese medicines. You will encounter remnants of the ‘old Hong Kong’ with its shabby diners and run-down residential districts situated right next to glitzy clubs and huge department stores.

Hong Kong is a fascinating place that will take hold of your heart at your first visit. Venture beyond the main tourist sights (as fascinating as they are) and dare to discover the subtle and ambiguous world hiding under Hong Kong’s marketed image as a world city.

Time Zone
HKT (UTC/GMT +8 hours). No daylight saving time.

Contacts
Tourist Contacts
- Hong Kong Tourism Board Visitor Hotline +852 2508 1234
- Hong Kong International Airport +1 2181 8888

Emergency Contacts
- General emergency number: 999
- Police hotline: +852 2527 7177
- Weather hotline (Hong Kong Observatory): +852 1878 200
Hong Kong Dollar (HKD) = 100 cents.

Hong Kong has no currency controls – you can take in and out as much cash as you like. The most convenient way is to withdraw money from the ubiquitous ATMs. The best exchange deals can be found at the banks, although some of them charge a commission fee. There are also exchange offices in the MTR stations. If possible, avoid exchanging money in hotels, at the airport or with unlicensed exchange stalls in the Tsim Sha Tsui and Mong Kok areas. If you exchange large amounts of money, try to negotiate a better rate.

Using credit cards is very common in Hong Kong. All major cards (Visa, MasterCard, Amex, Diners Club, JCB) are widely accepted.

Tax Refunds
There is no VAT in Hong Kong and therefore, no tourist refunds.

Prices
When compared to the mainland or other Asian cities, Hong Kong is quite expensive. The prices vary, though. While accommodation is extremely expensive, meals and entrance tickets can come quite cheap if you watch your budget. There is no sales tax/VAT in Hong Kong, making it a perfect destination for purchasing expensive and luxury items, be it electronics, cosmetics or watches. However, it’s always a good idea to know how much these items cost back home – what might look like a great deal doesn’t always turn out to be.

If you plan to visit more than one or two museums during your stay, purchase the Weekly Museum Pass at the first museum you visit – for only 30 HKD you get unlimited access to all the major museums. Alternatively, you can visit them on Wednesday, when there is no entrance fee.

- Meal, inexpensive restaurant – 40 HKD
- Meal for 2, mid-range restaurant, three-course – 360 HKD
- Combo Meal at McDonalds or similar – 30 HKD
- Bottle of water at supermarket – 7 HKD
- Beer (0.5l can at 7-Eleven) – 16 HKD
- Souvenir t-shirt – 30 HKD
- Gasoline (1 liter) – 16 HKD
- Hostels (average price/night) – 350 HKD
- 4* hotel (average price/night) – 1100 HKD
- Car-hire (medium-sized car/day) – 800 HKD

At the street and wet markets, prices are always subject to negotiation. Never show too much interest in the item you want and always decide for yourself how much you want to pay in advance – and state a much lower price. You can also try walking away or saying that you’ve seen it elsewhere for a better price.

When buying vegetables or meat, you can usually get a better price (and fresher products) at the wet markets than in the supermarkets. The supermarket prices also vary considerably from chain to chain. Park’n shop and Wellcome are the cheapest ones, while CitySuper and Taste are more upmarket.

Tipping
Tipping is not customary in Hong Kong – the locals don’t tip. If you feel like it, it’s enough to simply round the price up. You might also tip the hotel porter 10 HKD per bag. The more expensive restaurants charge a service fee automatically.

Electricity
The standard electricity supply is 220V/50Hz and the sockets are the typical British ones: type G with three square pins. Don’t forget to bring an adaptor with you. If you’re coming from the US you should check the voltage on your devices and appliances before plugging them in to be sure they are compatible. You may need a power converter.

Languages
The official languages in Hong Kong are Chinese and English, but the most widely spoken language is Cantonese. It is a very difficult language but if you learn a few basic words, your effort will always be appreciated. Thanks to its colonial heritage, English is very widely spoken and you can easily get by with it – even the signs are in English.

Mobile Phones
All of Hong Kong except for the mountains is covered by the standard mobile network (GSM/GPRS/3G). Visitors from North America might want to check compatibility. You might also consider purchasing a 100 HKD prepaid card as the charges are very low.

Internet
Internet is widely available at the hostels / hostels for a small surcharge. There are also free internet kiosks in the MTR stations or malls, and free hotspots in fast food chains (for example McDonalds offers 20 minutes of Internet connection for free).

Internet Resources
- Hong Kong Tourist Website (www.discoverhongkong.com)
- CNNGO – lots of informative articles from the insiders (www.cnngo.com)
- Hong Kong Observatory – don’t forget to check the weather reports regularly (www.hko.gov.hk)
HOLIDAYS

- January 1 – New Year’s Day
- Chinese New Year – Chinese calendar, first to third day of the first moon.
- Good Friday
- Easter Monday
- April 5 – Ching Ming Festival
- May 1 – Labour Day
- Buddha’s Birthday – Chinese calendar, eighth day of the fourth moon.
- Dragon Boat Festival (Tuen Ng Festival) – Chinese calendar, fifth day of the fifth moon.
- July 1 – Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Establishment Day
- Mid-Autumn Festival – Chinese calendar, sixteenth day of the eighth moon.
- October 1 – National Day
- Chung Yeung Festival – Chinese calendar, ninth day of the ninth moon
- December 25 – Christmas Day
- December 26 – Boxing Day

Offices are closed during the above stated holidays. Nevertheless, the majority of the shops remain open except for the Chinese New Year – the most important holiday. Apart from these days, the opening times of museums and other attractions are usually not affected.

Opening Hours

Banks and post offices are usually open Monday to Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sundays. Shops and malls usually stay open longer, until 9 p.m. or later. There are many 7-Eleven or Circle-K shops that are open nonstop and sell a variety of food, snacks and drinks. Restaurants also stay open until late and many bars and clubs on the island keep going through the night.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Public Transportation

Mass Transit Railway (MTR) (www.mtr.com.hk) – very convenient underground and suburban rail network and the most common means of transport in Hong Kong. It consists of five underground lines, three lines connecting the centre with the New Territories (the East Rail Line will take you to the very border with China – Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau stops) and Airport Express line departing from Central.

Trams – there are two distinctive tram systems. One, called Light Rail, is a modern network operating in the New Territories. On the island, there are unique narrow double-decker trams running along the coast. They are somewhat of a historical relic – there’s no air conditioning and they tend to be slow. At the same time, no tourist should miss out a ride – the tram from Central to Kennedy Town will take you into the Hong Kong streets and you can get an overview of the less touristy side of the island in 30 minutes. Get on at the back entrance and pay the exact flat fare at the front when getting off the tram. Another popular means of transport for tourists is the Peak Tram – quite expensive but worth it for the spectacular views.

Buses – buses are run by several companies depending on the locality. They can be generally divided into two groups. The buses criss-cross Hong Kong in a dense net and usually extend the MTR system. Often, though, there are buses going roughly along the same route as the MTR – they take more time but are cheaper and worth taking for the great views of the city! Also, getting the bus from the airport to the city centre is considerably cheaper than with the MTR Airport line. The double-decker buses are run by four main companies and the exact fares and schedules can be found on their websites. At smaller stops, you need to signal with your hand to stop the bus and press the signal button prior the stop where you want to get off. The light buses are green, van-sized and carry up to 16 passengers. Taking them is a little bit of challenge as their routes are not very well signposted and you need to hail them and tell the driver where you are going. The driving style is quite crazy, too – always wear a seatbelt if available.

- KMB (www.kmb.hk)
- CityBus (www.nwstbus.com.hk)
- New Lantao Bus (www.newlantaobus.com)

Ferry – the main lines are operated by Star Ferry. Despite not being the most efficient means of transport, you should not miss the ferry ride between Tsim Sha Tsui and Central – the views of the skyline are just incredible. The ferries connect Kowloon and the Island with the outlying islands. The system is easy to understand, there are schedules posted at the stops. Note that there are fast and slow ferries and the fares are twice as much for the fast ones. There are also surcharges on Sundays and public holidays.

The payment system is the same for all means of public transport. The fare depends on how far you are going and can be found on the companies’ websites. The most convenient way to travel around is to get an Octopus card (www.octopus.com.hk). The system is the same as London’s Oyster – you top it up at the machine available in all MTR stations and then you can pay with it by simply tapping the terminal. It is also widely used in various shops, vending machines or parking lots. It is valid for all means of transport in Hong Kong and the fare is considerably cheaper with it. It definitely pays off if you’re staying for more than few days and plan to use public transport regularly.
The adult Octopus smart card costs 150 HKD with 100 HKD of initial stored value and a 50 HKD refundable deposit.

The night service is very limited and the MTR stops running after approximately 1 a.m. (the exact schedule is posted in the stations). Therefore, the most common way to get around during the night is by taxi. If you’re on a tight budget and going from busy areas such as Lan Kwai Fong, Tsim Sha Tsui or Wan Chai, look for the green buses that depart when they fill up. They will take you to the other side of the Harbour for a fair fixed price and you don’t have to negotiate the toll surcharges with the driver. You can continue your journey with taxis from the final stop – there will always be several cars waiting.

**Taxis**

Taxis are quite cheap and plentiful, which makes it a very popular means of transport. They are equipped with meters that should always show the current fare. The majority of cars take up to 5 passengers. They can be easily hailed right from the streets, and there are also numerous taxi stands.

- **Red taxis** – the most expensive ones, they can go all over Hong Kong except for Tung Chung Road and the south side of Lantau Island (but they go to the airport and Disneyland). The fare for the first two kilometres 20 HKD with every subsequent 200 meters for 1.50 / 1 HKD for meter fares of 72 HKD and above.

- **Blue taxis** – operate only on Lantau Island with a slightly cheaper fare than the green taxis.

- **Green taxis** – cheaper, cover only the New Territories, the airport and Hong Kong Disneyland. The first 2 kilometers is 16.50 HKD, and 1.30 HKD for each subsequent 200 meters.

- **Soft seater (软座)** – comfortable seats found in hard seat cars.
- **Hard sleeper (硬座)** – the most genuine experience. Padded seats, long-distance journeys as well. There are also standing tickets sold for this class so the train can get really crowded. Despite officially being non-smoking, don’t really expect this. Very cheap and adventurous, though.

- **Hard sleeper (硬卧)** – open to the corridors, three bunks in a column. Space is limited but the bunks are comfortable. Upper bunks (上铺) are the cheapest and the lowest (下铺) most expensive, but prices varies only slightly. Hard sleeper is probably the best value for what you get.

- **Soft seater (软卧)** – comfortable seats found in day trains traveling on routes up to 8 hours in duration and high speed trains.

Regional Transportation

When travelling from Hong Kong to China, it is always cheaper to take MTR to the border and then get on the bus/train than to take a direct bus or train from Hong Kong.

**Buses**

Using buses, even for the long distances, is increasingly popular and some routes can be equally as comfortable as trains and even quicker. It really varies, though, as some roads still remain in shocking condition and the buses may be old and crowded. Don’t be surprised by the erratic driving style or the attendant telling jokes and stories into the loudspeaker throughout the journey. The buses are also easily delayed thanks to construction works, weather conditions and congested streets.

For longer distances, you generally need to purchase your ticket at the bus station while shorter distance tickets can be paid for on board to the attendant.

**Ferries**

Shenzhen, Macau or Guangzhou can be easily reached by ferry. There are numerous connections but the tickets are best booked ahead. Travelling by ferry is not very practical, it is usually done only for the experience.


**Driving**

Renting a car is quite an unusual thing to do in Hong Kong. The public transport system is nearly perfect and the roads are often congested and the parking expensive. Renting a car is worth considering only if you plan on travelling longer distances in the New Territories. The traffic operates on the left side.

- Expressways – 80 km/h
- North Lantau Highway – 110 km/h
- Urban roads – 30 to 70 km/h, follow the signs

Phone numbers (red taxis):
- +852 2398 1881
- +852 2728 8282
- +852 2760 0411
- +852 2332 2571
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- Blood alcohol limit – 55 mg of alcohol per 100 ml of blood (0.22 mg alcohol per litre breath alcohol content)
- Seat belts are compulsory for all passengers.
- Every driver must have third-party insurance.
- Your phone can be used only with a hands-free device.
- You must always give way to buses and mini-buses.
- Expect the traffic rules to be heavily enforced. There is a toll collected at tunnels and harbour crossings. The most convenient way to pay is to register with Autotoll (www.autotoll.com.hk) then you will be able to enter the priority lines and the toll will be deducted automatically from your account.

Walkability

The Kowloon peninsula is quite walkable and exploring it on foot (combined with the MTR) is definitely the best way. The situation on Hong Kong Island is more complicated – there are many skyways and pedestrian bridges going through shopping centers and office buildings, interconnected into quite complex and chaotic systems – give yourself plenty of time, pay attention to the signs and you’ll be fine. You need to be very careful when crossing the streets – taxis and minibuses in particular tend to drive recklessly – don’t expect them to stop at crosswalks.

Hong Kong is a perfect destination for barrier-free travel. The MTR provides a convenient way to get around the city and public spaces are designed with accessibility in mind.

FOOD

Don’t be afraid to eat the local fare right from the streets, cooked food centers or small restaurants off the main streets – the level of hygiene is generally unproblematic, the meals delicious and prices very fair!

- Dim sum – a Cantonese speciality, a variety of steamed dumplings and buns with meat or vegetable fillings. Most popular: BBQ buns, shrimp dumplings.
- Siu mei – roasted pork flavoured with honey, served with rice
- Congee – rice porridge, a popular comfort food
- Curry fish meat balls
- Hotpot – choose meats, vegetables, seafood and fish balls and boil them yourself in a broth
- Chicken feet – boiled or fried, a very popular delicacy – a must-try!
- Hong Kong-style French toast – fried toast with peanut butter
- Stinky tofu – legendary street food
- Sweet tofu soup
- Wife and husband cakes, mooncakes – traditional Chinese pastries made of sesame seeds and beans
- Cantonese preserved sausage
- Egg tart – British snacks adapted to the Chinese taste
- Yung Kee’s roast goose – roast duck served with fermented eggs
- Snake soup – thick soup served in the winter season for its presumed warming effect. Goes with turtle rice.
- Claypot Rice – fried rice with various ingredients
- Sweet and sour pork or garoupa – a signature dish made with vinegar, preserved plums and hawthorn candy
- Cheng Chau dumplings – usually filled with duck egg

- Waffles filled with cocoa or chocolate paste

The most distinctive non-alcoholic drink is probably the ever-present milk tea from Cha chaan teng eateries and Hong Kong chains such as Cafe de Coral, the reasonably priced local bistros serving an interesting blend of British and Chinese cuisine. Also, definitely try bubble tea – it can be found at almost every corner and comes in endless varieties – green or black tea with milk, flavorings and oatmeal or tapioca pearls.

The most popular alcoholic drink is beer (the ‘local’ brands are Tsing Tao and San Miguel). Locals also like to drink rice whisky – very cheap but not everyone can take its sharp taste. Drinking in restaurants, bars and clubs is quite expensive, so the way around this is to purchase beer at 7-Eleven and party right on the street.

Legal Age

The legal drinking age is 18 and proof of age is often required when entering clubs. Smoking is banned in both restaurants and clubs.
EVENTS DURING THE YEAR

February
- Chinese New Year
- Hong Kong Arts Festival (www.hk.artsfestival.org)
- Hong Kong Marathon (www.hkmarathon.com)

March
- Hong Kong Flower Show (www.lcsd.gov.hk)
- Spring Lantern Festival
- Man Hong Literary Festival (www.festival.org.hk)
- Hong Kong Art Walk (www.hongkongartwalk.com)
- Hong Kong International Film Festival (www.hkiff.org.hk)
- Hong Kong Rugby Sevens (www.hksevens.com)

April
- Ching Ming Festival
- Tin Hau Festival

May
- Cheung Chau Bun Festival (www.cheungchau.org)
- Le French May (www.frenchmay.com)
- Lan Kwai Fong Beerfest (www.lankwaifong.com)

June
- Dragon Boat Festival
- Chinese Opera Festival

July
- Lan Kwai Fong Julyfest (www.lankwaifong.com)
- Hong Kong International Kung Fu Festival (www.kungfufestival.com)

August
- Hong Kong Ani Comics and Game Fair (www.ani-com.hk)
- Hong Kong Food Fair (www.hktdc.com)

September
- Mid-Autumn Festival

October
- Cheung Yeung Festival
- Halloween in Hong Kong

November
- Cricket Sixes (www.cricketsexes.com)

December
- Cathay Pacific International Races (www.cxhkir.com)

Free Things To Do
- A Symphony of Lights – light show best to be observed from the Avenue of Stars. Every day at 8 p.m.
- Hike – Lion Rock, Ma On Shan, Kam Shan, Dragon Back or Sharp Peak are the most popular destinations.
- Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens
- Kowloon Walled City Park
- Yuen Po Street Bird Garden
- Hong Kong Museum of Art, Hong Kong Heritage Museum, Hong Kong Museum of History – free admission on Wednesdays
- Museum of Tea Ware
- Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre
- Beaches – all Hong Kong beaches are public and free
- Victoria Park – come here early in the morning and watch the locals practice tai chi
- Chi Lin Nunnery, Wong Tai Sin and other Hong Kong temples
- Chungking Mansions
- Bank of China Tower – a spectacular view from the 43rd floor, take your ID with you
- 2IFC – observation desk on the 55th floor

Shopping
Hong Kong is known more for its tax-free shopping than for particular souvenirs. Popular shopping items are electronic gadgets, expensive brands, luxury cosmetics, antiques and Chinese medicine. On the other hand, many people indulge in shopping for fakes at local markets.

Markets worth your attention if you like to shop for fakes and typical souvenirs:
- Ladies Market – cheap fake labels, handbags, clothes, toys, souvenirs
- Temple Street – clothes, funny gadgets, sex toys
- Apliu Street – very cheap and second-hand electronics
- Stanley Market – the best selection of souvenirs
Other souvenirs include: custom-made suits or Chinese dresses (cheongsam), tea, porcelain, key-chains, Chinese calendars. If you’re looking for less touristy stuff, try G.O.D. store that recreates Hong Kong traditional culture and history in modern design.
DO take a regular ferry from Tsim Sha Tsui to Central – the view of the skyline is breathtaking.

DO eat in dai pa dong (street stalls) – the food is cheap and delicious there!

DO venture beyond the main tourist and business areas – the city is overall very safe and the real Hong Kong street life very fascinating.

DO visit the horse races – they take place every Wednesday at Happy Valley.

DO get an Octopus card.

DO always have some kind of ID with you – it is the law in Hong Kong and the local police may check.

DONOT stick your chopsticks into your food – it is considered improper as it is traditionally a way to offer food to deceased ancestors.

DONOT restrict your stay only to the urban areas – the nature in Hong Kong is breathtaking and hiking here unforgettable.

DONOT go to the Big Buddha and Ngong Ping village if you don’t like the usual touristy stuff – the Buddha is relatively newly-built and the adjacent brand new village has a Starbucks in it.

DONOT bring clocks, pear-shaped objects or anything related to the number 4 to any Chinese friend or host – these things are regarded to be connected with death and thus offensive as gifts.

Safety
Thanks to its extensive police force, surveillance systems and unique culture, Hong Kong is one of the safest cities in the world.

That said, you should always use your common sense. You are likely to end up in densely crowded areas, such as markets and MTR stations, where pickpockets have an easy job – always keep a close eye on your personal belongings and don’t leave your bag or purse unattended.

Around Nathan Road and Kowloon Park, do your best to avoid the street sellers offering tourists a variety of goods, from fake Rolex and leather bags to hash. Never agree to go “just upstairs” to see the goods as it is never safe – if you are interested in fakes, they can be purchased in public at the numerous markets. Avoid the Temple Street park at the night – it is a well-known hotspot for drug addicts. If you’re a lone female traveler, it is best to avoid visiting Chungking Mansion on your own as you might be hassled by the immigrant men working or living inside. The same applies for being accommodated there.

You have probably seen some famous movies about the Hong Kong gangs (triads) operating in Kowloon but there’s no need to be afraid – if they are still active, the chances that you will come across them is virtually nil unless you engage in illegal loans and gambling.

At the markets, however, you are likely to come across various scams and fakes – always take your time to check the item you are purchasing thoroughly. If you want to buy more expensive or brand name items, always go to branded retail shops and never risk buying on the street – if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

In Hong Kong, you are expected to obey all the many rules and regulations, and they are strictly enforced. They include a smoking ban at public transport stops, skyways and parks, or sitting at places that are not designated for it. Always obey the traffic lights and never go into the street when there’s a red light – Hong Kong drivers can be quite erratic and the fines for jaywalking are high. Do your best to avoid even light drugs such as marijuana or MDMA – possession is heavily prosecuted.

If you decide to hike in the Hong Kong mountains, always have your journey well-planned or take a map with you – the signposting is quite bad. Also, never forget to take plenty of water with you as the heat can be treacherous.

It also a wise idea to visit only beaches that have shark nets installed and operating safeguards.

Typhoons (another word for hurricanes) are most likely to occur from May to November. Follow the Hong Kong Observatory reports and stay inside if typhoon signal no. 8 is issued – when it is announced, the majority of services, including public transport, stays shut down and public events are cancelled. The same applies for red or black rainstorm signals.

Generally, tap water should be safe to drink but many houses have very poor plumbing. Thus it is better to use a filter or buy bottled water.
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**ACTIVITIES**

**A: Tim Ho Wan**
The cheapest Michelin restaurant in the world. Can be recognized from a distance – there’s usually a long queue. The waiting is worth it.

Shop 72, G/F, Olympian City 2, 18 Hoi Ting Road, Tai Kok Tsui, Hong Kong
GPS: N22.31771, E114.16455

Opening hours:
Daily: 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Expect queues.

**B: Portland Street**
Popular retail street and red-light district serving mostly to the Chinese. Massage parlors, karaoke bars, night clubs – simply everything.

GPS: N22.31554, E114.16952

**C: Ladies’ Market**
One of the most popular street markets. Clothes, bags, accessories.. pretty much everything you can think of. Enjoy bargaining here!

GPS: N22.32109, E114.17019

Opening hours:
The stalls open around 10 a.m. and close around midnight.

**D: Mong Kok**
Densely populated district mixing neons, run-down buildings, new developments and street vendors. This is HK as you know it from movies.

GPS: N22.32070, E114.16906
Hong Kong Science Museum / 香港科學館
Wonderful museum full of interactive exhibits, games and set-ups that will help you and your kids to understand science in a fun way.
2 Science Museum Rd, Tsim Sha Tsui, Hong Kong
GPS: N22.30104, E114.17759
Phone: +852 2732 3232
Opening hours:
Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Sat, Sun, Public Holidays: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Thu (except Public Holidays) & first 2 days of the Lunar New Year: closed
Christmas Eve & Lunar New Year’s Eve: closed at 5 p.m.
The ticket office closes one hour before the museum closure.
Admission:
General ticket: HKD 25
Student, Senior (60+), Disabled: HKD 12.50

Hong Kong Museum of History / 香港史博物館
If you want to learn more about moved history, migration and colonial heritage of HK, then this is the right place. Simply amazing museum.
100 Chatham Rd S, Tsim Sha Tsui, Hong Kong
GPS: N22.30192, E114.17764
Opening hours:
Mon, Wed – Fri: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sat, Sun, Public Holidays: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Admission:
General Admission: HKD 25
Disabled, Student, Senior (60+): HKD 12.50
Free admission on Wednesdays.

Hung Hom Coliseum / 紅體育館
This peculiar building with remarkable design is the prime entertainment arena, housing the most prominent cultural and sport events.
9 Cheong Wan Rd, Hung Hom, Hong Kong
GPS: N22.30127, E114.18190
Phone: +852 2355 7261
Opening hours:
Box office: daily 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
The events usually start at 8:15 p.m., check the website for more details.

Kowloon Park / 九龍公園
The largest public park in the heart of Kowloon. A green, peaceful oasis in the middle of bustling city. Dotted with public art.
GPS: N22.30032, E114.17175
Opening hours:
Daily: 5 a.m. – midnight
Admission:
No entrance fee.

Jade Market
Traditional market selling stone very important for the Chinese: jade in any imaginable color, shade, shape or use.
GPS: N22.30878, E114.16921
Opening hours:
Daily: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Admission:
No entrance fee.

Temple Street Night Market / 寺街
The legendary street market consists of small vendors with delicious food and stalls selling everything from sex toys to shoes and bags.
GPS: N22.30581, E114.16993
Opening hours:
The market is most lively after 7 p.m. and closes around midnight.
**Sky100** / 天際100
Overlook Hong Kong from its tallest skyscraper that was just finished! The 100th floor observation deck offers smashing views.

GPS: N22.30328, E114.16010
Phone: +852 2613 3888
**Opening hours:**
Daily: 10 a.m. – 8:30 p.m., last entry at 8 p.m.
Check the website before going, though – the observation deck is sometimes closed for private events.

**Admission:**
Adult: HKD 168 (Hong Kong resident HKD 151)
Child (3-11), Senior (65+): HKD 118 (106)

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**West Kowloon Waterfront Promenade** / 西九龍海濱長廊
Nicely manicured promenade decorated with various forms of public art, including paintings and calligraphy. A nice place to stroll around.

GPS: N22.30136, E114.15457
**Opening hours:**
Open 24/7.

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**Harbour City** / 海港城
One of the largest mega-malls in Asia. Upscale shopping complex adjacent to the major cruise terminal. Its size will overwhelm you.

GPS: N22.29788, E114.16799
**Opening hours:**
Daily: 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

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**Star Ferry**
Crossing the Harbor with Star Ferry is simply a must do. Amazing experience.

GPS: N22.29376, E114.16868
Phone: +852 2367 7065

**Opening hours:**
The ferry across the Victoria Harbour runs about every 10 minutes from around 7:40 a.m. to 10:50 p.m.

**Admission:**
Mon – Fri:
Adult: HKD 2.50/one way
Child (3-12): HKD 1.50
Senior (65+): Free
Sat, Sun, Public Holidays:
Adult: HKD 3.40
Child (3-12): HKD 2.10
Senior (65+): Free

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**Man Mo Temple** / 文武廟
One of the most important, oldest and most beautiful temples in HK. Dedicated to gods of War and Literature. Note the ancestral hall as well.

124-126 Hollywood Rd, Central, Hong Kong
GPS: N22.28396, E114.15015
**Opening hours:**
Daily: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Admission:**
No entrance fee.

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**IFC Mall Roof**
The landscaped rooftop terrace holds several bars and restaurants – and also lots of space for your own private party stocked by 7-11.

8 Finance St, Central, Hong Kong
GPS: N22.28576, E114.15970
**Opening hours:**
Open 24/7.
**Central-Mid-Levels Escalator**
Don’t miss out the longest escalator in the world, serving as a regular means of public transport. Wonderful view of adjacent streets.

GPS: N22.28361, E114.15470

**Admission:**
The escalator ride is free; you can actually save money by tapping your Octopus card – see the instructions on-site.

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**Lan Kwai Fong / 蘭桂坊**
Legendary partying district that gets busy every night. Full of upscale and showy clubs and bars. Various celebrations take place here.

GPS: N22.28083, E114.15570

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**Bank of China / 中銀大廈**
This landmark skyscraper was built with an emphasis on feng shui. Take your ID and visit the lookout 'terrace' on the 43rd floor for free.

1 Garden Rd, Central, Hong Kong

**GPS:** N22.27924, E114.16155

**Opening hours:**
The observation deck is usually accessible until 4 p.m.

**Admission:**
No entrance fee, you only need to present your ID and pass through security checks.

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**Peak Tram / 山頂纜車**
A must even if you’re in HK only for a short stopover. Steep funicular railway that offers overwhelming views – a lifetime experience.

GPS: N22.27807, E114.15955

**Opening hours:**
The tram operates daily 7 a.m. – midnight and departs every 10 to 15 minutes.

**Sky terrace:**
Mon – Fri: 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Sat, Sun, public holidays: 8 a.m. – 11 p.m.

**Admission:**
Tram Ticket (Return/Single):
Adult: HKD 40/28
Child (3-11), Senior (65+): HKD 18/11
Tram Ticket & Sky Terrace (Return/Single):
Adult: HKD 75/63
Child (3-11), Senior (65+): HKD 36/29

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**Avenue of Stars / 星光大道**
One of the world’s most smashing waterfronts. Wonderful skyline view and a promenade with statues showcasing the thriving HK film industry.

GPS: N22.29320, E114.17121

**Admission:**
No entrance fee.

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**Golden Bauhinia Square / 金紫荊廣場**
This promenade commemorates the 1997 handover. Watch the flag-raising ceremony (8AM daily) and explore the statues.

GPS: N22.28448, E114.17355
Victoria Park
Vast green space so scarce in central HK. Many sport facilities – swimming pool, skating rink, jogging tracks and more.

GPS: N22.28096, E114.18963
Phone: +852 2570 6186
Opening hours: The park is open 24/7.
Admission: Free admission.

Noonday Gun / 午炮
Come here at noon to witness the traditional gun firing. You probably know it from the song "Mad Dogs and Englishmen".

GPS: N22.28268, E114.18424
Opening hours: The gun is fired every day at noon.

Wan Chai / 湾仔区
Busy nightlife district with a thriving sex industry. Lots of bars and pubs, a popular entertainment area for expats.

GPS: N22.27807, E114.17114

Central Plaza / 中環廣場
This office tower is actually the third tallest skyscraper in HK. Surprisingly, its 75th floor also holds world's highest church.

18 Harbour Rd, Wan Chai, Hong Kong
GPS: N22.27997, E114.17358
Phone: +852 2521 3900
Opening hours: A mass takes place on the top floor (75/F) every Sunday at 11 a.m.