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3 Days

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a travel guide

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# INTRO

Hong Kong—the so-called Special Administrative Region—is located on the southern coast of China as a semi-autonomous region and is home to over 7 million people.

There are also direct flights to Hong Kong from Europe. From the airport, you can either take the Express MTR or an Uber, since the Chinese app Didi isn't available here, and payment via the Chinese app Alipay isn't possible either. Within the city, you can use the MTR, the double-decker tram, and the ferry.

For your trip to Hong Kong, you can either download your own version of Alipay or get an Octopus card, which you can top up via your phone and

use to pay on trains, in supermarkets, and at restaurants.

A local eSIM—available through providers like airalo, for example—is also worth getting for your stay in Hong Kong, though Western apps aren't blocked here, so you can still use social media, Uber, or Google Maps. You should plan to spend at least three days in the port city.

In these three days, you'll get a good sense of the economic hub, and from here you can also take great day trips into the surrounding countryside for hiking or swimming at the beaches, or to the small fisher village Tai O. A daytrip to Disneyland is also a great chance, especially for families.

# HIGHLIGHTS



## 01.

### Victoria Peak

The Victoria Peak observation deck, located on a green hill and standing approximately 550 meters high, offers a fantastic view over Hong Kong's skyscrapers and harbor. We highly recommend the view from the Lugard Road Lookout.

You can reach the top either by the historic Peak Tram or by taxi or bus.

The view is worth seeing both during the day and at night, when everything is lit up.

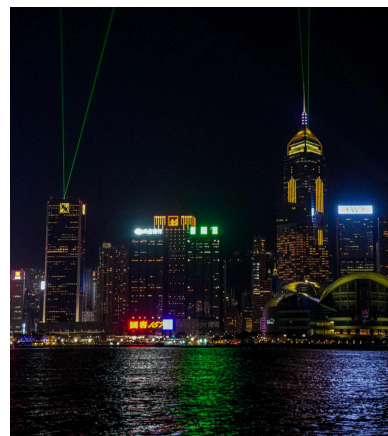


## 02.

### SoHo

SoHo is a neighborhood on the Hong Kong Island side of the harbor. Here you'll find not only numerous charming streets and cafés, but also the world's longest outdoor escalator, colorful graffiti, and small boutiques and antique shops.

Hollywood Road and the narrow alleys around Cat Street are particularly popular. It's easy to spend hours just wandering around here.



## 03.

### Victoria Harbor

Victoria Harbor is the waterfront promenade on the Kowloon side. This is also where the Star Ferry departs, connecting the districts of Kowloon and Hong Kong Island. Currently, the promenade also hosts the "Symphony of Lights" light show, though it is scheduled to be discontinued in 2026. Until now, music has been played here daily at 8 p.m. and the skyline has been illuminated.



## 04.

### Tai O

If you have enough time, you can experience traditional Hong Kong on a half-day or full-day trip to the old fishing village of Tai O. Located on Lantau Island, you'll find traditional seafood restaurants and more there.

## 05.

### Hikes

If you drive just a short distance out of town, you'll find fantastic hiking trails—for example, to Dragon's Back or Suicide Cliff.

## 06.

### Choi Hung Estate

Ein sehr beliebter Fotospot, insbesondere durch Social Media bekannt geworden, ist der bunte Basketballplatz auf der Parkgarage des Choi Hung Estates mit einem pastellfarbenen Gebäude und Palmen im Hintergrund.

## 07.

### Beaches

The area surrounding Hong Kong also has some very beautiful beaches to offer. Among the most beautiful destinations are the beaches at Cheung Sha and Big Wave Bay.



## 08. Bremer Hill

Another great hill for taking in the view—especially at sunset—is Bremer Hill.

From here, you can watch the sun set in a blaze of red behind the skyline and the hills. The best way to get there is to take an Uber, and then hike up to the best viewpoints in about 15–20 minutes.

## 09. Montane Mansion

Much like Choi Hung Estate, Montane Mansion has also become a hugely popular photo spot thanks to social media.

Over 10,000 people live in this massive residential complex in Quarry Bay, and a popular photo is one taken from below that captures its full scale.



## 10. Food

Hong Kong also has some fantastic cuisine to offer. Cantonese cuisine is quite different from mainland Chinese cuisine.

Among the most popular dishes are dim sum (dumplings), roasted goose, and wonton soup, and milk tea is also a very popular drink here.

There is also plenty of international cuisine available.



# DAY TO DAY

**Day 1** - We didn't arrive in Hong Kong until late afternoon on our first day. If you have a third full day, you might want to consider planning a trip to Tai O, going for a hike, or spending a day at the beach—things we unfortunately didn't have time for.

Right after checking in, we headed straight for the promenade along Victoria Harbor, where the sky behind the skyline was already turning slightly orange.

After that, we had dinner at Dim Sum Here and went back to the promenade at 8 p.m. to watch the Symphony of Lights.

**Day 2** - We spent most of our second day exploring Hong Kong Island. In the morning, we took the ferry over to SoHo, where we had breakfast at Nook Coffee and picked up a milk tea at Lan Fong Yuen. Around noon, we checked out the Montane Mansion in Quarry Bay and took the tram up to the Victoria Peak viewpoint.

Afterward, we took the double-decker tram back toward SoHo, where we had dinner at Kam's Roast Goose.

We'll take the Star Ferry again for the evening trip back to our hotel in Kowloon.

**Day 3** - On the morning of our last day, we had the highlights on the Kowloon side on the agenda. After breakfast at Reaction Coffee, we headed to Chi Lin Monastery and Choi Hung Estate, then back over to Shek Kee Wonton Noodles, and for dessert we went to Kai Kai Dessert.

We watched the sunset from Bremer Hill, and after dinner at One Dim Sum, we ended the evening with a stroll through the Temple Street Night Market. The next morning, we caught our flight.

# WHERE TO EAT

## Restaurants:

### ★ Kam's Roast Goose

Very delicious roasted goose  
226號 Hennessy Rd, Wan Chai, Hongkong

### ● Dim Sum Here

Great Dim Sum  
Hongkong, Jordan, Temple St, 298號地下

### ● One Dim Sum

Also good Dim Sum, various locations  
G/F, 44 Lyndhurst Terrace, Central, HK



### ● Shek Kee Wonton Noodles

Very good wonton soup, cash needed  
Shop B, 5 Ichang St, Tsim Sha Tsui, HK

### ● Cheung Hing Kee

Delicious Pan Fried Dumpling, also to-go  
48 Lock Rd, Tsim Sha Tsui, Hongkong



## Cafés:

### ● Nook Coffee

Small shop, very good coffee  
Sheung Wan, 9 Mee Lun Street, Central, HK

### ● Halfway Coffee

Cool café, different locations  
26號 Upper Lascar Row, Sheung Wan, HK

### ★ Lan Fong Yuen

Authentic shop for milk tea  
Hong Kong, Central, Gage St, 2號號地下

### ● Reaction Coffee

Good breakfast spot in Kowloon  
HK, Tsim Sha Tsui, Mody Rd, 32-48號地下A店

### ● Kai Kai Dessert

Delicious desserts, also to go  
HK, Mong Kok, Fa Yuen St, 1號2號舖地面

# WHERE TO SLEEP

Hong Kong has some very luxurious accommodations, but prices are quite high throughout the city.

During our stay, we chose

**The Royal Garden**

and were very satisfied.

The hotel was in a great location, offered high-quality accommodations and spacious rooms, as well as excellent service.

Check out Hotel:



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