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Hong Kong

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens RECONSIDER TRAVEL to the People's Republic of China (PRC) due to arbitrary enforcement of local laws. Reconsider travel to PRC's Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) due to both arbitrary enforcement of local laws and COVID-19 related travel restrictions. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 1 month after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as you do not stay in the country more than 89 days.

US Embassy/Consulate

[852] 2523-9011; US Consulate General in Hong Kong, 26 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong; acshk@state.gov; <https://hk.usconsulate.gov/>

Telephone Code

852

Local Emergency Phone

999

Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

Subtropical monsoon; cool and humid in winter, hot and rainy from spring through summer, warm and sunny in fall

Currency (Code)

Hong Kong dollars (HKD)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): G



Type
G

Major Languages

Cantonese, English, Mandarin, other Chinese dialects

Religions

Buddhist or Taoist 27.9%, Protestant 6.7%, Roman Catholic 5.3%, Muslim 4.2%, Hindu 1.4%, Sikh 0.2%, note: many people practice Confucianism, regardless of their religious affiliation

Time Difference

UTC+8 (13 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water	Yes
International Driving Permit	Suggested
Road Driving Side	Left
Tourist destinations	Victoria Peak; Tian Tan Buddha; Hong Kong Disneyland; Ocean Park; Wong Tai Sin Temple; Victoria Harbour (includes Symphony of Lights, Avenue of Stars); Tai Po Kau Nature Reserve
Major Sports	Soccer, dragon boat racing, badminton
Cultural Practices	Hong Kong Chinese may stand close when talking. However, they are reserved and uncomfortable with body contact.
Tipping Guidelines	A 10% service charge is usually included at most restaurants, but you can leave coins if paying with cash or round up the amount you wish to tip if paying by credit card. Round up taxi fares to the nearest dollar. Taxi drivers sometimes will round up to the nearest dollar to tip themselves. Tip bellhops 2-3 (HKD) per bag.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(ATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:
from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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