

Hong Kong

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution when traveling to the Hong Kong SAR due to the arbitrary enforcement of local laws.

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

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

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/>

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

852

Local Emergency Phone

999

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Hong Kong: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, and COVID-19

<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 types(s): G



Type G

Major Languages

Cantonese, English, Mandarin, other Chinese dialects

Major Religions

Buddhist or Taoist, Protestant, Roman Catholic, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh

Time Difference

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

Potable Water

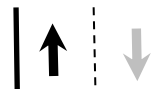
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International Driving Permit

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 Clementino

Major Sports

Soccer, dragon boat racing, badminton

Cultural Practices

Give and receive everything with two hands. Serve others before serving yourself. Burping, spitting and other related behaviors are considered rude and impolite for most.

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.

Souvenirs

Chinese-made goods including silk and cotton items, jade statues, silk paintings, and printed chopsticks; tailored clothing; electronics and computer equipment; bone porcelain items

Traditional Cuisine

Sweet and Sour Pork — spareribs or pork loin with a scarlet sauce made of vinegar, preserved plums, and hawthorn candy; Roast goose – roasted goose with a delicately crispy skin traditionally served over white rice with a sweet plum sauce on the side

