

# Hong Kong

## Travel Facts

### US State Dept Travel Advisor

The US Department of State 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 U.S. 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; a cshk@state.gov;

<https://hk.usconsulate.gov/>

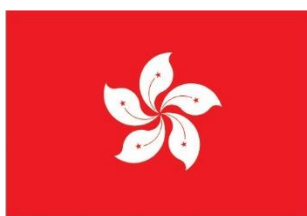
**Disabled Travelers** <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/traveling-with-disabilities.html>

### LGBTQ+ Travelers

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

### Women Travelers

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



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### 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

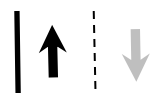
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### International Driving Permit

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 — spare ribs 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

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