



GENERAL INFORMATION

DESTINATION

Be dazzled by a city of modernity and then relax in nature's own backyard. Hong Kong's landscape is truly unique. To most, it's a land of modern skyscrapers and colourful neon sign, but to those in the know. It's also a quiet land of greenery where nature gently massages the senses. The rest is surrounded by the relaxing sound of waves at a harbour front, bringing serenity to a metropolis of boundless energy. The sight of steel and glass merging with grass and flowers is truly amazing.

LANGUAGE

Cantonese is the main dialect, and to a lesser extent Mandarin. However, English is widely understood in most shops, restaurants and hotels;

HEALTH & VISAS

Visitors from most countries can enter Hong Kong without a visa for periods varying from seven days to six months. There are currently no immunization requirements.

MONEY & CREDIT CARDS

Legal tender is the Hong Kong Dollar (HKD). The HKD is pegged by the government at HKD7.8 to the American Dollar. Major credit cards are widely accepted.

BUSINESS HOURS

Banks : 09:00 – 17:00 (Mon – Fri) / 09:00 – 13:00 (Sat)
Private Offices : 09:00 – 18:00 (Mon – Fri) / 09:00 – 13:00 (Sat)
Shops : 10:00 – 21:00 (Daily)

CUSTOMS ALLOWANCE

Visitors may bring in 19 cigarettes (or 1 cigar or 25 grams of tobacco) and a one-liter bottle of alcohol.

TIME ZONE

The time in Hong Kong is GMT plus 8 hours

WATER

All tap water should be boiled before drink

ELECTRICITY

220 Volts 50 cycles AC

CLIMATE

Hong Kong is a sub-tropical, monsoonal city with four distinct seasons.

Spring : March to mid-May has temperatures from 19C – 26C and bring occasional mist and rain showers.
Summer : late May to mid-September has temperatures from 26C – 33C and is normally sunny but during the typhoon season (July – September) there can be heavy rains.
Autumn : September to early December, temperatures can range from 18C - 28C and is sunny and clear.
Winter : late December to February, the temperatures ranges from 12C – 18C and is sunny, bright and occasionally quite chilly.