



HONG KONG TOURISM BOARD

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40 REASONS TO VISIT HONG KONG!

Shopping:

1. **Stanley Market** – Historic lanes jam-packed with vendors selling Chinese painting, handicrafts and furniture, silk, curios, clothes and a wide variety of souvenirs.
2. **Temple Street Night Market** – Hong Kong’s most famous open-air market offering a vast array of discounted watches, leatherware, clothing and souvenirs. Side attractions include Cantonese opera and fortune-tellers.
3. **Ladies’ Market** – Kowloon’s most popular day-long street market, devoted to discerning women with an eye for bargain-priced clothing, cosmetics and household knick-knacks.
4. **Jade Market** – featuring 450+ stalls selling jade of all types, sizes and prices. A perfect place to pick up a piece of jade for a friend/spouse/colleague as a souvenir.
5. **Cat Street Bazaar** – Named after the Chinese colloquial term for vendors for knick-knacks and best known for stalls and shops selling pocket-sized antiques such as watches, old coins and stone carvings.
6. **Tailoring** – The craftsmanship of Hong Kong’s tailors is second to none. They carry the finest fabric and create form-fitting masterpieces in a short amount of time.
7. **Li Yuen Streets East & West** – Two parallel streets in Central known as The Lanes is a great place to find inexpensive ready-to-wear clothes, buttons, needles and thread.
8. **Man Wa Lane** – Dwarfed by towering office blocks, Man Wa Lane is a place to find a Chinese “chop” – stone stamps engraved with their owner’s name in Chinese characters.
9. **Hong Kong “Must Buy”** – Six great Hong Kong “Must Buy” products suggested by residents and visitors are Handicrafts, Chinese Clothing, Chinese Tea, Gold Jewellery, Chinese Assorted Cakes and Chinese Tableware.
10. **Quality Tourism Services (QTS) Scheme** – Organized by HKTb to help visitors find shops and restaurants they can trust. All establishments must pass a stringent annual assessment before they are allowed to display the QTS sign.

City/Habour/Green

11. **Star Ferry** – The oldest method of transportation dating back to the 1800’s. For about CAD0.40, the Star Ferry still offers passengers with a million-dollar view of the Victoria Harbour.
12. **Tram Ride** – The classic icons have been around for over 100 years and are the largest double-decker fleet in the world. The front seat of the top deck is best to soak up the energy of this bustling metropolis.
13. **Victoria Peak** – Climb aboard the historic Peak Tram to the top of Victoria Peak for stunning views of Hong Kong, and enjoy a 360° view from the Peak Tower Sky Terrace.

14. **Lantau Island** – The largest island in Hong Kong, Lantau is steeped in history and blessed with magnificent mountains and fine beaches.
15. **Lamma Island** – Lamma features good hiking and beaches between two villages on either side of the island.
16. **Cheung Chau** – This tiny dumb-bell shaped island is charming and picturesque, with many villagers still cling to old traditions. The Bun Festival, an exotic colourful celebration staged every year is not to be missed.
17. **Theme Parks** – Hong Kong's two world class theme parks: Ocean Park is famous for marine life and animals, including the 4 lovely Giant Pandas; and the Hong Kong Disneyland, the latest Disneyland is right in Hong Kong.
18. **Hong Kong Wetland Park** – Located near the internationally recognized Mai Po Marshes bird sanctuary, this 60+ hectare park is designed to demonstrate the diversity of Hong Kong's wetland ecosystem.
19. **Avenue of Stars** – Meet the movie stars and enjoy the nightly Symphony of Lights multimedia light and sound show as you walk along the waterfront.
20. **Nature Kaleidoscope** – A wide range of outdoor activities offered by HKTB for avid nature lovers to explore the green side of Hong Kong.

Heritage/Culture

21. **Traditional Chinese Festivals** – With 150 years of colonial influence woven into 5,000 years of Chinese culture, Hong Kong's numerous Chinese festivals are one of the best ways for visitors to experience the city's unique culture.
22. **Cultural Kaleidoscope** – Mostly free programs created by HKTB for tourists to truly appreciate Hong Kong's culture and to take part in everyday life.
23. **Giant Buddha** – See the world's largest seated outdoor bronze Buddha & visit the nearby Po Lin Monastery and the Wisdom Path
24. **Ngong Ping 360** – Board the Ngong Ping Skyrail for a 5.7-km cable car ride up the mountain in Lantau Island to enjoy 360° panoramic views of the surrounding countryside and the South China Sea.
25. **Man Mo Temple** – A 19th century Taoist temple with richly coloured religious paraphernalia and giant coils of burning incense.
26. **Sik Sik Yuen Wong Tai Sin Temple** – A busy temple with 3 main religions of China – Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism practiced at the same colourful temple. Most famous and active of the 600 temples of Hong Kong.
27. **Museum Visits** – Make the most of Hong Kong's diverse range of museums by obtaining a Museum Weekly Pass that offers unlimited admission to seven major museums.
28. **Feng Shui** – Chinese geomancy, or *feng shui*, arose out of a traditional Chinese reverence for nature. Visitors can learn more about this ancient Chinese belief by joining a feng shui tour.
29. **Chi Lin Nunnery** – A magnificent example of traditional Tang-era architecture, the Chi Lin Nunnery is considered to be a must-see attraction in Hong Kong.
30. **Chinese Medicine** – Chinese herbs, plants and medicines play an important role in Chinese life. Acupuncture, acupressure and reflexology have been practised in China for more than 2,000 years. With advance notice, visitors can attend introductory lectures on acupuncture, as well as demonstrations and short courses.

Dining

31. **Dim Sum** – No visit to Hong Kong would be complete without a tea drinking session with assorted dim sum – a variety of light snacks such as dumplings, buns & pastries usually comes in bamboo steaming baskets.
32. **Hong Kong Delicacies** – No trip to Hong Kong would be complete without dropping by one of the small popular cafes and trying some local snacks such as noodles, cakes, desserts and *yuen yeung*, a delicious 50/50 mixture of tea and coffee.
33. **Lan Kwai Fong / SoHo / Knutsford Terrace** – Long regarded as the trendiest night-time bar areas in Hong Kong and equally famous for its upscale international restaurants.
34. **Sai Kung / Lamma Island / Lei Yue Mun** – Three of the best areas that specialize in fresh seafood. Sai Kung and Lamma Island are also havens of spectacular scenery where you can enjoy alfresco dining with incredible sea views.
35. **Jumbo Kingdom** – The famous giant floating Chinese restaurants complex that includes a café, conference and banquet facilities, cultural attractions, a Cooking Academy and exhibits.
36. **English Afternoon Tea** – Hark back to the days of the British Empire at one of several up-market hotels and coffee shops while nibbling on scones, sipping tea from bone-china cups and listening to the dulcet tones of a piano player or hotel string quartet.
37. **Repulse Bay** – romantic dining in an exquisite setting – overlooking the South China Sea.
38. **Every type of Asian Food** – Hong Kong's superb location at the crossroads of Asia means that virtually every regional cuisine is represented abundantly.
39. **Cooking Class** – Visitors can learn the culinary art of Chinese cooking in a fun and relaxed way by attending classes led by professional chefs who are experts in Chinese gastronomy, adding a new dimension to participants' understanding of Chinese cooking.
40. **Best of the Best Culinary Awards** – Reputed to be the Culinary Capital of Asia, Hong Kong showcases the signature cooking skills of its chefs through an annual Best of the Best Culinary Awards (BOB) run by the HKTB. Pick up a copy of the 2007 BOB Culinary Guide and see what the winning dishes are.