

25/25 Hong Kong China

Nobody does boom and bust like Hong Kong. Property prices bounce between the sky-scraping levels of its tallest buildings and the squat shacks where, good times and bad, wizened locals play mah-jong. But even now the lights are certainly not off in this great city. Enjoy the 24-hour bars and clubs with a tad more elbow room and nab a last-minute table at the best restaurants.

Essentials

- 01 English isn't what it used to be. When the taxi driver barks "bin-doh?" ("where?") it helps to know the answer in Cantonese.
- 02 Grab a window seat in a coffee house – it's a top spot for people-watching.
- 03 Do dim sum like the locals, with women wielding clackety trolleys. Try City Hall or Lin Heung Teahouse, both in Central.
- 04 Relax in the oriental manner: Chuan Spa, Langham Place Hotel, Mongkok.
- 05 Catch a ferry to Lamma.

Guide/Info

Hotels

Budget Boutique

Lan Kwai Fong Hotel
3 Kau U Fong, Central
+ 852 3650 0000
lankwaifonghotel.com.hk

Dependable chain

Island Shangri-la
Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Central
+ 852 2877 3838
shangri-la.com

Premium

Four Seasons Hotel
8 Finance Street, Central
+ 852 3196 8888
fourseasons.com/hongkong

Dining

Fast breakfast

The Real Bread Cafe
14 Shelley Street, SoHo
+ 852 2810 9326

Mid-morning coffee

Cafe O
2 Arbuthnot Road, Central & branches
+ 852 2868 0450

Working lunch with colleagues

V Best Tea House,
G/F, 17 Elgin Street, Central
+ 852 3104 0890
or: The Forum,
Exchange Square, Central
+ 852 2868 2880

Need-to-impress-clients lunch

Chef's table at One Harbour Road
Grand Hyatt,
1 Harbour Road
+ 852 2584 7722

Lunch on your own

Nha Trang
88-90 Wellington Street, Central
+ 852 2581 992
Press room
108 Hollywood Road, Central
+ 852 2525 3444
thepressroom.com.hk

Afternoon tea/drink

The Peninsula Lobby
Salisbury Road, Kowloon
+ 852 2920 2888
hongkong.peninsula.com

Dinner on your own

BACAR
2 Shelley Street, Central
+ 852 2521 8322

Dinner with colleagues

M at the Fringe
1 F South Block,
2 Lower Albert Road, Central
+ 852 2877 4000

Big dinner with partner/clients

Maison 1882
1800 Tai Tam Reservoir Road, Tai Tam
+ 852 2812 2226

Drink after dinner

Aqua
29-30 F 1 Peking Road, Tsim Sha Tsui
+ 852 3427 2288

Late drinks

Feather Boa
38 Staunton Street, Central
+ 852 2857 2586

On the tiles

Drop
39-43 Hollywood Road, Central
+ 852 2543 8856
drophk.com

Reading

Bookshop

Kelly & Walsh
Shop 236, Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Central
+ 852 2522 5743

Thank yous

Delectable rose petal jam

Cake Shop at Mandarin Oriental
5 Connaught Road, Central
+ 852 2825 4008

Shopping

Something you can't get anywhere else

G.O.D
48 Hollywood Road, Central
+ 852 2805 1876
god.com.hk

Lost luggage – where to buy shirts, socks and underwear

Lane Crawford
8 Finance Street
+ 852 2118 3388

Something for the kids

Silk Chinese pyjamas from Shanghai Tang (splash)
Pedder Building,
12 Pedder Street, Central
+ 852 2525 7333

Something for someone you love

Fine accessories, watches, kitchenware from Qelin Shop 2059, IFC, Central
+ 852 2389 8863

Two-hour tour

- 01 Mix & match in Kowloon. Grab a curry in Chung King Mansions and blow what you've saved on cocktails at Felix in the Peninsula.
- 02 For some spirituality, head to Yau Ma Tei temple, which is a staple film location. While you're there you can do a spot of shopping at the nearby market.
- 03 Go swimming. Jump in a cab to the South Side of the island and take a dip.

Limousine/car

Hawk Rentals
+ 852 2516 9822
hawkrentacar.com.hk

Transport

Buy a pass

Buy an Octopus card for trains, metro and buses at all MTR stations.

Rent a bike

For a bike for the city, it is best to ask hotel concierges. For routes on outlying islands, call the Friendly Bike Shop, Mui Wo
+ 852 2984 2278

Fitness

Good gym

Pure Fitness
Two IFC, 3/F,
8 Finance Street
+ 852 8129 8000

Good running route

Victoria Park (2-3km) or Bowen Road by the Peak (6-8km).

