

My time for Hong Kong

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Fascinating. Exciting. Futuristic. Phenomenal! These are just a few of the words you hear used to describe Hong Kong. And, yes, while Hong Kong is all of those things, it is so much more – as you will discover through the eyes of the renowned Indian celebrities who share their experiences of Asia's World City in this guidebook.

Whether revisiting Hong Kong and seeing it anew or visiting for the first time with wide-eyed wonderment, these much-travelled personalities describe the non-stop intensity of a city that never sleeps and their adventures in a city bursting with energy.

You will read about being wowed by Hong Kong's fascinating contrasts: the super-modern skyscrapers that sit alongside ancient temples, the juxtaposition of east and west in architecture, culture and gastronomy, the abundance of natural beauty, from nature trails and beaches to quaint island villages – the strikingly different worlds that coexist and create a spectrum of experiences unlike any other city.

Hong Kong's compact variety and incredible infrastructure make life easy for visitors. Hop on a bus or a ferry and you can be out of the city in half an hour. No other place packs such a variety of experiences into an area that is so easy and fast in which to get around. Hong Kong is also admired for being distinctly trendy. By adopting and adapting global trends, it has nurtured its own unique style to offer products and experiences sought after the world over.

To help you plan your visit, delve into the following pages to find out what Hong Kong has to offer beyond shopping, bright lights and partying, as seen from the perspective of some of India's most respected influencers. From street level to the top of skyscrapers, Hong Kong has something for everyone and everything just for you.

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ROCKY STAR (ROCKY S)

Fashion Designer



Rocky S has his own fashion label under the name, 'Rocky Star'. The label is well known for its excellent detailing and finishing, as well as its emphasis on the traditional look and feel of rich Indian fabrics. He is also famous for the unique craftsmanship of ethnic hand-embroidery on bridal garments. Rocky's designs are well received by celebrities including famous model and actress, Bipasha Basu, who confessed that Rocky S is her favourite designer.

Rocky is also acclaimed for his costume designs for several major film projects including Gadar (set during the Indo-Pak partition period) and Krrish (a super hero sequel to the film Koi Mil Gaya).

SUBHASH GHAI

Director and Producer



Subhash has been one of the most renowned Indian filmmakers in mainstream cinema for the last 37 years. He has written and directed 18 motion pictures out of which 13 have been declared as the biggest blockbusters of their time.

His films are well known around the world and have received national awards. He was honoured by the President of India for making Karma - an award-winning, anti-terrorism motion picture - in 1986.

As Chairman of the distinguished film school Whistling Woods International, he also keenly nurtures new talent in the film industry.

Nagesh is known for his works predominantly in Bollywood and Parallel cinema.

His films have captured international attention and been followed with nominations and awards. His latest film Lakshmi won the Audience Award for Best Film at the Palm Springs International Film Festival in 2014.

Nagesh uses film to reveal social issues, and his film Iqbal gained a National Film Award for Best Film on Other Social Issues.

NAGESH KUKUNOOR

Director and Screenwriter



DHEERAJ DHOOPAR

Television Actor, Model
and Fashion Designer

Television actor, model and fashion designer, Dheeraj Dhoopar, made his television debut as Ansh in Maat Pitaah Ke Charnon Mein Swarg on Colors TV. Today he is best known for playing the lead role of Prem Bharadwaj in the TV serial Sasural Simar Ka on Colors TV.



Television soap opera actress Nehalaxmi Iyer began her acting career at the age of six in Banegi Apni Baat. After acting in various dramas, she took a break to further her studies and returned to the industry upon graduation. Neha currently plays Surbhi in Sasural Simar Ka.

NEHALAXMI IYER

Television Soap
Opera Actress



Durjoy is a novelist, screenwriter, entrepreneur and motivational speaker. His first book, *Of Course I Love You!*, was published when he was 21 years old and was an instant bestseller. His successive novels, *Till The Last Breath*, *Someone Like You*, and *Hold My Hand*, a romantic story of a young Indian couple in Hong Kong, have also found prominence on various bestseller lists.

Durjoy is the co-founder of Grapevine India, mainstream English language publisher which promotes young talent in the publishing industry. As a motivational speaker he has spoken in over 100 colleges and schools on the topics of entrepreneurship, writing, and marketing.

DURJOY DATTA

Novelist, Screenwriter,
Entrepreneur and
Motivational Speaker



KAREN ANAND

Food Guru



Karen Anand has been described as “the Martha Stewart of India”, influencing the way people eat and perceive good food. In addition to writing extensively on the subject of food and wine for 25 years, she has also set up a company producing a gourmet food line, run a successful chain of food stores, anchored top rated TV shows and started a Gourmet Academy. She has just completed a book for the Hyatt India entitled “Chefs’ Table”.

Karen was awarded the prestigious Food & Spirit Award (Trophe de l’Esprit Alimentaire) for Culture from the French Government. She also authors the yearly Times Food Guide culminating in the Times Food Awards for Pune and is often called upon to judge food awards in India.

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ROCKY S

Fashion Designer

Rocky S, the street-savvy, high fashion couturier with a loveable personality recently visited Hong Kong to experience the hip and trendy side of the city – and discovered so much more.



MY EXPERIENCE OF A HIP AND TRENDY CITY

"I had an amazing journey in Hong Kong. I explored so much and met great people. Everybody's extremely friendly. Hong Kong is very up there in the world and lets everybody know that it's on par with fashion – in every sense it's very much ahead."

Held twice a year, Hong Kong Fashion Week has nurtured many local designers and attracts fashionistas from all over the world. Rocky visited the Spring/Summer show and was truly impressed.



The 3.1 Phillip Lim for NARS Nail Collection fashion show drew a large audience buzzing with fashionistas, well-dressed celebrities, and trend-setting designers



Design Gallery in Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre

PHOTO COURTESY OF HKDC

“Hong Kong Fashion Week is a great concept. It brings all the Chinese and Hong Kong designers together under one roof. It’s doing really well and is one of the top fashion weeks in the world. I was very excited to be part of it.

The crowd was amazing, it was a fully-packed show, and I was very excited to see the clothing created by young Hong Kong designers. There was a different kind of character to each of their collections.

My favourite was Mim Mak: her designs were in black, my favourite colour, and reconstructed asymmetrical drapes that were very innovative and could be worn by quite a few age groups.

On the whole, it was an amazing experience. Of course, I’ve been to many fashion weeks, and I think Hong Kong Fashion Week is on par with other international markets.”

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One of the newest hot-spots to find up-and-coming designers and meet them in their studios is at the trendy PMQ.



Rocky poses in front of touring panda sculptures at PMQ



Rocky and Chailie outside her studio at PMQ



Chailie's hand-drawn postcards



Rocky sitting comfortably in Chailie's studio

"Right now in Hong Kong, PMQ is the coolest place! It promotes new talent and gives them a platform at an affordable rent. I saw some great stuff there, from art and furniture, to fashion and accessories. Each and every store had its own unique style. PMQ brings it all together to create a hub that pulls everybody to one place. I think it's a great idea. Mumbai could really learn from this! I went to visit fashion designer Chailie Ho in her studio and fell in love with her fabrics and designs. She uses a range of elegant fabrics like chiffon and silk – some of the silk is printed with her own hand-drawn water colour sketches which are awesome! She brings the flavour of Hong Kong. I think Chailie is very talented."



Chailie's beautiful water colour sketches of the city

If you're visiting Hong Kong, PMQ is great. I mean, I don't want to get the usual brands I can get in India: I want to see new designers and new talent. It's great that this city promotes its own talent in such a nice way. The concept of PMQ inspired me to take this back to India to try and push for the younger designers to come up. This is very important to me. After so many years of experience, it's time for me to give back to new designers."



The two fashion designers chat about fashion

Rocky went to Moon Street, in Wanchai, where he strolled around niche designer boutiques, trendy cafes and restaurants, and visited Luke Yeung's shop.





Luke Yeung - local fashion and accessories designer

“When I went to meet local designer Luke Yeung, I wanted to buy everything – like literally the whole shop! Luke is a very talented designer and explorer. I love his shop.

If I was a tourist coming to Hong Kong, I would just go to the commercial areas: I would never know about coming to this area and finding these stores – which are really the essence of Hong Kong. It’s great to explore this area and discover the essence of the city.

Each and every store is so individually unique. I travel all around the world and I don’t see this kind of stuff. This is the great thing about exploring these smaller streets: you find such great stores. And this is what people want to see, something different, otherwise it’s just the same run-of-the-mill big brands.

Seeing the two different kinds of markets - the edgy and fun PMQ and the little streets around Moon Street that are quiet and peaceful with small stores everywhere - was a real eye-opener for me. I loved it!”



All sorts of fashionable goodies



Rocky wanted to buy the entire store

The most famous place for sourcing fabrics and everything fashion related is Sham Shui Po in Kowloon. Rocky was wowed by his afternoon perusing fashionable fabrics there.





Admiring reams of trim

“Sham Shui Po made me think of an old vintage town, which Hong Kong would have been 50 to 60 years ago; the way they serve food and how the people are, it’s how I would imagine years ago. I tried some traditional dishes at street stalls, like sweet tofu with fresh ginger and another with red beans at the A1 Tofu Company. At another place I had deep-fried tofu and veggie sticks, which I smothered in chilli sauce! They were all tasty. The fabric shops are amazing. I could spend a week there! I think a lot of talented designers go there to buy fabrics. It was great to explore this side of the city.”



The A1 Tofu Company, Sham Shui Po



Fashion accessories galore



Stanley Market

Stanley Market has amazing shops selling everything from clothes to art and fantastic gifts. There are bars, restaurants and a beautiful beachfront nearby.

“On my last day I went to Stanley, which is a beautiful place to visit. It’s like being transported to the middle of Europe or the south of France. The waterfront is amazing, the beaches are nice. And there are lots of unique restaurants, which add to the character of the place. People were having a great time, like they were in a relaxed resort-type of place.

On the whole, I had an amazing journey in Hong Kong. I explored so much and met great people. Everybody’s extremely friendly. Hong Kong is very up there in the world and lets everybody know that it’s on par with fashion – in every sense it’s very much ahead.

The city is so busy, so hustle-bustle and so futuristic in its own way, yet it holds on to tradition very strongly and believes in encouraging that. They blend these two things together and that’s what makes Hong Kong’s personality so different.

I love Hong Kong!”

PLACES VISITED - ROCKY S



PMQ

The former Police Married Quarters building that was recently revamped and transformed into an arts and design hub – situated on Hollywood Road in Hong Kong's bustling Central District

Address: 35 Aberdeen Street, Central

Phone: +852 2870 2335

Website: <http://www.pmq.org.hk>

How to get there:

MTR Central Station (Exit C)
Turn left and walk along Des Voeux Road, turn left at Queen Victoria Street to the former Central Market and take the Central-Mid-Levels Escalator, turn right at Staunton Street and walk straight to PMQ



A1 TOFU COMPANY

Check out the yummy sweet tofu dishes at the famous street stall A1 Tofu Company in Sham Shui Po. The cold dishes are a great way to cool down and please a sweet tooth.

Address: 103 Kweilin Street, Sham Shui Po

How to get there:

MTR Sham Shui Po Station (Exit C2)

FAT KEE

Fat Kee is known for its tasty savoury foods. The deep fried veggies and tofu sticks are delicious served with chili sauce and well worth the visit.

Address: Shop 101, Kweilin Street, Sham Shui Po

How to get there:

MTR Sham Shui Po Station (Exit C2)



COCKTAIL JOJO

Luke's shop is a treasure trove of fascinating trinkets and trendy accessories collected from around the world. You can sit outside the shop and chill out in this peaceful area.

Address: Shop A and B, G/F, Moonstar Court, 2 Moon Street, Wanchai

Phone: +852 2511 8666

How to get there:

MTR Admiralty Station (Exit F)
Follow the tunnel to Three Pacific Place to Star Street area which will take approximately 15 minutes walk

STANLEY MARKET

Stanley Market is a must-see-and-do stop for any visitor. It has fashion, accessories and art as well as homeware and a whole host of restaurants and bars nearby, plus a pretty waterfront to stroll along.

Address: Stanley New Street and Stanley Market Road, Stanley

How to get there:

Bus 6, 6A, 6X, 66 or 260 from Exchange Square bus terminus (near MTR Hong Kong Station, Exit D)

MTR Causeway Bay Station (Exit B). Walk to Tang Lung Street and then take minibus 40.

Bus 973 from Canton Road in Tsim Sha Tsui outside Silvercord Centre



ARMANI/PRIVÉ

A collaboration between the fashion icon Giorgio Armani and Aqua Restaurant Group –Armani/Privé is a mainstay in luxury nightlife. It has two avant-garde faces: an up-beat lounge club where gliteratti play late into the night to the latest DJ vibes, and a chill-out rooftop terrace with electric skyscraper city views.

Address: 2F Landmark Chater (Chater House), 8 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong

Phone: +852 3583 2828

Website: www.armaniprive-hk.com

How to get there:

MTR Admiralty Station (Exit F) or MTR Central Station (Exit E). Follow signs to Landmark Chater. Take escalator to Level 1. On Level 1, walk across to the left, past the Landmark Chater information desk to the dedicated escalator. Armani/Privé is to the right

Respected Indian film directors Subhash Ghai and Nagesh Kukunoor visited Hong Kong and discovered an abundance of cultural and heritage inspiration, as well as a variety of cinematic views that truly sparked their imagination.

SUBHASH GHAI

Director and Producer

"The most interesting part of my visit to Hong Kong was the people. As guests, they treated us with love and affection. They are like brothers and sisters to us." – Subhash Ghai

NAGESH KUKUNOOR

Director and Screenwriter

"One of the things that really struck me is that there are many places where you can stand back, look at the buildings and actually admire the architecture. I would love to shoot a film in Hong Kong." – Nagesh Kukunoor

BOLLYWOOD DIRECTORS FIND INSPIRATION IN HOLLYWOOD OF THE EAST

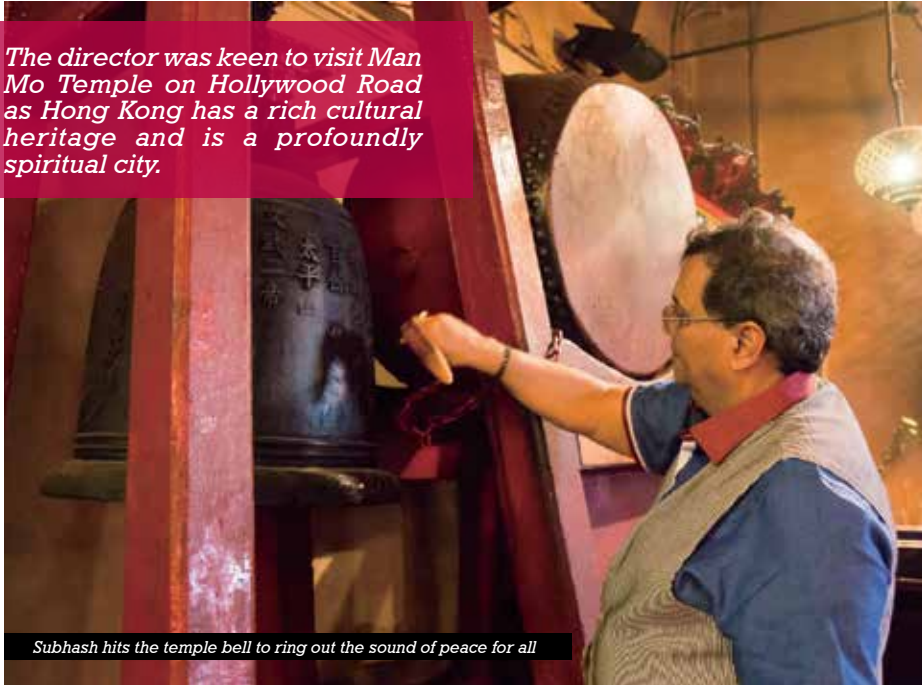
Subhash visited the unique petty person beating women situated under the Canal Road Flyover in Causeway Bay where they repeatedly hit folded paper items to shoo away negativity.



Observing a cultural ritual in an ultra-modern city

“It was an experience for me to visit this lady who is supposed to take away negative energy from your body and mind. I’ve experienced these things in India, but the procedure she went through was different. I could relate to it. It was very interesting. I haven’t done any filming in Hong Kong yet. I first came to Hong Kong in 1988 and I would say today there’s more people and character. It’s more vibrant. I felt very nice connecting to the people. They’re very nice and respond very well.”

The director was keen to visit Man Mo Temple on Hollywood Road as Hong Kong has a rich cultural heritage and is a profoundly spiritual city.



Subhash hits the temple bell to ring out the sound of peace for all

“Since my childhood I have visited many Chinese temples in India and I get a lot of different energies. I got a lot of energy from the statues and idols at Man Mo Temple. Inside there was a drum and a bell, which make the sound of peace. While there, I bought some candles and incense to put in my religious corners back at home and enjoy them as a memory of my visit to this beautiful temple.”



Fragrant spirals of incense hang inside Man Mo Temple

“Mei Ho House is incredible. I was very touched by my visit. It’s a wonderful experience that takes you on a 60-year flashback. It expresses so many things: the disaster, the homeless and making homes for them in such a short time. It is an incredible job, by the state, by the people. It could not have been done unless there was a spirit behind this. It shows the expression of human strength and how the people of Hong Kong helped people who suffered.”



Subhash was very moved by his visit to Mei Ho House in Sham Shui Po where he toured the museum.



Mei Ho House



"I have travelled worldwide and every city has its own character. Hong Kong is special to me because it has many beautiful things. One is the ethnic mountains the other is the modernisation of its buildings; the vertical city. Thankfully the city has not destroyed its environment with all the concrete. The Hong Kong people are also warm and welcoming."

The mix of eastern and western cultures has shaped Hong Kong's unique architecture, which surprised Nagesh and inspired him to film in the city.



“One of the incredible things about Hong Kong is that there are many places where you can stand back, look at the buildings and actually admire the architecture. You can step back and say, oh my, that’s a great shot! And that’s exactly what I’ve been doing. I’ve been trigger happy with my camera!”

I’d love to shoot a film here. I’ve made 14 features so far, out of which, maybe three have been shot in an urban environment. When I write, I usually see a rural landscape, but I find the Hong Kong cityscape very exciting. This is the first time I’ve really been excited about a city environment. I’m looking into how I can film here. Because I’ve never seen that in my films and it would give me the opportunity to do something different. What also strikes me is how clean Hong Kong is for a city with so much concrete and glass; it’s amazing how clean it is.”



Amongst the gods at Pak Tai Temple in Wanchai

“Pak Tai Temple is so colourful! I asked if they give permission to film at the temple, and apparently they do, provided you apply in advance. Cinematically it would be great to film in.

I find the culture and history behind a religion very exciting and the cultural history of this temple is very cool. And of course, I did the most important thing: I paid homage to the God of Wealth! Like the Chinese people, Indians are extremely superstitious, so they could visit here and get their blessings from different Gods. It would make for a great little blessing detour for Indian visitors.”



Ornate temple window

“Wow - everything in Hong Kong is so vertical! It takes a little getting used to. Even in Mumbai, which probably has more high rises than any other city in India, there are bricks! Looking out at these buildings in Sai Ying Pun that are only a few storeys high, these seem to be a rarity in Hong Kong.

I would so love to film in Hong Kong. It would be unlike anything I've done in my entire filmography. The fact that all the frames could have concrete structures in them and that everything is manmade, that has a beauty of its own.”

Hong Kong has fascinating contrasts where historic buildings sit alongside modern skyscrapers in harmony.



Nagesh ponders new film ideas from the veranda



At the historic Community Complex in Sai Ying Pun



Nagesh loved his trip to Hong Kong especially the seafood in Sai Kung

Hong Kong has an incredibly diverse range of cuisines. As a food lover, Nagesh fell in love with the city's food and experienced a few firsts.

"I've been eating myself silly on this trip! I've tried amazing Cantonese food, as well as absolutely phenomenal seafood in Sai Kung, where I ate sea mantis for the first time. That has gone into my top ten meals of all time. I loved it! I also tried green tea cake at the Sweet Classroom which was awesome and so different from anything I've tried before."



Nagesh enjoying desserts at Sweet Classroom in Sai Ying Pun



"I've taken so many amazing photos in Hong Kong and will enlarge most of them."

"My experience in Hong Kong was amazing. Coming from a cinematic perspective, there is so much beauty in its urban landscape. I must have seen at least 20 different places from which I saw some great angles to shoot the island. So, for me it's been an extremely exciting trip that has cemented my idea of doing a film in Hong Kong.

Lots of shopping, the right kind of energy, and tall buildings to ogle at – Hong Kong has all that in spades! It would instinctually appeal to an Indian because we're enamoured with a manmade structures. And, to people who consider themselves as foodies, I would say, fly to Hong Kong for the food experience. It's incredible."

PLACES VISITED - THE DIRECTORS



PETTY PERSON BEATING (DA SIU YAN)

The Petty Person Beating is a unique sight and is included in the list of 'Intangible Cultural Heritage' in Hong Kong.

Address: Under the Canal Road Flyover in Causeway Bay

How to get there:
MTR Causeway Bay Station (Exit A)
Make a turn left and walk towards Canal Road Flyover



PAK TAI TEMPLE

Built by local residents in 1863, this beautiful temple is listed as a Grade I Historic Building. The temple honours the God of the Sea, Pak Tai. The main hall contains a 3-m tall Pak Tai copper statue cast in the Qing Dynasty.

Address: Lung On Street, Wan Chai

Website: www.ctc.org.hk/en/directcontrol/temple10.asp

How to get there:
MTR Wan Chai Station (Exit A3)
Walk along Stone Nullah Lane which takes about 10 minutes

MEI HO HOUSE

This was built as a public resettlement block in 1954 and renovated into a 129-room youth hostel in 2009. It has an excellent museum featuring two authentically reconstructed flats from the 50s and 70s. It is a Grade 2 Historic Building.

Address: Block 41, Shek Kip Mei Estate, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon

Phone: +852 3728 3500

Website: www.yha.org.hk/eng

How to get there:
MTR Sham Shui Po Station (Exit B2)
Walk to Tai Po Road and turn left (10 minutes walk to hostel)



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CENTRAL PIER NO. 9

Located next to Star Ferry, Central, this pier offers fantastic views of the city's modern buildings, the harbour and Kowloon. It is a favoured filming location.

How to get there:
MTR Central Station (Exit A2)
Walk along Man Yiu Street



SAI KUNG

Sai Kung is known as 'Hong Kong's back garden' because of the beautiful hiking trails and beaches in this area. The village of Sai Kung is also noted locally for its seafood restaurants, many of which congregate on the seafront, known as 'Seafood Street'.

How to get there:
MTR Choi Hung Station (Exit C2), and take the minibus route 1A
MTR Hang Hau Station, and take the minibus route 101M

SWEET CLASSROOM

This dessert shop is loved for its local-style sweet treats and cosy vibe. It's a great place to stop off for tea or coffee and delicious desserts.

Address: G/F, 150 Third Street, Sai Ying Pun

Phone: +852 2803 2933

Opening hours: Sun-Thur 15:00-00:00
Fri & Sat 15:00-01:00

How to get there:
MTR Hong Kong Station (Exit A1)
Take Bus 30X or 3A from Exchange Square bus terminal



SAI YING PUN COMMUNITY COMPLEX COMMUNITY HALL/ OLD MENTAL HOSPITAL

Originally built in 1891 and turned into a mental hospital in 1947. It was abandoned in the 70s and fell into disrepair until the government rebuilt it as a community centre in 2001, keeping its original granite façade and arched veranda, which are listed as a Grade I Historic Building.

Address: 2, High Street, Sai Ying Pun

How to get there:
MTR Sheung Wan Station (Exit E4)
Cross the bridge inside Infinitus Plaza to Rumsey Street bus terminal and take Bus 3B



A man and a woman are standing on a balcony or walkway, looking out at the vibrant, illuminated skyline of Hong Kong at night. The man is on the left, wearing a light blue button-down shirt, and the woman is on the right, wearing a dark patterned sleeveless top. They are both smiling and looking towards the right. The background is filled with the lights of the city, including a prominent tower with a blue and orange glow.

NEHALAXMI IYER
Television Soap Opera Actress

"I lived in Hong Kong as a child and was super excited to come back. It's a lovely, beautiful city that's full of life and energy. I was very happy to be there and will be going back again to see more. I loved it!" - Nehalaxmi Iyer

DHEERAJ DHOOPAR
Television Actor, Model and
Fashion Designer

"Hong Kong is one of the best cities infrastructure-wise. The city is so clean and well maintained, and the people are very nice and warm. It's also beautiful and full of natural resources; the sea and the mountains. It's awesome!" - Dheeraj Dhoopar

TV STARS LOVED THEIR TIME FOR CITY WONDERS

Hong Kong is always buzzing with non-stop action. There's something to do 24/7, from partying and dining to shopping and sightseeing. Sasural Simar Ka stars Dheeraj Dhoopar and Neha Iyer took time out from filming their 1000th episode in Hong Kong to look beneath and rediscover some of the city's most exciting destinations. The TV stars had a blast in Central's most popular entertainment districts.



Mastering the use of chopsticks



"We wandered around the streets of SOHO and the crowd was just awesome. What I really like is that it all seems very safe. It was actually my first time to visit Lan Kwai Fong and we had an amazing time. I tried about 10 different kinds of dim sum and it was an awesome experience. I also tried using chopsticks, but I couldn't!

We went to the Hard Rock Café, which was great. And I'd especially like to mention the street dancing we did together. There was a group of people dancing in the street and we went in and danced with them. Neha really loves to dance, so it was the best place for her to be. It was really great fun."



Spoilt for choice in the Rise Shopping Arcade



There are so many great surprises in the city – as Dheeraj found out when he stumbled upon the trendy designer boutiques in TST and discovered the avant-garde cinema, Broadway Cinematheque.

"I'm really surprised that I'm staying in a hotel just around the corner from Rise Shopping Arcade and had no idea it was here! It's a totally fashionable shopping mall selling really classy stuff. It's very hip and has some of the best stuff I've seen in Hong Kong. We will go back and have another look before we leave.

Coming to Broadway Cinematheque is absolutely new to me, and I'm just loving the experience of walking around here. I just saw a poster for a film called "Begin Again", which I really enjoyed. So, that brought back nice memories for me."



Neha posing Bruce Lee-style



The Avenue of Stars along the waterfront in TST honours celebrities of the Hong Kong film industry. Every day it comes to life with “A Symphony of Lights”– the “World’s Largest Permanent Light and Sound Show”

“I last came to Hong Kong six years ago, and when I found out that we were coming to do this shoot, I thought, OK, there’s going to be language problems. When I landed here, I was so excited and there has been no language problems at all!

I really enjoyed the Avenue of Stars. The Symphony of Lights and views across the harbour were incredible. My overall impression of Hong Kong is that I want to come back!”



More new discoveries were made at Temple Street Night Market, where apart from being wowed by all the market stalls, Neha had her fortune told by a traditional fortune teller.

“Having my fortune told was a great experience. The fortune teller told me great things about my life, my career and my love life. So, I’m very happy! I also really love all the stalls at Temple Street Night Market, too. There’s so many different styles and collections that I’m completely awestruck and excited. I’ve come to the market so many times since being here and I’ve bought so many things that I might be over my luggage allowance!

My favourite place in Hong Kong has been The Peak. It’s amazing. We went up by tram and it was so steep and very exciting, and when you get there, it’s totally worth it because the views are beautiful.

I also loved the dim sum. I’m a vegetarian so it was great to try vegetarian dim sum. It was yummy and absolutely delicious. I’ve been able to get vegetarian food all over the place in Hong Kong, which has been great. And I loved dancing in the streets in Lan Kwai Fong, it was incredible.

I loved my time in Hong Kong and will be coming back again to see more”.

PLACES VISITED – TV STARS



LAN KWAI FONG

This is one of Hong Kong's most popular nightlife destinations. It has a plethora of bars, restaurants and dancing in the street as well as a few yearly carnivals. It is the place to see and be seen

Website: www.lankwaifong.com

How to get there:

MTR Central Station Exit (Exit D2). Walk along Theatre Lane and up D'Aguiar Street

DING DIM 1968

Handcrafted dim sum by Master Chef, Chan Si Fu, who has half a century of experience

Address: Shop No.A, 14D Elgin Street, Soho, Central

Phone: +852 9698 1968

Website: www.dingdim.com

How to get there:

MTR Central Station (Exit D2). Take the mid-levels escalator to Staunton street. Walk 1 min west to Elgin street and then turn right at 7-11



RISE SHOPPING ARCADE

Located just off Granville Road, this shopping arcade is home to trendy boutiques selling quirky, innovative and highly fashionable items that are popular with Hong Kong's young designers

Address: Granville Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon

How to get there:

MTR Tsim Sha Tsui Station (Exit B2). Walk along Cameron Road to Chatham Road South, turn into Granville Road



AVENUE OF STARS + A SYMPHONY OF LIGHTS

Located along the Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade, the Avenue of Stars pays tribute to Hong Kong film industry professionals. Named as the 'World's Largest Permanent Light and Sound Show' by the Guinness World Records, A Symphony of Lights is an incredible combination of lights and music shown every night at 8pm

Address: Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade

Phone: +852 3112 4872 (Avenue of Stars)
+852 2508 1234 (A Symphony of Lights)

Website:

Avenue of Stars - www.avenueofstars.com.hk
A Symphony of Lights - www.tourism.gov.hk/symphony

How to get there:

Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade along Avenue of Stars to Hong Kong Cultural Centre: MTR Tsim Sha Tsui East Station (Exit J). Follow the signs and walk for around 5 minutes

TEMPLE STREET NIGHT MARKET

An enduring example of the theatre and festivity of a Chinese market, Temple Street Night Market is a popular street bazaar that sells all manner of clothes, hats, trinkets, electronics, watches and more. It is so steeped in local atmosphere that it has served as the backdrop to many a memorable movie

Address: Temple Street, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon

How to get there:

MTR Yau Ma Tei Station (Exit C). Turn onto Temple Street at Man Ming Lane
Or, MTR Jordan Station (Exit A). Turn right onto Jordan Road and then take another right onto Temple Street





DURJOY DATTA

Novelist, Screenwriter,
Entrepreneur and
Motivational Speaker

TIME FOR ROMANCE IN HONG KONG

“My fiancée and I shared our first international holiday together in Hong Kong – and we continue to come back because we love it so much. There are lots of exciting things to do in Hong Kong but there are also many places where you can spend a quieter time together and fall in love all over again. It is a very romantic city.”

Bestselling author Durjoy Datta is most known for writing romantic novels. He visited Hong Kong in the autumn with his fiancée, Avantika, and the lovebirds ventured out into some of the city's most amorous locations.

The happy couple had lunch at the picturesque Royal China Aqua Garden restaurant situated on the seafront in Tai Po in the New Territories.



“We love food and we’ve tried so many great dishes in Hong Kong, like the food we had here today: dim sum and tasty soup. And it’s so lovely to sit under the trees surrounded by flowers and then walk along the waterfront. It’s quite romantic.

Actually, when I first heard of Hong Kong being propositioned as a romantic city, I couldn’t quite see it as such. Most people I know come here because of the shopping. I knew that Hong Kong was very urban but I wasn’t prepared for just how lively it is. But as I’ve discovered, you can go to places that are throbbing with energy and also to far off peaceful places. Hong Kong is so full of contrasts.

When you’re dating you want to be able to go out and party. But you also need quiet time together. And because everything is just half an hour away, you can have that sci-fi kind of experience with lights and music and also quieter times. I think a lot of young couples would come here for their honeymoon because they will be able to find quiet times to be alone with each other.”

Sam Mun Tsai, Tai Po



On the Peak Tram

Just before sunset, the sweethearts took the Peak Tram up to Victoria Peak, alighting before reaching the top to admire the views.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE PEAK TOWER LIMITED

"I love taking the Peak Tram, it's so much fun. In fact, I wrote about this in my book, Hold My Hand: The boy and girl take the tram to The Peak, where it ends in an anti-climax".....(no spoilers given here!). "We didn't walk up this pathway before but we really enjoyed it because it's so peaceful. I've been to many places and Hong Kong has one of the best skylines you can get! It's incredible to see all the lights in the city starting to come on. And it's so calming looking at the water in the harbour. I would recommend visitors to take the tram because of the incredible views."



Avantika connected to the romantic charm of Victoria Peak Garden, where the couple strolled hand-in-hand before heading back down the hill for dinner.

"The gardens are so refreshing. There was a couple having pre-wedding photos taken, which added to the romantic feel of the place. And there are a lot of couples walking around so you feel comfortable because there are other people like you. This is an environment where you can hold hands, which we don't do in India because it's a culture where we don't do public displays of affection. It's amazing that this is in the middle of the city but just five minutes on the tram and you're in another world. It's so beautiful and special up here. And it smells so good; like ice-cream!"





We also spent time at Chiu Kee Porcelain, where we hand-painted our own designs onto plates. It was one of the most interesting and romantic things I've ever done. It was cute and brings out the child in you. I was really into it. It was fun and such a nice thing to do together as a couple. The plates we painted can't be replicated. We'll keep them in a showcase at home where they'll serve as a lovely memory."



For the first time, the couple visited Peng Chau Island, one of Hong Kong's 260 or so outlying islands. The island is steeped in cultural history and is home to the Seven Sisters Temple, whose deities help couples that want to start a family.

"The Seven Sisters Temple was very cute and had a fascinating story about a mortal and a goddess couple who could only be together once a year on the seventh of July. The colours of the temple are beautiful; red, gold, blue and orange set against the background of green trees.



The colourful Seven Sisters Temple.

"It was nice to have lunch at a local restaurant on the island. My pork chop with vegetables and fried noodles was tasty and quite filling. I really enjoyed walking through the little streets. It's a quaint village. We had a relaxing time on Peng Chau."

To contrast their leisurely time on Peng Chau, the couple went to bustling Causeway Bay for a one-of-a-kind dessert experience at the trendy ATUM Dessertant.



“When we heard that this place was about art and desserts we thought it might be pretentious – but it wasn’t at all! The guys making the desserts were very approachable and we loved the way that all of the ingredients were explained in detail, so you could taste each one. Everything tasted so fresh. It’s also really cool that they have an open kitchen so you can see everything being prepared and then join in on making art out of the ingredients right in front of you. It makes you feel involved. It was a wonderful experience to share together and we will talk about it for years come.”

From lush natural settings to exciting cityscapes, Hong Kong offers plenty of diversity that, as Durjoy and Avantika discovered, is perfect for couples that want a romantic adventure together.

“We walked up Pottinger Street, which is really quaint. We’d never been there before, but we knew it was near to Lan Kwai Fong, which we both love. It has lots of bars that you can hop from one to the other and then everyone just spills out onto the street and starts dancing. In fact, Avantika was the first one to start dancing! It’s definitely a main attraction, especially for younger people, and a nice place to party as a couple. The couple in my book also went there together. And just like us, they loved it.”



Lan Kwai Fong is one of the city's best places to party

PLACES VISITED - DURJOY DATTA



ROYAL CHINA AQUA GARDEN RESTAURANT

A great place to relax close to the seafront, this picturesque restaurant surrounded by trees serves an array of Cantonese dishes from dim sum to fried rice and fresh seafood.

Address: Sam Mun Tsai Rd, Tai Po

Phone: +852 2665 7282

How to get there:

Take minibus 20K at MTR Tai Po Market Station to Sam Mun Tsai. Get off at the final stop



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VICTORIA PEAK GARDEN

The near-vertical tram ride up to the Peak is a spectacular 7 minute ride and this and the amazing views from the Peak are must-see for visitors. Peak Garden sits near the summit of Victoria Peak and is a peaceful, green retreat peppered with pathways, pagodas, flora and fauna.

Address: Victoria Peak Garden, Mount Austin Road

Website: www.thepeak.com.hk

How to get there:

Take the Peak Tram to the Peak and head uphill along Mount Austin Road



PENG CHAU ISLAND

A tiny island situated 8km west of south Hong Kong Island and just 25 minutes by ferry. In the 60s and 70s it was known for industrial factories making the likes of teak furniture, light bulbs and cane-weaving, as well as hand crafts. The island has plenty of pleasant walks, a promenade, beaches, organic farms, three small temples and no cars.

How to get there:

Take the ferry from Pier No. 6 in Central



CHIU KEE PORCELAIN PENG CHAU ISLAND

In its heyday, the Chiu Kee Porcelain Factory had 30 craftsmen. Today you can visit its small shop to buy exquisite hand-painted porcelain as well as paint your own pieces by arrangement.

Address: Shop 7, G/F Wing Hing Street

How to get there:

Walk along Wing On Side Street from the Pier, turn right to the Wing Hing Street when you see the HSBC bank. Chiu Kee is 50m away

POTTINGER STREET

Pottinger Street is known by locals as Stone Slabs Street because of its granite stone steps, which are a rarity nowadays in the city.

Website: www.amo.gov.hk/en/trails_sheungwan2.php?tid=3

How to get there:

MTR Central Station (Exit C). Walk along Des Voeux Road toward Sheung Wan direction. Pottinger Street is on the 1st crossroad



ATUM DESSERTANT

Incredible, improvised and artistic desserts made before your very eyes at this modern dessert lounge. It's the perfect place for special occasions or to simply enjoy decadent desserts with family, friends and loved-ones. Handmade ingredients that will wow, super friendly staff and a fabulous space.

Address: 16/F, The L.Square, 459-461 Lockhart Road, Causeway Bay

Phone: +852 2956 1411

How to get there:

MTR Causeway Bay Station (Exit C). Turn left and walk along Lockhart Road





KAREN ANAND

Food Guru

Hong Kong is loved for its diversity of cuisines. From street level to skyscraper rooftops, you can find everything from noodles to vegetarian or organic dishes and Michelin-starred restaurants. There's something for every palate, no matter how delicate - as the respected gastronome discovered.

EXPERIENCING THE CITY'S ARRAY OF FLAVOURS

"On this visit to Hong Kong I had a great time. It's been a bit of eye-opener because when I've been here before I've been to places I know. But this time I had the advantage of going to new places and trying all kinds of incredible food. Hong Kong really is the food capital of the east."



Karen was wowed by her experience at Wine & Dine Festival, the city's biggest culinary event that is named as one of the top 10 international food and wine festivals by ForbesTraveler.com.

"I was very impressed by Wine & Dine Festival. It's an incredible experience. Not just in terms of scale and choice, but also from an organisational point of view. It was also very aspirational; I saw lots of people who were very keen to learn about wine, and they could sample some very good quality wines as well as all kinds of different food. I think all the live music and entertainment would really appeal to younger visitors. I tried some different types of Sake and Shochu, sampled a few nice red wines and enjoyed some tasty nibbles. I had a great time!"



Discussing the brewing process at Young Master Ales

On this trip, Karen experienced a few firsts, such as sampling Hong Kong-brewed ales at Young Master Ales Brewery – whose tasty ales are enjoyed in some of the city’s most glamorous sky-high bars.

“I think this brewery is great. I never imagined there would be this kind of brewery in Hong Kong. It was a nice surprise. It’s nice to look at people who are doing slightly off-beat things like the owner, Rohit Dugar, who has the training and know-how to set this up. He’s a young entrepreneur who has taken an opportunity. His brewery set-up is impressive and his ales are delicious! Hong Kong has so many great shopping and dining areas, but I think there are people who want to see something a bit different and would visit this brewery.”



The food connoisseur was thrilled at the diversity of fresh and dried foods at the Chun Yeung Wet Market in North Point, and bought an assortment of dried food items.

“I love buying all these dried things to make Asian dishes. They’re good quality at good prices and because they’re dried they are easy to take back home and store. I love the sweet pork sausages. You slice and steam them and put them in congee. The dried mussels are delicious, too. You put them in water to reconstitute them or shove them in a soup. They’re quite yummy. And I like the dried duck, which you steam for about 20 minutes. And also the shrimps, which you can get in India but I think the hygiene is better in Hong Kong! It’s a great local market.”



Buying dried foods at the market



Another first for Karen was a trip to Chi Lin Nunnery and Nan Lian Garden, where Tang dynasty style temples and lush gardens sit against a backdrop of modern high-rise apartments. Karen experienced a mini Chinese tea ceremony in the tranquil Tea House.

“The tea house is a lovely idea for those who really appreciate good tea or want to know more about all the different types of Chinese teas because they’re quite specialised. It’s a great venue for it and the whole tea ceremony thing is great. There’s also a café, which looks quite nice for those who don’t fancy doing the specialised tea, and souvenir shops. The gardens are magnificent and the temples are beautifully maintained. I think visitors would come here because it’s different. Maybe it’s not as well known as it should be – but perhaps that is better. ”



Tea in a tranquil setting



Karen admires the gardens greenery

“On this trip I ventured out more than I did previously and it’s been a real eye-opener. Hong Kong is full of juxtapositions with everything from 5-star hotels to this tea house which is quite calming. I mean, I know about the hotels here and that the quality is always good. But I had a buffet lunch at the hotel I’m staying in and to get the likes of Boston lobster and Parma ham – it’s incredible. The standard of service is very good, too.

People will pay any price for good food and their expectations are high. But, it’s not just about food, it’s about the view and the service, which means people like Alain Ducasse need to come here to provide an experience.

I have to say though, the choice of food here is amazing. Hong Kong really is the food capital of the east.”



Tang dynasty and 21st century sit side-by-side

PLACES VISITED – KAREN ANAND



CHI LIN NUNNERY & NAN LIAN GARDEN

Established in 1934 and renovated in the Tang dynasty style (AD 618–907) in 1990, Chi Lin Nunnery comprises a large temple complex, temple halls, and treasured Buddhist relics. Nan Lian Garden is a public park also built in the Tang dynasty style and is meticulously landscaped over an area of 3.5 hectares.

Address: 5 Chi Lin Drive, Diamond Hill

Phone: +852 2354 1888 (Chi Lin Nunnery)
+852 3658 9366 (Nan Lian Garden)

How to get there:

MTR Diamond Hill Station (Exit C2). Follow the signs and walk for around 5 minutes



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TAPAGRIA

This people-friendly tapas and sangria bar features a typical Spanish mosaic floor and design details that pay homage to legendary Catalan architect, Gaudi. Its fantastic outdoor lounge terrace offers stunning views of Hong Kong's skyline.

Address: 18/F, The One, 100 Nathan Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon

Phone: +852 2147 0111

Website: www.tapagria.hk

How to get there:

MTR Tsim Sha Tsui Station (Exit B1)

YOUNG MASTER ALES BREWERY

Young Master Ales was born out of a desire to brew distinctive, world-class, extremely fresh beers locally for Hong Kong.

Address: Units 407-9, Oceanic Industrial Centre, 2 Lee Lok Street, Ap Lei Chau

Opening Hours: By appointment only

Website: www.youngmasterales.com

How to get there:

Take Bus 90B, 99, 171, 590, 590A, 592 or 595 to South Horizons Public Transport Interchange. Walk along Lee Nam Road which takes 10-15 minutes



CHUN YEUNG WET MARKET

This market offers the sights and sounds of old-school market business in full swing. The narrow street is lined with stalls selling dried food, fresh fruits, vegetables, meat and seafood and is easily accessible by tram.

Address: Chung Yeung Street, North Point

How to get there:

Hop on an eastbound tram heading towards the North Point terminus and alight after King's Road



FAMILY FUN

Hong Kong is also a fantastic place for families to visit. Beyond the shiny high-rises and stunning harbour, there are myriad fun-filled locations to explore in and around the city. Here are some of the most popular places to visit for family-friendly adventures and educational entertainment.

Mukherjee Family from TV Drama "ISHTI KUTUM"

HONG KONG DISNEYLAND

Favourite childhood stories and characters come to life at Hong Kong Disneyland. You and your family can embark on a magical journey with over 100 attractions and entertainment offerings across seven lands based on stories of mystery, the Wild West, Toy Story, fun, fantasy, adventure, and space, in the Park. You will also be wowed by must-see attractions that include the three newly introduced lands, namely, Mystic Point, Grizzly Gulch, and Toy Story Land. There are also the Flights of Fantasy Parade, and the Fantasy Gardens where Mickey, Minnie, and Goofy can be seen. The entire family can immerse itself into the Broadway-calibre musical, which is filled with fantastic, colourful costumes, lively dancing and award-winning music "Festival of the Lion King", while kids that love dress-up can get princess makeovers from a Fairy Godmother at the Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique. At night, the whole family can watch the sky light-up with the impressive "Disney in the Stars Fireworks" and the brand-new "Disney Paint the Night", the first-ever full LED parade. And, when the kids are tired, there are two Disney-themed hotels in which they can sleep like little stars.

HOW TO GET THERE:

MTR DISNEYLAND RESORT STATION

OPENING HOURS:

10:00AM – 8:30PM

PRICE:

ADULT (AGED 12–64): HK\$499

CHILD (AGED 3–11): HK\$355

SENIOR (AGED 65 OR ABOVE): HK\$100

HOTLINE:

+852 1830 830 (DAILY FROM 9:00AM – 8:00PM)

WEBSITE:

WWW.HONGKONGDISNEYLAND.COM



OCEAN PARK

Ocean Park is home to one of the largest aquariums in Asia and has been recognised as one of the world's top theme parks with the prestigious Applause Award. You can stroll through Old Hong Kong to feel Hong Kong in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, visit Aqua City and the Grand Aquarium, explore The Lagoon, and watch The Symbio, the world's first 360° water screen show, at night. Meet some of South Australia's most famous animals including koalas, red-necked wallabies and kookaburras at Adventures in Australia. The Rainforest has fascinating creatures from the Amazon and a fun rapids ride while Thrill Mountain has even more thrilling rides! Meet the Park's polar animal ambassadors, including penguins, walrus, snowy owls and Arctic foxes at Polar Adventure. Surround yourself with over a hundred sharks and rays of different species at Shark Mystique, one of Asia's largest shark exhibits. Memorable experiences can be had at Pacific Pier, Sea Jelly Spectacular and Ocean Theatre. You can also go behind the scenes and get up close to some of the Park's adorable animals. Apply online or in person at Ocean Park's Ticketing Office at the Main Entrance. And stay tuned for the upcoming Ocean Hotel and Water World, both opening in 2017.

HOW TO GET THERE:
TAKE BUS 629 FROM THE BUS TERMINAL AT MTR ADMIRALTY STATION (EXIT B).

OPENING HOURS:
10:00AM – 7:00PM
(VISIT THE OCEAN PARK WEBSITE FOR DETAILS)

PRICE:
ADULT: HK\$345
CHILD (AGE 3–11): HK\$173

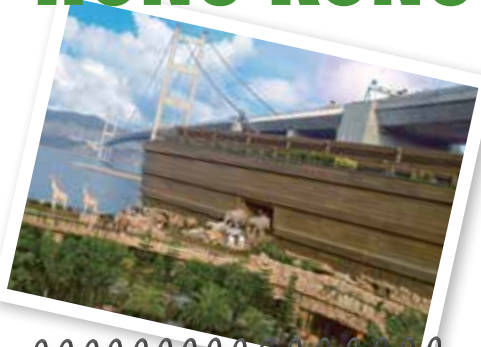
HOTLINE:
+852 3923 2323

WEBSITE:
WWW.OCEANPARK.COM.HK



NOAH'S ARK HONG KONG

Located on Park Island (Ma Wan), Noah's Ark Hong Kong is an attraction that combines education and entertainment for families. It is the world's first replica of Noah's Ark and is built to biblical specifications. The Ark Garden features 67 pairs of life-size wild or endangered animal sculptures with placards that explain their traits while the Ark Life Education House is an interactive education centre with games about love and respect. At the 180° Great Flood Theatre in the Ark Expo you can see a reconstruction of the 'Great Flood' and learn about challenges facing our planet today. Families can also visit the 15 fun-filled galleries with games on life education at the Treasure House, and see the amazing real-time surface activity of the Sun via a 350mm diameter vacuum solar telescope in the Solar Tower. And if you need to sleep after all the excitement, the Noah's Ark Resort offers cosy accommodation so that your family can enjoy a holiday in Ma Wan.



HOW TO GET THERE:

1. A 20-MINUTE BUS RIDE FROM MONG KOK, KOWLOON
2. A 20-MINUTE FERRY RIDE FROM CENTRAL PIER 2 (MTR HONG KONG STATION EXIT E1 AND WALK THROUGH IFC MALL) TO PARK ISLAND

OPENING HOURS:

10:00AM – 6:00PM

PRICE:

ADULT: HK\$155
CHILD (AGED 3–11) AND SENIOR (AGED 65 OR ABOVE): HK\$125

HOTLINE:

+852 3411 8888

WEBSITE:

WWW.NOAHSARK.COM.HK

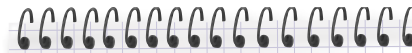


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HONG KONG WETLAND PARK

The Hong Kong Wetland Park comprises 60 hectares of wetlands where various types of wildlife live. You and your family can visit this world-class ecotourism attraction to see beautiful birds, butterflies, dragonflies, fiddler crabs, flowers and many other kinds of creatures, and learn about nature conservation, education and green tourism. And it's not just wildlife! The Visitor Centre – Wetland Interactive World shows you other species from across the world. You can find three exhibition galleries, a theatre, a souvenir shop, an indoor play area called Swamp Adventure and a resource centre, where you can learn more about the wetland ecology and human culture through fun activities. The park is specially designed for kids and parents to take a close up look at wonderful wetland creatures.



HOW TO GET THERE:

MTR TIN SHUI WAI STATION (EXIT E), INTERCHANGE FOR LIGHT RAIL 705 AND GET OFF AT TIN SHUI STATION OR AT WETLAND PARK STATION

OPENING HOURS:

10:00AM – 5:00PM
(TICKET SERVICES FROM 9:30AM – 4:00PM)
CLOSED ON TUES (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS)

PRICE:

ADULT: HK\$30
CHILD (AGED 3–11) AND SENIOR (AGED 65 OR ABOVE): HK\$15
(FREE OF CHARGE: AGED BELOW 3)

HOTLINE:

+852 3152 2666

WEBSITE:

WWW.WETLANDPARK.GOV.HK



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MUSEUMS

Hong Kong has over 30 museums with special themes, each one informative and fun. They're easy to get to and offer hours of educational entertainment for the entire family.

HONG KONG MUSEUM OF HISTORY

If someone in your family is a history buff, then head over to the Hong Kong Museum of History where you can learn about Hong Kong's historical development and folk culture. With graphic panels, dioramas and multimedia programmes, the museum's permanent exhibition 'The Hong Kong Story' takes you back through time to revisit Hong Kong's colourful past.



HOW TO GET THERE:

MTR TSIM SHA TSUI STATION (EXIT B2) AND WALK ALONG CAMERON ROAD TOWARDS EAST TSIM SHA TSUI. TURN LEFT WHEN YOU REACH CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH AND WALK FOR 10 MINUTES

OPENING HOURS:

10:00AM – 6:00PM (MON TO FRI)
10:00AM – 7:00PM (SAT, SUN AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS)
CLOSED ON TUES (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS)

ADMISSION FEE:

PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE

HOTLINE:

+852 2724 9042

WEBSITE:

HK.HISTORY.MUSEUM



HONG KONG SPACE MUSEUM



Astronomy fans should go to the egg-shaped, domed Space Museum to see the 3D Dome show, OMNIMAX Show and Sky Show, as well as the two space science and astronomy themed exhibition halls that house more than 50 groups of predominantly interactive exhibits that educate and entertain. There are also lectures and calendar events designed to enlighten curious minds.

HOW TO GET THERE:

1. MTR EAST TSIM SHA TSUI STATION (EXIT J)
2. TAKE THE STAR FERRY FROM CENTRAL OR WAN CHAI TO TSIM SHA TSUI AND WALK FOR 10 MINUTES TO THE MUSEUM

OPENING HOURS:

1:00PM – 9:00PM (MON TO FRI)
10:00AM – 9:00PM (SAT, SUN AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS)
CLOSED ON TUES (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS)

ADMISSION FEE:

PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE

HOTLINE:

+852 2721 0226

WEBSITE:

WWW.HK.SPACE.MUSEUM



HONG KONG SCIENCE MUSEUM



Science nuts can explore the Hong Kong Science Museum where there are over 500 interesting exhibits, 70 per cent of which are hands-on. You can play with soap bubbles, connect an electric circuit or check household appliances. The most prominent exhibit is the 22-metre-high Energy Machine, which is the largest of its kind in the world.

HOW TO GET THERE:

MTR TSIM SHA TSUI STATION (EXIT B2) AND WALK ALONG CAMERON ROAD TOWARDS EAST TSIM SHA TSUI. TURN LEFT WHEN YOU REACH CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH AND WALK FOR 10 MINUTES

OPENING HOURS:

10:00AM – 7:00PM (MON TO FRI)
10:00AM – 9:00PM (SAT, SUN AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS)
CLOSED ON THURS (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS)

ADMISSION FEE:

PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE

HOTLINE:

+852 2732 3232

WEBSITE:

WWW.HK.SCIENCE.MUSEUM



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TRICK EYE MUSEUM HONG KONG

HOW TO GET THERE:

1. MTR CENTRAL STATION (EXIT J2). WALK TO THE GARDEN ROAD TERMINAL TRAM AND TAKE THE PEAK TRAM, OR
 2. TAKE BUS ROUTE NO. 15 FROM EXCHANGE SQUARE BUS TERMINUS IN CENTRAL, OR
 3. TAKE GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 1 FROM MTR HONG KONG STATION PUBLIC TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE
- SHOP NO.1 ON LEVEL THREE, THE PEAK GALLERIA, NO.118 PEAK ROAD, HONG KONG

OPENING HOURS:

10:00AM – 10:00PM (MON TO SUN)
(LAST ADMISSION 9:00PM)

PRICE:

ADULT: HK\$150
CHILD (AGED 3-11): HK\$100
SENIOR (AGED 65 OR ABOVE): HK\$100

HOTLINE:

+852 2813 1686

WEBSITE:

WWW.TRICKEYE.COM/HONGKONG

Trick Eye Museum Hong Kong attracts thousands of visitors from Hong Kong and Mainland China every week. This three-dimensional art gallery that has taken South Korea by storm has come to the shores of Hong Kong. The brand new Trick Eye Museum Hong Kong has settled on the Hong Kong's highest summit – the magnificent Peak Galleria Mall, which is famous for its breathtakingly beautiful views of Victoria Harbor. With its magnet-like charisma, Trick Eye's second overseas museum is about to become the Hong Kong's MUST-SEE tourist hot spot!



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At the Hong Kong Global Geopark of China you can see some really rare and beautiful landscapes! Be warned though: the park is huge so it's a good idea to fill your stomach before you go! You can grab a seafood meal in Sai Kung and then take a short walk on the Sharp Island Geo Trail. The tombolo of Sharp Island appears and disappears under the water with the tide's ebb and flow, so it's best to go at low tide. At the Lions Nature Education Centre in Tsiu Hang, you can learn in detail about the geological environment of Hong Kong and even get to touch rock specimens!

For details, please visit the website at www.geopark.gov.hk

HONG KONG GLOBAL GEOPARK OF CHINA

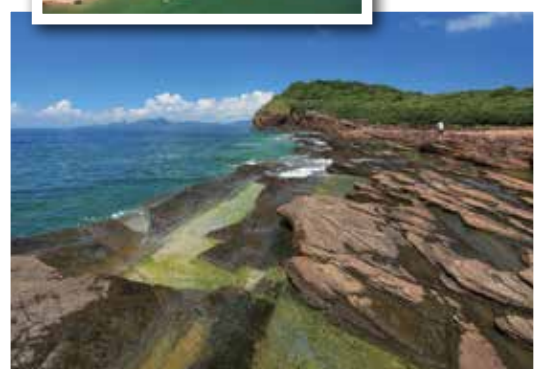


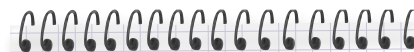
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SKY100 HONG KONG OBSERVATION DECK

Located on the 100th floor of the city's tallest building, the sky100 Hong Kong Observation Deck allows you and your family to enjoy an incredible 360-degree panoramic view of Hong Kong from the heart of Victoria Harbour. From this harbour-front vantage point some 393 metres above sea level, sky100 offers you an unparalleled viewing experience, from the hustle and bustle of this international city to its visionary urban planning. sky100 has also received TripAdvisor's Certificate of Excellence, namely the deck is not only widely recognised within the tourism industry, it is also recommended by travellers around the world as one of Hong Kong's foremost attractions.

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HOW TO GET THERE:

MTR KOWLOON STATION (EXIT C1 OR D1), VIA ELEMENTS - METAL ZONE 2/F

OPENING HOURS:

10:00AM - 9:00PM

(LAST ENTRY 8:00PM. THE OPENING HOURS MIGHT VARY DUE TO SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT. PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE BEFORE VISIT.)

PRICE:

ADULT: HK\$168

CHILD (AGED 3-11): HK\$118

SENIOR (AGED 65 OR ABOVE): HK\$118

HOTLINE:

+852 2613 3888

WEBSITE:

WWW.SKY100.COM.HK



NGONG PING 360



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HOW TO GET THERE:

MTR TUNG CHUNG STATION (EXIT B) AND WALK 5 MINUTES TO THE TUNG CHUNG CABLE CAR TERMINAL

OPENING HOURS:

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PRICE:

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HOTLINE:

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WEBSITE:

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NOTE: :

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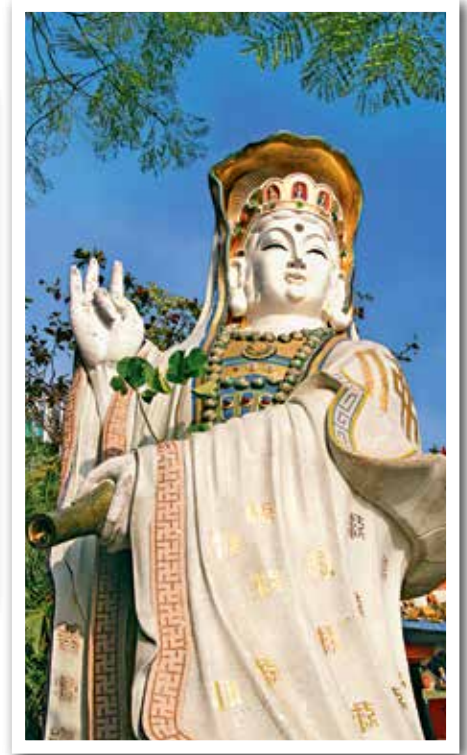
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REPULSE BAY



Mastering the 'immeasurable ocean' move is a must for all *kung fu* heroes. What better place to practise controlling the seas than at the beach! And, with lovely white sands, Repulse Bay is a popular choice. The nearby colonial-style building 'The Repulse Bay' is built on the site of Hong Kong's famous Repulse Bay Hotel. The Zhen Hailou Park on the east side of the beach is designed in a traditional Chinese style. Facing the sea, there are two huge statues of Tin Hau and Kwun Yum, both ancient goddesses.



HOW TO GET THERE:

BUS 6, 6A, 6X, 66, OR 260 FROM EXCHANGE SQUARE BUS TERMINAL (MTR HONG KONG STATION EXIT D)

HOTLINE:

+852 2812 2483 (REPULSE BAY BEACH)

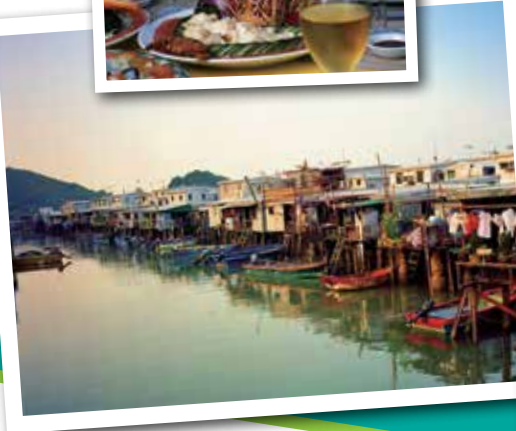
WEBSITE:

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Some of the best day trips Hong Kong has to offer are those to the outlying islands – and Hong Kong has more than 260 of them! From water-sports and hiking to festivals and incredible seafood, these little islands offer a great day out for the whole family.

OUTLYING ISLANDS

For fantastic hiking and delicious seafood, head to Lamma Island. If you want to see houses on stilts in the water, go to Tai O fishing village on Lantau Island. Cheung Chau is great for water sports such as swimming and windsurfing and its popular Bun Festival, which is held on the 5th to the 9th days of the 4th month of the lunar calendar. You can find more information about visiting the outlying islands at www.DiscoverHongKong.com.



HOW TO GET THERE:

MTR HONG KONG STATION (EXIT E1) AND WALK THROUGH IFC MALL TO CENTRAL PIER 4 (FOR LAMMA ISLAND), PIER 5 (FOR CHEUNG CHAU) OR PIER 6 (FOR MUI WO, LANTAU ISLAND)

Dramatic Dining at InterContinental Hong Kong



One of the world's top hotels, InterContinental Hong Kong, with its dramatic Kowloon waterfront location, is renowned for its unrivalled views of Victoria Harbour and its world-class dining venues which include three Michelin star restaurants.

The hotel is home to the 1-Michelin star **SPOON by Alain Ducasse** featuring contemporary French cuisine and **NOBU InterContinental Hong Kong**, showcasing the innovative new-style Japanese cuisine of acclaimed chef Nobu Matsuhisa, plus the 2-Michelin star Cantonese restaurant, **Yan Toh Heen**, 1-Michelin star **STEAK HOUSE winebar + grill** and **Harbourside**.

Two-thirds of the guestrooms have harbour views; all feature 24-hour butler service, in-room dining, concierge and business services. Urban resort facilities include the feng shui inspired I-Spa, large outdoor pool terrace and unique 3-temperature infinity spa pools overlooking the harbour, plus a 24-hour Fitness Centre.



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Opening hour: 6am to 1am daily

Telephone: (852) 2643 8875

Fax: (852) 2643 8879

Email: supergiant@miramoonhotel.com

Website: www.miramoonhotel.com

Designed by Dutch designer Marcel Wanders and curated by equally famous Spanish Executive Chef Guillermo Delavault, it is the go-to place for sharing Spanish tapas alongside Chinese mythology inspired cocktails in a smooth and mellow atmosphere.

Supergiant Tapas & Cocktail Bar prides itself on its elaborate breakfast buffet with egg theme, Super Happy Hour spanning daily from 4pm till 9pm and fully-ledged tapas dinner menu. Together with its lush outdoor Secret Garden terrace, Supergiant Tapas & Cocktail Bar is Causeway Bay's best kept secret.



Occupying floors 102 to 118 of the International Commerce Centre in Kowloon, The Ritz-Carlton, Hong Kong is the highest hotel in the world. The hotel's 312 guestrooms all offer spectacular city and harbour views.



With six dining venues including the state-of-the-art Michelin-starred Italian restaurant, Tosca; two-star Michelin Chinese restaurant, Tin Lung Heen; The Lounge and Bar, which features an international all-day dining menu; and Café 103, which serves signature chocolate afternoon tea. The rooftop bar, Ozone, is truly a stunning venue at 490 meters above sea level.

For those wishing to relax and indulge, The Ritz-Carlton Spa by ESPA located on the 116th floor features nine deluxe treatment rooms and two couple's suites, redefining the urban spa experience in the city and across Asia.

The hotel features a fully equipped fitness center and an indoor pool on the 118th floor with a 28m x 7m LED screen on the ceiling, as well as one of the largest ballrooms in the city at 870sqm. Complemented by an additional four meeting rooms, the ballroom has become the major social venue for Hong Kong and has set the benchmark for events in the region.

For more information, please visit www.ritzcarlton.com/hongkong.



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Popular with leisure and business travellers, Harbour Plaza Metropolis offers a wide range of recreational facilities such as an outdoor swimming pool, a Jacuzzi, a sauna, a well-equipped gymnasium and a spa centre, "Spa on 9th".

CONTEMPORARY ROOMS AND SUITES

Located in the heart of Hong Kong's Kowloon district and overlooking the spectacular Victoria Harbour, the guest rooms and suites at Harbour Plaza Metropolis are designed for guests who expect discrete luxury and modern functionality.

EXQUISITE JAPANESE DELICACIES

Meaning 'the blessing from a thousand origami cranes', Senzara Japanese Restaurant serves beautifully refined Japanese dishes with an extensive choice of sashimi, sushi, Wagyu beef, tempura, kushiyaki and teppanyaki.

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Wi-Fi

Free Wi-Fi services are widespread in Hong Kong. In particular, there are many hotspots, which are completely free or free for a certain period of time. Look for the Wi-Fi.HK logo at venues across the city.



Transportation

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In Town Transportation

MTR (Mass Transit Railway)



This covers all major districts in the territory, including stops at the boundary with Mainland China (Lo Wu Station and Lok Ma Chau Station).

Taxi



With the exception of some very remote areas, taxis are plentiful throughout Hong Kong. All are metered, relatively cheap, air-conditioned and clean.

Bus



Buses in Hong Kong are plentiful and comfortable, and most are air-conditioned. Especially popular are the double-deckers that offer great views of the surrounding city from the top deck.

Ferry



As a coastal city, Hong Kong regularly operates ferry routes that connect Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and the Outlying Islands.

Tram



Explore the bustling north corridor of Hong Kong Island aboard one of the city's historic trams. These double-decker streetcars have been travelling through Hong Kong's busiest thoroughfares since 1904.



Getting to and from the airport

From the airport you'll have direct access to airport express train, bus, taxi and hotel transport to get you to and around town.



Useful Information

Immigration

In general, all visitors to Hong Kong must have a passport that is valid for at least one month after the period of their intended stay in Hong Kong.

Indian nationals can enter Hong Kong, with a valid travel document, for a period up to 14 days without a visa. Visa or entry permit is required for those who wish to stay more than 14 days.

Electricity and Voltage

The standard electrical voltage in Hong Kong is 220 volts AC, 50Hz. The majority of electrical outlets in Hong Kong take a three-pronged UK-style plug. You can buy an inexpensive adaptor for your electrical equipment at most convenience stores.



Octopus Card

To better enjoy the public transport, an extremely versatile stored-value Octopus card is a must to have.



Visitor Hotline

The Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB) is here to answer your questions and provide information about all the sights, sounds and happenings in Hong Kong.
+852 2508 1234 (available from 9am to 6pm, daily)



Hong Kong Year Round Fests!

Cultural celebrations, festivals, sports, entertainment, shopping and dining – Asia's world city loves a party and offers a year-round calendar of events. As with so much in Hong Kong, the challenge is in the choosing. Start with these major crowd pleasers and take it from there.



January / February

Chinese New Year Celebrations

Hong Kong turns red during Chinese New Year celebrations. Highlights include New Year's Night Parade, harbour side fireworks, exciting horse racing, Well-Wishing Festival, flower markets and many more.

March

Arts Month

A variety of events for art lovers, including Art Basel, Hong Kong Arts Festival and a new expo dubbed Art Central, with theatre, music and art performances plus exhibitions, art installations and seminars, turning Asia's most exciting city into a thriving arts mecca.



May

Cultural Celebrations

The four local festivals (Cheung Chau Bun Festival, Birthday of Tin Hau, Birthday of Buddha and Birthday of Tam Kung) offer visitors a chance to experience the city's rich and unique culture every spring.



June – August

Hong Kong Summer Fun

This three-month long campaign allows visitors to indulge themselves with tempting privileges and discounts in the shopping malls as well as a wave of programs such as pop concerts, beer & music festival.

June

Hong Kong Dragon Boat Carnival

Once an ancient Chinese festival, it has now transformed into a modern twist that brings in more than thousand athletes and spectators from around the world for a series of exciting races in a carnival like atmosphere!



September

Mid-Autumn Festival

Mid-Autumn is when the moon appears to be at its roundest and brightest. Must-sees include the Tai Hang Fire Dragon Dance which has been inscribed into China's third national intangible cultural heritage list.

October – November

Wine & Dine Festival

The Festival starts with a 4-day outdoor party that presents visitors with wines from around the world, culinary delights and entertainment, and has been named by ForbesTraveler.com as Top 10 of international food and wine festivals.



November

Great Outdoors Hong Kong

Hong Kong is far more than a metropolis as 70% of the city is covered with rolling hills, beaches and islands. You can participate in a series of guided hiking tours to discover the city's gorgeously rural landscape.

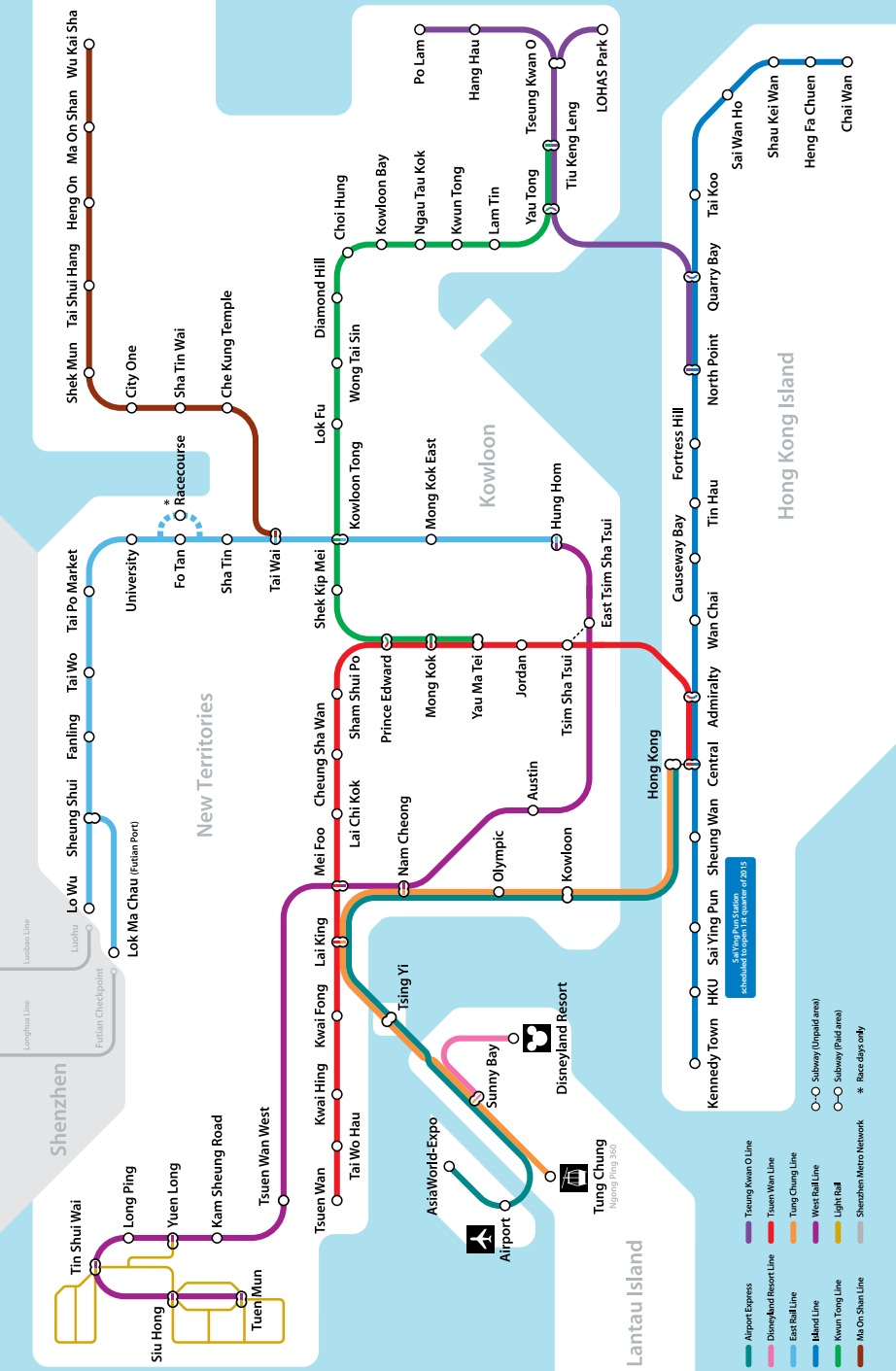
December

WinterFest and Countdown Celebrations

The city gets dressed up in its best Christmas finery, lighted up with skyscrapers and thoroughfares draped with glamorous illuminations; with a series of festive events, retail promotions including signature count-down firework and the glamorous illuminations will light up the Victoria Harbour.



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