



# HONG KONG TRAVEL GUIDE

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# HONG KONG

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## OVERVIEW

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**Hong Kong is a bustling, truly global destination located on China's south coast.** Set amongst beautiful Victoria Harbour, it's picturesque and enthralling. Temples, monuments and towers go hand-in-hand with world-class restaurants, designer boutiques and musical performances. Hong Kong's contemporary culture, a mix of Asian languages, and a tolerance for different religions creates a harmonious environment. Hong Kong is just over 9 hours flight from Sydney Airport and is renowned for being a luxurious and rewarding holiday destination for all types of travellers.



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## WHAT TO SEE

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### **Hong Kong Observation Wheel**

See spectacular views of the Victoria Harbour from this 60 metre high Observation wheel.

**Hong Kong Island**



### **A Symphony of Lights**

The world's largest permanent light and sound show is worth a visit.

**Kowloon**



### **Temple Street Night Market**

As the sun sets, the fun begins at this night market.

**Kowloon**



### **Ngong Pin 360**

Explore Lantau Island starting with a crystal cabin cable car ride with bird's eye view.

**Outlying Islands**



### **Sik Sik Yuen Wong Tai Sin Temple**

Try your luck at the temple that "makes every wish come true upon request".

**Kowloon**



### **Sky100 Hong Kong Observation Deck**

Get an incredible 360 degree view of Victoria Harbour from the 100th floor of the tallest building in Hong Kong.

**Kowloon**



### **The Peak**

Visit the highest point on Hong Kong Island and take in the views it has to offer of the city.

**Hong Kong Island**



### **Ocean Park Hong Kong**

Experience thrill rides, shows and animal exhibits at this marine life theme park.

**Hong Kong Island**



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## SHOPPING

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### **Tsim Sha Tsui Centre and Empire Centre**

Connected by a bridge, the two centres offer a wide variety of shopping.

**Kowloon**



### **Harbour City**

Hong Kong's largest mall houses Louis Vuitton's largest store in Asia and Chanel's Asia flagship store.

**Kowloon**



### **Causeway Bay**

This is one area in Hong Kong lined with shopping malls, department stores, boutiques, and market stalls.

**Kowloon**



### **Cityplaza**

Hong Kong Island's largest shopping hub, Cityplaza has everything to offer with 170 shops.

**Hong Kong Island**



### **1881 Heritage**

From the Victorian era, this site now features a shopping mall, a heritage hotel and an exhibition hall.

**Kowloon**



### **Citygate Outlets**

Visit this mall featuring over 80 international brand names.

**Outlying Islands**



### **Cat Street (Antiques)**

Head to Cat Street to find antique dealers, curio merchants and art galleries.

**Hong Kong Islands**



### **Design Gallery**

Find a great variety of Hong Kong designs and brands showcased in this gallery.

**Outlying Islands**







## DINING

One of the major appeals of Hong Kong is the abundance of high quality, tantalising cuisine for all palates. A variety of traditional and modern dishes are found throughout Hong Kong ranging from roasted meat and birds, handmade noodles topped with lard, to black squid balls. Hong Kong-style French toast, sweet tofu soup, and wonton noodles are must-try foods. Fast food and international options are everywhere but most visitors like to experience street vendor food or more authentic, quirky, local foods.

## HIGHLIGHTS



### Hong Kong Fast Food

Find speedy service on just about every corner in Hong Kong.



### Hong Kong Fine Dining

There's no shortage of fine dining options throughout Hong Kong.



### Hong Kong Local Specialties

Hong Kong dim sum is favoured around the world.



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## HONG KONG FAST FOOD

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When you're after a more relaxed food experience, you'll find speedy service on just about every corner in Hong Kong. Hong Kong diners or teahouses are known for serving a combination of western and Chinese dishes in a casual environment. Try Café de Coral for its famous baked pork chop with rice or Maxim's MX for its special milk drinks and barbecued meats.



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## HONG KONG FINE DINING

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For those with money to spend and time to spare there's no shortage of fine dining options throughout Hong Kong. Over 30 different 5-star restaurants call Hong Kong home and they don't just belong inside the walls of flash hotels. L'atelier de Joel Robuchon transforms traditional French dishes with a touch of creativity and class. This establishment has been praised for its cherry gazpacho and French cheese repertoire. Ming Court in Kowloon specialises in Asian style dishes, such as abalone and prawn noodles.



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## LOCAL SPECIALTIES

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Hong Kong dim sum is favoured around the world, with Cantonese restaurants competing to share their creations with tourists. San Hing in Kennedy Town is a favourite for late-night dim sum cravings, technically opening at 3am! Miniature wife cakes are a Hong Kong staple, as are pork lard, almond paste and winter melon in a bite size portion. All bakeries sell them but Hang Heung is one of the best. Make sure to also try pineapple buns and chicken feet, both are pure Hong Kong delights.



# FAMILY ADVENTURES

**Hong Kong is a quintessential family getaway with diverse attractions to entertain everyone.** Hong Kong was built for entertainment and exploration, and kids will love the variety of natural and themed attractions on offer. While adults and older children will enjoy the plentiful cultural shows and museums, Hong Kong has created special places where younger children can have fun while appreciating the beautiful and unique Hong Kong surrounds.

## HIGHLIGHTS



### **Hong Kong Disneyland**

Step into a magical celebration of Chinese culture.



### **Ocean Park**

One of the largest water parks in the world.



### **The Peak**

The highest point on Hong Kong Island and also one of the top tourist sites.





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## HONG KONG DISNEYLAND

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Children and adults alike will step into a magical celebration of Chinese culture, albeit in the global Disneyland brand. Mystic Point is the newest attraction, which is a mysterious and intriguing world founded by 'Lord Henry Mystic'. Favourites like Buzz Lightyear and Mickey Mouse also make their much anticipated appearances.



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## OCEAN PARK

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Ocean Park Hong Kong is one of the largest water parks in the world and has rides, shows, animals, and its own education arm, the 'Ocean Park Academy.' Get up close to marine wildlife with a penguin, seal or dolphin encounter. You can even choose to go scuba diving inside the giant aquarium onsite.



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## THE PEAK

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The Peak is the highest point on Hong Kong Island and also one of its top tourist sites. Not only can you see views all across Hong Kong from the Peak Tower and the Galleria, but you can ride the Peak Tram all the way to the top of the tower. Travellers of all ages will revel in this eye-opening, engaging discovery. At the top you'll find dining options and the Sky Gallery.





## HISTORY AND CULTURE

**Hong Kong has a unique culture which has been shaped over time by many different forces.** Experience the values and beliefs that bring Hong Kong's people together and create a joyous vibe. Numerous tourist attractions give you a broader sense of Hong Kong, the Cantonese language, the Taoist temples, and the unique Chinese culture influenced by Western settlement that is celebrated here. Unlike any other place on earth, Hong Kong continues to progress and change in line with its past and present.

## HIGHLIGHTS



### Dragon Boat Water Parade of Tai O

A religious event more than 100 years old.



### Golden Bauhinia Square

A culturally significant spot.



### Hong Kong Museums

A Hong Kong history and culture



### Lam Tsuen Wishing Tree & Tin Hau Temple

A popular attraction.



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## DRAGON BOAT WATER PARADE OF TAI O

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A religious event with more than 100 years of history, the dragon boat water parade of Tai O is an annual festival in the town of Tai O. Fishermen row dragon boats through the Tai O waters after collecting 'deity statues' from four ancient temples. These statues are displayed and towed through the waters after finally being returned to their temples. Experience this moving ritual on the fifth day of the fifth lunar month.



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## GOLDEN BAUHINIA SQUARE

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Located near the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, the Golden Bauhinia Square is a culturally significant spot marking the 1997 handover from the British to the People's Republic of China. Each day between 7:50am and 8:03am you can see the traditional flag-raising ceremony or view the Reunification Monument. The ceremony and Victoria Harbour surrounds make this a rewarding, sentimental experience.



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## HONG KONG MUSEUMS

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Various museums illustrate Hong Kong history and culture and offer rewarding tourist experiences. The Hong Kong Museum of History packs over 400 years of Hong Kong history into one building; The Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum explores 'the Father of Modern China'; and The Hong Kong Heritage Museum displays relics of ancient Hong Kong and South China culture amongst 12 different exhibition halls. You can also visit restored villages which bring to life ancient Hong Kong towns.



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## LAM TSUEN WISHING TREE & TIN HAU TEMPLE

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A popular attraction in Tai Po is the Lam Tsuen Wishing Tree and the Tin Hau Temple. For years people would throw 'joss paper' adorned with wishes onto a banyan tree with the aim of getting it to land on the highest branch. Due to the popularity of this wish-making during festivals, wishes are now attached to make-shift, pretend trees or wooden racks nearby. The Tin Hau Temple at Lam Tsuen has been here since the 18th century as a tribute to Tin Hau, Goddess of the Sea. The God of War and the God of Literature are also celebrated on this famous site.





# NATURAL ATTRACTIONS

**With an island location, Hong Kong is blessed with natural attractions and sights.** A beautiful city in every regard, the countryside and surrounding islands provide a welcome break from shopping and sightseeing in the downtown area. Parks, beaches, hikes, and cycling trips are just some of the options for getting acquainted with the Hong Kong landscape. A range of ecosystems, animals and plants are on Hong Kong's doorstep, just waiting to be explored on tours, treks or boating adventures.

## HIGHLIGHTS



### Beaches

A source of relaxation after a busy sightseeing trip.



### Nature Tours

Take one of the many guided tours available.



### Parks and Gardens

Find a special piece of tranquillity all across the region.





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## BEACHES

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Hong Kong has good quality beaches to provide a source of relaxation after a busy sightseeing trip. Beautiful stretches of sand are found at Cheung Sha Beach, Launtau. In fact, the longest stretches of sand in Hong Kong are found here, perfect for all activities. Turtle Beach on Lamma island is, as the name suggests, a wildlife hotspot. Visit the turtle-watching cottage for a treat.



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## NATURE TOURS

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Take one of the many guided tours available to fully explore Hong Kong's natural attractions. A popular tour is a Hong Kong pink-dolphin tour, where you will see first-hand this unique mammal in its natural habitat. Or visit one of the islands surrounding Hong Kong, such as Lamma Island. You can take a guided hiking tour through the island, complete with great views, fresh seafood, and historic sites.



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## PARKS AND GARDENS

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With many different parks to visit in Hong Kong you'll find a special piece of tranquility all across the region. Hong Kong Park, Kowloon Park and Victoria Park are in the downtown area where you'll see tai chi performances, flower markets and aviaries. Outside of the CBD visit Hong Kong Wetland Park to discover sub-tropical wetland plants and animals, or Hong Kong Global Geopark of China to explore its unique prehistoric structures.





**Hong Kong is synonymous with shopping.** Glamorous, upscale shopping malls are paired with street markets and boutiques, and everything in between. Known worldwide for its fantastic shopping variety, Hong Kong has something for every taste in every corner.

## HIGHLIGHTS



### Hong Kong Island

Gifted with countless shopping malls and plazas.



### Kowloon

A mega-complex consisting of over 700 different shops.



### The New Territories and Outlying Islands

Selling 'Goods of Desire' across Hong Kong.



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## HONG KONG ISLAND

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Hong Kong Island is gifted with countless shopping malls and plazas. For the fashion conscious, Fashion World is a top spot for designer fashion, as well as Japanese brands. Island Beverly Center is the place to go to discover Asian trends, quirky pieces and funky Hong Kong styles. Hong Kong even has its own Times Square, but Hong Kong's refers to the biggest shopping centre at Causeway Bay. For local crafts, the Western Market focuses on Chinese artworks and cultural items.



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## KOWLOON

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Harbour City (Tsim Sha Tsui) is a mega-complex consisting of over 700 different shops. Over 5 levels of shops, food and drink outlets, hotels and even a cruise terminal provide the ultimate Hong Kong shopping experience. Visit Lane Crawford, a renowned Hong Kong department store for luxury clothes, jewellery and homewares. iSquare is a boutique centre that offers 270-degree harbour views.



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## THE NEW TERRITORIES & OUTLYING ISLANDS

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G.O.D is an Asian outlet selling 'Goods of Desire' across Hong Kong and symbolises the individual style of Hong Kong. All products aim to turn traditional Eastern products into ones that suit the Western lifestyle. Even if you don't buy something, you'll enjoy the quiriness and concept of G.O.D. New Town Plaza (Shatin) is where you'll find IKEA, designer clothes brands, furniture, and lifestyle outlets.




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## ACCOMODATION

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 \*Based on 1960 reviews

### THE UPPER HOUSE

Pacific Place, 88 Queensway,  
Hong Kong,

Tel: +85239681111


*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller  
calebys*

*Reviewed 6/01/2017*

Upper House is probably the best (and likely most expensive) hotel in HK. The rooms are exceptionally large, which results in only a total of 70 or so rooms, much fewer than your typical hotel. This allows the staff to be extra attentive to each guests needs.

For my trip, prior to my arrival I received a thoughtful email asking if I needed anything. As a matter of fact, I was traveling with my wife who is breast pumping and we needed to freeze ...



 \*Based on 2501 reviews

### THE RITZ-CARLTON, HONG KONG

No.1 Austin Road West, Kowloon,  
Hong Kong,

Tel: +85222632263

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller  
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*Reviewed 8/01/2017*

I always love the Ritz Carlton and this is one of my favorite ones I have stayed in Before. I love the atmosphere food and everything about it. Great staff also. I would love to come back again in the future.

\*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017




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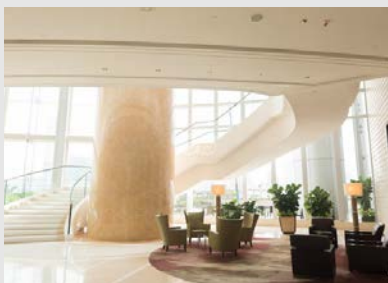
 \*Based on 5108 reviews


### HOTEL ICON

No.17 Science Museum Road, Tsim Sha Tsui East, Kowloon, Hong Kong,  
Tel: +85234001000

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller  
HegeOslo  
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

We had two nights at Icon and enjoyed every minute of it. As an extra perk we got upgraded and stayed at 26th floor which gave us a fantastic view over the harbour. Friendly and competent staff, room very clean and with good quality bed. Very nice breakfast, lots to choose from both for those with European and Asian taste. Excellent location for sightseeing, walking distance to several attractions and with the complimentary shuttle bus offered fr...



 \*Based on 2410 reviews

### FOUR SEASONS HOTEL HONG KONG

No.8 Finance Street, Central,  
Hong Kong,  
Tel: +85231968888

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller  
klaakkonen  
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

Beautiful hotel, quality throughout the stay. We loved it! All worked perfectly. Specially we loved the spa, pool area, gym, restaurant selection, shopping possibilities next door and location. Very friendly service !

\*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017






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## WINE & DINE

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 \*Based on 78 reviews


### CAPO

Shop 4C-D, Tower 1, PL/F., China Hong Kong City, Hong Kong,  
Tel: 25239009

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller  
Andy M  
Reviewed 7/01/2017

Overall good pizza, but not great. The crust could be better. I'm not sure it's worth of the #1 spot in Hong Kong on TripAdvisor.



 \*Based on 727 reviews

### TIN LUNG HEEN

1 Austin Road West, Kowloon, 102/F, The Ritz-Carlton, Hong Kong,  
Tel: 85222632263

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller  
MULCASTER2  
Reviewed 7/01/2017

What a fantastic place, the views are amazing for sure but it's the food that is the star. Eric our waiter was the best host we could have wished for and his advice with the wine was fabulous. Absolutely loved the place from entering to exiting. On leaving we nipped in the bar next door which has an even better view. Totally magic night from start to finish and the bill was about £300. Loved it - what a great place to turn 50 so a big than...


\*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017



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## WINE & DINE



 \*Based on 639 reviews

### AMBER AT THE LANDMARK MANDARIN ORIENTAL


The Landmark, 15 Queen's Road Central,  
Hong Kong,

Tel: +852 2132 0066

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller  
Nadina S  
Reviewed 7/01/2017*

This was truly a memorable meal. It starts with staff who are knowledgeable, polite and attention but not intrusive. The service is relaxed and paced and we were surprised how quickly the night went. We choose the degustation menu and this was remarkable and well worth the cost. Each dish was a visual treat and a taste sensation. The degustation also comes with many additional side dishes including some pastries to take home. The actual dining room...



 \*Based on 478 reviews

### BRAZA CHURRASCARIA BRAZILIAN STEAKHOUSE

3/F, Grand Progress Building, No.15-16  
Lan Kwai Fong, Central, Hong Kong,

Tel: 852-28909268

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller  
MULCASTER2  
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

Fantastically cooked food, great ambience and top service. Great value for what we ate, which can be as much as you like so being starving was a great advantage for me!! The host made us extremely welcome and offered some very much appreciated wine advice. Loved it all

\*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017



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## PACKING ESSENTIALS

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- **Extra bags** - You're heading to the shopping capital of Asia after all.
- **Good tripod** - To get good pictures of the light and sound show, and the night markets.
- **World Travel Adapter** - Hong Kong uses three-pronged plugs, so pack accordingly.
- **Extra spending money** - You're sure to need it with all the shopping!
- **Comfortable shoes** - Keep the weather and your itinerary in mind.



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## TRAVEL TIPS

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- Plan your visit to Sydney Airport by doing some research on the airport and your terminal, whether it be T1, T2 or T3.
- Check the security regulations in relation to what you can and cannot take through the security screening point and onto an aircraft, including prohibited items, dangerous goods, and liquids, aerosols, and gels (LAGs).
- Check your baggage allowance with your airline.
- Use the directional signage at the terminal to ensure a smooth and enjoyable journey through the airport.
- Ensure that your driver's licence can be used in your country of destination or that you have organised an international driver's licence.
- If you have not already purchased travel insurance along with your ticket, you can purchase it at Sydney Airport at the Last Chance Travel Insurance located in the International Terminal (T1) after Customs. Alternatively, purchase insurance at any Travellex outlet or the Australia Post Shop at International Terminal (T1) located before Customs, near check-in counter J.

### GET TO THE AIRPORT

- Make sure you have plenty of time ahead of check-in. If you are unsure as to when you should arrive at the airport, contact your airline directly.

### GET READY FOR BOARDING

- Security screening - whether your destination is within Australia or overseas, allow sufficient time to proceed through security screening.
- **Australian Customs and Border Protection Service** - allow sufficient time to proceed through Customs and Border Protection.
- **Passports** - must be valid for a minimum of six months ahead of your departing date for most countries. We strongly recommend you verify exact requirements with your airline.
- **Boarding passes** - issued at the airline check-in counter upon presentation of your ticket reservation (printed e-ticket) or booking confirmation number along with your valid passport.
- **Immigration cards** - available before you enter Customs and Border Protection. The cards must be filled out and presented to the Customs and Border Protection Officer along with your passport and boarding pass.
- **Find your departing gate** using display screens. These screens are available in the airline check-in area and at each departure gate.

### RELAX

- At Sydney airport, you have plenty of options to shop while you are waiting to board your flight. Remember that all duty free purchases must be finalised 20 minutes before your flight departs.



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## YOUR DESTINATION

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**DISTANCE  
FROM SYDNEY**  
7,367 kilometres



**WHEN TO GO**  
Between September and  
November



**LANGUAGE**  
Chinese and English



**WEATHER**  
Summer: 26°-31° Celsius  
Winter: 12°-20° Celsius



**TIME ZONE**  
UTC +8



**CURRENCY**  
Hong Kong Dollar

