



HONGKONG AND MACAU

Suggested Itinerary

Day 1

Arrival at the airport, with transportation by private car to the hotel, after a 40-minute ride from Chek Lap Kok, check in to the iconic Mandarin Oriental hotel, the standard bearer for luxury hotels in Hong Kong since it opened its doors in 1963. Have dinner at the hotel at one of its ten fine restaurants.

Day 2

Start the day with a helicopter tour over the Hong Kong and Victoria Harbour, taking in views of Victoria Peak, the South China Sea and outlying islands, and the dynamic architecture of Central and Tsim Sha Tsui. After your return, walk to Kou, a high-concept "lifestyle boutique" housed in the stylish duplex penthouse of Fung House on Connaught Road, run by Hong Kong design guru Louise Kou. Have a classic Cantonese lunch of dim sum at The Square, a smartly decorated restaurant located in Exchange Square.

Thread your way through the neon-lit streets on foot as you follow the pedestrian skybridges of the Central-Mid-Levels escalator partway up Victoria Peak to the fashionable SoHo neighbourhood. Explore the galleries and boutiques of Hollywood Road, where some of the best art and antiques can be found. Have dinner at Gong Guan, an extremely popular private kitchen restaurant.

Day 3

Journey to nearby Macau by helicopter for a quick trip over the coast of the Chinese mainland, and Hong Kong's small outlying islands and fishing villages. Macau was once a Portuguese colony — it was only returned to China in 1999 — and it has a dramatically different ambience from Hong Kong, between the ornate architecture of the old city and the Las Vegas-style glitz of its high-rolling casinos.

Once on land, visit the Buddhist Kum Yam Temple and the ruins of St. Paul's Cathedral, a 16th-Century Portuguese basilica built by the Jesuits of which only the Baroque façade remains; then, take in the stunning vistas afforded by the bell tower at Penha Hill Church in old Macau.

Have lunch at Fernando's, a family-style Portuguese restaurant located on Coloane Island, where only Portuguese wine is served. Take the plunge from Macau Tower's Sky Jump, where the same technology used in special effects falls for films allows you to plummet 765 feet before you slow down and cruise to a safe landing. Later, use your adrenaline rush to hit the gambling tables at some of Macau's splashiest new Vegas-caliber casinos, The Wynn, The Sands and The Venetian.

Have dinner at the Wynn, where the choices include gourmet Japanese at Okada and refined Cantonese in extremely opulent surroundings at Wing Lei. Return to Hong Kong in the evening by high-speed jetfoil.

Day 4

Though Hong Kong moves at the rapid pace of international business, the surrounding areas of the South China Sea have a relaxed, almost tropical feel. Spend the day exploring Hong Kong's outlying islands aboard your own luxurious, motorized Chinese junk and stop on Tung Lung Island, largely uninhabited and protected as a special park region.

Have a delicious champagne lunch prepared for you aboard your junk — or as an



onshore picnic. Spend the afternoon on Lamma Island, an outpost for Hong Kong's creative, bohemian community in recent years.

Day 5

Visit the Kowloon side, once the glitzier, more refined place to live, work, and play. Visit the Hong Kong Museum of History, home to the permanent exhibit "The Hong Kong Story." As its name implies, the exhibit details Hong Kong's progression on several levels.

Have lunch at one of the many South Asian restaurants such as Everest Club for Nepalese food or Aladdin for Indian in Chungking Mansions, made famous by Wong Kar-Wai's film *Chungking Express*. Have your fortune told at Wong Tai Sin, a Taoist temple built in honour of a deity. Stroll along Salisbury Road, which used to have unobstructed views of the Harbour and, before taking the Star Ferry back to Hong Kong Island, have afternoon tea at the Peninsula, a Hong Kong tradition that retains its colonial air. Celebrate your last night in Hong Kong, dine at the prestigious China Club, an art deco style restaurant and private club reminiscent of Shanghai's decadent Jazz Age, where the elegant and expert staff will ensure a pleasurable evening.

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