



Experiencing

HONG KONG

Why a lecture about HK?

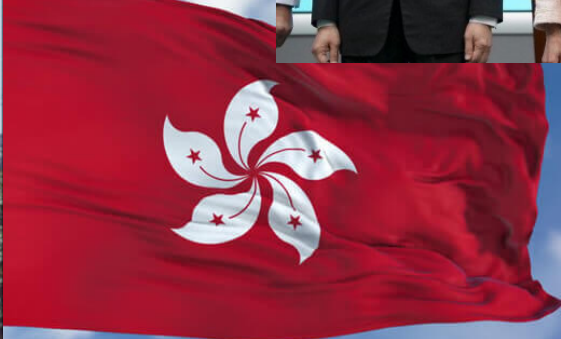
1. **No regrets!** Make the most of your time here
2. **Novelty, exploration** and **social interaction** is good for your mental health (so is being outside). Get out of your apartment/library, feed your curiosity and exercise your brain!
3. For those of you in journalism classes, learning about your community will help you with your **assignments**. For other programs, it will help you will research and will spark ideas.

“Introducing novelty into your life
when you can will make the
memories stand out and stretch
time in a way.”

Why our sense of time speeds up as we age
— and how to slow it down

What do you already know
about Hong Kong?

Maybe some of this?



A Few Fun Facts about Hong Kong



Hong Kong has 18 districts



[Link to info about each district](#)

and 7.5 million people

in 1,104 sq. km

That's 7,125 people per sq. km

Making it the fourth
most densely populated place
in the world
according to the [World Bank](#)

Macau is #1





[Romain Jacquet-Lagrèze](#)

Hong Kong is the 8th busiest port
in the world



And had the first funicular
railway in Asia

That you can still ride today!



The Peak Tram goes from Central to Victoria Peak and back

Hong Kong media has

- 94 dailies
 - 61 Chinese-language dailies (including two just for horse racing!)
 - 13 English-language dailies (including one in Braille)
 - 17 bilingual dailies
 - 3 Japanese dailies
- 451 periodicals
- 3 free local TV channels
- 1 public broadcaster
- 2 commercial broadcasters
- 80+ foreign media organizations

It has 17 public holidays a year

the world's longest outdoor
covered escalator

It's almost a kilometer!



is in Soho, Central

And one of the
lowest crimes rates
in the world

Hong Kong has the most skyscrapers in the world

It has 655 buildings over 150m

Shenzhen is 2nd with 526





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the 2nd most expensive
toilet in the world

(owned by the Hang Fung Gold
Technology Group)



Has a 120-year-old harbor ferry



And is 67% green
and 75% undeveloped



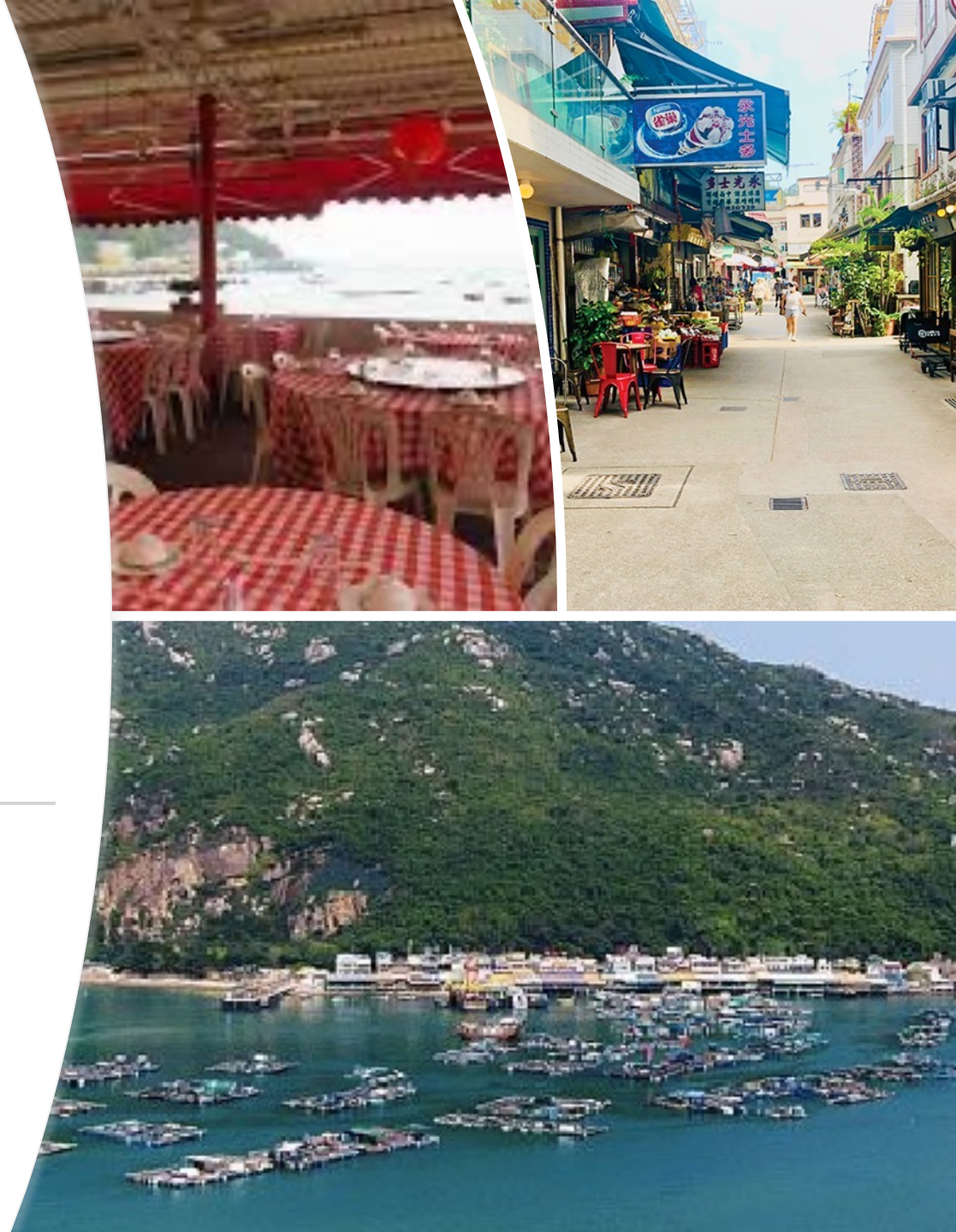
Sai Kung

It has 263
outlying islands



some accessible by ferry

Lamma Island

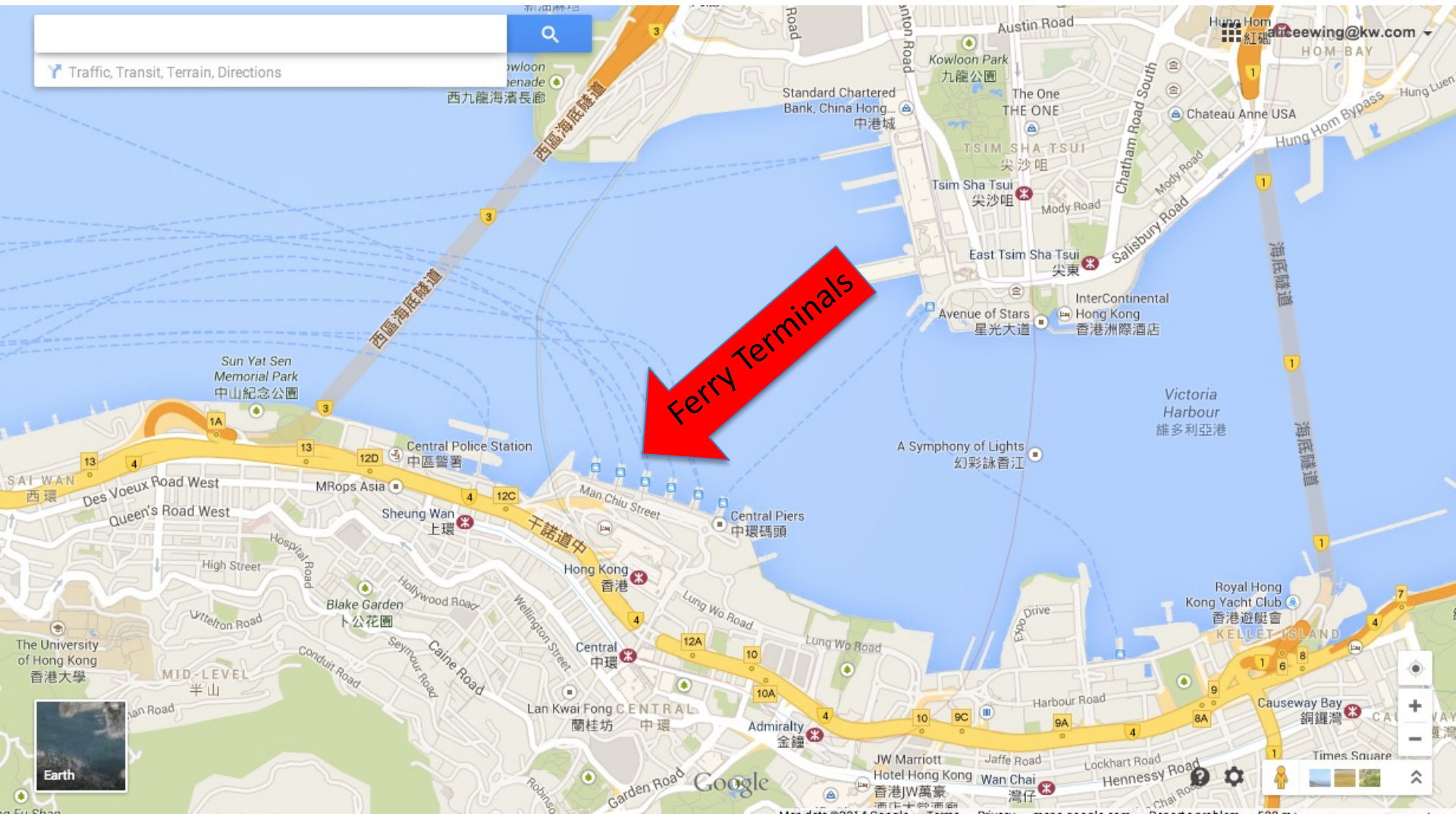


Lantau Island



Cheung Chau Island





Ferry Schedule

Service Details

[Transport in Hong Kong](#) > [Public Transport](#) > [Ferries](#) > [Service Details](#)

For public transport route
search:



Franchised and Licensed Ferry Services

Inner Harbour

- [North Point - Hung Hom](#)
- [North Point - Kowloon City](#)
- [North Point - Kwun Tong](#)
- [Central - Tsim Sha Tsui](#)
- [Wan Chai - Tsim Sha Tsui](#)
- [Sai Wan Ho - Sam Ka Tsuen](#)
- [Sai Wan Ho - Kwun Tong](#)

Outlying Islands

- [Central - Cheung Chau](#)
- [Central - Mui Wo](#)
- [Central - Peng Chau](#) (including special departures between Peng Chau and Hei Ling Chau)
- [Central - Yung Shue Wan](#)
- [Central - Sok Kwu Wan](#)
- [Tuen Mun - Tung Chung - Sha Lo Wan - Tai O](#)
- [Peng Chau - Mui Wo - Chi Ma Wan - Cheung Chau](#)
- [Aberdeen - Pak Kok Tsuen - Yung Shue Wan](#)
- [Aberdeen - Sok Kwu Wan \(via Mo Tat\)](#)
- [Central - Discovery Bay](#)
- [Discovery Bay - Mui Wo](#)
- [Ma Wan - Central](#)
- [Ma Wan - Tsuen Wan](#)
- [North Point - Joss House Bay](#)

For public transport route
search:



others you have to hire a boat







Hong Kong has
41 public beaches
with lifeguards & shark nets



Shek O

Information of Beaches

Public Beaches on Hong Kong Island | [Public Beaches in the New Territories](#)



District	Public Beaches
Hong Kong Island	1. Deep Water Bay Beach #
	2. Repulse Bay Beach #
	3. Middle Bay Beach #
	4. South Bay Beach #
	5. Chung Hom Kok Beach #
	6. St. Stephen's Beach #
	7. Stanley Main Beach #
	8. Hairpin Beach !
	9. Turtle Cove Beach #
	10. Shek O Beach #
	11. Rocky Bay Beach !
	12. Big Wave Bay Beach #

43 public swimming pools



Sai Kung Public Pool. [All pools here](#)

24 country parks
5 marine parks & reserves
22 “special areas”

http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/country/cou_vis/cou_vis.html



and four long-distance
hiking trails



[All hiking trails](#)



It has a
giant
Buddha!



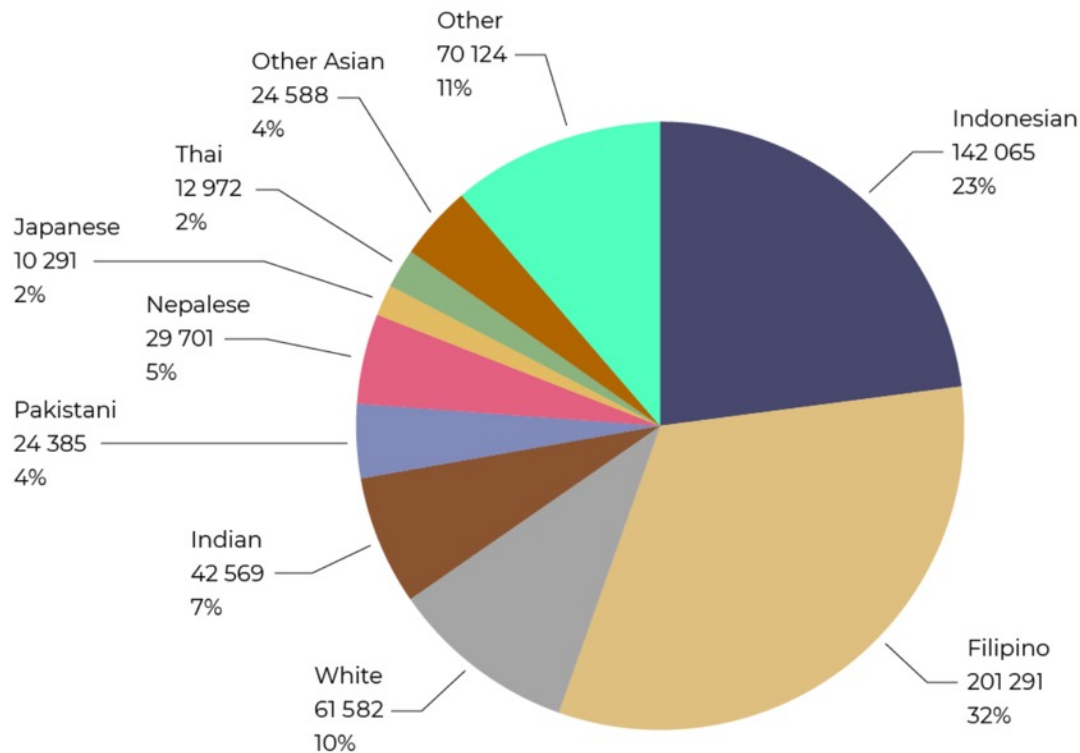


And a country park with
monkeys! [Kam Shan Park](#)

But it's the people that make
Hong Kong so interesting

Hong Kong is diverse

Top five non-Chinese ethnic groups in terms of population



Consulate estimates

- 300,000 Canadians
- 100,000 Australians
- 70,000 Americans
- 33,733 British
- 25,000 French
- 13,288 Koreans
- 11,213 Thais
- 3,648 Italians
- 3,000 New Zealanders
- 2,000 Africans
- 1,820 Spanish
- 1050 Germans
- 995 Russians
- 300 Ukrainians

There are lots of ways to explore
and connect with your (new)
community

A photograph of two young women standing on a train platform. They are both looking down at their smartphones. The woman in the foreground is wearing a light blue cardigan over a floral dress and orange sandals. The woman behind her is wearing a dark blue jacket and black sneakers. They are standing next to a white train car with a window that has a red prohibition sign. The text "Get off your phones!" is overlaid in large red letters across the middle of the image.

Get off your phones!

[Source: Buzzfeed](#)

Meet people and learn a skill!

Join a Club

- [Meetup.com](#)
- [Hong Kong Hikers](#)
- [Hong Kong Adventurer](#)
- [Hong Kong Photography Club](#)
- [JPEG Photography Club](#)
- [Hong Kong Birdwatching Society](#)
- [Hash House Harriers \(running club\)](#)
- [Hong Kong Amateur Radio Transmitting Society](#)
- [Young Art Collectors Club](#)
- [Tennis Meetup Group](#)
- [Badminton Meetup Group](#)
- [Volleyball Meetup](#)
- [Hong Kong Music Lovers](#)
- [Craft Beer Tasting](#)
- [Women's Book Club](#)

Learn something new

- [government classes on kayaking, canoeing, sailing and windsurfing](#)
- [Government classes on Baduanjin, Tai Chi, table tennis and more!](#)
- [Learn to Swim](#)
- [Salsa dancing](#)
- [Belly dancing](#)
- [Aerial and pole dancing](#)
- [Craft workshops](#) (knitting, candles, jewelry)
- [Glass Blowing and Jewelry making](#)
- [Pottery workshops](#)
- [Drawing classes](#)
- [Meditation class](#)
- [Roller Derby](#)
- [Find a pearl workshop](#)
- [Sewing and quilting classes](#)
- [Wine Tasting class](#)
- [Cooking classes](#)
- [Beekeeping training](#)
- [Computer courses at General Assembly](#)
- [Photography workshop](#)
- [Flower arranging course](#)
- [Bread making](#)
- [Embroidery](#)
- [Reiki & meditation](#)
- [Chinese tea appreciation](#)
- [Oil painting](#)
- [Western calligraphy](#)
- [Shoemaking](#)
- [Turkish lamp or coffee making](#)
- [Perfume making](#)
- [HK Toastmasters \(public speaking\)](#)

Learn a Language!

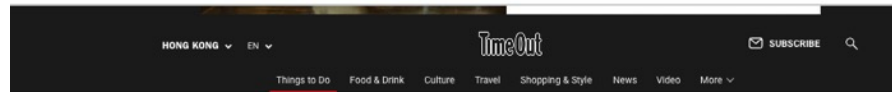
- Cantonese-English Study Club
- Mandarin-Cantonese Language Exchange Club
- Language Exchange Hong Kong (multiple languages)
- HK Spanish Meetup

Volunteer

Check out :

- [Bring Me A Book](#) – read to kids
- [Changing Young Lives Foundation](#)
- [Crossroads Foundation](#)
- [HandsOn Hong Kong](#)
- [EcoDrive](#)
- [Feeding Hong Kong](#)
- [Oxfam](#)
- [Beach Cleanups](#)
- [Hong Kong Dog Rescue](#)
- [Asian Charity Service](#)
- [MindHK](#)
- [Vision First](#)
- [Soap cycling](#)
- [this charity guide](#)

For fun things to do look at Timeout



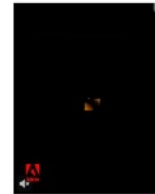
Things To Do

Discover all the best things to do in Hong Kong, including popular attractions, festivals, events, and outdoor activities



An ultimate guide to the Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens

Take a tour around this urban oasis



Find out how to win over customers - 2023 Digital Trends APAC in...

The best way to impress customers in an evolving environment is to create unmatched personal experiences...

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22 Top attractions to visit in Hong Kong

The city's top attractions, landmarks, and sightseeing spots you'd be mad to miss



Tsz Shan Monastery: A guide to visiting Tai Po's hidden sanctuary

A slice of zen away from the city



Best things to do in Hong Kong this August 2023

Heat up your summer with the most exciting events around the city



10 Best places to visit for fresh air in Hong Kong

Escape the urban jungle and breathe it all...

<http://www.timeout.com.hk/>

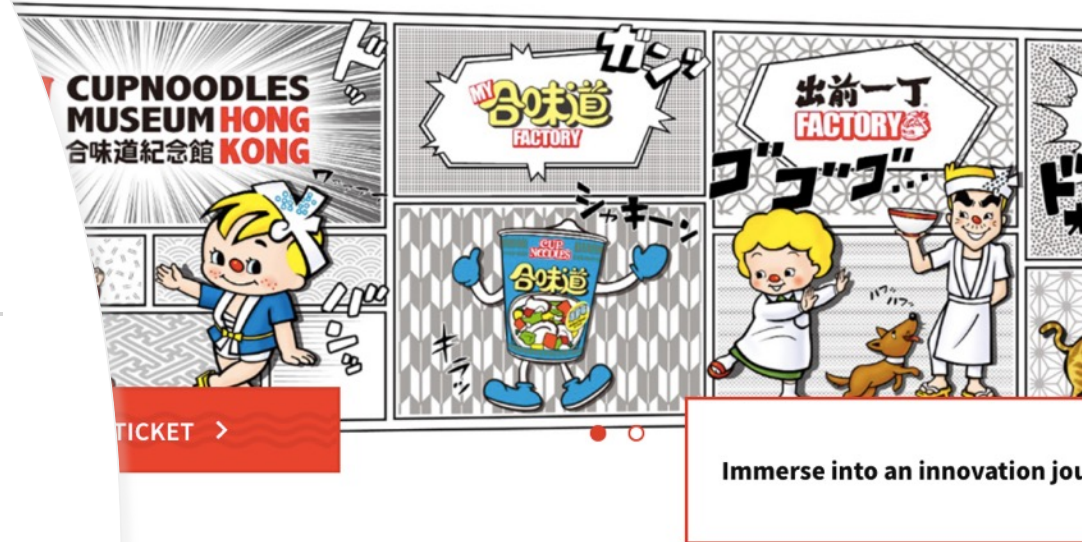
Museums & Galleries

- [17 public museums](#), including
 - M+
 - Hong Kong Palace Museum
 - The Hong Kong Museum of History
 - The Hong Kong Museum of Art
 - Hong Kong Heritage Museum
 - Hong Kong Science Museum
 - Hong Kong Space Museum
 - Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware
 - Hong Kong Railway Museum
 - Hong Kong Film Archive
 - Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum
 - Sam Tung Uk Museum



Other Museums

- [CupNoodles Museum](#)
- [Hong Kong House of Stories](#) and the Blue House in Wan Chai



- Hong Kong Museum of Medical Sciences
- [Hong Kong International Hobby and Toy Museum](#)
- Police Museum
- [Tao Heung Foods of Mankind Museum](#)



Rival Theme Parks



Love History?

Hong Kong has a lot of it

More than 6,000 years, in fact!

Ancient rock carvings



This one on Cheung Chau is 3,000 years old! There [are 8 in Hong Kong.](#)

Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb from Eastern Han dynasty (AD 25-220)





Tai Fu Tai: The 1865 home of a Chinese elite

Cheung Po Tsai
pirate cave on
Cheung Chau island





The Kamikaze Cave from WWII on Lamma Island

[Sok Kwu Wan cave](#)

Fun things to do this semester!

International Music Festival



[Clockenflap](#) Dec 1-3

West Kowloon

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San Tin Sunflower Farm



Artlane in Sai Ying Pung



Tim Ho Wan: the world's cheapest Michelin Starred dim sum



[Open Rice](#) site

Hundreds of Coffee shops!



[Halfway Coffee](#) in Sheung Wan



[Kubrick Café](#) in Yau Ma Tei

Try some Hong Kong food!



[Best egg tarts in Hong Kong](#)



[Best Egg Waffles in HK](#)



[Best Pineapple Buns in Hong Kong](#)



[Best Dim Dum Hong Kong](#)



[Best Hong Kong Milk Tea](#)

[Join a Hong Kong Food Tour!!!](#)

Go rollerskating!



[List of rollerskating places](#)

Go shrimp fishing





[Indoor Go-Karts](#)



[Go Squid Fishing](#)

Happy Valley & Shatin Horse Race Tracks - [Racing Calendar](#)



Chungking Mansions [Link to a list of restaurants](#)



Go camping! [Mingle Farm](#)

runtheMTR South Island Line 南港島綫

South Island Line

This map was made with Google My Maps. Create your own.

Combining city streets, paved paths and catchwater trails, this route across Hong Kong Island shows off the many running options that this magnificent city has to offer. You'll spot bankers, boar, boats and beautiful vistas as you run from the busy downtown through to Aberdeen Country Park.

Admiralty to South Horizons

The noise of the city will soon fade away as you begin climbing up Monmouth path behind Pacific Place 3. Enjoy running flat Bowen Road before the calf busting climb up Wan Chai Gap Road. Following the quiet Middle Gap Road and Lady Clementi's Ride, you'll soon reach the south side of Hong Kong Island, where you will follow the elevated train tracks all the way to Ap Lei Chau.

South Horizons to Admiralty

From South Horizons, you will run across Ap Lei Chau, one of the most densely populated islands in the world. Crossing the bridge over Aberdeen Harbour, run underneath the

Admiralty (Exit C1) - South Horizons (Exit A)



Follow [these running routes along the MTR lines!](#)

[60-km bicycling track](#) in the New Territories

Bookstores



[Kubrik Cafe](#)



[Sam Kee Book Co](#)



[Flow Bookstore](#)



[Bei Bei Bookhouse](#)



[Have a Nice Stay](#) bookstore



[Eslite](#)

10,000
Buddhas
Monastery,
Shatin



The Big Buddha, Lantau



Ngong Ping



Chi Lin Nunnary



Animal Cafes



[Rabbitland Cafe](#)

[List of pet cafes](#)



[On Dog Dog Cafe](#)



[Visit an organic farm!](#)

Stand Up Comedy!



<https://comedy.hk/>

Harbour Cruise



Sail Hong Kong's Victoria Harbour on a traditional Chinese wooden junk boat.

維港探索之旅，暢遊多個知名旅遊景點和歷史地標。

[Aqua Luna](#)

[Star Ferry Cruise](#)

Go Kayaking



Go on a pink dolphin watching cruise!



[HK Dolphin Watch](#)

Get out there and explore!

It will help
your happiness and your schoolwork



Videos

- Buzzfeed: [11 facts you may not know](#)
- [Hong Kong Drone photos](#)
- CNN: [A visual tour of Hong Kong's beautiful places](#)
- Buzzfeed: [21 Reasons Hong Kong Is The Only Place To Live](#) (video at bottom)

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