



Hong Kong

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Best Places to Eat

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- ➔ 22 Ships (p516)
- ➔ Kowloon Tang (p518)
- ➔ Yè Shanghai (p518)
- ➔ Little Bao (p516)

Best Places to Stay

- ➔ Peninsula Hong Kong (p513)
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- ➔ Upper House (p512)

Why Go?

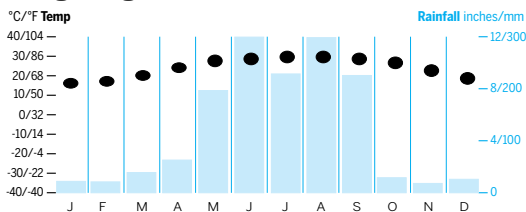
Like a shot of adrenalin, Hong Kong quickens the pulse. Skyscrapers march up jungle-clad slopes by day and blaze neon by night across a harbour criss-crossed by freighters and motor junks. Above streets teeming with traffic, five-star hotels stand next to ageing tenement blocks.

The very acme of luxury can be yours, though enjoying the city need not cost the earth. The HK\$2 ride across the harbour must be one of the world's best-value cruises. A meander through a market offers similarly cheap thrills. You can also escape the crowds – just head for one of the city's many country parks.

It's also a city that lives to eat, offering diners the very best of China and beyond. Hong Kong, above all, rewards those who grab experience by the scruff of the neck, who'll try that jellyfish, explore half-deserted villages or stroll beaches far from neon and steel.

When to Go

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Mar–May Asia's top film festival, rugby and deities' birthdays beckon beyond a sea of umbrellas.

Jun–Sep Get hot (beach, new wardrobe), get wet (dragon boat, beer): antidotes to sultry summers.

Nov–Feb Hills by day, arts festival by night, celebrate Chinese New Year under Christmas lights.



Hong Kong Highlights

1 Crossing Victoria Harbour on the legendary **Star Ferry** (p506).

2 Taking the steep ascent to Victoria Peak on the **Peak Tram** (p493).

3 Eating yum cha under whirling fans at **Luk Yu Tea House** (p516).

4 Soaking up the incensed air at **Man Mo Temple** (p493).

5 Feeling the chug of the world's last **double-decker trams**.

6 Indulging in the visual feast of **Tsim Sha Tsui East Promenade** (p500).