

# Pocket HONG KONG TOP SIGHTS : LOCAL LIFE : MADE EASY

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### In This Book

### QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



Need to Know

Tips for a smooth trip



Neighbourhoods What's where

# **Explore Hong Kong**

The best things to see and do, neighbourhood by neighbourhood



**Top Sights**Make the most of your visit



**Local Life**The insider's city

# The Best of Hong Kong

The city's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



**Best Walks**See the city on foot



**city' Best...**The best experiences

# Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free city experience



### Getting Around

Travel like a local



### **Essential Information**

Including where to stay

Our selection of the city's best places to eat, drink and experience:



Eating

Orinking

**Entertainment** 

Shopping

### These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

- Telephone Numbers
- Opening Hours
  P Parking
- Nonsmoking
- Industrioking
   Internet Access
- Wi-Fi Access
- ✓ Vegetarian Selection
- English-Language Menu

- ₱ Family-Friendly
- Pet-Friendly
- Bus
- E Ferry
- M Metro
- S Subway
- ◆ London Tube
  ♣ Tram
- ☐ Train

#### Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



# Lonely Planet's Hong Kong

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Hong Kong.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

It's your guarantee of a really great experience.

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### Welcome to Hong Kong

Hong Kong beckons and baffles, like the plot in one of its award-winning crime thrillers. Behind the city's futuristic facade hide smoky temples, surf-beaten beaches and sprawling, cattle-graced country parks. Hong Kong quickens the blood, yet reassures with the rule of law, an unbeatable transport system and the world's very best dim sum.



View over Wan Chai (p62) and Kowloon (p94)



### Star Ferry (p24)

At only HK\$2.50, the 15-minute ride on the legendary Star Ferry, with its views of the dramatic urban coastline and the shimmering waters of Victoria Harbour, must be one of the world's best-value cruises.



This balmy promenade offers the best vantage points for viewing Hong Kong's most famous imagery: gleaming skyscrapers lined up between emerald hills and a sapphire harbour crisscrossed by ships.





## Victoria Peak (p42)

Take Hong Kong's oldest thrill ride, the Peak Tram, for an almost-vertical ascension to the summit and the Peak Tower for postcard-perfect views of the city and the harbour.

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### 10 Top Sights

### **HSBC Building (p26)**

Designed by architect Norman Foster, this impressive feat of hightech modernism houses the HSBC headquarters; this monument in glass and steel is one of Hong Kong's most iconic buildings.



### Man Mo Temple (p28)

This Taoist temple mesmerises with its bitter-sweet history and a smoky air infused by burning incense coils hanging from the ceiling like inverted mushrooms in a strange garden.





# Temple Street Night Market (p114)

Stalls sell a myriad of booty, from alarm clocks to Nepalese daggers. Nearby, fortune tellers summon from dimly lit tents, and Cantonese opera singers strike a pose under the stars.



### Happy Valley Racecourse (p64)

Even if you don't bet on the ponies, attending an electrifying Wednesday-evening meeting at this urban race-course is one of the most exhilarating things to do in Hong Kong.