

## Destination Details – Visiting Hong Kong



Things to do, places to eat, trips to make when visiting Hong Kong

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# Hong Kong Travel Guide for Cruise Guests

Hong Kong is one of Asia's most exciting and visually stunning destinations — blending dramatic skylines, harbor views, mountain scenery, vibrant markets, luxury shopping, incredible food, and rich cultural traditions into one unforgettable city. For cruise guests, Hong Kong is especially rewarding because of its excellent transportation system, walkable districts, and easy access to both iconic attractions and hidden local gems.

## Best Areas to Stay in Hong Kong

### HONG KONG BEST AREAS TO STAY

*Stay in the right place  
for your perfect Hong Kong experience!*

- 1 CENTRAL ★★★★★**  
 Hong Kong's business & cultural heart. Close to IFC, great restaurants, and easy access to everything.  
**BEST FOR:** First-time visitors, luxury travelers, foodies  
**VIBE:** Modern, sophisticated, vibrant  
 \$\$\$\$ High 🚶 5-15 min walk to attractions
- 2 WAN CHAI ★★★★★**  
 Trendy, energetic, and full of local character. Great dining, bars, and cultural spots.  
**BEST FOR:** Nightlife, culture, business travelers  
**VIBE:** Lively, local, eclectic  
 \$\$ - \$\$\$ Mid to High 🚶 5-15 min walk
- 3 CAUSEWAY BAY ★★★★★**  
 Shopping paradise with big malls, local eats, and easy transport connections.  
**BEST FOR:** Shoppers, families, first-time visitors  
**VIBE:** Busy, convenient, youthful  
 \$\$ - \$\$\$ Mid to High 🚶 5-10 min walk
- 4 TSIM SHA TSUI ★★★★★**  
 Iconic waterfront area with museums, shopping, and the best views of the skyline.  
**BEST FOR:** First-time visitors, families, sightseeing  
**VIBE:** Touristy, energetic, scenic  
 \$\$ - \$\$\$ Mid to High 🚶 5-15 min walk
- 5 KOWLOON CITY ★★★★★**  
 A more local experience with rich history, food, and vibrant neighborhood vibes.  
**BEST FOR:** Culture lovers, foodies, budget travelers  
**VIBE:** Authentic, historic, up-and-coming  
 \$ - \$\$ Budget to Mid 🚶 10-20 min to attractions
- 6 REPUSE BAY & SOUTH SIDE ★★★★★**  
 Relaxed, scenic, and perfect for a beach escape with a luxury feel.  
**BEST FOR:** Relaxation, families, luxury travelers  
**VIBE:** Peaceful, scenic, upscale  
 \$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$ High 🚶 20-30 min to main attractions

**PERFECT FOR CRUISE GUESTS**

- Central & Tsim Sha Tsui: Closest to the cruise terminal
- Easy access to major attractions and transport
- Many hotels within 10-15 minutes of the port

**PRICE GUIDE (per night)**

\$ Budget: Under HK\$800  
 \$\$ Mid-Range: HK\$800 - HK\$1,800  
 \$\$\$ High-End: HK\$1,800 - HK\$3,500  
 \$\$\$\$ Luxury: Over HK\$3,500

**TIPS FOR CHOOSING YOUR AREA**

- First time? Stay in Tsim Sha Tsui or Central
- For nightlife & dining: Wan Chai or Causeway Bay
- For luxury & views: Central or South Side
- For local culture: Kowloon City
- Hong Kong is compact – you're never far from the action!

**TRANSPORT LEGEND**

- MTR Station
- Star Ferry
- Airport Express
- Tram Route
- Peak Tram

**DISTANCE GUIDE (from Central)**

Tsim Sha Tsui	5-10 min (MTR)
Wan Chai	5 min (MTR)
Causeway Bay	10 min (MTR)
Kowloon City	15-20 min (MTR)
Repuise Bay	20-30 min (Bus)
Airport	30 min (Airport Express)

*From neon-lit streets to serene beaches,  
Hong Kong has the perfect place for every traveler! ♥*

### Tsim Sha Tsui (Kowloon) — Best Overall for First-Time Visitors

- Stunning Victoria Harbour views
- Excellent shopping and dining
- Easy access to ferries, MTR, and attractions

- Fantastic luxury hotels and harbor promenades
  - Ideal for cruise guests
  - Activity Level: Easy
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### **Central — Best for Luxury & Nightlife**

- Hong Kong's financial and luxury hotel district
  - Rooftop bars and Michelin-star dining
  - Excellent transportation connections
  - Close to Peak Tram and ferries
  - Activity Level: Moderate (hills)
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### **Sheung Wan — Best Hidden Gem Neighborhood**

- Trendy cafés and boutique hotels
  - Traditional markets mixed with modern culture
  - More local atmosphere than Central
  - Great for food lovers
  - Activity Level: Easy
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### **Wan Chai — Best Mix of Local & Modern**

- Excellent food scene
- Convenient transportation
- Mix of local markets and modern towers
- Great balance of nightlife and culture
- Activity Level: Easy

## Causeway Bay — Best for Shopping

- Massive malls and neon streets
  - Excellent restaurants and nightlife
  - Energetic atmosphere
  - Great public transportation
  - Activity Level: Easy
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## Top-Rated Hotels

### The Peninsula Hong Kong

Legendary luxury hotel overlooking Victoria Harbour with one of the city's most iconic afternoon tea experiences.

Perfect For:

- Luxury cruise extensions
  - Harbor views
  - Classic Hong Kong glamour
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### Rosewood Hong Kong

Ultra-luxury modern property with exceptional harbor views and world-class dining.

Perfect For:

- Couples
  - Food lovers
  - High-end stays
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## **Mandarin Oriental Hong Kong**

Historic luxury hotel in Central known for impeccable service and excellent spa facilities.

Perfect For:

- Luxury travelers
  - Business and leisure
  - Central location
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## **Hotel ICON**

Modern upscale hotel with excellent harbor access and great value compared to luxury competitors.

Perfect For:

- Cruise guests
  - Harbor access
  - Stylish accommodations
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## **Hidden Gem Hotels**

### **The Fleming**

Stylish boutique hotel in Wan Chai inspired by Hong Kong's ferry heritage.

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### **TUVE**

Minimalist design hotel tucked into Causeway Bay with peaceful boutique atmosphere.

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### **Ovolo Central**

Trendy boutique option near nightlife, restaurants, and Central attractions.

## Eaton HK

Creative lifestyle hotel with local art, food halls, and excellent Kowloon location.

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## Top-Rated Restaurants

### Tim Ho Wan

World-famous dim sum restaurant originally known as the “cheapest Michelin-starred restaurant in the world.”

Perfect For:

- Dim sum lovers
  - Casual local dining
  - First-time visitors
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### Hutong

Elegant Northern Chinese restaurant with spectacular skyline views over Victoria Harbour.

Perfect For:

- Romantic dinners
  - Harbor night views
  - Upscale dining
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### Yat Lok Roast Goose

Famous Michelin-recognized roast goose restaurant beloved by locals.

Perfect For:

- Authentic Cantonese cuisine

- Local dining experience
  - Food tours
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### **Mak's Noodle**

Classic wonton noodle shop serving one of Hong Kong's iconic comfort foods.

Perfect For:

- Quick meals
  - Traditional flavors
  - Casual local experience
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## **Hidden Gem Restaurants**

### **Kau Kee Beef Brisket**

Tiny legendary noodle shop famous for rich beef brisket soup.

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### **Sing Heung Yuen**

Classic open-air "dai pai dong" café known for tomato noodle soup and local milk tea.

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### **Little Bao**

Modern creative bao restaurant blending Hong Kong and international flavors.

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### **Yardbird**

Excellent modern yakitori restaurant with energetic atmosphere.

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## Most Popular Sights to See



Peak Tram and Hong Kong city skyline

### Victoria Peak

The city's most famous viewpoint with incredible skyline and harbor panoramas.

Best Ticket Tip: Book Peak Tram tickets online in advance to avoid long queues.

Activity Level: Moderate

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### Star Ferry

One of the world's best and most affordable harbor experiences.

Why Visit:

- Incredible skyline views
- Historic transportation experience

- Beautiful at sunset and night

Activity Level: Easy

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### **Symphony of Lights**

Nightly harbor light show featuring Hong Kong's skyline.

Best Viewing Areas:

- Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade
- Victoria Harbour cruises
- Rooftop bars

Activity Level: Easy

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### **Temple Street Night Market**

Classic Hong Kong street market filled with food, souvenirs, and neon atmosphere.

Activity Level: Easy

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### **Tian Tan Buddha (Big Buddha)**

Massive bronze Buddha statue on Lantau Island.

Best Transportation: Ngong Ping 360 Cable Car

Activity Level: Moderate

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## Hidden Gem Sights Most Visitors Miss

### **Nan Lian Garden**

Beautiful peaceful Tang Dynasty-style gardens hidden within the city.

Activity Level: Easy

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### PMQ

Creative arts and design hub featuring local artists, cafés, and boutiques.

Activity Level: Easy

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### Man Mo Temple

Historic incense-filled temple in Sheung Wan offering a quieter cultural experience.

Activity Level: Easy

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### Quarry Bay Monster Building

Famous photogenic residential complex seen in movies and social media.

Activity Level: Easy

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### Sai Kung

Beautiful seaside area with seafood restaurants and island scenery.

Best Transportation: Taxi or MTR + taxi

Activity Level: Easy to Moderate

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## Best Transportation Around Hong Kong

### MTR (Subway) — Best Overall

- Extremely efficient and affordable
- Easy English signage
- Covers nearly all major attractions
- Best way to avoid traffic

Activity Level: Easy

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## **Star Ferry**

Scenic and iconic harbor transportation.

Perfect For:

- Harbor views
- Photography
- Relaxed sightseeing

Activity Level: Easy

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## **Ding Ding Tram**

Historic double-decker tram running through Hong Kong Island.

Perfect For:

- Scenic rides
- Cheap transportation
- Local experience

Activity Level: Easy

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## **Walking**

Excellent in many neighborhoods but be prepared for hills and humidity.

Best Walking Areas:

- Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade
- Central escalator district
- Sheung Wan

Activity Level: Moderate

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## Cruise Port Tips

Cruise ships typically dock at:

- Kai Tak Cruise Terminal
- Ocean Terminal (Tsim Sha Tsui)

Tips:

- Taxis and MTR connections are excellent
  - Allow extra time during rush hour
  - Octopus Cards make transportation much easier
  - Skyline views from harbor cruises are spectacular at night
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## Best Day Trips from Hong Kong

### Macau

Former Portuguese colony filled with casinos, colonial architecture, and excellent food.

Best Transportation: High-speed ferry

Activity Level: Easy

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### Lantau Island

Home to the Big Buddha, fishing villages, hiking trails, and beaches.

Best Transportation: MTR + Cable Car

Activity Level: Moderate

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### Tai O Fishing Village

Traditional stilt-house fishing village offering a glimpse of old Hong Kong.

Best Transportation: Bus or guided tour

Activity Level: Easy

## Dragon's Back Hike

One of Asia's best urban hikes with spectacular coastal scenery.

Best Transportation: Taxi or bus

Activity Level: Strenuous

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## Sai Kung & Geopark

Beautiful beaches, seafood villages, and island landscapes.

Best Transportation: Taxi or guided tour

Activity Level: Moderate

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## Best Ways to Book Attractions & Tours

Harbor Cruises

Excellent for:

- Skyline photography
- Sunset experiences
- Evening Symphony of Lights viewing



Bronze Bodhisattva statues at Ngong Ping on Lantau Island

# Food Tours in Hong Kong

Hong Kong is one of the world's greatest food cities, where Michelin-starred restaurants, traditional tea houses, hidden noodle shops, bustling street markets, and modern fusion cafés all exist side-by-side. A food tour is one of the best ways for cruise guests to experience the city because it combines local culture, history, neighborhoods, and authentic cuisine into one memorable experience.

Unlike many cities, some of Hong Kong's very best meals are found in tiny local restaurants or market stalls that visitors might otherwise walk right past.

## HONG KONG FOOD TOUR

A DELICIOUS WALK THROUGH CULTURE, HISTORY & ICONIC FLAVORS

**DURATION:** ~3-3.5 HOURS  
**DISTANCE:** ~3 MILES (5 KM)  
**DIFFICULTY:** EASY TO MODERATE  
**BEST TIME:** MORNING OR EARLY EVENING

**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ 12+ Delicious Food Stops
- ✓ Local Markets & Hidden Eateries
- ✓ Historic Streets & Neighborhoods
- ✓ Cantonese Culture & Stories
- ✓ Small Group Experience
- ✓ Perfect for First-Time Visitors

**TIPS FOR YOUR TOUR**

- Come hungry – portions add up!
- Wear comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring cash (many shops are cash only).
- Weather can be hot & humid – stay hydrated.
- Tours run rain or shine.

**Legend:**

- Walking Route (Recommended Path)
- 1 Food Stop
- 📷 Photo Spot
- 🏪 Market / Local Shop
- 🚻 Restroom

**AT A GLANCE**

- 1 Lin Heung Tea House  
Dim Sum
- 2 Tai Cheong Bakery  
Egg Tart / Pineapple Bun
- 3 Lan Fong Yuen  
Milk Tea
- 4 Joy King Lau  
Roast Goose
- 5 Yiu Fai Noodle Shop  
Wonton Noodles
- 6 Wan Chai Market  
Dried Goods / Snacks
- 7 Gelato Messina  
Gelato
- 8 Potato Corner  
Curry Fish Balls / Tofu
- 9 Escalator Snack Stop  
Egg Waffle / Juice
- 10 Soho Street Art  
Craft Beer / Kombucha
- 11 PMQ Café Stop  
Coffee / Lemon Tart
- 12 Waterfront Finish  
Drinks / Desserts

**NEARBY ADD-ONS**

- Man Mo Temple (5 min walk)
- Star Ferry Ride (5 min walk)
- IFC Mall & Sky100 (10 min walk)
- Hong Kong Observation Wheel (10 min walk)

*Eat well, Explore more, Love Hong Kong!*

## 🍜 What Makes Hong Kong Food Tours Special?

Hong Kong food tours typically include:

- Dim sum tastings
- Roast meats

- Wonton noodles
- Egg tarts
- Milk tea
- Pineapple buns
- Street food markets
- Local bakeries
- Seafood specialties
- Traditional tea houses

Many tours also explore:

- Hidden alleyways
- Wet markets
- Neon-lit neighborhoods
- Historic districts
- Local culture and traditions

Activity Level: **Easy to Moderate**

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## Best Neighborhoods for Food Tours

### Sham Shui Po — Best Authentic Local Food Experience

One of the best neighborhoods in Hong Kong for traditional local food.

Why Visit:

- Extremely local atmosphere
- Incredible street food
- Famous bakeries and noodle shops
- Less touristy than Central or Tsim Sha Tsui

#### Must-Try Foods:

- Pineapple buns
- Rice noodle rolls
- Soy desserts
- Egg waffles

#### Perfect For:

- Food lovers
  - Authentic experiences
  - Budget-friendly eating
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### **Central & Sheung Wan — Best Overall Food Tour Area**

Excellent combination of traditional and modern Hong Kong food culture.

#### Why Visit:

- Historic tea houses
- Roast goose restaurants
- Hidden local cafés
- Trendy fusion dining

#### Must-Try Foods:

- Dim sum
- Roast goose
- Milk tea
- Wonton noodles

#### Perfect For:

- First-time visitors

- Mixed food preferences
  - Walking tours
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### **Kowloon & Temple Street — Best Night Market Food Tours**

One of the most atmospheric evening food experiences in Asia.

Why Visit:

- Neon night market atmosphere
- Seafood stalls
- Claypot rice
- Open-air street food

Best Time:

- Evening

Perfect For:

- Night photography
  - Street food lovers
  - Cultural atmosphere
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### **Causeway Bay — Best Modern Food Scene**

Fast-paced district packed with local restaurants, dessert shops, and trendy cafés.

Why Visit:

- Excellent variety
- Youthful food scene
- Local dessert culture
- Shopping combined with dining

Must-Try Foods:

- Bubble waffles
  - Desserts
  - Hot pot
  - Modern Cantonese dishes
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## Recommended Food Tour Companies

### Hong Kong Foodie Tasting Tours

One of the city's most respected food tour companies.

Known For:

- Small groups
- Excellent storytelling
- Hidden local spots
- Sham Shui Po tours

Great For:

- Serious food lovers
  - First-time visitors
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### Walk Hong Kong

Excellent cultural walking tours combining history, local neighborhoods, and food.

Best Tours:

- Kowloon food walks
- Local market experiences
- Street food tours

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## Eating Adventures Hong Kong

Popular for immersive local experiences and authentic neighborhood exploration.

Great For:

- Hidden gems
- Local culture
- Smaller eateries

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## Hello Hong Kong Tours

Well-rated private and customizable experiences ideal for cruise guests.

Great For:

- Flexible schedules
- Families
- Private touring

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## Recommended Foods to Try

### Dim Sum

Hong Kong's most famous dining experience.

Must Try:

- Har gow (shrimp dumplings)
- Siu mai
- BBQ pork buns
- Cheung fun rice rolls

Best Time:

Breakfast or lunch

## **Roast Goose**

A Hong Kong specialty known for crispy skin and rich flavor.

Best Areas:

- Central
  - Sheung Wan
  - Wan Chai
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## **Wonton Noodles**

Classic comfort food with delicate shrimp dumplings and springy noodles.

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## **Pineapple Buns**

Sweet soft buns often served warm with butter.

Perfect For:

Breakfast or afternoon snack

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## **Hong Kong Milk Tea**

Strong, smooth tea blended with evaporated milk.

Often called:

“Silk Stocking Milk Tea”

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## **Egg Tarts**

Flaky pastry with creamy custard filling.

Best Fresh:

Morning or early afternoon

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## Best Evening Food Experiences

### Temple Street Night Market

One of Hong Kong's most famous night food areas.

Try:

- Seafood
- Claypot rice
- Street skewers
- Desserts

Atmosphere:

Busy, energetic, neon-lit

Activity Level: **Easy**

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### Harborfront Rooftop Dining

Hong Kong has some of Asia's best skyline dining experiences.

Best Areas:

- Tsim Sha Tsui
- Central
- Wan Chai rooftops

Perfect For:

- Sunset cocktails
  - Skyline photography
  - Romantic dinners
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### Why Food Tours Are Perfect for Cruise Guests

Food tours work especially well for cruise travelers because they:

- Combine sightseeing and meals
- Introduce local culture quickly
- Help visitors navigate neighborhoods
- Offer authentic experiences beyond tourist areas
- Usually last 3–4 manageable hours

They're also excellent on:

- Arrival days
- Jet lag adjustment days
- Short pre/post cruise stays

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### **Helpful Tips**

- Come hungry — portions add up quickly
- Wear comfortable walking shoes
- Carry cash for some local shops
- Evening tours are best for atmosphere
- Afternoon tours are often cooler during summer months

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## Most Recommended First-Time Hong Kong Food Experience

### **Dim Sum + Harbor Walk + Night Market**

For many visitors, the perfect Hong Kong evening includes:

1. Dim sum or roast goose dinner
2. Victoria Harbour skyline views
3. Ferry ride or promenade walk
4. Temple Street market snacks and desserts

This combination captures the energy, flavors, and atmosphere that make Hong Kong one of the world's great food destinations.

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## Suggested Stay Length for Cruise Guests

### 1 Night

- Victoria Peak
  - Harbor promenade
  - Dim sum dinner
  - Symphony of Lights
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### 2–3 Nights

Add:

- Big Buddha
  - Temple Street Market
  - Food tours
  - Rooftop bars
  - Ferry rides
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### 4+ Nights

Add:

- Macau
- Sai Kung
- Lantau Island

- Hiking and beaches
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## Most Underrated Hong Kong Experience

### Exploring the City Through Food

Some of the best Hong Kong experiences happen while wandering between noodle shops, bakeries, tea houses, markets, and tiny local cafés.

Must-Try Foods:

- Dim sum
- Roast goose
- Egg tarts
- Wonton noodles
- Pineapple buns
- Milk tea

The true magic of Hong Kong is found in the contrast between glittering skyscrapers, traditional markets, mountain scenery, ferry rides, and incredible local food culture.

# Map of Sights to Visit in Hong Kong

## HONG KONG

### ATTRACTIONS MAP

— TOP SIGHTS & HIDDEN GEMS —

#### MUST-SEE ATTRACTIONS

- 1 Victoria Peak (The Peak)
- 2 Victoria Harbour & Avenue of Stars
- 3 Star Ferry (Classic Harbour Ride)
- 4 Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade
- 5 Big Buddha (Lantau Island)
- 6 Wong Tai Sin Temple
- 7 Man Mo Temple
- 8 Nan Lan Garden & Chi Lin Nunnery
- 9 Hong Kong Museum of History
- 10 Ocean Park Hong Kong

#### HIDDEN GEMS

- 11 PMQ (Creative Hubs & Shops)
- 12 Tai Kwun (Heritage & Culture)
- 13 Quarry Bay Park
- 14 Lion Rock Hike
- 15 Yau Ma Tei Fruit Market
- 16 Sham Shui Po Streets & Local Eateries
- 17 Sai Wan Swimming Shed
- 18 Cheung Chau Island
- 19 Lamma Island
- 20 Mei Ho House (Rainbow Building)

#### LOCAL EXPERIENCES

- 21 Temple Street Night Market
- 22 Ladies' Market
- 23 Stanley Market
- 24 Aberdeen Fishing Village
- 25 Ngong Ping 360 Cable Car
- 26 Hong Kong Wet Markets
- 27 Central Escalator
- 28 Art Lane (Sheung Wan)
- 29 Repulse Bay Beach
- 30 West Kowloon Cultural District

#### HELPFUL DISTANCES

Central ↔ Tsim Sha Tsui — 10 min (Star Ferry)  
 Central ↔ Causeway Bay — 10 min (MTR)  
 Central ↔ Ngong Ping 360 — 45 min  
 Central ↔ Lamma Island — 35 min (Ferry)

#### TIPS FOR EXPLORING

- Use an Octopus Card for easy travel on MTR, buses, trams & ferries.
- The Star Ferry offers one of the best views of the skyline—day or night!
- Wear comfortable shoes—Hong Kong is best explored on foot.
- Many attractions are close together, perfect for half-day exploring.

