

Hong Kong

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens RECONSIDER TRAVEL due to COVID-19 and arbitrary enforcement of local laws. Consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 1 month after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as you do not stay in the country more than 89 days.

US Embassy/ Consulate

[852] 2523-9011; US Consulate General in Hong Kong, 26 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong

Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

Subtropical monsoon; cool and humid in winter, hot and rainy from spring through summer, warm and sunny in fall

Currency (Code)

Hong Kong dollars (HKD)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): G



Type
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Major Languages

Cantonese 88.9%, English 4.3%, Mandarin 1.9%, other Chinese dialects 3.1%, other 1.9%

Religions

Buddhist or Taoist 27.9%, Protestant 6.7%, Roman Catholic 5.3%, Muslim 4.2%, Hindu 1.4%, Sikh 0.2%, other or none 54.3%; note: many people practice Confucianism, regardless of their religion or not having a religious affiliation

Time Difference

UTC+8 (13 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Yes

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Left

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| Tourist destinations | Victoria Peak; Tian Tan Buddha; Hong Kong Disneyland; Ocean Park; Wong Tai Sin Temple; Victoria Harbour (includes Symphony of Lights, Avenue of Stars); Tai Po Kau Nature Reserve |
| Cultural Practices | Hong Kong Chinese may stand close when talking. However, they are reserved and uncomfortable with body contact. |
| Tipping Guidelines | A 10% service charge is usually included at most restaurants, but you can leave coins if paying with cash or round up the amount you wish to tip if paying by credit card. Round up taxi fares to the nearest dollar. Taxi drivers sometimes will round up to the nearest dollar to tip themselves. Tip bellhops 2-3 (HKD) per bag. |
| Telephone Code | 852 |
| Local Emergency Phone | 999 |

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(ATA\) \(www.ataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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