

Hong Kong

CITY GUIDE



Introduction

Hong Kong is a Special Administrative Region (SAR), located on the southeast of China. Despite its urban density, around 40% of its total land area is actually protected within the boundaries of 24 country parks. As such, apart from the bustling city atmosphere, there are also extensive opportunities for outdoor recreational activities.

Hong Kong's current uniqueness stems from the British colonial history and role as a major global financial hub. Hong Kong attracts foreign investors through its free-market policies, low taxation, and minimal government intervention in the market. With a highly developed financial sector, it successfully emerged as one of the world's leading international financial centres. Apart from the Hong Kong Stock Exchange being one of the largest in the world, the city is also a significant hub for trade, with its port among the busiest globally. The GDP of Hong Kong was at US\$365.5 billion in 2023.

Hong Kong's population currently stands over 7.49 million as of May 2024 while the average temperature ranges around 20 to 29°C throughout the year.



7.49 million

26°C Average Temperature



GDP US\$365.5 Billion

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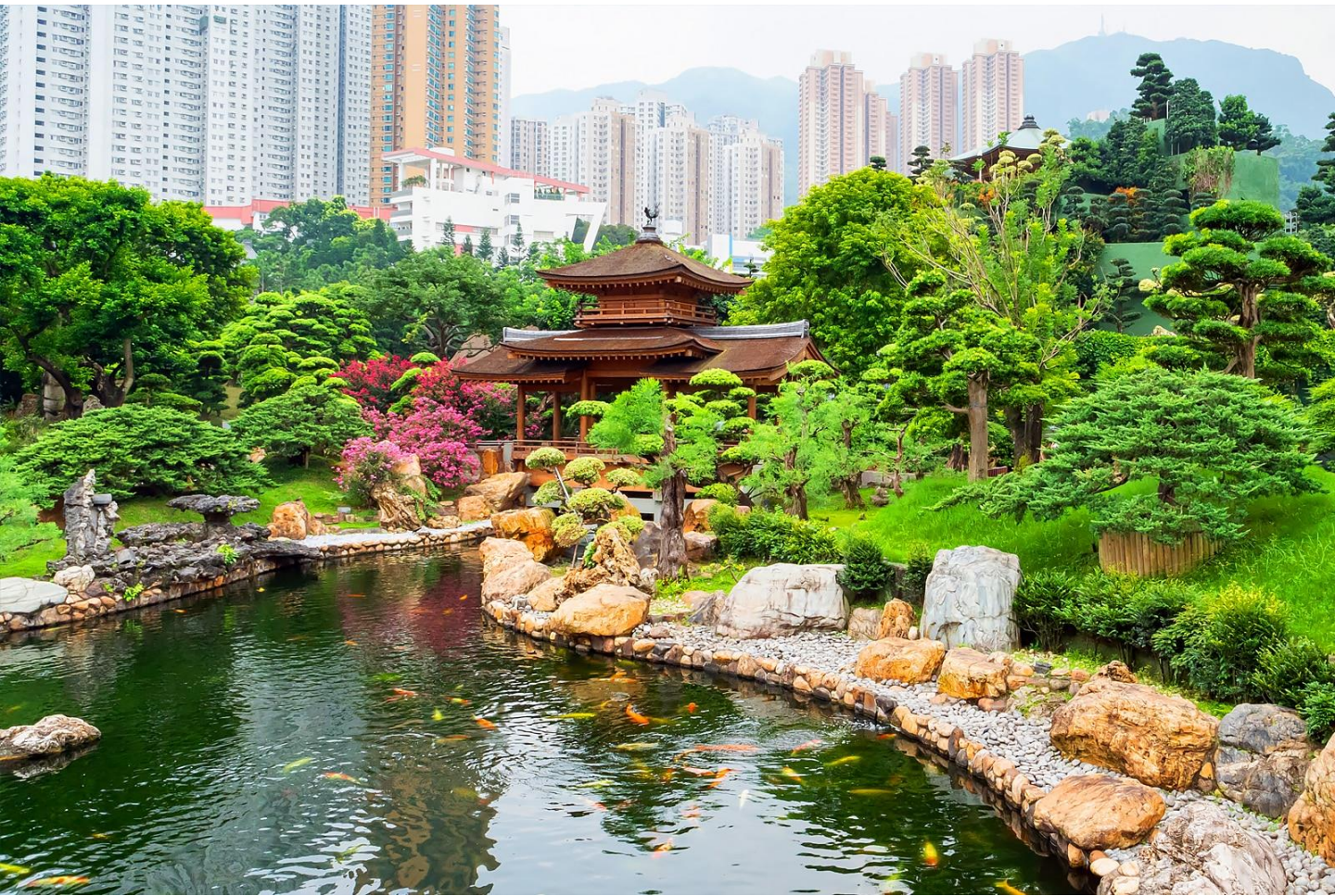
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Culture



Hong Kong's culture encapsulates a vibrant fusion of both Chinese heritage and British colonial legacies, enriched by a global outlook. As such, the city not only celebrates Chinese traditional festivals but also adapts to Western customs and education system that is blended with the city's current practices. This East-West fusion is also reflected in Hong Kong's bilingualism, with both Cantonese and English widely spoken.

History



Hong Kong's currently a Special Administrative Region (SAR) where certain freedoms of the city is retained. Previously, Hong Kong island was ceded to the British Empire after the First Opium War in 1842. After the Second Opium War, China was also forced to cede Kowloon in 1860, the area on the mainland opposite Hong Kong island.

Afterwards, Hong Kong remained under the British colony until 1 July 1997, where the sovereignty was handed over back to China, ending the 156 years of ruling by the British. However, Hong Kong still enjoys a high degree of autonomy, except in foreign and defence affairs for the next 50 years under the principle of "one country, two systems".

Cuisine



In Hong Kong, Cantonese cuisine dominates the city, featuring a plethora of dishes such as dim sum, roasted meats, and polo buns. The city is also famous for its street food, including curry fish balls, meat skewers, and beef offal. British colonial influence is also heavily present, seen in many dishes like Hong Kong style baked pork chop rice and milk tea.

Hence, the city's dining scene ranges from humble street food stalls to Michelin-starred restaurants, offering a variety of cuisines for both the locals and non-locals to enjoy.

City Map



Hong Kong is a Special Administrative Region (SAR) located Southeast of China. It consists of four main regions - Hong Kong Island, Kowloon, New Territories, and Lantau Island.

Due to its size, the city is conveniently connected through both public and private transportation. This makes it an ease to explore and enjoy what the city has to offer. Shenzhen, China is also located at the North of the city, making it a popular place for a weekend getaway.

Attractions

At first glance, Hong Kong appears to be just a bustling urban hub with towering skyscrapers and neon lights, but it also offers extensive hiking trails, beaches, and parks to enjoy the nature. Apart from that, there are also many other attractions in the city for one to explore.

Hong Kong Disneyland 香港迪士尼樂園

Ocean Park 海洋公園

Star Ferry 天星小輪

Victoria Peak (The Peak, Peak Tram) 太平山 (山頂、山頂纜車)

Victoria Harbour 維多利亞港

Tian Tan Buddha (Big Buddha) & Ngong Ping 360 天壇大佛與昂坪360

Chi Lin Nunnery and Nan Lian Garden 志蓮淨苑和南蓮園池

Ladies' Market 女人街

Temple Street Night Market 廟街夜市場

Dragon's Back 龍脊

Taxi

In Hong Kong, taxis are readily available and can be flagged down on most streets.

However, there are three types of taxis:

- Urban Taxis (Red)
- New Territories Taxis (Green)
- Lantau Taxis (Blue)

The different coloured taxis operate at different regions of Hong Kong. In detail, the red ones operate throughout most of Hong Kong, including Hong Kong Island, Kowloon, and parts of the New Territories; while the green and blue operate mainly in the New Territories and serve Lantau Island, including the airport and Disneyland, respectively.

Alternatively, passengers can use popular and reliable taxi-hailing online apps such as Uber, HKTaxi and the Didi app, which all offer affordable car rides.



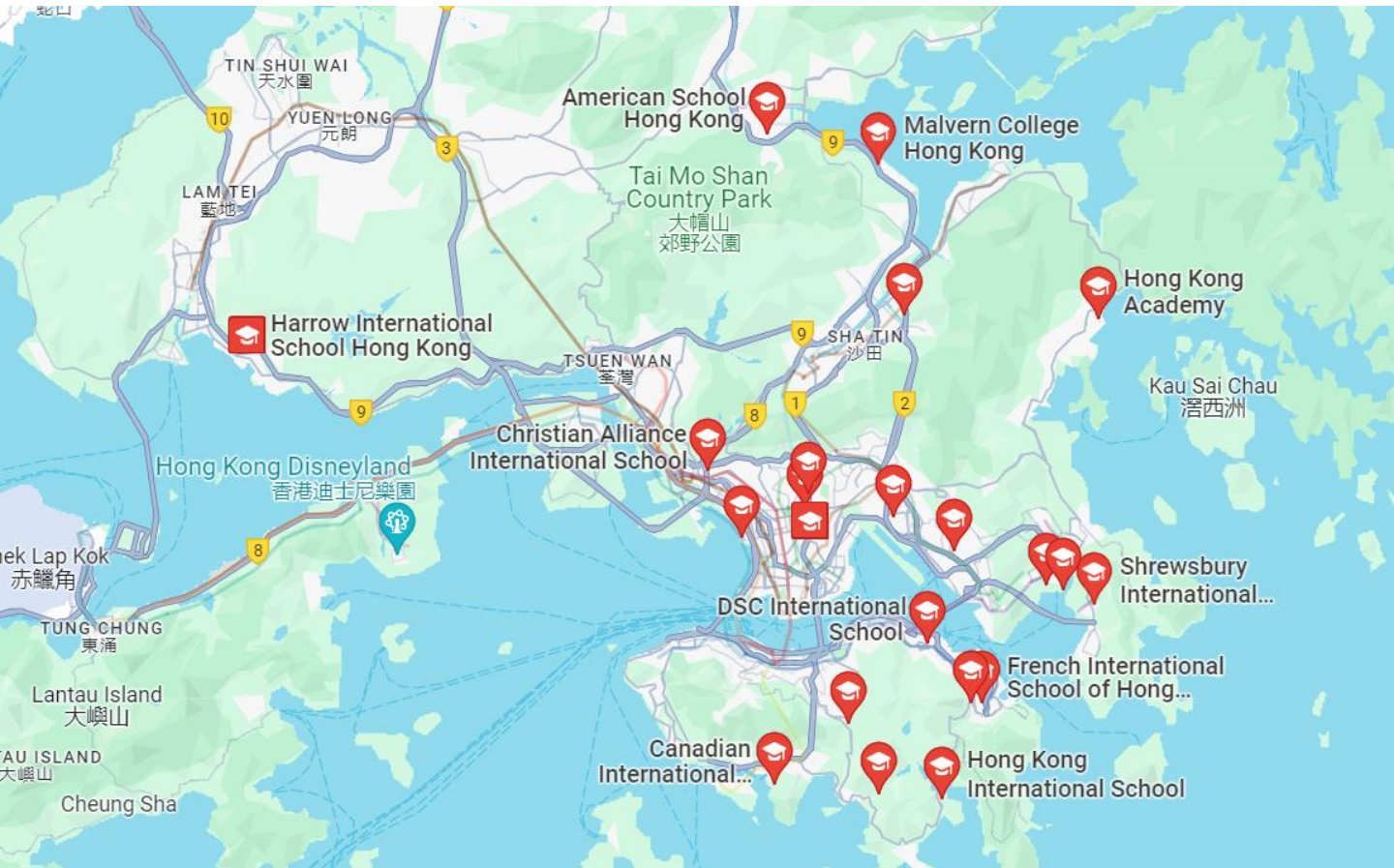
Housing



Given the city's dense population and limited land area, housing in Hong Kong are mostly high-rise apartments where units ranging from luxurious complexes to small subdivided spaces. Regions such as the southern part of Hong Kong Island or Kowloon Peninsula, where there is more space and good schools, are favoured. Many would also consider location of work to avoid long period of commute.

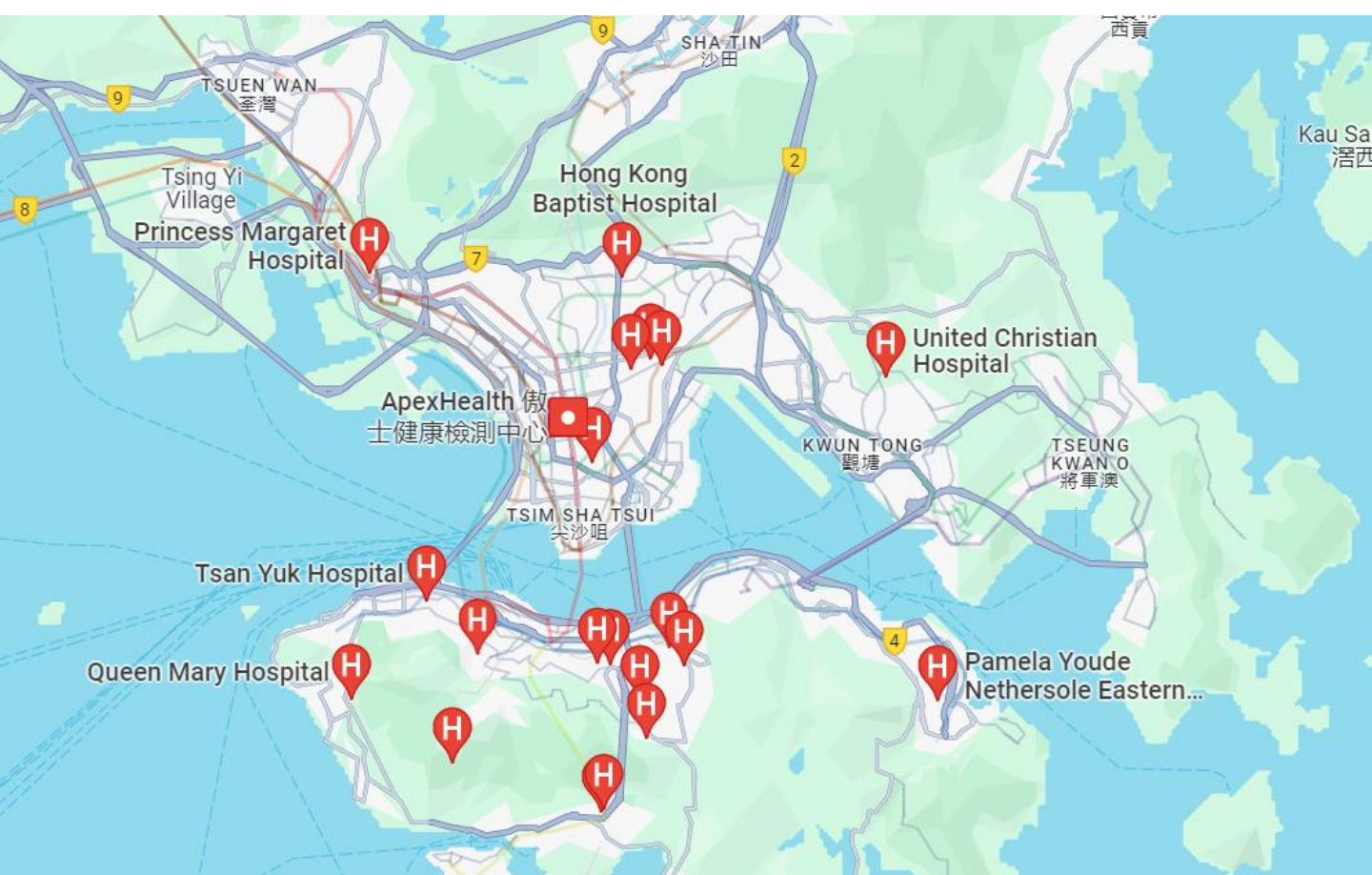
A wide variety of accommodation can be found on the property proposal webpage of Maxxelli.

International Schools



- American International School (AIS) of Hong Kong
- Australian International School Hong Kong
- Beacon Hill School
- Canadian International School Hong Kong
- Discovery Bay International School
- French International School
- German Swiss International School (GSIS)

Healthcare



- Gleneagles Hong Kong Hospital
- Queen Mary Hospital Hong Kong
- Queen Elizabeth Hospital Hong Kong
- Prince of Wales Hospital Hong Kong
- Princess Margaret Hospital Hong Kong
- United Christian Hospital
- Tuen Mun Hospital

Nightlife



Famous as a city that never sleeps, the vibrant nightlife in Hong Kong is indeed immersive. As such, the city offers a variety of exciting nightlife activities to enjoy. From the evening scenic view from Victoria Peak, a ride on the iconic Star Ferry to be mesmerised by the dazzling skyline of Victoria Harbour, and the Symphony of Lights show at Tsim Sha Tsui promenade .

To end the night with a bang, Lan Kwai Fong is a popular nightlife district where Hong Kong's bars, clubs, and restaurants are packed with people throughout the late night.

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