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Hong Kong & Islands in the South China Sea

A taste of China, ancient and modern

Hong Kong is the ultimate city of contrasts - British Colonialism meets 21st Century China. Here, narrow streets and bustling markets meet open countryside and quiet bays. High rise meets fishing village. Junks, dim sum, sizzling street stir-fries and green Rolls Royces from the Peninsula Hotel. We'll spend time enjoying traditional Chinese culture with plenty of local sightseeing by coach, boat and on foot with opportunities to explore the stunning coastal scenery and islands further afield. Our Adagio Specialist is with you throughout and will ensure you get the most out of your holiday. Come and explore Hong Kong with us – you'll not be disappointed!



Star Ferry and view of Hong Kong

Proposed Daily Itinerary

Our itinerary is expected to follow the daily schedule below but please bear in mind that the order of the days may be amended, or walks substituted, due to weather conditions or changes beyond our control. Changes may also be made if we or our Adagio Specialist feels it enhances the itinerary.

Day 1 – We fly overnight to Hong Kong.

Day 2 – We arrive into Hong Kong early afternoon and transfer to our hotel which should take around 30 minutes. After check-in and a brief rest, your Adagio Specialist will take you out for a stroll on the Kowloon Waterfront before dinner.



On the beach – Lamma Island

Day 3 – We'll spend the day exploring Kowloon including the harbour and visit the colourful markets on the south side of Kowloon. Depending on time, after dinner it may be possible to visit the Temple Street Night Market.

Day 4 – We have the flexibility of a coach today to enable us to visit areas that are trickier to get to on foot. We'll explore the historic buildings, Chinese gardens and water features of the Kowloon Walled City Park. Then it's onto the Ten Thousand Buddhas Monastery at Shatin before driving to the north of the New Territories where we will take a short walk for some great views. We continue to the Sam Mun Tsai fish farming area and return via Tai Po and Sha Tin to view more of the countryside.

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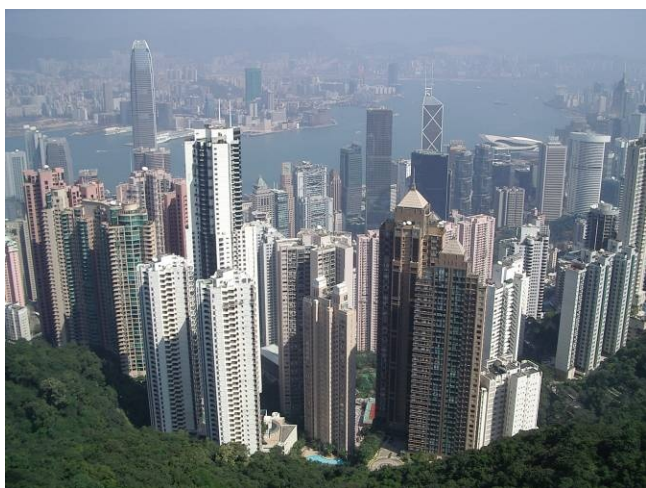
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Junk in Hong Kong Harbour

Day 5 – Today is spent on Hong Kong Island where we'll visit Hong Kong Park, the Tea Museum and take the Peak Tram to circumnavigate Victoria Peak. We will also travel on the Star Ferry for a cross-harbour trip – something that is a must in Hong Kong!

Day 6 – Today is spent visiting Aberdeen (a former fishing village) and traffic free Lamma Island for a cross-island walk and a dim-sum lunch. Depending on the weather there might be time for a swim in the South China Sea! We'll take the night ferry back to Hong Kong with a chance to see the city lights from the water.



View from Victoria Peak

Day 7 – Free Day to allow for personal exploration. Our Adagio Specialist will be on hand to give any advice.

Day 8 – We take in the heritage trail around one of the oldest Chinese clan traditional villages in the New Territories followed by a visit to Wetland Park, a showcase for Hong Kong's wildlife – in particular the many species of indigenous birds.

Day 9 – We'll visit the Sai Kung Peninsular, probably the most scenic area of Hong Kong. We take a boat ride among the islands and return on foot, visiting the Sheung Yiu Folk Museum on the way. The day ends with a seafood dinner in Sai Kung Town.

Day 10 – We turn back the clock to view some of the finest of British engineering works of the Victorian era by taking a walk with an easy descent alongside dams and reservoirs where there are splendid views of the countryside with local flora and fauna. Then it's a short bus ride to Stanley to visit the famous beach..

Day 11 – Today is spent on Lantau, the largest Hong Kong island. We'll take a scenic cable car ride to visit the largest Buddha in Asia high up in Ngong Ping, followed by a bus ride to the stilted fishing village of Tai O. Dinner is taken on the island at a coastal restaurant before returning on the evening ferry.



Lan Tau Island Buddha

Day 12 – Free time in the morning and then afternoon tea at a colonial style hotel before returning to the airport for our overnight flight home.

Day 13 – Arrive back in the UK.

Kowloon

Kowloon is one of the most vibrant and exciting districts in Hong Kong – there is so much to see and do here and plenty of places to eat and shop for traditional and modern wares. There are some wonderful views from the Kowloon Waterfront and you can immerse yourself in local life – explore the markets, visit the museums and other local sites or take the many transport options available to the other islands.



View across the bay

Salisbury Hotel

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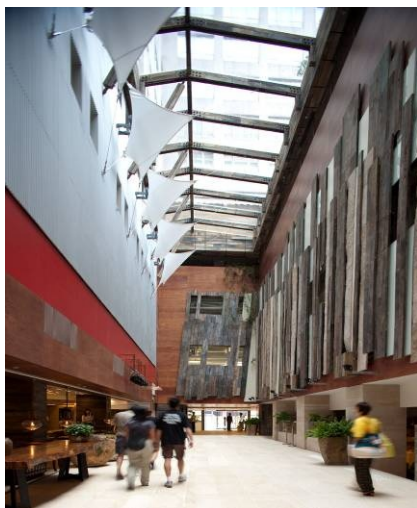
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The Salisbury Hotel (owned by the Hong Kong YMCA chain) – is in a prime location situated at the top of the Kowloon Peninsula with commanding views across Victoria harbour and to Hong Kong Island. It is in the heart of Kowloon with easy access to major sites and transport.



Salisbury Hotel



Atrium in the Hotel Lobby

We stay in twin or single bedrooms with en suite. Room facilities include wi-fi (chargeable), air conditioning, satellite TV, direct dial telephone, tea/coffee making facilities, electronic safe, hair dryer and mini-bar (chargeable).

Facilities at the hotel include restaurants/café, swimming pools, jacuzzi, sauna, fitness centre, laundry service (chargeable) and hair salon (chargeable).



Stylish accommodation

We include all breakfasts and dinners, one dim-sum lunch and one afternoon tea in the holiday cost. The remaining lunches are not included and will be at your expense. Breakfasts will be taken at the hotel and dinners in local restaurants.

Adagio Specialists

An Adagio Specialist will accompany you throughout the holiday. They are all experienced travellers with a love and knowledge of the places you will visit. They are well-organised, pay great attention to detail and enjoy being with people. They are there to help make your holiday as enjoyable and stress free as possible.

Local Sightseeing

Entrance fees are included in the holiday cost and some local transport costs but a majority of local transport costs are **NOT** included. We suggest allowing around £35-£40 for an Octopus card (similar to an Oyster card in the UK) that you can use on most transport systems. You can then top up funds on the card as and when needed.



Cable Car on Lan Tau Island

What to Bring.....

We recommend you bring the following items with you:

- **Walking shoes** with moulded soles will be fine on this holiday but if you feel more comfortable in lightweight walking boots then please bring these along instead.
- **Waterproof jacket and trousers.** It does rain sometimes!
- **A sunhat and sun cream.**
- **A water bottle.**
- **A picnic knife, fork and spoon,** as required.
- **A simple basic first aid kit.**
- **A daypack** to hold all the above.
- **Swimming clothes/towel.**

Passports, Visas & Insurance

and other important information

You will need a full passport to visit Hong Kong. Passport, visa and health requirements can change at any time. It is your own responsibility to ensure that you inform yourself from a professionally qualified source on, and comply with, such requirements. Advice on vaccinations is available from your GP, or can be obtained from the Medical Advisory Services for Travellers Abroad (MASTA). In addition, general travel advice is available from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office at www.fco.gov.uk/travel.

Please also see our General Information booklet for more important information and advice regarding your holiday arrangements.

Travel Information

We fly from London Heathrow to Hong Kong and return with Virgin Atlantic. The flight takes about 13 hours.

Details of your baggage allowance will be confirmed in your travel documents, sent to you approximately 10 days before departure.

We include a transfer from the airport to our accommodation and return.

During the week we'll travel on foot, by boat and by road.

If you intend joining and leaving the party in Kowloon, we assume, unless you have advised us otherwise, that you will meet and leave the party at the Salisbury Hotel. If this is not your intention, please let us know in writing at least 5 weeks before departure.

Maps, Books and Websites

Maps and books of Hong Kong can be found at specialist shops such as:

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Notes

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