

REVISED FLIGHT DETAILS
PROVISIONAL ITINERARY & GENERAL INFORMATION
Saturday, 5th – Friday, 11th December



One of several options for taking fabulous photographs at Hong Kong's Kai Tak Airport was being able to spend hours on a junk floating alongside the runway!

When the new Chep Lap Kok Airport opened this option – along with Chequerboard Hill, various apartment blocks, the Hong Kong Flying Club and the airport's short stay car park – all vanished; the end of an era.

However, the current security regulations now permit boats to loiter by the northern runway so long as they go no nearer than 200 meters – see photograph left, and others, taken by local aviation photographer Michael Leung.

In addition to two, 4-hour charters floating alongside the northern runway, the other photographic/logging sites available include a number of locations around the perimeter and the ends of the runways and the "Skydeck" observation deck on Terminal 2.

In 2002 we believe Ian Allan was the first organiser of aviation tours to be allowed airside, and we enjoyed several hours down by HAECO's ramp adjacent the south runway. We hope once again to be granted air-side access.

Hong Kong is famous for its sights, sounds and attractions; and for those that wish, you can accompany your tour manager on an optional evening excursion to Kowloon and Victoria Peak. The views from the top are unforgettable – see photograph at bottom of page 2.

We stay at the Novotel Citygate Hotel at the airport; transfers between the hotel and terminal are by their courtesy shuttle service, and travel to the various sites around the airport perimeter on public transport (bus) or taxi – as you wish (fares are not included in the tour price).

There is a lot of interest in this tour and we hope that actual bookings come in earlier rather than later so that we can confirm our seats on the very popular services of British Airways.

PROVISIONAL ITINERARY (all times local and approximate)

DAY 1: SATURDAY, 5th DECEMBER

Between 15:00 hrs. and 16:35 hrs. please check-in with British Airways in Terminal 5 at London's Heathrow Airport. Then meet your Ian Allan Tour Manager and fellow enthusiasts who will be gathering adjacent to Column G, located in the Departures Hall immediately before the self-service check-in podiums (not the usual line of check-in and fast bag-drop desks). Latest check-in time advised by the airline is 2 hours prior to departure, i.e. 16:35 hrs..

✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 5

Flight: BA 31

Departs: 18:35

DAY 2: SUNDAY, 6th DECEMBER

✈ Hong Kong

Arrives: 14:20

After Passport Control we collect our luggage from Baggage Reclaim and proceed through Customs; we transfer by shuttle coach to the nearby Novotel Citygate Airport Hotel where we stay 4 nights on a bed and breakfast basis. The hotel's facilities include 2 on-site restaurants and bar, wi-fi, free airport shuttle and currency exchange. We will request rooms facing the airport. Website: www.novotelcitygate.com/

The hotel is connected by escalator to a large shopping mall with 80+ shops and numerous restaurants. It is only a 2-minutes walk from the Tung Chung transport interchange from where you can catch a bus to the HEACO hangars, at the far end of runway, or the train to Kowloon 30 minutes away.

The remainder of the day is free.

Why not return to the airport and the Skydeck observation terrace on T2? There are a number of websites giving information on places to photograph and log aircraft movements, including: www.spotterswiki.com/index.php/Hong_Kong_Airport



DAY 3: MONDAY, 7th DECEMBER



At 08:30 hrs. we leave the hotel and walk to nearby Tong Chung Public Pier (TCPP) where our specially chartered boat (*pictured left*) is due to arrive from downtown Kowloon at 09:00 hrs.

We then cruise around the western thresholds of both runways and take station alongside the northern runway for 4 hours. At 13:00 hrs. we return to TCPP and disembark.

The boat's facilities include toilets and a fridge to store any drinks you may wish to take with you; and for your safety we have hired a lifeguard to be on board.

Depending on final numbers in the group we will charter a larger vessel if necessary.

The remainder of the day is free for photographing/logging from any of the various locations around the airport's perimeter.

DAY 4: TUESDAY, 8th DECEMBER

A second full day spent snapping and/or scribbling from any of the various locations around the perimeter of the airport and/or the Skydeck above T2.

We await a reply to our request to spend time airside today.

For those who wish to see something of Hong Kong in addition to aircraft, why not accompany your tour manager to Kowloon, and from there cross over to Hong Kong Island on the famous White Star ferry.

We then take the Peak Tram to the summit of Victoria Peak from where there are stunning views out over the ex-Colony, especially on a clear evening with literally millions of lights stretching as far as the eye can see. Definitely not to be missed!



Your evening meal, at your own expense, can be taken at any one of the dozens of fast-food cafés or sit-down restaurants.



DAY 5: WEDNESDAY, 9th DECEMBER

This morning is free.

At 13:00 hrs. we board our chartered boat at TCPP and return to the waters alongside the northern runway for 4 hours.

This photograph was taken from a similar boat by local aviation photographer Michael Leung on 8th July, 2014 at 15:34 hrs.

At 17:00 hrs. we return to the TCPP and disembark.

DAY 6: THURSDAY, 10th DECEMBER

This morning we have to check-out of the hotel by 11:00 hrs., however, you can place your luggage either in the hotel's storeroom or in the airport's left luggage facility (for a reasonable charge).

The remainder of the day is free.

Latest check-in time for our British Airways B777 service to Heathrow is 21:45 hrs..

✈ Hong Kong

Flight: BA 28

Departs: 23:45

DAY 7: FRIDAY, 11th DECEMBER

✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 5

Arrives: 05:00

Whilst waiting in Baggage Reclaim for our luggage we take the opportunity to bid each other "Farewell" – until we meet again.

TOUR PRICE PER PERSON	TOUR: 227604
<p>From: £ 1,579.00</p> <p>From: £ 319.00</p> <p>On request</p>	<p>Price based on sharing a twin bedded room on a Bed and Breakfast basis.</p> <p>Single room supplement</p> <p>Land-only (NO flights) <i>PLEASE SPEAK WITH ONE OF OUR CONSULTANTS BEFORE BOOKING</i></p>

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- Return flights from London's Heathrow Airport on the scheduled services of British Airways
- 4 nights hotel accommodation in rooms with en-suite facilities
- Continental breakfast each morning
- 2 x 4-hour boat charters as stated
- Services of a lifeguard on the boat
- Services of an Ian Allan Tour Manager throughout

NOT INCLUDED

- Any charge to go airside, if approved
- Meals, other than those as stated above
- Cost of local transport: e.g. to/from the HAECO Maintenance spotting location
- Optional sightseeing excursion to The Peak
- Travel insurance
- Visas, if required
- Personal expenditure, e.g. telephone calls, laundry, drinks, etc.
- Tips and gratuities

Payment for Ian Allan Aviation Tours

A deposit of £300.00 per person should accompany your Booking Form, with the balance due 10 weeks prior to the tour's departure. Please see your Booking Confirmation/Invoice for the exact date. Please note that a reminder of the payment date will not be sent.

Tours Affected by World Events or Unforeseen/ Unplanned Circumstances

In an ever-changing world, events may occur immediately before or during a tour that result in cancellations or changes to the tour itinerary. For example, an increase in security may result in an approved visit being cancelled by the host, etc.. Ian Allan Aviation Tours cannot be held responsible for any tour being cancelled, or itineraries affected, due to world events or circumstances beyond our control.

Passports and Visas

Citizens of the UK are required to be in possession of a Full UK Passport, which must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of your return. You may also refer to the World Travel Guide: www.worldtravelguide.net for general information on passports, visas and health requirements.

British nationals do not require a visa to enter Hong Kong for periods of 6 months or less.

All other nationalities should enquire at their nearest Chinese Embassy or Consulate.

FCO Consular Advice

The FCO's consular service is a major operation. Every hour of every day consular staff around the world are advising and helping British nationals. We suggest you visit www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice for up-to-date passport, visa and security information on the destination you intend visiting.

In addition, the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) provides both a web site <http://abta.com/go-travel> and an Information Line, telephone: 0203 117 0599. This line is open between the hours 10:00 – 16:00, Monday-Friday (excluding bank holidays).

Baggage Regulations – British Airways – Departing from London's Heathrow Airport

Checked Baggage: British Airways will transport 1 piece of 'checked' baggage per person free of charge, the total dimensions of which must not exceed 190cm x 75cm x 65cm (75in x 29½in x 25½in), including the handle, pockets and wheels. Maximum weight is 23kg (50lb).

Cabin Baggage: for travel out of London's Heathrow Airport you may take 1 carry-on bag (and 1 personal item). Your main piece of hand baggage can be up to the dimensions of 56cm x 45cm x 25cm (22in x 18in x 10in), including handles and wheels. You must be able to lift the bag into the overhead locker unaided. Carry-on baggage must be stowed in carry-on compartments of the aircraft, under a seat, or in an overhead locker. Your bag must also fit into the bag gauge, available at the check-in area. All larger-sized items must go in the aircraft's hold.

Hand, or cabin, baggage is limited to one item no bigger than 25cm (9.85 inches) deep x 56cm (22 inches) long x 45cm (17½ inches) high, and which you must be able to lift unaided into the overhead locker onboard the aircraft, plus one 'personal item', i.e. laptop, briefcase, etc..

Limited quantities of liquids are allowed as hand baggage but must be carried separately through security in a clear plastic, zip-top or re-sealable bag that does not exceed 20cm x 20cm (8 inches x 8 inches), or quart size. Individual containers must not exceed 90ml or 3 American ounces, and items must fit in the bag comfortably and the bag must be completely closed. The bag can only contain: Shampoo, suntan lotions, creams, toothpaste, hair gel and hair spray, perfumes, cosmetics such as mascara and lip gloss, water and other drinks, soups and syrups and other items of a similar consistency.

Hand baggage can include: Electronic equipment including mobile phones, digital cameras and MP3 players (such as i-Pods). Laptops must be removed from the bag for x-ray. Prescription medicines in liquid form, e.g. diabetic kit.

All electrical devices, e.g. cameras, laptops, i-pads, mobile phones etc, must be fully charged.

If not they, and you, may have to undergo additional security checks which could result in you missing your flight; in which case – depending on the co-operation of the airline - you may have to purchase new tickets (if you do not board your first flight then all other flights are automatically cancelled).

At security all remaining items should be placed in the tray provided for screening, e.g. car keys and fobs, cash, solid food, books, newspapers, cigarettes and tobacco, belts and shoes. Pushchairs and walking aids are permitted but must be x-ray screened. All wheelchairs will be subject to search. Please note, you may be subject to a hand search by the security team and required to remove footwear to be x-ray screened.

Once in the departure lounge passengers may purchase certain items in any shop and take it onto the aircraft as normal. Passengers may be subject to a secondary search at the departure gate before boarding. Any items not on the approved list will be removed.

As baggage regulations can change with little warning, due to security requirements, you are strongly advised to contact the airline for the latest information nearer to the time of your departure.

Meals

Meals are not normally included in the price of our tours unless they are included within the room rate as we realise that not everyone wants three meals a day, especially in the USA where dinner tends to be quite large. Furthermore, hotel meals can be expensive and in general, we have found it is better to allow each person to decide for themselves. On this tour Continental Breakfast is included

In-flight meals when included within the cost of the air ticket form part of the tour price, however some airlines (primarily European carriers) now only serve refreshments for which they charge accordingly.

Health Requirements

There are currently no known mandatory or recommended precautions required for travel to Hong Kong. However, we strongly recommend that you consult your local doctor or health centre for the latest information.

Climate and Dress

After the stifling heat and humidity of the summer, the weather turns cooler and friendlier. Dry with some periods of cloud. Temperatures should range between 54° – 68°sF (12 - 20°sC): the evenings can be cool. We recommend you take a jacket, especially for when we are on the boat.

Travel Insurance

For citizens of the United Kingdom, Ian Allan Aviation Tours can provide competitive and comprehensive insurance cover for the duration of your tour. However, if you do not wish to take out our insurance, you must ensure that comparable or greater cover is taken. The number of your Insurance Policy should be written, if known, on your Booking Form at the time of making the reservation, but no later than the date when final payment is due. A copy of the policy must be forwarded to Ian Allan Aviation Tours.

Individual insurance policies are arranged through CoverMore Insurance Services Limited; the premiums for which will vary according to your circumstances. Full details are available on request.

The Policies for the USA also include cover for non-scheduled flights, i.e. pleasure flights, where the aircraft is licensed and insured to undertake such flights, and where a payment is made.

Wheelchair Assistance at Airports

Anyone requiring wheelchair assistance at airports must have this service requested and confirmed in advance. Airlines and/or airports can no longer provide this service without prior confirmation, therefore, please annotate your booking form accordingly.

Please note that should we be granted access air-side, anyone using a wheelchair, walking sticks or crutches will not be allowed to go on to the airport's operational areas for your, and flight safety, reasons.

Flexible Itinerary

We are very happy for enthusiasts to take time away from the printed itinerary to pursue their own interests during multi-day stays in the same place, so long as they inform the Tour Manager. It will be the individual's responsibility to ensure that they re-join the group in the hotel at the stated time on the day of departure.

Land Only Price

For enthusiasts who would prefer to join the tour in Hong Kong (instead of flying from the UK with the main group), we would be pleased to quote a 'Land Only' price. This price *does not* include any flights whatsoever and you are strongly advised to contact us before making your own flight arrangements in the event that there has been a change to the published itinerary.

Flight Timings & Connecting Travel Arrangements to Departure Airport

All flight departure and arrival times are correct at the time of preparing each itinerary, however, airlines may change these times with little or no prior warning. In practice such changes are only a few minutes either way and the final itinerary will show the actual times. Clients making their own arrangements to get to the departure airport by air, rail, coach etc., should bare the above in mind if purchasing non-refundable or non-changeable tickets. Ian Allan Aviation Tours cannot be held responsible for any changes to flight times, and any privately arranged travel tickets to the airport becoming invalid.

Pre-departure

For connecting flights from UK regional airports - please call Ian Allan Aviation Tours on 01932 255625 for the latest special offers available.

Airport Hotel and/or Car Parking - we can offer special rates for the above at most UK airports, please ask for details.

"Purple Meet & Greet" Car Parking: from your home or overnight hotel, simply drive directly to Terminal 5 to the special 'valet parking' area located in the short term car park connected to the terminal. At the Purple Meet & Greet Reception you leave your car keys and it will be taken to an off-airport, secure, car park while you walk the few yards into the terminal! On your return your car will be waiting for you at the Purple Reception. Simple and very convenient. Recommended by our Tour Managers – please call for details: it may be cheaper than you think.

Pleasure Flights – Disclaimer

Should you decide to undertake any pleasure/sightseeing flights which have not been offered or sanctioned by us, Ian Allan Aviation Tours will not be held liable for any injuries or death resulting thereon.

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