



PRE TRAVEL

# HONG KONG

GUIDE

## You're traveling to Hong Kong!

This short guide will help you prepare for your upcoming journey with Alluring Asia.

### *Passports & Visa*

A passport with a minimum of six months validity remaining from the date of entry and evidence of onward/return ticket are required. A visa is not required for United States citizens to enter Hong Kong.

*Click on bullet items below for more information.*

- Apply for a passport
- Renew by mail
- Report and replace lost/stolen U.S. passport
- Correct or change U.S. passport information
- Visa information

### *Immunizations & Vaccines*

We strongly recommend you seek the advice of your physician for all travel vaccinations. For additional information please visit [www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel).

### *Tipping*

Service charges of 10% are added to bills in most leading hotels and restaurants. Where it is not included, a tip of 10-15% of the bill would be appropriate.

#### **Airport porter/hotel bellboy:**

\$1.00 - \$2.00 USD per bag.

#### **Your tour guide:**

\$10.00 - \$12.00 USD per person per day.

#### **Driver/assistants:**

\$6.00 - \$7.00 USD per person per day.

## What to Pack

During the spring/summer months (March-September) 73F-91F with high humidity. Bring an umbrella, rain jacket, lightweight breathable clothing, a sweater/shawl, swimwear and comfortable walking shoes.

During the fall/winter months (October-February) 62F-73F with lower humidity. Bring sweaters and light jackets.

A few articles of formal attire for those nights out on the town.

An English to Cantonese dictionary electronic or book format can prove to be a valuable source.

The standard electrical voltage is 220 volts AC, 50HZ so an adapter is necessary as well as a three-prong outlet plug.

An extra suitcase to bring home your newly acquired purchases.

## MISC.

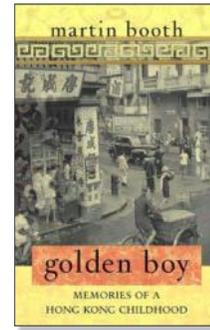
Hong Kong is a fashion-designer conscience city and everyone dresses smart, chic and conservatively. The dark muted colors are favored amongst the locals, so you may wish to follow suit to avoid looking like a tourist.

As many establishments are quite cold indoors due to their air-conditioning, it's wise to always carry a shawl or sweater with you to fend off the chill.

Many restaurants have dress codes or at least you must be smartly dressed and well groomed for entry.

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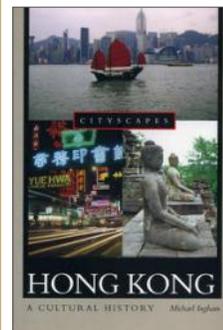
## Reading List



### Golden Boy, Memories of a Hong Kong Childhood

Author: Martin Booth, Biography/Memoir, 2006, 337 pages

Description: Booth, who came with his family to Hong Kong as a 10-year-old in the 1950s, writes with affection of the Hong Kong of his youth in this warm memoir of a way of life that has largely disappeared. He roamed freely throughout Kowloon (where they lived initially) and lush Hong Kong Island, charming his way into the homes and lives of his Chinese friends.



### Hong Kong, A Cultural History

Author: Michael Ingham, Cultural Portrait, 2007, 256 pages

Description: Beneath the surface of Hong Kong's clichéd self-image as Pearl of the Orient and Shopping Paradise, Michael Ingham reveals a city rich in history, myth, and cultural diversity.



### Hong Kong

Author: Jan Morris, Cultural Portrait, 1997, 384 pages

Description: In this book Jan Morris covers the entire city in typical fashion -- enumerating the many personal pleasures she found there, as well as deftly describing the most important aspects of Hong Kong's history and culture. Reissued with a new final chapter on the city's return to China.