

## Ancient Land Offers Wealth Of Experience



**Visitors to Hong Kong may find a variety of cultural and historical entertainment. Here you can see the Tranquil Kwun Yum Temple on Lantau Island, street opera singers at a Hong Kong market, a traditional Eastern garment and the modern Museum of History.**

(NAPSA)—A growing number of people interested in a journey rich in art and excitement have discovered the cultural value of a city steeped in heritage and tradition.

Hong Kong offers visitors a wealth of history and beauty. The land celebrates its past with a multitude of museums and cultural events and treats onlookers to a variety of easily accessible sights and sounds ranging from ancient works of art to modern Chinese dance and music.

For example, the Hong Kong Tourist Association makes available unlimited access passes to five major Museums: The Hong Kong Museum of History, Art—Science, Heritage and Space. To facilitate easy access a shuttle service is provided. The vacationers avoid long ticket lines and make the best use of their time in Hong Kong.

The latest addition to the museum tour is the Hong Kong Heritage Museum. The structure houses twelve galleries arranged around an open courtyard in traditional Chinese fashion. Works on display include the famous Doctor T. T. Tsui collection, an arrangement of Chinese pottery and bronze pieces from different dynasties and Tibetan Buddha statues and paintings.

Visitors to Hong Kong can also find smaller museums dedicated to specific areas of interest such as railway trains, horse racing, tea ware or police history—one museum is dedicated to a complete family tomb uncovered by chance during site work.

“Chinese art,” according to Hong Kong resident Jane Ram, “is overwhelming, not only for the beauty and craftsmanship of the individual object, but because such work has been produced for well over five-thousand years.”

True hospitality goes beyond red carpet treatment or even a warm welcome. Contacts with the experts of local life and lore will make your visit to Hong Kong—the City of Life—the experience of a lifetime.

Visitors looking to experience the personal side of Hong Kong’s traditions and ways of life may be interested in the Hong Kong Tourist Association’s Meet the People program. English speaking hosts meet visitors and familiarize them with aspects of the land that a more casual visitor may miss. These person-to-person ambassadors will usher you into Hong Kong’s inner world with an enticing program of activities scheduled every week.

Learn about fung shui, sometimes called geomancy. Literally translated as ‘wind and water’, fung shui arose out of traditional Chinese respect for the environment. It is the practice of positioning objects in harmony with nature to ensure and even to create, good fortune. Try tai chi, sometimes called ‘Shadow Boxing’. Developed many centuries ago, tai chi balances the yin and the yang, doing as much for the mind and soul as for the body.

Hong Kong is also well known for its cultural activities. The Hong Kong Arts Festival for example, is one of the oldest international artistic celebrations in the Asia-Pacific region.

The festival’s concentration of eclectic events including Shakespearean plays, major international opera and dance groups and even acrobatics, help make it a great stop for art connoisseurs of all types. A number of different festivals occur throughout the year. Many explorers of Hong Kong time their visits to the city in accordance with the activities.

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