

Two Great Cities....One Great Reunion!



HONG KONG

Plan to spend a couple of days in Hong Kong on your way to Macau? Macau is only 55 minutes away from Central Hong Kong via hydrofoil or high speed catamaran. With departures every 15 minutes, getting to Macau is easy.

The Hong Kong chapter has a number of “just show up” events planned for visiting alumni.

On Tuesday November 3rd put on your walking shoes and grab your camera and join us for a walk around The Peak at dusk. Meet at HK-side Star Ferry (near the taxi queue) at 4:50PM or on The Peak at 5:20PM (where Peak Road meets Lugard Road--next to Peak Lookout Cafe).

We will take a leisurely stroll around The Peak and admire the world famous view.

After working up a thirst, we will head down the hill to the Rooftop of The Fringe Club, 2 Lower Albert Road (Next to the Foreign Correspondents' Club). The festivities will begin about 6:30pm and last until ??

Enjoy a cold beer under the stars in the middle of Central. Enjoy a light dinner at the Fringe Club or head to one of the nearby restaurants in Lan Kwai Fong or SoHo.

If you are still in Hong Kong on Wednesday night, **Club 1911** (27 Staunton Street) in SoHo will be Thunderbird Central. Meet for a drink at 1911 and then grab a bite at one of the dozens of nearby restaurants. If you are coming from Central, take the Mid-Level escalator up the hill. Turn right when you get to Staunton Street. You can't miss it.

Check back for updates on other events in Hong Kong.



MACAU

As in Hong Kong, several events are planned that do not require any advanced sign-up.

Evidence of Portugal's 450 years of colonial rule is all around. We'll have walking tours leaving from the host hotel to the UNESCO world heritage zone and to other popular historical sites.

We'll arrange events for every interest group: Whisky & Cuban cigars? No problem. Antique furniture? You bet! Dinner at Fernandos? Of course. Poker tournament? Why not?

Macau is the world's largest center of casino gambling. You'll find all the usual games of chance and a few that are uniquely Chinese. Even the usual games have a few local rules. Observers can bet on your hand and win when you win. Don't forget to share your winnings with the Thunderbird Annual Fund.

Six things to see in Macau

Got an hour to kill?

Macau proper (the part on the tip of the peninsula) is only about four square miles. Most popular historical sites can be reached on foot in just a few minutes. Macau was made to be explored on foot. There is something interesting—often a fort, church, or casino—around almost every corner.

Here are six things to consider when you've got an hour or two of free time:

- Visit the historic Senado Square and the ruins of St. Paul's. New York has the Statue of Liberty, Paris has the Eiffel Tower, Macau has the ruins of St. Paul's. Macau's iconic building is worth a visit, even if often crowded with tourists.
- Get lost or at least try to. Take time to go down the narrow alleys off the beaten path. St. Paul's is a good place to start. Just a courtyard or street away, an older and slower paced world beckons. The small crooked streets may disorient you, but have no fear. Macau is so small, you are never more than a short taxi ride from the hotel.
- Take a taxi to the Venetian Hotel & Casino on the Cotai Strip. See the world's largest casino. Watch as Chinese factory owners gamble away next month's employee payroll.
- Visit the basement casino of the Lisboa. If you want to see what gambling was like before competition from Adelson and Wynn, this is the place. Low ceilings, lots of smoke and noise. Many women of the evening (and afternoon and morning) lurk just outside the casino to help the winners spend their money.
- Protestant Cemetery. It is rather hard to find but worth the effort. Traders & sailors from all over the world made it all the way to Macau before succumbing to tropical diseases. (For more info, check out "Old Protestant Cemetery in Macau" on Wikipedia).
- Visit the antique furniture shops (near the St. Paul's steps). See both genuine antique furniture and antiques "made to order". Items shipped all over the world.
- Check out this website for more walking tours of Macau:
http://hk.macautourism.gov.mo/en/discovering/walking_tour.php

Passing Through Hong Kong?

The Hong Kong chapter has some corporate rates it will share with you.

The Imperial Hotel

32-34 Nathan Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon. (Near The Peninsula & Sheraton Hotels)

Good location. Near Tsim Sha Tsui MTR and the Star Ferry. Rooms smallish but adequate. Room rate includes 3 hours of Wi-Fi internet per day.

Rates below *include* all taxes & service charges. This is a fantastic rate!

Standard Room HK\$450 (US\$58)

Superior Room HK\$500 (US\$65)

Deluxe Room HK\$550 (US\$71)

Harbour Room HK\$650 (US\$84)

To make a reservation, contact Mr. Remus Poon at: < corporate@imperialhotel.com.hk >

You must mention THUNDERBIRD when making reservation.

The Kowloon Hotel

19-21 Nathan Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon (Just behind the Peninsula Hotel)

Great location. Above Tsim Sha Tsui MTR station. Five minute walk to Star Ferry. Rooms are small but modern and functional.

Superior room: HK\$1089 (US\$140) including service charge.

To make a reservation, contact Ms. Elaine Chan at: < elainec1@harbour-plaza.com >

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