



The Eureka Teachers'

Guide to Hong Kong

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We are here for your teaching journey.**



PREFACE



'The Pearl of the Orient', 'Asia's World City', 'The Fragrant Harbour' or however you've heard Hong Kong described, we're delighted to welcome you to this remarkable city.

Hong Kong is a unique blend of East and West. A city where glittering skyscrapers rise beside lush mountains, centuries-old traditions coexist with modern innovation, and every visit reveals something new to discover.

You can:

- ✓ Take a ferry to one of Hong Kong's beautiful outlying islands
- ✓ Explore scenic hiking trails with breathtaking city views
- ✓ Wander through vibrant neighbourhoods filled with cafés, markets and hidden gems
- ✓ Enjoy everything from world-famous dim sum to Michelin-recommended street food
- ✓ Experience colourful festivals, stunning country parks, beaches, museums and a thriving arts scene

This guide has been put together by the Eureka team to help you prepare for living and teaching in Hong Kong. Inside, you'll find practical advice, local tips and useful information to help you settle in with confidence. If you can't find the answer you're looking for, just get in touch with the Eureka team. We're always happy to help.

Teaching overseas is more than just a career opportunity. It's a chance to discover a new culture, build lifelong friendships and grow both personally and professionally.

We hope this guide is the first step in making Hong Kong feel a little more like home. Eureka looks forward to being a part of your journey.

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HOUSING >>>

Before you Arrive

Before travelling to Hong Kong, we recommend booking a short-term accommodation for around two to four weeks through your preferred booking platform. Whether you choose a hotel, hostel, serviced apartment or Airbnb, having a temporary accommodation will give you time to recover from your journey, explore different neighbourhoods and find a place that suits your needs.

Tip: Rooms in Hong Kong are often smaller than they appear in photos! If possible, avoid committing to a long-term rental until you've had the chance to view the property in person.

After you Arrive

Once you've had a chance to explore the city, it's time to find longer-term accommodation.

Options range from serviced apartments and shared flats to private rental properties, with lease terms typically lasting from a few months to 2 years. Take your time to find somewhere that suits your lifestyle and budget. Remember to factor in upfront costs and always read your tenancy agreement carefully before signing.

Eureka is happy to connect teachers with trusted housing agents who can help you find suitable accommodation at reasonable rates.

Housing FAQ

When should I start looking for a flat in Hong Kong?

Once you're in Hong Kong, browse a few flats in areas you want to live in as early as possible to know the market. When you do see a great flat, you'll be expected to say yes within a few short hours, if not on the spot!

Most flats are listed only 0.5-1 month in advance of the lease start date.

Tip: Eureka recommends settling in a flat after you know where your school is so you can plan your commute time.

How do I find a flat in Hong Kong?

Don't underestimate the power of networking in Hong Kong! The city is transient and people are used to friends coming and going. To find the true gems, start by asking people you've met whether they know of any great rooms opening up!



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Recommended Housing Providers

To help you settle into Hong Kong, there are several trusted accommodation providers offering a range of short- and medium-term housing options. Whether you're looking for a shared flat, co-living space or private studio, these providers offer flexible solutions for newly arrived teachers.

Mongkok Mansions

Affordable shared accommodation in convenient locations across Kowloon and Hong Kong Island.

- Exclusive Eureka Benefit*: Only **1 month's deposit** with a Eureka referral.

**The Eureka discount only applies when contacting Eureka directly (info@eurekahk.net)*

Wing Kong Holdings Ltd. <https://wing-kong.com/>

A wide selection of furnished shared and private rooms across Hong Kong, with utilities, Wi-Fi and maintenance support available.

Exclusive Eureka Benefit*:

- Up to **HK\$500** worth of personal care products and household appliances
- Up to **HK\$1,400** shopping credit at Melaleuca**

**The Eureka discount only applies when contacting Eureka directly (info@eurekahk.net)*

***Promotional offers are subject to availability.*

Apple Dorm www.appledorm.com

A budget-friendly international co-living community with multilingual staff and regular social activities. Ideal for teachers looking for affordable short-term accommodation.

Apple Studio www.applestudio.hk

Modern, fully furnished private studios in convenient locations, including weekly housekeeping. Ideal for teachers seeking greater privacy during their initial stay.

Weave Living www.weave-living.com

A premium co-living option offering stylish furnished studios, flexible lease terms and excellent communal facilities.

Tip: Never transfer money or pay deposit for a property you haven't viewed in person (or through a trusted representative).

If you're planning to stay in Hong Kong for a year or more, renting a private flat is often the most practical option. While **two-year tenancy agreements** are still the most common, one-year leases and more flexible arrangements are also available, depending on the landlord and property.

Before signing a tenancy agreement, read the terms carefully, paying particular attention to the lease length, notice period, break clause, deposit and any additional fees. Many people find their home through a local estate agent. Agents usually specialise in specific neighbourhoods and often have access to properties that aren't advertised online.

To find an agent, you can:

- Ask friends, colleagues or the Eureka team for recommendations
- Browse property providers such as Wing Kong, Weave Living, etc.
- Visit estate agencies in the neighbourhood where you'd like to live
- Join local housing and flatshare groups on Facebook

Tip: Estate agents in Hong Kong **typically charge a commission** (often around half a month's rent), so be sure to confirm any fees before signing an agreement.

How much is rent in Hong Kong?

Rental prices in Hong Kong vary greatly depending on the **location, size and age** of the property. As a general rule, the closer you are to the city centre or an MTR station, the higher the rent. For the price of a small studio on Hong Kong Island, you may be able to rent a much larger flat in the New Territories. Note that the fees below are recorded as of 2026 averages. Given Hong Kong's volatile rental market, the fees are likely subject to change.

Flatshare

Many teachers choose to live in **shared accommodation** during their first year. Expect to pay around HK\$6,000–HK\$10,000 per month for a room, depending on the location and size of the flat.

Flatshare often offers better value, with shared living areas and kitchens, furnished rooms and lower upfront costs than renting your own flat.

Studio

A small studio typically costs HK\$9,000–HK\$15,000+ per month, depending on the district and condition of the property. While you'll enjoy more privacy, studio flats are often compact and may have limited kitchen or storage space.

Tip: Always **view a property in person**—or ask someone you trust to do so—before signing a tenancy agreement or paying a deposit.

How much money do I need to pay upfront?

Hotels/Hostels/Airbnb

Simply pay for the cost of your stay according to the booking platform's payment terms.

Short-Term Flatshare / Serviced Apartment

Most providers require **1–2 months' rent upfront**, typically:

- 1 month's rent (first month's stay)
- 1 month's deposit (refundable, subject to the tenancy agreement)



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What area should I live in?

Some Popular Areas for Expat Teachers:

Yau Tsim Mong (Tsim Sha Tsui, Jordan, Yau Ma Tei, Mong Kok, Prince Edward)

A popular choice for teachers looking for affordable accommodation in a central location. With excellent transport links, you'll have easy access to schools across Hong Kong. The area is known for its lively atmosphere, great local food, late-night eateries and authentic Hong Kong culture.

Hong Kong Island (Sheung Wan, Sai Ying Pun, Kennedy Town)

Ideal for those seeking a balance between local culture and an international lifestyle. These neighbourhoods offer trendy cafés, restaurants and waterfront promenades alongside traditional markets and heritage streets. The rent is generally higher, but the convenience and vibrant community make it a favourite amongst many expats.

New Territories (Tai Po, Tseung Kwan O, Tuen Mun, Sha Tin)

If you prefer a quieter lifestyle with more space, the New Territories offers larger, better-valued apartments and easy access to parks, beaches and hiking trails. Many areas are still within 30–45 minutes to the city centre by MTR.

Sai Kung

Often described as Hong Kong's 'back garden', Sai Kung is popular with teachers who enjoy outdoor living. Expect a relaxing seaside atmosphere, excellent hiking trails, water sports and a wide selection of cafés and restaurants. Commuting can take a little longer, but many residents feel it's well worth it.

Discovery Bay

Located on Lantau Island, Discovery Bay offers a peaceful, family-friendly environment with beaches, waterfront dining and plenty of green space. Although rents are generally higher, it is well connected by ferry and bus and remains a popular choice for teachers and expatriates.

Lamma Island

A peaceful, car-free island around 30 minutes by ferry from Central. Lamma offers a unique lifestyle with larger homes, scenic coastal walks and a close-knit community. It's ideal for those looking to escape the city's pace, although it is usually better suited to teachers who are already familiar with Hong Kong and don't mind relying on ferry transport.



PHONE PLAN >>>



Getting a Mobile Phone Plan

Having a local mobile number is one of the first things you'll need after arriving in Hong Kong. It makes it easier to contact your school, landlord, colleagues and new friends, and is often required when opening a bank account or signing up for local services.

Prepaid SIM Card

This is a good option for your first few weeks in Hong Kong. Prepaid SIM cards are inexpensive, easy to purchase at **convenience stores**, **supermarkets** and **mobile network shops**, and usually include generous data allowances.

Monthly Mobile Plan

If you'll be staying for several months, a monthly plan often offers better value. Most providers offer contracts ranging from 12 to 24 months, as well as flexible SIM-only plans with no long-term commitment.

These providers offer reliable coverage throughout Hong Kong, with plans to suit different budgets and data needs.

Major Mobile Providers in HK:



China Mobile Hong Kong (CMHK)



3HK

SmarTone

SmarTone



CSL

Getting Connected at the Airport

After landing at Hong Kong International Airport, you may visit the China Mobile Hong Kong (CMHK) counter or a 7-Eleven convenience store to purchase a tourist SIM card. These are an easy way to get connected immediately, with plans starting from around HK\$50 - 80 for 10 days of unlimited data (subject to the latest promotions and availability).

Tip: Free Wi-Fi is widely available in shopping malls, cafés, MTR stations and public areas. However, a local data plan is highly recommended while on the move.

Emergency Services: If you require urgent assistance, dial **999** for the Police, Fire Services Department or Ambulance. Emergency calls are **free of charge**, even if you do not have a local mobile plan.



TRANSPORTATION

Getting To & From Hong Kong International Airport

Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) is well connected to the city by train, bus and taxi. Whether you're travelling to your temporary accommodation or meeting your Eureka representative, you'll find a transport option to suit every budget.

Budget – Airport Bus

Airport buses (routes beginning with 'A' and 'E') provide affordable direct services to most districts across Hong Kong. If you arrive late at night, overnight buses ('N' routes) are also available.

Fares typically range from HK\$20–50, depending on your destination and most buses have luggage compartments.

Tip: Use **Google Maps** to plan your journey, and download the **App1933 – KMB • LWB** app to check real-time bus arrival times and schedules.

Mid-Range – Airport Express

The Airport Express is the fastest way to reach the city centre.

- **Journey time:** Around 24 minutes to Hong Kong Station
- **Stops:** Tsing Yi, Kowloon and Hong Kong
- **Frequency:** Every 10–15 minutes
- **Fare:** Approximately HK\$115

Premium – Taxi

Taxis operate 24 hours a day from the Arrivals Hall. Join the appropriate taxi queue based on your destination: red (Urban) taxis serve Hong Kong Island and Kowloon, while green (New Territories) taxis serve the New Territories.

Approximate fares:

- Kowloon: HK\$250–350
- Hong Kong Island: HK\$320–450
- New Territories: HK\$250–450

Additional charges apply for tunnel tolls and luggage placed in the boot (currently HK\$6 per item).

Eureka's Tip:

-  Airport Bus – Best value for money
-  Airport Express – Best if travelling with large luggage
-  Taxi – Most convenient for late-night arrivals or door-to-door travel

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Public Transportation

Hong Kong's public transport system is safe, efficient and easy to use. Most services accept Octopus Card, contactless credit/debit cards and mobile payments.

MTR

Website with Journey Planner: www.mtr.com.hk

- Operating hours: Approximately **6:00 am – 1:00 am** (varies by line and station)
- All stations provide **English and Chinese** signs and announcements.
- The MTR is the **fastest** way to travel around Hong Kong.

Public Buses

No advance ticket is required for bus travel. Simply tap your Octopus Card, contactless bank card or mobile wallet when boarding. Cash is also accepted for most routes, but exact fare is required as no change is given.

Major bus operators:

- KMB & LWB: www.kmb.hk
- Citybus: www.citybus.com.hk

Minibuses

Green minibuses have fixed routes and fares, while **red minibuses** have more flexible routes.

- Green minibuses accept Octopus Card and other contactless payment methods. Many red minibuses are **cash only**, although some now also accept Octopus or electronic payment.
- Most green minibuses have a **red stop button**. If there isn't one, simply **call out 'Yau lok!'** (有落, meaning 'I'd like to get off') around **100–200 metres before your stop**.

Minibuses can be **confusing for newcomers** and some drivers may have **limited English**. We recommend trying them after you've settled into life in Hong Kong.

Trams

Operating only on Hong Kong Island, trams are one of the city's most iconic and affordable ways to travel. Although slower than the MTR, trams offer a unique way to explore Hong Kong Island.

- Adult fare: **HK\$3.30** per journey
- Payment: Octopus Card or cash (**pay when you get off**)
- Operating hours: Approximately **5:00 am – 12:00 am**

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Public Transportation

Ferries

Hong Kong's ferry network offers a scenic and relaxing way to travel. The iconic **Star Ferry** connects **Tsim Sha Tsui with Central and Wan Chai**, providing spectacular views of Victoria Harbour.

Ferries also depart from **Central Pier** to popular **islands**, including Lamma Island, Cheung Chau, Peng Chau and Mui Wo (Lantau Island), making them ideal for those living on the islands or looking to enjoy weekend trips.

Taxis

Taxis are a convenient way to travel, especially if you're carrying luggage or travelling late at night. When a taxi is available, the small red 'FOR HIRE' sign will be illuminated.

- At the airport, MTR stations and busy areas, please use designated taxi ranks.
- Carrying cash is recommended.
- Always ask for a receipt. It shows the taxi registration number.

Hong Kong taxis are colour-coded by operating area:

-  **Red** – Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and most urban areas
-  **Green** – New Territories
-  **Blue** – Lantau Island (including Hong Kong International Airport)

If you **leave something behind in a taxi**, you can contact the Hong Kong Police or the Road Co-op Lost Property Hotline: **187 2920**.

Tip: Save your address in both English and Chinese on your phone before you arrive as some drivers may have limited English.

Octopus Card

The Octopus Card is Hong Kong's most convenient payment card for **public transport** and **everyday purchases**. You can purchase one at any **MTR Customer Service Centre** or at the Airport Express Customer Service Centre in Hong Kong International Airport. Top up your card easily at MTR stations, 7-Eleven, Circle K, selected supermarkets or through the **Octopus App**.

With the [Octopus App \(Android & iOS\)](#), you can top up your card, check your balance and view your spending history, without queuing at a top-up machine.

Weather in Hong Kong

Hong Kong has a subtropical climate. Rather than four clearly defined seasons, you'll notice that the weather changes mainly between hot and humid, pleasant and cooler periods throughout the year.

One thing many newcomers notice is how quickly the weather can change. It's not unusual to have sunshine, heavy rain and blue skies all in the same day!

Spring (March – May)

- Warm and increasingly humid
- Occasional rain and fog
- 18–28°C

💡 Light layers and a compact umbrella are useful during this season.

Summer (June – September)

- Hot, humid and often rainy
- Frequent heavy showers and thunderstorms
- 28–34°C, with high humidity

💡 Be prepared to sweat, but don't forget a light jacket—air conditioning indoors can be surprisingly cold.

Autumn (October – November)

- Warm, sunny and less humid
- Comfortable outdoor weather
- 22–30°C

💡 The perfect season for hiking, beaches and exploring Hong Kong.

Winter (December – February)

- Mild and generally dry
- Occasional cold spells
- 10–20°C (occasionally below 10°C)

💡 Most homes and schools do not have central heating, so it may feel colder indoors than expected.

Tip: Download the **MyObservatory** app or visit the [Hong Kong Observatory](https://www.hko.gov.hk/en/observing/observing.htm) website for daily weather forecasts, real-time weather warnings and typhoon alerts.

WEATHER >>>

Weather & School Life

Weather can occasionally affect your commute and school schedule. Remember to check the weather forecast before leaving home during typhoon season. The city is very well prepared, and weather warnings are issued by the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO).

Typhoon Warnings



- Standby
- Things continue as normal unless otherwise announced



- Strong wind
- Most kindergartens will cancel classes



- T8: Gale or storm
- T9: Increasing gale or storm
- T10: Hurricane
- Most offices, schools, businesses will close for the day

Rainstorm Signals



- Heavy rain exceeding 30mm per hour
- Secondary schools usually remain open, while kindergartens and primary schools may have classes suspended



- Heavy rain exceeding 50mm per hour
- Secondary schools usually remain open, while kindergartens and primary schools may have classes suspended



- Very heavy rain exceeding 70mm per hour
- Most businesses, schools are generally closed or classes are suspended, depending on when the warning is issued

Tip: Check the Hong Kong Observatory and follow your school's guidance before work during severe weather.



HOLIDAYS AND FESTIVALS



Public Holidays & Festivals in HK

Hong Kong celebrates both Chinese and Western holidays, giving teachers plenty of opportunities to experience local traditions and enjoy long weekends throughout the year.

For the latest public holiday dates, visit: <https://www.gov.hk/en/about/abouthk/holiday/>

Chinese New Year

Hong Kong's biggest traditional festival, celebrating the start of the Lunar New Year with family reunions and wishing for good fortune.

- **When:** January or February (1st day of the Lunar calendar)
- **Holiday:** 3-4 public holidays (school holidays are usually longer)
- **Where to go:** Lunar New Year Flower Markets, International Chinese New Year Night Parade, Victoria Harbour Fireworks
- **Must try:** Turnip Cake, Sticky Rice Cake (Nin Go), Poon Choi

Easter

A major Christian holiday and one of Hong Kong's longest public holiday periods, making it a popular time for travel and outdoor activities.

- **When:** March or April
- **Holiday:** 4 consecutive public holidays
- **What to do:** Visit the beaches and outlying islands, Go hiking, Take a short trip around Asia

Ching Ming Festival

A traditional festival when families pay their respects to ancestors by visiting and sweeping family graves.

- **When:** Usually in early April (Falls 15 days after the Spring Equinox)
- **What to do:** Explore quieter museums and local attractions, Enjoy spring hiking and nature walks

Labour Day

A public holiday celebrating workers, often enjoyed as a relaxing day out or a long weekend.

- **When:** 1 May
- **What to do:** Visit Cheung Chau or Lamma Island, local cafés and neighbourhoods



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Buddha's Birthday

A Buddhist festival celebrating the birth of Buddha.

- **When:** May (the 8th day of the 4th lunar month)
- **What to do:** Visit the Big Buddha & Po Lin Monastery, Explore Chi Lin Nunnery
- **What to eat:** Vegetarian Buddhist cuisine

Tuen Ng Festival (a.k.a. Dragon Boat Festival)

Legend has it that the Dragon Boat Festival originated with the death of the famous poet, Qu Yuan. Now, every year, thousands of teams compete in Dragon Boat races.

- **When:** May or June (the 5th day of the 5th lunar month)
- **What to do:** Join a dragon boat team and train for the races, Watch races in Aberdeen, Stanley, Sha Tin or Tsim Sha Tsui East, Cheer for local teams
- **What to eat:** Rice Dumplings (Zongzi)

HKSAR Establishment Day

Marks the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in 1997.

- **When:** 1 July
- **What to do:** Watch the evening fireworks display over Victoria Harbour (subject to official arrangements & might be suspended)

Mid-Autumn Festival

A traditional harvest festival celebrating family reunion under the full moon.

- **When:** September or October (the full moon on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month)
- **What to do:** Visit Victoria Park Lantern Carnival, Watch the Tai Hang Fire Dragon Dance, Enjoy moon-gazing with friends
- **What to eat:** Mooncakes

National Day

Celebrates the founding of the People's Republic of China.

- **When:** 1 October
- **What to do:** Watch the Victoria Harbour fireworks (subject to official arrangements & might be suspended)



HOLIDAYS AND FESTIVALS



Christmas

A widely celebrated festive season filled with lights, shopping and holiday events. Beyond the celebrations, it is also seen as a religious holiday commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ.

- **When:** 25-26 December
- **What to do:** Admire festive Christmas displays and light shows across the city, Explore seasonal holiday markets, Celebrate and spend time with family and friends
- **What to eat:** Christmas dinner, Roast turkey, Festive desserts

School Summer Holidays

Hong Kong schools usually begin their summer break in **mid-July**, with the new academic year starting in **early September**. Exact dates vary by school.

Your working schedule during the summer will depend on your contract terms and school arrangements. Some teachers wrap up their contracts and travel home or abroad, while others continue teaching summer programmes.

Tip:

1. Public holidays often create long weekends, perfect for exploring Hong Kong or travelling around Asia.
2. Always check your contract and confirm your summer timetable with your school before making travel plans. You may also explore part-time summer teaching opportunities through Eureka.

Sightseeing & Outdoor Adventures

Outside the classroom, Hong Kong offers plenty to explore, from hiking trails and outlying islands to historic temples, museums, neighbourhoods and world-class food. This section covers some of our favourite sights, outdoor activities, useful apps, dining spots and shopping areas.

For more ideas and the latest visitor information, visit the Hong Kong Tourism Board at www.discoverhongkong.com.

Victoria Peak

No first visit to Hong Kong is complete without taking in the panoramic views from The Peak. Ride the historic Peak Tram or hike to the summit for one of the world's most iconic skylines.

West Kowloon Cultural District

Home to M+, the Hong Kong Palace Museum, Art Park and a beautiful harbourfront promenade. Whether you're into art, architecture or simply watching the sunset, WestK is one of Hong Kong's must-visit destinations.

Kai Tak Sports Park

Built on the site of Hong Kong's former airport, Kai Tak Sports Park has become the city's newest entertainment hub, featuring world-class sports venues, open spaces, restaurants and shopping malls. It's also a great place for evening walks and major concerts.

Wong Tai Sin Temple

One of Hong Kong's most famous temples, known for its traditional architecture and fortune-telling culture. It's especially lively during Chinese New Year but worth visiting all year round.

Po Toi Island

A peaceful escape from the city with dramatic coastal scenery, ancient rock carvings and fresh seafood. Perfect for a weekend adventure if you're looking to experience another side of Hong Kong.



DAILY LIVING



Food & Drinks

One of the best parts of living in Hong Kong is its incredible food scene. From traditional Hong Kong cafés to Michelin-starred restaurants, you'll never run out of new places to explore.

Local Food

- Dim Sum
- Pineapple Bun (Bo Lo Bao)
- Egg Tart
- Egg Waffles/ Hong Kong-style waffles
- Curry Fish Balls / Siu Mai
- Roast Goose / BBQ Pork (Char Siu)
- Wonton Noodles / Cart noodles

Local Drinks

- Hong Kong-Style Milk Tea
- Yuen Yeung
- Lemon Tea
- Red Bean Ice
- Iced Lemon Ribena
- Traditional Herbal Tea

Shopping

Whether you're buying groceries, souvenirs or furnishing your new home, Hong Kong has something for every budget.

Groceries

Budget:

Wellcome, PARKnSHOP, USelect, Local Wet Markets

Mid-Range:

Don Don Donki, AEON, Market Place

Premium:

City'Super, M&S Food, Oliver's The Delicatessen

Souvenirs

Budget:

Ladies' Market, Cat Street / Upper Lascar Row, Local Supermarkets

Mid-Range:

PMQ, Goods of Desire, M+ Shop & HKMoA Museum Stores

Premium:

Yue Hwa Chinese Products, K11 MUSEA



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Shopping Centres

Budget:

Argyle Centre, Kwai Chung Plaza

Mid-Range:

Langham Place, Harbour City, Festival Walk, New Town Plaza

Premium:

Pacific Place, IFC Mall, Elements, LANDMARK

Books & Lifestyle

Books:

Commercial Press, Joint Publishing, Eslite Bookstore

Lifestyle:

MUJI, IKEA, Francfranc, NITORI, Japan Home

Bakery Chains

Budget:

Maxim's Cakes, Saint Honore, Yamazaki

Mid-Range:

A-1 Bakery, Paper Stone Bakery, Kee Wah Bakery, Wing Wah Bakery

Premium:

Bakehouse, Hashtag B

Popular Café Chains

Casual & Everyday

Starbucks, Pacific Coffee, Luckin Coffee

Specialty & Artisan Coffee

% ARABICA, The Coffee Academics, NOC Coffee Co., Cupping Room

Pharmacies & Personal Care

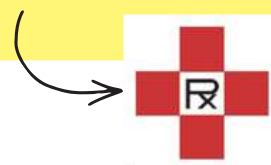
Major Chains

Mannings, Watsons, SaSa

Specialised / Boutique

Sephora, @cosme STORE, Matsumotokiyo, Don Donki

Tip: You'll find many pharmacies and drugstores across Hong Kong. If you need prescription medication or advice from a registered pharmacist, look for the **official R Pharmacy sign** (a red cross with the R symbol), which **indicates an authorised pharmacy**.



USEFUL APPS >>>



Transport



MTR Mobile

Official MTR app for journey planning, train service updates and station information.



App1997 - KMB • LWB

Check real-time bus arrival times and routes for KMB and Long Win Airport Bus services.



HKTaxi

Book licensed Hong Kong taxis and track your ride with ease.



Uber

Convenient ride-hailing service for taxis and private hire vehicles.



HKeMobility

Government journey planner covering MTR, buses, minibuses, trams, ferries and walking routes.

Payments



Octopus

Hong Kong's all-in-one payment app for public transport, shopping, dining and topping up your Octopus Card.



PayMe / FPS

Popular peer-to-peer payment services for transferring money, splitting bills and making instant local payments.

Food & Dining



foodpanda

Order meals, groceries and daily essentials for delivery.



KeeTa

A popular food delivery app with fast service and frequent promotions.



OpenRice

Find restaurants, read reviews, and make table reservations (select restaurants offer booking discounts).

Shopping & Daily Essentials



HKTVmall

An online shopping platform offering groceries, household products, electronics and more.



PARKnSHOP / Wellcome

Hong Kong's two primary supermarket chains for groceries and household essentials. Both offer in-store shopping and convenient home delivery services.



Carousell

Buy and sell second-hand furniture, electronics and household items locally.

Weather



MyObservatory

The official Hong Kong Observatory app for weather forecasts, rainstorm and typhoon warnings, and real-time weather updates.

USEFUL APPS >>>



Communication & Social Media



WhatsApp

The most commonly used messaging app for communicating with schools, colleagues and friends.



WeChat

Popular for messaging, payments and connecting with local businesses, especially in Greater China.



Instagram

Discover local cafés, events, attractions, and things to do shared by creators, and share your everyday moments with friends across Hong Kong.



Facebook

Join expat, housing and community groups, and stay updated on local events and activities.

Scan the QR code to contact Eureka!



Moving & Delivery



GOGOX (formerly GOGOVAN)

Book vans or trucks to move luggage, furniture and bulky items, with an optional driver helper.



Lalamove

On-demand delivery service for parcels, groceries and furniture, with van and truck options available.



SF-EXPRESS

A reliable courier service for sending luggage, parcels and online shopping deliveries, with extensive self-pickup locations throughout Hong Kong.

Tip: For moving into your new home, transporting suitcases from temporary accommodation, or collecting second-hand furniture purchased from Carousell or Facebook Marketplace.

USEFUL CANTONESE PHRASES



The primary languages in Hong Kong are Cantonese (spoken) and Traditional Chinese (written). With 6 to 9 different tones, Cantonese can be challenging to pick up quickly. Our Eureka staff are always happy to help you practice basic phrases—making everyday life easier and helping you connect with the local community!

<u>Phrases</u>	<u>Pronunciation</u>	<u>Meaning / When to Use</u>
唔該。	Mm goi.	Please. / Excuse me. / Thank you. (for a service)
多謝。	Dor jeh.	Thank you. (when receiving a gift or favour)
埋單，唔該。	Mai daan, mm goi.	The bill, please.
唔該借借。	Mm goi, jeh jeh.	Excuse me (when passing through a crowd).
有落。	Yau lok.	I'm getting off. (On a red minibus)
下一站有落，唔該。	Hah yat jaahm yau lok, mm goi	I'd like to get off at the next stop, please.
幾多錢？	Gei do chin?	How much is it?
洗手間喺邊度呀？	Sai sau gaan hai bin dou ah?	Where is the toilet?
請問...	Cheng man...	Excuse me, may I ask...?
我要呢個。	Ngo yiu ni go.	I'd like this one.
對唔住。	Deui mm jyu.	Sorry.
唔緊要。	Mm gan yiu.	That's okay / No problem.
拜拜。	Bye bye.	Goodbye.

Tip: 'Mm goi' is one of the **most useful** phrases in Hong Kong. It can mean please, excuse me, or thank you in many everyday situations.



USEFUL WEBSITES >>>

<u>Website</u>	<u>Information Provided</u>
General Information	
www.discoverhongkong.com	Official tourism information, attractions and events
www.gov.hk	Government services and public information
www.scmp.com	English-language news
www.thestandard.com.hk	Local English news
www.geoexpat.com	Expatriate guides and local living tips
Transport & Weather	
www.mtr.com.hk	MTR routes, fares and timetables
www.hkemobility.gov.hk	Journey planner for all public transport
www.citybus.com.hk	Airport bus and Citybus routes
www.sunferry.com.hk/en/#	Weather forecasts, typhoon and rainstorm warnings
www.hko.gov.hk	Ferry services
Travel & Lifestyle	
www.klook.com	Attractions, tours and local experiences
www.trip.com	Flights, hotels and travel bookings
www.openrice.com	Restaurant guide and reservations
www.timeout.com/hong-kong	Dining, events and city guides
Entertainment & Nightlife	
www.westk.hk	West Kowloon Cultural District events
www.mplus.org.hk	M+ Museum of visual culture
www.cityline.com	Concerts, sports and live entertainment tickets
www.urbtix.hk	Theatre and cultural event tickets
www.art-mate.net	Independent arts and cultural events
www.lkfgroup.com	Lan Kwai Fong restaurants, bars and nightlife
www.hkjc.com	Happy Valley & Sha Tin horse racing information
Health	
www.dh.gov.hk	Department of Health
www.ha.org.hk	Public hospitals and healthcare services
www.famplan.org.hk	Family planning and sexual health services
www.mind.org.hk	Mental health resources



USEFUL NUMBERS



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Number

Emergency Services (Police, Fire, Ambulance)	999
Police Non-Emergency Hotline	2527 7177
Government Enquiry Hotline	1823
Hong Kong International Airport Enquiry	2181 8888
Immigration Department	2824 6111
Department of Health	2961 8989
Social Welfare Department	2343 2255
Consumer Council	2929 2222
Hongkong Post Enquiry	2921 2222
Taxi Lost Property Hotline	187 2920
Directory Enquiries	1081
Eureka Language Services Ltd.	2510 9009

Tips:

1. 999 is **free to call** and operators can assist in English, Cantonese and Putonghua.
2. Save the contact details for **Eureka, your school, and your coordinator** in your phone as soon as you arrive. Please keep in mind their operating hours when reaching out.
3. If you leave something in a taxi, call **187 2920** with the **taxi receipt** (if available) or details of your journey.

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