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Frommer's Hong Kong (Frommer's Complete Guides)



Synopsis

Frommer's Hong Kong is completely updated, and features gorgeous color photos of the sights and experiences that await you. Our author, a longtime Hong Kong expert, offers an insider's look at the city, from Causeway Bay to Kowloon. She's checked out all the best markets, hotels and restaurants in person, and offers authoritative, candid reviews that will help you find the choices that suit your tastes and budget. Whether you're interested in Hong Kong's vibrant mix of cultures, ancient Chinese temples, or cutting-edge architecture, there's something here for everyone. You'll also get up-to-the-minute coverage of Hong Kong's world-famous shopping and nightlife; detailed walking tours; accurate neighborhood maps; advice on planning a successful family vacation; and side trips to Macau, Taipa, and Coloane. Frommer's Hong Kong also includes a color fold-out map.

From the Book: Street Food in Hong Kong Ready-to-eat poultry hangs from a food stall in Hong Kong. Photo by David Rosenberg/Frommers.com Community Street-side food vendors are seemingly everywhere on both Hong Kong island and on the Kowloon side. Noodle dishes, curry fish balls, stinky tofu, and a variety of dim sum are just a few of the things you can taste. The stalls with tables and chairs are usually those that serve noodles; others are more take-out in nature.

Where to Eat: Try the stalls around the various night markets, including Temple Street in Yau Ma Tei and Ladies' Market in Mong Kok on Tung Choi Street. In Tsim Sha Tsui, Hau Fook Street has several food stands. Mei Lun Street in Central and the laneways of Causeway Bay and Wan Chai are also crowded with food stalls.

How Much: 20 Hong Kong dollars (about \$2.60) for a bowl of noodles with vegetables and 10 Hong Kong dollars for a serving of four shumai (\$1.30) dumplings.

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Long before she could read, Beth Reiber spent hours pouring over her grandparents' latest National Geographic magazines. After living four years in Germany as a university student and then as a freelance travel writer selling to major U.S. newspapers like the Los Angeles Times and The Washington Post, followed by a stint in Tokyo as editor of the Far East Traveler, she authored several Frommer's guides, including Frommer's Japan and Frommer's Tokyo. She also contributes to Frommer's China and Frommer's USA, and writes a blog for the Japan National Tourist Organization's website at www.japantravelinfo.com. When not on the road, she resides in Lawrence, Kansas, with her two sons, a dog, and a cat in an 1890 Victorian home.

I have gotten at least four Frommer's guidebooks before and it's always been quite good. Until I got this one, the first ever NOT in the Day-By-Day series. What a huge mistake. First, this book doesn't have a street level view of the entire area. You know, the one they always have in the Day-By-Day book? Then everything is pink. Not exactly color map, but pastel pinkish maps. It is so hard to look at it. I don't think I have ever gotten pissed off from a guidebook before, but this one definitely got to me. Finally, there is no picture... of anything. Just lots of words. I don't want a guidebook with words! I'd get a history book in that case. I don't want to look for words in a paragraph when I'm lost in Hong Kong! I want pictures, maps, characters that'll help me find things ASAP. I'm done venting about this book. Just don't get this book. I'm returning it right now.

The pullout map of greater Hong Kong has a laughable error. It indicates the entire Hong Kong Island is less than 1/2 mile long. Hope that was fixed in later editions.

Excellent guide

The reading is not only informative but very interesting. I read a lot of information on travel. When I'm planning a trip I generally read or browse at least two or three guides. I've always found Frommer's to be reliable and the most informative.

Thank you!

Great details

Must for travel or moving to SE Asia

Just back from Hong Kong and of the three guide books I took, Frommer's was the most helpful. The restaurant suggestions were great. The maps accurate. The walking tours terrific. The only downside is that the design of the book is ugly. Really ugly. Also wish that it included information about the two closest cities in China - Guangzhou and Shenzhen so I could have left one of the guides home.

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