

YOUR GUIDE TO MACAO



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Welcome to “Your Guide To Macao”...

Whether you're travelling for leisure, taking that next family getaway, part of a small or large group, travelling for business, meetings or a conference, see why MACAO is one of Asia's most exciting destinations and truly has something for everyone...

Now known as one of the world's most exciting destinations for all styles of travel, Macao boasts mind blowing landscapes of centuries-old architecture and local cuisine, newly built hotels and resorts that provide world-class entertainment and shows plus world-firsts in family attractions that cannot be found in neighbouring cities.

ABOUT MACAO

The Macao Special Administrative Region is small and compact and is just 30 square kilometres in size. It is made up of three areas the Macao Peninsula and the islands of Taipa and Coloane.

Taipa and Coloane over past years have become connected by the reclamation of land for the development of new and experiential “Travel and Tourism” products. This area called the Cotai Strip is now home to some of the largest Integrated resorts in the world.

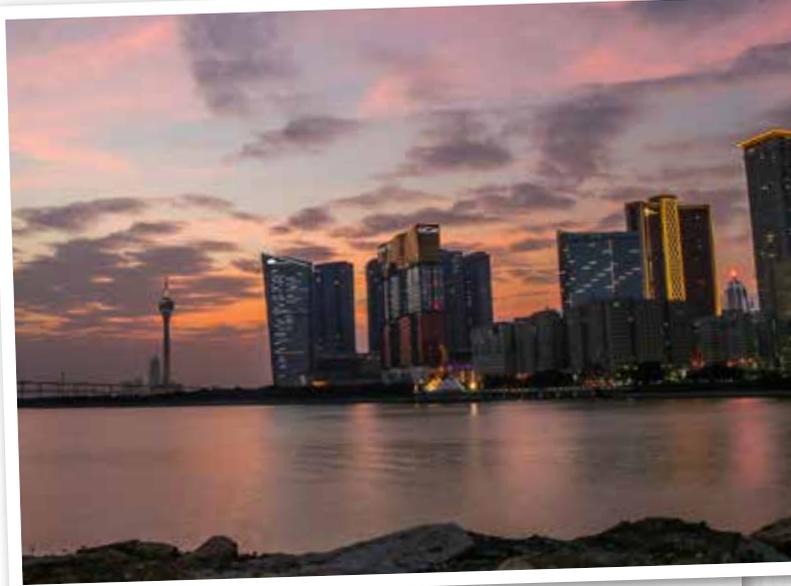
A LIVING MUSEUM OF CULTURE AND HISTORY

Even today, Macao offers its visitors 450 years of preserved history and has never lost its unique blend of Chinese and European cultures.

From its bygone days when Portuguese traders established Macao as a gateway to the Orient, this famous centre has charmed the world with its east-meets-west attractions and cultural values.

When you take a stroll along the narrow streets and through the colourful squares of old Macao, you will see a fusion of beautiful Portuguese architecture alongside centuries-old Chinese temples and gardens.

Today, Macao thrives on its old-meets-new characteristics and recent contemporary additions complementing the peninsula's historic legacies, many of which are protected by UNESCO World Heritage status.



WHY MACAO?

Macao's compact size makes it easy to move around.

Almost all attractions or places of interest are no more than 15 minutes from a visitor's hotel or arrival point.

English is widely spoken and generally used in trade and tourism. However, Chinese and Portuguese are the official languages, Cantonese being most widely spoken.

Macao offers an array of UNESCO World Heritage sites with over 450 years' of history – renowned as the original meeting place between Europeans and Chinese.

Macao's hotels and resorts have something to offer all tastes, budgets and needs. These now include newly opened hotels such as the Wynn Palace and The Parisian Macao, which join other Australian traveller favourites including (*singular hotels*) Sofitel Macao at Ponte 16, MGM Macao, Studio City Macao, OR (multi-hotel options) City of Dreams, Sands Cotai Central and Galaxy Mega Resort, to name a few.

Macao's integrated resorts and facilities are designed to cater for multiple hotels across a resort providing a variety of accommodation options to fit a style or budget, different dining options from local cuisine to the fine dining experience, tailored and unique world-class entertainment and shows.

This includes the rapidly expanding range of activities and attractions that are ideal for leisure travellers and families.

Macao is a destination that combines local heritage and cultures with world-class annual events such as the Macao International Fireworks Competition, the Macao Grand Prix, The Latin Parade, Macao International Marathon and the Light Festivals, which draw international visitors by the numbers.

Macao is one of the few cities in the world that can host a variety of travel options for leisure, small and large sized groups, meetings or conference and annual themed events from film, fashion and sports.

Macao's nightlife is famous for its variety, its frantic pace and constant change. For night owls this is a city that doesn't sleep and show time is 24 hours a day – with attractions such as the dramatic “The House of Dancing Water” and “The House of Magic” a must see when in town.

“Macao may be a relatively small destination in size, but it definitely offers a great variety of places to stay and things to see and do, so make sure you consider staying longer”

Getting There...

Q: Travelling to Macao for leisure, with the family, part of group, on business, or for a meeting or conference?

A: The below information offers simple traveller "Need to Know", so your journey to Macao is stress free...

GETTING THERE

From Australia, flying directly to Hong Kong International Airport provides the most direct way to access Macao.

Depending on which State of Australia you are departing, travellers have the following choice of airlines to choose from, that service this route. This includes Cathay Pacific, Qantas and the new addition of Hong Kong Airlines.

From New Zealand are Cathay Pacific, Air New Zealand and Hong Kong Airlines.

Alternatively, and depending on your travel plans, Macao is accessible via a large variety of other premium and low cost airlines via other major Asian hubs.

Passengers can then arrange their connecting flight that will have travellers fly directly into the Macao International Airport.

ACCESSIBILITY & FERRY INFORMATION

Macao is located just 60 kilometres from Hong Kong and is a simple 70 minute ferry ride with services operating every 15-30 minutes. These services operate from;

- the Hong Kong–Macao Ferry Terminal in Sheung Wan on Hong Kong Island,
- the China Ferry Terminal in Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon
- and the Tuen Mun Ferry Terminal in New Territories to Macao and reverse.

Frequent services also operate daily from Hong Kong International Airport to Macao and reverse between 7am to 10pm, meaning travel between both destinations is seamless and easy.

Our recommended Ferry services providers to and from Macao are;

- TurboJet / Cotai Water Jet

On arrival at Macao, passengers simply pass through immigration and will find their bags on the carousel. From there, passengers can easily transfer to their desired location, event or hotel by using the FREE shuttle bus services or taxi.



MACAO MOBILE TRAVEL APPS

Welcome to Macao! Our Apps provide the most sought-after information essential to you. There are many apps dedicated to providing useful information, making your journey and time to experience Macao more memorable and enjoyable.

Be sure to stay up to date with the latest information, happenings and special offers available for all that you can see, do and experience whilst in Macao.

Travellers can also choose to join in on the fun and excitement of the experiences that can be had when travelling to Macao. This could include an array of colourful local festivals to internationally renowned world-class events, new and exciting shows and family attractions, or simply explore the off the beaten track area of Macao through the use of our Step Out Macao Self-Guided Walking Tours.

All this just by downloading your very own copy of Macao's travel related mobile Apps. They are **FREE to download** on any mobile device and all information can still be viewed when offline.

So whether you are seeking to be pampered at one of the luxurious spas or stay in a ritzy yet affordable resort or hotel, be entertained by world-class performers, or explore the rich culture and history whilst engaged in high adventure activities, be sure to include Macao on your next holiday.

NEED TO KNOW

Do I need a VISA for Macao? Macao is **Visa FREE** for 30 days for 74 nationalities, this including Australian and New Zealand Passport holders.

CURRENCY

The Pataca (MOP\$) is Macao's official currency, but the (HK\$) is also accepted in Macao.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

When travelling through Hong Kong International Airport to Macao, simply follow the signs overhead to the ferry service counters. It is in the same direction as immigration but simply stay right and you will arrive at the desired ferry service check-in area.

(REMEMBER, ON ARRIVAL INTO

HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,

DO NOT PASS THROUGH IMMIGRATION IF CONNECTING TO MACAO BY THE HONG KONG AIRPORT FERRY SERVICE)

Passengers are required to hand over their pre-arranged ferry vouchers, passports and the boarding passes with baggage tags provided by the airline to claim their tickets.

When travelling in small and large groups or on business, it is best to pre-arrange your Ferry tickets so that all passengers and their bags are put on their connection with ease.

'Catching a ferry service to Macao is extremely efficient and very easy.'



"Experience Macao" Mobile App

This App provides the most sought after information essential to any traveller.

Come and experience the memorable moments to be had whilst your trip is free and easy, by creating your very own customized itinerary prior to your arrival.

Features include: Information on a variety of Tourist Spots, Shows & Entertainment, accommodation, Restaurants, a Trip Planner, Offline Maps, 360-degree panorama photos, an Audio Guide and AR (Augmented Reality) functions.

The content is available in: English, Traditional & Simplified Chinese.



"What's On, Macao" Mobile App

This App through its colourful and handy interface, keeps you up-to-date with Macao's latest tourism attractions and monthly highlights from all local events, activities, festivals, performances and exhibitions. Once downloaded you can check out all that is happening in Macao, even when offline.

Features include: Easy to operate, automatically search for any nearby activities around your location with the GPS function, set reminders and add favourite events to "My Events" or Calendar for easier planning and participation for your trip.

The content is available in: English, Traditional & Simplified Chinese.



Getting around Macao...

Getting around Macao has never been easier. Almost all attractions or places of interest are no more than 15 minutes from a visitor's arrival point or hotel.

On arrival in Macao, take advantage of the **FREE shuttle bus services** that connect travellers from the Ferry Terminals located on the Macao Peninsula and Taipa, the Macao International Airport and the Boarder Gate to all major hotels and resorts across Macao. Macao's compact size makes it easy to move around.



EXPLORING MACAO ON FOOT...For many, there is no better way of exploring this city than by foot which is why the Macao Government Tourism Office has created a series of self-guided walking tours so that travellers can really experience the off the beaten track areas and true heart of Macao.

There are eight (8) routes to choose from and they cover not only the major historic sites but narrow lanes which lead to a few eye-catching surprises. These routes will direct visitors to a number of fascinating churches, parks, fortresses, museums and galleries as well as the many cafes, bakeries and eateries selling the local cuisine and famous snacks and deserts marking the historic corner of the former Portuguese enclave.



The **"Step Out" Macao,** Self-Guided Walking Tours App, definitely offers invaluable assistance during your stay and is **FREE to download** on all mobile devices. It's easy to use and you can do it at your own pace.

The Eight suggested walking tour routes include:

- Footsteps into the Historic Centre
- An Experiment of Creativity
- Crossroads of China and Portugal
- A Legacy of Arts and Culture
- Enchanting Stories of Our Lady of Fatima Parish
- The Marriage of East and West in St. Anthony's Parish
- Bygone Days of Taipa Village
- Nostalgia in Coloane

The content is available in: English, Portuguese, Korean, Japanese, Traditional & Simplified Chinese.



OTHER WAYS TO ENJOY AND EXPLORE MACAO...

- As a traveller, you will find it convenient and inexpensive to take the public buses which are both modern and air-conditioned.
- Taxis are also regarded an affordable and convenient option in this relatively small city.
- If you want to try something a little different, hire a Pedi cab - or tricycle rickshaw for a 20 minute FREE ride. It's a unique, romantic and open form of transport which visitors can hire if wanting to explore the captivating waterfront of the Nam Van and Sai Van Lakes as well as the older historic streets of downtown Macao.
- Sit back and enjoy the neon lights whilst cruising Macao's inner harbour. www.cruisemacau.com
- Or see Macao as never before, from the top of the Hop on - Hop off, Open Top bus.

Visit www.macaotourism.gov.mo to view all 8 "Step Out" Macao, Self-Guided Walking Tours, Pedi-Cab Tours and the Open Top Bus Tours.



Thing to see & do...

“Experience a series of world-firsts in tourism attractions that cannot be found in neighbouring cities.”

Scattered throughout Macao are a growing number of sophisticated shopping centres, gigantic international hotels, variety of restaurants from local to fine dining options and integrated entertainment venues with spectacular shows.

Dwarfing many of the historic sites are the shapes and figures of a new Macao with its soaring 338-metre Macau Tower, home to the highest Bungy Jump in the world and AJ Hackett recreation facilities.

At night many integrated resorts and hotels light up the night sky with neon lights and array of entertainment. Just outside the Wynn Hotel there is the water, fire and sound show called “Performance Lake”, whilst just inside you have many different entertainment choices to choose from.

Make sure to visit MGM Macau on the Macao Peninsular for the popular and always changing displays at the “Grande Praça and The MGM Art Space” or be entertained by live band performances and international DJ’s at many of the leading Night Clubs located across Macao.

Whilst on the Cotai Strip, you will find giant precincts which include leading attractions and shows that cannot be found in any neighbouring cities.

- Five world-class hotel brands and the world’s largest Giant Wave Pool & Skytop Rapids at Galaxy Mega Resort,
- The House of Magic, Universal’s Batman Dark Flight and world’s first and highest figure 8 Ferris Wheel the Golden Reel at Studio City Macau, or have breakfast with Shrek and the gang at “Po’s Kung Fu Feast” the largest DreamWorks production outside the US at Sheraton Grand Macao Hotel, Cotai Central,
- SkyCabs, the signature Performance Lake and Floral Creations by world-renowned Preston Bailey at Wynn Palace,
- The House of Dancing Water at City of Dreams,
- Eiffel Tower that stands at 50% in height of the original at The Parisian Macao.

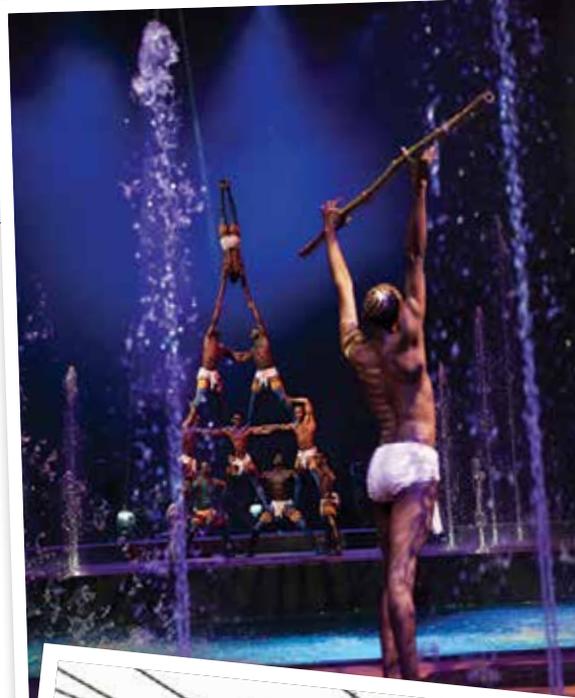
Macao Fisherman’s Wharf and the Science Centre are also among new additions along the peninsula. Large and small, Macao’s museums are many, including the Wine Museum, Grand Prix Museum or the Macao Museum, interactive and adventurous for travellers of all ages.

Romantic and historic Taipa Village and equally fascinating whilst Coloane with its fishing village, offers green hills and valleys for trekking, a championship golf course at the Grand Coloane Resort “The Macao Golf & Country Club”, an internationally recognised go-kart circuit and the A-Ma Cultural Village are also popular. So too is the Giant Panda Pavilion with its two playful residents Kai Kai and Xin Xin and the zoo itself.

There are varied shopping districts in Macao ranging from multi-brand shopping centres to fashion boutiques, from Chinese antique shops to popular daily flea markets which will surely fulfil the shoppers’ desire.

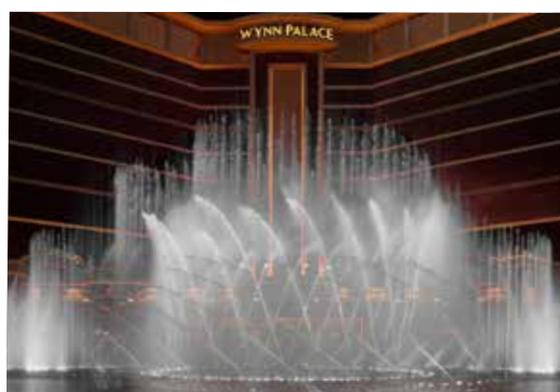
But, if a bit of pampering is your holiday style, Macao is home to many local and internationally recognised day spas, at all major hotels and resorts. You can also add health and wellness to the list as Macao is home to the largest integrated wellness centre of its kind, the Malo Clinic Spa.

“All these exciting attractions can be found here in Macao”.



OTHER ATTRACTIONS INCLUDING FAMILY FUN...

- Kid’s City or Qube2 – Family play facilities
- Open Top Bus Tours
- Flora Garden’s Mini-Zoo and Macao Giant Panda Pavilion
- Macao Science Center
- The Macao Cable Car – known as the world’s shortest ride
- Or join the locals in Tai Chi at the various gardens throughout this city.



Taste the local flavours...

“Macao is a city on the move, but it has never lost its unique blend of Chinese and Portuguese cultures and tastes. Macao is famous for its local cuisine and the quality of the food served.”

Macanese food is a fusion of spices and food cultures from Africa, India and the coast of Malacca, brought to Macao by the Portuguese. With different foreign and Chinese ingredients plus cooking styles to cook traditional Portuguese dishes, this unique taste was created and has been enjoyed by travellers for decades.



You will find a fine selection of cafe in Portuguese style selling delicious pastries and providing the chance to experience the local flavours.

For lunch and dinner, Macanese and Portuguese restaurants are found all over Macao. Among the popular restaurants are Litoral Restaurante, Oporto and A-Lorcha, all close to the A-Ma Temple. Within close walking distance of Senado Square are the popular Escada and Restaurante Platao, while in the old Taipa village there's O'Manel, Litoral Café and the more upmarket Antonio's. On Macao's lush green outer island of Coloane, Miramaris a must

Make sure you order the spicy African Chicken and perhaps the local dessert Serradura. Why not head to Coloane for the world's most mouth-watering Macao Egg Tarts from the original Lord Stow's Bakery.

From authentic international cuisines to fine dining experiences OR Michelin-starred street food and restaurants...

In recent years, Macao continues to be recognised as one of the world's culinary destinations – following an influx of internationally renowned restaurant brands from around the world and celebrity chefs that take Macao's gastronomic scene to new heights.

Macao offers its travellers a smorgasbord of choice, from local and traditional flavours to a city that offers some of the most authentic cuisines from across the globe.

Both on the peninsula and along the neon-lit Cotai Strip there are a number of quality fine dining restaurants within the giant precincts. Among them are the growing number of Michelin-starred street foods and restaurants... this includes three Michelin-starred Robuchon au Dome (*French style*) and the two Michelin-starred The Eight (*Chinese style*), both within the Grand Lisboa Hotel.

Across on the Cotai Strip are such fashionable restaurants including Messa9 and Beijing Kitchen, to name just two.

Taipa Village 逃仔舊城區 AUTHENTIC MACAU

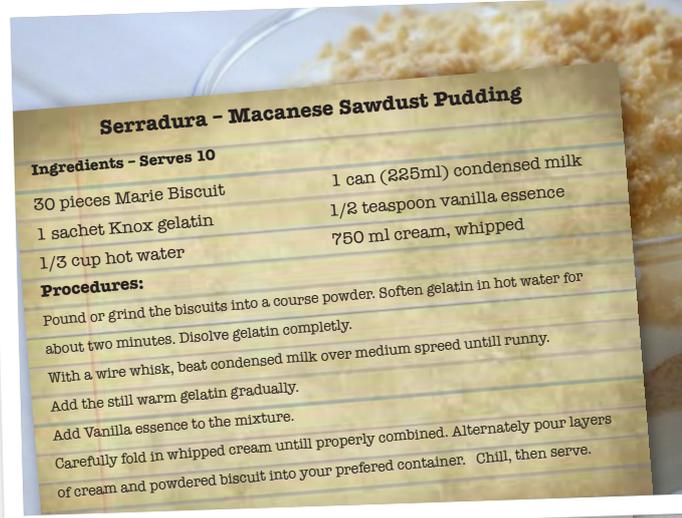
A vibrant landmark destination capturing rich heritage, continental flair and cultural charm. It's a perfect alternative to the city's casino resorts, offering a diverse range of dining, shopping, heritage attractions and leisure activities that provide an ideal backdrop for soaking up the atmosphere of a lively destination.

Taipa Village offers a wide variety of cuisine, from local bakeries to traditional street food stalls, putting tempting and authentic Chinese fare alongside continental dishes inspired by Portuguese and Spanish culinary traditions. Visit *Rua da Cuhna* to sample delights from a selection of local eateries that offer snacks, irresistible cakes and pastries, and light bites.

This popular gastronomic destination appeals to all the senses and is a truly unique tasting journey.

For more information on Taipa Village Authentic Macau and the best places to eat, visit: www.taipavillagemacau.com

To find out more about the tastes of Macao and to Download a copy of our Macao Recipe Cards and try cooking these tasty dishes, African Chicken, Minchi, Macao Egg Tarts and Serradura before you travel, visit www.visitmacao.com.au



Serradura - Macanese Sawdust Pudding

Ingredients - Serves 10

30 pieces Marie Biscuit	1 can (225ml) condensed milk
1 sachet Knox gelatin	1/2 teaspoon vanilla essence
1/3 cup hot water	750 ml cream, whipped

Procedures:

- Pound or grind the biscuits into a course powder. Soften gelatin in hot water for about two minutes. Dissolve gelatin completely.
- With a wire whisk, beat condensed milk over medium speed until runny.
- Add the still warm gelatin gradually.
- Add Vanilla essence to the mixture.
- Carefully fold in whipped cream until properly combined. Alternately pour layers of cream and powdered biscuit into your preferred container. Chill, then serve.

SUGGESTED RESTAURANTS

TASTIEST BREAKFAST BUFFET

Grand Orbit

Tel: +853 8113 8910

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LUNCH WITH A VIEW

360° Cafe Restaurant : Macau Tower

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- On Coloane -

Restaurante Espaco Lisboa

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- On Taipa -

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Somewhere to stay...

“Experience some of the world’s finest yet affordable LUXURY accommodation.”

Palatial, luxurious, multi-purpose, contemporary, innovative, iconic, heritage listed boutique and beyond compare...

These are just a handful of words used to describe Macao’s ever-expanding landscape of hotels that cater to the Asian centres demands of today’s guests.

Macao’s hotels and resorts have something to offer travellers of all tastes, budgets and needs. This now includes newly opened hotels such as the Wynn Palace and The Parisian Macao, which join other favourites including (*singular hotels*) Grand Emperor Hotel, Sofitel Macau at Ponte 16, MGM Macau, Four Seasons Macao and Studio City Macau, OR (*multi-hotel precincts*) including City of Dreams, Sands Cotai Central and Galaxy Mega Resort to name a few.

Macao’s integrated resorts have facilities that cater to all types of travellers and group sizes within one single complex. This also includes multiple hotels across a single resort, providing a variety of different accommodation options to fit a traveller’s style or budget. Different dining options from local cuisine to a fine dining experience are also available, plus provide a variety of tailored and unique world-class entertainment, relaxation, shopping, attractions and shows.

These ingredients make for a good mix and ensure a stay is a warm friendly experience. Remember, not all is new, large and ritzy, as Macao has its share of boutique style and budget accommodation of heritage significance, some establishments taking guests back to the colourful bygone days through their charming colonial features.

WHAT’S TO COME...

The overall completion of Macao’s ever changing landscape is not quite finished as it continues to evolve and adapt to the trends and tastes of today’s travellers. Coming soon to Macao are the highly fashionable hotels from designers and other well-known brands including; Roosevelt Hotel, Louis XIII, MGM Cotai, Palazzo Versace and a property specially designed by fashion royalty Mr Karl Lagerfeld.

“Macao may be a relatively small destination in size, but it definitely is a destination that offers its visitors a great variety of affordable places to stay, so consider staying longer”



SUGGESTED HOTELS

Galaxy Hotel

Tel: (853) 2888 0888 No. of rooms: 1449
www.galaxymacau.com

Sofitel Macau @ Ponte 16

Tel: (853) 8861 0016 No. of rooms: 408
www.ponte16.com.mo

Sheraton Grand Macao Hotel Cotai Central

Tel: (853) 2880 2000 No. of rooms: 3894
www.sandscotaicentral.com

Holiday Inn Macao Cotai Central

Tel: (853) 2828 2228 No. of rooms: 1224
www.sandscotaicentral.com

Grand Emperor Hotel

Tel: (853) 2888 9988 No. of rooms: 307
www.grandemperor.com

Studio City Macau

Tel: (853) 8865 8888 No. of rooms: 1598
www.studiocity-macau.com

JW Marriott Macau

Tel: (853) 8886 6888 No. of rooms: 1015
www.galaxymacau.com/en/jw-marriott-macau

The Parisian Macao

Tel: (853) 2882 8833 No. of rooms: 2741
www.parisianmacao.com





What's On, Macao!

MACAO CELEBRATIONS ALL YEAR ROUND...

MACAO is a city that never sleeps and is home to some of the most colourful events in the world. With its full year's calendar of events and festivals, why not travel and join in on the action for the exciting experiences and adventures that can be had in Macao.



01. **64th Macau Grand Prix**
16th - 19th Nov 2017

This Formula 3 event is internationally recognised as the longest running event of its kind and most prestigious on the local calendar. The Macau Grand Prix in the motorsports world is called - the proving ground of new legends.

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02. Macao International Dragon Boat Races

27th, 28th & 30th May 2017

Each year, Nam Van Lake is awash with colour as rowers from around the globe challenge the best from Macao in the annual international dragon boat races. The program is more like a festival than a series of races, oars in unison across of number race categories, teams of women against women, men against men, juniors against juniors.



03. 29th Macao International Fireworks Display Contest

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd Sep & 1st Oct 2017

Universally acclaimed as one of the best of its kind and takes place on the shorefront of the Macao Tower each weekend from September to October each year. More than 16 teams from around the world compete in what's known as a world-class pyrotechnic shoot-out. Many visitors choose this time of year to come to Macao to enjoy a holiday illuminated by the spectacular displays in the night.



04. 2nd International Film Festival & Awards, Macao

December 2017

For the second successive year, Macao is to roll out the red carpet for some of the world's finest film makers for what is billed a gala festival for 2017. December will see leading producers and directors converge on the Asian centre for the International Film Festival and Awards Macao (IFFAM) with the aim to raise awareness and promote the various aspects of Chinese-language, East Asian and international cinema - in all its forms:

Internationally renowned figures of the film industry will be invited to participate and support the IFFAM with an advisory board of experts providing professional opinions on how to enhance the international elements of the festival..

05. 36th Macau International Marathon

3rd Dec 2017

First hosted by Macao in 1981, this event continues to attract large numbers of local and international runners from across the globe. The full course includes the Peninsula, Taipa and Coloane, whilst the Half and Mini Marathon have been created to attract not only professional athletes but budding amateurs seeking to test their endurance on the course.

06. Parade through Macao, Latin City

3rd Dec 2017

This event marks the anniversary of Macao's Handover to China. The parade highlights Macao's unique cultural features and the City's multicultural atmosphere in which the artists present dazzlingly colourful performances, bringing the celebration to a vivid climax.



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