

# HONG KONG LOCAL MARKETS HOPPER & FOODIE TOUR

## (SMALL GROUP TOUR)

Hong Kong is packed full of fascinating markets and all these markets are colorful and lively, absolutely a must on any visit. It's not only a great place for shoppers to "go shopping" but also a kaleidoscope for photographers.

Hong Kong is considered as the "Culinary Paradise" and food always plays an important role in our culture. We have our gourmet from all around the world, no matter from the 3\* Michelin restaurants to local snacks. Let us take you from the main street restaurants to the alleyway hidden small local food stalls to try our local delicacies which have won the heart of Hong Kong locals.

We combine several of our most lively markets and food stalls on this tour, so you can enjoy fun from both with moderate amount of walking and food samplings. In the next 3.5 hours, our friendly local guide will regale you with the information of the markets, share fun facts with you and also learn more of Hong Kong's food culture and history of development.



Our friendly local guide will meet you at the Prince Edward MTR station. We will start our tour with a tasty sampling dim sum meal at a little cozy Dim Sum restaurant. "Dim sum" – literally means "touch your heart", are mostly "snack-sized" portion, served in a small bamboo containers, eaten together with Chinese tea.



The most classic dim sum dishes are steam shrimp dumpling, shao mai (shrimp & pork dumpling), spring roll, BBQ pork bun....

After filling our stomachs with these lovely dim sum, it's time to kick this tour off on a fragrant note at the Flower Market, a jungle of colorful flowers, fragrant scents and luck-bringing houseplants spread out over 50 shops, it's the perfect introduction to the markets in Kowloon.



Right next to the fragrant Flower Market is the sonorous Yuen Po Street Bird Garden, a charming Chinese-style garden where you will hear melodious chirping from the hundreds of birds in more than 70 songbird stalls. You will see the elderlies carry their beloved birdies in intricate cages.



Now, it's time to practice or to show your bargaining skills when we head on over Fa Yuen Street – a popular non-touristy local street market where vendors sell bargain-priced clothes, bags, accessories and other household items. If you're not up for bargaining, it's still tons of fun to experience the atmosphere of the market, set deep within the neighborhood of Mong Kok - the world's most densely populated neighborhood with more than 130,000 people per square kilometer!

Near the Fa Yuen Street market is the "Gold Fish market" - with shops devoted to the raising of various kinds of fish, from the weird looked goldfish to the colorful tropical species, you will also impress with some saltwater aquarium setups complete with coral. While we are by-passing the gold fish market, we will stop at two family-run tasting food stalls featuring Hong Kong's classic food which may include samples of Sweet Tofu dessert (very silky smooth tofu with sweet syrup) and the marvelous fresh baked egg tarts or pineapple buns from the local bakery.





As we are moving down from the Fa Yuen Street market, we will stop by an iconic wet market that offer a blast to the past. Wet markets are the traditional places that sell poultry, live fish, fresh meat which require frequent "floor washing", this is how the name of "wet market" came from. Wet markets are usually wet, smelly and fishy but also the places to get freshest food with cheapest prices. Vegetables, fruits, cooked food stuffs and dried goods are also available there but these sections are separate from the fish and meat stalls.



While we are in this bustling corner, you would have chance to see many various food stalls selling all sorts of skewers, mini egg puffs or local street snacks that you won't even know what they are (but they are all safe to try), our guide will let you to have a sample tastings of this local street snacks.

After all these food samplings, our last stop will be the most popular open air market – Ladies Market. It offers products and souvenirs for everybody nowadays from T-shirts, watches, clocks, handbags, DVD, I Pod/I phone covers etc. Some stalls don't have products but only catalog of luxury brands of handbags or watches but please be aware that these are fake watches and handbags and because it's illegal selling, so they cannot put their watches or handbags there.



## **TOUR DETAILS :**

**AVAILABLE :** Weekdays only (Monday – Friday)

**DURATION OF TOUR :** 3 – 3.5 hours (Approx)

**MEETING PLACE :** Prince Edward MTR Station (exact meeting location will be reconfirmed with you after booking is confirmed)

**STARTING TIME:** 2: 00p.m

**FINISHING PLACE:** Mongkok MTR Station

**TOUR ROUTE :** 1.5 km, route is flat, no steps or stairs, will make stops on the way

**MAXIMUM CAPACITY :** 8

## **FRIENDLY REMINDER**

- **WHAT TO WEAR AND BRING :** As we will be walking and standing for most of the tour, so, comfortable shoes and clothing is recommended
- **If the weather forecast is a rainy day :** Please bring an umbrella or rain gear with you
- **WEATHER CONDITIONS:** All tours take place as scheduled except under Red/Black storm warning or Typhoon #8 or above.

## **VEGETARIANS**

- Vegetarian option is also available, please advise us upon making reservation

## **FOOD ALLERGIES :**

- If you have food allergies, please let us know upon making booking, we will try to avoid and make alternative tastings for you

## **BOOKING & CANCELLATION**

- Booking has to be made **at least 5 days prior to the tour date**
- **For booking with less than 5 days, please email or phone us directly for availability**
- **Cancellation by guests must be made at least 48 hours prior to the tour departure time**, otherwise, the following cancellation fee is involved
  - **No show :** 100% of tour fees are paid
  - **Cancellation made within 48 hours prior to the tour date :** 100% of tour fees are paid
  - **Cancellation made more than 48 hours prior to the tour date :** 25% of tour fees are paid

## **PRICING : HKD820 PER PAX (REQUIRE MINIMUM 2 ADULTS TO OPERATE THE TOUR)**

### **NOTES :**

- Children under 12 years old are free.
- Children aged 12 or above is considered as a full paying person.
- Maximum 2 children (age 0-11 years old) can be accompanied by 2 paying adults
- **Minimum numbers of 2 paying adults is required. There is a possibility of cancellation after confirmation if there is not enough passengers to meet requirements. In the event of this occurring, you will be offered an alternative or full refund**

**WHAT IS INCLUDED :**

- Food and drink tastings at 4 locations (subject to change and availability)
- Bottled water (one per person)
- Tour will be conducted by a friendly English speaking guide (licensed by Hong Kong Travel Industry Council or Hong Kong Association of Registered Tour co-ordinators)

**PRICES EXCLUDE :**

- Cost of transport or any food / drinks which you choose to buy during your tour.
- Food and drinks not belong to our tastings
- Transportation fees from your hotel to Prince Edward Station and reverse
- Gratuities (recommended)



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