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MIU #5: Travel Tips and Information About Macau, China (SAR)

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Sands Venetian Macao Hotel

Estrada da Baia de Nossa Senhora da Esperanca,
Macao

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General Information & Useful Tips about Macau, China

Location and Area

Macau (Macao) is a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China currently. It is located on the southeastern coast of China. Macao's territory consists of a peninsula and two islands called Taipa and Coloane in the Pearl River Delta of Guangdong Province.

Time

Macao is eight hours ahead of GMT.

Population

Macao's population is 95% Chinese and 5% Portuguese, Europeans and from other countries.

Language

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

Currency

The Pataca (MOP\$) is Macao's official currency.

- (MOP\$) Banknotes have 10, 20, 50, 100, 500 and 1000 Patacas.
- (MOP\$) Coins have 10, 20 and 50 avos, 1, 2, 5 and 10 Patacas.

In general, the exchange rate between US Dollars and Patacas is roughly 8 Patacas = 1 US Dollar. The exchange rate between HK\$ and MOP\$ is around HK\$100.00 = MOP\$103.20.

Currency Exchange

Foreign currency can be easily exchanged to Patacas in hotels, banks and authorized exchange dealers located all over the city.

Credit Cards

Most credit cards can be used in hotels, shops and restaurants.

Electricity

Macao's electricity supply is at 220V, 50Hz, which follows the system used in Hong Kong, with power plugs also following the Hong Kong style: three pinned plugs with square or round pins.

Weather

In winter (January to March) and experience mild temperatures averaging 16°C (60°F) with lots of sunshine. Sometimes the temperature may drop below 10°C (50°F). Jackets and umbrellas are recommended during this period.

Getting to Macao

Fly to Hong Kong International Airport (HKG) - <http://www.hongkongairport.com/eng/index.html>

Fly in to Hong Kong International Airport, one of the largest global airline hubs, and go directly to the SkyPier (avoiding the need to clear immigration in Hong Kong). Take a ferry to one of the peninsula's two ferry terminals, a jaunt that takes a mere 45 to 50 minutes.

Fly to Macau International Airport - <http://www.macau-airport.com/en/>

Fly directly into Macau International Airport, and be at The Sands Venetian Macao Hotel in less than ten minutes, courtesy of a free shuttle bus service.

Ferry Service From Hong Kong - <http://www.cotaiwaterjet.com/index.html>

The Cotai Water Jet Ferry service also runs regular crossings directly from Hong Kong and Kowloon. Arriving by ferry, both Macau Taipa and Macau Outer Harbour terminals have courtesy shuttle buses to The Sands Venetian Macao Hotel, with a short journey of between five and 15 minutes.

Printable Cards with Key Destinations in English and Cantonese

Attached as a separate document is PDF of cards you may use to access the following destinations:

- **The Venetian Macao, Estrada do Istmo., Cotai**
 - 澳門威尼斯人酒店
 - 望德聖母灣大馬路
- **Macau International Airport**
 - 澳門國際機場
- **Taipa Ferry Terminal**
 - 氹仔客運碼頭
- **Macau Outer Harbour Ferry Terminal**
 - 澳門外港客運碼頭
- **SkyPier, Hong Kong International Airport**
 - 香港國際機場海天客運碼頭
- **Hong Kong Macau Ferry Terminal Sheung Wan, Hong Kong Island**
 - 港澳碼頭
- **Hong Kong China Ferry Terminal 33 Canton Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon**
 - 中港碼頭

A PDF of these cards and directions to the Sands Venetian Macao Hotel is also available online at: <http://802world.org/plenary/airport-ground-transportation/>

* Print Setting - 6 pages per 1 page will yield all taxi cards on a double sided sheet of paper.

Travel Tips from *Trip Advisor*

The travel service site Trip Advisor has compiled an extensive listing of information about Macau. The site contains a very complete and up to date "how to" with lots of useful detailed sublinks with information you may wish to know as you prepare for the March 2016 IEEE 802 Plenary Session.

Feel free to use the enclosed link to learn more about Macau.

<http://www.tripadvisor.com/Travel-g664891-c211473/Macau:China:Skypier.To.Macau.All.You.Need.To.Know.html>

Trip Advisor Site: Insider Tip from IEEE 802.15 Chair Dr. Robert Heile

Use the airport express train (instead of bus 11) if you do not mind a 1km or so walk between the express train stations and the ferry terminals in either Kowloon or Hong Kong Island. All are easy to find on Google Maps.

Macau Entrance VISA

Do you Need A VISA to enter Macau?

A Visa is not required for most participants traveling to Macau. However we recommend visiting the following Macau government sites to determine if you need to obtain such a visa.

- Entrance Visa Required Countries List (<http://www.fsm.gov.mo/psp/eng/AfMV.html>)
- Exempt Countries List (http://www.fsm.gov.mo/psp/eng/EDoN.html#EDoN_VII)

How can you obtain a VISA to enter Macau?

A Macau visa can be obtained through the [Embassies/Consulates of the PRC](#) and should be used within its validity.

When should you apply for a VISA to enter Macau?

Visitors may also apply for an entry permit or visa upon arrival at the immigration checkpoint. However, visitors from certain countries are required to obtain a visa in advance before their trip to Macao. For more information, please visit the website: <http://www.fsm.gov.mo/psp/eng/AfMV.html>

The above information is for reference only. For further information on entry formalities, please contact the Macao Immigration Services of Public Security Police Force at Tel: (Macao area code) +853 2872 5488 or email: <mailto:sminfo@fsm.gov.mo>, or visit their website: <http://www.fsm.gov.mo>.

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How to Change/Cancel a Room Reservation

Change/Cancel a room by phone or email:

- **Phone#** 853 2882 8852 **Email:** <mailto:group.reservations@sands.com.mo>

How to Make a Room Reservation

- **All NEW Reservations Now Subject to Availability & Prevailing Rates**

Make a room reservation by phone or email or by booking directly online:

- **Phone#** 853 2882 8852 **Email:** group.reservations@sands.com.mo
- **Venetian Macao Hotel Website:** <http://www.venetianmacao.com/>

Prevailing rates now apply for all new reservations at the Venetian Sands Macao Hotel. These rates do not include any applicable service charges, Macau room tax, tourism tax and/or other taxes with similar application at the rate applicable at time of occupancy. Hotel will charge a 10% service charge and 5% Government Tax.

HOTEL CANCELLATION/CHANGE POLICY:

- Individual Guest Room Reservations may be changed or cancelled without charge up until 8:00 AM Pacific Time Sunday February 21, 2016.

A charge equivalent to all nights' accommodation, plus service charge and government tax, will be imposed on guest's guaranteed credit card for no show, amendments or cancellations received after 8:00 AM Pacific Time 21 February 2016. **No Refunds after February 21, 2016**

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