

# MACAO



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# Introduction

Whether you are a traveller who loves discovering hidden gems, a literati who enjoys books as much as coffee, a connoisseur who indulges in the finest food or a thrill-seeking adventurer, Macao has something for you. The lively city is always changing and the amount of tourist information can at times be overwhelming. With this in mind, this guide offers an introduction of Macao's historical background, development status, transportation tips, travelling routes and useful mobile applications. It also provides information on food and drinks, shopping destinations, sightseeing spots, entertainment facilities, festivals and others. With this guide, planning a trip to Macao can become effortless.



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# About Macao



Macao used to be a small fishing village on the south-eastern coast of China. Its oyster farming history gave it the old names of Hou Keng (Oyster Mirror) and Hou Keng Ou (Oyster Mirror Harbour). Legend has it that the origin of the names came from the oysters that shone like mirrors. Meanwhile, a Qianlong-era (1711-1799) record attributed the name to the mirror-like roundness of the two bays in the north and south.

The fate of the city was forever changed when Portuguese merchants and missionaries arrived in the mid-16th century. Upon landing, they asked the villagers for the name. The villagers thought they were referring to the temple, so they told them it was "Ma Kok". The Portuguese translated it into "Macau", giving the village a new name altogether. Macao's sovereignty was returned to China on December 20, 1999. The city has since become one of the two Special Administrative Regions (SAR), alongside Hong Kong.



The culture and architecture of Macao reflect centuries of cultural exchange between the East and West. The agglomeration of foreigners in the Historic Centre in the past has given rise to many character buildings. Its collection of Western-style buildings is the oldest in China and is listed as a UNESCO heritage site.

Underneath Macao's elegant shell is a lively soul. Traditional food stalls exist alongside fine dining restaurants and luxurious hotels. Cafés can be found on every corner. This energetic food scene along with Macanese cuisine has earned Macao the UNESCO title of "Creative City of Gastronomy".



Macao consists of the Macao Peninsula and the islands of Taipa and Coloane. Four bridges connect the peninsula and Taipa, while reclamation brings the two islands together. The area of Macao continues to expand, now spanning over 30 square kilometres. Despite its small size, it accommodates almost 700,000 people, making it one of the densest cities in the world. 90 percent of Macao population is Chinese, and the rest are Portuguese and Filipino. The official languages are Chinese and Portuguese, but most people can communicate in Cantonese, Mandarin and English.



Moreover, Macao also hosts a number of world-class events, such as Macao Grand Prix, Macao International Fireworks Display Contest and Macao International Music Festival. The city is bustling year round. Macao is also home to many internationally acclaimed entertainment venues. They are exquisitely decorated, well-equipped and conveniently connected to the hotels and shopping malls. The true colours of the city shine through in its contrast—between the humble character buildings and five-star hotels; small local shops and international luxury brands.



## UNESCO World Heritage

The small area of Macao houses many historical gems. In particular, 22 buildings on the Macao Peninsula and their eight adjoining public squares were declared a UNESCO World Heritage site on July 15, 2005. Together, they are known as the Historic Centre of Macao. It gives people a glimpse into the lives of the Portuguese in the heyday. There is plenty of history contained in Macao for visitors to explore while the details are not explained for the limited area here.



### Headquarters Building of the Marine and Water Bureau (Former Moorish Barracks)

Constructed in the late 19th century on the slope of Barra Hill, the building features a design that combines Arabic and Gothic elements. In particular, verandas with pointed arches run along almost all sides of the building. The three-tier decorations between the Islamic-style arches and the arrangement of the square with pointed ornaments on the parapet walls have a beautiful flow.

- 📍 Calçada da Barra, Macao
- 🕒 9am-6pm (Veranda)



### Mandarin's House

The building was built before 1869 and was the residence and family home of Chinese theoretician Zheng Guanying. It is a Chinese-style compound that features architectural influences from the West. The master's quarters consist of two traditional enclosed courtyard houses. Cross-cultural elements can be seen in the decorative motifs on the false ceilings and the concrete cladding.



- 📍 10 Travessa de António da Silva, Macao (Opposite Largo do Lilau)
- 🕒 10am-6pm (last entry at 5.30pm); closed on Wednesdays except during public holidays





### Ruins of St Paul's College (Former Mater Dei Church, forecourt and staircase)



The Church of Mater Dei was built at the beginning of the 17th century. A fire in 1835 destroyed the church and the adjacent St. Paul's College. Only the church's façade, foundation and outside steps could be saved. The baroque-style façade also features Chinese characters and oriental chrysanthemum motifs. Following five years of archaeological and restoration work by the Macao government in the 1990s, the Sacred Art Museum and Crypt is now open to the public.

-  Company of Jesus Square, Macao
-  The façade is accessible round the clock every day; Sacred Art Museum and Crypt—9am-6pm (last entry at 5.30pm); 9am-2pm on Tuesdays; open on public holidays; Ruins of St Paul's—9am-6pm (last entry at 5.30pm)



### Cathedral



First completed around 1622, the Cathedral was rebuilt several times following severe typhoon damage. The main building has a sloping roof, supported by a wooden truss. The bell tower has three floors with a flat roof. The interior keeps its neoclassical design since its reconstruction in 1937. The Portuguese folding screens at the entrance, statues and stained glass windows are of great historical value. During the colonial days, every new governor would visit the Cathedral and place his sceptre, the symbol of authority, next to the statue of the Virgin Mary.

-  1 Largo da Sé, Macao
-  7.30am-8pm



### Lou Kau Mansion



Named after its former resident, a prominent merchant named Lou Kau, the mansion was believed to be built in 1889. The two-storey, traditional grey-brick courtyard house is organised in a three-by-three grid. Its architectural characteristics are typical of residential houses in the late Qing Dynasty. The interior blends influences from the East and West. Oriental elements are seen in the screens, carved bricks, roof statues, calligraphy banners and windows decorated with oyster shells. These are contrasted with Western features such as Portuguese-style windows, colourful glass and false ceilings.

-  7 Travessa da Sé, Macao
-  10am-6pm (last entry at 5.30pm); closed on Mondays except during public holidays



### Na Tcha Temple (next to the Ruins of St. Paul's College)

The temple has a history of over 100 years and is dedicated to the worship of the deity Na Tcha, the son of mythical military commander Li Jing. It is a simple, single chamber building with brick walls and a traditional flush-gable roof. The building is painted grey with little ornamentation.

-  Calçada de São Francisco Xavier, Macao (next to the Ruins of St Paul's)
-  Na Tcha Temple—8am-5pm; Na Tcha Exhibition Room—10am-6pm (last entry at 5.30pm); closed on Wednesdays except during public holidays



**Guia Fortress, Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows and Lighthouse**

Perched on the top of Guia Hill, the fortress overlooks the Macao Peninsula. It was a restricted military zone until 1976 when the Portuguese army left Macao. The lighthouse built in the 19th century was the first modern lighthouse on the Chinese coast, and its location is the official geographic coordinates of Macao. The chapel was built in the 17th century. Its fresco paintings were created with Chinese techniques, another example of Macao's multiculturalism.

- 📍 Guia Hill, Macao
- 🕒 Fortress—9am-6pm (last entry at 5:30pm); Chapel—10am-5pm; Lighthouse not open to the public



**A-Ma Temple (Barra Temple)**

The oldest existing temple in Macao, A-Ma Temple consists of the Gate Pavilion, the Memorial Arch, the Prayer Hall, the Hall of Benevolence, the Hall of Guanyin, and Zhengjiao Chanlin (a Buddhist pavilion). Each forms a small part of the well-ordered complex which sits in perfect harmony with its surrounding nature. Exquisite craftsmanship can be observed in the lattice windows, upturned roof ridges, roof charms, flush gable roof and decorative porcelain pieces.

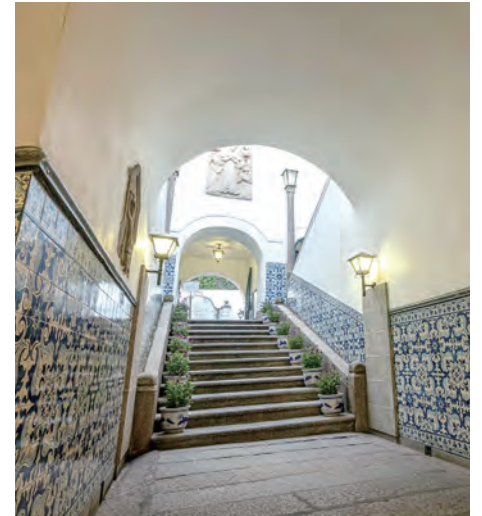
- 📍 Barra Square, Macao
- 🕒 7am-6pm



**Headquarters Building of the Municipal Affairs Bureau (Former Leal Senado Building)**

The building was constructed in 1784 and served as Macao's original municipal chamber. It has since undergone multiple rounds of renovation. Southern Europe influence is apparent in its white walls, dark green door and window frames, blue and white tiles and Baroque-style lintels. The upper floor of the two-storey building houses a ceremonial meeting room. It leads to a library styled after the library of Mafra Convent in Portugal, which contains a broad collection of historical Portuguese volumes on Africa and the Far East.

- 📍 163 Avenida de Almeida Ribeiro, Macao
- 🕒 Building—9am-9pm; Gallery—9am-9pm (open to the public when there is an exhibition)





### Sam Kai Vui Kun (Kuan Tai Temple)

Constructed in the Qianlong era (1711-1799) of the Qing Dynasty (1636-1912), the building was originally a meeting place for businessmen. At the venue, there is temple worshipping Kuan Tai (or Guan Yu, a general in ancient China) and the God of Wealth, so it is also known as Kuan Tai Temple. Its function as a meeting place used to co-exist with its worshipping purpose, but now serves only as a temple.

- 📍 Rua Sul do Mercado de São Domingos, Macao
- 🕒 9am-6pm



### Headquarters Building of the Holy House of Mercy of Macao

Holy House of Mercy is a charitable organisation founded by D. Belchior Carneiro, the first Bishop of Macao. The building was constructed in the mid-18th century with bricks and granite. With the exception of the granite baseline of the ground floor arches, the whole building is painted white, giving it a touch of elegance and solemnity. It features elaborate decorations of a variety of styles. Artefacts of the organisation and the Catholic Church are displayed in the museum.

- 📍 2 Travessa da Misericórdia, Macao (Senado Square)
- 🕒 Museum—10am-1pm and 2.30pm-5.30pm; closed on Mondays and public holidays



### St. Joseph's Seminary Church, forecourt and staircase

The seminary was founded in the 18th century by Jesuit missionaries. The church adjacent to it was the second largest in Macao when it was first built, after the original Church of Mater Dei (Ruins of St Paul's). The humble-looking seminary is contrasted against the extravagant Baroque-style church. The church's altars are lavishly decorated. A broken pediment, typical of baroque architecture, tops the main entrance. In one of the lateral altars lies one of Macao's most precious religious relics, a piece of arm bone from St. Francis Xavier. The seminary houses a great number of religious artefacts, such as oil paintings and statues. Part of the collection is well preserved at the Treasure of Sacred Art of St. Joseph's Seminary.

- 📍 Rua do Seminário, Macao
- 🕒 Church—10am-5pm; St Joseph's Seminary is closed to the public



### Dom Pedro V Theatre

Built in the 19th century, Dom Pedro V Theatre was the first western-style theatre in China and served as an important event venue for the Portuguese in the olden days. The façade is painted green, complementing the door and window frames of a darker shade. The red roof and yellow interior provide an eye-catching contrast. The theatre is neoclassical in design, incorporating a rectilinear plan. The foyer leads to a circular auditorium and the stage. Stairs on the sides lead to a crescent-shaped balcony.



- 📍 St. Augustine's Square, Macao
- 🕒 10am-6pm; closed on Tuesdays except during public holidays







### Lilau Square

Lilau, which means “mountain spring” in Portuguese, is located in one of the earliest Portuguese settlements in the city, and the area's groundwater used to be the primary source of natural spring water in Macao. To this day, many Portuguese-style residential buildings and Art Deco apartment houses still surround Lilau Square. The former are built relatively low as they are dotted across the hilly slopes of Beco do Lilau. The latter are the two to three-story buildings located at No 7, 9, and 21. Adorned with pastel yellow exteriors and white geometric lines, these historic houses are brimming with picturesque Southern European charm.

-  Lilau Square, Macao
-  Open all day

### Sir Robert Ho Tung Library Building



Built before 1894, the building was purchased by Hong Kong tycoon Sir Robert Ho Tung and used as a villa in 1918. After Sir Ho Tung passed away, the building was donated to the Macao government to be repurposed as a public library. The original three-storey building opened to the public in 1958 and is now primarily used as a conservation site for ancient literature. In 2006, the government completed a new extension to provide a diverse range of services. These two buildings combine history, culture, and architectural art, blending the old and the new and preserving the scenic landscape of the surrounding gardens.

-  3 Largo de Santo Agostinho, Macao
-  Monday 2pm-8pm; Tuesday to Sunday 8am-8pm



### Mount Fortress



Mount Fortress, also known as the Fortress of Our Lady of the Mount of St. Paul, covers an area of around 8,000 square metres. It was first constructed in 1617 and took nearly ten years to complete. This fortress was an essential military defence facility in Macao, equipped with cisterns, military supply depots, and barracks. In the heart of the current Mount Fortress lies the Macao Museum, which opened in 1998. Above it, the Mount Fortress Garden provides panoramic views of the Ruins of St. Paul's and the city of Macao.

-  Praceta do Museu de Macao
-  Mount Fortress and Garden: 7am-7pm  
Macao Museum: 10am-6pm (no entry after 5.30pm); closed on Mondays except during public holidays



### Headquarters Building of the Orient Foundation (Former Casa Garden of the Camões Grotto)

Built in 1770, Casa Garden was originally a villa for the Portuguese royal family and was likely Macao's first luxury residence with a villa-style garden. After the 1960s, it was converted into the Camões Museum and later underwent major renovations. The current architectural style has been significantly altered from its original appearance. The sloped roof has been replaced with a flat roof, the flowerbeds in front of the house have been replaced with a pool, the entrance now features a Spanish-style grand staircase, and the interior has been transformed into an exhibition space. Now, the historical building is the headquarters of Fundação Oriente.

-  Beside Camões Garden
-  10am-7pm; closed on Mondays

For more information about the World Heritage Site of Macao, please visit: [www.wh.mo/en](http://www.wh.mo/en)

# Macao World Heritage

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## Flavours of Macao

It's impossible to categorise Macao into one type of food since the region is quite literally a melting pot of cultures and cuisines. From humble street snacks and traditional family restaurants tucked away in nooks and crannies, to world-class restaurants, artisanal cafés and avant-garde dining, there's plenty to explore while you're here. If you're looking to get a true taste of Macao, there's no better way to do it than by eating around.



### Crab congee and crispy dace balls

Bordering the Pearl River estuary, Macao has easy access to an abundant supply of freshwater crabs. These plump crustaceans are best enjoyed in congee, where every grain of rice is seeped with the flavours of its sweet and savoury roe. For textural contrast, order the dace balls, which are coated in chopped vermicelli and are deep-fried until they're crisp, fragrant and golden brown.



### Steamed rice rolls with eggs and shallots

Steamed rice rolls may be a common snack in Cantonese-speaking regions, but this particular version is unique to Macao. This local speciality is made by pouring a rice-flour mixture over a cloth and steaming it with shallots and beaten eggs. Expertly rolled and cut into bite-sized pieces, the finished product bears a close resemblance to Japan's tamagoyaki omelette. Smooth and wonderfully fragrant on its own, these egg-enhanced rice rolls are even more delicious when eaten with accompanying condiments like soy sauce, sweet sauce and sesame sauce.



### Pork chop bun

So much more than your regular ham sandwich, Macao's famed pork chop bun is a delicacy that can be prepared in many different ways. Individual restaurants have their own preference for breads—you can find everything from crusty loaves to pillowy soft white bread to even pineapple buns—but the most popular is probably a baguette-style roll that's crunchy on the outside and soft on the inside. The slab of pork nestled in between is thick and juicy, soaked in a Portuguese marinade that makes it deliciously tender and flavourful.



### Portuguese egg tart

British-born Andrew Stow introduced Portuguese egg tarts to Macao and perfected the recipe to create a unique local version. Although this pastry may resemble Hong Kong-style egg tarts, it features brown and black spots on top due to the addition of cinnamon and lemon peel to the egg yolk mixture, which becomes caramelised during the baking process. The result is a pastry that is more flavourful than traditional egg tarts, with a rich eggy flavour rounded off by a hint of caramelised sugar, and layers upon layers of fluffy puff pastries that make up its crust. For a taste of authentic Portuguese egg tarts in Macao, we recommend heading to Lord Stow's Bakery and Margaret's Café e Nata.



### Milk pudding with ginger

Originally from Daliang of China's Shunde district, these simple yet satisfying puddings have gained immense popularity in Macao. They're made by adding ginger juice to milk that's been boiled and cooled. The result is a smooth and aromatic pudding rich in milky flavour. This dish is so revered that some establishments have gone the extra mile by setting up their own dairy farms to create the perfect milk pudding.



### Traditional ice cream

Nowadays, ice cream comes in infinite flavours and can be served in all shapes, sizes and styles, but we'll always have a soft spot for the classics. In Macao, there are several spots that still churn ice cream the old-fashioned way. At Lai Kei, for example, not only are the red bean popsicles, ice cream blocks and ice cream sandwiches delicious, the retro packaging—featuring a drawing of a young girl has become synonymous with the store—is also a whimsical draw. There's also Gelatina Mok Yi Kei, famous for its agar agar as well as its musang king durian ice cream. Last but not least, be sure to visit Hung Heng Cocos, which specialises in small-batch, handmade coconut ice cream.



### Shrimp roe noodles

This beloved dish packs a massive punch in the flavour department. A restaurant that is serious about this dish abstains from using automated machinery. The traditional way of making these noodles is to hand-knead the dough with a bamboo pole. The eggy, toothsome noodles topped with freshly roasted shrimp roe are served in a dried flounder broth full of umami.



### Portuguese cuisine

Macao is home to some of the best and most authentic Portuguese food outside of Portugal. Located on the west coast of the Iberian Peninsula, Portugal is known for using a lot of fresh seafood and olive oil in its cooking. Popular dishes include salted cod cakes, sardines cooked in olive oil and seafood stews with bread. You'll find these dishes and other Portuguese favourites served at all sorts of establishments in Macao, from small, family-run eateries to high-end restaurants.



### Macanese cuisine

When the Portuguese travelled to Asia hundreds of years ago, they brought with them their own national dishes and cooking styles but also discovered many of Asia's unique ingredients and spices along the way. After settling in Macao, many became influenced by the local food and flavours and married them with their own hometown staples to create a new cuisine that has now become distinct to the region. For a true taste of Macao, try classic dishes such as African chicken, Portuguese chicken and duck stew.



### Halal dining

Muslim travelers can delight in an extensive choice of delectable Halal food options that cater to their dietary needs. Accredited Halal restaurants in Macao, certified by the "Incorporated Trustees of the Islamic Community Fund of Hong Kong", provide Muslim visitors with a wide range of dining options that strictly adhere to Halal food preparation criteria.

[www.macaotourism.gov.mo/en/dining/taste-of-macao/halal-dining](http://www.macaotourism.gov.mo/en/dining/taste-of-macao/halal-dining)

## Macanese restaurants



### Restaurante Litoral

This first-generation Macanese restaurant is housed in an elegant two-storey, European-style building. In true Macanese style, its interior blends Eastern and Western influences with decorations like Chinese porcelain and Portuguese wood carvings. The family-run restaurant serves traditional recipes passed down through generations. Popular dishes include African chicken, curry crab and prawn, and minced meat.

📍 Block 4, 53-57 Wai Chin Kok, Rua do Regedor, Taipa  
☎ (853) 2882 5255



### Casa Maquista

Nestled within a century-old architecture, Casa Maquista recreates the ambiance of a traditional Macanese home serving Macanese cuisine, an item inscribed in Macao's List of Intangible Cultural Heritage. The menu captures the essence of Macanese dishes, featuring recipes passed down through generations of Macanese families. Must-try dishes include Capela (Meatloaf), Curry Shrimp with Okra, Turmeric Iberico Pork and more.

📍 Avenida da Praia, Taipa  
☎ (853) 6217 6332



### Riquexó Café

Riquexó Café may not have the snazziest appearance, but it's still a household name in Macao thanks to its delicious food and cosy, home-style atmosphere. The shop's Chinese-Portuguese owners cook up cheap and cheerful Macanese fare made according to their family's secret recipes. The "feijoada" pork with bean stew, curry chicken and minchi are all highly recommended.

📍 69 Avenida Sidónio Pais, Macao  
☎ (853) 2856 5655

Chinese fine dining



**The 8 Restaurant**

The lavishly designed restaurant incorporates various symbols of wealth and abundance, such as the lucky number “8” and goldfish, into its modern Chinese interior. The restaurant specialises in dim sum and contemporary Cantonese cuisine. It is known for reinterpreting traditional recipes with innovative ingredients and culinary techniques to create avant-garde dishes, such as crystal blue shrimp dumplings, black truffle and lobster dumplings, and steamed chicken rolls infused with coconut.

- 📍 2/F, Grand Lisboa, Avenida de Lisboa, Macao
- 🌐 [www.grandlisboa.com/en/restaurants-n-bars/the-eight](http://www.grandlisboa.com/en/restaurants-n-bars/the-eight)
- ☎ (853) 8803 7788



**Jade Dragon**

This award-winning establishment is known for its exquisite Cantonese cuisine. The dishes display a high level of finesse made with only the finest ingredients. The signature Jade Dragon dumpling boasts a filling of French blue lobster and Japanese tiger prawns encased in a chive wrapper. Other specialities include fish maw soup with caviar and stir-fried Brittany lobster with truffle and white wine sauce. To match the quality of the food, the restaurant exudes a luxurious atmosphere to make the dining experience all the more unforgettable.

- 📍 2/F, The Shops at The Boulevard, City of Dreams, Estrada do Istmo, Taipa
- 🌐 [www.cityofdreamsmacau.com/en/dining/jade-dragon](http://www.cityofdreamsmacau.com/en/dining/jade-dragon)
- ☎ (853) 8868 2822

**Feng Wei Ju**

This Hunan and Sichuan restaurant is a must-visit for those who love a bit of spice in their lives. The menu is extensive and eclectic which includes snacks, soups, freshwater fish and home-style dishes, Northern handmade noodles, pan-fried dumplings and many more items. Marinated in Hunan spices and served with housemade chilli sauce, the restaurant’s beef loin is definitely worth trying.

- 📍 5/F, StarWorld Hotel, Avenida da Amizade, Macao
- 🌐 [www.starworldmacau.com/restaurant/feng-wei-ju](http://www.starworldmacau.com/restaurant/feng-wei-ju)
- ☎ (853) 8290 8668

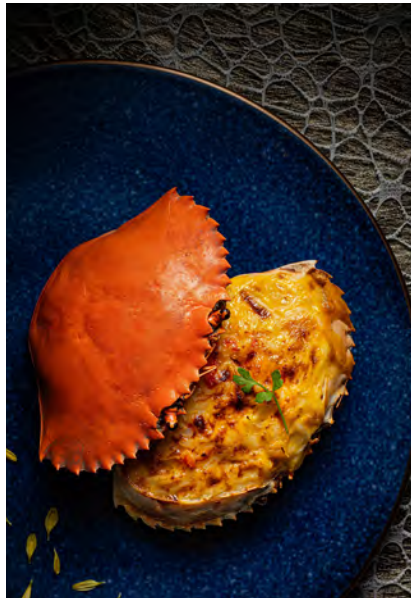




### Chef Tam's Seasons

Drawing inspiration from the 24 solar terms of Chinese traditional wisdom, Cantonese master chef Tam Kwok Fung breathes new life into Cantonese cuisine by matching seasonal ingredients with contemporary culinary techniques. Tea and wine are indispensable to a fine dining experience. Guests can enjoy performances and tea pairings according to seasonal changes by the tea master. A vast collection of Chinese Baijiu, presented on a bespoke Baijiu trolley by the sommelier team, showcases the world of Chinese spirits.

- North Esplanade, G/F, Wynn Palace, Avenida da Nave Desportiva, Taipa
- [www.wynnresortsmacau.com/en/wynn-palace/dining/chef-tams-seasons](http://www.wynnresortsmacau.com/en/wynn-palace/dining/chef-tams-seasons)
- (853) 8889 3663



### La Chine

The creative design of this Parisian Macao restaurant will transport you right to the Eiffel Tower. In a modern and chic dining room that boasts floor-to-ceiling windows that look out over the dazzling Cotai Strip, guests can enjoy an extensive selection of Chinese delicacies.

- 6/F, Eiffel Tower, The Parisian Macao, Estrada do Istmo, Taipa
- [www.parisianmacao.com/macau-restaurants/la-chine.html](http://www.parisianmacao.com/macau-restaurants/la-chine.html)
- (853) 8118 8822

### Lai Heen

Perched on the 51st floor of the hotel, Lai Heen is the highest Chinese restaurant in Macao, offering a stunning bird's eye view of the city. Boasting a luxurious interior, the restaurant is known for high-end Cantonese cuisine. Standout dishes from the menu include crispy Chilean sea bass fillet and prawn balls baked in Port wine.

- 51/F, The Ritz-Carlton Macau, Avenida Marginal Flor de Lotus, Taipa
- [www.galaxymacau.com/en/dining/restaurants/lai-heen](http://www.galaxymacau.com/en/dining/restaurants/lai-heen)
- (853) 8886 6868



### Zi Yat Heen

Premium ingredients are transformed into Chinese haute cuisine at this elegant restaurant. There's no shortage of creativity in the kitchen, as showcased by dishes such as baked lamb chop with espresso sauce, baked stuffed sea whelk with diced abalone and minced pork, and braised Indonesian whole lobster with bean curd, minced pork and chilli sauce. Another highlight is the impressive glass-encased wine cellar, which takes pride of place in the centre of the restaurant.




- 1/F, Four Seasons Hotel Macau, Cotai Strip, Estrada da Baía de Nossa Senhora da Esperança, Taipa
- [www.fourseasons.com/macau/dining/restaurants/zi\\_yat\\_heen](http://www.fourseasons.com/macau/dining/restaurants/zi_yat_heen)
- (853) 2881 8818





### Wing Lei




From the selection of ingredients to the preparation of dishes, Wing Lei offers Cantonese cuisine with meticulous attention to detail. Standout items from the menu include steamed grouper with 30-years aged tangerine peel and egg white, Iberico pork cha siu with maple syrup, and crispy roast chicken. The restaurant offers spacious and comfortable seating, with a statement-making lantern centrepiece that adds to the enchanting atmosphere.

-  G/F, Wynn, Rua Cidade de Sintra, Macao
-  [www.wynnresortsmacau.com/en/wynn-macau/dining/wing-lei](http://www.wynnresortsmacau.com/en/wynn-macau/dining/wing-lei)
-  (853) 8986 3663



### Imperial Court




Symbolising power and auspiciousness, a marble pillar carved with dragons amidst clouds takes centre stage in this lavishly decorated restaurant. Imperial Court specialises in classic Lingnan cuisine that marries traditional techniques with modern flavours. In addition to its selection of Cantonese delicacies, the restaurant also serves Chaozhou, Hakka, Hainan, and Macao dishes. Showcasing the chef's culinary skills, the restaurant's standout dishes include wok-fried French blue lobster, crispy roasted free-range chicken with organic flaxseeds, braised superior chicken bouillon with shredded South African abalone and chicken, and steamed fish maw dumplings stuffed with pork, shrimp and mushroom.

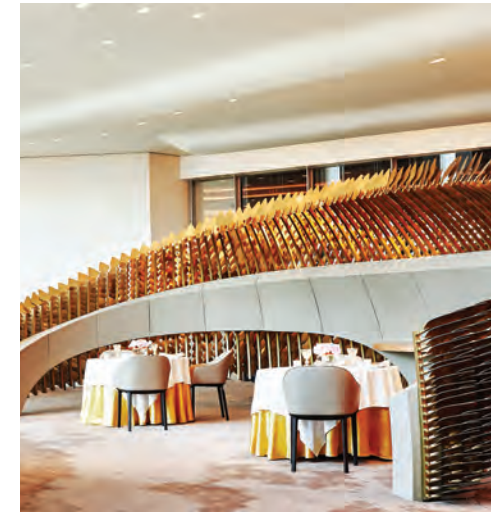
-  G/F, MGM Macau, Avenida Dr. Sun Yat Sen, NAPE, Macao
-  [www.mgm.mo/en/dining/mgm-macau/imperial-court](http://www.mgm.mo/en/dining/mgm-macau/imperial-court)
-  (853) 8802 2361



### Yi

Located on a sky bridge on the 21st floor of Morpheus hotel, Yi fuses the flavours of traditional Chinese cuisine with creative culinary techniques. The head chef uses only the best seasonal ingredients to present a one-of-a-kind Chinese omakase experience. The 12-course tasting menu is both innovative and exquisitely executed. Guests can enjoy tea pairings recommended by the tea master or drinks from the restaurant's curated collection of wines and spirits.

-  21/F, Morpheus, City of Dreams, Estrada do Istmo, Taipa
-  [www.cityofdreamsmacau.com/en/dining/yi](http://www.cityofdreamsmacau.com/en/dining/yi)
-  (853) 8868 3446






## Western fine dining



### Robuchon au Dôme




Founded by renowned chef Joël Robuchon, this restaurant housed in the dome of the Grand Lisboa Hotel offers some of the finest French cuisine in the world. Every dish is a stroke of genius. The foie gras, for example, which is prepared in a wide variety of ways to showcase the expertise and creativity of the chefs. To go with the art-like food is an extensive wine list that includes well over 10,000 labels. And with its magnificent views and a show-stopping chandelier made of tens of thousands of crystals, Robuchon au Dôme promises an exceptional fine-dining experience.

-  43/F, Grand Lisboa Hotel, Avenida de Lisboa, Macao
-  [www.grandlisboa.com/en/restaurants-n-bars/robuchon-au-dome](http://www.grandlisboa.com/en/restaurants-n-bars/robuchon-au-dome)
-  (853) 8803 7878



### Alain Ducasse at Morpheus




Established by French master chef Alain Ducasse, this elegant and modern restaurant shines the spotlight on high-quality ingredients by sourcing the finest seasonal produce from small-scale farms and producers all over the world. In the kitchen, these ingredients are transformed into beautiful culinary creations that marry the finesse of fine dining with new world ethos.

-  3/F, Morpheus, City of Dreams, Estrada do Istmo, Taipa
-  [www.cityofdreamsmacau.com/en/dining/alain-ducasse-morpheus](http://www.cityofdreamsmacau.com/en/dining/alain-ducasse-morpheus)
-  (853) 8868 3432




### Aurora

Savour traditional Italian cuisine in contemporary culinary arts where great care is taken with the selection of Italian produce. The stylish terrace with an area of 700 square metres is one of the best places in town for guests zipping freshly crafted cocktails and enjoying alluring night views of the Macao Peninsula.

-  10/F, Altira Macau, Avenida de Kwong Tung, Taipa
-  [www.altiramacau.com/en/dining/aurora](http://www.altiramacau.com/en/dining/aurora)
-  (853) 2886 8868

### 8 1/2 Otto e Mezzo BOMBANA




Opened by renowned Italian chef Umberto Bombana, this sprawling 5,000-square-foot restaurant exudes an air of luxury. In a space decorated with works by contemporary artist Gianluca Miniaci, guests can enjoy dishes that highlight the finest of ingredients, including white truffles and premium meats.

-  1031, 1/F, Galaxy Hotel, Avenida Marginal Flor de Lotus, Taipa
-  [www.galaxymacau.com/dining/restaurants/8-1-2-otto-e-mezzo-bombana](http://www.galaxymacau.com/dining/restaurants/8-1-2-otto-e-mezzo-bombana)
-  (853) 8886 2169



### The Kitchen

This modern steakhouse shines the spotlight on premium beef from Japan, Australia, the US and the Netherlands. But meats aren't the only things that shine here. The seafood selection is also highly recommended, as are the bread and appetisers, which are prepared fresh to order in the restaurant's show kitchen. With salads, sushi and even homemade desserts, there's something here to suit everybody.

-  3/F, Grand Lisboa, Avenida de Lisboa, Macao
-  [www.grandlisboa.com/en/restaurants-n-bars/the-kitchen](http://www.grandlisboa.com/en/restaurants-n-bars/the-kitchen)
-  (853) 8803 7777



### Chiado

Helmed by Portuguese celebrity chef Henrique Sá Pessoa, Chiado offers authentic Portuguese dishes made with the finest seasonal ingredients. Here, guests can enjoy a taste of the six-course menu served in the chef's two-Michelin-starred restaurant in Lisbon, complemented by an extensive Portuguese wine list.

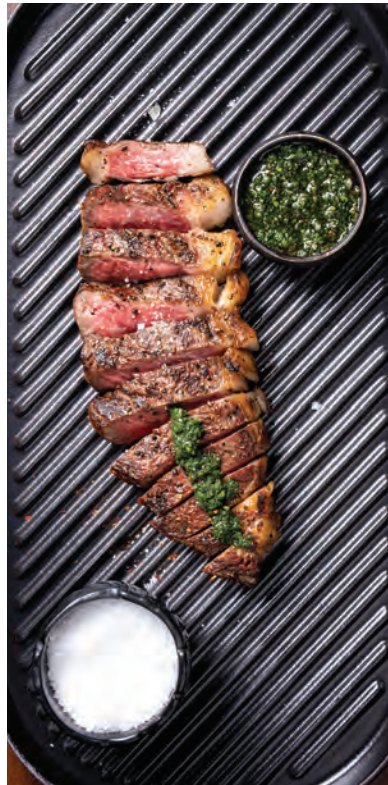
- 📍 Shop 2206, Level 2, The Londoner Macao, Estrada do Istmo, Taipa
- 🌐 [www.londonermacao.com/macau-restaurants/chiado.html](http://www.londonermacao.com/macau-restaurants/chiado.html)
- ☎ (853) 8118 8822



### Grill 58

Housed at MGM Cotai, Grill 58 offers an extensive selection of top-quality meats and seafood. Meats are sourced from the best ranches across the globe and include premium cuts of beef that are dry-aged in the restaurant's purpose-built Himalayan-salt ageing room. Everything is cooked to suit your tastes, and you can even choose to have your meal prepared in different ways, from being grilled over wood embers to being prepared at the restaurant's 14-seat teppanyaki counter. Grill 58 also boasts a wine cellar that stocks over 4,000 labels to pair with your food. For those who want some privacy, you can enjoy your meal in one of two Japanese-style teppanyaki rooms.

- 📍 GM/F, MGM Cotai, Avenida da Nave Desportiva, Taipa
- 🌐 [www.mgm.mo/en/dining/mgm-cotai/grill-58](http://www.mgm.mo/en/dining/mgm-cotai/grill-58)
- ☎ (853) 8806 2318



### Coast

An all-day restaurant serving up Western-style delicacies such as pizza, salad, grilled meat, and Macanese specialties. A perfect spot to hang out with friends and family, the restaurant offers a cosy, laid-back atmosphere with floor-to-ceiling windows that allow abundant natural light into the space. The open kitchen is complete with ovens and grills that fill the restaurant with the delicious aroma of food.

- 📍 G/F, MGM Cotai, Avenida da Nave Desportiva, Taipa
- 🌐 [www.mgm.mo/en/dining/mgm-cotai/coast](http://www.mgm.mo/en/dining/mgm-cotai/coast)
- ☎ (853) 8806 2329



### SW Steakhouse

The star of the show here is, of course, the steaks. You'll be spoilt for choice with the different cuts of beef on the menu from Japan, the US, and Australia. Seafood lovers will want to opt for delicious seafood platters, seasonal oysters, and classic crab cakes. The interior of the restaurant mimics the layout of a Western opera house, with tables facing towards the stage, where interesting theatre performances take place every half an hour. Head here for a sensory feast like no other.

- 📍 North Esplanade, G/F, Wynn Palace, Avenida da Nave Desportiva, Taipa
- 🌐 [www.wynnresortsmacao.com/en/wynn-palace/dining/sw-steakhouse](http://www.wynnresortsmacao.com/en/wynn-palace/dining/sw-steakhouse)
- ☎ (853) 8889 3663






## Asian Delicacies



### Drunken Fish




Adorned with multiple hand-bent curved aquariums and a chic turquoise Moutai bar, the restaurant immerses guests in an ambience of the submarine world to enrich the dining experience. Guests can savour an exquisite selection of the finest seafood prepared in different cooking styles—spicy flavours of Sichuan, Hong Kong-style, and a fusion of Singaporean, Thai, and Japanese—while relishing the 180-degree vista of Performance Lake.

-  1/F, Wynn, Rua Cidade de Sintra, Macao
-  [www.wynnresortsmacau.com/en/wynn-macau/dining/drunken-fish](http://www.wynnresortsmacau.com/en/wynn-macau/dining/drunken-fish)
-  (853) 8988 3663



### Tenmasa



Founded in 1937, the exceptional tempura restaurant originated in Tokyo possess a culinary history passed down through three generations. Tenmasa in Macao is the only branch outside Japan. High-quality ingredients are flown in fresh from Japan every week and are transformed into delicacies by authentic tempura masters, which are served crisp and piping hot.

-  11/F, Altira Macau, Avenida de Kwong Tung, Taipa
-  [www.altiramacau.com/en/dining/Tenmasa](http://www.altiramacau.com/en/dining/Tenmasa)
-  (853) 2886 8868



### Broadway Food Street




A one-stop food destination for Macao's most famous delicacies, Broadway Food Street is home to more than 40 local and regional eateries serving everything from street snacks to Michelin-recognised dishes. Feast until your heart's content in this bustling market that nods to old Macao.

-  Broadway Macau, Avenida Marginal Flor de Lotus, Taipa
-  [www.broadwaymacau.com.mo/broadway-food-street](http://www.broadwaymacau.com.mo/broadway-food-street)
-  (853) 8883 3338



### Hip Seng Seafood and Hot Pot Restaurant

Hip Seng is a time-honoured hot pot restaurant founded in Macao over 30 years ago. They serve fresh seasonal ingredients from around the world, such as Canadian geoduck, Japanese A5 Wagyu beef, Australian lobster, freshwater fish, and handmade meatballs. Besides its delicious hot pot offerings, the restaurant also serves exquisite Cantonese dishes, dim sum, and Chinese desserts.

-  2/F, SOHO at City of Dreams, Estrada do Istmo, Taipa
-  [www.cityofdreamsmacau.com/en/dining/hip-seng-seafood-hot-pot-restaurant](http://www.cityofdreamsmacau.com/en/dining/hip-seng-seafood-hot-pot-restaurant)
-  (853) 2872 6600



Snap-worthy cafés



A Porta Da Arte

Formerly an iron factory for over 60 years, A Porta Da Arte has been repurposed to cater to the city's caffeine and culture junkies. On the ground floor is a café that offers single-origin coffees, Italian brews and light snacks. Head up to the first floor and you'll find a retail space that sells quirky knick-knacks, from vintage toys to handmade crafts and organic foods. The second and third floors function as a creative space, where various workshops are held for the public. For a truly idyllic experience, grab a coffee and head up to the rooftop, where you can enjoy an amazing view of old Macao.

- 📍 42 Rua dos Ervanários, Macao
- 📌 a.porta.da.arte
- ☎️ (853) 6636 2211



Japas

Located in the neighbourhood of Areia Preta, Japas uses creative techniques to present a healthier way of enjoying food. The restaurant uses freshly harvested ingredients from its own aquaponics greenhouse, which ensures high-quality, safe, and delicious food for its guests. Since the restaurant opened its doors in 2016, Japas was able to maintain strict quality control with each dish by carefully selecting everything that goes on the plate, from the fresh produce even to the salt used. The restaurant's culinary techniques and exceptional dishes redefine dining experience that satisfies not only the taste buds but also the soul.

- 📍 R/C, Edifício Pat Tat Sun Chuen, 165-307 Rua do Padre Eugenio Taverna, Macao
- 📌 macau.japas
- ☎️ (853) 2852 1199

M2 Kitchen

For a dream-like photo backdrop, step onto M2 Kitchen's sunlit balcony, which is always in full bloom with colourful blossoms and lush foliage. In this comfortable and flowery oasis, sit back and enjoy an assortment of western favourites such as pasta, pizzas and airy soufflés.

- 📍 Shops G, H, I, 3/F, Ocean Mall, 88B-90C Avenida do Conselheiro Ferreira de Almeida, Macao
- 📌 M2 Kitchen
- ☎️ (853) 2852 2821





### Clube Militar de Macau

The building was constructed more than a century ago. It was formerly used as a private club for the Portuguese military before it reopened as a restaurant. Inside, you'll find elegant, European-style décor and furnishing as well as a menu of Portuguese favourites, such as roasted suckling pig, black pork cheeks in red wine sauce and stewed oxtail.

- 975 Avenida da Praia Grande, Macao
- (853) 2871 4010



### Cafe SAB 8

Tucked away in a side alley near the Ruins of St. Paul's, this tiny cafe was founded by siblings Sandra and Bela. Specialising in modern and traditional Macanese cuisine, the cafe is known for its bacalhau tarts, sardine tarts, and orange rolls. The health-conscious sisters use no MSG or additives in their dishes and get all ingredients delivered fresh daily.

- Shop A, G/F, 10 Pátio de Chôn Sau, Macao
- Cafesab8
- (853) 2835 8191



### Bloom Coffee House

Bloom is serious about its coffee. Aside from offering house-roasted beans, the café also has a team of knowledgeable baristas on hand to guide customers through the characteristics of different brews. The café's open space layout is designed to encourage interaction between java enthusiasts, so don't be afraid to grab a seat at the coffee bar and chat it up with the baristas.

- 5 Rua de Horta e Costa, Macao
- bloomcoffeehouse
- (853) 6666 4479



### Rooftop Macau

The owners initially operated a made-to-order T-shirt business before stumbling upon the two-storey white building in Taipa Old Town and opening the coffee shop. Apart from selling coffee and snacks, the shop offers personalised T-shirts with their onsite design and printing service. Guests can head up to the narrow staircase by the entrance to enter the minimalist-designed rooftop adorned with lush greenery. Leave all your worries behind as you enjoy a cup of specialty coffee and take in the scenic views of Taipa Old Town!

- 1/F, 49 Rua Correia da Silva, Taipa
- therooftopmacau
- (853) 6886 7498







## Macao in Motion

Macao has a dynamic and energetic vibe, offering a diverse range of exciting activities both on the land, sea and in the air. For those who prefer a more relaxed pace, a leisurely cruise around the stunning harbour is a great option. Technology enthusiasts can enjoy an immersive virtual experience at Legend Heroes Park in Studio City. Thrill-seekers, on the other hand, can't miss all the fun water activities at the largest water park in Macao or head to Coloane Karting Track to experience the joy and exhilaration of karting.



### Macao Tower Convention & Entertainment Centre

The observation deck at the Macao Tower is the best spot for a bird's eye view of Macao. It is two-thirds of the way up the 300-metre-tall building and can be reached in a minute via a lift. The revolving restaurant offers visitors a view of Macao and Zhuhai while enjoying their meals. The tower also provides a range of thrilling activities, such as bungee jumping, sky jumping, and skywalk.

 Largo da Torre de Macau, Macao  
 [www.macaotower.com.mo](http://www.macaotower.com.mo)





### SkyCab at Wynn Palace

The unique cable car system at Wynn Palace takes visitors up to 28 metres above ground, where they can enjoy a spectacular view overlooking the hotel and Cotai. Each SkyCab seats six people and the journey lasts eight to ten minutes. For the best experience, board the cable car just before the fountain show begins.

📍 Avenida da Nave Desportiva, Taipa

🔗 [www.wynnresortsmacau.com/en/wynn-palace/experiences/entertainment/sky-cab](http://www.wynnresortsmacau.com/en/wynn-palace/experiences/entertainment/sky-cab)



### ZIPCITY Macau

ZIPCITY Macau is Asia Pacific's first urban zip line facility with five zip lines. Day and night rides are offered to tourists to experience a zip journey reaching speeds of up to 55 kilometres per hour. Adventurers can also challenge themselves on a lofty 60-metre skywalk or a heart-stopping 25-metre free-fall jump.

📍 R89 and R100, Retro Zone, Lisboaeta Macau, Rua da Patinagem, Taipa

🔗 [www.lisboetamacau.com/en](http://www.lisboetamacau.com/en)



teamLab  
Expanding Three-Dimensional Existence in Transforming Space -  
Flattening 3 Colors and 9 Blurred Colors, Free Floating, 2009-2018,  
Interactive Installation, Endless, Sound: Hideaki Takahashi  
© teamLab

### teamLab SuperNature Macao

TeamLab SuperNature Macao is a groundbreaking permanent interactive experience. Spanning across a 5,000 square meter labyrinthine space with eight metre-high ceilings throughout, teamLab transforms the space into a complex three-dimensional world across varying elevations. Blurring boundaries between the human body and art, the exhibit features an exciting series of fully immersive and compelling artworks.

📍 Cotai Expo, The Venetian Macao, Estrada da Baía de Nossa Senhora da Esperança, Taipa

🔗 [en.sandsresortsmacau.com/sands-lifestyle/macau-shows/teamlab.html](http://en.sandsresortsmacau.com/sands-lifestyle/macau-shows/teamlab.html)

### Legend Heroes Park

An amusement park that combines cutting-edge technology, sports and entertainment. Legend Heroes Park is equipped with virtual and augmented reality, holograms, motion tracking, projection mapping and a 4D+ theatre. There are over 60 games for visitors to choose from, ranging from car racing and bumper cars to retro video games and bowling.

📍 Level 2, East Wing, Studio City, Estrada do Istmo, Taipa

🔗 [www.studiocity-macau.com/en/attractions/legend-hero-park](http://www.studiocity-macau.com/en/attractions/legend-hero-park)





The Sports Bureau of the Macao SAR Government

### Coloane Karting Track

This is the only karting track in Hong Kong and Macao that meets international standards. Complete with state-of-the-art facilities, the track occupies 42,982 square metres of space and measures 1.2 kilometres long and 10 to 12 metres wide. It consists of 10 corners that present different challenges for racers to navigate.

📍 Estrada de Seac Pai Van, Coloane

☎ (853) 2888 2126



### Super Fun Zone

Spanning four levels, Studio City's Super Fun Zone offers a range of play experiences suitable for children of all ages. The indoor park is divided into five zones – Mountain, Forest, Under the Sea, Outer Space, and Space Station where visitors can jump, climb, and explore to their heart's content. There are three available party rooms where you can customise a unique celebration for kids.

📍 Level 3, West Wing, Studio City, Estrada do Istmo, Taipa

🔗 [www.studiocity-macau.com/en/attractions/super-fun-zone](http://www.studiocity-macau.com/en/attractions/super-fun-zone)



### Studio City Water Park

This is the biggest water park in Macao, which boasts both outdoor and indoor areas. The indoor area, has a space theme and features 16 exciting rides, including the city's only indoor surfing simulator, Space Surfer, the high-speed water roller coaster Lightspeed Shuttle, the 246-metre-long Starlight Rapids, and more. Don't miss the outdoor park's 20-metre-high Highpoint Twister waterslide, as well as the Little Lagoon shallow pool that's specially designed for younger children.

📍 Level 3, West Wing, Studio City, Estrada do Istmo, Taipa

🔗 [www.studiocity-macau.com/en/attractions/waterpark](http://www.studiocity-macau.com/en/attractions/waterpark)



### Grand Resort Deck

This family-friendly water park is home to the world's skytop adventure rapids of 575 metres; and a 8,000-square metre wave pool that can create artificial waves of up to 1.5 metres high. Other highlights include Macao's first-ever water slide mountain, where three 9-metre-tall slide towers travel through mountainous caves to create an adrenaline-inducing aquatic experience for visitors. If you have a little one, they will love the kids' aquatic play zone, which includes spray loops, splash mountains and towers, and more.

📍 Galaxy Macau Integrated Resort, Estrada da Baía de Nossa Senhora da Esperança, Taipa

🔗 [www.galaxymacau.com/grand-resort-deck](http://www.galaxymacau.com/grand-resort-deck)



## Photo and cultural spots

Photo opportunities have now become a factor in a destination's popularity. In Macao, every street corner makes for a good photo opportunity. Within the historical European architecture are cultural spots where the city's Portuguese heritage shines through, as well as modern marvels that perfectly reflect the contemporary side of Macao.



## Rua da Felicidade (Happiness Street)

Old brothel buildings line the street of this former red-light district. The green houses with Chinese window frames and traditional signboards give it a unique feel. It is where films *Isabella* and *Butterfly* were shot.



## Albergue da Santa Casa da Misericórdia (Holy House of Mercy Albergue)

The albergue consists of two yellow Portuguese houses standing in front of a small courtyard, overlooked by an old camphor tree. It used to be a sanctuary for comb sisters—women who choose to stay single all their life—but had also given shelter to those in need. The houses have now been transformed into an art and culture space. Nearby, another European heritage building houses Pavilhão de Exposições e Espectáculos Artísticos para Jovens. It serves as an art and exhibition space for youth and hosts events such as concerts and exhibitions from time to time.

📍 Albergue da Santa Casa da Misericórdia—8 Calçada da Igreja de São Lázaro, Macao; Pavilhão de Exposições e Espectáculos Artísticos—Rua Filipe O'Costa, Macao (near Tap Seac Square)



### 10 Fantasia

Adjacent to the albergue, 10 Fantasia is a two-storey house in pale yellow with white decorative fringes. It used to be a governmental department but is now an art centre, showcasing a wide range of artwork. It has an outdoor bar that gathers local artists, where they mingle and exchange ideas with each other.

- 📍 10 Calçada da Igreja de São Lázaro, Macao
- 🌐 [www.10fantasia.com](http://www.10fantasia.com)  
(Traditional Chinese)



### Anim'Arte NAM VAN

Jointly managed by the Cultural Affairs Bureau, the Sports Bureau, the Macao Government Tourism Office and the Macao University of Tourism, "Anim'Arte NAM VAN" transforms Nam Van Lakeside Plaza into a waterfront leisure hub. It offers a diverse range of cultural activities and entertainment. Visitors can board a pedal boat to enjoy the soothing breeze. Cultural and creative shops are undergoing renovation and will debut with a brand new look.

- 📍 Avenida Panorâmica do Lago Nam Van, Macao
- 🌐 [www.macaotourism.gov.mo/en/shows-and-entertainment/family-fun/animarte-nam-van](http://www.macaotourism.gov.mo/en/shows-and-entertainment/family-fun/animarte-nam-van)



### Former Iec Long Firecracker Factory

Firecrackers used to be one of the pillar industries in Macao, with Taipa serving as the manufacturing hub of firecrackers. The only well-preserved heritage site of Macao's firecracker industry is the Former Iec Long Firecracker Factory, which has been in Taipa for about a century. The site comprises a walkway, an exhibition hall, and a cultural and souvenir shop. The natural setting, combined with cultural and leisure elements, creates a captivating experience that is not to be missed.

- 📍 Rua Fernão Mendes Pinto, Taipa
- 🌐 [www.icm.gov.mo/en/ieclong](http://www.icm.gov.mo/en/ieclong)





### Tap Seac Gallery

Tap Seac Gallery is converted from an upper-class family residence. The building is a typical example of the era's architecture reflected in the red and yellow façade, wooden shutters, tracery design and Roman arched doors. The gallery now hosts exhibitions, seminars and workshops.

📍 95 Avenida do Conselheiro Ferreira de Almeida, Macao  
[www.icm.gov.mo/en/TapSiac](http://www.icm.gov.mo/en/TapSiac)



### Travessa da Paixão

A short alley lined with pastel-coloured European houses, Travessa da Paixão, is a romantic spot. One of the buildings has been converted into Cinematheque · Passion, mainly showing locally produced films that rarely make it to commercial cinemas. The nearby Pátio de Chôn Sau was an old neighbourhood that has now become a creative cultural district, brightened up with graffiti wall art and independent shops.

📍 Cinematheque · Passion—11 & 13 Travessa da Paixão, Macao  
[www.cinematheque-passion.mo](http://www.cinematheque-passion.mo)



### Coloane Village

At the southern tip of Macao, Coloane retains much of its fishing village ambience around the pier area. There are several dry goods stores along the promenade and the smell of salted fish penetrates the streets as the wind blows. Villagers can be seen chatting in front of their humble but cosy cottages. Other attractions on the island include Chapel of St. Francis Xavier and Tam Kong Temple.

📍 Coloane Pier and the area along Avenida de Cinco de Outubro



### Post-Ox Warehouse Experimental Site

Operated by art group Ox Warehouse, the alternative art space was originally located at the Former Municipal Cattle Stable on Avenida do Coronel Mesquita. It later moved into a three-storey house at 15 Rua do Volong. It promotes experimental art, multimedia, performance art, installation and other avant-garde forms and styles less commonly seen in other galleries.

📍 15 Rua do Volong, Macao  
 📌 oxwarehouse



### Barra District

The Barra District is a new hybrid space for leisure and art integrating historical landmarks such as the former government shipyards, offices of the maritime department, and the former Barra Slaughterhouse. The area comes alive with periodic cultural events, markets, and exhibitions. A highlight is the transformation of the boat sheds into the "Barra Kitchen". Here, eight local eateries offer a unique opportunity to sample a diverse array of local flavours under one roof.

📍 Rua de São Tiago da Barra, Macao

🌐 [www.mgm.mo/en/entertainment/happening/barra-kitchen](http://www.mgm.mo/en/entertainment/happening/barra-kitchen)



### Universal Gallery & Bookstore (Tap Siac)

Located in Tap Siac Square Commercial Centre (also known as the Glass House), this multi-purpose arts and cultural hub houses a bookstore, coffee shop, art gallery, and studio under the same roof. Apart from showcasing local artworks and books, the gallery regularly invites homegrown and international artists to hold exhibitions and arts and craft workshops, making it a popular destination for art enthusiasts.

📍 R2, Tap Siac Square Commercial Centre, Macao

☎ (853) 6324 3737



### Macau Design Centre

Situated in a revitalised industrial building in Areia Preta, Macau Design Centre is a contemporary five-storey building serving multiple purposes. On the ground floor, local designers and cultural products are exhibited. A quiet and comfortable reading room is located on the mezzanine floor. The second to fourth floors house a creative workshop for different units to use. It offers a guided tour for visitors who want to know more about the centre's operation.

📍 5 Travessa da Fábrica, Macao

📘 [macaudesigncentre](http://macaudesigncentre)



## Outdoor Adventures

Why stay in an air-conditioned room when the sun is out? The natural environment of Macao is just as splendid as the luxurious hotels and casinos. A walk in the tree-lined paths in the country parks will instantly relieve all of life's stress. Another delightful spot to take a stroll through is the Old Taipa Village. The well-maintained Portuguese buildings there have witnessed the tremendous change in Macao over the decades. There is always something different to explore across seasons and throughout the day.



### Macao Giant Panda Pavilion and Pavilion of Rare Animals

The Giant Panda Pavilion in Seac Pai Van Park houses Kai Kai, Xin Xin and their children, Jian Jian and Kang Kang. The pavilion is designed to mimic the pandas' natural habitat. Natural light is channelled through the translucent seashell-shaped roof in the indoor section. A rock wall, pools, tree branches and other features are also incorporated to cater to their daily activities. Visitors can view the panda family through the glass. The nearby Pavilion of Rare Animals is where red pandas Luo Luo and Tong Tong are accommodated.

📍 Seac Pai Van Park, Estrada de Seac Pai Van, Coloane

🔗 [www.iam.gov.mo/nature/e/panda](http://www.iam.gov.mo/nature/e/panda)





### Hac Sá Reservoir Natural Park

Located in the forested area in south-eastern Coloane, the park spans an area of 37.1 hectares, featuring a wide variety of scenery. A suspension bridge goes over the reservoir, and the dam overlooks the Hac Sá Beach. The place is great for a packed day trip as it suits all interests. Visitors can check out its various recreational facilities, picnic areas, water park, and grass skating zone.

📍 Estrada de Hac Sá, Coloane  
[www.iam.gov.mo/nature/e/facility/park](http://www.iam.gov.mo/nature/e/facility/park)



### Hac Sá Long Chao Kok Coastal Trail

The linear walking path in Coloane connects Rua de Hac Sá Long Chao Kok and the villas of Cheoc Van. There are plenty of rocks of interesting shapes along the way. People have identified them as taking the form of different animals and named them accordingly over the years such as ape rock, lizard rock and eagle rock. The path overlooks Lingding Channel and offers a mesmerising view from dawn to dusk. Along the way, there is a traditional Chinese pavilion where visitors can take a break and listen to the sounds of the sea.

📍 Rua de Hac Sá Long Chao Kok, Coloane  
[www.iam.gov.mo/nature/e/facility/trail](http://www.iam.gov.mo/nature/e/facility/trail)



### Taipa Houses

Taipa Houses refer to a complex of five buildings built in the 1920s. They are typical examples of Portuguese architecture in Macao. One of them has been revitalised into “Macanese Living Museum”, while the others now host exhibitions and sell books. The white lines on the houses contrast nicely against the pastel green base. The door and window frames are decorated with delicate carving. The furniture inside blends influences from the East and West and reflects the lives of the Portuguese and Macanese in the olden days. A beautiful mangrove swamp nearby further adds to the charm.

📍 Avenida da Praia, Taipa  
[www.icm.gov.mo/en/housesmuseum](http://www.icm.gov.mo/en/housesmuseum)





## Traditional festivals and mega events

Macao is a lively city: there is not a month without festivals or events. Visit Macao anytime and it will always be bustling. Chinese festivals exist alongside Catholic traditions in the multicultural society of Macao. The many mega carnivals further add to the festive ambience of the city.

FEB



### Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year is a busy time for many families. People flock to the shop to get new clothes and shoes before New Year's Day. Houses are cleaned from top to bottom, red couplets are put up, and a feast is prepared. The festive atmosphere always spreads across the entire city, with exquisitely decorated malls and lion dances in the streets. During the festival, people will put on their new garments to greet relatives and friends at their places. Apart from traditional celebrations, Macao also hosts a parade and fireworks show during Chinese New Year.

FEB



### Procession of the Passion of Our Lord, the God Jesus

A major event for the Catholic population in Macao, the procession takes place on the first Saturday and Sunday of Lent. It commemorates the journey where Jesus carried the cross up Calvary, as depicted in the Bible. Clergy members in purple gowns lead the solemn procession through multiple landmarks and streets. The tradition first arrived in Macao in the 16th century from southern Europe and has now become an integral part of the city's culture.

APR



### Macao International Travel Industry Expo (MITE)

The Macao International Travel Expo (MITE) is organised by the Macao Government Tourism Office with the goal of highlighting Macao's role as a valuable connection point within the tourism industry. The expo aims to facilitate global businesses by providing opportunities for exchanging insights and exploring potential partnerships. MITE will feature a range of exciting activities and showcases, including the "Gastronomy Pavilion" and "The Cellar", to further amplify Macao's reputation as the "Creative City of Gastronomy".

~MAY  
The 8th day  
of the 4th  
lunar month



### Drunken Dragon Festival

The Drunken Dragon Festival is celebrated by the fishmongers of Macao. On the evening of the seventh day of the fourth month of the lunar calendar, they would gather in the market and sit around the table to dine. The tradition has evolved into the "longevity rice" feast. During the festival, fishmongers wave the wooden dragons on the incense burner table to pray for peace and fortune in the trade. Now, it has become a tradition for Sam Kai Vui Kun to host a joyous ceremony on the day of the festival, where lion and dragon dances are performed and longevity rice is given away.



MAY  
-  
JUN

### Macao Arts Festival

Local and overseas artists are invited to perform in this annual extravaganza. It is a wide variety of shows highlighting dance, live music and other forms of performing arts. Some are more traditional while others are experimental. There are also a number of seminars and workshops for people looking to obtain a deeper understanding of performance art.



MAY  
13



### Procession of Our Lady of Fátima

The procession takes place each year on May 13, with the participation of the Bishop of the Diocese of Macao, clergy members and a number of local and foreign faithful. They walk from the St. Dominic's Church to the Penha Chapel, reciting the Rosary and singing hymns along the way. It also features three children in traditional Portuguese costumes, symbolising the shepherds who witnessed the apparitions of the Virgin Mary. The procession celebrates the Apparition in Fátima, Portugal and has become a tradition in Macao since 1929.

~JUN  
The 5th day  
of the 5th  
lunar month

### Dragon Boat Festival

The festival commemorates the death of patriotic poet Qu Yuan, who drowned himself in the river. When people took their boats out to rescue him, they threw rice dumplings into the river so the fish would not eat him. Over time, it has evolved into the Dragon Boat Festival where rice dumplings are eaten and dragon boat races are held. Macao International Dragon Boat Races have become an important sport event. Athletes gather at Nam Van Lake, drums are beaten and flags are flown. It is an energetic festival with a lot to see and do.



**JUN**



**Macao Lotus Flower Festival**

Lotus is seen as a symbol of morality in Chinese culture. It is also the floral emblem of Macao. The annual Lotus Flower Festival showcases thousands of Lotus pots in different corners of Macao as well as floral exhibitions, photography exhibitions and workshops.

**Macao International Fireworks Display Contest**

Autumn in Macao begins with splendid fireworks igniting the night sky. The Macao International Fireworks Display Contest brings high-calibre pyrotechnics experts from around the globe to present a stunning feast of senses. Alongside the pyrotechnics, visitors can savour delicacies, enjoy music and games in the Fireworks Carnival, taking the celebration to new heights.



**SEPT  
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DEC**



**Encounter in Macao – Arts and Cultural Festival between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries**

The festival transform into a Sino-Portuguese-themed amusement park with book fairs, outdoor screenings, wine tasting experiences, and more. The Lusofonia Festival will also join the celebration and showcase booths, cuisine, music, and dance performances. The party continues across Macao with a Sino-Portuguese cultural celebration at the “Traditional Music and Dance Performance in the Community” and the “China and Portuguese-speaking Countries Film Festival”.

**OCT**



**Macao International Music Festival**

The festival has over 30 years of history and is an important event for Macao’s music industry. It offers a variety of shows from comic opera to tribal music, Latin music and classical music. All shows have a theme to provide the audience with a more coherent experience.

**NOV**

**Macao Food Festival**

The Macao Food Festival features over 100 stalls offering cuisines from around the world, such as Japanese, Korean, Southeast Asian, European and Chinese. An experience for both the palate and the eyes, the festival suits all budgets and ages and features live performances as well.



NOV



### Macau Grand Prix

When Macao first hosted the Grand Prix in the 1950s, it was a modest event attended only by local racers. The Macau Grand Prix has now turned into an annual year-end extravaganza. The circuit in Macao is said to be one of the best in the world and is attended by the world's best racers.

DEC



### Light Up Macao

December is a festive month in Macao. During the festival, a 3D mapping projection is displayed onto historical landmarks. The projection illuminates the buildings in a citywide installation.

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### Hush Concerts

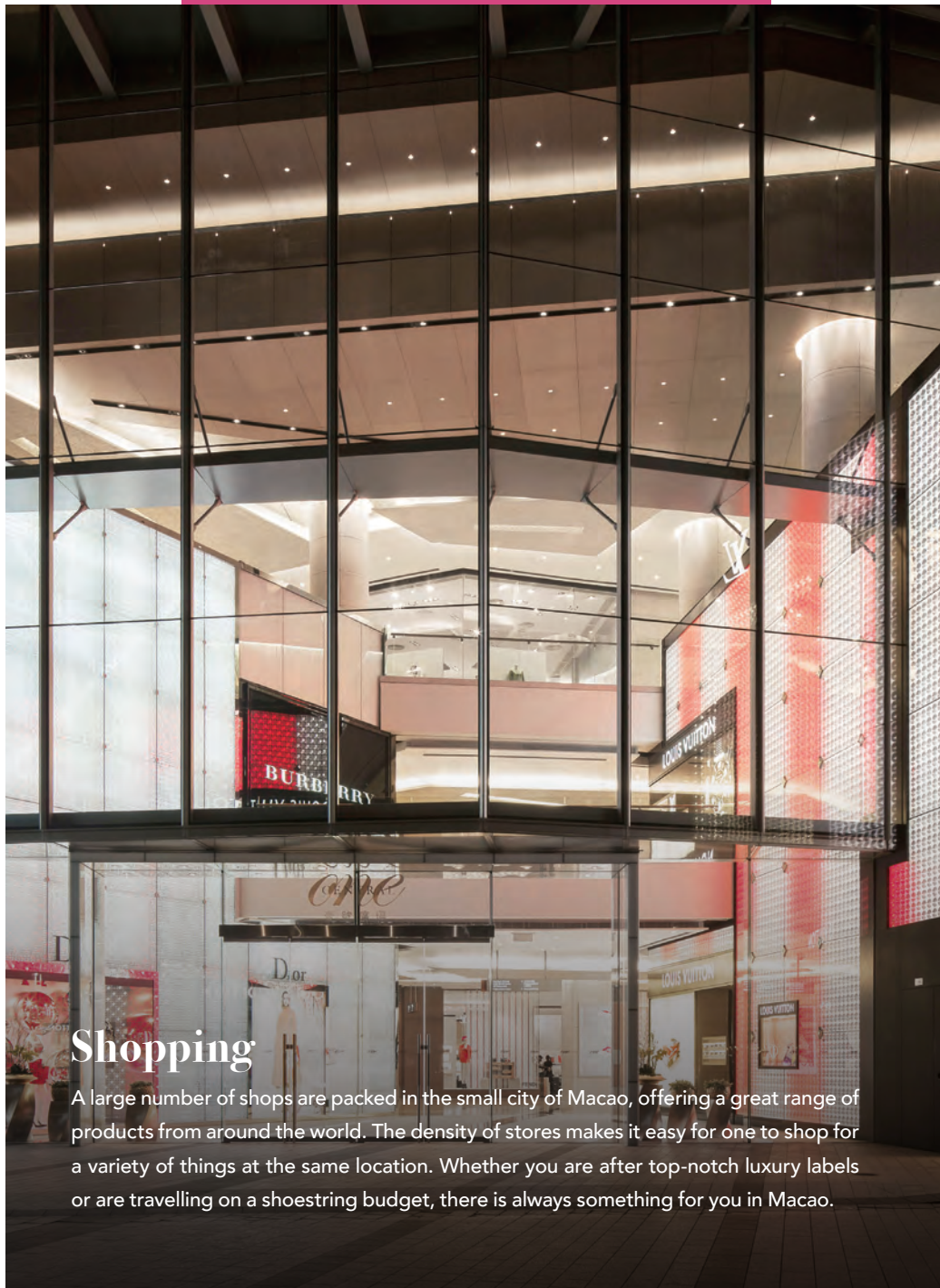
The annual pop music celebration Hush Concerts, organised by the Cultural Affairs Bureau, will return in November across the Macao Peninsula and Coloane. The must-see affair features local bands, musicians, and performances from various art groups and brings relaxing island vibes through workshops, art installations, and market stalls to promote the exchange of music, culture, and art.

DEC



### Macao International Marathon

One of the city's biggest annual sporting events, the Macao International Marathon, is jointly organised by the Sports Bureau and the General Association of Athletics. The marathon attracts long-distance runners from all around the world and features race categories such as a full marathon, half marathon, and mini-marathon. The routes pass through notable landmarks, including the A-Ma Temple and Sai Van Bridge.



## Shopping

A large number of shops are packed in the small city of Macao, offering a great range of products from around the world. The density of stores makes it easy for one to shop for a variety of things at the same location. Whether you are after top-notch luxury labels or are travelling on a shoestring budget, there is always something for you in Macao.



### New Yaohan

New Yaohan is the only department store in the city. Various international brands can be found in the 11-storey building. Apart from products such as apparel, jewellery, kitchenware and home accessories, there is also a range of restaurants serving Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Thai cuisines. Bakeries and dessert shops are as well available for people with a sweet tooth.

📍 90 Avenida Doutor Mário Soares, Macao

🌐 [www.newyaohan.com](http://www.newyaohan.com)



### Sands Shoppes

The biggest shopping mall in Macao, Sands Shoppes is home to over 850 duty free shops and is the perfect destination for a shopping spree. Sand Shoppes consists of four branches: Four Seasons features luxurious high-end brands, Venetian is formed of high-street stores from around the world, Parisian promotes creativity and fashion, and Londoner is family-friendly. Sands Shoppes cater for all budgets and needs.

📍 Estrada da Baía de Nossa Senhora da Esperança and Estrada do Istmo, Taipa

🌐 [venetianmacao.com/shopping.html](http://venetianmacao.com/shopping.html)



### Wynn Macau Shops

Wynn Macau has assembled a collection of exquisite labels, selling a variety of luxurious items such as watches, leather, fashion and jewellery. The shopping area, spanning 100,000 square feet, is home to 50 labels, making it a true shopping paradise.

- 📍 Wynn, Rua Cidade de Sintra, Macao
- 🔗 [www.wynnresortsmacau.com/en/wynn-macau/shops](http://www.wynnresortsmacau.com/en/wynn-macau/shops)



### One Central Macau

Located at the coast of the Macao Peninsula, One Central Macau accommodates a number of top-notch labels around the world. Some are flagship stores of several storeys, some are the first in Macao and some are the biggest in the city. They sell leather products, high-end fashion items, suitcases and other luxurious goods. The mall is connected to MGM Macau and is close to Wynn Macau, Grand Lisboa and Starworld. It offers one-stop shopping, dining and entertainment experience.

- 📍 Avenida de Sagres, Macao
- 🔗 [www.onecentralmall.com.mo/en](http://www.onecentralmall.com.mo/en)



### Rua de Pedro Nolasco da Silva

A street of over 100 years of history, Rua de Pedro Nolasco da Silva is home to the old Hospital de S. Rafael (now the Consulate-General of Portugal). There are also several boutique malls, such as Sun Star Castle, Centro Comercial Teatro Capitol and Sun Star City. Visitors can find products such as clothing, stationery, home accessories and toys. They are mostly friendly in price.



### The Promenade Shops

Galaxy Macau has a collection of international brands selling a broad range of products, such as fashion and accessories, cosmetics, electronics, leather goods and travel accessories. Special offers are available from time to time, further adding to the shopping experience.

- 📍 Avenida Marginal Flor de Lotus, Taipa
- 🔗 [www.galaxymacau.com/galaxy-promenade](http://www.galaxymacau.com/galaxy-promenade)



### Sneaker Street

Amid European architecture and historical Chinese mansions is a street famous for sneakers. Most international brands can be found there. The sneakers come in a variety of styles, functional or fashionable. They are also of a big price range. It offers an effortless shopping experience as shoppers can compare different brands and styles in one place.

- 📍 Avenida do Conselheiro Ferreira de Almeida, Macao



### Rua dos Ervanários

Tucked near the Ruins of St. Paul's, Rua dos Ervanários and Rua de Nossa Senhora do Amparo are the perfect places for those who are looking for something special. From Rua de São Paulo, turn into Rua das Estalagens, and then keep walking down a narrow alley where many small shops stand. Eventually, there is a fork and from there, various hawker stalls can be seen selling different items, such as ceramics, antiques and second-hand accessories. This vibrant neighbourhood thrives as a cultural and creative hub, where old buildings have been reborn as cafes, bakeries, and boutiques. You can count on a fun day of treasure hunting with periodic markets and discoveries around every corner.



### Rua do Cunha

Rua do Cunha was officially named in 1884 after Pedro Alexandrino da Cunha, the former governor of Macao. This street is known for its Portuguese-style architecture and local street food and is a favourite hangout spot for Taipa residents. It is a narrow alleyway that stretches for 120 metres and is home to numerous renowned eateries, dessert shops, and souvenir shops. It attracts a large number of tourists who come to shop and sightsee. Every week, the Taipa Flea Market takes place on Rua do Cunha. The market celebrates local culture and handicrafts, making it the perfect spot to pick up some souvenirs.

📍 Rua do Cunha, Taipa



### Taipa Market

Opened in 1983, the revitalised Taipa Market is now a blend of tradition and innovation. Alongside traditional fresh produce and goods, the market houses over 20 specialty stalls offering food, coffee, and creative products. Head to the second-floor rooftop to relax and take in the old-town charm while sampling local flavours.

📍 Rua do Regedor, Taipa



### M8

Standing near eight renowned Macao World Heritage Sites including the Senado Square, M8 is set to bring an indulgent shopping experience to visitors. Once a dormitory for Macao Post Office employees, M8 has been redeveloped as a hub housing international brands across watches, cosmetics, and cultural and creative products. The hub not only offers a rich tapestry of gastronomy choices but also a comprehensive experience that encompasses shopping, dining, and entertainment, all tailored to harmonise with Macao's unique cultural flair.

📍 9-13 Rua da Sé and 11 Travessa do Roquete, Macao

🌐 [www.m8macau.com](http://www.m8macau.com)



### MinM Plaza

Founded by the Industrial Association of Macao, MinM Plaza is an integrated retail hub that offers a diverse range of products and services representing Macao. These include local products, brands, and designs, as well as specialty items from Portuguese-speaking countries. At MinM Plaza, you can find a variety of snacks, sauces, packaged noodles, soups made in Macao, homegrown fashion brands, personal care products, creative goods, and more. Additionally, MinM Plaza hosts interactive activities and exhibitions from time to time, providing visitors with a better understanding of Macao's unique culture.

📍 1 Rua de São Domingos (Beside St. Dominic's Church)

🌐 [www.minmplaza.com](http://www.minmplaza.com) (Traditional Chinese)



## Spectacular Shows

As one of the leading entertainment hubs in Asia, Macao is home to a host of world-class shows – many of which are staged at purpose-built theatres and performance venues in the city's grandest resorts. Unabashedly flashy and elaborate, these big-budget productions offer the thrills and entertainment to wow any show-goer. Best of all, there's a diverse selection of shows to choose from, and you're bound to find something for all interests and ages.



### Macau 2049

Directed by renowned Chinese director Zhang Yimou, Macau 2049 is a groundbreaking production weaving together cutting-edge technology and eight distinct intangible cultural heritages, namely Hua'er, Khoomei, Song and Dance of The Miao People, Peking Opera, Yangge, Yi Song, Lion Dance and Storytelling in North Shaanxi. Led by a world-class creative team, Macau 2049 reimagines and revitalises intangible cultural legacies, creating a spectacle that transcends linguistic and cultural boundaries.

- 📍 MGM Theater, MGM Cotai, Avenida da Nave Desportiva, Taipa
- 🔗 [macau2049.mgm.mo/en](http://macau2049.mgm.mo/en)



### Eiffel Tower Grand Illumination Show

At the Parisian Macao, you'll find an awe-inspiring half-scale replica of the Eiffel Tower. Aside from enjoying spectacular city views from the observation decks on the 7th and 37th floors, be sure to stop for the Grand Illumination Show, which involves the tower's 6,600 lights coming aglow as jazz music plays. The free show is presented at 15-minute intervals every evening. Head to Le Jardin for the best spot to watch the dazzling display.

- 📍 The Parisian Macao, Estrada do Istmo, Taipa
- 🔗 [www.parisianmacao.com/amenities/eiffel-tower.html](http://www.parisianmacao.com/amenities/eiffel-tower.html)



### House of Dancing Water

Designed by Peparini Studios Artistic Director Giuliano Peparini and brought to life by a team of nearly 300 cast, crew and behind-the-scenes personnel, the re-imagined production blends aerial acrobatics, storytelling, and cutting-edge technology in a 270-degree circular performance theatre. This acclaimed aquatic show promises to bring a breathtaking experience, captivating audiences with a spellbinding fusion of artistry and innovation.

- 📍 City of Dreams, Estrada do Istmo, Taipa
- 🔗 [www.cityofdreamsmacau.com/en/house-of-dancing-water](http://www.cityofdreamsmacau.com/en/house-of-dancing-water)



## Museums

Macao boasts a rich cultural heritage that's proudly displayed in its many museums. Aside from featuring fascinating exhibitions and ancient relics that offer a glimpse into the past, some of these institutions are housed in historical sites that are attractions in their own right. If you want to learn even more about this vibrant city, Macao also has great museums dedicated to everything from art and religion to the development of the local community.



### Academy Jao Tsung-i

The late scholar Jao Tsung-i shared a profound relationship with Macao. Not only was Jao a chair professor at the School of Arts of the University of East Asia, he was also an advisor in the famed archaeological excavation at Hac Sá Beach. This academy—housed in a protected heritage site adorned with neoclassical columns, arches and a beautiful arcade—celebrates Jao's academic achievements and contributions through a collection of his paintings, calligraphy, writings and catalogues.

📍 Block C-D, 95 Avenida do Conselheiro Ferreira de Almeida, Macao  
[www.ajti.gov.mo](http://www.ajti.gov.mo)



### Macao Museum of Art

The five-storey museum is the city's largest cultural institution dedicated to art. On the first floor is an auditorium that seats more than 100 people. Then there's a spacious gallery on the second floor, the museum's own collection on the third, and exhibition space for traditional Chinese art on the floor above. The museum works closely with cultural institutions from China and other countries on a regular basis to offer exhibitions that are wide-ranging in topic and genre.

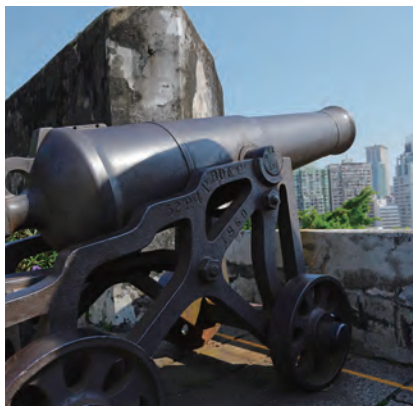
📍 Avenida Xian Xing Hai, Macao  
[www.mam.gov.mo](http://www.mam.gov.mo)



### Macao Museum

This museum charts the evolution of Macao across the centuries, from the influence of Chinese culture before the arrival of the Portuguese in the 16th century to the onset of western civilisation, the region's early history, interactions between the Chinese and the Portuguese, the significance of Macanese folk traditions, and the development of Macao into the city that it is today. Aside from the treasure trove of informative and engrossing exhibitions inside, the museum is situated on Mount Fortress, an important historical site that offers panoramic views of the city.

📍 112 Praceta do Museu de Macau, Macao  
[www.macaumuseum.gov.mo/en](http://www.macaumuseum.gov.mo/en)



### Macao Grand Prix Museum

The four-storey museum houses the Grand Prix cars and motorcycles from across the decades, providing visitors an informative and leisure journey of the Macau Grand Prix. The newly equipped multimedia interactive facilities and racing scenario display elevate visitors' experience to a new level of educational fun.

📍 431 Rua de Luís Gonzaga Gomes, Macao  
[mgpm.macaotourism.gov.mo/en](http://mgpm.macaotourism.gov.mo/en)



### Museum of Sacred Art and Crypt

In the 1990s, the government of Macao embarked on an archaeological excavation and restoration project on the Ruins of Saint Paul's, and the Museum of Sacred Art and Crypt was built in the place of the church's chancel. The remains of a tomb lie in the centre of the crypt, which is surrounded by walls adorned with the relics of Japanese and Vietnamese martyrs. The museum is located next to the crypt and contains fascinating art pieces and artefacts from churches across Macao.

📍 Behind the Ruins of Saint Paul's, Macao  
[www.macaumuseum.gov.mo/en/visit/museum-sacred-art-crypt](http://www.macaumuseum.gov.mo/en/visit/museum-sacred-art-crypt)



### Museum of Taipa and Coloane History

Step into this light-green, bi-level building to learn all about the development of Taipa and Coloane. The first floor contains historical artefacts and relics uncovered from excavation sites on the two islands. And on the second floor, you'll find thematic exhibitions on subjects such as the history of the former Municipal Council of the Islands in Taipa, the development of agriculture and manufacturing, and the urban development of Coloane.

📍 Rua Correia da Silva, Taipa  
[www4.icm.gov.mo/cotaimuseum](http://www4.icm.gov.mo/cotaimuseum)



### Maritime Museum

Situated in front of the A-Ma Temple, this museum is dedicated to maritime affairs and navigation. The architecture of the three-storey building draws inspiration from a three-masted sailing ship. On the ground floor, guests will get an introduction to the culture and traditions of fishermen in southern China and Macao. On the first floor, visitors are transported to a ship's deck, where they can learn about the city's fascinating maritime history. The museum's top level showcases different tools related to marine transportation and navigation technology and offers interactive experiences to make your voyage a truly memorable one.

📍 1 Largo do Pagode da Barra, Macao  
[https://www.marine.gov.mo/subpage.aspx?a\\_id=1431489058](https://www.marine.gov.mo/subpage.aspx?a_id=1431489058)



### Museum of the Holy House of Mercy

One of the most important religious institutions in the entire city, the Holy House of Mercy was originally known as the Confraternity and Fraternity of the Macau Holy House of Mercy and was established in Macao in the 16th century to provide help to those in need. In 2001, the organisation opened up its Museum Centre, which showcases priceless Catholic relics, offerings and artworks, including the original manuscript of the Commitment of the Macau Holy House of Mercy from 1662.

📍 2 Travessa da Misericórdia, Macao  
[www.scomm.mo](http://www.scomm.mo)



### Former Residence of General Ye Ting

Built around 1920, the building served as the residence of Ye Ting's family during their stay in Macao from 1932 to 1942. General Ye Ting was one of the founders of Chinese People's Liberation Army and was remembered for his outstanding contributions to the nation. The former residence recreates the daily life of General Ye and his family, offering a glimpse into their years in Macao and highlighting the bond between this hero and the city.

📍 76 Rua do Almirante Costa Cabral, Macao  
[www.macaumuseum.gov.mo/en/visit/ye-ting](http://www.macaumuseum.gov.mo/en/visit/ye-ting)



### Communications Museum

The Communications Museum brings together culture, science and technology, and features plenty of interactive exhibitions that are as fun as they are informative. The first floor is dedicated to stamps and philately, and you'll find plenty of artefacts and rare collectibles related to the postal service and communications in Macao. On the second floor, visitors can learn more about the development of telecommunications in the city through various interactive features.

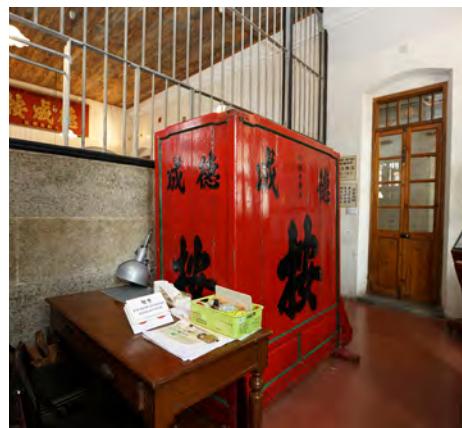
📍 7 Estrada de Dom Maria II, Macao  
[www.cmm.gov.mo](http://www.cmm.gov.mo)



### Xian Xinghai Memorial Museum

Xian Xinghai was a renowned Chinese composer and musician who was born in Macao. This museum celebrates the life and story of this legendary artist and aims to introduce the public to his musical virtuosity and sense of patriotism. The museum is housed within two green Portuguese-style villas—a fittingly beautiful setting to commemorate Xing's many achievements.

📍 151-153 Rua de Francisco Xavier Pereira, Macao  
[www.icm.gov.mo/en/XianXingHai](http://www.icm.gov.mo/en/XianXingHai)



### Heritage Exhibition of a Traditional Pawnshop Business

Pawnshops were formerly a cornerstone industry in Macao. Founded in 1917, Tak Seng On Pawnshop was originally owned by the prominent merchant Kou Ho Neng. Inside the pawnshop, visitors can have a glimpse of the traditional pawnshop business through the instruments and pawnbroker's business records on display.

📍 396 Avenida de Almeida Ribeiro, Macao  
[www.icm.gov.mo/en/Pawnshop](http://www.icm.gov.mo/en/Pawnshop)



### Macao Science Center

The Macao Science Center (MSC) is made up of three parts. The tallest structure is the Exhibition Center, which is shaped like an inclined cone and houses 14 galleries in an upward spiral. Then there's the dome-shaped Planetarium, which sits beside the Convention Center and office building. In the Exhibition Center, 12 of the galleries are dedicated to permanent exhibitions, covering topics such as astronomy, science, robotics, eco-conservation and more. The remaining two galleries host special exhibitions that are always fun and educational.

📍 Avenida Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, Macao  
[www.msc.org.mo](http://www.msc.org.mo)



## Recommended Souvenirs

No trip is complete without souvenir shopping. Macao boasts plenty of unique items that make great mementos to be shared with friends and family. From traditional Chinese snacks and pastries to Portuguese canned goods and wines, you're bound to find something to help commemorate your trip. Leave some room in your suitcase!



### Chinese snacks

In Macao, it's easy to find souvenirs that reflect the city's Chinese cultural heritage. The most popular items in this respect are traditional Chinese snacks. The varieties are endless and include delicious nibbles such as almond cookies, beef jerky, egg rolls, peanut candies and nougats, among many others. These treats are sold everywhere, from large-scale chains to time-honoured stores and family-run shops. For a truly unique snack, be sure to visit Pastelaria Chui Heong. Its almond cookies are unlike any other, containing whole almonds that are roasted over a charcoal fire for a deliciously smoky aroma.



### Canned seafood

Loja das Conservas Macau specialises in canned seafood from Portugal. You'll find a wide range of gourmet tinned catch, including sardines, tuna, mackerel, squid, octopus and cod roe. Many are packed with herbs and seasonings for greater flavour. The store imports products from different conserveiras in Portugal and even offers limited-edition cans that are hard to come by anywhere else. Like the store itself, the canned goods boast cool and trendy designs, making them great choices for souvenirs.

📍 2 Rua do Cunha, Taipa  
 📌 lojadascansermacau



### Portuguese wines

Forget French wines—Portugal also produces some truly amazing vino and is home to a number of wine regions. Aside from your typical reds and whites, the city of Porto in the northern part of the country is famed for a sweet fortified wine known as Port. During its 400-year rule, the Portuguese has made its wine culture an integral part of Macao, and this legacy continues to thrive to this day. If you want a taste, you can easily find a bottle to enjoy with loved ones.



### Lemon King

Specialising in preserved snacks, Lemon King is a beloved old-time brand originating from Hong Kong. Relatives of the founder established a separate brand in Macao. The store's signature liquorice lemon is made with Thai limes and boasts a refreshingly sweet and zesty flavour. Other popular items include preserved ginger, dried plums, liquorice olives and other mouth-watering snacks.

📍 Shop Da, 1D Platform, Rua de Coelho do Amaral, Macao  
☎ (853) 6688 1786



### Pastelaria Han Van

Shrimp roe noodles may be common, but the type sold at Pastelaria Han Van are one of a kind. While most places only mix the roe into the noodles, Han Van goes a step further by smearing a thick layer of roe onto every bundle of noodles, resulting in a product that's amped up in both taste and aroma. There's also no alkaline water in the noodles. Instead, the al dente texture rely solely on shrimp roe, and the dried flounder broth for flavour.

📍 G/F, Shop 7-A, Travessa dos Algebibes, Macao  
☎ (853) 6203 3922



### Porthos

Hailing from Portugal, Porthos was first imported to Macao in the early 1990s. In 2022, it opened its first specialty sardine shop in the city. The store is covered in countless colourful sardine cans featuring seven colours representing different sardine flavours. The shop also offers specialty souvenirs and snacks, such as spicy fish-flavoured almond cookies, traditional Portuguese butter cookies, deep-fried crispy fish, and the popular spicy sardine buns.

📍 Shop B, G/F, Associação Industrial de Macau Building, 36 Rua do Dr. Pedro José Lobo, Macao  
f porthosmacau



### Soda Panda

Created in Macao, Soda Panda tells the story of a lovable cartoon panda family who moves from its home in Sichuan to live in Macao. Fun-loving and curious, the three cubs of the family come across a magic bubble bath that encourages them to venture beyond the Giant Panda Pavilion to embark on all sorts of fun adventures around the city. Soda Panda is a great example of Macao's boundless creativity, and its merchandise can be found at plenty of tourist destinations, from Macau Tower to Cunha Bazaar and even the Macau International Airport.

f sodapandamacau



### Tong Iec Pak Fa Fui

Founded more than 100 years ago, Pak Fa Fui is best known for its four signature products: preserved apricots, preserved ginger, dried mango and sweetened vinegar. The apricots have reached cult status with locals and visitors alike. Not only are they still made the traditional way, but they're also sold in charming retro-esque boxes that have been adorned with the same goddess illustration throughout the years. Grab a box for a taste of nostalgia.

📍 AR/C, Edifício Ka Fai, 7F-7G Rua de Entre-Campos, Macao; G/F, Shop A, Edifício Wan On, 2E Rua do Comandante João Belo, Macao  
🌐 www.pakfafui.com (Traditional Chinese)

# Make the most of Macao

To help visitors make the most of Macao, we have come up with four suggested routes. There is something for everyone, whether you are a connoisseur, a cultural explorer looking for the best photo spots, or family travellers.



## 12 hours: Foodie tour

Aside from being home to fine-dining establishments of world-class calibre, Macao is also known for its many unfussy eats that are as simple as they are satisfying. If you're looking for a tasteful way to explore the city, it's worth setting aside a day to feast around Macao's many markets and humble streets.

### Morning: São Lourenço Municipal Market Complex

- 1 Pork chop bun at Chuen Kei > 2 Macaroni in oxtail soup at Ming Kei >
- 3 Beancurd pudding at Fuen Kei > 4 Cold cakes (served in winter only) and red bean cakes at Pastelaria Ng Teng Kei

### Afternoon: São Domingos Municipal Market Complex

- 5 Claypot rice at Comidas Ping Kei > 6 Coffee at Café Sang Kei >
- 7 Beef offal at Comidas Chi Kei

### Night: Rua de Cinco de Outubro

- 8 Sandwiches at Nam Peng (note that the restaurant closes at 6.30pm) >
- 9 Chicken broth noodles at Veng Fei > 10 Everything at Hong Kung Night Market

## 12 hours: Coloane hipster tour

Widely known as "the Garden of Macao", Coloane used to be just an ordinary fishing village. Today, its rustic nature and rare simplicity have made it into one of Macao's lesser-known attractions as visitors from around the world roam its alleyways for instagrammable coffee pictures.

- 1 Chapel of St Francis Xavier ▶
- 2 Largo Eduardo Marques ▶
- 3 Coloane Library ▶
- 4 Travessa das Lindas and Azinhaga dos Amores ▶
- 5 Kun Iam Temple ▶
- 6 Lai Chi Yun Village ▶
- 7 Hon Kee Café ▶



## 24 hours: Family-bonding tour

If you're travelling with kids, it's important to have an itinerary that allows for both cultural engagement and fun. Here are some ideas for great things to do and see with your little ones.

**Morning:** 1 Visit the pandas at Seac Pai Van Park ▶

2 Go grass-sliding at Hac Sá Reservoir Natural Park ▶

3 Visit Hac Sá Beach

**Night:** 4 Dinner at Restaurante Fernando





# Practical information



## Population

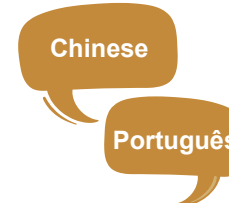


686,600

## Area



## Official languages



Chinese and Portuguese; most people can communicate in Cantonese, Mandarin or English.

## Calling code



+853

## Time zone



UTC+8

## Currency



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## Climate

Macao's climate is temperate throughout the year. The average temperature is about 23°C (73°F), ranging from 20°C (68°F) to 26°C (79°F). It is rather humid, with the average relative humidity reaching 79%. The rainy season lasts from May to September. October and November are the ideal months to visit Macao, with mild temperatures and dry weather. It is often sunny in the winter months from December to March although it can be a little bit cold. Temperatures begin to climb in April and the heat becomes more intense from May to September. There can be typhoons and when Typhoon Signal no. 8 or above is hoisted, ferries and flights will stop running temporarily. The typhoon season in Macao is from May to November, with July, August and September being the most seriously affected months.

## Bureaux de change

It is convenient to exchange currency in Macao. Currency exchange services are available at airports, docks, and most hotels. Banks and money changers can be found almost everywhere. Electronic transactions are common, and widely accepted credit cards include China UnionPay, American Express, JCB, Visa, and Mastercard. However, card-issuing banks may charge transaction fees. Merchants also accept a variety of domestic and overseas payment apps and digital wallets, including Mainland China and Hong Kong's WeChat Pay and Alipay, Korea's KakaoPay, Toss Pay and NAVER Pay, the Philippines' GCash, Malaysia's Touch'n Go eWallet and MyPB by Public Bank, Thailand's TrueMoney, Singapore's OCBC and Changi Pay, Mongolia's Hipay and Italy's Tinaba. In addition, mobile payment services such as UnionPay Mobile QuickPass, Apple Pay, Samsung Pay, and Huawei Pay provide visitors with convenient ways to shop and make purchases in Macao.

## Communication and WIFI

International roaming is available in Macao but a hefty charge may apply. A more economical option is to buy a pay-as-you-go sim with internet access. They are readily available at convenience stores. WIFI services are common in Macao. In public areas, mobile devices can be connected to "FreeWiFi.MO" with no additional charge. Real name registration is required for new prepaid card users to activate the service.



- 1 Border Gate
- 2 QingMao Port-Macau Frontier Post Building
- 3 Ruins of St. Paul's Senado Square
- 4 Guia Fortress, Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows and Lighthouse
- 5 Macao Grand Prix Museum
- 6 Outer Harbour Ferry Terminal
- 7 Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge
- 8 Lisboa/Grand Lisboa Palace
- 9 Macau Fisherman's Wharf
- 10 A-Ma Temple
- 11 Macau Tower
- 12 Kun Iam Ecumenical Center
- 13 Macao Cultural Centre
- 14 Macao Science Center
- 15 Rua do Cunha
- 16 Taipa Ferry Terminal
- 17 Galaxya Houses
- 18 City of Dreams
- 19 MGM Cotai
- 20 The Venetian Macao
- 21 Wynn Palace
- 22 Grand Lisboa Palace Resort
- 23 Macau
- 24 Hengqin Port
- 25 University of Macau
- 26 Macao Giant Panda Pavilion
- 27 A-Ma Cultural Village
- 28 Chapel of St. Francis Xavier
- 29 Hac Sa Beach
- 30 Our Lady of Sorrows Church
- 31

## Transport

### From Hong Kong:

#### Ferry

High-speed ferries run between Hong Kong and Macao. The journey is for one hour. Departure information and details about boarding and disembarkation points can be found on the operators' websites.

- TurboJET [www.turbojet.com.hk](http://www.turbojet.com.hk)
- Cotai Water Jet [hk.cotaiwaterjet.com](http://hk.cotaiwaterjet.com)

#### Coach

It is now possible for travellers to go from Hong Kong to Macao by road thanks to the opening of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge. It takes around 40 minutes on a port shuttle bus or 1 hour and 45 minutes on a direct bus from the city centre. Passengers can change to public bus services at the disembarkation point of the port shuttle bus. Direct services run between the city centre of Hong Kong and hotels in Taipa, offering a convenient and efficient option. Passengers arriving at Hong Kong International Airport can take advantage of the convenient bridge connection, allowing for hassle-free travel to Macao, by taking the 40-minute transfer coach service at the SkyPier Terminal.

- Transport information of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge [www.dsat.gov.mo/hzmb](http://www.dsat.gov.mo/hzmb)
- Macao HK Airport Direct Coach Service [www.macaohkairportbus.com](http://www.macaohkairportbus.com)

#### Helicopter

Helicopter services run between Hong Kong and Macao from Thursdays to Mondays. The operator offers 28 trips each week and the journey lasts 15 minutes.

- Sky Shuttle [www.skyshuttlehk.com](http://www.skyshuttlehk.com)

### From Mainland China:

#### Ferry

Ferry services are available from Wanzai (Zhuhai), Shekou (Shenzhen) and Shenzhen Airport Fuyong Ferry Terminal.

- Yuet Tung Shipping (853) 2885 0272/ 2893 9944
- TurboJET [www.turbojet.com.hk](http://www.turbojet.com.hk)

#### By road (direct bus service)

Visitors can enter Macao via the Border Gate, Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, Macao Port Zone of Hengqin Port, or Qingmao Port. The customs

clearance hours at the Border Gate open from 6am to 1am, and the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge immigration station operates daily from 8am to 10pm. Macao Port Zone of Hengqin Port, and Qingmao Port are open 24 hours.

#### Helicopter

The operator offers four trips from Thursdays to Mondays running between Shenzhen and Macao, and the journey lasts 15 minutes.

- Sky Shuttle [www.skyshuttlehk.com](http://www.skyshuttlehk.com)

### From other countries and areas:

#### Flight

Macao International Airport in Taipa runs round the clock and is well connected to many cities in Asia.

- Macao International Airport [www.macao-airport.com](http://www.macao-airport.com)

### City Transport

Transport in Macao is served mainly by buses. Various routes take travellers to different areas. They run frequently and cost little. No change is given, so it is advisable to have small change ready. A convenient alternative is to use smartcard Macau Pass. The Macao Light Rapid Transit contains 15 stops. Connecting the Taipa Ferry Terminal and Barra, the 16.3-kilometre route traverses through the Macao International Airport and several luxury resorts and hotels at Taipa and extends to Hengqin.

- Macao Light Rapid Transit [www.mtr.com.mo](http://www.mtr.com.mo)
- TRANSMAC [www.transmac.com.mo/en](http://www.transmac.com.mo/en)
- TCM [www.tcm.com.mo/web/EV](http://www.tcm.com.mo/web/EV)

There are two types of taxis in Macao: black and red. The former are regular taxis that can be hired at a rank or hailed on the roadside. The red is "Special Radio Taxi" that can only be hired by appointment. The starting fare for both is MOP21. Visitors can also request immediate pickups or book rides in advance through the ride-hailing apps Uber or MPay's Amap Ride-Hailing.

"Special Radio Taxi" appointment hotline: (853) 2881 2345

"Black Taxi" appointment hotline: (853) 2828 3283

## Hotel



Macao has a blooming hotel industry. From the economical two-star inns to luxurious five-star hotels, there is always something for any budget. There are several internationally acclaimed resorts that feature gourmet restaurants, extensive shopping centres and extravagant entertainment. At the same time, there are many boutique hotels. Some hotels have made an effort to turn Macao into a green city for tourists and are recognized as the "Macao Green Hotel". To have a quick look at different options, scan the QR code for information provided by the Macao Government Tourism Office.



### Smart application for visitor flows

The tool predicts visitor flows over 100 popular spots for the next four hours and 24 hours. Each spot is rated as "comfortable", "moderate", "lightly congested", "congested" or "heavily congested", so visitors can plan their trips accordingly.

- [pomonitor.macaotourism.gov.mo](http://pomonitor.macaotourism.gov.mo)

### Mobile app and websites

Visit the Macao Government Tourism Office website for the most updated and comprehensive travel information, such as popular tourists' spots and accommodation.

- [www.macaotourism.gov.mo](http://www.macaotourism.gov.mo)
- visitmacao
- Visit Macao
- macaoutourismgov

### Experience Macao (app)



The app provides the latest and most up-to-date travel information. A trip planning function is available, making it even easier to navigate in Macao.

### Macao Smart Go (app)



The Transport Bureau launched a Macao Travel App that provides information for public transport in the city, including bus, taxi, and walking routes. Visitors can download the app for free.



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