

Crossroads of China and Portugal



Take a stroll down the historic path in which two civilisations encounter, you'll discover the life-long memory and emotions of Portuguese who once called Macao home.

Attractions to explore:

1 Senado Square

It is named after the IAM Building (known as "Senatorial Pavilion" in the old times, predecessor of the IACM Building). In the centre of the Square stands a fountain, which was constructed in the 70s of the 20th century, and hence its nickname "the Fountain". It has been Macao's urban centre for centuries since the port of Macao was opened for trade and is still the most popular venue for public events and celebrations today. The Square is paved with Portuguese beautiful cobblestones and surrounded by pastel coloured neo-classical buildings, creating a consistent and harmonious Mediterranean atmosphere. This attraction has been a splendid blend of Chinese and Portuguese cultural traits.



2 St. Augustine's Square

The small Square gathers various classified buildings, such as St. Augustine's Church, Dom Pedro V Theatre, St. Joseph's Seminary and Sir Robert Ho Tung Library. The cobblestone pavement unifies the area and reflects a traditionally Portuguese streetscape. Take a stroll here and you'll feel relaxed and enjoy the tranquillity of its surrounding environment and cultural landscape of religion.



3 St. Joseph's Seminary and Church

St. Joseph's Seminary and Church was built in 1758. The scale of St. Joseph's Seminary and Church is close to St. Paul's Church (now the Ruins of St. Paul's). Inside the Church, in one of the lateral altars, lies one of Macao's most precious religious relics, a piece of bone from the arm of St. Francis Xavier. The Church received UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Awards for Culture Heritage Conservation in 2001. Next to the Church is the Seminary, which was established in 1728. Over the past two hundred years, St. Joseph's Seminary nurtured a large number of missionaries who were later sent to serve across China and Southeast Asia. The Seminary taught an academic curriculum equivalent to that of a university and in 1800 the Portuguese Queen Dona Maria I conferred on it the royal title of "House of the Mission Congregation".

Opening hours: Church 09:00 - 18:00, Treasure of Sacred Art of St. Joseph's Seminary 10:00 - 17:00, closed on Wednesdays, open on public holidays (Seminary not open to public)

Admission: Free



4 St. Lawrence's Church

St. Lawrence's Church is one of the three oldest churches in Macao. Originally built in the mid 16th century, it has been renovated for several times and its present appearance and scale was acquired in 1846. Situated uphill overlooking the sea, the Church is believed to protect fishermen, sailors and families living near the seashore from the storm, and hence it was given its name Feng Shun Tang (Hall of the Soothing Winds), which is widely known in Chinese community. The neighbourhood where the Church is located used to be fairly wealthy, thus explaining the building's scale and wealth of architectural treatment. It is a neo-classical structure, with subtle Baroque decorative inspirations.

Opening hours: 07:00 - 21:00

Admission: Free



5 Mandarin's House

Built before 1869, the House was the home of a famous Chinese ideologist in modern times and late-Qing celebrity - Zheng Guanying, who completed his acclaimed masterpiece *Shengshi Weiyen*, literally known as *Words of Warning in Times of Prosperity*, in this house. It was Zheng Wenrui, the father of Zheng Guanying, who initiated the construction of the residential complex. The buildings are predominantly in Chinese style with subtle western influences in the decorative motifs, marking a period in Macao when Chinese architecture started to display a fusion of styles from different cultures. Its fusion of architectural influences from both Chinese and western cultures makes it a monument definitely worth visiting. Feel free to join the guided tours over there and you'll explore more stories of the House.

Opening hours: 10:00 - 18:00, last admission at 17:30, closed on Wednesdays, open on public holidays

Admission: Free

Guided tours (in Cantonese) are offered at a fixed schedule on Saturdays and Sundays and online reservation is required



6 Lilau Square

Lilau, meaning "Mountain Spring" in Portuguese, was one of the earliest Portuguese settlements in Macao. The ground water of Lilau used to be the main source of natural spring water in Macao. A famous local Portuguese saying from those days was that "Anyone who drinks from Lilau will never forget Macao," expresses locals' nostalgic attachment to Lilau Square.



7 A-Ma Temple

The Temple is dedicated to A-Ma, also known as Mazu, the Goddess of seafarers and fishermen. According to legend, A-Ma was able to make prophecy in her mortal life and protect traders and fishermen from shipwreck with mythic power in afterlife, and thus locals built the Temple to worship her. Macao's name is also derived from A-Ma-Gau or Bay of A-Ma. The Temple consists of four key pavilions that sit in perfect harmony with the natural environment. A-Ma festival takes place on the 23rd day of the 3rd month in Lunar Calendar each year. Homage is paid to this most popular deity of Macao. During the festival, you'll not only enjoy the traditional performance of dragon and lion dance but also Chinese opera in a specially constructed bamboo shed.

Opening hours: 07:00 - 18:00

Admission: Free



8 Maritime Museum

With the history of Macao deeply connected with the sea, the Maritime Museum is the first and only sea-themed Museum in Macao. With its sailboat-like appearance, this beautiful, old house is modified to accommodate all exhibits that shows you the life of fishermen in the old days and Portuguese naval activities. Specialising in the display of objects relating to ships, the Museum brings you many pieces of precious ship models in Chinese and Portuguese style. You simply can't miss a visit if you're a ship models lover.

Opening hours: 10:00 - 18:00, last admission at 17:30, closed on Tuesdays

Admission:

10 to 17 years old: MOP5 (Monday to Saturday); MOP3 (Sunday)

18 to 64 years old: MOP10 - standard ticket (Monday to Saturday); MOP5 (Sunday)

Free admission for holder of valid Macao Resident Identity Card, children under 10 or seniors of 65 years old or above



