

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL HONG KONG



Open since 2005, Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong provides a preferred address for both business and leisure travellers, and the highly personalized, anticipatory service that Four Seasons guests expect and value around the world. Recent awards and honours include three Michelin stars for both Lung King Heen, the hotel's Chinese restaurant, and Caprice, the hotel's French restaurant, in the Michelin Guide Hong Kong Macau 2013.

Opened: 2005

Regional Vice President and General Manager: Mr William Mackay

For more information: www.fourseasons.com/hongkong

Some facts in numbers:

399: The hotel includes 399 guest rooms and suites, each with harbour views or views of the city and the famed Victoria Peak.

6: Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong's two signature restaurants – Lung King Heen and Caprice



 boast three Michelin stars apiece, meaning the hotel count 6 Michelin stars under one roof.

123,245: A bottle of Petrus 1982 costs RMB 123,245 at Caprice.

Hong Kong was once a British colony and handed back to China on July 1, 1997. Today it is one of the two Special Administrative Regions (SAR) of the People's Republic of China, the other being Macau. The cuisine and spoken language is Cantonese and the written, traditional Chinese. Hong Kong accommodates some land attached to the southern border of China but is also made up of over 200 islands in the South China Sea. Whilst being one of the most densely populated places in the world, the larger majority of the territory is hilly and mountainous leaving only 25% of the land mass developed and inhabited.

Itinerary ideas:

- Shop for international luxury products, local design couture or local market bargains
- Stroll down Hollywood Road to explore neighbourhood galleries
- Hike the outlying islands, discover secluded beaches or walk along the stunning Hong Kong Trail to glimpse the natural wonders that lie within reach of the city
- Place your bets at Happy Valley Racecourse, one of the world's most stunning venues for horse racing
- Stay up late and check out the city's famed nightlife

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FOUR SEASONS HOTEL BEIJING



Four Seasons Hotel Beijing is located in the Liangmahe area of the city's Central Business District, close to the Third Diplomatic Precinct and amid Beijing's vibrant cultural scene. Surrounding a sky-lit atrium and offering 313 well-appointed guest rooms and suites, two restaurants and three lounges, extensive meeting space, and a well-appointed spa, Four Seasons Hotel Beijing delivers anticipated Four Seasons service.

Opened: 2012

General Manager: Mr Sanjiv Hulugalle

For more information: www.fourseasons.com/beijing

Some facts in numbers:

400: The number of butterflies on the "Butterfly Effect in Beijing" installation. Hundreds of polished stainless steel butterflies soar skyward up the 66-metre-high atrium wall in this stunning piece commissioned exclusively for Four Seasons Hotel Beijing from Australian artist Jayne Dyer.

730: Crowning the highest floor of Four Seasons Hotel Beijing, the Imperial Suite spans 730 square metres (7,860 square feet) and boasts a 250 square metre terrace (2,690 square foot).

5: Four Seasons Hotel Beijing boasts five food and beverage outlets – two restaurants and three lounges – featuring famous chefs from around the globe. Notably, the Tea Garden on the sixth floor pampers guests with more than 20 types of traditional Chinese tea and allows guests to immerse themselves in the charms of Chinese tea art.

Beijing is located in Northern China and surrounded by the Heibei province – but stands alone and is not considered part of the province. Their cuisine "Jing Cai" is also largely known for its imperial cuisine where the last emperors reigned.

As the capital of China and the government seat, there are Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts Page 3 of 17



municipal buildings for each province where homesick government officials can enjoy authentic regional cuisine in Beijing. These restaurants all located in the municipal buildings are very local, simple and serve up really good regional food varieties.

Beijing is currently considered one of the most interesting modern cities in China in terms of its cultural offerings to visitors. Language spoken here is Mandarin and written, simplified Chinese.

Itinerary ideas:

- Hike the Great Wall of China
- Tour the ancient imperial palace at the Forbidden City
- Ride a rickshaw or vintage sidecar through historic hutongs and traditional courtyards
- Shop at up-and-coming designer boutiques or leading-edge galleries
- Attend the famous Beijing Opera or Chinese acrobatic shows.

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FOUR SEASONS HOTEL GUANGZHOU



An icon of high style, Four Seasons Hotel Guangzhou occupies the top third of the 103-storey International Finance Center (IFC) Guangzhou. The hotel soars above the Pearl River in one of China's economic powerhouses and its third largest metropolitan area. Offering 344 guest rooms, six restaurants and bars, the city's top meeting spaces and the exclusive Hua Spa, Four Seasons is at the very heart of Pearl River New City.

Opened: 2012

Regional Vice President and General Manager: Mr Bahram Sepahi

For more information: www.fourseasons.com/guangzhou

Some facts in numbers:

88: In Chinese culture, the number 88 signifies wealth and prosperity. As the 88th property of Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts worldwide, Four Seasons Hotel Guangzhou basks in an auspicious glow.

30: The hotel's vast 30-storey skylit atrium lobby is higher than St. Paul's Cathedral in London and New York's Statue of Liberty.

1: Four Seasons Hotel Guangzhou is ranked number one in the city for the size of its guest rooms, with most measuring over 60 square metres.

As of August 2013, Guangzhou also allows 72 hours visa free entry for foreigners, in addition to Beijing and Shanghai. Guangzhou is an hour over the border from Hong Kong and a little over an hour by train to Shenzhen. Language spoken here is Mandarin although some understand Cantonese, and the written language is simplified Chinese.



Itinerary ideas:

- Walk to the Opera House, museums or Flower City Square, or take a green bicycle tour to see the city in an eco-friendly way. The bicycle tour includes landmark buildings, parks and iconic buildings, including Zaha Hadid's Guangzhou Opera House, Canton Tower and Ersha Island.
- Take a restaurant tour to taste Cantonese cuisine in its birthplace
- Shop wholesale markets
- Explore the emerging art scene
- Explore the city's unique districts to experience "old Canton" mixed with "futuristic Guangzhou".

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FOUR SEASONS HOTEL HANGZHOU AT WEST LAKE



The intimate Four Seasons Hotel Hangzhou at West Lake features just 78 guest rooms in addition to three residential-style villas housed in unique buildings characterized by pagodalike peaked roof pavilions and linked by walkways that snake through carefully landscaped water gardens. Many of the guest rooms open to a terrace conservatory and offer views that encompass forest glades, traditional gardens and the elegant West Lake.

Opened: 2010

General Manager: Mr Rudolf van Dijk

For more information: www.fourseasons.com/hangzhou

Some facts in numbers:

2: Four Seasons Hotel Hangzhou at West Lake is built in the traditional Jiang Nan style with two storeys, melding centuries of tradition with chic contemporary style to offer a tranquil and exclusive environment for our guests.

11: Offering beautiful lagoon and garden views as well as private terraces, the hotel's 11 private dining rooms promise truly memorable dining experiences.

0: The distance in metres from Four Seasons Hotel Hangzhou at West Lake to West Lake, one of the most beautiful places in China, which was named to UNESCO's World Heritage List in 2011. The hotel's gardens stretch down to the shores of this legendary lake.

Hangzhou is in the Zhejiang province and its local cuisine is often considered to be representative of Zhejiang cuisine, which is as one of China's eight fundamental cuisines. The Hangzhou's natives defines dishes prepared in this style to be "fresh, tender, soft, and smooth, with a mellow fragrance." And notable dishes are the beggar's chicken and Dongpo Rou (Named after a famous poet Dongpo). Language spoken here is Mandarin and written, simplified Chinese.

Itinerary ideas:

- Hire a boat or cycle around West Lake to immerse yourself in its peaceful beauty
- Explore historic temples and pagodas
- Learn about silk culture and view handmade silk products at the silk museum
- Tour a tea plantation where you can pick tender tea leaves, see its manufacturing process and taste authentic Longjing green tea
- View the spectacular Impression West Lake Show created by famed film director Zhang Yimou.

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FOUR SEASONS HOTEL MACAO, COTAI STRIP®



Four Seasons Hotel Macao, Cotai Strip® is nestled in an oasis at the heart of "Asia's Las Vegas." The hotel offers an elegant and refined world of privileged access, where energy and excitement fill the air as part of an intimate atmosphere that consists of elite entertainment, high-end shopping, world-class dining, and indulgent Four Seasons-style pampering. The 20-floor building features 360 guest rooms, five restaurants (including a two-star Michelin Cantonese restaurant), and five swimming pools. The hotel also houses 14 magnificent spa suites in which a variety of beauty and body treatments are offered, along with a full health club facility, yoga studio and beauty salon.

Opened: 2008

General Manager: Mr Royal Rowe

For more information: www.fourseasons.com/macau

Some facts in numbers:

0: The distance in metres to the Shoppes at Four Seasons luxury shopping complex that houses more than 160 designer shops and luxury brands.

5: The hotel includes five extraordinary outdoor swimming pools, a stylish poolside restaurant and 11 private cabanas that can each be transformed into exclusive and romantic dining venues for two, creating a comfortable resort-like atmosphere for guests.

442: The Portuguese ruled Macau for 442 years, and Four Seasons Hotel Macao, Cotai Strip® presents the charm of colonial Macau through its nostalgic architecture. The combination of elegantly-finished European and Chinese design motifs represents an amalgamation of the classical and the contemporary. Chinoiserie, hand painted silks, carved wood and stone, and handmade tiles are introduced at the courtyard entrance

and are wrapped throughout the main lobby and lounges.



The Portuguese were the first to set foot in Macao and the latter became a colony in 1537. This gave rise in a fusion of cuisine, culture and heritage. The local cuisine is rich and varied, from Macanese food (a blend of Portuguese and Chinese cuisine), authentic Portuguese food and Southern Chinese food.

Itinerary ideas:

- Explore integrated resorts with upscale shopping and entertainment
- Attend a larger-than-life Vegas-style spectacle on the Cotai Strip®
- Witness race car history at the Grand Prix Museum
- Skywalk around the outer rim of the soaring Macau Tower or bungee jump from the world's highest manmade bungee jump
- Amble around the historic city centre peppered with UNESCO heritage sites for colonialstyle shopping and dining.

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FOUR SEASONS HOTEL PUDONG, SHANGHAI



Centrally located in the heart of Lujiazui, Shanghai's financial district, Four Seasons Hotel Pudong features 187 guest rooms and suites with floor-to-ceiling views of the cityscape, the elegant Chinese fine dining restaurant Shang-Xí, and Camelia - an all-day restaurant offering French cuisine prepared by Chefs educated at the Michelin starred Le Cinq restaurant in Paris. Partnered with the prestigious French brand Guerlain, the hotel's intimate FLARE Spa offers signature Guerlain treatments as part of a uniquely designed menu of facials, massages and body therapies as well as salon service.

Opened: 2012

Regional Vice President and General Manager: Mr Rainer Stampfer

For more information: www.fourseasons.com/pudong

Some facts in numbers:

5: Offering a sophisticated dining experience, Shàng-Xí offers five private dining rooms, which are named after precious gemstones that inspire their sumptuous décors — Pearl, Amber, Purple Jade, Agate and Jade.

4: Four Hands at Four Seasons on the 41st floor. This masterful ballet of expert hands offers a unique and absolutely sensorial experience as guests surrender to two therapists at FLARE Spa, which overlooks the Shanghai skyline.

007: Aspiring secret agents will love the 007 "Man"icure and Pedicure at FLARE Spa, which includes – of course – a vodka martini, shaken, not stirred.

Located along the east side of Huangpu River, Pudong is a state-level new area of Shanghai, the home to the Lujiazui Finance and Trade Zone which is particularly highlighted for its modern Shanghai architecture – the Oriental Pearl Tower,

Jin Mao building and Shanghai World Financial Centre. It has also been hear referred to as East Manhattan! Shanghai cuisine is a popular style of Chinese food and closely related to surrounding provinces Jiangsu and Zhejiang. Language spoken here is Mandarin and written, simplified Chinese.

Itinerary ideas:

- Enjoy a private-tour of the stunning new Aurora Museum designed by world renowned architect Tadao Ando and housing ancient Chinese treasures
- Enjoy strolling at Huangpu riverside promenade (bingjiang da dao) a strip offering perfect vistas at the Bund during sunset hours
- Experience a concert at the Oriental Music and Art Center
- Take an evening river cruise to see both sides of Shanghai, and enjoy stunning views of The Bund
- Plan a day trip to Hangzhou or Beijing on the bullet train.

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FOUR SEASONS HOTEL SHANGHAI



Four Seasons Hotel Shanghai lies at the heart of the city next to the bustling shopping, entertainment and business centre of Nanjing Road and Huaihai Road. The classic and elegant facilities of the hotel are coupled with refined interiors and Four Seasons services, which will deliver unforgettable experiences to guests. Qin The Spa is a wonderful combination of ancient Chinese lore and contemporary expertise with various signature treatments that restore inner peace and serenity.

Opened: 2002

Regional Vice President and General Manager: Mr Peter Weber

For more information: www.fourseasons.com/shanghai

Some facts in numbers:

1: Four Seasons Hotel Shanghai, which opened in October 2002, was the first Four Seasons Hotel to open in China. The current staff includes more than 80 people who have been working here since the hotel opened.

40: Winning kudos and accolades, Si Ji Xuan is an ideal lunch venue offering a mouth-watering all-you-can-eat dim sum menu presented by dim sum master Sally Zhan. With more than 40 selections, this menu is a balanced combination of contemporary Shanghai-style snacks and classic Cantonese bites.

8: Each treatment room at Qin The Spa takes on a unique character, distinguished by richly ornate interiors and trigrams that derive from the I Ching. Eight symbols arranged in a hexagonal shape signify the eight phenomena in the

Universe: Sky, Earth, Thunder, Wind, Water (Moon), Fire (Sun), Mountain and Marsh.

Shanghai is situated in the Jiangsu Province, and the cuisine is a blend of the Jiangsu and Zhejiang provinces in the area - best known for their "Huaiyang cai" style cuisine.

Shanghai offers a more compact city than Beijing which is well spread out, and is considered more cosmopolitan. Language spoken here is Mandarin and written, simplified Chinese.

Itinerary ideas:

- Take a group class in the ancient Chinese art of tai chi
- Learn to cook traditional Chinese cuisine with an expert chef
- Explore the heritage neighbourhood next to the hotel, including the *shikumen*-style buildings that date from the 1920s
- Shop the narrow alleys of Tian Zi Fang for art studios and designer crafts
- Enjoy an evening dining tour of The Bund.

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FOUR SEASONS HOTEL SHENZHEN



Four Seasons Hotel Shenzhen is ideally located in the heart of the commercial district of Futian, across from the Shenzhen Conference & Exhibition Center and near the Civic Center, which houses the city's Municipal Hall and Museum, as well as the famed Shenzhen Concert Hall and Library. The hotel is surrounded by three modern shopping malls, is steps away from a metro station and is just 10 minutes by car to two Hong Kong border crossings at Huanggang and Futian. The hotel features 233 guest rooms and 33 suites, an Executive Club, a business centre, four food and beverage outlets, a grand ballroom and other versatile function spaces plus a unique outdoor multilevel venue, 'Terraces'. The hotel also offers comprehensive health facilities, including a gym and indoor and outdoor swimming pools.

Opens: 2013

General Manager: Mr Arthur Ho

For more information: www.fourseasons.com/shenzhen

Some facts in numbers:

266: All 233 guestroom and 33 luxurious suites are punctuated with dramatic views over the surrounding cityscape through floor-to-ceiling windows while simultaneously providing a cocoon of privacy and respite. Equipped with the latest technological conveniences and complemented by intuitive Four Seasons care, the guest rooms are also informed by a sense of place, highlighted by specially curated contemporary Chinese visual accents.

26: The new, contemporarily designed 26-storey Four Seasons Hotel Shenzhen, set amid landscaped gardens and water courtyards in the heart of the city's bustling Futian district, is an impressive addition to the evolving skyline of this powerhouse city in southern China. Language spoken here is Mandarin although some understand Cantonese, and the written language is simplified Chinese.

4: The hotel's four restaurants and lounges elevate the city's eating and drinking scene to new heights.

Shenzhen is located an hour by ferry or train from Hong Kong and a little over an hour from Guanzhou by train. Considered a relatively new tier 1 city in China, Shenzhen is thriving in development and offers a neatly organized city in comparison to others in the region.

Itinerary Ideas:

- Shop incredible wholesale districts for electronics, décor, jade and jewellery
- Tee off at the Mission Hills Golf Club at 216 holes, it is the world's largest golf club
- Visit an amazing array of theme parks, such as China Folk Cultural Village
- Explore a village entirely dedicated to painting and arts & handicrafts
- Discover beaches, gardens and parks
- Wine and dine in private kitchens or take up cooking classes

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Map of China Provinces



A little about Chinese food:

There are altogether 8 main regional cuisines in China reflecting the flavours of these key provinces in the country: Anhui, Guangdong, Fujian, Hunan, Jiangsu, Shandong, Sichuan and Zhejiang.

The main characteristics of Chinese cuisine are Sweet (Typical of the Southern part of China.), Salty (typical flavours of the Northern part of China), Sour (typical of the Eastern part of China) and Spicy (typical of the West part of China.)

More on the Chinese culinary landscape here.

