

# OIE Information & Travel Cheat Sheet



## Country:

Hong Kong (HK)

Sex & Dating	Alcohol & Drugs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● There is a noticeable divide between Hong Kong locals and foreigners with dating.</li><li>● Casual dating is a relatively new concept</li><li>● Under HK law, rape can only be committed by a man upon a women.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Legal age to buy/consume alcohol: 18<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Relaxed and permissive drinking culture.</li></ul></li><li>● Zero tolerance policy against illegal drug use.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Illegal drug use can result in hefty fines and can include seven years of imprisonment.</li></ul></li></ul>
LGBTQIA+ Culture	Cultural Customs and Norms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Same sex relationships and activity is legal</li><li>● There are no laws censoring LGBTQIA topics and public discussion or promotion of them.</li><li>● No explicit restrictions on LGBTQIA rights, overall decline of civil rights in Hong Kong</li><li>● PDA is not illegal, but is frowned upon by traditional Chinese culture.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Population: 7.4 million</li><li>● Currency: Hong Kong Dollar (HKD)</li><li>● Official Language: English, Chinese<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Cantonese is the most commonly spoken language; about half of people speak some level of English and/or Mandarin.</li><li>○ If you have been invited to someone's place, bring a small gift</li></ul></li></ul>

## Resources

**999** Emergency Number / **992** Emergency for those with hearing/speech impairment

**+852** Hong Kong country code

- International SOS
  - DU Membership Number: 11BSGC000067
  - Phone: 215.942.8478 / Website: [internationalsos.com](https://www.internationalsos.com)
- Student Support Program (My SSP): 24/7 Mental Health Support
- U.S. Department of State Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP): [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov)



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