



# Port Description

## Kowloon, Hong Kong, China



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- Dock:** Crystal Symphony is scheduled to dock at the Ocean Terminal in Kowloon.
- Distance to town:** The distance to Hong Kong Island is approximately 15 minutes by ferry. The ferry terminal is located outside Ocean terminal. It is advisable to bring change in local currency.
- Shuttle service:** No shuttle service is necessary as we are within walking distance of downtown Kowloon.
- Taxis:** Taxis are available outside the terminal and are metered for general transfers. Taxi drivers speak little to no English.
- Currency:** The local currency is the Hong Kong Dollar (HK\$). Credit cards and U.S. Dollars are widely accepted. Please refer to your daily *Reflections* for a current rate of exchange.
- Shopping:** Shopping areas include the Ocean Terminal, Nathan Road, and downtown Hong Kong Island.
- Crystal Cruises' Port Representative:** Wilhelmsen Ships Service. Tel: +852 2880 1632.

Although Hong Kong has returned to its original Chinese roots, it still remains a cosmopolitan city with influences, languages and accents from around the world. Here, East meets west and the result is electric. Soaring skyscrapers rise from the hills and harbor, blending the natural landscape with the urbanization of concrete, steel and neon in a way that brings traditional Chinese culture and Western-style commerce into perfect harmony. The bustling city streets are lined with teeming markets and sophisticated boutiques tucked tightly into any available crevice. Some of the world's best shopping is found in Central, located on Hong Kong Island and only a short ferry ride away.

### **Victoria Peak**

This is Hong Kong's highest peak at 1,805 feet (550 meters) and boasts beautiful views of the city glittering in the distance. At night, this peak offers one of the most romantic views in the entire region. It is accessible by the tram that runs approximately every fifteen minutes until midnight.

*Located on Garden Road Central, behind the Citibank Plaza.*

### **Aberdeen**

This former fishing village turned tourist attraction is the location of many of the famous floating restaurants. Taking a 20 minute sampan ride around the area will offer you a very unique sightseeing experience. Guests should only take that ride with authorized and licensed operators.

*Located on the south side of Hong Kong Island.*

### **Repulse Bay**

Primarily a well-to-do residential area, sun-drenched Repulse Bay has a relaxed resort-like atmosphere. The wide, wave-lapped beach is popular with locals and visitors alike and great for sandy strolls. The picturesque gardens that lead down to the beach are dominated by towering twin statues of Kwun Yum and Tin Hau, both protectors of fishermen. The colonial-style shopping centre, The Repulse Bay, houses designer shops and award-winning restaurants and resembles the luxury hotel that originally occupied the site.

*Located on the south side of Hong Kong Island.*

### **Ocean Park**

"Water World" is a very large complex of swimming pools and other water related activities. There are also thrill rides, sea mammal shows and exhibits. Do not miss the Middle Kingdom show which includes traditional Chinese dance, juggling, and acrobats or take a gondola over the mountain to the main part of Ocean Park where you will see some fantastic views.

*The Ocean Park is located at the southern side of Hong Kong Island between Aberdeen and Repulse Bay at Wong Chuk Hang Road. Open daily from 10:00am to 6:00pm. Times are subject to change without notice.*

### **Hong Kong Space Museum**

This dome-shaped museum houses one of the most advanced planetariums in Asia. It has interactive models explaining space exploration and fly wires to let you feel weightlessness. Also to be found here is the Hall of Solar Science, with a large solar telescope to give visitors a close look at the sun. The Space Theatre shows movies on space travel, sports and natural wonders.

*Located at 10 Salisbury Road. Open Monday and Wednesday to Friday from 1:00pm to 9:00pm. Weekends from 10:00am to 9:00pm. Times are subject to change without notice.*

### **Ocean Terminal**

Located in Kowloon, this is Hong Kong's stylish cruise ship facility. It is an eight million square foot terminal which also houses Hong Kong's largest office complex and shopping center with over 50 food and beverage outlets, five cinemas, three hotels and more than 600 retail shops. The Star Ferry Terminal is located just a few blocks from Ocean Terminal.

*Please note that listed attractions are independent and opening hours are subject to change.*