

This optional extension will highlight in brief the most iconic sites to see in Macau as outlined below. Located a short ferry ride from Hong Kong, along the southeast coast of China, Macau is a Special Administrative Region (SAR). It is a well-known gambling mecca, but also a great place to see amazing local culture, architecture and art. The name of the city is derived from the word Magao (A-Ma Temple), which was the shrine dedicated to Mazu, a sacred sea goddess respected by the local people. For nearly 400 years, the Portuguese ruled prior to its official return to the People's Republic of China on December 20, 1999 as an SAR.

# DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

# DAY 1: NOVEMBER 4, 2017 Ferry to Macau

Check out of your hotel in Hong Kong and make your way to the ferry station where you will travel to Macau. After arrival, you will be met and transferred to your local hotel for checkin and some free time to explore on your own. Lunch and dinner are by individual arrangement today.

Included meal: Breakfast

# DAY 2: NOVEMBER 5, 2017 Cultural Exploration

### **Q** Macau

Begin your explorations of Macau with a visit to Taipa House Museum, Taipa Village and Venetian Macau. Built in 1921 as the residence for high superiors and rich Macanese families, **Taipa House Museum** is considered as one of the cultural relics and heritage of the island and consists of 5 houses.



Located on what once was Taipa's southern shoreline, **Taipa Village** now overlooks a long stretch of reclaimed land following years of natural siltation. The village offers numerous attractions and will allow some time to explore. **Venetian Macau** is the second largest building in the world. The building is a replica of Las Vegas Venetian but more than twice its size. Attractions include the indoor canals and 350 shopping venues.



A buffet lunch will be provided at the **Macau Tower 360 Café.** Enjoy delicious food and stunning views from this vantage, Macau's highest and only 360° revolving restaurant. Beautifully prepared local Portuguese and Indian dishes sit alongside exquisite seafood creations, so try a little of everything. This afternoon visit the **Saint Paul's Ruins**, Mount Fortress and Macau Museum. The St. Paul's Ruins (also known as *Sam Ba Sing Tzik*) stands adjacent to the famous Mount Fortress and Macau Museum. The front façade and the grand stone stairs are the only remains of the St. Paul's Church, first constructed in 1580, which caught fire in 1595 and again in 1601. Reconstruction started in 1602 and was completed in 1637, and the church became the biggest Catholic Church in East Asia at that time. Unfortunately, a violent typhoon hit Macau in 1835 and the church caught fire for the third time leaving its glory a history.



Of all the forts in Macau, the **Monte Fortress** is the oldest, lying to the east of the Ruins of St. Paul's. Built in 1616, it originally belonged to St. Paul's Church and was used to defend the church from the pirates. It later became a military fort with quadrilateral bastions at each corner, barracks, cisterns and storehouses. An ancient tower situated here was one of the sites of the Society of Jesus. With cannons on the four sides, the fort was strongly fortified. In 1838, a fire destroyed the fort buildings as well as the Jesuit College and St. Paul's Church. Only the four walls of the church remain and are known as the Ruins of St. Paul's.



Finish the day with a visit to the **Macau Museum**, the biggest in the city. It opened to the public on April 18<sup>th</sup> of 1998. Different from other museums in Macau, which have only one specific theme, the Museum of Macau was built to show the face of different nationalities harmoniously living here together during the past centuries and preserve this visage from the aspect of tradition, custom and culture.

Dinner will be provided at a local restaurant this evening.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

### DAY 3: NOVEMBER 6, 2017

### **Departure Day**

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Return via express ferry to the Hong Kong International Airport early this morning. As SkyPier is a restricted area within the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) the SkyPier ferry service is for departing passengers only.

Included meal: Breakfast

## **PROGRAM INFO**

**Date & Length:** 3 days November 4–6, 2017 **Extension cost:** \$1,499 per person *Single supplement:* \$399

**Inclusions:** Ground transportation and ferry to Macau and back to Hong Kong International Airport; baggage handling, gratuities; tours; meals as mentioned; local guide for tours and transfers; and accommodations based on double occupancy.

**Not Included:** Hotel incidentals, meals not mentioned and excess luggage charges on express ferry to HK International airport on departure (free for first 20kg/44 pounds). The sum of length, width and height of one item of baggage should not exceed 158cm (62 inches) for the ferry.

To participate in the optional extension, complete and return the extension registration form. Return no later than 90 days prior to departure or within five days of receiving the information.



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