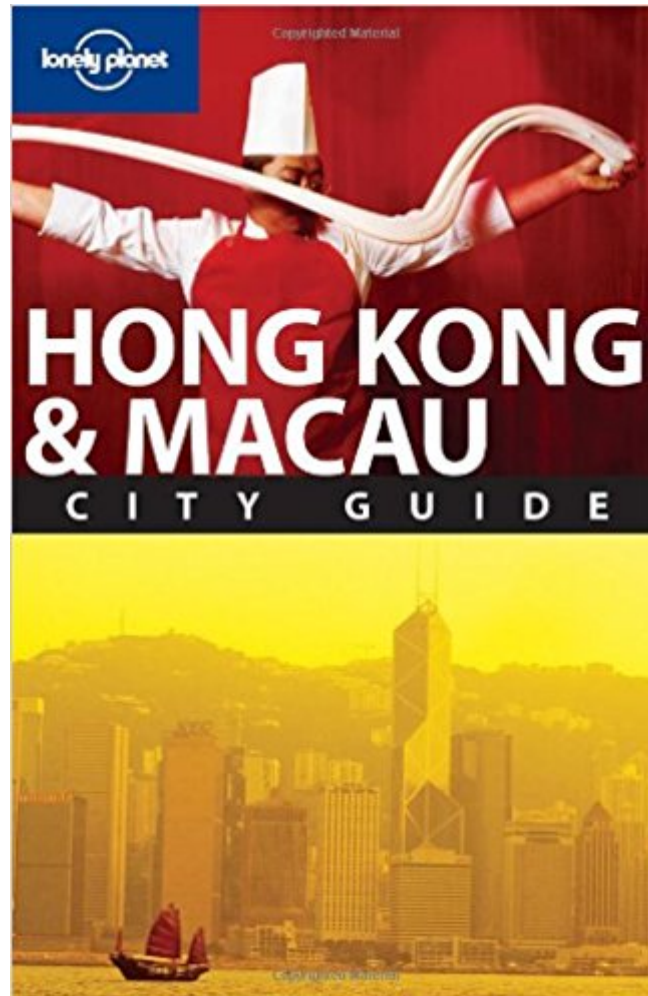




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I travel a lot and am a faithful purchaser of Lonely Planet guides. It was extremely helpful to get the eBook version of the HK & Macau travel guide and have it with me on my iPad, so I didn't have to lug around a physical book with me, as I was only bringing my iPad. There were some pros & cons to it, though. I'll leave this review short: Pros: Search capabilities Highlighting Other user highlighting which allows you a crowd-sourced way of seeing hot spots Cons: Horrible maps Difficult to navigate through -- I found the paperback editions much easier to flip through with an index, even though the eBook edition had a search capability; I found myself kind of lost I am new to the eBook thing, so take my review with a grain of salt, but overall I did like it, that's why I gave it 4 stars. I will continue to purchase the Lonely Planet eBook guides rather than the paperbacks, so I can get a better handle on how they function. It's much easier! I couldn't find any sections in this book for "off the beaten track" like what used to be in Lonely Planet, so I was a bit disappointed.

As opposed to other Lonely Planet guides, this one is shoddily researched and edited. Its central problem is that it's outdated by years, even though it's dated March 2010: its subway plan doesn't even show the East Rail Line, which has been there for years; the Alan Chan shop is listed as in the Peninsula Arcade, where it hasn't been in a good many years, and the guide doesn't list the Elements Mall, one of the most important newer malls in Kowloon. Because of constant mistakes like that, I wasted time and ended up in the wrong places several times during a visit to Hong Kong in November 2010. The book is also simply not carefully edited. On p. 138, it has the sentence "They can also be hired from two bike kiosks" - but there's no earlier sentence that "they" or "also" refers to. You have to figure out from the term "bike kiosks" that its bicycle rentals they're talking about. This is the kind of stuff that a copy editor should catch. A minor problem, perhaps, but it reflects the incredible shoddiness of research that characterizes this guide as a whole. A big disappointment for me, since I've had better experiences with other guides in the series.

We recently took this book and the Groovy Map on a 6 day trip to HK/Macau. This book was our go-to reference while in the hotel room, but we usually left it behind because it's kind of heavy to lug around. The maps are really small, but are useful when you take the time to really study them. Most

of our dining suggestions came from TripAdvisor and the Groovy Map, as this book is kind of out of date. I understand a newer one is on the way, though. We did use this for our one day in Macau and I must say that the Macau Island walking tour was frustrating and confusing. It took us past tons of boring sights and it was hard to use (lacking step by step directions and instead referencing street names without telling us North, South, Left, Right, etc.). All in all, a pretty good reference. I'm glad we had it with us.

My husband and I used this book for our first trip to hong kong and macau. As usual with Lonely Planet it gave a good overview of both cities but as with any guide book, use it as a reference, not a step by step manual. The maps, particularly the pull out Hong Kong map were quite useful though it needs to be updated to reflect the changes to the MTR system. Hong Kong is a great city to wander around and this book details lots of different sites that you might otherwise miss. The walking tours of Macau were interesting, but the descriptions of the various sites along the way were a bit brief.

The book was a necessity for a first time trip to Hong Kong and Macau. The map was very helpful, and the book did offer some very good information and background. I thought that the recommendations for restaurants did not meet my expectations as with other Lonely Planet guides that I had used, All in all, my trip would not have been as rich and full without the book.

Wonderful book. After using other types of city guides, I definitely like Lonely Planet the best. I was able to take walking tours on my own without expensive guides. Maps are accurate and very detailed. Usage of the subway was a breeze thanks to this book. Definitely recommend Lonely Planet for all of their city guides. I bought 3 different ones while visiting asia and all did not disappoint.

A good travel companion to Hong Kong and Macau. Valuable info even for a short trip. You'll learn you can master Hong Kong's MTR with a Octopus Card and move easily from place to place. Knowing where the Macau ferry leaves will save you time. Get this book, period.

I usually love Lonely Planet but this one became increasingly frustrating as the index did not match the page numbers. Good history and recommendations but as a reference using the the index, forget it! The map is really not good enough to warrant purchasing this guide over any other.

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