

Hong Kong: Door-to-Door Itinerary

September 16-19, 2026 | Rosewood Hong Kong | Scott and Deborah

Trip rhythm: easy arrival evening, Hong Kong Island and The Peak on Thursday, Kowloon and Sham Shui Po on Friday, then an early airport transfer Saturday. The licensed Temple Street Night Foodie Tour supplies the guided experience and most of Thursday dinner.

Confirmed travel

Arrival train	G381 from Beijing West, Wednesday Sept. 16, 10:00 AM - 6:12 PM. Hong Kong West Kowloon Station. Car 15, seats 1A and 1C, First Class.
Hotel	Rosewood Hong Kong, Victoria Dockside, 18 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon.
Departure flight	AA 8887, operated by Cathay Pacific, Saturday Sept. 19, 9:25 AM HKG - 2:05 PM ICN. Continue ICN - DFW - TYS. Terminal and gate were not yet assigned in the supplied itinerary.
Airport target	Leave Rosewood at 5:45 AM; reach HKG about 6:25-6:35 AM, roughly 2 hours 50 minutes before departure.

Book before leaving home

- Big Bus 48-hour Explore Ticket - buy for two adults and activate Sept. 17. Select the Peak Tram Special Combo. The current ticket includes all three daytime routes, two Star Ferry return trips, round-trip Peak Tram, Sky Terrace 428, and Peak Tram fast-lane entry. Current advertised adult price starts at US\$101; final checkout price controls.
- Temple Street Night Foodie Tour - book Thursday Sept. 17 at 7:00 PM for two adults. Current price HK\$850 per adult; about 3 hours; six food/drink stops; English-speaking licensed guide. Tickets are non-refundable and non-exchangeable. Use the exact meeting point in the confirmation; the published meeting area is at The Forest, 17 Nelson Street, Mong Kok.
- Local dinners replace hotel dining. No prepaid restaurant booking is needed. Wednesday uses Mak Man Kee and Kai Kai Dessert in Jordan; Friday uses Oi Man Sang dai pai dong in Sham Shui Po. Ask Rosewood concierge to telephone Oi Man Sang on Sept. 18 to confirm same-day hours, then arrive early for a table.
- Rosewood departure car - reserve a 5:45 AM pickup on Sept. 19. Also request checkout paperwork the night before and a boxed breakfast/coffee for 5:30 AM. A red taxi is a sound backup, but a reserved car removes uncertainty on a three-flight travel day.
- Arrival transfer is optional. Rosewood is about 10 minutes by car from West Kowloon Station. A normal red taxi is simplest; book a Rosewood car only if you value a platform/arrival-hall greeting.

Set up before the trip

- Add an Octopus card to Apple Wallet or plan to buy a Tourist Octopus. Keep about HK\$500-800 cash for markets and backups; taxis must offer electronic-payment choices, but acceptance method varies.
- Install Big Bus Tours and Cathay Pacific apps; save ticket PDFs/screenshots offline. Download Hong Kong in Google Maps and import the companion KML into Google My Maps.
- Complete Cathay/AA online check-in when it opens, recheck the HKG terminal, and verify the flight again on Sept. 18. Cathay counters at HKG open 180 minutes before departure and close 60 minutes before departure.
- Check Hong Kong Observatory warnings and Peak visibility on Sept. 16. September weather can force changes; the fixed, non-refundable food tour should remain Thursday night.

Wednesday, Sept. 16 - Arrival and harbor lights

Keep arrival evening forgiving. Border formalities at West Kowloon can vary, so the food plan uses late-opening local shops in Jordan rather than a hotel reservation.

TIME	PLAN	TRANSPORT / PRACTICAL NOTES
6:12 PM	Arrive Hong Kong West Kowloon Station on G381.	Follow signs for Hong Kong immigration and customs. Keep passports and train booking available. Allow 45-60 minutes; there is no checked-bag carousel for the train.
7:10 PM	Meet car or join the red-taxi line.	Taxi/car to Rosewood: about 10-15 minutes in normal traffic. Show: 'Rosewood Hong Kong, 18 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui.'
7:25 PM	Check in at Rosewood.	Ask bell staff to take bags directly; confirm Thursday taxi assistance, Friday Oi Man Sang hours, Saturday 5:45 AM car, and boxed breakfast.
7:50 PM	Walk to the Avenue of Stars waterfront.	Exit toward Victoria Harbour; roughly 3-6 minutes to a viewing position near the hotel. If check-in runs late, view from the Rosewood waterfront or room.
8:00-8:15 PM	A Symphony of Lights.	Free; no ticket. The show is nightly at 8:00 PM but may be cancelled for specified storm/typhoon warnings.
8:20 PM	Taxi to Mak Man Kee, 51 Parkes Street, Jordan.	Walk back to Rosewood's taxi entrance and ask the doorman for a red taxi; about 10-15 minutes. Mak Man Kee is a no-frills local wonton-noodle institution and is currently reported open until 12:30 AM.
8:35-9:25 PM	Local dinner at Mak Man Kee.	Walk-in; no reservation. Order wonton noodle soup, shrimp-roe noodles, or noodles tossed with oyster sauce. Carry cash as backup and expect efficient shared-table service.
9:25-9:35 PM	Walk north on Parkes Street to Kai Kai Dessert.	About 5-8 minutes to G/F, 113-115 Parkes Street.
9:35-10:00 PM	Traditional dessert at Kai Kai.	Try black sesame soup, walnut soup, almond soup, or sweet dumplings. Walk-in; current Michelin-listed address is 113-115 Parkes Street.
10:00-10:15 PM	Taxi back to Rosewood.	About 10-15 minutes in normal traffic.

Late-arrival fallback

If you reach Rosewood after 8:00 PM, skip the waterfront rush and go directly by taxi to Mak Man Kee, which is currently reported open until 12:30 AM. Kai Kai is optional. See the light show from the waterfront on Friday instead.

Thursday, Sept. 17 - Hong Kong Island, The Peak, guided food tour

This is the fullest day. Lunch is intentionally modest because the guided evening tour includes substantial tastings at six stops.

TIME	PLAN	TRANSPORT / PRACTICAL NOTES
7:30-8:30 AM	Breakfast at Rosewood (included).	Eat a full breakfast. Wear supportive shoes; bring a light rain layer, water, power bank, and the digital Big Bus and food-tour confirmations.
8:50 AM	Leave Rosewood for Tsim Sha Tsui Star Ferry Pier.	Walk west along Salisbury Road/waterfront, about 12-15 minutes.
9:05-9:25 AM	Redeem/confirm Big Bus benefits and board the next Central ferry.	Show the Explore voucher to Big Bus staff near the pier/bus operation. Confirm Peak Tram Special Combo and Star Ferry vouchers before crossing. Ferries are frequent; exact sailing time is not reserved.
~9:35 AM	Star Ferry to Central.	About 10 minutes on the water. Use the included Star Ferry trip. On arrival, walk to the main entrance of Central Ferry Pier 7.
9:45 AM	Queue at Big Bus Red Route Stop 1.	Outside Central Ferry Pier 7 on Man Kwong Street. Sit upstairs if weather permits; keep sun/rain protection handy.
10:00-11:15 AM	Big Bus Hong Kong Island Red Route - complete loop.	Stay aboard for the full 75-minute orientation. Current frequency is every 45 minutes, but this plan uses the first departure.
11:20 AM	Go to Yat Lok, 34-38 Stanley Street.	Walk about 18 minutes or take a red taxi about 8-12 minutes. Taxi is recommended in heat/rain.
11:40 AM-12:20 PM	Light lunch at Yat Lok.	No reservation. Share roast goose/char siu and rice or noodles; keep the meal modest. If the line is longer than 20 minutes, use nearby Tsim Chai Kee for wonton noodles.
12:20-12:30 PM	Walk to Tai Kwun.	About 8-10 minutes, partly uphill; use the Mid-Levels escalator where convenient.
12:30-1:00 PM	Tai Kwun courtyards and heritage buildings.	Campus admission is free; paid exhibitions are optional and not included in this short visit.
1:00-1:10 PM	Taxi to Man Mo Temple.	About 5-10 minutes; 124-126 Hollywood Road, Sheung Wan.
1:10-1:35 PM	Man Mo Temple.	Free admission; open 8:00 AM-6:00 PM. No flash photography; this is an active place of worship.
1:35-1:55 PM	Taxi to Peak Tram Lower Terminus.	33 Garden Road, Central; allow 15-20 minutes. Ask for 'Peak Tram, Garden Road.'
1:55-2:10 PM	Redeem Peak inclusion and use fast-lane entry.	Big Bus counter/representative at the terminus. The included combo covers return Peak Tram and Sky Terrace 428; tram departs about every 15 minutes.
2:10-4:20 PM	Peak Tram, Sky Terrace 428, and Victoria Peak views.	Tram ride is about 10 minutes each way. Allow time for photos and a short section of Lugard Road only if conditions are dry and visibility is good.
4:20-4:50 PM	Descend and taxi to Central Ferry Pier 7.	Allow 10 minutes for tram plus 15-20 minutes for taxi/traffic.
~5:05 PM	Star Ferry back to Tsim Sha Tsui.	Use the included return. Sailing is about 10 minutes, then walk 12-15 minutes to Rosewood.
5:30-6:15 PM	Rest and change at Rosewood.	No separate dinner reservation; the 7:00 PM tour includes six tastings.

TIME	PLAN	TRANSPORT / PRACTICAL NOTES
6:20 PM	Taxi to The Forest, 17 Nelson Street, Mong Kok.	Allow 20-25 minutes plus traffic. Ask the doorman to summon the taxi; show the address. The booking confirmation's meeting point overrides this planning address.
6:45 PM	Meet the Hong Kong Foodie guide.	Published meeting area: bottom of the escalators at The Forest, near Mong Kok MTR Exit E2. Arrive 15 minutes early and use the exact instructions emailed with the booking.
7:00-10:00 PM	Temple Street Night Foodie Tour (guided).	About 2 km, mostly flat. Six tastings may include curry fish balls, a local cafe item, seafood/Cantonese dishes, and egg puffs. Tour runs in rain except under specified severe warnings.
10:00-10:20 PM	Taxi from the Jordan/Temple Street finish to Rosewood.	The guide can point you to the nearest taxi stand. Typical drive 10-15 minutes; exact endpoint is supplied by the tour.

Friday, Sept. 18 - Kowloon bus, Sham Shui Po, dai pai dong dinner

Friday is more relaxed and stays on the Kowloon side. It combines the Big Bus Blue Route with a neighborhood lunch and a long hotel break.

TIME	PLAN	TRANSPORT / PRACTICAL NOTES
7:45-8:45 AM	Breakfast at Rosewood (included).	Ask concierge to telephone Oi Man Sang to confirm evening hours and reconfirm Saturday's 5:45 AM car.
9:15-9:40 AM	Waterfront stroll to the Bruce Lee statue.	Walk from Rosewood along the Avenue of Stars, roughly 5-10 minutes depending on the route through Victoria Dockside.
9:40 AM	Queue at Big Bus Blue Route Stop 16.	Next to the Bruce Lee statue. The first bus is scheduled for 10:00 AM; arrive early for upper-deck seats.
10:00-11:20 AM	Big Bus Kowloon Blue Route - complete loop.	Stay aboard for the full 80-minute circuit. Current service runs hourly, so the first bus protects the rest of the day.
11:20-11:50 AM	Taxi to Tim Ho Wan, Sham Shui Po.	9-11 Fuk Wing Street. Allow 20-30 minutes with traffic. MTR is the backup: Tsim Sha Tsui to Sham Shui Po on the Tsuen Wan line.
11:50 AM-12:50 PM	Dim sum lunch at Tim Ho Wan.	No advance reservation needed; expect a short wait. Suggested: baked barbecue-pork buns, shrimp dumplings, steamed beef balls, and rice rolls. Current Friday hours: 10:00 AM-10:00 PM.
12:50-1:40 PM	Walk Pei Ho Street Market and Apliu Street.	About 5-10 minutes between the food streets/market and the electronics stalls. Keep valuables secure and carry small cash for stalls.
1:40-2:10 PM	Kung Wo Beancurd Factory snack.	Walk about 5-10 minutes. Try warm/cold tofu pudding, pan-fried stuffed tofu, or iced soy milk. If you are full, treat this as a quick look rather than another meal.
2:15-2:50 PM	MTR back to Rosewood.	Walk to Sham Shui Po Station; Tsuen Wan line direct to Tsim Sha Tsui, about 15 minutes on the train, then roughly 10 minutes walking to the hotel.
3:00-5:15 PM	Rest, swim, and pack at Rosewood.	Use the hotel. Put travel clothes and passports out; complete airline check-in and verify HKG terminal/gate if posted.
5:30-8:00 PM	Oi Man Sang local dinner: taxi out, dine, taxi back.	5:30 taxi to Shop B-C, G/F, 1 Shek Kip Mei Street (20-30 min); 6:00-7:30 walk-in dai pai dong dinner; 7:30 taxi back (20-30 min). Suggested for two: black-pepper beef with potatoes, squid, one vegetable, and rice. Arrive early and ask the server to right-size portions.

Saturday, Sept. 19 - Early departure

TIME	PLAN	TRANSPORT / PRACTICAL NOTES
5:15 AM	Wake and final room check.	Passports, phones, chargers, medications, Big Bus souvenirs, and checked bags.
5:30 AM	Boxed breakfast/coffee and checkout.	Arrange the night before. Ask the hotel to email the folio to avoid a desk delay.
5:45 AM	Reserved car leaves Rosewood for HKG.	Rosewood quotes about 35 minutes in normal conditions. The 5:45 departure builds a traffic and terminal buffer. Taxi backup: ask the doorman for an urban red taxi.
6:25-6:35 AM	Arrive Hong Kong International Airport.	AA 8887 operated by Cathay Pacific. Check the terminal in the airline app; it was unassigned in the supplied screenshot. Cathay counters open 180 minutes before departure and close 60 minutes before.
By 8:55 AM	Be at the gate.	HKIA advises reaching the boarding gate at least 30 minutes before departure. Allow extra time if the gate requires a train or long walk.
9:25 AM	Depart HKG for Seoul (ICN).	Scheduled arrival 2:05 PM; connection in ICN is 3 hours 45 minutes before the onward flight.

Weather and delay plan

- Poor Peak visibility Thursday: do not waste the fast-lane inclusion in cloud. Keep the Red Route, lunch, Tai Kwun, Man Mo Temple, and 7:00 PM food tour. Move the Peak to Friday 11:30 AM-2:30 PM and drop the Sham Shui Po segment; cross by Star Ferry, taxi to Garden Road, then return by ferry/MTR.
- Typhoon or Red/Black Rainstorm warning: follow official hotel, transport, and tour instructions. A Symphony of Lights and the food tour have warning-based cancellation rules. Do not attempt the Peak or open-top upper deck in unsafe conditions.
- Train arrival delayed more than 45 minutes: skip the light show and take a taxi from Rosewood directly to Mak Man Kee. It is currently reported open until 12:30 AM; recheck before travel.
- Big Bus timetable changes: check service information the evening before. Preserve the fixed 7:00 PM food tour and 5:45 AM airport car; shift flexible sightseeing around them.

Useful booking links and verified facts

[Big Bus Explore Ticket](#) - 48 hours; all three routes; two Star Ferry returns; choice of Peak Tram Special Combo; current route times and fast-lane guidance.

[Big Bus service information](#) - Red 10:00 AM, 75 minutes; Blue 10:00 AM, 80 minutes; frequencies subject to change.

[Temple Street Night Foodie Tour](#) - Mondays/Thursdays at 7:00 PM; approximately 3 hours; HK\$850 adult; six tastings; non-refundable.

[Rosewood location](#) - West Kowloon Station about 10 minutes by car; HKG about 35 minutes by car.

[Mak Man Kee Noodle Shop](#) - Local wonton noodles at G/F, 51 Parkes Street, Jordan.

[Kai Kai Dessert](#) - Traditional Chinese dessert soups; current Jordan address 113-115 Parkes Street.

[Oi Man Sang](#) - Street-side dai pai dong at Shop B-C, G/F, 1 Shek Kip Mei Street, Sham Shui Po.

[A Symphony of Lights](#) - Free nightly show at 8:00 PM; weather warnings can cancel.

[Cathay Pacific at HKG](#) - Counters open 180 minutes before scheduled departure and close 60 minutes before.

[HKIA departures](#) - Airport recommends reaching the boarding gate at least 30 minutes before departure.

[Tim Ho Wan - Michelin Guide](#) - 9-11 Fuk Wing Street; Friday hours currently 10:00 AM-10:00 PM.

Schedule and inclusions were checked on September 2, 2026. Recheck operating hours, warnings, reservation confirmations, and transport service 24-48 hours before use. Walking and driving times are planning estimates and can vary with heat, crowds, construction, and traffic.