Alumni Homecoming Weekend (Oct. 27, 2019) Optional Day Tours Details

Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019 Additional Optional Day Tours Off Campus (Recommended by Tripadvisor.com)
Four Optional Pre-Paid Activities (Requires Advanced Online Booking Directly With the Vendors Which Have Been Recommended by Travelers on www.tripadvisor.com. HKAC Will Not Be Taking Payments/Bookings for Optional Sunday Tours.)

Option #1: Hakka Culture of Double Haven Tour- (8:00 am – 5:00 pm)

The remote waters of Double Haven are dotted with islands, and lined with winding shorelines. For many centuries, Hakka clans settled in this area for farming and fishing. While many of these villages have been abandoned and have turned into ghost villages, some are still inhabited by small numbers of people, who cling on to their traditional way of life. This tour will visit three of these communities: Ap Chau , Lai Chi Wo, and Kat O. This is a guided tour in English with boat transfers included in the tour fee; the tour operator owner also speaks Dutch and German.

<u>Tour Meeting Point and Highlights</u>: 8:00 a.m. meet at University MTR, walk to Ma Liu Shui pier (green map marker) for the boat to Ap Chau (via Kat O). About 10:45-11:45 visit Ap Chau. Speed boat to Lai Chi Wo. About 12:00-13:00: visit Lai Chi Wo. Speed boat to Kat O. Lunch and visit Kat O. 15:30 board the boat back to Ma Liu Shui (arrive there about 17:00).

Adults: HKD 390 per adult

Children Ages 3-12: HKD 350 per child in this age range

<u>Children Under 3 years of Age</u>: Children under 3 can join for free, but note this tour is not stroller friendly, so you may have to bring a carrier for your child. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult (preferably the parent).

Contact: Countryside Adventure Tours of Hong Kong:

Owner Name Wouter van Marle.

Languages English, Dutch, German.

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Facebook https://www.facebook.com/CountrysideAdventureTours

Website: https://www.adventuretours.hk

October 27, 2019 Hakka Culture of Double Haven tour: https://www.adventuretours.hk/scheduled-hikes/tour-hakka haven.shtml

How to Join a Tour and What to Bring: https://www.adventuretours.hk/how-to-join.shtml

Fees, Regulations, and Other Important Information: https://www.adventuretours.hk/fees.shtml

General Reviews About Other Day Tours Provided By This Same Firm: https://en.tripadvisor.com.hk/Attraction Review-g294217-d4273156-Reviews-Countryside_Adventure_Tours-Hong_Kong.html

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Option #2: Hong Kong Rare Pink Dolphins Eco Cruise - (8:30 a.m. - 12:30 pm)

Meet at Middle Road exactly outside The Kowloon Hotel in Tsimshatsui, Kowloon (across the road from the back of the Peninsula Hotel). Afterward, upon arrival at Tung Chung New Development Pier, Lantau, please be there at 9:25am. Tea and coffee are served on board the boat. Note: The vendor states: "An impressive 96 percent of trips have successful sighting, insuring your chances of spotting these incredible creatures are relatively high. Passengers who travel on ships without sightings are free to take another cruise at no additional charge". Due to water pollution, loss of wild habitat, and other concerns in Hong Kong, please be aware that these pink dolphins are endangered and may not be around in 15-20 years. Drop off will be back to the original meeting point sometime after 12:30 pm local time, depending on traffic conditions.

(8:30 am bus pick up outside The Kowloon Hotel, Tsim Sha Tsui, then there's a 9:15 am onboarding of boat at Tung Chung New Development Pier, Lantau. Up to 9 can be booked in advance per boat. If more people book this cruise, the tour operator will let you know about boat availability.

Adults: HKD 602.54

Children Ages 3-11 Only: HKD 320.50

Contact: Tour East Hong Kong: +852 3018-4991, Product code: 3675HKDW

Please Note: Mobile ticketing is allowed. Tour can be canceled up to four days in advance, per the tour operator.

<u>Tour Reviews and Information</u>: https://en.tripadvisor.com.hk/Attraction Review-g294217-d1514744-Reviews-Hong Kong Dolphin Watch Day Tour-Hong Kong,html

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Option #3: Lantau Island, Giant Buddha, Cable Car, and Tai O Fishing Village Group Tour with Hotel Pickup in Hong Kong Island – (8 hours long day trip which begins at 8:30 am ends at 4:00 pm local time)

With pre-booked tickets to save you time and avoid any hassle, this day trip also includes round-trip transport from Hong Kong Island from several major hotels for extra convenience or meet your tour guide at the departure point. Travel with an experienced English speaking guide by coach, cable car (your choice of standard or crystal clear cable car cabin), and boat throughout the day to discover the Tian Tan Buddha, Po Lin Monastery, and Tai O fishing village. A vegetarian Chinese lunch is also included at the monastery. There is a shuttle bus to the Giant Buddha, so you do not need to climb all those steps. Note: If you do not offer a preferred pickup place or address among the major hotels and other pickup points on the tour operator's list, you will receive a cancellation note & refund from the tour operator. The departure points for the start of the tour include the following pickup points:

Departure Pickup Points for the Day Tour:

- 1. Renaissance Hong Kong Harbour View Hotel
 - 2. Holiday Inn Golden Mile Hong Kong
 - 3. Harbour Grand Hong Kong
 - 4. Harbour Plaza 8 Degrees
 - 5. Harbour Plaza Metropolis
 - 6. Imperial Hotel
 - 7. Middle Road (near The Kowloon Hotel)
 - 8. Marco Polo Hongkong Hotel
 - 9. Marco Polo Prince Hotel
 - 10. Royal Plaza Hotel
 - 11. The Cityview
 - 12. InterContinental Grand Stanford Hong Kong
 - 13. Metropark Hotel Mongkok
 - 14. B. P. International House

Adults: HKD 1094

Children: HKD 890 for children ages 2-11 only

Babies: HKD 0 for children up to 1 year only

Contact: Tour East Hong Kong: +852 3018-4991, Product code: 19309P31

<u>Note</u>: Tour ends in Tung Chung at 4pm, and then you will take one-hour coach back to your hotel. You will be transferred back to the hotel before 6:30 pm local time. The actual arrival time back to your hotel depends on traffic during rush hour.

<u>Tour Reviews and Information</u>: https://en.tripadvisor.com.hk/AttractionProductReview-g294217-d11449458-Lantau Island and Giant Buddha Day Trip from Hong Kong-Hong Kong.html

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Option #4: - Travel by ferry from Hong Kong for a full-day tour of Macau

Your guide shows you important sites including the Ruins of St Paul's Cathedral, A-Ma Temple, Senado Square and Fortaleza do Monte (Monte Fortress) in the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Historic Centre of Macau. Learn about Portuguese history in the region and see part of the old city wall. Enjoy a buffet lunch, have the option to visit one of Macau's glitzy casinos and browse the local shops before returning to Hong Kong. Around 8:00 am local time: Your English speaking guide in Hong Kong will pick you up from a designated hotel in downtown Tsim Sha Tsui, Causeway Bay, or North Point. Then, around 9:00 am local time, there is a tour drive to the ferry, then arrival at Hong Kong — Macau Ferry Port to depart for Macau by a comfortable Turbojet boat. Your Hong Kong guide will give you your Turbojet tickets and see you off there. After an efficient customs process, you can get on board and the experience the one-hour Turbojet boat ride to Macau. Around 5:00 pm local time, your Macau guide will see you at the Macau —Hong Kong Ferry Pier and you return to Hong Kong via a Turbojet boat as well. A tour guide and driver in Hong Kong will meet you and drop you off at your designated hotel.

Please note: The selected departure/pickup point include the following districts and hotels:

Central: Mandarin Oriental Hong Kong Hotel

Queensway: JW Marriott Hotel, Conrad Hong Kong Hotel, Island Shangri-la Hotel

Wanchai: Renaissance Harbour View Hotel, South Pacific Hotel, The Harbourview, Mira Moon Hotel, Empire Hotel

Hong Kong - Wan Chai, Grand Hyatt

Tsimshatsui: The Kowloon Hotel, The Salisbury YMCA of Hong Kong Hotel, Holiday Inn Golden Mile hotel, The imperial Hotel, The Mira Hotel, The Kimberley Hotel, Novotel Nathan Road Kowloon Hong Kong, Royal Plaza Hotel, InterContinental Hong Kong, Kowloon Shangri-La, The Langham Hong Kong, Park Hotel, Attitude on Granville Hotel

Adults and Children (All from 2 years old upward): HKD 1163.53

Babies (up to 1 year old): HKD 748.19

Contact: The Trippist Mini Group Tours, +852 3018-4991, Product code: 7137P3

Tour Review and Information: https://en.tripadvisor.com.hk/AttractionProductDetail-g294217-d11455265-

Day_Trip_to_Macau_from_Hong_Kong-Hong_Kong.html

Off Campus Tours Questions: HKAC provides the Sunday, October 27th 2019 optional off campus tours information as a courtesy to its alumni as of mid-June 2019 and are not affiliated with them. Travelers have vetted the tours through their individual experiences and reviews on www.tripadvisor.com. For issues concerning Sunday, October 27, 2019 day tours, please contact the tour operator(s) directly for which you've completed advanced booking and payment. Many thanks!

<u>Health Note</u>: Good health and a reasonable level of fitness will be assumed prior to undertaking exercise activities, whether on campus or off campus. Those with heart conditions, high blood pressure, dizziness, fainting spells, and/or have sea sickness tendencies should seriously evaluate whether or not they can undertake the Saturday, October 26th optional off campus walking/hiking activity and Sunday, October 27th optional, off campus day tours.

On Campus Questions: Please contact alumni@hkac.edu or send a WhatsApp message to +852 6431 5652 on week days, if you have any questions or issues for which you may need alumni guidance and potential assistance with respect to the on campus 80th campus anniversary alumni homecoming celebration activities that will take place Friday evening, October 25th through Saturday, October 26th, 2019 on the Clear Water Bay campus. Thank you!