

5 INDULGENT ISLAND ESCAPES

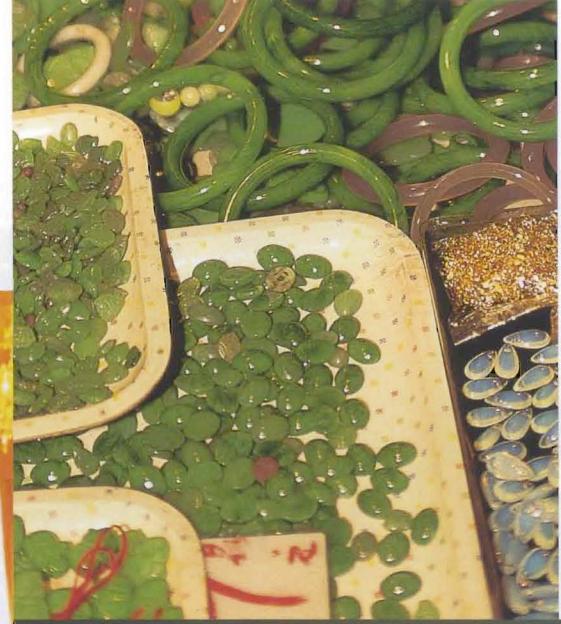
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“Hong Kong is our century exemplified – historically, ethnically, architecturally, socially, economically, aesthetically and, above all, sensually.”

JAN MORRIS



FROM LEFT: Gaddi's at The Peninsula. Jade Market, Central District. City view from Victoria Peak.

Above It All, Hong Kong-Style

IN A CITY THAT CATCHES your senses in a whirlwind ... where the energetic pace of day and night knows no downtime ... where every corner, nook, and cranny tempts you with serendipitous delights ... two distinguished, award-winning hotels put Hong Kong at your feet while offering respite from the city's tireless beat.

Nothing short of grand would do here, from the incomparable harbor views to the luxurious amenities to the sublime dining venues. This is a city where one-upmanship is an art, in every department. And at both The Peninsula and the Hotel Inter-Continental, you'll find yourself at the pinnacle of Hong Kong's accommodations standard.

THE PENINSULA HONG KONG

If the view's the thing, then The Peninsula Hong Kong is the place. If luxury and service reign supreme, you'll soon cast your vote with those who have rated this property among the finest, and the favored, in all the world.

Take in the heady views of busy Kowloon Harbor from the serenity of your elegantly appointed room, which comes complete with convenient state-of-the art technological innovations. You'll find comfort in the fine European furnishings top-noted with Oriental hues, and luxuriate in the spacious marble bathroom that features both a color television and a hands-free telephone. >

TIME away

FROM LEFT: Pampered guests roll up to The Peninsula in the hotel's 1934 Rolls Royce Phantom II. Tea time at the Hotel Inter-Continental. Timeless Sung Dynasty village. Lingering in The Lobby Lounge, Hotel Inter-Continental.



Among the public spaces and within the 300 spectacular rooms that reach into a new 30-story tower, "The Pen" has always been renowned for its classic atmosphere, enhanced by its level of personal service; no request is too grand, no whim too small to entertain with gracious pleasure.

After a hectic day of sightseeing and shopping, take refuge in the Peninsula Spa with a soothing massage, or swim your cares away at the Roman-classic pool. Then relax with an iced tea or a light meal on the Sun Terrace, beautifully landscaped and facing the harbor.

Eight outstanding restaurants, spanning cuisines from France to China, bring Hong Kong's elite to the hotel's tables. And The Peninsula is proud to claim one of the Far East's finest dining establishments, Gaddi's, as its own. Avant-garde design legend Philippe Starck created the rooftop restaurant, Felix, which is enveloped by the stunning views of Victoria Harbor, Kowloon, and Hong Kong Island.

Virtuoso clients enjoy a room upgrade upon arrival (subject to availability); welcome fruit basket and Chinese tea; daily continental breakfast in The Lobby; one high tea in The Lobby per person, per stay; late check-out until 4 p.m. (subject to availability); and a 20-percent discount on all items at the Peninsula Boutique. From HGD\$2700 per room, per night.

FERRY TALES The green and white Star Ferries have crossed the harbor waters between **KOWLOON** and **HONG KONG ISLANDS** for more than 120 years and, since 1880, the fares have remained the same: HGD\$1,70. The ride takes about seven minutes and is the best way to see the city in one single, spectacular view.

HOTEL INTER-CONTINENTAL HONG KONG

Step right from the Hong Kong Harbor shores literally into the welcoming arms of the Inter-Continental's breathtaking lobby. Both *Condé Nast Traveler* and Zagat have given this legendary hotel top rating in the city for its sumptuous accommodations, as well as for its prime central setting on the Kowloon waterfront side of Hong Kong.

Open the door to your private oasis, and revel in the warm colors of rich silks and Oriental art that create the ambiance of modern Asia. The majority of rooms offer stunning panoramas across Hong Kong Island, and all feature Italian marble baths with luxurious sunken tubs and separate showers. Cozy up for the evening in a thick terry robe, then wish for something extravagant; butler service is part of the hotel's tradition and, at the press of a button, you'll be granted your desire, any time of day or night.

The Lobby Lounge is among the city's most renowned venues; its three-story, plate-glass windows bring the island's magical vistas indoors. From morning breakfast to afternoon tea and well into the night, this is a place to see and be seen. In addition, there are three other internationally acclaimed restaurants in the hotel, catering to tastebuds that demand the finest in regional and world cuisine.

The Inter-Continental is also home to one of Hong Kong's largest outdoor swimming pools – a spectacular infinity-edge spa pool overlooking the harbor – and a feng shui-designed spa that will soothe all worries away with indulgent Oriental healing treatments. World-class shopping, entertainment, and the arts surround the hotel.

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