

Experience the Difference
This is Macau!





The name Macau

is derived from the goddess A-Ma, also known as Tin Hau. According to legend, A-Ma, a poor girl looking for passage to Canton (now Guangzhou), was repeatedly turned away by wealthy junk owners. Finally, a poor fisherman took pity on her and gave her passage. Shortly after, a terrible storm rose up, wrecking the junks but leaving the fishing boat unscathed. When it returned to the Inner Harbour, A-Ma walked to the top nearby Barra Hill and, in a glowing aura of light, ascended to Heaven. In her honour, the fisherman built a temple on the spot where they had landed. In Cantonese, 'Macau' is pronounced Ou Mun, meaning 'Gateway to the Bay'.

The historic centre of Macau supports the oldest Western buildings standing on Chinese soil today.

In tandem with Macau's traditional Chinese architecture, it stands witness to successful East- West cultural pluralism and architectural traditions. Throughout history, Macau has served as an important gateway through which Western civilization entered China, and for centuries this speck of land, not 30 square kilometres in size, has nurtured a symbiosis of cultural exchange, shaping the unique identity that is Macau.





Ruins of St. Paul

They say that traveling to Macau without visiting the Ruins of St. Paul means not visiting Macau at all.

The original structure of the Church and St. Paul's College were destroyed by fire in 1835, leaving only the enigmatic stone façade we see today, which, if you look closely at the many carvings upon it, tell a story of unparalleled integration and purpose.



Guia Fortress



Guia Fortress was initially designed to defend Macau from attack from the sea but because of its position overlooking the city, its chief value has been as an observation post. The lighthouse, standing 91 metres tall, is the oldest on the south China coast and in clear weather its light is visible for some 20 miles. The Guia Fortress was a restricted military area until 1976, when it opened as a major tourist attraction.



A-Ma temple

A-Ma Temple already existed before the city of Macau came into being. It comprises the Gate Pavilion, Memorial Arch, Prayer Hall, Hall of Benevolence, Hall of Guanyin, and Zhengjiao Chanlin (a Buddhist pavilion). The assembly of pavilions dedicated to the worship of different deities in a single complex makes A-Ma Temple an exemplary representation of Chinese culture inspired by Confucianism, Taoism, Buddhism and multiple folk beliefs.



Senado Square



Senado Square has served as Macau's urban centre for centuries and remains a popular venue for all kinds of traditional and modern celebrations. Paved with traditionally iconic black and white stones in the Iberian style depicting elements related to Macau's unique maritime history, the square is the city's main thoroughfare, from which radiates much of Historic Macau. *Morbi molestie dictum fermentum!*





Wynn Macau

A touch of Vegas transplanted to the East, the US-based Wynn brand does things in some style, with high-end boutiques and restaurants part and parcel of the mix. It also has a non-smoking gaming hall.



Macau Tower



At 338m, this tower dramatically soars above the Macau Convention & Entertainment Centre on the narrow isthmus of land southeast of Avenida da Republica. You can ascend to the Observation Deck on the 58th and 61st floors and eat in the revolving 360 Café. Brave tourists may want to try the Skywalk around an outdoor walkway, or the more adventurous Mast Climb on 100m vertical ladders and the Skyjump, a 223m controlled descent. The truly daring will want

to rack up the experience of doing the world's highest freefall bungee jump!

The Cotai Strip

Cotai strip continues to grow at an exponential clip. Cotai Central – the latest element in the Sands China mix of properties – is tantalizingly close to opening . . . but not this year. When it does burst upon the integrated resort scene, it promises to deliver the WOW factor in spades!



The HK\$14.9 billion Galaxy Macau, however, did open in late Spring. The 550,000sq.m integrated resort offers 2,200 hotel rooms and numerous retail facilities divided into five auspiciously-themed areas. Above the 600-table and 1,200-slot machine gaming area the resort opens on to lush gardens and six swimming pools plus a wave pool and an artificial beach weighing in at 350 tons of white sand . . .

