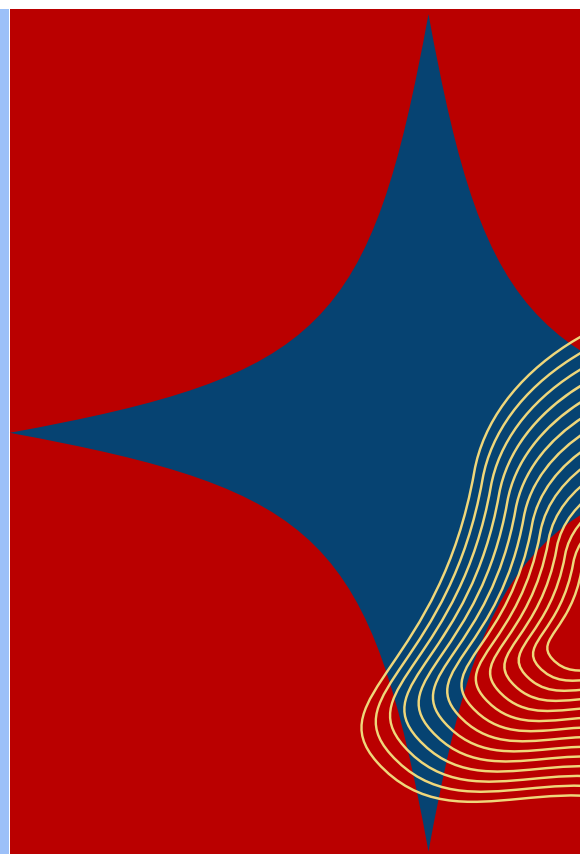




Welcome to
Hong Kong

A travel guide for
sex workers



Working and Living

Public Transport

You can buy a tourist octopus card with cash at the airport, 7-11, Circle K, or any MTR station. It can be used for MTR, bus, minibus, and some taxis, restaurants, and shops.

SIM Card

Legal name + identity documents are needed to activate a SIM card. You may prefer instead to use Whatsapp, WeChat, or Line with your old phone number

Hospitals

If you have an urgent health need, you can go to a public hospital. As a visitor there may be fees for using the hospital.

In case of emergency call 999

This is for police, fire, and ambulance.

Do not be afraid to call the police if you are in danger.

For an ambulance without police, call St. Johns Ambulance at

+852 1878 000

Kowloon, Tsim Sha Tsui, Jordan, and Mongkok are popular with male and cisgender female sex workers. There are many "one-woman brothels" here.



Hotels in Sai Ying Pun, Wan Chai, and Causeway Bay are popular with cisgender and transgender female sex workers who work with Western clients.



One-Woman Brothel: Single-room apartments that are rented for sex work. Clients ring the doorbell to meet sex workers.

Transgender women were assigned male at birth and identify as women. **Cisgender women** were assigned female at birth and identify as women.

An introduction to sex work laws in Hong Kong

Vice Establishments

Vice establishments, or brothels, are not allowed. Under this law, **working in the same room** as another sex worker is not legal.

It is legal to work in a one-woman brothel as long as you have the right to work in Hong Kong. These are buildings with single-room apartments that are rented for sex work.

Breach of Condition of Stay

If you enter HK on a tourist visa, working is not allowed. This includes sex work. If you are caught working, the jail sentence is 2-3 months, **but if you overstay your visa it is 2 years**. Some people exit and re-enter on a new tourist visa. However, you may be denied re-entry.

- Do not stay longer than your visa

Soliciting

Soliciting (offering sexual acts while in public) is illegal. Undercover police may arrest you if you are the one to bring up prices or services. Standing on the street is allowed.

- Discuss services and price in private
- You can discuss services and prices in messages and texts.
- Do not attempt to bribe a police officer

Trafficking Drugs

All non-prescription drugs are illegal. This includes CBD. The penalty for possession of drugs for personal use or for sale (including to clients) ranges from 3 years to a lifetime sentence.

- Do not agree to carry drugs or unknown packages for anyone (clients, friends, ect.)

Knowing these laws will help to minimize your chance of arrest.

Sex work is legal when:

01 BOTH YOU AND THE CLIENT ARE OVER THE AGE OF 16

02 YOU ARE A PERMANENT RESIDENT OR CITIZEN OF HONG KONG

03 YOU ARE WORKING **ALONE** AND **IN PRIVATE**

04 DISCUSSION OF PRICE AND SERVICES IS ALSO DONE IN PRIVATE

If you or a friend are arrested

Contact Midnight Blue



FIND SUPPORT

Midnight Blue is a non-profit organization committed to developing a mutual support network for male and transgender sex workers in Hong Kong.



STI Counselling and Testing

Free, anonymous STI testing for gay men and male/transgender sex workers, regardless of immigration status. Tests cover HIV, syphilis, and hepatitis C.



Detention Support

If you are arrested, Midnight Blue can help you contact family or friends, contact a lawyer, bring you supplies, and visit you.



Health and Wellbeing

Stay updated on current local situations. Be aware of blacklisted clients and hear about workshops and health checkups.



Welcome Bags

Receive a welcome bag with condoms, lube, informational leaflets, and other supplies.



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WORRIED ABOUT IMMIGRATION?

At the border

Transgender women may be denied entry if the border agent assumes you are a sex worker. Traveling with friends and family makes it more clear if you are traveling for tourism and not for work.

If you have entered Hong Kong at least 3 times in the last year, you may qualify for an e-visa. This allows you to use automatic machines instead of speaking to a border agent.

You cannot be turned away at the border for carrying condoms, lingerie or lube.

You cannot bring these items into Singapore.

Know what to pack

Book a refundable hotel

If you're worried about being turned away at immigration, book a refundable hotel room. This way you will not be charged for your full hotel stay.

You can book a refundable hotel room through some official hotel websites (rather than through a travel website).

Claiming asylum in Hong Kong is very difficult. Few people are successful (about 1-2%). You are also not allowed to work as an asylum seeker.

If you want to claim asylum, you must overstay your visa or be arrested. This may make you ineligible for other visas.

Asylum Claims

How to spot a bad agent:

Visiting Hong Kong through an agency may seem helpful, but some are not trustworthy and may take advantage of you.

- A bad agent may take your passport
- A bad agent may take most of your earnings
- A bad agent may force you to work with unsafe clients
- A bad agent may say you owe them money
- A bad agent may threaten you or your family



Sex trafficking is when someone forces you into sex work against your will.

If you do not feel safe

Call 999

**If you feel forced to
work**

Call Midnight Blue or STOP



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Wechat: wuyelan4555


STOP.

STOP TRAFFICKING OF PEOPLE

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Line: @64652224
www.stophk.org/

Before you travel



- 01 Tell a friend or family member where you are going
 - 02 Give them your full legal name and passport number
 - 03 If you go missing, they should call the prisons or contact a local NGO to find you. They will ask for your legal name and passport number.
 - 04 Your trusted contact or an NGO can collect your luggage from a hotel with the form on the next page.
 - 05 Before traveling, memorize the phone number of a friend or family member.
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Fill out this letter and give it to a trusted family member or friend before you travel. Do not give it to an agent. In the case of emergency they can use this letter to find you and collect your luggage from a hotel.

I, _____,
(your legal name)

Passport number: _____
(your passport number)

authorize _____,
(trusted contact's name)

ID: _____
(trusted contact's ID number)

to collect my belongings from _____
(hotel name)

on my behalf.

Your Signature

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