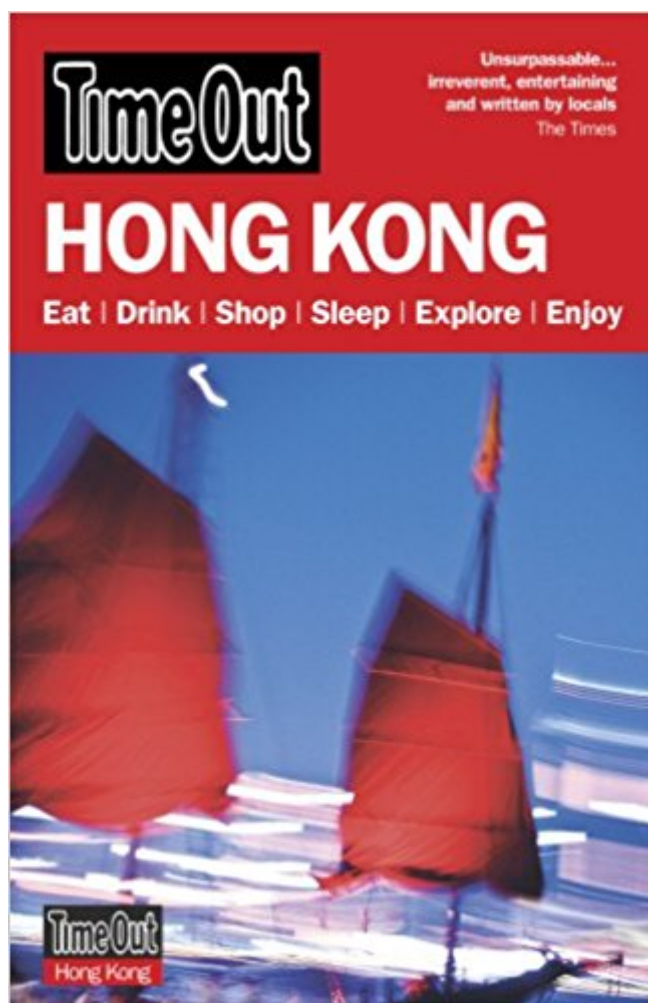




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I've long relied on The Time Out guidebooks to give me the best information about any city I plan to visit. The Hong Kong Time Out Guide is no exception. There's a tone to the book that takes you past the usual tourist fluff you get in so many guidebooks. Though no book, given the lag time between writing and publication, and the time you actually buy it, can quite match the net for currency of information; this gives you more about the places and areas that other books don't. For my taste, it devotes too much time to clubs and other venues that are meant for people in their twenties, and too little to hotels- but Tripadvisor picks up the slack there. The one serious fault of the whole series is that it tries so hard to be hip, it isn't. It forgets that a good portion of its readership may have passed the thirty mark. But the pros of the book outweigh the cons. You get more about places the other guides don't talk about, more things meant for serious travelers, who want to learn about a different place and culture, and really explore a place on their own- rather than be a tourist. Hong Kong is a unique place, and you feel that when you read the guide. It gives websites wherever possible, has fairly good maps of key areas, and gives you an overview of the whole of this unique place. It presents its material in a way that makes it a good read. It's enjoyable. It's particularly good on presenting little known shops, the Hong Kong tourists might not venture into, and makes you feel more of an insider. The book is worth its price, anytime.

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