

The Best Travel Guide to Having Fun in Macau!

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1. Macau factsheet: Get to know Macau in 5 Minutes!

Getting to Macau

1. By flight:

The Macau International Airport is located at the eastern end of Taipa Island. Sands Cotai Central is just a five-minutes ride away.

2. By ferry:

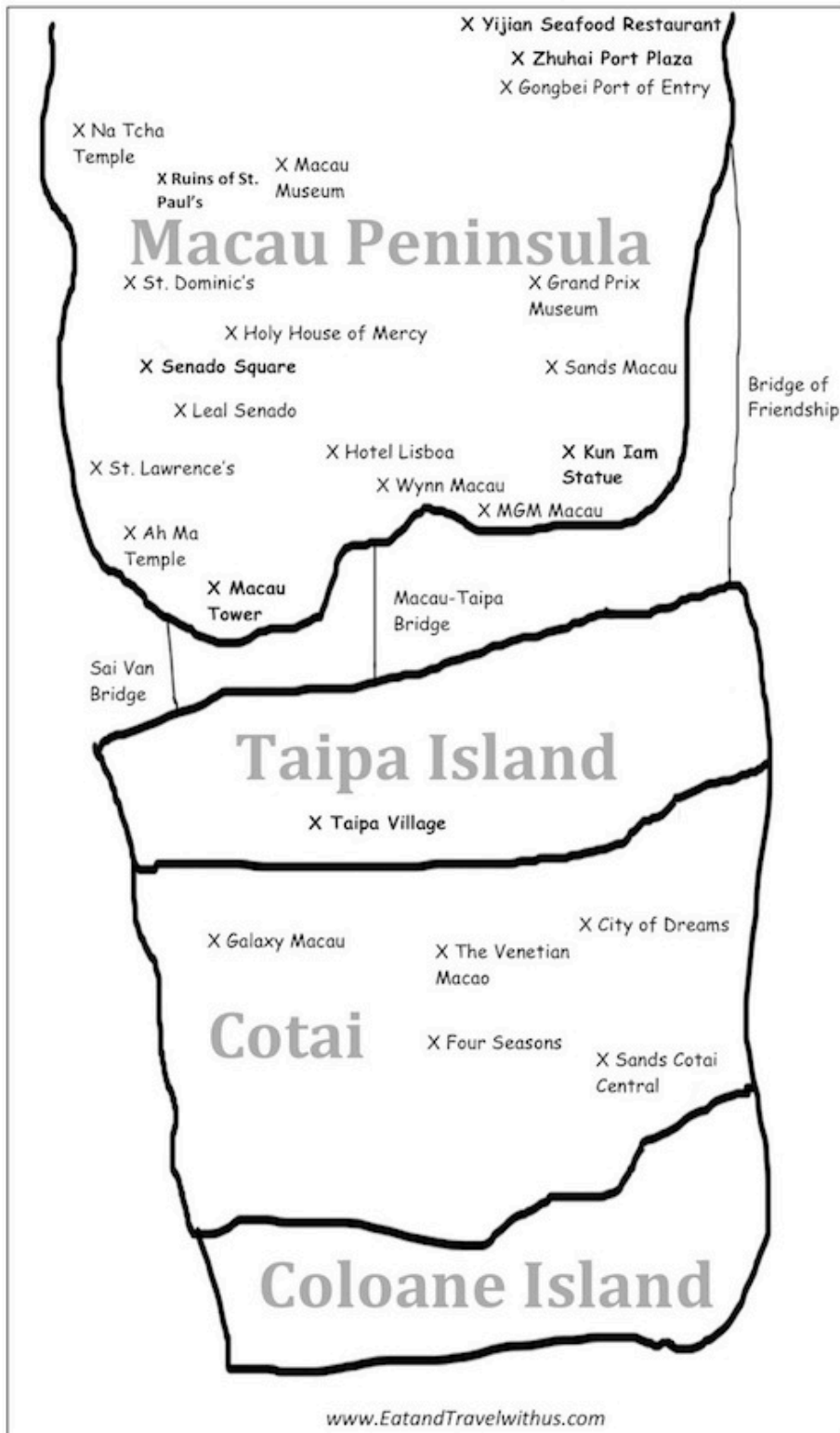
It is easy to travel by ferry between Hong Kong and Macau. There is a very high frequency of sailings, and tickets can be conveniently purchased at the ferry terminals and some Macau hotels/casinos. Visit this link to find out more:

<http://gohongkong.about.com/od/daytrips/a/macauferries.htm>

Geography

Macau is separated into two main parts: 1. Macau Peninsula and 2. Taipa Island/Cotai/Coloane Island. Cotai is an artificial land mass created by land reclamation. These two parts are connected by three beautiful bridges. See the map below.

Map of Macau:



History

Macau is a former Portuguese colony. Portuguese settlers first arrived in Macau during the mid-sixteenth century. In 1999, Portugal returned Macau back to Chinese sovereignty where it is now governed as a Special Administrative Region (similar to Hong Kong).

Culture

Due to a few hundred years of Portuguese presence, Macau has a unique fusion of Portuguese and Chinese culture. You will see many Portuguese architecture in Macau, as well as Portuguese restaurants and Portuguese foods.

Travelling around Macau

It is very easy to travel around Macau. Most of the hotels provide free shuttle services. Galaxy Hotel (on Taipa Island), in particular, provides shuttles to many places in Macau. You can see the list of locations on Galaxy's website link.

Things to do

On top of visiting the casinos, be sure to explore the various places of attractions and enjoy the delicious food in Macau. One of the popular attractions is Taipa Village, which is a rustic enclave with lots of food establishments, such as "Koi Kei Bakery", "Tai Lei Loi Kei", "Seng Cheong Restaurant", "Pui Kei Café", "Mok Yi Kei", and many more! Another popular place is Senado Square, which is a beautiful place with many lofty Portuguese churches and charming Portuguese buildings. Of course, there are also good foods here, such as the famous "Wong Chi Kei" noodles and delicious "Magaret's Cafe e Nata" Portuguese egg tarts. If you are interested in Macau's history, be sure to check out the Macau Museum, which sits on Mount Fortress (a former Portuguese military stronghold). From there, you can also get a good aerial view of Macau Peninsula. Check out my articles on the [Ten Places to Eat in Macau](#) and the [Ten Things to Do in Macau](#) to find out more!

2. Culture of Macau

Macau: More than just a Gambling Haven

When Raevian and I decided to visit Macau as part of our Hong Kong trip, I thought that Macau was simply a gambling haven for avid gamblers. However, when I started doing research for the trip, I found that there are also many [interesting attractions](#) and [good foods](#) on the island. I realized that similar to [Hong Kong](#), Macau has an interesting mix of Western and Chinese influences as well.

A Mix of Portuguese and Chinese Influences

The Portuguese first started settling in Macau during the mid-sixteenth century by paying an annual rent to the Chinese government. After about three hundred years of relative peace, Portugal decided to stop paying China in 1849 due to various economical and political reasons. It then proceeded to declare Macau as an “independent” Portuguese colony after invading the rest of Macau under Chinese control ([Taipa island and Coloane island](#)). In 1999, Portugal returned Macau back to Chinese sovereignty where it is now governed as a Special Administrative Region (similar to Hong Kong). Therefore, Macau today is a combination of traditional Chinese culture and Portuguese influences.



Casinos

There are thirty-three casinos in Macau, of which the biggest is the Venetian Macao. It is also the biggest casino in the world. The casino resorts are a spectacular sight at night. Raevian and I were awed by the towering heights of the casinos and their dazzling blur of flamboyant lighting displays. This is probably the image that most people have in their mind when they think of Macau. As mentioned in my previous article, I found this ostentatious spectacle to be a little too overwhelming for me. For me, these casinos were a glaring reflection of man's greed and temptations. When Raevian and I took the inter-casino shuttle bus in the early morning, we saw many middle-aged gamblers with dark circles under their eyes staring blankly into space, huddling in their seats and shivering in the cold morning air with a bottle of casino-labeled mineral water in their hands. They had probably spent the entire night gambling and were on their way to try their luck at the next casino. This got me thinking.. Did they have families? If so, would their gambling habit (or addiction) cause misery for their loved ones? What problems and sufferings lay beneath the glitzy exterior of Macau? *(To clarify: I have nothing against gambling, or people who gamble. However, gambling becomes a serious problem when it becomes an addiction.)*



Portuguese Architecture

During our first day in Macau, I asked Raevian, "Why are there so many European buildings here?" Annoyed that I had interrupted her video-

filming, she replied tersely, “Because it used to be a Portuguese colony, duh!!” Feeling rather sheepish, I looked away and pretended to act busy with my bags of Koi Kei pastries to conceal my embarrassment at asking a silly question.

Macau is probably the only place in the world where you can find so many Portuguese buildings in a Chinese settlement. Most of these pastel-colored buildings have Portuguese titles and many of the street names and signboards are also in Portuguese. You definitely should not miss out on visiting [Taipa Village and Senado Square](#), where you will be able to experience this interesting mix of Chinese and Portuguese influences.



Macau Food

When Raevian suggested that we try the famous “Tai Lei Loi Kei” pork chop bun after we had just finished our lunch at Rua do Cunha, I thought she was joking. I was feeling quite bloated after eating all the [good food](#) along Rua do Cunha street and didn’t feel I had space for one more “pork chop bun” (whatever that was). However, I did not want to incur her wrath and we proceeded to buy one pork chop bun to try. After my first bite, I knew that I had to eat more of this delicious sandwich/bun. It was the best pork chop I had ever eaten. Combine this wonderful piece of succulent meat with the bun and you get a little piece of pork chop bun heaven. This simple combination of pork-chop-plus-bun just tastes so good! Afterwards, I came across a [clip](#) where Anthony Bourdain said that

peeling the paper wrapping off the pork-chop-bun was like “peeling the underwear off a supermodel”. I have to completely agree; that’s how good the [pork chop bun](#) is! (I did not mention this vivid analogy to Raevian of course.)

Other than local Chinese food, you will also find Portuguese restaurants and Portuguese egg tarts in Macau. I highly recommend getting Lord Stow’s Bakery egg tarts, which taste delicious with their savoury crust perfectly complimenting the sweet aroma of the egg custard. To find out more, you can read my other article where I write about the [10 places to eat in Macau](#).



Conclusion: Glitzy Casinos, Exotic Culture, Beautiful Portuguese Architecture, Tasty Macanese Food

Other than the glitzy casinos, Macau should also be appreciated for her exotic fusion of Chinese and Portuguese culture. Two good places to experience this cultural amalgamation would be Taipa Village and Senado Square, where you will see lots of Portuguese architecture. As for food, other than delicious Chinese food, you will also find various Portuguese restaurants and Portuguese foods on the island. So next time you visit Macau, remember that it is more than just a gambling haven!

3. 10 Things to Do in Macau

Raevian and I visited Macau last year in November. This former Portuguese colony is famous as a gambling haven but is often under-appreciated for its exotic fusion of Portuguese and Chinese culture. This cultural amalgamation is palpable from its mix of local Chinese dwellers and ubiquitous Portuguese influences, such as the various Portuguese-inspired foods and pastel-colored Portuguese architecture. Below is a list of ten things to do in Macau, starting with visiting the world-renowned casinos, but also including other interesting activities that embody the unique culture of Macau. Enjoy! 😊



1. Casino Hopping

Every year, countless Chinese and Hong Kong gamblers visit the “Las Vegas of the Far East”. There are thirty-three casinos in Macau, of which the biggest is “The Venetian Macao”. It is also the biggest casino in the world! Raevian and I were awed by the towering magnitude of the casino resorts, which become even more stunning at night with their dazzling and flamboyant lighting displays. Personally, I was a little put-off by this ostentatious spectacle, which seemed to be an overwhelming metaphor of mankind’s greed and other vices. But when I conveyed this sentiment to Raevian (who was busy snapping photos of the casinos), she brushed me off as being humourless and told me to just enjoy myself. I guessed I

was thinking too much and decided to just soak in the beautiful sights and sounds. It is extremely easy to travel between the casino resorts as they all offer free shuttle services. Below is the list of casinos/hotels we visited. You can refer to the [map](#) at the end of this article to find out the casinos' locations.

Cotai:

- The Venetian Macao
- Four Seasons
- City of Dreams (Hard Rock Hotel, Crown Towers, Grand Hyatt)
- Sands Cotai Central (Conrad, Sheraton, Holiday Inn)
- Galaxy Macau

Macau Peninsula:

- Casino Lisboa
- Wynn Macau
- MGM Macau



2. Food Hunting

There are lots of good food in Macau! Raevian and I were on a food-hunting mission during our stay in Macau (which probably explains the extra 2kg I gained after the trip). From Portuguese egg tarts to almond cookies to durian ice-cream to Pork Chop buns to dim sum to Crab Congee, Macau will definitely have something to satisfy your taste buds.

You can read our article on the [“10 Places to Eat in Macau”](#), where we describe each food spot in detail.



3. Visit Taipa Village

Beyond the glitzy exterior of Macau lies Taipa Village, a charming enclave that houses rows of rustic Chinese/Portuguese restaurants and shops. Raevian and I also chanced upon a small Chinese temple. You will find lots of good food along Rua Do Cunha street as mentioned in my [previous article](#). Other than indulging our gustatory senses here, Raevian and I also enjoyed walking along the narrow streets and alleys of Taipa Village. This is perhaps the only place in the world where you can walk past a sprawl of traditional Chinese shops, turn the corner, and find Portuguese-styled buildings in their light hues of yellow, green, and blue.

Directions to Taipa Village

You can get to Taipa Village by taking the free shuttle bus from the City of Dreams Hotel (the place is listed as Taipa City) or the Galaxy Hotel. It should take around five minutes or less. See map at the end of this article.



4. Visit Senado Square

Senado Square (Largo do Senado / 議事亭前地) is a beautiful town square in Macau paved with traditional Portuguese mosaic. It houses an elegant water foundation in the centre. Senado Square used to be the official civic square of Macau when it was still a Portuguese colony, but today it is a popular tourist attraction and listed as one of the sites in the UNESCO World Heritage Site “Historic Centre of Macau”. Similar to Taipa Village, you will also find good food in the area ([Wong Chi Kei, Magaret's Cafe e Nata](#)).

Standing in the centre of the square near the fountain, I took a moment to look at the traditional Portuguese pavement beneath my feet, the surrounding Portuguese architecture, and simply reveled in the atmosphere of the place. It almost felt like I was standing in the centre of a European plaza. This is a beautiful place and you would kick yourself if you did not visit it! The surrounding places of attractions around Senado Square are worth visiting too, and I have listed them below.

Buildings enclosing Senado Square:

- Leal Senado Building (民政總署大樓)
- Holy House of Mercy (Santa Casa da Misericórdia / 仁慈堂大樓)
- St. Dominic's Church (Igreja de São Domingos / 玫瑰堂)
- Macau Business Tourism Centre

Nearby Attraction:

- Ruins of St Paul's (Ruínas de São Paulo / 大三巴牌坊)

Directions to Senado Square

If you are going from Taipa Village, Senado Square is simply a fifteen-minute cab ride away. See [map](#) at the end of this article. If not, you can catch a cab from the airport, the ferry terminal, your hotel, or simply flag a cab along the streets. Raevian and I found the Macau cab fares reasonable and they only charge by the meter (instead of quoting you a random overpriced amount like in some countries).

**5. Visit Kun Iam Statue**

The Kun Iam Statue is a bronze statue of the Goddess of Mercy that stands at 20 metres tall. It is built on top of a dome shaped like a lotus flower, and faces Macau to protect it. By the time we reached the statue, it was already 6p.m. and the Kun Iam Ecumenical Centre (consisting of a souvenir centre, a contemplation room, among others) beneath the statue was closed. Raevian had told me to hurry earlier but I had insisted that the centre would only be closed at 6.30p.m. I was fearing the worst and preparing for a earful from Raevian, but luckily it turned out the statue looked beautiful with its gentle glow in the evening sun. We managed to get a few good shots of the statue, below is one of them.

Directions to Kun Iam Statue

As usual, you can simply catch a taxi to reach Kun Iam Statue. However, you can also take a shuttle bus to MGM Macau, and walk about ten minutes from there to reach the statue.

Kun Iam Ecumenical Centre

Address: Avenida de Sun Yat-sen

Opening Hours: 10a.m. to 6p.m. (closed on Fridays)

Tel : +853 2875 1516

Free admission. Free Internet access in the library.



6. Visit Chinese Temples

There are many traditional Chinese temples in Macau. Raevian and I chanced upon one in Taipa Village. There are also more well-known ones like the Na Tcha Temple (哪吒庙) and the Ah Ma Temple (妈阁庙).



7. Macau Tower

Standing at 338 metres tall, the Macau Tower is another popular attraction in Macau. It boasts amenities such as an observation deck, a revolving restaurant, and even a cinema. For the adventurous (like Raevian), you can also try the world's second highest bungee jump at 233 metres. Why anybody would want to stand at the top of a towering structure amidst strong winds, and then choose to jump headfirst downwards (albeit with a piece of rope tied to your leg), totally blows my mind. Obviously Raevian doesn't share my sentiments and looks down on my "cowardice".

Directions to Macau Tower

Similar to Senado Square, you can simply catch a cab to reach this place.

8. View the Bridges of Macau

Before our trip, when Raevian told me that one of the things on our Macau agenda was to view the Macau bridges at night, I thought she was trying to pull a fast one. In my mind, the only bridge I knew to be worthy of visiting was the Golden Gate Bridge. Macau was just a tiny island, how could it have any notable bridges? Well, I was wrong and the bridges of Macau are indeed rather beautiful and majestic at night. There are three long bridges connecting Macau Peninsula and Taipa Island:

1. Sai Van Bridge (Ponte de Sai Van /西灣大橋).
2. Macau-Taipa Bridge (Ponte Governador Nobre de Carvalho /嘉樂庇總督大橋)
3. Bridge of Friendship (Ponte de Amizade / 澳門友誼大橋)

We took some pictures of the Macau-Taipa Bridge from outside MGM hotel, and sat on one of the benches to enjoy the night breeze and picturesque view of the bridge. For the other bridges, we were able to see them while transiting between the islands on the shuttle buses.



9. Visit the Museums in Macau

I am a history buff and I enjoy dragging Raevian to museums with me. It's like payback for all the shopping trips: she's now the one mindlessly scrolling through her Facebook feed while waiting for me to finish my excruciatingly long tour of the museum. HAHA. There are quite a few museums in Macau, but I was kind enough to visit just one: the Macao Museum. It is situated on top of a hill right beside Ruins of St Paul's. If you are interested in the history of Macau, this would be the place for you. Some of the displays are interactive with buttons to press/play, so Raevian wasn't that bored.

On the hill top, you will also find Mount Fortress (Fortaleza do Monte/大炮台), which was the military stronghold of the former Portuguese

colony. We went to Mount Fortress through the museum. However, you can visit it directly as well. Entrance is free and you get a good view of Macau from the top. There are also World War Two cannons lined up on the sides of the fortress. Do note that you can take an escalator up to the fortress, instead of going up the steps (unless you want to, of course). Other museums in Macau include the Grand Prix Museum, the Wine Museum, and the Macau Maritime Museum.

Directions to Macao Museum

Macao Museum is situated beside Ruins of St Paul's, and is within walking distance from Senado Square (a ten minutes walk). See [map](#) at the end of this article.

Macao Museum

Monte Fortress, 112 Praceta do Museu de Macau

博物館前地 112 號

Opening hours : 10a.m. to 6p.m. (Ticket booth closes 5.30p.m.)

Closed on Mondays

Tel: +853 2835 7911

Admission Fee: MOP 15



10. Take a trip to Zhuhai

Last but not least, if you are spending at least two days in Macau, you can also plan for a day trip to the neighboring city of Zhuhai, in China. Singaporeans can visit Zhuhai for up to 15 days without a visa for sightseeing. Once you clear the Zhuhai customs, you will reach a huge underground mall. This is the **Zhuhai Port Plaza (珠海口岸购物广场)**. Basically, it's a giant multi-level flea market that sells anything from mobile accessories to winter clothing. If you are a fan of such places, you will enjoy shopping here. However, please be warned that some of the stall owners can be a tad aggressive. In one shop, after I picked up a shirt but decided not to buy it, I was hounded by the lady stall owner as I tried to leave the stall. "Why don't you just buy it? It's cheap! You want discount? How much discount? You tell me? How much??!" she kept asking as she followed me all the way to outside her stall. In the end, she finally gave up and went back. Full marks for persistence though.

For lunch, Raevian and I went to **Yijian Seafood Restaurant (益健海鲜大食坊)**, which is located right outside the "North Exit 1" of Zhuhai Port Plaza. This Chinese seafood offers fresh seafood at a super low price. You get to pick your desired seafood (scallops, fish, crabs, etc) from the water tanks and the chefs will prepare them for you. We had two sea cucumbers, four scallops, and one plate of ma-la chicken for less than

SGD30 (impossible price to get in Singapore). The food was decent enough for the price we paid. Service was good and prompt. However, I saw some people smoking in the restaurant (welcome to China!) and I was glad we were not sitting near them. Overall, we had an enjoyable lunch.

After lunch, we went back to Macau as it was getting dark and we had heard that Zhuhai was not entirely safe for tourists. However, if you are interested, you can visit other nearby attractions such as Lotus Road, Fisher's Girl Statue, and Lover's Road.

Directions to Zhuhai

1. Go to the Macau Border Gate.

This is the immigration checkpoint at the northern tip of the Macau Peninsula (see map below). You can take the hotel shuttle from Galaxy Hotel or City of Dreams to the "Border Gate".

2. Clear Macau customs

Once you enter the immigration building, queue up to clear the Macau customs. I recommend going early to avoid the long queues. Raevian and I reached at about 11.30am and the queues were relatively short.

3. Walk to Gongbei Port of Entry

Once you clear the Macau customs, you can walk over to "Gongbei Port of Entry", which is the Zhuhai immigration checkpoint. The walk should take about 20 minutes (15 if you are a brisk walker like Raevian and me). Basically, you are walking across the border between Macau and Zhuhai. Along the way, you will find shops selling alcohol and cigarettes. We did not buy any but I assume they were selling at premium prices as people were buying the items in bulk (warning: smoking and drinking is bad for your health and may lead to cancer, among other diseases).

4. Clear Zhuhai Customs

After you walk across the border and clear the Zhuhai customs, you'll officially be in Zhuhai! The first place you see will be Zhuhai Port Plaza.

The entire process (clearing Macau customs, walking across the border, clearing Zhuhai customs) should take about 30 minutes or less during non-peak hours. However, if you go during peak hours, it may take about 2 hours. Therefore, I recommend going early (before 12pm) to avoid the queues.

I hope you have enjoyed reading this section on the 10 things to do in

Macau! Please use the below social media buttons to share this article if you found the information in here useful. You can also see the rough map/illustration of Macau on page 2 below so it is easier for you to visualize the various places.

4. 10 Places to Eat in Macau

Taipa Village



1. Seng Cheong Restaurant (誠昌飯店)

Seng Cheong Restaurant (城昌饭店) is a popular Chinese restaurant located at Rua do Cunha Street in Old Taipa Village. It is known for its signature dish: the Crab Congee. It also serves Frog Leg Congee as well. Raevia and I ordered the Deep Fried Squid Balls, the Deep Fried Salted Frog Legs, and for me, a bottle of ice-cold San Miguel Beer. The fried squid balls were quite good but the fried frog legs were sinfully delicious. Fried to a crisp, they are juicy and tasty and I really enjoyed the wonderful flavour of the meat. The San Miguel beer (founded in Philippines but brewed in Hong Kong) has a bittersweet flavor with a smooth texture, and goes perfectly with our fried finger foods. It is also very cheap. We did not order the crab congee as even the small serving (150 HKD) was too much for two people (it serves three to four persons). However, we regretted this on hindsight and will definitely order it the next time we visit Macau (even if it's just the two of us again!).

28 – 30 Rua Do Cunha, Taipa, Macau

官也街 28-30 號

Tel: (853) 2882 5323

Opening Hours: 12pm to 12am (daily)



2. Koi Kei Bakery (鉅記手信)

If you have a sweet tooth for pastries, Koi Kei Bakery will be heaven for you. This purveyor of almond cakes, egg rolls, crunchy peanut candies and beef/pork jerky is renowned for its delicious pastries. What I like about them is their innovative spirit in coming up with new varieties of pastries that combines tradition with modern flair (e.g. Almond Cake with Shredded Pork, Almond Cookie with Chocolate, Phoenix Egg Roll with Seaweed and Shredded Pork). In addition to producing more types of tasty pastries, this approach also helps to cater to the taste of the younger generation and preserve the existence of traditional Chinese pastries.

Koi Kei has sixteen branches in Macau, seven in Hong Kong, and while writing this article we found out they have one in Singapore too! It's cheaper to buy the pastries in Macau than in Hong Kong. We'll be visiting the Singapore branch soon to check out the prices there. Raevian and I visited the Taipa (Macau) branch and bought several boxes of the "Phoenix Egg Roll with Seaweed and Shredded Pork Jerky Gift Set", the "Long Egg Roll" and the "Almond Cookie with Lard". The varieties that we bought were hand-produced and were slightly more expensive than the factory-produced ones. Based on tasting the samples in the store, my advice is to get the hand-produced pastries as they taste a lot better for the little extra money you pay. As for the egg rolls and almond cookies we bought, the only complaint we had was that we couldn't buy more

due to our limited luggage space! Koi Kei pastries are delicious and you must definitely buy some if you're in Hong Kong/ Macau.

46-50 Rua Do Cunha, Taipa, Macau

官也街 46-50 號

Tel: (853) 2882 7839

Opening Hours: 10am to 9pm (daily)



3. Tai Lei Loi Kei (大利來記)

Tai Lei Loi Kei (大利來記) serves the best pork chops I've ever tasted. Period. Combine that wonderful slice of grilled meat with the crisp toasted bun, and you get a little piece of Pork Chop Bun heaven. The pork chop slice is sweet, fresh, succulent, tender, and it filled my mouth with savoury juices. The only thing that can taste better than a Tai Lei Loi Kei pork chop, is a Tai Lei Loi Kei pork chop bun. The toasted bun is crispy on the outside and soft on the inside, and whomever that came up with the idea of the pork chop/bun combination is truly a gourmet genius. (There is also a branch in the Venetian indoor mall, but it doesn't taste nearly as good as the one at Taipa Village)

18, Largo Governador Tamagnini Barbosa, Taipa, Macau

氹仔巴波沙前地 18 號

Tel: (853) 2882 7150

Opening Hours: 6.30am to 6pm (daily)

4. Pui Kei Café (沛记)

Pui Kei Café (沛記) is a hole-in-the-wall establishment famous for its signature dish, the “Crispy Pork Chop Noodles”. However, it does not have regular opening hours so you may not find it open when you visit.

25 Rua Do Cunha, Taipa, Macau
官也街 25 號

5. “O Santos” Comida Portuguesa (山度士葡式餐廳)

This cozy restaurant serves authentic Portuguese cuisine at a reasonable price. The menu is straightforward and the restaurant provides good service.

20 Rua Do Cunha, Taipa, Macau
官也街 09 號
Tel: (853) 2882 5594



6. Mok Yi Kei (莫義記)

Do remember to save some space in your stomach for the desserts at Mok Yi Kei. This well-known dessert store is famous for its durian ice-cream and sawdust pudding. It also has a wide variety of other desserts to indulge your gustatory senses.

9 Rua Do Cunha, Taipa, Macau
官也街 09 號
Tel: (853) 2882 5440
Opening Hours: 7am to 11pm (daily)

Directions to Taipa Village

The above six eateries are all situated near each other in Taipa Village. In fact, five of them (“Seng Cheong Restaurant”, “Koi Kei Bakery”, “Pui Kei Café”, “Mok Yi Kei”, and “O Santos Comida Portuguesa”) are all located on Rua Do Cunha street, and the remaining “Tai Lei Loi Kei” is just a five-minute walk away from Rua Do Cunha. Therefore, it would make sense to try all of these eateries in one visit. You can easily reach Taipa Village by taking the free shuttle bus from the City of Dreams Hotel (the place is listed as Taipa City) or the Galaxy Hotel. It should take around five minutes or less. You can refer to this [map](#) to get a better idea.

Senado Square



7. Wong Chi Kei (黃枝記粥麵)

Wong Chi Kei (黃枝記粥麵) is situated at Senado Square, which is about 5 kilometres away from Taipa Village. Raevian and I took a fifteen-minute cab ride from Taipa to reach here. This famous Chinese restaurant has a long history with its first shop opened in 1946. Its signature dish is the famous “Braised Egg Noodles with Shrimp Roe”, which we ate with prawn dumplings. We also tried their deep fried dumplings.

17 Largo do Senado, Macau

澳門議事亭前地 17 號

Tel (853) 2833 1313

Opening Hours: 8am – 12am (daily)

8. Magaret’s Cafe e Nata (瑪嘉烈蛋挞)

This bakery is famous for its Portuguese egg tarts and is a strong competitor of Lord Stow’s Bakery and Cafe (see below). Many people rate this as a must-try in Macau.

Gum Loi Building, Rua Alm Costa Cabral R/C

Avenida de Almeida Ribeiro, Macau

新馬路馬統領街金利來大廈 17B 地舖

Tel: (852) 2871 0032

Opening Hours: 6.30am to 10pm (Closed on Wednesdays)

Directions to Senado Square

Wong Chi Kei and Magaret’s Cafe e Nata are both situated at Senado Square. You can grab a cab from the Rua do Cunha taxi-stand in Taipa Village to reach here. It will be a fifteen-minute ride. You will travel across the bridge from Taipa Island (where Taipa Village is situated) to Macau Peninsula (where Senado Square is situated). If you are unsure of the directions, you can look at my [map of Macau](#) to get a clearer idea 😊

The Venetian Macao



9. Lord Stow's Bakery and Café

Raevian and I made sure to try the famous Portuguese egg tarts sold by Lord Stow's Bakery and Café as we had read many rave reviews online. We visited the branch at the huge Venetian mall (basically a gigantic male torture chamber disguised as a Venetian-inspired shopping mall). Personally, I am not a big fan of egg tarts, as they taste a little too rich for my liking. However, Lord Stow's egg tarts made me a convert. All their egg tarts are served freshly baked from the oven. The flaky puff buttery crust, combined with the hot creamy egg custard in the centre, brought life back to a guy who had spent the past two hours trudging through endless rows of luxury brand shops. Jokes aside, the egg tart has a perfect balance of flavours, with the savoury crust perfectly complimenting the sweet aroma of the egg custard. The only thing better than one Lord Stow's egg tart, is six Lord Stow's egg tarts; captivated by the delicious taste, Raevian and I bought half a dozen Lord Stow's egg tarts for our breakfast the next day. However, I would recommend eating them upon purchase, as they are served freshly baked.

The Grand Canal Shoppes, Venetian

Level 3 Unit 2119a

Tel: (853) 2886 6889

Opening Hours: 10am to 11pm (opens till 12am on Friday and Saturday)

(The Original Bakery)
1 Rua da Tassarã, Coloane
Tel: (853) 2888 2534
Opening Hours: 7am to 10pm daily

Directions to the Venetian Macao

You can easily reach Venetian via any of the free shuttle services provided by the various Macau hotels (many hotels provide free shuttle service). Also, Venetian, Four Seasons, Sands Cotai Central and City of Dreams are all within walking distance of each other. See this [map](#). Once you reach the Venetian mall, you can use the mall directory brochure to find your way to the cafe.

Sands Cotai Central



10. Yum Cha at Sands Cotai Central

Yum Cha is a dim sum restaurant situated at the Sands Cotai Central, which is a casino resort consisting of Conrad Hotel, Sheraton Hotel, and Holiday Inn. We were looking for a breakfast venue and were dangerously close to choosing McDonalds when we saw this restaurant. We decided to give it a try as we knew it's difficult to find bad dim sum in Macau/Hong Kong. Indeed, the Yum Cha dim sums were all up to the mark. We ordered standard dim sum fare: har gao (shrimp dumplings), siew mai (pork dumplings), century egg congee, shrimp rice roll, and

carrot cake. All of them tasted pretty good and I especially liked the century egg congee. Overall, we had a satisfactory breakfast. Most importantly, it passed muster with Raevian, as I have long learned that a hungry Raevian is an angry Raevian.

Directions to Sands Cotai Central

Similar to the Venetian Macao, you can easily reach Sands Cotai Central via any of the free shuttle services provided by the various Macau hotels. As mentioned earlier, Venetian, Four Seasons, Sands Cotai Central and City of Dreams are all within walking distance of each other. See this [map](#). Yum Cha is located near the East Lobby of Sands Cotai Central, close to the Sheraton Hotel casino.

5. Macau One-Day and Two-Days Itinerary

If you are planning for a trip to Macau, the below itineraries will be useful for you. Raevian and I stayed in Macau for two days at Conrad Hotel in Sands Cotai Central, and below you can see our two-days itinerary. However, we have come up with a one-day itinerary as well, in case you can only afford to spend a day in Macau. The main difference between the two itineraries is that the two-days itinerary includes a trip to Zhuhai.

Due to time constraints, the itineraries below do not include some attractions. You can refer the below sections on the **ten places to eat in Macau**, the **ten things to do in Macau**, as well as the map of the places of attractions in Macau to plan your own itinerary. I highly recommend using this map (page 2) as it will give you a clear idea of where the various attractions are situated. Feel free to email us at eatandtravelwithus@gmail.com if you have any questions!

One Day Itinerary:

Time	Day 1
9am to 10am	Arrive in Macau
10am to 11am	Check in at Conrad Hotel (Sands Cotai Central)
11am to 12pm	Take shuttle to Galaxy Hotel. From Galaxy, take shuttle to Taipa Village
12pm to 1pm	Tour of Taipa Village
1pm to 2pm	Tour of Taipa Village
2pm to 3pm	Take a cab to Macau Tower
3pm to 4pm	Take a cab to Senado Square
4pm to 5pm	Tour of Senado Square
5pm to 6pm	Walk/take a cab to Kun Iam Statue (exhibition centre closes at 6pm)
6pm to 7pm	Walk to Hotel Lisboa/Wynn Macau/MGM Macau
7pm to 8pm	Tour of Hotels
8pm to 9pm	Visit Venetian Macao/Four Season/City of Dreams/Sands Cotai Central/Galaxy Macau
9pm to 10pm	Shop at the Venetian Mall (“The Grand Canal Shoppes”)
10pm to 11pm	Shop at the Venetian Mall
11pm to 12am	Good Night!

Two Days Itinerary:

Time	Day 1	Day 2
9am to 10am	Arrive in Macau	Rise and Shine
10am to 11am	Early Check In	Breakfast at Yum Cha (Sands Cotai Central)
11am to 12pm	Take shuttle to Galaxy Hotel. From Galaxy, take shuttle to Taipa Village	Travel to Zhuhai
12pm to 1pm	Tour of Taipa Village	Shop at Zhuhai Port Plaza
1pm to 2pm	Tour of Taipa Village	Shop at Zhuhai Port Plaza
2pm to 3pm	Take a cab to Senado Square	Shop at Zhuhai Port Plaza
3pm to 4pm	Tour of Senado Square	Late lunch at Yijian Seafood Restaurant
4pm to 5pm	Tour of Senado Square	Take a cab to Macau Tower
5pm to 6pm	Walk/take a cab to Kun Iam Statue (exhibition centre closes at 6pm)	Shop/Dinner at the Venetian Mall ("The Grand Canal Shoppes")
6pm to 7pm	Walk to Hotel Lisboa/Wynn Macau/MGM Macau	Shop at Venetian Mall
7pm to 8pm	Tour of Hotels	Shop at Venetian Mall
8pm to 9pm	Tour of Hotels	
9pm to 10pm	Visit Venetian Macao/Four Season/City of Dreams/Sands Cotai Central/Galaxy Macau	
10pm to 11pm	Tour of Hotels	
11pm to 12am	Good Night!	

Thank you!

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