

# Hong Kong

## Medical Summary

The health risk information presented here is summarized from Shoreland Travax®, a decision-support tool used by health care providers to perform a detailed health risk analysis based on specific locations, individual travel styles, and traveler risk behaviors. Travax provides practitioners current, independently researched malaria risk and prevention recommendations in a map-based format that goes beyond the annual WHO and US CDC statements included here. Not included here are current reports from Travax of disease outbreaks or environmental events that may pose elevated risks to travelers' health and safety. The Providers section of this site offers a directory of health care providers who utilize Shoreland Travax for travel health counseling. Learn more about the detailed reports and maps available from these practitioners (includes links to samples).

### General Information

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region is an advanced economy classified as high income. Located in eastern Asia along the South China Sea (south of China), the climate is classified as subtropical dry winter.

### Vaccinations

**Routine vaccinations** are essential due to a persistent global rise of vaccine-preventable diseases (especially markedly high rates of diphtheria, pertussis, and measles). Prior to travel, travelers should be up-to-date with the age-appropriate and risk-based routine vaccinations recommended by their home country, which may include:

- COVID-19
- *H. influenzae* type B (Hib)
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B: Protection is especially important for those at increased risk.
- Herpes zoster
- Human papillomavirus
- Influenza
- Measles, mumps, rubella: A single early dose is recommended for travelers aged 6-11 months.
- Meningococcal
- Pneumococcal
- Polio
- Rotavirus
- Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis: Tdap preferred; consider an early pertussis booster for high-risk travelers.
- Varicella

Depending on your itinerary, your personal risk factors, and the length of your visit, your health care provider may offer you vaccination against chikungunya, dengue, Japanese encephalitis, mpox, rabies, or typhoid fever.

### Malaria

The following is current information as reported by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC):

#### **WHO—International Travel and Health (current online update, Country List)**

No statement given.

#### **CDC—Health Information for International Travel (current online edition)**

No malaria transmission.

### Other Concerns

## Travelers' Diarrhea

Moderate risk exists throughout the territory, with minimal risk in deluxe accommodations. Community sanitation and food safety measures may be inadequate. Some itineraries (e.g., remote destinations, austere accommodations) and activities (e.g., ecotourism, eating street or local-market food) further increase risk.

Travelers should observe food and beverage precautions, which reduce the likelihood of illness.

Travelers should carry loperamide for self-treatment of diarrhea and, if risk is moderate to high, an antibiotic to add if diarrhea is severe. Consult a knowledgeable health care provider regarding which antibiotic is appropriate for you and most effective for your destination.

## Other Food-Borne Illnesses

Precautions to prevent brucellosis, seafood poisoning may be needed.

## Other Disease and Health Risks

Additional concerns include air pollution, hantavirus, leptospirosis, marine hazards, melioidosis, monkey bites, plague, sexually transmitted infections, snakebites, tuberculosis.

## Safety and Security

### Key Safety Risks

- Food and beverage spiking
- Scams
- Arbitrary arrest
- Cybersecurity
- Natural disasters

### Key Security Threats

- Risk of violent protests
- Risk of security forces responding to protests with excessive force
- Occasional violent crime

## Emergency Contacts

The national emergency number is 999.

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