

IWFS Hong Kong Triennial Festival Friday 15th – Sunday 17th November 2024

IWFS Hong Kong Branch invites you to share our Hong Kong – a unique blend of Chinese and Western cultures that creates one of the world's most vibrant and surprising cities.

We will take you beyond its stunning harbour, offering you glimpses of the past and future, from colonial mansions to the most contemporary of Chinese art, accompanied by diverse and delicious cuisines and distinctive wines.

The Hong Kong Branch is delighted to curate a one-of-a-kind encounter with the help of our members, partners, and friends, giving you an extraordinary experience in one of the world's most fascinating cities.

We look forward to welcoming you to Hong Kong in November 2024.

IWFS Asia Pacific Limited — Asia Pacific Zone



Brief Programme

Day 1

We'll begin your adventure in Hong Kong with a sail on a junk, based on an oceanfaring Chinese vessel from the Song Dynasty (900-1290). This iconic, red-sailed ship is known in Cantonese, the local language, as Cheung Po Tsai, an infamous 19th century pirate. We think you'll agree that Hong Kong's iconic skyline is a real treasure. After an exhilarating day, dinner will feature award-



winning Northern Chinese cuisine paired with extraordinary wines over "A Symphony of Lights" a multi-media show involving 45 buildings that symbolises a multicultural Hong Kong beaming with energy.

Day 2

We promised art from across the ages. Today we'll visit the innovative West Kowloon



Cultural District, where the M+ museum designed by Herzog & de Meuron is home to the world's most important collection of Chinese contemporary art and the Hong Kong Palace Museum designed by Professor Rocco Yim that houses more than 900 priceless works of art from Beijing's National Palace Museum.



Day 2 Continued

The architectural design itself is an amazing attraction.

At noon we shall enjoy a delicate dim sum lunch at one of the most nostalgic Cantonese restaurants in a period building rich in history.

In the afternoon we shall visit a prestigious colonial mansion hidden from the hustle and bustle of the city. This private residence, not usually open to the public, will be the venue for a distinctive wine tasting. Alternative tour options will also be available.

In the evening past and present meet in Hong Kong's newest old hotel, The Regent.

First opening its doors in 1980 and becoming an InterContinental hotel in 2001, it has

now re-opened as a Regent, an oasis of understated luxury. You'll feel regal as you sweep up a staircase to the Black-Tie Gala Dinner, appreciating wines from prestigious vineyards while the lights twinkle across the harbour.

Many royals and celebrities have hosted extravagant banquets to celebrate their memorable moments here due to its excellent location and astonishing panorama.



Day 3

On Sunday, 17 November, the Annual General Meeting of the IWFS Asia Pacific Zone will be held in the morning, followed by a fresh and tasty Japanese lunch featuring seasonal ingredients. After lunch the Hong Kong Branch will say 告別, Farewell, with an exclusive sake to toast your good health and safe travels.



Post Tour — Macau and its unique cuisine—17th to 19th November

There will also be a post tour to Macau. The city's historic centre, showcasing interpretations of Chinese and Portuguese architecture, is a UNESCO World Heritage site which includes 30 buildings, churches, gardens, and squares. This comingling of cul-

tures is reflected in Macanese cuisine, which UNESCO describes as the world's first "fusion food" – an intoxicating bend of Cantonese and Portuguese dishes. Macau was known as the "Vatican of the East" in the 1600s thanks to St Paul's, then the largest church in Asia. Its famed façade continues to watch over what is now referred to as the "Las Vegas of the East", although its gambling industry is now seven times larger



than that of the city of "Lost Wages". With one of the highest per capita incomes in the world, the residents of Macau can afford to indulge in the very best – and you can join them. You will be elated by Macau's unique cuisine and entranced by its history, whether you combine this tour with the Hong Kong festivities or join it separately. Stay tuned for more details.

Festival Costs:

AUD 2,599 per person, including events and transportation in Hong Kong.

Bookings and payments can be made at: <u>www.iwfs.org/festivals/hong-kong-festival-</u> 2024

Please email apz@iwfs.org if you have any questions or issues with booking.



Festival Refund Policy:

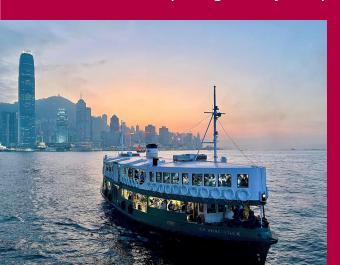
If there are people on the waiting list we will seek to substitute anyone wishing to cancel with another guest. Where this is not possible:

- Cancellations prior to 1st June 2024 will receive a refund of 50% of the fee paid, less an administration fee per person of AUD100.
- Cancellations after 1st June but before 1st September 2024 will receive a refund of 25% of the amount paid less an administration fee of AUD100 per person.
- There will be no refund for cancellations made after 1st September 2024.

We recommend all guests obtain travel insurance that provides coverage in the case of cancellation.

Festival Hotel:

Special arrangements have been made with the Regent Hotel in Tsim Sha Tsui for your accommodation starting at HK\$3,300 per room inclusive of breakfast. A rare haven of discreet 5-star luxury, the Regent Hong Kong, now features the harmony of Chi Wing Lo's visionary design – majestic yet serene – all stunningly staged with the city's best



harbour views.

All participants are asked to stay at the Regent since this is where each event will commence and conclude, and from where your transportation will be arranged. Bookings for the hotel must be made directly with the hotel via this link— <u>IWFS</u> <u>Festival 2024</u>