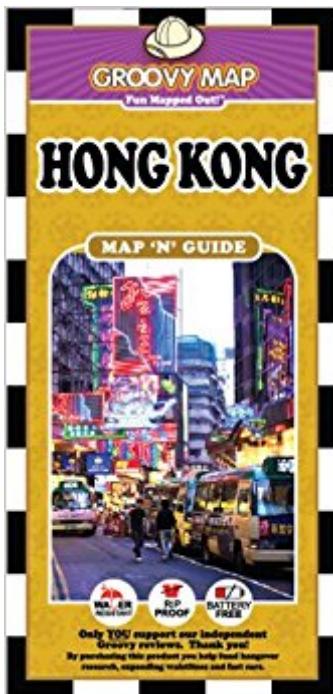


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# Groovy Map 'n' Guide Hong Kong (2012)



## Synopsis

We tell you all the latest on where to go and what to do in this awesome city! Dining, bars, dance clubs, tunes, party zones, shop-till-u-drop, groovy culture vultures, midnight munchies, markets, afternoon tea places, dim sum, spas and salons, tailors, shoe shopping, markets, cultural stuff to do, a trip to Macau, how to spend your moola and more. We also give you our 'Groovy Day' a linked column covering what we'd do in 24hrs if money were no object and we had the stamina of a teenager. AND updated with completely new maps fonts, coloring -- less contrast, bigger and better for older eyes! 4 Maps: Greater HK area, Central and Kowloon, Soho and Lan Kwai Fong party scene, MTR routes, and street index.

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## Customer Reviews

This insightful irreverent guide and map, colorful and fun, made my four days in HK really worth while. Thanks for being groovy, indeed. --Alissa Stern, NY NY

Aaron Frankel, intrepid explorer, is the founder and producer of the Groovy Map series of maps and guides for cities throughout SE Asia. Raised in Bangkok, he used to twist balloons and draw cartoons in San Francisco before a dose of reality arrived and he began a career in advertising. Now, being a cartographer and traveler is his profession, hobby and lifetime pursuit!

This map is TOO outdated for Kowloon. So many things have changed. We looked for an hour for a shop that no longer exists because the entire side of Kowloon past the Star ferry has been turned into a huge shopping mall. The advice is old as well. Granville St. market is a thing of the past. The

"Ladies Market" sells the same thing at every stall and they are more expensive than the souvenirs you can get at Victoria's Peak. Invest in a Rough Guide book or advice at the Central Ferry in Kowloon for better ideas (and you won't have to buy the map). I'm asking for a refund from .

I made use of three of Groovy Map's products on a recent business trip involving stopovers in Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur, and Singapore, and found them very useful. They go far beyond the "free maps" suggested by an alternate reviewer, in that they provide information about getting around the town from the time you touch down at the airport. In some cities, you want to take a taxi; in others, an express train is appropriate. Groovy Maps tells you which is best, how to do it, and which tickets to ask for. This is extremely useful when you plop down in a city for the first time and need to be somewhere quickly. The guide information on the back of the map also provides a good selection of options for any tastes--art, outdoors, restaurants, shopping, or pub-hopping. Unlike the brochure in your hotel room, which is stocked with paid advertisements, Groovy Maps provides actual places with real descriptions, which I found to be quite accurate and was able to find exactly what I was in the mood for. Some general features:--Airport transfer information--How to hail cabs (can be more complicated than one might think, particularly in Kuala Lumpur)--How to take public transportation + a full transport map--Short reviews of museums, bars, restaurants, shopping areas, etc.--A "Groovy Day" schedule illustrating what the author would do if he had only one day in that town; provides all the highlights and was perfect as a baseline for my short time available--Detailed map of the important parts of the city, annotated with comments and suggestions. There were some slight inaccuracies (establishments no longer in business, for example), but when I sent an email off to Groovy Maps to let them know, I got a very prompt response directly from the author that he was aware of the problem and in fact was in Hong Kong at that moment revising the guide to address the problem in future editions. Hopefully he'll also include one of my recommendations for a replacement! Comparing this map to Streetwise Maps (of which I am normally a big fan) and others, I have to say that the Groovy Maps are far more useful.

Mainstream orientation map for families. I bought most of them for orientation. As a single guy I look for key words like fun, nightlife, massage parlors, sex, pick up places and instead I see eating, hotels, shopping, culture, clubs, pampering. And in a case with Hong Kong the author gives misleading info how americans can get easy visa to Shenzhen, China. Yes, I am quite poor and eat food from street vendors and sleep in cheap places so I can buy fancy stuff from Hollywood street in Hong Kong or Bali where you can order art at your pleasure and send it home for memories.

We recently took this map plus the Lonely Planet Hong Kong and Macau book on our 6-day trip to HK. It turned out to be our go-to map since we didn't have to worry about it ripping or getting wet. The downside to it is that it didn't show the areas any further North than Temple Street Market or further South of Happy Valley, so there were some areas where we needed to use another map. It's nice and light to carry though so we preferred it over the LP book while out and about. We ended up noticing too that many of the restaurants we went to were actually listed on this map. This doesn't work as a stand-alone tour book, but with something more in-depth to reference (I do recommend the LP Hong Kong & Macau book) while in the hotel and some prep-work ahead of your trip, it's a great guide.

I have three of the maps and they are very helpful. They are small for the amount of info they contain and being laminated is nice. I decided to bring these maps instead of travel books because they are smaller. The only problem I saw with this map was JJ Hotel is in the wrong location. It's actually a small hotel though so I'm surprised it was in there at all. It's close to the actual location but a little off. Still a great map and I recommend them.

Great map, include a map of the rail system, which is really helpful

I just purchased and I have to say that I am not impressed. One side is a map with poor street layout and the other is a top listing of shopping sites, etc. Stick to the free maps and you won't be disappointed.

Good map as are all the Groovy maps I have of Asia

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