



## GENERAL INFORMATION



### **Language**

Chinese and Portuguese are the official languages, Cantonese being most widely spoken. English is generally used in trade, tourism and commerce.

### **About Macau, China**

Macau is a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China since 20 December 1999, and, like Hong Kong, benefits from the principle of "one country, two systems". The tiny SAR is growing in size - with more buildings on reclaimed land - and in the number and diversity of its attractions. The greatest of these continues to be Macau's unique society, with communities from the East and West complementing each other, and the many people who come to visit. <http://www.macautourism.gov.mo/en/>

### **Climate**

From May to October, tropical cyclones occur frequently which make the highest records of precipitation, temperature, rainy days and thunderstorms. Average temperature is 25 °C, relative humidity 86%.

### **Travel Visa**

Please note that the validity of these documents must not be less than 30 days since the day you enter Macau. Visa is required for those from Vietnam. Nationals of Italy, Japan, South Korea visa is not required for a maximum stay of 90 days. Nationals of Australia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand visa is not required for a maximum stay of 30 days.

### **Currency Exchange**

The currency for Macau is Patacas (MOP). Roughly 10 Patacas is equivalent to 1 EURO and 8 Patacas is equivalent to 1 US Dollar. Although foreign currency can be changed in hotels, it will be better if you exchange currency prior to your arrival to Macau.

### **Arrival / Departure**

Please give full details of your flight information to Congress Secretariat and keep us updated of your changes. We would arrange hotel and airport pickup for you based on this information.

### **Accommodation / Meals Arrangement**

Whichever date you plan to arrive, you will be staying at Golden Crown China Hotel which is located at Taipa.

Address: Est. da Ponta da Cabrita, Adjacente ao Terminal do Aeroporto Internacional de Macau, lote I, Taipa

In Chinese: 金皇冠中國大酒店  
澳門氹仔雞頸馬路  
臨近澳門國際機場 I 地段

Telephone: (853) 2885 1166

Fax : (853) 2885 1199

Website: <http://www.htlchina.com.mo>

### **Ground Transport**

If you decide to go by yourself to the Hotel, please do keep us informed. For your information, the Macau International Airport is located at Taipa. (opposite to Golden Crown China Hotel).

Public transport from Hong Kong Macau Ferry Terminal to Hotel :

- Hotel Shuttle Bus  
Free shuttle bus service to/from Hong Kong Macau Ferry Terminal to the Hotel.
- Airbus "Transmac"  
You can catch an airport bus no. AP1 to the hotel. Get off at Macau International Airport. (Fare:MOP3.3)
- Taxi  
Of course, you can take a taxi to the Hotel direct. (Fare: MOP100 approx. depending on the traffic)