

## A. Currency, Credit Cards and Banking Services

- The currency unit in Hong Kong is the Hong Kong dollar (HKD).
- International credit cards such as American Express, Diners Club, Visa and MasterCard are usually accepted at major hotels, department stores and restaurants.
- All commercial banks and moneychangers exchange major foreign currencies and usually are open from 0900 to 1700 hours from Monday through Friday. Foreign exchange kiosks operated by Travelex are located at HKIA Terminal.

For more information, please refer to the following link:

[www.hongkongairport.com/tc/shop-dine/shopping/travelex](http://www.hongkongairport.com/tc/shop-dine/shopping/travelex)

## B. Useful Information for Staying in Hong Kong

### 1. Time Zone

The time in Hong Kong is eight hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+8:00).

### 2. Hong Kong Weather

Hong Kong's climate is sub-tropical, tending towards temperate for nearly half the year. There are pleasant breezes, plenty of sunshine, and comfortable temperatures during November and December. January and February are cloudier and cooler. Urban areas can experience, temperatures are not uncommon below 10°C.

March and April can be very pleasant, although there are occasional spells of high humidity. May to August is hot and humid, with occasional showers and thunderstorms, particularly in the mornings. During these months afternoon temperatures often exceed 31°C; at night, temperatures generally remain around 26°C with high humidity.

The temperature of the Academy training room is set to approximately 22°C. For real-time weather information, please refer to the Hong Kong Observatory website at: [www.hko.gov.hk](http://www.hko.gov.hk).

### 3. Tap Water

Drinking tap water in Hong Kong is not recommended.

### 4. Visa / Entry Permit & Consular Services

It is always recommended to check your visa requirements before entering Hong Kong. For more information on visa requirements, please refer to the HKSAR Immigration Department website:

<http://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/services/visas/visit-transit/visit-visa-entry-permit.html>

For consular services, there are Consulates and Officially Recognised Bodies in Hong Kong rendering emergency assistance for their respective citizens.

For more information, please refer to The Protocol Division website:  
<https://www.protocol.gov.hk/en/posts.html>

### **5. Sightseeing, Shopping and Dining in Hong Kong**

Hong Kong is a globally renowned world city and a popular sightseeing destination with east-meets-west culture. Hong Kong is also a famous shopping paradise, with unique experiences from traditional to trendy. Most shops are open seven days a week. For dining, there is a wide range of cuisine available. Academy staff can advise on dining options that suit all tastes and budgets.

For more information, please refer to the Hong Kong Tourism Board website:  
<http://www.discoverhongkong.com/us/index.jsp>