



Guide for Macau SAR (China)

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Australian ordinary passport holders do not usually require a visa to enter Macau as a tourist for a period of up to 30 days. Passports must be valid for at least 30 days beyond the period of intended stay but six months validity is highly recommended.

Travellers should be able to produce documentation confirming their ability to financially maintain themselves during their stay, as well as tickets and entry documents for their next destination.

Additional conditions may apply to minors. Travellers are recommended to contact an Chinese mission on the details below for further information and to ensure their specific circumstances make them eligible to enter Macau without a visa.

Current DFAT Travel Advice

This advice is current for Mon, 5th November 2018.

Exercise normal safety precautions in Macau. Use common sense. Look out for suspicious behaviour, as you would in Australia. Macau is a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China. It has separate visa and entry administration to that of Hong Kong and mainland China. See [Entry and exit](#)

Typhoon season is between May and October. Businesses and transport services close during severe typhoons. Monitor weather forecasts, including the [Macau Observatory](#). Plan accordingly and follow the instructions of local authorities. See [Natural disasters](#)

Australia doesn't have an Embassy or Consulate in Macau. The [Australian Consulate-General in Hong Kong](#) provides assistance to Australians in Macau. This includes a [monthly visit](#) to provide passport and consular services.

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Macau at www.smartraveller.gov.au.

Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to Macau. Frequent or long stay travellers should consider vaccination against hepatitis B. Vaccination against typhoid (particularly when travelling to areas with poor sanitation and hygiene) should be considered by travellers to Macau.

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations including a recent annual influenza vaccination. Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures.

Australians travelling to Macau should ensure they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues please visit www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips.

Chinese Representation in Australia

Chinese Embassy, Canberra

15 Coronation Drive
YARRALUMLA, ACT 2600

Tel: (02) 6228 3997
Fax: (02) 6273 4878

Web: <http://au.china-embassy.org>



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Time Differences between Macau and Australia

Macau is Greenwich Mean Time +8 hours. Daylight saving time is not observed. The applicable time zone in Macau is called "China Standard Time" (CST).

Macau, 12 noon, December = Perth 12 noon; Darwin 1:30pm; Brisbane 2pm; Adelaide 2:30pm; Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 3pm.
Macau, 12 noon, June = Perth 12 noon; Darwin, Adelaide 1:30pm; Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 2pm.

Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Macau: +853.

To Dial Australia Call: 00 61 <City> <Number>.

Australian Reverse Charges Direct:
0800 610.

Travelex Card Services:
Call the US on (+1 954) 838 8294.

Visa Global Assistance: 0800 454.

MasterCard: Call the US on (+1 636) 722 7111.

American Express Service Centre:
Call Hong Kong reverse charges on 0800 280
then *0 then 30021276.

Macau Tourism Hotline: (+853) 28 333 000.

Emergency Services: 999, 110 or 112.

Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

Passports

Name: _____ Passport #: _____

Name: _____ Passport #: _____

Credit Cards

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _____

Travel Insurance

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Australian Representation in Macau

Consulate General of Australia, Hong Kong

23/F Harbour Centre
25 Harbour Road
WAN CHAI

Tel: (+852) 2827 8881
Fax: (+852) 2585 4457

Web: www.hongkong.china.embassy.gov.au

Australia does not maintain a permanent consular presence in Macau. The Australian Consulate General in Hong Kong is accredited to this country. Australians may also obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Canberra on (+61 2) 6261 3305.

Australians are encouraged to register their presence in Macau with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade via the on-line registration service, at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.



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Duty Free Allowances

Allowances when entering Macau:

Alcohol: Up to 1 L of alcoholic beverages (>30% alc vol).
 Tobacco: 100 cigarettes, 10 cigars or 100g of tobacco.
 Other Goods: Up to the value of MOP 10,000.

Allowances when entering Australia:

Alcohol: 2.25 L.
 Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.
 Other Goods: Up to a value of \$900 (\$450 if under 18 years).

Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply when entering/exiting Macau and Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before crossing the borders of either country. For information on Macanese customs please visit www.customs.gov.mo, or for information on Australian customs please visit www.border.gov.au.

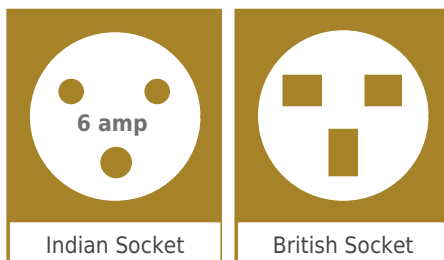
Electrical and Telephone Adaptors

Electrical Socket type: British and Indian (old British).

Voltage: 220-240 volts (same as Australia, no voltage/frequency converter required).

Modem Plug: USA.

To purchase electrical adaptors, or for further information, go to www.korjo.com.au.

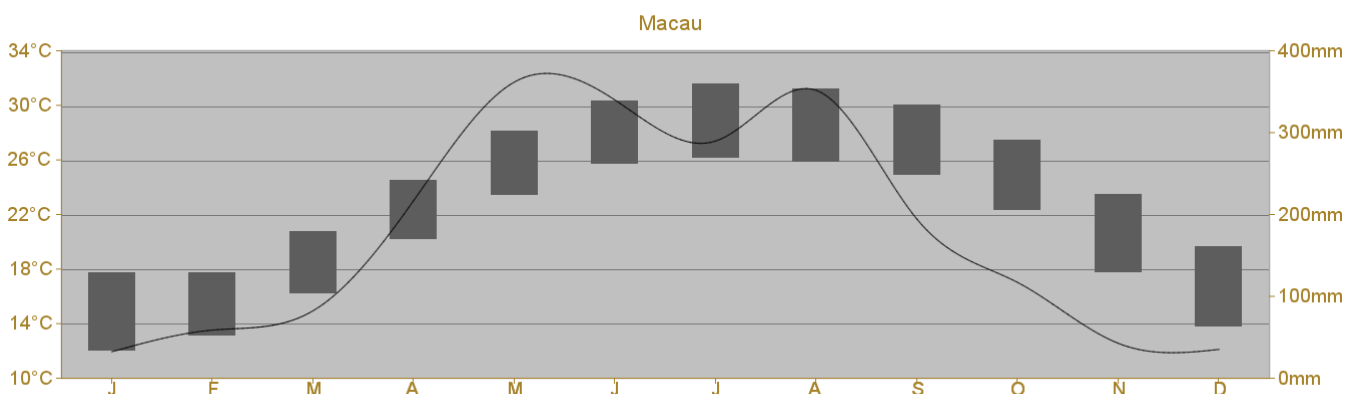


Macanese Public Holidays 2018

01 Jan: New Years Day	25 Sep: Mid-Autumn Festival
16 Feb: Lunar New Year	01 Oct: National Day of China
17-18 Feb: Lunar NY Holidays	17 Oct: Festival of Ancestors
05 Apr: Cheng Ming Festival	20 Dec: Macao Day
01 May: Labor Day	

Other holidays are also celebrated by their respective communities, such as the Winter Solstice, Christmas, Easter and Buddha's birthday but these are not obligatory holidays.

Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Macau



Source: Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau, Macau. For forecasts please go to www.smg.gov.mo or www.bbc.com/weather.

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Interbank Rate
 1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 5.80 Macanese Patacas
 10 Macanese Patacas (MOP) = 1.73 Australian Dollars

With 4% Margin
 1 Australian Dollar (AUD) buys 5.57 Macanese Patacas
 10 Macanese Patacas (MOP) will cost 1.79 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging currencies. These currency rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

Currency Cheat Sheet

MOP\$5 = \$0.90 AUD	This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" rate of exchange listed above.	
MOP\$10 = \$1.79 AUD	MOP\$100 = \$17.94 AUD	MOP\$1,000 = \$179.41 AUD
MOP\$20 = \$3.59 AUD	MOP\$200 = \$35.88 AUD	MOP\$2,000 = \$358.81 AUD
MOP\$30 = \$5.38 AUD	MOP\$300 = \$53.82 AUD	MOP\$3,000 = \$538.22 AUD
MOP\$40 = \$7.18 AUD	MOP\$400 = \$71.76 AUD	MOP\$4,000 = \$717.63 AUD
MOP\$50 = \$8.97 AUD	MOP\$500 = \$89.70 AUD	MOP\$5,000 = \$897.04 AUD
MOP\$60 = \$10.76 AUD	MOP\$600 = \$107.64 AUD	MOP\$6,000 = \$1,076.44 AUD
MOP\$70 = \$12.56 AUD	MOP\$700 = \$125.59 AUD	MOP\$7,000 = \$1,255.85 AUD
MOP\$80 = \$14.35 AUD	MOP\$800 = \$143.53 AUD	MOP\$8,000 = \$1,435.26 AUD
MOP\$90 = \$16.15 AUD	MOP\$900 = \$161.47 AUD	MOP\$9,000 = \$1,614.67 AUD
		MOP\$10,000 = \$1,794.07 AUD

Macanese Currency

The official currency of Macau is the Macanese Pataca which has the currency code "MOP" and is abbreviated using the symbol "MOP\$". The subunit of the Pataca is the "Ho". There are 10 Ho in each Pataca (i.e. one Ho has a value of MOP\$0.10). There is also another subunit called the "Avo". There are 100 Avos in each Pataca (i.e. one Avo has a value of MOP\$0.01). The Pataca is pegged to the Hong Kong dollar at a rate of MOP\$103.20 = HK\$100.00, thus Hong Kong Dollars are widely used in Macau.

The following banknotes and coins are the most common in Macau however other versions and denominations are in circulation (including coins). Pictures are not to scale. As it is illegal in many countries to print copies of bank notes, travellers are advised to remove the below images before travelling.





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About Macau

Full Name: Aomen Tebie Xingzhengqu (Macau Special Administrative Region).

Size: 28.2 sq km (one of the smallest "autonomous countries" in the world).

Population: 607,500.

Ethnicity: Chinese 92%, Portuguese 0.6%, mixed 1.1%, other 5.9%.

Language: Cantonese 83% (official), Mandarin 5%, Hokkien 4%, English 2%, Portuguese 0.7% (official).

Religion: Buddhist 50%, Catholic 15%.

Life Expectancy: 84.5 years (second highest in the world).

GDP Per Capita: US\$88,700 (Australia US\$40,800).

Significant Dates:

- Pre 1500's - Macau is a small fishing village in the mouth of the Pearl River.
- 1513 - Portuguese explorer Jorge Alvares lands in sth China.
- 1535 - Portuguese traders begin berthing ships in Macau.
- 1557 - First permanent Portuguese settlement established.
- 1560's - Christian missionaries arrive.
- 1602 - St. Paul's Cathedral built.
- 1835 - St. Paul's Cathedral destroyed.
- 1887 - Sino-Portuguese Treaty grants Portugal perpetual occupation and administration of Macau.
- 1974 - Following a military coup in Lisbon, Portugal decides to cede all overseas possessions.
- 1999 - Chinese government assumes sovereignty over Macau.
- 2002 - Casino Monopoly ends.
- 2006 - Gambling revenues surpass those of Las Vegas.

