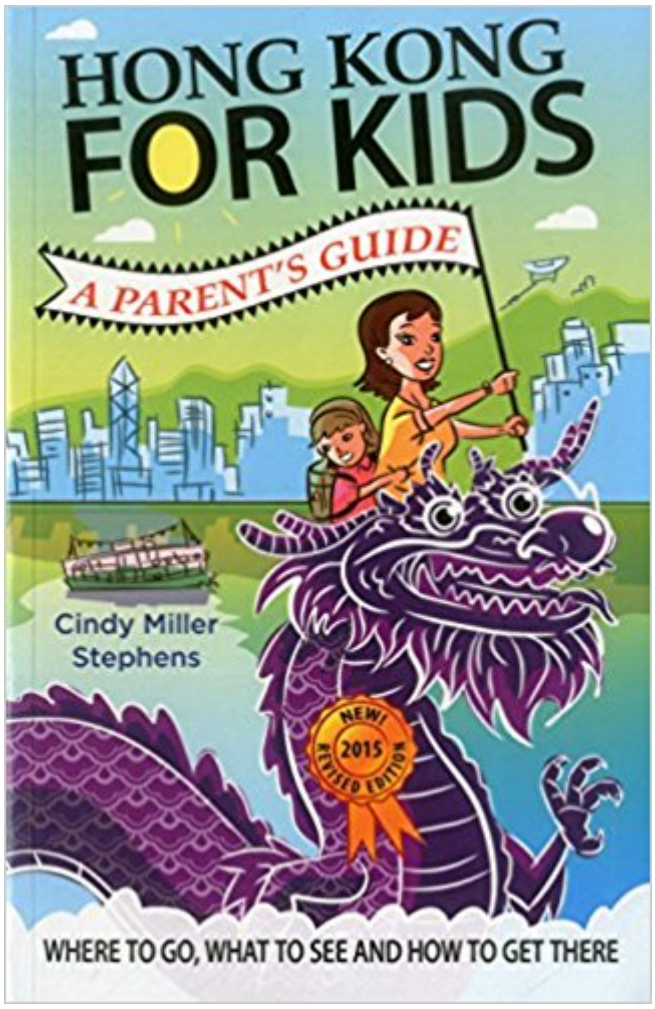
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Hong Kong’s best selling parents’ guide is back, completely revised and more comprehensive than ever before, with 70+ outing ideas! Filled with exciting child-friendly activities to do, see and experience, Hong Kong for Kids gives parents and educators all the important information they need to have a successful and stress-free outing with kids. Whether you’re a tourist visiting the city for the first time, a seasoned expat, a life-long resident or a teacher planning a school field trip, this book is indispensable. Inside you will find: Detailed outing descriptions Maps Comprehensive public transport directions Driving directions Special programs and tours Chinese translations of addresses Where to get a bite to eat on every outing Contact details for educators Information that is only word-of-mouth So grab your kids and go someplace new and exciting in Hong Kong!

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Customer Reviews

This review is for the 2015 Edition.My Family is from Hong Kong and I go back regularly, but this was the first time going back since the kids (age 1 and 3) were born. This book was a godsend for planning our days. It has maps that show exactly where the playgrounds are, tons of insider information (e.g. No one in my family in HK knew about the free playspace at the library), things you only know if you’ve been there in a section she calls "word of mouth". It was also an amazing resource to have on hand when you have to figure out what to do last minute when your first plan doesn’t pan out. Using this book, we were able to plan the day around nap times and get home before the kids went bonkers.For each activity, she has information like toilets (sit down vs squat), whether or not it is stroller friendly, changing stations, age range the activity will be appropriate for,

hours of operation, how much time to plan on being there, what else is close by if you want to hit multiple spots, accurate and exact walking directions. Pretty much every question you come up with while planning for the day, this book will answer.She also lists recommendations for western-style restaurants around each activity, which I didn't use so can't comment on. Some of the activities have increased their prices and some URLs have been updated since the book was published, but a quick google search will get you on the right track. The maps are also all in English and since the locals don't refer to the streets in the English names, it took a few raised eyebrows before they figured out which street I was asking for. I also wish that the map # was printed within the chapter of each activity, instead of having to look it up in the map index.We consulted the book every day of our trip and brought the book with us for the walking directions.If you are going to HK with kids you need to buy this book!!

I grew up going to Hong Kong with my family, and so I knew a lot of the basics about the MTR/KCR/Star Ferry, etc., but going back this past Jan/Feb with my own young family (2 toddlers, almost 3 yo and almost 1 yo), I knew that I would need help figuring out what to do, where, eating (apart from the obligatory family meals for the New Year), and so on. This book is EXACTLY that sort of guide. It covers every part of Hong Kong, from the Island to the New Territories and lots of places in between. It's far from exhaustive, but it's a great resource for anyone planning to be there for a few days to weeks. The author clearly has explored and checked things out on her own, and having lived there for years, her expertise shows.In addition to descriptions and directions to the various playgrounds, parks, museums, etc., there are also a few decent recommendations for what food is around each destination (mostly western food). However, as with traveling just about anywhere in Asia, the turnover for restaurants can be quite high, so while this book was awesome in January of 2012, I'd doublecheck those restaurant recommendations just so you don't go on a wild goose chase looking for it.As a side note, if you're going to HK with toddlers, I also recommend bringing your beater umbrella stroller for certain trips (such as Disneyland HK or other more remote destinations) and possibly a toddler harness of some sort (we repurposed a ski harness) if you have an active child, as HK can be quite exciting and stimulating but also with lots of cars, trains, buses and so on. For non-walkers, we recommend babywearing with your carrier of choice. We found the Ergo carriers to be superb for the trip.

This book was super helpful as I was on my own 90% of the time with two grade school age kids. I never led us wrong and we were able to see and explore Hong Kong with ease.

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