

# Hong Kong Events 2024

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## Cultural

**Event Name:** Cheung Chau Bun Festival

**Date:** May 15, 2024

**Description:** Every year the tiny island of Cheung Chau becomes the centre of a colourful week-long national celebration. A long time ago the festival began as a fun ritual for local fishing communities that prayed for safety from pirates. Nowadays the festival has mainly become a showcase of traditional Chinese culture. Tens of thousands of locals and tourists come to see dragon dances, floats, parades, and huge bamboo towers covered with handmade buns. The highlight of the festival is the "bun scrambling" which takes place at midnight of the last day near the Pak Tai Temple—the oldest in town.



**Event Name:** Buddha's Birthday

**Date:** May 15, 2024

**Description:** Buddhists in Hong Kong mark the occasion with special ceremonies at various temples, including the renowned Po Lin Monastery on Lantau. Notable for hosting the world's largest seated bronze Buddha, worshippers gather to participate in rituals, fostering spiritual connections and celebrating the significance of this sacred day in their faith.



**Event Name:** Dragon Boat Festival

**Date:** June 10th, 2024

**Description:** Also known as Duanwu or Zhongxiao Festival, this traditional Chinese holiday is celebrated on the 5th day of the 5th month of the lunar calendar. Originating from ancient rituals, it honours Qu Yuan, a patriotic poet. The festival features dragon boat races, zongzi (rice dumplings), and vibrant cultural festivities.



**Event Name:** Mid-Autumn Festival

**Date:** September 17th, 2024

**Description:** Also known as the Moon Festival or Mooncake Festival, the Chinese cultural festival signifies family reunions and harvest abundance. On the 15th day of the lunar calendar, families gather, enjoy mooncakes, and appreciate the full moon's beauty. Lanterns illuminate the night, symbolising unity and good fortune. It's a cherished tradition, blending cultural, familial, and celestial elements.



**Event Name:** Tai Hang Fire Dragon Dance

**Date:** September 16-18, 2024

**Description:** During the Mid-Autumn Festival, Tai Hang in Hong Kong pulsates with life as a luminous dragon, borne by 300 performers, weaves through the streets for three captivating nights. Originating in the 19th century, this tradition emerged from a Hakka village combating a plague through a fiery dragon dance, now recognized as a National Intangible Cultural Heritage. The Tai Hang Fire Dragon Dance, accompanied by resonant gongs and drums, remains a blazing spectacle that draws crowds annually.



## Sports

**Event Name:** Hong Kong Marathon

**Date:** January 21, 2024

**Description:** Celebrating its 26th anniversary, the Hong Kong Marathon stands as the city's most participated-in sports event. With a trio of categories - 10 km, Half-Marathon (21km), and Marathon (42km) - the IAAF Gold Label race attracts a multitude of local enthusiasts and international elites, solidifying its status as a premier athletic spectacle.



**Event Name:** Hong Kong Rugby 7s

**Date:** April 5-7, 2024

**Description:** Globally renowned, the Hong Kong Sevens is the foremost event in its category, ranking among Asia's most beloved annual sports gatherings. Drawing world-class rugby talent and throngs of fans to the magnificent Hong Kong Stadium, it stands as a perennial highlight, epitomizing the sport's global appeal and captivating atmosphere.



**Event Name:** Hong Kong Cyclothon

**Date:** October, 2024

**Description:** In an annual spectacle, both amateur and professional cyclists revel in a wind-breaking journey along closed roads, traversing iconic infrastructure in Hong Kong. Against the stunning Victoria Harbour skyline, riders worldwide compete for glory amid Tsim Sha Tsui East's skyscrapers, immersing themselves in the city's dynamic energy and vibrancy.





## Music & Arts

**Event Name:** Art Central

**Date:** March 28-31, 2024

**Description:** As a focal point of Hong Kong Art Week, Art Central exhibits emerging talents from innovative Asian galleries and distinguished global artists. Hosted at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, this event runs concurrently with Art Basel, offering a dynamic platform that bridges diverse artistic perspectives and fosters creative exchange.



**Event Name:** Art Basel

**Date:** March 27-30, 2024

**Description:** Hong Kong's premier international art fair, showcasing contemporary and modern artworks from Asia and around the world. Renowned galleries present diverse pieces, fostering cultural exchange. The event attracts art enthusiasts, collectors, and industry professionals, contributing significantly to Hong Kong's dynamic art scene and global cultural dialogue.



**Event Name:** Clockenflap

**Date:** November 29 - December 1, 2024

**Description:** Hong Kong's largest music and arts festival at Central Harbourfront, featuring a vibrant mix of live music, visual arts, and culinary delights. Held annually, it draws diverse local and international talents, creating a unique and inclusive atmosphere. Clockenflap has become a celebrated cultural event, uniting people through creativity and entertainment.



## Food & Drink

**Event Name:** Hong Kong Wine & Dine Festival

**Date:** October, 2024

**Description:** This al fresco extravaganza features global wine and food booths, highlighting trends and Chinese spirits. Against the Victoria Harbour skyline, relish local and international culinary delights, complemented by jazz and classical performances. The festival, a sensory delight, also offers educational workshops led by renowned chefs and sommeliers, along with family-friendly activities and interactive experiences.

