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Chinese New Year Celebrations In Hong Kong — 2009

The Chinese New Year Celebrations is the most important event of the year, which is considered by Hong Kong people as a unique fusion of ancient customs and modern fun in the world's biggest Chinese New Year Celebration. As we know, Hong Kong is not only a busy financial center; it is a paradise for shoppers and an enjoyment for gourmet food lovers. During the period of celebrations, there are lots of activities in progress. Your tour will include visiting the flower market on Chinese New Year's Eve, looking for an auspicious bloom or plant for the New Year. Watching a colorful parade on Chinese New Year's Day, (Jan 26, 2009) held in Tsim Sha Tsui on the Kowloon peninsula with a cavalcade of colorful floats, accompanied by dragon dancers and performers from all over the world. It was selected by Lonely Planet Blue list as one of the world's most fascinating attractions and celebrations. On the second day of Chinese New year, you will enjoy a brilliant display of fireworks over Victoria Harbor. Your tour will include a half day city tour and best of all you will have plenty of time to shop 'til your heart's content. You can join the huge crowds as they make a pilgrimage to Sik Sik Yuen Wong Tai Sin Temple or visit the fabled Wishing Tree in Lam Tsuen and make a wish, which is customary to give thanks for the past year and pray for a good fortune in the coming year.



The flower market



Parade



Firework Display



Wishing Tree

Reserve Early For the Biggest Once A Year Extravaganza In Hong Kong

While in Hong Kong, why not take this opportunity to combine it with an optional tour to visit some cities in China. Your choices could be Guilin, a world famous tourist city well-known for its picturesque scenery, as well as its cultural and historic values, or the capital of China, Beijing, where ancient historical structures and modern architectures can all be experienced in one city, or to the world famous Terracotta Warriors city of Xian, China, and much, much more.

Visit our website at <http://www.peregrinetravelgroup.com> to choose the different cities you can combine with your Hong Kong Chinese New Year Tour. Custom-tailor your own optional extension tour to fit your schedule and interest.

China Upcoming Major Tourist Festivals

Guilin Scenery Tourism Festival (Oct 31—Nov 8) The tour festival aims to display the city's beautiful natural scenery, unique folk customs and enchanting Lijiang River scenes. A series of cultural activities and performances will be held throughout the festival.

Kaifeng Chrysanthemum Fair (Oct 18—Nov 18) From Song Dynasty, Kaifeng had been famous for its chrysanthemum. Every October, parks, scenic spots, streets and lanes display chrysanthemum of more than 200 species in over 500,000 pots. Other activities are also held at the same time, such as large scale performances, plate and drum dances, folk entertainments, local flavors and tourist commodity fairs.

Harbin Ice & Snow Festival (Jan 5—Feb 5) In 1985, the city of Harbin held the first International Ice and Snow Festival. The festival has been held every year since then and has now become one of the world's four largest ice and snow festivals, along with Japan's Sapporo Snow Festival, Canada's Quebec Winter Carnival, and Norway's Ski Festival. January 5 marks the beginning of the Ice and Snow Festival, and in the month that follows, many visitors come to see the wonderful sculptures of ice and snow and to take part in the various cultural, athletic, and commercial events.

Beijing Longqing Gorge Ice & Snow Festival (Jan 15—Feb 29) In the festival, displays of ice lanterns, fireworks on ice, recreational performances, fishing and other ice sports are arranged. Tourists may participate in the ice and snow revelry festival and visit the Great Wall at Badaling and the Kangxi grasslands.

Peregrine Travel's Upcoming Groups:

2008 Canton Fair

Phase I Oct 15-19, Phase II Oct 24-28, Phase III November 2-6

California Milk Advisory Board China Trip

November 8-18, 2008

Chinese New Year Hong Kong January 2009

7-Day Tour, 10-Day & 15 Day Tours (incl. China)

Lt. Governor John Garamendi California Delegation China Trip

February 18-28, 2009

Testimonials:

Peter is one of the best guides that my wife and I had ever had the pleasure of meeting. The "Terracotta Warriors" is, we think, the "8th Wonder of the world" and is wonderfully displayed. M.H.

The tour was good and I will recommend it to all who want to come again. The tour will be made even better as the guide Mike who made it wonderful. J.J.

Very pleased with tour and tour guide very courteous and helpful. L.C.