

Anyone for a tour?

1 Do you know these rules of etiquette? Can you think of any specific to your country?

2a Read the tour guide's website with reviews from his customers. What did the customers think about Jerry's tours?

- Don't flip your fish in China.
- Don't leave the chopsticks upright in rice in Japan, China or Hong Kong.
- Don't accept the first drink your host offers you in India.
- Don't be late in Denmark.
- Don't shake hands in a doorway in Russia.

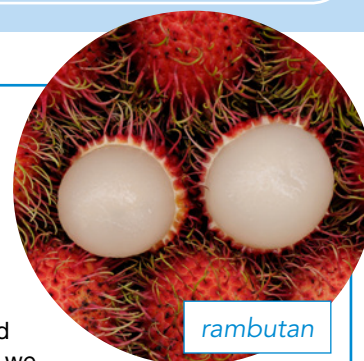


Hello, my name's Jerry and I offer personalised tours of the city seven days a week. I'm happy to guide one person or a group, and age doesn't matter. Although I'm from Hong Kong, I completed a Travel and Tourism degree in the UK. I'm also an accredited tour guide with a qualification from the Travel Industry Council (TIC) in Hong Kong. I speak English, Cantonese, Mandarin, and Spanish. My aim is to give you a taste of the real Hong Kong. I run morning, afternoon, full day and night tours. Just let me know when you're coming and what you want to see and I'll arrange a trip to remember!

Reviews

Fiona, 19, UK

I'm really interested in food, so I asked Jerry to take me to local eateries. He took me to a *dai pai dong* for lunch. These are small food stalls which sell cheap, tasty food. We squeezed onto a table with some businessmen on their lunch break and tasted tomato noodle soup, sweet and sour pork, cuttlefish cake and fish sausages. I did get rather embarrassed though as at one point I left my chopsticks upright in my rice and a silence fell around me. Jerry quickly pointed out my faux pas and I always put my chopsticks on the table after that. He told me other points of etiquette too, to avoid problems in the future! Later, we explored a local market and bought fruits such as rambutan (hairy lychees) to try. After that, we strolled down Dundas Street and had 'bubble tea' – nothing like an English cup of tea, but it was curiously refreshing. It was wonderful to eat real Hong Kong food surrounded by locals. It's quite different to home, where we eat on the move but we don't have street food as such. I would never have found these places or known what to order without Jerry.



rambutan

Hans, 20, Germany

I was in Hong Kong with friends recently and we did a night tour with Jerry. First of all, we played a reality escape game. We were left in a room together and we had to solve a series of puzzles and clues to escape. It was like a real-life computer game and it was awesome. After that we caught the tram to the race course. We had a great time watching both the horses and the locals while soaking up the noisy ambience. On the way back we stopped at a karaoke bar. We were invited to join a group of Hong Kong students which was brilliant. I hadn't realised that karaoke is popular as a social gathering as it solves the problem of space – locals don't usually have room to invite lots of guests to their flat so they gather in a karaoke room instead!

Jake, 16, US

My family loves art so Jerry showed us a good selection. We started at the huge 3D art museum which is really cool. There are lots of different pictures, some are like small rooms and you become part of the artwork! We got some great photos 'inside' the pictures. I've not seen anything like that at home. After that we went to Victoria Harbour and Jerry showed us a selection of the latest street art. Then we strolled around the Kwun Tong district and visited a studio where we tried doing some Chinese handicrafts like carving and etching. I found this quite difficult, but I really admire the local craftsmen – their work is beautiful. Finally, we had supper at the fish market. First we had to choose the seafood we wanted and then they cooked it. I've never seen so many different creatures – the seafood selection is not half as varied back home!



Kwun Tong district

2b Read the first paragraph again and tick (✓) the things that Jerry says.

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| 1 I offer tours every day of the week. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 I cannot offer tours for children. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 I have a tour guide qualification from the TIC in Hong Kong. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 I speak five languages. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 I will show you all the usual sights of Hong Kong like The Peak. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 You need to make a reservation in advance. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2c Read the reviews again and write *Fiona, Hans or Jake*. Sometimes there may be more than one answer.

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| 1 I had a go at doing some Chinese craftwork. | |
| 2 I realised the importance of learning about etiquette before visiting a new place. | |
| 3 I really enjoyed people-watching at the horseracing. | |
| 4 I discovered that karaoke isn't all about singing. | |
| 5 We took really amazing photos. | |
| 6 I loved all the food at the <i>dai pai dong</i> . | |
| 7 I would recommend Jerry as a tour guide. | |
| 8 I was surprised that I liked the drink. | |

Gateway to culture

3a Work with a partner and discuss the questions.

- 1 What do you think a tour guide's job involves? Do you think there are different kinds of tour guides?
- 2 What do you think are the pros and cons of this job?
- 3 Would you rather be a tour guide in your own country or abroad?

PROJECT

3b You are going to plan a trip around a town for tourists. Read the questions and prepare your research.

- 1 Work in groups and brainstorm towns in your country or abroad.
- 2 Choose one town and plan an itinerary for a day touring the town. Remember to include the following:
 - What activities will you do? What local traditions can you see?
 - How will you get to each place?
 - What food will you eat?
 - What will the tour show tourists about the local culture?

3c In your groups, use your notes to give a presentation to the rest of the class on your tour. Your presentation should be around three minutes long. Remember to include any important rules of etiquette.