

HKIA SKYBIZ

Welcome to HKIA SkyBiz

We're excited to introduce Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) SkyBiz, a dedicated program for our global travel trade partners. Be our SkyHeros (HKIA SkyBiz member), you'll receive first-hand updates, exclusive offers, and access to member-only campaigns designed to grow your business and reward your success.

Get connected with HKIA and be the first to know what's shaping the future of travel in our region.

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In this issue of the HKIA SkyBiz Newsletter, we highlight HKIA's latest transit experiences and explain China's 240-hour visa-free transit policy, helping you plan more seamless journeys and deliver added value to your clients.

TRANSIT VIA HKIA

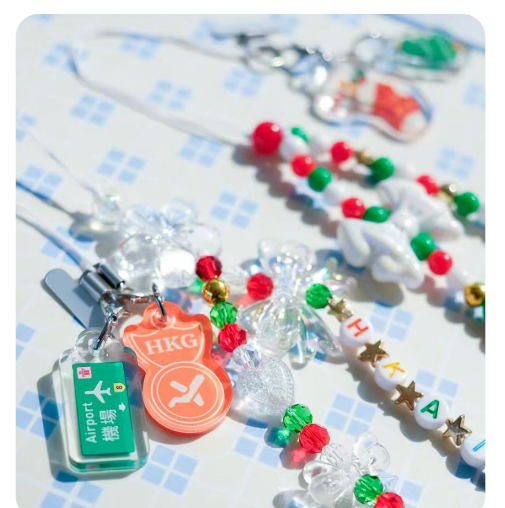
HKIA Transit Fun: Cultural Workshop

Got clients with time between flights? Instead of waiting at the gate, they can step into a mini Hong Kong experience at HKIA's complimentary cultural workshops. Transit passengers can enjoy hands-on local crafts and leave with a handmade keepsake—an easy way for agencies to add a memorable Hong Kong touch to any itinerary.

Workshops run daily near Gate 32 and 34 (Level 6) in Terminal 1.
Four daily sessions at:

🕒 11:00 – 12:00	🕒 12:30 – 13:30
🕒 15:30 – 16:30	🕒 17:00 – 18:00

All materials provided—just bring your curiosity!



Location: G32 to G34, Level 6, Terminal 1

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Enhance Your Customers’ Journey with HKIA’s Free Layover Tours

Got a long layover at HKIA? Don’t just wait—explore Hong Kong for free! If your clients have **7 hours or more** between flights, HKIA invites them to join a guided city tour packed with skyline views, cultural highlights, and iconic landmarks—all in just a few hours and at no cost.

Tour Description	Reporting Time	Tour Time	Connecting Flight Departure Time
Nature meets design	Before 8 am	9 am – 1pm	After 3pm
Heritage and Hong Kong lifestyle	Before 11am	12nn – 4pm	After 6pm
Victoria harbor night view	Before 4.30pm	5.30pm – 9.30pm	After 11.30pm

Each tour starts and ends at the Airport.

How to Join the Free Layover Tours



Book in Advance:
Reservations open 3 months prior to tour date.

1



Register On-Site:
Walk-in registration is available at our service counters. Seats are subject to availability.

2

If the free layover tours do not match the flight schedule, try the exclusive paid tours.

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HKIA Connects: Transit is now hassle-free!

Close the gap on self-connecting journeys. For clients on **non-through-tickets** with **baggage not tagged through**, **HKIA Connects** allows passengers to check in and handle baggage for their onward flight within the airport restricted area— skip the immigration lines! It helps agencies deliver a more seamless transit experience for self-connecting passengers.

Exclusively for Travel Trade Partners

- Apply for a **fee waiver** when arranging this service for your customers—**saving at least HK\$160 per passenger!**
- Reservations must be **made 48 hours before the onward flight’s departure.**
- Boost your product competitiveness and enhance customer experience .
- For details, please contact hkiaconnects@hkairport.com.

Who can use HKIA Connects ?

- **Minimum Connection Time:** 150 minutes
- **Onward Airlines:** 16 designated airlines (Air Cambodia, British Airways, China Eastern, Finnair, Greater Bay Airlines, HK Express, Hong Kong Airlines, Juneyaoair, MIAT Mongolian Airlines , Philippines AirAsia, Shenzhen Airlines, Sichuan Airlines, Spring Airlines, Zhejiang Loong Airlines, Hainan Airlines & Cambodia Airways). More airlines to come!
- **Fees:** HK\$260 (with 2 checked bags); HK\$160 (without checked-baggage)

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What Is China's 240-hour Visa-Free Transit Policy?

China's **240-hour Visa-Free** Transit Policy allows **eligible foreign travelers from 55 countries** to enter Chinese Mainland via 65 ports **without a visa** when transiting to a third country or region. Travelers can stay for up to **240 hours (10 days) within permitted stay areas**, provided they hold **valid passports** and **confirmed onward travel** (e.g., flight, ferry, or train) to a third country or region.

8 Nationalities Are High-Value Opportunities for Travel Agents

The following 8 nationalities stand out as the strongest opportunities for itinerary planning since these travelers are not included in China’s standard visa-exemption list.

- Canada
- Mexico
- Czech Republic
- United Kingdom
- Indonesia
- United States
- Lithuania
- Ukraine

Hong Kong International Airport is the **Preferred Hub to the Greater Bay Area and Beyond**. Your clients departing from HKIA can fully benefit from visa-free entry into eligible Mainland cities — making it a smart and convenient choice.



Tips for SkyHeros

Five new ports in **Guangdong Province** have been added to China’s 240-hour visa-free transit policy, including the **Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macau Bridge** and the **West Kowloon Station Port** of the **Guangzhou–Shenzhen–Hong Kong Express Rail Link**—creating more routing options for clients traveling via Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area.

When recommending this option, agencies are advised to:

- Confirm clients’ **nationality eligibility** in advance
- Ensure all **required travel documents** are prepared
- Check that **interline or onward tickets** meet transit requirements before arrival at Mainland immigration

For detailed requirements and the full list of eligible ports, please click the link.

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Itinerary Example 1:
HKIA Airside Transfer to Greater Bay Area

For clients attending major events like the Canton Fair at Guangzhou, agencies can consider the following visa-free routing using the 240-hour transit policy:





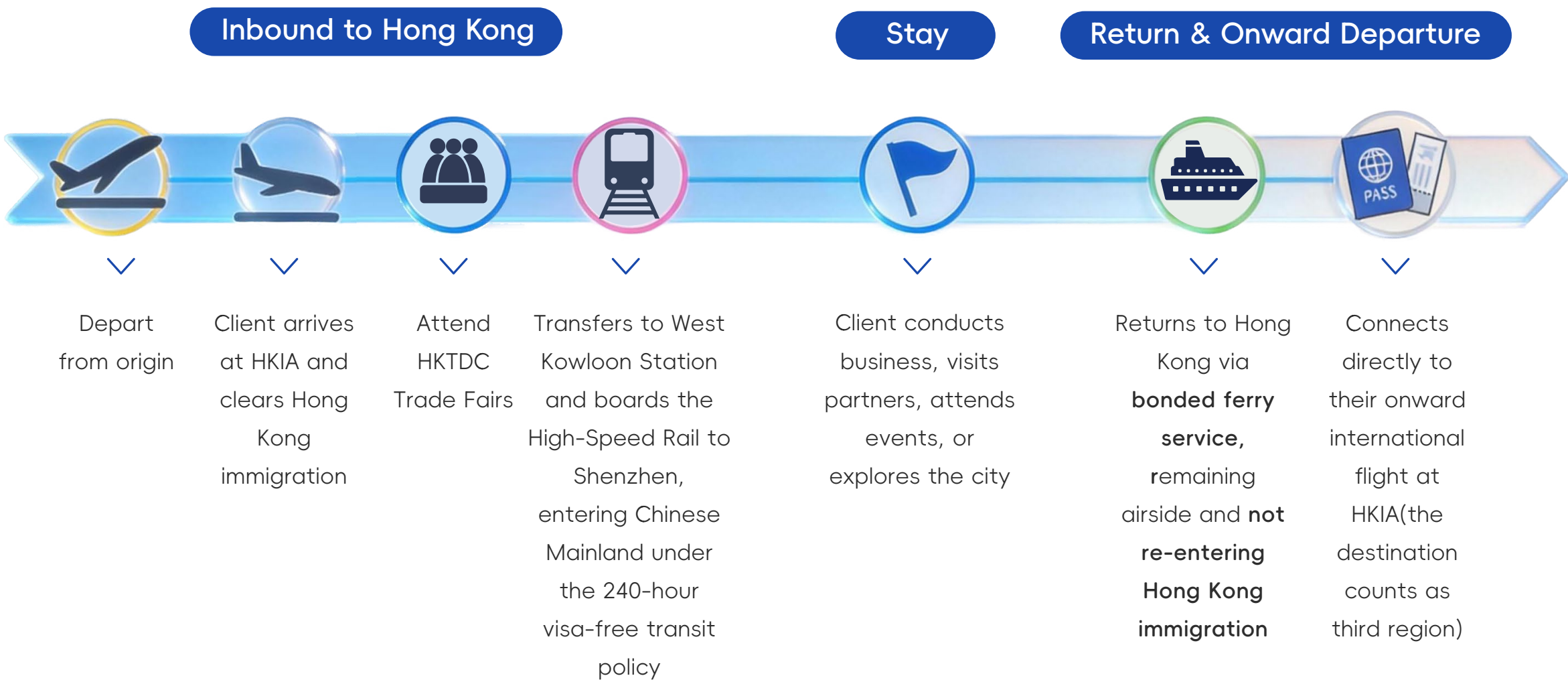
Itinerary Example 2: Enter Hong Kong First, Then Start 240-Hour Transit via High-Speed Rail

For clients who need to **arrive in Hong Kong first**—whether for meetings, visits, sightseeing, or to visit Chinese Mainland—agencies can use this routing as a flexible template:

Many business travelers combine visits to Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) fairs and the Canton Fair in a single sourcing trip, highlighting HKIA as a convenient transit hub for multi-stop travel between Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area.

The table below provides key dates for the 2026 HKTDC fairs and the Canton Fair to help plan clients’ itineraries efficiently.

HKTDC Trade Fair		Canton Fair	
HKTDC Electronics Fair (Spring Edition)	13–16 Apr (Hong Kong)	Canton Fair Phase 1	15–19 Apr(Guangzhou)
HKTDC Lighting Fair (Spring Edition)	20–23 Apr (Hong Kong)	Canton Fair Phase 2	23–27 Apr(Guangzhou)
HKTDC Gifts & Premium Fair	27–30 Apr (Hong Kong)	Canton Fair Phase 2	23–27 Apr (Guangzhou)



Q&A



Q: Can eligible clients traveling on a London – Shanghai – Hong Kong itinerary use the 240-hour visa-free transit policy?

A: Yes. Eligible clients may use the 240-hour visa-free transit policy when entering China via major gateway cities such as Shanghai, Beijing, or Chengdu, and exiting Chinese Mainland to Hong Kong within 240 hours.



Q: When planning China itineraries for eligible clients, how can agencies best design routes to ensure eligibility for the 240-hour visa-free transit?

A: Agencies should design itineraries that clearly show transit through Mainland China to a third region, with Hong Kong as a preferred option. Hong Kong qualifies as a “third region” under the 240-hour visa-free transit policy and offers strong advantages, including convenient international connections, flexible routing, and opportunities for seamless stopovers.



Q: How is the 240-hour visa-free transit period calculated?

A: Upon arrival, border authorities issue a temporary entry permit. The 240-hour period starts at 00:00 the day after arrival. Clients can travel within the permitted stay areas (24 provinces, including autonomous regions and municipalities) for up to 240 hours.



Q: What if my clients have a valid Chinese visa but also qualify for 240-hour visa-free transit?

A: Border authorities will prioritize visa-free entry for eligible clients. This allows entry without using the existing visa. If a client plans to stay longer than 240 hours, agencies can advise them to request entry based on their valid Chinese visa instead.

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