

## **DISCOVERY**



## China: Shangaï, Hong Kong





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A documentary of 52'

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Shanghai is China's most populated city and also one of the world's largest metropolises.

Divided into two by the Huangpu, it is developing an architecture which is simultaneously contemporary and futuristic, mixing Eastern and Western cultures.

Ambiguous and combining opposites, it hosts cultural activities which are increasingly moving towards western standards.

The district of Pudong contains most of the city's skyscrapers, including the Jinmao Tower, the true economical and financial heart of the city.

The historical monuments are located on the Bund, along the Huangpu river, like the major banks and international companies, especially the former HSBC building, the Bank of Communications, the Customs House and the Russian Consulate, hotels, houses dating back to the 30s...

Other famous tourist sites include: the Yuyuan Gardens, the Temple of the Jade Buddha, the Temple of Longhua, the Yangpu and Nanpu bridges, the former residence of Sun Yat-sen...and many others.

Hong Kong: a legendary name. The "Fragrant Harbour", behind its airs of a London City or an Asian New York, is a truly Chinese city with over seven million inhabitants coming from Canton and Shanghai.

A modern city with breathtakingly high skyscrapers, located by the China Sea, the city regroups the island of Hong Kong, the Kowloon Peninsula, the New Territories in the north as well as 235 islands, for a total surface area of 1100km2.

The city center is located in Central, on the island of Hong Kong. It is the business center. But the islands close to Hong Kong hold the most important monuments.

The Kowloon Peninsula for example includes the districts of Yau Ma Tei and Mongkok and the city's oldest temple, the Man Mo Temple, as well as the Buddha Tian Tian, the world's biggest seated Buddha, on the island of Lantau...

Despite its problems linked to urban sprawl, Hong Kong is a stable economic power with a special history.