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GETTING ALONG IN HONG KONG

Arrived in Hong Kong on March 6th and docked at the Kowloon pier. The now huge skyscraper city of Hong Kong spreads completely across the harbor view from the ship. Since China elected to have Hong Kong to be its door to the capitalist world, the increase of population and skyscrapers has been phenomenal.

In the last ten years or so, the airport has been relocated to a manmade island in the harbor; a new freeway, a new tunnel, and a new suspension bridge have been built to provide access to it.

A new tunnel under the harbor connects Kowloon with Hong Kong city, by auto and truck. The old Star ferry's still ply the waterways to connect them as in the past. The old airport is now being converted to a cruise terminal, among other things.



I took the incline railway to the top of Victoria Peak, to see the spectacular view on a clear day, and then we went down to the harbor and boarded a small boat, to cruise among the boat people in Aberdeen. There appeared to be less people living on boats in the harbor now, but the huge floating restaurant, the Jumbo, is still there after some forty years!

Another old place that still remains is the Stanley Marketplace. We were dropped off for shopping and for lunch. I had lunch at the Chinese McDonalds! They serve the same menu as here in the States, and the Chinese were lined up to eat it. Sometimes it can seem that you have never left home!

The ship is in Hong Kong for two days, however the second day is departure day. It was nice to be able to take a city tour of Kowloon with an airport drop off in the afternoon. I was able to board the plane and get home to LA the same day that I left. This is when one gains back the missing day that you lose when you come here. This will end my journals until the summer travel in the motorhome.

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