**48 HOURS IN HONGKONG**
Bright lights, big city, sky scrappers, rise, shine and soak up the sights, sounds and flavors in one of Asia’s most iconic cities. Here’s how I made the most of the 48 hours I spent in Hongkong!

**10 AM: Arrive Hong Kong International Airport**Most flights to Hongkong from India are overnight. Visa on arrival is usually smooth, though I was held up at the airport for some strange reason. It took two hours for them to be convinced (that I am not a terrorist) but once they were, they suddenly let me go!

I had to make up for the lost time!

**12 NOON: Check into the Hotel**Rest for a bit and head out!

**02:30 PM: Lam Tsuen Wishing Trees , Tai Po, New Territories**

Lucky me as my trip to Hong Kong fell in the run-up to the Chinese New Year, the city’s biggest and most colourful festival! Festive markets sell auspicious foods and the shock-red lanterns adorn the city.It is impossible to not be caught up in the energy as you squeeze into crowded temples to pray for good fortune. **I headed to the Lam Tsuen Wishing Trees. T**hrowing plastic oranges along with joss paper at the tree is a common sight. Well, it’s an attempt to make a wish come true. The higher the orange and joss paper lands, the more likely it is for your wish to come true.

There is also aneasier way to pass on your wish to God is to write it on a religious paper and tidily tie it up to the wooden racks or imitation trees.

**04:00 PM: Grab a Bite!**Passing through and grabbing a bite at one of the local cafes, is always a great idea. Not only do you get to try out the authentic food but meeting and exchanging notes with the locals gives you a better perspective of the place.

 **05:30 PM: Tsim Sha Shui**Shopping is clearly one of the most recommended things to do in Hongkong and Tsim Sha shui is one of the most buzzing streets. You won’t realize how time passes by as walk around the bylanes of Tsim Sha Shui and get soaked in some local shopping and some delicacies. Make your way tone of the biggest the malls of Hongkong, Harbour City. From high end brands to boutique stores, you have it all in this space. **08:00 PM: Light show at the Victoria Harbour**
And by then, its time to make your way to an open space as a spectacular show awaits you at the Victoria Harbour! This is where you truly enjoy the magical moments in the form of spectacular light show and fireworks. This experience is truly exhilarating with the entire city of Hongkong participating to please their citizens as well as the tourists.

**10:00 PM: Head to the Highest bar in the World!**

Savour a drink amidst the clouds at OZONE, a Hong Kong sky bar and lounge located atop the International Commerce Centre on 118th floor! The highest bar in the world, OZONE was designed by Tokyo firm, Wonderwall Design as an “Edenic experiment.” The chic and unearthly Hong Kong bar space evokes the foreign beauty of an imaginary world, yet feels at once familiar, with the incorporation of natural elements.

**01:00 AM: Hit the sack!**

**DAY 2:

10:30 AM: Hong Kong Observation Wheel**What better way to start your day than by taking a ride on this observation wheel, right in the middle of the city! This is hongkong’s latest tourist attraction! An observation wheel that promises a good fortune for 2015. You can almost see all of hongkong from here. A ride on this 60-meter-tall harborfront Ferris wheel would cost you 100 HK dollars. The piers around offer yet another spectacular sight of the city skyline! And once you've taken enough selfies at this beautiful location, there's no need to linger as there is lots lined up in the day ahead!

**12:30 PM: Police Married Headquarters**
Popularly known as PMQ, this was once used as residential quarters for the married policemen. It is now revitalized as a hub for creative and design industries. Almost 100 design and creative enterprises are stationed in PMQ.

**01:30 PM: Luncheon at Aberdeen Street Social**
The restaurant is right next to PMQ where you can indulge is some local and international cuisine. Social, as a concept, lets you enjoy your meal and the sight around you for as long as you desire!

**03:30 PM:** Post that, scout around in the lanes of Soho, which offers bustling night life but is rather quiet in the day. Ride on the Central Mid-Levels Escalator where Hollywood Blockbuster Batman was shot! At 800 metres long, the Central－Mid-Levels Escalator is the world's longest covered outdoor escalator. It links Des Voeux Road Central near the harbour to Conduit Road in the Mid-Levels. Travelling its entire length takes around 20

minutes and it's a convenient and fun way to check out the

bustling city hillside which contains great restaurants and

shops. The escalator runs one-way downhill from 6am to

10am and then changes to uphill from 10am to midnight. As

it's used as a transport link for many Mid-Levels residents

in the mornings, it's best to avoid it until after 9am when

the morning rush hour is over.

Explore Hong Kong’s Open Air Markets

 Ladies Market – Explore local delicacies / desserts

 Ap Liu Street Area – Find all kinds of electronic gadgets!

 Dinner in Ladies Market

(ladies market)
 **VO:** And if you for looking for some serious street shopping, an evening at the ladies market is a must do. From gift items to clothes, fake bags to accessories, you are sure to find a thing or two that’s worth buying. But remember to bargain a lot! And finally after those hectic hours, bid adieu to the city from its peak. The Victoria Peak is touristy attraction but definitely worth seeing Hong Kong from its highest lookout point.