



## PATA Travel Mart 2017 September 13 – 15: Macao SAR

### Quick Facts

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**Venue:** The PATA Travel Mart 2017 will be held at Macao SAR.

### About Macao

Macao - located on the western bank of the Pearl River Delta in southern Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China - adjoins the mainland city of Zhuhai and lies some 60 kilometres to the west of Hong Kong. Macao comprises Macao Peninsula, Taipa and Coloane. Macao Peninsula is the hub of the territory and is connected to Taipa by three bridges. Several large international hotel resorts - with new supporting infrastructure - are located on the reclaimed land between Taipa and Coloane in the newly developed district known as Cotai.

The Portuguese arrived and settled in Macao in the mid sixteenth century and the city's architecture, art, religion, traditions, food and community reflect the integration of Chinese, Portuguese and other western cultures. Macao became a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China on 20<sup>th</sup> December 1999 and exercises a high degree of autonomy under the principle of 'one country, two systems'. The SAR is growing in size as more construction takes place on reclaimed land. The number and diversity of its attractions is also broadening year by year.

In 2005, The historic centre of Macao was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List as a result of its unique historical and cultural landscape. Macao is currently positioning itself as the World Centre of Tourism and Leisure as it develops into a quality international tourist destination.

- **Dress Code:** Business attire is the official dress code during PTM2017 business sessions. Dress code for evening social functions, unless otherwise specified within the programme, is smart casual attire or national costume.
- **Official Languages:** The official languages in Macao are Cantonese Chinese and Portuguese. English is widely spoken and understood in the hotels and hospitality sector. Languages of other key tourist source markets such as Japan, Republic of Korea and Thailand may also be seen on tourist maps.
- **Time:** Standard Time is 8 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+8).
- **Religion:** Most Chinese in Macao are profoundly influenced by their own tradition and culture with Taoism and Confucianism playing influential roles. A minority of the popular are practising Buddhists and Christians.
- **Climate:** Macao has a humid subtropical climate, with average relative humidity between 75 and 90 percent. Similar to much of southern China, the seasonal climate is influenced by the monsoons with noticeable differences between summer and winter temperatures and humidity levels. The average annual temperature in Macao is 22.7 °C (72.9 °F). Autumn days in Macao are generally sunny and pleasantly warm with lower levels of humidity.
- **Currency:** The Macao Pataca is the currency of Macao. Notes come in denominations of MOP\$10, MOP\$20, MOP\$100, MOP\$500, MOP\$1000. Coins come in denominations of MOP\$1, MOP\$2, MOP\$5, MOP\$10, MOP\$20, MOP\$50.
- **Telephone:** The country code for Macao is +853. This country code, along with the area code, is required to call a telephone number in Macao from another country.
- **Electricity:** Standard electricity supply is 220 volts. If you travel to Macao with an appliance that does not accept 220 Volts at 50 Hertz, you will need a voltage converter.
- **Visas:** Delegates from Bangladesh, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Vietnam are required to apply a valid Macao visa in advance through a Chinese embassy or consulate, please refer to the website of "Public Security Police Force" ([http://www.fsm.gov.mo/psp/eng/psp\\_top5\\_3m.html](http://www.fsm.gov.mo/psp/eng/psp_top5_3m.html)) about the entry requirement to Macao, you would also visit this website ([http://www.fsm.gov.mo/psp/eng/psp\\_top5\\_2\\_1.html](http://www.fsm.gov.mo/psp/eng/psp_top5_2_1.html)) for information of visa and entry permit exemption as well as entry requirement.

The Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region allows citizens of specific countries/territories to travel to Macao for tourism or business for periods up to 30 days without a visa. All visitors must hold a passport valid for at least six months. Please visit this website (<http://www.fsm.gov.mo/psp/eng/AfMV.html>) to check on your specific requirements.

Please visit <http://en.macaotourism.gov.mo/index.php> for more useful tips and information about Macao.

