

Hong Kong trip July 2011

Our trip to Hong Kong started in Kuala Lumpur.

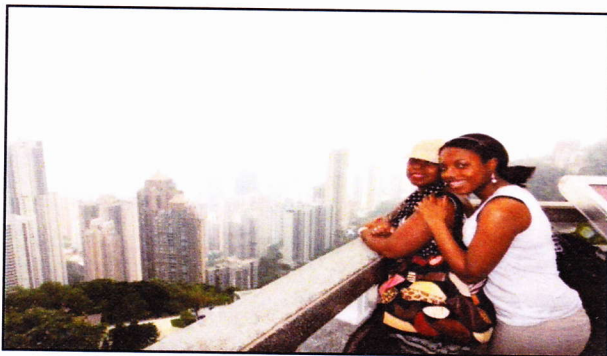
The name of this island means "fragrant harbour" because in the earlier years when entering the Hong Kong harbour you could smell the incense fragrant from a distance.



Our first sightseeing was a boat trip over the South Chinese Sea where we could see the famous city skyline with a lot of skyscrapers representing well known companies.



We made a tour by bus to the Victoria peak, a location where you can capture a sensational view. The panorama of Hong Kong, Kowloon and the nearby islands is magnificent from this peak.



The highlight was the cable car trip on Lantau Island. This is the longest & tallest cable car in Asia and it takes you to the village where the giant Golden Buddha is located. It was very windy and the cable car was shaking all the time. It was foggy and we couldn't see much of the islands. Arriving at the Monastery we were disappointed for not seeing the giant Buddha clearly due to the misty weather.



Visiting the Aberdeen fishing village with a traditional sampan gave us a good impression of the existence of this floating community. On this trip we also saw houses built on piles that are having lot of problems of increasing sea water.



In Hong Kong it is better to take the ferry to visit the several islands instead of taking the bus or taxi. It saves time and it is much cheaper.

Hong Kong is a vibrant island and I had a good time with my family.

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