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Time for Macau!

The first and last European colony in China continues to impress with its unique mix of heritage and glitz. With some of its most iconic events scheduled to take place in the coming months, there is no better time to plan a visit to Macau, one of *Lonely Planet's* Best Travel Regions of 2015.

Selected by *Lonely Planet* as a "Top 10 Regions Best in Travel 2015" destination along with such inspiring regions as Rocky Mountain National Park (USA), Northern Norway, and Copper Canyon (Mexico), Macau — described by the travel guide as a "glitzy boomtown with cultural mix" — will be buzzing with some of its most iconic festivals and events in the coming months.

ACTIVITIES GALORE
But high-profile events

will not be the only thing capturing visitors' imagination. Culture — both ancient and contemporary — features prominently too. Here in Macau, you can start the day by visiting a Chinese temple, then go bungee-jumping, shop for local delicacies, enjoy a fusion cuisine in a stylish restaurant in the evening, attend a blockbuster theatre performance, then go for a late night Chinese snack from a street-side vendor. And that's just for one day!

Major upcoming events

- **Macau International Fireworks Display Contest** September 5, 12, 19, 27 and October 1, 2015
- **Macau International Music Festival** October 4 - November 1, 2015
- **13th Macau A-Ma Cultural & Tourism Festival** October, 2015
- **18th Lusofonia Festival** October 23-25, 2015
- **15th Macau Food Festival** November 13-29, 2015
- **Macau City Fringe Festival** November 1-15, 2015
- **62nd Macau Grand Prix** November 19-22, 2015
- **Macau International Marathon** December 6, 2015
- **2015 Parade through Macau, Latin City** December 6, 2015

Steady hotel and integrated resort developments in the last few years have added tremendous variety and competitiveness to Macau's room inventory. While large, integrated resorts lure visitors with their modern shopping, dining and entertainment attractions, Old Macau continues to charm. Visit the Ruins of Saint Paul, Senado Square and St Lawrence Church and get a sense of Macau in its old-world splendour.

LEISURE AND ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment, shopping, culture and heritage are all part of Macau's exceptional appeal nowadays. And new tourism developments are certainly

The Broadway features Macau's first hawker-style street market, 40 local and first-in-Macau food brands and Michelin-star rated restaurants. Throughout the day, it is animated by live street performances.

Galaxy's Phase II also includes the opening of two major hotels: The Ritz-Carlton, Macau, the first all-suite hotel for the brand, and JW Marriott Hotel Macau, Asia's largest for the brand with 1,015 rooms and suites.

The Hollywood-inspired destination resort Studio City will open in October 2015, promising more luxurious hotels and glamorous shopping, dining and entertainment. It will also be home to Asia's highest ferris wheel as well as DC Comics' Batman Dark Flight, the world's first Batman film franchise ride.

BETTER ACCESS

Citizens from 75 countries now enjoy visa-free travel to Macau. Getting there has never been easier, via land, sea and air. Macau International Airport is connected to 35 destinations in Mainland China, Taiwan, Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea and Vietnam.

Visitors also have the option of flying into Hong Kong, then hop right on to a ferry at the airport's Sky Pier and be in Macau in an hour. There are also frequent ferry services from Hong Kong, such as the high-speed TurboJet service which operates 24-hours a day.

Macau itself is very compact — nowhere is more than half an hour away!



keeping Macau in the spotlight.

Recently opened are Galaxy Entertainment Groups' two major projects — Phase II of its flagship integrated resort Galaxy Macau (including the world's largest wave pool and rooftop aquatic ride) and its new entertainment and shopping district called The Broadway.



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