### Factsheet on Macao Tourism Development

#### Timeline of Macao Tourism Development

- **1999**: Macao was handed over to China on 20 Dec 1999
- **2002**: Macao government ended the monopoly system and 3 (later 6) casino operating concessions (and sub concessions) were granted
- **2003**: SARS Virus attacked Hong Kong and China facilitated individual travel (FIT) policy on Macao/Hong Kong
- **2004**: Implementation of “Mainland and Macao Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement” (CEPA)
- **2005**: The Historic Centre of Macao was inscribed on the World Heritage List on 15 July 2005
- **2011**: The “12th Five-Year Plan” supports Macao’s development into a world tourism and leisure centre; 2.8 sq mi of land reclamation in Macao has been approved by the PRC Government as Macao New Urban Zone
- **2016**: The “13th Five-Year Plan” supports Macao to promote moderate diversification of the economy, accelerate the development of leisure tourism, exhibition business, Chinese medicine, cultural and creative industries
- **2017**: Macao was officially designated as UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy, the third city in the Mainland to obtain this designation, after Chengdu and Shunde
- **2018**: The Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge opened for traffic
- **2020**: Opening of the Taipa Line of the Macao Light Rapid Transit System

#### Macao Major Events

- Parade for Celebration of the Chinese New Year: Jan/Feb
- Macao City Fringe Festival: Jan
- Macao International Travel (Industry) Expo: Apr
- FIVB Women’s Volleyball Nations League: May
- Macao Arts Festival: May–Jun
- Macao International Dragon Boat Races: May/Jun
- Macao Lotus Flower Festival: Jun
- Macao International Fireworks Display Contest: Sep-Oct
- Macao International Music Festival: Oct–Nov
- Macao International Trade and Investment Fair: Oct
- Global Tourism Economy Forum: Oct
- Macau Grand Prix: Nov
- Macau Food Festival: Nov
- Macao International Marathon: Dec
- Parade through Macau, Latin City: Dec
- International Film Festival & Awards: Dec
- Macao Light Festival: Dec

#### Macao Tourism Data Information

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<td>Number of Tourist in 2019</td>
<td>39,406,181</td>
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<td>Number of Hotels and Guest houses in Dec 2019</td>
<td>123</td>
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<td>Available guest rooms in Dec 2019</td>
<td>38,282</td>
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<td>Per-Capita Spending of Visitors in 2019</td>
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<td>Annual real growth of the Gross Domestic Product in 2019</td>
<td>-4.7%</td>
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<td>Length of stay of visitors (night) in 2019</td>
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<td>Gross Gaming Revenue (million MOP) in 2019</td>
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<td>Tax Revenue from Gaming (million MOP) in 2019</td>
<td>112,710</td>
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Note: MOP8.1≈US$1
Source: Statistics and Census Service Macao SAR Government
References

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Useful Links
World Tourism Organization http://www.unwto.org
Pacific Asia Travel Association http://www.pata.org
Macau Heritage Net http://www.macauheritage.net
Government Information Bureau http://www.gcs.gov.mo
IFT Tourism Research Centre http://www.ift.edu.mo/itrc

The Office of Infrastructure Development, Macao SAR http://www.gdi.gov.mo/special_project_background.php?id=12
Macau Hotel Association http://www.macauhotel.org
Macau Government Tourist Office http://www.macautourism.gov.mo