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Restaurants

International

Restaurante Hachiko

10 Travessa do Paço
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Tel: (21) 2210-1950
Price: \$\$\$
Hours: Mon-Fri, 11:30am-4pm and 6-11pm; Sat, 11:30am-4pm
Website: www.hachiko.com.br/
Cuisine: Japanese

Hachiko is a contemporary Japanese restaurant located in a charming colonial-style townhouse. Sushi, sashimi, yakisoba, grilled fish and steaks, and noodle dishes are on the menu. Dishes are served according to a fixed-price, multi-course tasting menu, so be sure you're hungry.



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LANGUAGE OF STUDY: Spanish (Latin American)

GLOSSARIES: Necessary Items

TERMS: money, el equipaje, el equipaje, el mapa, el pasaporte, el pasaporte, la ropa

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el pasaporte (passport)

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Ferries and Boats

In Hong Kong, ferries are as important to the public transportation system as buses and trains. Ferries connect Hong Kong Island with Kowloon and the New Territories, Lantau Island, Lamma Island, the smaller islands Cheung Chau and Peng Chau, Macau, mainland China, and many other places.

Piers

Several piers are important ferry hubs. In the Hong Kong Central district, the **Central Piers** are off **Man Po Street**, near the **International Finance Centre**. A major bus stop links ferry passengers with about 60 different bus routes. West of the Central Piers at **Shun Tak Centre** is the **Hong Kong Macau Ferry Terminal**. Heading east of the Central Piers on Hong Kong Island are **Wanchai Pier** (near the convention center), **North Point Pier**, and, on the northeast end of the island just past the **Eastern Harbour Crossing**, **Sai Wan Ho Pier**.

Across the harbor in Kowloon are the **Tim Sha Tsui Piers** (directly across the water from Central Hong Kong and including the **China Ferry Pier**). Heading progressively east, **Hung Hom Pier**, **Kowloon City Pier**, **Kwun Tong Pier**, and **Sam Ka Tsuen Pier** spill out across Kowloon. Finally, the **SkyPier at Hong Kong International Airport (HKA)** lets passengers get off their plane and transfer directly to a ferry to Macau or mainland China.

Local Ferries

Several large ferry companies provide frequent service on well-traveled routes, most of which are listed below. Other smaller routes are served by ferries known as *kaitos*.

The following ferry companies serve the following routes:

Coral Sea Ferry

- Sai Wan Ho-Kwun Tong
- Sai Wan Ho-Sam Ka Tsuen

Discovery Bay Ferry

- Central (Pier 3)-Discovery Bay (Lantau Island)

First Ferry

- Central (Pier 5)-Cheung Chau
- Central (Pier 6)-Mui Wo (Lantau Island)
- North Point-Hung Hom (Mon-Fri except holidays)
- North Point-Kowloon City
- Cheung Chau-Chi Ma Wan (Lantau Island)-Mui Wo (Lantau Island)-Peng Chau

Fortune Ferry

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Business Style

German businesspeople operate in a structured, orderly fashion that places high value on professionalism and rigid separation between business and personal life. German businesspeople are detail oriented, technically prepared, and straightforward communicators. They value efficiency and honesty, and are known as master planners. Careful planning in business and personal life creates a sense of security for Germans, and avoids misunderstandings, because everyone knows what is expected.

Technical ability and education play huge roles in German business. Technical experts tend to be in charge of companies, rather than lawyers, accountants, or other business professionals. Protocol is strict, as are hierarchies, and the level of professionalism is high. But don't confuse a strong work ethic with overdoing it; if a German is still at his or her desk at the end of the day, s/he may be faulted for failing to plan the day well.

Along with technical know-how, diligence and competence are key indicators of performance. Science and technology have blossomed in post Cold War Germany, and competition is stiff. Inherited status isn't enough to make an impression —accomplishments, academic and otherwise, carry more weight. That said, however accomplished your counterparts may be, compliments are not generally appropriate in a German business setting, and can make people feel uncomfortable or suspicious.

Relationship Building

Germans like to get straight down to business with little small talk. They don't need a personal relationship to do business, and they are mostly interested in your credentials and how long your business has been operating. That is not to say that a relationship is impossible—Germans just take a little longer to warm up to the idea, and tend to build trust first.

When building a business relationship, Germans may initiate one or more "getting to know you" meetings, which function a lot like a question and answer period. These meetings generally include you and two or more Germans who ask a continual string of questions and may interrupt your answers when they feel they've garnered a sufficient response. Remain patient and be clear and honest for best results.

Germans are extremely private people who prefer to keep their strong demarcation between business and personal life in place. This may be a relief for visitors who are uncomfortable when visiting more outgoing cultures where making the extra effort to cultivate relationships is expected. When with Germans, such visitors can relax. Remain professional and relatively formal, but keep in mind that excessive overtures meant to form a quick and close relationship will likely make your German counterparts nervous and have an adverse affect on the proceedings.



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Meet your German counterparts with a firm, brief handshake.

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