

## Macao Light Festival

1. Have you visited the Macao Light festival? Read the text below to find out more.

If there is a perfect time to visit Macao, it's during the city's **annual** Light Festival, a great start to the **festive** season. The mild December weather is ideal for night time **strolls** along Macao's **cobblestone** lanes as you take in the **dazzling** lights that **illuminate** the city's unique East-meets-West character.



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The theme of the Macao Light Festival 2019 is time travel with three **routes** to explore: "Play Time", "Youth Time" and "Taste Time". Together the routes cover eleven locations across five **districts**. The various light **installations**, light projection mapping, interactive games and other activities enable you to learn about the city's **diverse** culture and history as you gain a new appreciation for Macao by night.

One of Macao's most remarkable temples is Pak Tai Temple. Located in the heart of Taipa Village, it was built in 1844 to honour Pak Tai, the Taoist god of the sea. It's one of the few temples in the city that has a worship **pavilion** where followers can put **tributes and offerings**. During this year's light festival it is the venue for a special light show. Search for the Taste of Memory, that will open your eyes to local dining culture and habits in different decades. In addition, a **Gastronomy** Night Market occupies the square in front of the temple where visitors can feast on signature Macanese dishes.



Speaking of food, one of the light festival's three themed routes this year, "Taste Time", show cases the diverse cuisines of the city. Among the attractions is the addition of food trucks at three

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locations across the city. The public can complete activities in exchange for **luminous** drinks, cotton candy and other souvenirs.



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With 2019 coming to an end, pause for a **reflective** moment beside this striking Light Up 2019 installation that stands aglow with Macao's casino strip twinkling away in the background. It's the ideal spot to **ponder** your highs and lows of the year and gain a whole new appreciation of Macao by night. The Colour Wave Tree, a tree of colourful lights, reflects the many shades of Macao's night sky lit up by the **neon** of the casinos in the background.

Over at Calçada da Igreja de São Lázaro, an area known for its beautiful Portuguese-style heritage buildings, you can capture a number of highly **Instagrammable** moments, including this **fluorescent** staircase – one of the festival's most eye-catching light installations.

This twinkling canopy of fairy lights at Macao's main town square, Senado Square, gives it a fitting festive glow. The square is known for its Portuguese-style pastel buildings and wavy black and white cobblestone paving.

The Macao Light Festival 2019 – Time Travel in Macao will be staged from 7pm to 10pm from 1 December to 31 December.

2. Review the words in bold with a partner. Write their meanings below.

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### 3. Read the text again. Circle true (T) or false (F) for (a-h) below.

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| a. The text says there is an ideal time to visit Macao.                           | T / F |
| b. The mild December weather is ideal for night time strolls.                     | T / F |
| c. There are two different routes to explore.                                     | T / F |
| d. Pak Tai Temple is located in the heart of Macao centre.                        | T / F |
| e. There is a food market in front of the temple.                                 | T / F |
| f. The public can complete activities in exchange for food, drinks and souvenirs. | T / F |
| g. There will not be any lights at Senado Square this year.                       | T / F |
| h. The light festival will be on every night in December from 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.    | T / F |