

# Lounging around with Cathay Pacific

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There are worse places in the world than Hong Kong to have a long layover when travelling. And if you're fortunate enough to be flying on Cathay Pacific, you won't even need to leave the airport.

Hong Kong is Cathay's travel hub and home to five exclusive airline lounges for passengers in Terminal 1. Here's a gate-by-gate way to spend the day between flights at four of them.

## 8 A.M. GATES 1-4

Start with breakfast at Cathay's flagship lounge, The Wing, located near gates 1-4. The self-serve buffet bar offers everything from traditional Western breakfast to popular dim sum items.

Then hit the myriad stores, from agnes b to Zara, on the level below for a little duty-free shopping on your way to the next lounge.

## 11:30 A.M. GATE 16

Head for lunch at The Deck, Cathay's newest lounge which opened in March. Spread over two floors, it seats 186 people in 823 square metres.

The bright and airy Terrace on the second level is a high-ceilinged veranda open to the concourse below, with panoramic views out over the runway. It is home to the Noodle Bar, Cathay's signature food and beverage concept found in its lounges worldwide, including YVR. Made to order in the open kitchen, the famous Dan Dan noodles, a Sichuan dish with veggies and spicy peanut sauce, are the star here. Have a bowl with a

selection of dim sum dumplings and steamed buns.

## 1:30 P.M. GATE 63 (NORTH WEST CONCOURSE)

Nap, shower and massage at The Pier First Class lounge.

The Pier's new First Class lounge had a complete refurbishment in 2014. Walking into the impressive entrance of the 2,061-square-metre space, with its wall of honed green onyx, long snaking sofa and chandeliers, is like walking into a hotel. And with eight Day Suites, this lounge almost is. Each nook has a daybed, adjustable reading light and blinds, heavy curtain for privacy, and a view over the runway. The perfect oasis for a quick nap before your flight.

After, hop into one of the 14 limestone- and timber-lined showers, featuring Aesop bath products, to freshen up before the onward journey.

Then have a foot massage, the perfect start to any flight. Three massage booths are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Put your name on the list as soon as you arrive, so your time slot will be available after your snooze and shower. Neck and shoulder massages are also available.

## 3:30 P.M. GATE 65

Step next door to The Pier's Business Class Lounge, which was refurbished in 2015. It covers an area of 3,306 square metres — the largest of the lounges — with seating for up to 550 people.

Enter and you'll find the Food Hall, Coffee Cart, Bar, Noodle Bar and the Tea House.

The atmosphere of the Tea House is hushed and relaxing,



The Tea House in the Business Class lounge is the perfect place to sit and sip a cup of tea before your flight. The interactive menu offers 10 varieties from JING Tea all brewed with loose tea leaves. — PHOTOS: CATHAY PACIFIC

## IF YOU GO

The Deck and The Pier Business Class lounge welcome first and business class passengers, Marco Polo Club Silver and above members, and/or their friends and family members, and oneworld Emerald and Sapphire members. The Pier First Class lounge is available to passengers

flying first class, Marco Polo Club Diamond members, and oneworld Emerald members. All lounges are open daily from 5:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. Cathay Pacific operates 17 non-stop flights weekly between Vancouver and Hong Kong, with connecting flights, often involving layovers, to greater Asia and more than 22 cities in mainland China. [cathaypacific.com/ca](http://cathaypacific.com/ca)

with low-level lighting and muted tones. The interactive menu offers 10 varieties from JING Tea, including one seasonal tea, such as White Peony, all brewed with loose tea leaves. Consult with the in-house tea specialist who can recommend the perfect

cup, depending on your preference. Then sit and sip in a quiet booth before boarding your flight.

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The private day suites in the First Class lounge offer a view over the runway from the comfortable daybed.

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