

# **Viv and Val Go To Hong Kong**

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# Viv and Val Go To Hong Kong

(controlled text with all syllable types)

Viv and Val have an uncle named Kory.

He has a job in China.

Uncle Kory tells Viv and Val that they must come visit him in Hong Kong.

Hong Kong is in the southern part of China.

Hong Kong is a HUGE city,  
spread out over four islands.

It has mountains, beaches, big boats, shopping and TALL buildings.

Uncle Kory says that Hong Kong will be so fun.

Viv and Val must fly on a plane to go to Hong Kong.

Hong Kong is on the other side of the world from the USA.

When it is morning in Hong Kong, it is night in the USA. Hong Kong is 12 hours ahead in time.

Viv and Val must have their parents buy the plane tickets on the internet. It will take 16 hours to get to Hong Kong on the plane!

Uncle Kory tells Viv and Val, they must bring a pillow, blanket and comfy clothes for the plane. “Don’t watch the clock,” says Uncle Kory. “Just watch movies, play games, sleep and read. Then the time will go fast.”

Viv and Val begin to pack their suitcases. They pack snacks, books, headphones and their cell phones. They pick out comfy clothes for the plane ride.

“But what can we do in Hong Kong?” they ask Uncle Kory. “What fun things are there to do?”

Uncle Kory says, “There are so many fun things to do.”

## **FUN THINGS TO DO IN HONG KONG**

“First, there is Hong Kong Disney World. Then there is Ocean Park – an amusement park on the top of a mountain. Then there is the Light Festival every night at 8:00 pm where the sky scrapers light up and have a laser show. Everyone likes to take a tram to Victoria’s Peak and view the city of Hong Kong from the top of the mountain. There are many beaches and lots of shopping.”

Uncle Kory tells the girls to bring comfortable walking shoes, their swim suits, shorts and t-shirts. “It is super-sweaty hot in Hong Kong, and we will do lots of walking around!”

The girls are so excited. They pack their swimsuits, shorts and t-shirts. They pack wallets and allowance. They pack sun glasses and sun block. They pack hats.

Now the girls are ready to go. Mom and Dad take Viv and Val to the airport. “Have a good time girls, and be careful on the plane. Don’t talk to strangers and say hi to Uncle Kory for us!”

Viv and Val only have to take one plane to Hong Kong. It is 16 hours long. They get comfy in the plane. They will have to sleep on the plane.

Viv and Val enjoy the plane ride. They get to try Chinese Dim Sum (steamy dumplings and noodles) for breakfast. They get to try Chinese pastry, and Chinese chicken. They like the Chinese food.

Viv and Val watch movies. They watch Monster’s Inc., Nemo, Frozen and A Wrinkle in Time. They read their books, they sleep, they play their iPhones. They do not mind the long ride to do all the fun things in Hong Kong. They get to drink pop and eat pretzels and cookies for snacks. Plus they brought their own snacks also.

## **Viv and Val Arrive In Hong Kong**

Viv and Val arrive in Hong Kong at 4:00 in the afternoon. Uncle Kory is at the airport to pick them up. He is so excited to see them, and they are happy too. They give each other big hugs and high fives! Uncle Kory gives them kisses on their heads.

Uncle Kory has a fun, new electric car called the Tesla. Everyone in Hong Kong has a Tesla. Uncle Kory's is a sparkly blue. He puts Viv and Val's suitcases in the trunk.

The girls get in and drive to Uncle Kory's apartment. Uncle Kory's apartment is high up in the air. In Hong Kong, people do not have houses. They all live in very tall buildings and have apartments. Uncle Kory's apartment is on the 40th floor. It is small, but fun. He has a bed that comes out of the wall that the girls will sleep on. He has big windows that look out over the whole city of Hong Kong. Viv and Val can see for miles from the window of Uncle Kory's apartment.



They see mountains, the South China sea, boats and lots and lots of tall apartment buildings. Uncle Kory says “Get unpacked my little buttercups! We will need to go get supper soon!”

Viv and Val love Uncle Kory. He always calls them Buttercup! He always says Yee-ha! He makes them laugh. He is so much fun.

Viv and Val unpack their clothes and get ready for their first adventure! Dinner in Hong Kong. Uncle Kory tells them to wear comfy shoes. They will be walking to dinner. It is hard to park in Hong Kong, and he wants to take them on a walking tour of his neighborhood.

There are so many shops in Hong Kong. The apartments are built on top of the shops and restaurants. Viv and Val see lots of restaurants. There is lots of strange food: Smoked duck and smoked goose, lobster and prawns. They decide to eat rice and chicken and salads for dinner.

Uncle Kory takes Viv and Val to “Honeymoon Dessert” after dinner and they have strawberry ice cream. They all try samples of Green Tea Ice Cream and Bean Ice Cream to see what the people in Hong Kong think is the best. However, Viv and Val and Uncle Kory choose strawberry ice cream and waffles. That is what Americans like best.

After dinner, they view the pretty shops and clothes. They look at fancy shoes and fancy necklaces. They ooh and ahhh at all the fancy things. Then they decide they are tired and go home.

That night, Viv and Val get to look at the pretty view from Uncle Kory’s apartment. Uncle Kory lowers their bed from the wall, and Viv and Val hop in. They can look out the window from their bed and see the entire city glow, and the boats traveling in and out of the South China Sea. Viv and Val are so happy they came to visit Uncle Kory and try new things in Hong Kong.

## Victoria's Peak

After a good night's sleep, and a good breakfast, Uncle Kory tells the girls they are going to the top of Victoria's Peak. Yes, they can see for a long ways from his apartment, but the view is even more fantastic if they take the tram to the highest point in Hong Kong, called Victoria's Peak.

Viv and Val put on their shorts and tennis shoes. They put on their sunscreen, get their money and sunglasses. They are ready for a day of sight seeing with Uncle Kory.

First they get on the bus. It is hot and sticky waiting for the bus! But, wow – when the bus comes...it is a double-decker bus! It has a top and a bottom. Uncle Kory tells Viv and Val “Get on the bus fast my little buttercups, and run up the stairs! We want to get the first seats on the top of the double-decker bus. The views are the best there!”

Viv and Val get on the bus and run to get the best seats while Uncle Kory pays the bus fare with an “Octopus Card.” An octopus card is like a debit card. You put money on it, and wave it at a special machine on the bus. It takes off the money and lets you ride the bus. Uncle Kory likes the Octopus Cards cause it makes traveling easy.

Uncle Kory meets his little buttercups on the second floor of the bus. He says “Yee-ha little buttercups...we are off on a great adventure!” Viv and Val giggle. Only Uncle Kory calls them buttercup. He makes them feel special.

The bus is tall, and they can look down at everyone driving. Viv and Val like being on a double-decker, two-story bus. They like being in the first seat. They can't stop being amazed at all the Chinese signs they are seeing, and the super tall buildings.

Uncle Kory tells them to look at what is hanging out the windows of the apartments. It is clothes on hangers, waving in the breeze! The Chinese don't use dryers. They hang their clothes out to dry on

their apartment balconies and windows...forty feet high. Rich and poor people alike all hang out their laundry. The girls think that is strange, and Uncle Kory said it took him a while to get used to it. But now, he does it all the time too.

Soon, the bus ride is over, and everyone gets out to walk to the tram station. Viv, Val and Uncle Kory will take a trolley, called a tram, up to the top of Victoria's Peak. They don't need to buy tickets because Uncle Kory has the Octopus cards. The Octopus Cards will pay for the tram ride too. "Yee-ha," says Uncle Kory. We won't have to wait in the big ticket line."

Viv, Val and Uncle Kory get their seats on the tram. It will climb up the big, big mountain called Victoria's Peak. The tram is red and pretty. It lurches and begins to go. It travels on a cable. The cable pulls the tram up the big, big mountain.

The mountain is covered in trees. As they go up, the the tall buildings next to the mountain look like they are slanting and falling down. It is an optical illusion Uncle Kory cannot explain.

When they get to the top, they get out of the tram. It looks like they are in a shopping mall. They must go up lots of escalators to get to the top of the building to see the view. From the top of Victoria's Peak, they can see for miles. They see the tops of the skyscrapers, they see the South China Sea and the boats with shipping containers. Everyone thinks the view is fantastic.

Uncle Kory has a selfie stick. He gets out his selfie stick. "Come on Buttercups...we must take our picture together!" Viv, Val and Uncle Kory pose for pictures. They take lots of selfies. They laugh that Uncle Kory has a selfie stick and can take selfies. He is just like a teenager. Uncle Kory is cool.

Next it is time for the gift shop. Uncle Kory tells the girls to pick out something special to remember the trip. The girls pick out t-shirts that say “I Love HK!” Because now the girls do love Hong Kong. They are having so much fun with Uncle Kory.

It is time to go. They ride the tram back down to the ground. Uncle Kory says it is time for a late lunch/early dinner. They find a restaurant in downtown Hong Kong. They eat rice and smoked salmon.

Next they walk to the harbor to watch the laser light show the buildings put on. The lights dance throughout the city and music plays to the beat of the lights. Viv and Val take videos. Uncle Kory takes selfies of the three of them. They had fun, and they are tired. Off they go, back to the apartment for a good night's sleep.

## **Viv and Val Visit Deep Water Bay on the South China Sea**

After a long sleep, Viv and Val wake up. Uncle Kory is still sleeping. And he **SNORES!!!!** The girls giggle and laugh! They decide to sneak up on Uncle Kory and **SCARE** him. Won't that be funny???

The girls crawl along the floor, whispering. They sneak into Uncle Kory's room. He can't hear them sneak in. He is still **SNORING** so loud.

Should they jump on the bed and yell? Should they tickle his toes and pull his hair? The girls decide to jump on the bed and yell! Uncle Kory lets out a scream! Then he tackles the girls and they all laugh.

“Ok my little buttercups,” says Uncle Kory. “It's breakfast. In China, they like to have green tea, but I like coffee with cream and sugar.” Uncle Kory makes the girls green tea, and rolls with peanut butter and Nutella. He peels them oranges. They clean up the dishes, and Uncle Kory says that today is going to be a relaxing day. They will take the



double-decker bus to the beach at Deep Water Bay. The girls get on their suits and pack their swim bag.

“Don’t forget the sun block girls!” says Uncle Kory, and “let’s pack snacks.” In China the potato chips are strange. They have fish-skin flavored potato chips and strawberry flavored potato chips. Uncle Kory says it is best to bring fruit...apples, bananas and oranges. Those taste best. They pack water too.

Uncle Kory gets the Octopus cards and off they go to catch the bus for the beach. They get the top floor, in the front, on the bus again. Their favorite spot.

The drive to the beach is beautiful. They ride along the top of the Hong Kong mountains, and they can see for miles. The sea is blue and the mountains rise up from it. It is so tranquil.

Then something strange looking pops up on the horizon. It is a rollercoaster and amusement park sitting on top of a mountain! Uncle Kory tells Viv

and Val that is “Ocean Park.” They will be able to see it from the beach. They will go there in a day or two.

Soon, they arrive at the beach. It is perfectly hot and sunny. They set up their towels. They can see Ocean Park from the beach. It looks so fun.

Uncle Kory tells the girls, “Put on your sun block now. Also, the sea is full of salt, and it will taste salty. Don’t drink it.”

They go out to swim. It gets deep really fast, but Viv and Val are good swimmers! Viv and Val like to swim, and they take swim lessons every year. Uncle Kory, Viv and Val swim out to the swim platform. They do fun dives and jumps. They float in the water. It is really warm water. It is salty too. Without even trying to drink it, it gets in their nose, and on their tongue and tastes salty. That is because it is part of the ocean.

Uncle Kory says, “Look girls. The sea has so much salt it makes it super easy to float.” Uncle Kory

lays on his back and crosses his legs and put his hands behind his head and stays floating. The girls do this too. It is fun.

They all go back and eat snacks at their towels. They swim some more, and then Uncle Kory says “Let’s go have a late lunch at a restaurant.”

They look at all the restaurants. There is actually a pizza restaurant in China. They decide to eat pizza. They get chicken pizza and apple and mint lemonade. It is all delicious.

Uncle Kory says it is time for more selfies, and time to walk back to the bus stop. Viv and Val and Uncle Kory take lots of selfies on the pier, and by the bus. They have a great day. They are tan, tired and full. The bus ride home is relaxing.

It has been another wonderful day in Hong Kong.

## Kids - Read This Book!

Viv and Val go on adventures!

1. They fly in a plane by themselves!
2. They eat different foods!
3. They sleep in a cool bed that comes out of the wall!
4. They go to a sandy beach!
5. They see clothes that are drying out the windows!
6. They ride on double-decker buses!
7. They see some cool lights at 8:00!
8. They ride in a trolley!

Check out online Viv and Val's other adventures -  
Viv and Val Shop, Viv and Val have a Water Fight,  
Viv and Val Pet Sit!

