

Travelling to Central Pier 5 (for Cheung Chau) from Shenzhen Airport

Updated Metro info July 2012, except the bus information updated Jan 2011.
Fares given in HK Dollars

Please allow 6-8 hours from your plane landing in Shenzhen airport to arriving at Bethany.

Option 1 – Metro to Futian border, then MTR train and 2 ferries

- Look for 'metro' signs when you come out of the airport and follow them (you'll go up an escalator)
- When you have come off the moving walk way the machines to buy metro tickets will be around the corner on the left
- You will need to go to 'Futian' border crossing. On the Hong Kong side this border crossing is called 'Lok Ma Chau'
- There is an English option on the touch screen
FIRST: touch 'green line' **1 Luo Bao line**
SECOND: 'red line' **4** you will see 'Futian'
It will be 8 rmb
- take the metro to 'exhibition centre' (will take around 45mins)
- get off and transfer to the red line to 'Futian' (2 stops)
- once at Futian follow the signs to the visa checkpoint then you'll walk across a bridge to go through the immigration in HK
- take the MTR all the way to 'Hung Hom' (the last stop) will take around 50minutes. You'll have to put in 'East Tsim Sha Tsui' when buying your ticket. It should cost HK\$38
- change to the 'West Rail Line' to 'East Tsim Sha Tsui' which will just be one stop.
- once you get off at 'East TST' you will need to walk a ways to TST (Tsim Sha Tsui - Tsuen Wan Line)
- when you get to the station look for 'exit E'
- when you come out of exit E go straight then take your first right
- walk across the first intersection (you'll pass the back of the YMCA)
- at the 2nd intersection turn left and take the underground walkway (subway) and follow the signs to 'Star Ferry to Central'
- when I took the Star Ferry the upper deck was slightly cheaper than the lower deck
- the ferry to 'Central' is short, only 5-6minutes

- when you get off the ferry and walk out you'll go right down the stairs to the pier
- turn right and walk along the promenade to Pier 5 and you'll see the sign to 'Cheung Chau'

- follow the directions that Bethany has given
- I prefer the 'beach route' as it's not as steep and is scenic

Option 2 Bus (Less walking and transiting – definitely the easiest way)

A.

Get a bus direct to Hong Kong from the airport – you go to the bus counter at the airport (Desk A08 and B04 in the Arrival Hall of the Terminal Building) to get your ticket and they will escort you to the bus – they run every 30 minutes. You may have to change buses at the border, but it is not difficult. Destination – ask for Macau ferry terminal pier in Central. From the Macau Ferry pier take a taxi (\$18) or a 15 minute walk to Outlying Islands Pier 5 for Cheung Chau. The bus journey has usually taken about 2 hours including immigration but can vary depending on how busy the border is. The fare is about HK\$120. Children under 3 are free. For children aged 3-12 the fare is approx. HK\$70S

See website <http://www.travelchinaguide.com/cityguides/guangdong/shenzhen/airport-shuttle-hongkong.htm>

Also www.trans-island.com.hk run buses between airport and Hong Kong

For return journey get your ticket from any China Travel Service – nearest one is at Connaught Road – take right turning out of the main IFC building after walking across the walkway from Central Ferry and then down to Connaught Road and turn right and CTS is a little way along on the left hand side. Tickets can be bought beforehand and you need to be there at least 15 minutes before travel time.

B.

Updated information (version Jan 2011) about the bus from Shenzhen airport to Hong Kong: (allow 4.5 hours journey time to arrive Bethany). You can get off the bus in Central and come to the Central pier No.5 to get on the ferry coming to Cheung Chau island where Bethany is located. If the bus does not drop off at Central, and continues to Sheung Wan, walk or taxi from Sheung Wan to Central piers will not take long (perhaps 10 - 20 minutes). Please see the bus information as below.

<http://www.travelchinaguide.com/cityguides/guangdong/shenzhen/airport-shuttle-hongkong.htm>

Shenzhen Airport—Sheung Wan, Hong Kong (by bus)

	Boarding Place	Fare	Duration	Time Schedule
Hong Kong→Shenzhen Airport	HK-Macau Ferry Terminal, Sheung Wan <u>Ticket Office</u> G/F Shop G04 Shun Tak Centre Sheung Wan	HKD120/one-trip; HKD160/round-trip	90 minutes	08:00-10:00, 15:30-20:00 every 30 minutes; 11:00-15:00 hourly
Shenzhen Airport→Hong Kong	Desk A08 and B04 in the Arrival Hall of the Terminal Building	CNY100/one-trip; CNY160/round-trip	90 minutes	09:15-20:45, every 30 minutes

The bus journey has usually taken about 2-3 hours including immigration but can vary depending on how busy the border is. The ferry from Central pier to Cheung Chau pier takes either 35 minutes or 55 minutes. The walk to Bethany from ferry pier takes 20 minutes.

Option 3 Train (cheapest and longest walk)

From the airport take the bus – ask at the airport where this goes from (K568) to Shenzhen/Lo Wu border and Immigration clearance. Follow signs to Lo Wu and Hong Kong Immigration and then walk on to the station. (Lo Wu is also the name of the KCR/MTR station). Take the KCR/MTR to Kowloon Tong where you change to MTR green line to Mong Kok and then walk across to the other side of the same platform for the red line to Central. On arrival at Central, either a 10/15 minute walk following the signs to “Outlying Islands Ferry Piers” or a taxi (\$18 – they may charge extra for luggage) to Ferry Pier 5. Here you get the ferry for Cheung Chau.

Option 4 Train and Star Ferry (biggest variety of travel – also long)

From the airport take the bus - ask at the airport where this goes from (K568) to the Shenzhen/Lo Wu border and Immigration clearance; then follow signs to Lo Wu and Hong Kong Immigration and then walk on to the station. Lo Wu is the name of the KCR/MTR station. Take the KCR/ MTR all the way to Tsim Sha Tsui (TST) East This should take 45 minutes. Make sure you come out of the exit marked towards the star ferry. You can then take a taxi to Central ferry pier 5 (about HK\$85) or walk 15 minutes following signs to Star Ferry (or even catch a taxi to the Star Ferry HK\$18 – they may charge extra for luggage) and cross to Hong Kong Island. From the Star Ferry exit turn right and walk 100 metres along to Ferry Pier 5 for Cheung Chau.