

Communities in Lantau Island

1. The present population in Lantau Island is around 80,000 (excluding the airport workers and travelers). Some of the existing communities in the 147.16 square kilometers of this extremely mountainous island are as follows:
 - a. In North Lantau island, [Tung Chung](#) is very closed to [Hong Kong International Airport](#) at [Chek Lap Kok](#) and is relatively a new town center with high-rise residential housing estates, AND with low-income families, whose residents can hardly meet the workforce demand (+5,000 openings at the moment) of the airport, due to the lack of professional training.
 - b. At the moment, the North Lantau Hospital is open, which manages to provide only some services (<http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201311/13/P201311130442.htm>), in view of the relatively small population in the island.
 - c. There is another small, but well-established community in [Discovery Bay](#), with direct shuttle connections to subway [Sunny Bay MTR station](#) (where [Hong Kong Disneyland](#) of [Penny's Bay](#) is located) and also ferry connections to Central District. However, the Discovery Bay community was privately owned/developed, and is being occupied mostly by expatriates, who commute to/from and work in Central District.
 - d. There are several old settlements in the island, including [Mui Wo](#) (with the connection of [Ngong Ping 360](#) to/from Tung Chung subway station), [Tai O](#), and [Tong Fuk](#), which have been and will remain to be mostly for tourism in the future. In particular, [Tai O](#) is a quite unique fishing town, sometimes referred to as “Venice of the East”, and is more than three centuries old.
2. The planned location for the further development or extension in the island will be the [North Lantau New Town](#), which must make the best use of [reclaimed land](#) from Tung Chung to [Tai Ho](#). There are two country parks in Lantau Island, which should be mostly preserved during the future development (and could be better connected/accessed): [Lantau South Country Park](#) and [Lantau North Country Park](#) and [its extension](#).