

1D LAC DRAMA (2025-26)

29 MAY 2026 (FRI, DAY 2)

THE TOURISM BOOM!

Characters:

1. **1D18 CHLOE:** A local S1 student.
2. **1D13 SAM:** Chloe's cousin visiting from the UK.
3. **1D08 MR. WONG:** A souvenir shop owner. + **NARRATOR**
4. **1D07 MS. LEE:** A professional Tour Guide (Energetic!).
5. **1D20 HANNAH:** A tourist from Australia (Visiting for Easter).
6. **1D25 XIAO MEI:** A tourist from Mainland China (Visiting for Labor Day).
7. **1D12 MANDY:** A busy Hotel Receptionist.
8. **1D01 UNCLE CHOW:** A Taxi Driver (Funny and loud).
9. **1D02, 04, 26, 32 EXTRAS:** People walking in the background with maps/cameras/phones.

SCENE 1: The Easter Peak (April)

(Setting: Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade. Background "extras" are taking selfies and looking at maps. MS. LEE enters holding a small tour guide flag, followed by DAVID and EXTRAS.)

NARRATOR: It is a sunny day in mid-April. The sun is shining, the breeze is cool, and the streets of Hong Kong are packed!

CHLOE: (*Trying to push through a fake crowd*) Excuse me! Sorry! Coming through! Sam, stay close or I'll lose you!

SAM: (*Struggling with a large backpack*) Why is it so busy, Chloe? Is there a parade? A famous K-pop Star? A sale on iPhones?

CHLOE: No, Sam! It's the Peak Season! Look at the calendar (*Shows him her phone*) —it's Easter.

MS. LEE (Tour Guide): (*Walking in with a flag*) Follow me, everyone! Don't get lost in the crowd! It's Easter, and the whole world is in Hong Kong today!

Hannah: (*Stopping Chloe*) Excuse me! Could you take a photo of me? I want to show my family back in the US how beautiful Hong Kong is!

CHLOE: Sure! (*Takes photo*) Are you here for long?

Hannah: Just for the Easter week. In the US, the weather is getting cold now, but Hong Kong is perfect in April. Plus, we have a long public holiday, so my whole family decided to fly over!

SAM: So, let me get this straight... People come in April because the weather is comfortable and they have holidays from school and work?

MS. LEE: Exactly! As a guide, I haven't had a day off in two weeks! Peak season means everyone wants to see our city at the same time. April is my busiest month. I have three groups today! Whew!

SCENE 2: The Labor Day Golden Week (May)

(Setting: A busy street. **UNCLE CHOW** enters holding a “steering wheel”.)

NARRATOR: Two weeks later, it is May 1st. The Easter tourists have gone home, but a new wave has arrived!

UNCLE CHOW: (*Wiping his forehead*) Beep beep! Traffic is everywhere! But I don't mind—more passengers means more money for my family!

XIAO MEI: (*Running in with five shopping bags*) Taxi! Taxi! I need to go to the Peak, then to a Dim Sum restaurant, then back to my hotel!

UNCLE CHOW: (*Laughing*) Slow down, miss! Why are you in such a hurry?

XIAO MEI: It is the Labor Day Golden Week! Back in my city in Mainland China, everyone is on holiday. We only have five days, so we have to see everything in Hong Kong quickly!

SAM: (*Walking by with Chloe*) Wait, didn't the peak season end in April?

CHLOE: No! May is another "Mini-Peak." Because Mainland China is so close, many people visit during the Labor Day holiday. It's a huge boost for our shops and restaurants.

XIAO MEI: Yes! I already bought three pairs of shoes and ten boxes of Jenny cookies!

SCENE 3: The Benefits for Hong Kong

(Setting: A hotel lobby. **MANDY** the receptionist is typing fast and talking on two phones.)

MANDY: (*Phone 1*) I'm sorry, sir! We are 100% full. All our rooms are booked for the May holiday. (*Phone 2*) No no no, no rooms left until next week! (*To the audience*) Whew! I am exhausted!

CHLOE: Hello! Why are you so busy?

MANDY: Busy is an understatement. But I'm happy. This year, because of the peak season, the hotel is making enough money to renovate the lobby and give us all a bonus!

SAM: I see the shops are happy, and the hotels are happy. But what about the rest of Hong Kong?

MANDY: Think about the Multiplier Effect!

1. The hotel buys more food from local farms.
2. We pay a laundry company to wash the bedsheets.
3. We hire more university students to work part-time.

SAM: So, one tourist staying in a room actually helps three or four different businesses?

MANDY: Exactly! You're a quick learner!

SCENE 4: The Souvenir Shop & Big Picture

(Setting: Mr. Wong's Souvenir Shop. He is holding a stuffed toy.)

MR. WONG: Step right up! Get your "I Love HK" t-shirts here!

CHLOE: Mr. Wong, Sam thinks all these tourists are just a "crowd." Tell him why we like them.

MR. WONG: Listen, Sam. Tourism pays for our infrastructure. Do you like our clean MTR stations? Do you like our big, fancy airport?

SAM: Yeah, they're great!

MR. WONG: We can afford to build those because tourism brings billions of dollars into Hong Kong every year. It makes our city a "World City." Plus, look at me! I get to practice my English with you, and I learn about your culture while you learn about mine.

SAM: So it's cultural exchange too?

MR. WONG: Precisely! Now, do you want to buy this stuffed toy for your mum? It's only 100 dollars!

SAM: *(Laughing)* Okay, okay! You win!

MR. WONG: *(Looks at the audience)* Look! Tourists buy these souvenirs home. This money helps me pay my rent and buy food for my kids.

EXTRAS (Mr. Wong's Kids): (Holding the Mc Donalds' paper bags)
Hurray! Papa, I want Mc Donald's!

SCENE 5: The Lesson Learned

(Setting: All actors stand in a semi-circle.)

MR. WONG: (*Looking at others*) So, what have we learned about Geography today?

CHLOE: Peak Seasons happen in April and May because of the Easter and Labor Day holidays.

HANNAH: Weather plays a big part because people love the Hong Kong spring!

XIAO MEI: Public Holidays give people the time they need to travel.

MANDY: And the benefits? Job opportunities for people like me!

UNCLE CHOW: A stronger economy for the whole city!

MR. WONG: Better infrastructure and cultural exchange for everyone!

SAM: I guess the "Holiday Rush" isn't so bad after all. It's the heartbeat of Hong Kong!

ALL: (*Waving*) Let's help Hong Kong's tourism boom!