



# Road Tunnels of Hong Kong



海底隧道  
Cross Harbour Tunnel

Over the past 40 years, a number of road tunnels have been built in Hong Kong. They include 3 immersed tube tunnels crossing the harbour and 11 road tunnels running through the territory's hilly terrain.

The first road tunnel in Hong Kong is the Lion Rock Tunnel which was built in 1967. It provides a direct road link between Sha Tin and Kowloon. The first cross harbour tunnel was built in 1972, which connected Causeway Bay and Hung Hom. In the 80s, more and more road tunnels were built to cope with the rapid urban and new town developments. These tunnels include the Aberdeen Tunnel, Kai Tak Tunnel, Eastern Harbour Crossing,

Shing Mun Tunnel, Tseung Kwan O Tunnel and Tate's Cairn Tunnel. The relocation of the airport to Chek Lap Kok in the 90s triggered new traffic demand of the territory. To meet this demand, the Western Harbour Crossing, Cheung Tsing Tunnel and Tai Lam Tunnel were built in 1997/98. After a decade, three road tunnels, namely the Eagle's Nest Tunnel, Shatin Heights Tunnel and Tai Wai Tunnel, along the section of Route 8 between Cheung Sha Wan and Sha Tin were completed. They provide the fourth road link between Sha Tin and Kowloon, helping relieve the traffic pressure on the Lion Rock Tunnel, Tate's Cairn Tunnel and Tai Po Road.

## List of existing road tunnels

Name of Tunnel	Date Open/Completion	Length (km)	Tolled (Y/N)
Lion Rock Tunnel	Nov 1967 (1 <sup>st</sup> Tube) Jan 1978 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tube)	1.4 1.4	Y Y
Cross Harbour Tunnel*	Aug 1972	1.9	Y
Aberdeen Tunnel	Mar 1982	1.9	Y
Kai Tak Tunnel	Jun 1982	1.3	N
Eastern Harbour Crossing*	Sep 1989	2.3	Y
Shing Mun Tunnel	Apr 1990	2.6	Y
Tseung Kwan O Tunnel	Nov 1990	0.9	Y
Tate's Cairn Tunnel*	Jun 1991	4.0	Y
Western Harbour Crossing*	Apr 1997	2.0	Y
Cheung Tsing Tunnel	May 1997	1.7	N
Tai Lam Tunnel*	May 1998	3.8	Y
Eagle's Nest Tunnel	Mar 2008	2.1	Y
Shatin Heights Tunnel	Mar 2008	1.0	Y
Tai Wai Tunnel	Mar 2008	0.5	N

\* Tunnels under Build, Operate and Transfer arrangement

Note: Discovery Bay Tunnel Link (operated by the Discovery Bay Road Tunnel Company Limited) is not covered.