

Jerusalem, Israel



The Holy City is first on my list in Israel. I was born there and spent the first 22 years of my life there. I know almost every street and corner and just love the atmosphere. I've been living in Hong Kong since 1995 and still can't wait to go each summer to see my parents and let my kids play with their grandparents. The sun is great and the air is so fresh. I love taking a stroll on the promenade that overlooks the whole city. I also love walking through the old city streets, visiting the Western Wall, and spending an evening at the center of the city on Ben Yehuda Street, Jaffa Street or in the German Colony.

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A native of Israel, Meidad Yehudayan performs around the world, as a soloist, recitalist and chamber musician. He recently performed viola concertos including Mozart's *Sinfonia Concertante* for violin and viola in New York, Hong Kong and Israel. Some of his projects also included solo and chamber music concerts with members of the Berlin Philharmonic and the Hamburg symphony, as well as CD recordings. His first CD, "Popsinera", was awarded "The 10 Hottest CD of the year 2008" and "The Best Light Music Album of the year 2008" by the Radio Guangdong "Voice of the City."

Mr. Yehudayan was a member of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra and the Hong Kong String Quartet from 1995-2001. He has performed many recitals in Israel, America and Europe, and recorded for Israeli National Radio & RTHK (Radio 4) in Hong Kong. Mr. Yehudayan is currently the violist of the Pure Strings Ensemble and Orchestra and has been the Strings Director at Hong Kong International School since 2001.

Seoul, Korea



Seoul is my favorite destination in Asia. I visit there at least once a year and play some concerts. I love the traditional Korean food, especially the barbeque. I love the variety of vegetables and the garlic. The museums are also great, clear with lots of interesting information. One should try to see the palaces such as Dok-su and Kyoung-Bok and go shopping in Dongdaemun and Myung-Dong. It is such a vibrant city with so many diverse attractions. Each visit is a new experience.