

# **World66's guide to Hong Kong**

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# Hong Kong

Hong Kong (Xianggang) has the big city specials like smog, odour, 7 million elbows and an insane love of clatter. But it's also efficient, hushed and peaceful: the transport network is excellent, the shopping centres are sublime, the cuisine is legendary, and the temples and quiet corners of parks are contemplative oases.

The best thing about being in Hong Kong is getting flummoxed and fired by the confluences and contradictions of a Chinese city with multi-Asian and Western elements. It's about savouring new tastes, weaving through human gridlock and humming some dumb Cantopop tune while slurping your noodles.

From the vantage point of Victoria Peak, overlooking the world's busiest deepwater port, you can see a city geared not only to making money but feeling good about it. At night, it's like looking down into a volcano.

Despite its British colonial past, Hong Kong has always stuck to its roots, and the culture beneath the glitz is pure Chinese. That didn't stop locals from feeling apprehensive about being reunited with the motherland when the British handed the colony to the People's Republic of China in early 1997, but their unease has largely evaporated.

Hong Kong is divided into four main areas – Kowloon, Hong Kong Island, the New Territories and the Outlying Islands. Kowloon and the New Territories are on a peninsula of the Chinese mainland, on the northern side of Victoria Harbour; Hong Kong Island is on the southern side of the harbour facing Kowloon.

The city itself is centred around Victoria Harbour. The main business district is Central, on Hong Kong Island. East of Central lies the Admiralty commercial district; Wan Chai, known for restaurants and clubs; then Causeway Bay, a major shopping area. Towering above it all is the Peak, Hong Kong's premier scenic outlook and residential district, which happily has plenty of public green space. In Kowloon, Tsim Sha Tsui (on the southern tip), Jordan and Yau Ma Tei are busy hotel and shopping areas, while Mong Kok is a bustling residential and shopping area.

The Northern part, known as the *New Territories*, is the gateway to China for many travellers. Although many travellers just rush through NT to arrive at the border, it might be an idea to explore this area with its dualistic character. You will see small ancient rural villages alternated with modern towns.

Kowloon is the southern tip of the peninsula and faces Hong Kong island. This paradise of shops, bars and hotels is not only popular with tourists but also with inhabitants of Hong Kong island who can easily take the ferry to this melting-pot of everything relating to spending your money. Besides the important shopping areas, such as the shops and street markets around Nathan Road (better known as the Golden Mile) and Mong Kok, there is an abundance of bars and cafés. However, there is even more in Kowloon. Although they are not dipped in neon-lights, there are a few nice temples you can visit, such as the famous Wong Tai temple, and a couple of quite interesting museums.

*Hong Kong Island*, the busy commercial centre with its high skyscrapers, has a lot to offer of the same kind: shops, bars, headquarters from companies and, for those who feel like it, a handful of culture namely a few museums and some sights. Make sure you go to Victoria Peak where you can have astonishing views of the surroundings. One of the nicest beaches, despite its shark warnings, is definitely Repulse Bay and a lot of people make the effort to go over there for at least a day. For those who want to see a bit more of the Hong Kong Island, it might be a good idea to visit Aberdeen. This is partly a sort of floating city because over

20,000 people live on boats. Although a lot of people live on boats on Hong Kong Island, the sight of Aberdeen at night with most boats illuminated by little lights is definitely an unforgettable experience.

*The Outlying Islands* simply refers to any of the other 235 islands.

## Hong Kong – Getting Around

Hong Kong is small and crowded which makes public transport the only way to get around. Public transport is cheap, fast, it is widely used and generally efficient. The bus system is extensive and bewildering, but you will have to use it to explore the south side of Hong Kong Island and the New Territories. The north side of Hong Kong Island and most of Kowloon are well-served by Hong Kong's ultra-modern Mass Transit Railway (MTR). Three tunnels link Hong Kong with Kowloon.

The Kowloon–Guangzhou (Canton) Railway (KCR) runs from Kowloon to the Chinese border at Lo Wu (Luohu). Light Rail Transit (fast modern air-con trams) run in the New Territories connecting the city of Tuen Mun with Yuen Long. Double-decker trams trundle along the northern side of Hong Kong Island. Hong Kong's ferries are usually faster and cheaper than buses and trams. They are also fun and the harbour views are stunning if the weather cooperates. Hoverferries are about twice as fast as conventional boats.

Metered taxis are red with silver tops (green with white tops in the New Territories, blue on Lantau) will not pick up or drop passengers at bus stops. If you take a taxi to another section (like from New Territories to Lantau) you also have to pay a return fare. Cycling in Kowloon or Central would be suicidal but in quiet areas of the islands or the New Territories a bike can be quite a nice way of getting around.

## Hong Kong – Getting There

Below you can find the easiest ways to reach Hong Kong:

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### **At the Lo Wu (Luo Hu) Border from China**

In Hong Kong, there is a KCR that connects to Lo Wu and borders China. There is an immigration there and from China, you can meet up here.

## Hong Kong – Economy

**Economyoverview:** Hong Kong has a bustling free market economy highly dependent on international trade. Natural resources are limited and food and raw materials must be imported. Indeed imports and exports including reexports each exceed GDP in dollar value. Real GDP growth averaged a remarkable 8% in 1987–88 slowed to 3.0% in 1989–90 and picked up to 4.2% in 1991 5.0% in 1992 5.2% in 1993 5.5% in 1994 4.8% in 1995 4.7% in 1996 and an estimated 5.5% in 1997. A shortage of labor continues to put upward pressure on prices and the cost of living. Even before Hong Kong reverted to Chinese administration on 1 July 1997 it had extensive trade and investment ties with mainland China.

**GDP:** purchasing power parity\$175.2 billion (1997 est.)

**GDPreal growth rate:** 5.5% (1997 est.)

**GDPper capita:** purchasing power parity\$26 800 (1997 est.)

**GDPcomposition by sector:**

*agriculture:* 0.1%

*industry:* 16.1%

*services:* 83.8% (1996 est.)

**Inflation rateconsumer price index:** 5.1% (1997 est.)

**Labor force:**

*total:* 3.183 million (1997)

*by occupation:* wholesale and retail trade restaurants and hotels 32.4% social services 9.9% manufacturing 9.9% financing insurance and real estate 13.0% transport and communications 5.7% construction 2.6% other 26.5% (June 1997)

**Unemployment rate:** 3.1% (1996 est.)

**Budget:**

*revenues:* \$19 billion

*expenditures:* \$14.1 billion including capital expenditures of \$289 million (FY95/96 est.)

**Industries:** textiles clothing tourism electronics plastics toys watches clocks

**Industrial production growth rate:** -3.2% (1997 est.)

**Electricitycapacity:** 11.3 million kW (1996)

**Electricityproduction:** 28 billion kWh (1996)

**Electricityconsumption per capita:** 3 968 kWh (1995)

**Agricultureproducts:** fresh vegetables; poultry

**Exports:**

*total value:* \$180.7 billion (including reexports; f.o.b. 1996)

*commodities:* clothing textiles yarn and fabric footwear electrical appliances watches and clocks toys

*partners:* Mainland China 34% US 21% Japan 7% Germany 4% UK 3% (1996)

***Imports:***

*total value:* \$198.6 billion (c.i.f. 1996)

*commodities:* foodstuffs transport equipment raw materials semimanufactures petroleum; a large share is reexported

*partners:* China 37% Japan 14% Taiwan 8% US 8% Singapore 5% (1996)

***Debtexternal:*** none (1996)

***Economic aid:*** \$NA

***Currency:*** 1 Hong Kong dollar (HK\$) = 100 cents

***Exchange rates:*** Hong Kong dollars (HK\$) per US\$7.74 (1997) 7.730 (1996) 7.800 (1995) 7.800 (1994) 7.800 (1993) 7.741 (1992); notlinked to the US dollar at the rate of about 7.8 HK\$ per 1 US\$

***Fiscal year:*** 1 April31 March

## Hong Kong – Books

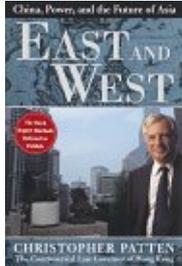
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### Frommer's Hong Kong



author: Beth Reiber, Arthur Frommer  
isbn: 0028626052  
subject: travel

**East and West: China, Power, and the Future of Asia**



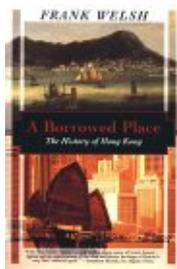
author: Christopher Patten  
isbn: 0812930002  
subject: history

### Hong Kong Action Cinema



author: Bey Logan  
isbn: 0879516631  
subject: history

### A Borrowed Place: The History of Hong Kong



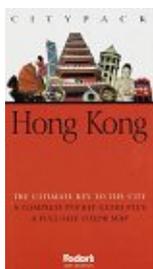
author: Frank Welsh, Maya Rao (Editor)  
isbn: 1568361343  
subject: history

### Fodor's Hong Kong '99



author: Fodor's Travel Publications, Fodor's Travel  
isbn: 0679001603  
subject: travel

### Fodor's Citypack Hong Kong '99



author: Fodor's, Sean Sheehan, Pat Levy  
isbn: 0679002472  
subject: travel

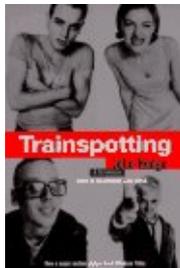
## Culture Shock!:Hong Kong



author: Betty Peh–Ti Wei,Elizabeth Li  
isbn: 1558681671  
subject: culture

## Trainspotting:A Screenplay, Vol. 1

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author: John Hodge,Irvine  
Welsh  
isbn: 0786882212  
subject: culture

## Hong Kong Action Cinema



author: Bey Logan  
isbn: 0879516631  
subject: culture

## Hong Kong – Beaches

Although Hong Kong is not famous as a swim & tan destination, it does have quite a few good beaches.

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### Deep Water Bay

This attractive bay lies beyond Aberdeen along a scenic coastal road flanked by flame trees and imposing cliffside mansions. Its public beach, one of the most attractive in Hong Kong, is next to the Hong Kong Golf Club's annex. A scenic pathway winds along the coast from here to Repulse Bay.

To get there, take bus no. 6, 6A, 6X, 61 or 260 from Exchange Square Bus Terminus in Central.

### Repulse Bay

Repulse Bay is the most popular beach on Hong Kong Island. It is easily accessible by bus or taxi from Central Bus Terminus. Take bus nos. 6, 6A, 6X, 61 or 260. *candy coates:*

### **Shek O**

Seen from the hill above, the popular seaside destination of Shek O looks great. The ambience is still traditional and rustic. Take the Metro to Shau Kei Wan MTR Station, exit A3. Then take bus no. 9 to Shek O.

## **Hong Kong – Internet Cafes**

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### **Sniper**

This Sniper location (theres another one on

Nathan Road) has numerous workstations for games, and also is available for

e–mail purposes. Theres a small cafe and beverages available. Best in the

morning and afternoon, evenings and weekends these COMPAQ and Packard Bell,

CPU INTEL Pentium 200Mz with MMX Technology, Memory 48 MB, and FULL

multimedia options

We are Professional Service and Friendly Service. We have full–time service by

System Engineer and more experience service team un

tel: 2375 2828

hours: 24 hours a day

address: 3rd floor, Fashion Plaza, 1A–1J Tung Choi St.

url: [sniper.com.hk](http://sniper.com.hk)

### **INETS Limited**

Samsung monitors, 4 Dell 450Mhz

PIII's with 21 Samsung monitors 3 iMacs with 333Mhz G3's 1 SGI320

Workstation with 17.3 1600SWTM flat panel monitor. Fully licenced bar

Software education center. Operator of [www.rozsakert.net](http://www.rozsakert.net) Hungary's premier

price: Members Only

tel: 2891–2842

email: [info@inets.hk.com](mailto:info@inets.hk.com)

address: 2/F, 382 Lockhart Road, Wanchai,, Hong Kong

url: [www.inets.hk.com](http://www.inets.hk.com)

### **Pacific Coffee Company**

3 terminals available.

New Forest. The cafe was

purpose designed and offers x 10 terminals via B.T.256k permanent net connection for super fast transfers. Hot and cold drinks and cold snacks. Free and friendly service from a family business.

tel: 2914 1128

email: [espresso@pacificcoffee.com](mailto:espresso@pacificcoffee.com)

hours: 6:30am – 10pm (Mon–Fri) 8am – 11pm (Sat) 8am – 10pm (Sun)

address: Discovery Bay  
G/F, Block A, Discovery Bay Plaza, Lantau Island

url: [www.pacificcoffee.com](http://www.pacificcoffee.com)

### **Xyberia Interactive**

China Bear

Mui Wo Center

3 Ngan Wan Road

address: Mui Wo, Lantau Island

Price: HK\$40 per hour

Directions: Catch the Mui Wo (Silvermine Bay) Ferry from Central on Hong Kong Island. The café is half a minutes walk from the Mui Wo Ferry Pier on the<

### **Aztec Cyber**

The hottest cyber–cafe in Hong Kong with the best PC config with P4 2.0G, 512 DDR ram, 80G harddisk, Gforce 4 display. You won't disappointed with the PC for any game at anytime.

price: From US 0.5 to 1.00

tel: 852 2155 – 0979

email: [service@aztec-cyber.com.hk](mailto:service@aztec-cyber.com.hk)

hours: 24 hour round the clock

address: 19F Richmond Plaza, 496 Jaffee Road, Wan Chai

url: [www.aztec-cyber.com.hk](http://www.aztec-cyber.com.hk)

## **Hong Kong – Accommodation**

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### **Ah Shan Hostel Hong Kong**

One of the best cheap and budget hostels in Hong Kong with FREE internet connection in every room, over 15 years professional experience for tourists and businessmen....

We are professionally operating a reputable 26–room–sized hostel in Kowloon of Hong Kong with free internet access. Our location is exact at the centre of city – Mongkok. It takes you only 30 minutes to the airport, 15 minutes to Wanchai, 10 minutes to Tsim Sha Shui (Star Ferry).

In addition, over 1000 shop outlets, shopping malls nearby. And, we are also close to the KCRC station.

Our major guests come from worldwide such as USA, Austrilia, Singapore, UK, Taiwan.....Some of them are having them business trip in Hong Kong. Some of them are having their vacation. But, they have a same attitude towards our hostel – Enjoyable, Satisfaction and Happy.

In addition, all our rooms are equipped with airconditioner, FREE local telephone, 24hrs FREE internet connection, TV.... In our lobby, we also provide microwave oven, water, fax machine, computer etc...

zipcode: 852  
email: info@ahshanhostel.com  
address: Room 1406, 14/F, Sincere House, 83 Arygle Street, Mongkok, Kowloon, Hong Kong  
CostOfDoubleForANight: HK\$200 up  
url: [www.ahshanhostel.com](http://www.ahshanhostel.com)  
tel: (852) 93436507

### **YMCA International House – Kowloon**

The YMCA International House provides totally 400 luxurious and comfortable guest rooms out of which 29 are suites. Other facilities include Crystal room, Nine Dragon restaurant, Balcony lounge, indoor swimming pool, sauna, tennis court, squash courts, indoor gymnasium, travel & agent ticketing counter and chapel. The YMCA International House is a good choice because of its ideal location accessible to shopping arcades and commercial centres. The Mass Transit Railway (Yau Ma Tei station) is nearby. Located within a block or two of Nathan Road, famous for street shopping.

address: 23 Waterloo Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong  
CostOfDoubleForANight: 537 HKD/\$70 US (in May '04)

### **Dragon Hostel Hong Kong**

Dragon Hostel provides wide range traveler's service in Hong Kong:

Accommodation, China and Vietnam Visa, HongKong Travel Information.

Free internet available in the hostel!

URL: [www.dragonhostel.com](http://www.dragonhostel.com)

Email: [dragonhostel@yahoo.com](mailto:dragonhostel@yahoo.com)

email: dragonhostel@yahoo.com  
address: Rm 707, Sincere House, 83 Argyle Street. Kowloon, Hong Kong.  
CostOfDoubleForANight: US\$33.00  
tel: 852-93474767  
costofdoubleforanight: US\$33.00  
url: [www.dragonhostel.com](http://www.dragonhostel.com)  
zipcode: 2

## Hong Kong – Bars and Cafes

### *Carnegies Bar*

*G/F 53–55 Lockhart Rd. Wan Chai Hong Kong Tel: 2866 6289*

A great place for a night out. Good beer, great food and very drunk patrons dancing on the bar after 11pm (they put up a special brass frame so that they don't fall off!).

The staff are great, fun friendly and helpful. If you are going to be in HK for a while ask for a membership card and you'll get 10% off everything.

The bar stays open until 4 or 5 am most days. Happy "hour" from 11am until around 6pm. Themed nights (Monday, aircrew; Wednesday, ladies night, etc.) add to the fun. The kitchen closes at 11pm, but there is an all-night pizza place next door and they will deliver to your table, with the approval (even the help) of the bar staff.

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# Hong Kong Island

Hong Kong Island is the glitzy big brother of Kowloon – a tightly packed, towering paean to market capitalism that hasn't been dented one jot by Chinese rule. The bustle of people living and working is the biggest attraction on the island, although many visitors head around to Aberdeen, on the southern side of the island, where 6000 people live or work on junks anchored in the harbour. Sampan tours of the Aberdeen Harbour are definitely worth the expense. The other major draw is the floating restaurants.

The most popular beach is Repulse Bay, also on the southern side of the island, but it gets extremely crowded on weekends. Stanley, with its laid-back atmosphere, is another good spot for escaping Hong Kong's hustle and bustle, although it is the hustle and bustle that brings people here in the first place – if you want *real* solitude, you've come to the wrong place. City attractions include the Central Market, which visitors will have no trouble finding (just sniff the air), the old Man Mo Temple and the Zoological & Botanic Gardens. Hong Kong Island is steep, so if you're heading away from the harbour, do as the locals do and ride the 800m outdoor escalator.

If you're in the Hong Kong Island, you'd be mad to miss a trip to the top of Victoria Peak, 552m above sea level. The views are giddingly beautiful in every direction, with the vista of the business district, Victoria Harbour and Kowloon especially grand. In true Hong Kong style the main viewing deck is on the roof of a large shopping mall.

Join the throng of snap-happy tourists – you won't be disappointed. If you have time, it's worth making the trip to the top both in daylight (ideal to get your bearings) and at night, when the mass of lights around the harbour will take your breath away and make you wish you had a better camera. The actual peak is a ten-minute walk west and up.

## Hong Kong Island – Nightlife and Entertainment

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### **Goldlion Shing Tao Night Club**

address: State Theatre Bldg

### **Galaxy Night Club**

address: Wan Chai Coml Centr

tel: 2836 3833

### **Soho Disco**

address: London Plaza

tel: 2375 5877

### **Queens**

address: World Wise Hse

tel: 2522 7773

**Club Mermaid**

address: Kong Tao Bldg

tel: 2529 2113

**Green Parrot**

\*D:The Barn

address: Ho Lee

tel: 2537 8083

**DAGuilar**

address: DAGuilar St 26

tel: 2877 1610

**H20**

address: Great Eagle Centre

tel: 2827 7638

**Happy Hour**

address: Wah Tao Bldg

tel: 2591 6293

**Maddogs**

address: Asian Hse

tel: 2861 3450

**Gold Star**

address: David Hse

tel: 2527 2077

**City Dancer**

address: Elizabeth Hse

tel: 2572 2162

**Ferry**

address: Times Tower

tel: 2893 5160

**Vintage**

address: Kln Dairy Bldg

tel: 2586 1421

### **The Jungle**

address: Hang Shun Mans

tel: 2529 1828

### **Hardys Folk Club**

tel: 2526 7184

### **Club Cherry**

,address=Lochkarst Lse

tel: 2838 0532

### **Todays World**

address: Elisabeth Hse

### **Wild Cat Night Club**

address: King Tao Bldg

tel: 2527 9606

### **Crazy Horse**

address: Golden Star Bldg

### **Happy Valley**

address: King Tao Bldg

tel: 2528 0831

## **Hong Kong Island – Internet Cafes**

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#### **Pacific Coffee Company**

address: G/F Bank of American Tower

#### **Cyber Café Club**

address: 3rd Floor Luen On House, 6 Wo On Lane

#### **Pacific Coffee Company, entral Waterfront**

address: Shop 1022, Level One, Southern Retail Podium, International Finance Centre, Harbour View Street

#### **Pacific Coffee Company, Citibank Plaza**

address: G/F Dorset House, Taikoo Place Quarry Bay

## Hong Kong Island – Accommodation

Hong Kong Island can most certainly compete with its sister Kowloon when it comes down to accommodation. The city centre is packed with hotels, not in the least to house all the businessmen. This is also one of the reasons why you won't find a lot of cheap hotels. However, there are a lot of options before you have to take refuge in one of Hong Kong Island's most expensive hotels.

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#### **Beverly Hotel**

address: Capital Bldg

tel: 2507 2013

#### **Associated International Hotels**

address: Euro Trade Centre

tel: 2523 6047

#### **The Hotel Excelsior**

address: Gloucester Road 281

tel: 2894 8888

#### **Far East Hotels**

address: Great Eagle Centre

tel: 2744 9110

#### **Emperor Byron**

address: Wang Tak St 1A

tel: 2893 3693

#### **Century Harbour Hotel**

address: Queens Road 506

tel: 2974 1234

#### **Alison Guest House**

address: Hoi Toi Court 3

tel: 2574 8068

#### **Esun Holdings**

address: Connaught Rd

tel: 2541 6778

### **Bishop Lei International**

address: Robinson Road 4

tel: 2868 0828

### **Furama Hotel**

address: Connaughts Street 1

tel: 2525 5111

### **Glory Fedelity**

address: Cleveland St 9–11

tel: (852) 2915 0168

### **Ma Wui Hall**

address: Davis Path, Kennedy Town

tel: (852) 2817 5715

## **Hong Kong Island – Sights**

Hong Kong Island is for many people either the place where they take the ferry to Kowloon or where they have to do some serious business. Although it does not have that many hotspots to visit, there are a few cultural options that you might want to try. The Wong Tai Sin temple, for example, is one of the most impressive Buddhist complexes in Hong Kong. Besides that, there are a couple of quite good museums. Especially the museum of Art and the Flagstaff House are worth a visit. The latter is one of the oldest preserved colonial buildings with an impressive collection of all sorts of tea ware. An absolute must is to visit 'Victoria's Peak'. At the highest point of the island, you'll have a spectacular view of the surroundings. At night, you can see the sparkling lights of Kowloon trying to tempt you to come over to the other side.

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#### **Old Man Mo Temple**

The famous film *The World of Suzie Wong* was partly shot in this temple dedicated to the God of both literature and war.

address: Hollywood Road

#### **Wong Tai Sin Temple**

Taoist Temple in Hong Kong

#### **Ocean Park**

The world's largest aquarium is located nearby Aberdeen. Quite expensive, quite an experience.

#### **Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware**

address: Hong Kong Park, Cotton Tree Drive 10

tel: (852) 2869 0690

**Hong Kong Museum of Art**

address: Salisbury Road 10

tel: (852) 2734 2167

**Museum of Chinese Historical Relics**

**Police Museum**

address: Coombe Road 27

tel: (852) 2849 7019

**Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence**

address: Tung Hei Road 175

tel: (852) 2569 1500

**University Museum and Art Gallery the university of Hong Kong**

address: University of Hong Kong, Bonham Road 94

tel: (852) 2975 5600

**Fringe Club**

The Fringe Club is housed in a brick and stucco colonial-style low-rise structure built in 1913

address: Queen' Road

**Former French Mission Building**

Located in the heart of Central district, this red-brick French Mission Building, which is over 150 years old, has green shutters, black wrought-iron details and a chapel added by French Catholic missionaries who gave the building its name.

address: Garden Road

**Statue Square**

Near the garden of Statue Square in Central district is the Cenotaph and a statue of a Sir Thomas Jackson.

address: Statue Square

**Aberdeen Country Park**

Built around reservoirs on Hong Kong Island, this park's splendid trails provide leisurely and attractive walks. The Park is readily accessible from many directions because of its closeness to urban areas.

**Hong Kong Park**

An oasis of green amid the urban landscape. More than 150 species of birds live in this carefully designed tropical "rainforest". The park is a 2 minute walk from the MTR Admiralty Station (via Pacific Place).

**Hong Kong Zoological & Botanical Garden**

Laid out in 1864 to the design of a nature-loving governor. They are open every day and are a popular place to join in the early morning tai chi exercises.

### **Aw Boon Gardens**

A feast for the eye, this overload of pagodas, caves and statues. Oldest colonial-style building where you can visit an exhibition of all sorts of tea ware.

### **Victoria Peak**

Go here when you want to experience some fabulous views of both the city and of some special birds and trees.

address: Nearby Lugard Road

## **Hong Kong Island – Eating Out**

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#### **Caledonia**

Hong Kong's only authentic Scottish restaurant and bar, Caledonia is home to Asia's largest selection of single malt whisky. From its amazing 'Wall of Whisky' in The Whisky Bar, through its Scottish and house ales in the relaxing Lounge Bar, to its fine a la carte seafood restaurant, The Argyll Room, Caledonia is a taste of traditional Scotland in the heart of the Central business district. Honouring the Scots who have contributed so much to Scotland, and who were behind many of the big name companies that have shaped the face of Hong Kong, Caledonia presents an interesting insight into the history of the territory.

address: G/f Hutchison House, 10 Harcourt Road, Central

openinghours: daily from mid morning until 2am

tel: 852 2524 1314

zipcode: [www.thecaley.com](http://www.thecaley.com)

#### **Hai Kung Lai**

address: Kin Shin Lane 6

tel: 2744 5810

#### **Shanghai Restaurant**

address: Chung On St 93

tel: 2498 7673

#### **Café 128**

address: Victory Mans

tel: 2712 6028

#### **Tables 88**

address: Tanley Village 88

tel: 2813 6262

**Vegetarian Club**

address: Lock Road 9

tel: 2366 8171

**Sun Wah Nam**

address: Shanghai St 653

tel: 3294 1765

**Fook Lam Noon**

address: Johnston Rd 35

tel: 2866 8171

**Hai Mon Loi Wai Siu**

address: Bonham Road 49

tel: 2549 7370

**Tai Cheong**

address: Tai Hong St 35

tel: 2886 1803

**Baci**

There are 5 Baci's in Hong Kong. With an opening chef Mario Carlino, from Southern Italy by way of New York, Baci has quickly become home to Hong Kong's most innovative Italian kitchen. This innovation is maintained by chef Aldo Volpi, also from Sicily

address: 2/F No.1 Lan Kwai Fong

**Cammino**

Cammino does great pizza's. It's closed between 2:30 and 6:00 pm.

address: Address 1/F, The Excelsior Hotel 281 Gloucester Road

**Grappa's Ristorante**

Happy hour in the weekend between 17:00 and 19:00.

address: Shop 132, Level 1, Pacific Place 88 Queensway

tel: 2868 0086

**Clipper Lounge**

For a great High Tea, head for the Clipper Lounge in the Mandarin Oriental, between 3pm and 6pm.

address: Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong 5 Connaught Road Central

tel: 2522 0111 ext.4822

### **Island Shangri-La**

High Tea is served daily from 3pm to 5:30pm

address: Address Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road

tel: 2877 3838

## **Hong Kong Island – Shopping**

You can shop till you drop. But where to start? Here are a few hints.

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#### **Stanley Market**

Stanley Market is the perfect place to pick up a present for the people back home. The market closes at 18:00 hours.

#### **Cityplaza Shopping Centre**

On 111 King's Road, this is a big shopping centre.

#### **Island Beverley**

On Great George Street in Causeway Bay this is a big place.

#### **Pacific Place**

Pacific Place, one of Hong Kong's most popular malls, is the ideal place to go in this area. You'll find perfect gift ideas within its 130-plus outlets, including Marks & Spencer, Lane Crawford, Seibu and top designer labels. Pacific Place is connected to the Admiralty MTR Station.

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# Kowloon

Kowloon is one of the four parts that makes the Hong Kong territory these days. The tip of the peninsula, which faces Hong Kong island, is probably the best known part of Kowloon. It is one big melting pot of streets crawled with shops and tourists, covered up under a spell of neon at night. In this sense, the 'nine dragons' (the literal translation of 'Kowloon') beat the touristy tiger of the neighbouring Hong Kong island!

Although it might appear as if money is the only ruling factor here, the current 'Hong Kong Cultural Centre' tries to prove the opposite. Most museums are located in this centre and it offers a good alternative when you have had it with the jade shops, bird markets and fortune-tellerstands in the shopping areas of 'Tsim Sha Tsui' and 'Nathan Road'.

Tsim Sha Tsui, at the tip of the Kowloon Peninsula, is the territory's tourist ghetto. It consists of one sq km of shops, restaurants, pubs, topless bars and camera stores. However, Kowloon is also home to the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, the Space Museum, the famous Peninsula Hotel and the Museum of History.

The Promenade, in East Tsim Sha Tsui, is a great place for a stroll, and has wonderful views of Victoria Harbour, particularly at night. The liveliest night market in the territory is on Temple St in Yau Ma Tei.

## Kowloon – Shopping

Kowloon sure knows how to swallow your money. The place is a shopping and night-life paradise and many people come over to spend money –or simply watch others spending it. Besides several jade, bird and night markets (check out the one on Shanghai street), there are two main shopping areas, 'Tsim Sha Tsui East' and 'Nathan Road'. Nathan Road or 'the Golden Mile', is a mixture of shops and guesthouses covered up under the spell of neon when the sun sets. Adjacent to Nathan Road is 'Yau Ma Tei' where you will find innumerable jade and ivory shops selling mahjong sets. Chungking Mansions (most of its residents being from India, Pakistan and Africa) is also a nice area to stroll around. It features a labyrinth of guesthouses, food stalls and sari stores. Mong Kok is a densely populated and crowded area which is better known as 'a sanctuary for triad gangs, illegal gambling dens, and assorted sleaze'. However, it also has some interesting shops that sell rare and strange items.

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### **Harbour City**

Harbour City is the area's largest and most famous mall. Its large shopping and entertainment complex, which includes Ocean Terminal.

### **Ocean Terminal**

Ocean Terminal is a popular shopping centre with an open rooftop with a good view of the harbour.

### **Yuen Po Street Bird Garden**

The market provides bird-owners with all manner of creature comforts, from intricately crafted cages to nutritious grasshoppers.

## Flower Market

The colourful flower market in Mong Kok is great for its scents and colours.

## Kowloon – Accommodation

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### Royal Plaza Hotel

Royal Plaza Hotel is the newest 5–star hotel in central Kowloon. The hotel is strategically located next to the Kowloon Canton Railway (KCR) Mongkok Station and 5 minutes away from the MTR Station. This luxurious 19–storey hotel offers spacious accommodation and comprehensive recreational facilities including swimming pool, gymnasium, sauna and steam facilities, jacuzzi, massage services

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### Great Eagle Hotel

Great Eagle Hotel is situated in the heart of Kowloon's most popular area, Tsimshatsui. There is a vast array of shopping and entertainment adjacent to the hotel. The hotel is one of the nearest to the Hong Kong International Airport as being only a few minutes to the Star Ferry and Mass Transit Railway

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### Caritas Bianchi Lodge

Caritas Bianchi Lodge is one of the Service Units of Caritas Community & Hospitality Services which is managed by Caritas–Hong Kong, the Official Social Welfare Bureau of the Roman Catholic Church in Hong Kong. Caritas Bianchi Lodge was opened in April, 1980

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### Anne Black Guest House (YWCA)

The Anne Black Guest House offers comfortable, clean and safe accommodation with friendly and efficient service at a reasonable rate to travellers. The guest house, housing 169 rooms, on Man Fuk Road in downtown Kowloon, is conveniently close located to shopping areas and Tsimshatsui. (More hotel pictures and information at the bottom of this page.)

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## Guangdong Tours Hotel

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## Newton Hotel Kowloon

Surrounded by greenery yet situated in the vicinity of both the Nathan Road business district and the popular Mongkok shopping area, the Newton Kowloon offers easy access to Hong Kong International Airport and Prince Edward MTR subway station, which is the junction for lines to Central, Kwun Tong and Tsuen Wan.

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## Guangdong Hotel

Located in the heart of Tsimshatsui, Guangdong Hotel is a gateway to the most spectacular shopping, entertainment and business activities. The proximity to Mass Transit Railway brings you the convenience of access to both business and tourist sites of the city. Guangdong Hotel has 245 rooms. The suites are designed with comfort and elegance in mind

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## Ramada Hotel Kowloon

A Ramada International Hotel, located at a tree-lined boulevard, in the very heart of Kowloon's bustling business district, with its colourful night life and fabulous shopping. The Mass Transit Railway station with connections to major industrial and commercial districts and the Kowloon Railway Station with direct train to China are only minutes away

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## Nathan Hotel

Nathan Hotel's superb location is attributable to its sound traffic network. MTR Jordan Station is easily accessible. Airport Express Station, China Hong Kong City and Kowloon Railway Station are in close proximity too. Our hotel offers 185 exquisitely decorated guestrooms, ranging from Standard Room, Superior Twin Room, Triple Room and Suite

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### **Pearl Seaview Hotel**

Pearl Seaview Hotel is ideally located at Yaumatei district Kowloon, next to the Temple Street Bazaar and night market. The hotel is convenient to the MTR (subway) of Yaumatei. The hotel has 257 well decorated guest rooms and suites, one lounge on the hotel's top floor and one Coffee Shop at the basement providing international cuisine

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### **Pearl Garden Hotel**

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### **Stanford Hotel Hong Kong**

Stanford Hotel Hong Kong is located in Kowloon, one of the most colourful and vibrant areas. The hotel offers 194 tastefully appointed rooms in cheerful colour schemes. Bright rooms with a large window that runs down from ceiling to floor. All rooms feature ensuite bathroom/shower, minibar, refrigerator, alarm clock, hairdryer, coffee and tea making facilities, colour TV, in-house movie and satellite TV channels, IDD phone and central air-conditioning. The hotel offers one western and one Chinese restaurant and a cosy bar and lounge

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### **Stanford Hillview Hotel Hong Kong**

Stanford Hillview Hotel Hong Kong is located in a quiet niche of the ever-bustling Tsimshatsui. The hotel offers 163 elegantly furnished rooms and suites. All rooms feature ensuite bathroom and shower, mini-bar, refrigerator, hairdryer, coffee and tea making facilities, colour TV, cable TV and in-house movie channels, IDD phone and central air-conditioning

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### **Windsor Hotel**

Windsor Hotel is located in downtown Kowloon peninsula and in the heart of the premier shopping and entertainment district. The hotel is within walking distance to major tourist attractions, museums and the star ferry. Convenient transportation facilities are nearby. The hotel is situated only 5 minutes from the MTR subway station and 5 minutes drive to the railway station, which is the passage to China

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### **The Kowloon Hotel**

The Kowloon Hotel, The Peninsula Group's four star business class property, located in Tsimshatsui's most popular shopping, entertainment and business district. All 736 guest rooms are modernly designed complimentary internet e-mail access, fax machine and computer set up which provide wide range of information for businessmen and tourists

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### **Holiday Inn Golden Mile**

The Holiday Inn Golden Mile is strategically located in the heart of Kowloon's shopping and business district. The MTR underground railway is adjacent to the hotel and the famous Star Ferry pier is a mere 5 minutes walk away. 600 guest rooms feature two double beds or a king size bed, voicemail, personal safe and more

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### **The Hongkong Hotel**

Situated by the waterfront, the Hongkong Hotel overlooks Victoria harbour on the doorstep of Star Ferry. Located in the heart of the commercial, shopping and entertainment district of Hong Kong. The hotel is only 15 minutes away from Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre and offers convenient access to the Hong Kong International Airport at Chek Lap Kok via the Airport Express

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### **The Marco Polo Hong Kong**

Situated in one of Hong Kong's largest shopping, entertainment and commercial complexes – Harbour City, in the Tsimshatsui district of Kowloon peninsula. A mere stroll away from the Mass Transit Railway (MTR) station, Star Ferry and bus terminal. Convenient access to the Hong Kong International Airport at Chek Lap Kok via the Airport Express

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### **The Prince Hong Kong**

Situated in Harbour City, one of the largest shopping and commercial complexes in downtown Tsimshatsui. Just steps away from Star Ferry and the Mass Transit Railway (MTR) station. Conveniently access to the

Hong Kong International Airport at Chek Lap Kok via the Airport Express.

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### **Grand Tower Hotel Hong Kong**

Well sited on the premier location of Nathan Road, with all means of transportation including the underground railway (MTR) at the doorstep. Prompt access to the airport and commercial area in Tsimshatsui while convenient shopping is just within the same complex and around the corner

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### **Hotel Miramar Hong Kong**

Hotel Miramar is centrally located in the heart of Hong Kong's tourist and shopping centre, Tsimshatsui. The hotel is just a step away from the Star Ferry and the underground Mass Transit Railway Station allowing you access to most parts of the territory easily

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### **Pruton Prudential Hotel**

Opened in 1991, the 434–room Pruton Prudential Hotel is conveniently located right above the Jordan MTR Station, comprising two superb food and beverages outlets with a spectacular view overlooking the glittering Nathan Road and a 6–storey shopping arcade of over 100 shops for leisure travellers. The 17–storey hotel also hosts the genuine executive floors in the neighbourhood for business travellers alike

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### **The Royal Pacific Hotel & Towers**

Poised loftily in the heart of Tsimshatui, Hong Kong's most vibrant shopping, business and entertainment district, The Royal Pacific Hotel & Towers comprises 673 tastefully decorated guestrooms and unrivalled suites, affording breathtaking views of Victoria harbour and Kowloon park. With its central location atop China Hong Hong City complex, the hotel is in close proximity to the MTR station and legendary Star Ferry with the China Macau ferry terminal only an elevator ride–away

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### **New World Renaissance Hotel**

New World Renaissance Hotel is superbly located right in the heart of Tsimshatsui's shopping, dining and entertainment heartland, with easy access to trains, buses, ferries and MTR, also cross-harbour tunnel

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### **New Astor Hotel**

The New Astor Hotel is ideally located in the premier and bustling heart of Tsimshatsui – the vibrant entertainment, shopping and commercial district. The hotel provides you the most convenient and prompt access to the major points of interest. The MTR (underground railway) is just at the doorsteps. It only takes you 10 minutes from the Kowloon station (Airport Express Line) and the KCR station (railway to mainland China).

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### **The Imperial Hotel**

The Imperial Hotel is perfectly located amidst the bustle of the tourist area of Tsimshatsui, surrounded by many tourist attractions, shopping arcades, fine restaurants & other fabulous night entertainments. We are only a minute's walk to the Tsimshatsui MTR station, linking us with the most parts of the Kowloon peninsula and Hong Kong Island

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### **YMCA International House**

The YMCA International House provides totally 400 luxurious and comfortable guest rooms out of which 29 are suites. Other facilities include Crystal room, Nine Dragon restaurant, Balcony lounge, indoor swimming pool, sauna, tennis court, squash courts, indoor gymnasium, travel & agent ticketing counter and chapel. The YMCA International House is a good choice because of its ideal location accessible to shopping arcades and commercial centres

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### **The Salisbury – YMCA of Hong Kong**

The Salisbury is located in the centre of the business and shopping district alongside the Victoria Harbour front. You have easy access to all destinations including the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre by MTR (subway) or ferry

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### **Dragon Hostel Hong Kong**

Dragon Hostel provides hostel accommodation in Hong Kong. The hostel is located at Mongkok – the well-known area of shopping, entertainment and dining.

Dragon Hostel is a government licensed tourist hostel. All rooms are furnished, clean and comfortable. They also provide China and Vietnam visa services.

email: 707@dragonhostel.com  
address: Room 707, 7/Floor, Sincere House, 83 Argyle St., MongKok, Kowloon. Hong Kong  
CostOfDoubleForANight: US\$33.00  
tel: 852-9347-4767  
costofdoubleforanight: US\$33.00  
url: [www.dragonhostel.com](http://www.dragonhostel.com)

## **Kowloon – Internet Cafes**

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### **Cyber-X Multimedia Fun Pub Cafe**

.tel=852-23672399

address: Empres Plaza, Chatham 17-19

## **Kowloon – Sights**

Maybe you get the impression Kowloon has nothing but shops. There are indeed a lot of them but there are also a few others places that are worth a visit. Kowloon has several markets and a hand full of museums and temples, such as the colorful Wong Tai Sin Temple. A nice place to take a rest is the 'Kowloon Park'. You will find Chinese gardens, sculptures, waterfalls and rare trees. It also houses the 'Hong Kong Museum of History' and the 'Kowloon Mosque'. This place used to house the Qing fortress, the only area in Hong Kong not ruled by the British.

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### **Man Mo Temple**

Hong Kong Island's oldest and most important temple was built in the 1840s and is named after its two principal deities: Man, the god of literature, who is dressed in red and holds a calligraphy brush; and Mo, the god of war, wearing a green robe and holding a sword. Ironically, Mo finds patronage from both the police force (shrines in his honor can be found in all Hong Kong police stations) and triad secret societies. Two ornately carved sedan chairs in the temple were once used during festivals to carry the statues of the gods

around the neighborhood. But what makes the temple particularly memorable are the giant incense coils hanging from the ceiling, imparting a fragrant, smoky haze. They are purchased by patrons seeking fulfillment of their wishes, such as good health or a successful business deal, and burn as long as 3 weeks

openinghours: Daily 8am–6pm

### **Wong Tai Sin**

Wong Tai Sin takes its name, in fact, from a legendary shepherd who learned the art of healing. In short, a visit to this temple, surrounded by vast, government housing estates, provides insight into Chinese religious practices and is well worth a stop despite its out-of-the-way location. Wong Tai Sin is Hong Kong's most popular Taoist temple, visited by more than 3 million worshippers. Although the temple itself dates only from 1973, it adheres to traditional Chinese architectural principles with its red pillars, two-tiered golden roof, blue friezes, yellow latticework, and multicolored carvings. What makes the temple so popular, however, is that everyone who comes here is seeking information about their fortune—from advice about business or horse racing to determining which day is most auspicious for a wedding. Most worshippers make use of a bamboo container holding numbered sticks. After lighting a joss stick and kneeling before the main altar, the worshiper gently shakes the container until one of the sticks falls out. The number corresponds to a certain fortune, which is then interpreted by a soothsayer at the temple. You can wander around the temple grounds, on which can be found halls dedicated to the Buddhist Goddess of Mercy and Confucius; the Nine Dragon Garden, a Chinese garden with a pond, waterfall, and a replica of the famous Nine Dragons mural (the original is in Beijing's Imperial Palace); the Good Wish Garden, a replica of the Yi He Garden in Beijing with circular, square, octagonal, and fan-shaped pavilions, ponds, an artificial waterfall, and rocks and concrete fashioned to resemble animals; and a clinic with both Western medical services and traditional Chinese herbal treatments.

address: Wong Tai Sin Estate

openinghours: daily 7am–5:30pm

### **Hong Kong Museum of History**

More than 500 exhibits cover four floors, with sections devoted to the life sciences; light, sound and motion; virtual reality; meteorology and geography; electricity and magnetism; computer and robotics; construction; and transportation and communication. Visitors can play with different optical illusions, enter a rotating room to learn physics in a noninertial frame, "freeze" their shadow on a wall, and pick up remote voices with a large parabolic disc. There are exhibits designed to test a visitor's fitness, such as lung capacity, endurance, and blood pressure.

address: Kowloon Park, Haiphong Road, Tsim Sha Tsui

### **Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum**

address: Tonkin St 41, Sham Shui Po

### **Navigator Nissi Culture Centre**

address: Manning Theatre Bldg, Tsz Wan Shan

tel: 2.3286427

### **Hong Kong Science Museum**

address: Science Museum Road 2, Tsim Sha Tsui East

### **Hong Kong Museum of Art**

If you visit only one museum in Hong Kong, this should be it. Located on the Tsim Sha Tsui waterfront between the Cultural Centre and Space Museum and just a 2–minute walk from the Star Ferry terminus, this museum has a vast collection of Chinese antiquities and fine art, including ceramics, bronzes, jade, cloisonné, lacquerware, bamboo carvings, women's costumes (look for the first–sized shoes for bound feet), and textiles, as well as paintings, wall hangings, scrolls, and calligraphy dating from the 16th century to the present. The works are arranged in five permanent galleries on three floors of exhibit space, plus two galleries devoted to changing exhibits. The Historical Pictures Gallery is especially insightful, with 1,000 works in oils, watercolors, pencil drawings, and prints that provide a visual account of life in Hong Kong, Macau, and Guangzhou (Canton) in the late 18th and 19th centuries. Another gallery displays contemporary Hong Kong works by local artists. A bonus is the beautiful backdrop of Victoria Harbour.

address: Hong Kong Cultural Centre Complex, Salisbury Road 10, Tsim Sha Tsui

### **Hong Kong Space Museum**

The Space Museum is easy to spot with its white–domed planetarium. It's divided into two parts: the Exhibition Halls with its Hall of Space Science and the Hall of Astronomy; and the Space Theatre. The Hall of Space Science explores the human journey to space, with exhibits on ancient astronomical history, science fiction, early rockets, manned spaceflights, and future space programs. There are also several interactive rides and exhibits, including a ride on a virtual paraglider, a harness that holds occupants aloft with the same approximate gravity they'd experience walking on the moon, and a multi–axis chair developed for astronaut training that gives the sensation of tumbling through space. The Hall of Astronomy presents information on the solar system, solar science, the stars, and the universe.

address: Hong Kong Cultural Centre Complex, Salisbury Road 10, Tsim Sha Tsui

### **Kowloon Park**

With a games hall, swimming pool and an open–air Sculpture Walk, Kowloon Park is a tranquil oasis one of the busiest shopping and dining areas.

Tsim Sha Tsui MTR Station, A1 Exit

### **Kam Shan Country Park, Kowloon**

Kam Shan is situated to the north of Kowloon. From the slopes of Golden Hill and along the western ridge of the park, visitors can enjoy magnificent views of Tai Mo Shan, Needle Hill, Lion Rock and Beacon Hill.

How to get there: 1. KMB bus No.72 from Tai Kok Tsui MTR to Tai Wo, passes by the park ; 2. KMB bus No.81 from Jordon Road Bus Terminus to Wo Che, passes by the park

### **Kowloon Walled City Park**

This park seeks to preserve the heritage of Kowloon's fabled Walled City. Among its attractions are a courtyard, the Old South Gate of the Walled City, sculptures, pavilions, flowers and tree–lined pathways.

Take bus no. 1 or 1A from Tsim Sha Tsui Star Ferry. Or Take minibus no. 39M from Lok Fu MTR Station.  
**Clock Tower**

The Clock Tower was part of the former Kowloon–Canton Railway Terminus. It was built in 1915.

address: Waterfront Promenade

### **British School**

The former Kowloon British School was completed in 1902. It is the oldest surviving school building constructed for foreign residents in Hong Kong. The architecture is typical of many English schools of the Victorian era. The building is now used as the Exhibition Gallery of the Antiquities and Monuments Office.

### **Observatory**

Built in 1883, the Observatory stands on a small hill in Tsim Sha Tsui. It was declared a monument in 1984 and continues to monitor Hong Kong's weather. (Group visits by arrangement only).

### **Yau Ma Tei Yau Ma Tei & Mong Kok**

Just north of Tsim Sha Tsui is lively Yau Ma Tei, which means "place of sesame plants" in Chinese and reflects the area's rural heritage. A few blocks north, Mong Kok has long held the distinction of being one of the world's most densely populated urban areas. Although parts of the district have been modernised, it remains a cheerfully crowded community and a hive of shopping activity. Lively open-air Temple Street Night Market is the most popular haunt for bargains. Though it opens at 2:00pm, the market really comes to life at dusk. Its stallholders specialise in inexpensive men's clothing, novelty items, luggage, watches and much more. Fortune-tellers and palm readers, and sometimes Chinese opera singers, make the market a fascinating street theatre. The centre of the market makes way for the Tin Hau Temple, the communal heart of Yau Ma Tei. The public square in front is the preferred gathering place for chess players. *cvc*:

## **Kowloon – Getting Around**

There is no tram like on Hong Kong Island to get you around town. Kowloon's town centre, however, can be explored easily by foot. The train station, where the trains for China and the New Territories depart, is located at Canton Road. West of this train station is the Cross-Harbour Tunnel that links Kowloon to Hong Kong island. Nearby is also the Hung Hom Ferry Pier, which offers services to Central, Wan Chai, and North Point.

## **Kowloon – Nightlife and Entertainment**

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### **Harbour Plaza Hong Kong**

Harbour Plaza Hong Kong is located along Kowloon Whampoa waterfront with 416 spacious guestrooms, 101 serviced suites, 2 Harbour Club Floors and 8 distinct restaurants. Other facilities include a fully equipped fitness centre and extensive function rooms

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**Pak Yong Woong**

address: Tsim Sha Tsui  
tel: 2.7143973

**Ned Kelly's Last Stand**

address: Ashley Road 11, Tsim Sha Tsui East  
tel: 2.3760562

**Walk in Bar & Cafe**

address: Hillwood Road 34, Tsim Sha Tsui East  
tel: 2.3140297

**Chasers**

.address=Knutsford Terrace 1–3, Tsim Sha Tsui

tel: 2.3679487

**Hippo Bar**

address: Shun Fai Bldg, Tsim Sha Tsui  
tel: 2.3140933

**Mercury Pub**

address: Wing Lee Bldg, Tsim Sha Tsui  
tel: 2.72322814

**Tam Ying Hei**

address: Dolfords Mans 3, Tsim Sha Tsui  
tel: 2.72243715

**Tequila Inn**

address: King Fuk St 75, San Po Kong  
tel: 2.3214223

**Rick's Cafe**

address: Enterprise Centre, Tsim Sha Tsui  
tel: 2.3672939

**The Joustler Ltd**

address: Kency Tower, Tsim Sha Tsui

tel: 2.3680683

**De HK**

address: Tsim Sha Tsui Centre, Tsim Sha Tsui East

tel: 2 721 7788

**Alice Nightclub**

address: Tak Cheung Bldg, Mong Kok

tel: 2 392 1182

**Bauhina Night Club**

address: Far East Bank Mongkok Bldg, Mong Kok

tel: 2 390 9577

**Jukebox Disco**

address: Howard Bldg, Tsim Sha Tsui

tel: 2 368 5262

**Happy Angel Night Club**

address: Pollock Bldg, Yau Ma Tei

tel: 2 376 2296

**Jazz Night Club**

address: Dundas St 37, Mong Kok

tel: 2 771 6768

**New Paris Night Club**

address: Hilton Tower, Tsim Sha Tsui East

tel: 2 368 0628

**China City Night Club Ltd**

address: Peninsula Centre, Tsim Sha Tsui East

tel: 2 723 0388

**Lai Sing**

address: Sang Fat Mans, Mong Kok

tel: 2.3940053

**Asakusa Studio**

address: Tung Fat Hse, Mong Kok

tel: 2.7871783

**Austin**

address: Nathan Rd 473, Yau Ma Tei

tel: 2.7802090

**Better Fort Ltd**

\*D:Big Echo Club Karaoke Box

address: Energy Plaza, Tsim Sha Tsui East

tel: 2.7322000

**California Red Karaoke Box**

\*D:Keung Yuen Leung Ricky

address: Pollock Bldg, Yau Ma Tei

tel: 2.3149101

**Lee Sai Man**

address: Kent Bldg, Yau Ma Tei

tel: 2.3857292

**Chau Tat Hung**

.address=Rammon Hse, Mong Kok

tel: 2.7892070

**Jangle King**

address: Silvercord Shopping Centre, Tsim Sha Tsui

tel: 2.3752828

## **Kowloon – Eating Out**

Kowloon has everything to offer when it comes down to food. Traditional local dishes, international cuisines and fastfood....for both the million and the millionaire (and you can see many of them).

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#### **Fa Hoi Noodle**

address: Tit Shu St 64, Tai Kok Tsini

tel: 2.3951076

**Pak Bo Vegetarian Restaurant**

tel: 2.3802681

**Ah Yee Leng Tong Restaurants Ltd.**

tel: 2.3176082

**Sai Sha Cafe Ltd**

address: Nai Chung 10

tel: 2.4618029

**Chau's Restaurant**

Tel=2.7227880

address: Humphreys Avenue 12–16, Tsim Sha Tsui

**Chui Chow Restaurant**

address: Granville Road 98, Tsim Sha Tsui East

tel: 2.7236226

**Banana Leaf Curry House**

address: Nathan Road 601, Mong Kok

tel: 2.3322525

**Daewongak**

address: Lai Chi Kok Road 22, Mong Kok

tel: 2.3976683

**Dai Pai Dong**

address: Tat Chee Avenue 80, Kowloon Tong

tel: 2.2658022

**Fook Lam Moon Restaurant**

address: Kimberley Road 53–59, Tsim Sha Tsui

tel: 2.3660286

**Fishing Point Seafood Restaurants**

address: Mody Road 67, Tsim Sha Tsui East

tel: 2.3696133

**Spring Moon**

Traditional Chinese Tea house and shop. Opening Hours Mon – Sat : 11:30am – 10:30pm Sun & PH : 11am – 10:30pm

address: 1/F, The Peninsula Hong Kong Salisbury Road

tel: 2315 3160

**The Peninsula**

For a great High Tea, head for the Peninsula on Salisbury Road. Opening Hours : (Verandah) Daily : 7am – 10:30pm (Lobby Lounge) 7am – 1am High Tea Hour : (Verandah) Fri – Sun & PH : 3pm – 5pm (Lobby Lounge ) Daily : 2pm – 7pm

address: Salisbury Road

tel: 2920 2888

**Hsien Chi Yen**

Hsien Chi Yen in Mong Kok, specializes in Taiwan style tea ceremonies. Stays open until midnight!

address: 61A Shan Tung Street

tel: 2782 1438

**Dai Pai Dong**

For a tea house and bistro that keeps pouring drinks until after midnight, Dai Pai Dong on Canton Road is your best bet.

address: G/F, Hanley House 70 Canton Road

tel: 2317 7728

**Amaroni's Little Italy**

Amaroni's is one of the best Italian places in town. Open until midnight.

address: LG 132 Festival Walk

tel: 2265 8818

**Sabatini Ristorante Italiano**

Sabatini on Mody Road does good pasta dishes.

address: 3/F, The Royal Garden 69 Mody Road

tel: 2733 2000

**Valentino Ristorante Italiano**

One of the better Italian restaurants.

address: G/F, Ocean View Court 27A Chatham Road South

tel: 2721 6449

**Pit Shop**

If you are into fast cars & feeling hungry, make a Pit stop in the Pit Shop. It's open until after midnight.

address: G/F, One Harbourfront 20 Tak Fung Street

tel: 2996 8455

**Rainforest Cafe**

Save the rainforest while eating in this cafe on Tat Chee Avenue!

address: LG2-30, Festival Walk 80 Tat Chee Avenue

tel: 2777 3222

**Planet Hollywood**

Yes there is a Planet Hollywood in HK. So if you miss Arnold Schwarzenegger, head for Canton Road. Open until 2 am.

address: 3 Canton Road

tel: 2377 7888

**Cafe Aladdin**

Aladdin and his magic lamp are the key figures here. Closes at 10 pm (but most children go to bed earlier anyway).

address: Basement 2, Treasure World, Site 11 Whampoa Garden

tel: 2363 8368

**Hello Kitty**

Who is Kitty? If you don't know your kids might. There is also a Hello Kitty on Telford Plaza. Both of them close at 10 pm.

address: Shop 553, Level 5 Grand Century Plaza

tel: 2396 6569

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# Lantau

Lantau Island is twice as big as Hong Kong Island but far less densely populated. The government decided that it was time to enliven Lantau and made plans for a major airport that was finished in 1998. These days, it is very easily accessible by both ferry (nice trip!) and plane. The airport was only the beginning of the island's metamorphosis. The old monastery and the enormous Buddha (the largest outdoor Buddha in the world) amidst tea plantations have to compete with modern inventions, such as Waterworld, Science City and the theme park dedicated to Chinese customs. When everything goes according plan, Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck (and many of their relatives) will come to live on Lantau in 2005.

## Lantau – Sights

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### Po Lin Monastery & The Big Buddha

One of Hong Kong's major Buddhist centres, Po Lin Monastery is Lantau's most popular tourist attraction. Set amid spectacular mountain scenery, the monastery shares Ngong Ping Plateau with the famous Big Buddha, the world's largest, seated, outdoor, bronze Buddha statue. Visitors can walk up the 268 steps to visit the 26-metre-high, 202-tonne wonder. More ambitious hikers can climb nearby Lantau Peak. At 934 metres, it is Hong Kong's second highest peak *bhj ghy bhi*: very good

#### Tung Chung

The last of the Sung Dynasty emperors and their 'travelling palace' stayed for a while in the valley behind this ancient fishing village, which is a pleasant 90-minute downhill walk from Po Lin Monastery. Be sure to visit Hau Wong Temple, a lovely tiered-roof structure from the 18th Century, as well as the harbourside Qing Dynasty fort. This cannon-decked early 19th Century battery was built to repel pirates and invaders.

#### Tai O Fishing Village

One hour by bus from Mui Wo, brings you to the fishing village of Tai O. Many of the Tank who live here, have built their homes built on stilts above the tidal waters. Their enchanting world is an amateur photographer's delight.

## Lantau – Getting Around

The simplest way for a traveler to get around Lantau and see the sights is to take a guided tour. They are very informative and usually relatively inexpensive. The ferry service to [Hong Kong Island](#) is very fast and is fairly regular.

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# New Territories

The mainland north of Kowloon, including some small islands, is known as the New Territories.

Although a third of Hong Kong's population lives in new towns constructed in the New Territories, the area has some scenic escapes, including the Sai Kung Peninsula, in the east, which is an unspoilt playground for hikers, campers, swimmers and boaters. Bird-watchers head to the Mai Po Marsh; cyclists and walkers head to Plover Cove Reservoir; hiking enthusiasts set out on the 100km-long MacLehose Trail which spans the New Territories from Tuen Mun in the west to Pak Tam Chung in the east.

The Kam Tim walled villages are quite touristy but at the same time offer a good insight into how life used to be in the 16th century. The China viewpoint is not far from these villages. However, less people make the effort to climb to the top to catch a glimpse of China, since it became more easily accessible recently. It would be a shame to rush through the NT in order to arrive in China as quickly as possible. Not in the least because the NT area offers some excellent hiking possibilities.

## New Territories – Sights

**all**

### **Ten Thousand Buddhas Monastery**

The Ten Thousand Buddhas Monastery is a major attraction here. More than 400 steps lead up the hillside to the temple, so strong legs and lungs are essential. Over 10,000 Buddha statues are stacked on shelves filling the walls of the main temple. Actually, there are now close to 13,000 images, all of a similar height but rendered in slightly different poses

### **Tsang Tai Uk**

Tsang Tai Uk is an outstanding example of a fortified village. Built in the 1840s, it is a large, rectangular grey-brick compound originally designed as the home for a rich quarry-master's clan.

### **Racing Track**

The main draw in the area is undoubtedly Sha Tin Racecourse. One of the world's finest racetracks, with huge computer-controlled display panels for its totalisator system, this stadium can seat 85,000 spectators.

### **Che Kung Temple**

Renovated in late 1993, Che Kung Temple is another major attraction. The ancient Taoist temple is dedicated to a deified general credited with saving the area from a plague.

## New Territories – Things to do

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### **MacLehose Trail**

Serious hikers can trek at least part of this 100-kilometre trail, which soars through the highlands of the New Territories from the Sai Kung peninsula to the Tai Lam mountain range. The trail is divided into 10 stages and takes about 35 hours to complete. It is named after former governor, Sir Murray MacLehose.

**Lion Rock Country Park**

This park covers more than 500 hectares, of which about two-thirds are covered by forest. Highlights include Lion Rock, Mong Fu Shek (Amah Rock) and the surrounding scenic hillsides. The park is a favourite destination for picnickers, hikers and lovers of the great outdoors.

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# Outlying Islands

There are 235 outlying islands, many of them little more than uninhabited rocks. However, Cheung Chau (Long Island) (2.5 sq km) has 22,000 residents and is fast developing into a mini Honolulu, although there is no big motorised traffic. People usually get around by walking or with bikes.

Lantau, the largest of the islands (142 sq km/55 sq mi) has a population of 45,000, a 933m (3060ft) peak, and a 70km (43mi) walking trail, but has avoided many of the development excesses of other islands. It is home to several important monasteries, including Po Lin Monastery with its enormous bronze Buddha. Thanks to the newish airport development, Lantau is now connected by bridge to the mainland.

One of the smaller islands is Peng Chau which has a really old style feel to it and is so removed from the rest of the high speed Hong Kong lifestyle. Its authentic fishing village, pleasant walks and views from Finger Hill are amongst the attractions in this chilled out day trip.

Other islands worth visiting include Lamma, Peng Chau, Poi Toi and the uninhabited Tung Lung Chau.

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