

# CONCIERGE NEWSLETTER



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## HONG KONG ISLAND

### VICTORIA PEAK

Riding the Peak Tram is a visual experience in its own right and has been in operation since 1888. Located at the Lower Terminus, a historical gallery tells the story of its heritage and the history of Hong Kong, including 130 years of change. Today, The Peak is the highest point on Hong Kong Island where you can appreciate the views of Victoria Harbour and the city's famous skyline.

### LI YUEN STREET - EAST AND WEST

In a city of contrasts, the colour and vibrancy are best represented on Li Yuen Street East and Li Yuen Street West. Otherwise known as 'the Lanes of Central', this area is jam-packed with shops selling clothing and accessories.

From ready-to-wear to tailored garments, leather goods to silk, the world of the ancient bazaar is in the midst of downtown Central.

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### POTTINGER STREET

The Chinese name of Pottinger Street translates as ‘Stone Slab Street’ - and it’s easy to see why.

The original section was built on a steep slope, and is composed of granite steps. The English name derives from Hong Kong’s first governor, Sir Henry Pottinger. The street is a popular place to find souvenirs, accessories, and fancy-dress costumes.

### HOLLYWOOD ROAD AND CAT STREET

The second oldest street in Hong Kong, Hollywood Road runs between Central and Sheung Wan. It is filled with art galleries and antique shops of all kinds: from Chinese furniture and porcelain ware, to Ming dynasty ceramic horsemen and kitsch Maoist memorabilia. Towards Lascar Row, also known as Cat Street, is where you can find treasures that date back over 100 years to when foreign traders and sailors would sell Chinese artefacts.

### MAN MO TEMPLE

Man Mo Temple is a picturesque tribute to the God of Literature. Built in 1847, the temple represents the best of Chinese vernacular architecture, featuring ceramic figurines, granite and carvings, plaster mouldings and murals. It is listed as a Grade 1 historic building and preserved as a Declared Monument.

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### GAGE STREET WET MARKET

Hong Kong's oldest street market is Gage Street that has been around for nearly 160 years. Home to dozens of vendors, each stall has its distinct specialty: meat, fish, vegetables, nuts, noodles, and so on. Keep your eye out for the dry-goods behind the market stalls, including the excellent Kowloon Soy Company (9 Graham Street), which makes its own cooking sauces.

### PMQ

Originally the Police Married Quarters, the historic site now known as PMQ has been revitalised as a hub for creative and design industries. It houses a wide variety of creative enterprises, ranging from fashion and accessories to household products and designer furniture. Different markets, music events and exhibitions are staged throughout the year as well.

### REPULSE BAY

Primarily an upmarket residential area, sun-drenched Repulse Bay has a relaxed resort-like feel to it. Its wide, wave-lapped beach is popular with both locals and visitors and is great for strolls in the early morning, daytime sun soaking when the bathers are out in force, or lingering at sunset when all has turned mellow.



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### MAN WA LANE

Man Wa Lane, also commonly known as Chop Alley, is a street in Sheung Wan that spans from Bonham Strand to Connaught Road, Central. The street is lined with numerous stalls of chop-makers, ranging from traditional Chinese seals to modern rubber stamps.

### ABERDEEN FISHING VILLAGE

Explore the origins of Hong Kong as a fishing village at Aberdeen Harbour, and take a ride on a traditional 'sampan' boat to learn about the floating community that is still in existence today. Many people live on these floating homes where fishing is a way of life.

It is also a popular seafood dining spot, including the Jumbo Kingdom, which is one of the world's largest floating restaurants.

### STANLEY MARKET

This market in the quaint village of Stanley on Hong Kong Island's south coast is a huge hit with locals, expats and tourists for good reason - its enormous selection of brand-name clothing items and accessories, jewellery, home furnishings, souvenirs, ornaments and Oriental knick-knacks are sold at reasonable prices in a picturesque warren of lanes.

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### KOWLOON

#### THE STAR FERRY

The Star Ferry has been carrying passengers between Hong Kong Island and Kowloon since 1888.

From the hotel, it is only a 10-minute walk along the sky bridge to Pier No.7

which takes guests to Kowloon. Enjoy the ride on one of the world's most photographed harbours.

#### TSIM SHA TSUI PROMENADE

Starting at the colonial-era Clock Tower and stretching all the way to Hung Hom, take a stroll along the Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade where guests will pass by the Hong Kong

Cultural Centre, the Hong Kong Space Museum, the Hong Kong Museum of Art and Avenue of Stars.

From here, there are also stunning views of the Hong Kong Island skyline towering over the busy waters of Victoria Harbour.

#### BIRD GARDEN

A popular haunt for songbird supporters, the visually engaging Yuen Po Street Bird Garden is designed in the style of a traditional Chinese garden.

The park has dozens of stalls selling exotic birds, beautifully crafted bamboo cages, porcelain water dishes and other bird-care paraphernalia.

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### LADIES' MARKET

With over 100 stalls of bargain clothing, accessories and souvenirs, the Ladies' Market on Tung Choi Street provides a one-kilometre stretch on which to practise your haggling skills. It got its name from the huge amount of clothing and accessories on sale for women of all ages.

### JADE MARKET

In Hong Kong, the jade business is most active at the Jade Market on Kowloon. A three-tonne jade stone marks the strip of Canton Road known as Jade Street, where visitors won't be disappointed with the quality and quantity of jade being sold by more than 400 stalls here.

### TEMPLE STREET NIGHT MARKET

When the sun goes down, the traders have already laid out their wares and the opera singers and fortune tellers begin to emerge.

Welcome to the Temple Street Night Market, a popular street bazaar named after a Tin Hau temple located in the centre of its main drag and a place to purchase trinkets, electronics, antiques and more.

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### CHI LIN NUNNERY & NAN LIAN GARDEN

Established in 1934, the Chi Lin Nunnery is a large temple complex of elegant wooden architecture, treasured Buddhist relics and soul-soothing lotus ponds.

The nearby Nan Lian Garden is a public park built in the style of the Tang dynasty.

Its scenic garden is meticulously landscaped over an area of 3.5 hectares, in which every hill, rock, body of water, plant and timber structure has been placed according to specific rules and methods.

### KOWLOON WALLED CITY PARK

Kowloon Walled City Park sits on the very site of the former Kowloon Walled City, remembered today as a haven of crime and debauchery.

In 1987, with the agreement of China, the colonial government finally took control of the no-go zone, resettled its inhabitants, and replaced the slum with a park. Today, the Chinese-style park preserves traces of the walled city, most notably its yamen, the imperial government administrative building.



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### LANTAU ISLAND

#### NGONG PING VILLAGE & TIAN TAN BUDDHA

Covering an area of 1.5 hectares, Ngong Ping Village on Lantau Island is a spiritual and scenic attraction which includes the Big Buddha, Po Lin Monastery and the Wisdom Path. The 25-minute ride on the Ngong Ping 360 cable car is the best scenic option to the village.

#### TAI O FISHING VILLAGE

Tai O, also known as the ‘Venice of the East,’ was once the largest inhabited settlement on Lantau Island. The village's stilt houses on the waterfront, fishing junks, tiny shops, shrines and ancient temples offer a glimpse into Hong Kong's past and provides a striking contrast to the modern city. This humble village is still popular for its dried seafood and traditional way of life.

### LAMMA ISLAND

Hong Kong's outlying Lamma Island is perfect for families looking for a blend of East and West, hiking and sunbathing, modern art and traditional architecture.

It is also known for its seafood restaurants, so take your pick and enjoy the island's delicacies. You may also choose to walk to Hung Shing Beach for some quality beach time or hike to Yung Shue Wan (approximately one hour).

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### UNIQUE CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

#### FOODIE WALKS

To discover the best of Hong Kong's backstreets, culture, local markets and food, this adventure introduces you to the city's most interesting neighbourhoods and many eateries. The scrumptious adventure will provide a gastronomic journey through Hong Kong's signature dumplings and other local dishes.

#### CHINESE INK PAINTING WORKSHOP

Learn the history and philosophy of Chinese ink painting using traditional tools. Guests will be guided through a step-by-step demonstration to complete their own masterpiece on handmade Xuan paper to take home, and ready to frame by the end of the workshop.

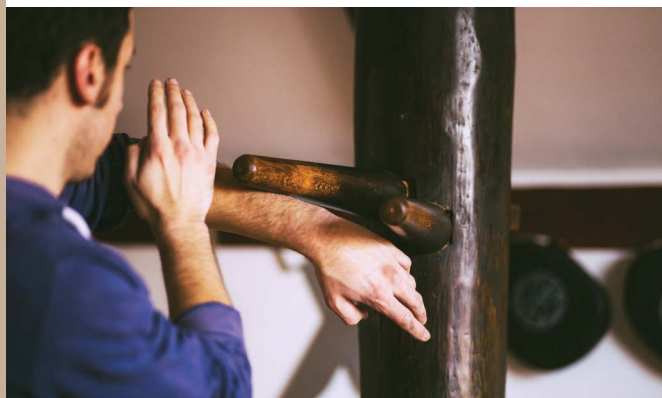
#### TEA WORKSHOP

Discover the art of tea with an interactive journey to understand the origin, production and taste of four exotic teas. Master the intricacies of Chinese tea pairing for every occasion.

#### TAI CHI CLASS

Tai Chi is one of the most popular forms of traditional Chinese martial arts. It is well known for its benefits to both physical and mental health as well as self-defence. It is a practice that includes a series of fluid movements designed to balance the Yin and Yang of the body.

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### WING CHUN CLASS

Wing Chun is a traditional Southern Chinese Kung Fu martial art focused on close-range combat.

Uncover the history of Wing Chun, its movement to Hong Kong, and the man credited for keeping Wing Chun alive. Learn about biomechanics, health of a relaxed body and how this can be useful in self-defence techniques. Dress comfortably for pad work and an introduction to basic movements.

### FENG SHUI & ARCHITECTURE TOUR

Feng Shui translated in Chinese means ‘wind and water’, following the principle of living in harmony with nature.

Explore the most iconic buildings in the city to gain insight on how the rules of Feng Shui shaped the Hong Kong skyline.

### OTHER BESPOKE EXPERIENCES

Our Concierge Team would be delighted to organise other bespoke experiences such as Art Walks, Urban Photography Tours, Local Shopping Excursions, Hong Kong Film Tours or Hong Kong Outdoor Adventures.

*Each experience is subject to availability.  
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