

Kowloon

TSIM SHA TSUI | YAU MA TEI | MONG KOK | NEW KOWLOON

Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1 Strolling the **Tsim Sha Tsui East Promenade** (p138) against the backdrop of Victoria Harbour.
- 2 Enjoying scones and Earl Grey at the **Peninsula** (p143) lobby, as a string quartet saws away.
- 3 Savouring the sounds, smells and flavours of the **Temple Street Night Market** (p139).
- 4 Experiencing a Taoist ceremony or having your fortune told at the **Sik Sik**
- 5 Browsing with gadget geeks and comb-over uncles at **Ap Liu Street Flea Market** (p162).

Yuen Wong Tai Sin Temple (p140).

5 Browsing with gadget geeks and comb-over uncles at **Ap Liu Street Flea Market** (p162).



For more detail of this area, see Map p378, Map p382, Map p383 and Map p380 →

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Ethnic pockets abound in Kowloon, especially in Tsim Sha Tsui. Indians, Pakistanis and Africans live and hang out in and around Chungking Mansions where you can find the best Indian grocery stores in town; Korean eateries and minimarts proliferate on Kimberley St and Austin Avenida; Nepalese (former Gurkhas) congregate near the Temple Street Night Market in Yau Ma Tei; and Kowloon City lays claim to an elephant's share of Hong Kong's Thai stores and restaurants.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Dong Lai Shun (p149)
- ➔ Kimberley Chinese Restaurant (p150)
- ➔ One Dim Sum (p154)
- ➔ Yoga Interactive Vegetarian (p150)
- ➔ Piggy Grill (p155)

For reviews, see p149 ➔

Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Butler (p157)
- ➔ Ozone (p157)
- ➔ Fullcup Café (p158)
- ➔ Aqua Spirit (p157)

For reviews, see p157 ➔

Best Places for Culture

- ➔ St Andrew's Church (p144)
- ➔ Yau Ma Tei Theatre (p146)
- ➔ Museum of Art (p142)
- ➔ Hidden Agenda (see p159)

Explore Kowloon

Start your day by spending an hour or two at the Museum of History, then take a leisurely half-hour stroll to the Star Ferry Concourse via the scenic Tsim Sha Tsui East Promenade. Check out the sights along the way, such as the Cultural Centre and the clock tower, and follow up with lunch at an Indian or Shanghaiese restaurant.

Walk to Yau Ma Tei, stopping at St Andrew's Church and Kowloon British School along the way. Spend 90 minutes exploring: Tin Hau Temple, the Jade Market and Shanghai St. Then do any one or two of the following: take the MTR to Prince Edward for the Yuen Po St Flower and Bird Market followed by a visit to Mong Kok; visit Sham Shui Po and the Ap Liu Street flea market; or go to Diamond Hill to immerse yourself in the tranquility of Chi Lin Nunnery.

Have dinner at one of the roadside stalls in Yau Ma Tei, then it's on to the Temple Street Night Market. Wrap up your day with drinks at a bar in Tsim Sha Tsui.

Local Life

- ➔ **Hang-out** Local artists and writers like to chill on the upper floor of Mido Café (p155).
- ➔ **Shopping** Fashionistas seek affordable additions to their wardrobes at the Rise Shopping Arcade (p159) and street-level shops at Granville Circuit.
- ➔ **Street performance** Musicians and performance artists take over the pedestrianised stretch of Sai Yeung Choi St in Mong Kok every evening.

Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Bus** Buses 2, 6, 6A and 9 run up Nathan Rd to Yau Ma Tei. Buses 5 and 26 leave from Tsim Sha Tsui to Ma Tau Chung Rd in New Kowloon.
- ➔ **MTR** For Tsim Sha Tsui, go to the Tsim Sha Tsui, Tsim Sha Tsui East and Hung Hong stations. For Yau Ma Tei use the Yau Ma Tei station. For Mong Kok, there are the Mong Kok and Prince Edward stations. To get to New Kowloon use the Sham Shui Po and Cheung Sha Wan stations on the Tsuen Wan line; Kowloon Tong, Lok Fu, Wong Tai Sin, Diamond Hill and Kowloon Bay stations on the Kwun Tong line; Kowloon Tong station on the East Rail line; and Kowloon Station on the Tung Chung line and Airport Express line.
- ➔ **Macau Ferries** For Tsim Sha Tsui, the China ferry terminal is on Canton Rd.
- ➔ **Star Ferry** The Tsim Sha Tsui station is at the western end of Salisbury Rd.