

Kowloon

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

Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1 Strolling the **Tsim Sha Tsui East Promenade** (p141) against the backdrop of Victoria Harbour.
- 2 Enjoying scones and Earl Grey at the **Peninsula lobby** (p145), as a string quartet saws away.
- 3 Taking in the sounds, smells and flavours of the **Temple Street Night Market** (p142).
- 4 Experiencing a Taoist ceremony or having your fortune told at **Sik Sik Yuen Wong Tai Sin Temple** (p143).
- 5 Browsing with gadget geeks and comb-over uncles at **Ap Liu Street Flea Market** (p164).



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

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 Shanghainese 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 in Tsim Sha Tsui (TST).

Local Life

- ➔ **Hang-out** Film buffs and the artsy crowd like to chill on the upper floor of Mido Café (p156).
- ➔ **Shopping** Fashionistas seek affordable additions to their wardrobes at the Rise Shopping Arcade (p162) and street-level shops at Granville Circuit.
- ➔ **Singalong parlours** College kids like to celebrate birthdays in Yau Ma Tei's singalong parlours, like Canton Singing House (p161).

Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Bus** Buses 2, 6, 6A and 9 run up Nathan Rd to Yau Ma Tei. Buses 5 and 26 leave Tsim Sha Tsui for Ma Tau Chung Rd in New Kowloon.
- ➔ **MTR** For Tsim Sha Tsui: Tsim Sha Tsui, East Tsim Sha Tsui and Hung Hong stations. For Yau Ma Tei: Yau Ma Tei station. For Mong Kok: Mong Kok and Prince Edward stations. New Kowloon: 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** The China Ferry Terminal is on Canton Rd (Tsim Sha Tsui).
- ➔ **Star Ferry** The Tsim Sha Tsui concourse is at the western end of Salisbury Rd.

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Ethnic pockets abound in Kowloon, especially in Tsim Sha Tsui. Indians, Pakistanis and Africans reside 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 Ave; 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 eateries.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Sun Tung Lok (p155)
- ➔ Great Beef Hot Pot (p154)
- ➔ Yuga Interactive Vegetarian (p153)
- ➔ Sun Sin (p156)
- ➔ Yè Shanghai (p154)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ InterContinental Lobby Lounge (p158)
- ➔ Butler (p158)
- ➔ Aqua Spirit (p158)

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Best Places for Culture

- ➔ Museum of Art (p145)
- ➔ West Kowloon Cultural District (p160)
- ➔ Cattle Depot Artist Village (p153)
- ➔ Hidden Agenda (p159)

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