

Hong Kong Island: The Peak & the Northwest

LAN KWAI FONG | SOHO | SHEUNG WAN | WESTERN DISTRICT | MID-LEVELS

Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1 Making the white-knuckle ascent to Victoria Peak on the **Peak Tram** (p87) and taking in the night views from the summit.
- 2 Strolling the streets of **Sheung Wan** (p89) to uncover the fascinating history of 19th-century Hong Kong.
- 3 Bar-hopping your way over the inviting slopes of **Lan Kwai Fong** (p101).
- 4 Enjoying delicious food under ceiling fans and stained-glass windows at **Luk Yu Tea House** (p93).
- 5 Trawling through the galleries and boutiques in **Soho** (p103).



For more detail of this area, see Map p366 and p368 ➔

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Besides partying in Lan Kwai Fong and Soho, don't miss the neighbourhood around Tai Ping Shan St in Sheung Wan. The area is a burgeoning boho haven, with cafes, galleries and boutiques – all quite low-key and tasteful – mushrooming alongside weather-beaten shrines.



Best Places to Eat

- Luk Yu Tea House (p93)
- Chairman (p99)
- Ser Wong Fun (p93)
- Boss (p95)

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Best Places to Drink

- Club 71 (p99)
- Stockton (p99)
- Angel's Share Whisky Bar (p99)

For reviews, see p99 ➡



Best Places to Shop

- Grotto Fine Art (p103)
- Hulu 10 (p103)
- Gallery of the Pottery Workshop (p106)
- Lam Gallery (p103)

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Explore: The Peak & the Northwest

Begin by exploring Sheung Wan's old neighbourhoods in the morning when the temples and the dried seafood stores get into full swing. Sample some local fare in the area before heading to Hollywood Rd to browse the antique shops and art galleries. If time allows, trek up to the Mid-Levels to check out the museums and religious monuments. Take the Peak Tram in Central to Victoria Peak; wait to see the lights come on in the city. Descend and return to Sheung Wan for dinner, followed by pub crawling in Lan Kwai Fong and Soho.

Local Life

➤ **Hang-outs** For intellectual banter and a bohemian vibe, head to Club 71 (p99), the haunt of activist-artist types.

➤ **Shopping** Li Yuen St East and West, two alleys that link Des Voeux Rd Central with Queen's Rd Central, have a jumble of inexpensive clothing, handbags and jewellery.

➤ **Old Chinese Quarter** The area around Tai Ping Shan St is where the old Chinese quarter used to be in the 19th century; you'll see temples and shops specialising in funeral-related services.

Getting There & Away

➤ **Bus** Lan Kwai Fong and Soho: bus 26 along Hollywood Rd links Sheung Wan with Central, Admiralty and Wan Chai. Western District: bus 3B from Jardine House in Central, and buses 23, 40 and 40M from Admiralty stop along Bonham Rd. The Peak: bus 15 from the terminus below Exchange Sq runs along Queen's Rd East and terminates below the Peak Galleria.

➤ **MTR** Central station (Island and Tsuen Wan lines); Sheung Wan station (Island line).

➤ **Macau Ferry** Terminal at Shun Tak Centre in Sheung Wan.

➤ **Tram** Runs along Des Voeux Rd Central and Des Voeux Rd West (Sheung Wan). The Peak Tram runs from the lower terminus on Garden Rd to the Peak Tower.

➤ **Central–Mid-Levels Escalator** For Caine Rd and Robinson Rd (Mid-Levels).

➤ **Green Minibus** Buses 8 and 22 from Central pass Caine Rd (Mid-Levels).