

Kowloon

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

Neighbourhood Top Five

1 Symphony of Lights

(p135) Watching this kitschy but impressive light show against the backdrop of Victoria Harbour.

2 Peninsula Lobby

(p135) Enjoying scones and a cup of Earl Grey in the lobby of the elegant Jazz Age Peninsula hotel, as a string quartet saws away.

3 Temple Street Night

Market (p132) Taking in the intoxicating mix of sights, sounds and smells at the this lively night market.

4 Sik Sik Yuen Wong Tai

Sin Temple (p133) Experiencing a Taoist ceremony or having your fortune told at this colourful temple.

5 Yuen Po Street Bird

Garden & Flower Market (p138) Admiring the songbirds and blossoms at this sweet little market, where elderly locals 'walk' their caged songbirds among vendors selling intricate bamboo cages and a rain-bow of birds.



For more detail of this area see Map p314, p316, p318 and p319 ➔

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 (parts of which are closed until 2018; detour on Salisbury Rd). 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 an hour or so 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 Bird Garden & Flower Market followed by a visit to Mong Kok; visit Sham Shui Po and the Apley Street Flea Market; or go to Diamond Hill to immerse yourself in the tranquillity 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 (p144).
- ➔ **Shopping** Fashionistas seek affordable additions to their wardrobes at the Rise Shopping Arcade (p149) and street-level shops at Granville Circuit.
- ➔ **Singalong parlours** College kids like to celebrate birthdays in Yau Ma Tei's singalong parlours, such as Canton Singing House (p148).

Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Bus** Depart the Star Ferry Bus Terminal for points across Kowloon, Hong Kong Island and the New Territories: N21 goes to the airport, 5A goes to Kowloon City and 8 goes to Kowloon Station. Eternal East Cross Border Coach buses leave from various points in Tsim Sha Tsui.
- ➔ **Boat** Macau Ferries depart from the China Ferry Terminal on Canton Rd (Tsim Sha Tsui). Star Ferries leave from the Tsim Sha Tsui concourse at the western end of Salisbury Rd.

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Ethnic pockets abound in Kowloon, especially in Tsim Sha Tsui, resulting in a diverse and exciting eating scene. Head to the streets around Chungking Mansions (p225) to find the best Indian grocery stores; Kimberley St and Austin Ave for Korean eateries and minimarts; the streets around Temple Street Night Market in Yau Ma Tei for Nepalese; and Kowloon City for Thai eateries.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Chi Lin Vegetarian (p145)
- ➔ Chicken Hof & Soju Korean (p141)
- ➔ Spring Deer (p142)
- ➔ Sun Sin (p144)
- ➔ Yè Shanghai (p142)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ InterContinental Lobby Lounge (p146)
- ➔ Butler (p146)
- ➔ Aqua (p146)
- ➔ Kubrick Bookshop Café (p147)

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Best Places to Shop

- ➔ Yue Hwa Chinese Products Emporium (p150)
- ➔ Temple Street Night Market (p132)
- ➔ Rise Shopping Arcade (p149)
- ➔ Shanghai Street (p150)

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