



New Territories

Tsuen Wan p156

Home to some of Hong Kong's most important monasteries.

Tuen Mun p158

Visit at leisure the temples and monasteries that dot the landscape.

Yuen Long p159

Hong Kong Wetland Park, laid-back Pak Nai and old walled villages.

Fanling & Sheung Shui p161

A heaven for history buffs, with fortified villages and historic ruins.

Tai Po p163

Lively markets and temples, plus an encyclopaedia of flora and fauna.

Plover Cove p165

Plover Cove is where you go to hike, hike, hike or bike, bike, bike!

Sha Tin p166

A New Town with a historical feel, temples and a heritage museum.

Sai Kung Peninsula p169

Beautiful beaches and deserted coves, and half of Hong Kong Global Geopark.

Clearwater Bay Peninsula p172

The name says it all – beaches with crystal-clear water.



TOP SIGHT PING SHAN HERITAGE TRAIL

This meandering 1km trail through three old but lively villages in northwestern New Territories features 12 thoughtfully restored historic buildings and a museum at Ping Shan dedicated to the powerful Tang clan, the founders of the spectacular 500-year-old Ping Shan village. The Tangs are believed to be some of the Hong Kong's earliest immigrants.

Start with the **Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery** (屏山鄧族文物館; ☎852 2617 1959; Hang Tau Tsuen, Ping Shan, Yuen Long; ⌚10am-5pm Tue-Sun; 📍Ping Shan) **FREE** at the eastern end of the trail. Housed in a former police station, the gallery showcases the history of the Tangs. The colourful collections include a traditional sedan chair, ritual wares and a giant wooden bed. The building itself was constructed in 1899 and was a colonial outpost to monitor 'untoward' villagers.

Leaving the Tang Clan Gallery, retrace your steps to Ping Ha Rd and turn right. The small **Hung Shing Temple** is on your right-hand side, followed by **Ching Shu Hin Chamber** and **Kun Ting Study Hall** when you turn right again.

North of Hung Shing Temple, Shu Hin Chamber and Kun Ting Study Hall are the Tang Clan Ancestral Hall (p160) and **Yu Kiu Ancestral Hall**, two of Hong Kong's largest ancestral halls. The Tangs justifiably brag about them, especially the one that bears their name, as it follows a three-halls-two-courtyards structure indicative of the clan's prestigious status in the imperial court.

There are some more temples and an old well ahead. At the end of the heritage trail is small, three-storey **Tsui Sing Lau Pagoda** (聚星樓; Ping Ha Rd, Ping Shan Heritage Trail; ⌚9am-1pm, 2-5pm Wed-Sun; 📍Tin Shui Wai) **FREE**, the only surviving ancient pagoda in Hong Kong.

DON'T MISS

- ➔ Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery
- ➔ Tang Clan Ancestral Hall
- ➔ Yu Kiu Ancestral Hall

PRACTICALITIES

- ➔ 屏山文物徑
- ➔ ☎852 2617 1959
- ➔ Hang Tau Tsuen, Ping Shan, Yuen Long
- ➔ ⌚ancestral halls & Tsui Sing Lau Pagoda 9am-1pm & 2-5pm Wed-Mon
- ➔ 📍Tin Shui Wai, exit E