



Hong Kong

**“All you’ve got to do is decide to go
and the hardest part is over.**

So go!”

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(left) Nan Lian Garden (p137), located at Chi Lin Nunnery.

(above) View of Victoria Harbour from Victoria Peak (p88).

(right) Cantonese barbecue restaurant in Wan Chai (p108).



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Top Itineraries

Day One

Central District (p68)

 Armed with your prebooked pass, start early at **Tai Kwun** heritage and arts complex. Then head west down Hollywood Rd checking out antiques shops and **PMQ's** local designers. Stop at **Man Mo Temple** for a taste of history and explore the hip community on **Tai Ping Shan Street**.



Lunch Queue for heavenly beef brisket noodles at Kau Kee (p92).

The Peak & Northwest Hong Kong Island (p86)

 Work your way back to Central via Sheung Wan's **Dried Seafood Street**, to catch the legendary **Peak Tram** up to **Victoria Peak**. Stunning views of the city will greet you; perhaps tackle one of the trails. Descend and take a scenic ride on the vintage tram to **Kennedy Town** for beers at **Little Creatures** and a peek at this old-school neighbourhood.



Dinner Get acquainted with Asian fusion at Little Bao (p93).

Central District (p68)

 Dedicate the evening to bar-hopping around **Soho**. Don't miss Asian-accented cocktails in **Dr Fern's Gin ParLOUR** and **Quinary**, perhaps also catching live jazz at **Peel Fresco**. In the wee hours of the morning, head back west to Kennedy Town for 4am dim sum at **Sun Hing**.

Day Two

Wan Chai & Northeast Hong Kong Island (p101)

 Embrace (manufactured) nature at lovely **Hong Kong Park**, not forgetting to check out the **Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware**, then head over to the **Blue House** cluster; if it's Saturday, join a free guided tour of these restored wooden tenement buildings.



Lunch Kam's Roast Goose (p109) for arguably the best roasted meat in town.

Kowloon (p132)

 Take the **Star Ferry** to Kowloon. Enjoy the views along **Tsim Sha Tsui East Promenade** and savour your stroll to the **Hong Kong Museum of History**. Take afternoon tea in style at the **Peninsula** hotel. After that, if you have the stamina, bus it north to **Yau Ma Tei**, where you can check out **Tin Hau Temple**, the **Jade Market** and traditional shops along **Shanghai Street**.



Dinner Temple Street Night Market (p135) for cheap food under the stars.

Kowloon (p132)

 Have your fortune told and catch some Cantonese opera at **Temple Street Night Market**. Then it's not too far a hoof to **Horizonte Lounge** at the Madera Hotel, where awesome urban skyline views await. If there's an indie gig on at **This Town Needs**, head over there to hang with the hipsters.

Day Three

Aberdeen & South Hong Kong Island (p122)



Take the bus to Aberdeen for a walk along **Aberdeen Promenade**, from where you can hop on a sampan to go shopping (for bargain designer furniture and clothing) at Horizon Plaza on the island of **Ap Lei Chau**. Coffee and cakes are available at several of the furniture shops here. If it's a Saturday, book onto a boozy tour of Hong Kong's own brewery, **Young Master**.



Lunch Jumbo Kingdom Floating Restaurant (p129) – so kitsch it's fun.

New Territories (p161)



Make your way from Aberdeen to **Sai Kung Peninsula** after lunch. Check out Sai Kung Town or hop on a ferry



Dinner Loaf On (p167) for excellent seafood.

at the waterfront to a nearby beach for a late afternoon dip.

Kowloon (p132)



After a busy day, head to **Kowloon Taproom** for local craft beers and good people-watching. If after a few beers you're in need of late-night munchies, crispy fried Korean chicken at **Chicken HOF & Soju** will be music to your ears.

Day Four

Macau (p197)



Hop on an early boat to Macau. When you arrive, take a bus or a cab to the legendary **Lung Wah Tea House**. Have dim sum for breakfast. Buy some tea leaves from them before you go and explore the bustling **Red Market** next door. Have a leisurely stroll to the cultural parts of **Northern Macau Peninsula** to work off your breakfast. Check out the designer shops and the cobbled streets of the atmospheric **St Lazarus Church District**, and buy a few souvenirs.



Lunch Clube Militar de Macau (p206) for old-school Portuguese dining.

Macau (p197)



Explore the sights around the **Largo do Senado**. Walk along Rua Central through much of the Unesco-listed **Historic Centre of Macau**, including the **ruins of the Church of St Paul**. Nibble on Portuguese egg tarts and almond cookies



Dinner António (p211) dishes up sumptuous Portuguese classics.

as you do so. Then head to lovely **Taipa Village** for a look.

Macau (p197)



Check out the **Studio City** casino complex. Try your hand at the tables or just have a drink at the bar. Then

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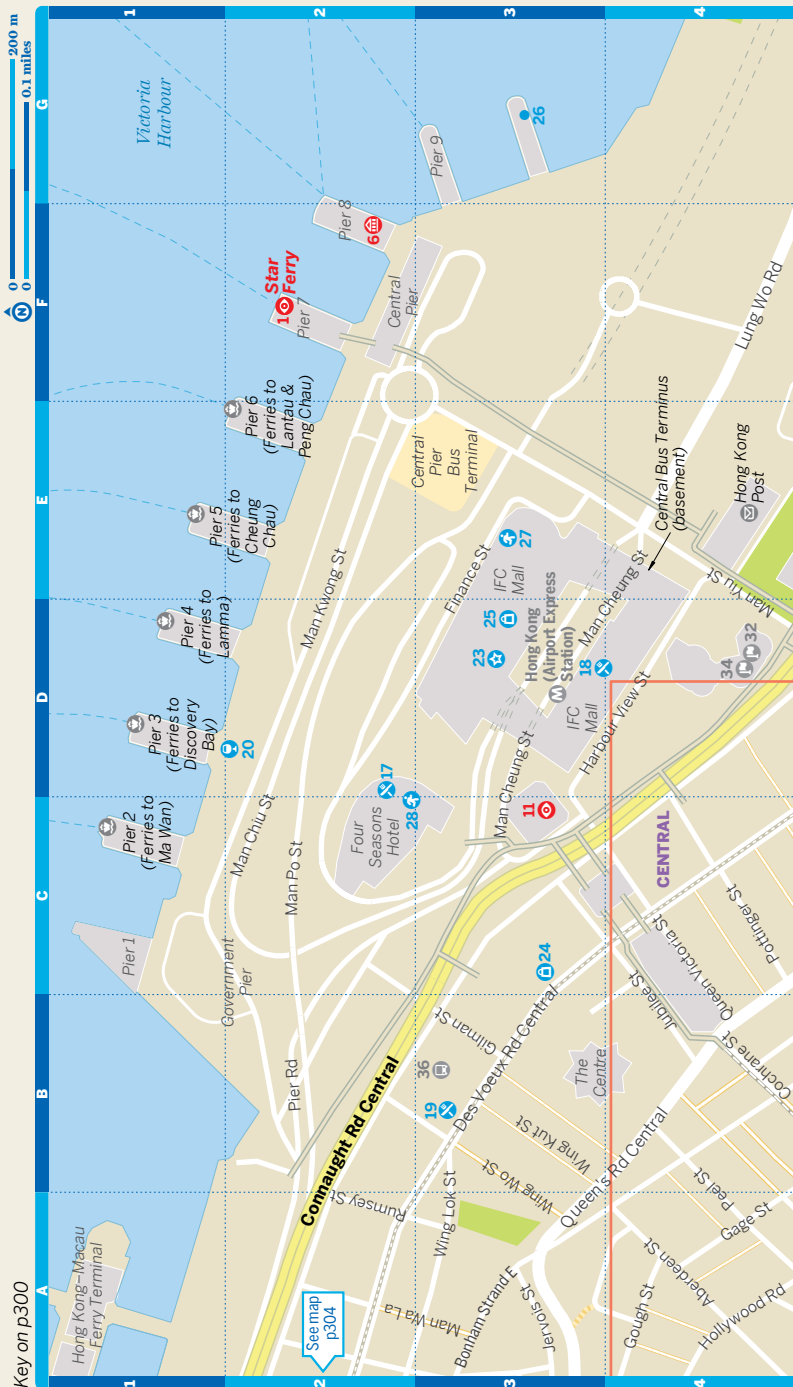
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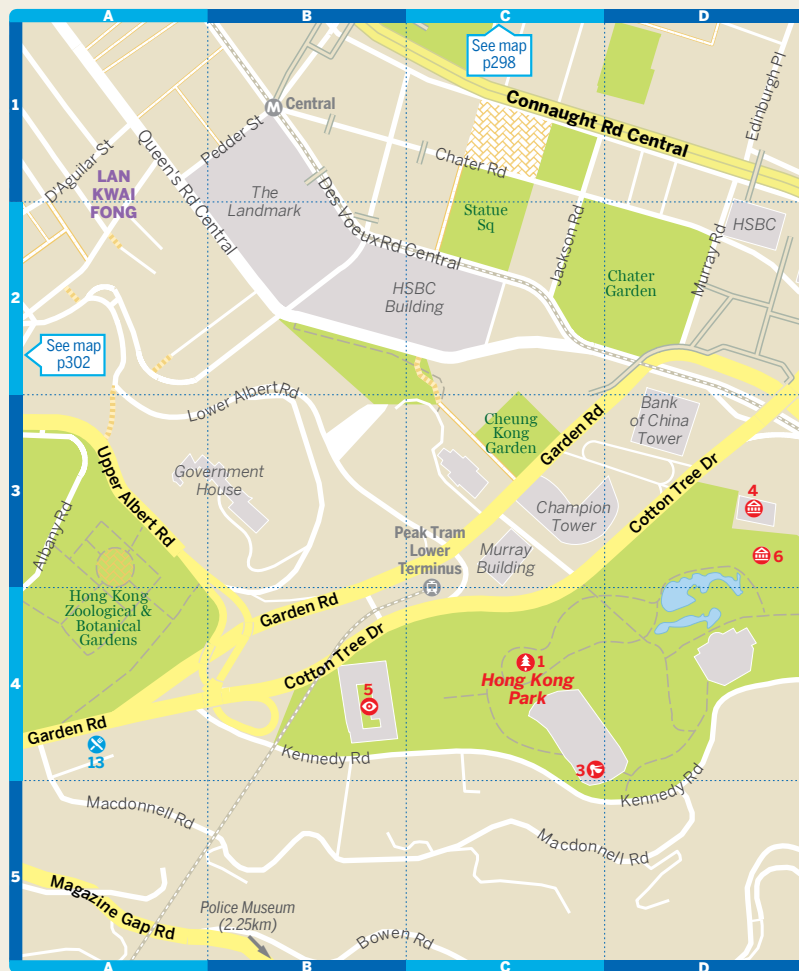
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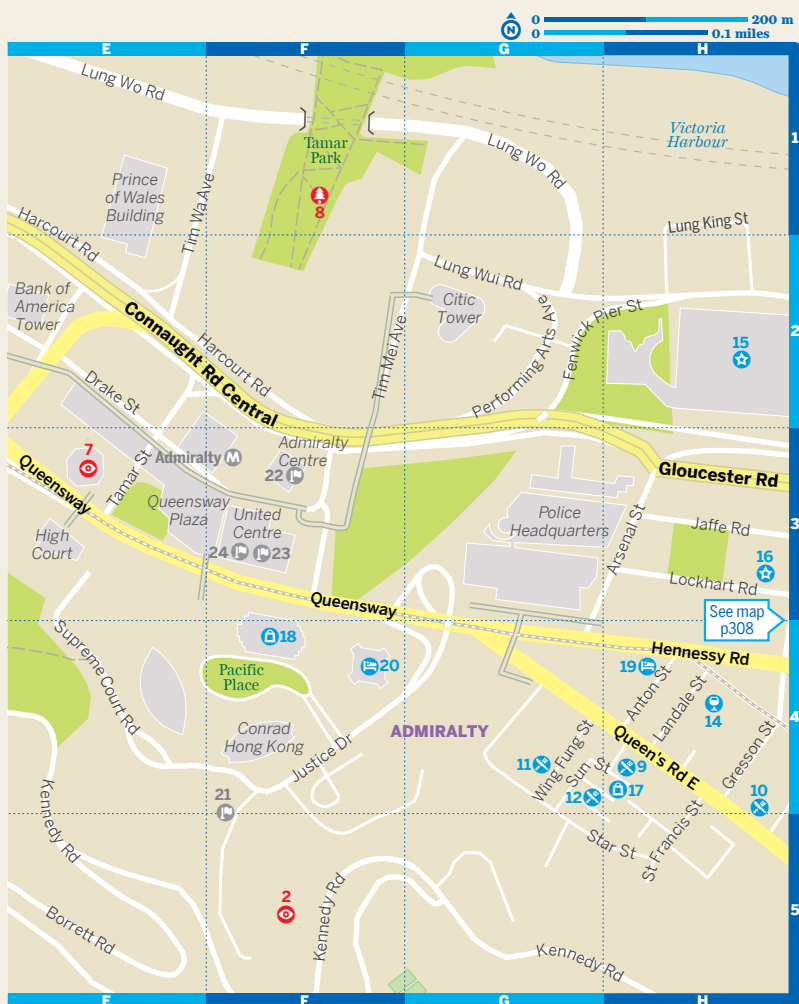
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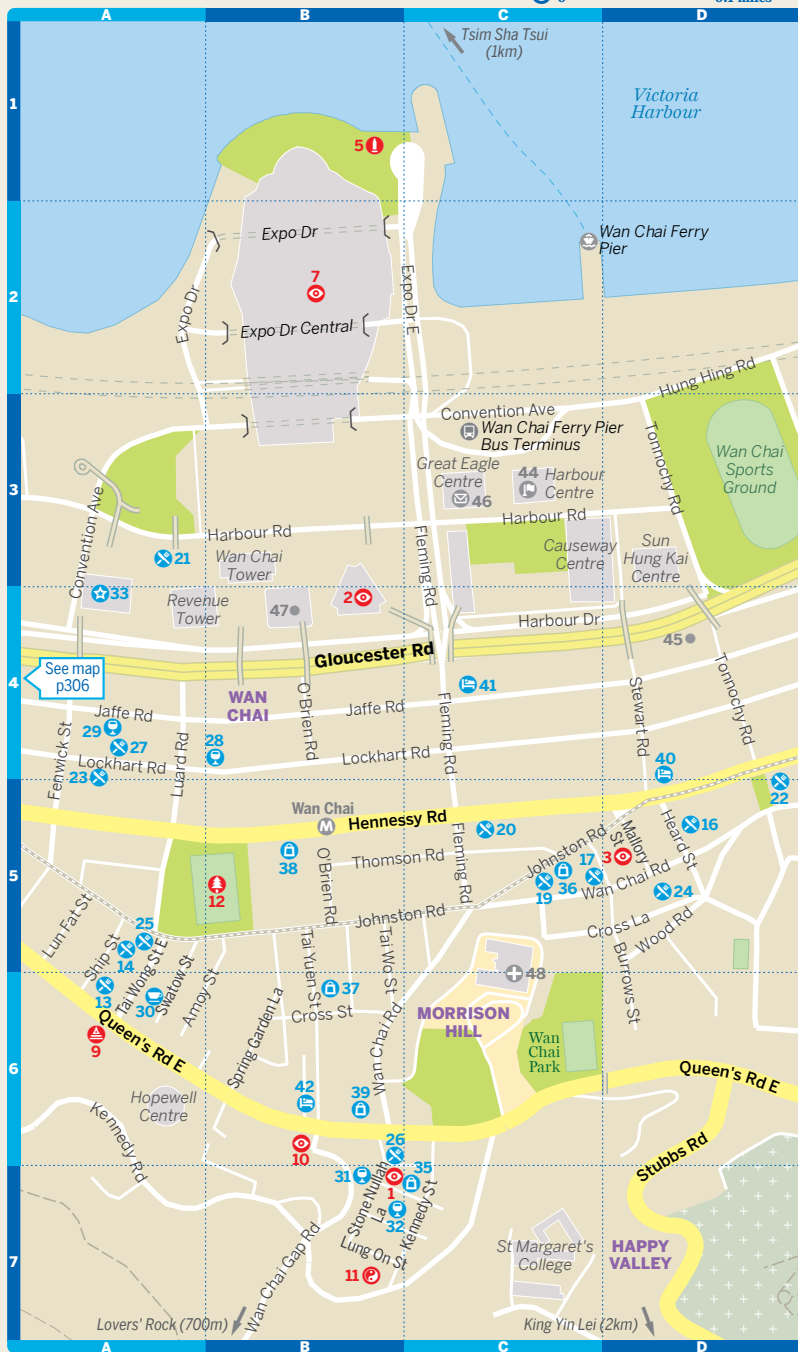
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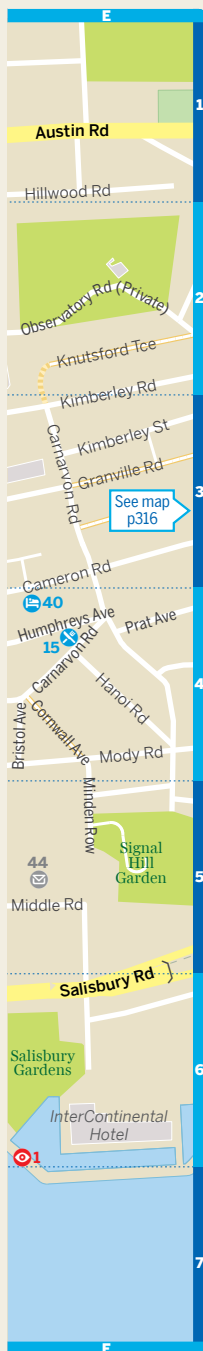
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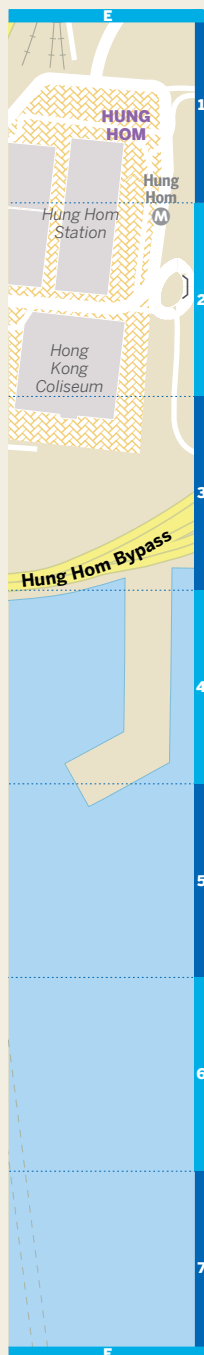
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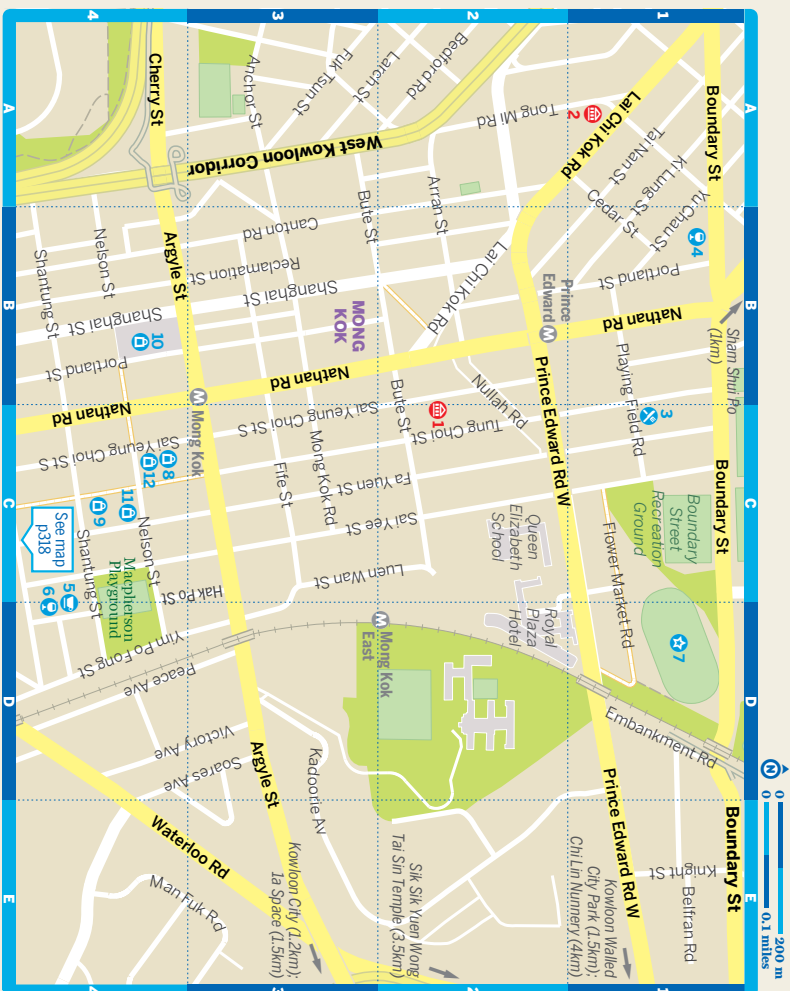


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