



HONG KONG

Off the Beaten Track #4

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WHERE WE'RE GOING TODAY:

- Man Mo Temple
- Goldfish Street
- Hong Kong Maritime Museum
- Central–Mid-Levels Escalators
- Computer Malls
- HK Heritage Discover Centre
- Lei Yue Mun
- Shau Kei Wan

COMPUTERS

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY LOOK? BUY? 3 PLACES:

- Wanchai Computer Centre – HK Island at Wanchai MTR.
- 298 Computer Centre – 298 Hennessey Rd, HK Island.
- Golden Computer Centre and Golden Computer Arcade – Sham Shui Po, Kowloon.

Recommendation:

- **Start at Wanchai Computer Center:** Clean. 3 floors. Easy to get to.
- **298:** Just few blocks from above. But some shops closed.
- **Golden:** By far the biggest. Hundreds of dealers, two buildings. Plus Ap Liu Street electronics street nearby. Working class area. Crowded.

More than computers:

Accessories. Cameras. Phones.



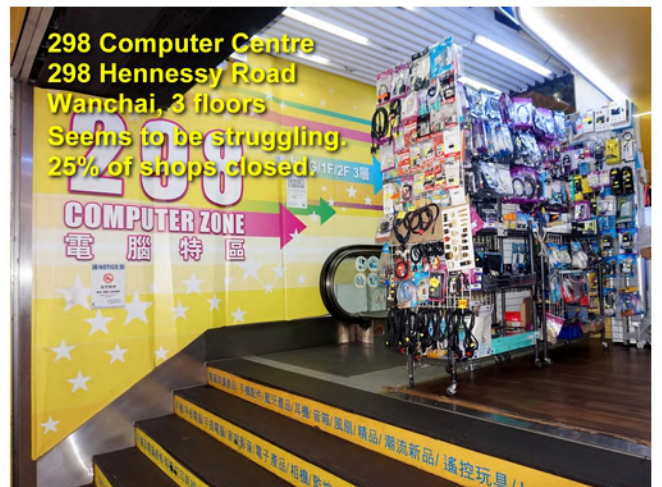
Wanchai Computer Centre - entrance
At Wanchai MTR Exits A3, A4, A5
Noon(ish) to 9:00pm



Wanchai Computer Centre



Wanchai Computer Centre





298 Computer Centre



Golden Computer Arcade and Golden Computer Centre Sham Shui Po MTR Exit D2



Golden Computer Centre
 Expect a lot of people
 — on the streets
 — inside the buildings.
 Good idea not to wear a big backpack inside — no room!
 Remember Golden Arcade and Golden Computer are two different buildings.
 Several levels each.



Golden



Golden Centre Internet Photos

Parallel Import
 Product imported from another country without the permission of manufacturer.
 — “Grey Market”. 20% cheaper.
 — Computers, cameras, phones.
 — Even brand name food.
 — Legal. Not counterfeit.
 But may be warranty issues.
 Search Wikipedia: “Parallel Import”.



Apliu Street - Hong Kong Electronics Flea Market



Dragon Centre Shopping Mall Very old fashioned. At north end of Apliu St.



MID-LEVELS ESCALATOR

CENTRAL – MID-LEVELS ESCALATORS (Hong Kong Island)

- ### Central-Mid-Levels Escalators
- Longest outdoor covered escalator system in the world. [Guinness Book of World Records].
 - 2,600 ft (half-mile).
 - Elevation of 450 feet from bottom to top.
 - 20 to 30 degree incline.

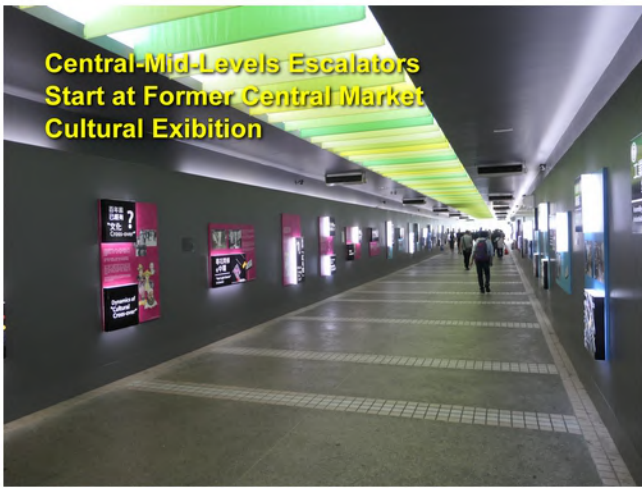
- ### Central-Mid-Levels Escalators
- Total travel time 20 minutes.
 - No charge.
 - 18 escalators and 3 moving walkways.
 - Covered. All reversible.
 - Downhill 6am to 10am.
 - Uphill 10am to midnight.

- Parallel staircases to go opposite direction. 800 steps.
- Exits at bisecting streets.
- Opened 1993.
- Transportation.
- Tourist attraction.
- Lined with restaurants, bars, and shops.



- Start at Hang Seng Bank or Central Market.
- Sights along the way include:
 - Gage St. Market.
 - Hollywood Rd Antiques.
 - Man Mo Temple.
 - Tai Kwun Cultural Centre.
 - Sun Yat-Sen Museum.
 - Jamia Mosque.
 - Synagogue on Robinson Rd.
- End at Conduit Rd.





Central-Mid-Levels Escalators
Start at Former Central Market
Cultural Exhibition



This is the first of the 21 connected
escalators and moving walkways
Must be after
10:00 am!



Central-Mid-Levels Escalators



Lots of interesting shops and restaurants
alongside the escalators



Looking down on Gage Street Market



Lan Fong Yuen on Gage St.
Famous "Dai Pui Dong"
Hole-in-the-wall snack shop.
Well known for milk tea, noodles,
pork chop rice.



Central-Mid-Levels Escalators



Connector to Tai Kwun
New center for heritage and the arts.
Historic former central police station.



Shops alongside the escalators



Escalators continue up, up, up

Signs to guide tourists



You can get a good idea of the steepness of the escalators



You never know who you will meet along the escalators



A little more than halfway up



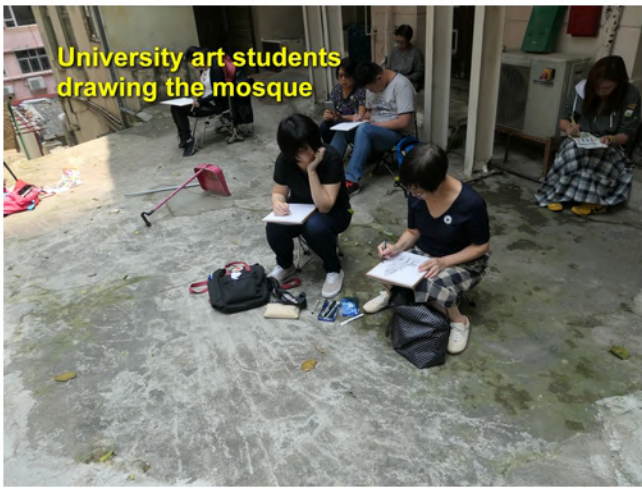
Jamia Mosque – on the escalators
Oldest Mosque in Hong Kong



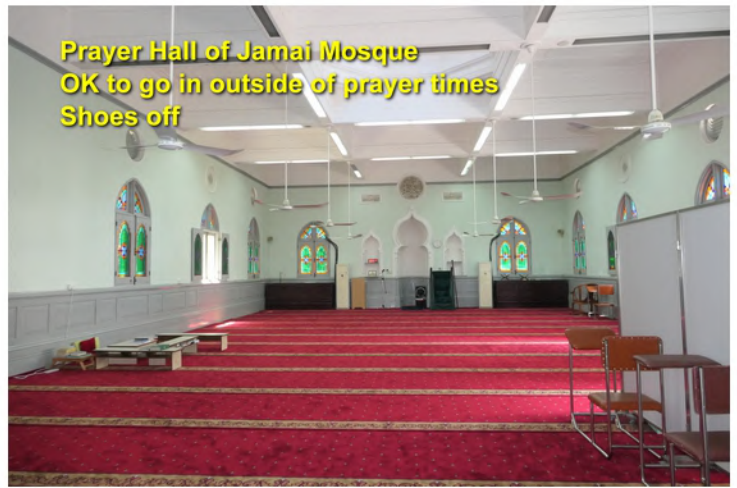
Jamia Mosque
Originally built 1890
Rebuilt 1915



University art students
drawing the mosque



University art students drawing the mosque



Prayer Hall of Jama Masjid
OK to go in outside of prayer times
Shoes off



The escalator route crosses a road

Zebra Crossing



One of many bars and restaurants alongside the escalators



View from the escalator



Nearing the end



Escalators end at Conduit Road
Walk down or bus down
Or walk to Hong Kong University campus



**GOLDFISH
STREET**

GOLDFISH STREET

Also called Goldfish Market.

Actually north end Tung Choi St.

- Two blocks east of Nathan Rd, just south of Prince Edward Rd.
- In Mong Kok section of Kowloon.
- Near Flower Market and Bird Garden.

Most shops open 10 or 10:30 am.

NEARBY:

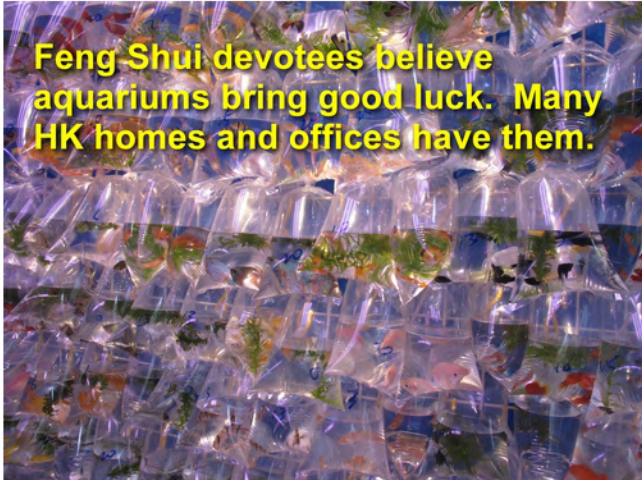
2 blocks East is Fa Yuen St.

- Old fashioned street market.
- Food, clothing.

Also if you continue south on Tung Choi (Goldfish) St a few blocks to Argyle St, it becomes the famous Ladies Market.

"Goldfish Street" Area







HONG KONG HERITAGE DISCOVERY CENTRE

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In the former British Army Whitfield Barracks, built 1910.

In Kowloon Park, Tsim Sha Tsui.

- Run by the Government Antiquities and Monuments Office.
- That office is responsible for identifying and protecting historic buildings and other items of historic interest.

The Whitfield Barracks Building includes:

- Exhibition galleries.
- Reference library.
- Lecture rooms.

Galleries open to public daily except Thursdays. Free.

Heritage Discovery Centre

History & Science Museums



Star Ferry Cultural Centre Art Mus. Space Museum Kowloon Park



HK Heritage Discovery Centre
Tang Dynasty Coins 618 to 907 AD



HK Heritage Discovery Centre
Han Dynasty 206 BC to 220 AD



Bronze Age Pot
Double-F Pattern
3300 BC



Neolithic and Bronze Age Pots
Found in HK (4500 to 221 BC)



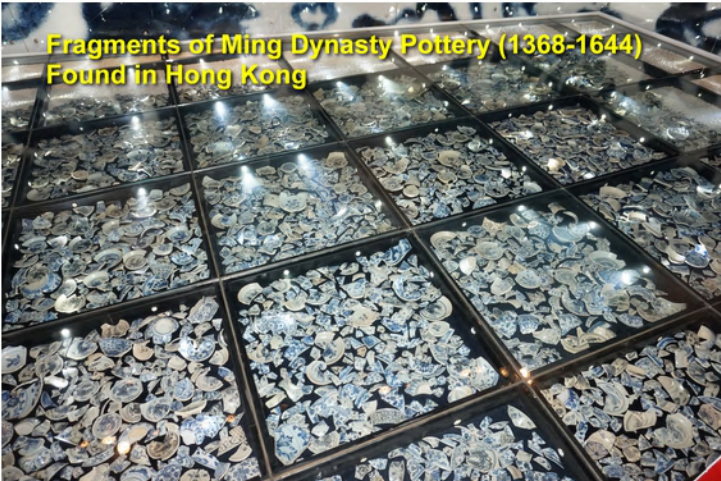
The pull-out cabinets contained more detailed exhibits.



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Fragments of Ming Dynasty Pottery (1368-1644)
Found in Hong Kong



Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre
"Built Heritage" explained with photos, videos,
models, drawings



Built Heritage: Traditional Hong King Village Traditional Village

以背山面
村。香港
牆或圍屋
圍村房。

Many traditional villages in the Guangdong province including Hong Kong are built along a slope facing water and with hills to the rear following the construction principle of "low at the front, high at the back". To defend against bandits, tall walls or houses were often built to enclose these traditional villages, which were then called *wai tsuen* (walled villages). The houses within the walls are built in rows, and the entrance gate is usually located along the central axis.

Built Heritage: Western Architecture Emergence of Western-style Architecture

Sheung Wan, Central and Wan Chai along the northern shore of Hong Kong Island were the first areas to be developed following the establishment of British rule in the territory in 1841. With the founding of the City of Victoria in 1843, Western-style buildings quickly sprang up one after the other in the form of residences, churches, godowns, merchant houses, schools, hospitals, police stations and reservoirs, etc. As the boundaries of Hong Kong expanded, Western-style architecture began to appear in the Kowloon Peninsula and the New Territories. Many colonial-style military structures, such as batteries, redoubts and barracks, still remain today. Despite the ever-changing landscape of the city over the past centuries, many historic buildings have managed to survive and continue to bear witness to the history of Hong Kong.

Hong Kong Heritage: Lifestyle Videos

Real people telling true stories in Cantonese with English subtitles

1. 山下村憶舊 Shan Ha Tsuen in the Old Days
2. 活在徙置區 Life in Resettlement Estate
3. 西區追昔 Remembering the Central and Western District
4. 細說大會堂 All about City Hall
5. 懷舊老灣仔 Tracing Old Wan Chai
6. 情迷利舞臺 Discovering Lee Theatre
7. 品茗在蓮香 Tea Drinking in Lin Heung Teahouse
8. 唐樓再活化 Revitalization of Tong Lau
9. 緬懷舊友蔣 Recalling Old Yau Kung School
10. 銀行話當年 Stories of the Banks

片長：每段長約3分鐘
Duration: About 3 minutes per episode

旁白：粵語
Narration: Cantonese

字幕：繁體中文及英文
Subtitles: Traditional Chinese and English

And while you're in Kowloon Park, visit the Flamingoes



LEI YUE MUN

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- Yau Tong MTR Exit A2
- Half-mile walk to Lei Yue Mun Praya Road.
- Road becomes footpath past many restaurants into Lei Yue Mun village.

Or take a taxi!



Ferry -- for the adventurous:

1. MTR to Sai Wan Ho (HK Island).
2. Walk 4 blocks to Sai Wan Ho Ferry Pier
3. Ferry Sai Wan Ho to Lei Yue Mun.
4. Must buy round trip ticket HK\$9 x 2 (senior 4.50 x 2).
5. Quick walk from Lei Yue Mun ferry pier to restaurants and village.

From Sai Wan Ho		From Sam Ka Tsuen	
7:12	7:36	7:00	7:24
8:00	8:24	7:48	8:12
8:48	9:15	8:36	9:00
9:36	10:15	9:30	10:00
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Ferry isn't elegant! →



What's in Lei Yue Mun?

- Many seafood restaurants.
- Old stilt-house village.
- Tin Hau Temple Built 1753.
- Small village shops.
- Sea views.

Highly rated restaurants:

- Lei Yue Mun Seafood
- Kam Lee Loy Seafood
- Sea King Garden Rest.
- Wai Lung Seafood
- Happiness Seafood
- Gateway Cuisine

You can dine in a Lei Yue Mun restaurant one of two ways:

1. Order off the menu.
2. Choose and pay for your seafood at one of the seafood markets. The market will suggest one or more restaurants to bring it to for cooking. Restaurant will sell starters, veggies, dessert, etc and charge for cooking your seafood.



Footpath past restaurants, seafood markets, other shops



Footpath past restaurants, seafood markets, other shops

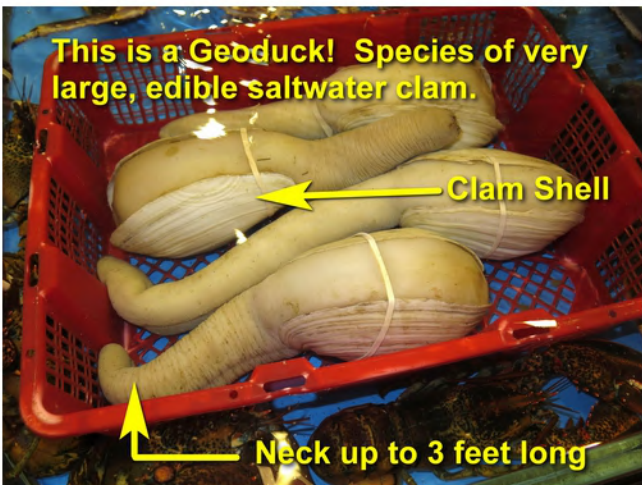


Seafood Market in Lei Yue Mun

Notice...



Seafood Restaurant in Lei Yue Mun





Scallops in a Lei Yue Mun Market



Last restaurant along restaurant row

Path to Lei Yue Mun Village



Hong Kong Island

Lei Yue Mun coast light tower



Lei Yue Mun Village



Path between restaurants and Tin Hau Temple, through village



Sign offering fortune telling services



Stilt House Lei Yue Mun





MAN MO TEMPLE

- Man Mo Temple - 1**
- Built 1847.
 - 124 Hollywood Road, Sheung Wan, HK Island.
 - Take escalator to Hollywood Rd. Then walk west.
 - Many restaurants and Chinese antique shops along Hollywood Road.

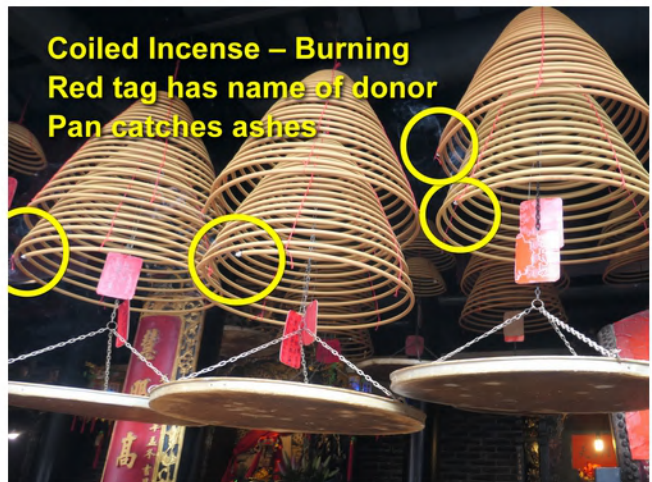
- Man Mo Temple - 2**
- Dedicated to two gods:
 - God of literature Man Tai (aka Man Cheong).
 - God of war and martial arts Mo Tai (aka Kwan Tai or Guan Di).
 - Students especially prayed to these gods for good grades and strength to study.

Man Mo Temple - 3

- Combination Buddhist and Taoist.
- Two attached temples:
 - Lit Shing Temple.
 - Kung So Temple.
- All seems like one long temple with multiple rooms.

Man Mo Temple - 4

- OK for visitors to go in.
- 8am to 6pm daily.
- Very smoky. Take photos without flash (reflections).
- Buy small pack of incense. Light with oil lamp. Place in sand urns in groups of 3.
- Fortune tellers (pay).





Man Mo Temple - Hollywood Road

In Chinese culture a Deer means Fortune. Same word LU for Deer and Wealth.



Joss Paper to burn outside

Incense Sticks Light and place in sand urns

Incense stick also called Joss Stick



Man Mo Temple – 1847
Photo taken February 2018



Man – God of Literature

Mo – God of War



Tin Hau
Goddess of the Sea
Man Mo Temple



Guanyin Goddess of Mercy



Bao Zheng - 999 to 1062 AD
Symbol of Justice,
Anti-corruption



Man Mo Temple – February 2018



Man Mo Temple Ancestor Shrines



Man Mo Temple - 1847

Joss Paper (aka Ghost Paper or Hell Money)

- Sheets of paper used as offerings.
- Burned "to ensure that the spirit of the deceased has lots of good things in the afterlife."
- Also burn paper shaped as objects the deceased liked, such as clothes, houses, cars, toiletries, electronics, cigarettes.



People at Man Mo Temple preparing Joss Papers for burning



Burning Joss Papers at Man Mo Temple



Burning Joss Papers at Man Mo Temple

Man Mo Temple

<p>曾師父一解籤相命 MASTER TSANG - FORTUNE TELLING</p> <p>←</p> <p>海外知名 八字命理 神像開光 玄學專家 五官全相 占卦解籤</p>	<p>吳南師父 ≈ 解籤 MASTER NG ≈ FORTUNE TELLING</p> <p>←</p> <p>ENGLISH & CHINESE LANGUAGE ARE WELCOME</p> <p>八字命理 小兒花根 改名 文王神卦 消災 轉運 酬神 攝太歲 神像開光</p>
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Fortune Teller Charges:
 HK\$50 - Basic with joss stick
 Up to HK\$500 - Detailed based on your birthday and other info.

Master Tsang offers:

"Naming.

Birthdate fortune

telling. God calling.

Specialist in metaphysics. Face

reading. Joss stick fortune

telling." This includes Man

Wong Gwa: Tortoise Shell

Divination (next slide).

曾師父—解籤 相命

MASTER TSANG - FORTUNE TELLING



海外知名 八字命理 神像開光
玄學專家 五官全相 占卦解籤

Master Tsang can do tortoise shell divination.

Put 3 ancient coins in empty turtle shell.

Shake. Drop coins.



"We do this for 2 times. First time = Past. 2nd time = Change or the Future. Fortune teller will do calculations with exact date and time to deduce the fortune."

Categories of questions you can ask for turtle shell telling:

Work. Money. Marriage.

Business. Fertility. Lawsuit.

Some business people do this very often. When they have a very important business decision to make.

The Triads people (HK "Mafia") also do this very often when they plan for a crime. They ask:

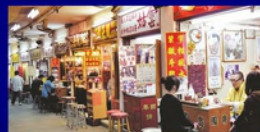
"Will I have legal trouble if I commit this crime?"

If yes, they do not commit the crime!

Comment from a friend:

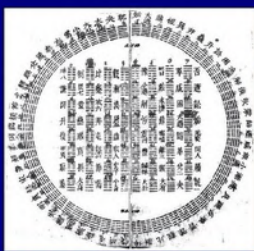
"Scientifically, this universe is full of information.

Fortune tellers are gifted to retrieve the signals / specific information from the universe and calculate the outcomes by deduction."



"I am telling you that turtle fortune telling is very amazing. We did experiments in classes. The most amazing part is to find lost items. And to find out the health condition of a person. A good fortune teller can identify the specific organs and the areas of the illness: Liver, Heart, Spleen, Lungs, Kidneys."

Fortune Telling



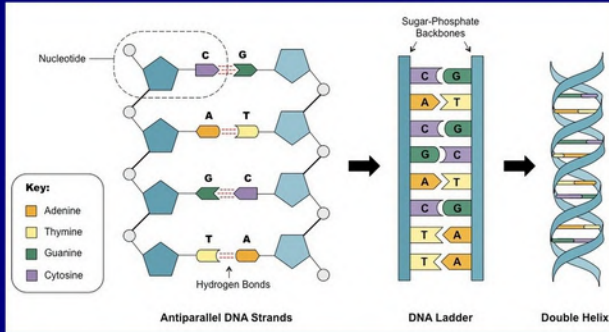
Many ways



A word about "Feng Shui"

- Literally means "Wind and Water".
- Geomancy: interpreting patterns formed by tossed handfuls of soil, rocks, or sand.
- More specifically: the art of placing or arranging buildings, furniture or sites auspiciously to improve energy flow (qi).
- Holistic philosophy that everything in this universe is connected.
- Feng shui masters hired by companies, banks, and celebrities as advisors.
- They are also career consultants, baby namers, therapists, investment advisers.

These days there are other ways to tell fortunes, too



Cat Street

- Across from Man Mo: take steps down to Central.
- One flight of steps down.
- “Cat Street” (officially Upper Lascar Row).
- Pedestrian. Trinkets and souvenirs. Touristy.
- Continue down to Central.



HONG KONG MARITIME MUSEUM

Central Pier #8 (next to Star Ferry)

Open 7 days

HK\$30 adults, HK\$15 seniors/kids

"promote a greater knowledge of Hong Kong, China and Asia's maritime history and the vital role that ships and the sea play in our past, present and future"

HK Maritime Museum Galleries:

- KM Koo Ship Bridge Simulator
- Traditional Maritime China
- The China Trade
- Pioneering Voyage of the Keying
- Sea Bandits
- Creating Victoria Harbour
- Hong Kong Ships and Shipyards
- China's First Maritime Modernization
- Making of a Modern Port
- Carrying People



Collections include:

- Ceramics
- Models
- Nautical instruments
- Paintings
- The Alexander Hume Painting
- Photography



**The Hong Kong Maritime Museum
Pier #8, Central, HK Island**



**Collection has over 2,000 objects,
including many 18th and 19th c paintings**



**Hong Kong Maritime Museum
Finest collection of China Trade
paintings in Asia.**



**The Alexander Hume Painting of
Canton (Guangzhou) in 1774. 9' wide!
"13 Hongs Foreign Factories".
In 1757 all Chinese ports except
Canton were closed to foreign ships.
Flags of Denmark, France (pre-Revol.),
Sweden, Britain, and Holland factories.**



**Maritime Museum has over 100 ship
models and 25 interactive video screens.**



Porcelains used on ships



**Collection covers maritime history
of China as well as Hong Kong**

Early 19th c European-made cannon recovered in 2016 from HK waters



Maritime invasion of Hong Kong by Japanese troops December 1941



When WW2 ended there were more than 230 shipwrecks strewn across HK harbor.

WW2 maritime history in Hong Kong



Japan's brutal occupation of HK WW2
Japan invaded Dec. 8, 1941

- HK Population
- 1941: 1,640,000
- 1945: 600,000
- Martial Law. Summary executions.
- Japanese schools, language, currency, propaganda.
- Victoria Harbour blockaded.
- Famine, malnourishment, sickness.
- Hyperinflation.

Travel by steambot from Hong Kong to Macau and Guangzhou (then called Canton)

today's Shun Tak Group was the leading company for many years. Apart from the lively local Hong Kong Chinese-owned companies who came along, went, the major rivals to the HCMS in the early years were the ferries of Jardine, Matheson, and Butterfield and Swire. However, by 1879, traffic was shared between all three companies.

The ferries used typified the workhorses of both the Pearl River and the Yangzi. The

19th c Hong Kong Steamer



Some Recent Special Exhibitions

THE DRAGON AND THE EAGLE: American Traders in China A Century of Trade from 1784 to 1900
14.12.2018 - 14.4.2019
中環八號碼頭·香港海事博物館 (露天輪船碼頭)
Hong Kong Maritime Museum, Central Ferry Pier No. 8 (露天輪船碼頭)

THE SILVER AGE
THE STORY OF THE SILVER AGE

SHAU KEI WAN

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District at the eastern end of HK Island.

Last stop on the main HK Island Tram Line.



Museum of Coastal Defence

Badly damaged by Typhoon Mangkhut in September 2018. Currently "closed for major revamp". Reopening date not set.

Museum of Coastal Defence

HK Museum of Coastal Defence

- Presents 600 years of Hong Kong's coastal defences.
- In 100+ year old Lei Yue Mun Fort.
- Closed Thursdays.

Museum of Coastal Defence Japanese invasion and occupation

Museum of Coastal Defence Shau Kei Wan, HK Island

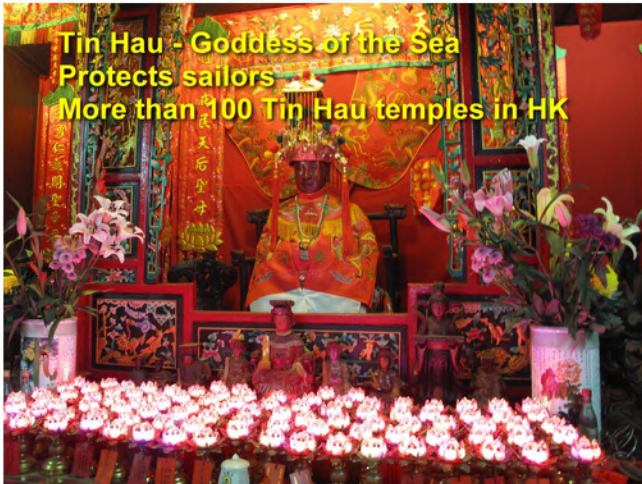
Museum of Coastal Defence



**View from Museum across
Lei Yue Mun Channel to Lei
Yue Mun Village, Kowloon**



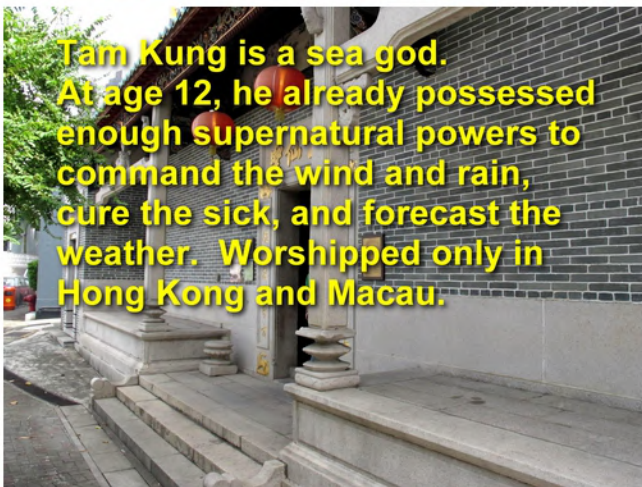
**Shau Kei Wan Tin Hau Temple
Built 1873**



**Tin Hau - Goddess of the Sea
Protects sailors
More than 100 Tin Hau temples in HK**



**Tam Kung Temple Shau Kei Wan
Built around 1900**



**Tam Kung is a sea god.
At age 12, he already possessed
enough supernatural powers to
command the wind and rain,
cure the sick, and forecast the
weather. Worshipped only in
Hong Kong and Macau.**



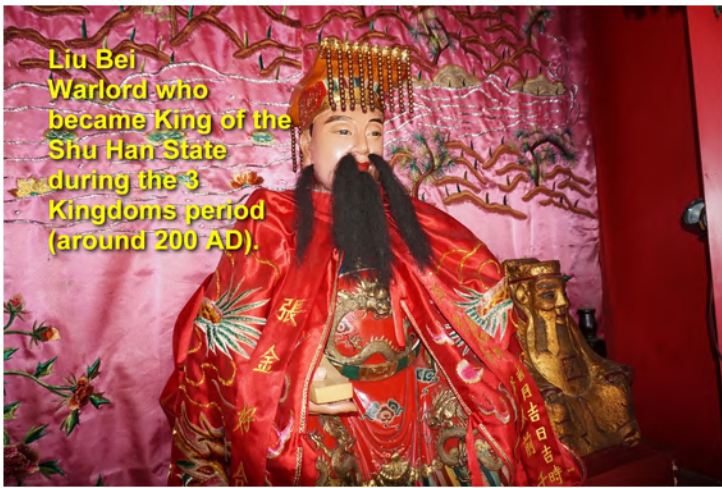
**Tam Kung Temple Shau Kei Wan
Tam Kung lived during 1300s.**



**Zhang Fei and Liu Bei
Temples, Shau Kei Wan**



**Liu Bei was a warlord around
200 AD. Zhang Fei was his
military general. Both are
now deified.**



Liu Bei
Warlord who
became King of the
Shu Han State
during the 3
Kingdoms period
(around 200 AD).

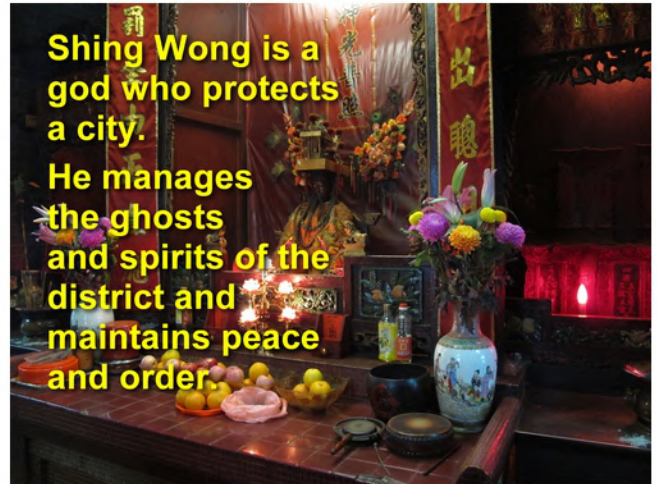


Zhang Fei
Served as military
general under
Warlord Liu Bei
during 3 Kingdoms
Period (200 AD)

志在春秋享春秋



City God Temple - Shau Kei Wan
aka Shing Wong Temple
Built 1877

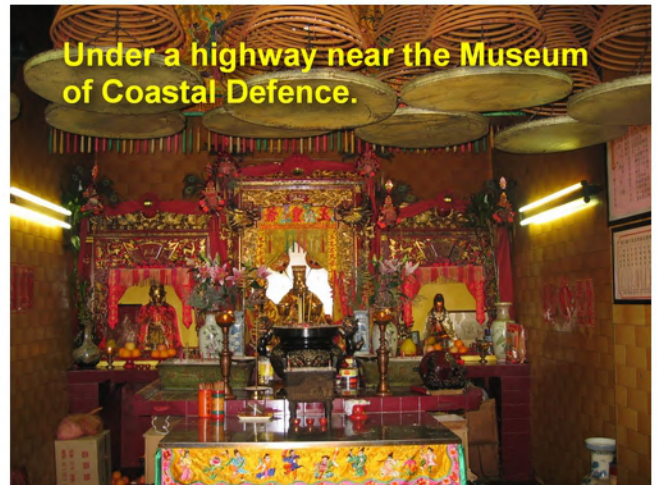


Shing Wong is a
god who protects
a city.
He manages
the ghosts
and spirits of the
district and
maintains peace
and order.

"Yuk Wong Tai
Tai or the Jade
Emperor is in
charge of the
Heaven. He is
the king of all
immortals and
has the power to
command them.
For Taoists, Jade
Emperor is the
deity of the
highest order."



Emperor of Jade
Temple



Under a highway near the Museum
of Coastal Defence.



Shau Kei Wan Main St.



I love the name of this restaurant!

福盈酒家 (宴會廳)
RICH FOREX RESTAURANT (BANQUET HALL)



Shau Kei Wan Market



Shau Kei Wan Market



Aubergine (Eggplant)

Giant Carrots



Ginger



Bean Sprouts

Seeds removed (more costly)



Congeaed Blood

Fish Balls

Squid

Tripe

Fried Tofu



Shau Kei Wan Market
Eastern end of HK Island.
Any bus or tram marked
Shau Kei Wan.



Shau Kei Wan Market Fresh Fish



Shau Kei Wan Market Fresh Fish



Shau Kei Wan Market Fresh Fish



Shau Kei Wan Market Fresh Meat



Pig Trotters



Shau Kei Wan Market
7 days a week
Not touristy



Bitter Marrow aka Bitter Melon
aka Bitter Gourd



"Washington Apples"
Produce of USA



Winter Melon
Generally used for soups



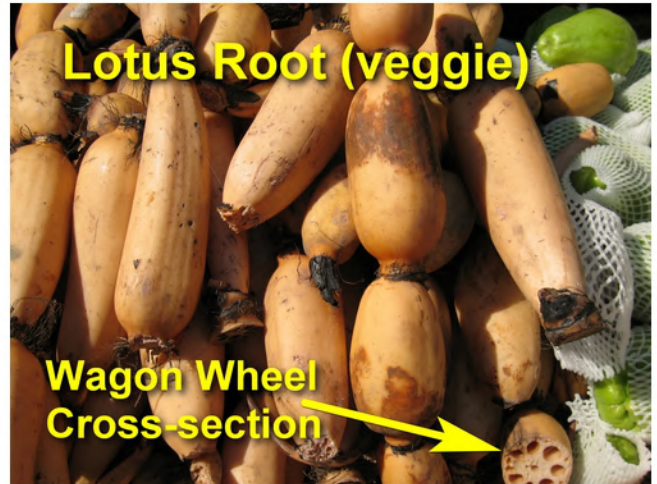
Aubergine (Eggplant)



**Chinese Lettuce
Cooked, rather than for salads**



A kind of squash



Lotus Root (veggie)

**Wagon Wheel
Cross-section**



**Another kind of bitter melon /
bitter melon**



Roasted Chicken and Duck



Dried Fish



**Kohlrabi (I think)
"Cabbage Turnip"**



Persimmons



Pomelo



Chestnuts



"Sunkist USA"



Papaya

Taro

Carrots



Taro



Gailan



Yams



Squids



Hairy Marrow



Roasted Goose



Red Bean Pudding



Shanghai Bok Choy

Shau Kei Wan Market



Daikon Radish



Dried Silverfish Snack



Roasted Chestnuts



Durians

Shau Kei Wan Market



**Shau Kei Wan Market
East end of HK Island
7 days a week**

Hong Kong's best wet markets for tourists:

- Wan Chai Market, just south of Wan Chai MTR Station, HK Island.
- Graham Street, Central, HK Island.
- North Point, Chun Yeung Street, north of King's Road, HK Island.
- Shau Kei Wan, HK Island.
- Kowloon City Market, Kowloon. Buses, but not near an MTR station. HK's biggest wet market. 400+ stalls.

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