

Markets for Leisure and Pleasure

Yau Ma Tei & Mong Kok

For a non-stop experience of local, urban Chinese lifestyles, you need look no further than Yau Ma Tei and Mong Kok – the heart of the Kowloon Peninsula. Within these two neighbourhoods are side streets and alleys that are home to some of Hong Kong's liveliest spectacles. You'll be amazed by the teeming masses jostling to and fro in this unique section of Hong Kong.

Walking through Yau Ma Tei and Mong Kok is an exciting and memorable experience any time of the day or night. You'll love the ambience and the great deals you can get on souvenirs, clothing, electronic goods and much more.



Left: The bright lights above the Temple Street Night Market in Yau Ma Tei.




Yau Ma Tei & Mong Kok Walking Map



圖例 Legend

-  路線起點
Start of Walk
-  路線
Route
-  港鐵站出入口
MTR Station Entrance

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Map not drawn to scale

 → MTR Prince Edward Station Exit B1. Walk east along Prince Edward Road West to Yuen Po Street Bird Garden.



1 Yuen Po Street Bird Garden 園圃街雀鳥花園

Set within an attractive Chinese-design courtyard, the Yuen Po Street Bird Garden is a market catering to bird lovers. They come to the market with cage in hand to find new birds of different types and sizes, buy accessories and food for their treasured pets, or to just take their pet birds for

a "walk" and meet up with other bird lovers. The garden, with its many singing birds, offers a pleasant and novel experience.

While appreciating the beauty and sweet songs of the birds, please avoid direct contact. Open 7am - 8pm daily.



Head to the Bird Garden for distinctive souvenirs.



Goldfish in a bag! Ready for a new home!



 → Walk through the Bird Garden to the junction of Yuen Po Street and Flower Market Road.

2 Flower Market 花墟



This hub of Hong Kong's wholesale and retail floral business will welcome you with sweet natural fragrances and eye-catching colours of flowers and plants sold for very attractive prices. Other accessories, including plant hangers and dried flowers, are also available. Open 7am - 7pm daily.



A rainbow of colours at the Mong Kok Flower Market.



 → At the end of Flower Market Road, turn left and then right into Prince Edward Road West. Walk west until you see a petrol station, then left into Tung Choi Street.

3 Goldfish Market 通菜街 (北段)【金魚街】



Shops selling colourful fish of different species along with furnishings and decorations for aquariums line both sides of Tung Choi Street.

The shops are usually open 10:30am - 10pm daily.



 → Walk along Tung Choi Street and turn left into Bute Street and then turn right into Fa Yuen Street.

4 Fa Yuen Street 花園街 (市集)



Fa Yuen Street is the place to be if you want to find bargain-priced trendy fashion and casual wear for men, women and children. Open 11am – 9:30pm daily.



Shop till you drop in Fa Yuen Street.



→ Walk along Fa Yuen Street to Mong Kok Road, turn right and cross the road to reach another section of Tung Choi Street, the starting point of the Ladies' Market.

5 Ladies' Market 通菜街 (南段)【女人街】

Don't be deceived by the name. Ladies' Market has something for everyone with bargain-priced items, including men's and women's clothing, knick-knacks, watches and beauty products. Beside the street stalls are Hong Kong-style cafes that offer local favourites. Open noon – 11:30pm daily.



Did you know...

Tung Choi means "water spinach" reflecting the street's rural origins. Imagine, this street used to be farmland!

Shopping in Hong Kong is exhilarating!



→ Walk through the Ladies' Market to its end at Dundas Street. Turn right and walk to Shanghai Street, then turn left.

6 Shanghai Street 上海街



Get a taste of the bygone days of Hong Kong and visit one of the city's oldest streets. Many of the buildings are ages old and some shops have existed for decades. Look for shops selling Chinese-style wedding clothes which feature stunning embroidery. Once there were many of these shops, now just a few remain. It's also a great place to pick up bargain kitchenware.



Traditional Chinese wedding clothing

 → Continue along Shanghai Street, turn right at Kansu Street to the Jade Market.

7 Jade Market / Jade Street 玉器市場 / 玉器街




About 400 registered stall-owners sell amulets, ornaments, necklaces and trinkets made from the revered green stone. This is a fun place to browse and to buy an inexpensive memento of your visit, but think twice about buying anything costly unless you are a

jade expert. Open 10am - 5pm daily.

Nearby is Jade Street, located on Canton Road between Kansu Street and Jordan Road, with shops open 10:30am – 2:30pm. Jade and gemstone testing is available at Jade Plaza.



An expert can provide much-needed advice when shopping in the Jade Market.

 → Go back to Shanghai Street, walk north to the junction of Shanghai and Public Square streets, turn right and walk to the Tin Hau Temple.

8 Tin Hau Temple 天后廟



This temple is dedicated to the Goddess of Seafarers, Tin Hau. Its location in the middle of urban Yau Ma Tei might seem odd, but long ago, before massive land reclamation, it was on the harbour front. The water has receded, but people continue to worship Tin Hau here. You can go inside the temple 8am – 5pm daily.



When the sun goes down, the bargains come out at the Temple Street Night Market.

 → Walk up Temple Street, across from the temple.

9 Temple Street Night Market 廟街夜市




This is the famous night market, open 4pm – midnight daily, where you can find all kinds of bargains, including casual clothes and curios. You'll also often see fortune tellers, Cantonese opera singers and professional Chinese chess players. Market becomes busy after 7pm.



Did you know... ?

Many Chinese people believe that jade can protect you from evil spirits and calm your emotions. That's why they buy tiny jade bracelets for their babies.



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