



EVOLVEMENT OF A FISHING VILLAGE SHAU KEI WAN

In olden times, Shau Kei Wan (Shau Kei means pail and Wan means bay) provided a haven for ships and served as a typhoon shelter for fishermen. Down through the years, the area became a centre for shipbuilding and a number of temples dedicated to popular fisherfolk deities such as Tin Hau and Tam Kung sprang up. You can still visit them today and they provide great colour at festival time.

Upper: A temple dedicated to local fishermen's deity Tam Kung.



1. Shing Wong Temple

城隍廟



The temple was originally called Fook Tak Tsz. It was built in 1877 and expanded in 1974. It is quite popular with local residents, being situated very near the Shau Kei Wan Tram Terminus. Open daily: 8am – 5pm.



Walk along Shau Kei Wan Main Street East to Miu Tung Street. Tin Hau Temple is on your right.

2. Tin Hau Temple

天后廟



This small Tin Hau Temple dedicated to the Goddess of the Sea and a number of lesser deities dates back to 1876. There is a pair of stone lions outside the temple and inside you'll find a collection of well preserved murals, woodcarvings and Shek Wan pottery. Open daily: 8am – 5pm.



Shau Kei Wan 筲箕灣



MTR Shau Kei Wan Station Exit C, walk along Mong Lung Street and turn left into Kam Wa Street to tram terminus. Shing Wong Temple is adjacent to it. Or take tram to the Shau Kei Wan Terminus and Shing Wong Temple is right nearby.

Did you know...

Shau Kei Wan Main Street East

This street was originally the waterfront. In the 1860s, to crack down on pirates hiding here, the Hong Kong Government decided to clean up the area by building houses and stores on the two sides of the road.

While the old houses have been replaced by modern high-rises, there are still a few old restaurants and stores on the street.

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 Walk along Shau Kei Wan Main Street East, turn right to Basel Road and Tsung Tsin Church.

3. Tsung Tsin Church 巴色差會崇真堂



This church was built in 1862 by local Hakkas with the help of priests from the Swiss Basel Church. When the Japanese invaded in 1941, it served as the temporary headquarters of the military police. After the war, the church was rebuilt, a school was added in 1958 and the church proper was further expanded in 1990.



Did you know...

Shau Kei Wan Tram Terminus

Located at the junction of Shau Kei Wan Main Street East and Kam Wa Street, this is the eastern end of the line built in 1904 that runs to Kennedy Town in the west.


 Continue along Shau Kei Wan Main Street East to A Kung Ngam Village Road. Follow the directional signs to Yuk Wong Temple.

4. Yuk Wong Temple 玉皇寶殿

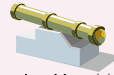


Yuk Wong is credited with solving flooding problems and saving people's lives. This temple was originally a shrine built in the mid-19th century by people from Mainland China who worked in a nearby stone quarry. In the early 1900s, the shrine was expanded into a small temple. Open daily: 8am – 5pm.



 Follow the directional signs, cross Tung Hei Road. Turn right and you will see the Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence in front of you.

5. Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence 香港海防博物館



The Lei Yue Mun Fort built by the British in 1887 to defend Hong Kong against invasion by sea is home to an intriguing exhibition of military memorabilia covering the 600 years from the Ming and Qing periods. It sits perched on the heights overlooking the narrow strip of water at Lei Yue Mun, now famous for its seafood restaurants. The 34,200-square-metre Museum of Coastal Defence features a Reception Area, Redoubt and Historical Trail that paint a vivid picture of Britain's readiness to defend Hong Kong against any aggressors. Open daily: 10am – 5pm. Closed on Thursdays (except public holidays) and first two days of Chinese New Year. Free admission on Wednesdays. Enquiry: +852 2569 1500.



 Walk back along the Tam Kung Temple Road, and follow the directional signs to Tam Kung Temple.

6. Tam Kung Temple 譚公仙聖廟



One of the few deities known only to Hong Kong, Tam Kung is also a patron of fishermen. This temple is over 100 years old and was renovated in 2002, with the original design being preserved. Besides the statue of Tam Kung, there is a small wooden junk and a dragon boat inside the temple. Open daily: 8am – 5pm.



Did you know...

Birthday of Tam Kung

The birthday of Tam Kung falls on the 8th day of the 4th Lunar month. For many years, locals held an annual procession to commemorate the time when many people were saved from a plague with all the colour and pageantry of its origins.

Shau Kei Wan Walking Map



圖例 Legend

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

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Map not drawn to scale