



## MARKETS FOR LEISURE AND PLEASURE YAU MA TEI & MONG KOK

For an experience of local Chinese lifestyles, you need look no further than Yau Ma Tei and Mong Kok.

Walking through this unique section of Hong Kong 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.

This section contains information about a number of shops and restaurants or must-try 'Hidden Treasures' compiled by Dr Patrick Hase, the Immediate Past President of the Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong Branch and Honorary Advisor to the Hong Kong Museum of History.

## Yau Ma Tei & Mong Kok 油麻地及旺角



**MTR Prince Edward Station Exit B1.** Walk east along Prince Edward Road West to Yuen Po Street Bird Garden. Walk through the Bird Garden to the junction of Yuen Po Street and Flower Market Road. 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.

### Did you know...

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

### 1. Yuen Po Street Bird Garden / Flower Market / Goldfish Market

園圃街雀鳥花園/花墟/通菜街(北段)【金魚街】



The charming Chinese-style garden on Yuen Po Street includes some 70 songbird stalls as well as courtyards and moon gates. Look and listen, but it's wise to avoid contact with the birds. The Bird Garden is open daily: 7am – 8pm. The colourful Flower Market sells everything from Dutch tulips to exotic orchids. It's open daily: 7am – 7pm. The Goldfish Market on nearby Tung Choi Street sells aquariums, corals and exotic fish. Open daily: 10:30am – 10pm.



A rainbow of colours at Flower Market in Mong Kok.

### Did you know...

#### Some Interesting Street Names

You can glimpse the past history of Mong Kok by checking street signs. The names are a colourful reminder of the bygone days. There is Yuen Po Street (Vegetable Patch Street), Sai Yeung Choi Street (Watercress Street), Yuen Ngai Street (Horticulture Street), Fa Yuen Street (Flower Garden Street), Yim Po Fong Street (Bleaching Sheds Street), Pak Po Street (White Cloth Street), Hak Po Street (Black Cloth Street), and Yin Chong Street (Tobacco Factory Street). Nothing remains of the old Mong Kok village but these street names.

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

## 2. Fa Yuen Street

花園街 (集市)



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 daily: 11am – 9:30pm.




Shop till you drop in Fa Yuen Street.

### Did you know...

There are only a few places left in town where you can sit down and enjoy homemade bean curd (tofu). One such place is **Liu Tung Hap** (廖同合) which has been in operation for more than 70 years. Besides its bean curd, it also serves tofu fa (a sweet dessert) and pan-fried tofu.

Dim sum, one of Hong Kong's most tantalising eating experiences, comes in funky little bamboo baskets or steamers. **Sham Hing Kee** (沈興記) supplies 50 per cent of the Hong Kong market and while most of them come from China, the company still makes some of its own.

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

## 3. Ladies' Market


通菜街 (南段)【女人街】



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 daily: noon – 11:30pm.



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.

## 4. Shanghai Street

上海街



This is one of the city's oldest streets. 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

### Did you know...

In Chinese cooking, the humble chopping board is never far from the chef's elbow as it plays an integral role in the preparation of any dish or meal! No one knows chopping boards better than **Man Kee** (萬記砧板), which makes more than 70 per cent of the boards used in Hong Kong. Fashioned from sturdy woods, these traditional cutting boards make a great souvenir or gift.

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

## 5. 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 daily: 10am – 5pm.




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

Nearby is Jade Street, located on Canton Road between Kansu Street and Jordan Road, with shops open 10am – 4pm Monday to Saturday. Jade and gemstone testing is available at Jade Plaza. A giant jade stone weighing three tons has been placed at the junction of Canton Road and Jordan Road as a landmark.

### 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.

 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.

## 6. 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 reclamation, it was on the harbour front. The water has receded, but people continue to worship Tin Hau here. Open daily: 8am – 5pm.



 Walk up Temple Street, across from the temple.

## 7. Temple Street Night Market

廟街夜市



This is the famous night market, open daily: 4pm – midnight, 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. The market becomes busy after sunset.



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

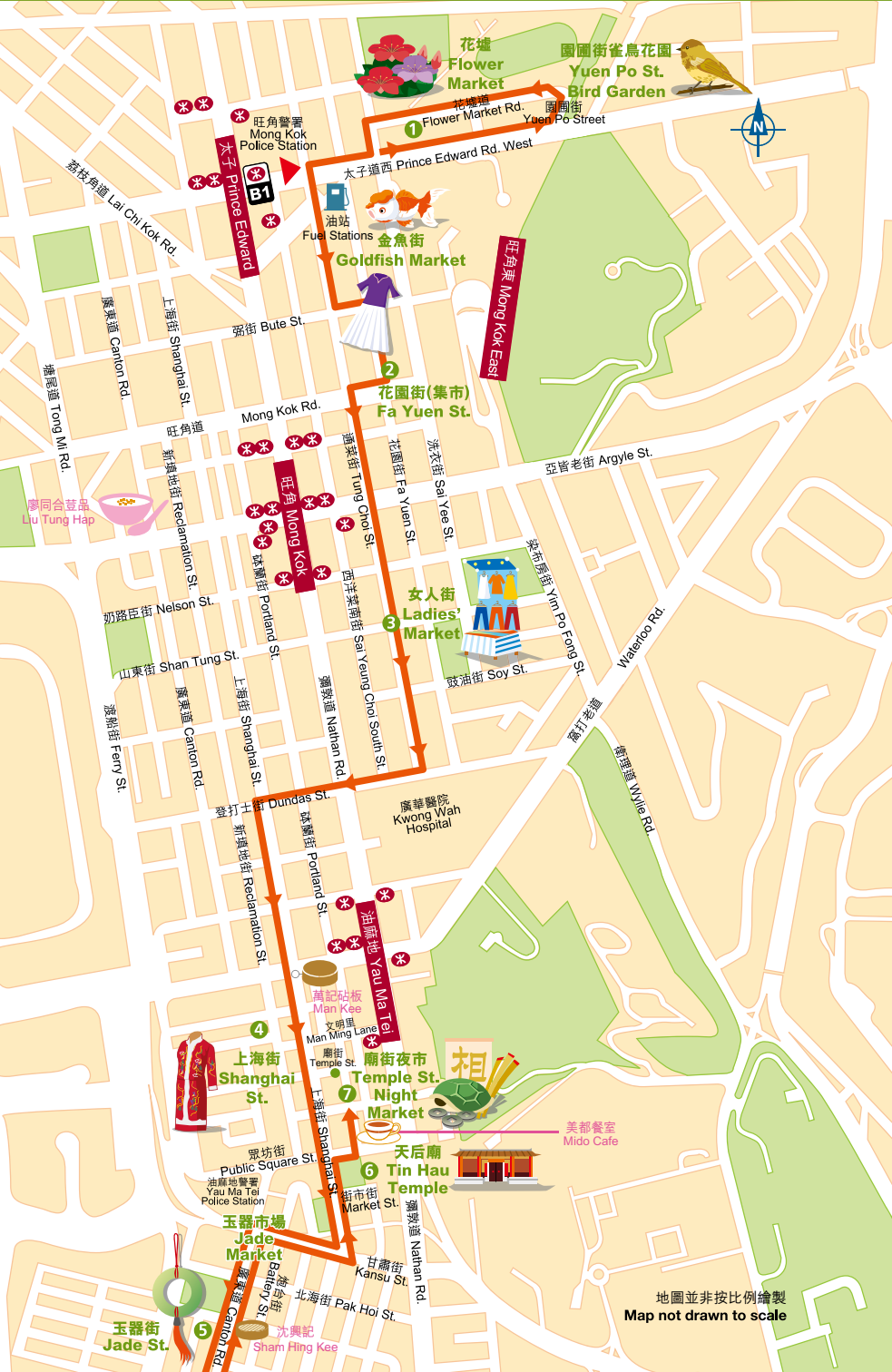
### Did you know...

One of the reasons why Hong Kong is the Culinary Capital of Asia is the remarkable ingenuity of its chefs. Long before fusion-style cooking ever became popular, the **Mido Café (美都)** was one of the earliest cafes to 'easternise' its western menu by cooking with soy sauce. Presto! Fusion cooking Hong Kong-style was born. This popular restaurant also features a funky 1950s decor that is reason enough to drop by. There are a few other restaurants like this one in Hong Kong.

# 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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