

# CITY IN TIME 城市景昔

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## Central 中環

### The Landmark

Premium Fashion Shopping Spot

### The Court of Final Appeal Building

Filming location of "City on Fire"

### Tai Kwun

Revitalised Landmark of Arts and Culture

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# Route

# Central

Hidden amongst the skyscrapers of Central are century-old monuments that have survived wars and witnessed Hong Kong's transformation from a fishing village to an international metropolis. When visiting Central, remember to download the "CITY IN TIME" mobile app for a journey through the past and present and discover the history of every corner.

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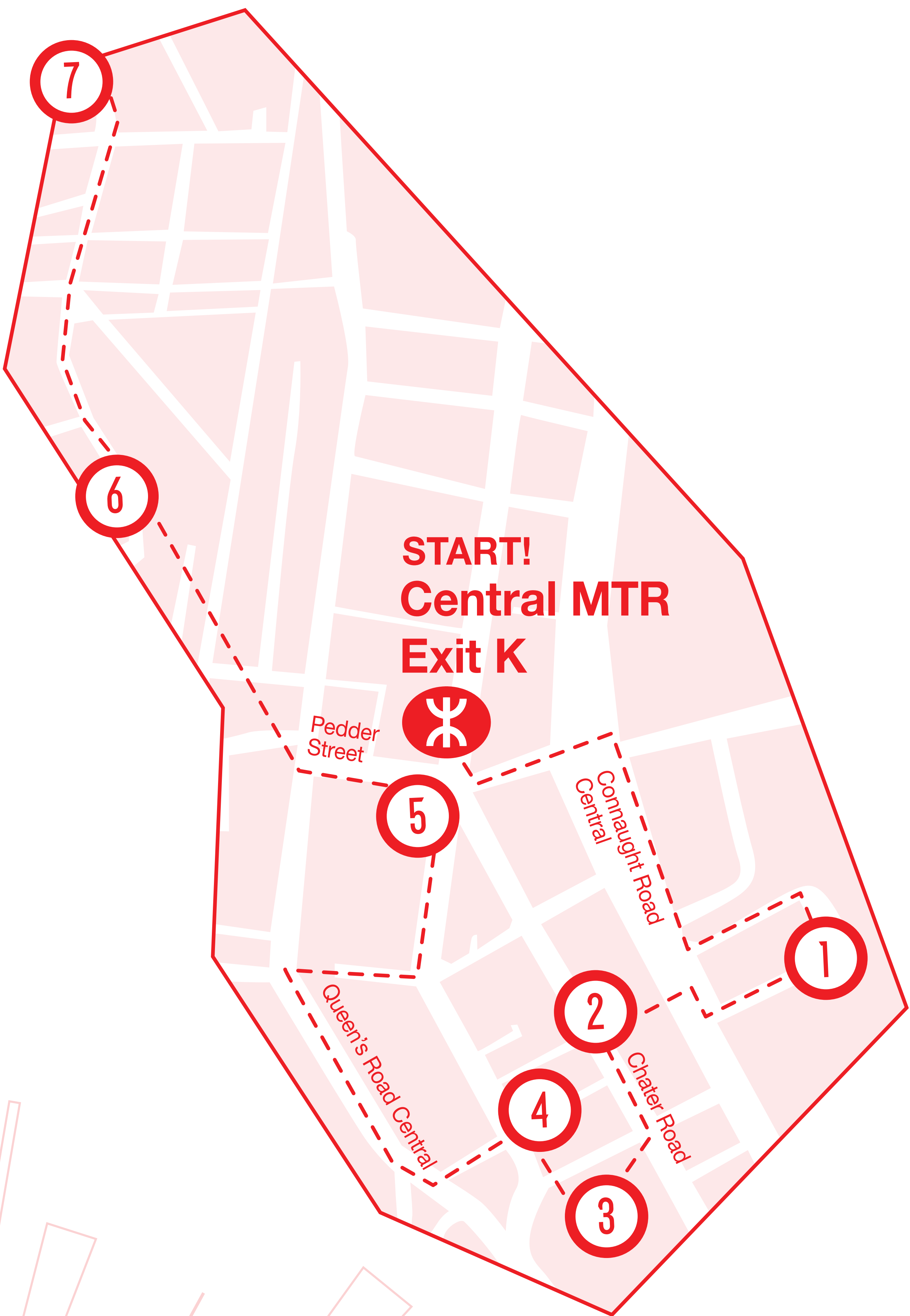
## CITY IN TIME AR



The eight AR clocks of "CITY IN TIME" are located in various corners of Central, including busy commercial and tourist spots like Chater Garden, Pedder Street, Pottinger Street, and Hollywood Road. Follow this guidebook while strolling through Central and use the "CITY IN TIME" mobile app to discover the stories behind each attraction.



# Central Map



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- 07 PMQ



Duration : 45 mins

Distance : 2.5 km



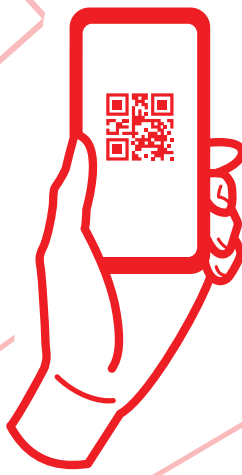
# Hong Kong City Hall

The Hong Kong City Hall is the first multi-purpose cultural venue in Hong Kong. With a history of over half a century, it remains as one major performing venue for arts and culture. Its facilities include a concert hall, a theatre, exhibition halls and Hong Kong’s first public library. The concert hall boasts excellent acoustics for symphonic and chamber music, soloists, jazz, opera, and Chinese opera. If you are a fan of classical music, do not forget to check out the programmes held at the City Hall!

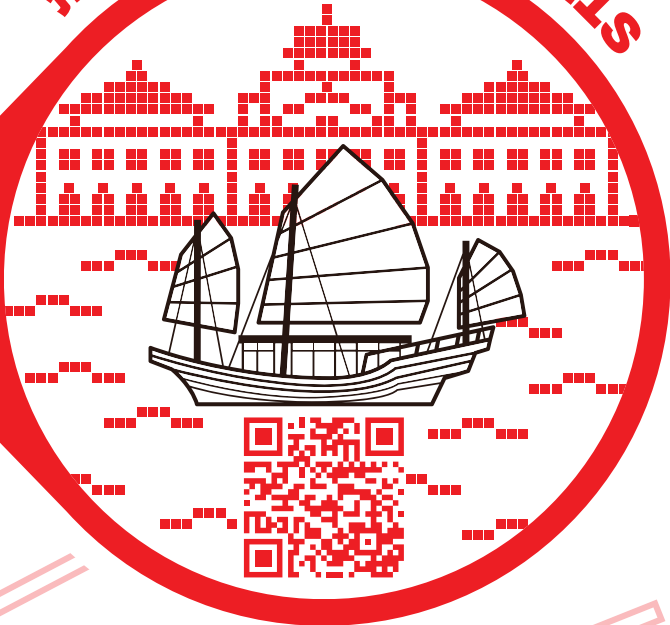
Spot 1



Before the Hong Kong City Hall was built, this area was once a vast expanse of water. The “CITY IN TIME” mobile app takes you back to 1950s Hong Kong. Scanning the AR clock located at Edinburgh Place brings you to virtually in the middle of Victoria Harbour, gazing at historical landmarks such as the old Hong Kong Club, HSBC Main Building, Bank of China Building and General Post Office.



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Address : 5 Edinburgh Place, Central  
Year of Establishment : 1962  
Opening Hours : Monday - Sunday  
9:00 am - 11:00 pm



# Recommendations

## City Gallery

Adjacent to the Hong Kong City Hall is Hong Kong's first exhibition gallery on the city's planning and infrastructure development. The five-storey gallery showcases Hong Kong's past urban planning and infrastructure development projects, as well as the vision for future development through various interactive exhibition installations.

**Address :** 3 Edinburgh Place, Central  
**Year of Establishment :** 2012  
**Opening Hours :** Monday - Thursday  
10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Friday - Sunday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm  
(Closed on Tuesday)

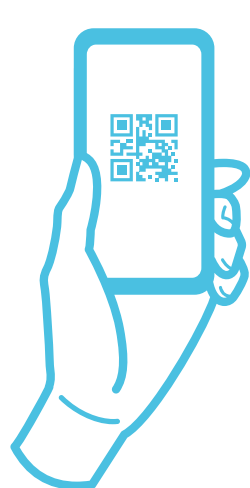
### Spot 2

## The Cenotaph

The Cenotaph was built in 1923 to commemorate the victims of World War I. Initially, it was only inscribed with the words "The Glorious Dead" and the war years "1914 - 1918". Later, to mourn the victims of World War II, the years "1939 - 1945" were added. In the 1980s, eight Chinese characters '英魂不朽 浩氣長存' (meaning "May their martyred souls be immortal, and their noble spirits endure") were inscribed on the side of the monument, echoing "The Glorious Dead" to signify that the Cenotaph commemorates all who died in the war, especially those who fell in the defence of Hong Kong.

Before reaching the Cenotaph, you will pass by the AR clock located at Chater Road, in which you can appreciate not only the historical panorama reconstructed in black and white lines by local illustrator Pen So but also relive rickshaw pullers picking up and dropping off passengers on the streets in the old days.

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**Address :** Chater Road  
**Year of Establishment :** 1923



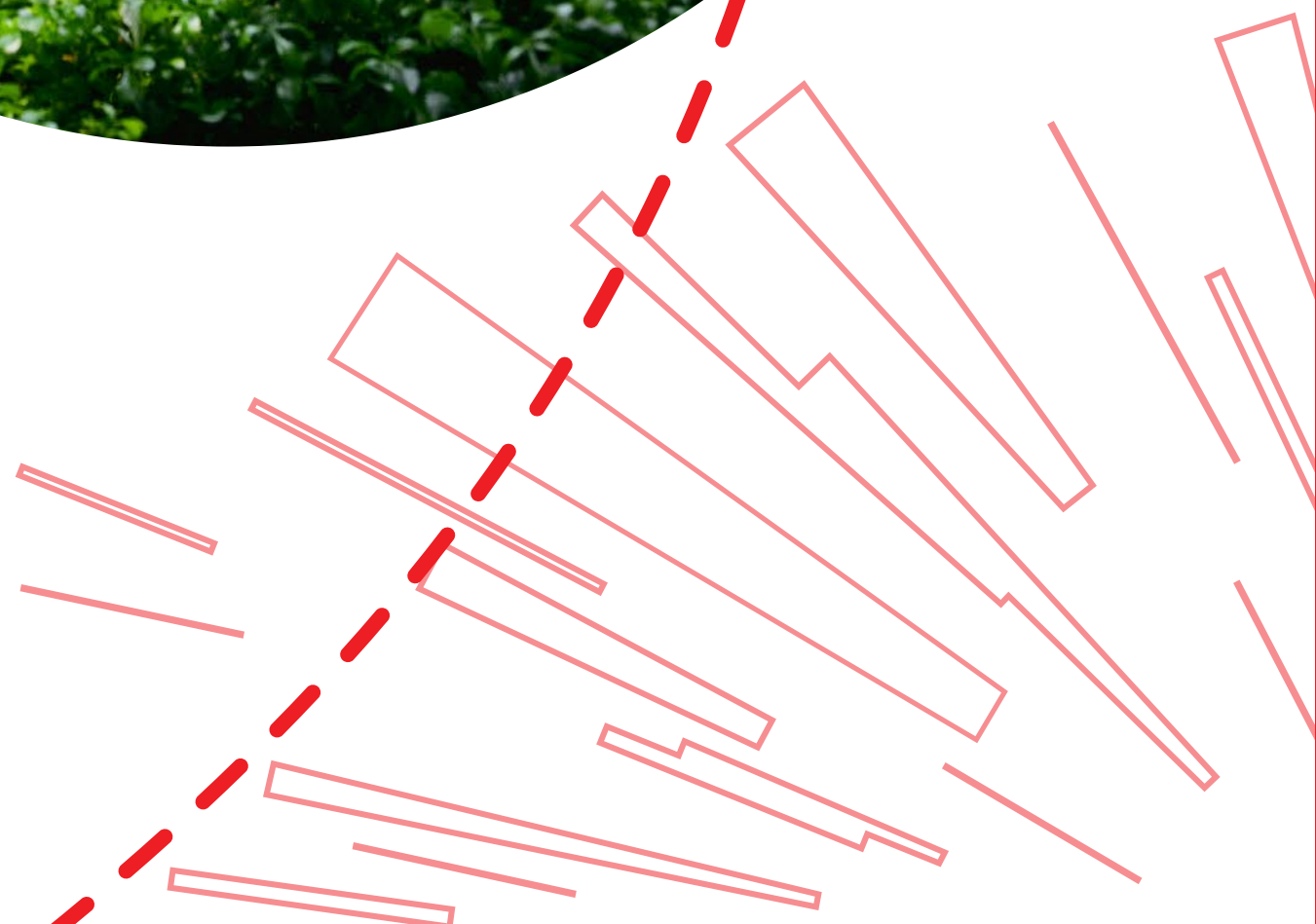
# Chater Garden

Chater Garden is located in the heart of the Central Business District, providing a leafy retreat amid the skyscrapers. There is a foundation stone commemorating the commencement of the Central Reclamation Project in 1890. Additionally, a spiral staircase connects to a covered pedestrian bridge at the corner of the garden, which is a popular photo spot.

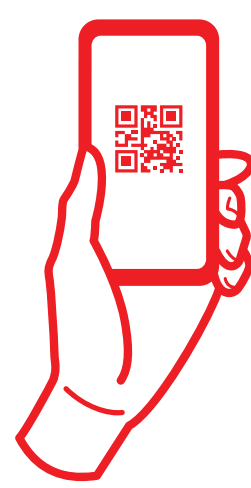


Spot 3

Chater Garden was once the home of the former Hong Kong Cricket Club, established in 1851 with a brick- and timber-built viewing platform in the early days and later transformed into a two-storey clubhouse. In 1975, the cricket club relocated to Wong Nai Chung Gap due to the construction of the MTR, and the original site was redeveloped into Chater Garden in 1978.



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The “CITY IN TIME” panorama image at Chater Garden is meticulously pieced together from historical photos. By opening the “CITY IN TIME” mobile app and scanning the AR clock in the garden, you can relive the scenes of cricket activities of the old days. You can also scan the AR clock located along Des Voeux Road Central next to the garden’s entrance to get a different perspective of the past of the Cricket Club and take a look at the sedan chair, which was a major mode of transport in the past, in the panoramic image.

**Address : Chater Road**  
**Year of Establishment : 1978**



# The Court of Final Appeal Building

The Court of Final Appeal Building, completed in 1912, is a granite building in the neo-classical architectural style. Atop the triangular pediment stands the statue of the goddess of Justice, Themis. She holds scales in her right hand to symbolise fairness, a sword in her left hand to represent authority, and her eyes blindfolded to signify the court's impartiality. The building first served as the Supreme Court of Hong Kong, later housed the Legislative Council from 1985 to 2011, and since 2015, it has been used by the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal.

Spot 4



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The Court of Final Appeal Building is also a popular film set for many Hong Kong movies. Using the “CITY IN TIME” mobile app and scanning the AR clock at Statue Square, you can enjoy the movie clip of “City on Fire” starring Chow Yun-fat. You can also view the historical panorama image created by local illustrator Flying Pig to see Central in the 1960s.

**Address : 8 Jackson Road, Central**  
**Year of Establishment : 1912**



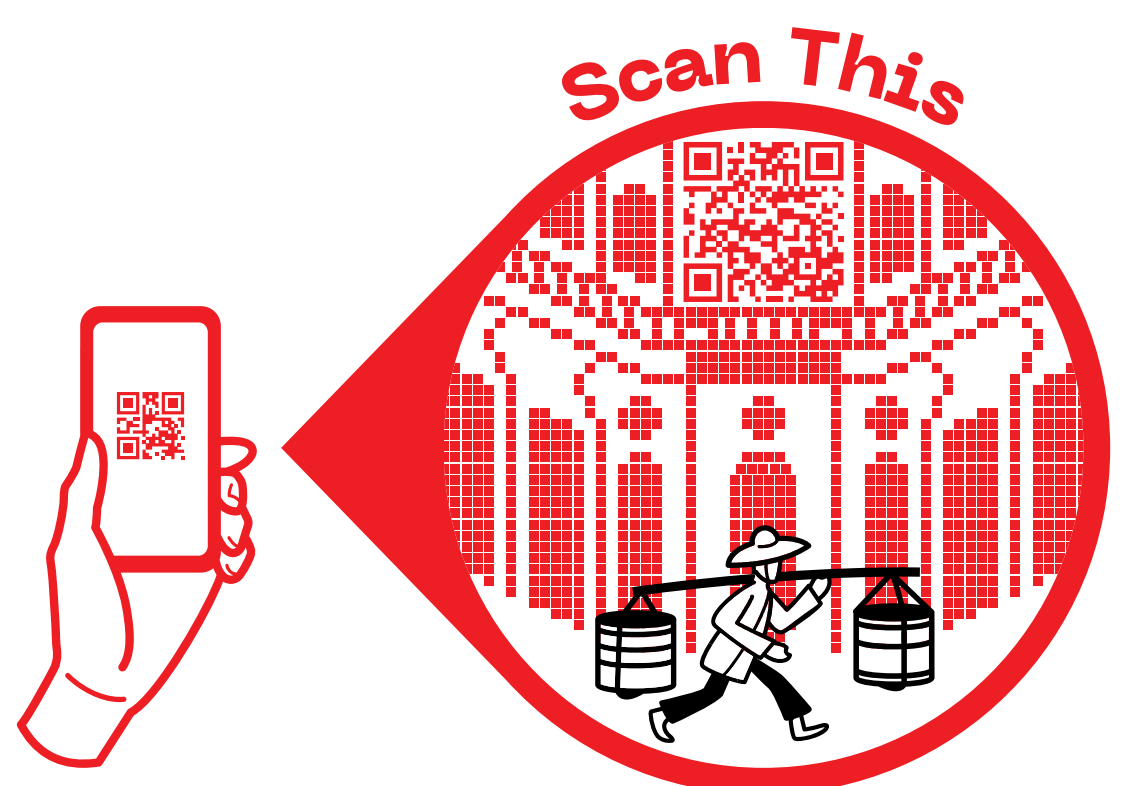
## Spot 5

# The Landmark

The Landmark comprises four iconic buildings – Landmark Atrium, Landmark Alexandra, Landmark Chater, and Landmark Prince's – interlinked by covered walkways with over 200 luxury boutiques and restaurants making it one of the largest shopping centres in Hong Kong. The predecessor of the Landmark was Gloucester House, built in 1931, which was one of the first steel-framed buildings with an Art Deco-style clock tower.



In the 1930s, the area around Pedder Street was one of the early central business districts. Apart from Gloucester House, there were commercial buildings such as Union Building, Alexandra House and Jardine House. Use the “CITY IN TIME” mobile app to scan the AR clock near the World Wide House to see how local illustrator Flying Pig re-created the business district of the time.



**Address : 15 Queen's Road Central, Central**  
**Year of Establishment : 1904**  
**Opening Hours : Monday - Sunday**  
**7:00 am - 12:00 pm**

## Recommendations

# Central Market

The Central Market is one of the oldest markets in Hong Kong. The current fourth-generation building was built in 1939 in the then -popular Bauhaus and modern, streamlined architectural style. The market ceased operations in 2003 due to changes in consumption patterns. In 2021, the Central Market was revitalised into a cultural landmark with the structure and style of the original building preserved. Under the theme “Playground for All”, it now offers various workshops, dining, retailing and other activities.



**Address : 80 Des Voeux Road Central, Central**  
**Year of Establishment : 1939**  
**Opening Hours : Monday - Sunday**  
**10:00 am - 10:00 pm**



# Tai Kwun

Spot 6

Comprising three declared monuments, namely the former Central Police Station, the former Central Magistracy and the Victoria Prison, which were once the legal hub in Hong Kong's early years, the complex has been revitalised into a heritage museum with galleries, shops, bars, and restaurants. Besides admiring its architecture, you can also participate in art exhibitions, performances, workshops, film screenings, and guided tours.



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**Address : 10 Hollywood Road, Central**  
**Year of Establishment : 1919**  
**Opening Hours : Monday - Sunday**  
**8:00 am - 11:00 pm**



Pottinger Street near Tai Kwun is one of Hong Kong's earliest streets. The section connecting Hollywood Road to Queen's Road Central is paved with granite steps in a concave and convex pattern, making it easier for pedestrians to traverse the steep slope, commonly known in Hong Kong as "Stone Slabs Street". It's a popular photo spot for locals and visitors and the setting for many movies and TV productions.

One scene of the classic Hong Kong crime thriller "Infernal Affairs III" was filmed here. Through the "CITY IN TIME" mobile app, you can relive the iconic scene of Tony Leung walking down Stone Slabs Street.

## Recommendations Mural at Hollywood Road and Graham Street

Walking along Hollywood Road to your next stop, PMQ, you will pass a massive mural by local graffiti artist Alex Croft. The mural contrasts the bright blue background with the colourful old Hong Kong houses, vividly capturing the nostalgic charm of old Hong Kong, turning this once-ordinary slope into a popular photo spot for both locals and visitors.





Spot 7

PMQ is a cultural landmark on Hollywood Road, redeveloped by the government in 2014. It houses over 100 designers and creative entrepreneurs and is one of Hong Kong's hubs for fashion and design. In addition to visiting studios and shops, you can also participate in various exhibitions and workshops held from time to time.

PMQ was formerly the site of the Central School campus and the Hollywood Road Police Married Quarters. The Central School was established in 1862 and was the first government school providing Western education to the public in Hong Kong. The former school premise was located on Gough Street. In 1889, it was renamed Victoria College and relocated to the locale of today's PMQ, and five years later, it was renamed as Queen's College.



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In the 1900s, the junction of Hollywood Road and Aberdeen Street was a bustling community surrounded by the Central School, Belilios Public School (the first government secondary school for girls in Hong Kong) and the Alice Memorial Hospital (the precursor to the University of Hong Kong's medical school). Use the "CITY IN TIME" mobile app and scan the AR clock at Hollywood Road, you can see students going to school in those days.

**Address : 35 Aberdeen Street, Central**  
**Year of Establishment : 1951**  
**Opening Hours : Design Studio Shops : 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm**  
**Restaurants : 9:00 am - 11:00 pm**

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