

# CITY IN TIME 城市景昔

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Time travel in Hong Kong

## Tai Hang 大坑

### Past and Present of the Community

Discover the history of Tai Hang.

### Intangible Cultural Heritage “Fire Dragon”

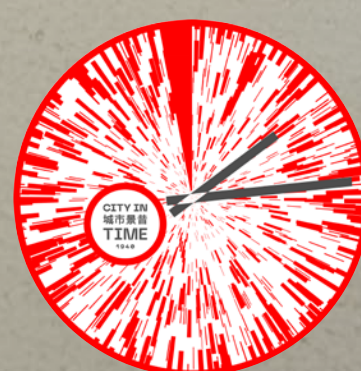
Cultural Legacy in Festivities

### City Walk

Step into the rhythm of daily life and history

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# Route

# Tai Hang

Adjacent to the bustling streets of Causeway Bay, Tai Hang preserves its rich historical and cultural heritage alongside scent of local community. Traditional cha chaan tengs and street-side tea stalls co-exist with exotic eateries and trendy cafés, creating a vibrant fusion of heritage and modern life. Historic landmarks like Lin Fa Kung and the Chinese Rhenish Church Wanchai stand as enduring witnesses to the passage of time. The most iconic spectacle of all is surely the Fire Dragon weaving through the streets of Tai Hang on Mid-Autumn Festival night with its glowing embers lighting up the neighbourhood.

When visiting Tai Hang, be sure to download the “CITY IN TIME” mobile app to trace the path of the fire dragon and embark on a journey through time, exploring the stories hidden within every corner of Tai Hang.

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## CITY IN TIME AR

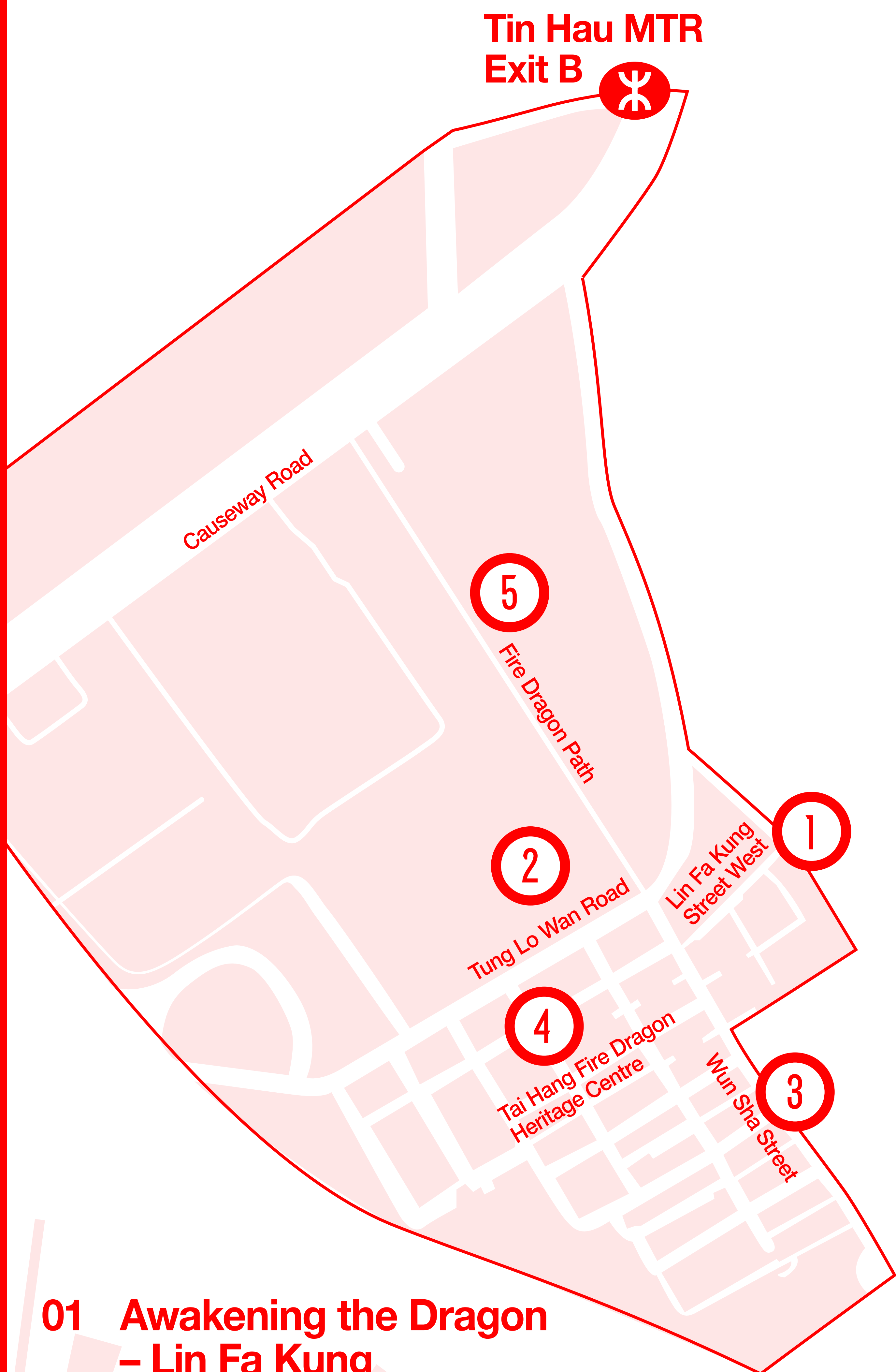


The five “CITY IN TIME” AR Clocks have been installed at Lin Fa Kung Street West, Tung Lo Wan Road, Wun Sha Street, the Tai Hang Fire Dragon Heritage Centre, and Fire Dragon Path. Follow this guide to stroll through Tai Hang and use “CITY IN TIME” mobile app to explore the neighbourhood’s daily life across multiple time periods.





# Tai Hang Map



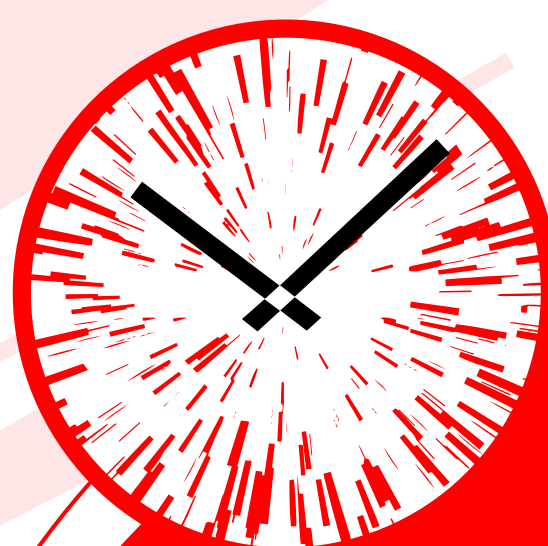
**01**   **Awakening the Dragon**  
– Lin Fa Kung

**02**   **Parade**  
– Tung Lo Wan Road

**03**   **Dance**  
– Wun Sha Street

**04**   **Succession**  
– Tai Hang Fire Dragon  
Heritage Centre

**05**   **Remembrance**  
– Fire Dragon Path



**Duration**   45 mins

**Distance**   1.5 km



# Awakening the Dragon Lin Fa Kung

Spot 1

Built in around 1863, Lin Fa Kung is one of Tai Hang's most iconic historical landmarks, officially designated as a declared monument in 2014. The front hall has a double-eaves-tended roof in a half-octagonal shape. Approaching the base of the front hall, one can observe the stone arched foundation that elevates the structure, like the stilt houses in Tai O.

The main hall sits on a large boulder, where, according to local legend, Kwun Yum revealed herself, leading to the temple's construction for worshipping the deity. As the centre of traditions and festive activities in Tai Hang, Lin Fa Kung enjoys thriving incense offerings, with devotees flocking in droves during festivals such as the "Kwun Yum Treasury Opening Festival."



## Fire Dragon and Lin Fa Kung

According to legend, in the autumn of 1880, a plague broke out in Tai Hang after the villagers killed a giant python in the village. An elder claimed that a deity had revealed to him in a dream the way to end the plague. The villagers followed the instructions, staging a parade with a fire dragon around the village and set off firecrackers for three consecutive days during the Mid-Autumn Festival to dispel the plague. Since then, the Mid-Autumn fire dragon dance, praying for health and peace, has become a tradition in Tai Hang.

On the eve of the Mid-Autumn Festival, residents of Tai Hang hold a consecration ceremony for the newly crafted fire dragon at Lin Fa Kung. The ritual, conducted in Hakka, is led by the chief commander of the fire dragon. Now, through the "CITY IN TIME" mobile app, you can scan the AR clock on Lin Fa Kung Street West to experience the grand moment of the fire dragon's eye-dotting ceremony in a 360-degree video at any time.

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## Experience CITY IN TIME Aeroplane Olive

From the 1950s to mid-1970s, a distinctive feature of Tai Hang's street hawkers was tossing liquorice olives, known as "aeroplane olives," high up to customers living a few storeys above. This became a familiar urban spectacle. Now, "CITY IN TIME" has recreated this vanished tradition. By scanning the AR clock on Lin Fa Kung Street West, you can revisit this fascinating piece of the city's history on your mobile device.



**Address : The end of Lin Fa Kung Street West , Tai Hang.**  
**Year of Establishment : Around 1863**  
**Opening Hours : 7:00 am - 5:00 pm**



Parade

# Tung Lo Wan Road

Spot 2



Tung Lo Wan Road is one of the main transportation arteries entering Tai Hang, as a witness to the community's transformation over the years. Starting in the 1950s, various factories were set up along the road. As these factories were relocated in the 1960s and 1970s, the buildings were gradually redeveloped into residential towers, with many ground-floor units repurposed into restaurants. This evolution turned Tai Hang into a vibrant hub for diverse culinary experiences.

## Fire Dragon and Tung Lo Wan Road

Tung Lo Wan Road is one of the main routes for the Fire Dragon Dance. The “CITY IN TIME” panoramic images were created by illustrator Carmen Ng who used watercolor to depict the lively scenes of the past Fire Dragon Dance along Tung Lo Wan Road. Whenever you visit Tai Hang, this artistic representation allows you to experience the hustle and bustle of the neighbourhood.



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## Experience CITY IN TIME Tai Hang

The “nullah” in Tai Hang were extensively filled up in the 1960s. For a glimpse of what the nullahs looked like in the old days, you can use the “CITY IN TIME” app to scan the AR clock on Tung Lo Wan Road, and see what factories and shops looked like in the panoramic view!



Address: No. 90-100 Tung Lo Wan Road , Tai Hang



# Dance Wun Sha Street

Spot 3

In the past, Wun Sha Street was originally a large open nullah where residents washed their clothes since the early 20th century. This gave rise to the street name, “Wun Sha Street” , “wun” means “washing” and “sha” means “textiles” . Over time, the nullah has been transformed into an underground channel, with pedestrian walkways built above it.

Wun Sha Street remains one of the busiest areas in Tai Hang, connected by a chessboard-like path that attracts tourists to come here and have coffee, browse small shops and feel the unique community atmosphere.

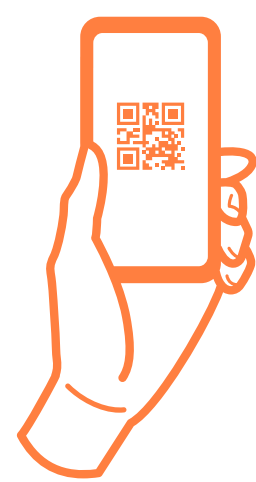


## Fire Dragon and Wun Sha Street

Wun Sha Street is one of the main venues for the annual Tai Hang Fire Dragon Dance. Due to the relatively wide layout, the performers can showcase a variety of intricate formations here, such as “Dragon Ball Playing,” “Fire Dragon Crosses The Bridge,” “Fire Dragon Dances around Two Poles,” “Fire Dragon-Twining Makes Pyramid” and “Fire Dragon Circles with Colourful Lights.” This makes Wun Sha Street the best place to watch the fire dragons.



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## Experience CITY IN TIME Laundry

You can scan the AR clock on Wun Sha Street with the “CITY IN TIME” app to get a glimpse of what it used to be like to work in the old days!





Spot 4

# Succession Tai Hang Fire Dragon Heritage Centre

Tai Hang Fire Dragon Heritage Centre was built in 1909, formerly Hung Shing Yi Hok, which provided free education to local children.

This Grade III historic building has since been revitalised into a cultural hub, featuring an exhibition hall, a multifunctional event space, and a themed restaurant. The centre regularly hosts guided tours and workshops, dedicated to promoting the tradition of the Fire Dragon and Hakka culture.

## Fire Dragon and Fire Dragon Heritage Centre

During the Mid-Autumn Festival, Tai Hang's streets come alive with a magnificent 67-meter-long Fire Dragon, danced by over 300 performers, weaving through the neighbourhood's alleys for three consecutive nights, giving a vibrant and spectacular scene. Missed the chance to witness it in person? You can experience the 360-degree "Fire Dragon-Twining Makes Pyramids" performance through the "CITY IN TIME" mobile app, immersing yourself in the dynamic energy of the fire dragon dance from a fresh perspective.



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## Experience CITY IN TIME Firecrackers

In the past, during the fire dragon dance, firecrackers would be set off along the route. The tradition no longer existed, but you can relive the festive atmosphere by opening the "CITY IN TIME" app and scanning the AR clock outside the Fire Dragon Heritage Centre.



**Address : No. 12 School Street , Tai Hang, Causeway Bay**  
**Year of Establishment : 1909**  
**Opening Hours : 10:00 am - 6:00 pm**  
**(Closed on Mondays and Special Public Holidays)**



# Remembrance Fire Dragon Path

Today’ s wide and open Fire Dragon Path was once a nullah connecting Wan Sha Street, with water flowing through Tai Hang. There was a footbridge over the nullah at today’ s Fire Dragon Path, known as the “Bridge on the River Kwai.”

In 2013, the Tai Hang nullah improvement project was completed, marking the end of the historic open nullah that once ran through the neighbourhood.



Spot 5

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## Experience CITY IN TIME Tram

Trams began operating on Hong Kong Island in 1904, with the first generation featuring a single-deck divided into, first-class and third-class seats. The second generation introduced double-decker trams, also separated into first-class and third-class seats. By scanning the AR clock on Fire Dragon Path with the “CITY IN TIME” mobile app, you can view an animation of both generations of trams running side by side, offering a glimpse into the evolution of the city’ s transportation.



## Fire Dragon and Fire Dragon Path

To commemorate the designation of Tai Hang Fire Dragon Dance as a National Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2011, this newly established pedestrian path was named “Fire Dragon Path” , symbolising the continuation of tradition and cultural heritage.



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