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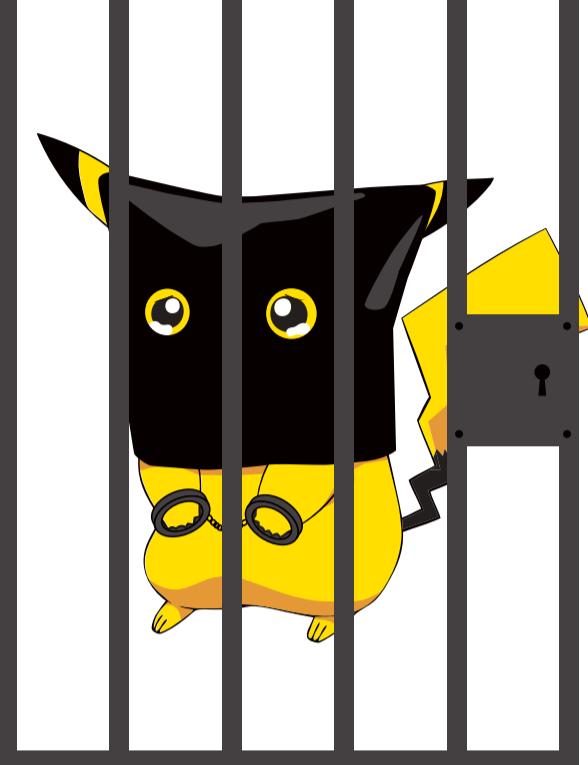
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## HK Pokézine Pokétips!

Sometimes, in our capacity as a Hong Kong institution and beacon of impeccable class and integrity, we have to draw a line in the proverbial sand. We wish to affirm that we view all forms of bandwagon jumping with the utmost contempt. It was not without disdain, therefore, that we noted the release of Pokémon Go in Hong Kong this week. Indeed, this pernicious, materialist scourge is all anyone's talking about. So here we grudgingly present some pointers to ensure your Hong Kong Pokémon Go experience is the very best it can be.

### 1) Look Around You

Pokémon can be found in the most unusual of places. Have you tried the occupied stall next to you in the bathroom?

### 2) Find the Best Spots

The Hong Kong-Shenzhen Border is a goldmine of Pokémon. Simply head over and sprint from one side to the other as you try to catch 'em all, while evading border guards who will be equally intent on catching you.

### 3) Use Lures Properly

Lures are in-game items which draw Pokémon out of hiding for all players. Protest organizers disappointed with the turnout of the recent July 1 march need only set lures on a path from Victoria Park to the government offices at Tamar. Attendance is bound to top 500,000.

### 4) Use it to Get Laid

A late night, a beautiful moonlit sky, the fragrant scent of Frangipani and garbage wafting on the breeze... and 50 other people in a park staring at their phones. If you can't

pick up here, you really have to work on your (real-life) game. Suggested pick-up line: "Is that a Weedle on your touchscreen or are you just happy to see me?"

### 5) Play it at Work

Bosses may be frowning on your long absences away from your desk, but experts consider a healthy work-Go balance to be essential. Consider suggesting group team-building exercises constructed around an hour's worth of Pokémon Go at your office. Nothing says "flat organizational structure" like the company CEO darting around the pantry in search of that elusive Beedrill.

### 6) Join the Police

The police force has had to set up a special detail to deal with the explosive popularity of the app, and they'll have their eye on high Poké-traffic zones to prevent accidents. Which means that, yes, there's a Poké Squad which gets paid to play Pokémon Go. Who needs a Pokéball when you can just pepper spray Pikachu into submission?

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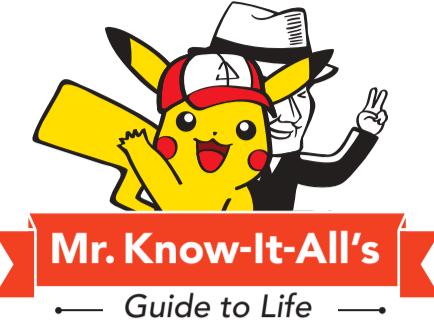
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# HOME



Dear Mr. Know-It-All,

## What's that odd cluster of buildings you see on Lantau on the way to Macau? – Sea Ranch Raider

The Sea Ranch? Why, it was meant to be paradise on earth.

In May 1975, Hutchison Whampoa announced plans for a new resort at Yi Long Wan on Lantau, about halfway between Mui Wo and Pui O. Named The Sea Ranch, it was envisioned as a hyper-luxury development of the very finest type. The bay would not be accessible at all by land: Instead it was just a brief ferry hop to Central. It would cost some \$40 million to build: A wholly self-contained resort, a haven of isolated luxury. The facilities would be superb, the clubhouse and swimming pool second to none.

The development sold, and sold well. By 1976 Hutchison has sold all 200 apartments, and by 1976 The Sea Ranch was ready for its new inhabitants.

But after it opened, business fell off a cliff. In four short years, Hutchison racked up debts of somewhere from \$7-9 million. By 1984 the company bugged out, selling its interests to a consortium of Sea Ranch apartment owners.

Over the years the properties continued to lose value, and Sea Ranchers moved away. Many rented their flats out, and for a while the resort became a destination for city dwellers who just wanted a great pad for a house party, much to the ire of a select few long-term residents—or “permanents,” as they called themselves.

Meanwhile, the 90s were marked by a string of legal actions against the residents and management alike.

The Clubhouse was permanently closed and lies abandoned still, with dust-strewn billiard tables and molding armchairs.

But The Sea Ranch isn't quite the dilapidated ruin you might expect. These days around 40 or 50 people still inhabit the resort, and it's said to be a great place to live. The apartments are large and the views are spectacular, with your very own private beach. The drawback? Nowadays the ferry only goes to Cheung Chau, so it's about an hour's journey from Central. Oh, and there aren't any shops. Not one.

You can still buy a flat at The Sea Ranch, and for a fraction of what you'd pay elsewhere. The most recent sale, in February, saw a 615 sq. ft. flat go for \$1,238,000. That's \$2,013 per sq. ft.—a third of what it'd cost you in Kennedy Town. A slice of once-exclusive luxury that can be had for a song—the Sea Ranch might be paradise after all.



The Sea Ranch! Where dreams are made!

Photo: SCMP



This week in My Perfect HK:  
The Hong Kong badminton squad  
is sending a seven-strong team to  
the Rio Olympics this year, and  
they're looking like the city's best  
chance of scoring an Olympic medal.

Our particular hopes lie in men's  
singles player Angus Ng Ka-long  
and mixed doubles pair Lee Chun-  
hei and Cathy Chau Hoi-wah. The  
2016 Olympics runs from Aug 5-21;  
Head to [www.hkolympic.org](http://www.hkolympic.org) to track  
the city's progress all through the  
games—and add oil, Hong Kong!

## Letters

### "Been here since 1983 but can't speak Canto? Loser."

#### Identity Crisis

Responses to our interview with actor and singer Michael Wong [*“First Person,”* July 22, Issue 1155], in which he discussed how he doesn't like to be called a “gweilo.”

Well. Somehow he expects to be called a singer.  
**Ivor Ngo**

Damn right. Racist term. Born and grew up my whole life in Hong Kong hearing it. White demon? Swivel on it.

**Rick Boost**

Literally it may be “white demon”. But as you were born here you would know that in HK it's a term filled with respect/envy/awe, if anything it's a reverse-racism thing. I mean where else are white non-locals called “expatriates” instead of “economic immigrants”? I hate to admit it, but Hong Kong is indeed a very racist place, but certainly not against white folks (“Gweilos”), but against South Asians etc. The term has just become so ingrained in the vocabulary that there's no easy replacement, the literal meaning is never thought of.

**Alpha H S Lau**

@Alpha You tripping. Put a western folk working in a local company with locals management, and see how there's “no racism against white folks”. It's the perfect occasion to spill it all out.

**Gamberio Bazzinoff**

You take it as racist only because you choose to. Contexts do change from people to people and it's not up to you to say that it's always derogatory to everyone when it isn't. My young expat female friends call themselves *gwei mui* among their local friends. Does that change the way people see them. No it doesn't.

**Alvin CW C**

When I visit I get told I have *gwei jai* thinking. It's not meant in an offensive way. It's their way of calling something foreign or alien.

**Jason Huang**

There are actual terms for foreign that can be used instead. For the hundredth time, “It's just their way” is not a reasonable excuse. Frankly it's rather patronising to ethnically Chinese Hong Kongers to say that they are simply unable to change.

**Rick Boost**

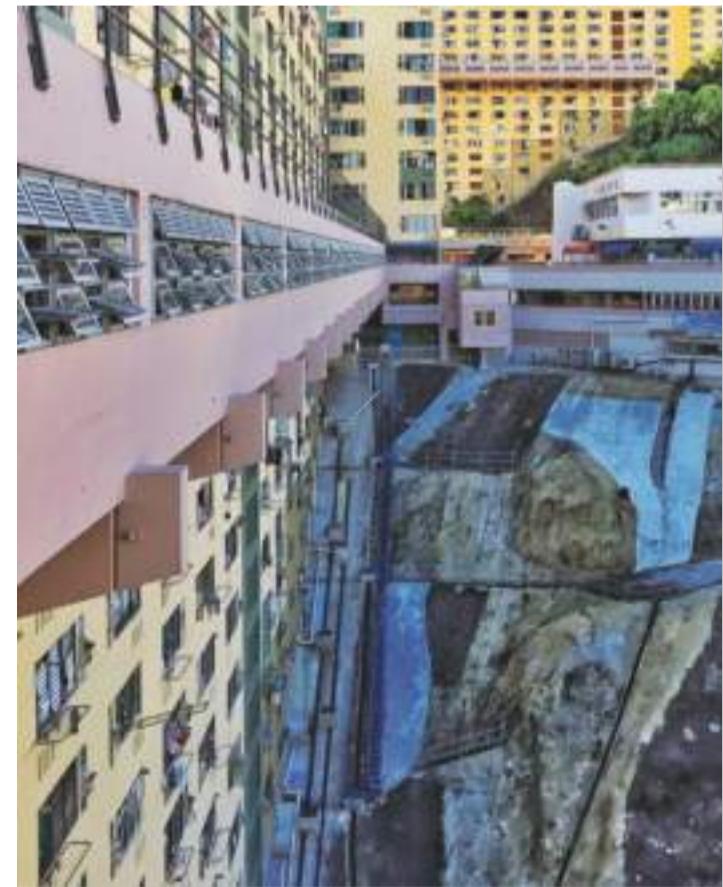
Lol - been here since 1983 but can't speak Canto? Loser.

**Michael Wojcieszek**

Completely agree with his assessment w/ the exception of language. Mandarin should be all that is needed unless it is his heritage

**Jebz Jeb**

## #PrivateEyeHK



This Side Up

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**Friday 7/29**

## Play Time

Time to dust off that display shelf: On top of a glorious selection of anime, Chinese comics and all related collectibles from Hong Kong artists, this year's **Ani-com** also brings all the most impressive cosplayers to the yard.  
Jul 29-Aug 2, 10am-9pm. Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, 1 Expo Drive, Wan Chai. \$35 at the door.



**Saturday 7/30**

## Lights & Sound

An all-night art party, the **Electronic Museum** is an otherworldly sensory experience running from sundown to sun-up, featuring six participating DJs and seven visual artists spanning across light-art and installation.  
7pm-6am. Artichoke Canteen, 10 Lee Hing St., Harbour Industrial Centre, Ap Lei Chau. \$100 at the door.

**Sunday 7/31**

## Wizarding Hour

To commemorate the long anticipated eighth Harry Potter story release, Bookazine is hosting a **Harry Potter Dawn Release party**. There'll be a magic show, wizard-themed food and drink, a costume contest and—oh yeah—the book. On top of blocking out your morning for the party, don't forget to schedule the rest of the day to devour "The Cursed Child."

7-10am, Bookazine, Shop 326-328, 3/F Landmark Prince's Building, 10 Chater Rd., Central. Free.

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**Wednesday 8/3**

## You're My Bae

Here's another reason to practise your Putonghua, ladies: From Mondays to Saturdays from 9pm, walk up to the bar staff at **Bao Bei** and say the words "Wo shi bao bei" for a complimentary Spritz. Follow that up with one of their new Tea Cocktails, like the Assam-Ore, which is mixed from Indian Assam, Yuzu sake, elderflower liqueur and limoncello.  
**Mon-Sat, 9pm. Bao Bei, B1/F, Carfield Commercial Building, 77 Wyndham St., Central.**

**Thursday 8/4**

## The Way to Saint-Tropez

For one night only, the Seafood Room becomes the French Riviera: Their **Saint-Tropez themed rooftop party** high atop Causeway Bay will host the city's beautiful people, with free-flow cocktails, wine and bubbly, canapes and a live DJ. Dress code is beach chic.  
**8pm. The Seafood Room, 26/F, 535 Jaffe Rd., Causeway Bay. \$580 per person; \$3,800 for a VIP table for five (includes a bottle of champagne or vodka) from tiny.cc/hk-seafood-room**

**Friday 8/5**

## Primo Couch

After a month away, everyone's favorite dirty hipster hangout is back, in a brand spanking new space in Sheung Wan, and they've luggered their soiled couches with them. **Premium Sofa Club's relocating party** features the same tunes and energy as they always have, just in a bigger room. As always, BYO beverages, chill vibes, sweet moves.  
**11pm. Premium Sofa Club, 128 Bonham Strand, Sheung Wan. \$120 until 1am; \$180 thereafter.**



**Saturday 8/6**

## Hullett Hops

Hopheads unite, as **Hullett House's alfresco beer festival** opens their new beer garden. Join them for a day of live music, snacks and beer tastings, beer pong, and specially designed beer pairings. All your favorite Hong Kong brews will be there.  
**2-10pm. Hullett House, 1881 Heritage, 2A Canton Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui. \$200 from ticketflap.com/hhbeergardenkickoff; \$250 at the door, includes 16 food and beverage tokens.**

**Coming Up**

## Art Attack

The best contemporary artists and galleries in Asia gather in September for the **9th Asia Contemporary Art Show**. It's bigger than ever, boasting 80 exhibitors from 15 countries, and more than 2,500 artworks encompassing painting, sculpture and photography. Take advantage of their early bird two-for-one ticket, which includes access to their Friday Art Night party and a complimentary drink, and access to the festival throughout the weekend.  
**Sep 16-18. Conrad Hotel Hong Kong, Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Wan Chai. \$220 for admission for two from ticketflap.com/acasfall2016**



**Monday 8/1**

## Tous les Garçons

Feeling like Viet food tonight? Scarf down hearty plates of the best that Saigon has to offer, all while helping out a good cause—The KOTO Foundation offers hospitality training to disadvantaged Vietnamese youth. This **charity fundraiser** has their top graduates dishing out a feast alongside Chef Bao La from Le Garçon Saigon.

**7pm. Le Garçon Saigon, 12 Wing Fung St., Wan Chai. \$1,000 per person, reserve by emailing events@blacksheeprestaurants.com**

**Tuesday 8/2**

## Rock the (Open) Mic

Are you a rock god waiting to be discovered? Start on a small stage: Morrison Cafe & Bar will be hosting a **good old fashioned open mic** every Tuesday starting this week. They'll provide the accompaniment—all you need to bring is your mojo.  
**7:30-10:30pm. Morrison Cafe & Bar, 284 Queens Rd. Central, Sheung Wan. Free.**

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## Last Week In Reality

SAT 16

**One Man Party** MTR staff are alerted to the presence of a man smoking in a train carriage. He puts out his cigarette, only to light another one as soon as the staff have left. He continues smoking and cracks open a beer while listening to music on his phone speaker. MTR employees return to inform him that drinking is also banned on trains, but he simply turns up the music and ignores them. The man eventually alights at Sham Shui Po.



SUN 17

**You're Dumped** A passer-by sees a woman putting a boy into a rubbish bin at an MTR station, apparently as a form of punishment. She takes a photo and uploads it to Facebook, but is berated aggressively by the woman and two other individuals for trying to intervene.

MON 18

**Swindling Swain** A 22-year-old man appears in court for allegedly stealing his girlfriend's credit card details to buy four iPhones. He is also accused of stealing a phone, \$1,800 in cash, four watches worth \$6,000 and a \$3,000 ring from the girl's family apartment in Taikoo. She has now dumped her light-fingered lover, whose trial is ongoing.

TUE 19

**Highway to Hell** An off-duty traffic officer spots what he thinks is an illegally parked truck. When on-duty officers arrive and find nothing wrong, they allow the vehicle to leave. The off-duty officer, incensed at their decision, throws himself to the ground, yelling that an officer and a paramedic at the scene had assaulted him. He is sentenced to 12 months' probation for making false police reports and obstructing officers in the line of duty.



WED 20

**Poison IV?** Teatime, and a tourist from Singapore is snacking on a pineapple bun at a Tsim Sha Tsui cha chaan teng, when she finds inside the bun what looks like an IV needle. More alarming still, it appears to contain a blood-like fluid. She calls the police, and officers from the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department take the bun away for testing.

THU 21

**Beyond Repair** A man is arrested for drunk driving after he drove his car onto the pavement on Hollywood Road, damaging two road signs and a fire hydrant, before driving into an antique store, damaging some 30 antique Buddha statues, bronzes and jades from various dynasties. No one was injured.

FRI 22

**Smoky Pasta** Yet more culinary horror: A customer orders a mushroom sauce pasta for afternoon tea at a cha chaan teng in Ma On Shan. He begins chewing on what he assumes to be a truffle, but its strange taste and peculiar texture cause him to spit it out, revealing that it is in fact a cigarette butt.

## Talking Points

We read the news, so you don't have to.

### Census officers—bomb carriers?

The Census and Statistics Department told some 5,000 census takers to **stop using their Chinese-made portable power banks after one exploded**. The department had given each officer a power bank to charge the tablets they use to conduct questionnaires. One officer was working in Sha Tin when **the power bank he was charging burst into flames**. Nobody was injured, but a photo of the damaged unit was posted on an internet forum where netizens **compared the power banks to bombs**. The department said it had bought the banks according to procurement procedures.

**Our take:** This must be the government's way of getting us to submit our e-questionnaires...

### Pokémon Go is FINALLY Here

The augmented reality smartphone game has launched in Hong Kong, the second area in Asia after Japan. Mobile operators CSL and 1010 have announced that their customers will get **free unlimited data when playing the game**. Meanwhile the Hong Kong Police Force, the Hospital Authority and the People's Liberation Army, as well as religious institutions, have **cautioned the public against hunting for virtual pocket monsters on their premises**. Within the first 24 hours of its launch, the app topped the iTunes free apps chart in Hong Kong.

**Our take:** Gotta catch 'em all!



Illustration: Elaine Tang



## Street Talk

Schoolteacher by day, ukulele craftsman by night, Cheung Chau resident **Evan Binkley** made his first ukulele when he was 17. He now makes and sells the instrument under his own brand, Fish Ukulele. The self-described "postmodern luthier" tells Jonathan Chan why he's so obsessed with the instrument.

**HK Magazine:** What do you love about ukuleles?

**Evan Binkley:** I enjoy the lightheartedness of the instrument, and I need the relaxation it gives. I love that it's portable. And the other thing I like is that ukulele players accept quite a wide range of craziness in style. You don't hear ukulele players say, "I have a certificate in ukulele accomplishment at this level." In Hong Kong, they formalize the shit out of everything. There is a concept that music education will give you better grades and better concentration and get you a certificate to help you to get into secondary school. But to me, music is about having fun, enjoyment and expressing yourself—picking it up and playing it even if you don't know how.

**HK:** You run "Fish Ukulele"—so do you like fish too?

**EB:** I grew up with a love for fish. One of my brothers is a very serious fisherman and the other might as well be a fish scientist because he collects salmon. In college, I was influenced by graffiti culture and I made my first little logo out of a drawing of a catfish. I like catfish because they're the ultimate underappreciated survivors: You can pull them out of the water and they're still alive four hours later. They can eat just about anything and survive. But someone already had the name "Catfish Ukulele," so I just shortened my brand to "Fish Ukulele." It's so much easier to remember anyway.

**HK:** What makes your ukuleles so special?

**EB:** Almost everything. It was before the internet when I learned how to make the ukulele, so I had to read up on the techniques. But I rarely use them: I'm just not inspired to make a traditional ukulele the traditional way. What I do find inspiring are the things I see everywhere—the garbage, the floor, crazy old instruments. I intentionally never make any of my own ukuleles completely symmetrical, because I'm not interested in starting something where I

know how it's going to look when it's done. Most of my creations are crazy-looking. You don't get many hours in life, so just do something completely different.

**HK:** Can you earn a living making and selling ukuleles?

**EB:** Several years ago I might've been able to, when they were popular. I sell 10 to 20 ukuleles a month, which makes only a small profit. But I used to work as a glassblower in the US and I know what happens when you have to make a lot of stuff that you don't want to make, but just because someone told you to. When it doesn't turn out right, you get stuck with a bunch of stuff that you didn't even like when you made it! Most of the people who are successful happen to love making what people happen to want to buy.

**HK:** Shouldn't you be living on Lamma Island with all the Lamma hippies?

**EB:** When we first came to Hong Kong my wife wanted to go to Lamma—10 years ago, Cheung Chau was considered hillbilly. I went to Lamma and thought it was OK, but I was really uncomfortable with the fact that some places were "white people places." I've been living in Cheung Chau for 11 years now. It's organic and the relationship between the westerners who live here and the locals is not contentious. In a lot of ways, Cheung Chau is more Chinese than Hong Kong. In some ways, it's more Chinese than the mainland. It has the balanced Chinese culture of deep personal relationships and trust that both Hong Kong and the mainland have lost. If you're Chinese and you move to America and you live in Chinatown, are you living in America? If you're a westerner and you move to gweilo town, are you really living in Hong Kong?

**Follow Binkley on [facebook.com/FishUkulele](http://facebook.com/FishUkulele) for updates on DIY workshops, exhibitions and performances. Ukuleles from \$299.**

## Blowing Water

Cantonese slang: To chat, bullshit.

zyu<sup>1</sup> pang<sup>4</sup> gau<sup>2</sup> jau<sup>5</sup>

**豬朋狗友**  
Pig Pal Dog Friend

**Definition:** Bad company.

**Origin:** Pigs and dogs are seen as lowly animals, making them just as good as lowlife friends.

## HongKabulary



"How's Kelvin?"

"No idea. He's Pokémon Ghosted on me. I don't even know if we're still engaged."

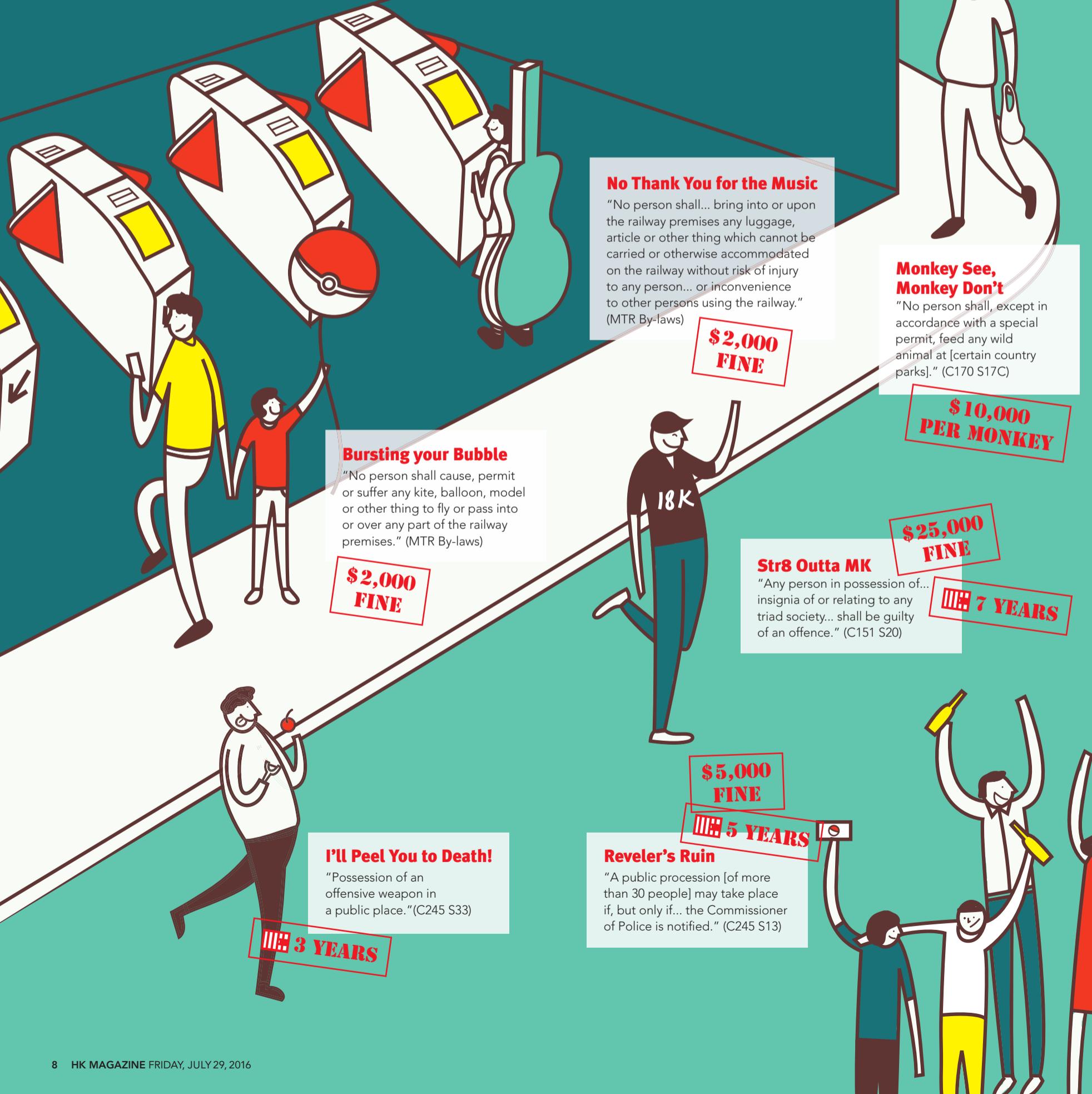
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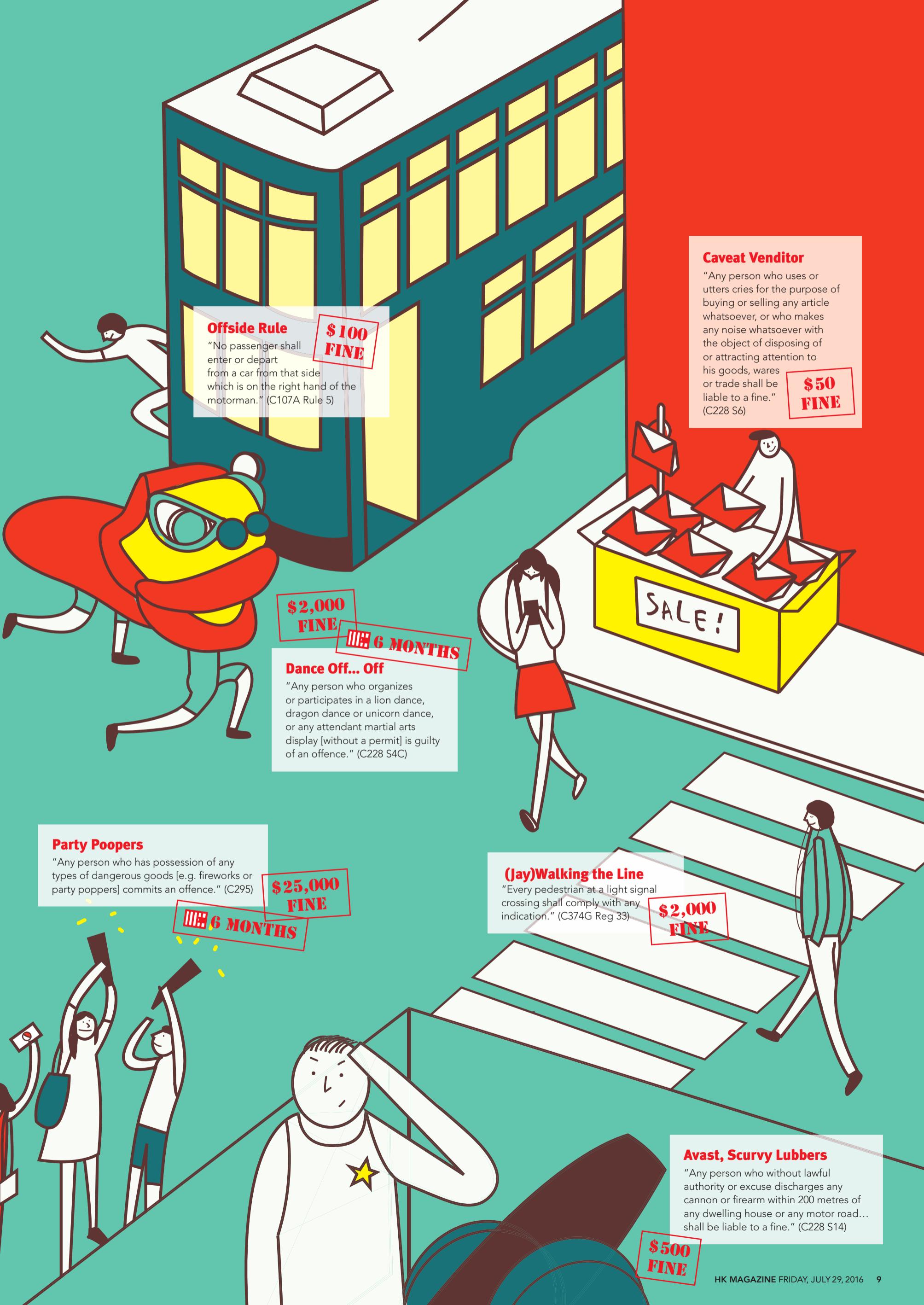
Disappearing from your entire social life because you've discovered Pokémon Go and catching 'em all is more important than friendship.

# You Can't Do That Here!

The city's gone Poké-crazy this week. But did you know that each time you step into the road to catch a Pikachu, you're breaking the law? Fun, denied. But that's not all. Here are a few of the mostly minor infractions that could cost you your wallet—or your freedom. By **David Vetter** and **Adam White**.

Illustrations by **Elaine Tang** and **Joyce Kwok**





### Caveat Vendor

"Any person who uses or utters cries for the purpose of buying or selling any article whatsoever, or who makes any noise whatsoever with the object of disposing of or attracting attention to his goods, wares or trade shall be liable to a fine." (C228 S6)

\$50  
FINE

### Offside Rule

"No passenger shall enter or depart from a car from that side which is on the right hand of the motorman." (C107A Rule 5)

\$100  
FINE

\$2,000  
FINE

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### Dance Off... Off

"Any person who organizes or participates in a lion dance, dragon dance or unicorn dance, or any attendant martial arts display [without a permit] is guilty of an offence." (C228 S4C)

### Party Poopers

"Any person who has possession of any types of dangerous goods [e.g. fireworks or party poppers] commits an offence." (C295)

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### (Jay)Walking the Line

"Every pedestrian at a light signal crossing shall comply with any indication." (C374G Reg 33)

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FINE

### Avast, Scurvy Lubbers

"Any person who without lawful authority or excuse discharges any cannon or firearm within 200 metres of any dwelling house or any motor road... shall be liable to a fine." (C228 S14)

\$500  
FINE



## Life's a Beach... Just Don't Try to Enjoy It

Hong Kong's beaches look as though they might provide an ideal escape from the stifling straitjacket of the city... but even here, there's no evading the long arm of the dreaded Health, Safety and Public Decency Brigade.





## A Day of Don'ts

As we've seen, there are a multitude of Hong Kong Don'ts. But how many could a low-down, hard-living felon conceivably break in one day, without jail time?

- ☞ Arrive in Central on the tram; alight by leaping feet-first through the driver-side window like Jason Bourne (**No exiting on the right hand side, \$100**)...
- ☞ Proceed towards the MTR, where you film yourself (**No filming on the MTR, \$5,000**)...
- ☞ Attempting to slide heroically down an escalator (**Inappropriate use of escalators, \$5,000**)
- ☞ Dressed only in suspenders (**Public indecency \$5,000**)...
- ☞ Whilst swigging a bottle of vodka (**Public drunkenness, \$5,000**)...
- ☞ On reaching the platform you whip out the oversized bassoon strapped to your back (**No large instruments \$5,000**)...
- ☞ Let fly with a spirited but ultimately horrible rendition of Stravinsky's Rite of Spring, backed up by a track on your iPhone with the speaker turned up full blast (**Playing of music devices, \$5,000**)...
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- ☞ Then light up a big fat cigar (**\$1,500 for smoking**)...
- ☞ As you perform an impromptu lion dance (**\$2,000 per unlicensed dancer**)...
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- ☞ Finally, head to the hills with a basket of fruit and feed by hand the largest possible troop of monkeys (**\$10,000 per monkey**) until they are thoroughly stuffed.

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# FLAVORS of EUROPE

*quality and tradition*

## FLAVORS OF EUROPE? THEY SHOULD BE EXPLORED!

You will have an opportunity to do so soon enough from 11-13 August during the Food Expo Fair in Hong Kong. We will open a special zone for our guests, for gourmets, lovers of European products and those simply interested in foodstuffs from the European Union – a colourful, innovative place, filled with the unforgettable flavours of meats, fruit, vegetables and spices.

Some of our best chefs will prepare a festival of European flavours that will span three days and feature highest quality pork, beef and poultry combined with fruit and vegetables in the most exceptional and unconventional ways. Presentations, talks, culinary demonstrations and of course tastings of delicious dishes - these are only a few of the attractions we have prepared for the event. Guests will be welcomed by meat producers, exporters of fruit and vegetables, meat products, as well as processed fruit and vegetable products, who will present the benefits of European products and offer their services.

The exhibitors share a common goal with the organisers of the "Flavors of Europe - Quality and Tradition" promotional programme – they wish to prove that European products are deeply rooted in tradition, but at the same time, are produced in an innovative and modern manner, all while ensuring the high quality desired by customers.

It is for the customers that we have prepared a culinary journey throughout the European Union – during the Food Expo fair, they will be able to taste local cuisine, including Polish, and discover the old and the new regional flavours of Europe. This journey will be made even more attractive by our world-class chefs, who will present and serve dishes, the taste of which is simply impossible to forget.

Our kitchen will be dominated by the highest quality fresh and chilled beef, pork and poultry, a variety of fruit and vegetables, as well as fruit and vegetable products – our chefs know that these products are indispensable and a staple in every kitchen. Culinary success is ensured thanks to the fact that all these products are produced in accordance with HACCP principles (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point), the GMP standard (Good Manufacturing Practice) and the principles of GHP (Good Hygienic Practice). Our chefs select only exceptional poultry meat produced in



accordance with the QAFP (Quality Assurance for Food Products), which is the quality system that applies in Poland, and is characterised by its high quality, flavour and culinary parameters. The same can be said about beef, as well as pork, produced from pigs bred using cutting-edge breeding and meat production technologies. The flavours of the meats will be complemented by fresh and processed vegetables, as well as numerous fruit and vegetable products produced in accordance with the GAP (Good Agricultural Product) quality system, pursuant to GMP and GHP standards.

The managers of the "Flavors of Europe" promotional programme decided to emphasise the two qualities which are the most important in trade – quality and tradition. Good manufacturing practices are important; however, in food production, using proven technologies and taking advantage of the most valuable aspects of traditional production is just as important as ensuring the highest quality or adhering to standards.

What does contemporary European cuisine taste like? What are the ways to surprise everyone with a combination of tradition and modern technology in food production? How to bring products from the European Union to the kitchens and tables of Asia? Find out the answers to these questions at the "Flavors of Europe – Quality and Tradition" exhibition stand.

You can also find out more about the "Flavors of Europe – Quality and Tradition" promotional programme at [www.flavorsofeurope.eu](http://www.flavorsofeurope.eu)

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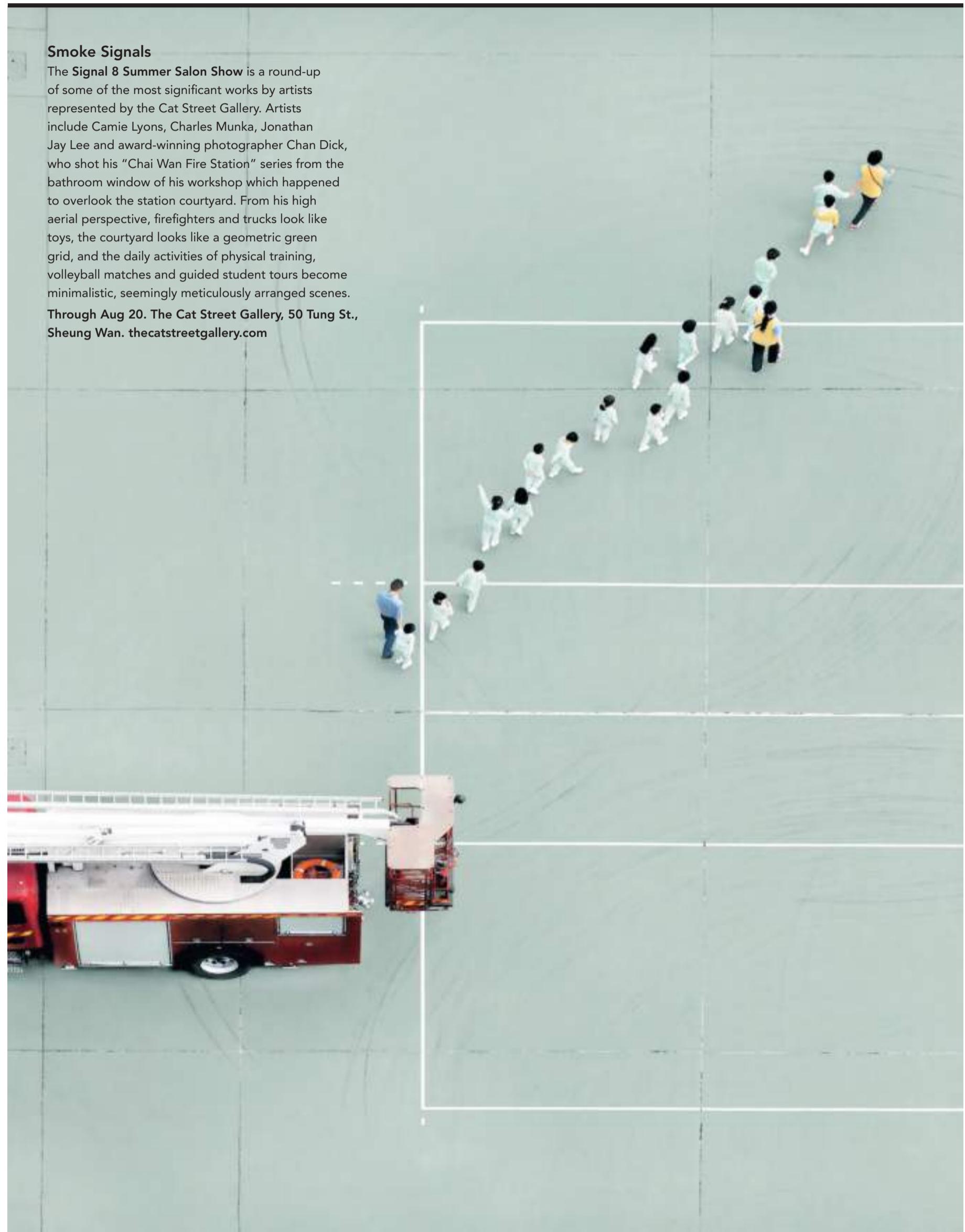
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### Smoke Signals

The Signal 8 Summer Salon Show is a round-up of some of the most significant works by artists represented by the Cat Street Gallery. Artists include Camie Lyons, Charles Munka, Jonathan Jay Lee and award-winning photographer Chan Dick, who shot his "Chai Wan Fire Station" series from the bathroom window of his workshop which happened to overlook the station courtyard. From his high aerial perspective, firefighters and trucks look like toys, the courtyard looks like a geometric green grid, and the daily activities of physical training, volleyball matches and guided student tours become minimalistic, seemingly meticulously arranged scenes.

Through Aug 20. The Cat Street Gallery, 50 Tung St., Sheung Wan. [thecatstreetgallery.com](http://thecatstreetgallery.com)



Chan Dick, "Chai Wan Fire Station / Visit No. 1" 60x60cm, Archival inkjet print.

## GOOD LOOKS

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# BUSINESS CLASS

Unfortunately for some, travel doesn't necessarily mean holiday. If you're away for work, you'll have to strike a balance between comfort, practicality, and being able to make an impression. But that doesn't mean it can't be fun. Here's how to ace your outfit for plane flights and business meetings alike.

### Blazin' Through

When traveling with a business agenda or smarter schedule, a blazer like this one from **Cuffs** is a must. No matter how the weather is outside, remember planes do get cold inside—this will be a great additional layer, plus the pockets come in handy for storing travel essentials.

Italian Reda wool/felt wool blazer, \$4,750 from Cuffs, Yuen Yick Building, 27-29 Wellington St., Central, 2413-8098.

### Chino Man

Get a pair of stretchy chinos: They look great and keep your legs cozy for the flight. This pair from **Zara** is a great combination of style and comfort: versatile enough to fit into day or night, business or smart-casual. There's even a little detailing at the hem when you roll it up.

Slim-fit burgundy chinos, \$499 from Zara, 70 Queen's Rd. Central, 2903-9500.

## TRAVEL ESSENTIALS

### Snooze Easy

A short trip is perfect time for a quick nap, and for long flights, it's essential. Keep lights and distractions out with this G.O.D. eye mask, with a Chinese saying meaning "Keep Clear and Be Quiet."

"Silence Please" eye mask, \$125 from G.O.D., Shop G09-G14, G/F, Block A, PMQ, 35 Aberdeen St., 2915-2822, god.com.hk

### In the Neck of Time

Not managing that nap after all? Travel pillows can make all the difference. Check out this practical and adjustable city skyline Ostrich Pillow from **HKTDC Design Gallery**.

Hong Kong Skyline Ostrich Pillow, \$430 from HKTDC Design Gallery, Shop HG07-HG09, PMQ, 35 Aberdeen St., Central, 2548-1115.

### Safe and Dry

Safety and security should come first—but it helps to look good, too. A passport holder like this elegant travel wallet from **Dry & Co.** is perfect to keep your tickets, credit and mileage cards, and local currency all in place.

Magellan travel wallet, \$1,550 from Dry & Co., dry-co.com

### Dress for the Best

You can't go wrong with a dress shirt like this one from **RCANO**. You'll look smart during the trip and once you land, it'll serve you equally well in the meeting room and for after-work drinks. Ditch the jacket, undo the top buttons and you're good to go!

The original white shirt, \$649 from RCANO, rcano.co

### Carry That Weight

Stylish carry-on luggage is a great investment for both the occasional and the seasoned traveler. Hong Kong brand **The Dot** gets artists from all over the world to design prints for their accessories: This travel bag features work by Romanian artist Felicia Atanasiu.

Voyage travel bag in "The Flute" print, \$2,280 from The Dot, M/F, 2 Elgin St., Central, 2386-6061, thedot52.tictail.com

### Loafing Around

When it comes to traveling, getting the right choice of shoes is crucial. Make sure they easily slip on and off as nobody wants to be the guy at airport security spending 10 minutes putting his shoes back on. These loafers from **Zalora** are practical and elegant at the same time—not to mention affordable!

Black tassel loafers, \$229 from zalora.com.hk

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# OSAKA FOR A BITE

Tokyo may be famous for nightlife and Kyoto for temples, but if you're traveling to Japan to eat you should head straight to the food capital of Osaka. Snack your way around town with our pick of the city's best bites. By **Leslie Yeh**

## 1. Pancake Mandate

If you thought nothing could beat American-style pancakes with maple syrup and whipped cream, you probably haven't tried okonomiyaki—the savory Japanese pancake that's smothered in mayo and bonito flakes and stuffed chock full of shredded cabbage, green onion, octopus, shrimp and everything else but the kitchen sink. For some of the best in Osaka, head to fan favorite **Mizuno**, where you can customize your own Japanese yam-based pancake with all sorts of meat, seafood and vegetable fillings. The topping of seaweed powder, brown sauce and mayo is what sends this street eat over the top.

**1-4-15 Dotonbori,**  
Chuo-ku, Osaka,  
[mizuno-osaka.com](http://mizuno-osaka.com)



## 2. Ootako Octopus

You can't visit Osaka without trying takoyaki, the grilled octopus balls made with egg batter and filled with large chunks of octopus. Takoyaki is best eaten fresh and piping hot right out of the mold—the thinly shaved bonito flakes on top should still be swaying and fluttering from the heat. For takoyaki that doesn't skimp on the seafood, pay a visit to **Dotonbori Honke Ootako**, and indulge in the popular street snack while people-watching on the pedestrian street.

**1-4-16 Dotonbori,** Chuo-ku,  
Osaka, (+81) 6-6211-5223.



## WHERE TO STAY

Here's where to rest your head (and belly) after a serious day of feasting:

### High-end: Above \$2,000

Japan may be decked out in temples and zen gardens, but **The Ritz-Carlton Osaka** is a throwback to a Georgian-era mansion with its rich collection of furniture, paintings and porcelain. Dine in at The Bar with its comfy armchairs and live jazz or at Japanese restaurant Hanagatami, nestled in the hotel's beautiful gardens. Centrally located, The Ritz provides easy access to Osaka's major tourist points.

**From \$2,606 per night.**

**2-5-25 Umeda Kita-ku,**  
Osaka, (+81) 6-6343-7000.



### Mid-range: \$1,000-\$2,000

A five-minute walk from Dotonbori St., **Hotel Nikko Osaka** is excellent for travelers needing a convenient base to travel to and from in the midst of a jam-packed itinerary. Great for couples, solo or business travelers, Hotel Nikko offers a solid selection of F&B outlets to grab a hearty Japanese-style breakfast or an evening drink, and is connected directly to Shinsaibashi Station for convenient access around the city.

**From \$1,043 per night.** **1-3-3 Nishi-Shinsaibashi,**  
Chuo-ku, Osaka, (+81) 6-6244-1111, [hno.co.jp](http://hno.co.jp)



## 3. Cushy Kushikatsu

With several locations dotted around the city, **Daruma** is frequented by both visitors and locals alike, with a simple, fast-food like atmosphere that lets you overindulge on fried skewers and beer without denting your wallet. The kushikatsu (fried skewers) here are lightly battered and fried to a golden brown, with little residual oil or fat—making the popular Japanese snack almost feel like a healthy dinner option (almost). Get all sorts of ingredients fried up, and don't forget to wash it down with copious amounts of cold Japanese beer.



**2-3-9 Ebisuigashi Naniwa-ku, Osaka, (+81) 6-6341-2730,**  
[kushikatsu-daruma.com/kiwami](http://kushikatsu-daruma.com/kiwami)

## 4. Beef Busters

Expensive as all hell but worth every penny, Japan's Kobe beef—the pinnacle of finely marbled steak—is a luxury to be enjoyed at least once during your trip to Osaka. Take an easy day trip to the beef mecca of Kobe itself, which is less than 30 minutes away by train, or enjoy grade A Kobe beef at **Tsurugyu**, right in the heart of Osaka. Here you can sample Tajima cattle touched briefly on the grill to render the fat and then straight into your mouth for ultimate beefy heaven.

**3 Chome-5-14 Kawaramachi, Chuo-ku, Osaka,**  
(+81) 6-6767-2989.



## 5. Oodles of Noodles

Of all the different types of udon noodles in Japan, kitsune udon is the bowl you'll want to hunt down in Osaka, featuring thick wheat flour noodles in a dashi-based stock, with triangles of aburaage (deep-fried tofu) making for an ultra-savory topping. Make a pit stop at **Usami-Tei Matsubaya**, renowned for its perfectly balanced home-style version.



**3 Chome-8-1 Minamisenba, Chuo-ku, Osaka, (+81) 6-6251-3339.**

## 6. Yakiniku Masters

On the hunt for meat? **Matsusakagyū Yakiniku M** is a failsafe option for satisfying your carnivorous cravings. Known to have a stronger beefy flavor but just as much delicious marbling as Kobe, Matsusaka beef is what's on the menu here, grilled and sliced tableside with an assortment of rice, salad and cold noodles. Feast on different cuts including sirloin, ribeye, rump and tenderloin filet.



**1-19 Namba, Chuo-ku, Osaka, (+81) 6-6211-2917.**

## 7. Tuna Time

It goes without saying that raw fish is plentiful in Osaka, and you won't have to look far to locate the most mouthwatering cut of them all—tuna belly, or toro sushi. This prized cut from the lowest part of the belly is a blushing pink color and highly marbled in fat. Seek it out at Shinsaibashi's **Ichibazushi**, which delivers pristine slices of otoro, along with fresh salmon, eel, squid, yellowtail and more at an average of \$20 for two pieces of nigiri—an absolute steal for the quality and portion-size.



**2-7-3 Shinsaibashi, Chuo-Ku,**  
Osaka, (+81) 6-6211-9070.

### Budget-friendly: Below \$1,000

With rooms starting at just \$662 a night, **Hotel Keihan Tenmabashi** is one of the best budget options you'll find in central Osaka. It boasts clean and comfortable surrounds and is less than a 10-minute walk from the train station, with a friendly concierge available to help with transport and sight-seeing recommendations. As a bonus, the famous Osaka Palace is right at your doorstep, which makes it easy to cross off at least one attraction on your list.

**From \$662 per night.** **1-2-10 Tanimachi, Chuo-ku,**  
Osaka, (+81) 6-6945-0321, [hotelkeihan.co.jp](http://hotelkeihan.co.jp)

# The Bold & the Beefy

Contrary to what you might think, not all beef tartare is created equal. These restaurants have nailed down the perfect balance of quality raw beef, crunchy notes and creamy counterparts to create Hong Kong's best versions of this classic bistro dish. By **Leslie Yeh**



## Tartare for Now

Restaurant and lifestyle hub **Mercedes Me** flaunts a steak tartare that carries itself with as much style as an S-class coupe—just with a price tag that you can actually afford. Visually stunning, the dish boasts vertical sheets of wafer-thin sesame crackers and bright yellow pools of pickled egg yolk dotted around the tender organic grass-fed beef. The complex flavor of the dish is derived from close to 15 different seasonings and ingredients; as long as the recipe remains closely guarded by the kitchen, we won't mind forking out \$210 to enjoy this dish again and again.

**Shop C and D, Entertainment Building, 30 Queen's Rd. Central, 2895-7398.**

## ▼ Bow to the Cow

Belgian beerhouse and restaurant **Frites** may not have the most adventurous or creative menu in town, but it does a few things, and does them well: mussel pots, roasted pork knuckle, sausage, and surprisingly, a very excellent beef tartare. Like everything else on the menu, the tartare is packed full of flavor and generously portioned, using USDA grade beef with a mish-mash of ketchup, Tabasco, mustard, paprika, red onion and cornichons to tie it all together. The crowning glory is a perfect yellow egg yolk on top scattered with paprika, with buttery grilled sourdough on the side completing the perfect pub grub version of this dish.

**\$185. Shop 1, G/F, Park Haven, 38 Haven St., Causeway Bay, 2142-5233, frites.hk**

## ▼ Ho Lee Cow

A twist on classic beef tartare, **Ho Lee Fook**'s Yunnan-style wagyu steak tartare is a mouthwatering play on different textures and temperatures, with heat coming from the fresh bird's eye chili, acidity from the lime juice, crispness from the fried shallots, and a bit of funkiness from the addition of fish sauce. Per the style of chef Jowett Yu, this is a rough 'n' tumble reinterpretation, not a perfect cylindrically-shaped tartare, and the whole adds up to a mouthful greater than the sum of its parts. Ditch the silverware and use the heavy-duty cassava chips on the side as vehicles for scooping up this Southeast Asian-inspired version.

**\$138. 1 Elgin St., Central, 2810-0860, holeefook.com.hk**



## Le Bon Boeuf

You can be pretty confident ordering beef tartare at just about any French restaurant, but with the quality of cheeses, cold cuts and comforting bistro fare that **Chez Patrick Deli** churns out, it's a given that their version is going to be a standout amongst the pack. Keeping with the casual bistro vibes, the tartare here is made up of 160g of fresh hand-chopped raw beef fillet, to be enjoyed alongside a mound of crispy fries and a garden salad on the side. Seasoned liberally with red onions, chives, capers and egg yolk, the tartare packs a bold and flavorful punch with the perfect mix of ingredients in each bite—we dare you not to wipe the plate clean.

**\$168. 1/F, Brim28, Causeway Centre, 28 Harbour Rd., Wan Chai, 2877-0121, chezpatrick.hk**

## All About Meat

Touting a mix of high-quality "Ranger's Valley" flap meat from Australia and tenderloin from New Zealand, meatball specialist **NOM** presents a type of deconstructed tartare with the tangy condiments on the side to let you mix and match to your personal preference. Scoop up the raw beef with a bit of cauliflower piccalilli—a tart relish boasting strong notes of turmeric, chili and curry powder—and the earthier tomato salsa that's been cooked down with coriander, garlic, thyme, lemongrass, basil and shallots. Use the golden crostini on the side as the base for constructing your own beef tartare "tartine" and top it with a salty parmesan crisp for an extra crunchy topper.

**1-5 Elgin St., Central, 2540-7988, nom.com.hk**



Bistro-style tartare at Chez Patrick Deli



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**MAKE IT AT HOME!**

A single plump, luscious golden quail egg is the focal point of **Le Café Winebeast's** signature tartare, with hand-cut chunks of quality Charolais beef bound together by the creamy yolk and seasoned generously with fresh herbs, mustard and Worcestershire sauce. Try it at the neighborhood bistro (15 McGregor St., Wan Chai, 2479-6833) or replicate it at home with this recipe from chef Johan Ducroquet.

**"Winebeast-style" Tartare from Le Café Winebeast**

**Makes:** 4 portions

**Ingredients:**

- 480g of raw beef
- 20g each of red onion, garlic, coriander, pickles, capers
- 2 tsp Savora mustard
- 4 tsp ketchup
- A dash of olive oil, Tabasco sauce, Worcestershire sauce
- 4 quail egg yolks (can substitute regular egg yolks)

1. Using a sharp knife, slice the beef into small chunks. Do not use a mincer as this will create too fine a cut.
2. Finely dice the red onion, garlic, coriander, pickles and capers. Mix together in a bowl and adjust quantities to taste.
3. Add the beef chunks to the mixture with a dash of olive oil. Add mustard, ketchup, Tabasco sauce and Worcestershire sauce and mix. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
4. Arrange the mixture into four even piles on a glass dish and top gently with a quail egg yolk.

**Note:** Chef Johan uses premium grade Charolais beef for his beef tartare, but the flank/bavette of any type of high-quality beef will work for this home recipe: Try City'super, Great or Oliver's.



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## NEW AND NOTED



Morty's meat is cured and smoked in-house

### Pass the Pastrami

Craving a classic Reuben or pastrami sandwich? Short of flying to the Big Apple, new American delicatessen **Morty's** (Shop 12-14, LG/F, Jardine House, 1 Connaught Place, Central, 3665-0900) is your next best bet with a menu of classic smoked meat sandwiches and mouthwatering sides. Morty's house-made pastrami pays homage to the beloved New York culinary tradition, using a 45-day aging process which includes applying the spice rub, curing for more than 20 days, cooking, smoking over hickory wood chips, and then resting. The result of this laborious five-stage process? An earthy, deep, bacon-like meat that's tender and just falling apart, infused with the smoky flavors of hickory and cherry wood. The slices of pastrami are piled up high in the classic Reuben (\$118 regular, \$148 large), complemented by tangy sauerkraut, Russian dressing and freshly baked rye bread; and in the Classic Pastrami (\$108 regular, \$138 large) with hand-cut lean, medium or fatty beef brisket with yellow mustard on rye. If smoked and cured meat doesn't do it for you, chow down on the smoked truffle chicken (\$98) instead, with grilled shiitake mushrooms, tomato, arugula and truffle mayonnaise on ciabatta.

## RESTAURANT REVIEWS

### Restaurant Osaka ★★★★☆

Japanese. G/F-1/F, Ashley Building, 14 Ashley Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, 2376-3323.



skewers of Japanese peppers (\$50) were OK, but hardly bursting with charred flavor.

■ **MISS** The standard sashimi platter (\$398) was very average indeed. The scallops were soft and sweet and the shrimps were deliciously creamy. But the salmon, tuna and yellowtail sea bream were just acceptable: edible, sure, but not of the quality we'd expect from a restaurant. Frankly, we've had better cuts from supermarket counters. The salmon roe was pretty much taste-free, and the squid was just rubbery. Pan-fried gyoza dumplings (\$68) were fine but a little lacking in flavor.

■ **BOTTOM LINE** Given that it's been around for 43 years, Osaka's Restaurant's Japanese fare must deliver for many customers—but on our trip, we were left sadly disappointed. Ashley Road is full of restaurants, and next time we'll be picking somewhere else. **Open daily noon-3pm, 6-11pm. \$\$\$**

Restaurant Osaka has been around for a while—43 years, in fact. But the décor doesn't feel run-down, just pleasantly old-school as you climb the steps onto the first floor of this Ashley Road eatery.

■ **HIT** A cold tofu (\$62) dish was a large block of pleasantly firm bean curd, topped with bonito shavings, spring onion and grated ginger. A red tuna hand roll (\$80) had a decent amount of maguro tuna, although it was pretty pricey nonetheless. Teriyaki beef (\$172) was a whole steak, not just a few slices of beef, and was very nicely marinated and cooked to a spot-on blushing pink all the way through. Two

#### Ratings

★ Don't go   ★★ Disappointing   ★★★ We'll be back   ★★★★ We'll be back—with friends   ★★★★★ You MUST go

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### Summer in Pierre

Celebrated chef Pierre Gagnaire is looking to make his eponymous restaurant **Pierre** (25/F, Mandarin Oriental, 5 Connaught Rd. Central, 2825-4001) a little more accessible to diners with a special '**Soirées d'été' summer menu' priced at \$798 per person—a big drop from the regular \$1,898 six-course tasting menu. More of a teaser than a marathon degustation, the three-course summer menu is just enough to experience the gustatory thrills of Gagnaire's cooking without having to block off your whole night or make it a once-a-year occasion. Start off with tomato water with parmesan cheese gnocchi and green bell pepper ice cream, then dig into the grilled John Dory with baby artichokes and ratatouille. Desserts showcase the playful side of the kitchen, with a savory-sweet burrata ice cream boasting notes of white balsamic vinegar, raspberry meringue, honey, olive oil and basil.**

### From Land to Sea

Argentinian steakhouse **Gaucho** (5/F, LHT Tower, 31 Queen's Rd. Central, 2386-8090) is presenting the perfect summer dish this month, with a new menu of South American ceviches paired fittingly with light Argentinian wines. If you aren't stuffing yourself with the moreish parmesan and feta puffy cheese breads (guilty), a healthy and satisfying dinner awaits at this black and white steakhouse that's usually more well-known for hunky cuts of marinated beef than light summer starters. With distinct flavor profiles, the three new ceviches on the menu are all worth trying, including the Ecuadorian Ceviche with just-blanchered shrimp coated in a tomato and pepper sauce, the richest of the three; the Salmon Ceviche, which draws flavor from the Peruvian chili paste aji amarillo and adds in chopped mango for sweetness; and the sea bass, which embodies everything you want from a perfectly constructed ceviche with acidic, citrusy and slightly sweet notes bursting with freshness and vitality. Light grapefruit is balanced with creamy wasabi mayonnaise, while the addition of sweetcorn—a classic component in authentic South American ceviches—adds an unexpected but welcome contrast to the fish. Toast to a healthy dinner with a glass of indigenous Argentinian Torrontés wine, which is dry and crisp to complement all that citrus.

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### Nakamura Tokichi ★★★★

Matcha. Shop 3005-3009, 3/F, Miramar Shopping Centre, 132 Nathan Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, 2156-1168.



Kyoto dessert house Nakamura Tokichi is all about the matcha green tea. It first appeared in Hong Kong in 2015 only to close earlier this year, but it's now back at a new location in Miramar Mall.

**HIT** We started with the matcha buckwheat noodle set (\$118) and wheat noodle set (\$118). Served cold, they were light and refreshing, although the green tea flavor wasn't that prominent. We couldn't miss out on the desserts: We tried the hojicha tea jelly (\$88)—Hojicha is a kind of charcoal-roasted green tea, and the dessert captured that unique toasty, smoky flavor. The tea jelly was

served with a scoop of milky hojicha ice cream which balanced the bitterness of the tea. Kyo no Fukiyose (\$98), another of their signature desserts, included four slices of fluffy matcha and hojicha sponge cakes, with well-balanced flavors alternating between sweetness and bitterness. The matcha maruto parfait (\$98) was delightful, with offers layers of textures and flavors: from frothy cream and fluffy sponge cake, to crunchy puffed rice, to chewy mochi balls and refreshing tea jelly.

**MISS** We ordered the matcha usucha senzai (\$88), a hot green tea soup with rice cake and sweet beans. This dish is exclusive to Hong Kong, but exclusivity isn't always a good thing: The soup was way too bitter and the green tea flavor was overpowering.

**BOTTOM LINE** Come here only if you're a true matcha fan—but if you are, you'll leave very happy.

Open daily noon-10pm. \$\$\$

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## North Point

Once a bustling industrial area, North Point was long known as "Little Shanghai" because of the large Shanghainese population which settled there after fleeing the Chinese Civil War. It soon became a popular choice for other immigrants from across China, particularly the Fujianese. The mixture of dialects and culture created a unique vibe to the area, which lives on still in its busy markets and old edifices. Compiled by **Kate Lok**

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### Tung Po Seafood

Ever since celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain tipped his hat to this seafood restaurant, it's risen to fame and become one of the hottest eateries in town: so make sure to call and book a table. With rough and chaotic service and beer served in little blue porcelain bowls, head over for a loud and authentic dining experience.

**2/F, Java Road Municipal Services Building,  
99 Java Rd., North Point, 2880-5224.**



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### Chun Yeung Street Market

This colorful market is lined with stalls selling everything from fresh fruits and vegetables to pork and fake Pokémon-print pajamas. But what really sets it apart are the tram tracks running through the middle of the street. It makes for a great photo opportunity, before you scurry out of the way when a tram comes along...

**Chun Yeung St.**

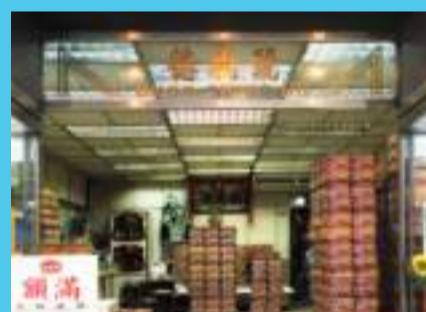


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### Duck Shing Ho Egg Rolls

For more than three generations, every single one of Duck Shing Ho's venerable egg rolls have been hand-made daily to ensure the superior freshness and crispness that made its name. Because they're so popular, they're only sold to the public on Saturdays—and they usually sell out by 9am.

**64 Java Rd., 2570-5529.**



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### Sunbeam Theatre

Opened in 1972, Sunbeam Theatre is North Point's key landmark as well as the city's iconic Cantonese opera theatre which played a vital role in promoting Cantonese opera. Legend has it that before becoming Chief Executive, CY Leung brokered a deal to keep the venue open in the face of rising rents.

**Kiu Fai Mansion, 413-423 King's Rd.,  
North Point, 2856-0158.**



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### King's Park Lane

This is the Apliu Street of Island East. Duck through the narrow corridors and scavenge your way to bargain-priced electronics. Besides being a nerd haven, there are a couple of hidden gem snack shops selling noodles in clear plastic bags and pick-and-mix candies that are usually packed with hungry students on weekday afternoons.

**278-288 King's Rd., North Point.**



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### Woo Ping Optical Shop

This humble shop has been selling its specs since the 1970s and seems to have frozen in time since then—even the tungsten lamp on the ceiling is more than 30 years old. Ditch the big brands and grab a pair of Japanese handcrafted frames for under \$500.

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## UPCLOSE: WATER POON



Artist **Water Poon** has been practising the art of Chinese ink painting in Hong Kong and beyond for almost half a century. For his current charity exhibition, 10 percent of the proceeds of works sold will be donated to the Faith in Love Foundation, which works to alleviate poverty. He tells Jessica Wei about the art of Chinese ink painting.

**HK Magazine:** What are you showing in this charity exhibition?

**Water Poon:** There are three different recurring images in this exhibition. The first is of a big gourd, a fruit. The second one is a lotus leaf and a sparrow, and the third collection is a series that depicts houses in Guilin, a popular place for ink artists in China.

**HK:** How is your style distinct from other Chinese ink artists?

**WP:** A lot of artists are also inspired by the Guilin landscape, but I like to draw in a contemporary style. Being a contemporary ink artist means paying homage to and referencing previous styles, but finding innovations. There are others who are always trying to paint the same flowers, but I try to diversify my style. The blue in this series, "At Home," is actually inspired by early morning in Guilin, before sunrise—it's unique to my experience. And people who paint Guilin will not often paint this kind of house: They're becoming more rare and will soon be demolished.

**HK:** What should people who don't know much about ink painting look for in a piece of work?

**WP:** There are several important points to ink painting. One thing is the use of line, which usually falls into two groups: Some people paint with very precise details and fine lines, particularly with paintings inspired by nature; others, like me, are more abstract. The other important thing to notice is the density of paint. Artists in traditional ink painting say that there are seven different shades you can render out of black, from dark to light. With ink painting, you don't even need color at all. You can express what you want only in shades of black and white. There is, however, only one shade of red.

**HK:** One shade of red?

**WP:** Yes, it's the stamp! Another emphasis of Chinese ink painting is the negative space on the artwork. For example, in a painting of fish, you will feel the fish naturally swimming around the canvas. It's not necessary to paint the water. In another ink painting of birds sitting on a branch, you can feel the sky behind these birds, through the white space and perspective.

**HK:** What's changed since you started painting?

**WP:** I've been painting for 40-50 years. When I first started, I had to work a very long time to discover my style. Now, my paintings are more mature. If I don't sign or put a stamp on my paintings, people can still recognize that these birds, these fish, are mine.

**HK:** How do you compose your work?

**WP:** I spend a lot of time thinking about what I will put on the page. And then it takes me about an hour to paint. But I have to think about it, shape it in my mind first. Unlike Western painting, we never sketch what we're going to paint—every stroke is deliberate, and if I make a single mistake I have to start over. Every movement of the stroke expresses a feeling.

See Water Poon's latest exhibition in collaboration with Blink Gallery, "Water Poon Charity Chinese Ink Painting Exhibition." Through Aug 21 at Hotel Sav, 83 Wuhu St., Hung Hom, 2275-8888.



"相聚" by WaterPOON

## Classical

### Madama Butterfly

Giacomo Puccini's timeless opera gets a pared-down staging courtesy of Opera Hong Kong's stunning ensemble. In Puccini's tragic tale, a Japanese woman, Cio-Cio-San, falls in love with the American Lieutenant Pinkerton, gets pregnant, and is abandoned until he comes back to take her child away. This semi-staged production stars sopranos Nancy Yuen and Louise Kwong taking turns as Cio-Cio-San and Adam Diegel as Pinkerton. Aug 16-17, 8pm. Concert Hall, City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central. \$80-350 from urbtix.hk.

### Born Lau Viola Recital

Hong Kong violinist Born Lau has played around the world, from Canada to Korea, playing with the Tokyo String Quartet and the San Diego Symphony, among others. He returns to Hong Kong, in concert with pianist Colleen Lee, for a showcase of classical pieces including Brahms' "Sonata in E-flat, Op. 120, No.2," and "Dance of the Knights" from Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet Suite. Aug 28, 8pm. Theatre, City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central, \$120-160 from urbtix.hk.



### Stephen K Amos

British actor, documentarian and standup comic Thomas K. Amos takes the stage at Punchline Comedy for a three-night stint. Since his debut in 2001, this seemingly tireless entertainer has toured festivals around the world, including annual stops at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, as well as guested on UK panel shows "Have I Got News for You," "Mock the Week" and "The Wright Stuff," among others. Sep 1, 8pm; Sep 2-3, 9pm. Tamarind, 2/F, Sun Hung Kai Centre, 30 Harbour Rd., Wan Chai. \$290 until Aug 7; \$350 thereafter from ticketflap.com/punchlinecomedyclub.

## Dance



### Reveries of the Red Chamber

The Hong Kong Dance Company's new experimental dance performance is based on the Chinese literary folktale "Dream of the Red Chamber." In this tale, a goddess who created mankind casts out a stone, which is then incarnated into a mortal boy, who leads a life of drama and family feuds. In "Reveries of the Red Chamber," the dance company takes on three different interpretations of the story, bringing it to life and to the contemporary mind through poetry and movement. Aug 5-7, 7:45pm; Aug 6-7, 3pm. Studio Theatre, Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui. \$250 (free seating) from hkdance.com.

## Musicals

### Shrek The Musical

Less a jolly green giant than a reluctant hero with a noble heart, Shrek makes a journey to Macau, along with his posse of fairytale friends, to defeat the tyrannical Lord Farquaad, reclaim their rightful home, and save a princess in the process. This musical adaptation of the Dreamworks classic will be playing 21 performances at the Venetian—catch it before they ride back off into the sunset. Through Aug 7. Venetian Theatre, The Venetian, Estrada do Istmo, Cotai, Macau. \$180-780 from hkticketing.com.



## Theater

### Buddhist Chants in Scent and Light

The Zuni Icosahedron season opener is an experimental performance based on a text that dates back 1,200 years to the Tang Dynasty, arranged by Master Kuan Pen in the 20th century in his book "Chamber of Scent and Light." Through a mix of contemporary theater and traditional Buddhist rituals, Zuni's performance explores the purification and calming aspects of chanting, as well as the heritage of the art of Buddhist vocal practices. This performance is in Cantonese and Putonghua. Sep 22, 8:15pm; Sep 25, 3pm. Grand Theatre, Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui. \$100-1,000 from urbtix.hk.

### The Tiger Lillies Perform Hamlet

Hamlet gets a rock musical update as British cult band The Tiger Lillies team up with Danish contemporary theatre troupe Theatre Republique to retell the story of the young, tormented Danish king and the rain of blood which ensues as he comes to terms with who really killed his father. Balancing touches of cabaret, opera and gypsy music and the multimedia expertise of Theatre Republique, this stage adaptation is set to be an unforgettable experience. Sep 9-10, 8pm; Sep 11, 3pm. Kwai Tsing Theatre, 12 Hing Ning Rd., Kwai Fong. \$180-420 from urbtix.hk.

### Jeeves and Wooster in Perfect Nonsense

PG Wodehouse's lovable characters, Bertie Wooster and his valet Jeeves, come to life onstage in their play—and play-within-a-play—"Jeeves and Wooster in Perfect Nonsense." There's a mishandled matchmaking, a silver cow creamer gag, and other classic Woosterian hijinks. Sep 13-25. Drama Theatre, Academy for Performing Arts, 1 Gloucester Rd., Wan Chai. \$450-650 from hkticketing.com.

### The Sin Family

This production by the HK Repertory Theatre explores family relationships in the city. An affluent couple who has been able to provide their son with every material desire he could ever ask for is unable to give him the thing he actually wants: peace in the family. Stars actress Candice Yu as the matriarch. In Cantonese with English surtitles. Through Aug 1, 7:45pm. Theatre, City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central. \$160-300 from urbtix.hk.



### Blue Man Group in Macau

Get ready to get blue'd in the face: The world's most famous cerulean celebrities (and no, we're not talking about the Na'vi) are headed to Macau and they're bringing with them their usual explosive performance experience. Transcending all cultural, language and age differences, the Blue Man Group combine 25 years of science, comedy, music and exciting visual effects into a standout performance. Aug 11-28. Venetian Theatre, The Venetian, Estrada do Istmo, Cotai, Macau. \$380-880 from hkticketing.com.

## Comedy

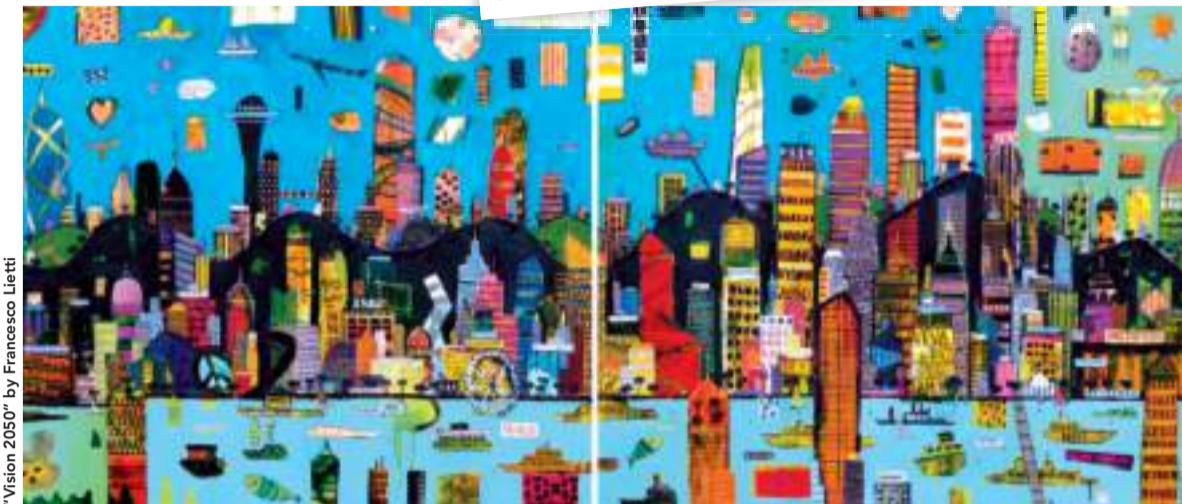
### Jimmy Carr in Hong Kong

One of the biggest comedy names to come out of the UK, Jimmy Carr makes his Hong Kong debut in August. The host of TV panel show "8 Out of 10 Cats" and frequent guest on "QI," he's legendary for his brash, cheeky humor. Guaranteed to bring the show: offensive one-liners, rude anecdotes, and way too many jokes about his knob (but that's why you're going, isn't it?). Aug 24, 7pm, 9:15pm; Aug 25, 8pm. King George V School, 2 Tin Kwong Rd., Ho Man Tin. \$488-888 from hkticketing.com.



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## Exhibitions



"Vision 2050" by Francesco Lietti

### A Fleeting Moment

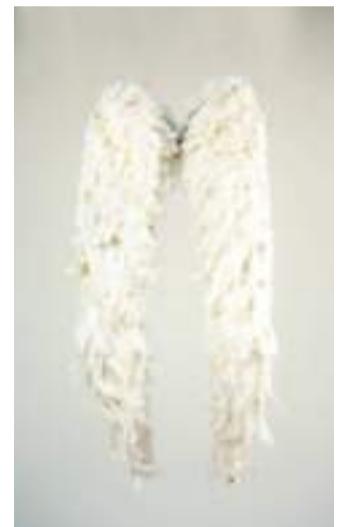
With an aesthetic and an eye for detail informed by her artistic upbringing among the forests and mountains of her native home of Vermont, plus a keen training in Chinese ink and watercolor on rice paper, Nissa Kauppila's work depicts immaculately painted animals, mostly birds, seemingly set on collision courses. But these pure, whole forms soon shift into something more abstract. Through Aug 20. Above Second, 9 First St., Sai Ying Pun. [above-second.com](http://above-second.com).



"A Fleeting Moment" by Nissa Kauppila

### Colours of Hong Kong

Italian-born, Hong Kong-based artist Francesco Lietti has created four gigantic pieces of art—with the collaboration of crowds of activists, children and passers-by during Occupy, as well as in Kowloon Park during this year's Bi-city Biennale. He set up canvases at both and encouraged people to paint what they wanted, and then collaged them together to create entirely new works, centered around Hong Kong and the city's future. "Colours of Hong Kong" comprises these large-scale works, as well as photographs and videos by fellow artists Tiffany Szeto and Thien-Ty Ly which follow the process of their creation. And if the future of Hong Kong is peppered with HK Magazine's newsprint, we're happy to embrace it. Through Aug 31. Exhibition Gallery of New Asia College, Ch'ien Mu Library, New Asia College, Chinese University of Hong Kong, New Asia Cir., Sha Tin. [francescolietti.com](http://francescolietti.com).



"Resuscitation" by Zhang Yanzi

### "Essence" by Zhang Yanzi

Inspired by the relationship and healing philosophies of Eastern and Western medicine, as well as her own journey through recovery, Zhang Yanzi creates art incorporating medicinal materials. Her works celebrate health, science, and recovery: There's the image of the angel wings made of gauze bandaids and herbal medicine, and what looks like a microscope view of antibodies, but made out of pills, ink and paper. This exhibit is a collaboration between Gallerie Ora-Ora and the Museum of Medical Sciences. Through Aug 28. Museum of Medical Sciences, 2 Caine Lane, Mid-Levels. [ora-ora.com](http://ora-ora.com). \$20 admission fee to the Museum.



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## OPEN BAR LITTLE CREATURES

**The buzz:** Hailing all the way from Fremantle, Perth—from one sunny seaside port to another—is Aussie craft brewery Little Creatures. Already well established in Oz, the craft microbrewery-slash-restaurant has just opened up in Kennedy Town, bringing fresh brews and all-day dining options for big groups and family crowds.

**The décor:** Setting up shop where a flour and sugar warehouse used to be, the massive 6,000 sq. ft. space retains some of that industrial feel with impossibly high loft ceilings, an open kitchen and bar, and exposed pipes. Behind the long bar is where the magic happens: towering metal drums where the malt mash is boiled, the hops are added, and the beer is fermented, filtered and eventually poured. The furniture and décor is comfortable, with brown leather booths and sofas made for up to 10 diners per table in the back, and with enough space around the bar for beer geeks to mill around and learn more about the brews.

**The drinks:** Brewed on the premises, this is craft beer as fresh as you're gonna get. Three classic Little Creatures beers are brewed onsite (\$65-78/pint), including the signature Pale Ale, and the brewery's full range is available by the bottle. Choose from the refreshing Pale Ale, a punchy Rogers' amber ale, a light pilsner, a hopped up IPA or sweet Orchard Crush cider. Brewed especially for Hong Kong is the Early Days pale ale, which tastes like a lighter, even more sessionable version of the classic Pale Ale.

The White Rabbit White Ale, a wheat beer, tastes very floral and hoppy, not unlike a Hoegaarden, but fresher and with more body. Can't decide, or want to try them all? A beer paddle, with six 100ml pours of different beers, costs only \$100. And if you're a disillusioned craft beer connoisseur looking to be more adventurous, you might want to try a beer from what is dubbed "the Randall," where the Creatures folk get to tinker with their ales by adding flavors after it's done brewing, with wacky ingredients ranging from lemongrass to rocky road. Not a beer fan? You should probably get out... or you can choose from a sizeable list of (mostly Aussie) wines, available by the small or big glass (from \$65).

**Why you'll be back:** Offering everything from breakfast to late night bites, Little Creatures is not just your simple beer bar. It aims to be K-town's neighborhood local—whether you're there just for lunch or to type away at a laptop for half the day. It's far from greasy pub grub too, with a menu of comforting eats designed to go well with beer. With healthy-sounding sharing plates such as a smashed avocado bowl (\$85 for small portion) and kale pizza (\$110) to full blown, protein-packed mains like a grass-fed rib-eye (\$295), this isn't a place for you to get slizzed on sub-par bevvies. Instead you can enjoy every clean sip—until you have to be carried home.

5a New Praya, Kennedy Town, 2833-5611,  
[littlecreatures.hk](http://littlecreatures.hk)



## Clubs

### Studio Presents: Push Showcase with Frankie Lam and AKW

They've worked with the Clockenflap festival team, they've created large scale parties such as Summer Daybreak, Sky Party and Splash, and now they're hitting up Play: Let Push resident DJs Frankie Lam and AKW ease you into the weekend with their underground electronic beats. Jul 29, 10pm. Studio, 1/F, On Hing Building, 1 On Hing Terrace, Central, free; RSVP at [pushshowcase.pelago.events](http://pushshowcase.pelago.events) for entry. No shorts, beachwear, sportswear or flip flops.

### Hungry Monday: Sharam Jey

We officially have less than half of the year to go. You probably had all those resolutions about making the most of your week and your year. How about hitting up the club on a Monday? You can, thanks to D-i: Get your fix of groovy deep house with King Kong Records label boss Sharam Jey on the decks. Aug 1, 10pm. Dragon-i, U/G, The Centrium, 60 Wyndham St., Central, \$200 at the door.

### Uberjak'd

Signed to Steve Aoki's Dim Mak, Ministry of Sound Australia, and Laidback Luke's Mixmash labels, and named number one DJ in South Australia two years in a row, Aussie club producer Uberjak'd will be revving up Cubic at the end of July. Jul 30, 10pm. Club Cubic, 2/F, Hard Rock Hotel, City of Dreams, Estrada do Istmo, Cotai, Macau, \$250 at the door.

### Play Presents: DJ Scratch of EPMD

Legendary Grammy-nominated DJ Scratch of rap group EPMD began his thunder back in 1988 when he won the New Music Seminar Battle for World Supremacy DJ Championship, leading to collaborations with Busta Rhymes, LL Cool J and 50 Cent, and spinning for the likes of Jay-Z, Diddy and Q-Tip. Wanna party with an OG? Head to Play. Jul 30, 10pm. Play, 1/F, On Hing Building, 1 On Hing Terrace, Central, free entry; table bookings reservations@playclub.asia.

## Gigs

### Against the Current: In Our Bones World Tour

Against the Current plays what's billed as "intelligent pop songs." The pop rock trio from Poughkeepsie, New York made it big on YouTube before breaking into the gig scene. They're back in Hong Kong to tour their latest album, "In Our Bones." Sep 16, 8pm. MacPherson Stadium, 38 Nelson St., Mong Kok, \$450-750 (VIP with meet and greet) from [cityline.com](http://cityline.com).

### The Underground Brings Metal Goodness to Town in Heavy #16

The Heavy series of concerts by The Underground returns, to glee of all Hong Kong metalheads. Check out four bands: Feel of All with their Hong Kong-style punk, melodic hardcoreists The Priceless Boat who are down to get angry and political, OI Squad with old school punk, all before hard rock vets Maniac clean up the moshpit for the night. Aug 4, 8pm. Orange Peel, 2/F, 38-44 D'Aguilar St., Central, \$90 from [undergroundhk.com](http://undergroundhk.com), \$120 at the door; both include one drink.

### ▼ YourMum Presents: Yumi Zouma, Yukilovey and Merry Lamb Lamb

The Kiwi dreampop foursome Yumi Zouma: made up of Sam Perry, Christie Simpson, Josh Burgess and Charlie Ryder, heads to Hong Kong this September for a one-off gig in recently opened indie venue Café Hillywood. Having played with the likes of Lorde and Chet Faker, this is one gig Hong Kong hipsters won't want to miss. The band is supported by local acts Yukilovey and newcomers Merry Lamb Lamb. Sep 16, 8pm. Cafe Hillywood, LG/F, 152 Austin Rd., Jordan, \$280 from [ticketflap.com/yumizouma](http://ticketflap.com/yumizouma).



## Happy Hours

### Jinjuu's Taco & Tequila Tuesdays

Get in on some tasty tortilla and tequila goodness every Tuesday at Jinjuu, where an order of premium tacos from the Taco Tuesday menu gets you a complimentary cocktail. Choices include butter poached lobster (\$200, includes two tacos), grilled Hanwoo Korean beef (\$250), or USDA short rib (\$200). Drinks feature Hwayo 25 premium soju and Ocho tequila, or really get loco/michyeosseong with the Garu Says Hello, which entails a shot of each and a chaser of Kimchi sangria. Tuesdays, 6pm. Jinjuu, UG/F, 32 D'Aguilar St., Central.

### Rumalicious Ladies Night

SoHo hotspot Rummin' Tings is pretty much party-ready all throughout the week, but ladies will want to power through hump day with the restobar's new Rumalicious Ladies Night, which offers a two for one deal on drinks, plus a free tropical shot. Sorry lads: The offer applies to ladies only. DJ Noel will be on the decks from 9:30pm. Wednesdays. Rummin' Tings, 28 Hollywood Rd., Central.



### \$15 Oysters at #MeatMeAtPorterhouse Mondays

Though verging on sounding like a questionable pickup line, Porterhouse's #MeatMeAtPorterhouse Monday deal offers 15 oysters from 6-8pm. They won't disappoint, unlike your flaky Tinder date. While you're at it, you'll want to dig deep into Porterhouse's steady weekday deal of two-for-one martinis, with complimentary gourmet bites. 6-8pm. Porterhouse by Laris, 7/F, California Tower, 30-36 D'Aguilar St., Central.

## Music Festivals

### Hong Kong International Reggae Ska Festival

Reggae, ska and rocksteady beats rock your boat? The Hong Kong International Reggae Ska Festival returns, this time bringing irie vibes straight into the middle of SoHo. See Hong Kong's Sensi Lion, The Red Stripes, and Celestial play alongside Korea's NST & the Soul Sauce, Japan's Beat Bahnhof and the Philippines' Red I and MC Rastaro. Aug 20, 5pm. PMQ, 35 Aberdeen St., Central, \$380 from [ticketflap.com/reggaeska2016](http://ticketflap.com/reggaeska2016), \$400 at the door.

## Nightlife Events

### Pacha Macau Presents: Summer Love Pool Party

Superclub Pacha Macau continues to host its series of tropical themed pool parties at Studio City's massive outdoor pool, and the third headliner this summer is Ferry Corsten. Hailing all the way from the Netherlands, the trance legend is known for producing and remixing for the likes of Justin Bieber, Moby, The Killers, Duran Duran and more. The pool events will continue into the night with an after-party at Pacha, after 10pm. Aug 20, 2:30pm. Level 3 Outdoor Pool, Studio City Macau, Estrada do Istmo, Cotai, Macau, \$350 early bird tickets to \$450 from [studiocity-macau.com](http://studiocity-macau.com). Admission and after-party, cabana and hotel stay packages available.

### W Hotel Summer Series Pool Party: Hot Streak

The W's summer pool parties are back! This year, they're adding a fitness edge to these signature high-energy parties: Ticketholders will be able to take part in a free warmup workout from 8-9pm before all the wet debauchery starts. If you really care about maintaining your beach bod, there'll also be a detox buffet during the party with healthy treats and drinks, as well as a silent disco workout booth for those who want to bring the HIIT into their wining and grinding. The after-party continues at Woobar, from 11pm 'til late. Jul 30, Aug 13, 27, 8pm. Wet Pool, 76/F, W Hong Kong, 1 Austin Rd. West, \$350 early bird tickets from [ticketflap.com/wpoolparty](http://ticketflap.com/wpoolparty), \$450 at the door; both include one standard drink. \$888 for "VIP" tickets with free flow champagne until midnight.

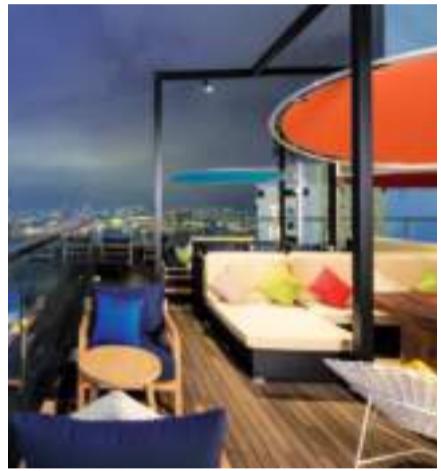
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pool party at Pacha Macau!  
See below for more info.

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#### Chris Hannah Guest Bartends at Room One

Hailing from Arnaud's and The French 75 Bar in New Orleans is Chris Hannah, bar whiz who's currently shortlisted as one of the Top 10 American Bartenders of the Year. Hannah will be shaking it up at The Mira's Room One for just one week in August. Aug 5-13. Room One, G/F, The Mira, 118 Nathan Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui.



#### Seafood Room St. Tropez Rooftop Party

Cliché Records' DJ Miya takes us to the French Riviera with her tropical beats at this St Tropez-themed summer do. Move your stuff with the glittering harbor as your backdrop at Seafood Room's spectacular rooftop bar—free-flow bubbly, wines, beers, cocktails and canapés included in the ticket price. Aug 4, 8-11pm. Seafood Room, 26/F, 535 Jaffe Rd., Causeway Bay, \$580 (early bird) from tiny.cc/hk-sttropez; VIP table packages available.

#### Little Creatures Tap Takeover at Casa

Showcasing beers from new-to-town craft brewery Little Creatures, Casa Tapas Bar will be serving up five varieties of Little Creatures beers (and one cider), all for \$50 per pint. It's also \$500 for a 1kg Aussie rib-eye steak, available for pre-order. Master brewer Tom Champion will be on site to introduce the beers, and also hold a lucky draw for a group of eight to join a brewery tour at the brand's new Kennedy Town digs. Jul 30. Casa Tapas Bar, Hoi Pong Square, Sai Kung.



#### Toybox Wednesdays for the Lads at Ce La Vi

Finally, a club night dedicated to gents who want to see and be seen at one of the most glamorous sky-high venues in the city. For a night out with the boys, Ce La Vi offers two signature cocktails from the menu: the Hanky Panky, made with gin, vermouth and amaro; and the Bloody Old Fashioned, a new take on the classic with bitters and chili. Feel like balling out? You can always opt to pop bubbly, served by gorgeous hostesses at your own private booth. Wednesdays, 10pm. Ce La Vi, 24-26/F, California Tower, 32 D'Aguilar St., Central.

#### DJ Miko Van Chong and Hyphen at Bao Bei

Hong Kong DJ veteran Miko Van Chong will be celebrating the start of the weekend at Bao Bei with nu disco and hip hop every Friday night. On Saturdays, DJ Hyphen will be bringing on the sexy deep house, indie house, nu disco, trap, hip hop and R'n'B. Fridays and Saturdays. Bao Bei, B1/F, 75-77 Wyndham St, Central.

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#### Kee x FOB Present Cyril Hahn

Cyril Hahn: remix renaissance man turned double EP-toting producer. The Swiss DJ hits the decks at Kee with his signature otherworldly sounds. Liked that remix of Destiny's Child's "Say My Name?" then you're good to go. Aug 5, 10pm. Kee Club, 6/F, 32 Wellington St., Central, Kee members get free access with one guest. \$150 from ticketflap.com/cyrilhahn, \$200 at the door; both include a bottle of Peroni.

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## Ghostbusters \*\*\*\*

(USA) Comedy/Fantasy/Sci-Fi. Directed by Paul Feig. Starring Melissa McCarthy, Kristen Wiig, Leslie Jones, Kate McKinnon. Category IIA. 116 minutes. Opened Jul 21.

When the whispers of an all-female "Ghostbusters" began to circulate around the Internet, they were amplified by outrage. Millions of pasty-faced online trolls banded together from their dark, humid, Cheeto-dusted basements, all to protect the sanctity of a beloved 80s movie. The threat wasn't the two subsequent television shows, 16 video games, comic books, a largely forgettable second film, action figures and all the rest. The Ghostbusters franchise, with enough spin-off materials to give Gene Simmons an inferiority complex, met its greatest backlash yet when someone suggested that women might be the heroes this time. And the nerds were right to worry.

In this reboot directed by Paul Fieg (who worked with Wiig and McCarthy on "Bridesmaids"), Kristen Wiig plays a particle physicist whose plans to make tenure at Columbia University are derailed when a book she co-authored with her former best friend Abby Yates (Melissa McCarthy) on the paranormal resurfaces online. Meanwhile, Abby spends her days with engineer Jillian Holtzman (Kate McKinnon) tooling around with ghost-catching machines at a technical college, waiting for a live one. A bizarre event in the basement of a house museum unites the team; another in a subway tunnel establishes that their wonky science and rudimentary machinery might have some legs. With this they have a business, and their business requires a secretary (played with hunky, dimwitted charm by Chris Hemsworth), and a car, supplied by Leslie Jones' street-smart Patty. The Ghostbusters are formed, and not a minute too soon: In some basement, some pasty weirdo is summoning



an inferno of ghostly beings for a plan that will turn the city inside out.

Fans of the original will find familiar footing in this revamped franchise: in-jokes and cameos are generously sprinkled throughout the film. New York looks the same as the 1984 original. It's an endlessly autumnal city with enough art deco architecture to sustain excessive amounts of protonic unleashing; where a gutted Chinese restaurant can be rented out to a crack team of scientists—despite their untested nukes and lack of business model—instead of, say, to a cool new startup. In this New York, walkie talkies trump WhatsApp, professors still have a hope of making tenure, and the only sign of technological progress is using YouTube as marketing tool.

But in 2016, "Ghostbusters" gets the benefit of 3D: With ghosts whizzing past your head and bolts of bright

red positronic streams flashing off the screen, the action is sophisticated and slapstick. Kate McKinnon lets loose a full-on proton pack assault with balletic grace, practically moonwalking in slow motion into a skyline set aflame with red lightning and flying ectoplasm.

There's a darker undertone in this film beyond simple ghost-trapping. The source of all evil isn't an undead spirit with a centuries-long vendetta. It's a living, breathing bottom-dweller, alienated from society by bitterness, convinced of his genius. Frankly, the heavy-handed mistreatment of males in this movie might be a bit too much... if it wasn't so goddamned satisfying to watch. "Ghostbusters" is a huge blockbuster with a dream-team cast, big-budget explosions, and heroes we can all identify with—who ain't afraid of no basement-dwelling ghosts. **Jessica Wei**

## Coming Soon

### The Menu

**(Hong Kong)** A film sequel to the HKTV show of the same name, "The Menu" revolves around a group of newspaper journalists who have to figure out what to do when a bomb is detonated in the middle of a television studio, by a man avenging the grisly murder of his daughter. Opens Aug 4.

### The Shallows ▼

**(USA)** In this ultimate summer popcorn thriller, Blake Lively spends most of the movie stranded on a coral reef a mere 200 meters from shore, and the only thing between her and safety is a great white shark. But how does she know that the shark wasn't just going in for a hug? Opens Aug 4.

### Suicide Squad

**(USA)** In the world of superheroes and supervillains, a ragtag group of incarcerated evildoers, including The Joker and Harley Quinn, are called on by the government to defeat an even super-er mystery villain. Stuffed with A-listers—Will Smith, Viola Davis, Margot Robbie, Jared Leto—this antihero DC flick makes idols out of the heavily armed and psychotically disturbed: America! Opens Aug 4.



### Tsukiji Wonderland

**(Japan)** Travel blogs rave about going to Tokyo's Tsukiji Market at the crack of dawn to catch the live tuna auctions and feast on some still-moving bivalves. But if you're a late-rising fantasy-traveler, this should do the trick. Guaranteed: glossy sashimi porn, an explainer on Japanese culture, and an environmental guilt trip so visually stunning you'll think twice about going back to Sushi Express. Opens Aug 4.

### Opening

#### Jason Bourne

**(USA)** He left the franchise after 2007's "The Bourne Ultimatum," but Matt Damon's Bourne is back: This time, as he gets closer to finding out the truth of his past, Bourne has to evade the CIA in this new post-Snowden era. Also stars Julia Stiles, and Tommy Lee Jones as a veteran CIA operative. Opened Jul 28.

#### If Cats Disappeared From the World

**(Japan)** A terminally ill postman gets a tempting offer from the devil: Pick one thing to erase from the world and live one more day. Soon, his options run out and he's stuck prioritizing the people and relationships in his life. But before then? Cats are going to get it, presumably. Opened Jul 28.

#### High Rise

**(UK/Belgium)** An adaptation of J.G Ballard's slightly apocalyptic novel about a luxury high-rise filled with affluent residents with no reason to leave, as everything descends into chaos. We follow the insanity through protagonist Dr. Robert Laing (Tom Hiddleston) as he oscillates between rational and disturbed. A darkly comic class-war parable that's compelling but doesn't feel wholly original and is let down by some abrupt tonal shifts. **★★★** Opened Jul 28.



## Continuing

### After the Storm

**(Japan)** A once-successful novelist turned financially and morally irresponsible PI (Hiroshi Abe, "Godzilla 2000: Millennium") has one night to attempt reconciliation and mutual respect and understanding with his ex-wife, son and mother as a typhoon passes through his town. Peacefully shot with moments of true beauty from an often reprehensible protagonist, this film shows remarkable care and nuance in tackling themes of dysfunction. **★★★**



### Central Intelligence

**(USA)** Dwayne Johnson and Kevin Hart play reunited high school best friends—Hart is a middling accountant unhappy at work and at home, and Johnson is a CIA agent who needs a numbers whiz to figure out an arms deal. With Johnson channeling his Disney dad demeanor with a fun psychotic bent, this is not your average cop buddy comedy. **★★**

### Cold War 2

**(Hong Kong)** Following up 2012's smash hit of the same name, cop thriller Cold War 2 revisits Sean Lau (Aaron Kwok) and Waise Lee (Tony Leung) and their squad of big names as they continue to balance police protocol with another terrorist attack. Despite strong performances from megastars Leung and Chow Yun-fat, we can't help but stumble over the gaping plot holes and contrived cliffhangers. **★★**

### Finding Dory

**(USA)** The much-anticipated sequel to 2003's smash hit "Finding Nemo" focuses on the lovable amnesiac Pacific blue tang played by Ellen DeGeneres, who goes on an adventure to look for her long-lost parents. A feel-good film with more than a few teaching moments, "Finding Dory" hits all the right emotional notes with plenty of heart. **★★★**

### Ghostbusters

**(USA)** See review (above).

### The Handmaiden

**(South Korea)** From director Park Chan-wook ("Oldboy") comes a tale of a con man in 1930s Korea hoping to seduce an heiress for her money and the pickpocket he hires to be her handmaiden who ends up falling in love with her. A sensuously woven tale with nuanced characters by a master filmmaker. **★★★★**

### Independence Day: Resurgence

**(USA)** The sequel to 1996's "Independence Day" brings former President Whitmore (Bill Pullman) and scientist David Levinson (Jeff Goldblum) back together, along with a new generation of unreasonably beautiful scientists and pilots including our very own Angelababy. What's different from the last one, you ask? Well, they killed off Will Smith's character because he's too expensive, plus the entire fight with the grotesque aliens is silly and corny. **★★**

### The Legend of Tarzan

**(USA)** Tarzan, played by Alexander Skarsgård (TV's "True Blood"), returns back to the Congolese jungle with his wife Jane Porter (Margot Robbie) after a life of aristocracy in London. While it was entertaining to watch a shirtless Skarsgård swinging through the jungle with amazing CG gorillas, the story depicts a tired and retrograde white colonialist fantasy where a hot white dude can save an entire jungle. **★★**

### Man Up

**(UK)** Simon Pegg and Lake Bell are the leads of this rom-com which starts with the cutest of meet-cutes: a mistaken woman on a blind date, a perfect date, the heartfelt reveal, an unanticipated reaction, and in between, high-flying highs, desperate lows, and a drunken meltdown to boot.

### Me Before You

**(UK/USA)** This tearjerker of Nicholas Sparksian proportions brings together a spunky barista-turned caregiver and her client, a former high-rolling banker who loses everything—his job, his closest relationships, and his will to live—after a motorcycle accident leaves him completely paralyzed.

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**The Man Who Knew Infinity**  
**(UK)** Dev Patel and Jeremy Irons star in this biopic of Srinivasa Ramanujan, a mathematician who quickly rises from his poor Tamil Brahmin family in Madras to become one of the most brilliant innovators of formulas and theorems in pre-war Cambridge, with the help of an English professor (Iron). Stand-out performances and strong source material take this cookie-cutter biopic to the next level. ★★★★

**The Nice Guys**  
**(USA)** Writer and director Shane Black ("Kiss Kiss Bang Bang") is back with another winding tale of mystery in the neo-noir shadows of gritty porn-addicted, disco-driven 1977 Los Angeles. Ryan Gosling and Russell Crowe play a mismatched pair of misfit PIs looking to uncover the truth behind the death of an adult film star and the disappearance of a young girl.

**Now You See Me 2**  
**(USA)** Following up 2013's "Now You See Me," a band of professional magicians/bank robbers is goaded into their biggest heist yet by tech genius Walter Mabry (Daniel Radcliffe). Magic buffs will be dazzled by the tricks, but the rest of us will be more intrigued by the Macanese backdrop, plus a significant cameo by pop star Jay Chou. ★★★

**The Secret Life of Pets**  
**(USA)** What happens to our favorite furballs when we leave the house every day? A beloved dog Max (Louis CK) is taken out of domesticated bliss to the

sewers in New York after his owner adopts a new dog. The team behind "Despicable Me" brings us a modern and comedian-stuffed callback to "Aristocats" and "An American Tail." The Secret Life of Pets is charming, funny and endlessly exciting. ★★★★

**Star Trek Beyond**  
**(USA)** The third installment of the rebooted Star Trek series marks one of the last appearances of Anton Yelchin (RIP) as Chekov; opens on the 50th anniversary of the beloved franchise; and stars Idris Elba as a predatory new villain (who looks kind of reptilian but is definitely not a Gorn). It's been a long three years, nerds: time to go boldly to the final frontier.



**Three**  
**(Hong Kong/China)** Unfolding entirely inside a hospital, this story of cops and robbers by veteran action auteur Johnnie To finds Louis Koo playing a police-inspector and Wallace Chung, a hospital-bed ridden criminal with a card up his sleeve. Full of ambitious technical innovations, including a one-take physical slow motion shootout, "Three" will not disappoint even the diehard To fans. ★★★★



"The Walkers," Jumping Frames International Dance Video Festival

## Film Festival

### Jumping Frames International Dance Video Festival

The Broadway Cinematheque and Hong Kong Space Museum are both getting a healthy dose of dance this August with the annual Jumping Frames Festival. The festival has curated a solid variety of gorgeous and moving dance documentaries and videos, including a operatic dance movie filmed in the Large Hadron Collider at CERN ("Symmetry"), an experimental dance/opera video performance of Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas" with a stunning underwater opening number, and a documentary following Willy Tsao, a choreographer and festival director pioneering the development of contemporary dance in China ("Willy Tsao, a Vision for Modern Dance in China"). Get ready to start dancing in the dark. Aug 4-14. Broadway Cinematheque, Prosperous Garden, 3 Public Square St., Yau Ma Tei; Hong Kong Science Museum, 2 Science Museum Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, jumpingframes.com. \$50-85 from urbtix.hk.

## Special Screening

### Summer Garden Cinema:

#### (500) Days of Summer

Ovolo Southside and Hushup Events have teamed up to bring a series of screenings that offer attendees the atmosphere of a garden screening with the comforts of indoor air-conditioning. Wear a flouncy summer dress for their screening of the almost-too-twee-to-handle Zooey Deschanel/Joseph Gordon-Levitt vehicle, "(500) Days of Summer," a light, effervescent comedy about imperfect love featuring a soundtrack that hits all the indie-ish highs, and all the melancholy lows (including an elevator scene where both leads murmur the lyrics to a Smiths song about trucks killing the both of them). It's an afternoon screening, too, in case you want to hit Ikea afterwards to play make-believe in perfect, fake kitchens. Aug 14, 4pm. Ovolo Southside, 64 Wong Chuk Hang Rd., Wong Chuk Hang. \$180 from tiny.cc/hk-500days.

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## Disclosure DJ Set Hong Kong 2016

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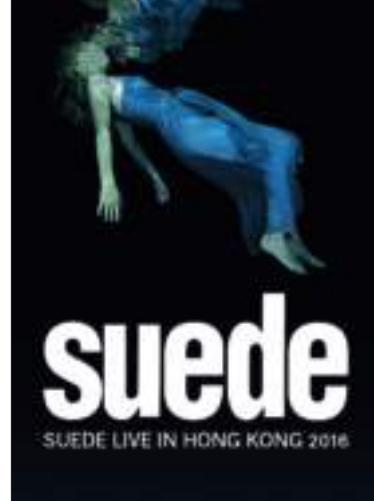


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## Suede Live in Hong Kong 2016

British rock band Suede is back for a live concert this summer following the release of their new album #Night Thoughts with NME saying it "sounds bolder, braver, and better than they have in 20 years".

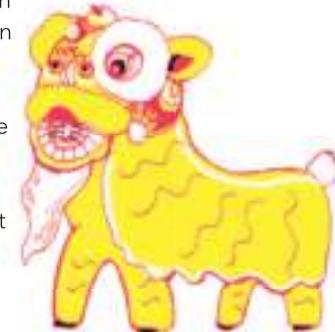
The decadent, glamorous music that is signature of Suede is set to rock the stage in Hong Kong. Don't miss out an evening of glamorous and theatrical sounds brought to you by Midas Promotions.

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# FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

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**LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22):** Be alert for white feathers gliding on the wind. Before eating potato chips, examine each one to see if it bears a likeness of Rihanna or the Virgin Mary. Keep an eye out, too, for portents like robots wearing dreadlocked wigs or antique gold buttons lying in the gutter or senior citizens cursing at invisible Martians. The appearance of anomalies like these will be omens that suggest you will soon be the recipient of crazy good fortune. But if you would rather not wait around for chance events to trigger your good luck, simply make it your fierce intention to generate it. Use your optimism-fueled willpower and your flair for creative improvisation. You will have abundant access to these talents in the coming weeks.



**VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22):** You have just begun your big test. How are you doing so far? According to my analysis, the preliminary signs suggest that you have a good chance of proving the old maxim, "If it doesn't make you so crazy that you put your clothes on inside-out and try to kiss the sky until you cry, it will help you win one of your biggest arguments with Life." In fact, I suspect we will ultimately see you undergo at least one miraculous and certifiably melodramatic transformation. A wort on your attitude could dissolve, for example. A luminous visitation may heal one of your blind spots. You might find a satisfactory substitute for kissing the sky.

not be perfectly conscientious in figuring out how to be of service, but they'll be pretty good. Here's what you can do to encourage optimal results: 1. Purge your low, outmoded expectations. 2. Open your mind and heart to the possibility that people can change. 3. Humbly ask—out loud, not just in the privacy of your imagination—for precisely what you want.

**PISCES (Feb 18-Mar 20):** Millions of Pisceans less fortunate than you won't read this horoscope. Uninformed about the rocky patch of Yellow Brick Road that lies just ahead, they may blow a gasket or get a flat tire. You, on the other hand, will benefit from my oracular foreshadowing, as well as my inside connections with the Lords of Funky Karma. You will therefore be likely to drive with relaxed caution, keeping your vehicle unmarred in the process. That's why I'm predicting that although you may not arrive speedily at the next leg of your trip, you will do so safely and in style.

**ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19):** Free your body. Don't ruminate and agonize about it. FREE YOUR BODY! Be brave and forceful. Do it simply and easily. Free your gorgeously imperfect, wildly intelligent body. Allow it to be itself in all of its glory. Tell it you're ready to learn more of its secrets and adore its mysteries. Be in awe of its unfathomable power to endlessly carry out the millions of chemical reactions that keep you alive and thriving. How can you not be overwhelmed with gratitude for your hungry, curious, unpredictable body? Be grateful for its magic. Love the blessings it bestows on you. Celebrate its fierce animal elegance.

**TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20):** The people of many cultures have imagined the sun god as possessing masculine qualities. But in some traditions, the Mighty Father is incomplete without the revitalizing energies of the Divine Mother. The Maoris, for example, believe that every night the solar deity has to marinate in her nourishing uterine bath. Otherwise he wouldn't be strong enough to rise in the morning. And how does this apply to you? Well, you currently have resemblances to the weary old sun as it dips below the horizon. I suspect it's time to recharge your powers through an extended immersion in the deep, dark waters of the primal feminine.

**GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20):** An Interesting Opportunity is definitely in your vicinity. It may slink tantalizingly close to you in the coming days, even whisper your name from afar. But I doubt that it will knock on your door. It probably won't call you seven times on the phone or flash you a big smile or send you an engraved invitation. So you should make yourself alert for the Interesting Opportunity's unobtrusive behavior. It could be a bit shy or secretive or modest. Once you notice it, you may have to come on strong—you know, talk to it sweetly or ply it with treats.

**CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22):** [Editor's note: The counsel offered in the following oracle was channeled from the Goddess by Rob Brezsny. If you have any problems with it, direct your protests to the Queen Wow, not Brezsny.] It's time to get more earthy and practical about practicing your high ideals and spiritual values. Translate your loftiest intentions into your most intimate behavior. Ask yourself, "How does Goddess want me to respond when my co-worker pisses me off?", or "How would Goddess like me to brush my teeth and watch TV and make love?" For extra credit, get a t-shirt that says, "Goddess was my co-pilot, but we crash-landed in the wilderness and I was forced to eat her."

**CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19):** You have a special talent for accessing wise innocence. In some ways you're virginal, fresh, and raw, and in other ways you're mature, seasoned, and well-developed. I hope you will regard this not as a confusing paradox but rather as an exotic strength. With your inner child and your inner mentor working in tandem, you could accomplish heroic feats of healing. Their brilliant collaboration could also lead to the mending of an old rift.

**AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18):** "Where is everybody when I need them?" Even if you haven't actually spoken those words recently, I'm guessing the voices in your head have whispered them. But from what I can tell, that complaint will soon be irrelevant. It will no longer match reality. Your allies will start offering more help and resources. They may

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I'm 28 years old and live in the Midwest. I'm intersex, but I identify as female. I am not out about being born intersex. Due to surgeries and hormones, I look like a fairly attractive female. I have been hanging out with a chill hetero guy, and things are getting very flirty. Is it unethical of me to not disclose my intersex-ness to him?

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"We all have to make decisions about what we disclose to partners or potential partners and when we disclose it," said Alice Dreger, historian of medicine and science, sex researcher, and author.

Dreger, for readers who may not be familiar with her, is the founding board chair of the Intersex Society of North America and the author of "Galileo's Middle Finger: Heretics, Activists, and One Scholar's Search for Justice." Intersex, for readers who may not be familiar with the word, is an umbrella term covering dozens of different inborn conditions.

"They all involve someone having something other than the standard male or standard female body as those are defined by doctors," explained Dreger. "There are lots of different ways to be intersex, including some so subtle that you might never even know you had that particular variation of development."

So that chill hetero boy you're thinking about disclosing your intersex-ness to, INTER? He could be intersex himself and not know it. But you do know it, and does "knowing it" obligate you to disclose?

"Lying is a bad idea, of course, but she's not lying by presenting herself as a woman and identifying as a woman," said Dreger. "She is a woman, just one whose body came with some parts that aren't common to most women, or maybe lacking some parts that are common to most women (depending on her particular intersex condition)."

Dreger suggests making a mental list of the things a long-term partner might want, need, or have a right to know about your history and your body. Then using your best judgment, INTER, decide what to share with him and when to share it.

"For example," said Dreger, "if this chill hetero guy talks about wanting kids someday, and the letter writer is infertile, she might want to mention sooner rather than later that she was born with a condition that left her infertile. Do her genitals look or work differently than he might be expecting? If so, she might think about when it would be best to give him some guidance about how her body is a little different and what works best for her."

Each of us has to balance our partner's legitimate right to certain information, INTER, with our right to medical privacy as well as our physical and emotional safety.

"There's no reason for her to feel like she has to announce, 'I'm an intersex woman.' She could opt to say, at some point, 'I was born with congenital adrenal hyperplasia,' or 'I was born with androgen insensitivity syndrome,' or whatever her specific condition might be, and then answer his questions," said Dreger. "If the label 'intersex' were part of her core identity—a critical part of who she feels she is—then she might want to tell him early on, just as someone might talk about her ethnicity if that's really important to her. But otherwise, she can disclose just like non-intersex people do with regard to fertility, sexual health, sexual sensation, sexual preferences, and sexual function—at a pace and in a way that promotes a good relationship and makes you feel honest and understood. And no one can tell her she has to use term 'intersex.' That's entirely up to her."

Follow Alice Dreger on Twitter @AliceDreger.

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Please email [secretary@fcchk.org](mailto:secretary@fcchk.org) to get a copy of the contract or call Joanne Chung on 2844-2830. All tender submissions to be received by **6pm on August 12**.

# **Guest Relation Officer**

- Minimum 1 years' solid Hotel or Serviced Apartment experience
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  - Immediate availability would be an advantage

Interested parties, please send your resume to [luckjade11@gmail.com](mailto:luckjade11@gmail.com)

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## Celebrate Olympic Month with a Brazilian Meal at Café Renaissance

The Olympic Games are just around the corner! If you're not flying all the way to Rio in Brazil to watch the games, what better way to celebrate the mega sports event than an amazing Brazilian meal?

From now until end of August, Café Renaissance at Renaissance Harbour View Hotel is serving a special Brazilian buffet with scrumptious Brazilian delicacies designed by Brazilian guest chef Lucio Mauro Cabral Leal, who will be stationed at Café Renaissance from August 1-7.

Start your gourmet journey to South America with an arracacha soup with shredded chicken and a handful of healthy, refreshing salads including a palm heart with arugula, olives, garlic and Sicilian lime salad. Get a taste of native Brazilian root veg with flavorful prawns with cassava and coconut rice, then try *feijoada*, a traditional black bean stew with sausages and pork.

Like pies? Then don't miss the chicken surprise and *escondidinho*, or beef jerky surprise, a popular dish from northeast Brazil. The restaurant is also serving an exotic Brazilian fish stew flavored with garlic, peppers and coconut milk.

Meat lovers will be thrilled by Brazil's signature *churrasco*, a Brazilian barbecue that originated in the south before it spread to the entire country. A choice beef, chicken or lamb *churrasco* are available on rotation.

End the experience on a sweet note with *brigadeiro*, a Brazilian truffle ball with a rich chocolate flavor. Prefer something lighter? Try the caramel pudding and the beetroot chocolate cake.

The lunch buffet is priced at \$308 per adult and \$188 per child on weekdays, and \$338 per adult and \$208 per child on weekends, with an entertainment zone where little ones can try out archery and other Olympic-style activities.

The dinner buffet is \$568 per adult and \$368 per child, Monday to Thursday, and \$588 per adult and \$388 per child from Friday to Sunday and public holidays.

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## Summer Bites at Spasso and Carpaccio in Tsim Sha Tsui

Looking for ways to whet your appetite this sweltering summer? Look no further than Italian restaurants Spasso in Tsim Sha Tsui East and Carpaccio in iSquare, which are both serving special menus this summer.

Spasso on Alfresco Lane in Tsim Sha Tsui East will be pairing its spectacular view of the city skyline with a new, five-course Summer Discovery Menu (\$550 per person for a minimum of two people) from now until the end of August. Summertime calls for fresh fish, and the menu comprises a variety of seafood including cod with broccoli, cherry tomatoes, Taggiasca olives, capers and basil sauce, as well as the signature tian of avocado, mango, tomato and crab salad.

Cool down with some bubbly: Chandon Brut Summer Edition is available at Spasso for \$88 by the glass or \$498 for a bottle. You'll get a complimentary

ice lolly made from either pear, lychee or lime and Chandon sparkling wine with each glass or bottle purchased.

Prefer something more casual? Check out iSquare's Carpaccio, which is rolling out a range of summer specials that are great for both your tastebuds and your wallet. Try their lazy weekend brunch, where you can choose from three starters: lobster bisque, eggs Benedict or chicken Caesar salad; and main courses ranging from stone-baked pizzas like piccante (\$148) and Parma (\$158), to linguine pesto alla ligure (\$138) and porcini risotto (\$168), to hearty meat dishes such as the US beef striploin tagliata (\$188) and 11oz roasted spring chicken (\$168). Finish off the lazy day with a complimentary dessert.

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## Ambi Climate Makes Your Air Con Smarter

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Mandarin Oriental Hong Kong  
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Sidewalk - LKF  
Starbucks - 254 Des Voeux Rd  
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Stormy Weather  
Tandoor Indian Restaurant  
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Tivo  
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Tranquil Touches  
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Wagyu  
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Zentro - 66 Stanley Street  
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PMQ  
Portobello's  
Taco Loco  
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The Pierre  
The Tavern  
Toni & Guy  
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Corner Kitchen  
Crispy Bistro  
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Holiday Inn Express Soho  
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Jaspas' - Kennedy Town  
Kinsale  
La Cantoche  
La Viola  
Little Burro  
Living Art Café  
Metropolitain  
Monsieur Chatte  
Ola  
Park N Shop - Kennedy Town  
Pizzeria Jacomax  
Quintessentially  
Shelter Lounge  
Starbucks - 50 Connaught Road  
Starbucks - Golden Phoenix Court  
Starbucks - Hotel Ibis  
Starbucks - Kwong Fat Hong Building  
Starbucks - Shun Tak Centre  
Tacobaca

Teakha  
The Press Room  
The Beautywave Skin Care  
The Lot  
Three Monkeys  
Waffling Beans

## MID-LEVELS

Blessing Garden Phase I  
Chicken on the Run  
Coffee Book  
Dymocks - Bonham Rd.  
Il Bel Paese  
Ladies' Recreation Club  
Lime @ Soho 38  
Lof10  
Mier Serviced Apartments  
Peak Café Bar  
Seymour  
The Phoenix  
YWCA English Speaking Members Department

## PEAK

Bubba Gump  
Cafe Deco  
Starbucks  
The Peak Lookout Restaurant

## ADMIRALTY

Brick Lane  
Dan Ryan's  
Gourmet Coffee  
Grappa's Ristorante  
Great  
Island Shangri-La  
Lab Concept  
Metropolitan Café  
Ruth Chris  
Starbucks - Pacific Place  
The British Council Library  
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Classified (Wan Chai)  
Cosmos Book Ltd.  
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Divino Patio  
DRAGONFLY @ Novotel  
Ebeneezer's  
Grand Hyatt Hotel  
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Pomme  
Quemo  
SIP Sun Hung Kai Centre  
Slim's  
Spring Learning  
StarCrest  
Starbucks - 4346 Queen's Road East  
Starbucks - Gloucester Rd  
Starbucks - Great Eagle Centre  
Starbucks - Hopewell Centre  
Starbucks - Sun Hung Kai Centre  
Starbucks - WanChai Tower  
Starbucks - Wsqaure

Thai Delight Restaurant & Bar  
Tamarind  
The Charterhouse Causeway Bay  
The Doghouse  
The Flying Pan  
The Hive  
The Queen Victoria  
The Tonno  
The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club  
The Wanch  
The White Stag  
VIM Pilates Studio  
Xperience  
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A La Maison  
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Classified (Tai Hang)  
Crowne Plaza Hong Kong Causeway Bay - Connections  
Dickens Bar  
Englishtown  
Fleur de Sel  
Hotel Pennington  
Inn Side Out  
Isabella Bistro & Bar  
Island Seafood & Oyster  
Jrink  
Lanson Place  
Little Burro  
Mackie Kitchen  
Madame Foster Deli  
Mau I Business Centre Ltd - Eton Tower  
Mau I Business Centre Ltd - Radio City  
Mini Hotel Causeway Bay  
Mr. Steak  
Otto Restaurant & Bar  
Outback Steakhouse  
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Roof Bar  
Rouge  
Starbucks - 50 Leighton Rd.  
Starbucks - Causeway Bay Plaza 2  
Starbucks - Hysan Place  
Starbucks - Lee Garden 1  
Starbucks - Tin Hau  
Starbucks - Tiung Lo Wan Rd.  
Starbucks - Windsor House  
The Herbivores  
The Sky Bar  
The Warren  
Watson Wine Cellar  
Wired Café  
W's Entrecôte  
Yo mama

## HAPPY VALLEY

Classified  
El Grande - Happy Valley Bar & Grill  
Hong Kong Cricket Club  
Hong Kong Football Club  
il Bel Paese  
Jaspas  
Movieland (3) - Happy Valley  
Park N Shop - Happy Valley  
Saint Germain  
Starbucks - Le Cacet  
The Jockey

## QUARRY BAY/ TAIKOOSHING

East Hotel  
Park N Shop - Kornhill Plaza  
Pizza Express  
Ruby Tuesday  
Starbucks - Cityplaza  
Starbucks - Hoi Kwong St.  
Starbucks - Kornhill Plaza  
Starbucks - Taikoo Shing  
The News Room  
Yo bago  
Yo mama

## NORTH POINT/ FORTRESS HILL

Cheung Chuk Shan College  
Harbour Plaza North Point - Lobby  
Fitness First - Fortress Hill  
Para Site  
Starbucks - AIA Tower  
Starbucks - Fortress Hill  
Starbucks - Kerry Centre

## SAI WAN HO

Berliner Soho East  
Chaiwanese  
Jack's Terrazza Ristorante  
Madera Café  
Starbucks - Eastern Hospital

## POK FU LAM

Delaney's Pub  
HKUSU Student Union  
Lee Hysan Hall Students' Association, HKUSU  
Patisserie Les Amis  
Prompt  
Starbucks - Cyberport  
Starbucks - Cyberport 3  
Starbucks - HKU Library  
Starbucks - HKUSU  
T Hotel

## AP LEI CHAU/ ABERDEEN

Aberdeen Marina Club  
Alisan Fine Arts Limited  
Bowls Café Limited  
Flex HK  
GCX  
K Academy (English Language Learning Centre)  
Movie Express  
Tequila Kola  
TREE  
Shambala/ Café Piatti  
Sift  
Spring Workshop  
Starbucks - Marina Square  
Starbucks - One Island South  
Y. Art Education

## REPULSE BAY/ TAI TAM/ STANLEY

Beachside Bookstore  
Classified (Stanley)  
Chez Patrick Deli - Stanley  
El Cid Caramar  
Hong Kong International School  
King Ludwig Beer Hall  
Lucy's  
Mini Hotel Stanley  
Ocean Bay  
Park N Shop - Parkview  
Pickled Pelican Stanley  
Pizza Express  
Seafront  
Smuggler's Inn, Stanley  
Spices  
Starbucks - Stanley Plaza  
Taste  
The American Club  
The Boat House  
Victoria Recreation Club

## TSIM SHA TSUI

Agnes b Café Harbour City  
Agnes'B Café SG  
Assembly  
Barista Caffe  
Bistro on the Mile  
Bombay Dreams  
Bricklane - 2 Blenheim Avenue  
Bricklane - 17-23 Minden Avenue  
Brotzeit  
Burger Republic  
Carpaccio Pasta Pizza Vino  
Castros Bar  
CitySuper  
Crema  
Cucina - The Marco Polo HK Hotel  
Delaney's  
Eastside Tavern  
Eaton Hotel  
El Cid  
Fatt's Place  
Finds  
Grand Central Bar and Grill

## JORDAN/YAU MA TEI/MONG KOK

18 Grams  
Berliner Olympian City 3  
Broadway Cinematheque  
Colour Brown Coffee  
Englishtown  
Hotel Stage  
Kadoorie Hill  
Langham Hotel  
Langham Place Hotel Coffee Shop  
Madera Hotel  
Park N Shop - Olympian City  
Pink Coffee  
Royal Plaza Hotel  
Starbucks - 3 Jordan Rd.  
Starbucks - Bank Centre Mall  
Starbucks - Liberte Place  
Starbucks - Nathan Hotel  
Starbucks - New Kowloon Plaza  
Starbucks - Olympian City 2  
Take Two Brunch Coffee  
The Olympian Hong Kong  
White Noise  
Zoo Records

## SHATIN

Baptist University  
Citysuper  
Courtyard by Marriott Sha Tin  
Crown Relocations  
Starbucks - Fortune City One  
Starbucks - New Town Plaza L1

## SAI KUNG

Bacco  
CC Café  
Chez les Copains  
Classified  
Duke of York Pub  
Firenze  
HEBE ONE o ONE  
Italiano's  
Park N Shop - Clear Water Bay  
Pepperoni's  
Piccolos  
Pizzeria La Gondola  
Starbucks - Sai Kung Chan Man St.  
Starbucks - The HKUST  
The Bottle Shop

## OTHER NEW TERRITORIES

Discovery Park  
Englishtown  
King's Belly  
Mr Steak  
Park N Shop - Hong Lok Yuen  
Red Alert Airsoft Sports  
Starbucks - Citywalk  
Starbucks - Luk Yeung Galleria  
Starbucks - Metroplaza  
Starbucks - Tai Po Market MTR Station  
Starbucks - Trend Plaza

## LANTAU

Berliner German Bar & Restaurant  
Café Duvet  
Dymocks  
Marriott Skycity  
Park N Shop - Discovery Bay  
Regal Airport Hotel Zentro Garden  
Starbucks - Airport T2  
Starbucks - Airport T1  
Starbucks - Citygate  
Zentro Garden

## GATEWAY APARTMENTS

Gaylord Indian Restaurant  
Greyhound Café

Harbourside Restaurant

Hotel Icon

Jimmy's Kitchen

Joya Ristorante

K11 Art Mall

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Kowloon Shangri-la Hotel & Deli Kool

La Villa Restaurant & Bar

Langham Hotel Main Street Deli

Lobby Café - Sheraton Hotel

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Ned Kelly's Last Stand

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Outback Steakhouse - TST Centre

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Papi

Pierside Bar, The Royal Pacific Hotel and Towers

Pizza Express - 35 Ashley Rd.

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Regal Kowloon Hotel

Ritz Carlton - Concierge

Ruth's Chris

Starbucks - 102 Austin Rd.

Starbucks - Albion Plaza

Starbucks - China HK City

Starbucks - Elements

Starbucks - Empire Centre

Starbucks - Gateway Arcade

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Starbucks - Mirror Tower

Starbucks - Ocean Terminal

Starbucks - STAR HOUSE B/F

Starbucks - The Sun Arcade

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The Doghouse

The Grand

The Swiss Chalet

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W Hotel

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Dan Ryan's

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Pizza Express

Starbucks - Festival Walk

Starbucks - HKBU

Starbucks - Kowloon Tong

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# HK GIVEAWAYS

July is almost over, but that doesn't mean we're running out of prizes! We've got a whole new batch of goodies available only for one week: It's time for a special Flash Giveaway! Get entering now!

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## Win a one-night staycation at L'hotel Island South!

Wanna take a break from the city and explore Hong Kong off the beaten track? L'hotel Island South in Wong Chuk Hang ticks all the boxes. Not only does its accessible yet tranquil location make the hotel a perfect place for a weekend getaway, it has also been working with Hong Kong Geopark to offer further excursions into the wild.

Thanks to their hospitality, you now have a chance to win an awesome staycation at this fantastic hotel. We've got a **one-night stay for two in a Grand Aqua Suite**, plus a guided Geopark excursion (Sai Kung route, including transportation), and a four-course "Geolicious" themed set dinner and breakfast buffet for two at LIS Café. The total value of this prize? A very generous \$12,240.

Wanna win this awesome weekend exploration? It's really simple. Write us an acrostic poem with the letters "L," "I" and "S" about your dream weekend retreat. Here's a quick sample:

*Let your poetic talents shine  
In a great acrostic rhyme  
So you'll win a stay so fine*

Go to [hk-magazine.com/hk-giveaways](http://hk-magazine.com/hk-giveaways) to submit your entry before 10am on August 2, 2016.

Good luck! The winner will be announced on August 5.

## Win dining vouchers from DiVino Group!

Need some ideas for dining out this summer? **DiVino Group** has you covered with their summer specials at all four of their locations in Hong Kong and Kowloon, namely DiVino in Central, DiVino Patio in Wanchai, and Spasso and Carpaccio in Tsim Sha Tsui.

They've been nice enough to offer our readers one **dining voucher worth \$1,250** from each of the four restaurants. Want to win? Let us know about your favorite Italian dining experience at [hk-magazine.com/hk-giveaways](http://hk-magazine.com/hk-giveaways) before 10am on **August 2, 2016**.

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## Win an Ambi Climate smart air-con device!

Sick of Hong Kong's horrible summer, but often feel too cold from the blasting air-con? Ambi Climate is the latest tech to help you control your AC in a personalized way, while conserving energy. What's better than that?

We're now giving away **three Ambi Climate devices** to our lovely readers, worth \$1,399 each! Just let us know your favorite way to beat the sweltering heat at [hk-magazine.com/hk-giveaways](http://hk-magazine.com/hk-giveaways) before 10am on **August 2, 2016**.

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# FIRST PERSON

**Neil Eckersley** is a two-time British Olympian and bronze medalist in judo. He's now transitioned from international athlete to painter and digital artist, and is a member of the Art of the Olympians organization. He talks to Xavier Ng about why he turned to art as a way out, how sports and art combine, and what he envisions in his Hong Kong painting.

**I'm in judo.** I've been practising for over 40 years, and I'm still practising.

**Originally, judo was** practised on a canvas mat. So now I've gone from one canvas to another.

**I was an athlete,** but I experienced a tragedy: My elder brother was murdered. I was going crazy with thoughts of revenge and anger.

**A friend of mine** said I should do something [about it]—"Is there anything you can do? Anything apart from sports that you're good at to get this energy and this craziness out?"

**I was always interested** in art, and I was a good artist at school. So I started to use art [to vent the anger].

**My first few paintings** were very red and aggressive, but eventually it started to help with my therapy.

**To me, [art and sports]** are similar, because they are both disciplines. I think most sportsmen need to be disciplined in their lives. I've replaced one discipline with another in a creative way.

**I use digital, computerized art,** which really fits in with my dyslexia. People with dyslexia are often really good at learning how new technologies work.

**My digital work** is more about the energy of cities, while my acrylic work describes how things feel to me in a more abstract and contemporary way.

**You know Marmite?** You either love it or you hate it. That's the same thing I want for my work. I want people to either love it or hate it, that's fine by me. I don't want them to say "it's OK, it's nice."

**My work captures** a moment or a feeling. If people love it, it generates a feeling, a passion and something they can't describe.

**The first time** you sell your art is a really strange feeling. It's like selling a part of yourself. Sometimes it's very difficult to sell work because you've put so much into it.

**I've learned that** as soon as you've signed a piece, it takes on a life of its own. It becomes an individual—it's not yours anymore.

**When I sell** my work, I always ask the buyer to take a picture of where they keep it: it's just amazing.

**When people tell me** what they see in my work, sometimes it's something I haven't seen—so that's the Marmite thing again.

**It's my first time** here in Hong Kong. I tried to compare it with New York, because I've spent time there, but I've got to say: New York is a city that doesn't sleep, Hong Kong is a city that doesn't want to sleep.

**It's a totally different vibe.** Everybody here lives a fast and crazy life, burning the candle at both ends.

**I'm going to paint** something slightly different for Hong Kong. Some think it's too claustrophobic to live like this, but to me it's amazing and gives me energy.

**One of the things** about being an artist: You see the world slightly differently from everyone else.

**We have a different perspective,** and it gives you the opportunity to get the best out of the environment you're in. Personally, I only see the good things, things that people are not tuned in to.

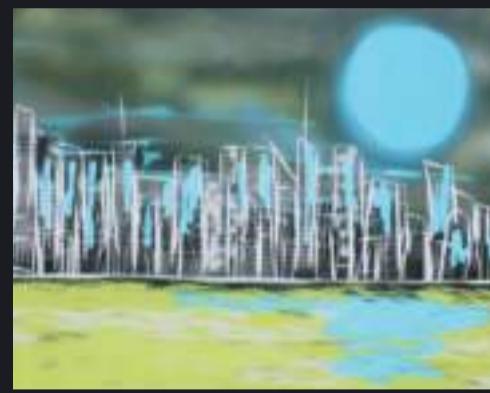
**I'm new to** the Art of the Olympians, I only got involved last year. We go to schools for exhibitions and educational programs.

**Most people use** sports as the medium [to promote Olympic values], but we use art as the medium and they have similar qualities.

**We're teaching the same principles** from the Olympics, but using art to explain them. It works with the kids and the young people.

**Within 10 minutes,** they lose all their fear: they aren't afraid of pain, they aren't afraid of making mistakes or being laughed at. These are the same characteristics you need when you're a sportsman.

**When you put yourself** in the ring or on the mat, it's the same as being an artist, because our art is on display: for criticism and for people to look at. It takes courage to put it out in public.



## NEED TO KNOW...

Art of the Olympians promotes Olympic ideals through exhibitions and educational programs. Check out their first-ever exhibition in Hong Kong, showing works by four Olympian-turned artists. Art of World Sports 2016 Exhibition, through Aug 31. Landmark North, 39 Lung Sum Avenue, Sheung Shui.



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