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## SLEEPING

### top picks

- **The Four Seasons** (p250)  
Vast rooms, an extensive spa-pool complex and breath-taking harbour views.
- **The Fleming** (p254)  
Boutique intimacy and individuality in the heart of Wan Chai.
- **Hotel LKF** (p251)  
Sleep tight in lively Lan Kwai Fong.
- **Mandarin Oriental** (p251)  
The last word in style and 'face' on Hong Kong Island.
- **The Minden** (p262)  
Style and great value just off Nathan Rd.
- **Peninsula Hong Kong** (p257)  
The one and only *grande dame* of Kowloon.
- **Hong Kong Hostel** (p256)  
The best value for money on Hong Kong Island.
- **Salisbury** (p258)  
YMCA reliability with views as rich as the Peninsula's, next door.

Money makes all the difference in Hong Kong, nowhere more so than when you're looking for a bed for the night. If you have money to spend you'll be spoiled by inspiring options, so wide is the choice of luxurious places. The midrange of the price spectrum tends to be crowded with adequate if uninspiring business hotels, while further down the price scale, the pickings get thinner still and the defining feature is hostels and guesthouses with broom cupboard-sized rooms.

But don't despair. Things have been improving of late. A few inexpensive guesthouses have raised their standards and décor lately (even if they can't do anything about their modest square footage) and a handful of new Central midrange places now offer much higher standards and far better value than of old.

Whatever your budget, accommodation costs are generally higher in Hong Kong than most other Asian cities, but cheaper than those in Europe and the USA. It is worth bearing in mind that in recent years many guesthouses and hotels have dropped their prices, and that midrange and even some top-end hotels are offering big discounts (especially to walk-ins during the shoulder and low seasons) on their posted rates, which are the ones listed in this chapter.

Although an influx of mainland visitors is buoying occupancy rates, Hong Kong hotels do still have quieter times of year. Its two high seasons have traditionally been from March to April and October to November, though things can be tight around Chinese New Year (late January or February) as well. Outside these periods, rates can drop (sometimes substantially) and little extras can come your way: room upgrades, late checkouts, free breakfast and complimentary cocktails. If the hotel seems a bit quiet when you arrive, it can be worth asking for an upgrade.

Almost every hotel in town (and even some guesthouses) offers broadband and/or wi-fi access (often free at guesthouses and usually starting at \$40 per hour in the hotels).

The accommodation options in this guide are listed by price and by area.

## ACCOMMODATION STYLES

### Hotels

Hong Kong's luxury hotels are locked in an arms race for the dollars of affluent travellers. Their weapons are superstar restaurants; a choice of airport transit by Rolls Royce Phantom or helicopter; lavish spa complexes and harbourside infinity pools. Then, of course, there's the silky smooth service and attention to your most footling whims. A multipage pillow menu? Certainly sir. A caviar and lotus flower deluxe facial? But, of course, madam.

It doesn't come cheap though. Top-of-the-range food and beverage outlets and prices start from about \$3000 per room. A few such hotels – the Four Seasons, Peninsula, Mandarin Oriental and Island Shangri-La, for example – offer comfort, amenities and service that compete with or surpass that of the world's finest five-star hotels.

Top-end hotels, starting at a minimum of \$1600, are in spiffy locations; they also have smart, comfortable rooms with excellent air-con, in-house movies and a good variety of room-service options. Amenities include business facilities, bars and restaurants, and fluent English-speaking staff.

Midrange hotels tend to be generic business and/or tourist establishments with little to distinguish one from another. Rooms are spacious enough (if you don't plan on playing Twister in the evening), and usually have a bath, limited cable TV and room service. Most have some sort of business centre with internet access as well. Sometimes there is not a great deal to distinguish midrange from top-end hotels, except perhaps a certain ambience and sense of style and, of course, price.

Prices in the midrange category start anywhere from about \$700 (minimum) for a double room, though the average price is closer to around \$1000. At the very least, rooms will have a separate bathroom with shower, bath and toilet, plus air-con, telephone and TV.

The majority of Hong Kong's budget hotels – a dying breed (as opposed to guesthouses and hostels) – are in Kowloon, with many on or near Nathan Rd. Though most budget hotel rooms are very small, the places listed here are clean and cheerily shabby rather than grim and grimy. Most have telephones, TVs, air-con and private bathrooms; if not, we've said so. Anything under \$700 should be considered budget.

Hotels in Hong Kong add 10% service and 3% government tax to your bill, something guesthouses and hostels usually do not do. The rates quoted in this book do not include these charges.

### Guesthouses

Dominating the lower end of the accommodation market are guesthouses, usually a block of tiny rooms squeezed into a converted apartment or two. Often several guesthouses operate out of the same building. Your options are greater if there are two of you; find a double room in a clean guesthouse for \$150 to \$200 and your accommodation costs will fall sharply.

Some guesthouses are relatively swish, with doubles for up to \$400. Depending on the season and location, try to negotiate a better deal as a lot of places will be eager to fill empty rooms. Most guesthouses now offer some sort of internet access.

### Hostels

The [Hong Kong Youth Hostels Association](#) (HKYHA; [Map pp88–9](#); ☎ 2788 1638; [www.yha.org.hk](#); Room 225-227, Block 19, Upper Shek Kip Mei Estate, Shek Kip Mei St; Shek Kip Mei MTR) maintains seven hostels affiliated with [Hostelling International](#) (HI). It sells HKYHA and HI cards (p290). If you intend on buying a membership card at one of the hostels, be sure to take along a visa-sized photo and some identification.

All HKYHA hostels have separate toilets and showers for men and women, and cooking facilities, including free gas, refrigerators and utensils. They provide blankets, pillows and sheet bags, though you may prefer to take your own. Most hostels have lockers available.

Prices for a bed in a dormitory range from \$30 to \$65 a night, depending on the hostel and whether you are a junior (under 18 years of age) or senior member.

Only three of the hostels are open daily. [Jockey Club Mount Davis Hostel](#) (p252) allows check-in from 2pm till 11pm daily, while [Bradbury Lodge](#) (p264) and [Hongkong Bank Foundation S6 Davis Hostel](#) (p267) are open to guests from 4pm to 11pm Sunday to Friday and 2pm to 11pm on Saturday. The four other hostels usually open on Saturday night and the eve of public holidays only. All hostels are shut between 11pm and 7am and checkout is between 10am and noon on weekdays and between 11am and 1pm on

Sunday. Travellers are not normally permitted to stay more than three days, but this can be extended if the hostel has room.

If making a booking more than three days in advance, ring or email the HKYHA head office. International computerised bookings are also possible. To reserve a bed less than three days before your anticipated stay, call the particular hostel directly. The phone numbers of the individual hostels are listed in the relevant sections of this chapter.

### Rental Accommodation

A one-bedroom apartment in the Mid-Levels will cost anywhere from \$8500 a month. That same apartment will go for somewhat less in Tsim Sha Tsui or Wan Chai. The districts on eastern Hong Kong Island, western Hong Kong Island (eg Kennedy Town) and northeastern or northwestern Kowloon are more affordable – you may even find a one-bedroom apartment (roughly 60 sq metres) for as little as \$3000 a month. The most expensive place is the Peak, where rents can easily top \$100,000 a month. A guide to prices and availability can be found on the website [www.gohom.e.com.hk](#).

Apartments are generally rented out with little or no furniture, but used furnishings can easily be bought from departing foreigners. Check the noticeboards at pubs and supermarkets, particularly around expatriate housing areas. Also check the classified advertisements of the weekend English-language papers and *HK Magazine* or the website [www.asiaxpat.com](#). Estate agents usually take a fee equivalent to two weeks' rent. Other upfront expenses include a deposit, usually equal to two months' rent, and, of course, the first month's rent in advance.

Long-term accommodation on the Outlying Islands and in the Sai Kung area of the New Territories offers far better value than the equivalent on Hong Kong Island or in Kowloon. You can still rent a three-bedroom apartment with a roof terrace on Lamma for less than \$7000 a month or a shared flat or room for as little as \$2000 a month. Things to weigh in the balance, however, include transportation costs and the time spent commuting. A one-way ferry trip to Lamma, for example, costs a minimum of \$11 from Monday to Saturday (\$14 on Sunday) and takes 25 to 35 minutes. Allow 40 minutes to an hour (and \$20) for the journey via the MTR and green minibus to Sai Kung from Central.

Though nowhere near as cheap, Discovery Bay on Lantau's southeast coast is another affordable option.

Those staying in Hong Kong for between one and three months may be interested in serviced apartments: relatively high-priced flats that are rented out for the short term have become more and more common, particularly in and around Central. Some of these are listed in this chapter. Many hotels (eg Garden View International Hotel in Central, the Empire Hotel Hong Kong, Harbour View International House and Wharney Guangdong Hotel in Wan Chai, and the Caritas Lodge and YMCA International House in Yau Ma Tei) offer extraordinarily good-value, long-term packages at certain times throughout the year, depending on the season.

## RESERVATIONS

Making an advance reservation for accommodation is not essential outside peak periods, but it can save you a lot of time, hassle and, depending on the season, money. If you fly into Hong Kong without having booked anything, the **Hong Kong Hotels Association** (HKHA; [Map p92](http://Map p92); ☎ 2375 3838; [www.hkha.org](http://www.hkha.org); 508-511 Silvercord Tower Two, 30 Canton Rd, Tsim Sha Tsui; 🚢 Star Ferry, Tsim Sha Tsui MTR), which deals with almost 90 of the region's hotels, has reservation centres located inside Halls A and B (level 5) of Hong Kong International Airport. It can book you into a midrange or top-end hotel room for as much as 50% cheaper than if you were to walk in yourself.

Booking through a travel agent can also garner substantial discounts, sometimes as much as 40% off the walk-in price. If you're in Hong Kong and want to book either a midrange or luxury hotel, call or email **Phoenix Services Agency** ([Map p94](http://Map p94); ☎ 2722 7378; [info@phoenixtrvl.com](mailto:info@phoenixtrvl.com); Room 1404, 14th fl, Austin Tower, 22-26 Austin Ave, Tsim Sha Tsui; 🕒 9am-6pm Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm Sat) or **Traveller Services** ([Map p94](http://Map p94); ☎ 2375 2222; [www.taketraveller.com](http://www.taketraveller.com); 1813 Miramar Tower, 132 Nathan Rd, Tsim Sha Tsui; 🕒 9am-6pm Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm Sat).

### Price Guide

\$	Up to \$400
\$\$	\$400 to \$1400
\$\$\$	\$1400 to \$2500
\$\$\$\$	More than \$2500

## SLEEPING ON A BUDGET

Budget accommodation in Hong Kong amounts to guesthouses, many of which offer dormitory accommodation for those on very tight budgets, and official hostels, most of which are located in very remote areas of the New Territories. The **Country & Marine Parks Authority** (☎ 1823; [www.afcd.gov.hk](http://www.afcd.gov.hk)) maintains about 38 basic camp sites in the New Territories and Outlying Islands that are intended for walkers and hikers (see [p225](http://p225) for details).

## HONG KONG ISLAND

The lion's share of Hong Kong Island's luxury hotels is in Central and Admiralty, catering predominantly to the business market. A handful of good midrange options do exist though, so don't dismiss the idea of staying in Central if your budget can stretch beyond guesthouse levels.

### CENTRAL, SOHO & THE MID-LEVELS

**FOUR SEASONS** [Map p56](http://Map p56) **Luxury Hotel** \$\$\$\$  
☎ 3196-8888; [www.fourseasons.com](http://www.fourseasons.com); 8 Finance St, Central; r from \$4200, ste from \$7500; Hong Kong MTR (exit F)

The latest luxury arrival, the Four Seasons arguably edges into top place on Hong Kong Island for its amazing views, its location close to the Star Ferry and Hong Kong Station, for its palatial rooms, and its glorious pool and spa complex. The downstairs lobby lounge looking onto the harbour is a wonderful place to enjoy afternoon tea, although the likes of the Mandarin, the Peninsula and the Intercontinental have better bars and food offerings, which are a tad sterile here.

**RITZ-CARLTON HONG KONG**  
[Map p56](http://Map p56) **Luxury Hotel** \$\$\$\$  
☎ 2877 6666; [www.ritzcarlton.com](http://www.ritzcarlton.com); 3 Connaught Rd Central; s & d \$3900-4600, ste from \$7800; MTR Central (exit J3); 🚗

The attentive service, cosy rooms and the decorous atmosphere distinguish the Ritz-Carlton as one of the leading hotels on the Island. The décor is understatedly lavish, although perhaps a little muted and masculine. Views from harbour-side rooms are – surprise, surprise – breathtaking, but the best view in the hotel may have to be the

one from the outdoor pool. Lie back and soak up the skyline.

**MANDARIN ORIENTAL**  
[Map p56](http://Map p56) **Luxury Hotel** \$\$\$\$  
☎ 2522 0111; [www.mandarinoriental.com](http://www.mandarinoriental.com); 5 Connaught Rd Central; s & d \$3400-4300, ste from \$5500, Landmark rooms d from \$4300, ste \$8800; MTR Central (exit J3); 🚗

The venerable Mandarin set the standard on the island and continues to be a contender for top spot despite the competition from the likes of the Four Seasons. The styling, service, food and atmosphere are stellar throughout and a recent revamp has managed to retain its sense of gracious old-world charm. If you're on business and want to give or get good face, splash out and stay here. It's also home to one of Hong Kong's great bars, **Captain's Bar** ([p205](http://p205)), and restaurants, **Pierre** ([p177](http://p177)). Its sleek new rooms in the **Landmark Building** ([Map p56](http://Map p56)) just across the way, offer more modern luxury and are designed down to their door knobs.

**HOTEL LKF** [Map p68](http://Map p68) **Hotel** \$\$\$  
☎ 3518 9688; [www.hotel-lkf.com.hk](http://www.hotel-lkf.com.hk); 33 Wyndham St, Central; r from \$1900; MTR Central (exit D2) A great upper-to-midrange addition to your options in Central, Hotel LKF is in the thick of the Lan Kwai Fong action (but far enough above it not to be disturbed by it), and has spacious rooms in muted earth tones containing all the trimmings: fluffy dressing gowns, espresso machines, free water, and free bed-time milk and cookies. The staff is eager to please, and there's a plush spa and yoga studio ([p222](http://p222)) in the building.

**LAN KWAI FONG HOTEL**  
[Map p70](http://Map p70) **Hotel** \$\$\$  
☎ 3650 0000; [www.lankwaifonghotel.com.hk](http://www.lankwaifonghotel.com.hk); 3 Kau U Fong, Central; r from \$1600, ste from \$2800; MTR Sheung Wan (exit E2)

Not to be confused with Hotel LKF, which is a notch up in terms of quality, service and location (not to mention the fact that this place is nowhere near Lan Kwai Fong), this hotel nonetheless offers good value if you can secure a better online deal than the rates published. The Chinese décor is done with a modern flair that avoids chintz and the rooms are reasonably spacious. The rooms are well equipped with flat-screen TV, cable, broadband and most other conveniences you'd expect.

## BOOK ACCOMMODATION ONLINE

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**CENTRAL PARK HOTEL** [Map p70](http://Map p70) **Hotel** \$\$\$  
☎ 2850 8899; [www.centralparkhotel.com.hk](http://www.centralparkhotel.com.hk); 263 Hollywood Rd, Central; s & d \$1450-1950, ste from \$3200; MTR Sheung Wan (exit A2)

A smart, small hotel, with brightly decorated rooms is handy for Hollywood Rd's antique hunting grounds. Sister to the nearby Lan Kwai Fong Hotel, it's worth considering given that there can be some great deals (starting at around \$650).

**BISHOP LEI INTERNATIONAL HOUSE**  
[Map p77](http://Map p77) **Hotel** \$\$\$  
☎ 2868 0828; [www.bishopleihtl.com.hk](http://www.bishopleihtl.com.hk); 4 Robinson Rd, the Mid-Levels; s/d from \$1250/1480, ste from \$2480; 🚗 23 or 40; 🚗 🚗

It's out of the way on the Mid-Levels, the rooms are neither large nor luxurious, but consider BLIH all the same for its good service, swimming pool and gym, and the proximity to the Zoological & Botanical Gardens. Rates can fall by more than half during the low season.

**EDEN** [Map p56](http://Map p56) **Hotel** \$\$\$  
☎ 2851 0303; 148 Wellington St, Central; s & d \$800-1100; MTR Central (exit D2)

It may call itself a 'boutique hotel in Central', but with rates posted as '3 hours extended (sic) session' and the like, we know what this place is up to... Still, it is probably the most luxurious knock-up shop you've ever stayed in. Rooms are comfortable but small, with down-filled bedding and spa baths in some.

**HANLUN HABITATS**  
[Map p68](http://Map p68) **Serviced Apartments** \$\$\$  
☎ 2868 0168; [www.hanlunhabitats.com](http://www.hanlunhabitats.com); 21st fl, Winway Bldg, 50 Wellington St, Central; MTR Central (exit D2)

This agency has three properties with serviced and furnished flats within striking distance of each other in the Mid-Levels and easily accessible via the Central Escalator to Central and Soho. **Daisy Court** ([Map p77](http://Map p77);

☎ 2533 7203; 31 Shelley St, the Mid-Levels; MTR Central, exit D1) has one-bedroom flats measuring about 45 sq metres from \$22,000 a month, depending on the floor and the view. **Peach Blossom** (Map p77; ☎ 2234 8202; 15 Mosque St, the Mid-Levels; MTR Central, exit D1) has one- and two-bedroom flats of about 50 or 60 sq metres for between \$30,000 and \$33,000. **Lily Court** (Map p77; ☎ 2822 9508; 28 Robinson Rd, the Mid-Levels; ☎ 26) has two-bedroom flats of about 65 sq metres for between \$33,000 and \$40,000 a month.

### ICE HOUSE Map p68 Serviced Apartments \$\$

☎ 2836 7333; [www.icehouse.com.hk](http://www.icehouse.com.hk); 38 Ice House St, Central; 250/350/450-sq-m studios per night \$1000/1200/\$1500; MTR Central (exit G) Next to the Fringe Club and up the hill from Lan Kwai Fong, Ice House offers open-plan 'suites' spread over 13 floors that are bright, colourfully decorated, and have a small kitchenette and a work area with broadband access. It's become a favourite of visiting journalists, who water at the Foreign Correspondents' Club next door. The down side is that some of the rooms on the top floors are very noisy, and service can be cavalier. Monthly rates start at \$17,000.

### YWCA BUILDING

Map p70 Serviced Apartments \$\$

☎ 2915 2345; [www.ywca.org.hk](http://www.ywca.org.hk); 38C Bonham Rd, the Mid-Levels; s/d \$460/900, ste from \$1900, monthly packages from \$6900; ☎ 23, 40 or 40M This large block of serviced apartments, arguably the only budget 'hotel' on the island, is not in the most convenient of locations, but it's accessible via bus from Admiralty and Central, open to men and women, and reasonably cheap. There are TVs, phones and broadband in the rooms, a laundry and a decent coffee shop on the 1st floor. All rooms require a minimum stay of seven nights.

### BAUHINIA FURNISHED SUITES

Map p70 Serviced Apartments \$\$

☎ 2156 3000; [www.apartments.com.hk](http://www.apartments.com.hk); 119-120 Connaught Rd Central; per month 1-bedroom \$13,000-18,000, 2-bedroom \$18,000-36,000; MTR Sheung Wan (exit A1) This very central outfit has more than 110 furnished and serviced flats on offer. Prices usually depend on whether you want an open or enclosed kitchen, and include daily cleaning, broadband access, all cooking

utensils and crockery, and laundry facilities. Enter from Man Wah Lane.

### JOCKEY CLUB MOUNT DAVIS HOSTEL

Map pp54-5 Hostel \$

☎ 2817 5715; [www.yha.org.hk](http://www.yha.org.hk); Mt Davis Path, Kennedy Town; dm under/over 18 \$60/90, 2-/3-/4-/6-bed r \$240/280/420/560; ☎ 5A, minibus 54 Hong Kong Island's only official hostel is a very clean and quiet property occupying a prime spot atop Mt Davis, in the northwest part of the island. It has great views of Victoria Harbour and there are cooking and laundry facilities, a TV and recreation room, and secure lockers. The only problem is that it's so far away from everything; call ahead to make sure there's a bed before you make the trek out. The hostel is open daily throughout the year; check-in time is from 3pm to 11pm. You can checkout at noon any day of the week. Camping is prohibited.

Get there aboard the hostel shuttle bus (\$10) from the **Shun Tak Centre** (Map p70; 200 Connaught Rd Central, Sheung Wan). It departs five times a day: 9.30am, 4.30pm, 7pm, 9pm and 10.30pm. (Buses leave the hostel for the Shun Tak Centre at 7.30am, 9am, 10.30am, 1pm and 6.30pm daily.) Alternatively, you can catch bus 5A from Admiralty or minibus 54 from the Outlying Islands ferry terminal and alight at Felix Villas, at the junction of Victoria and Mt Davis Rds. From there, walk back 100m. Look for the hostel association sign and follow Mt Davis Path (not Mt David Rd). The walk is about 2km. A taxi from Central costs about \$30.

### ADMIRALTY & WAN CHAI

Admiralty is home to two of the best high-end hotels in Hong Kong and that's your lot. Wan Chai is generally all about midrange accommodation, with a sprinkling of cheaper guesthouses and a couple of high-end options at the Convention Centre.

### CONRAD HONG KONG

Map p63 Luxury Hotel \$\$\$\$

☎ 2521 3838; [www.conradhotels.com](http://www.conradhotels.com); Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Admiralty; r \$3800-4700, ste from \$7000; MTR Admiralty (exit F) via Pacific Place; ☎ This elegantly unstuffy hotel above Pacific Place gets enthusiastic reviews for its attention to business travellers' needs despite its vast size, and for its restaurants, including **Nicholini's** (p183).

## STANDBY HOTELS

At busy times (when the big conferences and exhibitions are in full swing, for example) the best hotels can get booked out. The following are some standby, midrange alternatives that should have rooms and will do if you do get stuck without a bed for the night.

### Hong Kong Island

#### Regal Hongkong Hotel Map p74 Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 2890 6633; [www.regalhongkong.com](http://www.regalhongkong.com); 88 Yee Wo St; s & d \$2400-5000, ste from \$7000; MTR Causeway Bay (exit F); ☎ A Sino-baroque palace dripping with gilt and rooftop Roman-style *piscina* (pool). Over the top in the nicest possible way. Deals available.

**Luk Kwok Hotel** Map p65 Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 2866 2166; [www.lukkwokhotel.com](http://www.lukkwokhotel.com); 72 Gloucester Rd, Wan Chai; s \$1700-2200, d \$1900-2400, ste from \$4000; ☎ 18

Few frills but an attentive staff, and you're close to the convention centre and the bustle (and hustle) of Wan Chai. Low-season deals from \$1015.

#### Wesley Hong Kong Map p63 Hotel \$\$

☎ 2866 6688; 22 Hennessy Rd, Wan Chai; s & d \$1000-2400, monthly packages \$9500-29,000; MTR Wan Chai (exit B1) Central and inexpensive but with very few facilities, virtually nonexistent service and bare, stuffy rooms.

#### Newton Hotel Hong Kong Map p74 Hotel \$\$

☎ 2807 2333; [www.newtonhk.com](http://www.newtonhk.com); 218 Electric Rd; s & d \$900-2000, ste from \$2600; MTR Fortress Hill (exit A) A great little hotel. Just a shame it's in less-than-sexy North Point. Fortress Hill MTR station is just opposite. Causeway Bay is a pleasant walk away through Victoria Park.

#### Express by Holiday Inn Map p74 Hotel \$\$

☎ 2295 6509; [www.ihotelsgroup.com](http://www.ihotelsgroup.com); 33 Sharp St East; s & d \$780-1500; MTR Causeway Bay (exit A) Delivers what it promises: consistent and affordable accommodation, and it's right next to the Times Square shopping mall.

### Kowloon

#### Harbour Plaza Metropolis Map p94 Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 3160 6888; [www.harbour-plaza.com/hpme](http://www.harbour-plaza.com/hpme); 7 Metropolis Dr, Hung Hom; s \$1600-2700, d \$1700-2800, ste from \$3200; ☎ 5C or 8

Directly behind the Hong Kong Coliseum and just southeast of the Hung Hom train station, it's handy if you expect to be travelling into China at the crack of dawn.

#### Royal Pacific Hotel & Towers Map p92 Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 2736 1188; [www.royalpacific.com.hk](http://www.royalpacific.com.hk); China Hong Kong City, 33 Canton Rd; s \$1300-2700, d \$1400-2900, ste from \$2700; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit E)

An easy stroll to Kowloon Park and the China and Macau ferry terminal. Reception is on the 3rd floor. Service can be both slow and harried at times.

#### Dorsett Seaview Hotel Map p97 Hotel \$\$

☎ 2782 0882; [www.dorsettseaview.com.hk](http://www.dorsettseaview.com.hk); 268 Shanghai St, Yau Ma Tei; s \$880-1280, d \$1280-1580, ste from \$2400; MTR Yau Ma Tei (exit B2)

Packed with Chinese tour groups. Temple St and Nathan Rd retail area are all within easy reach.

#### Newton Hotel Kowloon Map p98 Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 2787 2338; [www.newtonkln.com](http://www.newtonkln.com); 66 Boundary St, Mong Kok; s & d \$650-1300, ste from \$2200; MTR Prince Edward In a noisy neighbourhood close to Prince Edward MTR and the Mong Kok market, clothes stalls and noodle shops. Reasonable value but no surprises.

#### New Kings Hotel Map p97 Hotel \$\$

☎ 2780 1281; [newkings@netvigator.com](mailto:newkings@netvigator.com); 473 Nathan Rd, Yau Ma Tei; s \$550-600, d \$650-750; MTR Yau Ma Tei (exit C) The newly upgraded New Kings Hotel may look somewhat off the track, but it's hard by the Yau Ma Tei MTR station (you enter the hotel from Wing Sing Lane).

## ISLAND SHANGRI-LA HONG KONG

Map p63 Luxury Hotel \$\$\$\$

☎ 2877 3838; [www.shangri-la.com](http://www.shangri-la.com); Pacific Place, Supreme Court Rd, Admiralty; s \$3200-4000, d \$3500-4300, ste from \$6000; MTR Admiralty (exit F) via Pacific Place mall; 🚗

The monolithic exterior does not prepare you for the sophistication awaiting inside. The guestrooms are among the loveliest in Hong Kong and the public spaces almost match up to them. Take a quick ride up the bubble lift linking the 39th and 56th floors; you'll catch a glance of the hotel's signature 60m-high painting, a mountainous Chinese landscape said to be the largest in the world. Facilities include an outdoor spa, a 24-hour business centre and a good selection of food outlets.

## RENAISSANCE HARBOUR VIEW HOTEL

Map p65 Luxury Hotel \$\$\$\$

☎ 2802 8888; [www.renaissancehotels.com](http://www.renaissancehotels.com); 1 Harbour Rd, Wan Chai; r from \$3200-3900, ste from \$5000; 🚗 18, MTR Wan Chai

This spectacular hotel with a cavernous marble lobby adjoins the almost-in-the-water Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre, ensuring steady suit-and-tie custom and marvellous harbour views from 65% of the guestrooms. Leisure travellers will appreciate turbaned doormen, informed concierges, and a huge outdoor pool and activities complex with a golf driving range and tennis courts. Rates drop significantly in off-peak periods.

## GRAND HYATT HOTEL

Map p65 Luxury Hotel \$\$\$\$

☎ 2588 1234; [www.hongkong.grand.hyatt.com](http://www.hongkong.grand.hyatt.com); 1 Harbour Rd, Wan Chai; s \$2600-4000, d \$2650-4250, ste from \$4400; 🚗 18, MTR Wan Chai; 🚗

Vast and unrestrained luxury in the public and private areas is the defining characteristic here. Subtle it is not. The rooms are huge, sporting desks bristling with technology, marble-clad bathrooms and some great views. Its **Champagne Bar** (p209) is one of the classiest places to tinkle in town. The stunning Plateau, a 7500-sq-metre spa complex with every treatment imaginable (available to both hotel guests and visitors), is an oasis on the 11th floor with its own zenlike residential rooms – think light wood fittings, futon-style beds and balconies.

## SOUTH PACIFIC HOTEL HONG KONG

Map p65 Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 2572 3838; [www.southpacifichotel.com.hk](http://www.southpacifichotel.com.hk); 23 Morrison Hill Rd, Wan Chai; r \$1500-2300, ste from \$2300; MTR Wan Chai or Causeway Bay

An odd location in southern Wan Chai and an odd exterior may not recommend this place but the rooms, well equipped and with warm splashes of colour and a distinctly uncorporate feel, together with the competitive deals, just might. Ignore the rack rates outside busy times; you could secure a room for as little as \$600.

## EMPIRE HOTEL HONG KONG

Map p65 Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 2866 9111; [www.empirehotel.com.hk](http://www.empirehotel.com.hk); 33 Hennessy Rd, Wan Chai; s \$1480-2200, d \$1580-2400, ste from \$3000; MTR Wan Chai (exit A2); 🚗

With its sunny staff, pleasant rooms, outdoor swimming pool and fitness centre on the 21st-floor terrace, the 360-room Empire is a good option and an easy hop from the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre. Enter from Fenwick St.

## THE FLEMING Boutique Hotel \$\$

Map p65 Boutique Hotel \$\$

☎ 3607 2288; [www.thefleming.com](http://www.thefleming.com); 41 Fleming Rd, Wan Chai; r \$1400-2300; MTR Wan Chai (exit A2) Forgive this new 'urban lifestyle concept' marketing drivel. It is just the kind of stylish, small-ish hotel Wan Chai needs. Located on a quiet road set back from all the Wan Chai night-time madness, the rooms strike a good balance with smart minimalism and a cosy homeliness. Executive rooms come complete with a home office, kitchenette and yoga mats, and there's also a secure, women-only floor and Cubix, an intimate little bar-restaurant. Free use of the nearby California gym. Rates as low as \$1000 in low season.

## HARBOUR VIEW INTERNATIONAL HOUSE Hotel \$\$

Map p65 Hotel \$\$

☎ 2802 0111; [www.harbour.ymca.org.hk](http://www.harbour.ymca.org.hk); 4 Harbour Rd, Wan Chai; r \$1400-1950, biweekly/monthly packages from \$6500; 🚗 18, MTR Wan Chai; 🚗 Right next door to the Hong Kong Arts Centre and a mere stroll to the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre and Wan Chai ferry terminal, this 320-room, YMCA-run hotel is excellent value. It offers simply furnished but adequate rooms, most of which look out over Victoria Harbour, and exceptionally friendly and helpful staff.

Room rack rates drop by as much as 45% in the slower months.

## GARDEN VIEW INTERNATIONAL HOUSE Hotel \$\$

Map p63 Hotel \$\$

☎ 2877 3737; [www.ywca.org.hk](http://www.ywca.org.hk); 1 MacDonnell Rd, Central; s & d from \$1350, ste from \$2500, weekly packages from \$5600; 🚗 green minibus 1A; 🚗 Straddling the border of Central and the Mid-Levels, the YWCA-run Garden View (133 rooms) overlooks the Zoological & Botanical Gardens. Accommodation here is plain but comfortable enough (there's good air-con) and there's an outdoor swimming pool on the roof. Daily rates drop substantially in the low season, typically from \$800 to \$950 for a single or double.

## WHARNEY GUANGDONG HOTEL HONG KONG Hotel \$\$

Map p65 Hotel \$\$

☎ 2861 1000; [www.gdhhotels.com](http://www.gdhhotels.com); 57-73 Lockhart Rd, Wan Chai; s & d \$1000-1800, ste from \$3800; MTR Wan Chai (exit C)

Yes OK, the atmosphere is a tad corporate but the combination of rooftop swimming pool, appealingly updated rooms, low mid-range rates and a location in the heart of Wan Chai make this well worth considering. Competitive weekly and monthly packages.

## CHARTERHOUSE HOTEL Hotel \$\$

Map p65 Hotel \$\$

☎ 2833 5566; [www.charterhouse.com](http://www.charterhouse.com); 209-219 Wan Chai Rd, Wan Chai; s \$800-1600, d \$1600-1800, ste from \$2000; MTR Wan Chai (Morrison Hill Rd Tram)

You'll find pretty good deals here on the leafy side of Wan Chai. You're almost getting top-end accommodation for midrange rates (as little as \$800 if it's quiet). And if you feel up to it, you can always sing for your supper at the fun Nightingale karaoke bar on the 2nd floor. The 'signature' floor is a rather bleak attempt at a modern 'boutique' look and feel. The standard rooms, with quality fittings and restful décor complete with plenty of dark wood detailing, will do just fine.

## YING KING APARTMENT

Map p65 Guesthouse \$

☎ 2753 2049; 9th fl, Mei Wah Mansion, 172-176 Johnston Rd; s & d \$300; MTR Wan Chai (exit A3) Marooned somewhat across from the business end of Wan Chai, this little place trims its prices accordingly. The rooms are squeaky clean, with air-con and bath.

## CAUSEWAY BAY

As well as some good-value midrange options, Causeway Bay is also relatively well served by inexpensive guesthouses, especially on or around Paterson St. During the low season, guesthouses often struggle to fill beds and rooms; most will offer discounts to anyone staying longer than a few nights.

## LANSON PLACE Hotel \$\$\$

Map p74 Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 3477 6888; [www.lansonplace.com](http://www.lansonplace.com); 133 Leighton Rd; rm \$2300-3600, ste from \$4500; MTR Causeway Bay (exit F)

The best new address in Hong Kong, this plush new hotel is an oasis of calm and class amid the Causeway Bay din. The spacious rooms blend classic style with modern fittings on which money has been plentifully spent, including in the lavish bathrooms. There's plenty of public lounging space and a concierge service. All in all this is a graceful, homey alternative to the jazzy JIA around the corner.

## PARK LANE HONG KONG

Map p74 Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 2293 8888; [www.parklane.com.hk](http://www.parklane.com.hk); 310 Gloucester Rd; s & d \$2000-3600, ste from \$5000; MTR Causeway Bay (exit E)

With restful views of Victoria Park to the east and the shoppers' paradise of Causeway Bay to the west, the Park Lane is the perfect hotel for those who want to be both in and out of the action. The rooms are spacious, the fittings of good quality, and the décor in soothing greens and earth tones. There's also a large gym. Depending on the season, you should be able to get at least a third off the rack rate.

## JIA Boutique Hotel \$\$\$

Map p74 Boutique Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 3196 9000; [www.jiahongkong.com](http://www.jiahongkong.com); 1-5 Irving St; s & d \$1600, ste from \$2800; MTR Causeway Bay (exit F)

The style mags have gushed about this chichi little place in part conceived by French design guru Philippe Starck and you can see why. Every aspect right down to the staff's Shanghai Tang uniforms, postmodern/baroque furnishings, and the latest in music and internet technology is designed to fit with its sleek, whimsical aesthetic. 'Home' (its name in Mandarin) is above all else a friendly place and the service here and upstairs in Opia, the Asian-fusion food

bar-restaurant, is great. Downsides? Well the rooms are what Monsieur Starck would call *serré* (cramped) and the location is traffic choked.

## ROSEDALE ON THE PARK

Map p74 Hotel \$\$

☎ 2127 8606; [www.rosedale.com.hk](http://www.rosedale.com.hk); 8 Shelter St; s \$1180-1480, d \$1280-1580, ste from \$2200/2400, weekly/monthly packages from \$4888/18,800; MTR Causeway Bay (exit E)

Attractively appointed rooms and a position overlooking Victoria Park make this place worth considering. Free broadband is included in the rates. Generous weekly and monthly packages are available.

## METROPARK HOTEL

Map p74 Hotel \$\$  
☎ 2600 1000; [www.metroparkhotel.com](http://www.metroparkhotel.com); 148 Tung Lo Wan Rd; s & d \$900-1700, ste from \$3600; MTR Causeway Bay (exit E)

This flashy tower, overlooking Victoria Park and managed by a department of China Travel Service, makes the most of its easterly location, with 70% of its 243 rooms boasting sweeping city-harbour views through floor-to-ceiling windows. Bright, appealing open-plan rooms offer generous work space and broadband internet. Expect some substantial discounts – often 50% – during the low season. The small pool and gym makes a great harbour grandstand.

## SHAMA

Map p74 Serviced Apartments \$\$  
☎ 2202 5555; [www.shama.com](http://www.shama.com); 7th fl, 8 Russell St, Causeway Bay; studios per month from \$23,500, 1-/2-bedroom apt per month from \$31,500/68,000; MTR Causeway Bay (exit A)

Among the most attractive serviced apartments in Hong Kong, in a block opposite Times Square shopping mall. Ranging from fairly spacious studio flats to two-bedroom apartments, they're all tastefully furnished and exceedingly comfortable. Features and extras include broadband internet connection, VCD and DVD equipment, laundry facilities on each floor and membership to a half-dozen California Fitness Centres scattered around the territory. There are also branches in Central, Soho and Wan Chai; contact the [Shama main office](#) (Map p68; ☎ 2522 3082; [www.shama.com](http://www.shama.com); 8th fl, Shama Pl, 30 Hollywood Rd, Central) for details.

## NOBLE HOSTEL

Map p74 Guesthouse \$  
☎ 2576 6148; [www.noblehostel.com.hk](http://www.noblehostel.com.hk); Flat A3, 17th fl, Great George Bldg, 27 Paterson St; s/d \$280/340; MTR Causeway Bay (exit E)

This is certainly one of the best-value guesthouses on Hong Kong Island. Each one of the 45 rooms is squeaky clean and is equipped with a private phone, fridge and air-con. Some cheaper rooms have shared bathrooms.

## ALISAN GUEST HOUSE

Map p74 Guesthouse \$

☎ 2838 0762; <http://home.hkstar.com/~alisangh>; Flat A, 5th fl, Hoito Ct, 275 Gloucester Rd; s \$280-320, d \$320-350, tr \$390-450; MTR Causeway Bay (exit D1)

This excellent and spotlessly clean, family-run place has 21 rooms with air-con, private showers and toilets, and free internet access. The multilingual owners are willing to please and can organise China visas (see p303 for costs). Enter from 23 Cannon St.

## CAUSEWAY BAY GUEST HOUSE

Map p74 Guesthouse \$

☎ 2895 2013; [www.cbgh.net](http://www.cbgh.net); Flat B, 1st fl, Lai Yee Bldg, 44A-D Leighton Rd; s/d/tr \$250/350/450; MTR Causeway Bay (exit A)

On the south side of Causeway Bay and wedged between a pub and a church (enter from Leighton Lane), this comfortable, seven-room guesthouse can get booked up quickly so phone ahead. All rooms are quite clean and have private bathrooms.

## HONG KONG HOSTEL

Map p74 Hostel, Guesthouse \$

☎ 2895 1015, 9353 0514; [www.wangfathostel.com.hk](http://www.wangfathostel.com.hk); Flat A2, 3rd fl, Paterson Bldg, 47 Paterson St; dm \$120, s/d/tr from \$240/280/420; MTR Causeway Bay (exit E)

This excellent series of ever-expanding hostels and guesthouses, incorporating the long-established [Wang Fat Hostel](#) on the same floor and the [Asia Hostel](#) on the 6th floor, is just about the best deal on Hong Kong Island. It's quiet and clean and most of the rooms have private phone, TV and fridge. There are also cooking and laundry facilities, a computer room with three terminals offering free internet access, safe-deposit boxes and phonecards for sale. Dorm rooms have between four and five beds. Cheaper rooms with shared bathrooms are available.

## CHUNG KIU INN

Map p74 Guesthouse \$  
☎ 2895 3304; [www.chungkiuinn.com.hk](http://www.chungkiuinn.com.hk); Flat P, 15th fl, Hong Kong Mansion, 1 Yee Wo St; s \$220-

280, d \$280-350, tr \$400-450; MTR Causeway Bay (exit E)

This hostel, with three-dozen rooms spread over the 9th and 15th floors of the same building, is tidy but the rooms are small and basic. Cheaper rooms with shared bathrooms are available. You may have trouble communicating as the owner speaks no English.

## ISLAND EAST

### North Point

CITY GARDEN HOTEL HONG KONG

Map pp54-5 Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 2887 2888; [www.citygarden.com.hk](http://www.citygarden.com.hk); 9 City Garden Rd; s & d \$850-2500, ste from \$3000; MTR Fortress Hill (exit A)

It may be in gritty Fortress Hill but readers have nice things to say about this exceptionally well-turned-out hotel, not only for its service and generous discounting policy (biweekly/monthly packages from \$8200/13,800). There are several appealing food and drink outlets, including Satay Inn serving Malaysian and Singapore flavours, and the Garden Café serving an afternoon tea buffet. The closest MTR stop is Fortress Hill (exit A) on the Island line. Enter the hotel from the corner of Electric Rd and Power St.

## KOWLOON

Splendour rubs shoulders with squalor in Kowloon. Hong Kong's poshest hotel, the Peninsula, is here in Tsim Sha Tsui, within spitting distance of the infamous Chungking Mansions, a crumbling block stacked with dirt-cheap hostels and guesthouses. Of course, a huge range of other hotels and guesthouses can be found in Kowloon catering to all budgets between these two extremes.

When you mention the words 'hotel' and 'Hong Kong', many people think of the Peninsula, which opened in 1928 and is the *grande dame* of the territory's luxury hotels. Across from the Peninsula is the Inter-Continental, which has a much more modern feel to it and fabulous views. These are Kowloon's two 'face' hotels.

Tsim Sha Tsui East, an area of reclaimed land to the northeast of Tsim Sha Tsui, is weighted down with mostly anonymous top-end hotels. It's not very convenient for the MTR, but the terminus of the KCR East Rail (East Tsim Sha Tsui station) is nearby and most of the hotels run shuttle buses to Tsim

Sha Tsui proper and/or to Central. You'll find many more top-end hotels lining Nathan Rd as it travels north from the harbour.

## TSIM SHA TSUI

### PENINSULA HONG KONG

Map p92 Luxury Hotel \$\$\$\$

☎ 2920 2888; [www.peninsula.com](http://www.peninsula.com); Salisbury Rd; s & d \$3700-4900, ste from \$6000; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit E); 🚗

Lording it over the southern tip of Kowloon, Hong Kong's finest hotel evokes colonial elegance. Your main dilemma will be how to get there: landing on the rooftop helipad or arriving in one of the hotel's 14-strong fleet of Rolls Royce Phantoms. Some 300 classic European-style rooms boast wi-fi internet access, CD and DVD players, as well as the requisite (and sumptuous) marble bathrooms. Many rooms in the Pen's 20-storey annexe offer spectacular harbour views; in the original building, you'll have to make do with the glorious interior décor. There's a top-notch spa and swimming pool. The outlets, such as the fusion legend [Felix](#) (p211) and the Cantonese [Spring Moon](#) (p192), are the best eating spots of their class in the territory.

### MARCO POLO HONGKONG HOTEL

Map p92 Luxury Hotel \$\$\$\$

☎ 2113 0088; [www.marcopolohotels.com](http://www.marcopolohotels.com); Harbour City, 3-9 Canton Rd; s & d \$2450-4520, ste from \$4900; 🚗 Star Ferry, MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit E)

This is the daddy of the Marco Polo Hotel group's Canton Rd trio, all of which are in the Harbour City complex. It is closest to the Star Ferry and the most highly priced; it has an outdoor pool and a well-regarded Japanese restaurant Nishimura. The rooms are large and well appointed. The 433-room [Marco Polo Gateway](#) (Map p92; ☎ 2113 0088; 13 Canton Rd; s \$2050-2350, d \$2150-2450, ste from \$3650) and the smaller [Marco Polo Prince](#) (Map p92; ☎ 2113 0088; 23 Canton Rd; s \$2050-2350, d \$2150-2450, ste from \$3650), at the northern end of Harbour City, are both a step down in terms of luxury and room size but both have good business facilities and some of the rooms in the Prince have harbour views.

### LANGHAM HOTEL HONG KONG

Map p92 Luxury Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 2375 1133; [www.langhamhotels.com/langham/hongkong](http://www.langhamhotels.com/langham/hongkong); 8 Peking Rd; s & d \$2200-3600, ste from \$6000; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit E); 🚗

The elder sister of the **Langham Place Hotel** (p263), the Langham serves up five-star luxury in the heart of Tsim Sha Tsui. The rooms are classic and simple, there's a 24-hour gym and open-air pool, and there are several cafés and restaurants here and just round the corner on Ashley and Peking Rds.

### SHERATON HONG KONG HOTEL & TOWERS Map p92 Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 2369 1111; www.sheraton.com/hongkong; 20 Nathan Rd; s \$2200-4200, d \$2400-4400, ste hotel/towers from \$4200/5600; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit F); 📶

This large, very American hostelry (the ground floor is the 1st floor, escalators travel on the right), at the start of Nathan Rd, is as central as you'll find in Tsim Sha Tsui and offers a high level of comfort and great facilities. The tower rooms command superior harbour views (and higher prices). The **Sky Lounge** (p211), on the 18th floor, is worth a visit for the stunning harbour views and there's a rooftop pool and gym. Reception is on the 2nd floor. During the low season you can score a room for less than \$1500.

### HOLIDAY INN GOLDEN MILE Map p92 Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 2369 3111; www.ichotelsgroup.com; 50 Nathan Rd; s \$2100-3050, d/tw \$2500-3150, ste from \$5800; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit G)

The guestrooms are pricey for what they are inside a rather dreary multistory car-park exterior, but they're Holiday Inn-reliable. Among the excellent outlets is the schmoozy **Hari's** (p216).

### KOWLOON HOTEL HONG KONG Map p92 Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 2929 2888; www.thekowloonhotel.com; 19-21 Nathan Rd; s \$1800-2700, d \$1900-2650, ste from \$3900; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit E)

The Kowloon Hotel has a dated feel about it, with its over-the-top lobby, the so-outdated-it's-almost-cool-again 1990s techno aesthetic and views of the back of the Peninsula. Nevertheless, the hotel is popular for its unflappable service, central location and decent if rather small rooms. Rates drop dramatically off season.

### HOTEL MIRAMAR HONG KONG Map p92 Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 2368 1111; www.miramarhk.com; 118-130 Nathan Rd; s & d \$1100-2000, ste from \$3800; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui

This landmark (and very central hotel) is good value for its category and location. It has some fine food outlets and the Miramar Shopping Centre is just across Kimberley Rd. Avoid the rather tired looking non-executive rooms, which lack style and broadband access.

### BP INTERNATIONAL HOTEL Map p92 Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 2376 1111; www.bpih.com.hk; 8 Austin Rd; r \$1150-2400, ste from \$3500; MTR Jordan

This enormous hotel, owned by the Scout Association of Hong Kong and named after Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the World Scout Movement, overlooks Kowloon Park from its northwest corner and is relatively convenient to most places of interest in Tsim Sha Tsui. The public areas are quite flash, the rooms have finally been upgraded to a reasonable standard and some of the more expensive ones have good harbour views. There are family rooms with bunk beds available, making this a good option if you're travelling with kids. A self-service laundry room and free broadband access are on site. Haggle before you book; depending on the season and day of the week, prices are often reduced by 50%.

### SALISBURY Map p92 Hostel \$, Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 2268 7000; www.ymcahk.org.hk; 41 Salisbury Rd; dm/s \$230/800, d \$750-1100, ste from \$1500; 📶 Star Ferry; 📶

If you can manage to book a room at the fabulously located, YMCA-run Salisbury, you'll be rewarded with professional service and excellent exercise facilities, including a six-lane swimming pool and fitness centre on the 1st floor and a climbing wall on the 2nd floor. The rooms and suites are comfortable but simple, so keep your eyes on the harbour; that view would cost you at least five times as much at the Peninsula next door. The four-bed dormitory rooms on the 9th floor are a bonus, but there are restrictions: check-in is at 2pm; no one can stay more than seven consecutive nights; and walk-in guests aren't accepted if they've been in Hong Kong for more than 10 days.

### WONDERFUL INN Map p92 Guesthouse \$

☎ 2302 4812; www.wonderfulinn.com; 5th fl, Mirador Mansion, 66-70 Nathan Rd; s & d from \$350-580; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui

For once some money has been spent on design and fittings, making the rooms here much more appealing than the usual guesthouse boxes. The rooms are still small, but this is a good compromise for budgets that don't quite stretch to a hotel.

### SEALAND HOUSE Map p92 Guesthouse \$

☎ 2368 9522; www.sealandhouse.com.hk; Flat D, 8th fl, Majestic House, 80 Nathan Rd; s \$250-300, d \$300-450; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit B2)

This eight-room place, towering above Nathan Rd, is small but clean and very bright. It's a great independent choice over the guesthouses in Mirador Mansion or Chungking Mansions and wi-fi internet is include in rates. Enter from Cameron Rd.

### FIRST-CLASS GUEST HOUSE Map p92 Guesthouse \$

☎ 2724 0595; fax 2724 0843; Flat D1, 16th fl, Mirador Mansion, 58-62 Nathan Rd; s/d \$160/200; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit D2)

While its name may be a little ambitious, the First-Class Guest House is clean and fresh and the staff friendly. All 20 rooms have private bathrooms.

### MEI LAM GUEST HOUSE Map p92 Guesthouse \$

☎ 2721 5278, 9095 1379; fax 2723 6168; Flat D1, 5th fl, Mirador Mansion, 62 Nathan Rd; s/d from \$160/200; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit D2)

A few notches above the usual standard, this excellent guesthouse has modern, comfortable rooms packed with extras including internet access.

### CHUNGKING HOUSE Map p92 Guesthouse \$

☎ 2366 5362; chungkinghouse@yahoo.com.hk; 4th & 5th fl, A Block, Chungking Mansions, 36-44 Nathan Rd; s \$150-250, d \$300-400; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit F)

This place covering two floors – with two receptions and a total of 80 rooms – is pretty swish by the standards of Chungking Mansions, with phones and TVs included.

### TOM'S GUEST HOUSE Map p92 Guesthouse \$

☎ 2722 6035, 9194 5923; fax 2366 6706; Flat B7, 16th fl, B Block, Chungking Mansions, 36-44 Nathan Rd; s \$150-160, d \$150-250; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit F)

A friendly and popular place. Can also be entered from C Block (Flat C1, 16th fl). There's another large branch located in

**A Block** (☎ 2722 4956; Flat A5, 8th fl), so you should always be able to find a room here.

### YAN YAN GUEST HOUSE Map p92 Guesthouse \$

☎ 2366 8930, 9489 3891; fax 2721 0840; Flat E1, 8th fl, E Block, Chungking Mansions, 36-44 Nathan Rd; s \$130, d \$180-250; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit F)

This is one of the last of the Chinese-owned guesthouses in the overwhelmingly sub-continental E Block of Chungking Mansions. The swish **New Yan Yan Guesthouse** (☎ 2723 5671; Flat E5, 12th fl), in the same block, is managed by the same people.

### PEKING GUEST HOUSE Map p92 Guesthouse \$

☎ 2723 8320, 9464 3684; fax 2366 6706; Flat A1-A2, 12th fl, A Block, Chungking Mansions, 36-44 Nathan Rd; s \$130-150, d \$160-200, tr \$280; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit F)

Peking has friendly management, the place is cluttered but clean and all rooms have a private bathroom.

### NEW SHANGHAI GUEST HOUSE Map p92 Guesthouse \$

☎ 2311 2515; Flat D2, 16th fl, D Block, Chungking Mansions, 36-44 Nathan Rd; s/d from \$120/260; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit F)

This is an old-style guesthouse run by pleasant Mrs Cheung. It's clean and there's a laundry service.

### GARDEN GUEST HOUSE Map p92 Guesthouse \$

☎ 2368 0981, 9057 5265; Flat C5, 16th fl, C Block, Chungking Mansions, 36-44 Nathan Rd; s \$120, d \$180; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit F)

This is a clean, quiet place much favoured by backpackers. There's another **branch** (☎ 2366 0169; Flat C5, 7th fl) in the same block.

### HUNG KIU GUEST HOUSE Map p92 Guesthouse \$

☎ 2312 1505, 9370 2325; fax 2311 4258; Flat C3, 8th fl, Mirador Mansion, 58-62 Nathan Rd; s \$120, d \$180-200; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit D2)

Merely adequate facilities but very clean, with an affable and helpful young Chinese manager. Free wi-fi internet.

### MAN HING LUNG HOTEL Map p92 Guesthouse \$

☎ 2722 0678, 2311 8807; http://home.hkstar.com/~mhlhotel; Flat F2, 14th fl, Mirador Mansion, 58-62

**Nathan Rd; s \$120-150, d \$150-200, tr \$210-240; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit D2)**

This decent place, which likes to call itself a hotel, has clean if rather spartan rooms, broadband and laundry facilities. If you need a roommate to share costs, the very friendly manager, Mr Chan, will put you in with another traveller for \$80. He can also arrange China visas (for costs, see p303).

### PARK GUEST HOUSE Map p92 Guesthouse \$

☎ 2368 1689; fax 2367 7889; Flat A1, 15th fl, A Block, Chungking Mansions, 36-44 Nathan Rd; s with shared bathroom \$108, s/d with private bathroom \$100/150; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit F)

All 45 rooms in this basic but welcoming guesthouse have air-con. It comes recommended by readers. Room 1509 has a sliver of a sea view.

### WELCOME GUEST HOUSE

Map p92 Guesthouse \$

☎ 2721 7793, 9838 8375; Flat A5, 7th fl, A Block, Chungking Mansions, 36-44 Nathan Rd; s with shared shower \$100, s with private shower \$100-150, d with private shower \$190-200; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit F)

This place is a cut above the rest in Chungking Mansions and its name says it all. The owner, John Wah, is exceptionally friendly, speaks excellent English, and operates a small souvenir shop and gem showroom on site. What's more, it has a laundry service.

### KYOTO GUEST HOUSE

Map p92 Guesthouse \$

☎ 2721 3574, 9077 8297; Flat A8, 15th fl, A Block, Chungking Mansions, 36-44 Nathan Rd; s with shared shower \$90, d & tw with private shower from \$140; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit F)

This guesthouse, run by Mrs Kam, is very basic but comfortable.

### GARDEN HOSTEL

Map p92 Hostel, Guesthouse \$

☎ 2311 1183; fax 2721 2085; Flat F4, 3rd fl, Mirador Mansion, 58-62 Nathan Rd; dm \$60, s & d with shower \$200, d with shared shower \$180; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit D2)

It's on the scruffy side and the air-con seems to be rationed but this remains a good place for meeting other travellers. There are laundry facilities, the lockers are like Fort Knox and the staff speaks good English.

### COSMIC GUEST HOUSE

Map p92 Hostel, Guesthouse \$

☎ 2369 6669; www.cosmicguesthouse.com; Flats A1-A2, F1-F4, 12th fl, Mirador Mansion, 58-62 Nathan Rd; dm \$60, s & d \$166-200, large d \$220-240; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit D2)

This is a very clean and quiet guesthouse with big and bright rooms and a very helpful owner. The security is top grade and there's internet access in every room.

### TRAVELLERS HOSTEL

Map p92 Hostel, Guesthouse \$

☎ 2368 7710; mrspau@yahoo.com.hk; Flat A1-A4, 16th fl, A Block, Chungking Mansions, 36-44 Nathan Rd; dm \$60-65, s/d with shared shower \$80/100, d with private shower \$120; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit F)

A good place to meet fellow travellers in Chungking Mansions, it's popular despite being scruffy and grubby. Cooking facilities, cable TV, student discounts and internet access are all available.

## TSIM SHA TSUI EAST & HUNG HOM

**HOTEL INTER-CONTINENTAL HONG KONG** Map p94 Luxury Hotel \$\$\$\$

☎ 2721 1211; www.hongkong-ic.intercontinental.com; 18 Salisbury Rd; s & d \$2900-4390, ste from \$5500; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit F); 🚗

Occupying arguably the finest waterfront position in the territory, the Inter-Continental tilts at modernity while bowing to colonial traditions, such as a fleet of navy-blue Rolls Royces, doormen liveried in white and incessant brass polishing. The emphasis on service ensures a lot of return custom from rock stars and business VIPs. The restaurants – including the superb **Nobu** (p191) – are top class, and the Lobby Lounge bar has comfy armchairs and the best view in Hong Kong. Even if you don't stay here, drop by for a drink and the jaw-dropping evening Harbour vista.

### ROYAL GARDEN HOTEL

Map p94 Luxury Hotel \$\$\$\$

☎ 2721 5215; www.rghk.com.hk; 69 Mody Rd, Tsim Sha Tsui East; s \$2900-3900, d \$3100-4100, ste from \$4800; 🚗 5C or 8; 🚗

The 422-room Royal Garden, often overlooked, is one of the best-equipped hotels in Tsim Sha Tsui East and one of the ter-

## SLEEPING CHEAP IN CHUNGKING

Say 'budget accommodation' and 'Hong Kong' in the one breath and everyone thinks of **Chungking Mansions** (Map p92; 36-44 Nathan Rd, Tsim Sha Tsui; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui exit F), a place like no other. Still the cheapest place to stay in Hong Kong, it is the place to meet fellow travellers and soak up a unique souk-like atmosphere. This huge, ramshackle high-rise dump of a place in the heart of Tsim Sha Tsui caters for virtually all needs – from finding a bed and a cheap curry lunch to buying a backpack and getting your hair cut.

The sense of sleaze and the peculiar odours are not for everyone, nor are the lifts – they're like steel coffins on cables. Perhaps the best introduction to Chungking is Wong Kar Wai's cult film *Chungking Express* (1994), which captures all the squalor in a haunting series of stories.

The entrance to Chungking Mansions is via Chungking Arcade, a parade of shops that faces Nathan Rd. You will find lifts labelled A to E with hostels in each block listed. There are just two cramped and overworked lifts for each 17-storey block, and long queues form at 'rush hour'. Otherwise there're always the less-than-salubrious stairs. Be grateful for the stray cats as they keep the rats in check.

Despite the dilapidated appearance, most of the little guesthouses are OK – generally clean and often quite comfortable, though rooms are usually the size of cupboards. Standards do, however, vary significantly.

Bargaining for a bed or room is always possible, though you won't get very far in the high season. You can often negotiate a cheaper price if you stay more than, say, a week, but never try that on the first night – stay one night and find out how you like it before handing over more rent. Once you pay, there are usually no refunds.

The rooms will typically come with air-con and TV and, sometimes, phone. Many guesthouses can get you a Chinese visa quickly, most have internet access and some have a laundry service. Also, be prepared for varying levels of English fluency among guesthouse owners and concierges. Mobile-phone numbers have been included here as many of the guesthouse owners and managers engage in all sorts of other businesses and often lock their establishments during the day.

Chungking Mansions is not the only budget block in Tsim Sha Tsui. **Mirador Mansion** (Map p92; 58-62 Nathan Rd, Tsim Sha Tsui; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui), above an arcade of that name between Mody and Carnarvon Rds, is a scaled-down version of Chungking Mansions, but considerably cleaner and roomier. Much of the backpacker clientele has moved here in recent years, with the result that there can be heavy queues for the lifts during peak hours. **Golden Crown Court** (Map p92; 66-70 Nathan Rd, Tsim Sha Tsui; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui), opposite the southeast corner of Kowloon Park, has undergone a transformation in recent years and now offers a host of clean, smart guesthouses.

ritory's most attractive options. From the chic blonde-wood-and-chrome lobby and atrium to the rooftop sports complex (25m pool, putting green and tennis court with million-dollar views), the Royal Garden ticks all the boxes. The rooms are highly specced with plasma screens and large, comfortable beds. You should be able to secure large discounts off the quoted rates. **Sabatini** (p193), on the 3rd floor, is one of the best Italian restaurants in Hong Kong.

### GRAND STANFORD INTER-CONTINENTAL

Map p94 Luxury Hotel \$\$\$\$

☎ 2721 5161; www.hongkong.intercontinental.com; 70 Mody Rd, Tsim Sha Tsui East; s & d \$2700-3800, ste from \$4800; 🚗 5C or 8

This large five-star palace is one of the nicest top-range hotels in Tsim Sha Tsui East and offers excellent discounts, depending on the season and the day of the week. Unfortunately part of its harbour view is marred by the unsightly Hung Hom Bypass.

### KOWLOON SHANGRI-LA

Map p94 Luxury Hotel \$\$\$\$

☎ 2721 2111; www.shangri-la.com; 64 Mody Rd, Tsim Sha Tsui East; s & d \$2650-4200, ste from \$4300; 🚗 5C or 8

Almost (but not entirely) as swish as its sister hotel in Admiralty, the **Island Shangri-La Hong Kong** (p254), the views and its eight bars and restaurants, including the Japanese **Nadaman** (p193), are excellent. We love the enormous murals of imperial Chinese scenes in the lobby.

### EMPIRE KOWLOON

Map p94 Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 2685 3000; www.empirehotel.com.hk; 62 Kimberley Rd; s & d \$1600-2400, ste from \$3000; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit B1); 🚗

This sister hotel of the **Empire** (p254) on Hong Kong Island offers modern, comfortable rooms and an excellent indoor atrium swimming pool and spa. It's an easy stroll from here to just about anywhere in Tsimsy. Check the website for promotions.

**LUXE MANOR** Map p94 Boutique Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 3763 8888; [www.theluxemanor.com](http://www.theluxemanor.com); 39 Kimberley Rd; s & d \$1600-2200, ste from \$2600; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit B1)

Tsim Sha Tsui's latest stab at a style-led boutique hotel is a tad self-conscious perhaps but works pretty well. The rather Dali-esque public areas hint at what's to come in the boldly done rooms, which are modern and loaded with technology, including wi-fi internet and in-room entertainment systems. Go elsewhere for food and drink, though. Discounts are frequently available off the published rates.

**KIMBERLEY HOTEL** Map p94 Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 2723 3888; [www.kimberleyhotel.com.hk](http://www.kimberleyhotel.com.hk); 28 Kimberley Rd; s & d \$1500-2350, ste from \$2800; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit B1)

The Kimberley isn't a glamorous property, but it's one of the better midrange hotels in Tsim Sha Tsui. You'll find assured staff and large, chintz-free rooms with good facilities, including broadband. The hotel also has golf nets and a health spa. The lobby, a leafy and cool oasis up from the bustle, is on the 2nd floor. Summer rates are half the quoted ones.

**PARK HOTEL** Map p94 Hotel \$\$

☎ 2731 2100; [www.parkhotel.com.hk](http://www.parkhotel.com.hk); 61-65 Chatham Rd South; s \$1100-1900, d \$1200-2000, ste from \$2600; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit B2)

A vibrant renovation has given the spacious rooms here a welcoming feel, a sense backed up by the warm service on offer. Family suites are available from \$4000, the history and science museums are just over the road, and the hustle of Granville Rd is a block away. Enter from Cameron Rd.

**STANFORD HILLVIEW HOTEL**

Map p94 Hotel \$\$

☎ 2722 7822; [www.stanfordhillview.com](http://www.stanfordhillview.com); 13-17 Observatory Rd; s & d \$1000-1680, ste from \$2480; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit B1)

Set back from Nathan Rd in a quiet, leafy little corner of Tsim Sha Tsui, the location is great just down the road from the food, fun and frolicking of Knutsford Tce. The rooms are forgettable but clean and well maintained. Enter from Knutsford Tce.

**THE MINDEN** Map p94 Hotel \$\$

☎ 2739 7777; [www.theminden.com](http://www.theminden.com); 7 Minden Ave; s & d \$900-1500, ste from \$2500; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit G)

This almost boutique 64-room hotel, tucked away on relatively quiet Minden Ave, is one of our favourites. It's central, being well located for both Tsim Sha Tsui and Tsim Sha Tsui East stations, and very reasonable value. The lobby is stuffed with Chinese antiques and paintings, while the rooms are serene and comfortable with all the amenities you'd expect, including broadband internet access included in the rates. The bar-cum-breakfast room *Courtney's* (p212) is a great place to go for a quiet alfresco drink.

**PINNACLE APARTMENT**

Map p94 Serviced Apartments \$\$

☎ 2734 8288; [www.pinnacleapartment.com](http://www.pinnacleapartment.com); 8 Minden Ave; per month 1-bedroom apt \$16,500-26,000, 2-bedroom apt \$24,000-38,000; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui (exit G)

This elegant block of serviced apartments, on lively Minden Ave in the heart of the Tsim Sha Tsui nightlife area, has four different size apartments available ranging in size from 47 to 90 sq metres. Some have harbour views. The staff here is delightful.

**STAR GUEST HOUSE** Map p94 Guesthouse \$

☎ 2723 8951; [www.starguesthouse.com](http://www.starguesthouse.com); Flat B, 6th fl, 21 Cameron Rd; s/d with shared bathroom \$250, s/d with private bathroom from \$300/400, tr with private bathroom \$500; MTR Tsim Sha Tsui

This excellent guesthouse and its sister property just up the road, the *Lee Garden Guest House* (Map p94; ☎ 2367 2284; [charliechan@iname.com](mailto:charliechan@iname.com); 8th fl, D Block, 36 Cameron Rd), with a total of 45 rooms, are owned and run by the charismatic Charlie Chan, who can arrange most things for you, including China visas (\$300) delivered in a day. Long-term stayers get good discounts. The pricier rooms have satellite TV, phone and broadband connection.

**YAU MA TEI**

Things start getting much cheaper up in this part of Kowloon. There are several cheap, basic hotels and a good range of guesthouses, many of them occupying *New Lucky House* (Map p97; 300-306 Nathan Rd, Yau Ma Tei), with its main entrance on Jordan Rd. Accommodation located here includes the Hakka's and Ocean guesthouses.

**EATON HOTEL** Map p97 Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 2782 1818; [www.eaton-hotel.com](http://www.eaton-hotel.com); 380 Nathan Rd, Yau Ma Tei; s & d \$1950-4200, ste from \$4000; MTR Jordan (exit B1)

Leave the chaos of Nathan Rd behind as you step into the Eaton's grand lobby. The rooms are large and comfortable, while downstairs the glass-fronted *Planter's Bar* (☎ 2710 1866; ☎ 4pm-1am Mon-Thu, 5pm-2am Fri-Sat, happy hour 5-9pm) on the 4th floor sits next to an improbably pleasant and leafy courtyard given the proximity of all that traffic. Booking on the internet can halve the quoted rates. Enter the hotel from Pak Hoi St.

**NATHAN HOTEL** Map p97 Hotel \$\$

☎ 2388 5141; [www.nathanhotel.com](http://www.nathanhotel.com); 378 Nathan Rd, Yau Ma Tei; s & d \$1080-1580, ste from \$1880; MTR Jordan (exit B1)

The just-renovated Nathan Hotel is surprisingly quiet and pleasant; even the cheapest of its 166 rooms are spacious, clean and serene. It's in a good location, right near the Jordan MTR station and Temple St; we like the moustachioed and turbaned doorman. All in all good value for what you get. Enter from Pak Hoi St.

**YMCA INTERNATIONAL HOUSE**

Map p97 Hostel \$, Guesthouse \$\$

☎ 2771 9111; [www.inthouse.ymca.org.hk](http://www.inthouse.ymca.org.hk); 23 Waterloo Rd, Yau Ma Tei; dm \$230, s & d \$880-1380, ste from \$2080; weekly/monthly packages from \$3400/9000; MTR Yau Ma Tei (exit A2)

Though a bit out of the way, the YMCA, with all the mod cons, is a steal for what it offers, so book well in advance. It is open to men and women. All rooms have a full range of facilities, including broadband.

**CARITAS BIANCHI LODGE**

Map p97 Guesthouse \$\$

☎ 2388 1111; [cbresv@bianchi-lodge.com](mailto:cbresv@bianchi-lodge.com); 4 Cliff Rd, Yau Ma Tei; s/d/tr \$650/740/920; MTR Yau Ma Tei (exit D)

This 90-room hotel-cum-guesthouse is run by a Catholic social-welfare organisation. Though it's just off Nathan Rd (and a goal-ie's throw from Yau Ma Tei MTR station), the rear rooms are very quiet and some have views onto King's Park. All rooms have private bathroom and breakfast is included. Promotional rates throughout the year bring rates even further down.

**BOOTH LODGE** Map p97 Guesthouse \$\$

☎ 2771 9266; <http://boothlodge.salvation.org.hk>; 11 Wing Sing Lane, Yau Ma Tei; s & d \$620-1500; MTR Yau Ma Tei (exit D)

Run by the Salvation Army, this 53-room place is spartan and clean but comfortable, too. Promotional rates for standard singles and doubles are a rock-bottom \$420 to \$540. Rates include breakfast. Reception is on the 7th floor.

**RENT-A-ROOM HONG KONG**

Map p97 Guesthouse \$

☎ 2366 3011, 9023 8022; [www.rentaroomhk.com](http://www.rentaroomhk.com); Flat A, 2nd fl, Knight Garden, 7-8 Tak Hing St, Tsim Sha Tsui; dm \$160, s/d/tr/q with shared bathroom from \$310/370/490/620, with private bathroom from \$360/460/720/920; MTR Jordan (exit E)

This fabulous place has 50 positively immaculate rooms in a block around the corner close to Jordan MTR station. Each room has TV, telephone (free local calls), high-speed internet access and a fridge.

**HAKKA'S GUEST HOUSE**

Map p97 Guesthouse \$

☎ 2771 3656; fax 2770 1470; Flat L, 3rd fl, New Lucky House, 300 Nathan Rd, Yau Ma Tei; s \$200-250, d \$250-300, tr \$300-350; MTR Jordan (exit B1)

This is the nicest guesthouse of those found in New Lucky House and each of the nine ultraclean guestrooms has a telephone, TV, air-con and shower. The affable and helpful owner, Kevin Koo, is a keen hiker and he will often invite guests out along with him for country walks on Sunday.

**OCEAN GUEST HOUSE**

Map p97 Guesthouse \$

☎ 2385 0125; fax 2771 4083; Flat G, 11th fl, New Lucky House, 300 Nathan Rd, Yau Ma Tei; s/d \$200/250; MTR Jordan (exit B)

All eight rooms in this rather comfy place have TV, telephone, air-con and private shower.

**MONG KOK****LANGHAM PLACE HOTEL**

Map p98 Hotel \$\$\$\$

☎ 3552 3388; [www.langhamhotels.com/langhamplace/hongkong](http://www.langhamhotels.com/langhamplace/hongkong); 555 Shanghai St, Mong Kok; s & d \$2600-3200, ste from \$3900; MTR Mong Kok (exit C3); ☎

Peering out from one of the guestrooms of this colossal tower hotel, you'd never suspect for a moment that you were in Mong Kok. It's a triumph for the district. The special guestroom features include multifunction IP phones, DVD players,

marble bathrooms with 'rain shower' plus bath, and room safes that can fit (and recharge) a laptop. **Ming Court** (p194) serves excellent dim sum, while the backyard offers alfresco snacking. Reception is on the 4th floor and the hotel is linked to the **Langham Place Mall** (p169). The 20m rooftop pool, gym and spa all command great views over Kowloon.

### ROYAL PLAZA HOTEL Map p98 Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 2928 8822; [www.royalplaza.com.hk](http://www.royalplaza.com.hk); 193 Prince Edward Rd West, Mong Kok; s \$1800-3200, d \$2000-3400, ste from \$4800; KCR Mong Kok East Rail; 🚗  
The plushness is a bit overdone, but the 671-room Royal Plaza is comfortable and central; the bird and flower markets are on the other side of Prince Edward Rd. The rooms come well equipped, even with heated no-steam bathroom mirrors, and some with kitchenettes. The large outdoor pool with underwater music is a lounge lizard's nirvana and some rooms have wireless internet access. The Mong Kok KCR station is accessible through the adjoining Grand Century Place shopping centre, making this a handy spot if you've business in the New Territories or China.

### ANNE BLACK GUEST HOUSE

Map pp88-9 Guesthouse \$\$

☎ 2713 9211; [www.ywca.org.hk](http://www.ywca.org.hk); 5 Man Fuk Rd, Yau Ma Tei; s & d with shared bath \$600, with private bathroom \$900-1100, monthly packages from \$6000; MTR Yau Ma Tei (exit D)

This YWCA-run guesthouse, which accommodates both women and men, is located near Pui Ching and Waterloo Rds in Mong Kok, behind and uphill from a petrol station. There are laundry facilities and a decent restaurant here. Conveniently almost half of the rooms are singles.

### CARITAS LODGE Map pp88-9 Guesthouse \$

☎ 2339 3777; [www.caritas-chs.org.hk](http://www.caritas-chs.org.hk); 134 Boundary St, Mong Kok; s/d/tw \$350/400/560, s weekly/monthly packages from \$1960/5940, d from \$2310/7140; KCR Mong Kok East Rail  
With just 40 rooms, this place is a lot smaller and just as nice as its sister guesthouse, Caritas Bianchi Lodge, but it's a bit further afield. Still, you couldn't get much closer to the bird market, and the New Territories is (officially) just across the road. Breakfast is included in the price of the room.

## NEW TERRITORIES

The New Territories does not offer travellers a tremendous choice of accommodation, but there are five official and independent hostels, most in the more remote parts of the region. Remember, too, that walkers and hikers can pitch a tent at any one of 28 New Territories camp sites managed by the **Country & Marine Parks Authority** (☎ 1823; [www.afcd.gov.hk](http://www.afcd.gov.hk)).

### TAI MO SHAN

#### SZE LOK YUEN HOSTEL

Map pp50-1 Hostel \$

☎ 2488 8188; [www.yha.org.hk](http://www.yha.org.hk); Tai Mo Shan, New Territories; camping members/nonmembers \$25/35, dm under/over 18 yr \$35/50; 🚗 51

This 92-bed hostel, a few kilometres north of Tsuen Wan, is usually only open on Saturday and on the eve of public holidays but you may get lucky midweek (telephone the HKYHA in advance on ☎ 2788 1638). It's in the shadow of Hong Kong's highest peak and at this elevation it can get pretty chilly at night, so come prepared. There are cooking facilities, but you should buy food supplies while in Tsuen Wan as none are available at the hostel. Check-in is usually from 3pm to 11pm. To get here take bus 51 from the Tsuen Wan MTR station (exit A) and alight at Tai Mo Shan Rd. Follow Tai Mo Shan Rd for about 4km, pass the car park and turn onto a small concrete path on the right-hand side. This leads directly to the hostel.

### TAI MEI TUK

#### BRADBURY LODGE Map pp50-1 Hostel \$

☎ 2662 5123; [www.yha.org.hk](http://www.yha.org.hk); 66 Tai Mei Tuk Rd; dm under/over 18 yr \$35/55, d/q \$240/280; 🚗 75K

Bradbury Lodge (not to be confused with Bradbury Hall in Sai Kung) is the HKYHA's flagship hostel in the New Territories. It has 72 beds and is open seven days a week year-round. Check-in is from 4pm to 11pm (from 3pm on Saturday). Bradbury Lodge is next to the northern tip of the Plover Cove Reservoir dam wall, a few hundred metres south of Tai Mei Tuk. Camping is not permitted. To get here take bus 75K (or 275R on Sundays or public holidays) from Tai Po Maket KCR East station to the Tei Mei Tuk bus terminus. The hostel can be found along the road leading to the reservoir.

## SHA TIN

### REGAL RIVERSIDE HOTEL

Map p124 Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 2649 7878; [www.regalriverside.com](http://www.regalriverside.com); 34-36 Tai Chung Kiu Rd; s & d \$1500-2000, ste from \$3800; KCR Sha Tin Wai East Rail; 🚗

This enormous hotel overlooks the Shing Mun River, northeast of Sha Tin town centre. It's not very appealing from the outside but inside the rooms are well decorated and surprisingly spacious for Hong Kong. Those overlooking the river have excellent views. The hotel also has five restaurants, two bars, and a pleasant outdoor swimming pool on a terrace. It's worth calling to check prices as promotions can cut quoted rates in half.

### ASCENSION HOUSE Map p124 Hostel \$

☎ 2691 4196; [www.achouse.com](http://www.achouse.com); 33 Tao Fong Shan Rd; dm \$125; KCR Sha Tin East Rail

This cosy 11-bed place, affiliated with the Lutheran Church, is one of the best deals in Hong Kong as the price of a bed includes free laundry service and three meals. It's set on a peaceful hill side above the town. To get here, take the KCR East Rail to Sha Tin station, leave via exit B and walk down the ramp, passing a series of old village houses on the left. To the left of these houses is a set of steps signposted 'To Fung Shan'. Go up these, follow the path and when you come to a roundabout, go along the uphill road – signposted 'To Pak Lok Path' – to your right. After about 150m you'll come to a small staircase and a sign pointing the way to Ascension House on the right. When you reach the fork in the path and the Tao Fong Shan Christian Centre, bear to the right and you'll soon come to more steps leading up to Ascension House. The walk should take between 15 and 20 minutes. A taxi from the station in Sha Tin will cost around \$20.

## SAI KUNG PENINSULA

### BRADBURY HALL Map pp50-1 Hostel \$

☎ 2328 2458; [www.yha.org.hk](http://www.yha.org.hk); Chek Keng, Sai Kung; camping members/nonmembers \$25/35, dm members under/over 18 yr \$35/50; 🚗 94

This 90-bed HKYHA hostel is right on the harbour facing Chek Keng pier. It's always open on the weekend and on the eve of public holidays but is often open on weekdays, too; telephone the HKYHA on ☎ 2788

1638 in advance to check. To reach Chek Keng by bus from Sai Kung town, catch bus 94 headed for Wong Shek and alight at Pak Tam Au (it's the fourth bus stop after the entrance to Sai Kung Country Park near the top of a hill). Take the footpath at the side of the road heading east and walk for about half an hour to Chek Keng. Bradbury Hall is another 10 minutes to the northeast.

### PAK SHA O HOSTEL Map pp50-1 Hostel \$

☎ 2328 2327; [www.yha.org.hk](http://www.yha.org.hk); Hoi Ha Rd, Sai Kung; camping members/nonmembers \$25/35, dm members under/over 18 yr \$35/50; 🚗 94

This large HKYHA hostel with 112 beds is southwest of Hoi Ha Bay and the marine park. Like Bradbury Hall, it is not necessarily open every weekday. Call the HKYHA on ☎ 2788 1638 for details. To reach the hostel, from Sai Kung town take green minibus 7 to Hoi Ha alighting at the hostel shortly before the turn-off to Pak Sha O village. A taxi from Sai Kung will cost around \$105.

## OUTLYING ISLANDS

There are not many hotels per se on the Outlying Islands, though you'll find one each on Lamma and Cheung Chau and several on Lantau. There are guesthouses on these three islands as well.

During the warmer months and on the weekends throughout most of the year, estate agencies set up booking kiosks for rental apartments and holiday villas near the ferry piers on Cheung Chau and at Mui Wo (Silvermine Bay) on Lantau.

The HKYHA has two hostels on Lantau, and the **Country & Marine Parks Authority** (☎ 1823; [www.afcd.gov.hk](http://www.afcd.gov.hk)) maintains 10 basic camp sites for hikers along the Lantau Trail and a single one on Tung Lung Chau.

## LAMMA

### CONCERTO INN Map p132 Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 2982 1668; [www.concertoinn.com.hk](http://www.concertoinn.com.hk); 28 Hung Shing Yeh Beach, Hung Shing Yeh; s & d Sun-Fri \$480-630, tr & q \$730, s & d Sat & public holidays \$780-930, tr & q \$1060; 🚗 Lamma (Yung Shue Wan)

This cheerful beach-front hotel, southeast of Yung Shue Wan, is quite some distance from the action, so you should stay here only if you really want to get away from it

all. There's also a decent beach-side café-restaurant.

### MAN LAI WAH HOTEL Map p132 Guesthouse \$

☎ 2982 0220; Manlaiwahhotel@yahoo.com; 2 Po Wah Garden, Yung Shue Wan; r Mon-Fri \$300-350, Sat & Sun \$500; 📍 Lamma (Yung Shue Wan) This eight-room hotel (or, rather, guest-house) greets you as you get off the ferry and begin to walk up Main St. All rooms have air-con and private shower and some have little balconies.

### JACKSON PROPERTY AGENCY

Map p132 Holiday Homes \$

☎ 2982 0606, 9055 3288; fax 2982 0636; 15 Main St, Yung Shue Wan; 📍 Lamma (Yung Shue Wan) This property agency has studios and apartments for rent on Lamma. All of them have TV, private bathroom, microwave and fridge; some also offer sea views. Rooms start at \$300 per night for two people from Sunday to Friday and go up to between \$450 and \$550 on Saturday.

### BALI HOLIDAY RESORT

Map p132 Holiday Homes \$

☎ 2982 4580; fax 2982 1044; 8 Main St, Yung Shue Wan; s/d Sun-Fri \$280/380, Sat \$560/760; 📍 Lamma (Yung Shue Wan)

An agency rather than a resort as such, Bali Holiday Resort has about 30 studios and apartments sprinkled around the island. All have TV, fridge and air-con and some have sea views.

## CHEUNG CHAU

Cheung Chau is not particularly well set up for overnighters. Depending on the day of the week and the season, up to half a dozen booths just opposite the ferry pier and another couple north along Praya St rent out studios and apartments. There is also the Warwick Hotel on Tung Wan Beach.

### WARWICK HOTEL Map p143 Hotel \$\$

☎ 2981 0081; www.warwickhotel.com.hk; Cheung Chau Sports Rd, Tung Wan Beach; s & d with mountain/sea view Mon-Fri \$740/840, Sat & Sun \$1090/1190, ste from \$1340/1890, weekly/monthly packages from \$4300/16,800; 📍 Cheung Chau This six-storey, 71-room carbuncle on the butt of Tung Wan Beach is the only game in town, but it does offer wonderful views across the sea to Lamma and Hong Kong

Islands. Ignore the rack rates; heavy discounts are available here, so call to check.

### CHEUNG CHAU B&B Map p143 Guesthouse \$

☎ 2986 9990; www.bbcheungchau.com.hk; 12-14 Tung Wan Rd; s & d Sun-Thu \$390/590, Fri \$490/690, Sat \$690/890; 📍 Cheung Chau This B&B offers an alternative to the island's only hotel and the rooms offered by kiosks. The 16 rooms are very well decorated with private bathrooms, although some are rather compact so you might want to look first. There's a lovely little terrace on the roof from where you can catch both the sunset and the sunrise.

### CHEUNG CHAU ACCOMMODATION KIOSKS Map p143 Holiday Homes \$

**Cheung Chau Ferry Pier; 📍 Cheung Chau** Agents with booking kiosks on the Cheung Chau *praya* (waterfront promenade) include **Bela Vista Miami Resort** (☎ 2981 7299; www.miamicheungchau.com.hk), **Holiday Resort** (☎ 2981 0093) and **Sea View Holiday Flats** (☎ 2986 9368), but unless you have a smattering of Cantonese or a Chinese friend in tow, you may have difficulty getting what you want at a fair price (though there are photo albums illustrating what's on offer both outside and in). Expect to pay \$200 to \$250 a night for a studio accommodating two people from Sunday to Friday, and \$300 to \$500 on Saturday.

## LANTAU

As on Lamma and Cheung Chau during the summer, and on weekends the rest of the year, you can rent holiday rooms and apartments from kiosks set up at the Mui Wo ferry pier.

The HKYHA has two hostels on Lantau, one a stone's throw from the Tian Tan Buddha in Ngong Ping and the other in a remote area of the Chi Ma Wan Peninsula. The hostels are open to HKYHA/HI cardholders only, but membership is available if you pay the nonmember's rate for six nights here or at other HKYHA hostels.

You can also find another three decent accommodation options along Silvermine Bay Beach.

### REGAL AIRPORT HOTEL Map p136 Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 2286 8888; www.regalairport.com; 9 Cheong Tat Rd, Hong Kong International Airport; s & d \$2400-4500, ste from \$8000; MTR Airport Express; 📍

A simple undercover shuffle from the airport terminal is this stylish hotel with more than 1100 sleek and easily accessible rooms, many with futuristic runway views. There's a splashy indoor/outdoor pool complex, half a dozen restaurants and fun games rooms (one for adults, one for kids). Soundproofing ensures the only noise is that of your own making. Discounts to the above rates can often be found on the hotel's website. Rooms also available for day use (four hours and more between 8am and 9pm) cost from \$600.

### SILVERMINE BEACH HOTEL

Map p139 Hotel \$\$

☎ 2984 8295; www.resort.com.hk; Tung Wan Tau Rd, Silvermine Bay Beach; s & d \$980-1480, monthly packages from \$7288; 📍 Lantau

This 128-room hotel has rooms that look out to the hills, sideways to the bay and directly onto the bay. A good-value barbecue buffet is held in the coffee shop and Chinese restaurant on Saturday evenings, and there's an attractive pool. Eschew the rooms in the South Wing for those in the superior New Wing. Rates are negotiable, depending on the day of the week and the season.

### MUI WO INN Map p139 Hotel \$\$

☎ 2984 7225; fax 2984 1916; Tung Wan Tau Rd, Silvermine Bay Beach; s & d Sun-Fri \$450, Sat \$750; 📍 Lantau

This is the last hotel on the beach and can be identified by the ring of faux-classical statues at the front. At the time of writing the hotel had been reduced in size to nine rooms (some in the main building and a few out the back) and these were being renovated. Those completed were tastefully decorated and inviting. It's a friendly place to stay and rates include breakfast.

### LONG COAST SEASPORTS

Map p136 Guesthouse \$

☎ 2980 3222; www.longcoast.hk; 29 Lower Cheung Sha Village; r winter/summer Sun-Thu \$400/500, Fri & Sat \$480/600, 20% weekly discounts; 📍 1, 2, 3M, 4 or A35 This water-sports centre (see p138), opened in 2004, offers accommodation in four double rooms with private bathrooms. The rooms are simple but clean, air-conditioned, have wi-fi internet access and two have sea views. This is a great deal for

water-sports fans as the rooms are 'free' when you purchase an activity voucher at the quoted rates. The voucher can then be used for sports and beach equipment. Breakfast is also included.

### MUI WO ACCOMMODATION KIOSKS

Map p139 Holiday Homes \$

**Mui Wo Ferry Pier; 📍 Lantau** There are several kiosks run by different outfits (☎ 2984 8982, 2984 2282) on the ferry pier that let out rooms and apartments on Lantau and have photos of them on display. Expect to pay \$150 on weekdays and \$250 on the weekend for a double room or studio. Not all the places are in Mui Wo (ie within walking distance of the ferry pier); many are along Cheung Sha Beach and in Pui O village.

### JOCKEY CLUB MONG TUNG WAN

Map p136 Hostel \$

☎ 2984 1389; www.yha.org.hk; Mong Tung Wan; camping members/nonmembers \$25/35, dm members/over 18 yr \$35/50, nonmembers +\$30; 📍 1, 2, 3M, 4 or A35

This tranquil property, along the waterfront on the southeastern side of the Chi Ma Wan Peninsula, is jointly operated by the HKYHA and the Hong Kong Jockey Club. In the past it's been open on the weekend and on the eve of public holidays only, so telephone the HKYHA on ☎ 2788 1638 in advance for advice. From Mui Wo, take bus 1 or 4 (or bus A35 from Hong Kong International Airport) and jump out at Pui O. Follow the footpath across the fields from the bus stop and continue along Chi Ma Wan Rd until it leaves the sea edge. At a sharp bend in the road at Ham Tin, turn right onto the footpath by the sea and follow it to the hostel – about a 45-minute walk. Alternatively, you can take a ferry to Cheung Chau and hire a sampan (this should cost about \$150, it will be more in the evening) to the jetty at Mong Tung Wan.

### HONGKONG BANK FOUNDATION SG DAVIS HOSTEL Map p136 Hostel \$

☎ 2985 5610; www.yha.org.hk; Ngong Ping; camping members/nonmembers \$25/35, dm members/over 18 yr \$35/50, nonmembers +\$30; 📍 2, 21 or 23

This 46-bed hostel (open daily) is a 10-minute walk from the bus stop near the Tian Tan Buddha statue in Ngong Ping and

is the ideal place to stay if you want to watch the sun rise at nearby Lantau Peak. Check-in is from 4pm to 11pm (from 3pm on Saturday). From the Ngong Ping bus terminus, take the paved path to your left as you face the Tian Tan Buddha, pass the

public toilets on your right and the Lantau Tea Garden on your left and follow the signs to the maze-like steps going up to the hostel. If you visit in winter, be sure to bring warm clothing for the evenings and early mornings.

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