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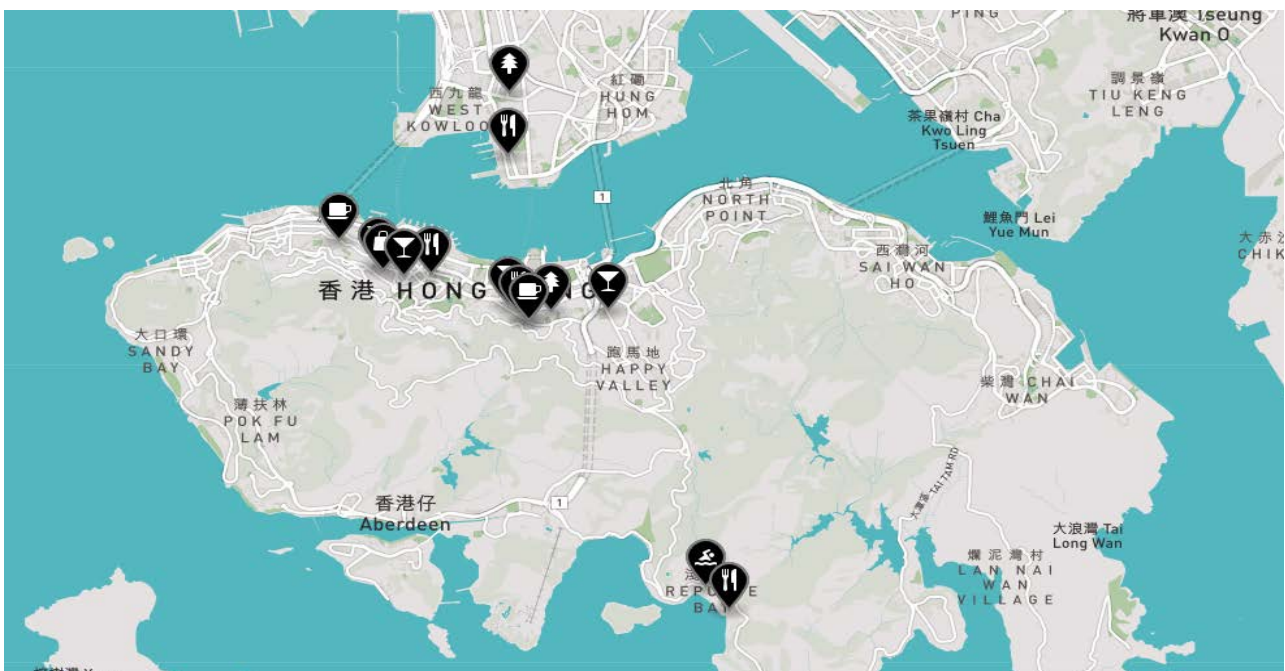
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24 HOURS IN

Hong Kong

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OUR PERFECT 24 HOURS IN HONG KONG

Our perfect 24 hours start on a Friday night. Friday nights are special to us; it's when we wrap up the week and get ready for the weekend.

We meet up with our friends and start the evening with a nice dinner at **Din Tai Fung Dumpling** House in Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon. It has a very simple interior and it's not especially cozy, but their Taiwanese food is mouth-watering! The restaurant has a star in the Guide Michelin, too. We order a lot of different dishes to share: string beans, pork dumplings, spicy shrimp and pork wontons, fried rice, spring rolls. After dinner we head down to **Victoria Harbor** to catch the Star Ferry going to Hong Kong Island. The view of the skyline at night is still as impressive as the first time we saw it! We then take the tram a few stations to the district **Wan Chai**.

Wan Chai is one of our absolute favorite districts for food and drinks, and it's also the district that we live in. There are endless amounts of great restaurants and bars, and they also have a big wet market where we often buy fresh fish and vegetables.

We often go to **Djiboutii**, an almost hidden bar in a side street. The staff is so friendly and makes you feel like a friend starting from the minute you come in. One time we were there, our friend was invited to come behind the bar and she was allowed to make drinks for everyone. That's the kind of spirit they've got in there! Their drinks are really good. This time we take their signature drink "Djiboulini", a variation of the classic Bellini – so fresh!

After that we walk a few blocks to end our evening at the newly opened super hip bar, **Ophelia**. The dark, decadent bar is filled with peacock decor like feathers, emerald green and purple colors, and a few female entertainers moving slowly with peacock feathers by the entrance, above the bar and in a cage. We sip on a cocktail and enjoy the fascinating atmosphere before we head home.

The next morning, we get up early to go hiking in the mountains. It's our favorite Saturday morning activity; you get breathtaking views, it's a great workout, and total relaxation at the same time. But first, we eat a small, healthy breakfast at **Le Pain Quotidien** down our street. We fill up our water bottles and start straight from our street. The **hike between Wan Chai and Repulse Bay** takes about 2-2,5 h and is a mix of city concrete, luxury estate, jungle, steep climbing, impressive views and wild life. At the end of the hike we land by the beach at **Repulse Bay** where we take a dip in the ocean and sit by the beach for a while. We shower and change into nice, dry clothes and go to have lunch at **Chicken On The Run** on the boardwalk. Their roasted chicken with vegetables and corn on the cob tastes so good after a long workout.

Having refilled the energy reserves, we're heading to **SOHO** by taxi. Here we stroll around in the afternoon, check out the latest pop-up stores, fashion and art in and around the area. A good cup of coffee and a fantastic lemon meringue pie at the **Corner Kitchen Café** in Sheung Wan gives us the extra kick to keep going until nightfall.

We decide to have dinner at our absolute favorite neighborhood restaurant, **22 Ships**, in Wan Chai. We sit at the bar as always so we can watch the chefs make our food behind the counter, and at the same time look out through the open windows onto the busy street. We drink wine and order the roasted padron peppers, beef tartare, the pork and foie gras mini burgers, the truffle toast, and end with the most delicious dessert: roasted marshmallows and strawberries.

When we have finished our amazing dinner, we catch the tram to The Landmark and have a drink at **Sevva**, a beautiful fine dining restaurant and bar with a superb terrace and views of the city

on both sides of the harbor. Then we meet up with our friends and make a short stop at **Feather Boa**, a cool secret bar in SOHO where they've got awesome chocolate strawberry daiquiris – a must-try! From the outside you can never guess that there's a bar inside and you have to be very polite and quiet to get in.

We continue to **Lan Kwai Fong**, LKF, home to some of the best bars and nightclubs in Hong Kong, like Dragon-I, Rúla Búla, Brick House, Le Jardin and The China Bar. At night, it's like a festival where people party both on the streets and inside the bars and clubs. We dance the night away...

The End.

*Enjoy exploring,
Emma & Anders*

DIN TAI FUNG DUMPLING HOUSE

RESTAURANT

30 Canton Rd, Tsim Sha Tsui, Hongkong
www.dintaifung.com.hk

We love their great food and the fact that they're very close to the harbor and to Harbor City, the biggest and fanciest shopping mall in Hong Kong. We often combine shopping at HC with dinner or lunch at DTF.



VIKTORIA HARBOR ON KOWLOON

ESCAPE

Victoria Harbour, Hongkong

The harbor has a special vibe. Boats and ships come and the lights from the many skyscrapers light up the water and the sky. It's just very impressive to stand there and take in the greatness of this city!



WAN CHAI

BAR & CLUBS

Wan Chai District, Hongkong

Wan Chai is a great district full of fun and excitement. Go there by tram. Seeing Hong Kong Island from the tram is very special. Especially if you sit topside. You see new things every day from up there. And it's slow and old fashioned. No one really rushes on the tram because you know it's going to take a long time, especially during daytime. So there's this calmness about it.



DJIBOUTII

BAR & CLUBS

Landale Street, 2, Hongkong

A lot of expats come here for a drink after work, so we always meet people we know in one way or another. Someone is always at Djiboutii. It's just never boring here because the staff interacts with the guests, like when our friend Anna got to stand behind the bar and make shots and drinks for everyone in our group. Spontaneous and fun!



OPHELIA

BARS & CLUBS

Queen's Road East, 200, Wan Chai, Hongkong
www.facebook.com/opheliahongkong

It's brand new, it's ten meters from our building, and it's fabulous. The interior and decoration is just so exquisite!



LE PAIN QUOTIDIEN

CAFÉ

202 Queen's Rd E, Wan Chai, Hongkong
www.lepainquotidien.com.hk

It's a very nice little café/restaurant and they've got delicious food from breakfast to dinner. And their terrace is so wonderful!



HIKING FROM WAN CHAI TO REPULSE BAY BEACH ESCAPE

Wan Chai, Hongkong

Click on the google maps link below and see the tour lined up. Hiking is THE thing to do in Hong Kong. It's the best workout and it's so beautiful and impressive. On the weekends we often meet up with friends and go on a hike together, whether it's a short or long one. There are so many different trails to explore. It's great fun!



REPULSE BAY BEACH

ESCAPE

Repulse Bay Beach, Hongkong

The beach is so close to the city, only like 15-20 minutes. It's where we most often go if we go to the beach because it's so very convenient. They've got a wide range of good restaurants and cafes on the boardwalk, the beach is big and not too crowded and they've got showers, toilets and dressing rooms. We bring our cooler with ice for cold drinks, play volleyball or Frisbee with friends. Love it!



CHICKEN ON THE RUN

RESTAURANT

Beach Road, 28, Hongkong

This is where we go in Repulse Bay if we want to eat healthy, light and delicious food. You decide what kind of chicken you like and then choose different sides to it. It's the perfect beach food if you ask us!



SOHO

SHOP

Soho, Hongkong

It's cosy to walk around here, it's genuine. You've got small boutiques and unknown or up and coming brands, tea houses with tea tastings, local art galleries and shops, classic cafés and great restaurants and bars. The architecture is different with shorter and older buildings. One of our favorite places to shop is at PMQ on Aberdeen Street, where they've always got cool pop-up stores and sometimes a food market on lower ground.



CORNER KITCHEN CAFÉ

CAFÉ

New Street, 21-23, Hongkong
www.corner-kitchen.com

It's a good café in Sheung Wan. Their pastries are to die for! We've been here a few times after we've been walking around in SOHO towards Sheung Wan and landed here.



22 SHIPS

RESTAURANT

22 Ships, Hongkong
www.22ships.hk

This is a restaurant where you can go anytime. Their food is just great! The menu is so full of delicious things that you can't go wrong! It's noisy, it's casual, it's busy. We love it! We go here very often and always bring our visitors or friends here. If it's completely full on 22 Ships and you can't wait to eat, check out their sister restaurant "Ham & Sherry" across the street (also Ship Street).



SEVVA

RESTAURANT

Chater Road, 10, Hongkong
www.sevva.hk

This is where we celebrated our six-year anniversary. The food is awesome and very fancy. But the bar is more relaxed with lounge sofas and an amazing view! No shorts or flip flops will be let in, so wear something nice and you'll really enjoy this place. Sometimes they play live music on the terrace which is just so wonderful.

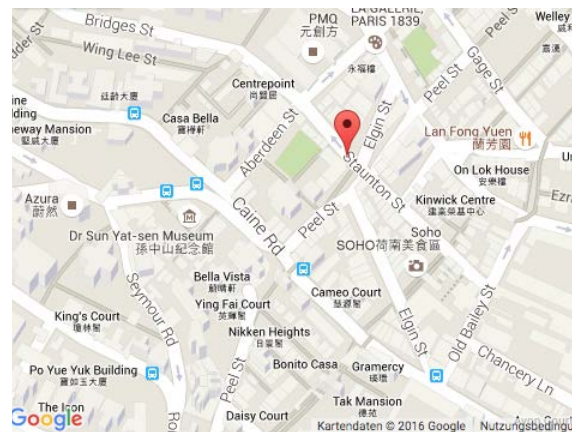


FEATHER BOA

BARS & CLUBS

Staunton Street, 38, Hongkong

Because it's "secret" you have to know about it to find it. If the crowd gets too loud they will hush everyone to be more quiet. It's really something different from your usual bar. It's a members' bar, but non-members can come in if they're not knocking too late. It's small and intimate with only a few chairs and sofas. Their chocolate strawberry daiquiris are yummiier than most drinks you've tasted (if you like chocolate and strawberries...)!



LANG KWAI FONG

BARS & CLUBS

Lan Kwai Fong, Hongkong

LKF is something very special that you don't see very often in Europe. It's where most people go to party and there are endless clubs, bars and restaurants for everyone. There are as many people outside the bars as there are inside so the street is crowded. Some people that don't want to go into a club or bar just buy their beer or wine from 7Eleven and party on the street which is fully allowed here. The students call it "Club 7". When we go out to party this is where we go – although we don't go to Club 7...

