

THE PENINSULA

HONG KONG

Trendy Bar and Restaurant Suggestions

Restaurant

Mott 32 (Basement, Standard Chartered Bank Building, Central)

Website: <https://www.mott32.com/>

-Mott 32's cooking is principally Cantonese with some signature Sichuan and Beijing dishes. Their custom industrial duck oven and special air-drying duck fridge is a central feature of the restaurant. They roast ducks both in the Cantonese and Beijing method with the Peking Duck only available for dinner and by pre-order only. They pair their cooking with innovative cocktails and an extensive sake and global wine collection.

Distance: 20-25 minutes by taxi.

The Chinese Library (1/F, Block 1, Tai Kwun, 10 Hollywood Road, Central)

Website: <https://chineselibrary.com.hk/experience>

-The lure in brief: Chinese cuisine that spans the regions and splendid balconies overlooking the colonial-era complex of Tai Kwun. But the space needs special mention: housed beside sister restaurant Statement (modern British cuisine) and The Dispensary (cocktails, cocktails, cocktails), this 7,500-square-foot space is a rustically refined destination for any occasion.

Distance: 20-25 minutes by taxi.

Zuma (5/F, The Landmark, Central)

Website: <https://www.zumarestaurant.com/zuma-landing/hong-kong/en/welcome>

-London's award-winning Japanese restaurant and bar concept has finally made its way across the ocean. Start the evening with drinks at the swank bar and lounge on the sixth floor, then make your way down the spiral staircase for "authentic but not traditional" Japanese cuisine in the large dining room on the fifth floor.

Distance: 20-25 minutes by taxi.

Chaiwala (Basement, 43-55 Wyndham Street, Central)

Website: <https://www.chaiwala.hk/>

-Embracing the philosophy that Life is Chai, Chaiwala offers a dramatic backdrop of creativity for lively and vibrant nights out. Accessed through British salon Huggie Muggie, diners enter into the colourful hustle and bustle synonymous with India. Consisting of three distinct spaces, the Chai Bar, Kitchen and Dining Hall, there is a sense of intrigue and a creative energy that flows through. Serving modern Indian cuisine by Culinary Director Balaji Balachander of Benares fame, the menu spans the breadth and depth of India. It's a sophisticated dining destination in Central's new cultural hub on Wyndham Street.

Distance: 30-35 minutes by taxi.

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Bar

Ophelia (Shop F39A & F41A, 1/F, Lee Tung Avenue, 200 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai)

****Close on Sundays****

Website: <http://www.ophelia.com.hk/>

- The exclusive performance venue for the sophisticated, is now established as Hong Kong's pre-eminent entertainment and performance destination, bringing tantalizing entertainment and intriguing cocktails to a one-of-a-kind space. Ophelia is a place where people can go to escape the boredom of everyday life. The design is so unique that it looks like something out of a dream, a place where fantasies.

Distance: 30-35 minutes by taxi.

Ce La Vi (25/F California Tower, 32 D'Aguiar Street, Central) ****Close on Sundays****

Website: <http://hk.celavi.com/>

- One of the most highly anticipated openings in Lan Kwai Fong when it arrived on the scene, this restaurant, lounge and club takes up the top two floors of LKF's California Tower. Like its Singaporean sister on the 55th floor of the Marina Bay Sands hotel, this Hong Kong outpost is one of the hottest addresses in town. The rooftop bar features a pretty impressive view over Central and Mid-Levels that leaves you feeling like you're still in the city rather than above it. The interiors, meanwhile, are so sleek it seems like dust would spontaneously combust as soon as it touches the walls, with shimmering dark panelling and red lighting matching the pulsating house mix that reverberates throughout the whole establishment.

Distance: 20-25 minutes by taxi.

Quinary (56-58 Hollywood Road Central, Hong Kong) ****Close on Sundays****

Website: <https://www.quinary.hk/>

- Quinary may have the look and feel of a classic speakeasy, but drinking here is designed to be a thought-provoking and multi-sensory experience. A smart selection of champagne and wine is on offer, but it's the 40-odd strong cocktail list that is the real focus. From old school drinks to modern classics, the signature drinks — and the bartenders' choice — are where the creativity of Antonio Lai's team shines through.

Distance: 20-25 minutes by taxi.