



WALLED VILLAGE FANLING

With the rapid development of Fanling, the fields are pretty much gone, and the New Town is now filled with residential and commercial blocks and has a population in excess of 350,000. Culture and heritage buffs will be delighted with the cornucopia of treasures to see, including a stunning Taoist temple and a number of walled villages. It's also fun to walk around in the nearby shopping mall and check out the local eateries and shops for a real slice of modern-day Hong Kong life.

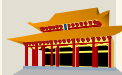
Upper: Fung Ying Seen Koon is one of the most important Taoist temple complexes in Hong Kong.



MTR Fanling Station. Look for the temple's distinctive orange double roof.

1. Fung Ying Seen Koon

蓬瀛仙館



Dominating the skyline from its commanding site on a hillside overlooking the New Territories town of Fanling, the temple is a superb example of Taoist design and craftsmanship. Open daily: 8:30am – 5pm.



Go back to MTR Fanling Station and follow the sign to 'Luen Wo Hui'. Turn left and go downstairs to the Green Minibus station and take Green Minibus 54K to Lung Yeuk Tau and alight at Shung Him Tong.

2. Shung Him Tong

崇謙堂



Hakka Lutherans founded this village in 1901 after escaping persecution. Of note is the fine Tsung Kyam Church (Tsung Kyam is the Hakka pronunciation of Shung Him), the only church with services in Hakka.

Shung Him Tong is private property and not open to the public.



Did you know...

A Prestigious Marriage

During the 12th century, a Tang clan man rescued a young girl fleeing the invading Mongols. When she grew up, he arranged for her to marry his son. When peace and security was restored, she informed her husband that she was in fact related to royalty and was the daughter of the Emperor. Luckily, the Emperor was inclined to look favourably on the marriage and let it stand, giving her husband a suitable title and large estate to provide for his daughter. Most of the Tangs resident in the New Territories today are descended from their five sons.

 Walk along the route to Ma Wat Wai, which is next to Ma Wat Wai children's playground.

3. Ma Wat Wai

麻笏圍



At Ma Wat Wai, check out the gatehouse with its gun platform over the gate, dating back to about 1740. It's made of thick plated wrought iron in two leaves with allows air to circulate and provides a good deal of strength at the same time. Access to the village is through a single narrow gate on the northwest side. The entrance gate of Ma Wat Wai became a Declared Monument in 1994.



 Walk along the route to Lo Wai.

4. Lo Wai

老圍



This old walled village is a must-visit in Lung Yeuk Tau, featuring thick walls accessible only through the single narrow gateway on the east side. The walls and the gatehouse have

been restored recently and are Declared Monuments. The gatehouse contains a shrine to the Earthgod and has a gun platform above, but the village's small canon is no longer. Several old houses within the walled village are still occupied. To avoid disturbing local residents, the interior of Lo Wai is not open to the public. Open daily: 9am – 5pm (Entrance Tower of Lo Wai)

Did you know...

Lung Yeuk Tau Heritage Trail

The Sung dynasty Princess and her Tang clan husband settled in Lung Yeuk Tau in the 13th century. Today his descendants occupy 11 villages in the area, five of which are walled.

 Walk along the route to Tang Chung Ling Ancestral Hall.

5. The Tang Chung Ling Ancestral Hall

松嶺鄧公祠



This Declared Monument is a superb building, originally built in 1570 and rebuilt around 1700. It includes an Ancestral Hall that is a perfect example of the 'Gentry Ancestral Hall' or a hall for the descendants of some high officials (in this case the descendents of the Sung Princess and her husband). The building is decorated with magnificent artworks and the construction style is elegant. There is also an Imperial Tablet dedicated to the Sung Princess and her husband, the only such tablet in Hong Kong. Open daily: 9am – 1pm and 2pm – 5pm. Closed on Tuesday and some public holidays.



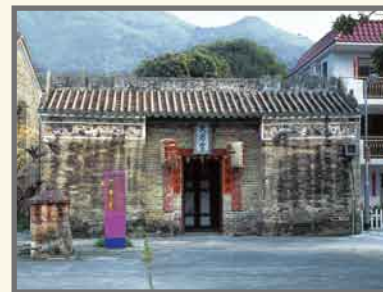
 Tin Hau Temple is next to the Tang Chung Ling Ancestral Hall.

6. Tin Hau Temple

天后宮



The local Tin Hau Temple is an excellent piece of workmanship, entirely traditional in form and decoration. It was last restored in 1981. Tin Hau, protector of fishermen and one of Hong Kong's most popular deities, is in the Main Hall while Kam Fa, goddess of childbirth, is in the side hall. Note the magnificent wall orchid that has been growing for the past 70 years.



 Take Green Minibus 54K back to MTR Fanling Station and take MTR back to town.

Fanling Walking Map

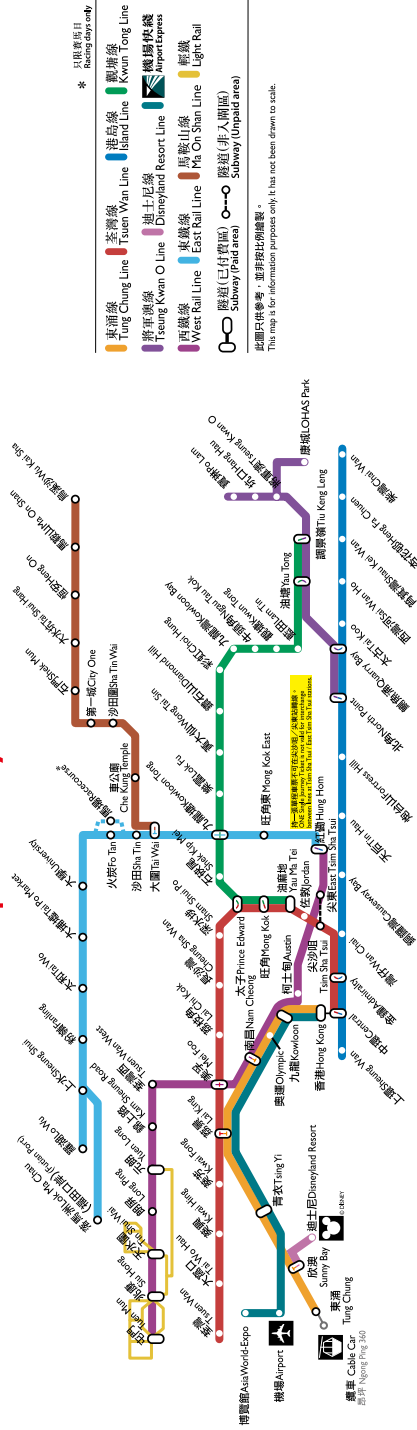


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Start of Walk
-  路線
Route
-  港鐵站出入口
MTR Station Entrance
-  龍躍頭文物徑
Lung Yeuk Tau Heritage Trail
-  小巴總站
Minibus Terminus

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港鐵路線圖 Map of MTR System



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