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Hong Kong is very similar to the North American market. All the well-known U.S. brands, European luxury goods houses and chic Italian labels can be found in the extensive network of malls around the city. This is fine if you are travelling to these parts anyway, but it's hard to find something new that is not readily available in New York, London or Milan. The main concentrations of shopping malls are in Central, Admiralty and Tsim Sha Tsui, with a few in Causeway Bay. Following is a checklist of the best:

Harbour City 700 Tsim Sha Tsui, near the Kowloon Star Ferry Terminal.

A good mid to upmarket mall with over 700 stores and plenty of places to eat.

Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Admiralty

Linked by underpass directly to Admiralty MTR. This is the swankiest and best mall of all. All the international brands are here including the most prestigious branch of Lane Crawford, Hong Kong's oldest western style department store.

The Landmark, Des Voeux Rd, Central MTR

An upmarket mall only 5 minutes away from the Star Ferry Terminal. Gucci, Celine, Coach, Marc Jacobs, Tod's and Dior can all be found here.

Charter House, Central MTR

Armani's state-of-the-art Hong Kong flagship is situated here, just across the road from The Landmark.

Princes Building, 10 Charter Road, Central

Popular with expats because the deli on the 3rd floor stocks lots of foreign food and wine, but the shops are more down-market.

Festival Walk, Kowloon Tong

One of the newest and shiniest of the Hong Kong malls, designed by trendy Miami architects to Feng Shui principles.

Times Square, Matheson St, Causeway Bay

Linked by walkway to Causeway Bay MTR. This mall has a mix of local and international retailers.

Look out for **On Peddar** - a chain of good footwear stores. **Street markets**, dotted around the main shopping areas, are a good place to go for inspiration, especially Hong Kong's bird, flowers, gold fish, jade and night market. For antiques **Hollywood Rd** and **Cat Street** are the place to go. Pop into Man Mo Temple on route - one of the oldest examples in the city.

getting around

The MTR subway system is very good and a much more cost effective way of getting from A to B than by Taxi.

opening hours

10am - 7 or 8pm daily including Sundays. Most have one late night until 10pm

