# Urban Explorer JJ's Travel Itinerary

"You can get so many things done in one day in this city. It is amazing. Also, everyone loves business and is willing to do business, no matter who you are in life and where you come from."

As an entrepreneur, creative director, and explorer, we ask Mr. JJ Acuna of lifestyle design studio JJ Acuna / Bespoke Studio for his Top 10 recommendations of the most visually stunning places he's come across in Hong Kong. As one of the most stylish gents in town, we take his suggestions in a heartbeat! Read more now:

**M+ Museum** - Designed by Herzog De Meuron It is new, it is spacious, it is Asia's newest temple for Art. It is also a billboard and a tower, so it is very much contextual to the city it is set in.

**Tai Kwun Complex** - Designed by Herzog De Meuron It is both a contemporary initiative and a preservation initiative, with great food, drinks, and exhibits for everyone of all ages in an old police and prison complex.

**Heimat by Chef Peter Find** - Designed by JJ Acuna / Bespoke Design If you want to eat German Fine Dining in a contemporary space, our latest restaurant is an homage to Bauhaus, Mies Van Der Rohe, and the Hausbarn living concept in Germany.



#### Asia Society Hong Kong

This refreshing horizontal museum on a hill designed by the world-renowned architectural team of Tod Williams and Billie Tsien is really a great place to see art and great architecture and take in a breathtaking view.

## **Ping Pong Gintoneria**

A wonderful gin bar in an old Ping Pong Gym, the interiors are kitsch, and the contemporary art is quirky.

#### The Mills

This revamped industrial district has a museum to learn about Hong Kong's past textile and garment manufacturing city. The space is interesting and architecturally cool, and tons of places to eat, have coffee and shop for great design gifts.

#### **Tsz Shan Monastery**

This gorgeous new monastery in the middle of Hong Kong is open to everyone. Subdued Imperial Chinese Buddhist architecture spans 500,000 square feet with plenty of space to enjoy landscape, scenery, historic Buddhist antiques, and contemporary architecture.



**Tate Dining Room** - Designed by JJ Acuna / Bespoke Design One of the first works we have ever done, designed in collaboration with Chef Vicki Lau. If Heimat is masculine and German, Tate's dining room is feminine and graceful. Chef Vicki has evolved the restaurant ever since then, but the restaurant is still artful, playful, timeless and full of warmth.

## The Peninsula Lobby Hong Kong

Historic hotel during the colonial era which opened in 1928 Much of the building is still what it was originally. Grand colonial spaces like The Peninsula are now rare in this day and age. Go there for Afternoon Tea.

### China Club

If you can get access, grab a meal at the China Club, a wonderful Shanghai-style dining destination that opened its doors in 1991 in the middle of central. Quirky arts and antiques decorate each of the spaces.

