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**Experience Shopping At Stanley Market**

**By Abby Johnson**

Those already familiar with shopping in Hong Kong, undoubtedly know about the busy Nathan

Road. If you are seeking a different experience then try Stanley Market on Hong Kong Island. You can reach Stanley Market using the No. 6 bus from Exchange Square. This is a long ride, so to make the most of it, sit on top a double decker bus and take in the view of Repulse Bay. If you prefer to get there faster ride the No. 16M train from Chai Wan Station.

You can shop Stanley Market during normal business hours. Like all Hong Kong shopping you must be prepared to bargain for your goods. Some of the goods you can haggle for include: silk, art, crafts, jade, toys, and designer items.

Stanley Market was once a fishing village and remnants of this past still exist in the artwork and handicrafts on display. Stanley is frequented by both tourists and locals. You can expect crowds wherever you go in Hong Kong during the hot and humid summer. But Stanley offers many ways to escape the shopping masses. Stanley is home to eating establishments and bars and even the sea near by.

When you tire of bargain hunting you can slip into a small temple for some precious solitude. One such temple is the Tin Hau, which honors the goddess of the sea. Enter this 1767 temple and view the real tiger skin and breath in the incense. You may also want to visit the Maritime Museum located in Murray House. The museum, which houses over 500 pieces of ancient pottery, was built from the bricks of a one hundred year old building, which were moved one brick at a time to construct it. As the name implies the museum pays homage to Hong Kong's sea connection. In addition to artwork it also boasts interactive games and educational displays regarding ocean faring.

Other historical markers in Stanley include the navy that helped enforce British Colonial rule and the earlier inhabitants of Hong Kong the Hakka.

A modern shopping center arcade and community theater are situated next to Murray House. Every year at Christmas time the Hong Kong International School Band provides a free concert in the Stanley Plaza.

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Now that you have had a chance to take in some local attractions your batteries should be sufficiently recharged to bargain hunt.

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### **Cuba–Pictures.com Launched by Lonely Planet Author**

**By David Stanley**

The original author of Lonely Planet Cuba announces the launch of

Cuba–Pictures.com

, a 14–page

collection of 126 travel photos of Cuba.

All photos in this picture gallery are by David Stanley, who researched and wrote the first two editions of Lonely Planet Cuba, published in 1997 and 2000. Stanley first visited Cuba in 1975, and over the next four years he represented a Canadian tour company on Isla de la Juventud, at Varadero, and in Havana. Since then, he has revisited Cuba dozens of times.

A few of Stanley's photos originally appeared in Lonely Planet Cuba, while the rest are published here for the first time. They offer a cross section of Cuba, with the emphasis on "real Cuban life" rather than the artificial world of tourism. The images are intended to convey the atmosphere of some very special places, and the warm, friendly people who call Cuba home.

Each page of pictures provides an introduction to a specific area, and all photos are fully captioned. The site also features a map of Cuba, a shopping mall with Cuban music, guides, and films, and a selection of travel links.

<http://www.cuba–pictures.com>

is now open to visitors.

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David Stanley has been writing travel guides since 1979. His pioneering guidebooks embrace the South Pacific islands, Micronesia, Alaska, Eastern Europe, Cuba, and parts of Canada. Stanley researched and wrote the first three editions of Eastern Europe on a Shoestring, Lonely Planet's first guide to Europe. Though the current 3rd edition of Lonely Planet Cuba was updated by another writer, much of Stanley's material remains in the guide. His travel pictures of Cuba are now freely accessible at

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