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● **Favourite spot** Probably the south-side of the island, which starts with the drive there, with its beautiful view of the water. There are many beaches, the village community of SHEK O (left), and plenty of food and haggling for deals at STANLEY MARKET. If surfing is your thing, go to BIG WAVE BAY, my favourite. ● **Satisfying meal** A great place for good Japanese-style deep-fried pork cutlet curry is CURRY BEE in Causeway Bay (*524 Jaffe Rd*). This is Japanese comfort food. CRYSTAL JADE, also in Causeway Bay, has Shanghainese food and dumplings (below, inset) to die for. ● **Hidden treasure** BIG WAVE BAY BEACH in SAI KUNG, not to be confused with Big Wave Bay in the south. To get there, you have to either take a two-hour hike or go by boat. It is very isolated and the cleanest beach in Hong Kong. ● **Best music** YUMLA (*79 Wyndham St.*; below right), a cosy bar, where the music knows no boundaries. With different DJs and genres every day, it's the place for the open-minded music lover. VOLAR in Central (*38-44 D'Aguilar Street*) is roomier, with more commercial music; it's good for dancing.

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● **View** The PEAK. On a clear day, you get a view of the whole city and the harbour, and the tram that takes you up is also entertaining. ● **Must-have experience** A ride on the STAR FERRY, which was the way people used to get to the other harbour (Kowloon side) before there was a tunnel to drive through. ● **Get-away** The BOTANICAL GARDENS, which is five minutes away from Central. There is also a zoo, which is quite surreal, being literally in the middle of the city. I like to visit the orangutans or zone out there with my iPod. ● **Market** On the Kowloon side, near Mong Kok, is the LADIES MARKET (far left). Don't let the name fool you, it's not just for ladies. You'll find a large selection of clothes, toys and goods at great prices. Be prepared for crowds, though. ☒

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