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## In Bloom: The Immersive Botanical Event Buds at Tai Kwun

Tai Kwun's beloved flower market returns for its second year

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**Tai Kwun** is pleased to announce the second edition of the breath-taking “In Bloom”, the much-beloved outdoor flower market. Set to blossom in late May, *In Bloom* will showcase botanical delights and floral-themed lifestyle offerings from 26-29 May, and will coincide with the fourth anniversary of Tai Kwun’s opening. The green matinee is a splendid treat for Tai Kwun visitors and devoted Tai Kwun fans, as the outdoor spaces of the compound will be bedecked with horticultural highlights from over a dozen local brands. Offering a lavish affair until the twilight hours, the anniversary will transform Tai Kwun into a captivating zone for community festivities. Just in time for the easy breeze of the season to usher in vibrant and fun floral activities and workshops, as well as sweet feasts from participating Tai Kwun shops and restaurants who are eager to partake in the compound’s jubilee.



Floral rochet from Kofeflowers



Dry flower tea cup from JFOREST

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### A panoply of everything petalled

Unlike traditional flower markets, *In Bloom* is a panoply of everything petalled in Hong Kong, allowing visitors to embark on a sensory journey and venture into the realm of sustainability. Open each day from 1–8pm, the floral extravaganza features local businesses that are devoted to eco-friendly designs, with a myriad of goodies spanning from fresh flower boutiques, to single stem flowers, dried flowers, floral posters and more.

Brands featured in this year's market include **DAISYZOOM BOTANIC**, **Give Her Flower**, **JFOREST**, **Kofeflowers**, and **the Grey Green**. Those who are looking to garden on the wild side will also be regaled by the botanical and exotic plants options from **Forest Round Round**, **sunsi.co** and **root**.



Japanese pickles from NAKA



Candles from Veni Vidi Amavi

### Floral finds and food

Not to leave floraphiles without a bite to eat, delicious delicacies such as pastries, chocolates, Japanese pickled food, and more are set to be served from Tai Kwun eateries and pop-ups **Hungry Hugger** and **NAKA**. Meanwhile, visitors who are honey-eyed for more than just flowers can discover a wide range of floral accessories, candles and perfume by **COURBEGINNING**, **Veni Vidi Amavi** and **Scented Niche**.

### Budding in botanical rewards

A sure way to find oneself rewarded with a bed of roses, Tai Kwun visitors who spend accumulated HK\$500 or above at *In Bloom* partner's booths, will also receive a HK\$50 Tai Kwun cash voucher that may be used at all shops and restaurants at Tai Kwun (terms and conditions apply).



Floral lifestyle offerings to complete the day



Flower-inspired gastronomy to satisfy your taste buds

### Discover vistas of sylvan charm with “In Bloom” shops & restaurant offerings

Extend the delights of the day, and stay for a sepal soiree, as Tai Kwun’s restaurants and shops offer petal-themed plates and lifestyle offerings.

Enjoy the perfect afternoon delight as **Café Claudel**’s special “Délice du Jardin Rose” tart will be served mid-day throughout In Bloom. Also, not to be missed is a delicious “In Bloom” themed Dim Sum from **Madame Fù Grand Café Chinois**. Fusing together the best of local eats and botanical treats is **The Dispensary** which will present a limited-edition flower dessert and cocktail with its afternoon tea set.

Who said flowers only belong in pots? Refresh your wardrobe as all floral print items at **112 mountainyam** are discounted by 50% and come with a free piece of jewellery. Or choose to indulge in an herbaceous read and enjoy a special discount of 15% off on flower theme titles at **TASCHEN**. Those with a sweet tooth are in for a treat! Enjoy blooming flavours and nibble on handmade confectioneries, including mini cakes, cupcakes, and cookies from **Phoenix Sweets**.

For those wanting to get crafty, get ready to release your inner gardener and show off your green thumb by joining **bonart**’s Mounted Staghorn Fern Workshop. Meanwhile, **LockCha Tea Shop** will be offering a Floral Cold Brew Tea Workshop for participants looking to scale up their tea knowledge.

### Find your essence with Tai Kwun’s exclusive workshop

Enter the world of perfume inside the prison cells of Tai Kwun, to discover the inner workings of **DAI HEUNG LEY** and partake in a scented confession. In this exclusive workshop, participants will be asked to share a thought that has been haunting their minds before confessing it to the perfumer. Made entirely of natural essential oils and raw materials from France and the UK, a DAI HEUNG LEY perfumer will create an intimate, personalised fragrance based on the stories of participants as they capture their thoughts and memories into a perfume roller. TK Fans are entitled to a HK\$50 Tai Kwun Shopping & Dining voucher after the workshop. Join TK Fans now to stay on top of the privileges.

#### Scented Confession Workshop Details

<b>Date</b>	26-29 May 2022
<b>Time</b>	1pm – 8pm (20mins per session)
<b>Price</b>	\$150 per person



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Get ready to have your heart bloom, as Tai Kwun is budding with exciting programmes. Visitors of Tai Kwun can indulge in the wide assortment of arts and culture events and feel their spirits sprout inside the historic compound.

With In Bloom kicking off in May, Tai Kwun invites visitors to not only discover their green thumbs, but to unearth the other joyful activities taking place during the spring and summer months.

### **Visitor information**

All visitors will be required to use the "LeaveHomeSafe" App upon entering Tai Kwun and must either provide a COVID-19 vaccination record or the relevant exemption certificate for inspection upon request in accordance with the Vaccine Pass Direction. Exhibition and event spaces in Tai Kwun are subject to active checking of Vaccine Pass. Visitors are encouraged to plan their visits with the newly launched Visitor Planner via [https://www.taikwun.hk/en/visitor\\_planner](https://www.taikwun.hk/en/visitor_planner) prior to visiting.

Programme details are subject to change; please refer to the Tai Kwun websites for news and updates.

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### **About Tai Kwun**

As the vibrant heart of Hong Kong, Tai Kwun connects people, stimulates curiosity, inspires creativity and empowers talent by delivering authentic cultural and heritage experiences. Committed to excellence, we present innovative, insightful and delightful activities to promote the community's knowledge and appreciation of contemporary art, performing arts and history.

Tai Kwun takes visitors on a mesmerising journey of discovery covering multiple genres of art, culture, heritage and lifestyles in Hong Kong. Here, you will discover the site's rich heritage through thematic exhibitions and immersive public programmes that explore the city's history and culture. At the same time, a multitude of inclusive contemporary art presentations and performing arts offerings available all year round will excite your artistic senses. Organised with passion and heart, our activities are designed to provide the best transformative experiences that differ from one visitor to another.

A non-profit entity, Tai Kwun opened in May 2018 as the fruit of one of Hong Kong's most important revitalisation projects ever -- a joint endeavour by The Hong Kong Jockey Club and the Government of the HKSAR to conserve and revitalise the buildings of the historic Central Police Station compound. The site features three Declared Monuments of Hong Kong -- the former Central Police Station, Central Magistracy and Victoria Prison -- all of which are preserved with meticulous attention to authenticity. The premises also include two new buildings -- JC Contemporary and JC Cube, designed by renowned architects Herzog & de Meuron -- as well as several outdoor spaces -- Parade Ground, Prison Yard and Laundry Steps. In addition, the site provides the ideal venue for the public programmes presented by Tai Kwun and its partners.

"Tai Kwun" is the anglicised form of a Cantonese term meaning "big station", which was popularly used in Hong Kong to refer to the former police headquarters and the surrounding compound. The name has been adopted to serve as a reminder of the historical importance of this living heritage site.

The outstanding achievement in the conservation and revitalisation of this piece of architecture has been internationally recognised. In 2019, Tai Kwun received the top honour -- the Award of Excellence -- of the prestigious UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation.

All are welcome to visit Tai Kwun and share with us the joy and excitement of exploring and appreciating art and culture.

For more information, please visit our website: <https://www.TaiKwun.hk>.

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