

# Unforgettable GIFTS GUARANTEED

Rather than giving yet more things to clutter up your house, how about gifting your guy an unforgettable experience for Father's Day instead? *Rachel Read* rounds up a few unique Hong Kong adventures.

If cufflinks and pairs of socks are starting to wear thin, we've got a few new guy gifting ideas up our sleeve – and just in the nick of time for Father's Day, too! If you thought Hong Kong was all shopping and eating, think again; we've collected a range of interactive and unusual experiences designed to appeal to every kind of personality... and what's to say you can't join in, too? After all, we can't let the boys have all the fun!

#### For the gourmand

♂ If you've got a carnivore in your midst, **The Butchers Club** has a range of workshops that are set to turn your man into a true meat maestro. Their **sausage-making classes** will teach you how to make the perfect banger – a hands-on experience covering everything from de-boning and grinding the meat, choosing ingredient combinations, and stuffing and linking your sausages. The class also includes a

sit-down dinner (involving sausage and mash, of course) and 1kg of sausages to take home... so you really do get more bang for your banger!

Meanwhile, their **nose-to-tail butchery class** is the ideal experience for any budding masterchefs. You'll learn how to butcher meat at home without leaving any waste – just the thing to take dinner parties to the next level and ensure you get your money's worth out of your meat. You'll learn how to debone, roll and tie a lamb shoulder; skin, score, stuff, roll, rewrap and tie a pork belly; and debone, butterfly and marinate a whole chicken. After the hard work, it's onto a family-style meal with free-flow wine and beer – plus your very own deboned and butterflied chicken, and a jar of bourbon and maple glaze to take home. Meat feast round yours then? **Call 2884 0768 or email [events@butchersclub.com.hk](mailto:events@butchersclub.com.hk) to organise a private workshop.** [www.store.butchersclub.com.hk](http://www.store.butchersclub.com.hk)

♂ If you're hop-ping mad for beer (pun intended), how about a **home-brewing workshop**? This three-hour crash course on how to brew beer at home by the experts at **HK Brewcraft** will introduce the basic elements of beer and stages of brewing, plus help you identify the aromas, colours, flavours and textures found in the best brews and show you how to match the right glass to the right beer... who knew it was all so complicated? Then it's over to you to create your very own beer recipe, where you'll then have the option of taking home your batch, continuing the brewing process and bottling your own beer – making the moment when you finally pop that cap and take a swig all the more satisfying. Cheers!

**Email [info@hkbrewcraft.com](mailto:info@hkbrewcraft.com) to schedule a session.**  
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**For the adrenaline junkie**

♂ Want to channel your inner Bear Grylls? Concentrating more on the action-adventure and less on the drinking your own urine side of things, **Hong Kong Rock Climbing Adventures** has a whole range of experiences that are bound to set your pulse racing. Try scaling new heights with an outdoor **rock climbing and abseiling session**; led by a qualified climbing instructor, it covers all the need-to-know techniques and safety procedures for a full day's climbing, as well as intermediate skills like rope work and belaying for the more curious. With a range of different routes available in stunning locations like Shek O, Beacon Hill and Cape

Collinson, this is suitable for both newbies and seasoned climbers alike – and you're guaranteed some of the best views in Hong Kong whilst you're at it.

Water-baby thrill-seekers might prefer the **private canyoning experience**, an action-packed adventure that'll see you climbing, swimming, scrambling on boulders, jumping into rock pools, navigating roaring rapids and abseiling down eight-foot waterfalls; we're out of breath just thinking about it. All the safety equipment for both experiences is provided... so you just need to bring the guts to go ahead with it!

**Call Gordon Hon on 6977 1160 to book.**

♂ If you've got a petrolhead in the family, a stint at **Sideways Driving Club** should have them giving the Top Gear boys a run for their money quicker than you can wave a chequered flag. Hong Kong's premier virtual racing club offers a thrills-and-spills experience that's one gear up from driving games on the Playstation, as Sideways' driving simulators use exactly the same software that Formula One teams use to train their drivers. With heavy-duty gear shifters and a realistic steering system and brake pedals, plus the chance to slipstream, race and overtake just like on real racing tracks, it's the safest way to embrace your speed demon side – no nasty crashes guaranteed!

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#### For the creative

♂ If you fancy yourself as the next Fatboy Slim or Calvin Harris, then a **DJ course** at **Sol Passion Music** could be the magic ingredient that turns your bedroom beats into a full-on club career. Catering for all levels of experience and any genre of music, these courses cover everything from equipment, techniques and music theory to crowd interaction and live performance – all taught by professional DJs. Beginner courses introduce how to set up club-grade DJ equipment, use the controls, match beats and mix together tracks, whilst the more intensive courses even include recording your own live demo and preparing for a real-life club set. Next stop Ibiza... via Lan Kwai Fong?!

Email [info@solpassionmusic.com](mailto:info@solpassionmusic.com) or phone 9422 0367 to book.  
[www.solpassionmusic.com](http://www.solpassionmusic.com)

♂ If you've been admiring all the cool street art popping up in Sheung Wan and thinking you'd like a piece of the action, an **urban art course** with **Pantone C Workshop** is certain to get the creative juices flowing. Forget tame art jamming sessions – this is the kind of art that can't be contained by a canvas! Pantone C's professional urban art team will guide you through basic drawing skills and help you discover your inner Banksy, before unleashing your spray cans of colour (entirely legally, of course!) on the workshop's rooftop. If you'd rather have a little piece of street art to take home with you, there are also workshops that'll have you spray-painting designs on your very own hat, bag, t-shirt, or wooden canvas board. Well, it definitely beats another identikit print from Ikea! Call 3480 7569 or email [pantone@pantonec.com](mailto:pantone@pantonec.com) to book.  
[www.pantonegraffiti.com](http://www.pantonegraffiti.com)



**For the green-fingered**

♂ If you've got a hankering for The Good Life but thought gardening was a no-go in this concrete jungle, book an **urban farming workshop** to create your own little patch of greenery in hectic Hong Kong. Led by experienced organic farmers, **Rooftop Republic's** workshops can be tailored for any age or skill-set – meaning this would be a great

activity to get the whole family involved in – and covers everything from how to start and maintain your own urban farm (whatever the size of your space), what plants are the easiest to grow in HK's climate and how to manage the health of your crops. You'll be growing your own in no time!

Email [hello@rooftoprepublic.com](mailto:hello@rooftoprepublic.com) to book.

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