



PING PONG BAR

This bar in a converted ping-pong hall is a Spanish-style *gintoneria*, a gin palace decked out with Nordic-inspired furniture and high-hanging stagelights.

The aluminium-framed windows are re-created from the building's heyday.

Then, of course, there are the drinks, with about 60 gins from Spain and around the world.

Try the Pomada Xoriguer, a lemonade-and-gin combo from Menorca.

L/F 129 Second St; pingpong129.com



“Sai Ying Pun is where East meets West, and new meets old. New places open but Sai Ying Pun remains an authentic, friendly and charming neighbourhood.”

Frank Lebiez ~ chef

METROPOLITAIN

On the busy intersection of High Street and Centre Street, chef Frank Lebiez brings a touch of France to Sai Ying Pun. Offering bistro classics, Lebiez adds a special ingredient to each of his dishes – try his salmon tartar, which has extra gherkins for a refreshing and crunchy edge.

46 High St; french-creations.com/metropolitain

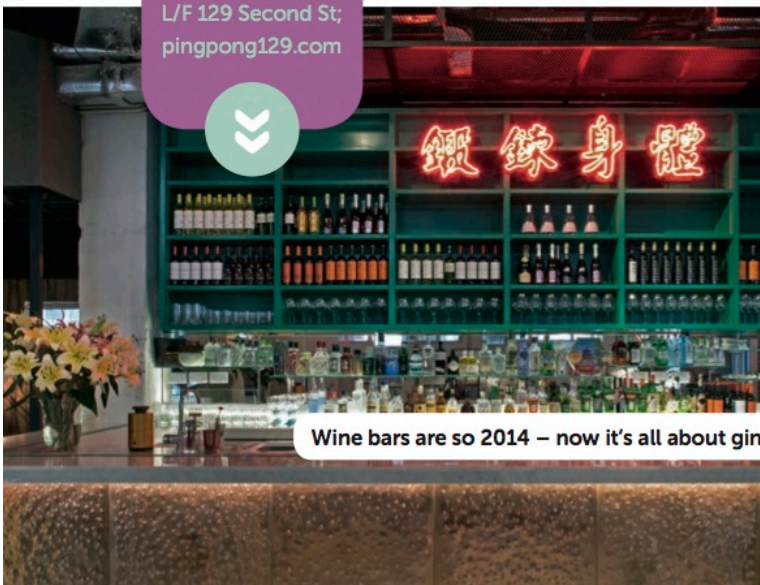
ARONA EGG ROLL CAKE SHOP

Wander the hilly streets for a sense of the vibrant life of small businesses, and stop at this egg roll shop. Opened 30 years ago by Mr Mang, it is his son and daughter-in-law who now run the outlet. The couple source ingredients locally, and their Chinese pastries are made and packaged on site. Follow the shop's scent of fresh eggs and coconut. The queue goes out the door and only dissipates when their signature egg-rolls sell out. Come early around noon.

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Wine bars are so 2014 – now it's all about gin

