

Streets for My Sweet

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Streets Café
Bukit Panjang
Plaza



Chong Qing Chicken in a Basket



Pumpkin Fries with Salted Egg Yolk



HK Shrimp Dumpling Noodles



Lychee Aloe
Wolfberry Green Tea

Travelling foodies will remember Hong Kong as a food paradise, only second to Singapore in terms of its multicultural cultural influences. Hong Kong's eateries are also considerably smaller compared to Western standards; but what they lack in size, it makes up for in variety and extended opening hours for hungry night birds.


There's a slice of Hong Kong "sup" culture in Singapore's, very recently Halal-certified, Streets Café in Bukit Panjang Plaza (Unit #03-05). It sticks close to its Hong Kong roots by keeping servings small so that you can sample a variety of flavours without prematurely bloating your belly. But what we enjoyed most about Streets was expecting the unexpected.


There's no misreading the Hot Coke with Ginger (\$2.80) on the menu. It is exactly what its name says; the popular fizzy Cola mixed with hot water stirred in with a dollop of ginger jelly. The caffeine keeps you awake and the ginger keeps you warm; the perfect accompaniment for shift workers on cold nights. The Pumpkin Fries with


Salted Egg Yolk Batter (\$6.50) comes a close second for experimental foodies; but you must promise us you'd give it some time to let it grow on you!


The editor's favourite is Chong Qing Chicken in a Basket (\$6.80); just remember to get a cooler handy; we recommend the Iced Lime Tea Cooler (\$6.50). Chicken chunks are dipped in spicy batter smattered with cumin and deep fried with dry chilli, peanuts, shallot leaves and served with fresh red and green chilli.

For something more filling, try the HK Shrimp Dumpling Noodles (\$6.50) in a clean-tasting clear soup with equal portions of noodles and dumplings. Every bite of the four handmade dumplings is made up of tiny slivers of black fungus mingled with minced chicken and shrimp.

AMBIENCE  For fun, bubbly, people who like to share. Popular with teens and young adults.

SERVICE  Risk, but speak clearly.

LOCATION  Out of the way unless you live in the far north or like a drive to work up an appetite.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY  Especially if you don't wear a turtleneck.