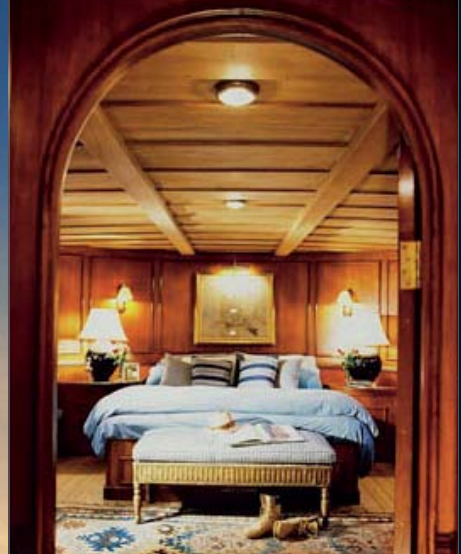


The ultimate vintage choice is the Duk Ling - the junk you see gliding through the harbour under the direction of the Hong Kong Tourism Board. Made in 1955, the name translates as "Clever Duck". It is the last authentic junk operating in Hong Kong waters.



## Love for Sail

Tired of the hustle and bustle of Paris? Are all those Fijian resorts fully booked? Why not stick closer to home and sail away this Valentine's Day in a sanctuary for two along glorious Victoria Harbour. Here's four simple steps to make it a smooth journey

**F**irst, determine what kind of evening you have in mind: a relaxing getaway, an overnight second honeymoon, or a feast at sea.

Second, figure out how to impress her: does she like speed – which also demands more fuel money – or is she more casual and laid-back, in which case a vintage boat would be more appropriate. "Fast cruisers have always been a popular choice for Valentine's Day. But vintages are slowly getting their attention," says Paco Goetschalckx, sales representative of Saffron Cruises, a luxury boat charter.

Then, match your needs with the facilities available:

for example, only some boats have kitchen facilities, which will also require a chef and waiter, depending on the size of your meal. The owners may also have certain restrictions.

Finally, custom-design your itinerary. For cruise dinners, Goetschalckx recommends the stable route from Tsim Sha Tsui to North Point. For a full view, he suggests to start from Central, sail along the Avenue of Stars in TST, turn at North Point to Wanchai before looping to the Tsing Ma Bridge, where the ride can get bumpier. For an even more secluded outing, a day trip to Po Toi Island, Lamma, Cheung Chau or Lei Yue Mun could offer a range of seafood surprises as well. ■