

## Planning a Party in Hong Kong: Guide by 3 Degrees



There is always some reason or the other to start planning a party in Hong Kong. Wondering how to plan a perfect party? We chatted with the experts behind **3 Degrees**, a bespoke event and styling company, to get some cool tips on planning 'conventional events, with unconventional style'.

As seasoned professionals with over 8 years combined experience, the founders, **Janhavi Shah (J)**, **Mansi Shah (M)**, and **Vehka Harjani (V)** have developed a strong network of collaborators, allowing them to create and style events that not only live up to, but also exceed expectations. They have also been providing creative solutions to clients internationally. Here are their some of their insights into planning a unique party in Hong Kong.

**In your opinion, what would be a unique venue to host a party?**

**J:** There's a house in Tai Tam owned by a chef that you can hire out. The only way there is by boat, which makes it super exclusive!



M's Choice: House of Siren

**M:** House of Siren – conveniently located, but still quite hidden. It's perfect for a masquerade theme event, and you could easily adapt it to a Hollywood or Bollywood theme too.

**V:** Aberdeen has these amazing warehouse spaces (available for rent) that provide a blank canvas for your imagination to run wild.

**For those out there that love themed parties, what are some different themes one could play with?**

**J:** The Alphabet theme – pick a letter and everyone has to dress up to that letter!

**V:** Swing dance party – have everyone show up in 1920s outfits!

**M:** If you don't feel like getting dressed up, a fun simpler theme is Masquerade.. maybe a Bollywood Masquerade!

***In today's world, paper invites have become so scarce, what would be an alternative method to invite guests?***

**J:** Paperless post! Saves paper, but is just such a beautiful and creative way to still send a proper invitation, but digitally.

**M:** Make the invite in a sticker format, and stick it onto something relevant to the party, like a bottle of wine or whiskey, (no one's ever unhappy to receive a bottle of alcohol!)

**V:** Invite O Gram. Have a costumed performer deliver the invite in person with a song and dance (disclaimer: not for parties over 50 people!)

### **How would you organise food & beverage?**

**J:** Hire a catering company that can handle both. There are so many boutique catering companies out there that also deliver. Lay the food out buffet style so people could help themselves!

**V:** Or if you want to go all out, why not hire a private chef to whip up some delicious items for you.

**M:** I love to mix and match, and would bring in items from some of my favourite companies, including flavoured popcorn, alcoholic cupcakes and jello shots!

### **Any Caterers 3 Degrees would recommend?**

**1. Fatty Crab** (For a little bit of fusion and fun) – 11-13 Old Bailey Street, Central District, Hong Kong | Tel: 2521 2033

**2. Chicken On The Run** (A good healthy alternative.) – Shop A, Lower Ground Floor No. 1, Prince's Terrace, Hong Kong | Tel: 2537 8285

**3. Tamarind** (They allow cuisines from other restaurants as well, if you would want to mix and match.) – 2/F, Sun Hung Kai Centre, 30 Harbour Rd., Wan Chai, Hong Kong | Tel: 2827-7777

**4. Relish Kitchen** (They can customize the menus, if its a big event.) – Shop F & H, Ground Floor, Hoi Sing Building, Block 2, No.128 Second Street, Sai Ying Pun | Tel: 34811924

### **Every party needs great entertainment, what are creative solutions to this?**

**J:** I think there's such a lack of live entertainment in Hong Kong, hiring a live band or creative performers (dancers/acrobatic artists) is always such a treat.



Innovative props for a fun photo booth.  
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**M:** Photobooths may have been around for a while, but they're definitely a fun addition to any party!

**V:** I'd hire a choreographer onsite to teach my guests some moves, as well as hire a swing band. You're in a warehouse...what noise complaints would you get?!

**How do you go about decorating & styling an event?**



Time to start Pinterest-ing!

**M:** We believe it's the little details that really help make a party stand out, so we love to look for unique signage, and other small details that can add to the decor once the big picture is finalised. Pinterest is a great starting point – Have a browse, and start putting together a board, like we did here: <http://www.pinterest.com/3degreeshk/unique-party-ideas/>

**V:** Start off with colour palette as it's important to have a small range that ties together throughout the event. Then think about the theme and how everything from the invite, entrance ways, room decor, food and beverage, giveaways and entertainment should fit within the theme and colour scheme.

**J:** If this was a party thrown at a particular time of year, relate the styling to that e.g. Christmas. Flank the space with unique styling ideas ranging from DIY or extreme ornaments depending on the budget.

What are some fun ideas for party favours?



Innovative pinatas can always make a party a visual treat!

**J:** Although pinatas are considered childish, I find them such an interactive way to give out favours. Depending on the event, you can fill the pinata up with whatever's appropriate i.e. fun vouchers or festive treats (candy canes!).

**M:** Ideas that we have done before include home-made scrubs, or make-your-own cookie mix in mini jars – these always go down a treat!