



Guangzhou

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Also known as Canton, Guangzhou is the third largest city in China. It has long been one of China's main commercial and trading centres and is one of the first cities that opened to the world. As one of the fastest growing cities in Asia, Guangzhou has also seen fast growth in tourism, attracting visitors with its cosmopolitan atmosphere, world-renowned Cantonese cuisine and its vibrant nightlife.



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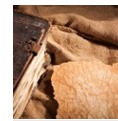
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Being the capital and largest city of Guangdong Province in south-eastern China, Guangzhou is located on the Pearl River about 120 km north-northwest of Hong Kong and is one of China's most important international transportation hubs and trading ports.

Guangzhou, was, in fact, one of the principal harbours of the Maritime Silk Road in the 330s (the world's oldest, and most historically significant overland trade route) and the city became a world famous trading harbour with countries in the South Pacific Ocean and the Indian Ocean during the Tang dynasties (618-907 AD). It grew rapidly and became the largest commercial city and treaty port in China. Guangzhou was mainly exporting silk, china and tea to foreign countries whereas spices were the main things imported from the Western Region to China. Therefore, the maritime Silk Road was also known as "the maritime China road "or "the maritime spices road".

Guangzhou continues serving as a major port and transportation hub and is the third biggest Chinese city after Beijing and Shanghai today. The city has a lot to offer the tourists with its endless skyscrapers, history, temples and shopping malls and with the largest trade fair in China, the Canton Fair, Guangzhou attracts

hundreds of thousands of business people every year.

Besides known for offering historical sights, Guangzhou is also known as the "City of Flowers" with evergreen plants and flowers blooming all year round, resulting in beautiful gardens and greenery everywhere. The Guangzhou people are genuinely crazy about their flowers, and when hosting festivals, every park holds a flower show, and the streets are beautifully decorated with fresh flowers and kumquats.

Guangzhou is a beautiful tourism city that truly deserves a visit, a city that offers exciting history, fascinating culture, and mouth-watering Cantonese cuisine in a dynamic and vibrant atmosphere.

DO & SEE



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With a history of more than 2,200 years, Guangzhou is a famous cultural city with many interesting sights to explore. Everything from temples to museums, gardens and historical buildings are on offer, as well as sights that are more modern such as the fun theme park called Chimelong or why not visit Canton Tower, the landmark of Guangzhou City, where you will get amazing panoramic views of the city. If you want to get away from the hustle and bustle from the

city centre, then Baiyun Mountain, also called "the lung of the city" for its restorative greenery, is another must-see sight.

It doesn't come as a surprise that Guangzhou is one of China's top 10 most popular tourist areas, in fact, there is so much to do in Guangzhou that you cannot see it all in just one visit, so start planning and fill your list with must-see attractions.

Pearl River Night Cruise /



Pearl River Night Cruise goes through the heart of the city in 2 hours, depending on the route and if dinner is included.

Routes usually pass Shamian Island and return through Renmin Bridge and Haizhu Bridge before winding up at the Guangzhou suspension bridge. Options include a light show at Bai-e-Tan.

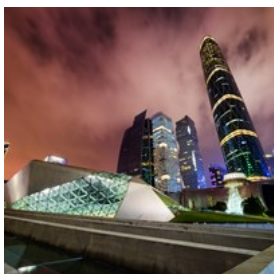
Photo: Sean Pavone/Shutterstock.com

Address: Liwan District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 6h30 - 21h30

More Info: Cruises depart from several wharves, the most known are Tianzi Wharf and Dashatou Wharf.

Guangzhou Opera House /



The Opera House in Guangzhou does not only host spectacular international music acts and theatre performances (in both English and

Chinese), but is also an eye-catching sight due to its interesting architectural composition.

Whether or not you're a theatre-goer, the structure makes for a worthwhile visit.

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Address: Zhujiang West Road 1, Guangzhou

Phone: +86 20 3839 2888

Internet: en.gzdjy.org/index.html

Temple of the Six Banyan Trees /



Not far from Huaisheng Mosque lies Temple of the Six Banyan Trees.

This temple was originally built in AD 537 and has been rebuilt

several times. It is one of the four best Buddhist temples in Guangzhou. The sight is well worth a visit because of its vast collection of cultural-relics and the 57-meter-high pagoda garden that dates back to the 3rd century.

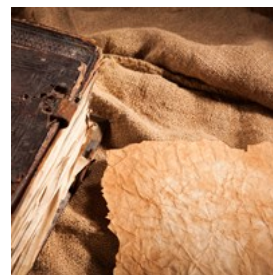
Photo: 乌拉跨氨/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)

Address: No.87 Liurong Road, Yuexiu District, Guangzhou

Public Transport: Subway Line 1 or 2 to Gongyuanqian Station Exit B

Opening hours: 8h - 17h

Museum of the Western Han Dynasty Mausoleum of the Nan Yue King /



This museum is renowned for its rare collection of funerary artefacts representing the diffusion of cultures throughout the Lingnan region

during the Han dynasty. One of the highlights is the tomb of King Zhao Mo dating back about 2,000 years, and other exhibits include gold, jade and other trinkets from the same period.

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Address: No.867 Jiefang North Road, Yuexiu District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 9h - 17h

Phone: +86 20 3618 2920

Internet: www.gznywmuseum.org

Huaisheng Mosque /



Huaisheng Mosque boasts Guangta is believed to be the world's oldest minaret outside Mecca dating back to the 7th Century. The mosque

was the pivotal point of the 15th-century foreign quarter but is open only for Muslims or tour groups.

Photo: Ismaila1977/Wikipedia Commons(image cropped)

Address: Guangta Road, Yuexiu District, Guangzhou

Public Transport: Subway Line 1 to Ximenkou Station Exit B

Opening hours: 8h - 17h

Phone: +86 20 3882 8309

Bright Filial Piety Temple /



Guangzhou's oldest Buddhist temple dates back to at least 113 BC. It was visited by the Indian founder of Chan Buddhism Bodhidharma

and is a peaceful and spacious haven of tranquillity within the city.

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Address: No.109 Guangxiao Road, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 6h30 - 17h

Phone: +86 20 8109 3026

Yuexiu Park /



China's biggest park covers an expanse of 90 hectares. Amid all the greenery it includes a hall built in memory of Sun Yat-sen, the man

considered to be the founder of modern China. It also has the oldest and largest Taoist temple Sanyuan Gong, in Guangzhou, dating back to 319 AD.

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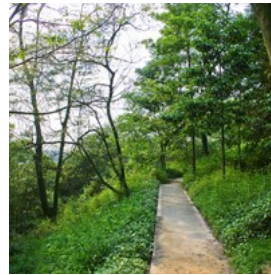
Address: No.988 Jiefang North Road, Yuexiu District, Guangzhou

Public Transport: Subway Line 2 to Yuexiu Park Station Exit B1

Opening hours: 6h - 22h

Phone: +86 20 8666 1950

Baiyun Shan (White Cloud Mountain) /



If you are looking for a day trip, Baiyun Shan is hard to beat. An escape from the heat of the city, this mountain located in Guangzhou's scenic

surroundings is well worth a visit. From the foot of the mountain, a cable car will take you to Peak Park.

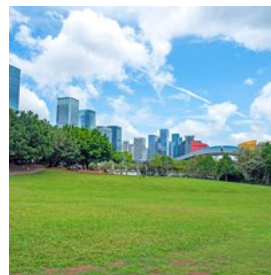
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Address: Baiyun Shan, Baiyun District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 24/7

Internet: www.baiyunshan.com.cn

Lotus Hill /



Approximately two hours' bus ride from Guangzhou, you can find Lotus Hill, sits in the eastern outskirts of Panyu City (about 45km southeast of

Guangzhou). Its beautiful scenery is shrouded in a fairytale-like atmosphere and a dramatic backdrop of red sandstone cliffs, untamed forests and scenic grottoes.

Photo: HelloRF Zcool/Shutterstock.com

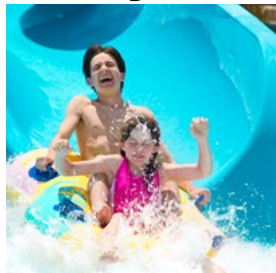
Address: Lianhua Shan, Panyu District, Guangzhou

Public Transport: There are direct buses to Lotus Hill from Guangzhou, estimated journey time is 40 minutes.

Opening hours: 24/7

Phone: +86 20 8486 1599

Chimelong Water Park /



Chimelong Water Park is the largest water parks in Asia and holds some world-class rides including some of the top new water ride

attractions in the world. This highly popular park with the largest wave pool, the longest lazy river including the first Boomerang ride in China is for sure a place for family fun.

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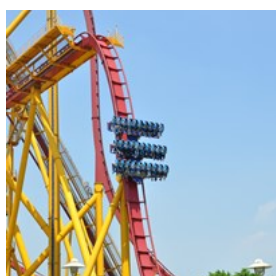
Address: Yingbin Road, Panyu District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 10h - 19h

Phone: +86 20 8479 2222

Internet: www.chimelong.com

Chimelong Paradise /



If you are seeking thrilling rides, Chimelong Paradise is the place to go. It houses over 70 rides including a 10-looped roller coaster,

the quickest motorbike roller coaster and the first Skating roller coaster of Asia. For kids, there are plenty of rides for them as well. Besides, the park also offers all sorts of performances such as magic tricks, songs and dances, acrobatics and fancy car parades.

Photo: Mini Yoshi~/Flickr

Address: Yingbin Road, Panyu District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 9h30 - 18h

Phone: +86 20 3993 2888

Internet: www.chimelong.com

Chimelong Safari Park /



Chimelong Safari Park is the biggest wild animal theme park in Asia and home to over 500 species and 20,000 rare animals such as pandas and white

tigers. The park/zoo features safari on wheels where visitors are allowed to drive their cars inside the stock area. This is a large-scale park where you can have an intimate experience with animals, and you can surely spend a wonderful time here with your family.

Photo: Chaiwat Areeraksa/Shutterstock.com

Address: Dashi Street, Panyu District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 9h30 - 18h

Phone: +86 20 8478 3333

Internet: www.chimelong.com

Shameen Island /



Located in central Guangzhou about six kilometres west of the popular Tianhe area, Shameen Island has a great historical

significance since it served as an important port for Guangzhou's foreign trade during Song and the Qing Dynasty. Today it is one of the most popular highlights in the city and offers enjoyable strolls among old European buildings and gardens in a more relaxed and quiet atmosphere.

Photo: Vmenkov/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)

Address: Shameen Island, Liwan District, Guangzhou

Public Transport: Subway Line 1 to Huangsha Station Exit F

Opening hours: 24/7

Phone: +86 20 8121 7557

Canton Tower /



The landmark of Guangzhou, also known as the Guangzhou TV & Sightseeing Tower and is one of the world's most remarkable new

buildings. It serves not only as a popular tourist destination but also as an intensive facility for radio and television transmission. The tower is 450-meter-high and have an amazing Bubble Tram (spherical cabins) that allows you to experience the beautiful panoramic views of Guangzhou.

Photo: Justin X/Shutterstock.com

Address: No.222 Yuexiang West Road, Haizhu District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 9h - 23h

Phone: +86 20 8933 8222

Internet: www.cantontower.com

Chen Ancestral Shrine - Folk Craft Museum /



Another must-see attraction is the Chen Ancestral Shrine, which has a history of more than 100 years. The hall was once an ancestral

shrine, initially built in 1888 and completed in 1894. Later, it turned to Chen Clan's Industry College, and today it is home to the Guangdong Folk Arts Museum that exhibits a variety of folk arts and crafts.

Photo: zengsx/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)

Address: Zhongshan 7th Road, Liwan District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 8h30 - 17h30

Phone: +86 20 8181 4371

Email: gzcjc@gzchenjiaci.com

DINING



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Cantonese cooking is world-famous, yet the watered-down version we know in the West fails to do justice to the delicacy and vibrancy of the real thing. Because of its extraordinarily fortunate location on the Pearl River Delta, the wealth of food is enormous and the locals' expectations are subsequently demanding.

The Chinese say that the Cantonese eat anything that flies, except for aeroplanes, and anything with legs except for chairs. It is barely an exaggeration. However, while you may be inclined to stick to delicious dim sum and shy away from some of the fare on offer, there is still a freshness and vivacity to the cuisine that is difficult to rival.

From roast suckling pig and stewed snake and the enormous variety of dim sum dishes, this is a food lover's paradise. If you can get out of your comfort zone in Guangzhou, you could open your pallet to a host of flavours and dishes that would previously have been beyond your imagination. It really is one place where it pays to be brave.

The restaurants offered below are just the merest selection. Remember that there are thousands of them in Guangzhou.

Tao Tao Ju /



Tao Tao Ju is one of the best dim sum restaurants, and one of the oldest Cantonese restaurants in Guangzhou where virtually every animal part you can imagine is on sale. Although expensive, it is revered by locals and serves every possible kind of dim sum, sweet treat and a traditional afternoon tea.

Photo: martinho Smart/Shutterstock.com

Address: No.22 DiShi Fu Road, Liwan District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 10h - 21h

Phone: +86 20 8139 9100

PanXi Restaurant /



PanXi Restaurant is another very famous local restaurant at the bank of Li Wan Lake. Here, you can choose from mouth-watering dishes such as fresh shrimp dumplings, nest dasheen and crisp three-flavoured rolls, and enjoy some authentic Cantonese dishes.

Photo: Paul_Brighton/Shutterstock.com

Address: No.151 Long Jin West Road, Liwan District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 7h - 22h

Phone: +86 20 8183 4350

Sultan Restaurant /



Located in a vibrant business centre of Guangzhou, Sultan Restaurant is a western style establishment that specializes in exotic Turkish cuisine. From the menu, you can pick mouth-watering charcoal grilled barbecues, doer

kebab, freshly baked Turkish pizza with hot and cold appetizers.

Photo: Lesya Dolyuk/Shutterstock.com

Address: Baiyun Hotel, No.367 Huanshi Est Road, Tianhe District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 11h - 23h

Phone: +86 20 8349 4170

Tiger Prawn /



When dining at Tiger Prawn, you can relish the finest authentic Vietnamese cuisine in a warm and friendly atmosphere, but be aware that the restaurant is very popular and often packed with both tourists and locals. It has a reputation, to be one of the best restaurants in Guangzhou, so pop in and see what the fuss is all about!

Photo: julie deshaies/Shutterstock.com

Address: No.548 Hui Fu Est Road, Yuexiu District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 10h - 23h

Phone: +86 20 8319 1277

Internet: www.tigerprawnzg.com

Wuu's Restaurant /



This is another popular restaurant with delicious Cantonese food. Wuu's Restaurant serves fresh and tasty food at inexpensive prices. From the vast menu, you can choose authentic dishes such as dumplings, noodles, rice dishes and soups. This is a busy restaurant, which is always a good sign, but long waiting time is to be expected.

Photo: KorolDenis/Shutterstock.com

Address: No.75 TianHe East Road, Tianhe District,

Guangzhou

Opening hours: 10h30 - 22h

Phone: +86 20 8757 0062

Bombay Grill Cuisine Of India



As the name reveals, Bombay Grill is an Indian restaurant, serving a different variety of traditional Indian food in the beautiful indoor and outdoor seating areas. The delicious and well-cooked meat dishes are highly recommended. If you are more into vegetables, they serve dishes like vegetarian biryani.

Photo: Anukriti Goswami/Shutterstock.com

Address: No.2 Aiguo Road, Yuexiu District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 11h - 23h

Phone: +86 20 8359 4533

Chez Max /



This Parisian style bistro is a cosy hidden gem where you can enjoy creative food from the a la carte menu that changes regularly to keep

it fresh. Chez Max is appreciated by a wide range of people, both locals and foreigners. So enjoy an evening out or have a great lunch at this French restaurant. Bon appétit!

Photo: Marian Weyo/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1F Guangyi Building, No.38 Huale Road, Yuexiu District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 10h30 - 22h30

Phone: +86 20 8360 2157

Email: chezmaxdeparis@yahoo.com

Man Ho /



Located at Guangzhou Marriott Hotel, Man Ho samples some delicious Cantonese cuisine like dim sum and other authentic dishes from

Guangzhou and other parts of China. With exquisite food, serene atmosphere and with impeccable service, you will undoubtedly have an enjoyable dining experience here.

Photo: gori910/Shutterstock.com

Address: 6/F, Guangzhou Marriott Hotel Tianhe, No.228 Tianhe Road, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 11h - 14h30, 17h - 22h30

Phone: +86 20 6102 8380

Internet: www.marriott.com

CAFÉS



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Given that Guangzhou historically was the centre of the East to West tea trade, herbal tea drinking cafés fill up long before lunchtime. As an escape from Guangzhou's summer heat, they are perfect retreats as well as fascinating places to watch the degree of reverence applied to the tea-making process. Coffee freaks do not need to worry - Guangzhou has a plethora of coffee shops, and the vast majority offer free WiFi.

APF. KAFE



APF. KAFE claimed to be one of the coolest coffee shops in Guangzhou with a clean, bright and modern interior design.

When here, try the delicious Seven Seeds speciality coffee, you will not regret it! It is also a kid-friendly space, so come with your family here and enjoy a relaxing time.

Photo: Shaiith/Shutterstock.com

Address: No.42 Huakang Street, Tianhe District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 10h - 21h

Phone: +86 20 3855 1184

Internet: www.apfkafe.com

Email: info@apfkafe.com

More Info: Near Shaola Fastfood

Caffe Mondo /



Caffe Mondo is a place to visit when looking for brunch. Set on the 72nd floor of Four Season Hotel, the café has a fantastic view over Pearl

River Delta's skyline. Pop in on a Sunday and enjoy an Italian inspired brunch buffet with 60 authentic Italian specialities.

Photo: Ingrid Balabanova/Shutterstock.com

Address: No.5 Zhujiang West Road, Tianhe District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 6h30 - 23h

Phone: +86 20 8883 3888

Internet: www.fourseasons.com/guangzhou/dining/restaurant/s/caffe_mondo

More Info: inside the Four Season Hotel

Zoo Coffee



Zoo Coffee is a chain of cafés that locates in several locations in Guangzhou, and as the name suggests, this is an animal themed venue.

You will find stuffed animals in every kind of shapes and sizes - zebras, lions, giraffes, pandas and gorilla, they are all here to amuse their guests, especially the kids!

Photo: Masson/Shutterstock.com

Address: Aoyuan City Plaza, Panyu District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 8h30 - 23h30

Phone: +86 20 3726 0713

Internet: www.zoocoffee.com

More Info: In the Chimelong tourist resort

Lock Chuck



The owner of Lock Chuck cares about two things with this coffee shop: creating a sense of local community and brewing amazingly good coffee.

The well-trained international team are passionate in serving their guests quality coffee, and whether you are craving a dose of caffeine from Irving Farm New York, a cup of hot cocoa from Amsterdam or a Matcha Latte from Kyoto, they surely cover it all.

Photo: LDprod/Shutterstock.com

Address: No.6 Xiniu Road, Yuexiu District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 8h - 22h

Phone: +86 186 6488 4020

Internet: www.lockchuck.com

Email: lockchuckstudio@gmail.com

More Info: Next to Anta

Living Room /



Set on the 65th floor of the luxury Park Hyatt hotel, Living Room has a residential-style environment to give the feeling of being in the living room of an elegant mansion. With a casual all-day dining, morning or afternoon tea or evening nightcaps, you can pop in whenever the hunger and thirst kick in. If you have a sweet tooth, the menu offers freshly made waffles, homemade ice cream and homemade pastries.

Photo: gennady/Shutterstock.com

Address: No.16 Huaxia Road, Tianhe District, Guangzhou

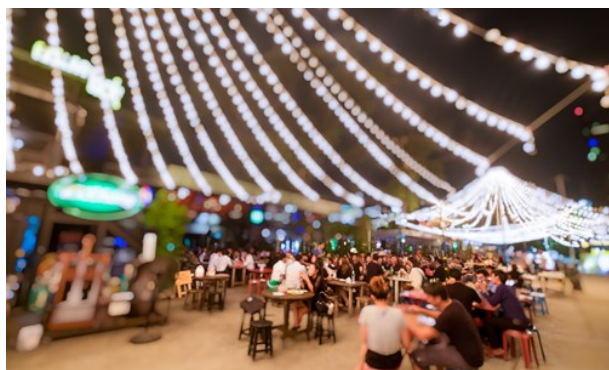
Opening hours: 9h30 - 24h

Phone: +86 20 3769 1234

Email: livingroom.guaph@hyatt.com

More Info: in the Park Hyatt Hotel

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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This ever-vibrant city has a myriad of pubs, clubs, and karaoke bars scattered around downtown, a town offering a well-developed bar and club scene with many hot spots for drinking and dancing. Bai-e-Tan bar Street (Metro 1 Fang Cun) is perhaps the most famous street where a mix of people from around the world gather to party the night away from 11:00 PM onwards.

Other bar clusters include those around Binjiang

Lu and Huanshi Lu where numbers of popular pubs and bars are to be found that offer different vibes and great music. The bank of Pearl River is also an excellent place to head for when wanting to have a relaxing time while enjoying a cocktail or two and where the bars and lounges offer a fantastic view over the river. On the other hand, why not take a dinner cruise and discover the landmarks of the city in the night-lights? There is for sure no shortage of nightlife options in Guangzhou, and you will undoubtedly find some favourite hangouts during your stay.

Hooley's Irish Pub and Restaurant /



To experience the spirit of authentic Irish pub culture, Hooley's is a great option. This live music venue, of course, serves the mandatory

Guinness and Kilkenny including wine and cocktails. The pub has excellent food with plenty of promotions to pull the punters in, and the team is aiming to create a fun and friendly atmosphere, and it is English friendly.

Photo: Derek Hatfield/Shutterstock.com

Address: Zhujiang Xincheng, No.101 Xingsheng Road, Tianhe District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 10h - 2h

Phone: +86 20 3886 2675

SUNS



SUNS bar lounge is a well-designed club that features an outdoor terrace right by the Pearl River making it a perfect place to have a glass of fine champagnes while enjoying the fantastic view. Beside linger over a few drinks, you can also bust a few moves and listen to live

performance of DJ.

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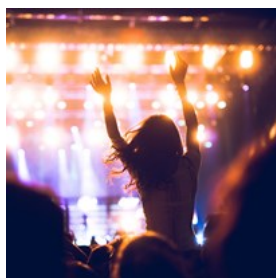
Address: Zhujiang Beer Factory, A25 Yuejiang West Road, Haizhu District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 20h - 5h

Phone: +86 20 8977 9056

Email: way@sunsgz.com

Fei Bar /



Another night venue located at the W Guangzhou hotel, Fei Bar is the place with lavish and extravagant design. Get the groove going to the live DJ tunes while sipping a crafted cocktail and enjoying an unforgettable evening at this exclusive club.

Photo: bbernard/Shutterstock.com

Address: W Hotel Guangzhou, No.26 Xiancun Road, Tianhe District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 21h - 3h

Phone: +86 20 6628 6628

Internet: www.feibarguangzhou.com/en

Woo Bar



Found at the luxury hotel W Guangzhou, Woo Bar is an open bar where you can enjoy a relaxing moment while sipping a cosmopolitan, shaken perfectly by the mixologist. Mingle, have fun while listening to live band and DJ at this very trendy bar that even offers contemporary afternoon tea.

Photo: Cristi Lucaci/Shutterstock.com

Address: W Hotel Guangzhou, No.26 Xiancun Road, Tianhe District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 21h - 3h

Phone: +86 20 6628 6628

Internet: www.wguangzhou.com/woobar

Tian Bar /



Set on the 99th floor of the luxury Four Seasons Hotel, Tian Bar offers a superb city view in a casual and chic atmosphere. A beautiful setting where to have a drink and a light meal. The lighting, music and attentive service create an enjoyable experience.

Photo: Jacob Lund/Shutterstock.com

Address: Four Seasons Hotel, No.5 Zhujiang West Road, Tianhe District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 17h - 2h

Phone: +86 20 8883 3888

Internet:

www.fourseasons.com/guangzhou/dining/lounges/tian_bar

SHOPPING



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Guangzhou offers the full shopping experience, from spotless shopping malls that will spoil fashionistas with a range of national and international branded clothes to noisy and charming markets where you will almost find every kind of products you can think off.

This city is truly a shopper's paradise, where you can bargain inexpensive clothes, electronics, shoes, handbags, accessories and other products as well as great designer clothes at a higher price. There are plenty of shopping destinations

to choose from, everything from streets lined with shops after shops to huge malls where stores are spread across several floors offering just about everything.

Don't forget the wholesale markets where to find very low-cost products such as tea, souvenirs, craft and clothes. No wonder why Guangzhou has so much to offer when it comes to shopping, the city is the largest and most flourishing trade centre in south China. You will not leave this vibrant city empty-handed.

Beijing Road Shopping District /



Vibrant, loud and busy, the pedestrian street Beijing Lu has everything on offer from well-known brands to traditional silk clothing, shoes and jewellery... anything you can think of is available here. When craving for food, restaurants are serving authentic Chinese cuisine as well as western food. This shopping street should not be missed, especially if you are a shopaholic!

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Address: Beijing Road, Yuexiu District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 24/7

Phone: +86 20 8107 8225

Qingping Medicine Market /



Of all the street markets, Qingping Medicine Market is a must-go for genuine authenticity. Here you will see a variety of traditional Chinese medicines on sale. With over 1,200 booths, this large-scale market has a vibrant atmosphere. It is noisy, crowded and undoubtedly eye-opening.

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Address: Huangsha Avenue, Liwan District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 24/7

Shangxiajiu Pedestrian Street /



Shang Xia Jiu is the first commercial pedestrian street in Guangzhou, situated in the Liwan District of Xiguan. There are more than 200 stores including department stores, restaurants and tea houses. The main goods here are clothing and tourist items at reasonable prices.

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Address: Shang Xia Jiu Road, Liwan District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 24/7

Teemall Department Stores /



Located in the centre of Tianhe District, this large modern shopping centre offers a wide variety of stores including restaurants, cinemas, galleries as well as some local and international clothing brand.

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Address: 2/F-7/F, Teemall, No.208 Tianhe Road, Tianhe District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 10h - 23h

Phone: +86 20 8559 1557

Internet: www.teemall.com.cn

China Plaza /



With stores spread across nine floors, China Plaza is another big shopping mall located in a tall building that mainly covers retail, fine dining

and a great variety of entertainments including karaoke and game centre. Besides clothing, this mall features shops selling bags, shoes, jewellery, electronic goods, household items, cosmetics and much more.

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Address: No.3 Zhongshan Street, Yuexiu District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 10h - 22h30

Phone: +86 20 8373 9099

Taikoo Hui /



Taikoo Hui is home to over 180 brands, including some international high-end fashion labels such as Burberry, BVLGARI,

Chanel, Cartier, Calvin Klein, Gucci and the list goes on. The shops, spread across five floors, offers luxury fashion in a beautiful surrounding. When the hunger kicks in, there are restaurants with exquisite cuisines to enjoy.

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Address: No.383 Tianhe Road, Tianhe District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 10h - 22h

Internet: www.taikoohui.com/en/shopping

Guangzhou Fangcun Tea Market /



Guangzhou has plenty of tea markets, but Fangcun Tea Market is the largest wholesale market in the city. It's estimated that more than 3000 stores

are located on Fangcun Dadao and at the Fangcun Tea Market. Block after block of tea shops offering a wide variety of tea at reasonable prices including teacups, boilers and beautiful, handcrafted tea trays.

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Address: No.333 Fangcun Middle Avenue, Liwan District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 10h - 22h

Onelink International Plaza /



Wanling Plaza is a large wholesale market for gifts, toys, home decorations, jewellery, accessories, art, craft, souvenirs and more. With

nine levels of shops at reasonable prices, you will be spoiled with choices, and there are lots of interesting gadgets that you cannot find elsewhere. Take notice, the more items you buy, the better deals you'll get.

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Address: No.39 Jiefang South Road, Yuexiu District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 10h - 19h

Phone: +86 20 8328 1328

Internet: www.onelinkplaza.com

Email: info@onelinkplaza.com

Flower City Square /



At this underground mall, you will find everything you are looking for. The mall is divided into three commercial zones where zone one targets towards

the younger fashionistas by offering cutting edge fashion, accessories and electronics. Zone two has a European style and is about living a contemporary lifestyle where all the latest trends and fashion from all over the world can be found. Zone three features worldwide premium clothing and jewellery brands.

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Address: Flower City Square, Tianhe District, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 10h - 23h

Phone: +86 20 3808 9668

Internet: www.mowgz.com

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Passport / Visa



Guangzhou is one of the Chinese cities that supports the 72-hour transit visa on arrival program, which means that selected nationalities

(all citizens of the European Union, as well as several other countries including Albania, Argentina, Australia, Belarus, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Iceland, Japan, Macedonia, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, New Zealand, Qatar, Russia, South Korea, Switzerland, Ukraine, and United States) are eligible for a transit visa on arrival via the Xi'an Xianyang International Airport. For more extended stays, the visa must be pre-arranged in advance, so consult your local embassy for details.

You must have your passport at all times, and all hotels will insist on seeing it for check-in. It is now mandatory to present your passport when buying train tickets; you will also need it for using internet cafes that accept foreigners.

The Chinese government requires that your

passport must be valid for at least six months after the expiry date of your visa when entering the country. You will need at least one entire blank page in your passport for the visa.

Take an ID card with your photo in case you lose your passport and make photocopies of your passport: your embassy may need these before issuing a new one in case of loss. You must report the damage to the local Public Security Bureau (PSB), who will issue you with a 'Statement of Loss of Passport'.

Long-stay visitors should register their passport with their nation's embassy.

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Internet Access and VPN in China



Due to the Internet policy of China, certain websites and applications are not accessible from the mainland, which includes those very commonly

used in the west (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Google, Skype and more). Some travellers have been able to gain access to those via a VPN service (installed prior to arrival in China).

Make sure you comply with local laws and regulations when deciding on whether or not to employ a VPN, and which one to choose (if you do, only use those explicitly allowed by the Chinese government, and only use them for authorised purposes to avoid any trouble). There have been reports of foreigners in China getting their cell service cut off in response to unauthorised use of VPN being detected; restoring cell service required a trip to the local police station where contents of the device were

investigated and certain apps removed.

Giving that Google is banned in China, Google Maps might not be the most accurate and reliable source of information. Some local apps such as Baidu Maps and AutoNavi tend to work better than Google Maps.

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Best Time to Visit



The best time to visit Guangzhou is during autumn, from September to November. This is when the weather and average temperatures are

at their most pleasant.

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Airport



Baiyun International Airport opened in August 2004 and is located 28 kilometres from the city centre. Flights connect to nearly 100 domestic

cities and numerous international destinations.

There are bunches of express bus taking you to the main destinations in the city. The buses depart from arrival area.

Metro is another option to travel to the Guangzhou from the airport. The metro station Airport South is located directly below the terminal building. You will see the Metro signs when arriving at the arrival hall. The Metro Line 3 runs every day of the week from 6:10 AM to 11:00 PM with an interval of 7 minutes and 30 seconds. You can buy your ticket either from

automatic ticket vending machines (only coins are accepted) or the Metro Customer Service Center. The metro is a convenient way to travel downtown at a reasonable price.

Taxi ranks are located in both A and B arrival areas. At the A arrival, it is set outside the gate A8. At the B arrival, it is set outside the gate B6. You should only use a legitimate Chinese taxi driver and not just follow anyone who is offering. The taxi drivers will be waiting on the line at the taxi ranks and make sure the driver uses the meter. Also, have your destination address written in Chinese to show to the driver for most of them don't speak English.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Baiyun International Airport, Guangzhou

Internet: www.baiyunairport.com/en

Public Transport



Metro Guangzhou's metro opened in 1999 and is rapidly expanding. Several lines are operating, and they run very frequently, making it

an easy way to transport to different destinations. The single-ticket is only valid on the day when you buy it. The ticket can be purchased on the ticket vending machines at the Metro stations (they only accept CNY5, CNY10 and the coins of CNY0.5 (5 Jiao) and CNY1 (1 Yuan). There is also the Guangzhou Transportation Smart Card, and it is widely used on bus, ferryboat and metro.

Bus

Buses might not be the most comfortable way to move around, but they are certainly the cheapest. There are four bus transportation hubs in Guangzhou: Railway Station Bus Terminal,

Tianpingjia Bus Terminal, Zhongshan Balu (Zhongshan 8 Road) Bus Terminal and East Railway Station Bus Terminal. Mostly the buses run from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM. There are also night buses that operate from 9:00 PM to 6:00 AM.

Ferries

The ferries are convenient, comfortable and quick and they play a significant role in the local public system. Twelve waterbus lines are running along the channels between the piers in the city, to be more precise, there are 26 piers scattered along the Pearl River. This is a popular way to travel around the city. The ferries run from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM and the Transportation Smart Card can be used when taking the boat.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Taxi



Taxis are cheap, quick and convenient. There are more than 80 taxi companies in the city, so you can easily get hold of a taxi, although it can be hard during peak hours.

Each taxi company has its own colour. For example, Guangjun taxis are yellow, the GZ Transport Group drive dark red cabs, and Baiyun taxis are in sky blue. Small taxi companies operate green and golden coloured taxis. To get one easier, you can go to one of the taxi stands. These taxi stop boards are mostly located close to the bus station boards, and many of the large departments and shopping malls have a special stop for taxi passengers.

Always use a legitimate taxi driver, and make

sure the taxi has a meter and a taxi company logo on the car.

You can also use taxi cab hailing service with WeChat or Alipay (like the Chinese version of Uber).

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Pharmacy



You can easily find a pharmacy in Guangzhou as they are scattered around the whole city. Guangzhou CanAm International Medical

Center is a medical centre with more than 200 medications, both prescribed medications and over-the-counter drugs.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: 5/F Garden Tower, No.368 Huanshi Dong Lu, Guangzhou

Opening hours: 24/7

Phone: +86 20 8386 6988

Internet: www.canamhealthcare.com/english/service3_2.asp

Post



Post offices are generally open from 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM and there are plenty of them scattered around the city.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: 8 Tianhe Er Road, Tianhe District, Gunagzhou

Opening hours: 9h - 17h

Phone: +86 20 8757 6676

Internet: www.chinapost.com.cn

Telephone



Country code: +86 Area
code: 20

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Electricity



220V, 50 Hz three-pin
plugs Adapter needed

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

15.31 million (2019)

Currency

Chinese Yuan (CNY)

Opening hours

Major banks are open from 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM on weekdays and 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM on Saturdays and are closed on Sundays and public holidays. Most malls and supermarkets are open between 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM. Most restaurants are open until 11:00 PM or later while bars and nightclubs keep going through the night.

Newspapers

South China Morning Post (in English)
www.scmp.com

China Daily (in Chinese, English and French)
www.chinadaily.com.cn

Emergency numbers

Police: 110
Ambulance: 120
Fire Brigade: 119

Tourist information

Zhongshan Liu Road Tourist Information Center
Intersection of Zhongshan Liu Road and Renmin Road,
Yuexiu District

Airport Tourist Information Center
Area A at the arrivals hall of the Guangzhou New Baiyun
Airport