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Xiamen ranks among China's most appealing tourist destinations, with a fine mix of urban and natural attractions. Located on the southern coast of the Fujian Province, Xiamen is, in large part, set on a separate island. With origins dating back 5,000 years, trade has been the lifeblood of Xiamen and the city has grown on commerce generated by merchants, both Chinese and European, who used Xiamen as their gateway to China.

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With a sense of rich history, Xiamen has developed on the trade of merchants from around the world, attracted by its location at the mouth of the Julong (Dragon) River. Traders in previous centuries included those working in a less than legal fashion, commonly known as pirates, but all contributed to the success of a city which today is one of the more important commercial centres.

Whilst it is actually built on an island, Xiamen is linked to the mainland by a bridge. Just a ten-minute ferry ride will land you on another island, Gulang Yu. There is a remarkable collection of colonial buildings, main mansions built by traders from near and far. Today the city has the status of a Special Economic Zone, which offers the visitor great shopping opportunities whilst the local beach areas, the offshore islands and some nineteen public parks and botanical gardens make Xiamen a great city to explore and enjoy.

DO & SEE



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Xiamen offers the tourist a balance of cultural and historical, natural and man-made attractions. The city has miles of coastline and nice beaches to choose from. The city does not only offer historical sites like a Buddhist Temple and Huli Shan Fort but also amazing gardens like Wanshi or the Underwater Sea World.

Gulangyu Island /



This is where the 19th-century traders from foreign countries and China itself built their mansions, stemming from the freedom given to

Xiamen to allow foreign trade through its port. It takes only about five minutes with a ferry from Xiamen to reach the island.

It is recommended to purchase the ferry ticket 2-3 days in advance.

Photo: 4045 / Shutterstock.com

Address: Gulangyu Island, Siming Distric, Xiamen

Opening hours: 24/7

Phone: +86 592 2062 868

Gulangyu Beach /



When on Gulangyu Island, pay a visit to the western side. Here, you will find the best beach in the area. Gulangyu Beach is joined with Huamei

Beach and both know to be the cleanest beach in Xiamen and is the ideal spot for an afternoon walk and enjoy the view of the sunset.

Photo: Christian Wittmann / Shutterstock.com

Address: Gulangyu beach, Gulang Yu, Siming District, Xiamen

Opening hours: 24/7

Phone: +86 592 2062 868

South Putuo Temple /



The South Putuo Buddhist Monastery is one of the most prosperous temples founded during the Tang dynasty and located south of Mount Putuo. Behind

the temple lies the Wulao Mountain, one of the eight most famous sites of the city. There are a lot of historical stone carving pieces dedicated to the temple spread out around the area.

Photo: 4045 / Shutterstock.com

Address: 515 Siming South Rd, Siming, Xiamen

Opening hours: 3h - 18h

Phone: +86 592 2087 282

Internet: en.nanputuo.com

Xiamen Botanical Garden /



This "green museum" is a park of winding paths and over 5,000 species of tropical plants in a beautiful natural landscape. If you want to

take a break from the vibrant, but sometimes

exhausting city life, spend an afternoon in the Botanical Garden and you surely won't regret it.

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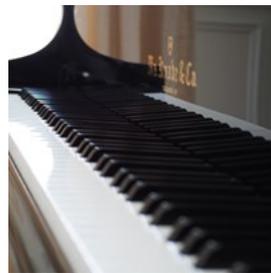
Address: 25 Huyuan Lu, Siming District, Xiamen

Opening hours: The garden : 6h30 - 18h, The Tropical Area : 8h30 - 11h

Phone: +86 592 2024 785

Internet: www.xiamenbg.com/index.php?m=content&c=index&a=lists&catid=74

Piano Museum /



Piano Museum, located on Gulangyu Island features a precious collection of 70 pianos such as the oldest quadrangular piano, the

biggest and oldest vertical piano, the ancient hand driven piano and more. The exhibition shows the entire development of piano and even the decorative candlesticks have more the one-hundred-year history. Free performances are available during open time.

Photo: Lazarovic / Pixabay.com

Address: 7 Zaihou Lu, Siming District, Xiamen

Opening hours: 8h15 - 17h45

Phone: +86 592 2060 238

Hulishan Fort /



The fort was founded in the late 1800s and includes glutinous rice as one of the main construction materials.

Huli Shan Fort is famous for its German-made 60-ton cannon, which is the best preserved coastal cannon in the whole country.

Photo: Luisa Fernanda Gonzalez / Shutterstock.com

Address: Huli Hill, Siming Nan Lu, Siming District, Xiamen

Opening hours: 8h - 18h

Phone: +86 592 2099 603
Internet: www.xmhlst.com/EN/home.aspx

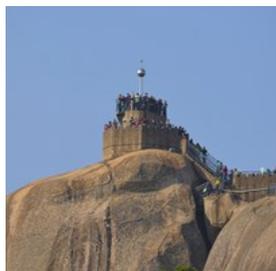
Underwater World /



This aquarium has a collection of more than 10,000 fascinating aquatic creatures. You can also visit the feeding tank and hand-feed turtles and baby sharks: this is definitely an unmissable experience for every animal lover out there.

Photo: JimmyDominico / Pixabay.com
Address: 2 Longtau Road, Xiamen
Opening hours: 8h - 18h30
Phone: +86 592 2571 610
Internet: www.xm-underwaterworld.com

Riguang Mountain /



Get an amazing 360-degree view over Gulangyu and even the whole city by climbing on top of the small Riguang Mountain where there is a lookout tower. This is a tranquil spot particularly in the late afternoon but it can get quite crowded. Don't forget the camera, here you will for sure get some nice photos.

Photo: pavel dudek / Shutterstock.com
Address: 62 Huangyan Lu, Siming District, Xiamen
Opening hours: 7h - 18h
Phone: +86 592 2067 284

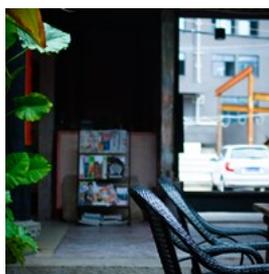
Haiwan Park /



Take a nice evening walk at the beach at the Haiwan park and catch the beautiful sunset. The park is also famous for its LED light pavement and open amusement park equipment. The place is surrounded by restaurants and bars that burst into life in the evenings, making it a great place to grab a bite to eat or drink. Very romantic place to bring loved ones.

Photo: Volodymyr Baleha / Shutterstock.com
Address: 9 Hubin Xi Lu, Siming District, Xiamen
Opening hours: 24/7
Phone: +86 592 5907 909

Zeng Cuo An /



Zeng Cuo An is known to be the artsiest fishing village of China. This is the place where modern meets traditional, which shines through in its array of interesting independent shops. There is also a fusion of architectural styles: you can find traditional courtyard houses, wooden fishing houses as well as Baroque mansions. When night falls, the village comes alive as countless bars open doors to welcome patrons.

Photo: Jerry Luo / flickr.com(image cropped)
Address: Zeng Cuo An, Siming District, Xiamen
Opening hours: 24/7
Phone: +86 592 2089 787
Internet: www.zgzca.com

South Putuo Temple /



This Buddhist temple complex on southern Xiamen is a major religious landmark among the Fujianese. Destroyed and rebuilt over the

centuries, the South Putuo Temple is today a gathering point for both Buddhist monks and pilgrims from all over the country. Do not miss its vegetarian restaurant with food crafted by local monks.

Photo: lienyuan lee / Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)

Address: 515 Siming S Rd, Xiamen

Opening hours: 8h-18h

DINING



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Xiamen has a good mix of restaurants with a varied range of Chinese provincial specialities represented, from Shanghai to Mongolia. With the Straits of Formosa and the South China Sea close by, it's not surprising that many of the local delicacies are based on seafood. Fujian restaurants often specialise in crab dishes and other local dishes include ginger duck, jellyfish salad, seasoned oysters and Xiamen fried noodles.

Shuyou Seafood Restaurant /



Shuyou Seafood is one of Xiamen's oldest and most renowned restaurants. Their specialities are, obviously, local seafood cooked according to the

seasons. You can also find oysters, eels, octopus and, despite many concerns, sharks fin which is still very popular in China!

Photo: Audrey / Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)

Address: 1A Bailuzhou Dong Lu, Siming District, Xiamen

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

Phone: +86 592 5330 888

Nanputuo Sucai /



On your way to the majestic Nanputuo temple, you should not miss this vegetarian restaurant which is located next to the

temple. This historical restaurant was initially for monks of the temple and later opened to the public. The restaurant has a very varied menu covers from soup, noodle, sauté to bread and desserts.

Photo: Robin Stewart / Shutterstock.com

Address: 515 Siming Nan Lu, Siming District, Xiamen

Opening hours: 11h - 14h, 17h - 20h

Phone: +86 592 2085 908

More Info: Inside Nan Putuo Temple

Tutto Bene /



Tutto Bene the oldest and most popular Italian restaurant you'll come across in Xiamen! The chef is Italian and all the essential ingredients are

all imported from Italy. The atmosphere here is

particularly romantic, but it's also perfect for a relaxing dinner among friends. Reservation is necessary for this restaurant is extremely popular.

Photo: Romi / Pixabay.com

Address: 1-16 Jianye Lu, Siming District, Xiamen

Opening hours: 11h - 23h

Phone: +86 592 5046 026

Indiano John's Samrat /



Indiano John's Samrat offers traditional Indian cuisine with modern creative additions and has become the favourite gathering spot for the

Indian food lovers. On the menu, you will find both southern and northern Indian dishes, cooked to perfection in every detail in order to preserve the authentic taste!

Photo: vm2002 / Shutterstock.com

Address: 69 Jiangtou Bei Lu, Huli District, Xiamen

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

Phone: +86 592 5557 699

The House /



Situated in a calm neighbourhood surrounded by trees, The House will spoil you with Californian cuisine and steaks just as expected

according to the classic American style. Occasional wine tasting evenings are organised with invited guests from Californian vineyards.

Photo: TapisRouge / Pixabay.com

Address: 3-9 Yundang Lu, Siming District, Xiamen

Opening hours: 9h - 1h

Phone: +86 592 5033 377

Jacky Angela Steakhouse /



This is probably the best restaurant for steak in Xiamen. The three members of the chef team are all New York, the ingredients are also

imported from the United States, all of which are guaranteed to offer an authentic American dining experience.

Photo: likesilkto / Pixabay.com

Address: 3 Lujiang Dao, Siming District, Xiamen

Opening hours: 11h - 22h

Phone: +86 592 2110 699

More Info: Across from Swiss International Hotel

Coyote



Here's some authentic Mexican food for you! Located in the centre of the city, Coyote is a Mexican restaurant that is popular among both

locals and expats. The restaurant has a vegan menu and is also English friendly.

Photo: HandmadePictures / Shutterstock.com

Address: 20-22 Jianye Lu, Siming District, Xiamen

Opening hours: 11h - 23h30

Phone: +86 180 2072 5369

Internet: www.coyotecafe.asia

Email: info@coyotecafe.asia

Chao Fu Cheng /



If Dim Sum is something you love, then head over to Chao Fu Cheng where the menu is extensive and you would need to visit the restaurant many

times to get the chance to taste everything. This is probably the most historical and the most

famous Hongkong style Dim Sum restaurant.
Long waiting time expected.

Photo: leungchopan / Shutterstock.com
Address: 28 Hubin Beilu, Siming District, Xiamen
Opening hours: 9h - 2h
Phone: +86 592 5058 688
More Info: Jianye Mansion, Floor 1

Golden Olives /



Golden Olives has brought the fresh taste of Greece to Xiamen and is run by three Greek businessmen. The menu features yummy Greek and Mediterranean salads, meat dishes like gyros, stuffed tomatoes and peppers, olives, feta, pita bread and much more. The prices are also reasonable.

Photo: Vlajko611 / Shutterstock.com
Address: 1076 Huli Jin Jie, Huli District, Xiamen
Opening hours: 11h - 21h
Phone: +86 592 5531 910
Internet: www.goldenolives.cn
More Info: Wanda Plaza

Hai Tien Lo /



When dining at Hai Tien Lo, you will experience the finest flavours of authentic Cantonese cuisine in a more sophisticated atmosphere. Traditional favourites such as dim sum, fresh seafood and other regional specialities are served by the professional staff.

Photo: Nipon Laicharoenchokchai / Shutterstock.com
Address: 19 Hubin Bei Lu, Siming District, Xiamen
Opening hours: 11h30 - 14h30, 17h30 - 22h30
Phone: +86 592 5078 888
More Info: 4F Hotel Pan Pacific Xiamen ()

Yuehua Sate Noodles /



This noodle dish's defining characteristic is the sate soup which is originally from Southeast Asia, and every restaurant has its own recipe and secret ingredients. The freshly boiled noodle is served with customised toppings. It is simple yet remains one of the most distinguished dishes of Xiamen cuisine. Yuehua is one of the best sate noodles restaurants there is. They also serve amazing meat zongzi that's worth trying.

Photo: TommyTeo / Shutterstock.com
Address: 78 Zhenbang Lu, Siming District, Xiamen
Opening hours: 7h30 - 22h
Phone: +86 592 2984 332
More Info: Across from Minli Elementary school

CAFES



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Xiamen is one of the first Chinese cities that was open to the world and is naturally one of the first cities that came into contact with coffee. Xiamen actually boasts the highest density of independent cafés in China. In the business district around Hubin Bei Lu and Yuandang Lu, there has been an upsurge of coffee shops and cafes, catering mainly to guests of nearby hotels, business people and office workers.

Coffee Street



The whole length of Yundang Lu is known as Xiamen's "Coffee Street". There are about two dozen coffee bars lined-up along the street.

If you are a coffee connoisseur or craving something sweet, this is the place to go. The shops offer cakes, pastries and most of them have full menus. Almost all of them feature outdoor gardens from where you can enjoy a beautiful view of the lake.

Photo: Nickolastock / Shutterstock.com

Address: Yundang Lu, Siming Disitric, Xiamen

The Chu Family Coffee /



The Chu Family made their fortune in the early 20s in the Philippines and came back to China in the 30s, constructing their family mansion. In 2008, the mansion was transformed into a café and has since become one of the icons of Gulangyu Island. The owner is also the winner of World Barista Championship in 2013 so this is definitely the must-go-to café in the city.

Photo: Ramon grosso dolarea / Shutterstock.com

Address: 15 Zhonghua Lu, Gulangyu Island, Xiamen

Opening hours: 10h30 - 21h

Phone: +86 592 2083 702

More Info: AKA Zhujiayuan Cafe

CUPS Café



CUPS Café is a coffee shop known to every coffee lover. The owner has been the judge of World Barista Championship which

makes this café the most professional one in the city. Their signature cup is a Cold Brew Irgachefe.

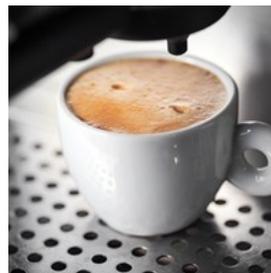
Photo: LightField Studios / Shutterstock.com

Address: Building 1, 11 Nanhua Lu, Siming District, Xiamen

Opening hours: 10h30 - 22h30, close every Tuesday

More Info: Next to 4Heyuan

Barista Honor



This café is quite small yet delicate. They have 10 regular beans and as well as 3 kinds of Espresso blends. They specialise in Italian espresso but also provide other high-quality drinks.

English-friendly.

Photo: Evannovostro / Shutterstock.com

Address: 2 Daxue Lu, Siming District, Xiamen

Opening hours: 8h - 22h

Phone: +86 158 1072 7650

More Info: On the corner of Daxue Lu

32 Hao



32 Hao specialises in siphon and pour over coffee with wide selections of beans. If you want to try to make your own coffee, they can even

give you a quick siphon tutorial. The owner also has a huge collection of coffee sets that he personally purchased from all over the world, including some finest bone china.

Photo: Aedka Studio / Shutterstock.com
Address: 32 Huaxin Lu, Siming District, Xiamen
Opening hours: 10h - 22h
More Info: Next to Houyuan

21 gram coffee



This 20 square metre café probably makes the best latte in the city. The reputation of the shop speaks for itself, and there are always people

lining up out front. There are only three tables inside so takeaway is likely the way to go. You can get 5 yuan off if you bring your own cup.

Photo: StudioByTheSea / Shutterstock.com
Address: Building 1, 92 Dazhong Lu, Siming District, Xiamen
Opening hours: 8h30 - 20h
Phone: +86 158 5928 7467
More Info: Next to Yingbin Hotel

FCR COFFEE /



If you would like to learn more about coffee, this is the place to go. In FCR, descriptions of every single kind of bean as well as different ways of

making coffee are listed on the menu. The owner will also offer any additional explanations in person, and it is English-friendly.

Photo: Africa Studio / Shutterstock.com
Address: 2 Lvling Lu, Siming District, Xiamen
Opening hours: 8h - 23h
Phone: +86 592 5523 374

Zhang San Feng Milk Tea /



Milk tea has always been popular in China and it has gone way further than the classic black tea plus milk. There are thousands of different

milk tea varieties, each with different toppings and flavours. Zhang San Feng is a chain of milk tea specialised shops that you can find throughout the city.

Photo: mama_mia / Shutterstock.com
Address: 264 Longtou Lu, Gulangyu Island, Xiamen
Opening hours: 9h - 22h30
Phone: +86 592 2087 706

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Xiamen is known to be a fresh and artsy city during the daytime, but when night falls, the city starts buzzing with open bars by the sea and night clubs in the city. The bars are mainly in the Haiwan Park Area which makes it the ideal place for a relaxing walk in the rays of the setting sun along the coast, and then picking a bar to have a drink and enjoy the summer breeze.

Me&You2 Bar



The venue is located in the famous Haiwan Park with beautiful surroundings and a breathtaking coastal waterfront. Here you can relax and enjoy life with a beer or a good cocktail at an outdoor bar while being entertained by music and dancers. If you develop a hunger, delicious pizza and pasta dishes are ready to be ordered.

Photo: gornostay / Shutterstock.com

Address: 54 Daxue Lu, Sha Po Wei, Haiwan Park, Xiamen

Opening hours: 12h - 3h

Phone: +86 592 2211 747

Internet: www.meandyou2.com

Email: info@meandyou2.com

More Info: Across from Sihai Food

The Londoner



If you are in the mood for a night out in an international atmosphere, check out The Londoner and get ready to meet tons of expats from all over the world living the time of their life in this beautiful city!

Photo: KANIN.studio / Shutterstock.com

Address: 2-15 Guanren Lu, Siming District, Xiamen

Opening hours: 12h - 2h

Phone: +86 592 5089 783

Email: londoner.xiamen@hotmail.com

Paulaner Bräuhaus



Paulaner Bräuhaus Xiamen at Kempinski Hotel not only has the city's only micro-brewery, but it has also become a very popular venue for the vibrant atmosphere and the live entertainment set up every evening! Here you could experience the authentic Bavarian atmosphere and also enjoy famous German dishes like the pork knuckle.

Photo: Syda Productions / Shutterstock.com

Address: 98 Hubin Zhong Lu, Siming District, Xiamen

Opening hours: 15h - 3h

Phone: +86 592 2351 613

Internet: www.kempinski.com/en/xiamen/hotel-xiamen

Email: paulaner.xiamen@kempinski.com

More Info: Located at Kempinski Hotel

Loong Bar /



Loong Bar is Xiamen's first cigar bar and offers an intimate venue for cigar aficionados and wine lovers. From the menu canapés, vintage wines and classic cocktails can be ordered which can all be enjoyed in a stylish contemporary surrounding.

Photo: belushi / Shutterstock.com

Address: 386-1 Jiahe Lu, Huli District, Xiamen

Opening hours: 16h - 24h

Phone: +86 592 5525 888

Internet: www.starwoodhotels.com

More Info: Located at Sheraton Xiamen Hotel

Le Good Bar



Situated on the 27th floor of the luxurious hotel Tegoo, Le Good Bar provides a magnificent view of sea and skyline in Xiamen. The soothing music in the background and the great variety of drinks makes this a pleasant place to chat with friends.

Photo: KPG_Payless / Shutterstock.com

Address: 2 Lujiang Lu, Huli District, Xiamen

Opening hours: 18h - 24

Phone: +86 592 3337 777

Internet: www.tegoohotel.com

Email: reservation@tegoohotel.com

More Info: Located at hotel Tegoo, East Tower, Xiamen Top Plaza

Accord



Accord hides on the third floor of an old building. It has an open rooftop with a view of the sea. The indoor area is beautifully decorated and lit up with neon, making it resemble a set of a Wong Kar-wai film. The music style is mainly funky and disco, and the bar specialises in cocktails and gin yet the menu changes according to the season.

Photo: 5PH / Shutterstock.com

Address: 2 Daxue Lu, Siming District, Xiamen

Opening hours: 19h30 - 1h

More Info: On the corner of Daxue Lu, Across from Yifengxuan Gallery

Zui Tang /



Zui Tang is a wine bar and has a wild collection of different wines from all around the world. If you want to have a quiet night out with friends for a little chat, we would recommend this place. Order a glass of wine and a plate of salami, and you are all but guaranteed to have a cosy evening. If you are intimidated by the huge variety of choice, go ahead and ask the bartender for advice, they can always suggest the best options.

Photo: BorisKotov / Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Guanri Lu, Huli District, Xiamen

Opening hours: 12h - 21h

Phone: -86 199 4272 1206

More Info: Inside Fliort Software Park

SHOPPING



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Xiamen is a great place for shopping for it has been a foreign trading city for centuries. Today, the choice ranges from western designer shops to the smallest back street market. All are conveniently located on or around Zhongshan Lu, which runs from the Zhongshan Park to the harbour area and the Ferry Wharf. The typical items you'll find here include art and crafts, spices and olive oils, so make sure to save some time for shopping.

Zhongshan Lu /



The main Zhongshan Road, which is partly traffic-free, is lined with most of the well-known clothing, footwear and general retail. However, in the side streets, which wind and bend in a rough parallel to Zhongshan, there is a multitude of small shops selling DVD and CDs and fresh market food.

Photo: Caiguanhao / Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)

Address: Zhongshan Lu, Siming District, Xiamen

Taiwan Snack Street /



On the snack street, you can find all abundant kinds of Chinese street food such as bubble tea, Taiwanese chicken, stinky tofu and more. There are also souvenir shops alongside the road where you can get some nice souvenirs at a reasonable price.

Photo: Popolon / Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)

Address: Renhe Road, Siming District, Xiamen

Wanda Plaza /



One of the best places to shop international brands, Wanda Plaza was the first to introduce brands such as H&M and Uniqlo to the city.

Besides clothes they also have accessories, a Walmart, department store and plenty of dining options when feeling hungry. There is also The Wanda Plaza Cinema, home to Xiamen's first IMAX screen.

Photo: michaeljung / Shutterstock.com

Address: 4666 Xianyue Lu, Huli District, Xiamen

Opening hours: 10h - 23h

Phone: +86 592 2366 999

Internet: www.wanda-group.com

SM City Plaza / SM



With six floors shopping, SM City Plaza is a massive shopping centre where to find both local and international products. Beside many brand stores, there are plenty of restaurants where you can take a break when feeling hungry. There is also a cinema if you would like to catch a movie. You will for sure not leave this shopping mall empty handed.

Photo: Karramba Production / Shutterstock.com

Address: 468 Jiahe Lu, Huli Disitric, Xiamen

Opening hours: 10h - 23h

Phone: +86 592 5517 933

Internet: www.smsupermall.com.cn

Longtou Lu Souvenirs Street /



Longtou Lu is the main business street on Gulangyu Island, where there are a great number of souvenir shops along the street. Here you will find local art wares, coloured pottery, works of calligraphy, painting, jade articles, antiques, porcelain, postcards and much much more. You can always find something to bring back home.

Photo: Kateryna Kon / Shutterstock.com

Address: Longtou Lu, Gulangyu Island, Xiamen

Kaihe Lu Fish Market /



In the old district of Xiamen you will come across this tiny but lively market that sells various and unique sea creatures in a lively environment. It

is the perfect place to purchase some extravagant souvenirs to bring back home.

Photo: edwardpye / pixabay.com

Address: Yingping Lu, Xiamen, China

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Passport/Visa



Transit visas issued on arrival at a number of entry points in China are currently not applied in the province of Fujian.

You will need a regular

visa to enter via Xiamen. Please consult your national visa centre for detailed information concerning the necessary documents and procedures.

Photo: TukTuk Design

Best Time To Visit



Given its coastal location, the best time to visit Xiamen would be the end of summer and/or early summer in order to enjoy the sunshine and the

beach. However, Xiamen is in the typhoon area and has a heightened risk of typhoons during summer time. It is advised to check the forecast in advance when planning your trip.

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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.

Photo: TukTuk Design

Xiamen International Airport



Xiamen International Airport is situated 7 kilometres from the city centre and there are different ways of reaching it. There is an Airport

Express Line, city buses, a classic taxi (a 20-minute ride) or even a ferry to Gulang Island. Public transportation schedules are set according to flight arrivals, so just get out of the airport and get on the car or the bus (you can buy tickets directly on board).

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Huli District, Xiamen

Phone: +86 592 5706 017

Internet: www.xiamenairport.com.cn

Public transport



Buses in Xiamen are frequent, extensive and cheap and you could purchase an 'e-card' that can be bought at post offices which gives a 20%

discount on the buses. You could also opt for the BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) with its four routes (one of them connecting the city centre and the airport).

There are two stations in the city, Xiamen Railway Station and North Railway Station from where you could reach the major cities of the country such as Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing and Shenzhen.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Taxi



The taxis 'net is really extended as it is probably the most cost-effective option that you are offered in Xiamen since it's particularly cheap

and you can reach every tiny corner of the city! Be prepared to pay an extra of 20% when travelling between 11:00 pm and 5:00 am.

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

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Post



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Address: 1 Zhongshan Lu, Siming District, Xiamen

Opening hours: 9h - 16h

Pharmacy

Bangjian pharmacy / 邦健 []



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Address: 287 Xilian Qian Lu, Siming District, Xiamen

Opening hours: 8h - 22h

Phone: +86 592 5082 600

Telephone



Country code: +86 Area
code: 0592

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Electricity



220 v/50 Hz Adapter
needed

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Population

Urban: 5.2 million (2020 census)
Metro: 7.3 million

Currency

Chinese Yuan (CNY)

Opening hours

9.00 am - 6:00 pm for most department stores; Zhongshan
Lu market stalls open all day and late into the night.

Newspapers

China Daily Europe www.chinadaily.com.cn
China Today www.chinatoday.com
What's On Xiamen www.whatsonxiamen.com

Emergency numbers

Police: 110
Ambulance: 120
Fire: 119

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