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Introduction

Welcome to Guangzhou!

Guangzhou is the capital of Guangdong Province and a coastal city in southern China. Guangzhou has been one of the most significant foreign trade ports in China down the ages.

It's also called "flower city" for its warm climate. Simultaneously, the dietetic culture of Guangzhou is nationally well-known. In Guangzhou, you can taste a variety of traditional Chinese dishes and explore unexpected darkness food. In a word, wish you a pleasant journey and enjoy yourself.

General information

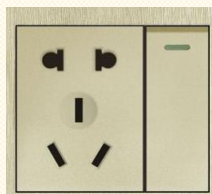
Time Zone: GMT +8

Emergency Call: 120 (Ambulance) / 110 (Police)

Country code: 86

Area code: 20

Electricity: 220V AC



Climate: Guangzhou is very hot in August. The average temperature is at 25°C – 35°C (77°F~91°F)

Currency: RMB (Yuan) with symbol ¥.

Exchange is not that convenient. Exchange in banks usually needs to make an appointment or line up. Therefore, exchange in departure place or in Guangzhou airport in advance is suggested.

Credit Card is acceptable in most of the malls and large restaurants, but not in most of the small shops.

Tips: Tipping is not common in China.

Smoking: In Guangzhou, smoking is allowed at outdoors and in most of the hotel rooms. Some hotels may have non-smoking rooms and smoking rooms. Indoor smoking in public places is not allowed.

Convenience Stores: 24-hour convenience stores are easily to be found in central district of Guangzhou, including 7-11, Family Mart or OK store.

Language:

Oral language: Mandarin and Cantonese

Written language: Simplified Chinese.

English: In Guangzhou, most of the young people could speak and understand simple English.

Public Transportation

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Taxi / Uber:

It is easy to take taxi in Guangzhou and the starting price is 10 YUAN. Taxi or Uber is recommended for daily travel or short distance travel.



Subway / BRT:

In the weekend, 8:00am and round 5:30pm are peak traffic hours for traffic jam. During the time, subway is suggested to avoid traffic jam. Within the scope of the Guangzhou urban area, the subway station can be found almost every 2 km.

The ticket price for subway depends on your travel distance but it's much cheaper than that of taxi. Another transportation tool is BRT (Guangzhou Bus Rapid Transit), which is a kind of self-owned public transportation with accommodation lane. The ticket price of BRT is 2 YUAN no matter how far you travel.



Yang Cheng Tong-Card:

If your planned journey in Guangzhou is very colorful, and needs to take the subway or BRT very often, you may buy a “**Yang Cheng Tong-Card**” in some convenience stores (7-11, OK, Family Mart) and get it charged. This is a kind of traffic stored-value card available for getting in and out of subway station and BRT. Thus, you don't have to prepare small changes at any time for traveling. In the stores mentioned above, “Yang Cheng Tong-Card” can be used for check out. So, you can use the money left in the card in the above stores before leaving Guangzhou.



Judge Hotel

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eStay Residence·Poly World Trade Center Guangzhou

Address: Poly World Trading Center No.1020, Building D, Xin Gang Dong Road, Haizhu District, 510310 Guangzhou, China

一呆公寓(依思德国际公寓)·广州保利世贸

地址：广州市海珠区新港东路 1020 号世界贸易中心 D 座

Tel: +8620 3439 2338

+8620 8955 4634

+8620 3896 5999

Tournament Venue

Poly World Trade Center Expo

Address: 1000, Xin Gang Dong Road, Haizhu District, Guangzhou, China.

保利世贸博览馆

地址：广州市海珠区新港东路 1000 号

Map



Directions to Venue

From the Airport

Subway:

Line 3 “Airport South” 机场南 => Interchange from Line 3 to Line 8 at “Kecun” 客村 => Line 8 “Pazhou” 琶洲

From Guangzhou East Railway Station

Subway:

Line 3 “Guangzhou East Railway Station” 广州东站 => Interchange from Line 3 to Line 8 at “Kecun” 客村 => Line 8 “Pazhou” 琶洲

From Guangzhou South Railway Station

Subway:

Line 2 “Guangzhou South Railway Station” 广州南站 => Interchange from Line 2 to Line 8 at “Changgang” 昌岗 => Line 8 “Pazhou” 琶洲

From HK Airport

Maybe someone would fly to Hong Kong before arriving at Guangzhou since it is more convenient or cheap to fly from many countries to Hong Kong. There are buses to Guangzhou in HK airport all day. The journey takes about 3 hours. For tickets, pick-up place and time table, please visit the following website.

<http://www.hongkongairport.com/CBT/Controller?locale=eng>

You may also take the Intercity Train at Hung Hum Station in Hong Kong to Guangzhou East Railway Station. For details, please visit the official website below.

<http://www.it3.mtr.com.hk/B2C/frmFareGuangdong.asp?strLang=Eng>

Museum

Guangdong Provincial Museum

Guangdong Provincial Museum is the largest museum in Guangdong with the overall floorage of 67 thousand m², one underground floor and five floors on the ground. The museum has four parts including history museum, nature museum, art museum and temporary exhibition museum. There are over 166 thousand collections and more than 100 thousand books materials.

Website: <http://www.gdmuseum.com/english/>

Address: No.2, Pearl River East Road, Tianhe District, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Opening Hours: 9: 00——17: 00

Traffic Information: Exit B1, New city of Pearl River Station, Guangzhou Subway Line 3, go straight to Guangzhou Opera House, then go eastward for 200m along the Linjiang Road.



The Nanyue King Mausoleum

This is a mausoleum of emperor in 122 BC. Now, it has been developed into a museum. This is not a large museum, but the exhibits inside are of long history. The major exhibits are the implements unearthed from Nanyue King Mausoleum.

Address: No.867, Jiefang North Road, Guangzhou City

Open Hours: 9: 00——17: 30

Traffic Information: Subway Line 2, Yuexiu Park Station, Exit E.

TIPS: If you are very interested in the museum, those two are worth a visit. However, Guangzhou is located in the coastal area. This area is relatively remote in many ages in ancient China. That's why the exhibits here are not as many as that of famous historical city such as Beijing and Shanghai.



Chen clan academy

Chen College, commonly known as Chen clan academy, is located in Zhongshan 7 Road in Guangzhou. Chen clan academy was built in Guangxu 16 year in Qing Dynasty (1890) and completed in 20 year (1894). It is the ancestral temple and academy invested and built by Chen families in 72 counties in Guangdong. Chen clan academy is the art building groups with the most obvious Guangdong style among the existing clans in Guangdong.

Address: No. 34, Enlongli, Zhongshan 7 Road

Open Hours: 8:30-17:30 (17:00 Stop Ticketing)

Traffic Information: Take the subway line 1 and get off at Chen clan academy Station.



Shameen

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Shameen is an important commercial port in Guangzhou with hundreds of years. It was the British and French Concession. Over ten countries set consulates in Shameen. Nine foreign banks and over forty foreign firms are operated here. Guangdong Customs club, Guangzhou Clubs and so on are established successively in Shameen, forming a building group of European land style. As the epitome of Chinese modern history and concession history, Shameen witnesses the evolution of the modern history of Guangzhou.

Shameen is located on the coast of Pearl River. It is relatively quiet inside the building group. There are many restaurants and bars around and most of them are opened till late night.

In addition, the next door of Shameen is the Huangshacahcah Aquatic Product Market. There you can buy cheap and fresh seafood. Along with the two sides of the Aquatic Product Market, there are many seafood processing restaurants. Most of them are very good. Guangzhou residents like to buy some seafood and to have it in the processing restaurants.

Address: Baietanpan, Pearl River Chachakou, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Traffic Information: Guangzhou Subway Line 1, Huangsha Station, Exit F for getting off.



Opera House

Guangzhou Opera House is known as one of the landmark buildings on the new axis in Guangzhou. Located near the Flower City Square in the New city of Pearl River, it was awarded one of the “ten opera houses in the world”. Sometimes, you may encounter the show of world famous performing teams here.

Official Website: <http://gzdjy.org/>

Address: Flower City Square, Tianhe District, Guangzhou City

Traffic Information: Ling 3, Line 5——get off at New city of Pearl River Station, Exit B1, go ahead for about 350m.



Canton Tower

The landmark building of Guangzhou is “Canton Tower”. It is the highest tower in China and the fourth highest tower in the world. There are some amusements facilities like giant wheel around the Canton Tower. There are also some Chinese and western restaurants inside the tower. So long as there are no high buildings block at night, the Canton Tower can be seen in Guangzhou.

Address: Near the Chigang Tower, Haizhu District, Guangzhou City, China



Shangxiajiu Pedestrian Street

A Pedestrian Street with long history and many buildings with obvious Guangzhou style along the way. In addition to shopping, old-brand snack and restaurants are everywhere.

Address: Among the Shangjiu Road, Xiajiu Road and Dishifu Road, Liwan District (commonly known as Xiguan) in Guangzhou

Traffic Information: Subway Line 1, Changshou Road Station.



Dim Sum

Having a cup of tea and some tea cakes in the tea house with friends or families every day after getting up is the life style of old Guangzhou. This is called the “morning tea”. There are many famous old-brand morning tea restaurants in Guangzhou. Most restaurants serve till 2:00pm. People now usually replace the lunch with the morning tea.

The most common types of morning tea are as follows (Alex’s earlier introduction of morning tea in HKGP Travel Guide is quoted):

	Spring rolls A variety of vegetable and sometimes meat ingredients are rolled inside a sheet of thin dough and deep fried.
	Deep-fried shrimp dumpling Shrimp, sometimes with pork fat, wrapped in dough and deep fried. Crispy exterior, juicy filling!
	Barbecued pork pastry Sweet, barbecued pork in a thin, flaky pastry.



	Steamed shrimp dumpling Shrimp wrapped in a thinly-rolled piece of translucent wheat dough. Often, the dumpling will include pork. Ideally, the contents will be 70 per cent shrimp and 30 per cent pork.
	Shao Mai A type of Chinese dumpling. The typical Cantonese dim sum variant consists of ground pork, whole or chopped shrimp, shiitake mushrooms, green onions and ginger, wrapped in thin wheat dough, seasoned with Chinese rice wine, soy sauce and sesame oil, and garnished with a dollop of crab roe.
	Barbecued pork bun Tender, sweet, slow-roasted pork tenderloin, usually seasoned in oyster sauce, and encased in a fine, soft bun.
	Cheung Fen A thin roll of rice flour, filled with shrimp, beef, sweet barbecued pork or other ingredients. It is usually steamed and served with soy sauce.

Tautauchu:

Opened in Guangxu years in Qing Dynasty, very famous

Old store

Address: No. 20, Dishifu Road, Liwan District (near the Datong Road)

Telephone: 020-81399100

New store

Address: Sixth Floor, Zhengjia Square, No. 228, Tianhe Road, Tianhe District

Telephone: 020-38373302

Jinhe Peninsula

Address: No. 311, Mid Huangpu Street, Tianhe District (opposite to Yuancun Wuheng Road)

Telephone: 020-85550078 / 020-85552808

Cantonese cuisine

The local dishes in Guangdong have abundant types. The famous ones are “roast suckling pig”, “roast pork”, “roasted goose”, “boiled sliced chicken” and so on.



Bingsheng Taste (New city of Pearl River flagship store)

Address: 1st-4th Floor of Capital Building, Xiancun Road No. 2, New city of Pearl River, Tianhe District (opposite to the Provincial Museum)

Telephone: 020-38035888 / 020-38035688

Guangzhou Restaurant (Dongshan)

Address: Guangzhou Restaurant, 5/6 Floor, Podong Business Center, No.1, Guigang Street, Yuexiu District (near the Dongshan Department Store)

Telephone: 020-37623088

Hong Kong Style Tea Restaurant

Wu's Tea Restaurant

Address: NO. 103-107, B1 Building, No. 75 Huifang, Tianhe East Road, Tianhe District (near the TaiKoo Hui)

Telephone: 020-87570062

Heji Tea House

Address: No. 48, Jinsui Road, Tianhe District

Telephone: 13580429009

Pearl River Night Cruise

Many wharfs on the coast of Pearl River all provide cruise services at night for travelers to enjoy the night scene on the bank of the Pearl River. The biggest wharf is the “Tianzi Wharf”. The address and telephone are as follows. The time of final-run ship is generally 21:00.

Address: No. 200, Yanjiang Mid Street, Yuexiu District

Telephone: 020-83332222



Bar Street

There are many bar streets in Guangzhou. The typical ones have been introduced before. **Baietan Bar Street** is near the Shameen. There are also some bars along the **Shangxiajiu Pedestrian Street**. In addition, bars are intensive around the **Tianzi Wharf**.

Midnight Snack

If you are hungry in midnight, there are many places for your midnight snack in Guangzhou. Maybe you can find the “night tea”, similar with morning tea. The **Tautachu** mentioned before serves the night tea. The majority of places for night snack are sidewalk snack booths or barbecue stands. You can find them easily in prosperous places. You can also call a taxi and ask the driver to take you there. Most of the drivers can take you to the nearest midnight snack places.

Local Gaming Stores

Freedom Card Shop

Address: 102Room, No. 3, Jiangling West Road, Dongshankou Guigang Street, Yuxiu District

Telephone: 15986448033

Kapeng Board Game

Address: Guangzhou Card Friends Board Game Store, Shop No. 22, the Second Floor, No. 2, Xiaomei Street, Liwan Road, Guangzhou

Telephone: 020-22339010

Ke Jin Wu Di Magic Club

Address: Store 53, 2F, Ke Yi Qing Cheng No 398, Bao Gang Avenue, Hai Zhu District, Guangzhou

Telephone: 18620283572

Qiyuan Card Shop

Address: Shop No. 604, No.143, Liurong Road, Yue Xiu District Guangzhou

Telephone: 13925121670

Ka Tan Dao Board Game

Address: Shop No 144-1, Zhi Xing Road, Yue Xiu District, Guangzhou

Telephone: 13533396780