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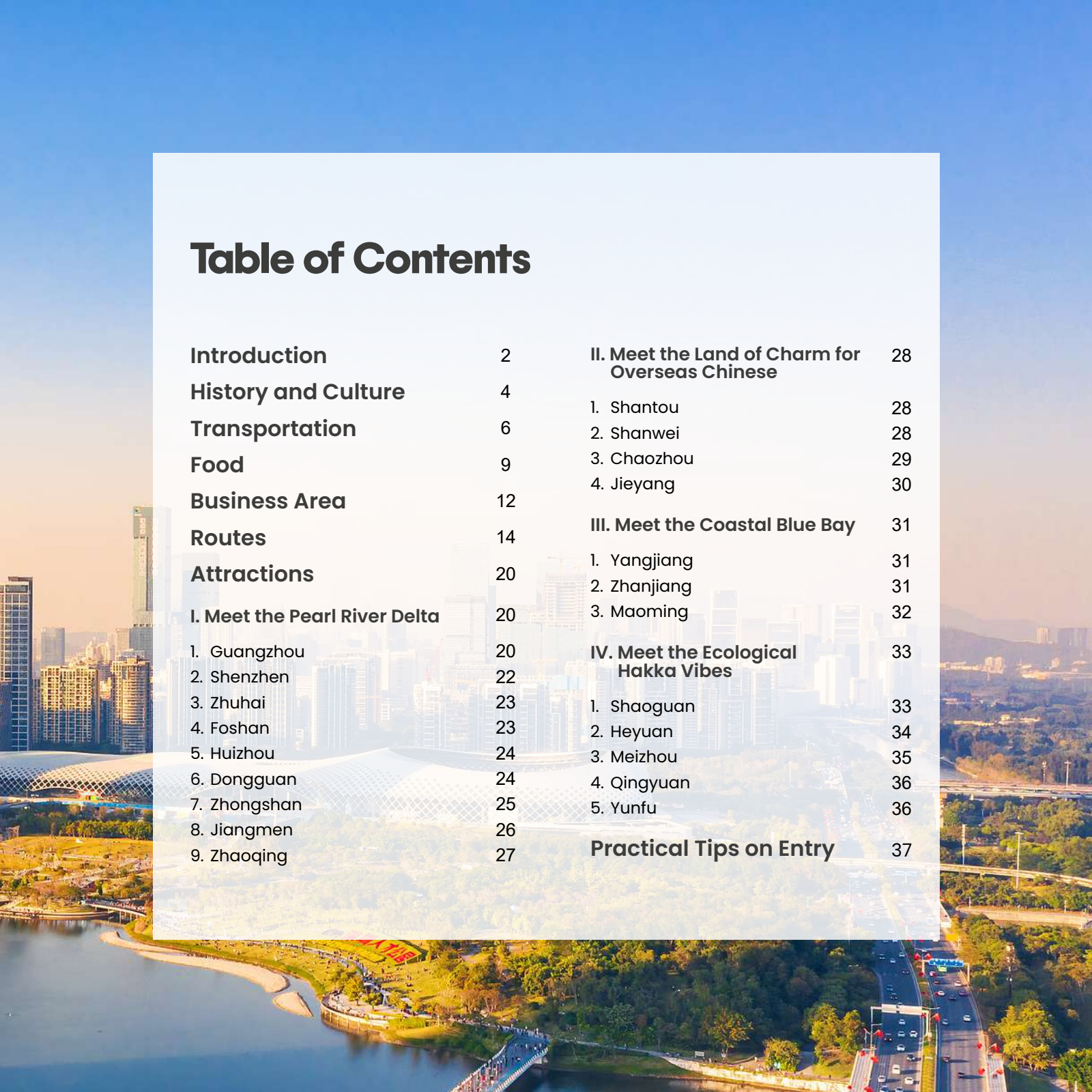
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Introduction

Guangdong Province, abbreviated as “Yue”, borders Fujian to the east, Guangxi to the west, and the South China Sea to the south. Also, it borders Jiangxi and Hunan to the northeast and the Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions in the southeast, serving as China’s southern gateway to the world.

The province, characterized by a subtropical monsoon climate, covers a total land area of 179,800 square kilometers and a maritime area of 419,300 square kilometers. By 2024, its permanent population

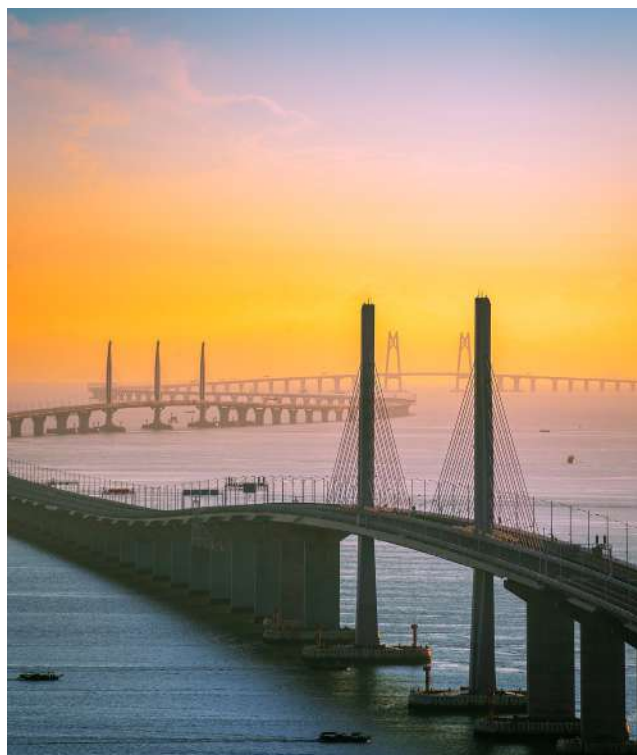
reached 127.8 million. It is China’s largest provincial economy, the forefront of reform and opening-up, and the core of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, always renowned as the “Great Southern Yue” and “Dynamic Guangdong”. This vibrant region is both the birthplace of Lingnan culture and the cradle of the Maritime Silk Road.

Guangdong boasts a history stretching back to ancient times. The establishment of Nanhai Commandery in the Qin Dynasty led to the integration and coexistence of China’s Central Plains

culture and Lingnan civilization. During the Western Han Dynasty, merchant ships set sail from the Xuwen Ancient Port, which became one of the departure ports of the Maritime Silk Road and one of China's earliest trading ports. In the Ming and Qing dynasties, the "Canton System" policy made the Huangpu Ancient Port a witness of the flourishing era of the "Thirteen Factories". Guangzhou, then acclaimed as "Mountain of Gold and Sea of Pearls, the Southern Treasury of the Emperor", became the only port for foreign trade in China. At the same time, the Cantonese, Hakka, and Teochew people reproduced and thrived harmoniously here, forming an inclusive and diverse cultural landscape.

When it comes to food, Cantonese cuisine stands as one of the Eight Major Cuisines of China. Composed of Guangfu, Chaoshan and Hakka cuisine, it embodies the living essence of the saying "Eating in Guangdong". Notably, the Shunde district in Foshan and Chaozhou, both in Guangdong province, have been recognized by UNESCO as Cities of Gastronomy. Traveling through Guangdong means delicacies are always within reach: the delicacy of white cut chicken lies in its fresh aroma and tender texture, presenting the authentic flavor of the ingredients in their purest form; in Cantonese morning tea (dim sum), classics such as shrimp dumplings, shumai (traditional Chinese dumpling with ground pork), and cha siu bao (a Cantonese bun filled with barbecue-flavored pork) are all exquisite and delicious; paired with a pot of Pu'er tea, they perfectly embody the essence of a slow-paced lifestyle; Chaoshan beef balls, chwey and juicy, are made with a centuries-old pounding technique that preserves traditional wisdom. In short, every bite in Guangdong carries the rich heritage of its deep-rooted food culture.

Today, this Lingnan metropolis, combined millennia of heritage with modern vitality, is inviting friends from across the globe to explore its new identity as "Dynamic Guangdong, Fashionable Bay Area". Here, you can ascend the Canton Tower to appreciate the whole city's nightscape, wander through the ancient streets in Chaozhou to find the traces of history, immerse yourself in the natural wonders of Danxia Mountain, or just savor the rich aroma of tea in a time-worn Chaozhou alley. Besides, basking in the romance of the sunlit beaches while gazing at the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, a century-defining marvel of engineering, is also a good choice. And this is only the beginning—Guangdong holds even more surprises awaiting your discovery.



History and Culture

History

Guangdong history stretches back to ancient times. The Modaoshan site of the Paleolithic Era tells us the early prehistoric culture of Guangdong, rewriting the earliest chapter of its history. During the Qin and Han dynasties, Emperor Qin Shi Huang established the Nanhai Commandery in 214 BC, formally incorporating Guangdong into the territory of the Central Plains dynasties. In the Western Han Dynasty, the Maritime Silk Road connecting China to Southeast and South Asia was pioneered from here. By the Tang and Song dynasties, Guangdong has become the central starting point of the Maritime Silk Road. Ships departed from here, passed through Tuen Mun, the Qizhou Islands, entered the Persian Gulf and reached East Africa. The famous



“Guangzhou Tonghai Yidao (the early Maritime Silk Road)” that linked China to the wider world was established by then. During the Ming and Qing dynasties, Guangzhou served as the only port for foreign trade in China. The commercial prosperity of the “Thirteen Factories” gained global renown. In modern times, Guangdong has been at the forefront of China’s reform and opening-up. From the establishment of Special Economic Zones to the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, it continues to write vibrant new chapters of openness and development.

Culture

• Lingnan culture

Rooted in an ancient civilization, Lingnan culture embodies Guangdong’s diversity through both archaeological heritage and folk traditions. The Yanshanzhai Site, the largest and most clearly structured Shixia cultural site discovered to date, has yielded more than 1,200 burial objects including pottery, stone tools, and jade artifacts, witnessing the complex developing process of early societies. The Nanhai One Shipwreck, a sunken vessel from the Song Dynasty in the waters off Yangjiang, has brought to light near 180,000 artifacts such as porcelain, gold, and silver ware, providing vivid evidence to the thriving overseas trade in that era. As for folkloric tradition, the Yingge Dance, a form of Chinese folk dance, features powerful momentum, resounding drumbeats, and passionate performers, earning its reputation as a “living intangible heritage” during festive celebrations. The Dragon

Boat Racing during the Dragon Boat Festival is particularly spectacular. Long boats race each other along the rivers to the thunder of drums, showing the spirit of unity and perseverance that thrives in Guangdong's folk culture.



Cantonese culture (Guangfu culture), centered in Guangzhou, contains the area across the Pearl River Delta. It was shaped by migrations from the Central Plains and Jiangnan regions, preserving the essence of Han Chinese culture while embracing diversity. Representative forms include Cantonese opera, Cantonese music, lion dance, dragon boat traditions, and Guangzhou embroidery.



Hakka culture, often regarded as the "living fossil" of ancient Han Chinese culture, boasts poetic and diverse folk songs as well as the magnificent and marvelous walled villages. It is a unique culture type among Chinese civilization.



Chaoshan culture, centered in Shantou, Chaozhou, and Jieyang, is the outcome of the blending indigenous, maritime, commercial, and overseas Chinese influences. Represented by kung fu tea, Teochew cuisine, Chaozhou embroidery, architecture, music and wood carving, Chaoshan culture has a far-reaching influence and a reputation that extends across the world.



Transportation

By Air

Guangdong Province has four major international airports, forming a global aerial gateway that connects the world. The four airports include Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Shenzhen Baoan International Airport, Jieyang Chaoshan International Airport, and Zhanjiang Wuchuan International Airport. With direct international flights to Southeast Asia, Europe, America, Australia and beyond in these four airports, an efficient aviation network that links Guangdong with the whole world is established.

Additionally, the ten airports in Guangdong province all offer an extensive range of domestic flights to most major Chinese cities such as Beijing, Shanghai, Chengdu, Nanjing, and Wuhan, providing travelers with flexible and convenient options for multi-stop itineraries.



By Railway

Guangdong's dense railway network stretches across the province, playing as a national leading role for high-speed rail development. With 204 railway stations serving all 21 prefectural-level cities, the province boasts a total railway mileage of 5,906 kilometers. As one of the earliest provinces to achieve high-speed rail connectivity between major cities, it has 3,016 kilometers of high-speed lines, ranking first nationwide.

The Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong High-speed Railway is the vital artery that connects the Greater Bay Area. It takes 14 minutes from Hong Kong West Kowloon Station to Shenzhen Futian Railway Station and 23 minutes to Shenzhen North Railway Station, truly realizing the "half-hour living circle" between

Hong Kong, Macao and Guangdong. With the Beijing–Guangzhou and Shanghai–Kunming high-speed lines, people can go from Guangdong to cities nationwide including Beijing, Shanghai, Chongqing and Chengdu very easily. The fastest train from Guangzhou South Railway Station to Beijing West Railway Station completes the journey in around 8 hours.



Port

As a major coastal province, Guangdong now offers the 240-hour visa-free transit policy at seven designated ports of entry: Guangzhou Nansha Port, Shenzhen Shekou Port, Guangzhou Pazhou Passenger Port, Zhuhai Hengqin Port, the Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macao Bridge border crossing, Zhongshan Port, and the West Kowloon Station of the Guangzhou–

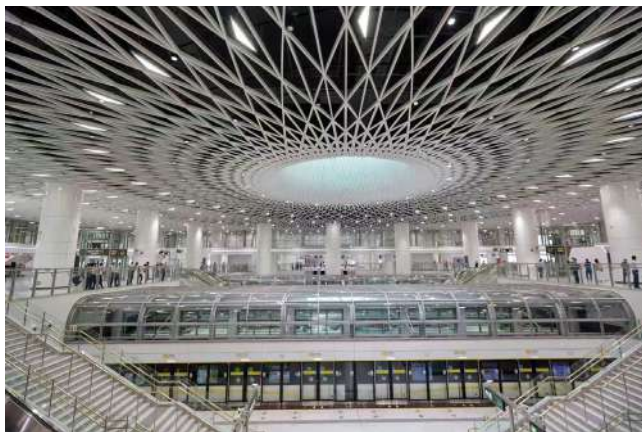
Shenzhen–Hong Kong High-Speed Railway. These hubs serve as vital freight gateways while also providing convenient channels for cross-border travel. Both Nansha and Shekou operate high-speed passenger ferry services to Hong Kong and Macao, enabling intercity commutes in about one hour and offering diversified travel and consumption options for residents in Hong Kong and Macao to head north to the mainland.



Intercity Transport

The Guangdong–Hong Kong–Macao Greater Bay Area has developed a dense and highly efficient intercity railway network. The east–west route covers five cities, including Huizhou, Dongguan,





Guangzhou, Foshan, and Zhaoqing. The express train from Guangzhou Panyu Railway Station reaches Foshan West Railway Station or Dongguan Xiping West Railway Station in about 20 minutes. It takes about 60 minutes to reach Zhaoqing Railway Station or Yunshan Station in Huizhou, and about 90 minutes to reach Qingcheng Railway Station of Qingyuan. On the north-south route, the Guangzhou East Ring intercity railway (Panyu to Baiyun Airport North) spans 57.8 km with 13 stations, while the Palian intercity railway line extends 18.2 km. It only takes 1 hour and 11 minutes to travel from Guangzhou East Railway Station to Shenzhen Airport, and the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong High-Speed Railway offers a direct 30-minute journey between Hong Kong West Kowloon Station and Guangzhou South Railway Station.

With convenient air-rail passenger intermodal transport, you can easily reach other major cities from Guangdong. For example, it takes about 4 hours to Changsha and 6 hours to Wuhan by high-speed railway. International passengers transiting via Guangzhou can transfer to intercity trains

bound for Shenzhen, Zhuhai, and other destinations without repeated security checks. The vision of “one ticket for the Bay Area, one stop for nationwide transfer” indeed comes to reality.

The intercity railway system supports bus-like operation with a diversified payment system. Passengers can use the intercity ride code in the Guangzhou Metro app, as well as nationally recognized and real-name verified transportation cards such as the China T-Union, Lingnan Pass, and Yangchengtong (Ram City Pass) for entry and boarding.

With a developed transport network, Guangdong provides great convenience for people’s trip. From the “half-hour living circle” offered by intercity railways to the “global accessibility” of its aviation hubs, you can enjoy an efficient and comfortable journey.



Food

Centered on Cantonese cuisine, one of the Eight Major Cuisines of China, Guangdong food is renowned globally for meticulous ingredient selection, refined techniques, and authentic flavors. It harmoniously blends the culinary arts of **Guangfu, Chaoshan, and Hakka** communities, featuring everything from the vibrant authenticity of street-side snacks to the exquisite elegance of banquet delicacies. Therefore, the province has earned its distinctive culinary brand of "Eating in Guangdong".



#01 Guangfu Cuisine

Cantonese morning tea:

Visit a teahouse for one cup of tea and two pieces of refreshments (a tradition of savoring tea with delicate bites). The tea and refreshments are refined, nice-looking, delicate, and diversified, offering the quintessential joy of life.



Cantonese roasted meat:

Whether for festivals or personal celebrations, it's common to buy some roast meats as a special treat.



Shunde fish sashimi:

A classic of Cantonese cuisine, thinly sliced, crystal-clear and shimmering, served chilled for a refreshingly smooth texture.



#02 Chaoshan Cuisine



Chaoshan beef hot pot: Put fresh yellow cattle beef into the crystal-clear broth and pair it with a variety of local specialty sauces.



Raw marinated seafood: This dish preserves the pristine freshness of the seafood to the fullest, presenting a clean yet profound flavor—delicate but not bland, fragrant but not fishy, tender yet thoroughly appetizing.



Marinated goose: With lion-head goose as the main material, this dish offers a rich, savory sweetness with tender meat that is fragrant and remarkably free of gaminess.

#03 Hakka Cuisine



Salt-baked chicken: A time-honored Hakka delicacy interweaves the tender taste of chicken with the toasty aroma of salt-baking, immediately stimulating your appetite.



Yanmian (Hakka noodles): A common Meizhou cuisine. The noodles are topped with crushed peanuts, scallions, and minced pork, offering an aromatic, satisfyingly smooth texture.



Baked Wanlv Lake fish head in casserole: Featuring fatty, tender flesh with minimal bones, the fish is lock-simmered to retain its moisture, fragrant, silky and rich in flavour.



Dongpo banquet: A themed banquet inspired by Su Dongpo (Su Shi)'s poetry, life experiences, and dietary philosophy when he was relegated to Huizhou.

Business Area

1. TeeMall



📍 **Address:** 1/F, TeeMall, No. 208 Tianhe Road, Tianhe District, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province

3. Huaqiangbei Technology Fashion Pedestrian Street



📍 **Address:** No. 1016-1/2, Huaqiangbei Road, Futian District, Shenzhen, Guangdong

2. Parc Central



📍 **Address:** No. 218 Tianhe Road, Tianhe District, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province

4. Foshan Lingnan Xintiandi



📍 **Address:** No. 2, Zumiao Street, Chancheng District, Foshan, Guangdong Province



Routes

When it comes to planning a trip in Guangdong, a diverse range of travel routes are available tailored to the needs and preferences of different travelers. Below are three recommended themed routes for your reference:

1. High-Quality Route for Classic Attractions



Highlights & Overview: For travelers who want to seek the perfect blend of Lingnan's natural scenery, cultural history, and modern urban style, these 5A-rated attractions are undoubtedly your best choices. From the breathtaking landscapes of Danxia Mountain in Shaoguan, the history of the "Two Mountains and One Lake" in Huizhou, to stories of the Former Residence of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and the history of Jiangmen Diaolou, each destination offers a unique and moving experience that will resonate long after your visit.



1 Shaoguan

You can climb Danxia Mountain to see the wonders of Danxia landforms, cruise along the Jinjiang River to immerse yourself in its captivating emerald waters, and explore the Maba Man Ruins to trace the footsteps of ancient human.



2 Huizhou

Go and climb Nankun Mountain and Luofu Mountain to explore the cultural legacy left by Ge Hong. Also you can experience the harmony of nature and humanity in eco-tourism zones and stroll along the shores of the Huizhou West Lake to appreciate the Lingnan imagery in Su Shi's verses.



3 Guangzhou

Come and have fun in Guangzhou Chimelong Resort (includes Chimelong Safari Park, Chimelong Water Park, and Chimelong Paradise). Also, you can visit the Shawan Ancient Town and the Baomo Garden.

4 Shenzhen



Step into the “Window of the World” and travel all over the world within one day! Enjoy the beauty of scenery and relaxation of holiday at OCT Harbour, or trace the city’s development at the Shenzhen Museum.

5 Zhongshan



Visit Sun Yat-sen’s Hometown Tourist Area (the Former Residence of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and Zhongshan Film and Television City), wander through the Zhanyuan Garden and visit the Zhongshan Museum.

6 Jiangmen



Have a look at the Kaiping Diaolou and Villages as well as the Zili Village to learn about the overseas Chinese hometown culture, and to fully explore the Chikan Overseas Chinese Town.

7 Zhaoqing



Visit the Xinghu Scenic Area, from the Seven Star Crag to the Dinghu Mountain. Stroll along the ancient city walls, where centuries of history await your discovery.

2. Coastal Route for Distinctive Islands

Highlights & Overview: This itinerary includes multiple islands across Guangdong, offering opportunities for nature sightseeing, leisure, or cultural exploration. If you choose this itinerary, you can enjoy nearly all the romantic charm of the islands and the pleasure and relaxation of island-hopping.



1 Shantou

Visit Nan'ao Island National Forest Park and travel along its ring road to check in the Song Well, General Mansion of Army, Qing'ao Bay, the Tropic of Cancer Landmark Tower, and the Island National Forest Park. Immerse yourself in the dazzling landscape of blue skies, emerald seas, lush islands, golden sands, and white-capped waves.

2 Shanwei

Zhelang Peninsula, a windmill island where you can enjoy the beaches, sea, wildflowers, seabirds, blue skies, white clouds, and of course, the windmills. Visit the nearby Honghai Bay and Chenzhou Island to experience the charm of an oyster-farming village.



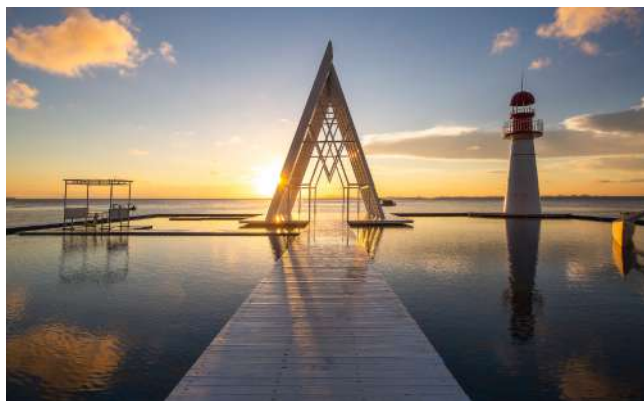
3 Zhuhai

Take a ferry from Xiangzhou Port to Dong'ao Island and enjoy a close-up view of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge along the way. You can have a relaxing time on the island: Dawanshan Island provides the fun of sea fishing for you, while Guishan Island and Wailingding Island offer a stunning coastal scenery.



4 Yangjiang

Travel to Hailing Island, tour the Guangdong Maritime Silk Road Museum, stroll along the Ten Miles Silver Beach, and experience the joy of a fishing boat excursion.



5 Maoming

Explore sandy shorelines and island scenery, visit Ocean Park and Chicken Island, and unwind on beach and enjoy the island atmosphere.



6 Zhanjiang

Discover Dinglong Bay International Ocean Tourist Resort in Wuchuan, experience the massive wave pool at the water park, and explore Nansan Island, Donghai Island, and Naozhou Island (especially the Naozhou lighthouse).

3. Experiencing Route for Intangible Cultural Heritage & Ethnic Traditions

Highlights & Overview: This route offers deep immersion into the preservation and innovation of intangible cultural heritage. From appreciating the exquisite craftsmanship, participating in intangible cultural heritage activities, to savoring local specialties, you can experience unique cultural activities that highlight the distinctive cultural appeal of Lingnan.



1 Chaozhou

Visit a master artisan's studio to witness the exquisite craft of Chaozhou wood carving. Explore the Guangji Bridge, Paifang Street, and the Chaozhou Ancient City. Savor the Kung Fu tea and experience the charm of Chaozhou opera and embroidery.

2 Jieyang

Go to the Jieyang wood carving workshop and appreciate the Chinese openwork techniques. Feel the historical atmosphere at Jinxianmen Gate Tower and City God Temple in Rongcheng District. Taste traditional Pengpei Guo (consisting of rice cakes with peanuts, sesame seeds, white sugar and other ingredients). Experience the atmosphere of local life in the old alleys of Rongcheng.



3 Meizhou

Experience several projects of Hakka cultural heritage at Hakka Family Town Tourism Resort, and enjoy intangible cultural heritage performances such as Hakka folk songs at Hakka World.





4 Dongguan

Learn about dragon boat and participate in the training at Maochun Dragon Boat Culture Base. Visit the Chinese Agarwood Culture Museum.



6 Qingyuan

Experience the village culture of Zhuang and Yao minority at Shiping Village. Appreciate the Yao embroidery and tie-dye techniques in Chengjia Yao Ethnic Township in Yangshan. Explore the karst wonders in Lianzhou Underground River Scenic Area. Visit the thousand-year-old Yao village, Wanshan Chaowang Scenic Spot, Youling Folk Yao Village, and Liannan Yao Ethnic Museum.



7 Heyuan

Tour the Heyuan Museum, the Huanglongyan She ethnic tourism area in Dongyuan, and the serene landscapes of Wanlv Lake.



5 Foshan

Create Chinese New Year woodblock prints (a popular traditional art form) by yourselves at Lingnan Heyuan Garden. Learn the craft of hand-making pottery and try your hands at making double-skin milk pudding at Ancient Nanfeng Kiln. Watch lion dances at Foshan Zumiao Museum. Discover local heritage foods at Lingnan Xintiandi.



8 Yunfu

Try stone carving at a Yunfu stone art studio. Visit the Guo'en Temple and experience the Buddhist heritage. Tour to Panlong Cave to taste specialty foods derived from the production of Luoding fermented bean and to explore the great integration of Lingnan stone art and folk traditions.

An aerial photograph of the Chimelong Guangzhou Resort. The central focus is a large, ornate hotel building with multiple wings and towers, featuring classical architectural elements like domes and arches. Surrounding the hotel are various recreational areas, including a large blue swimming pool, a green artificial lake, and several colorful roller coaster tracks. In the background, there are more resort buildings and lush green mountains under a clear sky.

Attractions

I. Meet the Pearl River Delta

1. Guangzhou

Chimelong Guangzhou Resort

Chimelong Guangzhou Resort encompasses multiple parks including Chimelong Paradise, Chimelong Safari Park, and Chimelong Water Park. You can see rare wildlife animals in the Safari Park and experience thrilling rides and attractions in Chimelong Paradise. Ranked among the world's top theme park destinations, it has become one of the premier choices for visitors to seek vacation leisure, go sightseeing, and enjoy an immersive cultural experience.



Tickets:

Chimelong Safari Park: 350 RMB;
Chimelong Paradise: 250 RMB;
Chimelong International Circus: 450 RMB;
Chimelong Water Park: 229 RMB



Opening Hours:

09:30-18:00 (Vary by different parks and are extended during peak seasons. Please check the official website or on-site notices for the most current schedule)



Address:

No. 299 East Hanxi Avenue, Panyu District, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province

Canton Tower

Amazing Views of Guangzhou



Canton Tower is a must-see when in the city. The ride up is smooth, and once at the top the view is just breathtaking, especially at night when the skyline is full of lights. A great experience I'd happily recommend to anyone visiting Guangzhou.

Reviewed by Rami699, August 26, 2025

An iconic landmark of Guangzhou, the tower is famed for its unique "slim waist" structure and ranks among the "Top Eight Sights of Guangzhou". It features a 488M Look Out and a Bubble Tram, offering panoramic views of the Pearl River and the whole city.

Tickets:

433M Sightseeing Observation Deck: 150 RMB;
450M Look Out: 228 RMB;
488M Look Out: 328 RMB

Opening Hours:

09:30-22:30 (Last entry: 22:00)

Address:

No. 222 Yuejiang West Road, Haizhu District,
Guangzhou, Guangdong Province



2. Shenzhen

Window of the World



Home to miniature replicas of global famous landmarks, this attraction allows you to “tour the world in a day”. During holidays, it hosts large-scale song-and-dance performances, cultural festivals, and beer festivals, showing diverse international customs.

💎 **Tickets:** 220 RMB

🕒 **Opening Hours:** 09:30-21:00 (Last entry: 20:00)

📍 **Address:**
No. 9037 Shennan Avenue, Nanshan District, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province

Like visiting the whole world



Very beautiful place alot to see Like you visit the whole world There is eifel tower and the pyramids. There is alot of show at nights and all of them are very good

Reviewed by Mohammed A, April 26, 2024

Shenzhen Huafa Ice and Snow World

As the world’s largest indoor snow center, it features five profession-level slopes, two terrain parks, and a snow play zone, with a maximum vertical drop of 83 meters tall. Here, even in southern China, you can experience ultimate winter sports excitement.

💎 **Tickets:** Beginner Slope (3-hour): 313 RMB

🕒 **Opening Hours:** 10:00-22:00

📍 **Address:**
No. 666 Binjiang Avenue, Bao’an District, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province



3. Zhuhai

Dong'ao Island

Dong'ao Island features three main beaches: Nansha Bay, Big Bamboo Bay, and Small Bamboo Bay. Nansha Bay is the most spectacular and is renowned as the "Diamond Beach". Its fine, white sand and gentle slopes make it an ideal destination for surfing, diving, and windsurfing. You can also hike up to the Honeymoon Pavilion on Fudan Hill for panoramic views and explore the ancient fort and cannon city, which dates back to the Qianlong era of the Qing Dynasty.

🎫 **Tickets:** Free

🕒 **Opening Hours:** All day

📍 **Address:**
Xiangzhou District, Zhuhai, Guangdong Province



4. Foshan

Xiqiao Mountain

One of Guangdong's four famous mountains, Xiqiao has serene natural scenery, rich cultural heritage, and authentic folk traditions. Its landscape features 72 distinctive peaks and 42 secluded caves, adorned with lakes, waterfalls, springs, streams, cliffs, pools, and rock formations. All of these together form a breathtaking masterpiece on this long-extinct volcano.

🎫 **Tickets:** Free (Round-trip shuttle bus: 40 RMB)

🕒 **Opening Hours:** 08:00-17:30

📍 **Address:**
Huanshan Avenue, Xiqiao Town, Nanhai District,
Foshan, Guangdong Province

How to avoid crowds



Best way we avoided massive crowds and snake queues ... see my photos. Great museum at the top- well worth the climb. Followed by early dinner at local township.

Reviewed by anita w, July 2, 2025

5. Huizhou

Luofu Mountain

As one of the Ten Great Taoist Mountains in China, it is also known as the greatest mountain in the Lingnan area. Luofushan blends natural beauty with cultural heritage, featuring numerous sites including the Zhuming Cave and the Bed of the Immortals.

🎫 **Tickets:** 54 RMB

🕒 **Opening Hours:** 07:00-18:00 (Last entry: 17:00)

📍 **Address:**

Luofushan Scenic Area, Changning Town,
Boluo County, Huizhou, Guangdong Province



🎫 **Tickets:** 8 RMB

🕒 **Opening Hours:** 09:00-17:30

📍 **Address:**

No. 32 Keyuan Road, Dongguan, Guangdong Province

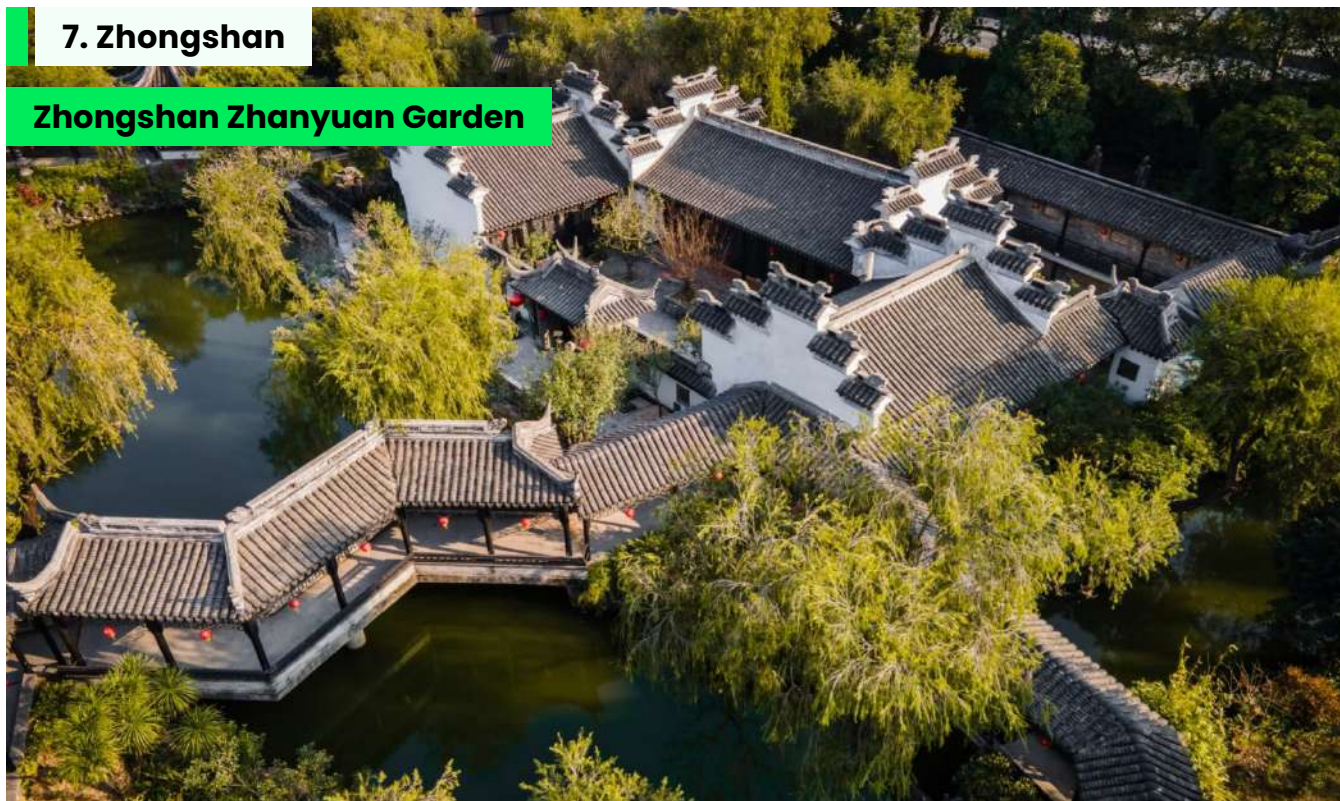
6. Dongguan

Keyuan Garden

Dongguan Keyuan Garden, Shunde Qinghui Garden, Panyu Yu Yin Shan House, Foshan Liang Garden are together called the Four Famous Guangdong Gardens during the Qing Dynasty. Keyuan is famous for its “small and exquisite design”, which combines residence, courtyard and study in an artistic way. The layout of the garden is scattered, twists and turns. There is a landscape in the empty place, and the sparse place is not empty, which is the treasure of Lingnan garden.

7. Zhongshan

Zhongshan Zhanyuan Garden



It is the largest classical private garden in south area of Lingnan Mountain, themed around “Filial Piety”. Its exquisite landscape design, classical architecture with grey bricks and black tiles, and the natural beauty of hills and waters blend into a harmonious picture that embodies the unity of humanity and nature.

🎫 **Tickets:** 60 RMB

🕒 **Opening Hours:** 08:30-17:30

📍 **Address:**
Next to National Highway 105, Beitai Village,
Zhongshan, Guangdong Province





8. Jiangmen

Kaiping Diaolou and Villages

This renowned scenic area uniquely integrates overseas Chinese culture, garden artistry, Sino-Western architecture, historical relics, pristine natural environments, folk traditions, and popular science education. Within the zone, classical gardens, traditional dwellings, and East-meets-West towers blend perfectly with the surrounding hills, ponds, and rice fields.

Tickets:

Zili Village: 78 RMB + Majianglong
Village: 60 RMB + Li Garden: 100 RMB

🕒 **Opening Hours:** 09:00-17:45

Address:

Li Garden Tourism Area, Tangkou
Town, Kaiping City, Jiangmen,
Guangdong Province

The reason to visit Kaiping



The UNESCO-accredited diaolous in Kaiping have become a main tourist draw. The cluster of eclectic watchtowers and village houses form a unique rural landscape in the city. A stroll in the countryside to explore the unique architectural gem is a truly memorable experience.

Reviewed by Leonhkny, December 15, 2024

9. Zhaoqing

Seven Star Crag



Renowned for its karst landscape, the area features pinnacles, limestone caves, lakes, stone inscriptions, and Taoist temples as its core attractions. Celebrated as a “Fairyland on Earth” and the “Top Wonder of Lingnan”, it has been a popular destination since the Sui and Tang dynasties.

📍 **Tickets:** 70 RMB

🕒 **Opening Hours:** 08:00-22:00

📍 **Address:**
No. 1 Qixing Road, Duanzhou District,
Zhaoqing, Guangdong Province

II. Meet the Land of Charm for Overseas Chinese

1. Shantou

Nan'ao Island

Nan'ao Island is the only island-county in Guangdong, comprising 37 islands of various sizes. With a 77-kilometer coastline and 66 bays and harbors, it has long been celebrated as the Pearl of Guangdong.

🎫 **Tickets:** Free

🕒 **Opening Hours:** All day

📍 **Address:**
Nan'ao County, Shantou, Guangdong Province



2. Shanwei

Honghai Bay

This attraction boasts mountains, sea, islands, lakes, forests, and springs. With its distinctive waves, captivating beaches, and richly shaped reefs, the coastline forms a natural marine art gallery, acclaimed as the “Golden Coast of Eastern Guangdong”. It is also a premier destination for seaside vacations and surfing.

🎫 **Tickets:** Free

🕒 **Opening Hours:** All day

📍 **Address:**
Zhelang Neighborhood, Honghai Bay Area,
Shanwei, Guangdong Province





3. Chaozhou

Guangji Bridge

Also known as Xiangzi Bridge, it is celebrated for its unique integration of beam, pontoon, and arch bridge designs. Together with Zhaozhou Bridge, Luoyang Bridge, and Lugou Bridge, it is recognized as one of Four Great Ancient Bridges in China. Its distinctive form of 24 piers and 18 boats creates a unique architectural landscape.

Must see in Chaozhou



The most famous site in historical city area. Typical southern Chinese style with different great views of the lake and old wall. Cross the long bridge and enjoy the scenery...

Reviewed by steelriver2014, March 16, 2024

🎫 **Tickets:** 20 RMB

🕒 **Opening Hours:** 10:00-17:30 (Last entry: 17:00)

📍 **Address:**
Huancheng East Road, Xiangqiao District, Chaozhou,
Guangdong Province

4. Jieyang

Huangmanzhai Waterfall

This spectacular cascade consists of five tiers with a total drop exceeding 300 meters. The powerful waterfall, surrounded by dense forests and fresh air, ranks among Guangdong's most celebrated natural landscapes. It offers an ideal setting for fitness, wellness, and leisure.

🎫 **Tickets:** 90 RMB

🕒 **Opening Hours:** 08:30-17:00

📍 **Address:**

Cukeng Village, Jingxiyuan Town, Jiexi County,
Jieyang, Guangdong Province



III. Meet the Coastal Blue Bay

1. Yangjiang

Hailing Island

Recognized as one of China's Top Ten Most Beautiful Islands, it boasts pristine beaches like Dajiao Bay and the Ten Miles Silver Beach. You can enjoy swimming, play beach sports, and savor fresh local seafood.

🎫 **Tickets:** Free

🕒 **Opening Hours:** All day

📍 **Address:**
Hailing Island, Jiangcheng District, Yangjiang,
Guangdong Province



2. Zhanjiang

Huguang Lake Global Geopark

Encircled by mountains, the area features an ancient lake surrounded by towering trees, lush greenery, and exceptionally fresh air. The scenic zone consists of over 20 natural and cultural attractions, such as the Maar Lake, Lengyan Temple, Baiyi Nunnery, Wanghai Tower, and the Volcano Museum, making it an ideal destination for sightseeing and recreation. Its centerpiece Maar Lake is one of the most well-conserved volcanic lakes in the world.

🎫 **Tickets:** 50 RMB

🕒 **Opening Hours:** 07:30-18:00

📍 **Address:**
Huguang Town, Mazhang District, Zhanjiang,
Guangdong Province

3. Maoming

Romantic Coast Tourist Resort

This comprehensive destination integrates sightseeing, leisure vacations, business conferences, food, shopping, and science education. Boasting 5.3 kilometers of pristine coastline, the resort is distinguished by its Southeast Asian architectural style and “Love & Romance” theme, complemented by natural attractions including waters, coconut groves, lush lawns, and rocky islets.

🎫 **Tickets:** 80 RMB

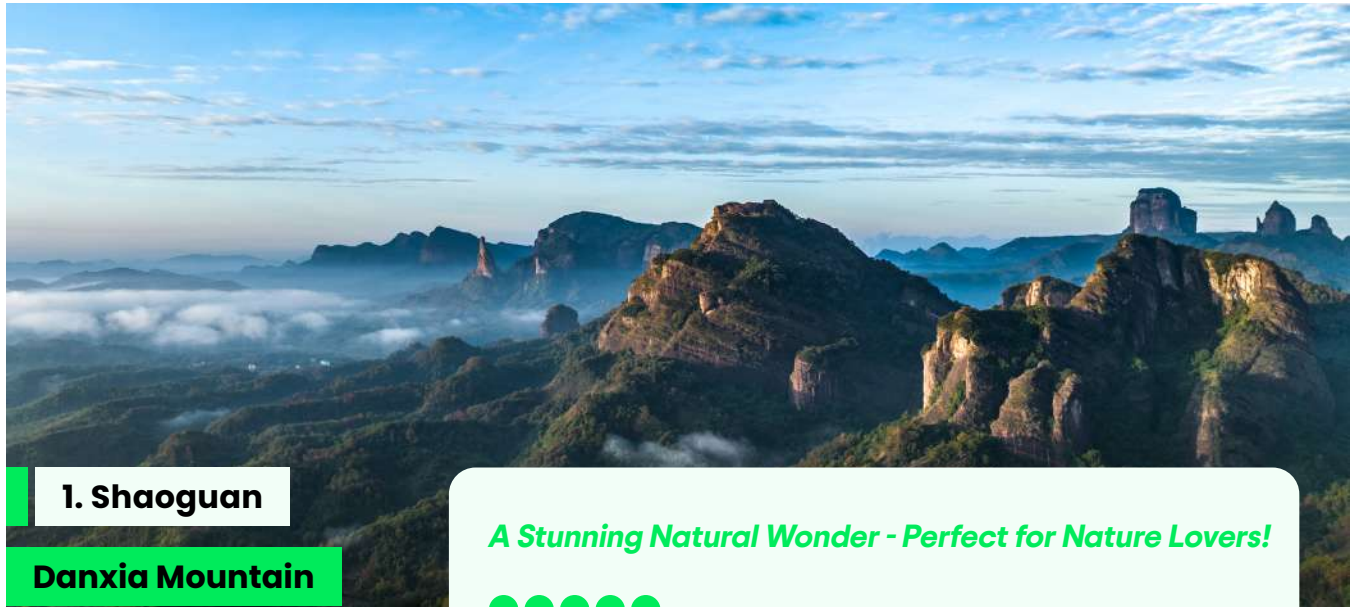
🕒 **Opening Hours:** 08:00-22:00

📍 **Address:**

Romantic Coast Tourist Resort, Jian'gang
Management Zone, Bohe Town, Dianbai District,
Maoming, Guangdong Province



IV. Meet the Ecological Hakka Vibes



1. Shaoguan

Danxia Mountain

Composed of red conglomerate and sandstone, the site is characterized by its crimson cliffs and crags. The landscape resembles layered red citadels with floating rosy clouds. It gained its name because its rouge-like hues give people an impression of radiant morning glow (or “Danxia” in Chinese).

📍 **Tickets:** 50 RMB

🕒 **Opening Hours:** All day

📍 **Address:**
Along National Highway 106,
Renhua County, Shaoguan,
Guangdong Province

A Stunning Natural Wonder - Perfect for Nature Lovers!



Danxia Mountain Geopark in Shaoguan is an absolute gem for anyone who loves breathtaking natural landscapes and outdoor adventures. Known for its unique red sandstone formations and picturesque scenery, this UNESCO World Heritage Site offers a truly unforgettable experience. The highlight of the visit is undoubtedly the famous “Male and Female Stone” formations, which are not only fascinating but also steeped in local legends. The mountain trails are well-maintained, making it accessible for most travelers, though some paths can be steep and require a bit of effort. The views from the summit are absolutely worth it—on a clear day, you can see the stunning expanse of rolling hills and the river winding below. The park is rich in biodiversity, and you’ll often spot local wildlife and vibrant flora along the way. For those who enjoy photography, the sunrise and sunset views are especially magical, bathing the red rocks in golden hues. There are plenty of spots for rest and refreshment, as well as local restaurants offering authentic Shaoguan cuisine. If time allows, consider taking a boat ride along the Jinjiang River for a different perspective of the park’s beauty.

Reviewed by Dim U, January 8, 2025

2. Heyuan

Wanlv Lake Scenic Spot



It is the first lake in South China, with 370 square kilometers of vast clear water, 1100 square kilometers of green mountains and more than 360 green islands. Against the background of blue sky, white clouds, morning glow and sunset, it shows a charming picture.

💎 **Tickets:** 175 RMB

🕒 **Opening Hours:**

Summer: 09:00-15:00

Winter: 09:00-14:00

📍 **Address:**

No. 17 Gangzhong Road, Xingang Town, Dongyuan County, Heyuan, Guangdong Province

Best nature in Guangdong!

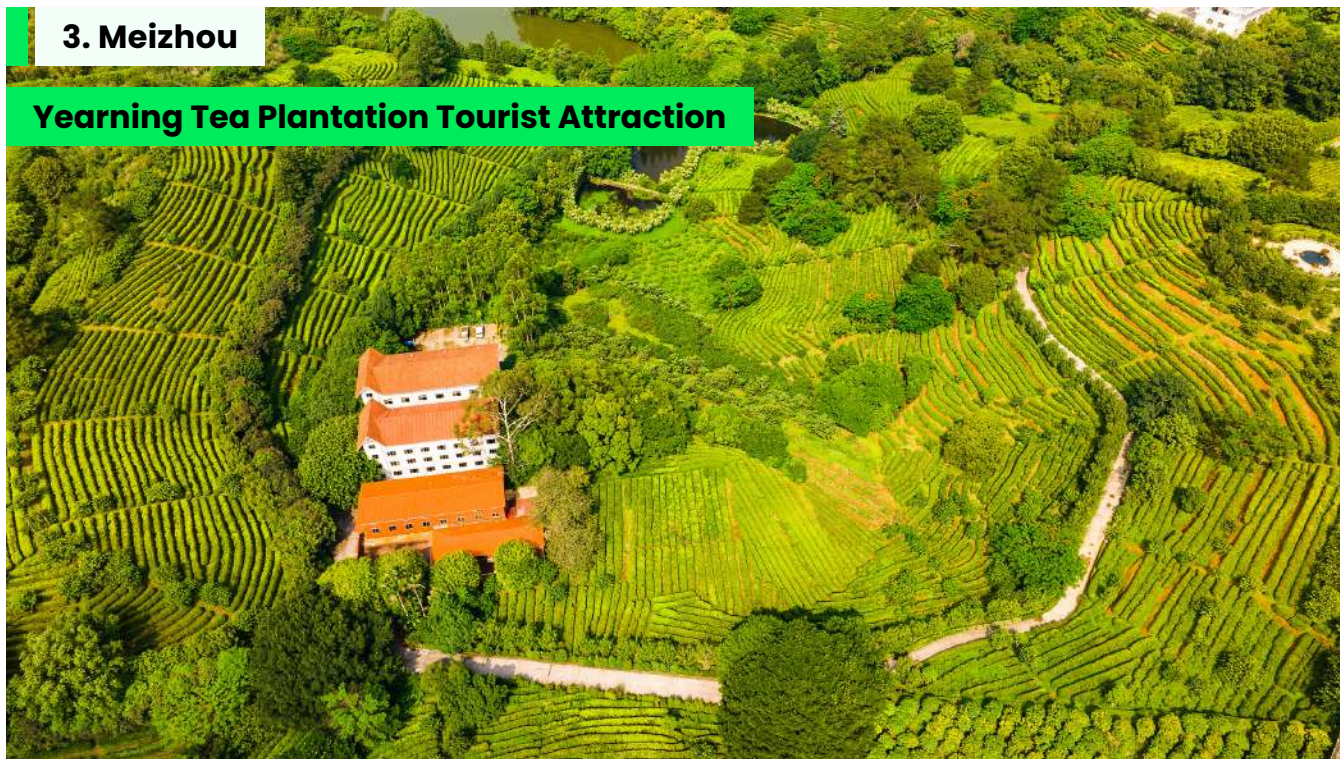


The Evergreen Lake is a notoriously underrated attraction in Guangdong. The artificial lake has the freshest air and probably cleanest water in Guangdong. The view is pretty impressive as well. Taking the official boat trip to visit two of the many inhabited islands is a perfect way to explore the place.

Reviewed by Leonhkny, October 12, 2024

3. Meizhou

Yearning Tea Plantation Tourist Attraction



This eco-destination is themed around tea culture, featuring vast terraced tea fields that cascade down the hillsides. Amidst exquisite landscape art and blooming gardens, you can enjoy elegant performances on tea art and immerse yourselves in the essence of traditional tea culture.

🔗 **Tickets:** 80 RMB

🕒 **Opening Hours:**

08:00-18:00 (Vary by specific attractions)

📍 **Address:**

Changjiao Village, Yanyang Town, Meixian District, Meizhou, Guangdong Province



4. Qingyuan

Lianzhou Underground River

This magnificent karst cave spans three levels across four mountains. The first features a navigable underground river for boat tours, which passes beneath a soaring waterfall. The second and third are dry land layers where you can admire spectacular stalactite formations in diverse shapes.

🎫 **Tickets:** 120 RMB

🕒 **Opening Hours:** 08:30-17:00

📍 **Address:**
Dadong Village, Dongpi Town, Lianzhou City,
Qingyuan, Guangdong Province



5. Yunfu

Xinxing Tianlu Mountain Tourist Resort

Always shrouded in mist, the mountain features extraordinary rock formations and blooming wildflowers. Various rare flowers and plants make it a green treasury. The dense forests release abundant negative ions, forming a natural oxygen bar. Tianlu Mountain also preserves profound culture, associated with the Sixth Patriarchs of Zen Buddhism's spiritual practice.

🎫 **Tickets:** 68 RMB

🕒 **Opening Hours:** 09:00-17:00

📍 **Address:**
Luodong Village, Lidong Town, Xinxing County, Yunfu,
Guangdong Province

Practical Tips on Entry



Convenient Entry

(1) 240-Hour Visa Free Transit Policy: Guangdong Province implements a 240-hour (10-day) visa-free transit policy for citizens of 55 countries including the United States, Russia, and the United Kingdom. Eligible travelers holding valid international travel documents and onward tickets may enter visa-free through the following 5 ports in Guangdong Province.

Airports: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport, Jieyang Chaoshan International Airport

Ports: Nansha Passenger Port, Shekou Passenger Port, Guangzhou Pazhou Passenger Port, Zhuhai Hengqin Port, the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge border crossing, Zhongshan Port, and the West Kowloon Station of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong High-Speed Railway.

The visa-free stay period begins at 00:00 on the day following entry and permits activities such as tourism and business. Pre-arranged visa is not needed.



(2) Unilateral Visa Exemption Policy: Citizens holding ordinary passports from 47 countries, including France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, South Korea, and Japan, are exempt from visa requirements for business, tourism, family visits, exchanges, or transit stays not exceeding 30 days.

(3) Group Tourist Port Visa: For foreign tourist groups consisting of two or more people applying for group tourist port visas, the Chinese travel agency responsible for organizing and receiving such groups must submit invitation letters, lists of personnel, and tourist reception plans to the relevant port visa authorities in advance. The above tourist groups can enter and exit from all open ports in China and enjoy their journey in Guangdong.



Convenient Payment

Key cultural and tourism sites across the province, including three-star (or above) hotels, 4A-level (or above) scenic spots, tourist resorts, museums, art galleries, and theaters, have been equipped with POS terminals accepting international bank cards, foreign currency exchange points, or ATMs that also support international cards.

To use mobile payment: Download WeChat, Alipay, or UnionPay App (all available for free in app stores). Enter your mobile number (international or domestic) and complete registration according to in-app instructions. Open any of these apps and navigate to the bank card binding section. Link an international

card (such as Visa or Mastercard) or a domestic card bearing the UnionPay logo. Ensure all card details and verification codes are entered correctly to complete the process. Once set up, you can enjoy the entire journey with just one phone.



Instant Tax Refund on Departure

Eligible international visitors who make a single purchase of 200 RMB or more at designated tax-refund stores in Guangdong can receive an 11% VAT refund. After a 2% service fee deduction, the net refund amounts to around 9%. This benefit applies to an unlimited number of transactions annually, and electronic invoices are equally valid as proof of purchase. You can receive their refund in cash immediately at the point of sale, and some stores support electronic refund transfers. Designated departure ports for processing these refunds in Guangdong include: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Nansha Port Passenger Terminal, Zhuhai Jiuzhou Port Passenger Terminal, Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport, Shekou Cruise Homeport, Wenjindu Port, etc.



Transportation

(1) Train Tickets

Online Booking: Trip.com and the China Railway 12306 app are the most common platforms for booking train tickets online. Both support international payment methods (e.g. Visa, PayPal) and offer English-language interfaces for the convenience of overseas travelers.

Offline Booking: Tickets can be purchased at station ticket counters, such as those at Guangzhou South Station, Shenzhen North Station, and Zhuhai Station. Staff assistance is available upon request.



(2) Metro

Mobile App Ticketing/QR Code Entry: Alipay and official metro apps (e.g. Guangzhou Metro, Shenzhen Metro) can be used to buy tickets or scan QR codes for entry. (Note: Some apps may require binding a Chinese mobile number for using full functions.)

On-site Purchase: Every metro station is equipped with self-service ticket machines (at least one machine per station supports cash payment) and manual ticket counters for convenient on-the-spot purchases.



(3) Ride-hailing

Open Alipay → “Transport & Travel” section → “Taxi” option → enter your planned route. You can switch to English if available. By clicking the on-screen translation pop-up, the text can automatically be translated into English for easier use.



One-Stop Airport Services

International airports such as Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport and the Shenzhen Bay Port One-Stop Service Center for Foreigners feature clear bilingual signs. The centers are organized into five counters, each focusing on a key service.

Payment Services: Consultation on payment options, assistance with mobile payment app setup,

guidance on international card cash withdrawals, currency exchange, and small change conversion.

Cultural Tourism: Travel information, tour planning, route design, ticket booking assistance, and city tourism promotion.

Telecommunications: SIM card sales and communication services consultation.

Transportation: Sales, top-up, and refund of transit cards (e.g., Shenzhen Tong), along with travel advice.

Immigration Affairs: Consultation on entry-exit procedures, interpretation of stay and residence policies, immigration guidance, and introduction to foreign-related legal regulations.

This integrated approach ensures that international visitors receive efficient and comprehensive support upon arrival, addressing diverse daily living and travel needs in one stop.

With an open, inclusive, and smart-convenient service system, Guangdong is ready to offer you the unique charm of the combination of Lingnan traditional culture and urban modernity. Whether you're admiring the shimmering lights on a Pearl River night cruise or sipping tea in the time-honored ancient streets of Chaozhou, we are here to ensure you a relaxing and memorable journey!

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