

# Guangzhou

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## Brief

Guangzhou, as a cultural center of Lingnan, has unique customs. During the Spring Festival, the flower market is bustling and full of beautiful wishes for life. On weekdays, the teahouse is filled with the fragrance of tea, and people sit around and chat over a cup of tea. The attractions here are charming. The towering Guangzhou Tower is the city's business card; the quaint Chen Clan Academy is a collection of Lingnan architectural decorative art; the European-style buildings on Shamian Island, witnessing the past years, will surely make you intoxicated.

## Why Go Here

- Enjoy the ancient Lingnan architecture
- Try the authentic Cantonese morning tea
- Visit the fun theme park
- The dazzling night view of the Pearl River
- Diverse city styles

## Basic info

Time zone: CST (UTC+8)

Area code: +86/020

Postal code: 510000

Language: Mandarin

Currency: RMB, called "Yuan", "Jiao", "Mao",

10 Jiao = 1 Yuan

Plug:  

Voltage: 220V

Frequency: 50 Hz

Currency conversion:

RMB: ¥

US dollars: 1 USD = 7.2559 RMB

1 RMB = 0.1378 USD



**Police: 110**

**Medical Care: 120**

**Traffic Accident: 122**

**Fire Emergency: 119**

## Sights

### Guangzhou Tower 广州塔



The Guangzhou Tower is 600 meters high and is a national 4A-level scenic spot. Because of its slender body, it is called the "Little Waist". It is suitable for taking photos of the exterior when the lights are on at night. There are scenic spots such as the Ferris wheel inside. It is recommended to climb the tower between 4:30 and 5:00 to enjoy the sunset and night view.

### Address

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

广东省广州市海珠区阅江西路222号

**Recommended play time: 3-4 hours**

### Opening Hours

09:30-22:30 (January 1st - December 31st,  
Monday to Sunday)

### Transportation

- Subway: Take APM Line or Line 3 to Guangzhou Tower Subway Station, and walk to the destination.
- Bus: Take Line 11, Line 262, Line 468, or Line 1 to Guangzhou Tower West Station, and walk to the destination.
- Tram: Take Haizhu Tram to Guangzhou Tower Station, and walk to the destination.

#### ② Shamian Island 沙面岛



Shamian is an important commercial port in Guangzhou for a century. It was once an important trading hub in the Song, Yuan, Ming and Qing dynasties. After the Opium War, it became a British and French concession, which is a microcosm of modern history and concession history. There are many European buildings on the island, such as the Lourdes Catholic Church, which looks like a European town. Cafes and churches are popular places for taking photos, making it a popular check-in spot.

### Address

No. 53-54, Shamian North Street, Liwan District,  
Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province  
广东省广州市荔湾区沙面北街53~54号

**Recommended play time: 3 hours**

### Opening Hours

Open all year round

### Transportation

- ① Take bus No. 1/57/64/75/106/181/217 to the Municipal Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine and walk about 233 meters to the destination.
- ② Take a taxi from Guangzhou Station: drive about 5.9 kilometers.
- ③ Take Metro Line 1 to Huangsha Station Exit D opposite the overpass, and walk about 10 minutes after exiting the station.

### Travel Season

- ◎ From October to December, the temperature in autumn is suitable, cool and windy. The good weather can last until November and December, which is most suitable for travel.

#### ③ Shangxiajiu Pedestrian Street 上下九步行街



Shangxiajiu Pedestrian Street consists of Shangjiu Road, Xiajiu Road and Diyifu Road, and is a prosperous area in the old city. Most of the goods are low-end and affordable. The main street has a unique arcade building style and is lined with department stores and restaurants. You can feel the Lingnan commercial culture while walking.

### Address

No. 6, Xiajiu Road, Liwan District, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province 广东省广州市荔湾区下九路6号

**Recommended play time: 3 hours**

### Opening Hours

Open all year round

### Transportation

- Take bus No. 2/3/6/251/297/530/Night 5 to Hepingzhong Bus Station and walk about 310 meters to the destination.



The Catholic Cathedral in Guangzhou is one of the most magnificent Gothic buildings in the diocese and the largest stone structure Catholic building in Southeast Asia. It was designed by a French designer and built by Chinese craftsmen. The internal stone columns and pointed arches are uniquely designed, and the stained glass windows and stained glass depict biblical stories, which are solemn and sacred.

### Address

No. 56, Jiubuqian, Yide Road, Yuexiu District, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province 广东省广州市越秀区一德路旧部前56号

**Recommended play time: 3 hours**

### Opening Hours

09:00-17:00 all year round

### Transportation

- Public transportation: Take bus No. 4/8/61/86/823 and get off at Yidezhong Station.



Chimelong Safari Park is the largest wildlife park in Asia, featuring large-scale free-range and self-driving viewing, with more than 500 rare animals. There are wonderful performances by white tigers, elephants, etc. in the park, and you can also take a small train into

the jungle grassland to experience the excitement of walking with animals.

### Address

No. 299, Hanxi Avenue East, Panyu District, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province 广东省广州市番禺区汉溪大道东299号

**Recommended play time: 3-6 days**

### Opening Hours

09:00-18:30 (Monday to Sunday, July 1st to July 31st)

09:00-18:30 (Monday to Sunday, August 1st to August 31st)

### Transportation

Chimelong Safari Park is located in Panyu District, Guangzhou.

- External transportation: You can take bus No. 304/562 and get off at Chimelong Xiangjiang Safari Park; you can also take Metro Line 3 and exit at Hanxi Chimelong Station E, and transfer to the free shuttle bus in the park.

- Internal transportation: The park is divided into two parts, one is the walking area, and the other is the car tour area. The car tour is to take a small train tour in the park (free), which takes about 40 minutes.



Chen Clan Academy was built in 1888. It is a representative folk building in Guangdong in the late Qing Dynasty. It is well preserved and has Lingnan characteristics. You can enjoy sculptures and art exhibitions. It was originally a residence for candidates for the imperial examination. The tour is in a zigzag order. Wood carvings, stone carvings and other decorations and paintings can be seen everywhere, with vivid shapes.

### Address

No. 34, Enlongli, Zhongshan 7th Road, Liwan District, Guangzhou 广州市荔湾区中山七路恩龙里34号

**Recommended play time: 2 hours**

### Opening Hours

Closed to the public (January 1st - December 31st, Tuesday) 09:00-17:30; Ticket sales stop at 17:00; Admission stops at 17:00 (January 1st - December 31st, Monday, Wednesday-Sunday)

### Transportation

- ① Take Metro Line 1 and get off at Exit D of Chen Clan Academy Station.
- ② Take bus No. 17, 85, 88, 104, 107, 128, 193, 204, 233, 250, or 286 and get off at Chen Clan Academy Station.

### Tips

- Free opening days: January 15, February 12, March 12, April 16, May 18 (International Museum Day), May 19 (China Tourism Day),

June 14 (China Heritage Day), July 16, August 13, September 17, October 15, November 12, December 17. At the same time, on May 12, International Nurses Day, August 19, Chinese Doctors Day, September 10, Teachers Day, and October 26, Sanitation Workers Day, doctors, nurses, teachers, and sanitation workers can visit for free with their work permits.

### 7 Baiyun Mountain 白云山



Baiyun Mountain is a famous mountain in southern Guangdong, known as "the most beautiful mountain in Guangzhou". It consists of more than 30 peaks and is named after the rain and fog.

It is divided into seven tourist areas, where you can climb up to overlook the entire city and the Pearl River. There are also entertainment activities such as grass skiing. In spring, azaleas bloom and mountain flowers are in full bloom, making it a great place for outings.

#### Address

No. 801, Guangyuan Middle Road, Baiyun District, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province  
广东省广州市白云区广园中路801号

**Recommended play time: 3 hours**

#### Opening Hours

Open all year round

#### Transportation

- Take bus No. 466 to Meiyuan Road Terminal and walk about 1,600 meters to arrive;
- Take bus No. 38/66/76/127/223/245 to Guangzhou Gymnasium Station and walk about 1,900 meters to arrive.

### 8 Yuexiu Park 越秀公园



Yuexiu Park is the largest park in Guangzhou. It consists of seven hills and three artificial lakes. It has beautiful natural scenery and is suitable for walking and exercising. There are historical sites such as the Five Goats Stone Statue and various entertainment venues in the park. The west gate is close to Guangxiao Temple, which can be connected to the Chen Clan Academy for fun. In March, the kapok flowers and ancient buildings complement each other.

#### Address

No. 988, Jiefang North Road, Yuexiu District, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

广东省广州市越秀区解放北路988号

**Recommended play time: 4-5 hours**

### Opening Hours

All year round 6:00-22:00

### Transportation

- Subway: Take Subway Line 2 to Yuexiu Park Station, Exit B1 and walk to the destination.
- Bus: Take Bus No. 101, 105, 108, 110, 113, 186, 244A, 244, 273, 519, 58A, 87, Night Bus No. 12, Night Bus No. 22, Night Bus No. 26, Night Bus No. 40, Night Bus No. 55, Night Bus No. 79, Night Bus No. 8, Peak Express Bus No. 40 and get off at Yuexiu Park Station, walk to the destination.

### Travel Season

- ◎ In spring and autumn, Yuexiu Park will hold a Spring Flower Show and a Chrysanthemum Exhibition. Tourists interested in flowers can choose to visit at this time.

## Eating

It is a famous Lingnan city with various styles and overflowing with unique charm. The New Year flower market is full of flowers, people are smiling and praying for good things. On weekdays, the teahouse is very lively, people sit around and share morning tea, shrimp dumplings, barbecued pork buns and other snacks are exquisite and delicious. The rice noodle rolls are delicate and smooth, and the aroma of roast meat is fragrant. Walking on the streets, there is a strong atmosphere of life everywhere.

### ◆ Shrimp Dumplings 虾饺

The signature dish of Cantonese morning tea, the dough is as thin as a cicada's wing, wrapped with fresh shrimp and pork bamboo shoots, shaped like a half moon. After steaming, it is crystal clear, and the juice bursts out when bitten. The shrimp meat is chewy and sweet, and paired with soft and tender stuffing, the taste is rich and layered. It is a classic must-have for morning tea.



### ◆ Barbecued Pork Buns 叉烧包

The soft dough is slightly cracked, revealing the honey-glazed barbecued pork filling. The lean pork is roasted until bright red, diced and added to the filling. The mixture of sweet and salty, the outer skin is soft and the inner filling is fragrant and moist. It is a must-order for breakfast tea for the old Cantonese.



### ◆ Steamed Siu Mai 干蒸烧麦

Guangzhou dry steamed siu mai is a classic Cantonese breakfast. It is made with half-fat and lean pork and shrimp as the main ingredients, and water chestnuts and chopped mushrooms are added to make a granular filling. It is kneaded into a pomegranate shape with thin dough and topped with crab roe. After steaming, the skin is soft and the filling is elastic. The meat aroma, shrimp freshness, and water chestnuts are crispy and intertwined. It is salty, slightly sweet, and juicy. It is delicious when paired with tea to relieve greasiness.



### ◆ Red Rice Sausage 红米肠

The red rice skin is wrapped with fried crispy net skin and fresh shrimp, and the three colors overlap to make it look good. It has a triple taste of soft, crispy and springy. It is even more delicious when dipped in peanut sauce. It is a creative way to have a good morning tea.



### ◆ Roast Goose 烧鹅

Qingyuan goose is roasted on fruit wood, with crispy skin like glass, tender and juicy meat, and fat permeating the flavor. Paired with sour plum sauce, it is sour and sweet to relieve greasiness, with fragrant skin and tender meat, a representative of the "hard dishes" of Cantonese roast meat.



### ◆ Barbecued Pork 叉烧

Selected pork neck is marinated with barbecued pork sauce, honey, etc., and slowly roasted over charcoal or in an oven until the skin is burnt and red, showing an attractive honey color. The meat is tender and juicy, and the salty and sweet taste permeates the texture, with the burnt aroma and meaty aroma blending together. It can be eaten directly, or paired with rice, used as a filling for barbecued pork buns, or stir-fried with vegetables. The versatile flavor runs through morning tea and dinner, showing the exquisite control of the Cantonese cuisine on the heat and seasoning.



#### ◆ Roast Pork 烧肉

The skin-on pork belly is roasted until the skin is crispy and the meat is tender. The golden and crispy skin makes a "crunch" sound, and the fat is melted without being greasy. Dip it in sugar or sauce, it is salty and slightly sweet, and it is a common delicacy on festive tables.



#### ◆ Roast Rice 肠粉

Guangzhou rice noodle rolls are a classic street food with a strong sense of fireworks. Rice is ground into a thin rice noodle skin, which is soft, smooth and has a natural rice aroma. It can be wrapped with pork, beef, shrimp, eggs and other fillings, and topped with a secret sauce made of soy sauce, dried shrimp, rock sugar, etc. The steaming rice noodle rolls are in your mouth, and the delicate rice noodle skin, the freshness of the fillings, and the salty and sweet sauce are cleverly combined. Every bite is full of the warmth of the market.



#### ◆ Claypot Rice 煲仔饭

Claypot rice is a classic Cantonese staple food. It is cooked in a clay pot with rice, cured meat, spare ribs, chicken and other ingredients. Under slow fire, the rice absorbs the fat and aroma of the ingredients, and a golden and charred rice crust forms at the bottom of the pot. When the lid is opened, the hot air is wrapped with the aroma of cured meat. After mixing well, the rice grains are oily, the cured meat is salty and fragrant, the meat is tender, and the rice crust is crispy. One spoonful of it is full of the warm taste of smoke and wok, which is a soothing homely delicacy in winter.



### ◆ Double Skin Milk 双皮奶

Double-skin milk is the soul of Cantonese desserts, with fresh milk, egg white and sugar as the main ingredients. After steaming the milk, two layers of milk skin are condensed, the upper layer is sweet and mellow, and the lower layer is tender and smooth like fat, melting in the mouth. It is refreshing when eaten cold, and warms the stomach when eaten hot. The fragrance of milk and egg blends together, and the sweetness is just right. It not only carries the pursuit of the original taste of the ingredients by the old Cantonese, but also becomes a sweet comfort suitable for all ages with its delicate taste.



## Notes

### Hospital

#### ● The First Affiliated Hospital of Sun Yat - sen University 中山大学附属第一医院

Address: No. 58, Zhongshan 2nd Road, Yuexiu District, Guangzhou

Tel: 020 - 87755766

Website: <https://www.fahsysu.org.cn/home>

Opening hours: 24 hours

#### ● Nanfang Hospital, Southern Medical University 南方医科大学南方医院

Address: No. 1838, Guangzhou Avenue North, Baiyun District, Guangzhou

Tel: 020 - 61641888

Website: <http://www.nfyy.com/wap/>

Opening hours: 24 hours

#### ● Guangdong Provincial People's Hospital 广东省人民医院

Address: No. 106, Zhongshan 2nd Road, Yuexiu District, Guangzhou

Tel: 020 - 83827812

Website: <http://www.gdghospital.org.cn/>

Opening hours: 24 hours

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