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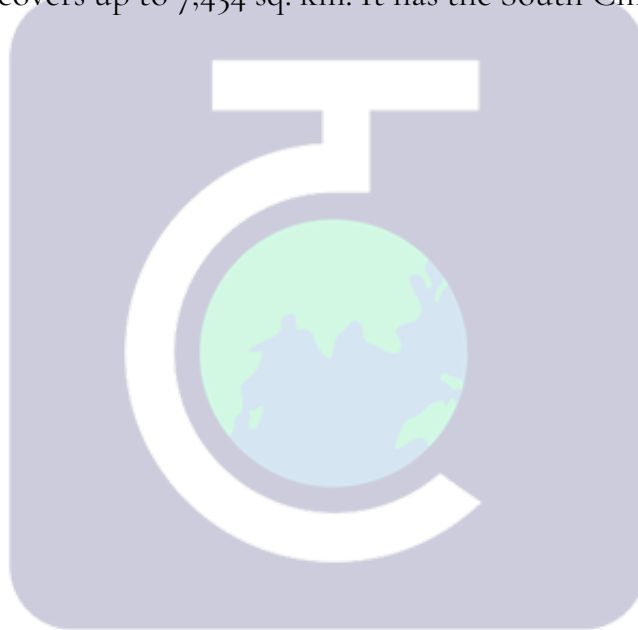
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1. Geographical location

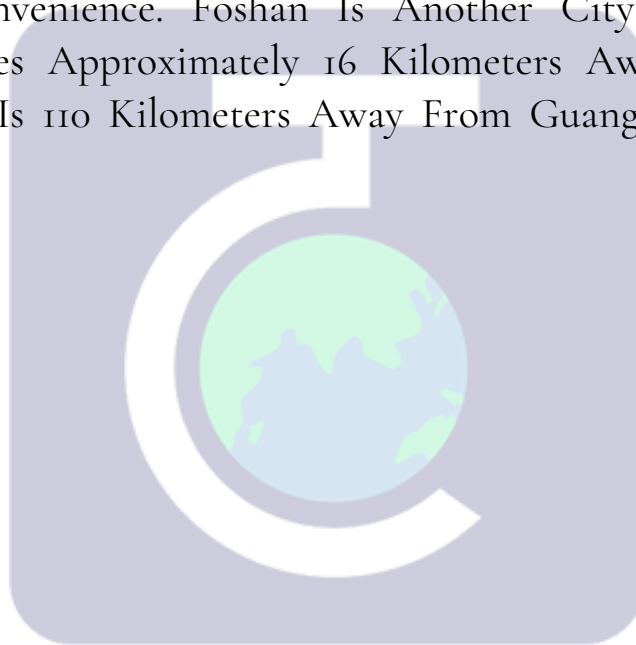
Guangzhou was once known as Canton and to this date remains the second most crucial port on the Pearl River after Hong Kong. It is the third largest city in china and recognized as an international merchant center. The Pearl River is the main river that channels through this huge city that has an average altitude of 68 feet. Its terrain is characterized by low lying mountains but most importantly, the Pearl River Delta. Its population is way over twelve million people with a municipality that covers up to 7,434 sq. km. It has the South China Sea as its boundary to the south.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

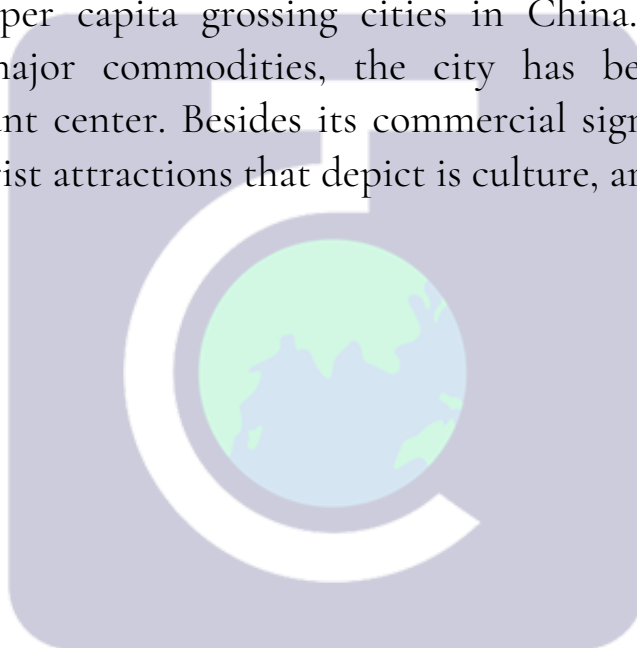
Guangzhou Has Large Cities As It Neighbors With Honk Kong And Shenzhen Being The Most Notable Ones. Shenzhen Lies Approximately 244 Km From Guangzhou With Honk Kong Being Much Closer At 134 Km. However, The Closest Town To Guangzhou Is Dongguan Which Is A Mere Fifty Kilometers Away. All Its Neighboring Cities Can Be Accessed By Road, Rail And Air Depending On Convenience. Foshan Is Another City That Is Close To Guangzhou And Lies Approximately 16 Kilometers Away. Kaiping City Is Another City That Is 110 Kilometers Away From Guangzhou That Is Worth Visiting.



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3. Significance

Guangzhou can be described as the main manufacturing hub within the Pearl River Delta and represents the capital of Guangdong Province. In terms of business and commerce, Guangzhou remains the number one manufacturing region in the entire Chinese mainland and thus remains the single most prosperous city in China. Its commercial and economic role has seen it rank among the highest per capita grossing cities in China. With clothing and electronics as its major commodities, the city has been described as an international merchant center. Besides its commercial significance, Guangzhou has innumerable tourist attractions that depict its culture, art and traditions.



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4. History

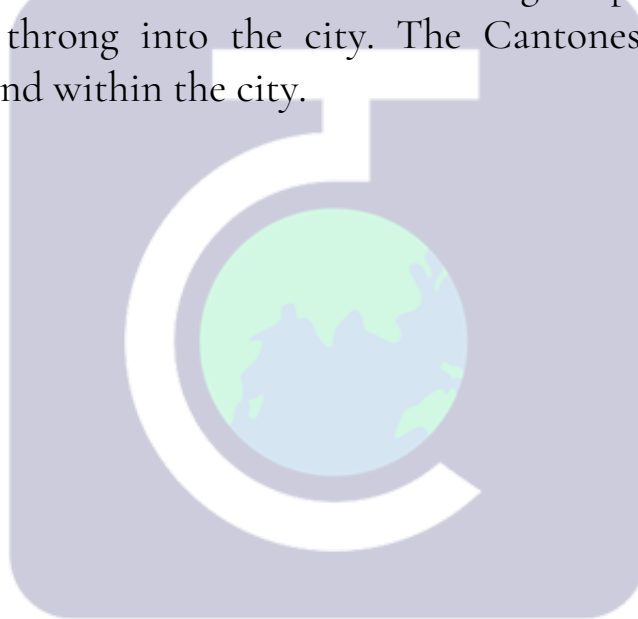
Guangzhou is also known as Canton. For southern China it is a hub of scientific research, education, culture and economy. Guangzhou is the third largest city in China and its origin is often traced back to the Zhou dynasty. From the third century CE, the city has been a get way through which the rest of the world has experienced the foreign world. Guangzhou was the very basic entry point into China that was utilized by the European traders. The city has also been an instrumental center for learning and politics over the years. As a matter of fact it played a crucial role in the Chinese Revolution of 1911-12.



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5. Cultural identity

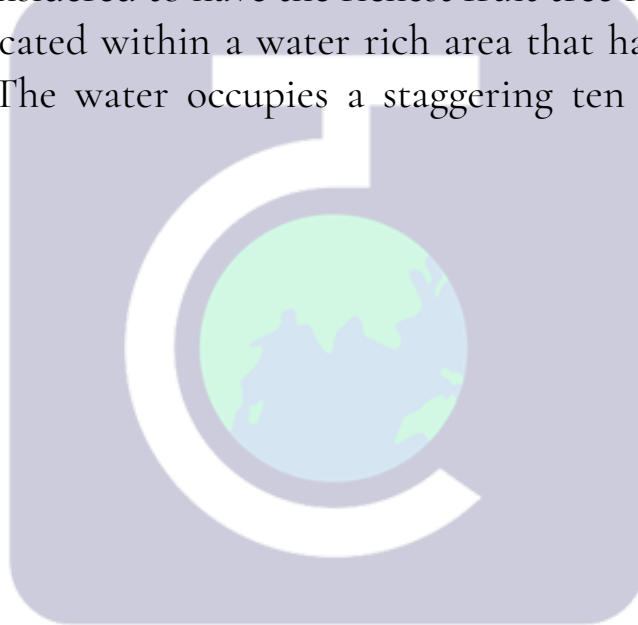
The culture of the people of Guangzhou can best be summed up by vibrancy and fun loving people. Guangzhou is famous for its puppet plays which are comprised of large wooden heads. The people of Guangzhou enjoy festivals from time to time all year round and love to party as well. The night life in the city is vibrant and engages visitors in memorable experiences. The most spoken language in Guangzhou is Cantonese with a little mandarin being adopted as more and more eastern populations throng into the city. The Cantonese cuisine is another landmark culture found within the city.



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6. Natural resources

Guangzhou is richly endowed with natural resources. Guangzhou has been found to have over 820 ore fields due to its complex geologic structure that allows for mineralization. The city also has about 18 oil deposits that are considered to be medium sized. Minerals found in the region include; ceramic clay, limestone, granite, albite, marble and salt mine. In regards to biological resources, Guangzhou city is considered to have the richest fruit tree resources in the entire China. The city is located within a water rich area that has innumerable water systems and rivers. The water occupies a staggering ten percent of the city's territory.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)**7.1. Paid****7.1.1. Chimelong Safari Park**

Address : Dashi street, Panyu District, Guangzhou 511430, China

Zipcode : 511430

Location : 23.007046, 113.31618100000003

Contact : 020-84783333

Website : http://int.chimelong.com/en_US/GZ#_=_

Nearest Public Transport : Dashi – Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult - 250 ¥ per person Child / Senior – 175 ¥ per person Disabled – 175 ¥ per person

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday – 09:30 hrs to 18:30 hrs; Saturday and Sunday – 09:30 hrs to 19:00 hrs

Time Required : 4

Expected Wait Time : 30 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.2. Canton Tower

Address : 222 Yuejiang West Rd Haizhu, Guangzhou, Guangdong, China, 510308

Zipcode : 510308

Location : 23.1092037, 113.31897430000004

Contact : +86-2089338222

Website : <http://www.cantontower.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bijiang E Rd Bus Station

Entry Fee : 150 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Daily – 09:00 hrs to 23:00 hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. Chen Clan Ancestral Hall

Address : NO. 34 Enlong Li, Zhongshan 7th Road, Guangzhou 510150, China

Zipcode : 510150

Location : 23.127115999999999, 113.24544600000002

Contact : 020-81817371

Website : http://www.gzchenjiaci.com/#_=_

Nearest Public Transport : Chenjiaci Rd Bus station

Entry Fee : 10 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 08:00 hrs to 17:30 hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.4. Temple of the Six Banyan Trees

Address : 87 Liurong Rd, Yuexiu, Guangzhou, Guangdong, 510030

Zipcode : 510030

Location : 23.1282239, 113.26011089999997

Contact : +86-2083392843

Nearest Public Transport : Memorial Hall (NR) – Subway Station

Entry Fee : 5 ¥ to 10 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 08:30 hrs to 17:00 hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. Guangzhou Zoo

Address : NO. 120 Xianlie Middle Rd, Guangzhou 510075, China

Zipcode : 510075

Location : 23.1399832, 113.3056934

Contact : 020-38377702

Website : <http://www.gzzoo.com/en/>

Nearest Public Transport : Huanghuagang (NR) – Subway Station

Entry Fee : 20 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 08:00 hrs to 18:00 hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.6. Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall

Address : 259 Dongfeng Middle Road, Yuexiu, Guangzhou, Guangdong, China, 510100

Zipcode : 510100

Location : 23.132179, 113.26343099999997

Contact : +86-2083561631

Website : <http://www.zs-hall.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Gongchen Rd Bus station

Entry Fee : 18 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 08:00 hrs to 18:00 hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes



7.1.7. Guangzhou Ocean World

Address : 120 Xianlie Middle Rd, Yuexiu, Guangzhou, Guangdong, China, 510070

Zipcode : 510070

Location : 23.143558, 113.30466990000002

Contact : +86 20 3766 0884

Website : <http://www.gzow.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Huanghuagang (NR) – Bus Station

Entry Fee : 130 ¥ to 250 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 08:00 hrs to 16:30 hrs

Time Required : 4

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.8. Guangxiao Temple

Address : No. 109 Guangxiao Road, Guangzhou

Zipcode : 109

Location : 23.129496, 113.25631099999998

Contact : 020-81088867

Website : <http://www.gzgxs.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Memorial Hall (NR) – Bus Station

Entry Fee : 1 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 06:30 hrs to 17:00 hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.9. South Sea God Temple

Address : Miaotou Village, Huangpu District, Foshan, Guangzhou 528000, China

Zipcode : 528000

Location : 23.080367, 113.4962339

Contact : +86 20 8222 2210

Nearest Public Transport : Airport South (NR) – Subway Station

Entry Fee : 10 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 09:00 hrs to 16:30 hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.10. Whampoa Military Academy Former Site Memorial Hall

Address : Changzhou Island, Huangpu District, Guangzhou 510715, China

Zipcode : 510715

Location : 23.0866886, 113.42537930000003

Nearest Public Transport : Wuyangcun (NR) – Subway Station

Entry Fee : 15 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 09:00 hrs to 17:00 hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No



7.2. Free

7.2.1. Shamian Island

Address : North Bank of Baie Bond, Liwan District, Guangzhou, China

Location : 23.107816, 113.24444500000004

Nearest Public Transport : Culture Park – Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 24 hours

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Zhujiang New Town

Address : Xiancun Road, Guangzhou 510623, China

Zipcode : 510623

Location : 23.119397, 113.32120800000007

Nearest Public Transport : Pearl River New Town – Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 24 hours

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Sacred Heart Cathedral

Address : Yide Road, Guangzhou 510120, China

Zipcode : 510120

Location : 23.1144592, 113.26005889999999

Contact : 020-83336761

Nearest Public Transport : Haizhu Square (NR) – Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 08:30 hrs to 17:30 hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Pearl River

Address : Yanjiang Middle Road, Taikang Street, 510000 China

Zipcode : 510000

Location : 22.6716318, 113.62152679999997

Nearest Public Transport : Shengtai Ave Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Museum of the Western Han Dynasty Mausoleum of the Nanyue King

Address : 867 Jiefang N Rd, Yuexiu Qu, Guangzhou Shi, Guangdong Sheng, China, 510040

Zipcode : 510040

Location : 23.1377245, 113.26135799999997

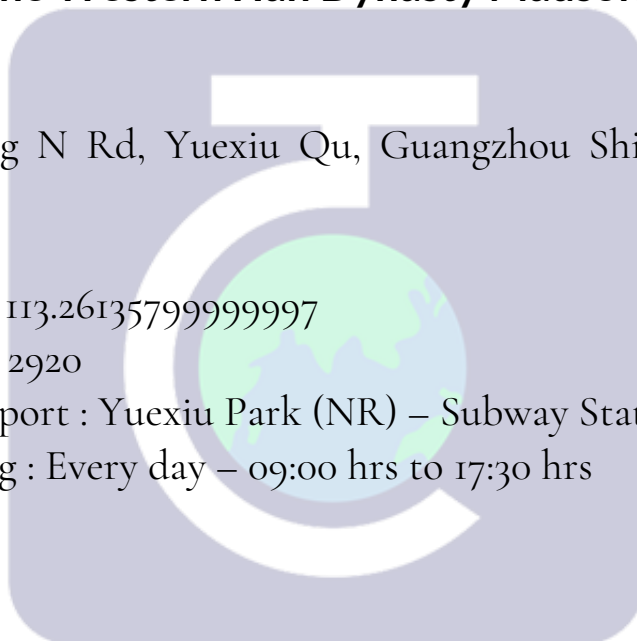
Contact : +86 20 3618 2920

Nearest Public Transport : Yuexiu Park (NR) – Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 09:00 hrs to 17:30 hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No



7.2.6. Guangzhou Opera House

Address : 1 Zhujiang W Rd, Tianhe, Guangzhou, Guangdong, China

Location : 23.1151616, 113.32225440000002

Contact : +86 20 3839 2888

Website : http://gzdjy.org/#_=_

Nearest Public Transport : Linhe West – Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 08:30 to 21:30 hrs

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Huacheng Avenue

Address : South of Huangpu Avenue | Zhujiang New Town metro exit, CBD of Zhujiang New Town, Guangzhou 510630, China

Zipcode : 510630

Location : 23.1183895, 113.33531440000002

Nearest Public Transport : Liede – Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Guangdong Museum

Address : No.2 Zhujiang East Road, Zhujiang New City, Tianhe District, Guangzhou 510110, China

Zipcode : 510110

Location : 23.1147427, 113.32698000000005

Contact : 020-38046886

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

Nearest Public Transport : Grand Theater – Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 09:00 hrs to 17:00 hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Sun Yat-sen University

Address : No.135 Xin'gang West Road, Haizhu District, Guangzhou 510275, China

Zipcode : 510275

Location : 23.103702, 113.29946999999993

Contact : 020-84112828

Website : <http://www.sysu.edu.cn/2012/>

Nearest Public Transport : Lujiang (NR) – Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 09:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Yuexiu Park

Address : Yuexiu Park, Guangzhou, Guangdong, China

Location : 23.140001, 113.26139799999999

Contact : 020-86661950

Nearest Public Transport : Yuexiu Park Station (NR) – Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 06:00 hrs to 22:00 hrs

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Beijing Lu Pedestrian Street

Zipcode : 0

Location : 23.124118, 113.26894600000003

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Shangxiajiu Pedestrian Street

Address : Shangxiajiu Pedestrian St, ShangXiaJiu, Liwan Qu, Guangzhou Shi, Guangdong Sheng, China, 510140

Zipcode : 510140

Location : 23.1141795, 113.24717310000005

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Tee Mall

Address : 208 Tianhe Rd, TianHe ZhongXin, Tianhe Qu, Guangzhou Shi, Guangdong Sheng, China, 510620

Zipcode : 510620

Location : 23.1321211, 113.32244049999997

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



8. Key sites sports & adventure

Innumerable sporting activities can be explored while in Guangzhou for the benefit of the tourists. For a city that is located towards the Southeast of the Eurasian plate, Guangzhou is endowed with evergreen forests and mountains. Hiking is thus one of the activities that can be explored while in the Guangzhou. The Lotus Mountain offers an amazing hiking experience. A person can also enjoy bike rides within the city on the designated bike paths found all over the city. Swimming across the Pearl River is another sporting activity that can be enjoyed by visitors to Guangzhou during the summer season.

- **Mountain Climbing -**

Address : Xinshi Town, Baiyun District, Guangzhou 510440, China

Location : 23.173621, 113.290679

Nearest Public Transport : Baiyun Culture Square (NR) – Bus

Entry Fees : 5 ¥

Open / Close Time : Every day – 06:00 hrs to 17:00 hrs

Time Required : 6.00

- **Yuexiu Mountain -**

Address : 960 JiEfang North Rd, Guangzhou 510040, China

Location : 23.140352, 113.268059

Contact No : 020-86661950

Website : http://www.gzyuexiupark.com/index.asp#_=_

Nearest Public Transport : Yuexiu Park (NR) – Subway

Open / Close Time : Every day – 06:00 hrs to 21:00 hrs

Time Required : 2.00

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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

• **Tianhe Stadium:**

Address : China, Guangdong, Guangzhou, Tianhe, 510630

Location : 23.130216,113.326224

Contact No : +86 20 3879 8610

• **Guangdong Olympic Stadium:**

Address : China, Guangdong, Guangzhou, Tianhe, Huanchang Rd, 510665

Location : 23.134414,113.407309

Contact No : +86 20 8216 9160

10. Spas and relaxation

- **Mingcheng Spa:**

Address : 1418 Guangzhou Middle Ave, Tianhe Qu, Guangzhou Shi, Guangdong Sheng, China, 510500

Location : 23.1479574,113.31495859999995

- **Mandarin Oriental:**

Address : 389 Tianhe Road, Guangzhou 510620, China

Location : 23.134849,113.33360600000003

Contact No : 020-38088888

Website : http://www.mandarinoriental.com/guangzhou/luxury-spa/#=_=

- **OceanPalace Spa:**

Address : 10 Jinsui Road, Tianhe District, Guangzhou 518000, China

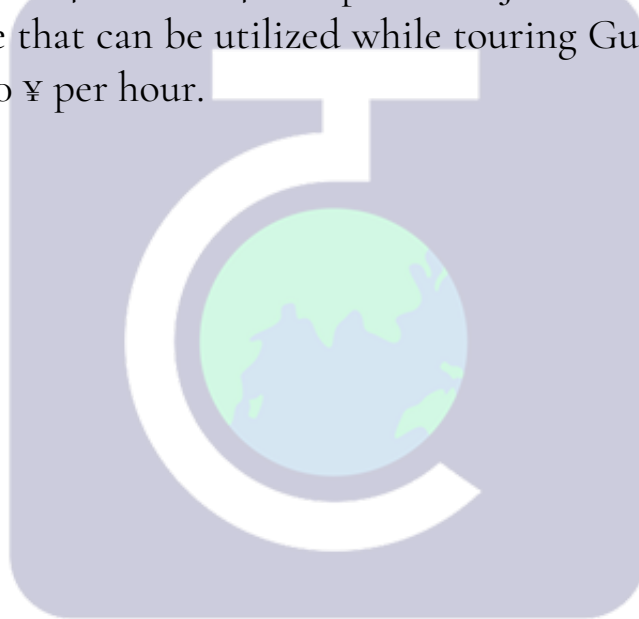
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11. Key local guides and tours

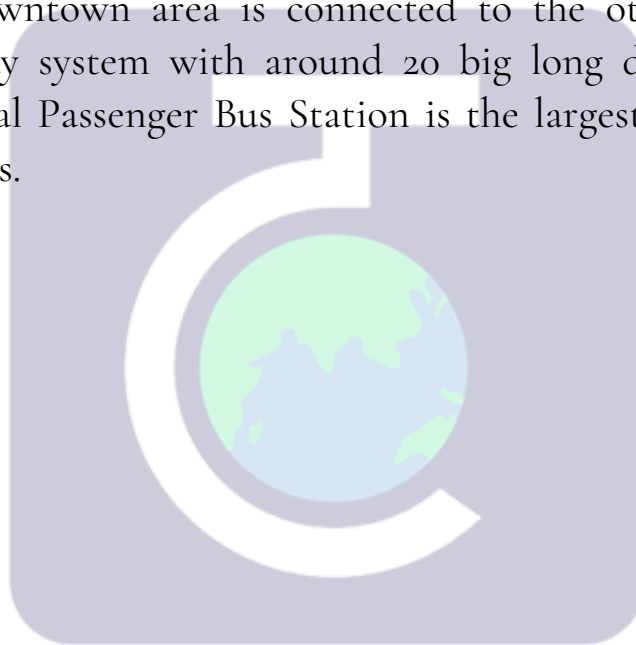
For a fulfilling and memorable experience while in Guangzhou, guides and tours are the best choice that can be utilized in exploring the city. Xaq Malcolm is one of the guides that can be sort for the best touring experience while in Guangzhou. His charges range from 10 ¥ to 90 ¥ per hour depending on the number of people. Fang He offers tour guide services for people wishing to explore Guangzhou with her prices ranging from 14.80 ¥ to 24.80 ¥ per hour. Jane Cindy is another reliable and resourceful guide that can be utilized while touring Guangzhou. The pricing ranges from 10 ¥ to 50 ¥ per hour.



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12. Transportation hubs

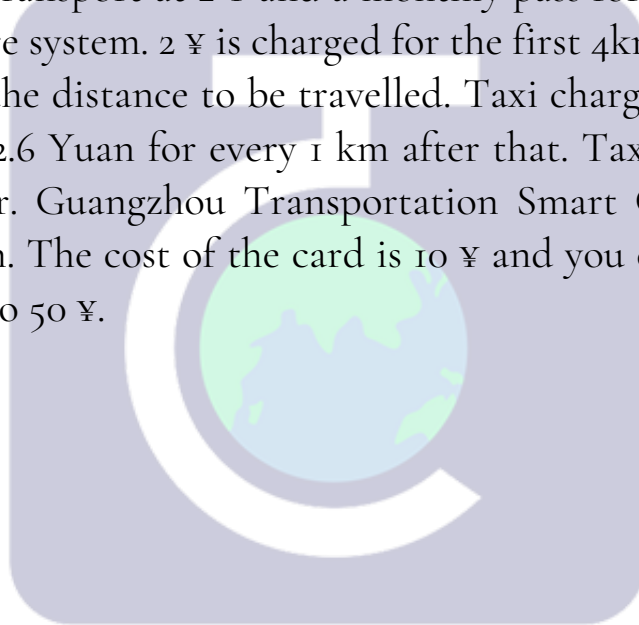
The Baiyun International Airport is only 28km away from the city centre. The airport is well connected to downtown Guangzhou with an excellent ground transport system. The urban area can be reached from the airport in 30 minutes in a taxi for about 20 Yuan or in a shuttle bus for 3 Yuan for each person. Guangzhou Railway Station in Huanshi Road is the largest railway station in Guangzhou. The downtown area is connected to the other cities through a developed expressway system with around 20 big long distance bus stations. Guangzhou Provincial Passenger Bus Station is the largest bus station offering day and night services.



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13. Transportation cost

City transportation in Guangzhou is mainly through Guangzhou City-Bus service. Air- conditioned and regular buses run for 2 ¥ and 1 ¥, respectively. Night bus service is also available and the fare is 1.5 ¥ per person for a distance under 21.5 km for regular buses and 3 ¥ for air-conditioned ones. For the distance above 21.5 km, the ticket fare is 2.5 ¥ (regular) and 4 Yuan (air-conditioned). You can buy a one way local transport at 2 ¥ and a monthly pass for 237.50 ¥. Guangzhou Subway uses stage fare system. 2 ¥ is charged for the first 4km and 1 ¥ is added for each stage based on the distance to be travelled. Taxi charges start from 10 ¥ for the first 2.5 km and 2.6 Yuan for every 1 km after that. Taxi waiting charges are 30.60 ¥ for one hour. Guangzhou Transportation Smart Card can be used in public transportation. The cost of the card is 10 ¥ and you can add value to it in multiples of 10 ¥ up to 50 ¥.



14. Baggage allowance

Trains have sufficient luggage space and do not charge extra fare for limited size baggage. However, if the luggage is too heavy or big like bicycles, or if there are animals to be transported, travellers are advised to use the consignment service. Guide dogs and wheelchair can be taken into the train free of charge. The limit of luggage weight for various categories of passengers is: under 10kg for children, under 20kg for adults, and under 30kg for diplomats.



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15. Restaurant & Nightlife

For the best places to eat, and night life, Guangzhou, Taojin road, is well-known as the center of the city's nightlife.

Food -

For the best places to eat, and night life, Guangzhou, Taojin road, is well-known as the center of the city's nightlife.

- **Sultan Restaurant Turkish BBQ:**

Address : China, Guangdong, Guangzhou, Yuexiu, 367, 510620

Location : 23.1383023, 113.28694539

Contact No : +86 20 6286 2838

Website : <http://www.sultanrestaurant.com.cn/>

Open / Close Time : Every day – 10:00 hrs to 01:00 hrs

- **Tiger Prawn Vietnamese Restaurant ?Guangming Store?:**

Address : 548 Huifu E Rd, Yuexiu, Guangzhou, Guangdong, China, 510100

Location : 23.121074000, 113.267382

Contact No : 020-83191277

Open / Close Time : Every day – 11:00 hrs to 23:00 hrs

- **Buongiorno Italian Restaurant:**

Address : China, Guangdong, Guangzhou, Yuexiu, 33, 510060

Location : 23.1344799, 113.28485969

Contact No : +86 20 8363 3587

Website : <http://www.buongiorno.com.cn/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday – 11:00 hrs to 14:30 hrs; 17:30 hrs to 22:45 hrs

- **Social & Co:**

Address : 6 Huajiu Rd, Tianhe, Guangzhou, Guangdong, China, 510620

Location : 23.115868, 113.317831

Contact No : +86 20 3804 9243

Website : <http://www.socialandco.com/>

Open / Close Time : Every day – 11:30 hrs to 14:00 hrs

- **Ashoka Indian Restaurant:**

Address : TaoJin North Road 47, Guangzhou, China, 510095

Location : 23.1428575, 113.2875037

Contact No : 020-83490036

Open / Close Time : Every day – 10:00 hrs to 00:30 hrs

- **Bosphorus Turkish Restaurant:**

Address : Huizhou Building Parking Lot, Zhaoqing Mansion, 304 Huanshi Middle Rd, Yuexiu, Guangzhou, Guangdong, China, 510350

Location : 23.139187, 113.276380

Contact No : +86 20 8356 3578

Website : http://www.bosphorus.com/#=_

- **Kama Club:**

Address : Taojin Garden, No.248 Heng Fu Lu, Guangzhou, China,510095
Location : 23.143666,113.29055470
Contact No : 020-83580600

- **Suns:**

Address : Room A25-26, Pati Art Area, Zhujiang Beer Factory, Yuejiang West Road, Haizhu District, Guangzhou 510000, China
Location : 23.107393,113.33999599
Contact No : 8613640755929
Website : http://www.sunsgz.com/#_=_
Open / Close Time : Every day – 21:00 hrs to 04:00 hrs

- **True Color Club:**

Address : No.276 Middle Yanjiang Road, Guangzhou, China,510100
Location : 23.1151887,113.27391920
Contact No : 020-83735858
Website : http://www.truecolorclub.com/#_=_
Open / Close Time : Monday to Sunday – 08:30 hrs to 16:00 hrs

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Guangzhou is a city with a diverse cuisine experience for visitors that go knocking at its doors. The foods range in taste and their prices are varied from restaurant to another. However, the average cost of a meal while in Guangzhou lies between the prices of 3 ¥ to 10 ¥ depending on the meal. For lunch and a dinner, you may have to part with a total of 2 ¥ to 10 ¥. For beer and alcohol lovers, a pint of beer while in Guangzhou ranges between 3 ¥ to 5 ¥ depending on the side of town you are buying.



17. Shopping

Guangzhou boasts of one of having the largest number of manufacturing industries in the world. This means that the city offers innumerable products and services for tourists and visitors. If you wish to purchase electronic products, designer clothes, unique artifacts, and handicraft goods, Guangzhou will surely mesmerize you with the diversity of products and commodities it offers. To get a thrill of the shopping experience while in Guangzhou you can visit a number of places including; Beijing Lu Pedestrian Street , Shangxiajiu Pedestrian Street and Tee Mall that are lined with shops and store for all your shopping needs.



Index**18. Tourist benefits**

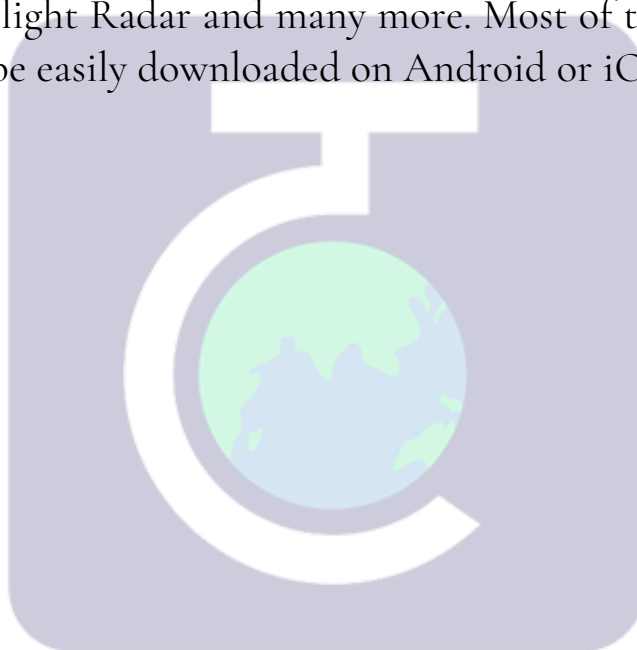
In an effort to ensure that tourists are best satisfied and promote trade within the city, Guangzhou has a policy that is ensure VAT tax refunds are accorded to tourists who make purchases during their stay. Guangzhou offers VAT tax refunds for purchases made within specified tax free stores around the city. It is important to remember to ask for to tax refunds forms at the point of purchase to guarantee legibility. The refunds are made at the point of departure but it is also worth noting that the goods have to be available as proof of purchase before rebates can be made.



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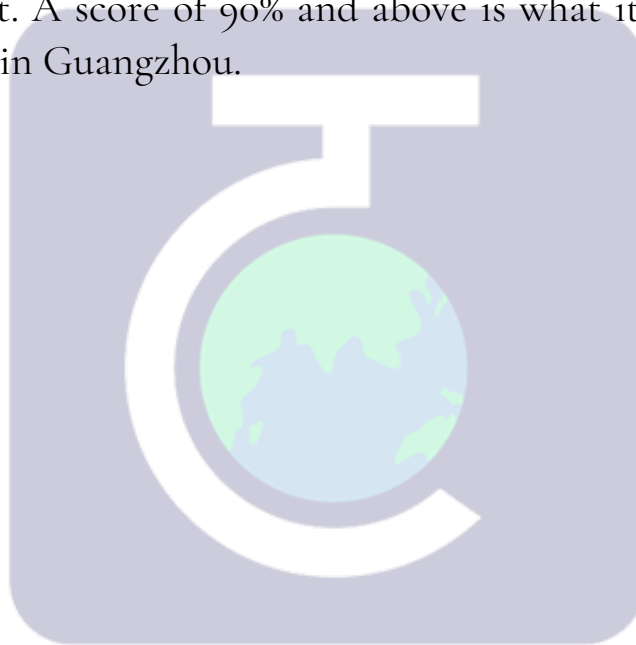
19. Essential local apps

Travel apps are important, especially when you are leading yourself to an unknown place. With China being one of the most advanced countries across the entire world, it is easier to find the best travel apps for the city of Guangzhou. A few of the apps that can guide you to book restaurants, flights, check the availability or any other services are Pleco, China Travel Guide, Uber, China Metro, Taxi China, Flight Radar and many more. Most of the apps are free from any charges and can be easily downloaded on Android or iOS.



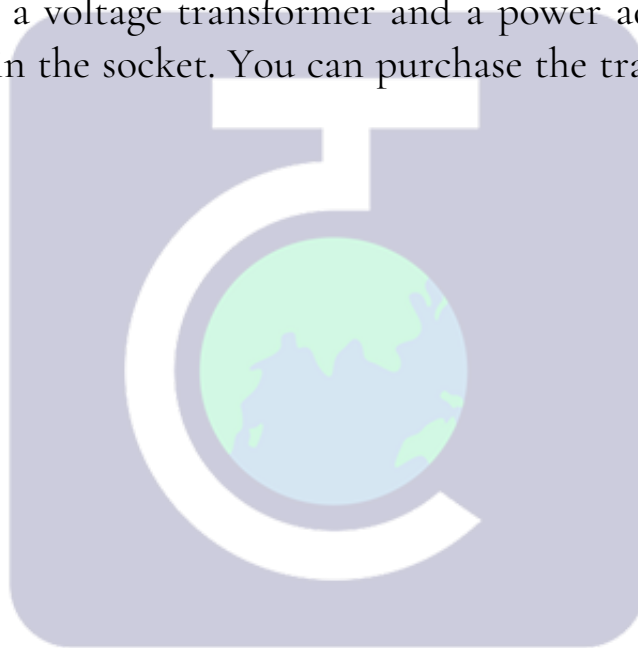
20. Driving

Most tourists often opt to drive themselves around in new cities to get the pleasure of what it feels like to use new traffic rules and regulation. If you wish to try the same in Guangzhou you will need to provide a valid driving license from your country of origin. You will then be required to take a computerized test in which your test score will determine where you will be provided with a local driving license or not. A score of 90% and above is what it takes to earn a local driving license while in Guangzhou.



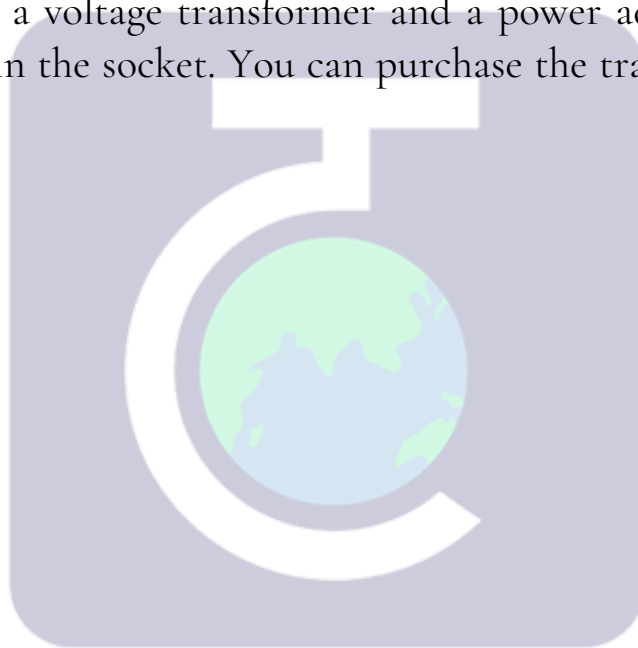
21. Travel essentials

The electricity in the city of Guangzhou is around 220 volts and runs at 50 Hz. There are two types of sockets that are used across the entire city where one is the Japanese and American socket with two parallel and flat blades and the other one is similar to the Australian one with a 'V' shape diagonal blade. If any of your electronic items are not compatible with the voltage offered in the city, it is recommended to get a voltage transformer and a power adapter to plug in the equipment properly in the socket. You can purchase the travel adapter once you reach to the city.



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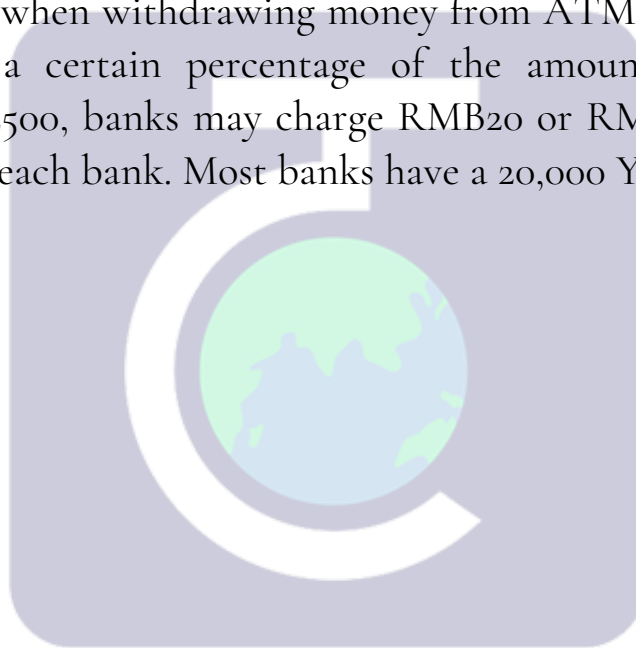
23. Local currency

The local currency of the city of Guangzhou is Renminbi (RMB). It is even denoted as ¥ (Yuan). 1 USD = 6.65 Yuan



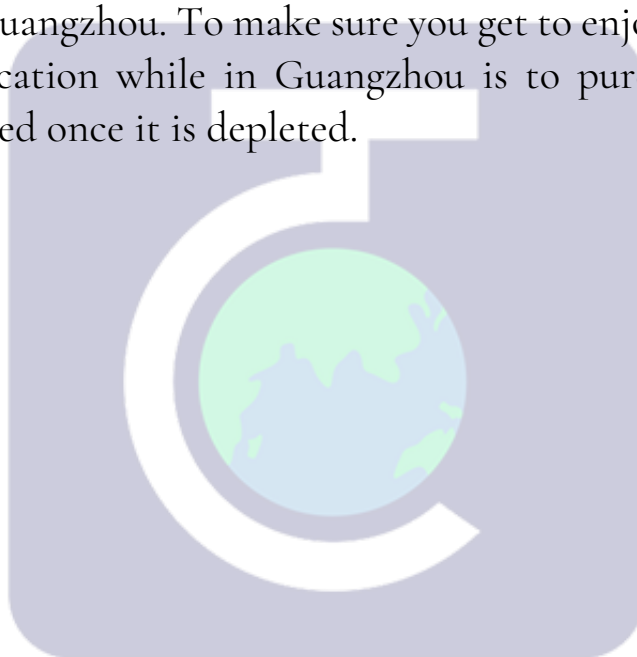
Index**24. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

The Baiyun International Airport has currency exchange counters of many banks where the traveller can exchange foreign currency to Chinese Yuan. There are currency exchange services at many 4 star and 5 star hotels also. However, banks offer a better rate. ATMs that accept international cards are mostly found in areas like shopping malls, restaurants, and tourist spots. Chinese banks charge a foreign exchange fee when withdrawing money from ATMs. It could either be a fixed minimum or a certain percentage of the amount withdrawn. For a transaction of RMB2500, banks may charge RMB20 or RMB 30. There is also a withdrawal limit for each bank. Most banks have a 20,000 Yuan withdrawal limit per day.



25. Staying connected

To stay connected while in Guangzhou is no big hustle at all. A number of communication avenues can be utilized during your stay. From internet use to mobile phone communication, these services will be made available for you. China Mobile or China Unicom is the major mobile phone service providers that you can utilize. Your communication needs will determine the plan you select during your stay in Guangzhou. To make sure you get to enjoy the greatest deal in regards to communication while in Guangzhou is to purchase a prepaid SIM which can be recharged once it is depleted.



26. Time Zone

The city follows China Time Zone with GMT / UTC + 08:00 hour.



Index**27. Languages**

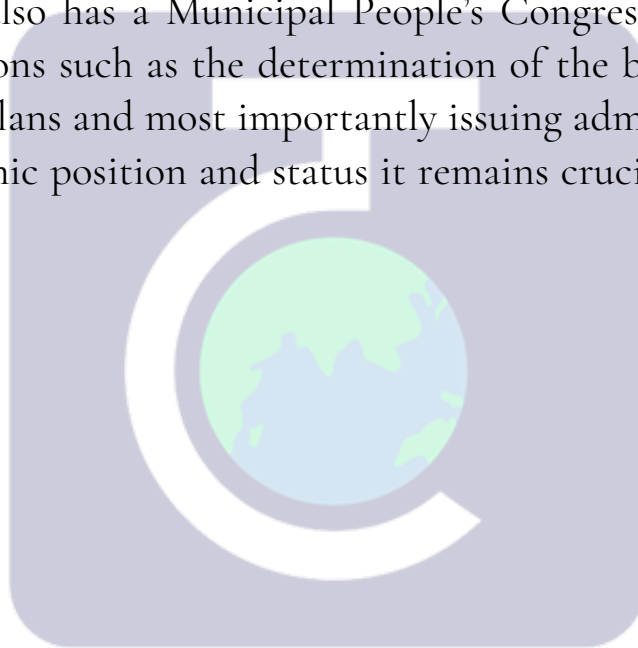
The official language of Guangzhou is Mandarin. English and Cantonese are the following languages.



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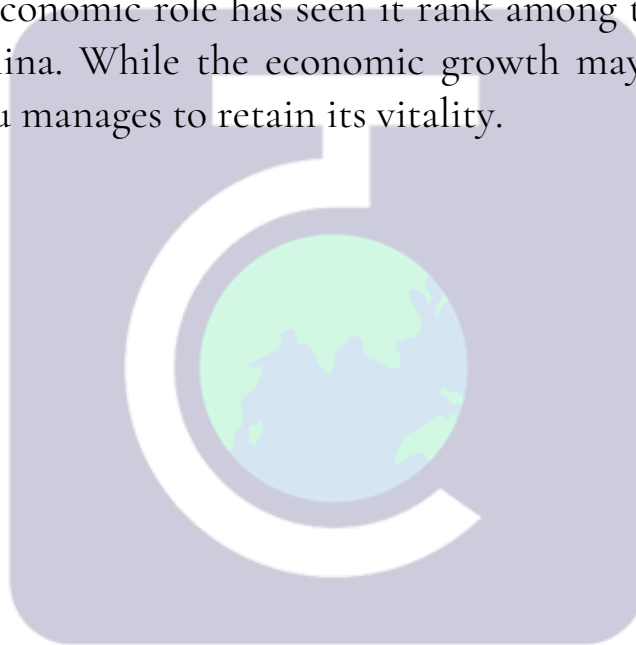
28. Political Scenario

Guangzhou uses a dual party-government system which is common within the whole of China. In recent years, the city has continued to support and side with legislative activism. The city's people and administration have been on the forefront in advocating for transparency and democracy. However, the city's municipal government is part of the Chinese Communist Party's parallel structure. The city also has a Municipal People's Congress that is tasked with making major decisions such as the determination of the budget, implementing the city's economic plans and most importantly issuing administrative orders. As a result of its economic position and status it remains crucial within the politics of China.



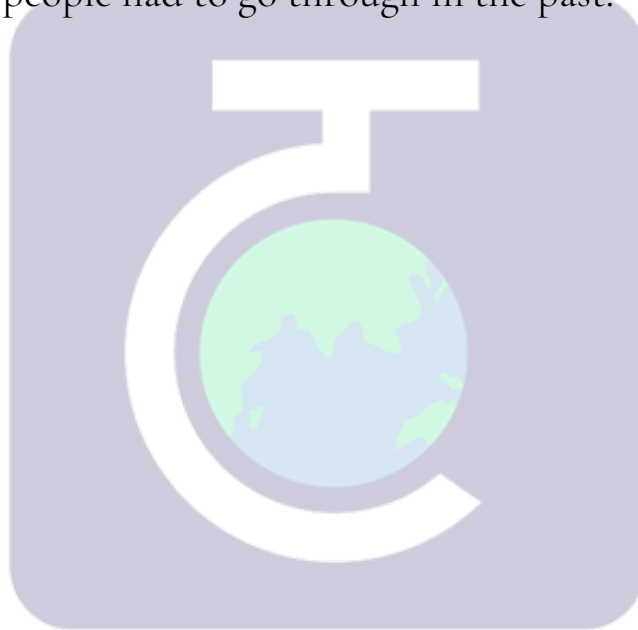
29. Economic Scenario

As of 2013 the GDP of Guangzhou was a staggering US\$248 billion and for this reason it is considered to be one of the most prosperous cities within China. The best description of the city can be the main manufacturing hub within the Pearl River Delta as well as being the capital of Guangdong Province. Guangzhou remains the number one manufacturing region in the entire Chinese mainland. Its commercial and economic role has seen it rank among the highest per capita grossing cities in China. While the economic growth may have a downside of pollution, Guangzhou manages to retain its vitality.



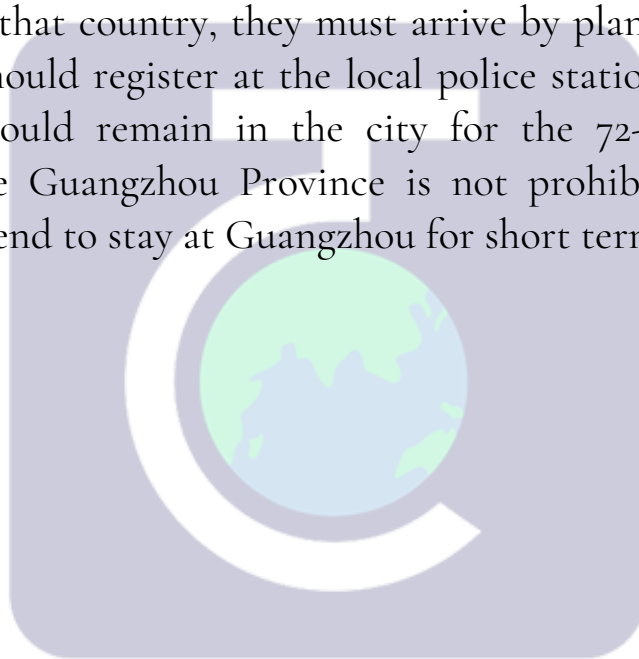
Index**30. Religious belief**

Though most people practice Buddhism, you can find Taoism, Christianity, and Islam in Guangzhou. There are many religious temples, halls, pavilions, churches, and mosques throughout the province. Taoism is the native religion of the place. Various religious monuments in and around the city stand testimony to the cultural and spiritual influence of the different religions and the history of war and struggle that the people had to go through in the past.



Index**31. Visa requirements**

Guangzhou is one of the cities in China that has adopted the 72-Hour Visa Free Transit policy which enables a transit passenger to stay in the city up to 72 hours without a visa. The requirements for this are that the passengers must be from one of the 51 countries qualified to be included in this policy with a valid passport, they must have a confirmed ticket for onward travel to another country with a visa valid for that country, they must arrive by plane and leave from the same airport, they should register at the local police station within 24 hours of arrival, and they should remain in the city for the 72-hour period though travelling within the Guangzhou Province is not prohibited. Regular visa is mandatory if you intend to stay at Guangzhou for short term or long term.



Index**32. Essential vaccination**

If you are traveling to the city from a city prevalent with yellow fever, you shall need a yellow fever vaccination done. Routine vaccinations are mandatory.



33. Theft and Safety

There are no specific safety measures to be taken while travelling in Guangzhou. However, as with all travelling precautions, it is always a good idea to keep your money safe from pick-pockets in crowded areas. Make sure not to leave valuables in hotel rooms. Since carrying your passport at all times is essential, keep them in the front pockets or in bags or pouches attached to the front of your body.



Index**34. Embassy/Consulate**

52 countries have representations in Guangzhou. These include 49 consulates general, 2 consulates, and 1 representative office. These can be found in areas like Huanshi Dong Lu, Liu Hua Lu, Zhujiang New City, Linezhong Road, Huaxia Road, Tianhe Road, etc. For more information, visit <http://www.embassypages.com/city/guangzhou>.



35. Accessibility

Guangzhou is a friendly city for disabled people. There are specially-equipped facilities and well-designed features for each of the different types of disabled tourist or resident traveling here. There are sign boards at various locations to help such people for easy journey.



36. Emergencies

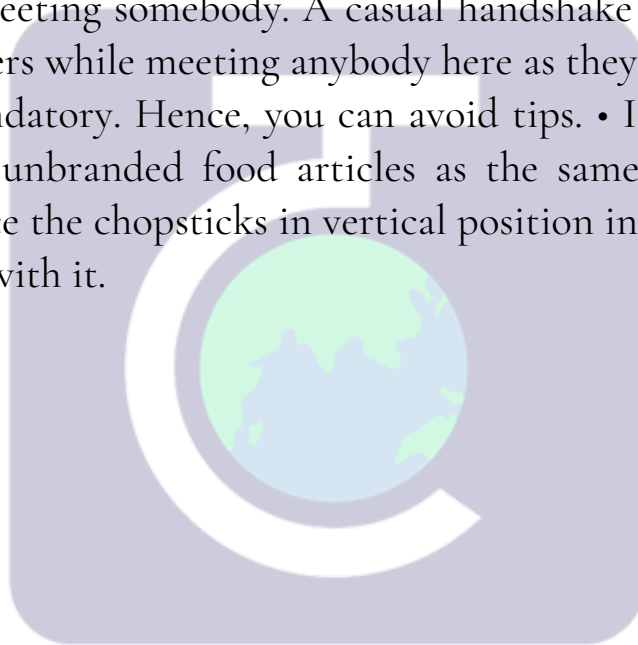
It is necessary to have some of the most important numbers while traveling in Guangzhou. Dial 110 for Police department, 120 for ambulance, 119 for fire and 122 for traffic accidents. Guangzhou United Hospital is open for 24 hours and can serve you any time. Another one is Guangzhou Can Am International Medical Centre .



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37. Do's and Don'ts

Do's – • Use age-related terms while calling out anybody's name here such as 'da' for middle-aged person, 'xiao' for young person and lao for old people. • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. • Lower down your eyes a little while meeting any one. • Take extra precautions while talking on political subjects. Don'ts – • Do not bow when greeting somebody. A casual handshake is okay. • Do not use yellow or white flowers while meeting anybody here as they are used for funerals. • Tipping is not mandatory. Hence, you can avoid tips. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. • Do not place the chopsticks in vertical position in your rice bowl. Also, do not tap the bowl with it.



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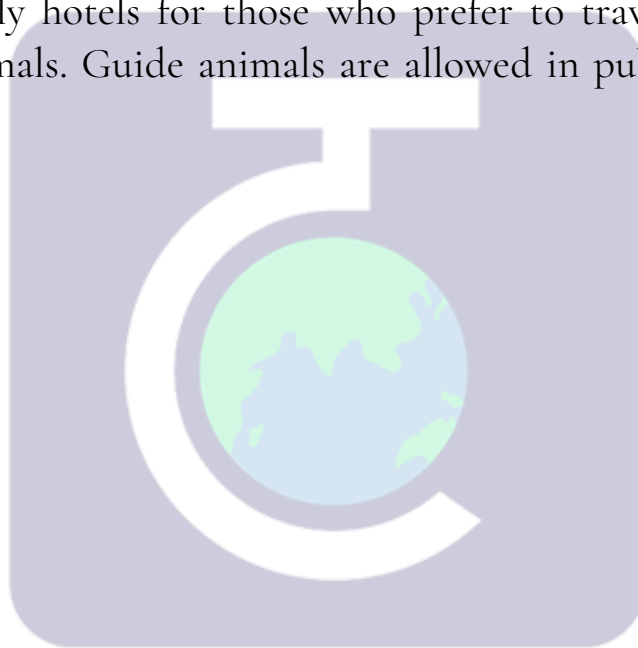
38.Tipping basics

Tipping is not part of the Chinese culture and most places have a strict policy regarding tipping the service providers. Tipping is not allowed in restaurants or massage studios. Tour guides are not to be tipped for their services as they provide guidance upon an agreed rate.



Index**39.Pet info**

Only cats and dogs are allowed to be taken into China and each person can take only one pet. The owner should produce a vaccination document that includes the details of the rabies vaccination like manufacturer, batch number, and expiry information. There should also be an Animal Health Certificate and a quarantine certificate from the departing place issued by an official veterinarian. Guangzhou has many pet friendly hotels for those who prefer to travel with their animal friends or guide animals. Guide animals are allowed in public transport free of charge.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Conclusion – Why choose Guangzhou ? The major characterization of description that best fits Guangzhou is commerce, as a result, the number one reason for visiting this huge city would be to enjoy and revel in its huge variety of products and services through shopping. With Buddhism as the most prominent religion in Guangzhou, a rich history of its growth and spread can be found within the region. Innumerable temples and sites can be visited by history and culture buffs for a chance to understand it, with an example being The Temple of Bright Filial Piety. A great proportion of the world's clothes and electronics are manufacture in this region. Innumerable trips are made to this city every year for shopping and trade and its most notable streets to this regard include Beijing Lu Pedestrian Street, Shangxiajiu Pedestrian Street and Tee Mall. Every possible need you might have is likely to be met within the shopping malls and streets of Guangzhou with a high chance of scoring the best prices and possible discounts imaginable. For lovers of traditional and authentic Yue Cuisine, Guangzhou is the place to visit. The restaurants offer the best experience in regards to Cantonese food like no other.

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