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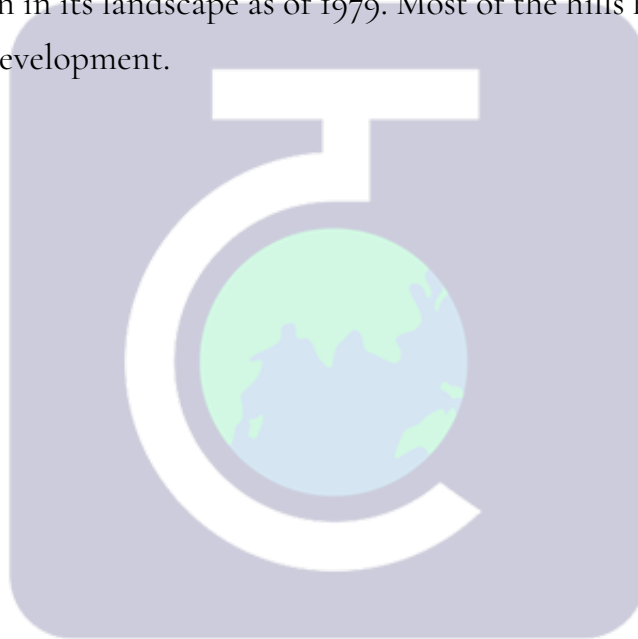
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1. Geographical location

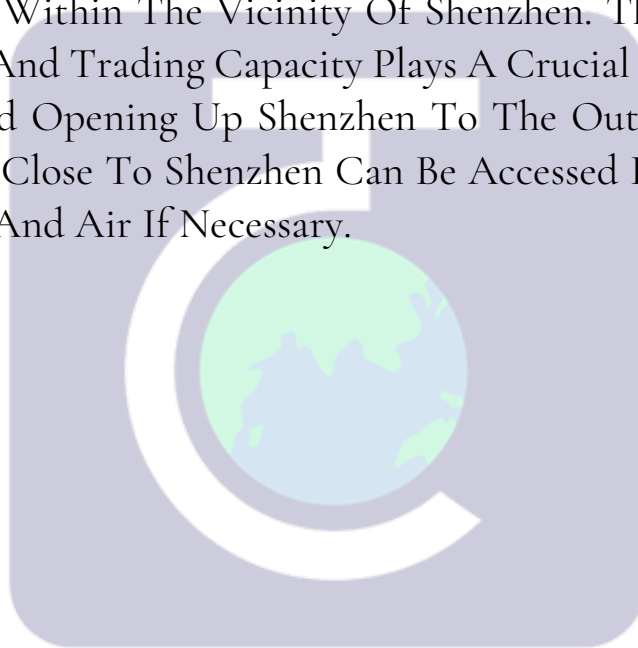
Shenzhen is found towards the southern part of china and has a population that is above ten million people. Its municipality area covers a total of up to 2050 sq. km. Shenzhen is found within the river delta of the Pearl River. The city is fed with over one hundred and fifty rivers. Towards the south, Shenzhen borders Hong Kong and Dong Guan to the Northeast. Once being a hilly and agriculturally rich area of china, its discovery as a special economic zone resulted in a staggering transformation in its landscape as of 1979. Most of the hills have since been leveled to create suitable land for development.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Hong Kong Is One Of The Most Notable Cities That Border Shenzhen And Lies Less Than Ten Kilometers Away From Shenzhen. Honk Kong Has Been Instrumental In Defining The Growth Of Shenzhen In Regards To Trade And Tourism. Zhuhai Is Another City That Is Right Close To The City. Zhuhai Is Approximately Fifty Five Kilometers Away From Shenzhen. Guangzhou Is Another Major City Within The Vicinity Of Shenzhen. That Is Approximately 136 Km. Its Business And Trading Capacity Plays A Crucial Role In Defining The Rate Of Growth And Opening Up Shenzhen To The Outside World. Most Of The Cities That Are Close To Shenzhen Can Be Accessed Easily Through Road, Trains, Water Ways And Air If Necessary.



3. Significance

Shenzhen is one of the instrumental economic cities of china. It is considered to be the gateway through to China in terms of business, trade and culture. Hong Kong is a great beneficiary of the success and growth rate of Shenzhen. Shenzhen has been considered to be the possible richest city in China. The city is highly developed and continues to expand in terms of economic production. Shenzhen is an economic hub and business center for China and Asia to an extent. It taps into the rich capital resources of the cities that surround it.



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4. History

Shenzhen was once known as “Bao’on” which depicted the beauty and peace that the region beheld. As late as 1979, Shenzhen was fishing and farming village, before it was established as Special Economic Zone with the Pearl River Delta region. Going back in time, Shenzhen was salt monopoly region during the Han dynasty and thus managed to retain imperial protection. The earliest records of the city can be traced back to 1410 during the Ming dynasty. From a population of a little over thirty thousand people, Shenzhen has managed to rise to become one of the biggest metropolises in the world with a population of over 18 million people.



5. Cultural identity

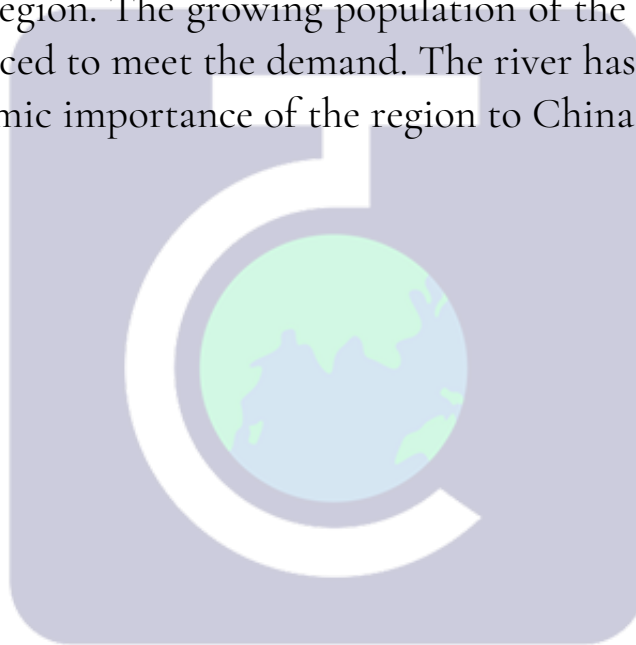
As an economic and trade hub, Shenzhen has experienced a great deal of cultural evolution over the years. The culture of a society is a great reflection of its beliefs and practices. A significant proportion of the population in Shenzhen is composed of people with a high standard of living. Most of the elderly population sticks to the traditional language and as such communicating with them might be a bit challenging. The same cannot be said for the younger generation which is well versed in the English language. Another notable feature of the population in Shenzhen is the innumerable festivals and events that are held every other time of the year.



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6. Natural resources

Shenzhen is a coastal city and as such water is one of its greatest resources. Shenzhen is a port city that is located on the Pearl River Delta which is an important economy influence for Shenzhen. The Pearl River remains an instrumental mode of transportation into and out of the city. Agriculture is another resource that is made possible by the sufficient water and suitable environment in the region. The growing population of the city meant that more food had to be produced to meet the demand. The river has been instrumental in redefining the economic importance of the region to China and to the rest of the world.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Window of the World

Address : No.9037 Shennan Road, Nanshan District, Shenzhen 518053, China

Zipcode : 518053

Location : 22.5347168, 113.97341670000003

Contact : +867-5526608000

Website : <http://www.szwwco.com/index.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Window of the World – Subway Station

Entry Fee : 160 ¥


Open & Close Timing : Every day – 09:00 hrs to 22:00 hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. Splendid China Folk Village

Address : 9003  Shennan Ave, HuaQiaoCheng, Nanshan Qu, Shenzhen Shi, Guangdong Sheng, China, 518053

Zipcode : 518053

Location : 22.5323994, 113.98475099999996

Website : <http://www.cn5000.com.cn/psj/index.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Overseas Chinese Town (NR) – Subway Station

Entry Fee : 180 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 09:30 hrs to 21:30 hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.3. Shenzhen Wildlife Zoo

Address : East Side of Xihu Lake, Nanshan, Shenzhen 518055, China

Zipcode : 518055

Location : 22.599578, 113.97312899999997

Contact : +86755-26622888

Website : <http://www.szzoo.net/>

Nearest Public Transport : Qinyuan Rd Bus station

Entry Fee : 200 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 08:30 hrs to 18:30 hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. Shenzhen International Garden and Flower Expo Park

Address : Intersection of Shennan Avenue and Qiaocheng East Road, Futian District, Shenzhen 518040, China

Zipcode : 518040

Location : 22.5396557, 114.00345620000007

Contact : +86755-82829075

Nearest Public Transport : Qiaocheng East (NR) – Subway Station

Entry Fee : 70 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 06:00 hrs to 20:00 hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. Hongfa Temple

Address : No.160 Liantang-Xainhu Road, Luohu District, Shenzhen 518004, China

Zipcode : 518004

Location : 22.5801583, 114.17270189999999

Contact : +860755-25179573

Website : <http://www.hongfasi.net/>

Nearest Public Transport : Songbai Rd Bus station

Entry Fee : 20 ¥

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

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.6. Xiaomeisha Wonder World

Address : Dapeng Bay, Yantian District, Shenzhen 518083, China

Zipcode : 518083

Location : 22.602397, 114.327121

Contact : 0755-25035555, 0755-25035556

Website : http://www.szxms.com.cn/#_=_

Nearest Public Transport : Yankui Rd - Bus station

Entry Fee : 75 ¥ to 150 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 09:00 hrs to 18:00 hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 30 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.7. Shenzhen Xianhu Botanical Garden [North Gate]

Address : No.160 Liantang xianhu Road, Luohu District, Shenzhen 518004, China

Zipcode : 518004

Location : 22.582503, 114.17000800000005

Contact : +867-5525738430

Nearest Public Transport : Wuyou Rd- Bus Station

Entry Fee : 20 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 06:00 hrs to 19:00 hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Dafen Oil Painting Village

Address : Buji Neighborhood Committee, Longang, Shenzhen 518112, China

Zipcode : 518112

Location : 22.6098237, 114.13644959999999

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

Nearest Public Transport : Mumianwan – Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 24 hours

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Galaxy Cocopark

Address : 268  Fuhua 3rd Rd, Futian, Shenzhen, Guangdong, China, 518048

Zipcode : 518048

Location : 22.534205999999999, 114.053701000000005

Contact : +86 755 8202 1111

Website : <http://www.cocopark.cn/>


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

Open & Close Timing : Sunday to Thursday – 10:00 hrs to 22:00 hrs; Friday and Saturday – 10:00 hrs to 22:30 hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. KingKey 100

Address : 5016  Shennan E Rd, CaiWuWei, Luohu Qu, Shenzhen Shi, Guangdong Sheng, China, 518000

Zipcode : 518000

Location : 22.5429775, 114.107389300000002

Contact : +867-5582388888

Nearest Public Transport : Grand Theater (NR) – Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Lizhi Park

Address : No.1009 Hongli Road, Futian District, Shenzhen 518028, China

Zipcode : 518028

Location : 22.5457684, 114.10204120000003

Contact : +86755-82095655

Nearest Public Transport : Science Museum (NR) – Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 08:00 hrs to 22:00 hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Shenzhen Convention & Exhibition Center

Address : Fuhua 3rd Rd, Futian, Shenzhen, Guangdong, China

Location : 22.5307387, 114.05995029999997

Contact : +86 755 8284 8900

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

Nearest Public Transport : Convention and Exhibition Center (NR) – Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 24 hours

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Dameisha beach

Address : No. 9 Dameishayanmei Road, Yantian District, Shenzhen 518081, China.

Zipcode : 518081

Location : 22.594798, 114.30953299999999

Nearest Public Transport : Huanmei Rd- Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 08:00 hrs to 01:00 hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Shenzhen Museum

Address : No.6 Tongxin Road, Futian District, Shenzhen 518040, China

Zipcode : 518040

Location : 22.5423718, 114.10169189999999

Contact : +86755-82013036

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

Nearest Public Transport : Science Museum – Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 10:00 hrs to 18:00 hrs; Monday Closed

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Xichong beach

Address : Xichong Village, Nan'ao Town, Longgang District, Shenzhen 518120, China

Zipcode : 518120

Location : 22.479235, 114.530532

Contact : 0755-13510907

Nearest Public Transport : Nanxi Rd Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 08:00 hrs to 22:00 hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Mangrove Nature Reserve

Address : Bank of Shenzhen Bay, Futian District, Shenzhen 524448, China

Zipcode : 524448

Location : 22.519918, 113.97128299999997

Nearest Public Transport : Zhuzilin (NR) – Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Lixiang Park

Address : Nanguang Rd, NanTou, Nanshan Qu, Shenzhen Shi, Guangdong Sheng, China, 518052

Zipcode : 518052

Location : 22.536622, 113.92918699999996

Nearest Public Transport : Taoyuan (NR) – Bus Station

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Dongmen Pedestrian Street

Address : Pedestrian St, DongMen, Luohu Qu, Shenzhen Shi, Guangdong Sheng, China, 518000

Zipcode : 518000

Location : 22.545899299999999, 114.11759299999994

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Luohu Commercial City

Address : China, Guangdong, Shenzhen, Luohu, 25: 518000

Zipcode : 518000

Location : 22.5328532, 114.11393229999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. The Mixc of Shenzhen City Crossing

Location : 22.5397268, 114.11147210000001

Time Required : o
Buy Ticket : No



8. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Visitors and tourists into Shenzhen can be guaranteed of an amazing experience even in sports. The Shenzhen Bay Sport center Stadium is an example which is a stadium that can be used for various activities. With a sitting capacity of up to 20,000 people, you can get to enjoy swimming, football and other indoor games. For golf lovers, the Mission Hills Golf Club offers a golfing experience like no other while in Shenzhen. For swimming and surfing experiences and excursions, Xichong Beach comes in handy. Shenzhen Universiade Sports Centre is another multi-use stadium with a capacity of up to capacity of 60,334 spectators.

- **Shenzhen Bay Sports Center:**

Address : 3001 Binhai Ave, Nanshan, Shenzhen, Guangdong, China

Location : 22.5175103,113.95104620000006

Contact No : +86 755 8630 8840

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

- **Shenzhen Stadium:**

Address : Sungang W Rd, Futian Qu, Shenzhen Shi, Guangdong Sheng, China, 518000

Location : 22.5594718,114.09228269999994

Contact No : +86 755 8399 3328

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

9. Spas and relaxation

- **Four Seasons Hotel Shenzhen:**

Address : China, Guangdong, Shenzhen, Futian, 福田区 138 福田区: 518048

Location : 22.532998,114.05813899999998

Contact No : +86 755 8826 8888

Website : <http://www.fourseasons.com/zh/shenzhen/>

- **Slfspa:**

Address : China, Guangdong, Shenzhen, Futian, Lok Ma Chau, Guohua Rd, 龙岗区 Gangcheng Huating 龙岗区: 518045

Location : 22.5166133,114.07264659999998

Contact No : +86 755 8297 8888

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

10. Events calendar

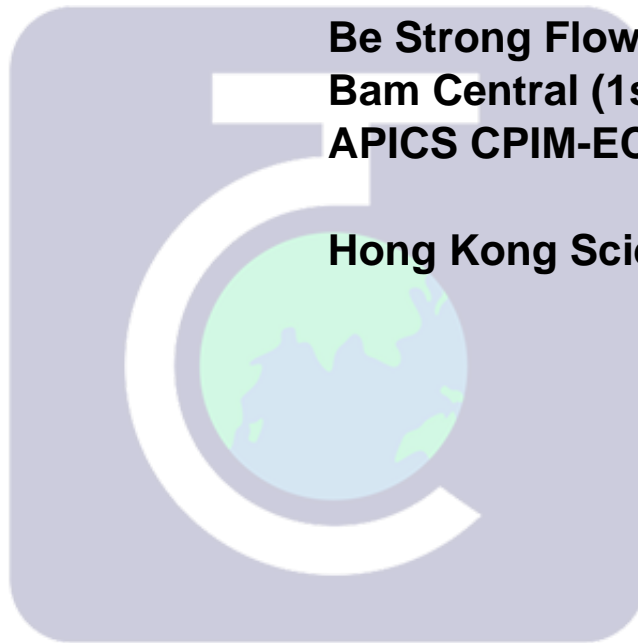
Month	Events
	New Year
	New Year (1st)
	China International Automotive Aftermarket Industry and Tuning Trade Fair
	Shenzhen Convention and Exhibition Center (15th) Home Furnishing Expo
	Shenzhen Convention and Exhibition Center (7th) 87th CEF/China Electronics Fair
	Fuhua 3rd Rd (8th) One with Richie Hawtin
	Pepper Club (21st) InterNations Shenzhen
	TAPS (30th) InterNations Shenzhen
	Rockcandi Craft Beer Bar (22nd) HAX Open House for FAB12
	HAX HQ (11th) Hong Kong International Schools Festival

**Renaissance hong Kong Harbour
View Hotel (24th)
China International Internet and
E-Commerce Expo (CIE)**

**Shenzhen Convention &
Exhibition Center (12th)
Be Yoga by Ariel**

**Be Strong Flow @ Yoga Bam
Bam Central (1st)
APICS CPIM-ECO Training**

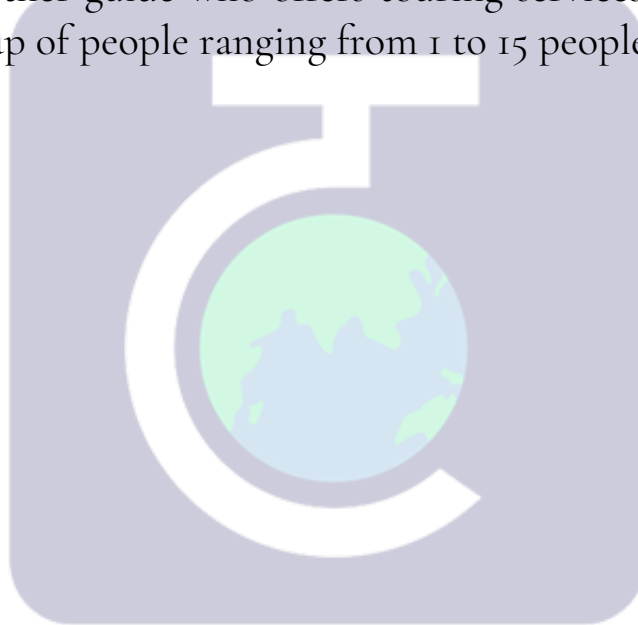
Hong Kong Science Park (1st)



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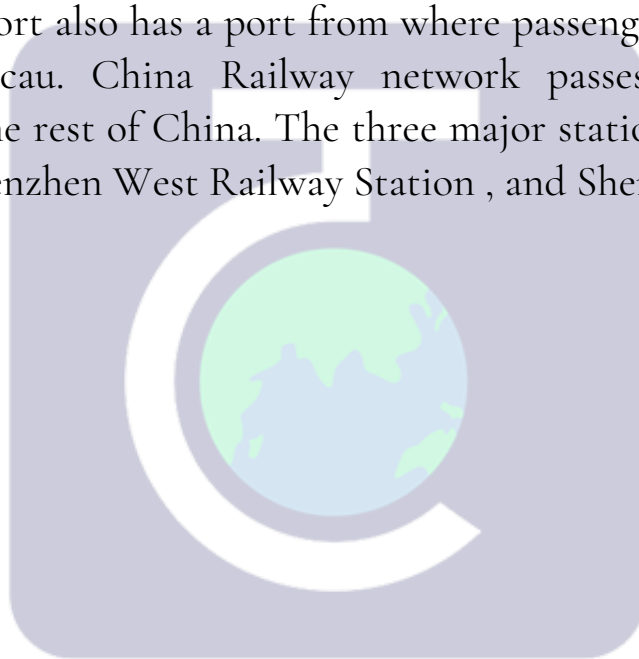
11. Key local guides and tours

Most people wish to explore new regions and areas on their own. However, for being cities and metropolises like Shenzhen using guides or tour is essential to avoid getting lost in the vastness of the city. Marina Li is one of the licensed guides that you can use to explore the big beautiful Shenzhen. Her charges range from 12 ¥ to 60 ¥ per hour depending on the number of people in the group. Jasmine Angel is another guide who offers touring services around the city at a rate of 10 ¥ for a group of people ranging from 1 to 15 people.



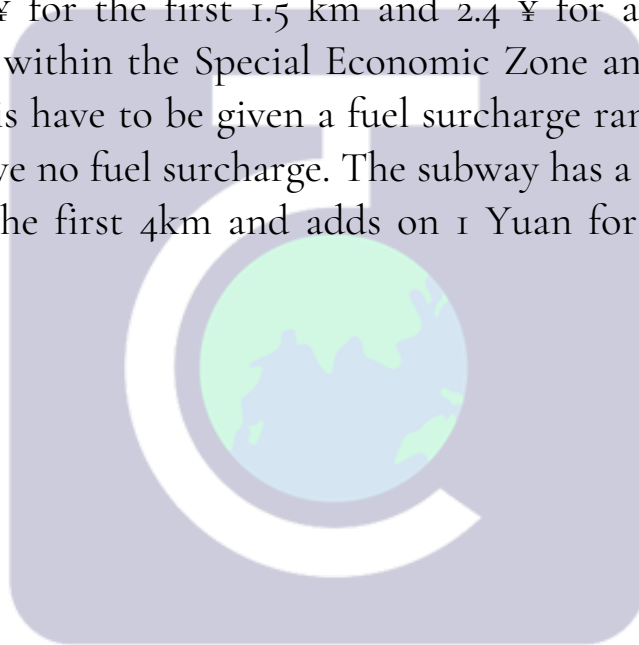
12. Transportation hubs

Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport is 35 km away and at a distance of 37 minutes from Shenzhen city centre and is connected to the urban area through well scheduled airport shuttle bus service which travels you in just 20 ¥. The bus fare starts from 6 ¥. City buses are available to downtown Shenzhen with the starting fare at about 5 ¥. Intercity bus services to nearby cities also depart from the airport. The airport also has a port from where passengers can take a ship to Hong Kong or Macau. China Railway network passes through Shenzhen connecting it with the rest of China. The three major stations include Shenzhen Railway Station , Shenzhen West Railway Station , and Shenzhen North Railway Station .



13. Transportation cost

Shenzhen has a well-organised network of buses. The bus fare is in the range of 2 ¥ – 10 ¥. Three kinds of taxis run in Shenzhen. Red taxis operate all over Shenzhen and the starting fare is 10 ¥ for the first 2km and 2.4 ¥ for each kilometre after that. The one way ticket via train charges around 2 ¥ and a monthly pass is available at 250 ¥. Green taxis run outside the Special Economic Zone and charge 6 ¥ for the first 1.5 km and 2.4 ¥ for additional kilometres. Yellow taxis operate within the Special Economic Zone and charge the same as the red taxis. All taxis have to be given a fuel surcharge ranging from 2 ¥ to 3 ¥. Blue electric taxis have no fuel surcharge. The subway has a stage fare system and starts from 2 ¥ for the first 4km and adds on 1 Yuan for each stage based on travelling distance.



Index**14. Baggage allowance**

Luggage is carried free of charge in most taxis. However, if the luggage is larger than 7 cubic feet or heavier than 20 kilos, 0.5 ¥ has to be paid for each luggage above the size or weight limit. Long distance buses usually have luggage racks to keep large luggage out of way of passengers.



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15. Restaurant & Nightlife

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

Food -

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

- **Spice Circle Indian Restaurant:**

Address : 3001 Dongmen S Rd, Luohu, Shenzhen, Guangdong, China, 518001


Location : 22.5416942,114.12231350

Contact No : +86 755 8220 2129

Website : <http://www.spicecircle-restaurant.com/>

Open / Close Time : Every day – 11:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs; 18:00 hrs to 23:00 hrs

- **Milano Italian Restaurant:**

Address : China, Guangdong, Shenzhen, Futian, Shennan Ave, 6007 

Location : 22.5364556,114.03168419

Contact No : +86 755 8358 1661

Website : <http://www.szeat.net/Chi/free.aspx?id=68525>

Open / Close Time : Every day – 11:00 hrs to 14:00 hrs; 17:00 hrs to 23:00 hrs

- **The Kitchen Futian:**

Address : China, Guangdong Sheng, Shenzhen Shi, Futian Qu, FuTian CBD, Fuhua 1st Rd, 深圳市福田区: 518000

Location : 22.5356375,114.05302860

Contact No : 2531-3860

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

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

- **Daliang Mumizhou:**

Address : China, Guangdong, Shenzhen, Jiabin Rd, 龙岗区2

Location : 22.5378823,114.11325260

Contact No : +86 755 2216 1222

Website : <http://www.szeat.net/Chi/free.aspx?id=68818>

Open / Close Time : Every day – 10:00 hrs to 14:00 hrs

- **McCawley's:**

Address : China, Guangdong, Shenzhen, Futian, Mintian Rd, 138, Shopping Park 151-152

Location : 22.5349443,114.05323820

Contact No : +86 755 2531 3599

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

Open / Close Time : Every day – 10:00 hrs to 02:00 hrs

- **Paletto:**

Address : 116 Fuhua 3rd Rd, Futian, Shenzhen, Guangdong, China

Location : 22.5329134,114.0615616

Contact No : +86 755 2222 2222

Open / Close Time : Every day – 12:00 hrs to 14:30 hrs; 17:30 hrs to 22:30 hrs

- **The Terrace Restaurant & Bar:**

Address : 深圳市福田区 Taizi Rd, Nanshan, Shenzhen, Guangdong, China, 518000

Location : 22.483944,113.91628400

Contact No : +86 755 2682 9105

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

Open / Close Time : Sunday to Thursday – 10:00 hrs to 02:30 hrs; 10:00 hrs to 17:30 hrs

- **Viva Club:**

Address : China, Guangdong, Shenzhen, Futian, Fuhua Rd, Shopping Park 深圳市福田区 140

Location : 22.5354134,114.05408460

Contact No : +86 755 2531 3765

Open / Close Time : Every day – 22:00 hrs to 04:00 hrs

- **Xpats:**

Address : China, Guangdong Sheng, Shenzhen Shi, Futian Qu, FuTian CBD, Fuhua 1st Rd, 3 深圳市福田区: 518000

Location : 22.5366206,114.06046319

Contact No : +86 755 8280 1352

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

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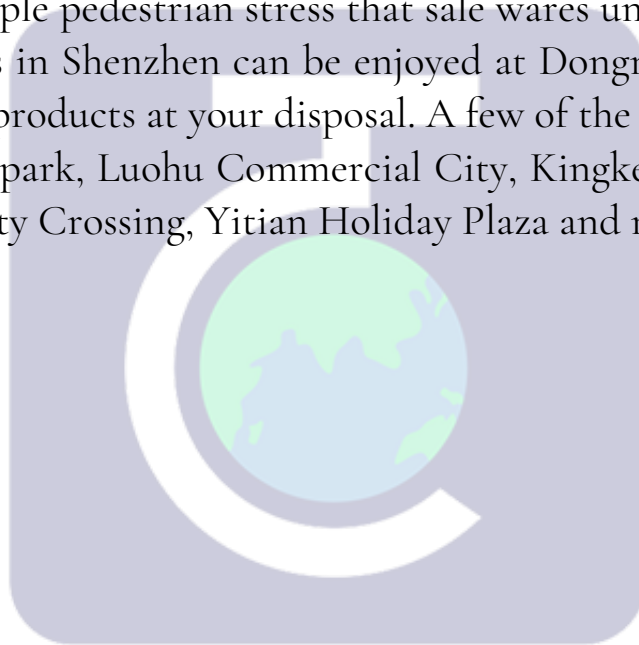
16. Average meal cost

The cost of living in Shenzhen is not necessarily high, however, for an average meal while touring the city; all you have to part with is as little as 1.5 ¥ to 6 ¥ for breakfast. 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 Shenzhen ranges between 3 ¥ to 5 ¥ depending on the side of town you are buying.



17. Shopping

Shenzhen is a shopping haven by all means imaginable. As a tourist, you are likely going to have an amazing experience that will stay with you for a long while. Innumerable shops can be found within the city to meet your shopping needs. Where you need, clothes, electronics, art pieces and other handicraft tools, Shenzhen will have you covered. Shopping areas can be found all over, from complex malls to simple pedestrian stress that sale wares under the sun. The best shopping experiences in Shenzhen can be enjoyed at Dongmen Shopping Street. It offers a myriad of products at your disposal. A few of the shopping areas in the city are Galaxy Cocopark, Luohu Commercial City, Kingkey Banner Space, The Mixc of Shenzhen City Crossing, Yitian Holiday Plaza and many more.



18. Tourist benefits

If you wish to make a trip around to Shenzhen, you will not only be treated to amazing attraction sites and one of a kind shopping experience within the region but also the amazing benefits and rewards. The city has designed a unique set of rewards and benefits for tourist while on tour around the city. The city offers VAT tax refunds for purchases made within specified tax free stores around the city. It is important to remember to fill tax refunds forms. The refunds are made at the point of departure and the goods have to be available as proof of purchase.



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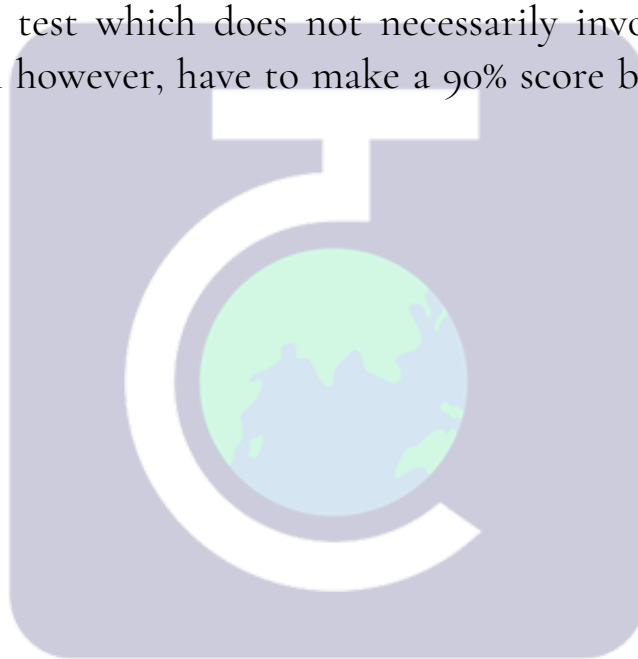
19. Essential local apps

Travel apps are the best support system you can choose while traveling to any new place. A few of the apps that can make the best of your trip are Manzanillo Travel Guide, Santanyi, La Paz, Larnaca, Ljublijana, La Valletta and many more. Most of the apps will guide you through the entire trip while some shall help you book airline or travel tickets, restaurant menu or even help you with directions. They are almost free from any charges and can be easily downloaded on Android and iOS.



20. Driving

Overlooking the huge traffic within a great part of the city, driving around the city is an experience like no other. In such a situation a tourist will need a driving license before they can be allowed to drive around. Shenzhen does not accept International Driving Licenses, but instead allows for conversions from a tourist's country license to one that can be used within the city. You will however need to take a computerized test which does not necessarily involve taking an actual driving test. You will however, have to make a 90% score before qualifying for a local driving license.



21. Travel essentials

If you are planning to make your way to Shenzhen, you will need to tag along a number of essential accessories to avoid running into inconveniences during your stay. The electrical system in Shenzhen is marked at 220 volts and as such you may have to carry an adapter plug and a power converter to avoid power surges for your electronic gadgets. If you are travelling with your electronics, it is also essential for you to carry a bag that is extra padded to avoid shocks that might cause damage and breakages to your gadgets while your move around the big city.



22. Essential clothes

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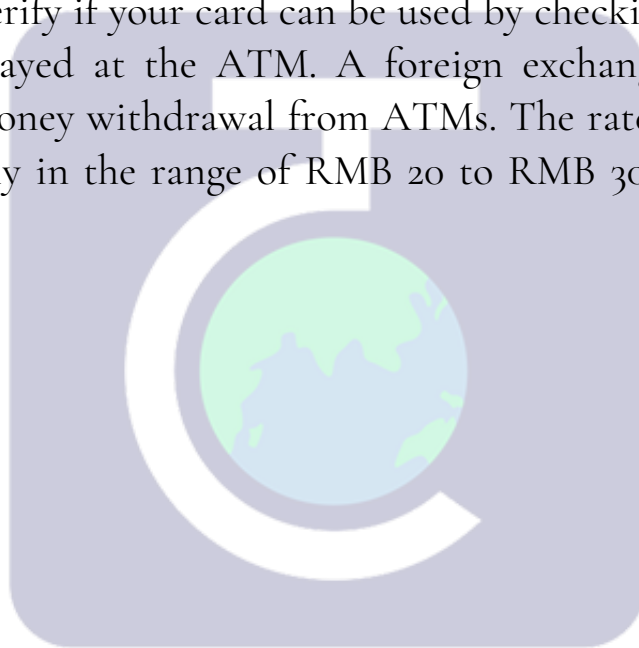
Index**23. Local currency**

Renminbi is the local currency of the city of Shenzhen. It is denoted as RMB. The other unit is Yuan which is denoted as ¥. 1 USD = 6.65 Yuan



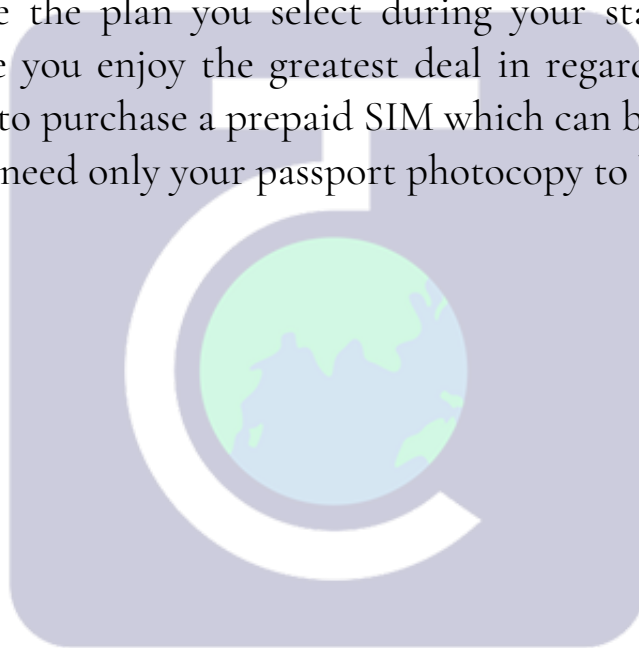
24. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

Currency exchange service is available at the airport and at most of the upscale hotels in Shenzhen. For exchanging large sums of money, it is always advisable to go to banks for better rates. Since the exchange rate is fixed, banks are a better option for foreign travellers. Hotels and other currency exchange vendors may charge a service fee. Most of ATMs in Shenzhen accept the cards of major networks. You can verify if your card can be used by checking the list of logos of accepted cards displayed at the ATM. A foreign exchange fee is charged by Chinese banks for money withdrawal from ATMs. The rate can vary from bank to bank and is mostly in the range of RMB 20 to RMB 30 for a withdrawal of RMB 2500.



25. Staying connected

Travelling to Shenzhen does not necessarily mean that you have to cut communication and family. 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 Shenzhen. The easiest way to ensure you enjoy the greatest deal in regards to communication while in Shenzhen is to purchase a prepaid SIM which can be recharged once it is depleted. You would need only your passport photocopy to buy the SIM.



26. Time Zone

The city follows China Time Zone with UTC + 08:00 hours.



Index**27. Languages**

Shenzhen is dominated by Mandarin language. The following languages are Cantonese and its dialects.



28. Political Scenario

Shenzhen is part of the large Chinese community and such it is part of the political system in China. With the ruling party as Communist Party of China, a great deal of the population and administration within the city adheres to the fundamental communist ideology peddled by the national politics. Shenzhen remains a crucial political position within the politics of China with many of its leaders finding their way through senior government in national politics. Its political prominence within Chinese politics can be traced back to the end of the 19th century. While the constitution may allow for freedom of speech among many other rights, a general degree of censorship exists within the city.



29. Economic Scenario

Shenzhen is one of the most important economic cities of china. It is considered to be the gateway through to China in terms of business, trade and culture. Shenzhen has been considered to be the possible richest city in China with immense businesses being run and managed within the city. The city is highly developed and continues to expand in terms of economic production. Shenzhen is an economic hub and business center for China and Asia to an extent. As a port city, Shenzhen focuses on the import and export business and accounts for one of the highest GDPS in the world.



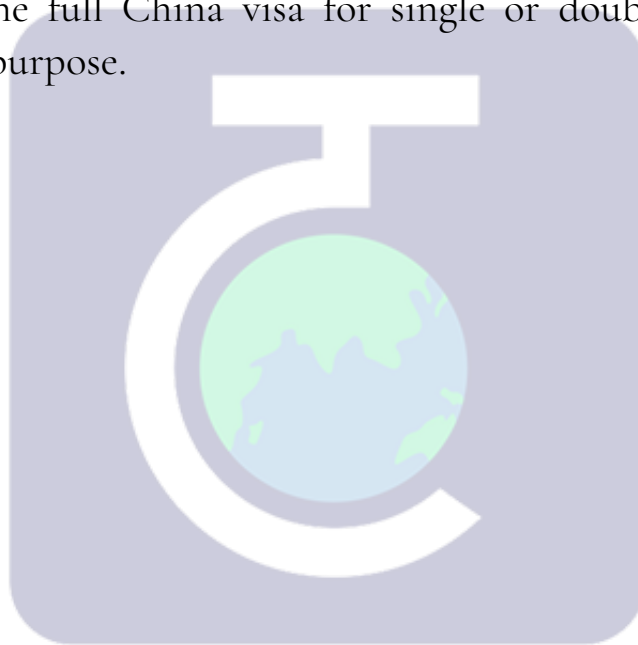
30. Religious belief

The major religions found in Shenzhen are Chinese folk religions, Buddhism, Taoism, Christianity, and Islam. About 37% of the people in Shenzhen practice Chinese folk religions, 26% follows Buddhism, 18% are Taoists, Christians form 2%, 2% of people are Muslims, and 15% do not follow any religion.



31. Visa requirements

China has strict visa regulations and different types of visas serving various purposes. Tourists mostly need transit or tourist visas. If you are part of tour group, only the group will be issued a visa. If you are entering Shenzhen from Hong Kong, it is possible to get a single-entry five-day Special Economic Zone Tourism Visa which is available to most nationalities on arrival. Apart from the five-day SEZ visa, the full China visa for single or double entry can also be obtained for tourist purpose.



Index**32. Essential vaccination**

It is always recommended to have the routine vaccination done before leaving your home country. Although the city is free from yellow fever, you need to get yourself vaccinated for the same if you are coming from a yellow fever disease.



33. Theft and Safety

Pick-pocketing is a common crime in Shenzhen, and tourists have to be careful while carrying money, important documents, and other valuables. Always keep them in the front pockets or in bags that are attached to you from the front of your body. Beware of bag snatching and keep an eye on your luggage at crowded bus or railway stations. Always walk in well-lit areas and avoid unsafe places as advised by your guides.



Index**34. Embassy/Consulate**

There is only one foreign representation in Shenzhen. The Trade Office of Hong Kong is situated in Jin Tian Road. More information is available at <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/china>.



35. Accessibility

There are many facilities offered to the disabled people traveling to the city. You can find special ways made especially for them with sign boards. Also, there are transits that can help them travel safe.



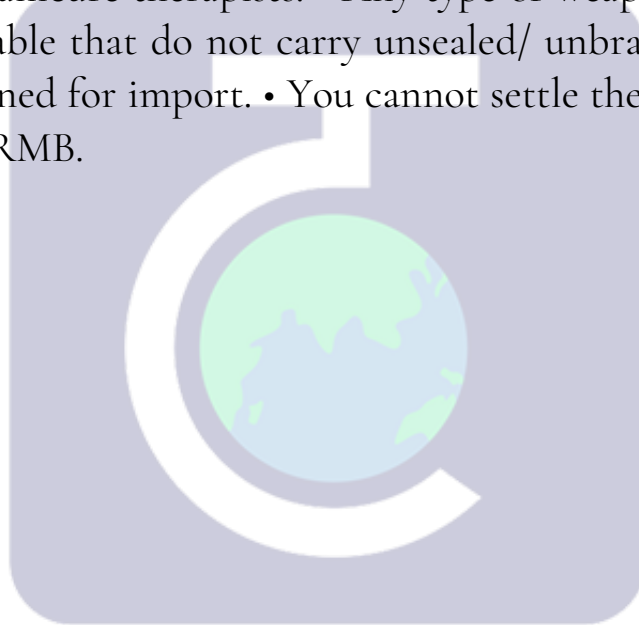
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You can dial 119 for fire, 110 for police, 120 for ambulance and 122 for traffic. People's Hospital and Peking University Shenzhen Hospital are at your service.



Index**37. Do's and Don'ts**

Do's – • Check whether the fare that you pay is per person or for the entire group of people you are traveling with. • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. • Keep bargaining until you can. The final price must at least be half of what you would have paid before. • Check for fake money. Don'ts - • Do not fall prey to cheap massages or manicure therapists. • Any type of weapons is not allowed to the city. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. • You cannot settle the expenses here in any other currency than RMB.



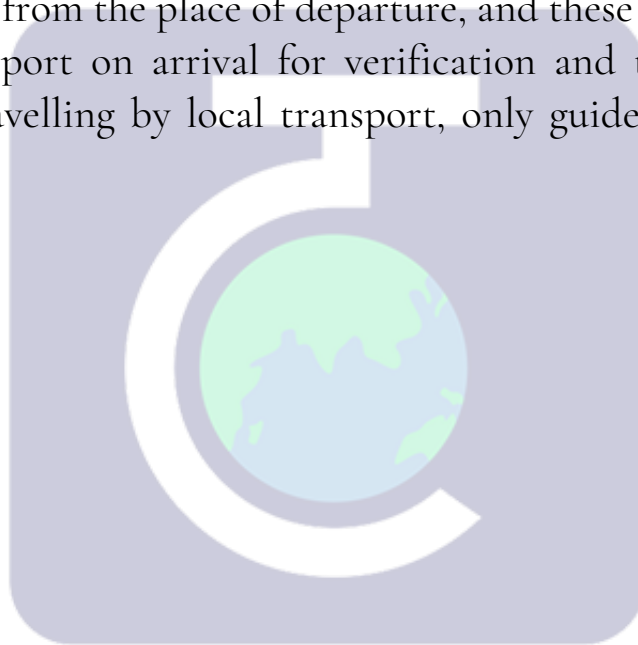
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In China, tipping is prohibited in many places. Customers are not expected to tip the service providers in restaurants or massage salons. If you are hiring the services of a private tour guide, you only have to pay the previously agreed upon fees and the expenses of their food and transport.



39.Pet info

China prohibits bringing pet animals other than cats or dogs into the country. A person can carry only one pet while travelling. These animals have to be accompanied by a vaccination certificate with detailed information regarding the date of vaccination, expiration, manufacturer, batch number, etc. There should also be a quarantine certificate and an Animal Health Certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian from the place of departure, and these documents should be submitted at the airport on arrival for verification and to obtain quarantine certificate. While travelling by local transport, only guide animals are allowed inside train or bus.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Why Choose Shenzhen? It has taken only thirty years development and advancement for Shenzhen to transform from a village setting to a modern metropolis. It has become one of the fastest growing cities not only in China but within the Asian continent at large. From its striking architecture, to century old tourist attractions and scenic parks, Shenzhen offers innumerable reasons for you to consider visiting. Shenzhen has been labelled as a City of Design by UNESCO because of the breath taking architecture that makes up the landmarks of the city. For a unique and unforgettable shopping experience, Shenzhen offers another reason to get you booking your ticket. Electronic products, luxurious goods, and traditional artifacts can all be shopped for within the city with Dongmen Shopping Street being the most notable in regards to shopping experiences. Shenzhen is also a cultural heritage city with innumerable historical, art and cultural attraction sites with Window of the World, Splendid China and China Folk Culture Villages as examples. Shenzhen is not limited in regards to experiences for its visitors, whether you are travelling or with family and friends, the historic temples and family adventures are sure going to enjoy every minute of your tour.

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