I took a long-distance bus to the terminal. Terminal 2 is the first stop. I can’t find a way to figure out which airlines use the terminal by algorithm, so you should check with your carrier or online before flying. Here’s why.

China Southern flies out of this terminal, as well as its partners (such as Chongqing Airlines). However, China Southern is leaving Skyteam. Even if China Southern chooses to remain, China Eastern is a Skyteam member, flying out of Terminal 1 (I believe). So now the straightforward algorithm is broken. Some may think Star Alliance carriers moved there because of Singapore Airlines. That could not be farther from the truth because Air China, another Star Alliance carrier, remained at Terminal 1.

In other words, check with your carrier (or go online), every time you fly, regardless of the departure and arrival airport. Even if you know from last time you flew, it may have changed for a variety of reasons.

Terminal 2 included mostly automated kiosks. I needed to print a bag tag at a kiosk and play around with tagging it, before dropping it off at another kiosk, before getting another piece of paper, before clearing security. All without getting another boarding pass because I checked in online.

A piece of advice is to get a seat when you book. A seat reservation option is available after you book the tickets. Just log in to the website, find a “reserve seat” option, and choose a seat. I figured that out the hard way when I checked in online 23.5 hours earlier and was forced to take a seat in the back cabin.

Guangzhou Terminal 2 is very nice. There’s an outdoor garden that doesn’t offer views of the runway (mainly for smoking, yay for those who smoke). I liked it.

Unfortunately, due to weather in Shanghai, our flight was delayed by a little under two hours. We boarded an hour later than usual. When I inquired the reason for the delay (because it was never broadcast with the announcement of the delay), I was met with a rude “we will let you know when we board.” That doesn’t answer my question, thanks for answering something I probably don’t need to know (because I already do).

The seats are very comfortable. They are 18.25 inches wide (18.5 inches for middles), the armrests are 2 inches wide, and the pitch was 33 inches for my seat (it’s probably a little over 31 for some others, around 32 for others, etc., etc.). Very comfortable.

There isn’t much in the ways of entertainment (because there aren’t much shows), and I choose not to watch something because I would never finish it. I basically watched the map like a hawk.

In the flight, a hot meal was served. I did not need it (but I appreciate it). I believe it’s some requirement listed. It wasn’t much, but I still appreciate it. A cup of a drink was served with the meal.

As mentioned earlier, the weather was bad. We had a crosswind landing (over 15 knots from the left, looking at the weather vane).

For me, it was a rush to the Baggage Claim and then the rush to the nearby train station with the delay we endured. Thankfully, Baggage Claim was fast.

I like this flight. I think I will choose it without a question if my schedule in the future is well. I like the aircraft, the seats (33 inches of pitch!), the food, and entertainment (though I never needed it). I also like the scheduling. If I wanted to leave at 7:00, I arrive at the terminal at 9:30, enter the airside area by 10:15, eat a sit-down breakfast (with Dim Sum), then head to the gate at 11:00, it would be really nice. After getting to Shanghai at before 2:30 (not today, sadly), I could get my bags that I checked, be out of there before 3:30, take a walk to the nearby train station and enter before 3:50, it would be nice to be able to take a 4:15-4:30 train (not recommended though, but you can change your ticket), you could take out a flight