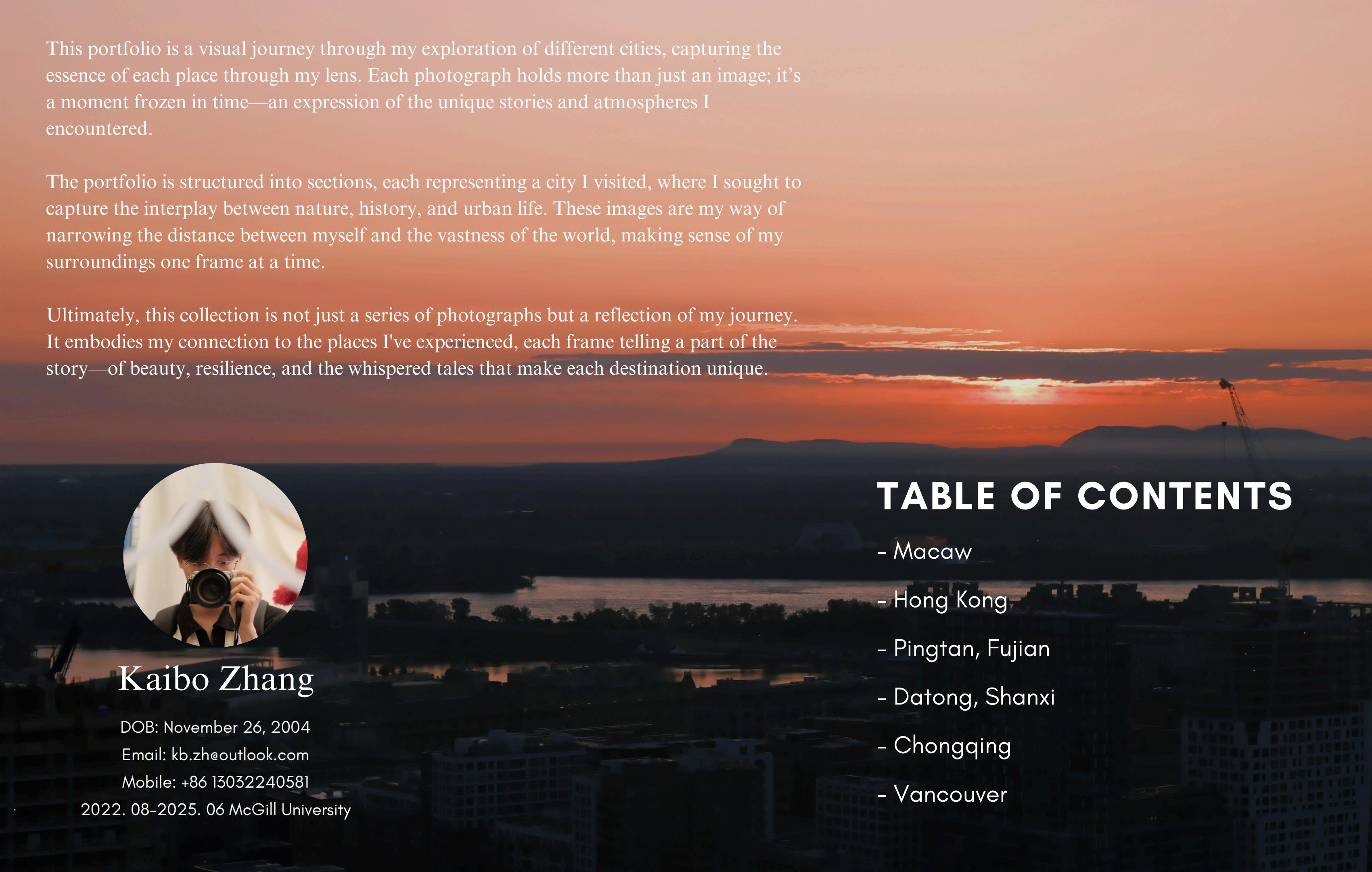


PORTFOLIO

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This portfolio is a visual journey through my exploration of different cities, capturing the essence of each place through my lens. Each photograph holds more than just an image; it's a moment frozen in time—an expression of the unique stories and atmospheres I encountered.

The portfolio is structured into sections, each representing a city I visited, where I sought to capture the interplay between nature, history, and urban life. These images are my way of narrowing the distance between myself and the vastness of the world, making sense of my surroundings one frame at a time.

Ultimately, this collection is not just a series of photographs but a reflection of my journey. It embodies my connection to the places I've experienced, each frame telling a part of the story—of beauty, resilience, and the whispered tales that make each destination unique.



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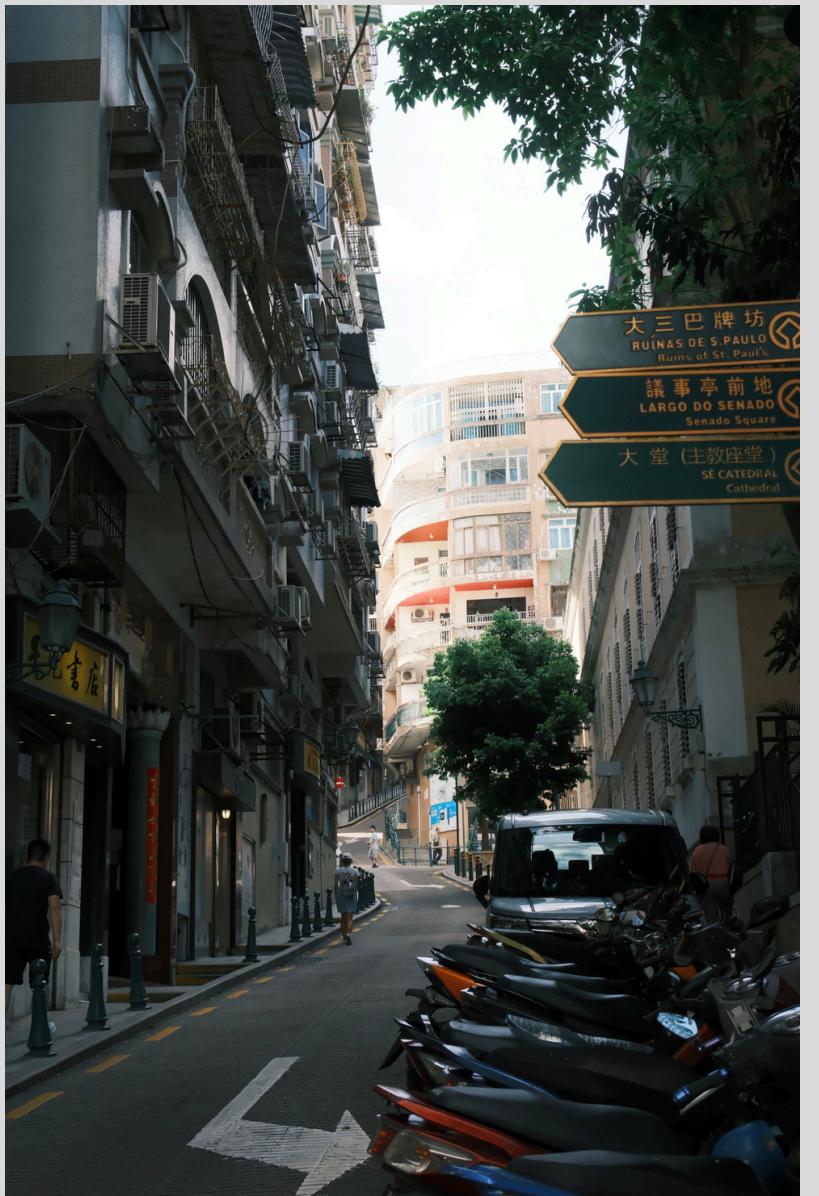
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MACAW

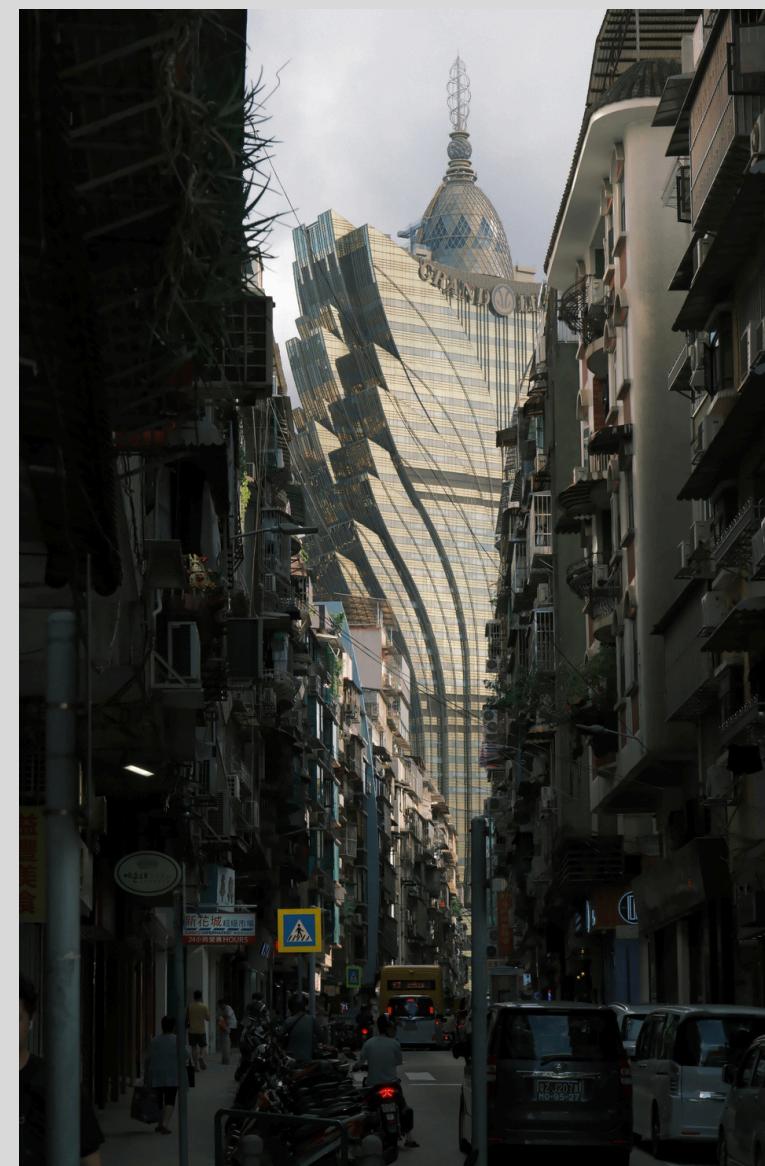
City of Dreams in Subtropical Hues





Macau unfolds with a vibrancy like no other—a place where history and culture converge under the warm embrace of subtropical skies. As I wandered through its streets, I was captivated by the juxtaposition of old and new, where colonial facades stood beside gleaming skyscrapers.

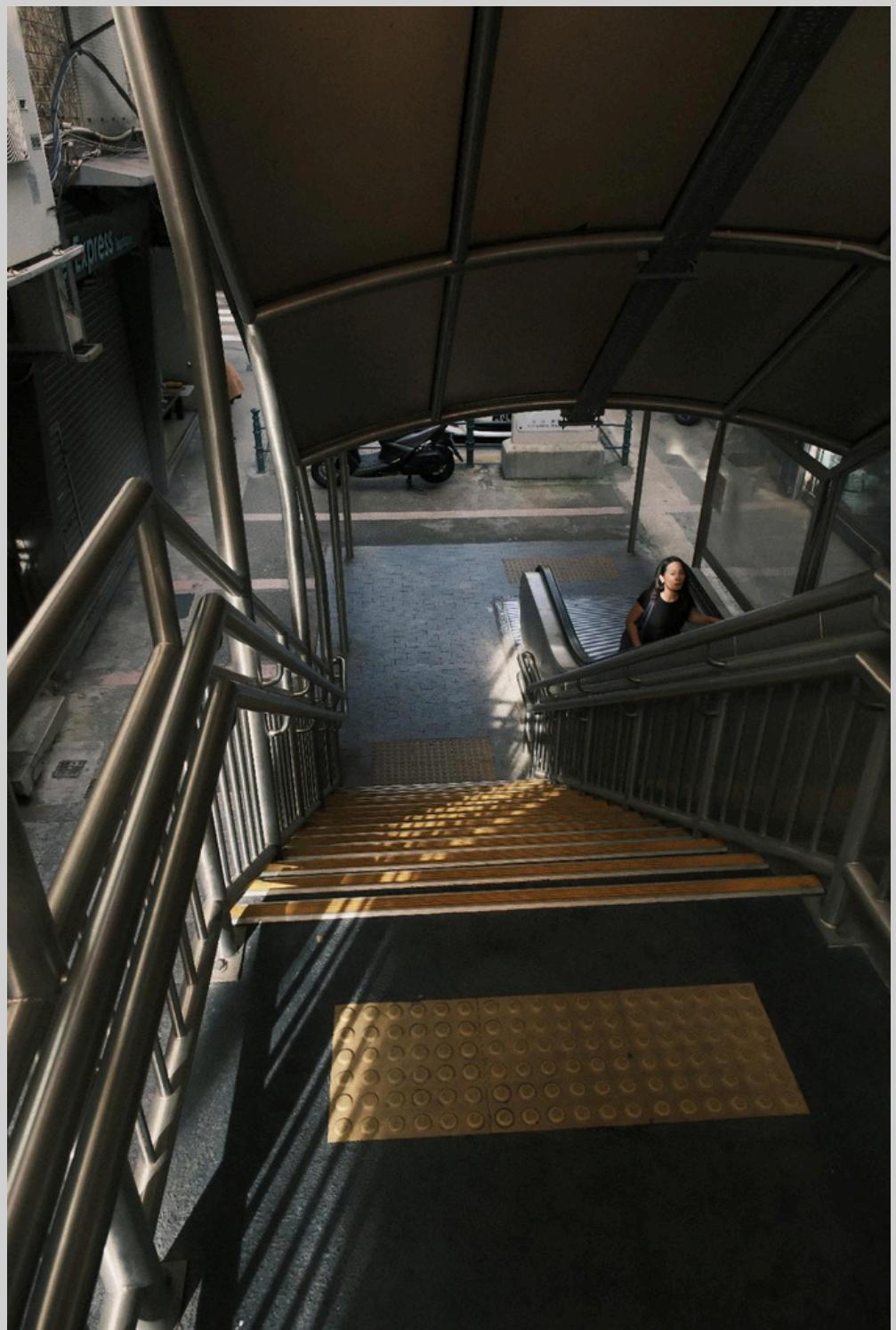
The gentle rustle of palm fronds in the afternoon breeze, and the colors of sun-faded walls against blue skies, told a story of resilience and the passage of time. Each corner seemed to offer a glimpse into another world, and every alleyway whispered the essence of dreams both remembered and reimagined.



HONG KONG

Streets of Neon, Reflections of the Past



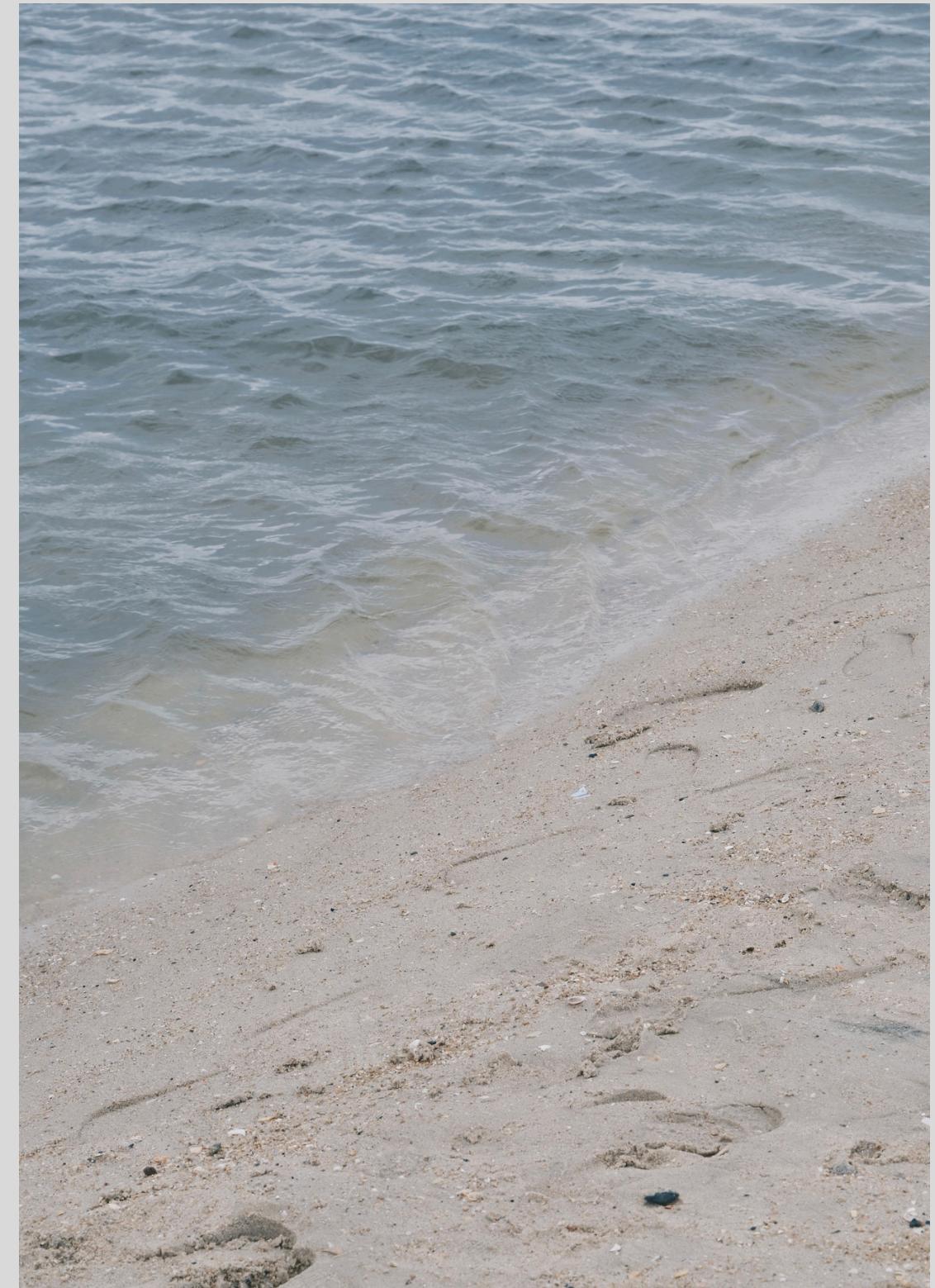
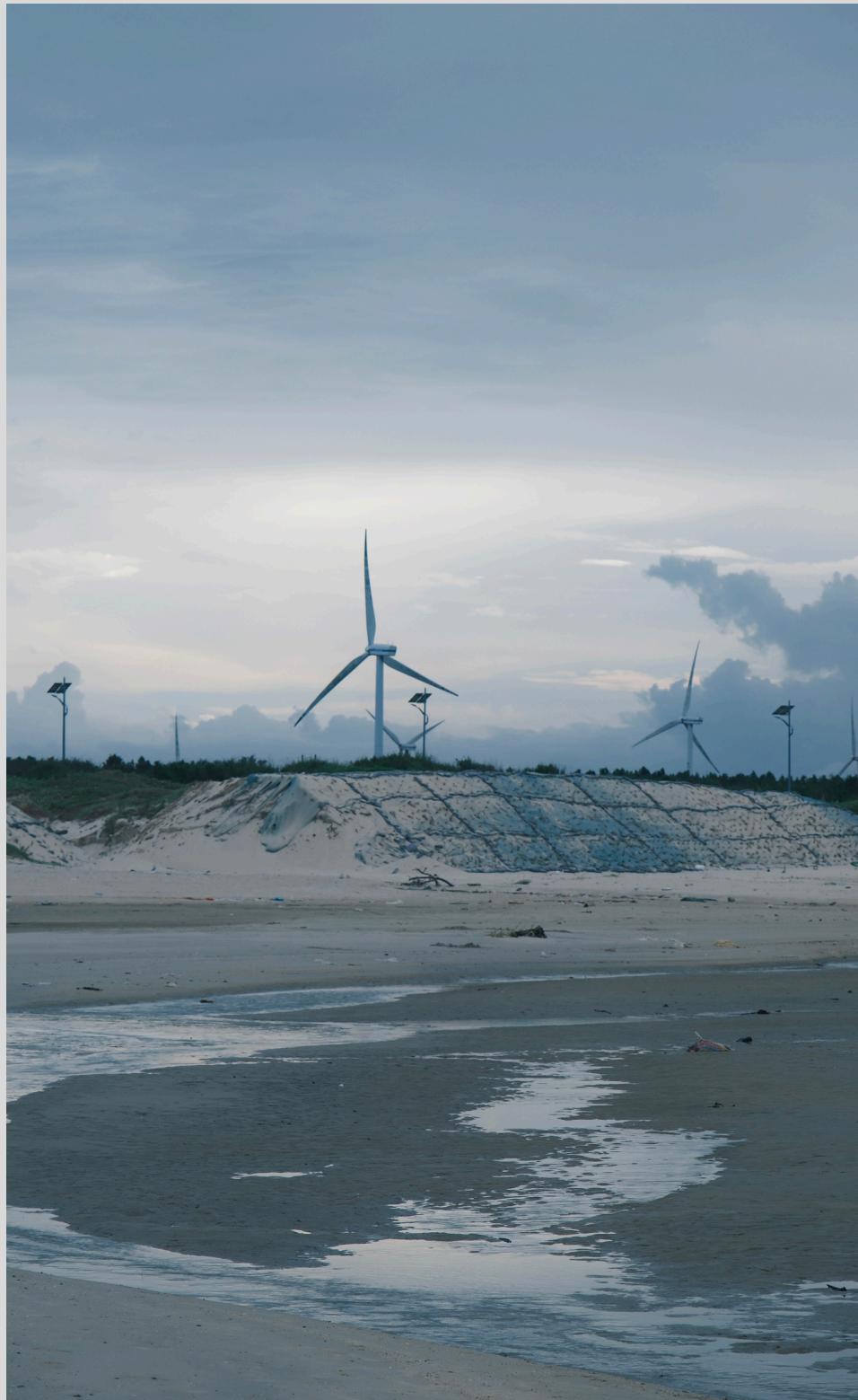


Hong Kong pulses with an energy that is both palpable and fleeting, a city where time feels suspended amidst the layers of history and modernity. I roamed through narrow alleys, the glow of neon lights reflecting off wet cobblestones, each sign a beacon in the electric urban haze. The old trams rattled down bustling avenues, weaving past markets and high-rises—a testament to the resilience and adaptability of this city. Hong Kong is a kaleidoscope of reflections—of tradition juxtaposed against the unstoppable march of progress—and its essence lies in the details, hidden in the corners of vibrant neighborhoods.



PINGTAN, FU JIAN

Wind and Waves at the Edge of China



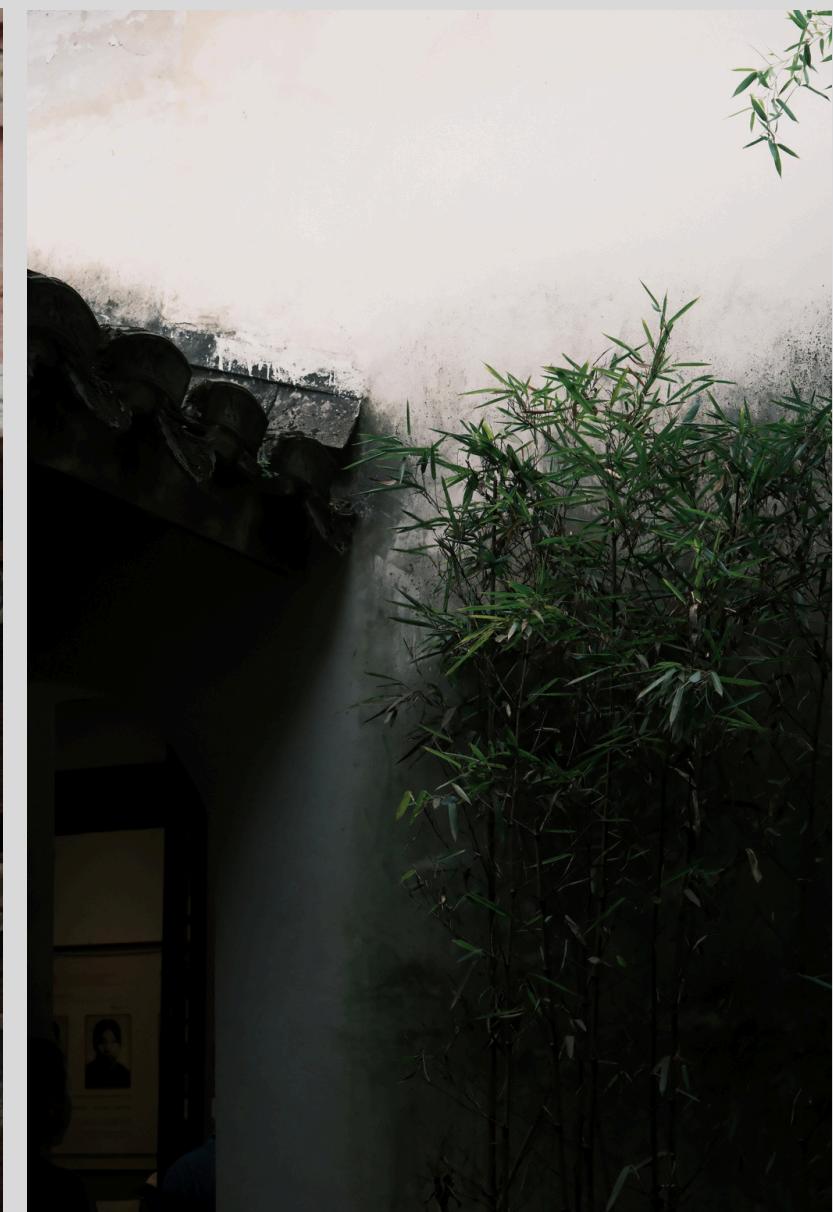
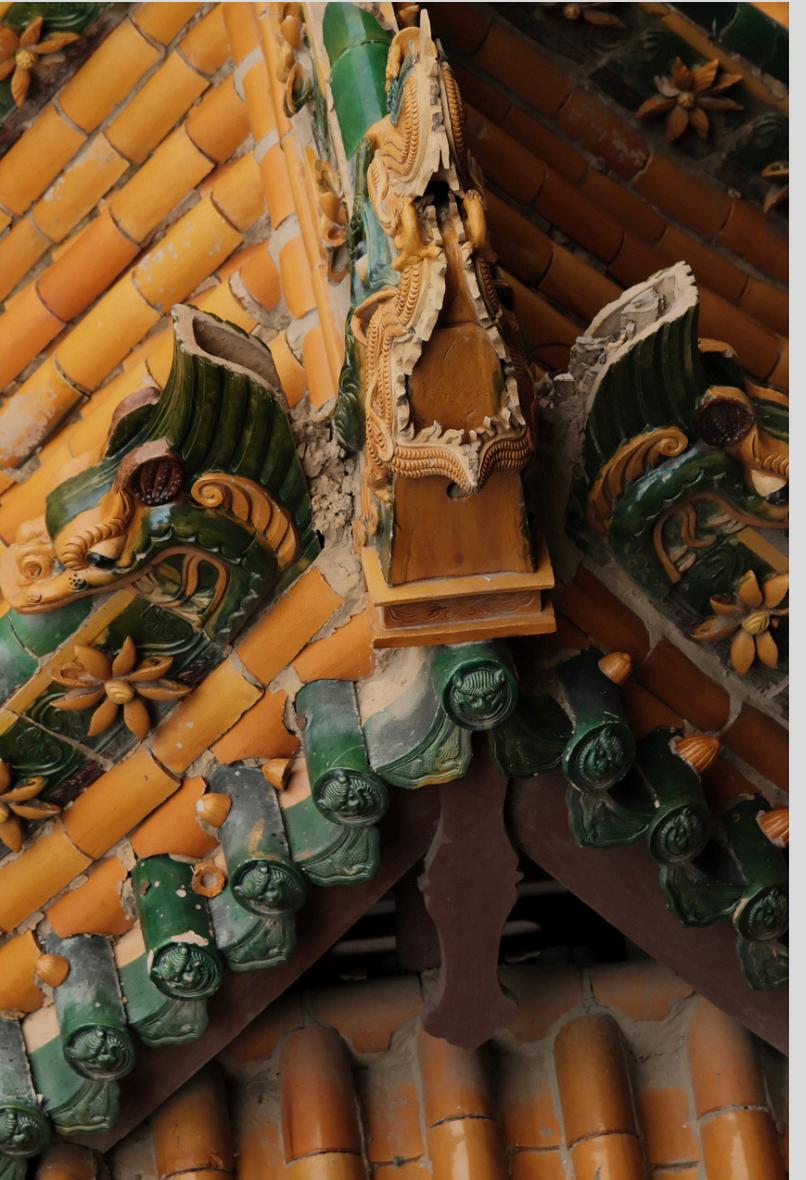
Pingtan's windswept coast felt like stepping into a land shaped by both the ferocity and the grace of the ocean. The waves crashed against rugged rocks, filling the air with a salty mist, while fishing boats swayed in the distance. Walking along the coastline, the breeze carried stories from across the sea—of sailors, adventures, and the quiet strength of the people who call this place home. The simple beauty of Pingtan lies in its unpretentious charm: vast, open horizons, the interplay of sea and sky, and the resilience that has shaped this coastal gem into a place of quiet wonder.

The background of the image features a large, dark silhouette of a tree's branches and leaves, positioned on the left side. The tree is set against a light, textured background that suggests a wall or a piece of paper. The lighting is dramatic, with the dark foliage contrasting sharply against the lighter background.

DATONG, SHANXI

Echoes of Empires in Stone and Silence

Datong stands as a testament to a bygone era—where the echoes of past empires still linger amidst its towering walls and intricate stone carvings. The ancient pagodas rose above the cityscape, their weathered surfaces reflecting centuries of devotion and craftsmanship.



As I stood before the Yungang Grottoes, the intricate carvings seemed to come to life, each face telling stories of faith, art, and human connection. Datong's essence is grounded in its history—a sense of timelessness that is palpable in the grand and in the minute, a reminder of the legacies carved into the stones we leave behind.



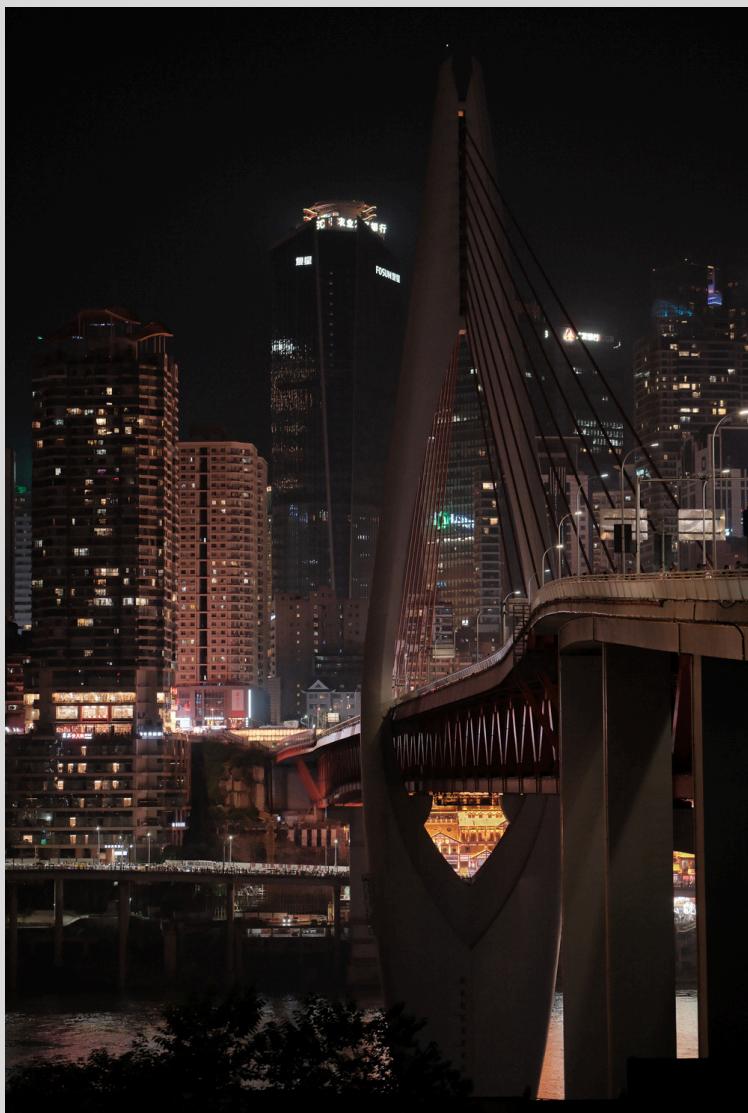


CHONGQING

Where Rivers Converge and Mountains Meet the Sky



Chongqing is a city built on layers, where steep streets climb endlessly towards the clouds and rivers carve their way through the heart of the metropolis. Known as the "Mountain City," it reveals its secrets to those willing to explore—hidden staircases, bustling markets, and fog-laden views that make the city feel like it's floating.



The energy here is tangible, the smell of hotpot and the sounds of chatter filling the air. Every corner of Chongqing exudes warmth and character, and as the sun sets, the buildings light up, casting a golden glow across the rivers—bridging the old with the new, and the sky with the earth.

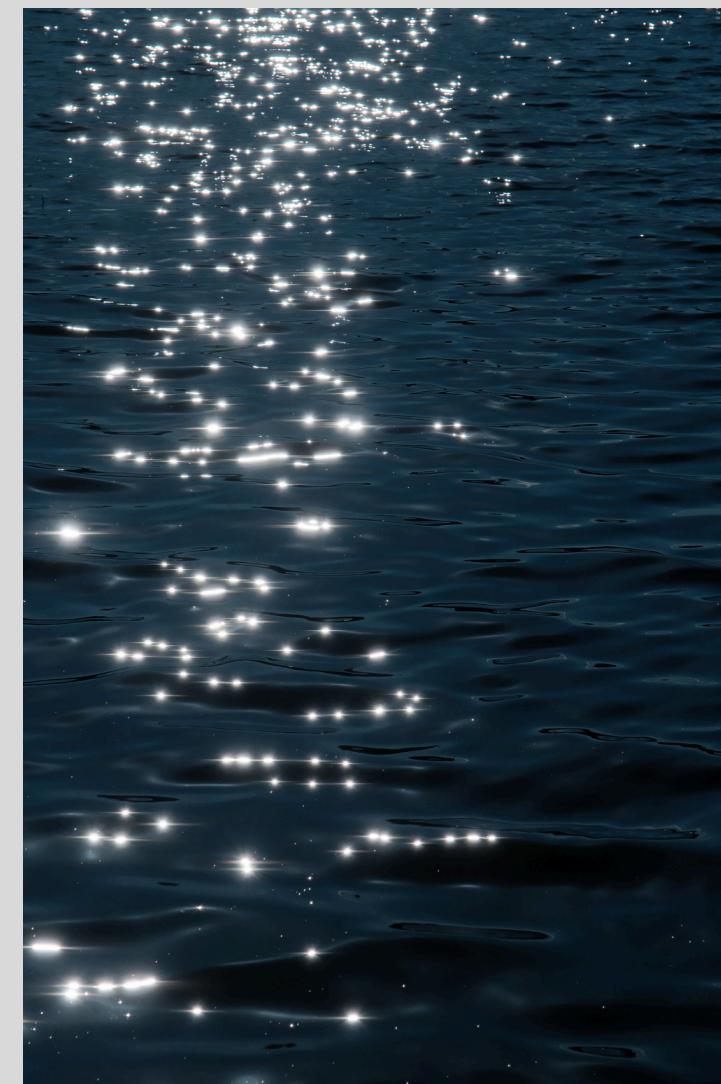
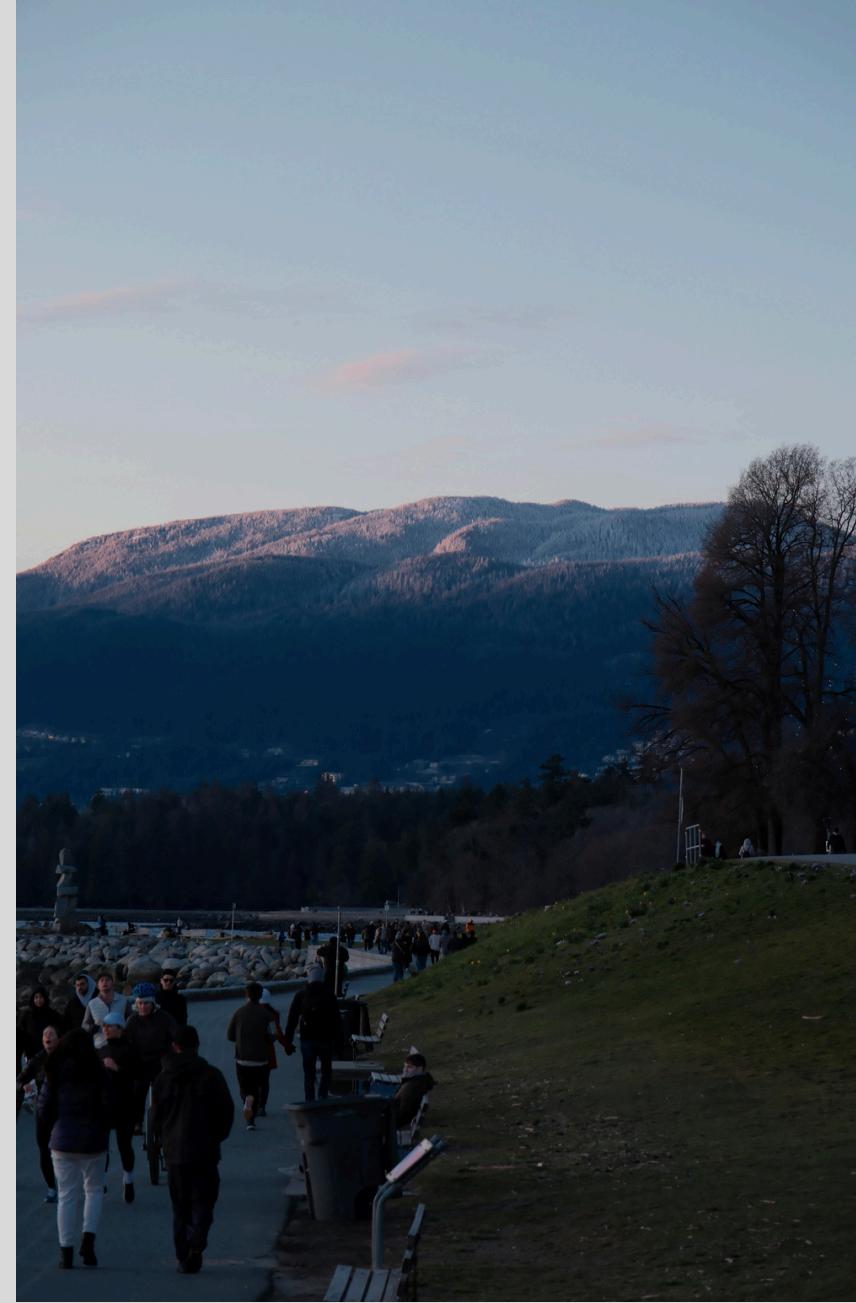
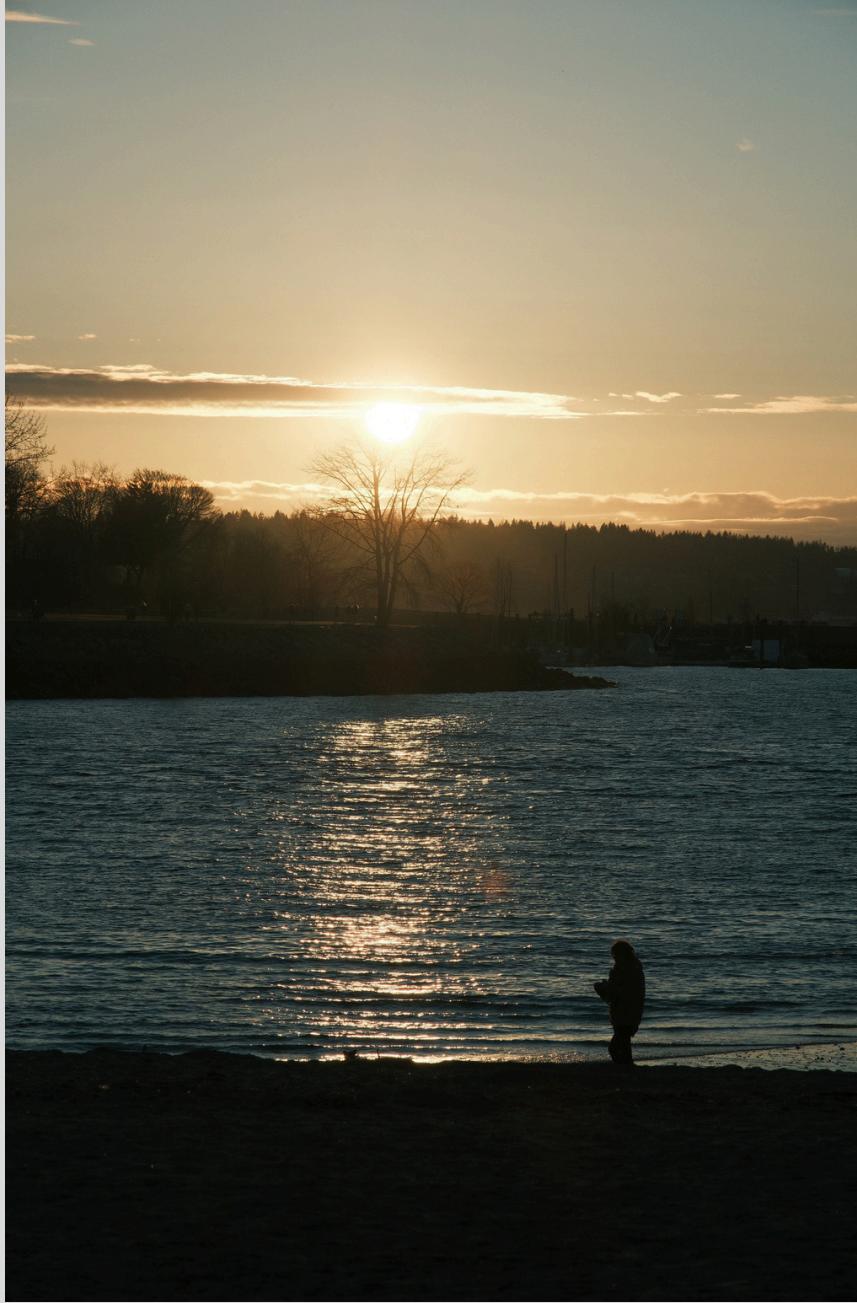
A photograph of a person's profile, facing a bright sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow. The water reflects the light, and distant boats are visible.

VANCOUVER

Nature's Embrace Around a Modern Metropolising Sky



Vancouver is where urban life and nature coexist in harmonious balance—a city framed by the ocean, mountains, and lush forests. Walking along the waterfront, the crisp Pacific air filled my lungs, and the skyline rose against the backdrop of evergreen-covered peaks.



Parks and pathways invited me to explore, to leave behind the city's bustling core and step into the tranquility of towering cedars and calm waters. Vancouver's essence lies in its connection to nature—a reminder that even in the heart of a modern city, serenity is only a step away, and the beauty of the natural world remains within reach.