

# WUHAN

## CITY GUIDE





# INTRODUCTION

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Wuhan, also known as the river city, is the sprawling capital of Central China's Hubei province. It is a commercial center divided by the Yangtze and Han rivers. The city contains many lakes and parks, including the scenic and expansive East Lake.

Wuhan's population as of 2021 is 13.6489 million. Due to its hot summer weather, Wuhan is commonly referred to as one of the Four Furnaces of China. The average temperature in the summer is usually more than 35° in July, while spring and autumn are generally mild. Winter is cool with an average of 4°. The total GDP of Wuhan was over 270 billion USD in 2022.

 13.6489million

35°C   4°C

**GDP** \$270bn

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# C U L T U R E

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Wuhan has a long history, which can be traced back to the New Stone Age over 6,000 years ago.

Wuhan is one of the birthplaces of the brilliant and vibrant Chu Culture. Han opera, one of China's oldest and well-recognised operas, is local to Wuhan. During the late Qing Dynasty, the Han opera blended with the Hui opera to create the famous and enduring Peking opera, which is still widely enjoyed in modern China.

# HISTORY & NATURAL

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Wuhan is the place to find both history and natural wonders. The Hubei Provincial Museum and Yellow Crane Tower are top destinations to enjoy and learn about ancient Chinese history and culture.

The famous villa of Chairman Mao Ze Dong is another notable site, located on the scenic bank of East Lake. Wuchang, as it is known, is an ideal place for the international community to learn more on this period of history.

# C U I S I N E

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The most popular food in Wuhan today is the hot & dry noodle dish. A local traditional delicacy, it has had a history in Chinese culinary culture for nearly a century. It is often sold by street carts in residential areas and are very easily available – they are sometimes sold from as early as 5am and are served until midnight!

If you are not a fan of spicy food, Wuhan has plenty of other well-known dishes available. Wuhan's seafood is famous, with the Steamed Wuchang Fish being a particularly popular dish to order in nearly all restaurants.

# THE EAST LAKE

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**The East Lake** ecological scenic area is situated in the east of Wuhan City. The total area covers 82 square kilometers, which are freely available for enjoy walks or runs along – there are also carts to rent.

You can also visit Wuhan University to visit its famous **Sakura tree**, which has hundreds of years of history.

# I N D U S T R Y

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## **Growth**

- Wuhan's GDP surpassed \$270 bn in 2022.
- Wuhan is amongst China's leading emerging cities with an innovation-led economy.
- With nearly one million undergraduates in 80 colleges and universities, Wuhan is currently home to one of the world's largest number of university students.

## **Business**

- Wuhan carries strong economic and regional advantages. It connects the east of China with the west and is a channel for movement north to south. It has developed infrastructure on water, land and air.
- Wuhan benefits from its strategic position in Central China, so it is a major hub for distribution and transport of goods.

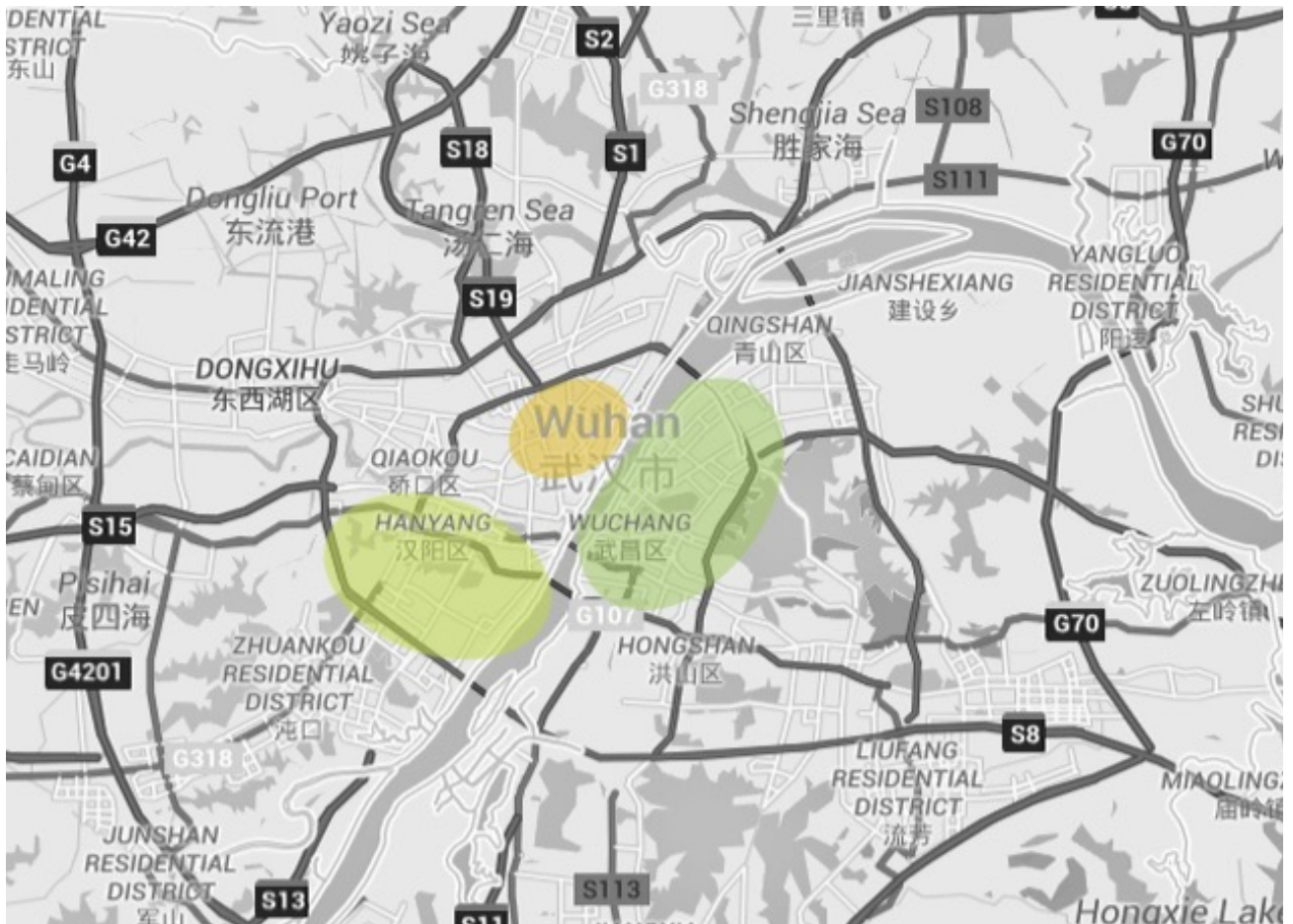
## **Industrial Zones**

- Wuhan Donghu New Technology Development Zone
- Wuhan Economic and Technological Development Zone
- Wuhan Export Processing Zone
- Optical Valley (Guanggu) Software Park
- Wuhan Biolake



# CITY MAP

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Wuhan has three main districts: Wuchang, Hankou, and Hanyang, commonly called the ‘three towns of Wuhan’.

There are several sites favoured by the international community in these districts. In Hankou, there is Wuhan Tiandi and Garden Avenue, while Hanyang features Zhuangkou.

# ATTRACTIONS

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**Han Street** is the longest commercial walk street in the world, easily accessible by Metro Line 4. It has a large selection of fashion brands, and Olé supermarket in Wanda Square has a large selection of imported food.

**Lihuangpi Road** is a famous, peaceful road built in 1900 as part of the French Concession. This street features a lot of European architecture, and attracts visitors from around the world.

**Zhongshan Avenue** is a lively, historical and commercial road in Wuhan. It stretches across the whole Hankou district from southwest to northeast for a total length of 8445 meters.

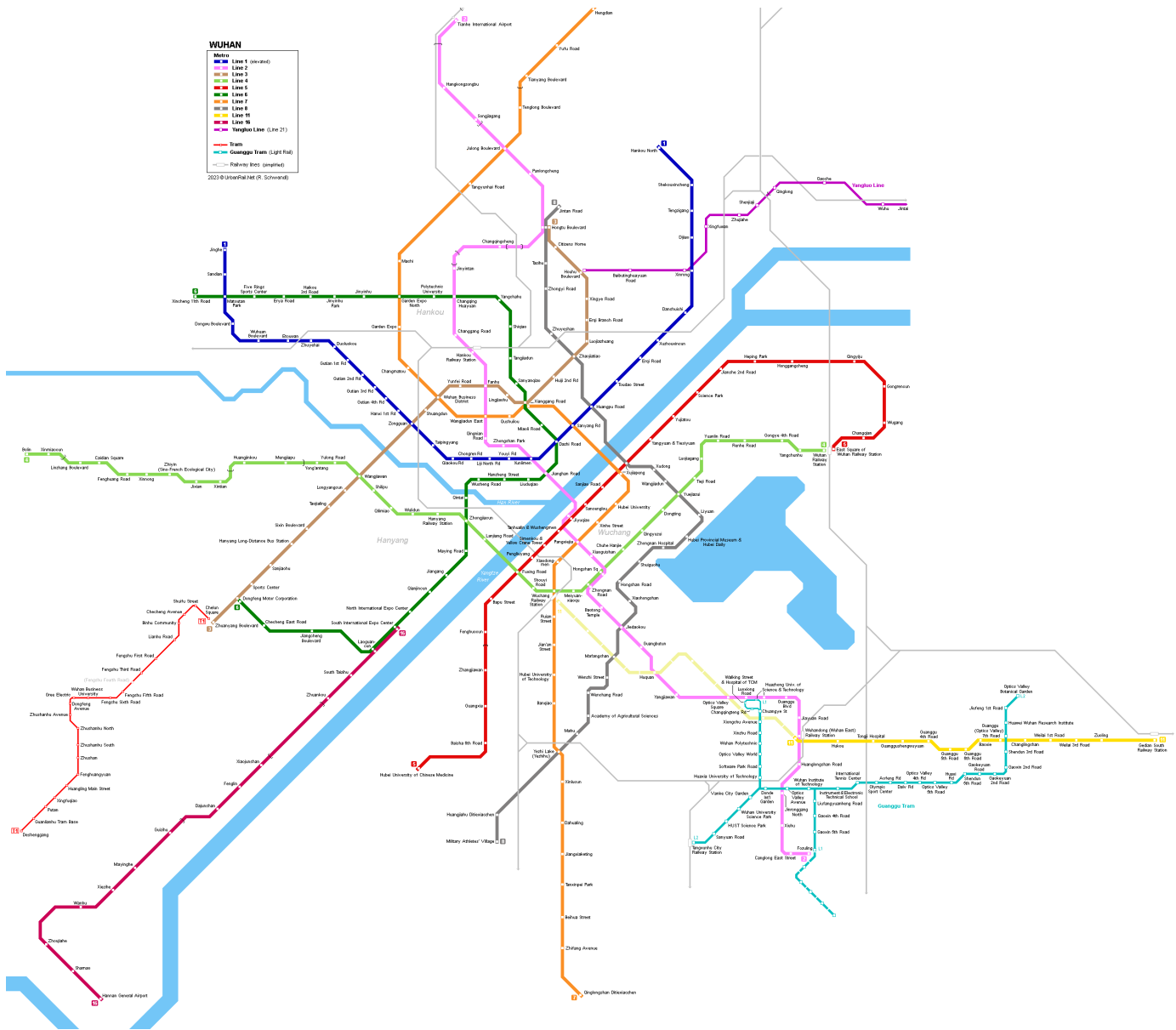
**East Lake Greenway** is 100km long and much of it is over water. As part of the second phase of Greenway Project, visitors can enjoy art, gardens and landscapes and is accessible by bike.

**Chongzhen Church** was built in 1865 and was the first foreign-built Christian church in Wuchang. It has been restored since it was built in 1924 in a Gothic style.

**Wuhan Jiangtan** is a lively composite beach, popular amongst locations.

**Yanzhi Road** is one of the most popular fashion areas in the city, and features more than 200 shops selling cloth, tailor-made clothing, women's cheongsam and suits.

# M E T R O



- 11 Metro lines as of 2022, with two under construction
- Fees start at 2rmb up to 7Rmb depending on journey length
- Cards available to purchase from all stations (50rmb deposit)

# B U S

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## **Public Buses**

- Public bus lines in Wuhan cover all the areas in Hankou, Wuchang and Hanyang and are extremely affordable – journeys are 1rmb or 2rmb.
- Most bus stops of Wuhan are named after nearby roads or well known buildings and attractions, such as Jiangnan Road (Jiang Han Lu), Wuhan Port and Huang He Lou (Yellow Crane Tower).

## **Long Distance Buses**

- National and provincial expressways and the highways of Hubei Province connect the city with most provinces and cities in Central and Southern China.

## **Sightseeing Buses**

- For backpackers or travellers not booked with a group, an easy way to see the city is to take the Special Tourist buses with routes designed to cover most key tourist areas. The tourist bus line is number 4.

## **Wuhan Tong Transport Card**

- A must for public transport in Wuhan – this card can be bought and recharged at Wuhan Zhongbai supermarkets, at bus stops, Metro stations and light rail stations. 50rmb deposit fee.
- Passengers can switch buses within an hour for free.

# TAXI

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- Regular taxis will take passengers anywhere in the city with a starting price of 10rmb for the first 2 kilometers and 2rmb per additional kilometer.
- When a journey is longer than 10 kilometers, taxis charge an additional 50% on the price per kilometer for an empty return.
- Passengers can also use the Didi app, which often offers more affordable rides in better quality cars.

# HOUSING

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- Apartments, townhouses and villas in both western and traditional styles can be found.
- A large variety of accommodation can be found on the property proposal webpage of Maxxelli.

# SCHOOLING

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Wuhan has three international schools which all provide high quality education and are taught in English:

1. Wuhan Yangtze International School
2. Wuhan Maple Leaf International School
3. Wuhan Sanniu International School
4. ISA Wuhan International School



# HEALTH CARE

International doctors in Wuhan offer primary services to patients, including check-ups, x-rays, and acupuncture. For more advanced procedures such as surgery, cooperation with local hospitals is the custom.

Maxxelli recommends visiting Global Doctors for a fast service and consultations in English.





# NIGHTLIFE

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Wuhan features a vibrant and impressive nightlife that has recently grown rapidly. Cinemas, disco parlours, karaoke rooms, bars and pubs are now commonplace in Wuhan and destinations such as Garden Avenue and Wuhan Tiandi are popular amongst the international community.



# EMERGENCY CONTACTS

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Traffic Accident	122
Medical Emergency	120
Fire Emergency	119
Tourist Complaint	87706026
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