

XIAMEN

CITY GUIDE



INTRODUCTION

Xiamen is a sub-provincial city in southeastern Fujian province, People's Republic of China, beside the Taiwan Strait. It is divided into six districts: Huli, Siming, Jimei, Tong'an, Haicang, and Xiang'an. Altogether, these cover an area of 1,699.39 square kilometers.

The urbanized area of the city has spread from its original island to include parts of all six of its districts. This area connects to Quanzhou in the north and Zhangzhou in the west, making up a metropolis of more than five million people. The Kinmen Islands administered by the Republic of China lie less than 6 kilometers away.

Xiamen's population as of 2018 is just over 4.11 million. The annual average temperature is 21°. The total GDP of Xiamen was over 479 billion RMB in 2018.



4.11million

Annual average temperature 21 °C



GDP 479 bn RMB

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As part of the Opening Up Policy under Deng Xiaoping, Xiamen became one of China's original four special economic zones opened to foreign investment and trade in the early 1980s. Its former harbor was enclosed using land excavated during the city's expansion, however, the city remains an island connected by bridges to the rest of mainland China.

The city is known for its mild climate, Hokkien culture and Gulangyu Island, as well as its relatively low pollution. In 2006, Xiamen was ranked as China's second-"most suitable city for living", as well as China's "most romantic leisure city" in 2011.

HISTORY & NATURAL



Xiamen has been approved as a national modern logistics innovation and development city, a national cross-border e-commerce comprehensive pilot zone, a smart logistics city and a logistics standardization pilot zone, and a demonstration city for the standardization of cold chain circulation of agricultural products. In 2018, the modern logistics industry in Xiamen achieved an output value of 118 billion yuan (\$17.17 billion). And Xiamen port ranked 7th in China and 14th in the world in terms of container throughput. Xiamen has formed a freight hub integrating the southeast coastal area highways and railroads. There are five logistics industry agglomeration areas in Xiamen: Haicang and Dongdu port-surrounding areas, Qianchang, Tongan and Xiang'an.

C U I S I N E



As with much of southern China, the staple foods of Xiamen have long been rice, seafood, pork, sweet potatoes, various pickled vegetables, and bok choy. Its traditional dishes form a branch of southern Fujianese cuisine, with Taiwanese influence. It is particularly well known within China for its street food and snacks. A local specialty is worm jelly, a gelatin made from a kind of marine peanut worm.

Noodles with Satay Sauce (沙茶面)

It is a street food famous for its cheap price as well as the spicy flavor of satay—rich in nutrition and good for appetite and body metabolism.

CITY MAP



Xiamen is a city found in Fujian, China. It is located 24.48 latitude and 118.08 longitude and it is situated at elevation 12 meters above sea level.

Xiamen has a population of 3,531,347 making it the biggest city in Fujian. It operates on the CDT time zone.

ATTRACTIONS

Xiamen and its surrounding countryside provides spectacular scenery and pleasant tree-lined beaches. The most attractive place should be the Gulangyu Island.

Gulangyu Island

Gulangyu, or “Drum Wave Islet”, is a car free island off the coast of Xiamen City, which is quite small and is across from the ferry terminal on Xiamen Island near Xiamen University and Zhongshan Road.

Sunlight Rock

Sunlight Rock is also known as Dragon Head Hill. As the highest point of Gulangyu Island, Sunlight Rock Scenic Area includes Sunlight Rock and Piano Garden.

Zhongshan Road in Xiamen

Walking along Zhongshan Pedestrian Street(中山路步行街) in Xiamen is worth your valuable time for your short trip to Xiamen. Most visitors would come to Zhongshan Walking Street either before or after going to Gulangyu Island since the west starting point of Zhongshan Road is just across the ferry terminal.

Island Ring Road in Xiamen

Xiamen Island Ring Road is a 4-6 lane seaside road totally 43km in length, a green belt that offers tourists a perfect place to bike along beautiful seashores.

M E T R O

厦门地铁线网图 Xiamen Metro System Map



- Xiamen metro has 3 lines, making it very fast and convenient to travel around the city.
- The ticket fare ranges from 2-11 RMB depending on distance travelled.

TAXI

- 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



- 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.

S C H O O L I N G



- Xiamen International School
- Manila Xiamen International School

HEALTHCARE



- Xiamen International Travel Healthcare Center
- The First Affiliated Hospital of Xiamen University

NIGHTLIFE

Binlang Bar Street is a nightlife venue of great popularity especially among young people and foreign visitors. Plenty of bars and pubs with their distinct styles and features can be found here to provide you a wide range of choices. For instance, the Night-Shanghai Pub appears in an old fitment style of Shanghai in the 1920s; the Jurassic Bar creates a vivid scene of the Jurassic Period with dinosaurs; the Cleopatra Bar features performance of Egyptian style, etc. Various bars and pubs in this street or other parts of Xiamen will be good places for entertainment and relaxation.



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