

# CHANGZHOU

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## CITY GUIDE





# INTRODUCTION

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Changzhou is located on the Yangtze Delta, a highly developed region of China, between two major cities, Nanjing and Shanghai. It has a population of around 4.5 million. Changzhou is an ancient historical and cultural city, and has a recorded history of around 3,200 years. The earliest history of Changzhou was during the Western Zhou Dynasty and the town was originally founded as a Chinese commandery. After the construction of the Grand Canal, the town became a port, and was used to ship goods. Later, during the Taiping Rebellion period, there were lots of municipal constructions, including government offices and palaces for the leaders of the dynasty. In the 1920's the city started attracting mill owners for the cotton industry, making the city famous as a national textile centre.

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**GDP** \$103bn

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# C U L T U R E

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Changzhou, also dubbed as Dragon City, is a city in Jiangsu Province with over 3,000 years of history. Located on the southern bank of the Yangtze River, Changzhou sits in the middle of two major metropolises, Nanjing and Shanghai.



# CULTURE CENTER

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The Cultural Centre is a building complex that has a number of museums including the science and technology and art museum and a library. The centre is six times the total of the Louvre with a total floor area is 35,000 square meters. With its water features and generous landscaping, it provides an inviting ambiance and serves as a meeting point in the district. The design reflects elements of Changzhou's southern Chinese culture and the city's prominent water features.

# C U I S I N E

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Changzhou is famous for its local dishes. Near Shuang Gui Fang street are a variety of stands selling many different snacks. Here are a couple of them:

- Fish head cooked in earthenware cooking pot. The fish comes out of the pure natural water of the Tianmu lake, meaning the fish has no off-flavor.
- Changzhou Steamed Pork with Fragrant Grains.
- White Slender Noodles are slender as silk and as white as silver.

# I N D U S T R Y

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## **Growth**

- Chongqing's GDP surpassed 100 billion USD in 2018
- The city is an important industrial centre for textiles, food processing, engineering, and high technology.
- The city has recently added more industrial sectors to its economy, including high-tech, electronic, biomedical and chemical production.

## **Business**

- An increasing number of multi-national companies have set up operations in Chongqing. By the end of 2015, 262 of the world top 500 companies have set up operations in Chongqing

## **Big in Major Industries**

- Changzhou is considered a commercial centre and in particular a distribution centre for agricultural products, and is also trying to construct a three-industry block along the Yangtze river.
- The high tech industry
- The environmental protection industry
- Modern logistics and tourism industry

# CITY MAP

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Changzhou is made of six country-level divisions including five districts:

- Tianning District
- Zhonglou District
- Xinbei District
- Wujin District
- Jintan District

Changzhou has two country-level city called

- Liyang
- Jintan



# ATTRACTIONS

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**Sanqin Agro-ecological Park** is built on the unused low land of Sanqin Village, as the place used to be waterlogged, due to being surrounded by water on three sides. By combining the original topography and local conditions, the agro-ecological park has changed this abandoned land into an amazing place.

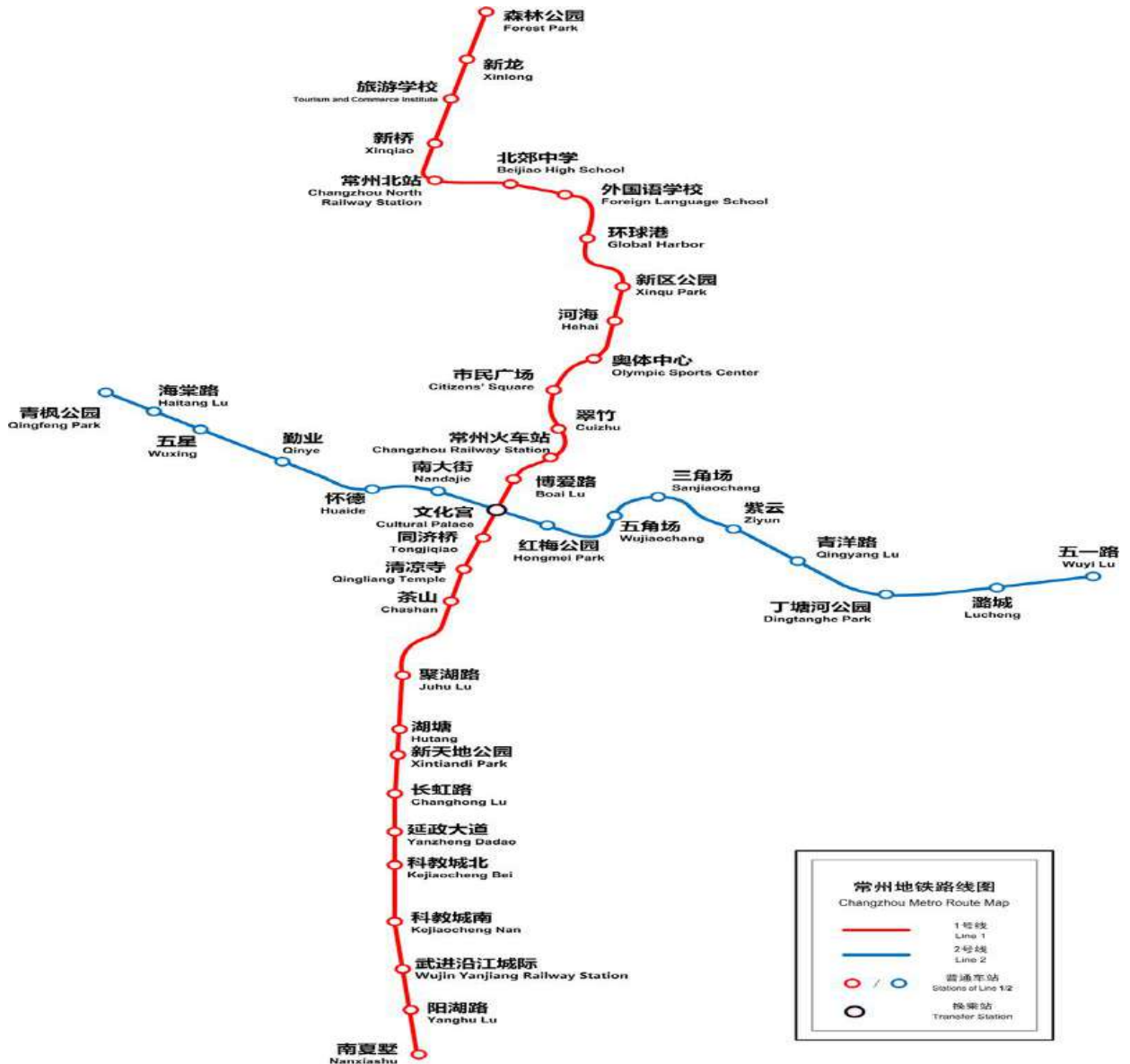
**Joyland**, is an international animation game experiencing expo park. It creatively embodies a distinctive theme in order to meet the huge demand of entertainment from over 400 million internet users in China.

**Changzhou Tianning Temple** facing the world-famous Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal and in front of the largest park of Changzhou, Hongmei Park, is the largest and the best preserved ancient temple in Changzhou.

**Liyang Tianmu Lake Nanshan Bamboo Sea** is natural, allowing you to feel you are back with nature and reveals a profound history and rich culture.

**Changzhou Museum** kept more than 20,000 pieces of historical relics. There are many special collections in such as the jade of Liangzhu period, original green porcelain of Spring and Autumn period, painting and calligraphy of Ming and Qing dynasties.

# M E T R O



- Changzhou metro has 2 lines under testing. Development of the metro is on the way, with work ongoing to complete a network with a total of six lines by 2030.
- The ticket fare ranges from 2-10 RMB depending on distance travelled.

# B U S

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## **Regular Lines**

- Guangzhou Bus Rapid Transit (GBRT) is the bus system that has been operating in Guangzhou since 2010.
- GBRT has 31 bus lines and 26 stations around the city.
- Approximately 1,000,000 passenger trips are made on a daily basis.

## **Long Distance Buses**

- Changzhou Bus Station sends more than 1,000 buses transporting more than 10,000 passengers everyday to destinations such as Shanghai Pudong Airport, Shanghai South, Jiading, Suzhou, Jintan, Liyang, Nantong, Zhangjiagang, Yangzhong, Jiangyin, Taixing, Changshu, Hangzhou etc.

## **Transport Card**

- Can be purchased at several subway stations
- 20 RMB non-refundable deposit + travel value
- Can be topped up at many supermarkets

# TAXI

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- Metered taxis charge ¥9 for the first 4km and then ¥2.9 for every additional kilometre.
- Alternatives are Uber and its Chinese competitor Didi, which often offer cheaper rides in better quality cars.

# HOUSING

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- Large variety of accommodations, which can be found on the property proposal webpage of [Maxxelli](#).
- Apartments, townhouses, and villas in both western and traditional styles listed in high to low price ranges.
- For a comparison of rental levels between different cities in the second tier category check the [Second Tier Insight – Rental Prices](#) article on the [Maxxelli Blog](#).



# S C H O O L I N G

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Changzhou International School has only one actual international school that provide high quality education taught in English.

- Changzhou Trina International School

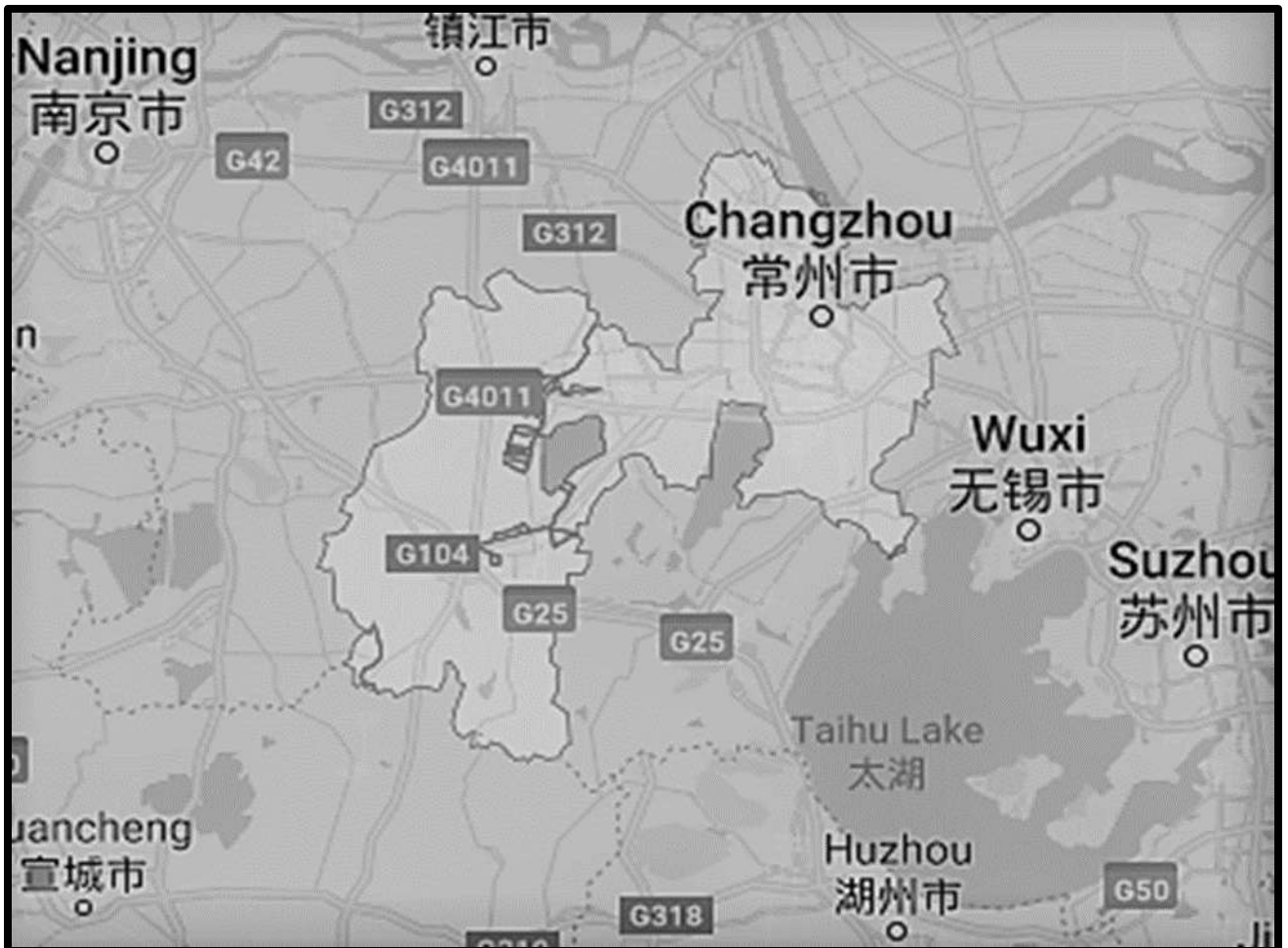


# HEALTHCARE

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International doctors in Changzhou can offer primary services to patients like check-ups, x-rays, and acupuncture. For more advanced medical procedures like surgery, cooperation with local hospitals is the custom.

Maxxelli recommends to visit Global Doctors for consultations in English and a faster service.



# S H O P P I N G

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Lemmon Metropolis Commercial Street, near Nandajie Street, which is one of the largest shopping areas in East China. In addition to traditional and authentic local cuisines, you can try some more innovative restaurants and have a stylish shopping and eating experience. Another popular shopping mall is Changzhou Xinbei Wanda Plaza, developed by the Wanda Group. This is the largest complex in Changzhou with a total construction area of nearly 400,000 m<sup>2</sup>.



# NIGHTLIFE

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There are a number of bars in Changzhou. Babi Bar is most popular with expats, and is located on the main bar street where all night clubs of Changzhou are. Little information on Changzhou nightlife is found as it is not a tourist zone, but is more popular for businessman and expats. However, Changzhou is close to Shanghai which has a very 'interesting' nightlife and is worth visiting if you're in the area.

# EMERGENCY CONTACTS

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