

Dongguan



CITY GUIDE



INTRODUCTION

Dongguan is located in south Guangdong Province, east of the Pearl River Delta, and is 50 kilometers (about 31 miles) south of Guangzhou, and 90 kilometers (about 56 miles) north of Shenzhen. The city plays a crucial role in the communication between Guangzhou and Hong Kong. Dongguan earned city status in 1985, and was upgraded to prefecture city status three years later, as a result of the shift from being an agricultural town to a manufacturing hub. In 2013, the population was 8.3 million with an average age of 31. The city is a melting pot of culture, being the hometown for many overseas Chinese, and over 700,000 people from Hong Kong, Taiwanese and Macau descent.

 8.2 million

32°C   11°C

GDP \$830bn

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Dongguan (Chinese: 东莞) is a prefecture-level city and ranks only behind Shanghai and Suzhou in terms of exports with \$65.54 billion in shipments. In addition to being an important manufacturing hub, until recently the city had the unfortunate reputation as the "sex capital of China," and It was thought that 10% of the population were employed in the world's oldest profession. The city is also home to one of the world's largest, although largely empty, shopping mall, the New South China Mall.

HISTORY & NATURAL



Dongguan City is a famous historical city in Guangdong Province. According to historical records, traces of human habitation go back to the Neolithic Period (around 10,000BC). In 1839, the incineration of opium took place in Humen, a town in Dongguan, which led to the Sino-British Opium War in 1840, kickstarting a new chapter in Chinese history. The Opium War Museum documents the events during this time and is worth a visit for those who are interested in this period of history..

C U I S I N E



In the city, there are several streets which will provide you with a good dinner. The Garden New Village located in Huayuan Street of Dongcheng District boasts a great number of restaurants and snack-bars. Xinwan Street in Humen Town and Xinmin Street in Chang'an Town are also ideal places for seafood.

I N D U S T R Y

Growth

- Dongguan's GDP reached \$830bn in 2018.
- The largest industrial sector is the manufacturing of electronic equipment. Some of the international companies with facilities in Dongguan include DuPont, Samsung, Nokia, Coca-Cola, Nestle, and Maersk.
- Among the investors were Brazilian shoe manufacturers, after Brazil excelled in manufacturing cheap footwear in the 1970s and 80s. The Brazilian community in Dongguan peaked at 4,000 people in 2013.

Business

- The city is the third largest export region in China.
- Dongguan has been identified by high level representatives of the National Development and Reform Commission of the central government, as one of the most significant regions to benefit from technology expansion in the coming years.

CITY MAP



There are 32 Townships within Dongguan. The city government directly administers 4 Subdistricts and 28 towns.

Dongcheng district is favoured by the international community, and affluent Chinese. There are many international restaurants, 5-star hotels and public parks there.

ATTRACTIONS

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

Dongguan Subway Map

North



- There is one metro line in operation: line 2
- 4 other lines are planned to be built.
- Fees start at 3rmb up to 6rmb depending on journey length
- Cards available to purchase from all stations (50rmb deposit)

B U S

Public Buses

- The bus system in Dongguan is very convenient, they run from urban areas to the suburbs and other surrounding towns and cities.

Long Distance Buses

- A highly developed highway system in the city is considered to be the best in China.
- Several companies that offer bus travel to Dongguan from Hong Kong. HK\$80-100 for a one-way ticket or HK\$150 for a two-way ticket. Travel times usually are 1.5-2.5 hours depending on traffic conditions.

Sightseeing Buses

- For backpackers or travellers not booked with a group, an easy way to see the city is to take the special tourist routes around the city: No. 58, 59, 60, 89.
- The fare is 2RMB per person

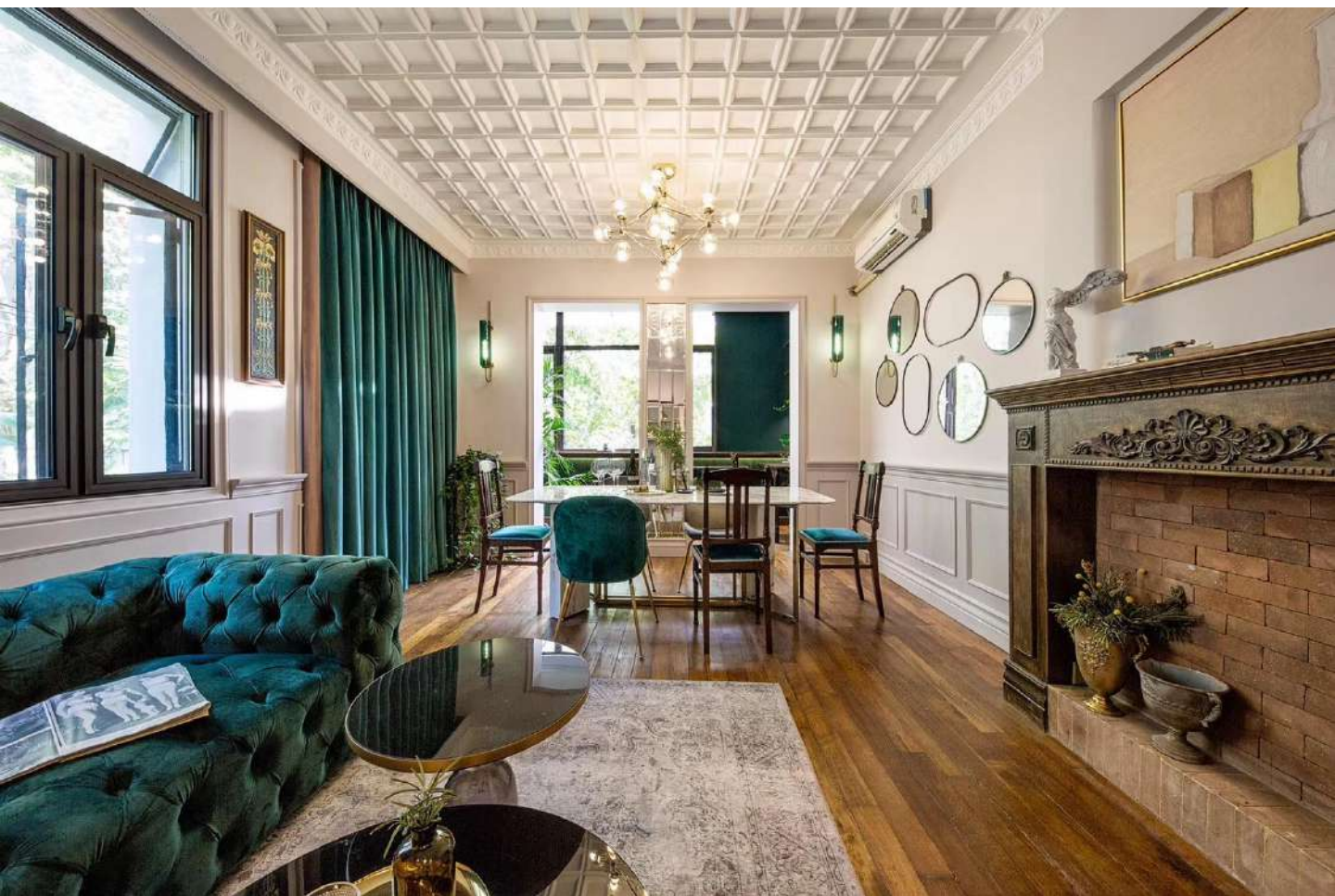
Dongguan Transport Card

- A must for public transport in Dongguan – this card can be bought and recharged at supermarkets, at bus stops, Metro stations and light rail stations. 50rmb deposit fee.

TAXI

- There are two types of Taxis, the blue taxis that take passengers in and out of the city and the yellow taxis are not allowed to operate in certain areas from 6:00 am till 23:00 pm.
- Taxis will take passengers anywhere in the city with a starting price of 6mb for the first 2 kilometers and 2rmb per additional kilometer.
- Passengers can also use the Didi app, which often offers more affordable rides in better quality cars.

HOUSING

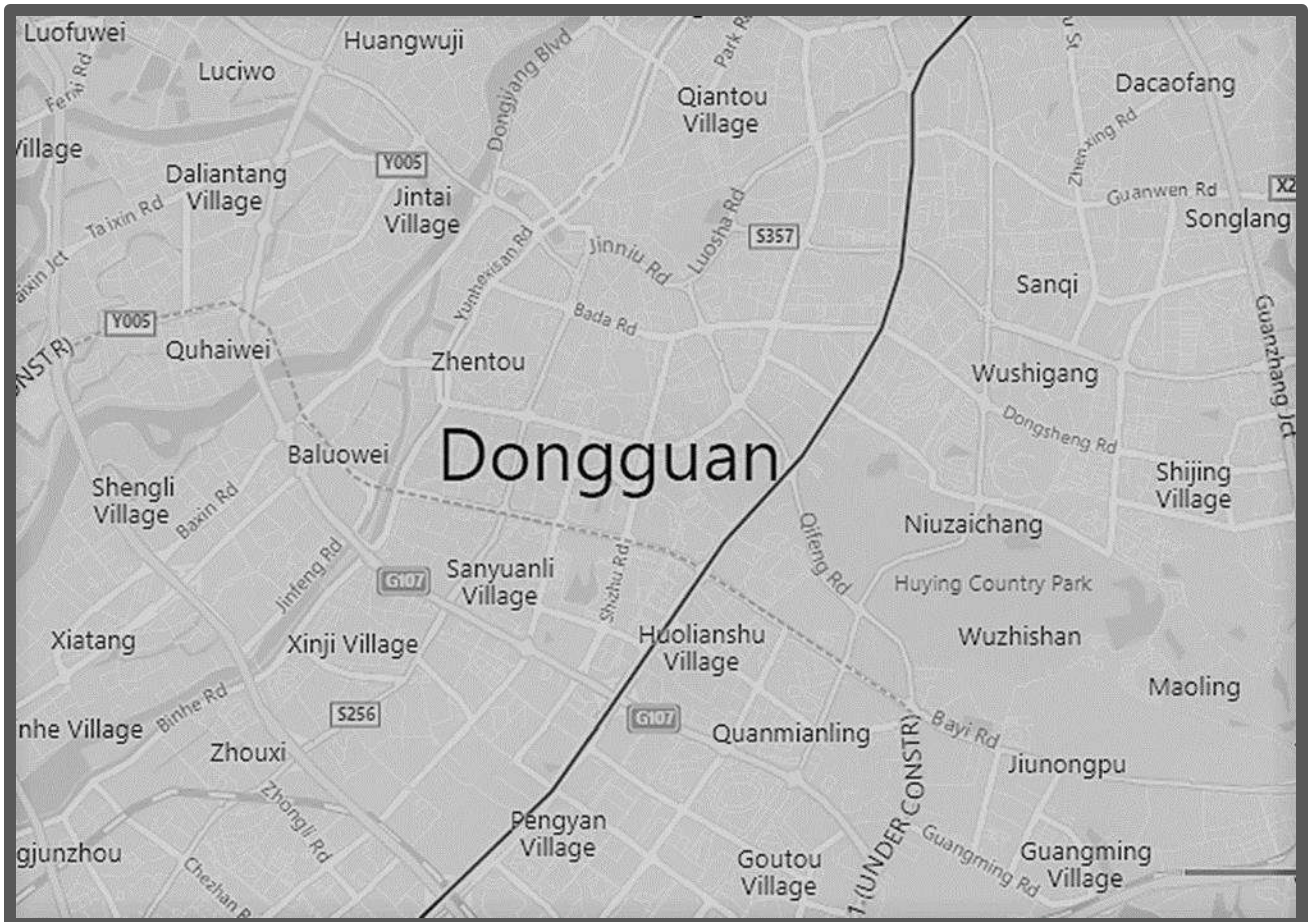


- Apartments, townhouses and villas in both western and traditional styles can be found.
- A large variety of accommodation can be found on the property proposal webpage of Maxxelli.

S C H O O L I N G

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

1. International School of Dongguan
2. TLC International School of Dongguan



HEALTHCARE

International doctors in Dongguan 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. There are two major medical centres can provide services with English-speaking staff.

- Dongguan City People's Hospital
- Global Doctor Dongguan Clinic

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



SHOPPING

Dongguan is best known for its cheap clothing, and is referred to colloquially as the 'factory of Hong Kong.' There are around 1000 garment enterprises, 300 of which are foreign funded. In the city, it is possible to buy items of clothing for cheaper than identical garments in Hong Kong. Several international clothing retailers have established stores in that area, many of which sell brands that are likely to attract tourists. Nancheng Fumin Commercial Pedestrian Street.



NIGHTLIFE

The most popular bars are on or around "Bar Street" (Jiuba Jie) in Dongcheng. However, because various kinds of 'services' are ubiquitous, including prostitution, we recommend that visitors are careful in the area, particularly if girls seem to be getting too friendly. It is important to be aware of your drink.



EMERGENCY CONTACTS

| Contact | Telephone Number |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Police emergency | 110 |
| Traffic Accident | 122 |
| Medical Emergency | 120 |
| Fire Emergency | 119 |
| Tourist Complaint | 87706026 |



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