

# GUANGZHOU

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## CITY GUIDE



# INTRODUCTION

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Guangzhou, also known as Canton and formerly romanized as Kwangchow or Kwong Chow, is the capital and most populous city of the province of Guangdong in southern China. On the Pearl River about 120 km north-northwest of Hong Kong and 145 km north of Macau, Guangzhou has a history of over 2,200 years and was a major terminus of the maritime Silk Road, and continues to serve as a major port and transportation hub, as well as one of China's three largest cities.

Guangzhou's population as of 2018 is just over 13 million. The average temperature in the summer is usually more than 28.5° in July. Winter is warm with an average of 13.3°. The total GDP of Guangzhou was over 446.6 billion USD in 2018.



13 million

28.5°C



13.3°C

**GDP** 9.73 Trillion Yuan

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# C U L T U R E

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Guangzhou is at the heart of the most-populous built-up metropolitan area in mainland China that extends into the neighboring cities of Foshan, Dongguan, Zhongshan and Shenzhen, forming one of the largest urban agglomerations on the planet.

During the late Qing Dynasty, Guangzhou was the site of failed revolts such as the Uprisings of 1895 and 1911 to overthrow the Qing; the 72 rebels whose bodies were found after the latter uprising are remembered and honoured as the city's 72 Martyrs in the Huanghuagang ("Yellow Flower Mound") Mausoleum.

All these failed revolutionary attempts would eventually lead to the Xinhai Revolution which successfully overthrew the Qing Dynasty to establish a new Han Chinese republic.

# HISTORY & NATURAL

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There are 47 different types of minerals and 820 ore fields in Guangzhou, including 18 large and medium-sized oil deposits.

The major minerals are granite, cement limestone, ceramic clay, potassium, albite, salt mine, mirabilite, nepheline, syenite, fluorite, marble, mineral water, and geothermal mineral water. Since Guangzhou is located in the water-rich area of southern China, it has a wide water area with lots of rivers and water systems, accounting for 10% of the total land area.

The rivers and streams improve the landscape and keep the ecological environment of the city stable.

# C U I S I N E

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Cantonese cuisine (also known as Yue cuisine) refers to the cuisine of the Guangdong province of China. It is one of the Eight Culinary Traditions of Chinese cuisine and consists of lightly cooked vegetables, meats and sweet sauces. Its prominence outside China is due to the large number of Cantonese emigrants.

Chefs trained in Cantonese cuisine are highly sought after throughout China, and until recently, most Chinese restaurants in the West served largely Cantonese dishes.

# CITY MAP



The old town of Guangzhou was near Baiyun Mountain on the east bank of the Pearl River (Zhujiang) about 80 miles (129 km) from its juncture with the South China Sea and about 300 miles (483 km) below its head of navigation. It commanded the rich alluvial plain of the Pearl River Delta, with its connection to the sea protected at the Humen Strait.

# ATTRACTIONS

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Guangzhou attracts more than 100 million visitors each year. There are many tourist attractions, including:

- Canton Tower
- Chen Clan Ancestral Hall, housing Guangzhou's folk art museum
- Chime-Long Paradise
- Chime-Long Waterpark (长隆水上乐园)
- Guangdong Provincial Museum
- Guangzhou Zoo
- Huaisheng Mosque, site of the Plain Pagoda
- Museum of the Mausoleum of the Nanyue King
- Peasant Movement Training Institute, an important Maoist site
- Sacred Heart Cathedral or Stone House
- Temple of Bright Filial Piety (Guangxiao)
- Temple of the Six Banyan Trees (Liurong), site of the Flowery Pagoda
- Shamian or Shameen Island, the old trading compound
- Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall, site of Guangzhou's former presidential palace
- Xiguan, the western suburbs of the old city





# 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.

# S C H O O L I N G



- ISA International School of Guangzhou
- Guangzhou Huamei English Experimental School
- American International School of Guangzhou
- International French School of Guangzhou

# HEALTHCARE

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- Guangzhou Can Am International Medical Center
- Modern Hospital Guangzhou International Bingren Coordination Center

# NIGHTLIFE

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The three best-known party streets in the city are Binjiang Lu, Huanshi Lu and Bai'e Tan.

Binjiang Lu Bar Street is by the bank of the Zhujiang (Pearl River), in a great setting. Huanshi Lu Bar Street is located in the city centre.

The Bai'e Tan Bar Street, located at Changdi Lu on the bank of Bai'e Tan (White Goose Pond), is the most exotic.



# EMERGENCY CONTACTS

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