

Guangzhou: Where Ancient Meets Modern China

Welcome to Guangzhou, a vibrant metropolis that seamlessly blends ancient Chinese traditions with modern innovation. This comprehensive 2-day guide will take you through the city's rich cultural heritage, stunning architecture, and world-renowned Cantonese cuisine.

Historical Overview

Guangzhou, formerly known as Canton, has been a major trading port for over 2,000 years. As the birthplace of maritime Silk Road, it has played a crucial role in China's international trade and cultural exchange, making it one of the country's most diverse and dynamic cities.

Iconic Landmarks

- Canton Tower: A modern architectural marvel offering breathtaking views of the city
- Chen Clan Ancestral Hall: An exquisite example of traditional Lingnan architecture
- Temple of the Six Banyan Trees: A historic Buddhist temple with the iconic Flower Pagoda
- Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall: A monument to the father of modern China

Cultural Treasures

- Guangdong Museum: Showcasing the region's rich history and cultural heritage
- Guangzhou Opera House: A contemporary architectural masterpiece hosting world-class performances
- Xiguan Old House Museum: Offering glimpses into traditional Guangzhou lifestyle

Charming Districts

- Shamian Island: A historic island featuring European colonial architecture
- Beijing Road: A bustling pedestrian street combining shopping and history
- Liwan District: Known for its traditional architecture and local culture

Guangzhou Lifestyle

- Cuisine: Famous for dim sum and Cantonese cuisine; try local specialties at Tiyudong Gourmet Street
- Parks: Enjoy local life at Yuexiu Park and Liwan Lake Park
- Shopping: Experience everything from traditional markets to modern malls

Markets and Shopping

- Qingping Market: A fascinating traditional medicine market
- Night Market Street: Perfect for experiencing local street food and culture
- Beijing Road: A shopping paradise combining modern retail with historical sites

Practical Travel Tips

- Transportation: Utilize the efficient metro system; taxis are readily available
- Best Times to Visit: October to December for pleasant weather
- Language: Cantonese is primary, but Mandarin and some English are widely used
- Safety: Generally very safe; take normal precautions in crowded areas

2-Day Itinerary Highlights

Day 1: Yuexiu Park, Chen Clan Ancestral Hall, Beijing Road, Canton Tower

Day 2: Shamian Island, Liwan Lake Park, Temple of the Six Banyan Trees, Pearl River Cruise Terminal

This guide features a carefully curated selection of over 30 locations, allowing you to tailor your Guangzhou experience. Each destination offers unique insights into the city's fascinating blend of traditional and modern Chinese culture.

Guangzhou is more than just China's southern gateway; it's a city where history comes alive through its architecture, cuisine, and people. As you explore its tree-lined avenues, sample delicious Cantonese dishes, and discover ancient temples alongside modern skyscrapers, you'll understand why Guangzhou has been captivating visitors for centuries.

Let this dynamic city surprise you with its unique charm and create lasting memories

during your stay. Welcome to Guangzhou!

Itinerary Preview

2 days

Yuexiu Park

Chen Clan Ancestral Hall

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CPC Beijing Road Commercial Pedestrian Street

Branch Committee

Canton Tower

Shamiandao Island

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Guangzhou Liwanhu Park

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Temple of the Six Banyan Trees

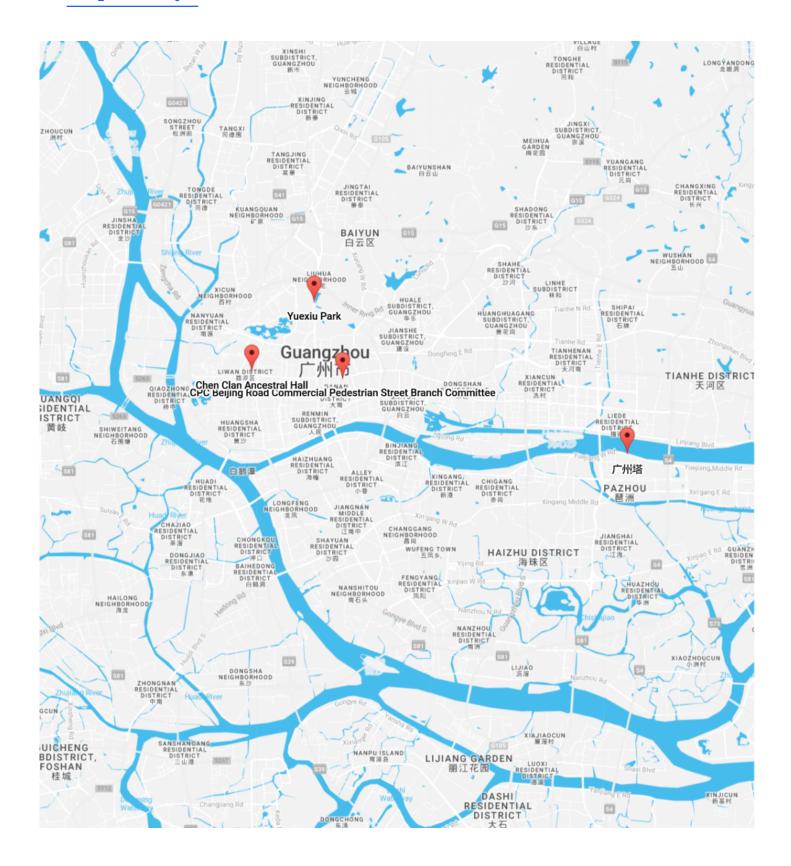
Pearl River Cruise Ticket Center



Daily Events

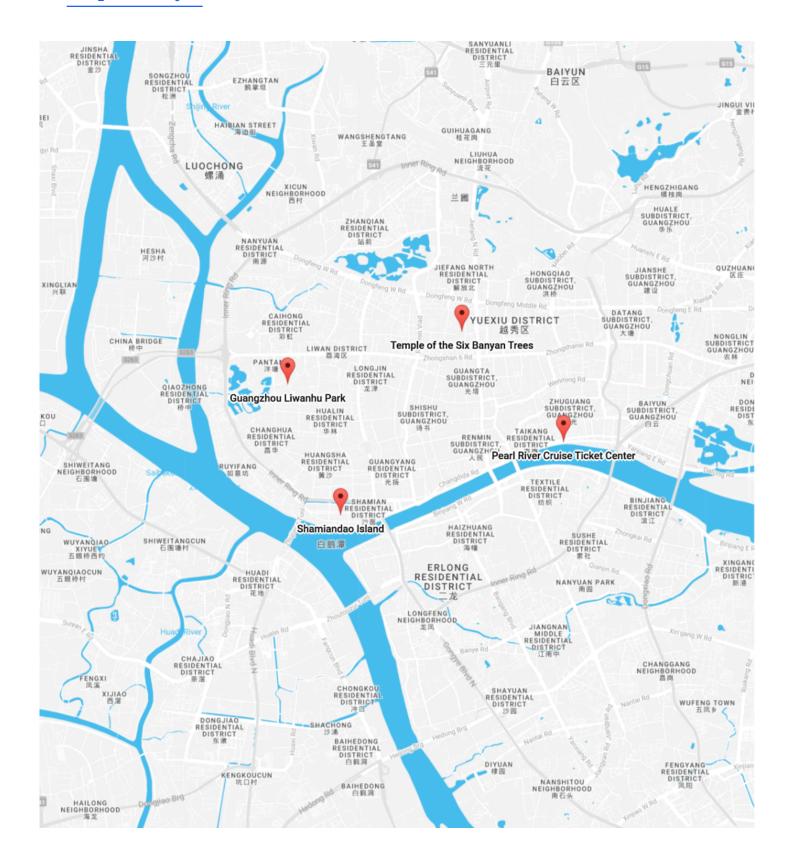
09:00 Yuexiu Park 988 Jie Fang Bei Lu, Yue Xiu Qu, Guang Zhou Shi, Guang Dong Sheng, China, 510040 11:00 11:45 **Chen Clan Ancestral Hall** China, Guang Dong Sheng, Guang Zhou Shi, Li Wan Qu, 中山七八路 恩龙里34号 邮政编码: 510040 13:45 **CPC Beijing Road Commercial Pedestrian Street** 14:30 **Branch Committee** 47G9+2FP, Bei Jing Lu, Yue Xiu Qu, Guang Zhou Shi, Guang Dong Sheng, China, 510055 16:45 18:15 **Canton Tower** Yue Jiang Xi Lu, Hai Zhu Qu, Guang Zhou Shi, Guang Dong Sheng, China, 510308 20:15

Map for Day 1



09:00 **Shamiandao Island** Shamiandao Island, 沙面 Liwan District, Guangzhou, China, 510130 11:00 11:45 Guangzhou Liwanhu Park 94 Long Jin Xi Lu, 中山七八路 Li Wan Qu, Guang Zhou Shi, Guang Dong Sheng, China, 510150 13:45 **Temple of the Six Banyan Trees** 14:15 87 Liu Rong Lu, Yue Xiu Qu, Guang Zhou Shi, Guang Dong Sheng, China, 510000 16:15 17:00 **Pearl River Cruise Ticket Center** 477C+WGP, Yan Jiang Zhong Lu, Yue Xiu Qu, Guang Zhou Shi, Guang Dong Sheng, China, 510115 19:00

Map for Day 2





Spots



Bingsheng Taste

China, Guang Dong Sheng, Guang Zhou Shi, Tian He Qu, 天河东路168号 邮政编码: 510620

Opening Hours:

Monday: 11:00 AM - 4:00 AM Tuesday: 11:00 AM - 4:00 AM Wednesday: 11:00 AM - 4:00 AM Thursday: 11:00 AM - 4:00 AM Friday: 11:00 AM - 4:00 AM Saturday: 11:00 AM - 4:00 AM Sunday: 11:00 AM - 4:00 AM

Phone:

020 8751 8682



Huacheng Square

48FF+MV5, Tianhe District, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, China, 510620

Summary:

Grand paved city plaza, with trees, landscaped flower beds & nearby attractions.

Phone:

020 8560 1882



Yuntai Garden

801 Guang Yuan Zhong Lu, Bai Yun Qu, Guang Zhou Shi, Guang Dong Sheng, China, 510095

Summary:

Flower gardens, landscaped paths & tiered fountains in a scenic, park-like setting in the foothills.

Phone:

020 3722 9187



Liwan Museum

Liwan District, Guangzhou, China, 510150

Summary:

Historic colonial home offering Cantonese period furnishings, instruments & traditional handicrafts.

Phone:

020 8193 9917



Gondola Taikoo Hotel

China, Guang Dong Sheng, Guang Zhou Shi, Hai Zhu Qu, 革新路137号 邮政编码: 510250

Summary:

Relaxed rooms in a warmly decorated lodging featuring a restaurant, event space & free Wi-Fi.

Phone:

020 6113 0229



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China, Guang Dong Sheng, Guang Zhou Shi, Yue Xiu Qu, 太和岗路 邮政编码: 510070



Chimelong Paradise

X8WH+MG9, Han Xi Da Dao, Pan Yu Qu, Guang Zhou Shi, Guang Dong Sheng, China, 511495

Summary:

Large amusement park with many white-knuckle rides, including a roller coaster with 10 inversions.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM Thursday: 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM Friday: 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM Saturday: 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM Sunday: 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Phone:

020 3993 2888



Guangdong Haizhu National Wetland Park

386M+2PP, Haizhu District, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, China, 510290



Liede Bridge

Tianhe District, Guangzhou, China, 510623

Summary:

Erected in 2009, this 4.3-km. bridge over the Zhujiang River features a modern cable tower.



Jiasao Lingnan Kitchen

118 Da De Lu, 长堤路购物休闲街 Yue Xiu Qu, Guang Zhou Shi, Guang Dong Sheng, China, 510120

Phone:

020 8186 6990



Guangzhou Zoo

China, Guang Dong Sheng, Guang Zhou Shi, Yue Xiu Qu, 先烈中路120号 邮政编码: 510070

Summary:

Park with a wide variety of animals, including elephants, giraffes, pandas & exotic birds.

Phone:

020 3837 7572



Shawanzhen

Shawanzhen, Panyu District, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, China, 511483



Guangzhou International Finance Center

Guangzhou International Finance Center, Tian He Qu, Guang Zhou Shi, China, 510600



Temple of the Six Banyan Trees

87 Liu Rong Lu, Yue Xiu Qu, Guang Zhou Shi, Guang Dong Sheng, China, 510000

Summary:

Buddhist temple complex first built in 510, featuring a main hall & flowerlike pagoda with relics.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Thursday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Friday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Sunday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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Guangzhou Library

4 Zhu Jiang Dong Lu, Tian He Qu, Guang Zhou Shi, Guang Dong Sheng, China, $\overline{510623}$

Summary:

Giant public library featuring over 8 million books & a mix of modern & traditional Lingnan design.

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020 8383 6666



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XGR3+56X, Panyu District, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, China, 511440



Yuexiu Park

988 Jie Fang Bei Lu, Yue Xiu Qu, Guang Zhou Shi, Guang Dong Sheng, China, $\overline{510040}$

Summary:

Sprawling park offering gardens, historical buildings & recreational facilities, plus several ponds.

Phone:

020 8666 1950



Guangzhou Liwanhu Park

94 Long Jin Xi Lu, 中山七八路 Li Wan Qu, Guang Zhou Shi, Guang Dong Sheng, China, 510150

Summary:

Serene oasis set around lakes & canals, with walking paths, historic buildings & community events.

Phone:

020 8181 3626



Guangzhou Chimelong Safari Park ?Main Gate?

China, Guang Dong Sheng, Guang Zhou Shi, Pan Yu Qu, 105国道 邮政编码: 511445

Summary:

Large zoo in a resort complex featuring many exotic animals, plus a safari train & water park.



Pearl River Cruise Ticket Center

477C+WGP, Yan Jiang Zhong Lu, Yue Xiu Qu, Guang Zhou Shi, Guang Dong Sheng, China, 510115

Phone:

020 8333 2222



Guangdong Museum

2 Zhu Jiang Dong Lu, Tian He Qu, Guang Zhou Shi, Guang Dong Sheng, China, 510623

Summary:

Distinctive modern building housing Chinese paintings, ceramics, bronzes & archaeological artifacts.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone:

020 3804 6886



CPC Beijing Road Commercial Pedestrian Street Branch Committee

47G9+2FP, Bei Jing Lu, Yue Xiu Qu, Guang Zhou Shi, Guang Dong Sheng, China, 510055



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1 Zhu Jiang Xi Lu, Tian He Qu, Guang Zhou Shi, Guang Dong Sheng, China, 510623

Summary:

This expansive landmark theater was designed to look like river-washed rocks.

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020 3839 2888



Tianhe Stadium

299 Tian He Lu, Tian He Qu, Guang Zhou Shi, Guang Dong Sheng, China, 510620

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020 3879 6060



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Yue Jiang Xi Lu, Hai Zhu Qu, Guang Zhou Shi, Guang Dong Sheng, China, 510308

Summary:

Completed in 2010, this 604-m. hyperboloid tower features a rooftop observation deck.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:30 AM - 10:30 PM Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 10:30 PM Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 10:30 PM Thursday: 9:30 AM - 10:30 PM Friday: 9:30 AM - 10:30 PM Saturday: 9:30 AM - 10:30 PM Sunday: 9:30 AM - 10:30 PM

Phone:

020 8933 8222



Shamiandao Island

Shamiandao Island, 沙面 Liwan District, Guangzhou, China, 510130



Qingping Chinese medicinal herbs market

55 Qing Ping Lu, 清平中药材专业市场 Li Wan Qu, Guang Zhou Shi, Guang Dong Sheng, China, 510130

Phone:

020 8122 9999



Dr.Sun Yat-Sen's Memorial Hall

Zhong Shan Ji Nian Tang, 白鹅潭 Yue Xiu Qu, Guang Zhou Shi, Guang Dong Sheng, China, 510013



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China, Guang Dong Sheng, Guang Zhou Shi, Yue Xiu Qu, 越秀公园小蟠龙冈上 邮政编码: 510

Summary:

Grand 5-story pagoda now housing a historical museum with art & archaeological relics.



Chen Clan Ancestral Hall

China, Guang Dong Sheng, Guang Zhou Shi, Li Wan Qu, 中山七八路恩龙里34号 邮政编码: 510040

Summary:

Built in 1894, this academic temple is a large, architecturally notable complex exhibiting artwork.

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020 8181 4559



