



GUANGDONG

Provincial Information

Guangdong is a coastal province of southeast China, bordering Hong Kong and Macau. The capital, Guangzhou, sits within its industrial Pearl Delta Region. Guangdong is facing the South China Sea. It's subtropical and tropical climates bring a lengthy rainy season April through September. Guangdong is currently China's leading tourist based province, staying ahead in the nation in the number of inbound tourist. Guangdong's charm also lies in the numerous tourist and cultural attraction with distinctive local characteristics. Guangzhou, Guangdong's capital was synonymous with Canton, as it was the Pearl River port where foreign ships docked during ancient times. With a population at 106 million, the province became part of China as long ago as the Qin dynasty. The province has been China's southern gateway to the world for many centuries with trade at its heart. Guangzhou is positioned close to the estuary of the Zhu Jiang (Pearl River) providing easy access to the South China Sea. The Pear River is the third largest in China.

Food

It is widely acknowledged that some of the most familiar dishes in China originated from Cantonese cuisine. Guangzhou, the regional capital of this style of cooking offers a wide variety of local dishes. Guangdong cuisine, one of the Eight Great Cuisines, emphasizes seafood, and unique mixed flavorings. As Western culture has been introduced, Guangdong cuisine has absorbed the cooking skills of the West as well as the cooking skills of other Chinese regions to develop its own unique methods. The most characteristic cooking methods are cooking in salt, baking in a pan as well as soft-frying many items. Dim Sum is one of Guangdong's specialties and can be found all over China. If you find yourself in Guangzhou with time to try out a local spot, PanXi Restaurant is a wonderful option. (Link posted below)

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Additional Resources

<http://www.chinatoday.com/city/guangdong.htm>

<http://www.topchinatravel.com/guangdong/guangdong-facts.htm>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RLgkrouvrQo>

<http://www.china.org.cn/english/imperial/26132.htm>

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g298555-d1052954-Reviews-PanXi_Restaurant-Guangzhou_Guangdong.html

Sample Itinerary

Sunday

Airport/Train Station Pick Up

Monday

Gotcha Day

Tuesday

Adoption Registration

Wednesday/Thursday

Notary Office/ Sightseeing and Shopping

Friday

Passport Application