



# GUANGXI

## Provincial Information

Guangxi is an autonomous region in southwest China bordering Vietnam. The provincial capital Nanning has expanded very rapidly from a small market town in 1949 to a busy industrial city. Guangxi is best known for its scenic beauty. There is an old proverb that says 桂林山水早天下 meaning "Guilin's mountains and rivers are the best sights in the world. The area is known for its rivers, caves, and towering karst formations. Boat cruises on the Li River connect Guilin and Yangshuo, cities punctuated by toothlike karst peaks. Guilin is the site of Ludi Yan, a limestone cavern noted for its stalactites and stalagmites. With a population of just over 46 million, much of Guangxi is dominated by scenic beauty and nature. Guangxi has a sub-tropical climate with wet summers and short drier winters. In the limited flat areas provided by the river valleys rice; tea and tobacco are grown. Agriculture remains the main industry.

## Food

Guangxi cuisine is an anomaly amongst Chinese cuisines in that it is known for borrowing elements of other styles of cuisine rather than having its own distinct flavour. It is sour, but not as sour as Hunan cuisine. It is light, but not as light as Cantonese cuisine. It is spicy, but not as spicy as Sichuan cuisine. This diversity is due to the fact that Guangxi has been heavily influenced by Cantonese culture in neighbouring Guangdong province and by the numerous resident ethnic minorities, such as the Zhuang, Yao, Dong, Miao and Bai people, to name but a few. Guangxi is distinguished by its frequent use of noodles instead of rice. Though rice is served with every meal, as is the tradition in the south of China, many of the signature dishes in Guangxi are made using rice noodles.



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## Additional Resources

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yI7BfyfymMw>

<https://www.travelchinaguide.com/cityguides/guangxi/>

<https://www.britannica.com/place/Guangxi>

## Sample Itinerary

Sunday

Airport/Train Station Pick Up

Monday

Gotcha Day

Tuesday

Adoption Registration

Wednesday/Thursday

Notary Office/ Sightseeing and Shopping

Friday

Passport Application Pick-Up/Travel to  
Guangzhou.