

## **Terms and Conditions**

### **Reservation**

1. Your tour reservation can be made online or through emails. . It is highly recommended that your tour reservation for the pre/ post conference tours be made at least 30 days prior to your travel date.
2. The reservation will proceed upon the receipt of a non-refundable deposit of USD\$200.00 p/p. ( only applicable for post-conference and Tailoring tours). The full payment is required 15 days prior to your arrival date.
3. After your reservation is confirmed, you will receive a confirmation letter from OTC Travel that will include the tour code, the information of flights, hotels, the guide and day by day tour programs.

### **Payment ( for pre / post conference tours only )**

1. No deposit or prepayment is required for the city tours and evening activities. You may pay it on spot when you are in Guangzhou.
2. The full-payment is required **15** days prior to your arrival. We accept wire transfer, bank transfer and traveler's check. However, we do not take credit cards and personal checks . Our bank account details is as follows:

Name of bank: Bank of China Zhejiang Branch

Bank Address: 321 Fengqi Road, Hangzhou 310003 China

Bank Tel No. 0086-571-85010723

Name of Beneficiary: China Hangzhou OTC Travel International Ltd.

Bank account number: 800100064008094014 ( USD\$), or 800100064008094038 ( Euro €)

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### **Cancellation ( for post conference tours only )**

It's reasonable that you cancel the travel plan due to the unpredictable factors .The cancellation fee will be charged as follows:

20 days prior to arrival	\$200.00p/p
5 - 1 days prior to arrival	80% of the full-payment
No-show traveler will be charged	100% of the full- payment

**Tour Operator** China Hangzhou OTC Travel International Ltd.

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## One Day City Tour

**Tour A Price: RMB 398.00 p/p ( lunch included )**

**Tour Duration:** 09:00 – 17:30

**Tour Schedule:**

09:00 Departure

09:15 - 10:30 Tour Canton Tower - which is ranked as the highest TV tower of the world, .It is also regarded as one of the most energy-saving and environmentally-friendly green buildings in the world.

10:45 - 11:30 Tour Huacheng Square, where you will have a beautiful view of Guangzhou Grand Thereat , the provincial Museum and Guangzhou Library .Walk around Haixinsha Park, where the Opening Ceremony of 2010 Asian Games was held..

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch.

13:10 - 15:30 Tour Leechi Wan, Ancient House in Xiquan, Six Banyan Temple.

15:50 - 17:30 Tour Shamian Island and visit Qingping Market.

17:30 Return to the hotel.

**Tour B Price: RMB448.00 p/p ( lunch included )**

**Tour Duration:** 09:00 – 18:00

**Tour Schedule:**

09:00 Departure

09:30- 10:30 Tour Chan Family Academy, a place both for offering up sacrifices to ancestors and for study. Now it serves as Guangdong Museum of Folk Arts and Crafts to show the most characteristic Guangdong architecture.

10:40 - 12:10 Tour the Museum of South King. the oldest and largest Han tomb with the most funerary objects in Lingnan (South of the Nanling Mountain) Area.

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

13:50 - 15:00 Tour Yuexiu Park

15:10 - 16:00 Tour Dr sun-yat-sun's Memorial Hall.

16:10 - 17:50 Tour Shangxiajiu Pedestrian Street.

18:00 Return to the hotel

**Tour C One day excursion to Huizhou Price: RMB488.00P/P (lunch included)**

**Tour Duration:** 08:30 - 17:30



**Tour schedule:**

08:30 Departure

08:30 - 10:00 Bus transfer to Huizhou.

10:00 - 12:00 Tour Luofu Mountain, one of the ten most famous mountains in China. It is also renowned for the Taoism culture.

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

14:00 - 16:00 Tour Huizhou West Lake. Known as a national scenic spot , Huizhou West Lake is one of the three most famous west lakes in China.

16:00 -17:30 Coach transfer to Guangzhou.

**Tour D One day excursion to Shenzhen Price: RMB648.00P/P (lunch and dinner include)**

**Tour Duration:** 08:30 - 21:00

**Tour schedule:**

08:30 - 10:30 Coach transfer to Shenzhen.

10:30 - 11:30 Visit Shun Hing Square, where you may get to the top of Diwang Building, the second tallest building in Shenzhen, to have the bird-eye view of the city.

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch

13:30 - 18:00 Tour Folk Culture Village and the Splendid China.

Located in the Overseas Chinese Town by Shenzhen Bay, the Splendid China covering some 300,000 square meters is the largest tourist site with abundant imitated miniature scenic spots in China. Enjoy the show in Splendid China.

18:00 19:00 Dinner

19:00- 21:00 Coach transfer to Guangzhou.





## Night Tour

**Tour A Price:** RMB288.00 p/p (dinner not included)

**Tour Duration:** 19:30 – 21:00

**Tour Activity:** Night boat cruise on the Pearl River.

The Pearl River night cruise is unique to Guangzhou. You can take a luxury cruise boat along the Pearl River and enjoy the enchanting landscapes on both banks. You can also stand on the deck and feel the breeze of the river on your face and hear the sound of water splashing against the side of the ship. The cruise is immensely popular among local residents and tourists alike.

**Tour B Price:** RMB378.00 p/p (dinner included)

**Tour Duration:** 19:30 – 21:00

**Tour Activity:** Night boat cruise on Litchi Bay.

Litchi Bay, located in the Pantang region, the west of Liwan district of Guangzhou, is the hinterland of the time-honored Xiguan City. Along the bank of Pearl River, this millennial attraction is the home to celebrities of different dynasties, and a showcase of Linnan Culture, such as Xiguan Resident Community, Miss Xiguan Five Treasures of Xiguan, Xiguan Delicacies, and Cantonese Opera.

**Note:** 1. Above tours are only operable when enrolled number reaches minimum of 10 people at the day of Departure.

2. Above tours are all inclusive of round trip coach transfer, tour admissions, meals (mentioned on the itinerary), and the service of an English-speaking tour guide.



## Post-conference Tours

Welcome to take our post-conference tours.

You may never been to China before, and want to experience the highlights of China ; You may have visited China, but want to explore more tourist resources in China. We provide you with some post-conference tour programs that may fit your tour interests. You may have your special tour requirement, and want to travel independently. We will also help you to tailor –make your own China tour experience.

We will work hard to make your tour enjoyable and comfortable. Please feel free to contact us for any questions.

### A. Guilin Tour

**Price: USD\$678.00 p/p    Single supplement:    USD\$106.00**

**Date: August 28 - August 31, August 29 - September 01, 2014**

**Hotel: 4 Star**

Guilin is home to the most eye-popped natural landscape under the heaven, offering comfortable climate, crystal rivers, spectacular caves, typical karst formations and ever green vegetation. It is a picturesque destination not only for sightseeing, but also offers great opportunities for painters and photographers

#### **Itinerary:**

**Day 01:** Your guide will meet you at the hotel and take you to the airport for am. Flight to Guilin. Met by your tour guide and transferred to the hotel. City tour in the afternoon that includes the Elephant Hill and the Reed Flute Cave - a Natural's Art Gallery in Guilin. The limestone karst formation in this area is extensively eroded underground and Reed Flute Cave is one of the finest examples of these caves.

**Lunch and dinner included**

**Day 02:** After breakfast at the hotel, Transfer to Zhujiang Pier . Enjoy Li River Cruise, a wonderful 3.5-hour cruise going down a clear river sided by picturesque scenery. Lunch will be arranged on the boat. Arrive at the small town Yangshuo at early pm. Check in at your hotel and have a free afternoon for your own exploration (perhaps strolling or shopping for some souvenirs along the West Street). After dinner, enjoy the large-scale performance -- the Impression of Liu Sanjie. It is a completely different performance compared with the other traditional ones. The whole theatre is put into nature, and the performance changes according to the differences in scenery and weather of the four seasons

**Breakfast, lunch and dinner included**

**Day 03:** After breakfast at the hotel, have a bamboo rafting on Yulong ter and feel relax and happy in the arms on the green crystal wa mountains.Yulong River has a different kind of beauty than the Li River. After lunch, transfer to the airport for pm flight to Guangzhou.Transfer to the hotel.

## **Breakfast and lunch included**

**Day 04:** Departure. ( airport transfer is not included )      **Breakfast included**

### **Note:**

1. The prices for above tours include the 4 star hotel accommodation, daily meals, the domestic air tickets, tour admissions and the sightseeing with an English-speaking tour guide.
2. Above prices are based on a group with minimum of 10 tour participants.

## **B. Hong Kong Tour**

**Price: USD\$570.00 p/p,      Single supplement: USD265.00**

**Date: Auguster 28 - August 31,    August 29 - September 01**

**Hotel:** 4 Star

Since 1997, Hong Kong has been labeled as “The City of Life” and “Asia’s World City” and in all respects, this great city lives up to these. When Frank Sinatra sang “*I want to wake up in that city that never sleeps*”. He might just as well have been singing of Hong Kong as he was of New York. It is literally a city that is alive around the clock.

Hong Kong is a great city. It is a city that is full of life and one where you have to walk the streets and feel the energy to really say “I experienced Hong Kong”.

**Day 01:** 08:00 am    Meet your guide at the hotel lobby and take train (or have 3.5 bus trip) to Hong Kong. After lunch at local restaurant, tour Victoria Peak (one-way tram included), Stanley Market, Repulse Bay and    Aberdeen (including Sampan ride). **Lunch and dinner included**

**Day 02:** Tour Wong Tai Sin Temple, Nan Lian Garden, Kowloon Walled City Park or Avenue of Stars. Free in the afternoon. **Breakfast and lunch included**

**Day 03:** Whole day free. Breakfast included

**Day 04:** Departure. (airport transfer is not included )      **Breakfast included**

### **Note:**

1. The prices for above tours include the 4 star hotel accommodation, meals and tour admissions (mentioned above) , the sightseeing with an English-speaking local tour guide, as well as the bus transfer from Guangzhou to Hong Kong.
2. Above prices are based on a group with minimum of 10 tour participants.
3. If the group has over 15 participants, we will arrange bus transfer from Guangzhou to Hong Kong.

## **C. Tour to Huizhou - Shenzhen - Hong Kong**

**Price: USD\$668.00 p/p, Single supplement: USD299.00**

**Date: August 28-August 31, August 29 - September 01**

**Hotel: 5 star in Huizhou, 4 star in Hong Kong.**

**Day 01** 08:00 am Meet your guide at the hotel lobby and have 2 hours coach riding to Huizhou. Tour Luofu Mountain, one of the ten most famous mountains in China. It is also renowned for the Taoism culture. After lunch in the city, tour the West Lake. Followed by 40 minutes coach riding to the Country Garden Silver Beach Hotel.

**Lunch and dinner included**

**Day 02** Full day relaxing at the beautiful beach resort. **Breakfast included**

**Day 03** After breakfast, have 1.5 hours coach riding to Shenzhen . Visit Shun Hing Square, where you may get to the top of Diwang Building, the second tallest building in Shenzhen, to have the bird-eye view of the city. Tour Folk Culture Village and the Splendid China. Located in the Overseas Chinese Town by Shenzhen Bay, the Splendid China covering some 300,000 square meters is the largest tourist site with abundant imitated miniature scenic spots in China. Enjoy the show in Splendid China. After dinner, have a coach transfer to Hong Kong. **Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.**

**Day 04** Tour Victoria Peak , Repulse Bay and Aberdeen ( Tram and Sampan riding excluded ). Free time in the afternoon. Breakfast, **lunch and dinner included.**

**Day 05** Departure. (airport transfer is not included ) **Breakfast included**

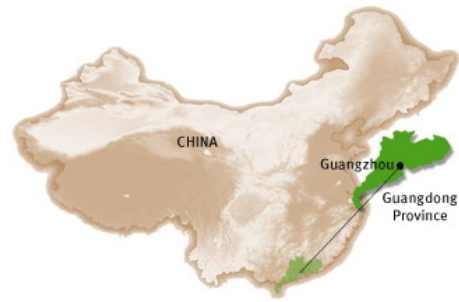
### **Note:**

1. The prices for above tours include the hotel accommodation, meals and tour admissions (mentioned above) , the sightseeing with an English-speaking local tour guide, as well as the bus transfer Guangzhou - Huizhou - Shenzhen - Hong Kong.
2. Above prices are based on a group with minimum of 10 tour participants.

## Guangzhou Travel Guide

Guangzhou, a quite special metropolis in China, largely influenced by the neighboring Hong Kong, flashing with neon lights, the city impresses all the visitors with its vitality, sheer size and high buildings.

Discover the untouched old residences, temples and gardens nesting in the chaotic city center Guangzhou and witness its history to some extent; don't forget to try the Cantonese cuisine on your trip there since food served are regarded as the best!



### Tour Attractions

Guangzhou has an abundance of scenic spots, cultural heritages, museums and amusement parks to offer tourists. For landscape sightseeing, Yuexiu Park, Baiyun Mountain and Pearl River Night Cruise are the three most popular. For Cantonese-featured building, Chen Clan Academy, Qilou around Litchi Bay are recommended as representations of Cantonese architecture. For history, Meseum of Nanyue King, Guangxiao Temple, Liurong Temple, Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall and Generalissimo Mansion tell the richest historic deeds and figures. For new look of Guangzhou after 2010 Asian Games, Flower City Square and Canton Tower can't be let go of. For shopping, several scaled wholesale markets and pedestrian streets are worthwhile visiting. As regards family tour, Xiangjiang Safari Park and Chimelong Paradise are the most appealing

### Canton Tower

Standing gracefully in the heart of the Pearl River landscape axis, the Canton Tower, also known as the Guangzhou TV & Sightseeing Tower and nicknamed "Supermodel", offers an awe-inspiring experience for it visitors with its unique design and a variety of excellent facilities. Topping 600m height, the Canton Tower attracts visitors first by its enchanting exterior. Different from other



male-featured skyscrapers, which are introvert, strong, straight, rectangular and based on repetition, the Canton Tower bears a female feature, being complex, transparent, curvy and gracious. It is divided into 5 zones: Shop 'n' Savor Zone A, Envision-Zone B, Discover-Zone C, Relax-Zone D, and Observe-Zone E. The Canton Tower is the world's highest TV tower and a new landmark of Guangzhou. It is also one of the most energy-saving and environmentally-friendly green buildings in the world.

### Chen Clan Academy

Chen Clan Academy, also known as Ancestral Temple of the Chen Family, was built as a college in 1888. Chen Clan Academy was designated as the Guangdong Museum of Folk Art in 1959. With its typical magnificent architecture features, the academy is honored as the representative of





Cantonese architectures and folk arts.

### **Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall**

Built for the memory of our Founding Father Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall is reputed as one of the landmarks of Guangzhou. It is an important location for meetings and performance so it is the witness of many historical events of Guangzhou. It is also in the list of "Cultural Relics of National Importance under the Protection of the State and the province". The memorial hall, with all the excellent elements of the traditional features of Chinese constructions, is resplendent and magnificent. The memorial hall refreshes the history and help people to memorize the great revolutionist which attract lots of tourists. The magnificent of Sun Yat-sen memorial hall make it become an important tourist attraction in Guangzhou.



### **Yuexiu Park**

Located in the north of Guangzhou, Yuexiu Park is the largest urban park in China. With an area of 920,000 m<sup>2</sup>, the park is made up of three artificial lakes and seven hills of Yuexiu Mountain. Yuexiu Park is a perfect combination of cultural relics and ecological tourism, reputed for its pretty water and hills as well as cultural relics. The major attractions in the park are Five Rams Stone Sculpture, Zhenhai Tower, Sun Yat-sen Monument and the ancient city wall. It is one of the eight scapes in Guangzhou and also the landmark of the city.



### **Museum of Nanyue King**

Museum of Nanyue King is the oldest and largest king's tomb with the most funerary objects in South China. Hidden 20 meters (65.6 feet) underground, it unearthed more than ten thousand rarity cultural relics such as "the golden stamp of Wen Emperor" and "the king's gold-embroidered jade suit". Zhao Mei, the owner of the tomb, is the second king of Nanyue State of the Western Han Dynasty (206 B.C.-24 A.D.).With an area of 100 m<sup>2</sup>, the tomb is divided into two parts by a stone gate. The coffin of the owner is placed in the middle of the main chamber with abundant of treasures and articles for daily life use. 15 slaves were buried along with the emperor. The tomb and all the treasures are important historical relics which have significance on the study of Guangzhou's history and the development of economy, politics and culture.



### **Kaiping Diaolou**

Diaolou is a special style of Chinese countryside architectures; it combines defence, living together with art. Located mainly in Kaiping County, Guangdong province, Kaiping Diaolou was awarded as a World Cultural Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2007.



Kaiping Diaolou appeared during Ming Dynasty (1368-1644) the latest. The Diaolou were first built up to defend the robbers because of the disordered society. The rise of Diaolou was related to Kaiping's geography and its confusion during that time. It developed as a unique cluster of architecture which represents the history of overseas Chinese, social configuration and culture. They reflect the significant role of Kaiping people in the development of several countries in South Asia, Australasia and North America, during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

### **Baiyun Mountain**

Located in the northeast of Guangzhou, Baiyun Mountain has an area of 20.98 m<sup>2</sup>. Its highest peak, Moxing Ridge, is 382 meters (1253 ft) in height. Baiyun Mountain is reputed as the First Spectacular Scene of Guangzhou. You can view the whole Guangzhou city from the top of the mountain.

The mountain was named Baiyun (White Cloud) Mountain because of White cloud flying over Baiyun Mountain, and gathering around its base. The whole scenic area is a resort. It has 7 tourist zones from south to north, namely Luhu Park, Santailing Park, Bird Spring Valley Park (Mingchun Valley), Moxing Ridge, Bright Pearl Building Park, Fei'eling Park and the San tailing Summit Park. There are 3 top scapes in the areas; Yuntai Garden, located in Santailing Park, is the largest landscape garden in China; Bird Spring Valley Park is the biggest natural birdcage in the country and Sculpture Park located in Fei-eling is the biggest sculpture theme park in China.

### **Litchi Bay**

Litchi Bay, located in the Pantang region, the west of Liwan district of Guangzhou, is the hinterland of the time-honored Xiguan City. Along the bank of Pearl River, this millennial attraction is the home to celebrities of different dynasties, and a showcase of Linnan Culture, such as Xiguan



Resident Community, Miss Xiguan Five Treasures of Xiguan, Xiguan Delicacies, and Cantonese Opera. Numerous gardens and courtyards were successively built by royal families, government officials and wealthy merchants of various dynasties, such as "Litchi Garden" of Tang dynasty, "Changhua Garden", the royal garden of Southern Han Dynasty, and "Haishanxianguan

Garden" of Qing Dynasty, all featuring unique landscapes. Hence it has won such fame as "Little Qinhuai" and "Top Resort of Linnan".

### **Haixinsha Asian Games Park**

Haixinsha Park, where the opening and closing ceremonies of the Guangzhou Asian Games were held, located in Haixinsha Island (Chinese: 海心沙) . It is at the south of Zhujiang New Town, the north of Canton Tower, and the east of Er Sha Island.<sup>[1]</sup>

A temporary stand, seating 35,000 in three tiers of seating, was erected on the citizens square in November 2010 for the opening ceremony of the 2010 Asian Games. After much debate on whether or not to dismantle the Guangzhou Asian Games venue, authorities have finally approved its permanent



maintenance At an Urban Planning Committee meeting on July 27, a new plan for Zhujiang New Town was approved unanimously. The plan pushes for more recreation areas in the Haixinsha Park and more green areas along the river. More restaurants and shops will also be introduced to cater for increasing tourism. Haixinsha Park will be transformed from a performance centre into a space for public recreation.

### 六榕寺 six banyan temple

Having a long history of about 1,400 years, the Temple of the Six Banyan Trees is one of the four best Buddhist temples in Guangzhou and located on the Liurong Road (meaning the Six Banyan Trees Road). It has a rich collection of cultural-relics and is renowned both at home and abroad.



Originally built in 537, the temple has been rebuilt several times, and the name has also been changed several times from Changshou Temple (meaning Longevity Temple) to Jinghui Temple and finally the current name. It is a name given by the great litterateur Su Dongpo in the Song Dynasty (960 - 1279). It is said that he visited the temple while returning to the north. During the visit, he found six banyan trees there particularly striking. The vitality of the trees put him in a good mood

and cheered him up. When the abbot of the temple invited him to suggest a name, Su Dongpo wrote down its present name. Finally, the temple changed its former name (Jinghui Temple) to the name Temple of the Six Banyan Trees. A pagoda in the temple is known variously as Six Banyan Pagoda or Flowery Pagoda.

## Shopping

Truly a shopping paradise in China, Guangzhou embraces seas of shopping centers and malls in which you can find almost everything you want to buy. What's more, as an important export & import city, Guangzhou has a lot of wholesale markets of different products like garment, shoes, handbags, toys and IT products which are many international visitors' interests.



Beijing road is a busy place with shoppers packing both sides of the road, and an array of neon lights dazzling your eyes. This road has been one of ancient commercial streets in Guangzhou, and where you can take a glance at well-preserved ancient lanes of *Song and Ming Dynasties*. *May Flower Shopping Mall* and *Xin-da-xin Mall* are good to shop in the north side of Beijing road. And here is very crowded every weekend. Specially, the *Guangzhou Cartoon Star City* nearby is an exciting place for youths and comic fans, having lots of products imported from Japan and South Korea.

Shangxiajiu is the first commercial pedestrian street in Guangzhou. Walking into this street, you will see the featured *Qi Lou*, an old building style of *Lingnan Culture* that exists in Guangzhou and its neighboring areas, on both sides of the road. In Shangxiajiu, you will see countless interesting

products and cheap clothes, and have a chance to try Guangzhou local food and snacks. *Zhuangyuan Fang Shopping Street* is a must-see near Shangxiajiu, and being very crowded in the weekend. Shangxiajiu is close to *Renmin North Road*, where has a very popular shopping center - *Yuefu Shopping Mall* for young people.

## Local Cuisine

Guangzhou is honored as "the paradise of food" in China. Cantonese food is served everywhere in the city. Steaming and boiling are used more often than frying to prepare food. Vegetables are cooked in the shortest time in order to retain the natural crispness and flavor Dim Sum is normally served from 6:00 am to 4:00 pm. It consists of a variety of dishes presented in small bamboo containers or on small dishes such as Spring-rolls, Steamed Prawn Dumplings, Pork Ribs with Black-bean Sauce, Steamed Beef Balls with Watercress, Roast Pork Buns, Chicken Buns and many more.



**Yum cha** is a term in Cantonese which means "drinking tea". It now refers to a set of dining ritual of having small servings of different foods like **Dim Sum** along with sipping Chinese tea. The tea is important, for it is said to help digest rich foods. Usually one kettle of tea is served with two bamboo baskets of Dim Sum.



**Cantonese Soup** is a distinctive statement of the life style of Cantonese. It is only Cantonese who are willing to consume at least 3 hours brewing a qualified soup to get rid of inner heat and humidity that accumulate from the sweltering summer days and frequent rainfall both hovering Guangzhou.



**Water chestnut cake** A soft smooth cool cake made of chestnut powder and sweetened water. It's often served as a snack that helps weaken the inner heat of human body during sweaty summer in Guangzhou. The tastiest of its kind comes from Litchi Bay, Liwan District, where presents the largest amount of chestnut.



### Roast suckling pig

The Cantonese roast suckling pig is a thing of beauty. Its burnished skin is bronzed and sparkling, ready to break into crisp shards at the touch of a sharp knife. The meat, tender and full-flavored after being marinated by a battery of seasoning including a special sauce named after royalty.



### Eight Bao Chinese Winter Melon

Eight Bao Chinese Winter Melon uses Winter Melon as a bowl which is stuffed with various ingredients such as pork, turkey, ham, crab meat, frog meat, fresh oyster and more. To make it, choose a Chinese Winter Melon (24 centimeters height) and excavate its pulp. Then boil it and afterward dip it into cold water. Finally boil with chicken soup. The dish is pleasing to the eye and the flavor light, fresh and delicious. It is an excellent food in summer.

## Evening Activities

### Pearl River Night Cruise

Few destinations capture the romantic imagination more than Pearl River in Guangzhou, and the Pearl River flows through the heart of the city. Some of the city's most famous attractions line the river's banks. Taking a short Pearl River Night Cruise allows visitors to soak in the glorious sight of Guangzhou in 60 minutes.



Along the Pearl River, the views are magnificent. You can appreciate numerous historical sites and unique architectures, which are well reflecting of the history and culture of Guangzhou city. With sparkling lights on both banks of the river, modern buildings and several old bridges reflect themselves on the water surface, Pearl River Cruise creates a romantic atmosphere and leaves unforgettable impression to every visitor.

### Cantonese Opera

Cantonese Opera is the main drama class in the Guangdong area. It originated from the Jiajing period of the Ming Dynasty(1368-1644). There were performances in the Ming and the Qing Dynasty(1616-1912). At the beginning, the singing language used was the official one of opera bamboo-sheds. Gradually it was sung in Cantonese. Cantonese Opera is popular in Guangxi, Hong Kong and Macau. Other Chinese drama like Yick Yeung Pitch and Kwan Pitch etc are included in Cantonese Opera.



### Transportation

With its geographic advantage in China and in the world, Guangzhou's transportation system is now developing in many ways.

#### By Air

New Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport is a major hub in Southern China, second only to Hong Kong. The airport is the base of China Southern Airlines and has not only an extensive range of domestic flights, but some international connections, including Air France to Paris, China Southern to Los Angeles and Sydney, Thai Airways and Air Asia to Bangkok and Singapore Airlines to Singapore. Other direct international destinations include Amsterdam, Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Jakarta, Manila, Frankfurt, Tokyo, and Osaka.

The airport is 28 km north from downtown Guangzhou. There are 9 Airport Express bus lines to take you to the downtown. There are also direct Airport Express buses to some cities in the vicinity, including Zhuhai and other cities in the Pearl River Delta.

## By Train

There are two major train stations in Guangzhou, **Guangzhou East Railway Station** and **Guangzhou Railway Station**. Guangzhou East Railway station services routes to Hong Kong, and other popular tourist destinations. Trains cover the 182 kilometers from Hong Kong in about two hours (including a stop at Dongguan). Through Trains to Guangzhou depart from Hong Kong at Hung Hom railway station in Kowloon and arrive in Guangzhou at the East station. It is cheaper to take the high speed train (200 km/h) from Shenzhen to Guangzhou. Shenzhen is right across the border from Hong Kong and thousands of people walk over the bridge between the two every day. China High Speed train tickets can be bought from ticket counters or machines.

## By Bus

Bus services are available from Hong Kong International Airport to several locations in Guangzhou, stops at Jinan University on Huang Pu Da Dao, Garden Hotel and China Hotel. The trip takes about 3+ hours and costs 250 HKD. There are also cross border bus terminals throughout Hong Kong. Domestically, it is possible to hop on a bus from any corner of Guangdong province and get to Guangzhou. The main stations are the Provincial Station, Tianhe Dasha Station, Liuhua Station and Yuexiu Nan Station.

## By Boat

There is a frequent ferry and hovercraft service from Hong Kong, Macau, and Haikou (Hainan Island) at the Zhoutouzui Ferry Pier. There are boats from other mainland cities, such as Xiamen, Shanghai, and Qingdao at the Dashatou Pier.

New Nansha Pier is now open with 6 lines daily traveling between Hong Kong and Guangzhou. The trip takes 75 minutes. There is a bus route available from White Swan Hotel to Nansha, running three times a day.

Schedule:

Nansha to Hongkong:	09:30	11:00	12:00	15:00	16:00	17:30
Hongkong to Nansha:	08:00	08:20	09:00	13:00	14:00	15:30

## City Transportation

Being the largest city in south China, Guangzhou has a comprehensive public bus service that covers the whole city. Public buses routes run into all parts of the city. Fares are flat rated, usually 1 Yuan for a non-air-conditioned bus and 2 Yuan for an air-conditioned one. There is no fare collector on the bus, so please ensure that you have small denominations of change ready for the driver when boarding.

Guangzhou's metro system opened in 1999. There are 5 lines in the city. The network covers much of the city center and is growing rapidly outward. The fare ranges from ¥2 to ¥12. Most of the signs and announcements are also in English. Tickets are bought from vending machines in the

stations. Bills from ¥5 - ¥10 or coins from ¥0.5 - ¥1 are accepted at ticket vending machines. You can change smaller bills at the customer service counter. Multi-Pass and are accepted and can be purchased at the customer service counter .

Taxi charges CNY 10.00 for the first 2.5 km (1.55 mi) and CNY 2.60 per succeeding kilometer. The cost may be slightly different, depending on the taxi operators. ¥1 fuel surcharge is now added. The taxis are in different colours as they are belonging to different companies. Yellow, red and green ones are commonly to be seen in the streets.