

Qingdao

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Brief

Qingdao, a city favored by the sea. Red tiles and green trees complement each other beautifully, while old European-style buildings are scattered throughout, telling stories of the past. The pier piers pierce into the azure blue, flanked by fluttering seagulls. Badaguan (Badaguan Pass) blends diverse customs, offering a unique scene at every step. The majestic Laoshan Mountain, the aroma of beer, the delicious seafood, and the fine sands of the Golden Beach are all within reach. Stroll along the coastal promenade, the sea breeze carrying the romance. Everywhere you look, you'll be greeted by a unique landscape where mountains and sea embrace, blending the past and the present.

Why Go Here

- Wonders of the Mountains and Sea
- Taste Tsingtao Beer
- Visit Badaguan
- Walk on the Fine Sands of Golden Beach

Basic info

Time zone: CST (UTC+8)

Area code: +86/0532

Postal code: 266000

Language: Mandarin

Currency: RMB, called "Yuan", "Jiao", "Mao",

10 Jiao = 1 Yuan

Plug:  

Voltage: 220V

Frequency: 50 Hz

Currency conversion:

RMB: ¥

US dollars: 1 USD = 7.2559 RMB

1 RMB = 0.1378 USD



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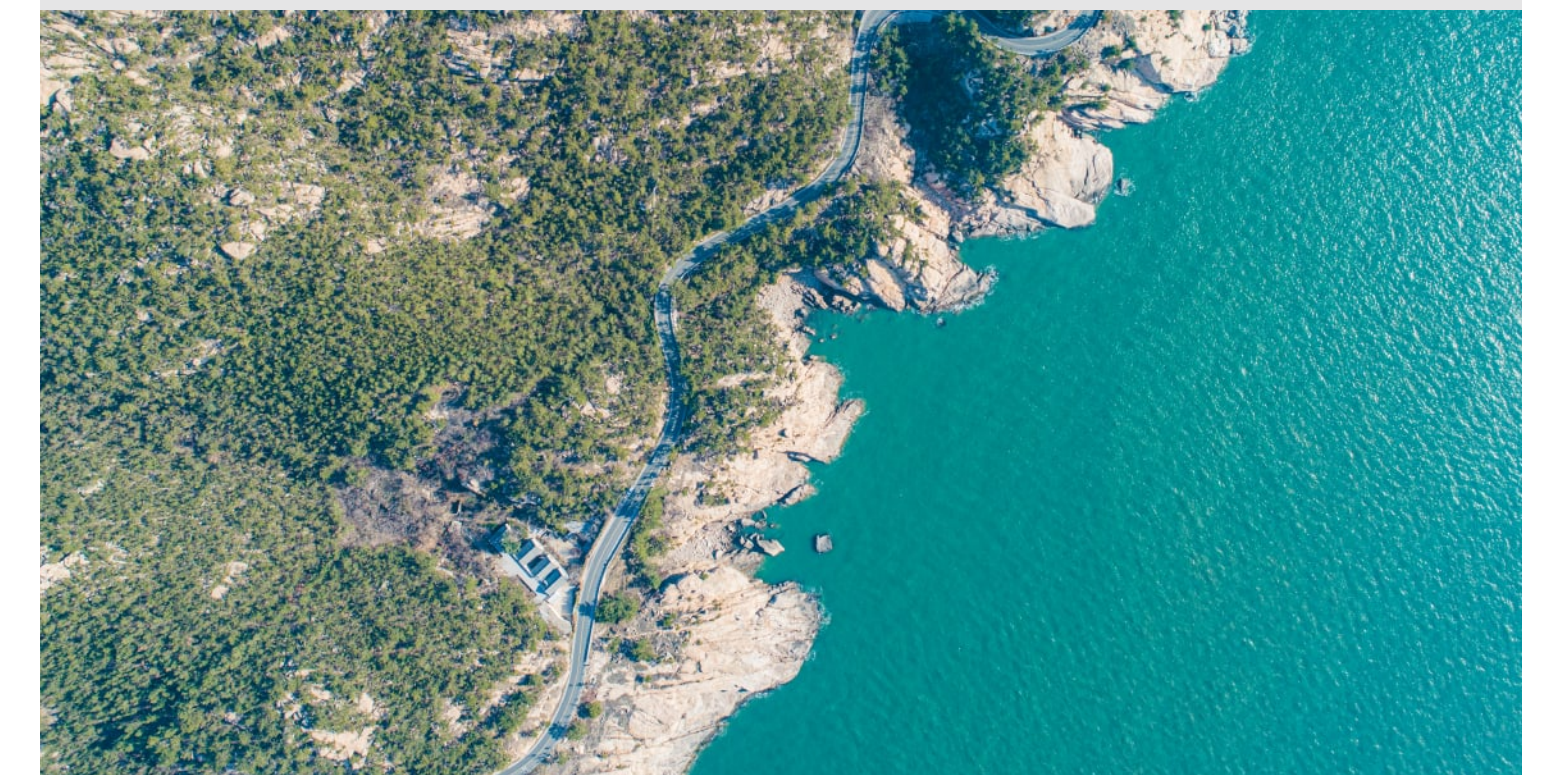
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Sights

Laoshan Scenic Area 崂山风景名胜区



Mount Laoshan, towering over the Yellow Sea coast east of Qingdao, is a designated National Key Scenic Area and a National 5A-level tourist attraction. Its main peak, Jufeng, stands at 1,132.7 meters, the highest point on the mainland coastline. The area, where mountains and sea meet, boasts a rich Taoist culture, including historical sites such as the Taiqing Palace, where natural and cultural landscapes intersect beautifully.

Address

Laoshan Scenic Area Special Road, Laoshan District, Qingdao City, Shandong Province 山东省青岛市崂山区崂山景区专用路

Recommended play time: 6 days

Opening Hours

07:00-17:00 (January 1st - December 31st,
Monday to Sunday)

Transportation

- ① Jufeng Scenic Area and Taiqing Scenic Area:

By car: Take the Qingdao East Exit of the Qingyin Expressway, head towards Shazikou, and then transfer to a sightseeing bus at the Laoshan Tourist Service Center.

By bus: Take bus No. 104, 113, or 304 to the Laoshan Tourist Service Center, then transfer to a sightseeing bus.

- ② Yangkou Scenic Area and Huayan Scenic Area:

By car: Take the Licun Exit of the Qingyin Expressway, follow Jiushui East Road and Binhai Highway, pass the Yangkou Tunnel, and Wanggezhuang to the Yangkou Tourist Service Center, where you will park your car.

By bus: Take bus No. 109, 383, 615, or 616 to the Yangkou Tourist Service Center.

By subway: Take Line 11 to Puli Station, then take the transportation shuttle bus to the Yangkou Tourist Service Center.

- ③ Jiushui Scenic Area:

Driving: Take the Licun Exit of the Qingyin Expressway. Follow Jiushui East Road, Binhai Highway, and the Jiushui Tourist Road to the Jiushui Tourist Service Center, where you can transfer to a sightseeing bus.

Bus: Take Buses 112, 619, or 639 to Wolong Village, then transfer to a sightseeing bus.

Subway: Take Line 11 to Beijiushui Station. After exiting the subway, purchase a ticket at the Zero Transfer Center and take the sightseeing bus into the scenic area.

Travel Season

☉ Spring, summer and autumn are all suitable seasons. Winter has less vegetation and less rainfall, so the scenery is not as interesting as in spring, summer and autumn.

Tips

- ① Laoshan boasts a mild and humid climate with warm winters and cool summers. However, it can be quite chilly at the summit. Wear a light jacket during summer hikes and warmer clothing during autumn and winter.

- ② Always pay attention to safety when hiking. Don't just admire the scenery; watch your step and avoid crossing danger signs when taking photos.

- ③ There are some restaurants at the foot of the southern route of Laoshan, but they generally cater to tour groups and the quality is average. You can find a small restaurant and order some local specialties and try some wild vegetables.

② Qingdao Olympic Sailing Center 青岛奥林匹克帆船



The Qingdao Olympic Sailing Center, the venue for the sailing competitions of the 2008 XXIX Beijing Olympic Games and the 13th Paralympic Games, carries the passionate memories of Olympic athletes sailing the waves. Within the scenic area, the Olympic auspicious cloud torch sculpture and the sailboat-shaped building stand tall, their graceful lines stretching and majestic, showcasing the beauty of the fusion of sports and art.

Address

No. 6, Jinwan Road, Shinan District, Qingdao City, Shandong Province 山东省青岛市市南区金湾路6号

Recommended play time: 3 hours

Opening Hours

Open all day

Transportation

- Take bus No. 402 to Baili Lanting (bus stop) and walk about 400 meters to the destination.

③ Zhanqiao Scenic Area 栈桥景区



Qingdao Pier, a century-old landmark built in 1892, stretches 440 meters from the southern coastline into the sea. Once a military wharf, it's now a symbol of the city. At its end, the octagonal Huilan Pavilion houses the mystery of an inscriptionless stele and showcases the city's history and culture.

Here, you can watch seagulls, gaze at the Little Qingdao Lighthouse, watch the waves at high tide, and catch some waves at low tide. Located adjacent to the train station and Zhongshan Road, it embodies both history and coastal charm.

Address

No. 12, Taiping Road, Shinan District, Qingdao
青岛市市南区太平路12号

Recommended play time: 2 hours

Opening Hours

Open all day

Transportation

- ① By bus: Take bus No. 2, 8, 225, 307, 311, 501, or 801 and get off at Zhanqiao Station.
- ② Walking: Zhanqiao is very close to Qingdao Railway Station and can be reached on foot.

④ St. Michael's Cathedral 圣弥厄尔教堂



Completed in 1930 by a German architect, St. Michael's Cathedral in Qingdao blends Gothic and Romanesque styles. It is the largest Romanesque building in the city and the only consecrated church in China. Its twin brick and stone towers house four large bells and an imported pipe organ, which provide melodious music during Sunday Mass.

Address

No. 14, Zhejiang Road, Shinan District, Qingdao City, Shandong Province 山东省青岛市市南区浙江路14号

Recommended play time: 2 hours

Opening Hours

Monday to Saturday 08:30-18:00 all year round; Sunday 10:00-17:00 all year round

Transportation

- Take Metro Line 3 to Qingdao Station, which is within walking distance.
- Take Bus No. 221, 228 Loop Line, 231, or 308 to China Theatre Station, which is within walking distance.

⑤ Huashilou 花石楼



Huashilou, located at the southern end of Qingdao's Badaguan Pass, was built in 1930 and is named for its marble facade. The building blends Gothic style with the aesthetic of a European castle, consisting of a

five-story main building and a four-story polygonal structure. From the top floor of the main building, guests can overlook the Second Bathing Beach and the magnificent ocean view. The courtyard is filled with fragrant roses and ivy, and has served as a filming location for television series such as "Sacred Mission," a truly charming place.

Address

No. 18 Huanghai Road, Shinan District, Qingdao City, Shandong Province, Badaguan Scenic Area (near Zhengyangguan Road) 山东省青岛市市南区黄海路18号八大关风景区内(近正阳关路)

Recommended play time: 2 hours

Opening Hours

8:00-18:00

Transportation

- Bus: Take Bus No. 202, 206, 223, 228 Loop Line, or 231 to Wushengguan Road Station. The area is within walking distance.

6 Badaguan Scenic Area 八大关景区



Named after a pass on the Great Wall, Qingdao's Badaguan (Badaguan) boasts villas designed in over 20 international styles, earning it the nickname "International Architecture Expo." Huashilou and Gongzhulou are must-see spots, and the scenery is breathtaking in every season: peach blossoms in spring, crape myrtles in summer, maple leaves in autumn, and cedars in winter.

Address

No. 10, Wushengguan Branch Road, Shinan District, Qingdao City, Shandong Province 山东省青岛市市南区武胜关支路10号

Recommended play time: 3 hours

Opening Hours

Open all day

Transportation

- Take bus No. 468 to Ningwuguan Road bus stop and walk about 49 meters to arrive

7 Golden Beach 金沙滩



Qingdao's Golden Beach, nestled on the shores of the Yellow Sea, is named for its golden sand. Known as one of my country's finest, most extensive, and most beautiful beaches, it's known as "Asia's No. 1 Beach." The trumpet-shaped bay on the east side welcomes strong winds, creating spectacular waves crashing onto the beach. Here, you can also enjoy delicious seafood.

Address

Jinshatan Road, Huangdao District, Qingdao City, Shandong Province
山东省青岛市黄岛区金沙滩路

Recommended play time: 3 hours

Opening Hours

Open all day

8 Signal Hill Park 信号山公园



Signal Hill Park, located in the heart of Qingdao, is named after the former navigation signal tower that once housed it. Standing 98 meters above sea level, the park features three striking red-roofed mushroom-shaped buildings on the summit. The revolving observation tower offers a 360-degree panoramic

view of the cityscape, encompassing red tiles, green trees, azure sea, and blue sky. The park also features the Treading Waves Observation Deck, the Lianxin Bridge, adorned with love locks, and the Five Dragons Pond Fountain, echoing the mountain's nickname, "Five Dragons Mountain." The Nanlu Guest House is also worth visiting.

Address

No. 16, Longshan Road, Shinan District, Qingdao City, Shandong Province 山东省青岛市市南区龙山路16号甲

Recommended play time: 2 hours

Opening Hours

8: 00-17: 00

Transportation

● Bus: Take bus No. 214/220/221/411 and get off at Signal Hill Park Station (bus stop), then walk about 230 meters to the destination



May Fourth Square, located on Qingdao's southeastern coast, commemorates the May Fourth Movement. Its iconic sculpture, "May Wind," embodies the city's spirit with its fiery, swirling figures. At night, it illuminates brilliantly. From here, you can overlook the Olympic Sailing Center and the lighthouse, enjoy stunning sunsets over the sea, and even encounter street performers, creating a vibrant atmosphere.

Address

Macau Road, Shinan District, Qingdao City, Shandong Province 山东省青岛市市南区澳门路

Recommended play time: 1 hours

Opening Hours

Open all day

Transportation

● By Bus

1. Take bus No. 317 or Line 1 to May Fourth Square.
2. Take bus No. 5, 26, 31, 104, 104 (branch), 110, 110 (local), 224, 225 (air-conditioned), 228, 231, 232 (air-conditioned), 304, 311, 312 (full route), or 312 (local) to City Hall.

● Taxi

From Shinan Railway Station, the 8.5-kilometer journey costs approximately 20 yuan.

Travel Season

◎ The best time to travel is from May to August, with summer being the best time. It is the golden season for tourism as there is no scorching sun or high temperatures.

Tsingtao Beer Museum 青岛啤酒博物馆



Opened in 2003 on the occasion of Tsingtao Brewery's centennial, the museum, spanning over 6,000 square meters, blends ancient treasures with modern design and is hailed as the "flagship of Chinese industrial tourism."

The museum is divided into three exhibition areas: History and Culture, Brewing Craftsmanship, and Experience Charm. Holographic images and comparisons of old and new equipment showcase the brewery's history. Visitors can enjoy free draught beer tastings and participate in AR interactive activities. A multilingual team of guides provides professional service.

The museum also boasts unique dining options and cultural and creative offerings, attracting visitors from over 100 countries worldwide.

Address

No. 56, Dengzhou Road, Shibei District, Qingdao City 青岛市市北区登州路56号

Recommended play time: 3 hours

Opening Hours

8:30 AM - 5:30 PM (Monday - Sunday, January 1 - April 30, November 1 - December 31)

8:00 AM - 9:30 PM (Monday - Sunday, May 1 - June 30)

7:30 AM - 9:30 PM (Monday - Sunday, July 1 - August 31)

8:00 AM - 6:30 PM (Monday - Sunday, September 1 - October 31)

Transportation

- Bus: Take Bus No. 205, 221, or 464 to Tsingtao Beer Museum (bus stop) and walk about 100 meters to the museum.

Eating

Qingdao is awash in unique culinary delights, showcasing the unique charm of this coastal city. Spicy stir-fried clams are a standout. Made with local Jiaozhou Bay clams, known for their thin shells and plump flesh, they are stir-fried with chili peppers, resulting in a juicy, tender clams with a spicy and savory flavor. They are a staple on Qingdao tables and a perfect side dish for drinking.

Seafood dumplings are equally impressive. Fresh seafood, such as Spanish mackerel, shrimp, and cuttlefish, are skillfully wrapped in chewy dough and complemented with leeks and other ingredients. Each bite is bursting with juiciness, and the rich ocean flavor instantly spreads throughout the mouth, perfectly showcasing Qingdao's abundant seafood resources. Shops like Chuanggeyu Dumplings and Shuangheyuan Dumplings are ideal places to enjoy these seafood dumplings.

◆ Spicy Stir-fried Clams 辣炒蛤蜊

The first of Qingdao's "three-piece set", fresh clams are stir-fried over high heat, with a blend of freshness and spiciness, and you will be swept away by the mellowness of the sea in one bite.



◆ Liuting Pig's Trotters 流亭猪蹄

This Qingdao intangible cultural heritage delicacy originated during the Xianfeng period of the Qing Dynasty. Selected premium pig's trotters are marinated in a traditional broth for 12 hours, resulting in a bright red color, tender skin, and juicy trotter jelly that's as translucent as amber.



◆ Spanish Mackerel Dumplings 鲛鱼水饺

A traditional Qingdao delicacy, these dumplings are as big as a palm, with thin skin and generous fillings. They use fresh, boneless Spanish mackerel from the day before, minced with chives and pork, and the filling is a delicious broth.



◆ Seaweed Jelly 海藻凉粉

Seaweed jelly is a summer delicacy ingrained in the hearts of Qingdao residents, often called "natural jelly." Made from agar-agar from the local coastal waters, it's repeatedly washed and simmered for hours, then cooled and solidified to release its gelatinous properties. The resulting dish is crystal clear, resembling amber. Its texture is springy and smooth, its salty aroma tinged with the freshness of seaweed. Its icy, refreshing flavor is both refreshing and appetizing, relieving the summer heat. It's a must-have summer snack on Qingdao's streets and family tables, and a cherished authentic hometown flavor for locals.



◆ Fat Residue 脂渣

With centuries of meticulous craftsmanship, carefully selected pork belly is de-fatted and pressed, then slowly simmered over low heat to extract the fat, leaving only the firm, meaty aroma. A simple seasoning of salt and MSG creates golden, crispy slices that are rich, yet not greasy, achieving a delicate balance of fat and meaty flavor. Qingdao residents often enjoy this with beer or chop it up to enhance dishes. Whether enjoyed as a snack or as a fresh addition to a dish, it's a truly delicious treat. Zhengzhuang Zhizha, a time-honored local brand that adheres to traditional techniques, is a classic example of a "wine-inducing accompaniment."



◆ Chuozi Meat 戳子肉

The heart of Qingdao's night markets, Chuozi Rou (Chinese pork with pork ribs) is served in a small iron box with a handle, slowly grilled over charcoal to preserve the flavor. The intense heat forces out the fat, allowing the secret seasoning to permeate the dish. The large intestine is crispy on the outside and tender on the inside, fatty yet not greasy. Its rich aroma, laced with the flavor of smoky food, strikes a chord with the palate. "Laosan Chuozi Rou" in Licang District is grilled to order, and the aroma explodes upon opening the iron box. Paired with an ice-cold beer or draft beer, it's a truly perfect seaside night snack.



◆ Seafood Braised Noodles 海鲜卤面

A Qingdao breakfast ritual begins with a bowl of seafood braised noodles. The bouncy shrimp, juicy clams, and soft kidney beans combine to create a thick, rich gravy. The hand-rolled noodles are as chewy as a string, imbued with the fresh sweetness of the ocean. Chunhelou in Shibei District adheres to a century-old tradition, preparing the gravy and rolling the noodles freshly daily. The smoky atmosphere of the restaurant captures the flavors of old Qingdao. At dawn, the aroma of the braised noodles wafts through the old streets and alleys. A bowl of this delicious dish, mingled with the aroma of wheat, hits your taste buds.



◆ Crispy Chicken 香酥鸡

Chunhelou's signature dish, a Shandong Province intangible cultural heritage, is deep-fried to perfection using a centuries-old method. The skin is as crispy as gauze, crumbling with a light bite; the chicken inside is tender and juicy, creating a symphony of crispness and tenderness that explodes on your tongue. This Qingdao delicacy, once featured at the state banquet at the Summit, is marinated for a leisurely period with a secret marinade and meticulously controlled oil temperature to achieve the perfect balance between batter and texture. The aroma of smoky cooking evokes a century of craftsmanship, and the crispy, fragrant bite embodies the hearty hospitality of the Qilu region.



Notes

Hospital

● Affiliated Hospital of Qingdao University 青岛大学附属医院

Address: No. 16, Jiangsu Road, Shinan District, Qingdao

Tel: 0532-96166 (main line)

Website: <https://www.qduh.cn/>

Opening hours: 24 hours

● Qingdao Municipal Hospital 青岛市市立医院

Address: East Campus: No. 5, Donghai Middle Road, Shinan District, Qingdao; West Campus: No. 1, Jiaozhou Road, Shibei District

Tel: 0532-82716767 (main line)

Website: www.ayh.org.cn

Opening hours: 24 hours

● Qilu Hospital of Shandong University (Qingdao) 山东大学齐鲁医院 (青岛)

Address: 758 Hefei Road, Shibei District, Qingdao

Tel: 0532-66850700

Website: <https://www.qlyy.com.cn/>

Opening hours: 24 hours

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