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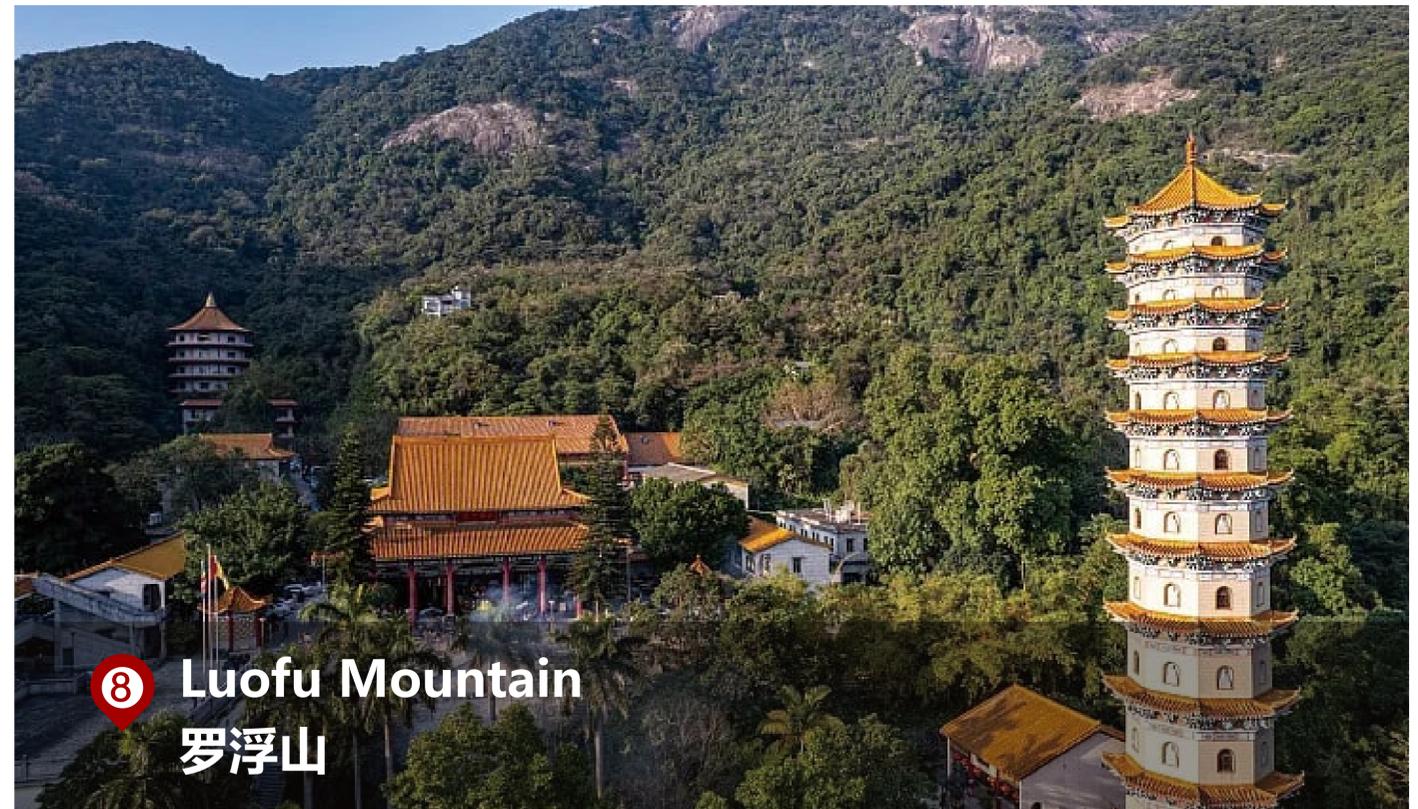
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Brief

Along the Pearl River in Lingnan, a diverse and vibrant community thrives. The "one pot, two dishes" of Cantonese morning tea, the fragrant aroma of Chaoshan Kung Fu tea, and the savory flavor of Hakka salt-baked chicken embody the essence of "Food in Guangdong." The leaping lion dance and melodious Cantonese opera, along with flower-lined streets and folk festivals, continue millennia-old traditions. Arcade buildings reflecting in the water and Hakka walled villages where families gather, showcase the fusion of overseas Chinese culture and the rich heritage of the Central Plains.

Why Go Here

- Savoring the delicacies of Lingnan
- Lion dance celebrates good fortune
- Cantonese music fills Guangzhou
- Overseas Chinese culture blends with new trends

Basic info

Time zone: CST (UTC+8)

Area code: +86/ 020

Postal code: 510000

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



Police: 110

Medical Care: 120

Traffic Accident: 122

Fire Emergency: 119

Sights

Danxia Mountain 丹霞山



Danxia Mountain is one of the four famous mountains in Guangdong Province and the largest Danxia landform scenic area in the province, comprising five major areas: Danxia, Shaoshi, Bazhai, Xianrenji, and Jinjiang Gallery. It preserves Buddhist temples and over 800 grotto temple ruins, and the poems and cliff carvings left by literati throughout history are of great historical and cultural value. Unique landscapes such as the Yangyuan Stone have earned it the reputation of a "natural museum of sexual culture."

Address

National Highway 106, Renhua County,
Shaoguan City 韶关市仁化县106国道

Recommended play time: 6 days

Opening Hours

Open all day

Transportation

- There are special tourist buses from Shaoguan Railway Station to Danxia Mountain (departing every 15 minutes, fare 15 yuan/person) that go directly to the new gate of Danxia Mountain, with a travel time of about 50 minutes.

Travel Season

☉ Suitable for all seasons.

② Guangzhou Chimelong Tourist Resort 广州长隆旅游度假区



Chimelong Resort in Guangzhou comprises several theme parks and upscale hotels, and is home to panda triplets, a large number of koalas, and white tigers, among other rare animals. It also boasts well-known entertainment brands and an international circus. Given the large scale of the resort, it is recommended to stay at one of the park's hotels. For dining, the Butterfly Valley Food Court is a top choice.

Address

No. 299, Hanxi Avenue East, Panyu District,
Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province 广东省
广州市番禺区汉溪大道东299号

Recommended play time: 6 days

Opening Hours

Open all day

Transportation

- Subway: Take Metro Line 3 to Hanxi Changlong Station, Exit E, and take the free shuttle bus to each park.

- Chimelong Tourist Resort Free Shuttle Bus: Chimelong Metro Plaza - Chimelong Safari Park South Gate - Chimelong International Circus (Chimelong Paradise North Gate) - Chimelong Water Park East Gate (Open during summer vacation) - Chimelong Hotel - Chimelong Safari Park South Gate

⑤ Guangzhou Tower 广州塔



The Canton Tower stands 600 meters tall, with its main structure reaching 454 meters. It is a national AAAA-level scenic spot. Due to its slender and elegant shape, it is nicknamed "Little Waist." At night, its illuminated exterior allows for photography even without climbing the tower. Inside, there are attractions such as a Ferris wheel and observation decks.

It is recommended to climb the tower between 4:30 PM and 5:00 PM to enjoy the sunset and night view.

Address

No. 222 Yuejiang West Road, Haizhu District, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province 广东省广州市海珠区阅江西路222号

Recommended play time: 3 hours

Opening Hours

9:30-22:30

Transportation

- Subway: Take the APM line or Line 3 to Guangzhou Tower Station, then walk to the destination;
- Bus: Take bus routes 11, 262, 468, or Tourist Line 1 to Guangzhou Tower West Station, then walk to the destination;
- Tram: Take the Haizhu Tram to Guangzhou Tower Station, then walk to the destination.

④ Kaiping Diaolou and Villages 开平碉楼与村落



Kaiping Diaolou Cultural Tourism Area is located in Kaiping City, in the southwestern part of the Pearl River Delta in Guangdong Province—a hometown of overseas Chinese, architecture, art, and Diaolou (watchtowers). Covering a total area of 1438 mu (approximately 95 hectares), its core area includes the Zili Village Diaolou Cluster, the Majianglong Ancient Village, and the Liyuan Garden. Here, ancient architecture blends seamlessly with natural landscapes, and Diaolou are naturally integrated with village dwellings, boasting a rich cultural heritage and earning it the reputation of being a model of overseas Chinese culture and a gallery of architectural art.

Address

Tangkou Liyuan Tourist Area, Kaiping City, Jiangmen 江门市开平市塘口立园旅游区

Recommended play time: 3-6 days

Opening Hours

8:30-17:30

Transportation

- Frequent shuttle buses pass by various famous watchtowers and traditional residential sites.
The bus from Yici to Magang passes through: Liyuan Garden and Zili Village Cluster;
The bus from Yici to Jinji passes through: Majianglong Village Cluster.
- To travel from Jun'an to Kaiping, you can take a bus from Shunde Daliang Bus Terminal and get off at Shuikou (Yici) Station in Kaiping City. The fare is 40 yuan, and the journey takes two and a half hours. There are four buses daily, departing at 8:00, 12:00, 13:40, and 18:10.

- By car: From Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Zhuhai and other places, you can drive to Kaiping Diaolou by taking the corresponding expressway and then transferring to the Fokai/Kaiyang Expressway. Exit at Tangkou or Shuikou (G325) to reach the destination.

Travel Season

☉ Spring and autumn are the best times to visit. In spring, the rapeseed flowers are in full bloom, making it the perfect time to enjoy the flowers and scenery; in autumn, the rice around the watchtowers ripens, turning the fields golden, and the scenery is breathtaking whether you're standing on the watchtower or in the fields.

Tips

- The dried fish is quite famous locally, and the locals are particularly skilled at making it, as it's all handmade. Buying dried fish here is a great choice.

Nan'ao Island 南澳岛



Nan'ao Island, located at the border of Guangdong and Fujian provinces, is an island county with attractions such as Jin Yin Island, Qing'ao Bay, and Huanghuashan National Forest Park. Huanghuashan Mountain offers panoramic views of the vast sea, while the stone turtle at its foot is quite unique. The General's Mansion and Song Well are steeped in history, and the stacked rock formations are strikingly shaped. With minimal development and a pristine, beautiful environment, it's a popular destination for those seeking a less-traveled experience. Transportation is convenient, and accommodations are concentrated in Xiawei Bay and Qing'ao Bay.

Address

Guangdong Province, Shantou City, Nan'ao County, Eastern Guangdong Sea 广东省汕头市南澳县粤东海面

Recommended play time: 6 days

Opening Hours

Open all day

Transportation

- By car: There are three direct buses daily from Shantou Bus Terminal to Nan'ao Bus Station, departing at 8:20 AM, 12:00 PM, and 2:00 PM.

- By ferry: You can also take a ferry from Laiwu Wharf to Changshanwei Wharf on Nan'ao Island.

Route: Changshanwei → Laiwu Laiwu → Changshanwei

- Taxi: Rent a minivan for a tour around the island: 50 RMB/person

⑥ Xunliao Bay 巽寮湾



Xunliao Bay is located beside Jinhai Bay Avenue in the southern part of Pingshan Town, Huidong. It boasts clean waters and is quite famous, attracting many tourists from Guangzhou and Shenzhen on weekends. Its coastline stretches for over 20 kilometers, featuring public beaches, islands, and mangrove forests. While the Mozishi Scenic Area is bustling with people, the bay near the South China Sea Fishing Village is more tranquil.

Address

Xunliaowan Road, Huidong County, Huizhou City 惠州市惠东县巽寮湾路

Recommended play time: 6 days

Opening Hours

Open all day

Transportation

- Take the bus from Huidong to Xunliao in Huizhou and get off at the entrance of Jinyintan Resort Hotel. You can also wait for the bus at the entrance of the hotel to return.

⑦ Baiyun Mountain 白云山



Baiyun Mountain is a well-known spring outing and flower viewing destination in Guangzhou, consisting of more than 30 peaks. The main peak, Moxingling, offers a panoramic view of the city and is named for

the white clouds that often linger there in late spring or after rain. During the flowering season, a variety of flowers bloom in profusion. The scenic area is divided into 7 zones from south to north, each with its own unique attractions.

Address

No. 801, Guangyuan Middle Road, Tonghe Street, Baiyun District, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province 广东省广州市白云区同和街道广园中路801号

Recommended play time: 3-6 days

Opening Hours

Open all year round, 24 hours a day

Transportation

- ① Take bus route 466 to Meiyuan Road Terminal, then walk approximately 1600 meters to reach the destination;
- ② Take bus routes 38/66/76/127/223/245 to Yun Guangzhou Gymnasium Station, then walk approximately 1900 meters to reach the destination.

⑧ Luofu Mountain 罗浮山



Luofu Mountain, located on the banks of the Dongjiang River in Huizhou, is known as the "First Mountain of Lingnan" and is one of China's top ten Taoist mountains and a national 5A-level scenic area. Confucianism, Buddhism, and Taoism have flourished here, and many famous figures have left their mark. It boasts diverse natural landscapes and unique attractions such as jungle rafting and cable cars, with multiple tour routes available.

Address

Luofu Mountain Scenic Area, Changning Town, Boluo County, Huizhou City 惠州市博罗县长宁镇罗浮山风景名胜区

Recommended play time: 6 days

Opening Hours

Open year-round from 07:00 to 18:00

Transportation

- Bus routes: Direct buses are available from Huizhou Bus Station to the scenic area, costing 18 yuan. The first and last buses from the bus station to Luofu Mountain run from 6:00 AM to 6:20 PM; the first and last buses from Luofu Mountain to the bus station run from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.
- Driving routes: There are two driving routes to Luofu Mountain: From Guangzhou and Foshan, or from western Guangdong, take the Guanghui Expressway and exit at the Luofu Mountain toll station. From Shenzhen and Hong Kong, take the Longlin Expressway and then the Guanghui Expressway. Both routes pass through the Guangmeishan Highway intersection and follow the Luofu Tourist Avenue for 6.8 kilometers directly to the core scenic area.

⑨ Shenzhen Window of the World 深圳世界之窗



Shenzhen Window of the World is a theme park showcasing world-famous landmarks, featuring replicas of famous landscapes from various countries at different scales, along with performances depicting local customs and traditions. It is divided into eight main areas, and a fixed tour order is recommended. The International Street offers food and souvenirs; some performances require an additional fee.

Address

9037 Shennan Avenue, Nanshan District, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province 广东省深圳市南山区深南大道9037号

Recommended play time: 1 day

Opening Hours

Open year-round from 09:00 to 22:00

Transportation

- Subway: Take Subway Line 1 or 2 to Window of the World Station, then walk approximately 280 meters.
- Bus: Take bus 204/M123/223/235 to Window of the World Station 1, then walk approximately 330 meters.



Xiqiao Mountain, located in the southwest of the South China Sea, is one of the four famous mountains in Guangdong and a national 5A scenic area, boasting numerous cultural and

tourism honors. The mountain features Tianhu Park, various gardens, Jiulongyan (Nine Dragon Rock), and other distinctive scenic areas. At its foot, the mulberry-dike-fishpond system is protected by the United Nations, and the mountain also houses the Huang Feihong Lion Dance and Martial Arts Museum.

Address

Huanshan Avenue, Xiqiao Town, Nanhai District, Foshan City, Guangdong Province 广东省
佛山市南海区西樵镇环山大道

Recommended play time: 3 days

Opening Hours

07:30-17:30 year-round

Transportation

- Take bus route 249 from Qiaokou to Yong'an Bus Station, then walk for about 13 minutes to reach the destination.

Lianzhou Underground River 连州地下河



Lianzhou Underground River is located 26 kilometers northeast of Lianzhou, at the junction of Guangdong, Guangxi, and Hunan provinces. It is a subtropical karst limestone cave and is known as the "Number One Underground River in Guangdong". It features caves within caves, rivers, bridges, and waterfalls. It offers both land and water tours, with free guided tours. The entire tour takes about 1.5 hours and is warm in winter and cool in summer.

Address

Dadong Village, Dongbei Town, Lianzhou City, Qingyuan City, Guangdong Province

Recommended play time: 2 hours

Opening Hours

8:30-17:00

Transportation

- Take the minibus from Lianzhou Bus Station to Dongbei (Fengyang) and get off at the Lianzhou Underground River intersection. The distance from the Lianzhou Underground River intersection to the scenic area is about two kilometers; you can choose to walk (20-30 minutes) or take a motorcycle taxi into the scenic area.



The Songtai Terrace atop the Stone Chamber Rock is said to be where the Heavenly Emperor entertained the gods. Below the rock, the

Stone Chamber Cave is a wide, domed cave with an underground river where one can boat and enjoy various scenic views. Inside the cave are more than 270 cliff carvings (including the Tang Dynasty Li Yong stele), known as the "Millennial Poetry Corridor." To the right, the Shuiyue Palace was rebuilt during the Ming Dynasty, and the reflections of the Lanyue Pavilion and other structures create the scenic view of "Shuiyue Rock Clouds."

Address

No. 1, Qixing Road, Duanzhou District, Zhaoqing City, Guangdong Province 广东省肇庆市端州区七星路1号

Recommended play time: 4 hours

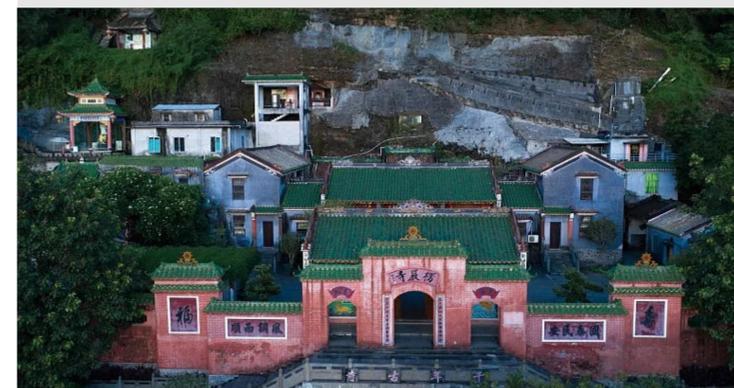
Opening Hours

Opening hours: 07:00-17:30

Transportation

- Take bus route 19 to Qixingyan West Gate (bus stop), and walk about 350 meters to reach the destination.

Huguangyan 湖光岩



Located 19 kilometers southwest of Zhanjiang, Huguangyan is a maar lake formed 200,000 years ago, one of China's three major volcanic lakes and a rare sight in the world. It boasts a variety of geological relics and is known as a "natural environmental change yearbook" and a "natural oxygen bar." There was an ancient temple there during the Sui Dynasty, and inscriptions by Li Gang from the Song Dynasty still exist.

Address

Huguang Town, Mazhang District, Zhanjiang City 湛江市麻章区湖光镇

Recommended play time: 1 day

Opening Hours

7:30-18:00

Transportation

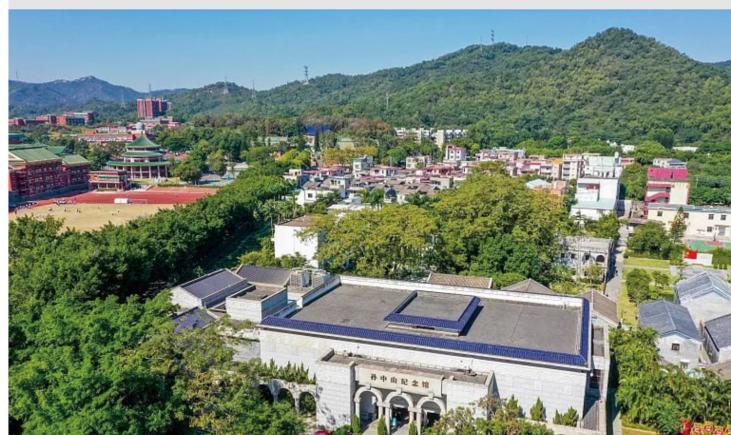
- Route 9 (from Hai Shang Cheng Shi to Hu Guang Yan East Gate): First bus from Hai Shang Cheng Shi departs at 6:30 AM, last bus at 9:20 PM; first bus from Hu Guang Yan departs at 6:30 AM, last bus at 10:00 AM, with a 10-minute interval.

- Arrive/drop-off stops are available along the route:

- ① Route 3 (from Xiashan Bus Terminal to Botanical Garden): First bus at 6:30 AM, last bus at 6:15 PM, with a 15-minute interval.

- ② Route 6 (from Cun Jin Bus Station to Hu Guang Yan West Gate): First bus from Chi Kan departs at 6:40 AM, last bus at 5:50 PM; first bus from Hu Guang Yan departs at 6:10 AM, last bus at 6:10 PM.

Sun Yat-sen's Former Residence 孙中山故里



The Sun Yat-sen Hometown Tourist Area is located in Cuiheng Village, Nanlang Town, Zhongshan City, Guangdong Province. It borders the Pearl River Estuary to the east and Wugui Mountain to the west, adjacent to Hong Kong and Macau. It is approximately 20 kilometers from downtown Zhongshan and 90 kilometers from downtown Guangzhou, covering an area of 3.15 square kilometers. The tourist area comprises five core scenic areas, comprehensively showcasing Sun Yat-sen's life trajectory from birth to his revolutionary activities.

The Sun Yat-sen Former Residence Memorial Hall was established in 1956 and features six exhibition areas; Zhongshan Film and Television City is one of China's top ten film and television cities, including a four-nation scenic area and exhibition hall; the Xinhai Revolution Memorial Park was built to commemorate the centenary of the Xinhai Revolution, with a granite diary wall highlighting the revolutionary spirit; Litoujian Mountain is the highest peak in Cuiheng, containing the Sun family cemetery and offering panoramic views of the scenic area; Cuiheng Village is a historical and cultural village, preserving former residences of famous figures and traditional Lingnan-style dwellings.

Address

No. 45, Cuiheng Avenue, Nanlang Street, Zhongshan City, Guangdong Province 广东省中山市南朗街道翠亨大道45号

Recommended play time: 3 hours

Opening Hours

Open year-round from 09:00 to 17:30

Eating

Cantonese cuisine, one of China's eight major culinary traditions, comprises three main schools: Guangfu, Chaoshan, and Hakka. Its core principle is the preservation of fresh, natural flavors. It utilizes a wide variety of fresh ingredients, employing techniques such as steaming, blanching, and baking to highlight the original taste of the ingredients, resulting in diverse and flavorful dishes.

Representative dishes are abundant: Guangfu's white-cut chicken and roast goose are richly aromatic; Chaoshan's beef hot pot and braised dishes are uniquely distinctive; and Hakka's salt-baked chicken and stuffed tofu are imbued with the warmth of home cooking. Nourishing soups and Cantonese dim sum are integral to daily life, making "Eating in Guangzhou" a testament to its profound culinary culture.

◆ Cantonese White Cut Chicken 广府白切鸡

Blanching locks in the freshness, resulting in crisp skin, tender meat, and a touch of blood even in the bones, preserving the chicken's original flavor to the fullest extent. Paired with a secret ginger and scallion dipping sauce, it's incredibly delicious and refreshing.



◆ Cantonese Roast Goose 广式烧鹅

Cantonese roast goose is a classic Cantonese dish. It is made from carefully selected black-brown geese roasted over fruitwood charcoal. The skin is crispy and the meat is tender, fatty but not greasy, and the meat juice is rich and delicious. It is paired with sweet and sour plum sauce to cut through the greasiness and enhance the aroma, making it a unique flavor.



◆ Chaoshan Beef Hot Pot 潮汕牛肉火锅

Chaoshan beef hot pot is the core signature dish of Chaoshan cuisine. It uses carefully selected yellow cattle, freshly slaughtered and sliced precisely according to different parts, and slow-cooked beef bone broth to highlight the original flavor. Paired with rich satay sauce, the meat is tender and juicy, showcasing the ultimate dedication to "freshness".



◆ **Hakka Salt-Baked Chicken 客家盐焗鸡**

Hakka salt-baked chicken is a classic Hakka dish. It is baked with coarse salt to lock in freshness and enhance aroma. The skin is crispy and the meat is tender, with a salty and savory flavor that penetrates to the bone. The meat is firm and chewy.



◆ **Slow-Cooked Soups 老火靚汤**

Slow-cooked soup is the soul of Cantonese cuisine, made with carefully selected seasonal ingredients and nourishing herbs, simmered for hours in an earthenware pot. The broth is rich, flavorful, and delicious, combining nutrition with comfort, showcasing the Cantonese people's love for health and wellness.



◆ **Cantonese Dim Sum 广式早茶点心**

Cantonese dim sum is a shining symbol of the culinary culture of Guangzhou, featuring a wide variety of dishes such as shrimp dumplings, siu mai, and char siu buns, each delicate, small, and uniquely flavorful. Savoring a bowl of dim sum slowly reveals the elegance and leisurely pace of life in Lingnan.



◆ **Hakka Stuffed Tofu 客家酿豆腐**

Hakka stuffed tofu is a classic Hakka dish. Fresh, tender tofu is scooped out, stuffed with minced meat, and then pan-fried and braised until golden brown and flavorful. It's fragrant on the outside, tender on the inside, and has a perfect balance of savory and fresh flavors.



◆ **Shunde Double Skin Milk 顺德双皮奶**

Shunde double-skin milk pudding is a benchmark of Cantonese desserts. It is made from carefully selected local water buffalo milk, which is steamed twice to create two layers of milk skin. The texture is smooth and creamy, with a rich and mellow milky aroma, and it is sweet but not cloying, showcasing the refinement and freshness of Shunde cuisine.



◆ Chaoshan Beef Balls 潮汕牛肉丸

Chaoshan beef balls are a culinary specialty of Chaoshan, made from carefully selected hind leg meat of yellow cattle, hand-pounded and refined over a long period of time. The meat is firm and springy, full of savory and delicious juices, and is excellent for both soup boiling and hot pot.



Notes

Hospital

- **The First Affiliated Hospital of Sun Yat-sen University 中山大学附属第一医院**

Address: No. 58, Zhongshan 2nd Road, Yuexiu District, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Tel: 020-87755766

Website: <http://www.gzsums.com.cn>

Opening hours: 24 hours

- **Nanfang Hospital of Southern Medical University 南方医科大学南方医院**

Address: No. 1838, Guangzhou Avenue North, Baiyun District, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Tel: 020-61641888

Website: <http://www.nfyy.com>

Opening hours: 24 hours

- **Sun Yat-sen University Cancer Center 中山大学附属肿瘤医院**

Address: No. 651, Dongfeng East Road, Yuexiu

District, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province

Tel: 020-87343533

Website: <https://www.sysucc.org.cn>

Opening hours: 24 hours

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