

ASIADAILY AROUND GUANGZHOU

ATTRACTIONS

Phoenix Mountain and Longyandong Forest Park
凤凰山、龙眼洞森林公园

Phoenix Mountain is one of the easiest mountains to get to from the city center. A narrow winding road, frequented by cars, cyclists and hikers, runs through part of the mountain and passes by a small lake before ascending. Most paths cutting through the forested mountain are small and infrequently used. Views towards Long Dong are not spectacular, but to the east, hikers can see rolling hills, ponds and lush greenery. Phoenix Mountain is today part of the Longyandong Forest Park, a park recently formed out of five independent ones, and includes many other hills and mountains as well as the Guangzhou Botanical Gardens. The highest peak in the park reaches 390 meters.



Transportation: Phoenix Mountain is along the route of the 84A city bus. Take Metro Line 3 to Tianhe Coach Terminal, use exit B, cross the street and take the 84A bus east. Shortly after the bus turns left off the main expressway (about seven stops after the turn), exit at Yushatan by the drive leading into the Phoenix Mountain. Depending on traffic, the bus ride takes between 15 and 25 minutes. If you're heading there by car, National Highway 324 runs to the south and through parts of the park.

Jinkeng Forest Park
金坑森林公园

Just a little further east from the Long Dong area is Jinkeng Forest Park, which covers 5 million square meters. The area's main peak reaches 400 meters and at the foot of the mountain is a large reservoir popular for fishing. Throughout the park runs an ancient spring called Julongguan. It is said that whoever finds the spring will get top marks in their exams.

Transportation: From Tianhe Coach terminal, take the 637 bus, Luochongwei-Zengcheng bus or Jiaokou-Zengcheng bus. Exit at Jinkeng stop. By car, National Highway 324 runs just to the south of the park.

Xiaogang Park 晓港公园

If you want to find a place outside where you can have a picnic or perhaps a barbecue, Xiaogang Park is a great bet. On an idle weekend day, after a short ride to the Xiaogang metro stop, you will find this large park quite enjoyable. It has numerous floral gardens as well as side paths and seating areas that take their shade from the looming bamboo forests found in the park. A small lake is in the middle of the park, over which old-fashioned bridges are poised. The real charm of the park, however, is found in the picnic area. Here you'll find a large number of stone tables each with its own barbecue pit. If you bring some food and some skewers, this park is the perfect place to grill some food and enjoy it in the shade of the towering trees around you. Just remember to pick up after yourself!

Address: 146 Qianjin Lu, Haizhu district

Ancestral Temple of the Chen Family (Chen Clan Academy)
陈家祠

Ancestral Temple of the Chen Family is also called Chen Clan Academy, which is a place both for offering sacrifices to ancestors and for studying. Now the Chen Clan Ancestral Temple in Guangzhou, the Ancestral Temple in Foshan, the former Residence of Sun Yat-sen in Zhongshan and the Opium War Memorial Hall in Dongguan are regarded as the four major cultural tourist sites in Guangdong province. The temple is a compound consisting of nine halls, six courtyards and 19 buildings connected by corridors. The most impressive attractions in the temple are the superb carvings' extolling nature. The wood carvings, in particular, demonstrate some of the finest artwork in Guangdong. Stories of historic figures and scenes are also vividly represented in the temple.

Address: 34 Zhongshan Qi Lu, Liwan district
Tel: (020) 81814371

SHOPPING

Ming Jiang Japanese Food and Bookstore

名将书店·日本食品店

One part for Japanese books and one part for Japanese food, Ming Jiang offers an assortment of cooking sauces and candies as well as fine cake and tea. It is quite proud of its array of chocolates and also offers popular snacks and sweets in traditional decorative packages.

Hours: 10 am-9:30 pm
Address: Booth 244, 2/F, CITIC Plaza, 233 Tianhe Bei Lu, Tianhe district
Tel: (020) 38770677
Transportation: Take Metro Line 3B, and get off at Linhe Xi Lu metro station leaving by the D exit. You'll find you are already at CITIC Plaza. Take the elevator to the 2nd floor.

Corner's Deli Grocery 每一角落

Corner's Deli has three locations in Guangzhou and the central one in CITIC Plaza is the largest by far, carrying items not sold at the others. Its imported food selection is heavily European, with pasta from Italy and olive oil from Italy, Greece and Spain. It also carries several items from the United States, Japan and the Republic of Korea. Corner's Deli offers free city-wide delivery when your order is more than 8,000 yuan.

Hours: 9 am-9:30 pm
Address: Booth 6, SC-01, basement CITIC Plaza, 233 Tianhe Bei Lu, Tianhe district

Oliver Supermarket
奥利华进口食品超市

Oliver Supermarket has three locations in the city, one of them downtown. Considering their variety, prices and central main store, this small market may be the most convenient shop in Guangzhou for imported foods. It also offers city-wide free delivery if you spend more than 500 yuan. This is a rarity among import stores. Oliver's prices include many budget items along with the more expensive wines and liquors.

Hours: 10 am-9 pm
Address: A2.1/F Clifford Mansion, Ming Yue Yi Lu, Yuexiu district
Tel: (020) 87359202
Transportation: Take Metro Line 5. Get off at Wuyangcun metro station B exit and walk toward the riverside for about five minutes. Turn right at the first corner and you will be at Ming Yue Yi Lu. Walk along the road about 50 meters and the shop will be on your right.



EDITOR'S PICK >> BOOKWORMS' DELIGHT

Whether you're new to town, or have been here a while, you've probably found that finding English books in Guangzhou is not that easy.

However, there are several excellent foreign bookstores in Guangzhou, some of them with a surprisingly diverse range that can make for a very pleasant afternoon's browsing.

Tianhe Book Center, a seven-story complex, houses a multitude of book and electronics shops, as well as a sporting goods store and a Yamaha music store in the basement, not to mention a seldom seen Apple store right next door. Many of the bookstores on the 4th, 5th, and 6th floors feature large art books in English and bilingual books about Chinese culture and cuisine that are fun if you are looking to browse.

Address: 123 Tianhe Lu

Transportation: Metro Lines 1 or 2 to the Tiyu Xi Lu stop and leave through exit D

Joint Publishing Co carries a wide selection of English books and magazines. There is a Starbucks right next door as well as several other more authentic cafés down the street if you're looking to get a start on your book right away. It's also just across the street from the Elephant & Castle Pub.

Address: B1, World Peach Plaza, 362-366 Huanshi Dong Lu

Xinhua Bookstore is another safe bet. The selection may not be quite as diverse as the previous two suggestions, but prices are better and Beijing Lu is the place to be in Guangzhou for shopping. You may want to schedule your visit carefully in order to avoid the crowds. Midday during the week is generally less crowded than in the late afternoons and on weekends when it tends to get quite packed.

Address: 276 Beijing Lu

RESTAURANTS

Dongting Restaurant
洞庭土菜馆

This Hunan cuisine restaurant has a folksy vibe. The Hunan dishes look exquisite and their taste is popular among locals. Although it's rather expensive, you can always order half for a dinner for two. Long queues are a common subject.

Hours: 11 am-2:30 pm, 5 pm-9:30 pm
Address: 59 Tianhe Dong Lu, Tianhe district
Tel: (020) 83542849

Shui Mu Lian Qing 水沐莲清

This is a teahouse with the theme of "water" at its heart. Come to this teahouse to experience the full works when it comes to a traditional "tea ceremony". The selection of snacks and dim sum that accompany the meal complement the tea perfectly, with neither the tea nor the food winning out. Another

major selling point is the great lengths the owners go to in making sure that all the tea and ingredients are organic in origin.

Address: Building 1-2, 27-29 Liu Yun Liu Jie, Tianhe Nan Er Lu, Tianhe district
Tel: (020) 87531233

Mexican Restaurant
小街风情墨西哥餐厅

This newly-opened Mexican restaurant offers the real taste of Mexican food in Guangzhou. You will find all the essential Mexican and Tex-Mex favorites in a clean and comfortable environment. The food is good, although portions are a little small. Apparently a lot of ingredients are imported from Mexico. Price is 35-65 yuan; drinks 18-38 yuan.

Address: 4/F, East Tower Pearl River Building, 360 Huanshi Dong Lu
Tel: (020) 83766209

WHAT'S ON

Aerial Photographs on Display
航拍珠三角图片展

An exhibition titled *I Love Guangdong* displays 239 aerial photos taken by Guangzhou Daily photojournalists, which overlook nine cities around the Pearl River Delta region - Dongguan, Foshan, Huizhou, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Zhongshan, Jiangmen,

Zhuhai and Zhaoqing. The exhibition celebrates the 58th anniversary of the founding of the Guangzhou Daily and also the Asian Games.

Hours: 10 am-10 pm, until Nov 30
Address: Grandview Mall, 228 Tianhe Lu, Tianhe district
Tel: (020) 38331818
Admission: free

Harry Potter & The Deathly Hallows: Part 1

Another edge-of-your-seat adventure awaits Harry Potter fans this month. Voldemort's death-eaters have taken over the Ministry of Magic and Hogwarts, but Voldemort won't rest until he has what he wants - Harry Potter. Harry's only hope to save himself and the Wizarding World is to find the Horcruxes, so he, Ron and Hermione embark on a life-or-death adventure. They uncover the legend of Deathly Hallows, which if true, could give Voldemort the power he seeks. Having grown into a young man, Harry draws ever closer to the ultimate battle with Voldemort. However, Harry's mission is so large and complicated that it can only be told in two parts.



When: Nov 19-Dec 19
Address: Jinyi International Cinemas, 3/F Weijiashi Plaza, Pearl River New City, 188 Huangpu Da Dao, Tianhe district
Tel: (020) 87588855

NIGHTLIFE

Friend's Daily

Friend's Daily is a comfortable café bar with European décor, comfortable sofas and large French windows. It also sells a few products to customers, mostly cheese and wine. You can find blue cheese, mozzarella, cream cheese, cheddar, parmesan and more, along with wines from Chile, Australia, France and Italy. The bar doesn't encourage locals to use it as a grocery store since it would rather you sit down and stay for a while, but it will oblige if you ask. Friend's Daily's wine and cheese are of high quality and a high price.

Hours: 2 pm-2 am
Address: 11 Taojin Street (up from the Friendship Store), Yuexiu district
Tel: (020) 83596681
Transportation: Take Metro Line 5 and get off at Taojin Lu metro station B exit. Facing Huanshi Dong Lu, turn left, walk about 400 meters, and you will find Taojin Street on your left.

Elephant & Castle Bar
大象堡酒吧

This bar is one of the most popular pubs among foreigners in Guangzhou. Decorated in an old-fashioned British style and featuring a small open courtyard, it has the comfortable atmosphere of a London corner pub. E&C screens live soccer on match days and even has its own team, which has been crowned champion of the Guangzhou Amateur Football League for Expats several times.

Hours: 5 pm-3 am
Address: 363 Huanshi Dong Lu, near Baiyun Hotel
Tel: (020) 83593309