

GUIDE FOR FOREIGN EXPERTS IN GUANGZHOU



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Preface

Long known as the “Flower City”, Guangzhou is the largest metropolis in South China, affluent in historical and cultural heritage. As it stands today, Guangzhou enjoys a prosperous economy and dynamic changes in its cityscape, which is attributable to the outstanding contribution made by the foreign experts active in different fields in this vibrant city.

“A Guide for Foreign Expert’s Work & Life in Guangzhou” provides foreign experts with detailed information on what preferential policies are available for foreign experts, what certificates they need in order to work in Guangzhou, what procedures they have to go through in order to acquire necessary certificates and what common knowledge they need to know in order to live a fulfilling life in Guangzhou. It is our hope that this booklet that we have formulated can offer guidance to both employers and foreign experts, so that foreign experts can lead a fulfilling life and bring into full play their expertise in Guangzhou, a picturesque city with a most pro-business and pro-living environment.

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1. Certificates

1.1 Classification of Foreign Experts

Foreign expert who apply for a job in China shall observe laws and regulations of China, be healthy, and have no criminal record. In general, they are divided into the following categories:

(I) High-end Foreign Talents (Category A): High-end scientists, science and technology leading talents, international entrepreneurs, and experts of special talents who are needed in China's economic and social development and fulfil the demand, as well as talents who grade 85 points or more in the points-based system and meet the conditions for High-end Foreign Talents. High-end Foreign Talents are free from restrictions on quota, age, education background and work experiences, and they may apply for FWP with "green channel" services. The FWP granted to them will normally be valid for no more than 5 years.

(II) Foreign Professional Talents (Category B): Talents in line with the "Foreigners Employed in China Guide Catalog" and urgently needed in economic and social development, with a bachelor degree or above and 2 years and above related work experiences or obtaining 60 points or more in the points-based system, under the age of 60. If necessary, innovative and entrepreneurial talents, professional technical talents, outstanding foreign graduates, talents with points meeting the conditions for foreign professional talents in the points-based system, and personnel undertaking the intergovernmental agreements or accords may be entitled to more flexible restrictions on age, education background or work experiences, etc. Where there are provisions on specialized personnel and personnel for government projects, such provisions shall apply.

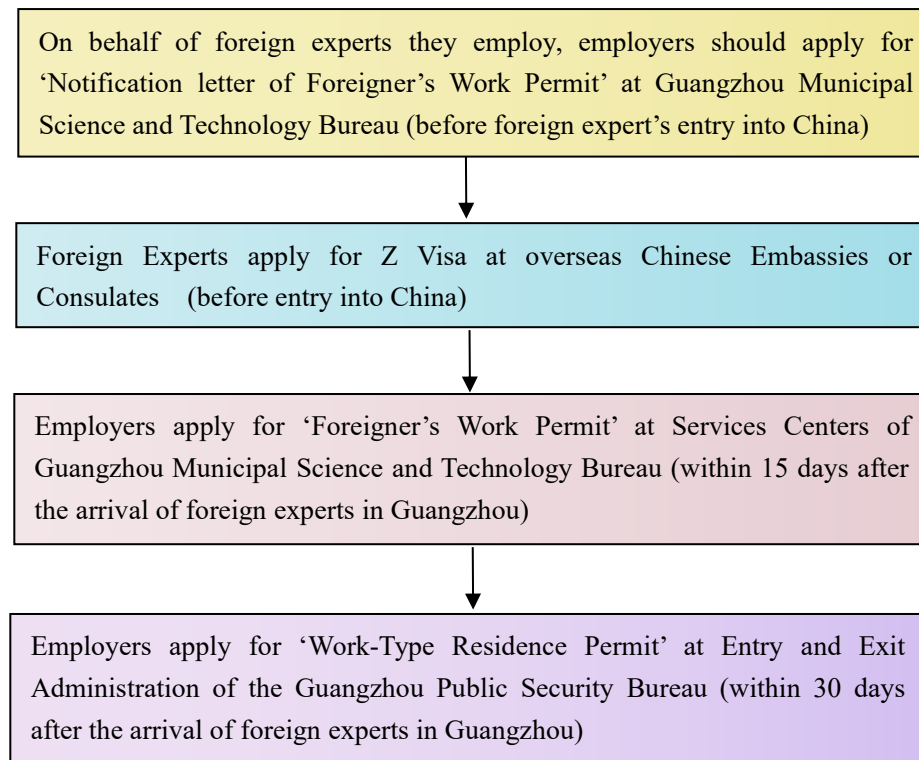
(III) Other foreigners (Category C): Foreigners employed to meet the demand of the domestic labor market in line with the state policies and regulations. They should be under the age of 60 and under the quota system management.

For details of the above categories, scan the QR Code below for the *Evaluation Criteria for Foreigners Employed in China (Trial)*.



1.2 Certificates Required for Foreign Experts to Work and Live in Guangzhou

Foreign Experts who are employed in Guangzhou should apply for the following certificates: Z Visa, Foreigner's Work Permit and Work-Type Residence Permit. The application procedures are as follows:



1.2.1 Foreigner's Work Permit

Foreign experts who are employed in the People's Republic of China shall apply for 'Foreigner's Work Permit'.

The application for 'Foreigner's Work Permit' is free of charge. If the applicant is qualified and can provide complete and authentic materials, the application process only takes five working days.



1) Applicant's Documents

The application should be filed by the employer of foreign experts

(I) Apply for Notification Letter of FWP before Entering China

1. Fill out an application form for 'Foreigner's Work Permit' (which could be filled in the The online application system for Foreigner's Work Permit website: <https://fuwu.most.gov.cn/lhgzweb/>);
2. Proof of work experiences and the translated version (provide 2 years and above of full-time work experiences related to the job currently applied for and it should be issued by the applicant's former employer);
3. Certificate of the highest academic degree or related approval document and certificate of professional qualification;
4. Certificate of no criminal record and the translated version (The certificate shall be issued in the last six months, for High-end Foreign Talents (Category A), the submission of a commitment letter shall be deemed as compliance with this article)
5. Physical Examination Certificate (issued in the last six months) or letter of Commitment
6. Employment contract or proof of employment (including the dispatch letter issued by a multinational employer); For a dispatch letter of non-Chinese language, the translated version should be provided.
7. The applicant's passport or international travel documents
8. A full-face photo of the applicant taken in the last 6 months
9. Relevant documents for the accompanying family members
10. Other documents

(II) Apply for FWP after Entering China

1. (Z or R) visa or valid residence permit held by the applicant
2. Contract (It should be provided if not submitted before entering China or if the salary for the applicant has changed; otherwise, no need to submit again)
3. Physical examination certificate (It should be provided if not submitted when applying for the Notification Letter of FWP.)

The Authorized medical examination institution: Guangzhou International Travel Health Care Center

Address: No. 207, Longkouxi Lu, Tianhe District, Guangzhou Telephone: 020-87537322

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

2) Accepting agency

Guangzhou Municipal Science and Technology Bureau (The application is filed by the employer through the “online application system for Foreigner’s Work Permit ” at <https://fuwu.most.gov.cn/lhgzweb/>)

Hotline: 020-12345

Service Centers

- Guangzhou Service Center of Foreigner's Work Permit (Huangpu District and Nansha District are not included)

Address: Counter 517-518, 5th Floor, No.61 Huali Rd, Zhujiang New Town, Tianhe District, Guangzhou

- Foreign-related Comprehensive Service Platform, Guangzhou Nansha Government Affairs Service Center (only for Nansha District)

Address: Counter 4-5, Comprehensive Service Platform for Foreign Affairs, Guangzhou Nansha Government Affairs Service Center, 1st Floor, No.1 Fenghuang Avenue, Nansha District, Guangzhou

- Service Center of Science and Technology Bureau of Huangpu District (only for Huangpu District)

Address: Counter 401-402, Zone A, 4th Floor, Government Affairs Service Center, No.3 Xiangxue 3rd Rd, Huangpu District, Guangzhou

1.2.2 Z Visa

Z Visa is the fundamental needed visa issued to foreigners who are to take up posts or employment in China by the Chinese visa authorities for entry or exit from the Chinese territory. Foreigners who are to take up posts or work in Guangzhou shall have their Z Visa handled overseas before making their entry into China.

1) Applicant’s Documents (For detailed application procedures, please consult visa authorities)

Applications should be filed by the foreign experts themselves

1. Passport with validity of at least six months
2. A completed visa application form
3. One recent passport sized photograph (one inch half-length, bareheaded and full-faced)
4. Proof of legal stay or residence (applicable to applicants who are not in their country of nationality)
5. Notification Letter of Foreigner’s Work Permit

6. Original Chinese passport or Chinese visa (applicable to those who once had Chinese nationality and then became a foreign nationality)

2) Transforming the category of visa

If they need to work in Guangzhou for a long period of time, foreign experts who come to Guangzhou with visa of travel or other categories (“L” or “F” visa) are required, in principle, to leave the territory of China and apply for a Z-type visa before making their re-entry into the territory of China.

3) Issuing Authority

Overseas Issuing Authority: Overseas Chinese embassies and consulates

1.2.3 Residence Permit

The employer can apply for ‘Residence Permit’ on behalf of the applicant. However, the first time of application for Residence Permit must be made personally. (The following information is subject to the promulgation by Exit-Entry Administration of Guangzhou Municipal Public Security Bureau.)



1) Applicant's Documents

- ◆ Original and photocopy of valid passport and visa;
- ◆ Fill out ‘Application Form for Visa, Residence Permit for Foreigners’
- ◆ one recent two-inch front-view photo with hat free and upper body with visa photo inspection note;
- ◆ ‘Registration Form for Temporary Residence of Overseas Personnel’ issued by Public Security Bureau at residential place;
- ◆ Original ‘Health Certificate’ issued by Exit and Entry Inspection and Quarantine Bureau of Guangdong Province (submitted by those who apply for the resident permit the first time and are under 70 years old);
- ◆ Reference Letter issued by employer;

- ◆ Certificate of Registration of the Employer in Guangzhou (the company logs in to the business application area of Guangzhou Golden Shield website www.gzjd.gov.cn and chooses "Foreign-related Units for Filing" for online filing)
- ◆ Other Documents related to the application:

A. Original and photocopy of Foreigner's Work Permit , Decision on Granting Administrative License or Foreign Expert Certificate or Employment Permit for Foreigners or Permit for Foreigners engaged in Offshore Oil Operations in the People's Republic of China, or approval documents approved by the Ministry of Culture and its authorized departments for performances (original documents need to be shown to the officer);

B. For those who did not received the work permit but have obtained the Notification Letter of Foreigner's Work Permit, submit the Notification Letter of Foreigner's Work Permit;

C. For those who enter China with other types of visas and need to apply for a work-type residence permit, they shall also provide documents that they are investment personnel or meet the requirements of high-level foreign talents and specialized talents in urgent need determined by the competent authorities of the Chinese government;

- ◆ Other supporting documents that the public security organ considers necessary.

2) Items to be Noticed

- ◆ In case of modification to items of 'Residence Permit' (such as residence cause, passport number, residential address, employer, accompanying persons etc.), the certificate holder shall handle modification procedure at Exit-Entry Administration of Guangzhou Municipal Public Security Bureau within 10 days;
- ◆ In case the relocation for 'Residence Permit', the certificate holder shall handle relocation procedure at Exit-Entry Administration of Public Security Bureau at moving-in or moving-out place within 10 days;
- ◆ Foreigner who terminates the job in Guangzhou for certain reasons shall, in a timely manner, hand in Foreigners' 'Residence Permit' at its cancellation and apply for relevant visa;
- ◆ Foreigners holding 'Residence Permit' can reside in China within the valid term of 'Residence Permit' and can also go into and outside territory of China for multi times;

3) Issuing Authority

Exit-Entry Administration of Guangzhou Municipal Public Security Bureau

Tel: 020-12345

Address: No.155 Jiefang Nanlu, Guangzhou

Website: <http://gaj.gz.gov.cn/>

1.3 Notices on Leaving Guangzhou

Foreign Experts shall hand in and nullify the ‘Foreigner’s Work Permit’ issued during their employment in Guangzhou to the issuing authority before leaving Guangzhou. If one intends to migrate to the other city within the territory of China, he or she shall apply a new ‘Foreigner’s Work Permit’ at local Science and Technology Bureau.

2. Preferential Policies

2.1 The National Friendship Award

2.1.1 Award Background

The National Friendship Award constitutes the highest national award granted by the Chinese government to foreign experts working in China. This annual award is conferred to foreign experts working in China as a token of recognition of the outstanding contributions they make to the development of China in society, economy, technology, education and culture and to the cultivation of high-caliber personnel in China. This is the highest honor given by the Chinese government to foreign experts who make great contribution to China.

2.1.2 Requirements

- ◆ Foreign experts who have made outstanding contribution to the socio-economic development of China in various fields or have demonstrated the great spirit of selflessness, with a good reputation and strong social influence (excluding residents in Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan and Chinese nationals who reside overseas)
- ◆ Representatives of foreign organizations that have played a big role in facilitating Sino-foreign exchanges and cooperation in the realms of economy, science & technology, culture, education and sport, in particular foreign organization representatives who have made important contribution to China's economic transformation and upgrading and innovation in social management.
- ◆ Foreign experts who are qualified to claim Foreign Experts Certificate should possess this award in principle.
- ◆ Foreign experts who have won friendship awards at the provincial and ministerial levels and have never been granted the National Friendship Award (Foreign experts who have won the National Friendship Award are not allowed to apply for this award again).

2.2 High-end Foreign Experts Project

2.2.1. Policy intent

- ◆ High-end Foreign Experts Project (National Project) is a foreign expert introduction program led by the Ministry of Science and Technology. It supports foreign scientists and national science and technology programs, and focuses on introducing scientists, leading talents, entrepreneurs, humanities and social science experts, young innovative talents, innovation teams, and various urgently needed talents.

2.2.2 Declaration conditions

- ◆ Applicants: enterprises, research institutes, universities and other legal entities established in China according to law.
- ◆ Candidates for foreign experts or teams must meet one of the following basic requirements:

- a. Experts and scholars with titles equivalent to associate professor or above in famous universities and research institutes abroad;
- b. Professional and technical personnel and management personnel holding senior positions in internationally renowned enterprises and institutions;
- c. Innovative and entrepreneurial talents with independent intellectual property rights or core technologies;
- d. The country is in urgent need of other high-level foreign experts and young talents.(For details, refer to the declaration guidelines issued that year.)

2.2.3. Funding methods

- ◆ Selected projects of the "High-end Foreign Experts Project" will be subsidized by the state in accordance with international travel expenses, salaries, living expenses and inter-city transportation expenses.

2.2.4. Application channels

- ◆ To apply for the High-end Foreign Experts Project through the project Management Information System for Foreign Experts (website: <http://ceps.safea.gov.cn>).

2.3 Recognition of foreign and high-level talents from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan in Guangdong Province

2.3.1. Qualifications

- ◆ Foreign and Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan high-level talents working in The administrative region of Guangzhou who meet one of the following conditions could be recognized as high-level talents;
- ◆ Winners of well-known awards or selected candidates of high-level talent plan;
- ◆ Well-known experts and scholars;
- ◆ High-level innovation and entrepreneurship talents;
- ◆ Other talents with special expertise are urgently needed in Guangzhou.

2.3.2. Identification documents

- ◆ Fill in the registration Form of Foreign High-level Talents Qualification, and the employer shall give opinions and stamp it with official seal;
- ◆ A copy of the applicant's valid passport or other international travel documents;
- ◆ Relevant materials proving that he/she belongs to foreign high-level talents;
- ◆ Other personnel with special expertise should submit certification materials of special technology and skills for the talents in urgent need, and recommending departments to submit certification materials of talents in urgent need;
- ◆ Other necessary certification materials.

2.3.3. Application channels

- ◆ Apply on line in the Guangdong Provincial Science and Technology Business Management Sunshine Government Platform (website:<http://pro.gdstc.gov.cn/>, referred to as "provincial sunshine government affairs platform") . Relevant acceptance and identification do not need to submit paper materials on site and do not need to pay any fees.

2.3.4. Recognition procedures

- ◆ Accepts application and identified by Guangzhou Municipal Bureau of Science and Technology (Guangzhou Foreign Experts Bureau) in the provincial sunshine government platform, those who successful recognized will be issued a "Foreign High-level Talent Confirmation letter of Pearl River Delta Independent Innovation Demonstration Zone 9 cities and Jieyang Sino-German Metal Eco-City "; In case of disqualification, a "Notice of Rejection" shall be issued to inform the reasons.

Apply for permanent residence

- ◎ Apply for a letter of recommendation from municipal Government for permanent residence

For recognized high-level foreign talents who need to apply for permanent residence in China, the applicant can submit the Letter of Recommendation together with the application for confirmation. After receiving the applications, Guangzhou Municipal Science and Technology Bureau shall report the qualified applications to Guangzhou Municipal Government for examination and approval on a quarterly basis according to the actual situation. After the approval of the Guangzhou Municipal Government, the Guangzhou Municipal Science and Technology Bureau will send the Letter of Recommendation for Permanent Residence in China for High-level Foreign Talents from 9 Cities in Pearl River Delta Independent Innovation Demonstration Zone and Jieyang Sino-German Metal Eco-City to the Exit and Entry Administration Department of the Municipal Public Security Bureau, and inform the employers at the same time.

- ◎ Recommended by the employer for permanent residence

Foreign high-level talents recognized by Guangzhou Science and Technology Bureau can apply for permanent residence in China after working in Guangzhou for 3 years upon the recommendation of their employers, and the time limit for examination and approval will be further shortened.

2.4 Confirmation letter of High-level Foreign Talents

2.4.1. Scope of application

High-level and urgently needed talents in China's economic and social development who meet the conditions for High-end Foreign Talents (Category A) set forth in the Evaluation Criteria for Foreigners Employed in China (Trial), as well as high-end scientists, science and technology

leading talents, international entrepreneurs, special talents and high-skilled talents fulfilling the demand, may apply for the Confirmation Letter for High Level Foreign Talents and may apply for the Talent Visa (R visa) with the Confirmation Letter for High Level Foreign Talents.

2.4.2. Application process and website

The employer logs in to the System (<https://fuwu.most.gov.cn/lhgzweb/>), select “Confirmation Letter for High Level Foreign Talents” and fill in relevant information truly and correctly. The application decision will be made in five working days.

2.4.3. Application documents

- ◆ Application Form for Confirmation Letter for High Level Foreign Talents;
- ◆ Invitation Letter or work contract (including project contract and cooperation agreement);
- ◆ Applicant's passport or international travel document;
- ◆ Proof for meeting the conditions for Category A set forth in the Evaluation Criteria for Foreigners Employed in China (Trial) .

Tips:

◎ An R visa is valid for 5 to 10 years and allows multiple entries for up to 180 days at a time. The spouse and minor children of R visa holders can also enjoy the same stay duration and obtain a visa with a validity period of 5-10 years and multiple entry convenience.

◎ People holding R visa who intent to work in China still need to apply for Foreigner's Work Permit and Residence Permit.

◎ Holders of R visa with a stay of no more than 180 days are not necessary to apply for work-type residence permit. If stays longer than 180 days, please apply for Foreigner's Work Permit and Work-type Residence Permit.

2.5 Financial Subsidies under Preferential Individual Income Tax (IIT) Policies in Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Foreign High-end Experts)

2.5.1. Application criteria

Overseas high-end talents who have worked or started their own business in the administrative area of Guangzhou in the previous year and have paid individual income tax in Guangzhou according to law and meet relevant conditions can apply for financial subsidies under the preferential individual income tax policies of Guangzhou in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

2.5.2. Subsidy standards

The amount of individual income tax paid by the applicant in Guangzhou in the previous year (From January 1 to December 31 of the Gregorian calendar) exceeds the tax amount computed at 15% of their taxable income. (For more details, refer to the *Measures of Guangzhou for Administration of Financial Subsidies under Preferential Individual Income Tax (IIT) Policies in Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.*)

2.5.3. Application conditions

To apply for financial subsidies under the Individual Income Tax Preferential Policy in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, the following conditions should also be met:

- ◆ Status Requirements: Applicants should be foreign nationals, permanent residents of Hong Kong and Macao, Hong Kong residents who have obtained Hong Kong Entry Scheme (talents, professionals and entrepreneurs), Residents of Taiwan region, returnees and overseas Chinese who have obtained long-term residence right abroad.
- ◆ Talent requirements: personnel who are in the Catalogue of Overseas High-end Talents in Guangzhou and Catalogue of Overseas Critically-lacking Talents in Guangzhou (For more details, refer to the *Measures of Guangzhou for Administration of Financial Subsidies under Preferential Individual Income Tax (IIT) Policies in Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.*)
- ◆ Working conditions: The applicant holds or is employed by enterprises or other organizations registered in Guangzhou, or provides independent personal services in Guangzhou, and has worked in Guangzhou for at least 90 days in total during the tax year, and has paid individual income tax in Guangzhou according to law.
- ◆ Honesty: The applicant within three years prior to application for financial subsidies, there is no significant tax illegal act, not false, collecting, fraud, appropriation of financial capital and violation of research ethics, research integrity, such as dishonest behavior, not included in the faithless person subjected to execution, criminal punishment or not to accept the order to suspend production or business license, or license administrative penalties, large amount of fines and other major illegal behavior.; and the applicant shall not bear direct or primary responsibility for the above acts or records of the withholding agent, nor act as the legal representative or person in charge of the withholding agent.

2.5.4. Procedures

The procedures for applying for financial subsidies of individual income tax preferential policies in GBA are as follows: Individual income tax inquiry - Account registration - Application accepted- Department approval - Granting subsidies. There is no charge for processing subsidy applications.

※ Handling authority

Guangzhou Municipal Science and Technology Bureau (Guangzhou Foreign Experts Bureau) is responsible for accepting, reviewing and distributing financial subsidies.

2.6 Foreigner's Permanent Resident Permit

2.6.1 Requirements for Application

Foreigners applying for permanent residence in China must abide by Chinese laws, be in good health and without any criminal record, and must meet at least one of the following requirements:

- ◆ Having made direct investment in China with stable operation and a good tax paying record for three successive years;
- ◆ Having been holding the post of deputy general manager, deputy factory director or above or of associate professor, associate research fellow and other associate senior titles of professional post or above or enjoying an equal treatment, for at least four successive years, with a minimum period of residence in China for three cumulative years within four years and with a good tax paying record;
- ◆ Having made a great and outstanding contribution to and being specially needed by China;
- ◆ Being the spouse or unmarried child under 18 years old of a person with reference to the above three items;
- ◆ Being the spouse of a Chinese citizen or of a foreigner with permanent residence status in China, in a marriage relationship for at least five years, with at least five successive years of residence in China and at least nine months of residence in China each year, and having stable source of subsistence and a dwelling place;
- ◆ Being an unmarried person under 18 years old turning to his parent; or
- ◆ Being a person who is or above 60 years old, who has no direct relative abroad and is to turn to any directive relative in China, and has stayed in China for at least five successive years with at least nine- month residence in China each year, and has stable source of subsistence and a dwelling place.

The periods of time in the above-mentioned requirements mean the successive ones till the date of application.

2.6.2 Application Documents

- ◆ Fill in the Form of Application for Foreigner's Permanent Residence in China in triplicate;
- ◆ Submit 4 recent positive bareheaded blue color photos (specification: 48*33mm) of the qualified applicant;
- ◆ Applicant's valid passport and visa;
- ◆ Certificate of non-criminal record certified by Chinese embassy or consulate abroad (all countries or regions that have resided for more than 2 years must submit the certificate, the certificate must be certified by Chinese embassy or consulate abroad, and the certificate should be issued within 6 months before the date of application);

- ◆ Health certificate issued by the health and quarantine department designated by the Chinese government or issued by a foreign health and medical institutions certified by the Chinese embassy or consulate (the certificate should be issued within 6 months before the date of application date);
- ◆ Resume of applicant (from 18 years old to present with consecutive years and months). If the applicant has ever held Chinese nationality, he/she should explain in detail how he/she has acquired the right of permanent residence in a foreign country and how he/she has become a foreign nationality. He/she should also submit his/her residence qualification certificate, naturalization certificate, passport of the People's Republic of China used for naturalization, hukou cancellation certificate and other supporting documents.
- ◆ Other documents related to the purpose of application.

2.6.3 Issuing Authority

Exit-Entry Administration of Guangzhou Municipal Public Security Bureau

Tel: 020-12345

Address: No.155 Jiefang Nanlu, Guangzhou

Website: <http://gaj.gz.gov.cn/>

3. Practical Information

3.1 Individual Income Tax

During employment in Guangzhou, foreign experts shall pay individual income tax according to law. Currently, the tax-free income threshold for foreign experts is RMB 5000 Yuan, with the extra income above this income level applicable to the tax rate. (For details, please contact Foreign Affairs Division of Guangzhou Local Taxation Bureau)

Relevant Authority: State Administration of Taxation Guangzhou Tax Bureau

Tel 020-12366

3.2 Social Insurance

Foreigners, including foreign experts working within the territory of China shall participate in the basic old-age insurance for employees, basic medical insurance for employees, work injury insurance, unemployment insurance and maternity insurance in accordance with the *Social Insurance Law of the People's Republic of China* and *Interim Measures for Social Insurance System Coverage of Foreigners Working within the Territory of China* (Decree No. 16 of the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security of the People's Republic of China), with the employers and the persons in question paying social insurance contributions as prescribed. By so doing, the persons in question can enjoy treatments pertaining to social insurance. The employer who hires foreign experts shall process social insurance registration at the authorized bank branches.

Relevant Authority: Guangzhou Human Resources and Social Security Bureau

Tel: 020-12333

3.3 Medical Care

Guangzhou offers a well-developed medical care network, which consists of multi-clinic hospitals and specialist hospitals located at each administrative district. The following are some of the multi-clinic and specialist hospitals in Guangzhou.

Multi-clinic Hospitals:

The First Affiliated Hospital of Sun Yat-sen University

Address: No.58 Zhongshan Erlu

Tel: 020-87755766, 020-87332200

Website: <http://www.fahsysu.org.cn>

Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hospital, Sun Yat-sen University

Address: No.107 Yanjiang Xilu, Guangzhou

No.33, Yingfeng Road, Haizhu District, Guangzhou

Tel: 020-81332199

Website: <http://www.syshospital.com/home>

Guangdong Provincial People's Hospital

Address: No. 106 Zhongshan Erlu, Guangzhou

Tel: 020-83827812

Website: <http://www.gdghospital.org.cn>

Guangzhou First Municipal People's Hospital

Address: No.1, Panfu Lu, Guangzhou

Tel: 020-81048888

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

Specialist Hospitals:

Zhongshan Ophthalmic Center of Sun Yat-sen University of Medical Sciences

Address: No.54, Xianlie Nanlu, Yuexiu District, Guangzhou

No.7 Jinsui Lu, Tianhe District, Guangzhou

Tel: 020-66607666

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

Guanghua Stomatological Hospital of Sun Yat-sen University of Medical Sciences

Address: No.56 Lingyuan Xilu, Yuexiu District, Guangzhou

No.3 Dongpuda Lu, Tianhe District, Guangzhou

2F, Jinbintengyue Building, No.49 Huaxia Lu, Tianhe District, Guangzhou

Tel: 020-83863002

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

Guangzhou Cancer Hospital

Address: No.78 Hengzhigang, Yuexiu District, Guangzhou

Tel: 020-66673666

Website: <http://www.gzcancer.com/cn/index.aspx>

Guangzhou Women and Children's Medical Center

Address: 9 Jinsui Lu, Zhujiang New Town, Tianhe District, Guangzhou

Tel: 020-87036039

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

3.4 Children's Schooling

Children of foreign experts in China can go to the nearest school.

China's current educational system: compulsory education for 9 years, high school education for 3 years, junior college education for 2-3 years, undergraduate education for 4 to 5 years, master's education for 2 to 3 years, doctorate postgraduate education lasts 3-4 years. Each academic year is divided into two semesters of approximately 21 weeks each. The first semester starts on September 1 and lasts until mid-January of the following year; the second semester starts in mid-February and lasts until early July. There are cold and summer holidays for about 10 weeks each year.



A List of Schools for the Children of Foreign Experts in Guangzhou

The British School of Guangzhou

Address: No. 983-3 Tonghe Lu, Guangzhou

Zip Code: 510515

Tel: (8620) 87094788

Website: www.bsg.org.cn

American International School of Guangzhou

Address: No. 3, Yanyu Nanjie, Er'sha Island, Yuexiu District, Guangzhou (Kindergarten to Grade Five)

Address: No. 19, Kexiang Lu, Luogang District, Guangzhou(Grade Six to Grade Twelve)

Zip Code: 510105 (Kindergarten to Grade Five)

Zip Code: 510663(Grade Six to Grade Twelve)

Tel: (8620) 87353392(Kindergarten to Grade Five)

Tel: (8620) 32135555(Grade Six to Grade Twelve)

Website: www.aisgz.org

Japanese School of Guangzhou

Address: No.10, Fengxin Lu, , Guangzhou Science City, Guangzhou

Zip Code: 510663

Tel: (8620) 61397023

Website: jsgcn.com

OISCA Guangzhou JAPANESE KINDERGARTEN

Address: No.10, Fengxin Lu, , Guangzhou Science City, Guangzhou\

Zip Code: 510663

Tel: (8620) 61397023

Guangzhou Grace Academy

Address: Complex A and B, Wanxingwei, Jushu Village, Dashi Town, Panyu District, Guangzhou

Postcode: 511431

Tel: (8620) -84500180

Website: www.ggagga.net

Affiliated School of JNU for Hong Kong and Macao Students

Address: 18 Huilong Lu, Longdong Sub-district, Tianhe District, Guangzhou

Postcode: 510520

Tel: (8620)87085090

Utahloy International School Guangzhou

Address: No.800, Shatai Beilu, Baiyun District, Guangzhou

Zip Code: 510515
Tel: (8620) 87202019
Website: www.utahloy.com/gz

Utahloy International School Zengcheng
Address: Dapuwei Village, Zengjiang Sub-district, Zengcheng District, Guangzhou
Postcode: 511325
Tel: (8620) 82913201
Website: www.utahloy.com/zc/

광저우한국학교/Guangzhou Korean School
Address: 6 Xinghai lu, Shilou Town, Panyu District, Guangzhou
Postcode: 511447
Tel: (8620) 39298661
Website: www.gks.or.kr

ISA International School of Guangzhou
Address: Block C2-2, Redtory, 128 Yuancun Siheng Lu, Tianhe District, Guangzhou
Postcode: 510655
Tel: (8620) 88900909
Website: www.isagzth.com

Canadian International School of Guangzhou
Address: 122 Dongyi Lu, Panyu District, Guangzhou
Postcode: 511400
Tel: (8620) 39939920
Website: www.cisgz.com

BASIS International School Guangzhou
Address: 8 Jiantashan Lu, Guangzhou Guangzhou Science City, Huangpu District, Guangzhou
Postcode: 510663
Tel: (8620) 37781086
Website: bigz.basischina.com

Britannia International School Guangzhou
Address: 4 Chuangjia Lu, Jinshazhou, Baiyun District, Guangzhou
Postcode: 510168
Tel: (8620) 66606886
Website: www.bisgz.com

ISA Science City International School
Address: 66 Yushu Nanlu, Huangpu District, Guangzhou
Postcode: 510700
Tel: (8620) 37362580

Website: www.isagzsc.com

3.5 Safety

3.5.1 Security

1. Foreigners staying in hotels or guesthouses shall present their original identity documents to the hotel staff and register for temporary accommodation as required.
2. Foreigners visiting hotels or guesthouses shall register their visits as required.
3. Drug use, prostitution, whoring and fighting are all violations of Chinese law.

3.5.2 Emergencies

Foreigners who are involved in traffic accidents or emergencies shall call the following numbers for help promptly. The police and emergency centers are able to handle calls in English.

Police: 110

Fire: 119

Ambulance: 120

Traffic accident: 122

Police stations and duty points could be found in all sub-districts and busy roads of Guangzhou. The police stations are on duty and police cars patrolling 24 hours a day to deal with requests for help and perform the tasks assigned by 110 police hotline.

3.5.3 Legal Disputes

(I) Legal services

If foreign nationals, foreign enterprises and organizations need lawyers to provide non-litigation legal services in Guangzhou, they shall entrust lawyers with practicing licenses of lawyers of the People's Republic of China to represent them. The representative offices of foreign law firms in Guangzhou and their representatives can only engage in activities not involving Chinese legal affairs. If foreign nationals, foreign enterprises and organizations go to the people's court to sue or respond to lawsuits, they may entrust persons from their home country as agents ad litem, or they may entrust lawyers from their home country to act as agents ad litem as non-lawyers; If they need to entrust a lawyer to represent the lawsuit, they must entrust a lawyer of the People's Republic of China.

Guangzhou Lawyers Association

Address: 9F, South Tower, Yuexiu City Plaza, 437 Dongfeng Zhonglu, Yuexiu District, Guangzhou

Tel: 020-83550600

Website: <http://www.gzlawyer.org>

Legal Service Office for Foreigners of Dengfeng Sub-district, Yuexiu District

Address: 7-9 Tongxin Lu, Guangzhou

Tel: 020-83508274

(II) Legal aid

According to the relevant provisions of the Criminal Procedure Law of the People's Republic of China, for foreign and stateless criminal suspects and defendants who are blind, deaf or dumb, or mental patients who have not completely lost the ability to identify or control their behaviors and have not entrusted defenders; and foreign and stateless criminal suspects and defendants who may be sentenced to life imprisonment or death penalty and have not entrusted defenders, the people's courts, people's procuratorates and public security organs shall notify legal aid institutions to appoint lawyers to provide criminal defense for them. After receiving the notice, the legal aid institution will appoint lawyers to provide free legal aid services for criminal defense for the foreign or stateless criminal suspects or defendants. Documents and supporting materials to be submitted by the applicant are as follows:

1. Passport or other valid identity certificates, the proxy applicant shall also submit power of attorney proof;
2. Proof of family financial difficulty;
3. Case materials related to the legal aid matters applied for.

Guangzhou Legal Aid Center

Address: 42 Cangbian Lu, Yuexiu District, Guangzhou

Tel: 020-83562631

(III) Settling commercial and maritime disputes through mediation

In case of disputes in trade, investment, finance, securities, intellectual property rights, technology transfer, real estate, engineering project contracting, transportation, insurance and other commercial and maritime fields, mediation can be adopted on the basis of voluntariness of both parties to the dispute. Mediation shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the contract, laws, international practices and the principles of objectivity, impartiality, fairness and reasonableness, so as to promote mutual understanding and accommodation between the parties and reach a settlement. The Mediation Center of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade/China Chamber of International Commerce and its branches all have their own lists of mediators for the parties to designate in their cases.

China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, Guangdong Mediation Center of China Chamber of International Commerce

Address: 1F Guangdong Huaxin Center, 450 Huanshidong Lu, Guangzhou, Guangdong

Tel: 020-87617779

(IV) Resolving commercial and maritime disputes through arbitration

Contract disputes and other property rights and interest disputes involving foreigners in China, including disputes arising from foreign-related economic and trade, transportation and maritime affairs, may be arbitrated. Disputes over marriage, adoption, guardianship, maintenance and inheritance shall be handled by administrative organs according to law. When the parties settle disputes by arbitration, they shall reach an arbitration agreement voluntarily. Arbitration adopts the system of final ruling. After the award is made, if the parties apply for re-arbitration or bring a lawsuit to the people's court for the same dispute, the Arbitration Commission or the people's court will not accept it.

Guangzhou Arbitration Commission

Address: 12-4F, Building C, Jiangwan Hotel, 298 Yanjiang Zhonglu, Yuexiu District, Guangzhou

Tel: 020-83287919

Website: <http://www.gzac.org>

3.6 Communications, Banking, Post and Telecommunications Services

3.6.1 Telecommunications and mobile communications

Generally, you may use the telephone in the guest room to make International Direct Dialing (IDD) calls. In addition to the telecommunications fees, the hotels will charge an additional service fee of about 10% - 15% . You may directly make international and domestic long-distance calls using an IP phone card or a prepaid card bought in stores on a public telephone. To apply for telephone and broadband Internet services, please call telecom operators at 10000 (China Telecom) or 10050 (China Railway Signal & Communication), or visit the operators' business outlets. Internet services are also available in hotels' guest rooms and business centers, and Internet cafes. Guangzhou has two mobile communication networks, GSM and CDMA, which provide wireless Internet services.

For details, please visit the operators' business outlets or call 10086 (China Mobile) or 10010 (China Unicom) and 10000 (China Telecom)

3.6.2 Banking services

You may open an account at any bank in Guangzhou with your valid passport and other relevant materials to handle deposits and withdrawals. You can exchange your RMB income legally obtained during working in Guangzhou into foreign exchange and remit it abroad by presenting tax vouchers and relevant certification materials to the bank that accepts foreign exchange business. (For more information, go to your nearest bank.)

Hotels above three stars can provide foreign currency exchange service for RMB. Guangzhou star hotels, some restaurants, large department stores and supermarkets can use overseas credit cards to pay.

A list of some banks in Guangzhou:

Bank of China



7*24 Hotline: 95566

Industrial and Commercial Bank of China



7*24 Hotline: 95588

China Construction Bank



7*24 Hotline: 95533

Agricultural Bank of China



7*24 Hotline: 95599

3.6.3 Postal Service

The Post and Telecommunications Bureau has a city-wide service network. The Bureau is open seven days a week, and operates the collection and delivery of international/domestic letters, parcels, express mails and international business letters, telegraphs, telephones and telexes. In addition, some Postal Saving Bank provide services such as postal savings, remittances, and telegraphic remittances. There are green post boxes on the sides of the main road for people to post domestic and international letters.

3.7 How to Apply for Driver's License in Guangzhou?

3.7.1 Relevant regulations:

- ◆ Holder of overseas Motor Vehicle Driver's License who complies with application conditions in 'Regulations on Application and Use of Motor Vehicle Driver's License' can apply for Motor Vehicle Driver's License for corresponding vehicle type allowed for driving. The applicant shall make application at local residence place.
- ◆ Holder of overseas Motor Vehicle Driver's License who applies for Motor Vehicle Driver's License shall go through Item One for an Examination, and applicant for Motor Vehicle Driver's License for vehicle type allowed for driving such as coach, trailer towing vehicle, medium bus, and large truck shall also go through Item Three for an Examination.
- ◆ Foreigners holding overseas motor vehicle driving licenses shall, if they have residence certificates, apply for motor vehicle driving licenses to the vehicle administration offices in the places where the residence certificates are issued; those without residence certificates but holding valid visas or stay certificates shall apply for motor vehicle driving licenses to the vehicle administration offices in the places where the public security organs issue residence registration certificates.

(* Overseas driving license must be a valid non-temporary driving license with independent driving qualification. If there is a temporary driving license or driving restriction conditions, it cannot be applied.)

The personnel from foreign embassy and consulate stationed in China and personnel from representative offices stationed in China for international organizations who apply for Motor Vehicle Driver's License shall have Motor Vehicle Driver's License released according to the diplomacy principle of reciprocity. (At present, China has meet mutual recognition and replacement of driving licenses with the United Arab Emirates, Belgium and France, and signed the mutual recognition and replacement agreement with Serbia.)

3.7.2 Applicant's Documents:

- ◆ 'Application Form for Motor Vehicle Driver's License' (Provided by DMV, free of filling)
- ◆ The original and copy of the applicant's identity certificate. The identification certificate of a foreigner shall be his/her passport or other travel document, valid visa or residence permit with a stay period of more than three months, or "Permanent residence certificate of a Foreigner of the People's Republic of China", as well as a certificate of accommodation registration issued by a public security organ. Or the id cards of the staff of foreign embassies, consulates and representative offices of international organizations in China are valid id cards issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



- ◆ The "Certificate of physical Condition of motor vehicle driver" issued by a qualified medical institution at the county level or above by the army and regiment level (the "Certificate of physical condition of motor vehicle driver" will not be examined if the applicant is a staff member of foreign embassies, consulates and representative offices of international organizations in China).
- ◆ Original and copy of overseas motor vehicle driving license within the validity period (Chinese translation is required if it is recorded in a foreign language).
- ◆ four recently take one-inch, bareheaded, white background, and color front optical photos of the person's head and shoulders.
- ◆ In addition to the above requirements, the original and photocopy of the consular officer's certificate or public officer's certificate should be required for foreign consulates, consular staff and administrative staff in Guangzhou, and the photocopy or Chinese translation of the passport should have the signature of the responsible consular officer and the official seal of the consulate. At the same time, the foreign Affairs Office of Guangdong Provincial People's Government shall provide the "Business Notice of Handling all relevant documents of Consular Vehicles".

3.7.3 Address: Hall B of Guangzhou Public Security Bureau Traffic Police Detachment Vehicle Management, 1732 Huaguan Road, Tianhe District, Guangzhou.

3.7.4 Inquiry

Guangzhou Public Security Bureau: 110

Guangzhou Municipal Public Security Bureau Traffic Police Detachment: 020-83118400

Guangzhou Public Security Bureau Traffic Police Detachment Vehicle Management Office: 020-12345

(Note: If there is any change, please refer to the publication of DMV.)

3.8 Registration for Dog

When your dog is immunized against rabies and other epidemics in a legitimate animal clinic (or animal immunization institution) in the city, the institution will assist in the registration and uploading of relevant information. The procedures of information submitting, verification, approval, fee payment and receiving the dog registration certificate can be done through the 'Guangzhou Dog Raising Service' WeChat app or an animal clinic (animal immunization institution).

Scan to register your dog:



For problems or questions regarding dog registration, please call the service number: 400 073 1920 (service hours: 9:00-14:00, 14:00-18:00), or consult an animal service institution with immunization qualifications.



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Autumn (from late September to early December): It is advised to put on a sweater or a light jacket during this season. The average temperature is around 23℃ with 72% humidity.

Winter (from mid-December to late February): It is cool in winter. Sometimes it is necessary to put on a coat. The average temperature is 17℃ with 72% humidity.

4.4 History

It is a famous cultural city with a history of more than 2200 years. As early as in Zhou Dynasty, 9th century BC, there had been communication and interactions between the “Baiyue” people at Guangzhou and the people of Chu State, and thus originated the name “Chu Ting”, which was the earliest name of Guangzhou. In the 33rd year of the reign of Emperor Qin Shihuang (214BC), Qin unified Lingnan and set up Nanhai prefecture (capital was set up at “Panyu” in today’s location). In the year of 226, in order to strengthen the rule, Sun Quan decided to divide the original Jiaozhou into two parts - Jiaozhou and Guangzhou, and thus originated the name Guangzhou. When the municipal council was set up in 1921, Guangzhou appeared what it is like today.

4.5 Religious Culture

Guangzhou benefits from its abundant religious and cultural resources. Besides the great deal of historical relics, cultural relics and historical documents either in ancient folk deity belief, or in Buddhism, Taoism, Islam, Catholicism and Christianity, there are also some religious buildings, carvings and artworks made in modern time Guangzhou. The following are some of the religious venues in Guangzhou:

Religious Venues	Address	Phone Number
Buddhism		
Dafo Temple (Big Buddha Temple)	21 Huixin Zhongjie, Huifu Donglu, Yuexiu District	020-83393455
Guangxiao Temple	No.29 Guangxiao Lu	020-81088867
Hoi Tong Monastery	188 Nanhua Zhonglu, Haizhu District	020-84399172
Six Banyan Temple	No.87 Liurong Lu	020-83392843
Hualin Temple	31 Hualin Temple, Xiagiu Lu, Liwan District	020-81387849
Taoism		
Triple Origin Temple	No.11 Yingyuan Lu	020-83551548
Renwei Taoist Temple	22 Renwei Zumiao Qianjie, Pantang Lu, Liwan Distict	020-81705462
Wong Tai Sin Temple	Self-coded No.1, Huang Da Xia Jie, Baihua Lu	020-81561855
Guangzhou City God Temple	48 Zhongyou Dajie, Zhongshan Silu, Yuexiu District	020-83378036
Chunyang Taoist Temple	268 Ruikang Lu, Haizhu District	020-84189071

Catholicism		
Stone House (Roman Catholic Church)	No.56 Jiubu Qian, Yide Lu	020-83334180
Our Lady of Lourdes Church	No.14 Shamian Dajie	020-81217858
Christianity		
Dongshan Church	No.9 Sibeitongjin,	020-87776305
Henan Christian Church	23 Hongde Wuxiang, Hongde Lu, Haizhu District	020-84422935
Guangxiao Christian Church	29 Guangxiao Lu, Yuexiu District	020-81087837
Islam		
Haopan Mosque	378 Haopan Jie, Yuexiu District	020-81091123
Huaisheng Mosque (Guangta Mosque)	No.56 Guangta Lu, Yuexiu District	020-83333593
Islamic Prophet Tomb	No.901 Jiefangbei Lu, Yuexiu District	020-86692743

4.6 Catering & Cuisine

The saying, “Eating in Guangzhou” is famous in China. Cantonese Cuisine is one of the eight prevailing cuisines in China, featuring sophisticated raw material selection, fine processing, light flavor, changing with seasons, and high nutrition.

Light meal with tea is one of the most appealing features in Guangzhou diet. In Guangdong, people like enjoying tea with some light meal, such as Dim Sum, congee, rice noodle, noodle and some other refreshments.

Typical local snacks are also another highlight of Guangzhou diet. It includes fried food, congee, rice noodle and noodle, pastries and cakes, dessert, glutinous rice dumplings wrapped in bamboo leaves, and other snacks. The cooking method could be steaming, stir-frying, stewing and frying.



4.7 Shopping

Guangzhou is a famous business center in China, home to numerous stores, shopping malls, pedestrian streets, bazaars and flea markets.

The business hour of shops is usually from 10:00 am to 22:00 pm.

- Some shopping malls and pedestrian streets

Name	Address
TEEMALL	No. 208, Tianhe Lu, Tianhe District
Grandview Plaza	No. 228, Tianhe Lu, Tianhe District
Beijing Lu Pedestrian Street	Beijing Lu (near Zhongshan Wulu), Yuexiu District
Shangxiajiu Pedestrian Street	Shangjiu Lu, Xiajiu Lu and Dishipu Lu, Liwan District
The China Plaza	No. 33 (near Martyrs Park), Zhongshan Sanlu, Yuexiu District
G.T. Land Plaza	No. 85-87, Huacheng Dadao, Zhujiang New Town, Tianhe istrict



- Some bazaars and second hand good markets

Name	Address
Jade Wares Bazaar	Xinsheng Jie, Hualinxin Jie and Xilaizheng Jie, which are located between Changshou Xilu and Xiajiu Lu
Guangzhou Flower Exposition Garden	Longxi Dadao,
Guangzhou Flower Expo Park	Longxi Dadao
Guangzhou Liuhua Garment Wholesale Market	South Tower, Linhua Hotel, Liuhua Lu

Yide Lu Toys and gifts
wholesale market

Onelink International Plaza, Jiefangnan Road

4.8 Public Transportation

4.8.1 MTR Service

As of December, 2021, MTR Line 1, MTR Line 2, MTR Line 3 (including the northern extension of Line 3), MTR Line 4, MTR Line 5, MTR Line 6, MTR Line 7, MTR Line 8, MTR Line 9, Line 13, Line 14 (including the Knowledge City Line), Line 18, Line 21, APM Line (Zhujiang New Town Automated People Mover) and Guangzhou-Foshan Metro Line. With a total of 290 stations (including 40 interchange stations), these lines are 589.4 kilometers long.

For the details of MTR timetable and other information, please log on to www.gzmtr.com



4.8.2 Bus Service

With no conductor onboard the bus in Guangzhou, passengers have to insert coins or slide “Yangchengtong” debit card themselves. The fare is usually RMB 2 Yuan for a single trip.

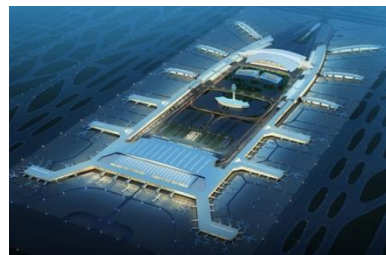
4.8.3 Taxi Service

The taxi fare in Guangzhou starting at RMB 12 Yuan is charged according to the meter with RMB 2.6 yuan for every kilometer. Taxi drivers and passengers are required to fasten a seatbelt.

4.8.4 Airline Services

Airport

Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport: Located at the junction of Renhe Town, Baiyun District, and Xinhua Town Huadu District, in the north of Guangzhou, about 28 kilometers away from the downtown of Guangzhou, it is one of the three International aviation hubs in China.



Notes to Passengers

To avoid check-in delay, you'd better arrive at the airport 90 minutes ahead. Check-in counter will be closed 45 minutes prior to your flight.

Due to differences in airlines rules, it is recommended that you arrive at the airport at least 2 hours ahead of domestic flights and international flights arrive at the airport 3 hours ahead of time. Arrive at least 45 minutes before departure for domestic flight and 75 minutes before departure for international flights the check-in will stop, please arrive early enough to the check-in counter for check-in and baggage delivery.

Free baggage allowance

Each passenger is allowed a free baggage allowance (including checked baggage and portable baggage) as prescribed below:

- ☐ 40 kg for each first-class passenger of both adult and child;
- ☐ 30 kg for each business/executive class passenger;
- ☐ 20 kg for each hospitality/economy class passenger;
- ☐ No free allowance for any infant passenger.

Excess baggage

Passengers shall pay for excess baggage fee for his or her overweight baggage. The excess rate is 1.5% of the economy class fare for each excess kilogram.

Portable Baggage

Each passenger is allowed to take portable baggage no more than 5 kg. For first-class passengers, each can bring along two standard pieces onboard. For the passengers of business or economy class, each can bring along only one standard portable baggage. The size of standard portable baggage cannot exceed 20cm×40cm×55cm. Any baggage exceeding the above limits in weight, number or size, should be checked. No passenger is allowed to go onboard with knives on the controlling list. Edge tools or blunt tools not on the controlling list will also have to be checked.

How to return a ticket?

It is required of you to bring your air ticket and relevant certificates when asking for a refund. As a rule, you shall pay the processing fee before having the refund.

If the passenger asks for returning a ticket 24 hours prior to the departure of the flight, he or she will be charged 5% of the fare as processing fee. If such request happens between less than 24 hours and 2 hours before the departure of the flight, the passenger will be charged 10% of the fare. If such request happens less than 2 hours before the departure of the flight, the passenger will be charged 20% of the fare. If such request is put forward after the departure of the flight, no refund will be granted.

Baiyun Airport customer service hotline

Tel : (8620) 96158

Website: <http://www.gbiac.net>

4.8.5 Railway Service

Guangzhou now has four railway stations: Guangzhou Railway Station, Guangzhou East Railway Station, Guangzhou South Railway Station and Guangzhou North Railway Station. From Guangzhou Railway Station, people can take train to Beijing, Shanghai, Wuhan and other destinations in Mainland China. From Guangzhou East Railway Station, people can take train to Kowloon of Hong Kong, Shenzhen and other destinations along Beijing-Kowloon Railway. Guangzhou South Railway Station serves as a transit station along the inter-city rail line of the Pearl River Delta and the starting station of the high-speed rail line.

Passenger trains from Guangzhou Station mainly go to cities such as Beijing, Shanghai, Wuhan, Chengdu, Chongqing, Guiyang, Lhasa, Urumqi, Nanning, Haikou, Xi'an, Yinchuan and Ningbo. Those from Guangzhou East Station mainly go to cities such as Hong Kong (Hung Hum), Shenzhen, Shantou, Meizhou, Xiamen, Harbin and Changchun, and some go to cities in East China (Beijing-Kowloon Railway), Beijing, Shanghai and other major cities; trains from Guangzhou South Railway Station are mainly high-speed EMU trains and Zhuhai Intercity EMU trains that reach the destinations within one day.

Passengers may log in to the China Railway Customer Service Center website at www.12306.cn or use “Railway 12306” App to buy or endorse a ticket or get a refund. These services are also available offline at the ticket offices in the railway stations. Additionally, passengers may buy an e-ticket using the self-service vending machines in the stations, or order a ticket by calling 95105105. E-tickets are available for sales at all sales agencies in Guangzhou.

Guangzhou Railway Customer Service Center customer hotline: 020-12306

4.8.6 Public Transportation between Guangzhou and Hong Kong

At present, people can go to Hong Kong from Guangzhou by taking express train, non-stop coach and airplane.

Guangzhou-Hong Kong Express Train

Guangzhou East Railway Station is the starting station of Guangzhou-Hong Kong Express Train, and Hong Kong Kowloon Hung Hom Station is the terminal station. The fare ranges from RMB 180 Yuan to RMB 230 Yuan. The earliest departure time is at 08:38 am, and the latest departure time is at 19:05 pm. The whole trip takes about 2.5 hours.

Guangzhou-Hong Kong Non-stop Coach

People can take Guangzhou-Hong Kong Non-stop Coach to Hong Kong downtown or Hong Kong New Airport at the following locations in Guangzhou: Guangzhou East Railway Station, Guangzhou Hotel, Dong Fang Hotel, Garden Hotel, and Marriott China Hotel Guangzhou. The fare is between HKD 100 and HKD 200. The entire trip takes about four hours.

4.8.7 Long-distance Coach Service

Urban areas, suburbs and railway stations in Guangzhou are equipped with long-distance bus passenger stations, leading to cities in the province, counties and towns and major areas of the country.

Long-distance Coach Terminals in Guangzhou

Coach Terminal	Address	Telephone
Guangdong Provincial Coach Terminal	No.147-149 Huanshi Xilu	86661297
Tianhe Coach Terminal	No.633 Yanling Lu, Tianhe District	37085070
Guangzhou East Coach Terminal	No.43 Yudongxi Lu, Tianhe District	87705008
Fangcun Coach Terminal	No.51 Huadi Dadao Zhong, Liwan District	81505555
Jiaokou Coach Terminal	No.533 Fangcun Dadao West	81546602
Luochongwei Coach Terminal	No.251-255 Zengcha Lu	81999065
Haizhu Coach Terminal	No. 182 Nanzhou Lu	84013330
Guangyuan Coach Terminal	No.283 Guangyuan Zhonglu	86376666

Guangzhou South Coach Terminal	No.6 Nanzhanbei Lu, Panyu District	39267219
Xiamao Coach Terminal	Xiamao, west to Guanghua Lu	86080955
Dongpu Coach Terminal	No.1011 Zhongshan Dadao Zhong	4008527627
Guangfo Coach Terminal	No.95 Zhongshanba Lu	81815490

4.9 Tourist Attractions

The Baiyun Mountain

The Baiyun Mountain has been known as the No.1 Mountain in Lingnan. It enjoys a reputation of the “First Beauty of the Ram City (Guangzhou)”. The highest peak – Moxingling -- is 382 meters high above sea level, well-reputed as “The First Peak under Southern Sky”. It covers an area of 30 square kilometers, with a greenery coverage rate of 95%. It is really a charming and fascinating place famous for its green trees, clean spring water, singing birds and fragrant flowers.

Yuexiu Park

The name of Yuexiu derives from the former site of Yuewang Terrace. Yuexiu Park is not only famous for its two landmark buildings—Five-ram Sculpture and Zhenhai Building, but also for its beauty of lakes and hillocks. Located between the two trunk roads—Huanshi Road and Dongfeng Road, it is the biggest comprehensive park of Guangzhou with coverage of 821,500 square meters.

The Pearl River

It is the mother river of Guangzhou. A 23-kilometer landscape corridor along the banks of the Pearl River has gradually taken shape and the water becomes cleaner and cleaner with each passing day. When the night is falling, the night view of the river is so beautiful and charming, the neon-illuminated Renmin, Jiefang, Haizhu, Jiangwan and Haiyin Bridges across the river look like five rainbows descending from the sky. The colorful lamps along the banks and wonderfully decorated buildings make a wonderful sight.

Chen Clan Academy

It was built in the sixteenth year (1890) of the reign of Guangxu Emperor of the Qing Dynasty and served as an academy for the Chen families in 72 counties of Guangdong Province. Lingnan architecture is best embodied in the buildings of Xiguan, the best representative of which is Chen Clan Academy. It includes all kinds of folk architectural and decorative arts and is famous for its “Three Carvings” (stone, wood and brick carvings), “Three sculptures” (ceramic sculpture, clay sculpture and colorful sculpture) and “One cast” (cast iron). Therefore, it is called the best of all the clan temples in Guangdong Province.

Lotus Mountain Resort

With the submit of 105 meters high above sea level and composition of 40 massifs, the Lotus Mountain is so called due to its graceful lotus-form stones. When you visit the Lotus Mountain Resort honored “Lotus Wonderland”, you will enjoy the landscape quite different from that of the Baiyun Mountain. It combines the ancient roughness with modern beauty. There is an ancient quarry site with a history of more than 2,000 years, which is famous for its stone wonders. The perilous cliffs and steep rocks and fantastic caves enjoy a fame of “Artificial Danxia Mountain”. On the top of the Lotus Mountain, time-honored historic sites will surely amaze and delight you, such as Lotus Pagoda built during the reign of Emperor Shenzong of the Ming Dynasty and Lotus Fortress built during the reign of Emperor Kangxi of the Qing Dynasty.

The Museum of the Nanyue King Mausoleum

With an overall floorage of over 174,000 square meters, the Museum of the Nanyue King Mausoleum mainly exhibits the original site of the Nanyue King Mausoleum and some 10,000 cultural relics excavated from the Mausoleum. Most notable among these cultural relics are the gold royal seal of the Nanyue King, the jade wine cup, the flower printing copper mold and the flat-glass copper plate. These cultural relics are of great historical, scientific and artistic value in the sense that they are important materials for the study of the political, economic and cultural conditions of Lingnan (Guangdong) 2,000 years ago. As one of the major archeological discoveries in China in the 1980s, the Nanyue King Mausoleum was listed as a national historical and cultural heritage site in 1996.

The Canton Tower

With a 450-meter-high body and a 150-meter antenna mast, this 600-meter-high tower constitutes the tallest television tower of the world, standing as an imposing testimony to Guangzhou’s global vision, irresistible appeal and pioneering spirit. Unique in its design and shape, the Canton Tower adds radiance to the Pearl River, standing upright as a shining landmark along the new city axis of Guangzhou.

HuaCheng Plaza

It is a plaza sited along the new city axis of Guangzhou, located to the south of Huangpu Dadao, to the east of Huaxia Lu, to the west of Xiancun Lu and to the north of Linjiang Dadao. The plaza is as much as 250 in width, covering a total area of approximately 560,000 square meters. Surrounding the plaza are an array of important venues, including Children’s Palace Guangzhou, Guangzhou Opera House, Guangzhou Library and Guangdong Museum.



5. Appendix

5.1 Chinese Statutory Festivals and Holidays

New Year's Day: one day off (January 1st)

Spring Festival (the Chinese Lunar New Year): three days off (Chinese New Year's Eve, Chinese New Year and the second day of Chinese New Year)

Tomb-sweeping Day: one day off (Qingming in lunar calendar)

May Day (Labor Day): one day off (May 1st)

Duanwu Festival (Dragon-boat Festival): one day off (Duanwu in lunar calendar)

Mid-autumn Festival: one day off (Mid-autumn in lunar calendar)

National Day: three days off (October 1st, 2nd and 3rd)

5.2 Useful Phone Numbers

National Immigration Administration Service Platform hotline: 12367

Guangzhou Multilingual Public Service Platform hotline: 960169

◇ Emergency telephone:

Police : 110

Police by MSG: 12110

Fire: 119

Ambulance: 120

Traffic accidents: 112

Public service emergency number:

Power supply emergency repair: 95598

Tap water emergency repair: 96968/81962288

Gas Emergency Repair: 96833

Cable TV repair hotline (Pearl River Online) : 969368

Inquiry Tel:

Yellow Page: 114

Government Service hotline: 12345

Legal Service Hotline: 12348

Weather Inquiry Hotline: 12121

Guangzhou health hotline: 12320

Guangzhou metro service hotline: 96891

Guangzhou Baiyun Airport service hotline: 96158

Exit and entry questions: 96897

Tourist Information Center: 86687051

◇ Suggestion Hotline:

Guangzhou Mayor's hotline: 12345

Customer complaint hotline: 12315

Urban Management Complaints hotline: 12319

◇ Bank Service Hotline:

Industrial and Commercial Bank of China: 95588

Agricultural Bank of China: 95599

China Construction Bank : 95533

Bank of China :95566

Bank of Communications :95559

◇ Postal & Communication Service Hotline:

China Post EMS: 11183

China Mobile: 10086

China Unicom: 10010

China Telecom: 10000

5.3 Channels to Access Latest Information

◆ Official Website of National Immigration Administration

<https://en.nia.gov.cn>

Official Website of General Administration of Customs, PRC

<http://english.customs.gov.cn/>

English Website of Guangzhou Municipal People's Government

<http://www.gz.gov.cn/guangzhouinternational>

◆ English website of Guangzhou Foreign Affairs Office

<http://www.eguangzhou.gov.cn>

◆ Invest in Guangzhou - Guangzhou Foreign Investment Promotion Platform

<http://www.investgz.org.cn/en/>

◆ China Daily website

<http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/>

◆ Newsgd

<http://www.newsgd.com/>

◆ Guangzhou Bendibao

<http://gz.bendibao.com/>

5.4 A List of Foreign Consulates in Guangzhou

Country Name/Date of Establishment	Address	Tel
USA 1979.08.31	No. 43, Huajiu Lu, Zhujiang New Town, Tianhe District	020-38145000
JAPAN 1980.03.01	The Garden Hotel, No.368, Huanshi Donglu, Yuexiu District	020-83343009
THAILAND 1989.02.12	No. 36 Youhe Lu, Chigang Consular Zone, Haizhu District	020-83858988-0
POLAND 1989.07.22	No. 63, Shamian Dajie, Liwan District	020-81219993
AUSTRALIA 1992.12.09	Floor 12, Development Center, No.3, Linjiang Dadao, Zhujiang New Town, Tianhe District	020-38140111
VIETNAM 1993.01.18	P01, 4F East Building, The Garden Hotel, No.368, Huanshi Donglu, Yuexiu District	020-83305911
MALAYSIA 1993.10.24	Room 1915-1918 19, CITIC Plaza, No.233, Tianhe Beilu, Tianhe District	020-38770765
GERMANY 1995.11.07	Floor 14, TEEMall Tower, No.208, Tianhe Lu, Tianhe District	020-83130121
UK 1997.01.14	Floor 22 Guangdong International Financial Center, No.5, Zhujiangxi Lu, Tianhe District	020-83143000
FRANCE 1997.04.24	Room 1901-1907 Central Tower, No.5, Xiancun Lu, Tianhe District	020-28292000
PHILIPPINES 1997.05.23	Room 706-712, Main Building, Guangdong International Hotel, No.339, Huanshi Donglu, Yuexiu District	020-83311461
NETHERLANDS 1997.09.15	Room 3401, TEEMall Tower, No.208, Tianhe Lu, Tianhe District	020-38132200
CANADA 1997.11.20	Floor 26, Buiding 1 Taikoo Hui, No. 385 Tianhe Lu, Tianhe District	020-86116100

CAMBODIA 1998.07.01	Room 804-808, East Tower, The Garden Hotel, No. 368, Huanshi Donglu, Yuexiu District	020-83879005
DENMARK 1998.09.23	Room 1578, Marriott China Hotel Guangzhou, Liuhua Lu, Yuexiu District	020-28297300
ITALY 1998.11.04	Room 1403, International Finance Place, No.8, Huaxia Lu, Zhujiang New Town, Tianhe District	020-38396225
KOREA 2001.08.28	No.18, Youlin Sanlu, Chigang Consulate Area, Haizhu District	020-29192999
INDONESIA 2002.12.12	Floor 38, Wanke Huancheng Center Plaza, No. 365 Tianhebei Lu, Tianhe District	020-86018772
SWISS 2005.10.10	Room 2701, 2705, 2706 Kingold Century, No. 62, Jinsui Lu, Tianhe District	020-38330450
BELGUIM 2005.12.20	Room 702, R&F Center, No.10 Huaxia Lu, Tianhe District	020-38772356
SINGAPORE 2006.04.13	Room 2418, CITIC Plaza, No.233, Tianhe Beilu, Tianhe District	020-38912345
CUBA 2006.11.08	Room 2411, West Tower, Huapu Plaza, No. 9, Huaming Lu, Zhujiang New Town, Tianhe District	020-22382603/04
NEW ZEALAND 2007. 04.26	Room 3006, Building 1 Taikoo Hui, No.385 Tianhe Lu, Tianhe District	020-89319600
RUSSIA 2007. 04.05	Room A, Floor 26, Development Center, Linjiang Dadao, Zhujiang New Town, Tianhe District	020-85185001
GREECE 2007.05.15	Room 2105, Skyfame Tower, No. 8, Linhe Zhonglu, Tianhe District	020-85501114
INDIA 2007.10.18	Room 1401-1404, Skyfame Tower, Linhe Zhonglu, Tianhe District	020-85501501— 05
AUSTRIA 2007.11.25	Room 1202, TEEMall Tower, No.208, Tianhe Lu, Tianhe District	020-85160047

NORWAY 2008.02.18	Room 1802, CITIC Plaza, Tianhe Beilu, Tianhe District	020-38113188
KUWAIT 2008.02.21	Room 10A – Room 10D, Zhonghe Plaza, Linjiang Dadao, Zhujiang New Town, Tianhe District	020-38078070
MEXICO 2008.04.25	Room 2001, TEEMall Tower, No.208, Tianhe Lu, Tianhe District	020-22081540
PAKISTAN 2008.06.27	Room 705 – Room 706, Guangsheng International Building, No.228, Tianhe Lu, Tianhe District	020-85505679
ISRAEL 2009.03.22	Floor 19, Development Center, No.3, Linjiang Dadao, Zhujiang New Town, Tianhe District	020-85130509
SPAIN 2009.06.14	Room 501, 502A, 507, 508 R&F Center, No. 10, Huaxia Lu, Zhujiang New Town, Tianhe District	020-38928909
ETHIOPIA 2009.06.14	Room 1712 R&F Yingxin Mansion, No. 28, Huaxia Lu, Tianhe District	020-38350575
ARGENTINA 2009.07.21	Room 2405-2406, TEEMall Tower, No.208, Tianhe Lu, Tianhe District	020-38880328
ECUADOR 2009.09.08	Room 1801, R&F Center, No.10, Huaxia Lu, Zhujiang New Town, Tianhe District	020-38927650-0
BRAZIL 2010.04.15	Room 1403, R&F Center, No. 10, Huaxia Lu, Zhujiang New Town, Tianhe District	020-83652236
CHILE 2010.12.29	Room 905, R&F Center, No.10, Huaxia Lu, Zhujiang New Town, Tianhe District	020-38928270
MALI 2011.07.18	Room 2201, Guangsheng International Building, No. 228, Tianhe Lu, Tianhe District	020-38330349
UGANDA 2011.08.15	Room 2812, Floor 28, R&F Yingxin Plaza, No.28, Huaxia Lu, Zhujiang New Town, Tianhe District	020-38686506
IRAN 2011.12.23	Room 8B1, Zhonghe Plaza, No. 57, Linjiang Dadao, Zhujiang New Town, Tianhe District	020-83278495
TURKEY	Room 23A, The Development Center, No. 3, Linjiang Dadao, Zhujiang New Town, Tianhe	020-37853093

2012.01.12	District	
SRI LANKA 2012.03.27	M02, The Garden Hotel, No. 368, Huanshi Donglu, Yuxiu District	020-83652857
UKRAINE 2012.05.30	Room 1407, CITIC Plaza, No. 233, Tianhe Beilu, Tianhe District	020-38773755
LAO 2013.09.23	Room 1103, Main Building of Guangdong International Hotel, No. 339, Huanshi Donglu, Yuxiu District	020-83340710
PERU 2013.10.02	Room 3201 Guangzhou International Financial Center, No.5,Zhujiangxi Lu, Tianhe District	020-66311810
KYRGYZSTAN 2014.04.08	Room 707 Guangsheng International Building, No.228, Tianhe Lu, Tianhe District	020-38013875
NIGERIA 2014.07.09	Room 902-903 Guangsheng International Building, No.228, Tianhe Lu, Tianhe District	020-85219781
COTE D'IVOIRE 2014.07.12	Room 1012 R&F Yingkai Mansion, No. 16, Huaxia Lu, Tianhe District	020-38368416
THE REPUBLIC OF CONGO 2014.08.15	Room 1212 R&F Yingkai Mansion, No. 16, Huaxia Lu, Tianhe District	020-87574052
COLUMBIA 2014.12.12	Room 3612 Guangzhou International Financial Center, No.5,Zhujiangxi Lu, Tianhe District	020-88834826
ANGOLA 2015.11.06	Unit 02, 6/F, Guangzhou International Trade Center, 1 Linhe Xilu, Tianhe District	020-85165411
QATAR 2015.11.10	Room 2601-2604 Central Tower, No.5, Xiancun Lu, Tianhe District	020-39499200
U.A.E. 2015.11.10	Room 2405-2407 Central Tower, No.5, Xiancun Lu, Tianhe District	020-85279857
ZAMBIA 2016.06.28	Room 505, Guangdong International Building, No.339 Huanshidong Lu, Yuxiu District	020-83772380
SAUDI ARABIA 2017.01.01	Room 2607-2612 Central Tower, No.5, Xiancun Lu, Tianhe District	020-36697666

SENEGAL 2017.03.06	Room 1404, Agile Center, No.26 Huaxia Lu, Tianhe District	020-89285457
NEPAL 2017.04.25	Room 2803R&F Yingkai Mansion, No. 16, Huaxia Lu, Tianhe District	020-87066400
SUDAN 2017.05.15	Room 2813-2814 R&F Yingtong Mansion, No. 30, Huaxia Lu, Tianhe District	020-89287942
PORTUGAL 2017.07.17	Room 3811 Guangzhou International Financial Center, No.5,Zhujiangxi Lu, Tianhe District	020-87581621
BELARUS 2017.12.29	Room 16A1, Development Center,No.3, Linjiang Dadao, Zhujiang New Town, Tianhe District	020-38332734/94
URUGUAY 2018.03.26	Room 502B, R&F Center, No.10 Huaxia Lu, Tianhe District	020-38617075
VENEZUELA 2018.10.26	Room 801Guangzhou International Financial Center, No.5,Zhujiangxi Lu, Tianhe District	020-22360608
GHANA 2019.03.04	Room 1701-1702 R&F Yingxin Mansion, No. 28, Huaxia Lu, Tianhe District	020-88522365
PANAMA 2019.04.01	Room 705 Guangzhou International Financial Center, No.5,Zhujiangxi Lu, Tianhe District	020-83627279
UZBEKISTAN 2020.06.30	ZB-1609, 16CD, Room 1601, Zhonghe Plaza, Linjiang Dadao, Zhujiang New Town, Tianhe District	020-87595247

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