



Guǎngdōng

POPULATION: 93 MILLION

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Best Places to Eat

- » Bǐngshèng Restaurant (p541)
- » Pànxi Restaurant (p541)
- » Fèng's Kitchen (p553)
- » Wílber's (p541)
- » Jīn Yuè Xuān (p559)

Best Places to Stay

- » White Swan Hotel (p541)
- » Orange House (p553)
- » Shēnzhèn Loft Youth Hostel (p555)

Why Go?

Often hiding under the traveller's radar, Guǎngdōng's interesting history and natural beauty have yet to be discovered by most visitors, so you may have a plethora of colourful sights to yourself. Away from the cities, northern Guǎngdōng (广东) boasts some unspoiled, undulating landscape. The blue pine forests in Nánlíng and the seldom-visited river valleys in Qīngyuǎn are absolutely stunning.

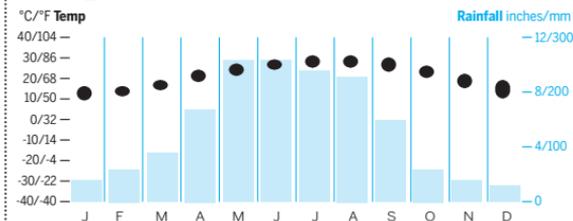
If it's architectural wonders you're after, Guǎngdōng also fits the bill nicely. The Unesco-crowned watchtowers in Kāipíng and the earthen Hakka roundhouses in Méizhōu will knock your socks off.

Historically, Guǎngdōng was the birthplace of reform and revolution, eventually changing the fate of modern China. On the highways and byways of the Pearl River Delta, you'll uncover the glory and sorrow of its revolutionary past.

Feeling peckish? The strong foodie culture here won't let you leave hungry – you can sample world-renowned dim sum prepared at its best.

When to Go

Guǎngzhōu



April–June Verdant paddy fields form a beautiful backdrop in the *diàolóu* villages in Kāipíng.

July–September Recharge your spirit in the lush, cool hill station in Nánlíng.

October–December With the typhoons and heat gone, this is the best time to visit the region.

Guǎngdōng Highlights

- 1 Indulge in abundant dining and shopping opportunities in **Guǎngzhōu** (p541)
- 2 Marvel at the World Heritage-listed watchtowers in **Kǎipíng** (p548)
- 3 Hike to lush waterfalls and verdant forests in **Nánlíng National Forest Park** (p553)
- 4 Join the Chinese pilgrims at **Dr Sun Yatsen Residence Memorial Museum** (p560)
- 5 Hone your grasp of the revolution era in the **Whampoa Military Academy** (p539)
- 6 Journey down the Běijāng River and to the secluded **Fèilǎi** and **Fèixiá** temples (p552)
- 7 Village-hop in **Méizhōu** (p564) and snap photos of lovely Hakka roundhouses
- 8 Check out the architectural chronicle of colonisation on **Shāmiàn Island** (p539)
- 9 Visit the **Cultural Revolution Museum** (p562) in Shàntóu, the only place in China that honours the victims of the political turmoil

