



Guǎngdōng

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Why Go?

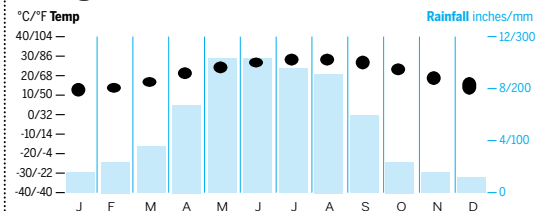
Sometimes hiding under the traveller's radar, Guǎngdōng's unique culture and natural beauty have yet to be discovered by most visitors, so you may have a plethora of sublime sights (not to mention great dim sum) all to yourself.

Northern Guǎngdōng (广东) is home to some wild and wondrous landscapes. In the blue pine forests of Nánlíng, the music of waterfalls and windswept trees boomerangs in your direction. Or if it's Unesco-crowned heritage you're after, Kǎipíng's flamboyant watchtowers, Cháozhōu's intricate woodcarvings and the stylised poses of Cantonese opera will leave you riveted.

Historically Guǎngdōng was the starting point of the Maritime Silk Road and the birthplace of revolution. On the scenic byways of the Pearl River Delta, you'll uncover the glory of China's revolutionary past. While on the surf-beaten beaches of Hǎilíng Island, an ancient shipwreck and its treasures await.

When to Go

Guǎngzhōu



Apr–Jun Verdant paddy fields against the man-made wonders of Kǎipíng and Méizhōu.

Jul–Sep Blue pines and stained-glass windows offer respite from summer.

Oct–Dec The typhoons and heat are gone; this is the best time to visit.

Guǎngdōng Highlights

- 1 Experience the vestiges of rich and vibrant **Lǐngnán** culture (p544)
- 2 Climb dramatic Unesco-listed watchtowers at **Kǎipíng** (p552)
- 3 Cross the **Guǎngjī Bridge** (p563) in Cháozhōu with its 18 boats and 24 piers
- 4 Town-hop in **Méizhōu** (p566) to see earthen roundhouses and old mansions
- 5 After a day's hike, fall asleep to the whispered symphony of an ancient forest in **Nánling National Forest Park** (p557)
- 6 Visit silken beaches and an 800-year-old shipwreck in **Yángjiāng** (p554)
- 7 Lunch in a garden-restaurant in **Guǎngzhōu** (p543) while listening to an operatic aria
- 8 Join the pilgrims at the **Memorial Museum of Generalissimo Sun Yatsen's Mansion** (p539) in Guǎngzhōu
- 9 Food, glorious (Cantonese) food!

