



# Fújiàn

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## Why Go?

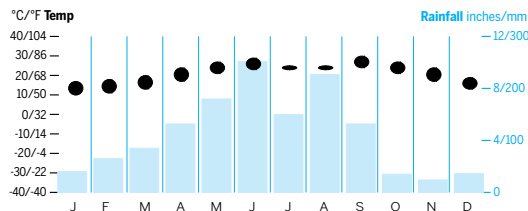
Fújiàn (福建) is an attractive coastal province with a long seafaring history. As a significant stop on the maritime Silk Road, its cities developed an easy cosmopolitan outlook and visitors are surprised by the traces of elsewhere in its architecture, food, language and people.

Xiàmén is the star attraction to visitors, with its long seaside promenade and easy access to little Gǔlàng Yǔ, a hip island enclave just offshore. Many travellers also pass through the area en route to the Taiwanese island of Kinmen.

Away from the coast, the Unesco World Heritage-listed *tǔlóu* (roundhouses) rise out of the countryside and for generations have housed traditional Hakka and Fujianese communities. Further north, the hill station of Wǔyí Shān offers year-round hiking opportunities and a memorable river cruise on bamboo rafts.

## When to Go

### Xiàmén



**Mar & Apr** Sleeping in a traditional *tǔlóu* in spring is an inspiring way to experience rural life.

**Jun & Sep** Relax in one of Gǔlàng Yǔ's countless cafes and cool off in the sea.

**Oct** Hike away from the crowds around the lush Wǔyí Shān in the northwest of the province.



## Fujian Highlights

- 1 Gulang Yǔ** (p344) Drifting between cat-filled cafes on a car-free Chinese island with European flair.
- 2 Fújiàn Tǔlóu** (p347) Sleeping in packed-earth fortresses like a character from *Game of Thrones*.
- 3 Quánzhōu** (p350) Exploring the city's temples and near-medieval streets on the maritime Silk Route.
- 4 Wúyí Shān** (p356) Hiking and cleansing your lungs at a quaint hill station in the province's northwest.
- 5 Xiàmén** (p339) Strolling the seaside promenade of one of China's most attractive cities.
- 6 Nine Twists River** (p357) Reclining in a rattan chair on a *zhúpái* (bamboo raft) cruise.