



Liaoning

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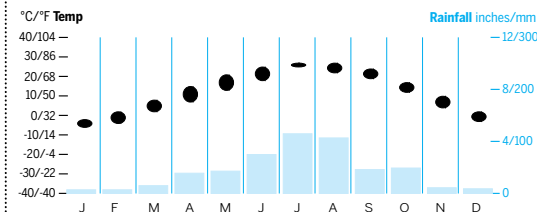
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Why Go?

History and hedonism run side by side in Liáoníng (辽宁). Walled Ming dynasty cities rub up against booming beach resorts, while imperial palaces sit in the centre of bustling modern cities. Nothing quite captures the fun and distinction, however, as much as seaside Dàlián, with its golden coastline and summer beer festival, and former battlegrounds where Russian and Japanese armies wrestled for control of the region in the early 20th century. In Dāndōng, regional tensions of recent history are causing some spine-tingling at the border with North Korea. The Yālù River here brings you within glimpsing distance of the hermit kingdom from a boat deck or halfway across a bridge.

When to Go

Dàlián



May & Jun Catch deals on a seaside hotel.

Jun & Jul Enjoy fresh cherries, mulberries and blueberries at roadside stands everywhere.

Jul & Aug Have fun at the Dàlián International Beer Festival.



Liaoning Highlights

- 1 Dàlián** (p159) Kicking back and enjoying the beaches, coastal walkways and beer festival.
- 2 Tiger Mountain Great Wall** (p166) Climbing the easternmost stretch of the Great Wall, near Dāndōng.
- 3 Dāndōng** (p165) Peering into North Korea on a Yálu River cruise, and experiencing the mix of Korean and Chinese culture.
- 4 North Tomb** (p171) Exploring the tomb of the Qing dynasty founder, Huang Taiji, in Shěnyáng's mini Forbidden City.
- 5 Lǔshùn** (p164) Wandering the old battlefields, graves and prison of Lǔshùn, fought over by rival Japanese and Russian Empires.
- 6 Xīngchéng** (p173) Lazing on the beach and strolling the old walled city of historic, little-visited Xīngchéng.