



Guǎngdōng

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- ➔ Garden Hotel (p566)
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Why Go?

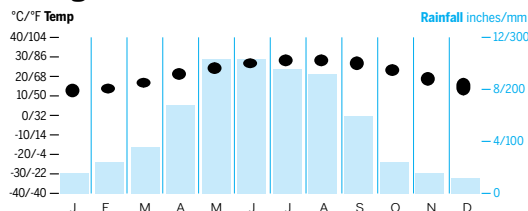
Guǎngdōng's unique culture and natural beauty fly under the radar and have yet to be discovered by many travellers, so you may have a plethora of sublime sights (not to mention great dim sum) all to yourself.

Northern Guǎngdōng (广东) is home to some wild and wondrous landscapes. In the blue pine forests of Nánling, the music of waterfalls and windswept trees boomerangs in your direction. If it's Unesco-crowned heritage you're after, Kāipíng's flamboyant watchtowers and the stylised poses of Cantonese opera will leave you riveted. What's all the fuss about Hakka and Chiu Chow cultures? Well, find out in Méizhōu and CháoZhōu.

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 built wonders of Kāipíng 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 Kaiping** (p576) Climbing dramatic Unesco-crowned watchtowers.
- 2 Méizhōu** (p590) Being awed by the crouching dragons of Hakka architecture.
- 3 Foshān** (p572) Visiting the hometown of two martial-arts legends.
- 4 Guǎngjī Bridge** (p588) Crossing the majestic passageway in Cháozhōu.

- 5 Guǎngzhōu** (p559) Lunching in a garden-restaurant while listening to an operatic aria.
- 6 Cháyáng** (p592) Being mesmerised by the

labyrinthine streets and storied mansions of the old town.

- 7 Nánling National Forest Park** (p580) Falling asleep to the whispered symphony of

an ancient forest after a day's hike.

- 8 Yángjiāng** (p576) Visiting silken beaches and an 800-year-old shipwreck.

