

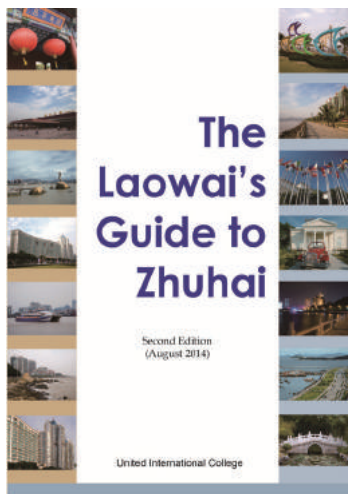
The Laowai's Guide to Zhuhai

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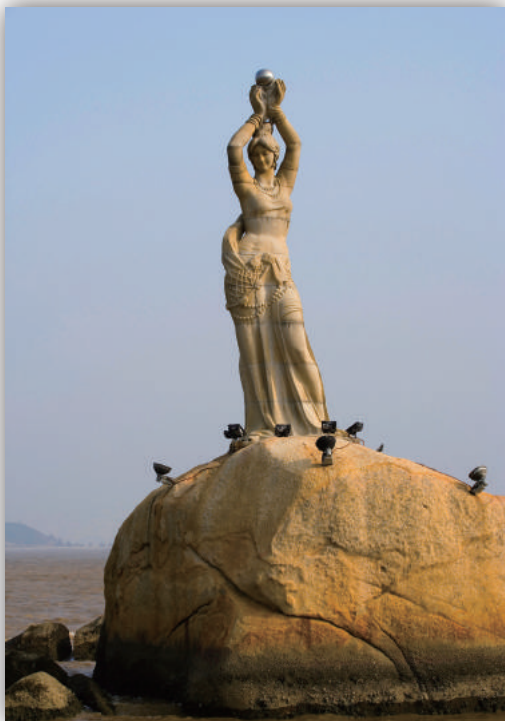
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Fisher Girl's Sculpture

Zhu hai (珠海)

A (relatively) small city of approximately 1.6 million inhabitants, Zhuhai is a rapidly growing Special Economic Zone situated at the southern tip of the Pearl River Delta. Amongst other Chinese communities, Zhuhai is known for its low population density, expansive coastline, lack of pollution, and as a hedonistic paradise for those looking for colorful nightlife. The city is also home to an astounding number of colleges, universities, and other academies – meaning that there is always some sort of distraction downtown, but also that many districts turn into ghost towns during holidays.

Guangdong

广东

The southern-most major province in China, Guangdong (aka Canton) is where most of the culture, food, and people that Westerners associate with China originate. Historically the last region of China to be conquered by the Emperors of antiquity, Guangdong has a culture, language, and cuisine unique even amongst the Chinese. Given their proximity to former colonies (Hong Kong/Macau) and their distance from the Imperial seat of power, Guangdong was the first region reopened to Western businesses in the 1980s, and as such has seen unparalleled economic growth – leading to improved standards of living, sanitation, health care, etc.

The People's Republic of China

中华人民共和国

Over the past 5000 years of her history, Chinese civilization and her people have persevered through some of the worlds' most tumultuous periods of rebellion and upheaval, and have brought the world both its greatest innovations and some of its most gut-wrenching tragedies. Once a world leader in science, technology, arts, and philosophy, the rapid industrialization, urbanization, and economic reform of recent decades only serve to show that China' s modern leadership intends on starting a new golden age for the Middle Kingdom. And honestly, this is the culture from which Orange Chicken and Cream Cheese Wantons were bastardized – how bad could it be?

BNU-HKBU United International College

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The first full-scale cooperation between the Mainland China and Hong Kong, UIC was founded in order to charter a new, liberal-arts style of education for Chinese universities. The medium of instruction is English, and the school enrolls approximately 4500 students in total. Teaching faculty will be from a number of countries from around the world, though most of the ELC will be American, British, and Australia/N. Zealand.

How to Use This Guidebook

Congratulations! You are now the proud owner of UIC's guidebook to Zhuhai. Trust us – this is not nearly as monumental an occasion as you might think. Either way, you're probably in China, and you're probably going to be here for the next year. In order to make your transition and stay as painless and pleasant as possible, your predecessors (us) have taken the liberty of creating this handbook.

The layout of the handbook is very simple, and is broken down in the table of contents. Important things to note as you go through:

- While this is a guidebook, the restaurants, stores, and locales we go over are only a tiny fraction of what Zhuhai has to offer – be adventurous!
- Names of restaurants or points of interest are listed in English, Chinese characters, and Pinyin. Hanyu Pinyin (or just Pinyin) is the standardized Romanization system for Mandarin Chinese. See more in “Survival Chinese.”
- Reference materials are in the Appendices (in the back) including maps, reference tables, etc.



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LIVING IN CHINA

part 1

How can you have your pudding if you don't eat your meat? Before you can run off to explore what Zhuhai has to offer, you first have to take care of a lot of housekeeping and chores. Living and working as a foreigner in China grants a number of awesome privileges, but also means that you need to keep an extra careful eye on your books in order to avoid any unpleasanties with the authorities.

Registration/Documentation

This is covered in the introduction given to you by HR (Human Resources) in better detail than we could hope to.

However, we have collected a list that you might want to keep handy after you have settled in.

- **Make sure you have some form of ID on you at all times (Passport is the best)**
- **If you move apartments, ask your landlord to help you re-register with your nearest police**

station, failure to do so could result in unwanted police attention.

- **Familiarize yourself with your visa, as some allow for multiple entry and re-entry, while some are limited by dates and number of visits.**
- **Have a few extra regulation passport photos handy, as registration for most major documents/permits/bank cards require a photo.**

Housing

If you are not satisfied with the housing provided by the school, housing around Tangjia is plentiful and can be found at any price, depending on what you are looking for. Simply find a real estate office either in Horizon Cove or Tangjia and let them know how many rooms you are looking for and how much you are willing to pay. Hagglng is sometimes a possibility, just keep in mind that the agent only represents the landlord, and cannot change the price unless permitted to do so by the actual owner.

If you move somewhere new, you will have to sign a contract with certain stipulations:

- **Usually requires a deposit equal to 1-month' s rent**
- **Signing fee is usually first and last (2-months) months' rent**
- **If you live in Horizon Cove (or any other community) there will be an association fee, paid monthly, usually calculated based on your apartment' s size**
- **Utilities are usually deducted from a pre-existing bank account (or ask your agent if they are willing to help you handle your bills)**
- **NOTE: payments are handled in a much more relaxed manner than you would expect, so your agent may not bother you for rent or utilities for a few months, so it will be up to you to keep up on your bills. There are very few late fees, but the downside is that the water and power companies will not inform**

you until 2 weeks before your utilities will be cut (so check the mail).

- **Fixing things in China is also much less painful, simply call up your real estate agent and inform them of the problem. They will send someone out to fix it, and depending on the nature of the problem, may charge you for some parts and labor or bill the landlord.**

Mail & Post

Again, please refer to the introduction packet given to you by Human Resources.

Both incoming and outgoing mail is examined very closely by both Chinese and American authorities (in America), and as a result it often takes 4 to 5 weeks for parcels and packages to reach their destinations. Keep this in mind if people are mailing you perishables.

Telecom

Please refer to the HR Packet, but we' ll outline the major points here.

- **Smartphones will be your best friend here, as they can keep you in touch with friends and family at home, friends here, translate when you can' t, find maps, basically everything**
- **If you brought one from home that can accept a SIM card, simply pick one up from any China Mobile or China Unicom store and you' re good to go.**

- Payment is handled on a pay-as-you-go system, with calls, texts, and data with fixed costs. It is recommended that you go to BNU' s M-Zone and get a card equipped with a "short" number, as it allows you to call/text other short numbers for free.

Calling Home

The easiest way to call home will be either be with Skype-to-Skype free calls, or charging money onto your Skype account. It is possible to make long-distance calls with your phone, but is much more expensive, and unnecessarily complicated.

Banking & Online Purchases

Banking is usually not too painful in China, provided you keep a keen eye on your bank card and account balance. Headaches may arise, but only if you find yourself missing your debit card or overdrawing you account. For the most part, there are very few fees (Americans, you know what we mean) and you can use almost any ATM in China (UnionPay). Do note that using another bank' s ATM will incur a small fee (3 – 5 元).

Shopping online is very much developed in China, with Taobao and T-Mall being the most popular. In order to shop online, you will need to purchase an Online Banking USB-Key from your respective bank. The process is different per

account type, USB type, and bank – but they should all follow some basic points:

- o When making online purchases, ensure that you are using Internet Explorer (IE), and that your USB Key is plugged in BEFORE you initiate the purchase.

- o The web store you are buying from will send your confirmation to the bank, and a separate window will open, asking you to confirm your password and PIN.

- o Once both have been verified, you will see one last confirmation window – some USB keys require you to physically press an "ok" button located on the USB.

Shipping is handled directly between buyer and seller, usually through one of the many courier services that exist in China. Couriers will come directly to your door, but you will need to provide a phone number for them to confirm you address and the time of delivery.

As usual, remember that most stores will not be able to communicate in English, so enlist a friend.

Money & Currency

The standard currency in China is the Chinese Renminbi, or the Yuan (元) – in common speech it is often referred to as "kuai." These are further divided into "jiao" or "mao," 10 of which equal one Yuan.

- Bills: (Jiao) 1, 5; (Yuan) 1, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100
- Coins: 1 yuan, 5 jiao, 1 jiao

When making purchases, try to give exact change if possible. If not, try to give the closest amount that will require the smallest number of bills when the cashier finds you change. For example, if something costs 6 元, give the cashier 11(10+1) 元 if you have it, meaning they only need to find a single 5 元 bill.

Health & Safety

For minor scrapes and injuries, either visit a pharmacy (one in Horizon Cove, a few in Tangjia) or stop by the campus health clinic. You'll find it tucked away on the backside of Building 5 in Cultural Village (they keep moving it, so keep yourself updated). There are quite a few hospitals in Zhuhai, as well as a number of "neighborhood clinics" that provide basic services for the local populace. You can find a complete list on the city's website:

<http://investzhuhai.gov.cn/en/zhsheng-huo.aspx?ttid=53>

Closest: Sun-Yet Sen University, Fifth Affiliated Hospital (Tangjia) – 222-8000

Downtown: Zhuhai People's Hospital (Xiangzhou) - 222-256



From left to right, they are 1 Jiao, 5 Jiao and 1 Yuan.



If you simply insist on a Western physician and English speaking staff, it is recommended that you take a trip to Guangzhou, Hong Kong, or Macau. Western-style hospitals with English speaking staff and Western doctors are available, but keep in mind it will generally be much more expensive.

If you need to contact Emergency Services, dial “110.”

Laundry

As most of your clothes are probably cotton-based, drying your clothes during the wet season can be a week-long endeavor. Instead of sitting there damp and uncomfortable, go and invest in a clothes-drying rack and a space heater. If you want to go native, you’ ll find that most of the clothes here are made of lighter, more breathable materials than what we’ re used to.

LIVING IN CHINA

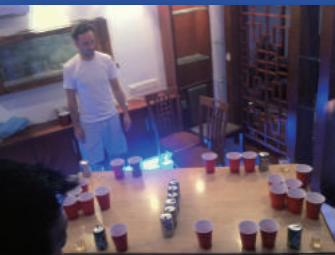
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pudding? Right. After you’ve taken care of all the boring things, you can finally go out and enjoy the tastes, sights, smells, and sounds that make China one of the most interesting places you’ll ever find yourself. Being a society and culture which has evolved completely independent of the West, you can only imagine the social and cultural exchanges you’ll be in for. Hopefully this will make the exchanges less awkward and more enjoyable for all parties involved.

Cultural and Social Etiquette

Given the sheer size of the country (#3 in the world), the cultural landscape is often as diverse as the natural one. Major cities are developed, modern, and relatively wealthy. Considering the nation’ s population, however, most of its citizens still live in rural or semi-rural areas. While the inhabitants of major cities will usually exhibit a higher standard of civility, inhabitants of farming/fishing villages such as those in lovely Tangjia may exhibit some behaviors that you may find unsettling, including, but not limited to:

- o **Spitting in public (on the decline, but still prevalent)**
- o **Smoking (everywhere, like, literally EVERYWHERE) – you will see many signs stating “no smoking” but outside of big cities and nicer restaurants, they are usually only for show.**
- o **Being stared at, or hearing someone call “老 外” (lǎo wài) will be fairly common, and usually from younger children. While you may find it annoying, just remember that it is almost certainly out of curiosity, not hostility.**



o Noise – given the sheer number of people, population density here is on a scale unseen in the West (except for Isla Vista). As such, noise is almost constant when you are in town – be it horns, cars, children, dogs, street vendors, power tools, bad Chinese techno, or anything in between.

o “Public” Bathrooms – given the massive influx of peasants moving into cities or city-townships, one of the least hygienic and most disgusting practices brought with them is the acceptance of letting children urinate and defecate in public, in full view. `Easily the grossest thing you will see.

o Pushing, shoving, and a general lack of order seem to reign. As such, if you find yourself in a crowded line for a bus or train – just push and hope it ends well. Look out for dwarfish Chinese grandmothers, they’ re ferocious.

o There also seems to be a general lack of regard for laws, be they national, provincial, or municipal. The general trend that law enforcement follows is “fun and games until someone gets hurt.”

That being said, just because the Chinese do it, doesn’ t mean you need to. Without discipline, you will find yourself infracting on the same rules that you criticized the Chinese for breaking not too long ago.



Culinary Culture & Dining Etiquette

Food in China, as one might expect, comes in almost every size, shape, texture, color, or even state of matter one can imagine. If, however, your only exposure to Chinese food is in the form of menus adjusted for the Western palate, be ready for an adventure. The “Chinese” food found outside of the Sinosphere (PRC, HK, TW) represents only a small, small percentage of the types of cuisines and specialties you will undoubtedly be exposed to during your time in China. When dining out in China, there are a few basic rules to follow – to both avoid looking silly, and to make your overall dining experience that much more pleasant.

o When you first sit down at a table, your dishware and chopsticks may or may not be plastic-wrapped. Either way, your waitress will bring over a “washing bowl,” and it is normal to rinse everything with hot water (which she will also bring).

o While restaurants will make dishes to order, most restaurants will specialize in one regional cuisine or another, and as such will not always offer the same dishes. Do not go into a Cantonese restaurant and expect them to serve Peking-style duck.

o All food and drinks are usually served in a communal “family” style. As such, it is up to the individual to gauge how much/little they have taken out of any given dish. When eating amongst friends, this shouldn’t be a problem – but it is considered quite

rude to hog a dish you like all to yourself.

o As you master the art of the chopstick, you may feel inclined to interact with your friends and fellow diners with your dining utensils. Barring an extreme, uncontrollable state of drunken stupor - do your best to control yourself. The following is a short list of common behavior that will serve only to shame yourself and embarrass your Chinese friends:

- **Do not chew on chopsticks, or use them to pick your teeth**
- **Do not use them to point or gesture**
- **Try not to impale food if possible (dumplings are slippery little devils, so obviously exceptions are made)**
- **Do not “dig” through a dish searching for something you like/want, as your saliva mixing with communal food is quite distasteful, and hogging only the things you want is disrespectful to your dining mates**
- **Do not fight over food, duel, or otherwise play at the table – common sense, but less observed than you would believe**
- **Do not bang your chopsticks, or use them to drum. This implies you are either a beggar, a child, or are rushing your servers and the kitchen because you are impatient.**

- Avoid sticking two chopsticks straight in a bowl sticking upright, as it resembles a tombstone (bad luck, early death, etc.)

It is advisable that you learn the basic characters for the different types of meats (beef, pork, chicken, fish, etc.) – doing so will make menu “guesstimation” much more enjoyable. Pork is widely the most consumed meat product, so if a dish simply lists “肉” it is safe to assume it should be pork.

For Vegetarians/Religious:

o Vegetarian dishes are readily available in China, either by definition or by request. See “Basic Chinese” for more help.

o Dishes can always be customized in restaurants, so make sure you communicate your requests to the dining staff.



Gongbei Underground Shopping Mall

From televisions to t-shirts, if you are not buying from a licensed, brand name store, haggling is probably possible. Generally speaking, name a price maybe 2/3 of what you are actually willing to pay, and work it from there. You’ ll have to “play the game” so to speak, so look for visual cues, body language, etc. The process should be pleasant and almost playful, so avoid becoming aggressive if the shopkeeper is very persistent about the price. Keep in mind, of course, all transactions are in cash, and there are no returns for the most part.

Shopping

As the world’ s factory, China offers everything you’ ve ever seen on store shelves, and then some.

When shopping, there is an equal chance of you finding a really good knock-off, or a slightly imperfect legitimate product. Pay attention to detail, and do not fret if you can’ t get it for the price you want, there will be another vendor somewhere else in town selling the same thing.

Haggling. Something incredibly foreign to Western shopping culture, haggling is the way almost all informal transactions are done.

Western Things

At some point during your stay, you will inevitably crave some tasty morsels or other comforts from home. Fear not, as Zhuhai has (especially given its small size) an overabundance of Western goods. Look into the relevant sections in the next chapter for more information – specifically Tangjia and Xiangzhou/Jida. Also, if you cannot find what you want, smaller stores will often take requests, or might be willing to help you find it online.

Partying

Living in a relatively modern city, filled with college-aged students, young entrepreneurs, and the rich and famous from Hong Kong, Guangzhou, and Macau, Zhuhai has a rather sultry reputation in the Chinese world. Luckily for us, that means that those of you who enjoy clubbing and the bar scene should not be too disappointed.

Generally speaking, the bar/club culture in China does not reflect that of Europe or the Americas. Instead of a large, communal dance floor, there is usually an elevated stage surrounded by small tables and booths. Hired dancers and performers take the stage periodically, but otherwise dancing is usually minimal and drinking and socializing with friends takes precedence over sweaty grinding with a stranger.

As foreigners, you may be treated with celebrity status by many drunk Chinese. Take it in good fun, and graciously accept the many free drinks they will pour for you.

If you're looking to roll deep, or impress some ladies/gentlemen – look to book a table with bottle service. There will be a deposit and a minimum purchase for the evening, depending on the club, but renting out a room for a group of friends ensures a gathering/crashing/drinking/sleeping point throughout the evening. To book, get the number of the club you're interested in, and call ahead of time (especially during holidays). Most rooms also come equipped with a karaoke machine and have private bathrooms. Chinese may be required.

Culture Shock

If you are not wholly prepared for life in a foreign country, China will be a sobering awakening. Things here function on a very different wavelength, which for some people can become simply unbearable – provided they don't know how to properly cope. There are, however, a number of ways you can make the most of your time in China, and avoid becoming a bitter expatriate.

Celebrity Status

As China is an almost 100% ethnically homogenous nation, people who do not look Chinese are somewhat of a novelty. This includes people of every ethnic persuasion, but specifically fair-skinned Caucasians are sometimes treated with an over-the-top “celebrity” status. Despite how Western media may portray China, the majority of Chinese have a great deal of respect and admiration for foreigners, specifically those of the American or European persuasion.

You may find people trying to practice their English with you on buses, asking to snap pictures of you, etc. While this will eventually become quite an annoyance, again, just make the best of it, and enjoy the attention if you can. Whatever you do, DO NOT blow up at some poor little Chinese girl because you had a bad day, and she wants a picture with the handsome/beautiful foreigner – think about the **FACE!**

Things Being “Real”

One of the most common complaints we hear amongst our brethren is that things in China are not “real.” This usually pertains to Western-style foods created by Chinese people, the quality of things like coffee/bread, etc. While this is all good and fun, when you think about how Chinese people may perceive you when you complain about such things, we simply come across as rude and whiny. Just imagine if a handful of Chinese students arrived in The United States to teach Mandarin, and in their downtime relentlessly ridiculed the locals, their food, and ways of life ... the expression “Go back to your own country” comes to mind.

Anger Management

Perhaps the greatest, most prevalent, and most unpleasant characteristic exhibited by foreigners in China – RAGE. Rage at your landlord for not explaining your contract to you clearly in English, rage at the taxi driver because he “lied” to you about the price, the list goes on and on and on. When you come to such a crossroads and simply want to blame your problems on “China” or the “Chinese people,” take a moment, a deep breath, and reflect on the problem. Keep in mind the majority of problems that enrage expats come from a lack of communication and mistranslation, not from some underlying hatred or desire to screw you over because you are a foreigner.

Finally, if you are ever tempted to “make a Chinese person lose face,” just **don’ t**. As “face” is a concept foreign to Western culture, the basic explanation above serves only to scratch the surface of the underlying culture and ideals. Face is not something you can give or take from people, and in such situations, it is best to “save face” and avoid embarrassing yourself, and avoid tarnishing the image Chinese people have of foreigners – remember, unofficial ambassador.

Being a Gracious Guest

The most important point – be a gracious guest. Despite the shortcomings we as foreigners observe in Chinese culture, the tradition of being a gracious host and a gracious guest is something that has survived dozens of re-education movements and cultural reformations. This applies not only to visiting a friend or colleagues home, but the idea that we are here in China as guests. We are afforded a number of privileges that normal Chinese people could only dream of, and are paid incredibly well considering our qualifications (or lack thereof) and job duties. Remember, every time you feel like going on a “China is ...” that you elected to come to China, and no one is forcing you to stay. That being said, letting off a little steam here and there is only normal – just don’ t let yourself become jaded and bitter because you spend too much time complaining about China and not enough time enjoying what it has to offer.

Zhuhai In-Depth



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Tang Jia

The northern-end of Zhuhai, Tangjiawan (唐家湾 /Táng jiā wān) is where most of our work/living will be located. Far from the city centre, it lacks the dense high-rises and more modern look of the downtown districts, but for most 老外 (lǎo wài, “foreigner”) will offer a safe haven dotted with watering holes, restaurants, markets and shops offering a wide variety of goods and services. The feel of Tangjia is not that of an urban/modern China, but rather a strange blend of modern/ancient – giving the village an interesting, charming (it might take some time to grow on you) atmosphere one can’t find downtown.



Chinese Food

Names will be listed in Chinese Characters, Hanyu Pinyin, and the usual “street name” amongst the foreigner community.

川坊楼 #1 chuān fāng lóu/Sichuan or Schezwan Restaurant

This is the place to find many of the spicy, savory treats from Sichuan Province. Signature dishes include the “Meat Tower” (pork belly wrapped around mustard greens), and Sweet and Sour Fish (糖醋鱼 / Táng cù yú). On the second-story at the entrance of 唐人街 (Táng rén jiē / Chinatown).

大肥东深井烧鹅 #2 Dà féi dōng shēn jǐng shāo é /Goose Restaurant

Across the main road and down a ways, here you will find local Cantonese food, as well as a variety of Goose dishes – the restaurant’s specialty.

While most of Tangjia is a Chinese-only environment, it also features the ironically named 唐人街 (táng rén jiē), or Chinatown. A strip at the edge of Tangjia crammed full of Western-style bars and restaurants, some nights in Chinatown might not resemble living in a sleepy Chinese fishing village at all. Accessible from Horizon Cove (海怡湾畔 /hǎi yí wān pàn) by foot or bicycle, Tangjia will probably serve as your primary stomping grounds throughout the year.

FOOD

Tangjia offers a wide variety of eateries, both Western and Chinese, and at any point on the price spectrum. Ranging from a simple plate of dumplings to all-you-can-eat pizza to sushi, there are few cuisines that Tangjia does have covered.



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川坊楼
chuān fāng lóu



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湘村灶房
Xiāng cūn zào fáng

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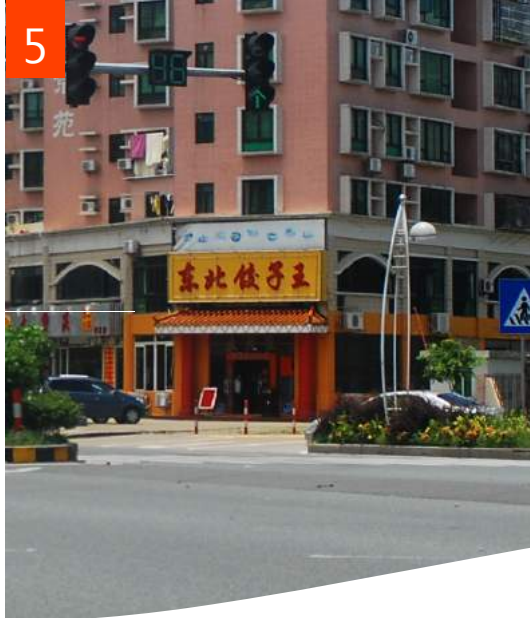
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兰州拉面 #4

Lánzhōu lāmìàn/Muslim Noodle

You can watch a man make your noodles right in front of you. Offers a number of Halal and vegetarian options in addition to beef, lamb, and chicken. Cheap, fast, and delicious. Things to try: Beef Noodles (牛肉拉面 / Niú ròu lā miàn), and everything else. On the first corner as you come into Tangjia. (There is another location closer to the Wet Market)



东北饺子王 #5

Dōngběi jiǎozi wáng/North-West Dumpling King

Referred to in English as the “Dumpling King,” this chain offers staple specialties from Northern China. Try the dumplings (饺子 / Jiǎo zi), and Big Pot Chicken (大盆鸡 / Dà pén jī). Find it across the street from the ICBC (ref), near the entrance to the Navy Base, look for the big red and yellow sign.

和记粥店 #6

Hé jì zhōu diàn/Dim Sum

The local Dim Sum restaurant. The menu is only in Chinese (no pictures, we’ re working on it), but includes exotic options like Beef Intestine and Chicken Feet as well as classics like Pan-Fried Dumplings. There are a few choices that a Western palate might find unpleasant, but the majority of what’ s on the menu is outstanding. On the corner, across from street food (behind Sichuan).



湘缘阁 #7

Xiāng Yuán gé/Mao' s Face /Cauliflower Place /Hardwood Hunan

Both located behind the Dragon Union (KTV), these Hunan-style restaurants specialize in dishes originating in China' s Bread Basket and home province of Meow Zedong. Things to try include: Iron Skillet Beef (铁板牛肉 /tiě bǎn niú ròu), Dry Pot Cauliflower (干锅花椰菜 /gān guō huā yē cài), Spicy Mustard Greens (雪里红 /xuě lǐ hóng).

福建沙县小吃 #8

Fú jiàn shā xiàn xiǎo chī/Pacman

Fujian style dumplings, wontons, and noodles. Good alternative to Muslim Noodle, equally cheap and easy. Dumplings come steamed (蒸 / Zhēng), fried (煎 / jiān), boiled (水

煮 / Shuǐ zhǔ), or with soup and noodles. Past the Wet Market, next to the bike shops.

烧烤 #9

Shāokǎo/Street Food

Not really a single restaurant, but rather a number of locations throughout the town. Works like most other Chinese-style BBQ. A few more restaurant-style locations are located behind the BBQ stands.

****Don' t bring beers from the convenient stores to street food – just ask the stall owner or look for the Beer Girls – ask for 啤酒 / Píjiǔ (Beer)****

Buns/Pancakes/Donuts

All Chinese versions (not adapted, but independently evolved) of things we' re familiar with, you might be Tangjia. Refer back to the “Eating” section if you' re confused about how to order. We' ve marked a few on the map, be adventurous!

Western Food



Uncle Mike's #10

Owned by (you guessed it) Uncle Mike, the establishment actually spans three separate entities – the Down Under Pub, Mike's Pizza, and the American BBQ. A wide variety

of chicken, pasta, pizza, burgers, and other Western entrees and pub snacks can be found amongst the three storefronts. Located on the ground floor of Chinatown – you can't miss it. See more in the Drinks section.

Jimbo's/Tigi Tapas #11

Uncle Mike's neighbor, Tigi Tapas is owned by a friendly, eccentric Englishman named Jimbo (also a wizard in the kitchen). Though slightly pricier than the aforementioned, one can find more exotic specialties like Hummus, Buttered Chicken, and other bistro-like offerings. Can be found right next to Mike's in Chinatown.

Mr Pizza #12

Tangjia's dedicated pizza joint, offers pizza, pasta, and salads. Check out the All-you-can-eat on Thursday nights (all you can eat pizza and all you can drink beer). Find it at the end of the Chinatown strip, second floor, behind K-Box.

Fried Chicken #13

Not quite sure what the name is (in Chinese or English), but it offers decent fried chicken (better than KFC at home) for decent prices. The Chinese seem to have an unhealthy obsession with fried chicken, as opposed to other fast foods – and Tangjia is no exception. Picture menus are a godsend, just point and shoot. Turn right at the first intersection, on the right-hand side half-way down (see map).



Greenfield Café

A Chinese take on Western cuisines, they offer a number of combination plates, steaks, etc. Fancier than the other restaurants in Chinatown, but definitely lacking if you're looking for a home-style Anglo-American meal. Upstairs on the second floor, in Chinatown (look for the sign).



The Ole Chinese Junk #14

Owned by another Mike, this one is English (as opposed to Australian), the Old Chinese Junk is located on the fourth floor

in Chinatown – accessible via the elevator in the Dragon Gate Hotel (龙门酒店 /lóng mén jiǔ diàn). Features include a projector and a large boat that serves as the bar. The food is on par with most of its competitors.

Entertainment

/Nightlife

(Some of the same places)

Uncle Mike's Down Under Pub

Founded by an Australian, this bar offers a selection of beers from Australia alongside the local fare. The décor is laden with rugby jerseys and bar games that gives the feel of a traditional pub. There is a weekly pub quiz that often draws a large crowd. Uncle Mike's Down Under Pub can be found by walking into 'China Town,' it is the first establishment on the left.

Uncle Mike's Yankee Doodle Pub

This pub will truly win over the heart of any true 'Murican. With pictures of Marilyn, Audrey, and Elvis strewn across the bar and a large American flag adorning the wall, it is a little piece of the U.S.A. Features possibly the only open-air grill, turning out burgers, steaks, etc. The Yankee Doodle Pub is located in China Town past the Down Under Pub and Tigi Tapas, you will notice Ole Glory.

Tigi Tapas

If you are a fan of Moto GP or Formula 1 this is the place for you. The owner manages a racing team, and often many of the teams that race at the Zhuhai International Circuit can be found here. This is one of three bars that serve locally brewed Double Shovel beer. Tigi Tapas is smack dab in the center of 'China Town' and can be recognized by its distinct florescent orange and black tiger striped sign.

The Old Chinese Junk

This was the first western bar serving food and cocktails in Tangjia. They often show live football (not soccer, fool) and rugby games. Look for the signature 'boat bar.' There is also live music, so if you can sing talk with the owner Mike. The Old Chinese Junk is located on the fourth floor of the China Town complex. There is an elevator in the Dragon Gate Hotel (龙门酒店 /Lóngmén jiǔdiàn), walk into the hotel lobby and walk to the right. Take the elevator to the fourth floor and proceed to the right.

K-Box

#16

If you have never heard of KTV before stop reading, get a bunch of people together, and experience a true night out in China. KTV is karaoke, and the Chinese love it. The K-Box is the local karaoke bar where many flock to have an evening of debauchery and out of tune singing. This particular K Box does not have the most eclectic assortment of Western music, but can definitely still be a good time. K Box is located at the end of China Town and is emblazoned with multicolored fluorescent bulbs.



TJ

Street food

If you are looking for a cheap way to imbibe, street food maybe your best option. Often there are women dressed in colorful yellow dresses imprinted with a Haizhu logo; these will be your beer maidens for the evening. Although not uncommon, it is still pretty rude if patrons walk a few meters to the corner convenience store to purchase beer. English is rarely spoken so brush up on your Chinese. Street food is located on the main street in Tangjawan between 'China Town' and The Dragon Union

Spa, really just look for the smoke billowing from the grills.

Love Me Bar

Love Me Bar is a quirky little hole in the wall on the second floor of China Town. There is karaoke here but unlike K Box the volume is turned down from eleven to a more manageable level and does not cover all three stories of the China Town complex. If you are looking for a break from the expat crowd, have a try.

Shopping

Park n' Shop

Found within the confines of Horizon Cove, Parkn' Shop offers your basic array of supermarket like items. Eggs, milk, bread, cosmetics, snacks, and toiletries can all be found within its walls. We won't waste any more text describing the obvious.

U Need

A miniature Garden of Eden amongst it all, U Need supplies homesick American (and Brits, I suppose) with Arizona Ice Tea, cereal, Anglo-American candy, imported dairy products, frozen bagels, beer, liquor... the list is quite extensive. The owner-couple are witch and warlock as far as we're concerned (and really nice) – they take requests for goods, and there are few things they have yet to find. Located at the entrance of Chinatown, first floor, to the right of the Dragon Gate Hotel (龙门酒店 /lóng mén jiǔ diàn).

Wet Market

The quintessential market section of any Chinese township, the wet market is where most of Tangjia's

residents do their daily shopping for meats, produce, and just about everything in between. Refer to the map below to orientate yourself, and to the "Shopping" section in the introduction for more information regarding weights, measures, and pricing.

"Everything" Stores 杂货店/Zá huò diàn

Scattered around the township, here is where you will find everything – literally, almost ANYTHING. Brooms, ashtrays, glue, computer peripherals, snacks ... the list goes on. If you can't find what you're looking for in a conventional store, find the Chinese name and take it to one of these places.

Night Market

On some nights (usually weekends) a number of stalls will set up along the roads in town. Things for sale include clothes, pirated DVDs, dishes/cookware, books, children's toys, and all manner of knick-knackery. Prices are negotiable (not on food), but usually reasonable – so it's a good place to give haggling a shot if you haven't already done so.



HuaFa Mall (Shangdu)

A creatively renovated large shopping mall providing a variety of brand stores such as H&M, DNKY Jeans, Armani Jeans, Tommy Hilfiger. You may also find Taste supermarket, sephora, bookstore, cinema, and some featured restaurants there.

Located in Nanping, by public bus k2 to the terminal station Qianshan, then change for 80,605,601,83,207,608,34, or 25 to Beishan Station

Near the Mall, there is a historical site Beishan Hall, and Beishan theatre where the Beishan International Jazz Festival and Beishan World Music Festival are held.

Transportation

Buses

Tangjia is most easily-accessible via the following bus stops:

- Tangjia (唐家 /táng jiā)
- Tangjia Market (唐家市场 /táng jiā shì chǎng)

Taxis

Regular taxis - can be hailed from bus stops (they might not stop elsewhere)

Licensed drivers - can be found in number, especially close to Chinatown and street food. If you pick up a cab here, make sure you haggle first, and familiarize yourself with the taxi table.

Tuk Tuk – similar to those found in SE Asia, take advantage of these if you're too lazy/tired to get back to Horizon Cove by foot. Prices should never be over 5rmb/4 people.

To the Airport

There is a shuttle bus that runs direct from Gongbei (downtown ZH) to Guangzhou's Baiyun Int'l Airport, and just happens to stop in Tangjia. If you're heading to the airport, this is the easiest way to get there – refer to the Transport section.

Trains

There are two train stations, Tangjia Station (唐家湾站 /táng jiā wān zhàn), and Zhuhai North Station (珠海北站 /zhū hǎi běi zhàn).

Taxi Table

	ZH North	BNU/UIC	Tangjia/HC	Jida	Xiangzhou	Ferry Port	Bar Street	Border
ZH North		20	30	35	40	50	80	90
BNU/UIC	20		25	30	35	45	50	50
Tangjia/HC	30	25		30	35	40	60	60
Jida	35	30	30		15	20	50	40
Xiangzhou	40	35	35	15		10	35	25
Ferry Port	50	45	40	20	10		25	20
Bar Street	80	50	60	50	35	25		15
Border	90	50	60	40	25	20	15	



Police Station



Horizon Cove



Internet Service Providers

Information

TJ

Banks

There are a number of banks in Tangjia, including both national and regional banks – the following are capable of doing currency exchange:

- o Bank of China
- o ICBC
- o Agricultural Bank of China (your bank)
- o China Construction Bank

Internet Service Providers

Most apartments in Horizon Cove will be connected through China Telecom (中国电信 / zhōng guó diàn xìn). DSL and Cable are both available, at varying speeds. DSL starts around 80 rmb/month for a 6 mbps connection, Cable starts at 200 rmb/month for a 20 mbps connection. Payments are made either every 2, 3, or 6 months. For those not familiar with Internet speeds, the average Internet connection in the US (2013) is 8mbps.



Horizon Cove

Hospitals/Pharmacies

The pharmacies around town can provide you with most basic medications. It is recommended, however, that you seek any serious medical attention at Sun-Yat Sen No.5 Hospital. If you are wary of Chinese hospitals/medicine, your best bet will be going to Guangzhou, HK, or Macau. See more in the Health & Safety section, as they will be guaranteed to have English-speaking staff.

Police

There is one police station, between the bus stops for Tangjia and Tangjia market. When you move in, it is advisable that you register here (if UIC or the housing office does not do so for you).

Housing

Horizon Cove

It is recommended that when seeking housing, work with the agencies located inside Horizon Cove. They have more properties, are more accessible when problems arise, and generally speak more English.

Real Estate Offices

If you're feeling adventurous, Tangjia has a number of real estate offices scattered throughout. Chinese will mostly likely be the only medium of communication.

United International College (UIC)

Spread between the school buildings and Student Hostel: Cultural Village (SHCV/ 小镇 /xiǎo zhèn), UIC is where most of your students call home, and where most of our daily work duties take place. While the campus may seem labyrinthine at first, it is actually quite small, and the tasks delegated to ELC Interns usually will only have you covering a set number of locations. The campus is divided into a number of “Zones,” A-F.

The ELC English Language Centre

ELC is tasked with creating and maintaining a native-English language environment for students on campus. The ELC occupies most of the fourth floor in the B-Zone.

Carol Liu and Faye Luo

The ELC’s Executive Officers, these two lovely ladies will handle most of the day to day problems you encounter in the workspace. First office when you leave the elevator – B401.

Staff Room

Next to the print room, refrigerators, microwaves, and office supplies.

Print Room

Directly across from B414.

Intern Offices

B413 and B414

IDO

International Development Office

UIC’s International office, IDO is tasked with managing exchange students/programs, as well as maintaining cordial ties with academic institutions all over the world. Located in SHCV, Block 1 (look for the sign).

HR

Human Resources

The campus HR office. These lovely ladies and gentlemen are in



Cultural Village. Photo by UIC student 文森特_x的草

charge of all things related to visas, passports, reimbursements, and more. These will also be some of the first people you meet off the ferry from Hong Kong. Be nice – they work really hard, but most of the worst problems seem to be theirs to solve. Located in F401.

ITSC Information Technology Services Centre

Sometimes referred to as the “IT Cave,” ITSC is the college’s tech support office. They handle all issues related to classroom/office computers, as well as email and Wi-Fi services. Located in F204.

ISO Integrated Services Office

Handles things like facilities management, lost and found, and other estate management-related issues. Located in F301.

The Jungle

A coffee shop, a small restaurant, and a small convenience store. The coffee shop is run by a nice girl named Yu Pei who speaks beautiful English and makes delicious coffee. The restaurant also delivers, but the menu is only in Chinese – find some students or just point and hope for the best.

Student Hostel Cultural Village

Dorms for all students year 2 – year 4, Cultural Village or “CV” is usually bustling with activity. At your disposal are a small supermarket, a Circle K, bakery, the campus gym, a small music studio and the Greenwood Canteen.

Greenwood/大家乐/Dà jiā lè

The only official canteen on UIC’s campus, Greenwood (literally translates as “Everybody Happy”) offers an array of Chinese-inspired Western dishes, traditional Chinese food, Chinese-style BBQ, as well as a few international options (Japanese style Ramen, etc.) Inside one will also find an Illy (coffee, small snacks) and Cheers (upscale restaurant, usually meant for entertaining visiting professors, seminar attendees).



Cultural Village



Greenwood and Library

Library

Located directly above the Greenwood, the stairs to the library can be found directly to the left of the entrance to Greenwood. Multiple stories, it offers a decent number of books and reference texts, as well as a respectable array of periodicals. Make sure you bring your staff ID card (issued by HR) if you want to check anything out.

Campus Health Office

As its name suggests, this is the campus health office. For most minor accidents and mishaps that require attention on campus, this is the place to go. Located in Block 5. First year Interns are required to go in during your initial health examination.



Cultural Village.

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Beijing Normal University (BNU)



One of UIC's parent universities, BNU's campus sprawls out across most of the expanse between the main road and the mountain tunnel. Enrolling over 20 000 students, the campus dwarfs UIC in terms of both student body numbers and physical size. If you look it up online, it should be noted that the BNU campus here is only a satellite of the original, more prestigious campus in Beijing. Given its size, it has much more to offer in terms of food, entertainment, and utility.

By the River

Canteen #1/2

Campus cafeterias, they are both multi-story and offer a fair selection of various "Chinese" style foods. Food is decent, but sometimes lukewarm at best if you show up late. Basic point and mix n' match – as always students will be your best bet if you are lost or confused.

Cheap, easy, and filling. Please note that neither canteen allows you to pay in cash (see Money/Payments section, Ch. 1)

Lao Beijing 老北京/Lǎo běi jīng

The first of the pair of restaurants flanking the bridge to the BNU dorms, Lao Beijing is to the right of the bridge, and is a good "first-step" into Chinese food if you're not familiar with non-American variations. Food is more typical of that found in Northern China, and most of the menu has pictures for referencing.

Guandong RenJia 关东人家/Guāndōng rénjiā

Directly opposite Lao Beijing, GRJ offers a similar set of dishes with more emphases on North-Eastern cuisine, as well as a few more seafood selections. Like their neigh-



BNU Swimming Pool

our's, the menu offers a helpful array of pictures to help with picking dishes.

Stores/Bank/Post

Lining the “riverbank” are a number of small stores and other establishments, including drink stalls, computer repair shops, copy/fax/scanning centers, and small shops owned by students selling all sorts of tomfoolery. Also found here is a decent sized supermarket (next to Canteen #1), a China Post, and a branch office of ABC (Agricultural Bank of China, handles all of your banking through UIC).

BNU Campus

Canteen #3

Similar to the canteens by the river, #3 offers similar options at similar prices (surprise, surprise). Like the other canteens, most windows require either money to be charged on your staff ID card, or a ticket purchased from the counter

prior to picking up your food. Personal favorite is the “Star-Fire Gate” (星火门 / xīng huǒ mén), located upstairs on the right side.

Sports Field/Gym/Pool

Down the road past UIC you can find the campus pool (on the left) and both a sports/track field/soccer field and a gymnasium (offering badminton, basketball, volleyball, and ping pong).

Huitong Village

If you follow the roads past BNU and into the hills, after a bit of a walk you'll encounter the Huitong “historically preserved” village. There are a few bars, some stores, but otherwise nothing too noteworthy aside from the town buildings themselves.

Post Office

There is another post office located on BNU's campus (in-addition to the one by the river). Refer to the map.

M-Zone

One of many cellular phone/telecom stores on campus, M-Zone offers student SIM cards and short numbers (see ‘Communication’ in Ch. 1). They occasionally offer “Buy 100rmb, get 100rmb free,” on phone credit and will set up booths on both the BNU and UIC campuses.

“Stores”

BNU is literally covered in small fruit stands, juice/tea/snack bars, bakeries, cosmetic stores, and stores selling all sorts of necessities and luxuries. Exploration is encouraged. Dotting campus you can also find a music studio, pool hall, and a few bars.

Food

Similarly, there is also an almost endless selection of eateries. Aside from the canteens, there are a number of diner-like stores serving up noodles, dumplings, and lunch boxes. For those who must have a sandwich, there is also a Subway on BNU campus, and a McDonald’s at the Tangjia train station.

Mountain Trail

For hiking-inclined peoples, there are a number of trails from inside of BNU’s campus that snake their way into the surrounding hills and mountains. UIC has an outdoors club on campus that leads a number of hikes throughout the year.

Campus Transportation

Buses

There are two primary bus stops for BNU/UIC, one located at BNU close to the canteens by the river, and the other across the road from SHCV.

- o Beijing Normal University (北师大/ běi shī dà)
- o “Imperial Garden” (京师家园/ jīng shī jiā yuán)

Taxis/ Hired Cars

Normal taxis don’t frequent the road running by campus, so your best bet if you can’t wait for a bus will be calling a licensed driver. You can find them lined up by the entrance of CV, or at the BNU bus stop.

Trains

o The closest train can be boarded at the Tangjia station down the road. Most of the bus lines running away from campus end at the train station, where you will have to get off and transfer (or wait for the same bus to leave).

o NOTE: A number of buses with Tangjia Station as the terminal station do not require you to pay for the short distance between campus and the train station. Simply get on the bus, and pay for your next journey after you have transferred.

Xiangzhou

香洲



Introduction

Xiangzhou (香洲; xiāng zhōu) is the first major district you will encounter when traveling from Tangjawan, south towards Gongbei and Macau. If you are looking to transfer busses or catch a bus outside of Zhuhai, one option would be taking the 10 or the 10a to the western edge of Xiangzhou. This area is home to the bus transfer station for city busses and another starting point for busses that travel outside of Zhuhai. Xiangzhou is most easily-accessible from Tangjawan via the following bus lines: 3, 3A, and 69. Travel to the 百货公司 / bǎi huò gōng sī station. This is the station that is opposite of Aeon, there are various other stops before this with much to offer. Regular taxis can be hailed from bus stops or side streets.

Private cars are more heavily policed in areas closer to Gongbei, you can hail a black taxi but depending on the time of day there may be a lack of taxis. In the heavily policed areas of Zhuhai black taxis will not stop in front of bus stops, if you are looking for a black taxi, it would be wise to slip down a side street and start your search there.

Eating & Drinking

McDonald's & KFC

McDonald's and KFCs are littered around many cities in China and Zhuhai is no different. If you are feeling a little home sick or just want to indulge in a Big Mac, you will have no issues locating the golden arches or the Colonel's snow white beard.

Milk Tea & Bakeries

Milk Tea shops and Chinese bakeries are as common as Starbucks and McDonald's are to America. The milk tea shops offer a wide range of beverages from blended fruit drinks to warm chocolate milk tea. The Chinese bakeries produce an array of sweet breads and interesting amalgamations of mayonnaise, hot dogs, and puff pastry.

Sichuan or Schezwan Restaurant (老川坊)

This restaurant is part of the same chain that is located in Tangjawan. It is located near Fragrant Hills Park. As always Sichuan food is quite spicy, if you think you can take the heat ask the waitress to add a few more chill peppers to the pot.

Sushi

There is a chain of sushi restaurants that is located above Aeon, directly outside of Aeon, and in the International Duty-Free Mall. They do have a discount card that can give you half off of select dishes. Set meals can be ordered or sit down at the traditional rotating conveyer belt full of sushi.

De Yue Fang / Boat Restaurant

Located on Yelidao Island this restaurant offers a more aquatic theme to your dining experience. Although this restaurant is a bit

more expensive than the other seafood restaurants in the area, its unique atmosphere makes it different than most restaurants in the area.

Jenny's Café

This café has a non-descript exterior and if you do not keep your eyes peeled there is the risk of passing it by. Here they serve a combination of Western and Chinese dishes along with coffee, keeping to the true nature of a café. Jenny's Café is located to the movie theater in Xiangzhou.

Michael's Bar

Michael's Bar offers a laid back atmosphere combined with a local feel. A lot of the "veteran" expats in Zhuhai are regulars here, and it's not uncommon to see the owner and staff members having conversations with the patrons like old friends. Every Thursday night is Ladies Night, offering ladies 5 RMB vodka mixers or Asahi from the tap.

Chicago Bar and Grill

Chicago Brewery and Grill was sprouted from the roots of Chicago with an emphasis on Chicago style food, blues and jazz music, and craft brewed beer. Taking influence from the history of Chicago, they have aimed to bring the feel of Chicago all the way from the great Windy City to Zhuhai, China.

The Office

With around 15 different sub-style sandwich options to choose from, they can accommodate just about the pickiest of pallets. For beer, popular favorites such as Heineken, Strongbow and Bitburger Premium Pilsner are served on tap. They also offer 15 varieties of international brand bottled beer.

There is free Wi-Fi and a satellite feed to three HDTVs provides live access to the biggest international sporting events. The Office can be reached by simply walking through the first floor of the complex Aeon is located in.



Entertainment



DIY Cake Store in Oxford Street



Oxford Street

This is an interesting little street that juts off of the main road through Xiangzhou. Here you can find two different language schools, TPR and HDD, which have invested in the development of this area. What once used to be a decrepit section of Xiangzhou has been transformed into a quirky street selling everything from scented candles, to imported wine, to a cooking school.

KTV

A variety of different karaoke bars can be found in Xiangzhou. Depending on which karaoke bar you choose to patron will greatly affect your experience. Some karaoke bars offer a full menu of food and drinks, effectively turning them into more of a private dining experience with karaoke.

Yelidao Island

This is a great place to escape the bustle of the city with a leisurely stroll around the island that is also a park. A small section of this island has been dedicated to house Zhuhai's first opera house and concert hall. There are trails that go around the island and across it; bicycles can be rented at the entrance of Yelidao Island.

Fragrant Hills Park

This Park may seem intimidating because of the massive stairway leading to the crest of a hill that houses an imposing mausoleum giving tribute to the fallen soldiers of the past, it is well worth the hike.

The Great Hall of Zhuhai

The movie theater in Xiangzhou shows both Western and Chinese movies. There is an actual theater in the rear of the building. Often concert and choir groups will perform here. Performances here may become obsolete because of the construction of Zhuhai's first opera house on Yelidao Island.

Shopping

Technology

Wan Zai Sha Electronics Market

This market is comprised of many different buildings spanning both sides of the main road through Xiangzhou. Here you can find everything from cell phones, to computers, to projectors. Insure you have the correct translation of what you are looking for to prevent purchasing the wrong item.



Wan Zai Sha Electronics Market

Streets Next to Aeon

This area is composed of two to three streets that run parallel with the main highway that passes through Xiangzhou. Both sides of the streets are inundated with stores that seem to have an endless array of items to purchase. Primarily this area caters to women with a majority of the stores selling cosmetics or clothing.

Food

Aeon

Aeon is a Japanese grocery chain; this particular branch is a three story super store selling food, clothes, toys, and cook wear. Although it is a little more expensive to shop here, the selection of goods is quite large. Formerly known as Jusco, you will hear many ex-pats refer to this establishment as Jusco.



Chaoyang Wet Market

Chaoyang Wet Market

The wet market in Xiangzhou is the one place to buy fresh fish caught that day. Located directly across from the fishing port the fish is always fresh and plentiful. The variety that can be found here is quite impressive.

Cheese Castle

This store is an import wholesaler that caters to many of the Western restaurants in the area. This is a great place to find the standard items in a Western kitchen. Most impressive of all is their meat freezer and cheese fridge. If you make the journey you will be rewarded by the inexpensive prices and various selections of goods.



Chaoyang Wet Market

Jida 吉大



Introduction

Jida (吉大; jí dà) is only a few bus stops past Xiangzhou, the Jida district is a bustling district that is known for large parks, great shopping, and fine dining. The International Duty-Free Mall is one of Jida's most noted features, not only because of the size of the building but the scope of items for sale is quite impressive. The main Jida bus stop (九州城 / jiǔ zhōu chéng) can be reached by taking the 3, 3a, 69, and K3 busses from Tangjawan. Regular taxis can be hailed from bus stops and other areas. Black taxis are more heavily policed in areas closer to Gongbei, you can hail a black taxi but depending on the time of day there may be a lack of taxis.

Eating & Drinking

Subway

If you walk to the left hand side of the northern entrance to the International Duty-Free Mall and walk to the back of the mall there is a Subway. It is a little confusing to find it at first because it is tucked away.

Traditional Chinese Restaurants

There are many traditional Chinese restaurants in the area learn a little Chinese and try to figure out what each restaurant serves. There are delicatessens from all regions of China and even North Korea.

Alan's Belgian Beer Bar

This is a restaurant and bar that offers a tremendous beer menu. Imported beers from Belgium make up the majority of the beers on the menu. Although some of the beers can be quite expensive it is worth visiting.



Pizza Hut, McDonald's, KFC, Papa John's

There is always a variety of American fast food restaurants in many areas of Zhuhai. A majority of these establishments are located in the International Duty-Free Mall; Papa John's is about a five minute walk from the bus stop in Jida.



Entertainment

Arcade

On the top floor of the International Duty-Free Mall is a larger arcade. It is quite a confusing zigzag of escalators to the top, you have been warned.

Parks

Zhuhai has a reputation of being one of the cleaner cities in China and a contributing factor is the amount of public green space the city has. The Jida district is home to a few of Zhuhai's more popular parks. The parks mentioned below are adjacent to the International Duty-Free Mall and a three minute walk north from the Jida bus stop and voilà.

Shijingshan Park

This Park provides an excellent view from the top. The hike to the top is short but very steep. There is a small amusement park and paddle boat rentals here. Avoid this area during any holiday, the parks become inundated with hundreds of people.



Jingshan Park



Jingshan Park

Jingshan Park

Sitting adjacent to Shijingshan Park, Jingshan Park offers a little more excitement in the form of downhill mountain sledding. Take the chair lift to the top of the park and sled to the bottom. The park and the attractions are open weather permitting.

Haiban Park

Haiban Park is the larger flatter cousin of Shijingshan Park. The Park has a large field that overlooks a part of Lover's Lane, The Fisher Girl Statue, and Yelidao Island. This is also the starting point of the Zhuhai half marathon. Paddle boats and Zorbs® are available to rent if you are inclined.

Shopping

International Duty-Free Mall- The one thing that separates this mall from all of the rest in Zhuhai is this is a Duty-Free mall. As a result there are many luxury goods, cosmetics, and larger items that can be purchased here. If you take a bus here you will be dropped off on the opposite side of the street, simply take a right off of the bus and walk straight to a tunnel that will take you to the other side.

Cosmetics

This will be a one stop shop for all of the ladies. Many Western brands can be purchased here, again duty free. The first floor of the mall is home to many resellers and distributors, just look for the vast sea of florescent displays and helpful saleswomen.

Carrefour

This is a French grocery store that offers a variety of imported and domestic goods. Prices are reasonable and the store itself is very clean. To get to Carrefour, find the northern entrance and proceed straight up the moving walkway to the third floor. Two mammoth stone elephants are placed at the northern entrance.

Uniqlo

Located on the ground level to the left of the entrance of Carrefour, Uniqlo offers trendy clothing at a decent price. If you are having a hard time adapting to Chinese fashion or finding sizes that fit, this is a great place to shop.



Taifeng

Located on the fourth floor in the middle section of the International Duty-Free Mall, Taifeng is a reseller of many major house hold appliances. This is a great place to find everything from hair dryers and electric clippers to rice cookers and televisions.

Gongbei

Introduction

Gongbei (拱北; Gǒngběi) is the epicenter of Zhuhai, the true heart of the city. The economic recalibration of China in the seventies and eighties helped sculpt Zhuhai into a wealthy city that prospered. Zhuhai's proximity to Hong Kong and Macau made it prime location for exporters, manufacturers, and investors to set up shop. China and Macau share a land bridge which makes traversing the border a breeze, thousands upon thousands of people cross the Chinese-Macinese border every day. All of these factors make Gongbei extremely diverse and entertaining. To get to Gongbei from Tangjawan take the 3, 3a, 10, 10a, K1, and K3.

Food

Gongbei has a plethora of food that can cater to any taste. An array of restaurants also caters to the size of your wallet. Snack at the street food carts for only a few RMB or enjoy fine Chinese dining at some very swanky Dim Sum restaurants, the choice is yours.

Fast Food

The standard fair of fast food can be found scattered around Gongbei.

Starbucks, McDonald's, and KFC are located around the last bus stop in Gongbei, the Walking Street area, and in the Underground Shopping Mall.

Macchiato Hot Pot

Located on Walking Street this restaurant serves Korean style barbecue and Chinese hot pot. Set meals and an all you can eat buffet are offered.



Huafa New Century City

Huafa Industrial Co. is one of the major construction companies in Zhuhai and they have just completed construction of a large residential and shopping complex. Various social events are held thought the year, from Oktoberfest to hosting

various DJs from the area Huafa New Century City is putting its place on the map as the new place to be in Zhuhai. Although not in Gongbei proper, a meter taxi should cost around ten RMB from the Gongbei border gate. The 62, 82, K8 and K10 busses will take you to Huafa New Century City bus stop (华发世纪城 - 公交车站 / huá fà xīn chéng). Once you have arrived at Huafa New Century City walk towards the water front, then take a left.

The Factory

This sports bar really feels like an American sports bar. There are many televisions that show various sporting events from all continents. You can chose from a vast selection of food and drink while you watch the most popular sporting events.



Amici Mieì Italian Restaurant

Owned and operated by an Italian family Amici Mieì is like many restaurants located in Huafa New Century City, it is brand new. If you like authentic Italian food this is the

place to go and it does not get much better than this. Only the freshest ingredients and old family recipes go into their food and the outcome is superb.

Walking Street

This Street is closed to cars and allows pedestrians a place to walk at a leisurely pace while perusing the various boutiques and restaurants. Built along Walking Street there are many open air stalls that offer unique food and cold drinks.

Stalls

There are many stalls where you can pull up a stool and try something that you have never eaten before. Many street food carts can also be found on the outskirts of the Walking Street area, notably the distinct aroma of 'stinky' tofu will permeate the air.



Many other Chinese restaurants

There are countless other Chinese restaurants in this area so don't be afraid to wander around and experiment. It would be advised to see the menu first to see if there are pictures or not, it seems silly but you will avoid playing restaurant roulette.

Shopping

Wal-Mart

Yes, there is a Wal-Mart in Zhuhai. It is comparable to the other large grocers in the area like Carrefour, Aeon, and Vanguard. If you are taking a 10A from Tangjawan towards Gongbei the bus will go through a tunnel that connects Ning Xi and Gongbei. Wal Mart located at the second bus stop after exiting the tunnel. Take a left when exiting the bus and walk to the next intersection and Wal-Mart will be on your right.

Boutiques around Walking Street

Unlike the larger commercial giants that are located around Zhuhai there are many boutiques stores that are located on and around Walking Street. Most of the clothing that is sold in this area is made in China, and have Chinese sizes. Don't be discouraged if you do not fit into a XXL and the sizes tend to run small, really small.

Underground Shopping Mall

This shopping center is located at the footsteps of the Gongbei border gate. The mall itself is located three stories underground, and it is quite big. Just about anything can be found in this mall; everything from the iPhone 6 and 'real' designer handbags to alligators and SWAT equipment. Be careful as to not lose your way, unfortunately a confusing network of hallways intersect each other through the mall, you may quickly become disorientated.



Vanguard

Vanguard is the Chinese doppelganger of Carrefour, Aeon, and Wal-Mart. Catering to the Chinese market, Vanguard has a massive selection of Chinese food and goods and less of a diverse import section. From the last bus stop in Gongbei, take a left out of the bus and walk to the next intersection and look for the giant green Vanguard sign.

Drinking

Chinese bars and clubs are much different than those in Western nations. Instead of large dance floors, in Chinese clubs there is an incredibly small stage in which performers dance during different periods of the night. After the dancers have retired, the stage is open for anyone to dance on. Often patrons will play dice and drink at their respective table. Grab a bunch of friends and go experience Chinese drinking culture at its finest.

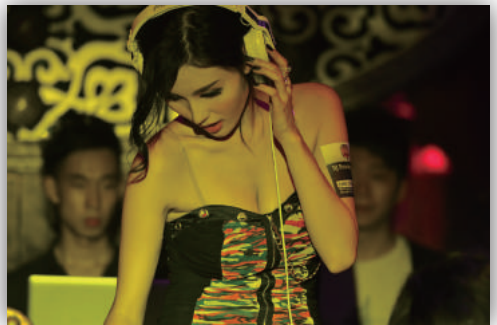


Bar Street

Located next to Lovers Lane, Bar Street is where many come to let loose. There is a variety of clubs on this one street and it is quite easy to bounce from place to place. Club 88, SoHo, and The One are a few of the more popular venues. Taxis are the easiest way to travel to Bar Street and there are always taxis waiting to take intoxicated patrons home at any hour of the night.

Walking Street

During the day couples and families patron the stores and restaurants, but the evenings draw the local bar crowd and tourists alike. Local ex-pats, businessmen, and gamblers coming back from Macau often catch a bite to eat and have a few drinks here. Be wary of the many pick pockets that frequent Walking Street's large crowds and tight corridors. Amongst all the madness you might also run into beggars or children begging. Persistence is the tactic used by most beggars and children often working on most tourists, don't be a tourist!



Entertainment

Go Karts

This go cart track is located right next to the end of Walking Street. It is located underground and once you enter the building you are accosted by a cacophony of tires squealing and engines whining, but it will get your heart pounding. Going with a group of friends will give a friendly edge to the race. When walking from the north end of Walking Street to the south end, the track is located on the left hand side of the last intersection of Walking Street.

Massage

There are many places around Gongbei that offer various different types of massage. It would be wise to patron one of these fine establishments with someone who speaks English. This will insure you get the correct massage and not a 'special' massage if you did not intend on receiving that type of hospitality. Depending on the quality of the massage and other additional treatments one could potentially spend upwards of one thousand RMB, be careful you have not selected the deluxe package.

Miscellaneous

Train Station

The largest of all Zhuhai's train stations, this line will give you access to China's entire railway network. Regardless if you are

traveling to Guangzhou or Beijing a passport is a must.

Beaconsfield Tong Bus Station

Located around the Gongbei border gate are a number of starting points for busses from Zhuhai to just about every city in China. If you wish to purchase a ticket you can go to the ticket office, or you can use a private travel company to organize a trip for you.

Border with Macau

Traveling to Macau for a day trip or weekend is a great way to escape the chaos of China. It is hard to miss the giant border gate that is located at the southernmost tip of Gongbei. When you come to the border be prepared to spend thirty minutes to two hours waiting to be processed. The process of leaving China and entering Macau, vice versa, is a very easy but the sheer number of people that pass through this border crossing can cause seemingly endless lines. Make sure to bring a pen, as you will have to fill out entry/exit forms at both the Chinese and Macanese boarders. Weekends, holidays, and national holidays are the busiest times to cross the border and to avoid the insane crowds that will pack both immigration halls, crossing early in the morning is a sure-fire way move quickly. Avoid returning to China to late in the evening because there is the potential of spending two hours in line.

**REMEMBER KNOW WHAT TYPE OF VISA YOU HOLD. No one wants to go to Macau and then realize they were issued a single entry visa.*

Ningxi 柠溪



Introduction

Ning Xi is a vibrant area just north of Gongbei. There are many different establishments to eat, shop, and drink. The town square offers a place to watch community performances weather permitting. Quirky shops line the halls of the horseshoe shaped building directly behind the town square. Here you can buy ridiculous matching couple's t-shirts, hiking gear, and silly trinkets; or you can shop at the independent boutiques that offer a various selection unique garments. As you explore this are more, try going down one of the many side streets for some cheap and quick grub. Ning Xi is a residential area where the bustle of the crowd can always be observed, but it is not as hectic as Gongbei or Xiangzhou.

There are many different universities in the area and the movie theater in Ning Xi often draws a fairly large crowd of students. The 10, 10a, and K1 busses from Horizon Cove service Ning Xi.

Food

Once you have arrived at the Ning Xi bus stop, coming from the north, there is an underground tunnel that passes under the street. When you have exited the bus turn to the left and proceed towards the tunnel. Once across the street there is both a KFC and McDonald's located right outside of the tunnel exit. There are many Chinese restaurants in this area and the streets are often flooded with street food carts, you should not have a problem finding something to eat in this area.

Drinking

Ice Bar

This bar caters to the many foreign English teachers that teach at the many schools in the Ning Xi area. The beers are cold and cheap; Ning Xi also serves as a great place to start for a long night on the town. Ice Bar is located next to the movie theater and the Circle K, the bar is built into an open air passage way that cuts through the main building.

Mary' s Aul Sod

This pub is decked out in all of the traditional Irish décor. Rugby jerseys adorn the walls and often Champions League games are shown on the bar' s TVs. Basic pub food is served along with some Irish specialties. There are many beers on tap including but not limited to Kilkenny, Guinness, and Strongbow.

Shopping

Cell Phone stores

There will be many cell phone stores scattered around the center of each district in Zhuhai, and Ning Xi is no different. If you are in the market for a new phone there are many outlet stores or resellers for manufactures like Apple, Samsung, or HTC. China Mobile and China Telecom are also resellers of the big name brands, but they also carry cheaper Chinese phones.

Pharmacy

There are many pharmacies, optometrists, and dentists in this area. If there is any issue finding specific medications in Tangjawan, by traveling closer to Gongbei it might be easier to find more diversity amongst products and specialists.

Wet Market

The wet market in Ning Xi is quite a long way to travel to buy food for supper if you live in Tangjawan, but if you are in the area you will be pleasantly surprised the market itself. This wet market retains the rustic qualities of a traditional Chinese wet market while maintaining a pristine environment. The floors are clean and the produce is fresh, if you have visited other wet markets you will understand the rarity of high hygienic standards. There is also a store that sells organic and specialty foods on the second floor.

Entertainment

Movie Theater

Ning Xi is home to one of the several movie theaters in Zhuhai. Many Chinese movies and some Western movies are shown here. The student discounts that the theater offers often attracts many of the university students in the area.

Arcade

Scattered across Ning Xi are a number of arcades, expect some healthy competition if you care to try your hand at Street Fighter 4 or King of Fighters.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Buying Tickets

Planes

Flying is the easiest way to travel around and outside of China. Although flying is not the most cost effective way of traveling, but often shelling out some extra RMB for a plane ticket beats sitting on a bus for sixteen hours. Tickets can be purchased on Western websites but are often a bit more expensive than purchasing tickets on a Chinese website. Qunar.com and ctrip.com are two Chinese websites that offer cheaper flights than other websites. Before booking flights be sure to see which carriers service which airports; often carriers that are based outside of China will offer cheap flights to their main hub. For example, Air Asia's main hub is located at Kuala Lumpur International Airport and extremely cheap flights and transfers can be purchased as a result of traveling to the main hub. There are several airports that are easily accessible from Zhuhai.

Hong Kong International Airport
(香港国际机场)
IATA code: HKG

Located near Lantau island Hong Kong International Airport offers carriers that service mainland China and the rest of the world.

Zhuhai Jinwan Airport
(珠海金湾机场)
IATA code: ZUH

This airport is quite small but offers a large amount of destinations around China. Unfortunately this airport is located in the Doumen district of Zhuhai and is quite a long taxi ride to the airport.

Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport
(广州白云国际机场)
IATA code: CAN

One of the largest airports in the area Baiyun International Airport is located in Guangzhou and is very easy to get to. This is China's second busiest airport and offers a plethora of carriers and destinations.

Macau International Airport (澳门国际机场) IATA code: MFM

This airport is not the largest or the busiest airport in this region, but many discount carriers service Macau International Airport. The relative size of Macau and its airport allow for a quick and easy boarding process.

Shenzhen Bao' an International Airport (深圳宝安国际机场) IATA code: SZX

There is three main terminals, one of which services international flights. This airport is scheduled for expansion that will add another runway and expand the list of destinations this airport services.

Trains

The railway network in China is an impressive feat of human engineering. This network connects every corner of China and allows millions of people to traverse the country without the high costs of flying. The China Railway Corporation runs all of the rail lines in China and there are several different types of trains that can be taken. The China Railway High-speed (CRH, 中国铁路高速) is the train line that passes through Zhuhai and onto Guangzhou, and traveling at up to two-hundred kilometers an hour you will be to Guangzhou in about an hour. The

CRH line is a high speed commuter train and will take you to Guangzhou where you will have to transfer trains. Traveling extensive distances will require overnight trains, before you have booked your tickets be aware of which class ticket you intend to buy. Note that a hard sleeper in third class is literally a wooden bench; this might be a rude awakening if you have purchased a ticket from Guangzhou to Beijing.

Buses

There is a seemingly endless amount of busses that mob the streets like salmon swimming up-stream. Bus terminals are scattered around Zhuhai, and often bus companies will have pick-up points at public bus stations. Sleeper busses are common place and for prolonged journeys it would recommend to spend a few more RMB for this ticket.

Hongkong&Macau

Both Hong Kong and Macau exist in a political quagmire created by the previous colonial powers that had previously occupied these areas. Hong Kong and Macau are both Special Administrative Regions of the People's Republic of China (SARs) and fall within the sovereignty of the People's Republic of China. Although these SARs are answerable to the People's Republic of China, they do have their own borders and governments.

There and Back

Hong Kong and Macau both physically share a border with mainland China. Macau borders mainland China in Zhuhai and Hong Kong in Shenzhen. Both SARs have ferries that service mainland China and each other. Hong Kong has two, Hong Kong–Macau Ferry Terminal (港澳碼頭) and Hong Kong China Ferry Terminal (香港中港城碼頭). Hong Kong–Macau Ferry Terminal is located on Hong Kong Island while Hong Kong China Ferry Terminal is located on Kowloon in the Tsim Sha Tsui district. Pick your poison when choosing your port of entry and exit. Traveling to Macau from Zhuhai is quite simple because of the proximity of the land border and a ferry services the southernmost tip of Macau, heading to Hong Kong International Airport, Kowloon, and Hong Kong Central ferry terminals. The schedule for ferries from Jiuzhou Port (珠海九州港) to Hong Kong, vice versa, can be found on

<http://www.cksp.com.hk/eng/home.html>

and is dependent on the weather. There are busses from Zhuhai to Hong Kong, depending on the ticket there are a variety of destinations in Hong Kong which you can choose to be dropped off at.

Paperwork

Entering and exiting China can seem like an intimidating task, and a few simple reminders will ease the process along. Always double check what type of visa you hold and what restrictions there are. At every crossing you will be issued a stamp in your passport and will keep the other half of your immigration form. It is important that you do not lose this form, if you do lose this part of the immigration form be prepared for the potential of a bunch of waiting around and unwanted headaches.

Visa Information

Difference between the types of visas- Before planning any trip outside of China it is essential to know what steps must be taken to obtain a visa for said country. Depending upon which passport you hold there will be different visa restrictions for each country. For example, Americans are allowed to stay in Hong Kong for up to ninety days without obtaining a visa, while other countries require Americans to apply at that country's consulate.

Equally important is checking what type of Chinese visa you have been issued. Some visas are issued with single, double, or multiple entry restrictions.

Maps

Tangjia Map



Gongbei Map

