

## ATTRACTIONS

### Hualin Temple 华林寺

Built during the Southern Dynasty (AD 420-589), this temple was renovated and renamed in 1654. The main attraction is the 500 Arhat Hall. As its name suggests, this hall contains the golden-painted statues of 500 different monks, each with their own unique characteristics and poses. The main hall of this temple is adorned with six columns with exquisitely carved dragon motifs and houses three grand Buddha statues. It is polite to purchase incense and to pay your respects if you know what you are doing, but otherwise it is better to respectfully observe. Entry is free.

**Address:** Hualinsi Qian Jie, Changshou Xi Lu, Liwan district

**Transportation:** Take Metro Line 1 to Changshou Lu, leave through Exit A, take a right on to Changshou Dong Lu and follow it until you come to a side street on your right with an enormous tree in the center. Opposite the tree is the temple.

### Nansha Tianhou Palace

南沙天后宫



Nansha Tianhou, having been rebuilt just 15 years ago, is by far the youngest of all holy sites in Guangzhou. Although it is a bit remote from the city center, it is definitely worth visiting as it offers an unrivalled, beautiful view of the Pearl River besides being a lovely place itself. To reach the upper temples from sea level and experience the great view you will have to climb a few stairs, though on ground level there are plenty of things to explore as well, including a goddess of the sea statue standing 14-meter's tall. Entry is free.

**Hours:** 8 am-5:30 pm

**Address:** Dajiao Hill, Nansha district

### Dafu Mountain 大夫山

Located in the outer reaches of Panyu, Dafu Mountain is part of Dafu Mountain Forest Park, the largest green area within Guangzhou covering 9,000 acres. The park is mostly covered in evergreens and cut through with streams and lakes. Dafu Mountain is the highest of all hills in the park. Among its many man-made features is an ancient tomb.

**Transportation:** Take Metro Line 3 and get off at Shiqiao stop, Exit C. Walk five minutes to Baiyue Square bus stop and take No 16 bus. Get off at Dafu Mountain Forest Park bus terminal.

### Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall

中山纪念堂

This key historical relic protected by Guangdong province is a memorial building built with the funds raised by the Guangzhou people and overseas Chinese in memory of Sun Yat-sen, the great revolutionary forerunner. The hall is a gorgeous octagonal structure, with solemn and magnificent looks, and strong national features.

**Hours:** 8 am-6 pm.

**Address:** 259 Dongfeng Zhong Lu

**Transportation:** Take bus or Metro Line 2 and stop at Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall station.

### Guangzhou Ocean World

广州海洋世界

New to Guangzhou Zoo is an exhibition hall with a special theme — Guangzhou Ocean World, which reflects the mysterious, changeable and splendid ocean world. It has attracted visitors from home and abroad since its inception. A large-scale and multi-functional scientific and technological exhibition hall that combines entertainment with scientific research and education, Guangzhou Ocean World covers an area of about 13,000 sq meters and cost about \$50 million. It has been named Guangdong Educational Base for Popular Marine Science by the Science and Technology Association of Guangdong province. Guangzhou Ocean World is divided into several areas to reveal the submarine world in all directions, including Ocean Square, Relief Square, Touch Pool, Hall of Popular Marine Science, Ocean Theater and Sea lion Amusement Park.

**Address:** 120 Xianlie Zhong Lu

**Tel:** (020) 87611250

## RESTAURANTS

### Zhangji Lamb Restaurant

张记清补羊肉城

This restaurant is right by the Haizhu Bridge and up close to the water. Though its bamboo fence doesn't allow a truly fine view, its second-storey balcony section is a refreshing and peaceful place to eat when the weather allows. It is most known for its hotpot, but carries a full array of Cantonese cuisine along with a variety of fruit-flavored flat breads, which you will find being cooked outside the front door. Dishes range between 20 and 70 yuan.

**Address:** 270 Binjiang Xi Lu, Haizhu district

**Tel:** (020) 84446202

**Transportation:** Take Metro Line 2 to Haizhu Square, take Exit A and cross Haizhu Bridge. Turn right and the restaurant is immediately on your left.

### Songfeng Xuan 松风轩

Songfeng Xuan is one of a few places where you can literally combine eating and sightseeing and get good results at both. Located about a 40-minute walk from White Cloud Mountain west gate, its second-floor patio section is surrounded by dense trees and a view of the mountain's rippling hills. Even if you dine indoors, you'll find plenty of greenery, along with a colorful carp pond. The cuisine here is thoroughly Cantonese, with chicken, pig's feet and bean curd among their most popular items. Dim sum and tea are a morning specialty. Most items here go for about 20 to 90 yuan.

**Address:** White Cloud Mountain Mingzhulou Tour Area, 1128 Baiyun Dadao, Baiyun district

**Tel:** (020) 36209288

### Tai Lai 太来养生馆

Out in the Haizhu district you'll find Tai Lai, a small vegetarian eatery and teahouse. It doesn't do much in the way of meat substitutes, but prefers to serve foods that are naturally tasty such as vegetables, seaweed and mushrooms, light on oil and salt. They recommend their Five Grains Cook Rice, Gano-derma Lucidum Soup, Vegetarian Hot Pot and Thai Source Bean Curd.

**Address:** 1 Yale Lu, near Shangdu Lu, Haizhu district

**Tel:** (020) 34253411



## EDITOR'S PICK >> THE TRUE TASTE OF GUANGZHOU

According to a local saying, "Only when you have visited Tanghe Restaurant can you understand the real meaning of eating in Guangzhou".

Located in Guangzhou's Haizhu district, Tanghe Restaurant is famous for its delicious seafood cuisine and other traditional Cantonese dishes.

During the busy hours, customers usually have to book in advance, or they will have to wait for as long as two hours for vacancies to have their dinner.

In addition to its reasonable prices, the restaurant is also known for its good environment, interior design and fine service.

At least a 12 percent discount is offered to diners during the Asian Games.

**Address:** 2/F, 361 Gongye Dadao Zhong, Haizhu district

**Tel:** (020) 34365770

### Fo Shi Jie 佛世界素食社

This Buddhist restaurant has more than 20 years of history, and is a quiet, simple place for Buddhists and non-Buddhists to get together to eat vegetarian food and share experiences. It has traditional vegetable dishes and meat substitutes, and attracts a fair number of customers for non-alcoholic beer from the Republic of Korea. Like most Buddhist restaurants, it refrains from garlic and onion. One of its standout dishes is the Luo Han Zhai, comprising black fungus, mushrooms, bamboo, asparagus, corn cob, bean curd and nuts. Their meatless meats, such as the crispy chicken, duck and fish, are made from gluten, flour, taro, mushroom and dried bean curd. They also serve meatless abalone.

**Address:** 2-8 Er Sheng Gong, Tongfu

Zhong Lu, Haizhu district

**Tel:** (020) 84407261

### Qin Fang Yuan Dessert Restaurant 沁芳园甜品店

Ginger milk pudding, known as Jiang-zhuang Nai, has long been a traditional snack in the Pearl River Delta. It mixes ginger juice and milk. Once solidified, the dish tastes fragrant, pure, crisp and sweet, but a little peppery. Capable of warming the stomach, it is very popular with locals. The dessert originated in Guangzhou's Shawan town of Panyu district, an area flowing with milk and honey. The main ingredients are ginger, milk and sugar.

**Address:** 85 Daxiangchong Lu, Nancun, Shawan town, Panyu district, opposite the Culture Center

**Tel:** (020) 84732479

## WHAT'S ON

### Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole

This is a computer animated fantasy/adventure film directed by Zach Snyder and starring the voices of Emily Barclay, Jim Sturgess, Abbie Cornish and Ryan Kwanten. A young owl is abducted by an evil Owl army. Together with his new-found friends he must escape and seek out the legendary Guardians to stop the evil.

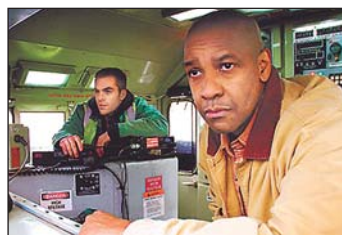
**When:** until Dec 11

**Address:** Jinyi International Cinemas, 3/F, Weijiasi Plaza, Pearl River New City, 188 Huangpu Dadao, Tianhe district

**Tel:** (020) 87588855

### Unstoppable

Denzel Washington and Chris Pine star in Tony Scott's newest release, *Unstoppable*. An unmanned, half-mile long runaway train carrying toxic chemicals is rushing towards the city. A veteran engineer and a young conductor race against the clock in an attempt to stop the train and avoid a huge catastrophe.



**When:** until Dec 12

**Address:** Jinyi International Cinemas

**Tel:** (020) 87588855

### Sachoom Korean Dance Group Show "爱舞动" 韩国舞蹈秀

To celebrate the Asian Games, more than 2,000 performance artists from about 20 countries will be visiting the city, treating Guangzhou residents to a jam-packed month of wonderful performances. Sachoom Dance Group from the Republic of Korea is regarded as a cultural icon of the country. Its lively dance shows combine hip-hop, street dance, Jazz and disco for an altogether unique and highly-memorable show.

**When:** 2:30 pm, Nov 21; 8 pm, Nov 21-22

**Address:** Guangzhou Bud Theater, 167

Dongfeng Xi Lu, Yuexiu district

**Tel:** (020) 81362572

## NIGHTLIFE

### Hill Bar 小山吧

Truly tailor-made for expats, this pub is everything you need if you're experiencing homesickness. Soccer matches are shown every now and then and themed party nights such as Thanksgiving are organized.

**Address:** 367 Huanshi Dong Lu, Yuexiu district

**Tel:** (020) 83590206

### Party World 钱柜

Party World karaoke bar has many branches all around China. As one of the favorite types of entertainment, visitors can come to sing their lungs out. Those interested in getting an early start can get a discount before 6 pm.

**Address:** 1-4/F, Huihua Trade Building, 80

Xianlie Zhong Lu, Yuexiu district

**Tel:** (020) 37619333