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Splendid China Miniature Park 锦绣中华

Covering an area of 300,000 square meters, Splendid China Miniature Park serves as a showcase for China's 5.000 years of history and its exquisite territory of 9.6 million square kilometers. Eighty-two scenic spots in the scenic area are placed according to their actual positions in the Chinese territory; they are duplicated at a scale of 1:15. More than 50,000 lifelike ceramic figures and animals vividly present the different architecture, lifestyles, folk cultures and folk customs of China as a multi-ethnic

Address: Huaqiao city, Shenzhen district, Guangdong province. Opening Hours: 9 am-6 pm

China Folk Culture Village 中国民俗文化村

Covering an area of more than 200,000 square meters, China Folk Culture Village is the first large cultural tourism destination that integrates the arts, customs and architecture of the different ethnic groups of China. The village stages various kinds of shows and performances, including folk performances, presentation of folk handcrafts and folk festivals, such as the China Folk Temple Fair, the Water-Sprinkling Festival, the Torch Festival, the Xishuangbanna Month and the Inner Mongolia Week. These events present the pure, rich and colorful folk cultures and customs of all the ethnic groups of China, and introduce tourists to the enormous charm of the Chinese nation.

Address: Huaqiao city, Shenzhen district, Guangdong province

Opening hours: 9 am-9:30 pm

Transportation: Take Shenzhen Subway Line I and get off at Huaqiaocheng (Overseas Chinese Town) station, Go out of Exit D. From the railway station, take sightsee ing bus No 1 or bus No 101 to get there. From the airport, take bus No 27 directly to Splendid China.

Window of the World

世界之窗

The Window of the World is a theme park located in the western part of Shenzhen. This 480,000-sq-m park features more than 130 miniature replicas of scenic and cultural wonders. Inside, you can find the Golden Gate Bridge and the Niagara Waterfall of the United States, the Kremlin of Russia, Italy's Pisa Tower, Egyptian pyramids, the Tai Mahal of India and an Eiffel Tower built at a scale of 1-to-3 etc. Although



these replicas would probably not attract many Western visitors, the park's daily dance performances and regular carnival-like events are great fun. Beautifully illuminated at night, it is also an impressive city scene.

Address: Window of the World, 9037 Shennan Avenue, Shenzhen

Transportation: Take Shenzhen Metro Line 1 and get off at Window of the World station. From the railway station, take





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Renowned as the "capital of theme parks", Shenzhen is home to several, including China Folk Culture Village, Splendid China, Window of the World, Happy Valley and Minsk Aircraft Carrier. All are vivid miniatures of China's cultural integration with world civilizations.

sightseeing bus 1 or bus No 101. From the airport, take bus 327 directly to Window of the World

RESTAURANTS

Milano Italian Restaurant

米兰意大利餐厅

Awarded as Best Italian Restaurant by Shenzhen Daily newspaper, it is the only restaurant run by three Italians. The menu is a wonderful mix of classic haute cuisine, and simpler offerings for the newcomer to Italian food. Plenty of antipasti (appetizers) are followed by homemade pastas and other favorites like spaghetti and penne in homemade sauces. A sizeable collection of secondi (mains) of carne (meat) and pesce (fish) offer classics done to perfection by chefs from South Italy.

Address: 1/F, Chuangzhan Center Anhui Building, No 6007 Shennan Road, Chegongmiao, Futian district, Shenzhen Tel: (755) 8358 1661

Simply Life Cafe Bakery 星美乐

Simply Life Cafe Bakery is a great find. It's tucked away in the MIXC shopping mall. Since its opening on Dec 8, 2010, the continually growing number of customers made us believe it's popular. The most attractive point is they are served at really reasonable prices. The menu has simple dishes, including salads, burgers and risotto. By the way, the strawberry pies were always sold out — are you fast enough?

Address: 1881 Shennan Road The MIXC, Shenzhen (near the Grand Hyatt) Tel. (755) 2221 1782



Little India Restaurant

小印度餐厅

This new Indian restaurant in Coco Park offers Nepalese and Indian cuisine. Popular dishes include chicken masala; chicken vindaloo; lamb kofta curry; roganjosh; chicken biryani and raita; peshawari pullao; saffron pullao; garlic naan; kashmiri naan; onion bhaji; samosa; chicken tikka; tandoori chicken; seekh kebab; prawn vidaloo aloo gobi; palak paneer; daal makhani; etc. Address: No 18B Basement North of CoCo

Park, 138 Mingtian Road, Futian, Shen-

Tel: (755) 8317 4827

Panash 泛亚风情餐厅

Panash, a true Pan-Asian restaurant, offers authentic Southeast Asian flavors, including Thai, Singaporean, Malaysian, Japanese and more. The dining venue consists of three sections: a Southeast Asian area, a noodle bar and a Japanese teppanyaki table and sushi bar. Panash offers guests a choice of authentic cuisines from Southeast Asia and Japan. Every Saturday and Sunday, Panash features their signature Pan-Asian Weekend Buffet Brunch. It offers sushi, teppanyaki, tempura, fresh seafood and various authentic South Asian favorites. Dining at Panash is truly a value-formoney experience you wouldn't want

Address: Four Points by Sheraton Shenzhen, Level 2, 5 Guihua Road, Futian Free

The Kitchen - Futian 福田厨房

The Kitchen provides an exciting mix of international dishes in a cosy and sophisticated, fine-dining environment in the heart of the new CoCo Shopping Park entertainment district in Futian CBD. Its bistro-style menu features offerings from around the world, including French, Italian, Hungarian and Tex-Mex dishes made with imported meat and bathed in the wonderful mix of sauces with accompanying fresh vegetables. Also on offer are succulent steaks and burgers made using prime Australian beef, plus a great value brunch.

Address: Coco Park District C - Shop 144, Gouwugongyuan station Exit B, Mingtian Road, Futian, (in the new part of Coco Park next to Gauchos and Club Viva) Tel: (755) 2531 3860

Fusion Cafe 菲苑咖啡厅

Fusion Cafe, a luxurious and elegantly designed restaurant, has an open kitchen, and serves exquisite worldwide cuisines. You will receive optimal attention, as you experience these exclusive cuisines, such as breakfast, buffets and room service.

Service hours: 6:30 am-2:00 am Address: The Pavilion Century Tower lobby, 4014 Huaqiang Road North, Futian Tel: (755) 8207 8888

