



RESTAURANTS



The Mama's

地中海风味餐厅

This restaurant, opened by a Lebanese-Australian, features succulent, flame-grilled Middle Eastern Pizza and kebabs, guaranteed to cheer your taste buds. Perhaps this is the only place in Shenzhen where genuine kebabs can be found. It has a Mediterranean style and warm, vibrant atmosphere, with an eclectic mix of global music. There is talk of a second shop opening soon in Sea World, Shekou.

Hours: 11 am-midnight

Address: Shop 108-109, Haichang St, Shekou, Nanshan district
Tel: (755) 2685 0910

The Tasty Buffet 大饱口福

This got the "China's 50 best restaurants" award for two consecutive years, a well-deserved honor. This is the place for a delicious meal in Shenzhen in a pleasant, comfortable atmosphere, with an open kitchen concept and a 150-meter-long buffet. The food is presented in eight sections where you can select from more than 600 buffet items, cooked by chefs from all over the world. But it is more than just a buffet. Its spacious dining hall with more than 1,000 seats and dedicated service make it the ideal restaurant for a gathering of family or friends.

Hours: 10:30 am-2:30 pm, 5:30 pm-9:30 pm, weekdays 11:30 am-3:00 pm, 5:30 pm-9:45 pm, weekends and holidays

Address: 51/F, Coastal City, Hai De Yi Dao, Nanshan district
Tel: (755) 8635 9922

Xinxin Qiangji Restaurant

新新强记港式茶餐厅

A good Cantonese restaurant needs an expert chef who knows the cuisine well. The chefs here are just that, and they're all locals. They make traditional Cantonese cuisine every day, with their Hong Kong-style milk tea and grilled food receiving the greatest praise. What's more, with the average mean costing about 25 yuan, it's a tasty treat for most customers.

Hours: 8 am-11 pm

Address: No 211, Daxin Commercial Center, Qianhai Rd, Nanshan district
Tel: (755) 2608 8822

SHOPPING SPOTS

Sino-British Street 中英街

The shops on this tax-free street sell a variety of goods from around the world. Sino-British Street is famous for its unique political "one street, two systems" history. There are other tourism and cultural resources nearby. The Sino-British Street History Museum, the Boundary Marker, the Ancient Well, the Bell, the Wushi Hall, the Tin Hou Temple and ancient lanes are very good attractions. Sino-British Street is a "shopper's paradise" as well as an economic and cultural exchanges center between the mainland and Hong Kong. Go to the Sino-British Street, feel the vicissitudes of history and the bustle of modernity.



Address: Shatoujiao, Yantian district, Shenzhen
Transportation: Take bus No 103, 202 or 205.

ATTRACTIONS

Lotus Hill Park 莲花山公园

The park is located in the city center and is the perfect spot to get a panoramic view of Shenzhen. Lotus Hill is 532 meters high and has a large square on top. Visitors can enjoy the city view or take photos of the interesting Deng Xiaoping statue. The park's large expanse of beautiful lawns is a pleasant place for leisurely activities. Entry is free.

Address: Hongli Road West, Futian district
Transportation: Take Bus 25 from the Shenzhen railway station and get off at the Lotus Hill Park stop, or take Bus 338 from the airport and get off at the Lotus North Village stop, and walk 600 meters. Other bus routines are: 10, 14, 15, 25, 35A, 38, 41, 54, 60, 65, 71, 107, 111, K105, 235, 236, 237, 350, 374, 383 and 391.

Evergreen Resort 青青世界

This resort at the foot of Mount Nanshan is a famous ecotourism site that combines agricultural tourism with sightseeing. The composer Qiao Yu's song *Evergreen* is inspired by this place. Visitors can get a feel for a tropical rainforest, or the "lungs of the earth", here and get a look at environmental protection in action. Visit the beautiful Amazon River fish show, and take a look at the butterflies in the butterfly farm. There are also fruits at Fruits Park and a flower market or the children can learn some "eco-lessons" in a "forest classroom". Entry costs 50 yuan.

Address: No 1 Green Street, Moon Bay, Nanshan district, Shenzhen
Transportation: Take the subway from the railway station to the "Window of the World" stop, and catch Bus 42 to the Evergreen resort. Or take Bus 215 from the railway station, to Bus 350 at the "Lotus Hill Park" to the destination. Alternatives include Bus 210 from Shenkou Pier and buses 42, 350 and 369 from other parts of



town.

Hongfa Temple 弘法寺

Hongfa Temple, located in the Shenzhen Xianhu Botanical Garden, lies in the Wutong Mountains, which is in the east of Shenzhen and known as Shenzhen's "green heart". It backs on to the abrupt mountains and faces Xianhu. From bottom to top, the Vestibule Hall, Heavenly King Hall, Buddhism Cultures Exhibition Hall, Grand Hall and Hall of Scriptures Collection spread out on the invisible central axis. On the sides are the Monastic Recep-

tion; Hall of Patriarch; Qielan Hall; Drum Tower; Mercy Buddha Hall; Ksitigarbha Hall; Gong De Hall; the Abbot's Residence; Mahaparinirvana Temple; Abstinence Hall; Buddhist Temple; monks' cells; guests houses and Yunshui Hall. On Aug 31, 1990, Hongfa Temple opened to the public as a venue for religious activities upon approval by the Shenzhen municipal government. And the Buddhist temple is the most prominent in the city.

Address: Hongfa Temple, Liantang Xianhu (Deity Lake), Luohu district, Shenzhen



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Parks are often the best places to experience a green city. The Shenzhen municipal government has opened many free public parks. Take several days and enjoy your holiday there. You'll feel the beauty of nature in Shenzhen.