



Shenzhen

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It only took Shenzhen 30 years to go from a little-known fishing village to an international metropolis. The expanding economy and countless opportunities attract people from all over the country to this young and dynamic city. With people flooding in, this tech hub has become a melting pot of various local cultures and the showcase of a younger China. Although Shenzhen doesn't have much historic heritage to speak of, it is certainly one of the most modern Chinese cities with great infrastructure.



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THE CITY



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Four-meter wide Chung Ying street links Hong Kong to Shenzhen in Luo Ho in just a few hundred easy steps. Huanguang, Dongmen & Bagua food markets in the city centre are a vibrant introduction to the succulent tastes of China's mainland.

Fancy a night out? Then you are sure to find yourself in Shekou district at some stage dancing the night away in one of the city's many nightclubs while the city's balmy weather means it is possible to head out in shorts and T-shirt virtually all year-round. Beyond the city proper, the special economic zone hosts the Overseas Chinese Town where its four massive theme parks are also the venue for a series of international festivals celebrating music, beer, food and dance at various times of the year.

Shenzhen is also dubbed the 'Silicon Valley of China' for hosting a massive supply chain of electronics that stretches across the country. When visiting the Huaqiangbei market, you can find a massive selection of these, from PCs to circuit boards, as well as shop for the next-generation gadget right in the place of its production.

DO & SEE



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If you are looking for some traditional and historical sites, Shenzhen might not be the best destination. But what it does have are a few original theme parks and shopping opportunities - particularly for electronics - that make the city attractive as a travel destination. Shenzhen is large and sprawling while the metro system is simple, efficient and easy to use for access to most of the venues on your tick-off list.

Overseas Chinese Town /



Overseas Chinese Town is a cluster of scenic and entertaining spots, including, most notably, Shenzhen's 4 famous theme parks: Splendid

China, Window of the World, Chinese Folk Culture Village, and Happy Valley. It is a perfect day-trip destination for families and groups of friends. Some of the highlights include the longest log flume ride in China, an all-glass transparent observation deck, as well as various kinds of scenic artificial gardens and architecture, some recreating original European buildings.

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Address: OCT Tourist Park, Yantian District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 9h30 - 17h30

Phone: +86 755 8888 9888

Internet: www.octeast.com/en/

Window Of The World /



The Window of the World is a microcosm of the world's most famous landmarks. You can visit over 130 models including the Eiffel

Tower, the pyramids, Cambodia's Angkor Wat and more, all in only one afternoon. A wide range of festivals is held here throughout the year, like the Beer Festival in the summer and Dance Festival in winter.

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Address: 9037 Shennan Da Dao, Nanshan District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 9h - 22h30

Phone: +86 755 2660 8000

Internet: en.szwwco.com

Wutong Mountain /



One of the most popular activities among locals is hiking the Wutong Mountain. You can choose different trails depending on your fitness

level. It is a refreshing experience to see breathtaking views, extending as far as Hong Kong on a sunny day. There is also a botanical garden and the most prosperous temple in Shenzhen - Hongfa.

Photo: HelloRF Zcool / Shutterstock.com

Address: Wutong Village, Luohu District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 6h - 18h

Phone: +86 755 2570 8918

Splendid China Folk Village /



This theme park with a scale map of China's most famous landmarks covers 30 hectares. Xian's terracotta army, Sichuan's Leshan Buddha and of course the Great Wall are all here. It may give you a few more ideas of places to visit beyond the classic Forbidden City and Temple of Heaven of a China tour. Moreover, you can also get to know various cultures and customs of all the 55 minority ethnic groups in China.

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Address: 9003 Shennan Da Dao, Nanshan District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 10h - 18h, 19h - 21h

Phone: +86 755 2660 2111

Dapeng Fortress /



The 600-year-old fortress, located approximately a 90 minute trip from Shenzhen centre, retains much of its original character including a walled military village and forts for protecting residents from pirates. In 2007, it was classified as UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage.

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Address: Dapeng Street, Dapeng New District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 9h - 17h30

Phone: +86 755 8235 7999

Mangrove Nature Reserve /



Shenzhen Mangrove is a seaside park, which contains an ideal bird sanctuary and habitat for migratory birds along the East Asia-Australasia Flyway. The park is a popular spot among locals

for enjoying the sea view, chatting and playing cards over the weekends,

Photo: CCPAPA/Pixabay.com

Address: Haibin Da Dao, Fu Tian District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 24/7

Di Wang Building /



Taking the lift to the observation deck on the 68th floor will only take you 50 seconds. From there, you can get an impressive panorama of the ever-expanding city of Shenzhen on the one side, and glance at the view of Hong Kong on the other side. This used to be the highest building of Shenzhen and set a world record of construction speed with 2.5 days per floor. It serves as testament to the high-speed development of Shenzhen.

Photo: canadastock/Shutterstock.com

Address: 5002 Shennan Dong Dao, Luohu District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 8h30 - 23h30

Phone: +86 755 8246 3789

Internet: www.szmvc.com.cn

Lizhi Park /



Lizhi Park is relaxing space with lush green lawns and beautiful lakes. You can enjoy the amazing views by taking a boat along the lake.

This is also a common gathering spot for cultural events held in Shenzhen. The park sees interest groups gather every weekend: you can find the English corner, traditional opera lovers' group, a Tai chi group and other kinds of organised thematic groups gather in this park.

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Address: 1001 Hongling Zhong Lu, Futian District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 5h30 - 23h

Phone: +86 755 8209 5655

Chung Ying Street /



This 250-metre long, 4-meter wide street is certainly one of the most interesting ways to cross from Hong Kong to Shekou town in Shenzhen. One side of the street literally belongs to Hong Kong, and the other to Mainland China. If you are interested in understanding the story behind, Chung Ying Street Historical Museum is here for you depicting its history. This is also an ideal place for shopping, for all the products here are tax-free. However, it is reported that this place has a lot of fake goods so it is advised to be careful when shopping. A specific entrance permit is needed which you can get at the entrance for 15 RMB.

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Address: Chung Ying Street, Shatoujiao Village, Yantian District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 24/7

Shenzhen Museum /



Not only can you enjoy a multitude of calligraphy pieces, but also understand the brief history of Shenzhen by visiting varied exhibition halls, including Beginning of the City, Marine Economy, an Important Strategic Town on Coastal Defense and Ancient Immigration.

Photo: Maridav/Shutterstock.com

Address: Fuzhong Lu, Futian District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 10h - 18h

Phone: +86 755 8210 5369

Internet: www.shenzhenmuseum.com/museum/html/index

Email: shenzhenmuseum@qq.com

OCT Harbor /



OCT Harbour is an emerging hot spot for leisure, dining, and shopping. It consists of modern exhibitions, art galleries, shopping malls, an aquarium, an open-air theatre, an IMAX cinema, restaurants and an artificial beach. You can enjoy varied entertainment and the breathtaking view of of Shenzhen's skyline.

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Address: 8 Baishi Dong Lu, Nanshan District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 24/7

Phone: +86 755 8612 2311

He Xiangning Art Museum /



He Xiangning Art Museum was named after a highly regarded female painter. The central government constructed the art gallery to represent the traditions and culture of the Chinese people. The museum holds regular exhibitions displaying artwork by various contemporary artists.

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Address: 9013 Shennan Da Dao, Nanshan District, Shenzhen

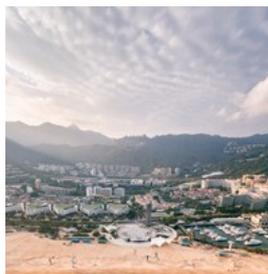
Opening hours: 9h30 - 17h, close every Monday

Phone: +86 755 2660 4540

Internet: www.hxnart.com

Email: hxn@hxnart.com

Dameisha Beach



Dameisha Beach is an exceptional beach, waters washing over it warm virtually all year round. You can also enjoy spectacular panoramic views of encircling mountains and Hong Kong from a distance. During the summer time, it's a great place to enjoy swimming, horse riding, parasailing and other kinds of water sports.

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Address: 33 Yanmei Rd, Shenzhen

More Info: Yantian District

Design Society



Located near the Shuiwantou Bay, Design Society is China's first center dedicated to culture and design. Working in collaboration with London's Victoria & Albert Museum, this art center aims to be not only a platform to showcase cutting edge design, but also to foster the thriving design scene in Southern China. The building in itself and its lush roof garden is already worth the trip.

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Address: 1187 Wanghai Road, Shekou, Nanshan, Shenzhen

Opening hours: Open daily from 10h - 22h

Phone: +86 755 2667 1187

Internet: www.designsociety.cn/en

Email: info@designsociety.cn

DINING



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As a cultural melting pot, Shenzhen has attracted millions of people from all over China and beyond over the years, and each culture has brought its food along with it. This makes Shenzhen the city with the most culinary diversity in the country. From heavy and generous northeast cuisine to spicy and mouth-watering Sichuan dishes, to delicate and exquisite Cantonese dim sum - even the pickiest eater will be satisfied.

Din Tai Fung /



Din Tai Fung is a restaurant chain originating in Taiwan, which now has multiple branches across Asia and beyond (albeit remains virtually unknown in the West). They are famous for their steamed dumplings (xiao long bao), which are some of the world's best. It was once named among the top ten restaurants in the world by The New York Times, and both branches in Hong Kong were distinguished by the Michelin Guide. The reputation speaks for itself and if you can only have one meal in Shenzhen, this should be the one.

Photo: Ronnie Chua / Shutterstock.com

Address: 1881 Baoan Nan Lu, Luohu District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 11h - 21h

Phone: +86 755 2598 2779

More Info: 3F, Huarun Wanxiang Cheng () () () ()

No.1 Guanhai Road /



No.1 Guanhai Road is a Neo Chinese Cuisine restaurant that sits on the top of the mountain and boasts a wonderful view of the sea. The food they serve is no worse than the view. Roast duck and spicy Mantis shrimp are must-tries.

Photo: bonchan / Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Guanhai Lu, Nanshan District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 11h - 22h30

Phone: +86 755 2683 7999

1881



Set in a stylish yet casual setting, the restaurant 1881 serves Northern Chinese and Sichuan specialties including Beijing duck and shrimp in "Kong Bao style". You will find this cosy and vibrant restaurant on the ground floor inside Grand Hyatt Hotel. There is also a wide selection of Chinese wine on the menu. Reservation is required if you want to order Beijing Duck.

Photo: KittyKaht/Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: 1881 Baoan Nan Lu, Luohu District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 11h - 14h, 17h - 22h

Phone: +86 755 2218 7338

Internet:

<https://shenzhen.grand.hyatt.com/en/hotel/dining/1881.html>

Email: shenzhen.grand@hyatt.com

More Info: 1F, Hyatt Hotel

Phoenix House /



Zao Cha has an important place in Cantonese people's life. It's like a fancy brunch that starts with a pot of tea and continues on with a selection of dozens of different dim sum, and it usually lasts for hours.

Phoenix House is one of the best Cantonese restaurants in Shenzhen, located inside the Pavilion Hotel. They serve high-quality and authentic dim sum for morning tea (Zao Cha), such as steamed crystal shrimp dumplings and BBQ pork buns.

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Address: 4002 Huaqiang Bei Lu, Fu Tian District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 7h30 - 23h30

Phone: +86 755 8207 6338

Internet: www.pavilionhotel.com/en/pavilion/dining/223.html

More Info: 1-3F, The Pavvilion Hotel

Dan Gui Xuan /



A wide range of cuisines makes Dan Gui Xuan a desirable pause during a trip. You will be served with the traditional dim sum from shrimp

dumplings to shumai with interesting variations. Their authentic Chinese cuisine including marinated herb chicken, sweet and sour pork and Beijing Duck with crisp skin will delight your journey.

Photo: Nipapun/pixabay

Address: 5th Floor, Louhu Commercial City, Luohu District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 7h - 23h

Phone: +86 755 8232 3668

More Info: Address in Chinese : 丹桂轩, East to the Shenzhen Train Station

Shi Gong Hui Seafood /



This eatery is known to all the local seafood lovers. In this seaside restaurant, the freshest ingredients are cooked in the most simple way so that the natural flavours are preserved. Sea urchin with fried rice and steamed sea urchin with egg are the most popular two.

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Address: 8 Haixian Shi Jie, Yantian District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 8h30 - 24h

Phone: +86 755 2520 0233

Dong Men Pedestrian Street /



This vibrant food market will introduce you to spectacular and incredibly tasty snacks. Noisy, scent-laden and colourful, your best bet might be observing the locals and following suit. While some of the food like chicken feet will undoubtedly be out of your comfort zone, the more adventurous you are, the more you will enjoy. A foodie's delight!

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Address: Dongmen Jie, Luohu District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: most stands close at 22h

Phone: +86 755 8222 1797

BAIA. Restaurant. Bar. Grill



Whether you are looking for a romantic or business dinner for a special occasion, the BAIA. Restaurant. Bar. Grill will be a good place to visit. Here you can indulge authentic Italian and

Mediterranean cuisine in a sophisticated and relaxed ambience. Staff can speak English.

Photo: utroja0/pixabay

Address: B301, Sea World, Gongye Er Lu, Nanshan District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 11h30 - 23h30

Phone: +86 755 2681 8836

Haidilao Hot Pot /



Claimed to be one of the best hotpot restaurants in Shenzhen, it serves a wide range of fresh food including beef, fish, crab and loads of veggie

options. This restaurant chain is renowned for excellent service such as performing Chinese dance and providing covers for all your belongings to protect from splashes. You can find several Haidilao in the city.

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Address: Fuhua San Lu, ZhuoYue ShiJi () 4 Floor, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 9h - 7h

Phone: +86 755 8238 0492

George & Dragon British Pub /



Tucked behind the Taizi hotel, George & Dragon British Pub is your good old British pub with an interesting selection of food including the

Shepherds pie and chilli cheese dog, as well as draft beers. The hearty portions are served while you can enjoy them in a relaxed environment.

They also have ales and whiskies imported from the UK that go well with the barbecue.

Photo: jeffreyw/flickr (image cropped)

Address: Unit 3, behind Taizi Hotel, No.3 Taizi Road, Nanshan District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 11h30 - 23h

Phone: +86 755 2669 8564

Internet: www.george-dragon.com

Email: manager@george-dragon.com

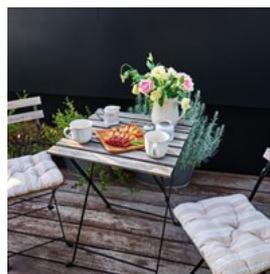
CAFES



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Tea rather than coffee has been the traditional drink of choice for the Chinese but coffee is now widely available. Those who have the money and the inclination will happily while away half-a-day in their favorite coffee shop or tea house. For those of you coming from Europe, you will also be pleasantly surprised to find that the vast majority of Chinese cafés providing free WiFi.

Donkey Bar /



Donkey Bar is surrounded by plants and flowers, and is essentially a refurbished old industrial house. Both the cosy decor and the

country-style indoor space make the place stand out in the area. Even though "bar" is in the name, the place is more of a café, and the signature drink is grapefruit tea.

Photo: ESstock / Shutterstock.com

Address: 5 Xiangshan Dong Jie, Nanshan District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 9h - 24h

Phone: +86 755 2153 7600

More Info: Near International Youth Hotel

Black Stamps Jazz Coffee /



Black Stamps Jazz Coffee is, as the name suggests, a jazz cafe. It's really more of a bar, however, one that plays live jazz music with the occasional blues and electro. It is popular among expats and is a nice place to relax and spend a cosy afternoon. Their signature drink is a Black Stamps Special.

Photo: Igor Normann / Shutterstock.com

Address: 134, Building A5, OCTLOFT, Wenchang Jie, Nanshan District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 9h30 - 24h30

Phone: +86 775 8609 8585

Johandy coffee voyage



Johandy is a café studio that only makes hand-poured coffee. The place has quite a reputation in the business, for this is also a coffee bean roasting studio that caters to many cafés in Shenzhen. They have over 30 kinds of coffee beans and every month, they only sell the best 7 in the studio. If you want to have some high-quality coffee, this is the place to go.

Photo: Yulia Grigoryeva / Shutterstock.com

Address: 1015, Honggui Building, Honggui Road, Luohu District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 10h - 22h

Phone: +86 755 8257 0209

More Info: 10F, Honggui Hotel

Seesaw Coffee



Seesaw is a café chain from Shanghai that serves great coffees. The brand is famous for having original cups and combinations full of creativity that are certain to make you smile. Some of the most interesting cups are Yirgacheffe & Tonic, milk tea covered with pop rocks, and milk ice cream ball with an espresso shot. They also have a rare kind of beans from the Yunnan Province of China that are worth trying.

Photo: Kiryl Lis / Shutterstock.com

Address: L1-17B, Laifushi, 2163, Nantai Da Dai, Nanshan District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 10h - 22h

Phone: +86 755 2692 6210

More Info: In the Shenzhen Raffles City, next to the Starbucks

MIX COFFEE



Mix Coffee is another original creative café that mixes Chaoshan style street food and coffee. Not only that: you can have some authentic street food in the café, but they (in some cases) literally put some into the coffee! The most popular cup is Haishihua Coffee. Haishihua is a traditional Chaoshanese gelatinous dessert, which Mix Coffee uses in its iced coffee - you cannot find this combination anywhere else in the world.

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Address: B005, Yufeng Building B, Shangbu Nan Lu, Futian District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 8h30 - 19h

Phone: +86 182 1906 0152

More Info: Next to Base Area Pub

OWN Coffee /



The owner of Own Coffee owns a whole collection of winner beans of the World Coffee Roasting Championship. The most recent collection is the

Ethiopian beans from GARDELLI which has a rich scent of berries and honey. It is safe to say that one can never go wrong with a coffee here.

Photo: Rawpixel.com / Shutterstock.com

Address: 6, Bagua Si Lu, Futian District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 11h30 - 19h30

Phone: +86 158 1736 6672

More Info: 2F, Across from Auto Repair Shop

Something For



Something For is known to have interesting names for its coffees. For instance, "I love my work" is a whisky espresso, "So different" is an espresso

with wasabi. They also have "blue dirty", "chocolate cranberry twist" and more. What do those contain? That's left for you to discover.

Photo: Rybalchenko Nadezhda / Shutterstock.com

Address: 171-4 Mintian Lu, Xinhua Baoxian Dasha

Opening hours: 9h30 - 19h30

Phone: +86 180 2873 8120

More Info: West gate of New China Insurance tower

Triangle Coffee



Triangle Coffee is animal-friendly, so animal-friendly, in fact, that if you bring your canine friend along, you can get a 10 RMB

discount. They also have self-roasted high-quality coffee beans, a common trend among

Shenzhen's emerging hip cafes. What really makes it stand out, however, is that they have authentic Japanese Matcha, which isn't easy to come by.

Photo: inthason99 & Shutterstock.com

Address: 2028-4, Wenjin Bei Lu, Luohu District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 8h - 21h30

Phone: +86 135 1043 7632

More Info: 1F, Yihuju

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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There's a fairly big wave of Hong Kong revellers making their way to Shenzhen at the weekends these days, pulled in by the wilder, local nightlife scene. Clubs cover all music bases and genres with partygoers particularly drawn to Sea World Square in Shekou district with its mix of ex-pat style bars and clubs. Another draw is Bar St at Citic City Plaza (CCP), particularly popular with Shenzhen's youth.

The Snake Pit



The Snake Pit is a great hangout spot where you can enjoy a great variety of food and drinks including grazing, burgers, tex-mex,

cocktails, shots, beer and juice. This is actually the longest established expatriate bar in China, founded in Shekou in 1987. The place has also

raised donations by holding charity events to help local orphanages, schools and various other charities.

Photo: spooky_kid.pixabay

Address: 1089-6 Wanghai Lu, Nanshan District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 16h - 1h. Sat - Sun 12h - 2h

Internet: www.the-snakepit.com

Email: info@thesnakepit.com

Curv



Located inside The Ritz-Carlton Shenzhen, Curve is the perfect escape for refreshing drinks, light snacks as well as a relaxing

nightcap with live jazz music in a sleek and modern atmosphere. The drink menu features a wide selection of cocktails including many of The Ritz-Carlton signature Martinis and Champagne cocktails.

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Address: 1F, The Ritz-Carlton Shenzhen, No.116 Fuhua San Lu, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 17h - 2h

Phone: +86 755 2222 2222

Internet: www.ritzcarlton.com/en/Properties/Shenzhen

V Pub



You will find this rare gem called V Bar at The Venice Hotel Shenzhen. It has a poolside location, a funky island-style cocktail bar and a fully acoustic

stage facility for live music. The venue accommodates up to 600 people.

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Address: 9026 Shen'nan Da Dao, Nanshan District, Shenzhen

Phone: +86 755 2693 6888

Club Viva



Another Club Viva but this one is located in Sea World, Shekou. The club has three floors where you can either dance, try new cocktails and snacks

or play dart, pool or table football. There is also an elegant rooftop where you can enjoy a fresh drink and admire the beautiful view of the sea. The atmosphere is cool and vibrant.

Photo: Jacob Lund/Shutterstock.com

Address: Sea World, Taizi Lu, Nanshan District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 20h - 4h

Phone: +86 137 1707 9499

More Info: Across from Taizi Hotel

X-TA-SEA Sports Bar /



With an unusual location, you will find this sports bar inside Minghua Ship in Sea World. Every Monday to Saturday live music is played and

sporting events are shown on the big screen TV. The bar offers a full menu of delicious steaks, chicken, pork, seafood, sandwiches, burgers and much more.

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Address: Sea World, Shekou District, Shenzhen

Phone: +86 755 2686 7649

More Info: MINGHUA Ship

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Email: manager@george-dragon.com

SHOPPING



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Shenzhen has a lot to offer when it comes to shopping. There are several mega shopping malls offering everything when it comes to fashion, electronics and food while you may not take the marked price as read. Haggling can get you as much as two-thirds off. Because of the relatively cheap shopping, Hong Kong people pour across the border every day.

Wanxiang Cheng /



Wanxiang Cheng is the biggest indoor shopping centre in Shenzhen. It has 6 floors and more than 300 independent shops and restaurants that cover a large selection from retail, catering, entertainment to culture and health.

Photo: Kwangmoozaa/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1881 Baoan Nan Lu, Luohu District, Shenzhen
Opening hours: 10h - 22h
Phone: +86 755 8266 8266

Dongmen Market /



Dongmen Market has long been one of Shenzhen's most popular clothes shopping places offering a great variety of clothing stores and street

food. This used to be the gathering point of vendors and with the development of Shenzhen, it has now become one of the most popular market streets in China.

Photo: iChzigo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Dongmen Middle Road, Luohu District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: most stands close at 22h

COCO Park /



COCO Park is a popular shopping as well as dining and leisure destination. A second Coco Park has opened in Longgang District of

Shenzhen. Here, you can find everything from ladies' and men's fashion to accessories, shoes, sports goods, Alfresco cafes and a cinema.

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Address: FuHua SanLu, Futian District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 10h - 22h30

Phone: +86 755 8202 1111

Coastal City /



This huge 7000 square meters shopping and leisure destination are located in downtown Nanshan District. The mall has three separate

multi-floor buildings with retail shops selling good quality products, famous brands of women's and men's fashion, children stores, beauty care, gifts shops, lifestyle and electronics.

In addition, Coastal City offers over 30 eating options of Western and Asian styles.

Photo: Bobex-73/Shutterstock.com

Address: Wenxin Wu Lu, Nanshan District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 10h - 22h

Phone: +86 755 8635 9898

Garden City Center /



Garden City Center is situated in Shekou, a sub-district of Nanshan and features a floor area of 70,000 sqm and around 100 shops with fashion, dining and entertainment. In addition, you will also find a cinema plus a gym here and of course lots of fashion.

Photo: Panumas Yanuthai/Shutterstock.com

Address: Nanhai Da Jie, Shekou District, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 10h - 22h30

Phone: +86 755 2667 2121

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Passport / Visa



For citizens of the following countries, the visa is not requested for short term stays : - 90 days: Bosnia and Herzegovina, San

Marino

- 60 days: Mauritius

- 30 days: Bahamas, Barbados, Belarus, Ecuador, Fiji, Grenada, Qatar, Serbia, Seychelles, Tonga, United Arab Emirates.

- 15 days: Brunei, Japan, Singapore.

Holders of passports issued by the following 49 countries do not require a visa for a 144-hour stay if they are transiting through Shenzhen Airport. However, passengers need to provide ticket showing their first destination, which should be outside China, nor could it be in the same country as the inbound flight.

- All European Union citizens, Albania, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Iceland, Japan, Macedonia, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, New Zealand, Qatar, Russia, South Korea, Switzerland, Ukraine, United States.

- Messengers who enter China by Shenzhen Airport or Jieyang Airport under transition condition cannot leave the area of Guangdong Province

The 5-day visa on arrival is also issued at several land crossings from Hong Kong to Shenzhen, at Luohu, Huanggang, Shekou and Fuyong ports.

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Internet Access and VPN in China



Due to the Internet policy of China, certain websites and applications are not accessible from the mainland, such as Facebook, Instagram,

Twitter, Google and more. Travellers are recommended to buy a VPN service in order to connect to these sites and apps.

Giving that Google is banned in China, Google Maps might not be the most accurate and reliable source of information. Some local apps such as Baidu Maps and AutoNavi tend to work better than Google Maps.

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Best Time to Visit



The best time to visit Shenzhen is during autumn, from September to November, because this is when the weather and average

temperatures are at their most pleasant.

A series of celebrations and events are held each year in October. It is suggested to make reservations well before your trip to Shenzhen as the area is particularly busy during that period.

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Airport



Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport was located about 35 km from downtown on the east bank of the estuary of Zhujiang River. There are

several shuttle bus lines available, running between the airport and the downtown area. The hotline of the Shuttle Bus is 0755-27519861 or 0751-27519862. There is also the Airport Express bus which takes approximately 35 minutes to arrive in the city centre at Hualian Dasha.

Taxi station is located the eastern side of the 2nd floor of Ground Transportation Center (GTC). The taxis in Shenzhen are divided into green, red and electric taxis; the red and electric taxis operate within the whole city while the green taxis are only allowed to operate outside the Special Economic Zone.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport, Shenzhen

Phone: +86 755 2345 6789

Internet: www.szairport.com

Public Transport



Metro The Shenzhen Metro is modern, well-organized and cheap. Virtually all the major tourist destinations like Window on the World are

covered by the metro. You can simply buy tickets via touchscreen ticket machines (Chinese and English) at the station. Most of the stations open at 06:30, and close at 23:00. Shenzhen's metro fares vary depending on the length of the journey.

Bus

With nearly 500 bus lines and close to 10000 buses, Shenzhen has a well-developed city bus system. There are presently 3 large city bus companies in the city. They are the Shenzhen Bus Group Co., the City West Bus Company, and the City East Bus Company. The public buses

normally have a ticket office on the bus and the officer will come around to collect ticket fees.

Transit passes

Transit passes are available in metro stations and are suitable for all transportation services except taxis. Minibus and bus fares cost from ¥2 to ¥10.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Tickets: Fares as of 2018

Internet: Metro: www.szm.net/page/eng/index.html

Taxi



Taxis come in three denominations: red, green and yellow. Red taxis can go anywhere. Green taxis are only allowed outside the SEZ

and yellow taxis only within the Shenzhen. Flag fall for taxis costs ¥12.50 (¥16 from 11 pm to 6 am), with a ¥4 fuel surcharge and ¥2.40 for every additional kilometre. Make sure the driver starts the meter.

You can also use the taxi cab hailing service with WeChat or Alipay (like the Chinese version of Uber).

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Pharmacy



It is advised to visit pharmacy with a Chinese speaker or have your symptoms written in Chinese as it is not guaranteed that the

shopkeeper can speak English.

Shenzhen Accordance Pharmacy is a 24-hour pharmacy chain in Shenzhen.

Tel: 0755 2587 5330

Most other pharmacies open from early in the morning to late evening.

Futian District:

1. Badeng sub-branch 031

Address: Number 3 Building, 30 Honglingnan Lu, Futian District

Tel: 0755 8224 4524

2. Fuxing sub-branch 025

Address: Ground floor, Fuhai Building, Fuxing Lu, Futian District

Tel: 0755 8360 2717

Luohu District:

1. Caopu sub-branch 100

Address: 2048 Jindaotian Lu, Luohu District

Tel: 0755 2567 1329

2. Fenghuang sub-branch 412

Address: 182 Fenghuang Lu, Luohu District

Tel: 0755 2554 5418

Photo: Gemma Garner

Post



China Post has many branches around Nanjing. Post boxes are relatively easy to locate and are dark green in colour.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: 3040 Jianshi Lu, Shenzhen

Opening hours: 8h - 11h30, 13h30 - 15h, Mon. - Fri.

Telephone

Country code: +86 Area code: 0755



Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity

220v / 50Hz Adapter needed



Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

12.5 million (2017)

Currency

1 RMB = 10 jiao

Opening hours

Office hours, 09:00 - 17:30 Monday to Friday.

Banks, 09:00 - 16:00 at weekends.

Most malls and supermarkets are open until 22:00.

Newspapers

Shenzhen Daily

South China Morning Post

China Daily

Emergency numbers

Police 110

Ambulance 120

Fire 119

Tourist information

Shenzhen Tourism Bureau at Shenzhen Baoan International Airport

Shenzhen Baoan International Airport Terminal B

+86 755 2777 7571

Sun - Mon 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Shenzhen Tourism Bureau at Overseas Chinese City
Overseas Chinese City, Nanshan, Shenzhen

+86 755 2691 4913

Sun - Mon 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.