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## About Guangzhou

Guangzhou is located in southern China in the middle of Guangdong province, north of the Pearl River Delta. The city also lies close to the South China Sea, Hong Kong, and Macau. Because of its convenient geographical position, Guangzhou has been called 'China's Southern Gateway'. As the capital of Guangdong province, Guangzhou is the center of its politics, economy, science, and education. It is also southern China's key transportation hub and trading port.



As the center of Chinese Lingnan Culture, Guangzhou is a famous cultural city with a history of more than 2,200 years. You can explore the ancient history at Nanyue King's Museum, Chen Clan Ancestral Hall, Guangdong Museum, Guangxiao Temple, Baiyun Mountain, and Dr Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall. Alternatively, you can witness China's spectacular transformation into modernity at the Canton Tower and Zhujiang New Town.

Learn more about Guangzhou:

[https://www.gz.gov.cn/guangzhouinternational/aboutgz/content/post\\_3012854.html](https://www.gz.gov.cn/guangzhouinternational/aboutgz/content/post_3012854.html)

## Conference Venue and Hotel

### Conference venue:

Jinan University  
(Shipai Campus)

### Address:

No.601 West Huangpu  
Avenue, Guangzhou City,  
Guangdong Province, China.



### Hotel:

Vanburgh Hotel

### Address:

No.126 West Huangpu  
Avenue, Guangzhou City,  
Guangdong Province, China.



A hotel confirmation letter will be provided via email for registered participants to check in. For more information about the hotel, please refer to the official hotel webpage: <https://www.vanburgh.com/english/index.php>

On December 16, a registration desk will be set up in the hotel lobby from 9 AM to 6 PM. Registered participants can sign in at the desk with their passports and collect workshop materials, such as the name badge.

### How to get to Vanburgh Hotel

#### By metro:

Tancun Station (Metro Line 5, 15 mins walk)

#### By taxi:

From Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport (50 mins and RMB 150)

From Guangzhou South Railway Station (40 mins and RMB 100)





Guangzhou South Railway Station – Vanburgh Hotel

### How to get to Jinan University from the hotel

It takes 15 minutes' walk/taxi from the hotel to the Workshop venue. The name badge for each registered participant will be the only proof of admission to enter the campus. Please make sure to keep it safe and wear it during the Workshop.



# JNU Campus Map



## Social Activities and Venues of Lunch and Dinner

### 1. Social Activity 1: Shipai Village

Time: 4:30-6:00 PM, December 16, 2024

Shipai Village is the largest “urban village” in Guangzhou, China. It is situated in the middle of Tianhe District in Guangzhou, with dense multi-story dwelling houses built in and lands for collective use. The village is supported by 170 narrow alleys yet surrounded by tall buildings and busy commercial streets.

We will walk through alleys between the village’s dense buildings and explore the unique style of the other side of Guangzhou City.



Learn about Shipai village: <https://www.gooood.cn/community/448590>

### 2. Dinner on December 16

Banana Leaf 蕉叶花园餐厅

Time: 6:00-8:00 PM, December 16, 2024

Venue: 1F, Vanburgh Hotel, No. 126 West of Huangpu Avenue, Tianhe District, Guangzhou, Guangdong



### 3. Buffet lunch on December 17

Time: 12:40-1:40 PM, December 17, 2024

Venue: Conference Room 432, Zengxianzi Science Building, Jinan University

#### 4. Dinner on December 17

To To Kui 陶陶居 (西塔国金店)

Time: 6:00-8:00 PM, December 17, 2024

Venue: 5F, Guangzhou International Finance Centre (IFC), No.5 Zhujiang West Avenue, Tianhe District, Guangzhou

To To Kui, founded in the sixth year of Emperor Guangxu's reign in the Qing Dynasty (1880), has a history of 144 years and is one of the most famous teahouses in Guangzhou. It was once a gathering place for scholars, celebrities, and merchants. "陶陶居" was inscribed by Youwei Kang, an important politician in the late Qing Dynasty, symbolizing the joy of drinking tea and tasting dim sum.



#### 5. Flower City Plaza & Pearl River Night Cruise, December 17

Time: 8:00-9:30 PM, December 17, 2024

Flower City Plaza is located in the CBD of Guangzhou, surrounded by many famous buildings, including Canton Tower, Haixinsha Asian Games Park, Guangzhou Library, Guangzhou Opera House, Guangdong Provincial Museum, Guangzhou International Finance Centre (IFC), etc.



The Pearl River Night Cruise covers the golden waters from Canton Tower to Pearl River. When tourists get on board the boat, they can view the scenery when recalling Guangzhou's history as well as its rapid development in recent years, as if Guangzhou's thousand-year history slowly unfolds in front of their eyes, as the breeze seems to be telling anecdotes of the golden age. Tourists may appreciate the courage and charm of Guangzhou as a national central city and commercial capital with a history of thousands of years.



**6. Lunch on December 18**

Zhaodaisuo (Restaurant on campus) 招待所餐厅, 金陵厅

Time: 12:25-1:55 PM, December 18, 2024

Venue: Nanhu Lakeside, Jinan University

**7. Dinner on December 18**

Haimenyuzai Chaozhou Restaurant 海门鱼仔,如意厅

Time: 6:45-8:00 PM, December 18, 2024

Venue: 2F, Nongxin Building, No.638 West Huangpu Avenue, Tianhe District, Guangzhou

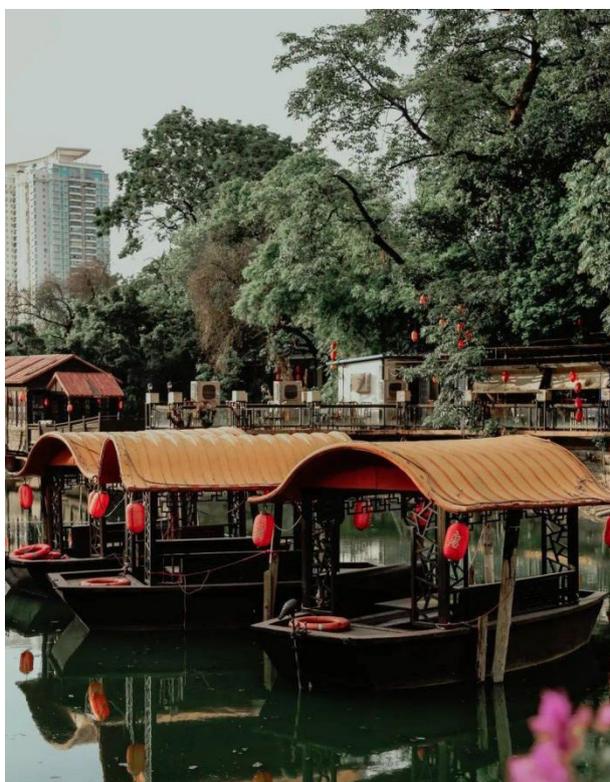


## 8. Lunch on December 19

Tang Li Yuan Restaurant 侨美·唐荔园食艺馆

Time: 1:30-2:30 PM, December 19, 2024

Venue: No. 12, Yongbianheng Street, Huangsha Avenue, Liwan District, Guangzhou



## 9. Excursion

Time: 2:30-5:00 PM December 19, 2024

### Chen Clan Ancestral Hall (陈家祠)

Praised as the pearl of Lingnan architectural art, Chen Clan Ancestral Hall is Guangzhou's most complete, largest, and most magnificently decorated ancestral hall. This palace of art could be a visual feast with seven wonders - wood carving, stone carving, brick carving, pottery figures, stucco relief, iron and copper casting, and colored drawing.



## Yongqing Fang (永庆坊)

Yongqing Fang is located on Enning Road, “one of the most beautiful and prosperous districts in old town Guangzhou,” scattered with Xiguan cultural relics and historical sites preserved from the Qing Dynasty. After the urban renewal, tradition and modernity coexist in this creative district. More and more artistic shops, such as the Years Post Office, Letterpress Printing Shop, regular theme exhibitions, and featured cafes, have become the carriers of Cantonese culture. Cantonese people have witnessed Yongqing Fang being loved by everyone, from masters of Lingnan’s intangible cultural heritage to contemporary artists. Historical sites, such as the Cantonese Opera Art Museum and Bruce Lee’s former home, also attract millions of tourists to visit Yongqing Fang.



## Notes on the Excursion

Travel insurance will be provided for each participant. Please bring your passport with you for an identification check. A designated bus will be used for transportation and luggage storage during the excursion.

After lunch on December 19, those who do not participate in the afternoon tour can take the bus back to the hotel. If you need to leave on your own, please inform the English tour guide in advance and sign the Safety Liability Agreement before leaving. After the tour ends at around 5 PM, the bus will return to Vanburgh Hotel.

## How to Apply for China Visa

1. Find out if you need a visa. You will need to apply for a Chinese visa unless you meet one of China's visa-free policies. For more instructions, please refer to: <https://www.visaforchina.cn/globe/>.

### Visa-Free Policy

If you are from France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Austria, Belgium, Hungary, Ireland, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Malaysia, New Zealand, Australia, and Poland, you can visit China visa-free for 15 days until December 31st, 2025. If you are from Singapore, you can relish visa-free access to China for up to 30 days.

### 144h Visa-free Transit Policy

For more details, please check the following website:

[https://english.www.gov.cn/policies/featured/202407/18/content\\_WS6687f148c6d0868f4e8e8eaf.html](https://english.www.gov.cn/policies/featured/202407/18/content_WS6687f148c6d0868f4e8e8eaf.html)

2. Choose a visa type. Either a Tourist Visa (Type L) or a Visiting Visa (Type F) is qualified for your visit.
3. Prepare the required documents. For the detailed list, please refer to: [http://cs.mfa.gov.cn/wgrlh/lhqz/lhqzjjs/201311/t20131101\\_961583.shtml](http://cs.mfa.gov.cn/wgrlh/lhqz/lhqzjjs/201311/t20131101_961583.shtml)
4. Submit the application. You may apply to the Visa Office at Chinese embassies, consulates, or China Visa Application Service Centers (CVASC) if they operate in your country. Starting in 2018, visa applicants from more and more countries (including the U.S., the U.K., and Canada) have to make their visa application in person and collect their fingerprints.
5. Pay the fee and collect your visa. Go to the place where you apply for a China visa, pay the fee, and collect your visa. It is recommended that you apply for the visa one or two months before the intended travel.

## How to Get to Guangzhou

### By Air

Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport is one of the main transport hubs, providing excellent connections to major cities worldwide.

### By Train

Guangzhou has two main train stations, Guangzhou South Railway Station and Guangzhou East Railway Station. The latter station takes only 20 minutes by car to the city center.

## Inner-city Transportation

### Metro

Guangzhou metro network covers much of the city. For the metro route map, please refer to: <https://ydyg.gzmtr.cn:19090/indexBrowser.html#/index>

The following metro stations in Line 3 may be helpful for the conference participants:

- Gangding (near the west gate of Jinan University)
- Tiyuxilu (a vital transfer station close to the commercial district)
- Zhujiang New Town (CBD)
- Airport South (Terminal 1)
- Airport North (Terminal 2)



## **Taxi**

### Flag down a taxi

Guangzhou taxis are usually painted red, yellow, green, or blue. Please look for a taxi standing zone or try a side road when signaling a taxi. Very few taxi drivers speak English. Please show them the destination's Chinese name and ensure they turn on the meter.

### Fares

The flag-down fare is RMB 12 for the first 3 kilometers (1.8 miles). Passengers pay the charge that is displayed on the taximeter at the destination.

### Receipt

Most taxi drivers only accept small changes or online payments. After you pay the fare, please ask for the receipt and keep it. The receipt has the taxi's plate number on it. If you have any complaints or leave something in the taxi, you can call the taxi company's number to follow up.

## **E-hailing**

Didi E-hailing service is recommended for transportation. You can download the English version of the application. An active Chinese mobile phone number is required for calling service. You can choose your route, car type, and price; payment will be automatically deducted after the trip. A foreign credit or debit card may not work for payment unless you link them to WeChat or Alipay.

## **Bus**

The ticket fare for bus routes in urban areas is generally RMB 2 per ride. There are few English signboards at bus stops, and the buses will be broadcast in Chinese, Cantonese, and English. However, the multifarious bus lines and the hard-to-understand stop names could still be challenging if you cannot read Chinese.

## **Digital Payments in China**

While some vendors still accept cash, it is becoming increasingly rare, especially in urban areas. Many stores, restaurants, and even transportation services prefer mobile payments through Alipay and WeChat Pay.

### **How to Link Your Credit Card to Alipay**

1. Download the Alipay App: Start by downloading the Alipay app from your app store. It is available for both iOS and Android devices.

2. **Create an Account:** Open the app and follow the instructions to create an account. You will need to verify your identity, usually through your passport and phone number.
3. **Add Your Credit Card:** Once your account is set up, go to the “Me” section in the app, then select “Bank Cards.” Here, you can add your Visa or MasterCard by entering your card details. Alipay will verify the card, and once it is linked, you are ready to make payments.
4. **Test the Payment:** If possible, visit a local Chinese merchant in your area and try making a small payment using the Alipay app. This will help you familiarize yourself with the process and ensure everything is working correctly before your trip.

### **How to Link Your Credit Card to WeChat Pay**

1. **Download WeChat:** If you do not already have WeChat, download it from your app store.
2. **Set Up WeChat Pay:** Open WeChat, go to the “Me” section, then select “WeChat Pay.” You might need to verify your identity, which is similar to Alipay.
3. **Add Your Credit Card:** In the WeChat Pay section, select “Cards” and then “Add Card.” Enter your Visa or MasterCard details. WeChat will verify the card, and once linked, you are ready to use it for payments.
4. **Practice Payment:** Just like with Alipay, try to make a small payment to ensure everything is functioning correctly.

### **Network and Wifi**

All participants will be provided with wireless internet during the conference. Please note that you may need additional app tools if you need to use foreign apps, such as Google, Gmail, and YouTube, in mainland China.

### **Contacts**

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