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Within very easy reach of Hong Kong and Macau are two of China's five original 'Special Economic Zones'; Shenzhen and Zhuhai. While the former is a temple to riches with an almost lawless feel to it, Zhuhai is much more laid-back. Both offer bargain shopping, cut-rate services and a glimpse at the direction in which 21st-century China is heading.

SHENZHEN

Immediately across Hong Kong's border to the north is Shenzhen (population 10,970,000), China's wealthiest city and a 'Special Economic Zone' (SEZ). Most foreigners come here for business or to bargain hunt at the innumerable factory outlets and shops, but there is more to keep you entertained—you just have to look. You can buy a five-day, Shenzhen-only visa at the border, Americans excluded (p286).

Before the 1980s, Shenzhen's tallest building was a mere four storeys. But in 1980 this sleepy fishing village won the equivalent of the National Lottery and became a SEZ. Developers added a stock market, luxury condominiums and office towers rivaling those of Hong Kong. Consumer society now thrives here.

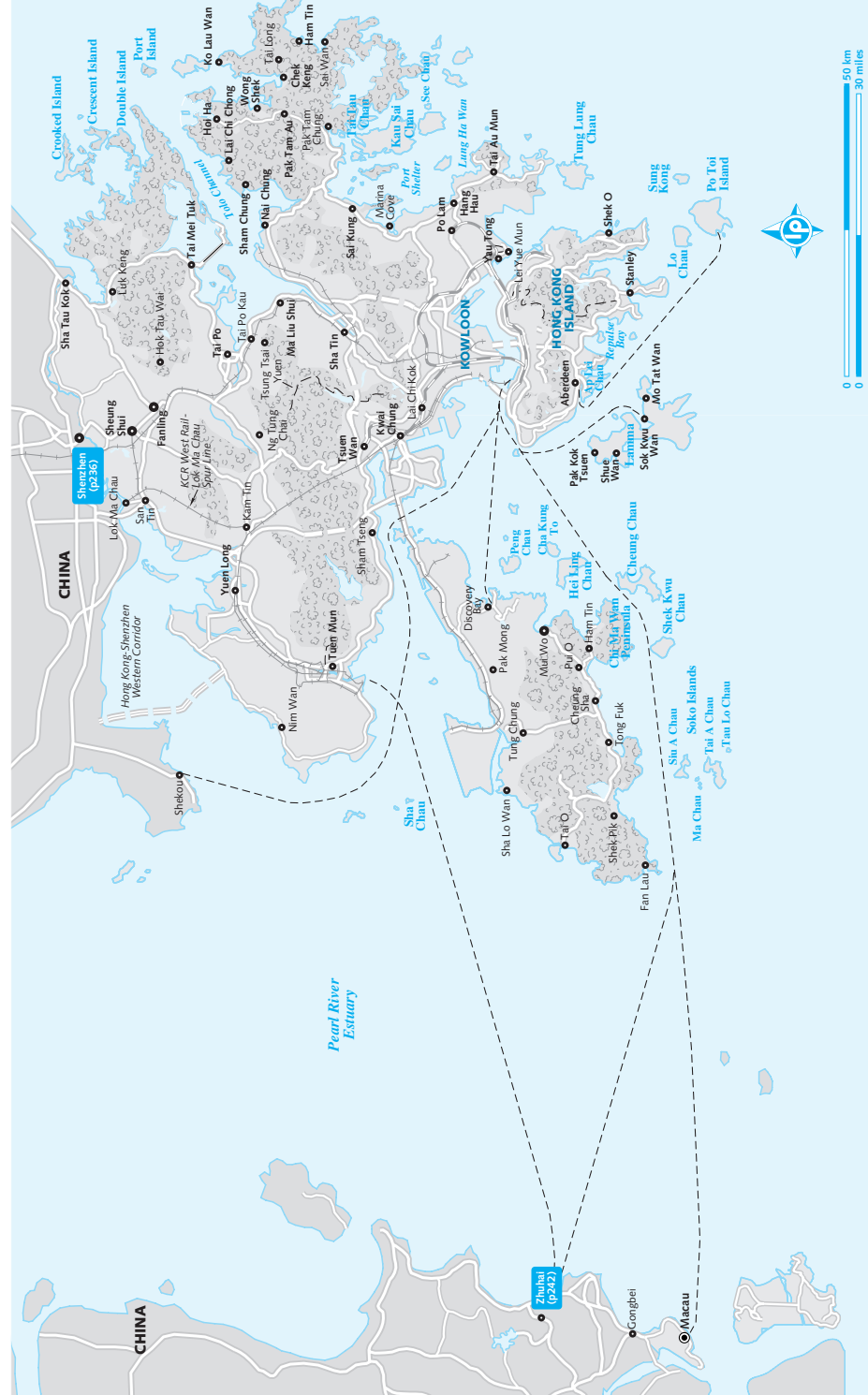
Today, Shenzhen – the name includes Shenzhen City (Shēzhèn Shì in Mandarin), opposite the border crossing at Lo Wu (Luóhú), the Shenzhen SEZ and Shenzhen County (Shēzhèn Xiàn), which extends several kilometres north of the SEZ – is essentially a migrant city. Indeed, two-thirds of Shenzhen's population are transients hailing from all corners of China. This constant influx of outsiders brings a highly diverse workforce, a variety of cuisines, and prostitution. The rise of the new, relatively rich middle class has nurtured some cultural scenes, though they are yet to flourish. For Hong Kong residents, Shenzhen is an extended shopping mall and a good place for a cheap massage (legitimate and otherwise) and dim sum.

For Shenzhenians, the series of theme parks stretching some 15km west of Shenzhen City are the major attractions. **Window of the World** (Shìjiè Zhìchūāng; ☎ 0755-2690 2840, 0755-2660 8000; www.szwwco.com; adult/child under 12 ¥120/60; 🕒 9am-10.30pm; Exit I or J, Shìjiè Zhìchūāng metro, bus 90 or 245 from Shenzhen Bay Port) hosts a collection of replicas of world-famous world monuments, always filled to the brim with snap-happy Chinese tourists eager to see the highlights of the rest of the world. Reverse roles at the adjacent

Splendid China (Jīnxiù Zhōnghuá; ☎ 0755-2660 0626; www.cn5000.com.cn; adult/child under 12 incl entry to China Folk Culture Village ¥120/60; 🕒 9am-6pm; Exit B, Huáqiáo Chéng metro, bus 245 from Shenzhen Bay Port), home to miniature replicas of China's own famous sights. Included in admission is **China Folk Culture Village** (Zhōngguó Mínxù Wénhuà Cūn; ☎ 0755-2660 0626; www.cn5000.com.cn; adult/child under 12 incl entry to Splendid China ¥120/60; 🕒 9am-10pm; Exit B, Huáqiáo Chéng metro), a zoo-like museum of two-dozen ethnic minority villages, with Chinese minorities on display. For tired feet, a mini-monorail run by the **Shenzhen Happy Line Tour Co** links the three parks, along with several other sights.

Some 12km east of Shenzhen City, a 40,000-tonne decommissioned Soviet aircraft carrier and military theme park called **Minsk World** (Míngsīkè Hángmǔ Shìjiè; 明思克航母世界; ☎ 0755-2535 5333; Dapeng Bay, Yantian District; adult/child under 12 ¥110/55; 🕒 9.30am-6.30pm; bus 103 or 205), complete with choppers, MiG fighter planes and a troupe of Russian dancers in military costumes (and hot pants) performing bizarre erotic dances.

In this authentically inauthentic city such as Shenzhen, it is refreshing to visit **Dapeng Fortress** (Dàpéng Shùochéng; 大鹏所城; ☎ 0755-8431 5618; Pengcheng Village, Dapeng Town, Longgang District; adult/student & senior ¥20/10; 🕒 10am-6pm), further to the east. Reminiscent of the old days as a fishing village, this preserved walled town was built 600 years ago and is best known as a key battle site in the Opium Wars in the 19th century. It is still a lively village with dwellings occupied by both the locals and migrants alike. To get there, board bus 360 at Yinhu bus terminal; it also stops near China Regency Hotel at Sūngāngdòng Lu. The journey takes about 90 minutes. Alight at the terminal at Huilian Superstore (Huilián Bǎihuò; 惠联百货) at Wangmu (Wángmǔ; 王母) and change to minibus 966. A faster and easier way to get there is to take the Sha Tou Kok Express (\$60, 90 minutes, hourly departure between 6.45am and 6.30pm) at Suffolk Rd (MTR Kowloon Tong, Exit C). Once the bus arrives at Wangmu change to minibus 966.



Shenzhen's strength is not cultural ambition, but not for lack of trying. The *Shenzhen Art Map*, available at any museum, lists arts and cultural events each month. At the Overseas Chinese Town, **He Xiangning Art Gallery** (Héxiāngníng Meishùguǎn; ☎ 0755-2660 4540; www.hxnart.com; 9013 Shennan Lu; admission Y20, free on Fri; ☎ 10am-5.30pm Tue-Sun; Exit C, Huáqiáochéng metro, bus 245 from Shenzhen Bay Port) has a collection of hybrid Japanese/Chinese water paintings by the legendary late master of modern Chinese art, He Xiangning. There are no English explanations but a pamphlet in English is available in the ticket office. In the same area, **OCT-LOFT Art Terminal** (Huáqiáochéng Dāngdài Yìshùzhōngxīn; ☎ 0755-2691 5100; www.o-cat.net; Ping Lu, Overseas Chinese Town; ☎ 10am-5.30pm Tue-Sun; Exit A, Qiáochéng dōng metro) is an ambitious project aiming to attract artists to create a vibrant arts hub in Shenzhen. This excellent museum

complex exhibits works of international and local contemporary Chinese artists. **Shenzhen Museum** (Shēnzhèn Bówùguǎn; ☎ 0755-8210 1036; Tongzīn Lu, Futian; ☎ 9am-5pm; Exit A, Kēxué Guǎn metro, bus 3, 12, 101, 102 or 104), in Litchi Park (Lizhī Gōngyuǎn), contains 20,000 jade, porcelain and bronze artefacts and has halls dedicated to ancient Shenzhen, zoology and underwater life.

Of course, for Hong Kong people Shenzhen is mostly about shopping. It doesn't matter whether it is counterfeit or pirate, so long as the price is right. And sometimes, with a little patience and luck, you can find quality at a rock bottom price. See p238.

In addition to shopping, Shenzhen offers all sorts of body perfecting services, from massage to manicure. Try **Mang Bing Massage Centre** (Mǎng Bīng; ☎ 0755-8232 1703; Shop 2028, Luohu Commercial City, ☎ 8am-11pm), where you can expect to

pay between Y45 to Y120 for an hour's massage, and **Jian Fu Mei Health & Beauty Centre** (Jiàn Fū Měi ☎ 0755-8233 8178; Shop 4028, 4th fl, Luohu Commercial City; ☎ 8.30am-11pm) in Luohu Commercial City, where you'll pay Y88 to Y100 for a massage and from Y90 for a facial. The place is a bit decrepit but the massages are great value. The new branch at the south-wing basement has a slightly cheaper rate. On the other hand, if you are looking for class, head to the regal **Queen's Spa and Dining** (Huángshì Jiǎqī; ☎ 0755-8225 3888; B1-5th fl, Golden Metropolis Bldg, Chunfeng Lu; ☎ 24hr; Exit B, Guómào metro) near Guómào metro. Here a sauna costs Y98 and a massage Y168 to Y218; a minimum Y30 tip is mandatory.

Finding a venue for anything from a quiet drink to a raucous knees-up after a hard day of bargaining is easy, especially on 'Bar St' below Citic City Plaza (Zhōngxīn Chéngshì Guǎngchǎng). One that stands out is **Coko bar** (☎ 0755-2598 9998; Block F, Citic City Plaza, 1093 Shennan Zhonglu; ☎ 10am-2am; Exit D, Kēxuéguǎn metro). For blues or punk rock, the absolutely pop music-free **Base Bar** (Gēnjūdi Jiùbǎ; ☎ 0755-8363 3533; 1019 Shangbu Nanlu; ☎ 7pm-2am; Exit D, Kēxuéguǎn metro) is where rebellious local bands jam every night. The music usually starts at 10pm. It's about a 10-minute walk south from the metro and Citic City Plaza. Clubbers should check out one of the locals' favourites, **True Color** (Běnsè; ☎ 0755-8230 1833; 4th fl, Golden World, 2001 Jiefang Lu; ☎ 9am-1am; Exit A, Lǎojiē metro), where DJs turn the beat around night after night. You can also find a cluster of pubs and restaurants with different cuisines further afield at **SeaWorld** (Hǎishàng Shìjī; 海上世

界; Shekou, Nanshan) in Shekou (Shékǒu). Most pubs here are open until 2am.

INFORMATION

Bank of China (Zhōngguó Yínháng; 2022 Jianshe Lu; ☎ 8.30am-5pm Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm Sat, Sun & holidays); **Renmin Nanlu branch** (Zhōngguó Yínháng Fēnháng; 1st fl, Fāngdichǎn Dàxié, Renmin Nanlu) This branch is just behind New Century Hotel. You can use either Chinese Renminbi (or yuan, abbreviated 'Y') or Hong Kong dollars in Shenzhen, but the rise of the Renminbi makes Hong Kong dollars less desired.

China Travel Service Shenzhen (CTS; Zhōngguó Lǚxíngshè Shēnzhèn; ☎ 0755-8225 8447; 3009 Renmin Nanlu; ☎ 9am-6pm)

HSBC (Ground fl, Shangri-la Hotel, 1002 Jianshe Lu; ☎ 9am-5pm Mon-Fri)

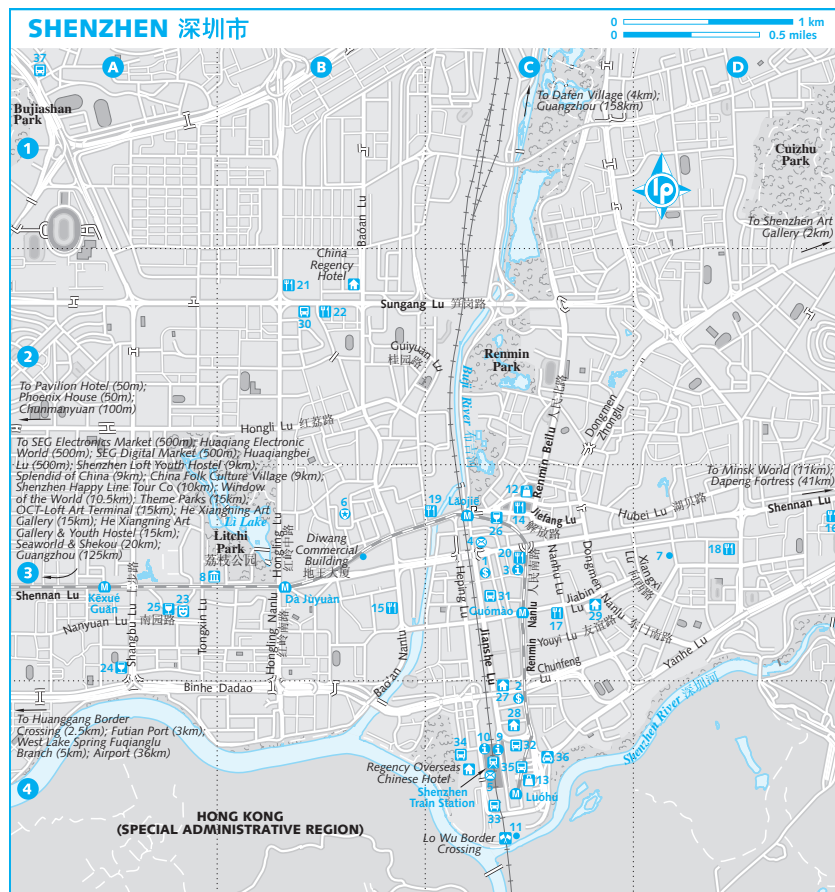
Internet Access You can access the internet at most of the hotels listed in this chapter, for an average Y15 per hour.

Post Office (Yóujú; ☎ 0755-2516 8326; 3040 Jianshe Lu; ☎ 8am-8pm); **Railway Station branch** (☎ 0755-8232 0482, Shenzhen Train Station; ☎ 8am-9pm)

Public Security Bureau (PSB; gōng'ǎnjú; ☎ 0755-8446 3999; 4018 Jiefang Lu; ☎ 9am-noon & 2-6pm Mon-Fri)

Shenzhen Happy Line Tour Co (☎ 0755-2690 6000; adult/child under 12 Y40/20; ☎ 10am-7pm; Huáqiáo Chéng metro)

Shenzhen Tourist Consultation Centre (Shēnzhènshì Yóukè Wēnxùnchū; ☎ 0755-8236 5043; Ground Fl, East Exit of Shenzhen Train Station; ☎ 9am-6pm) Free and reasonably detailed maps are available on request.



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Visa Offices at Lo Wu (☎ 0755-8233 9585; 🕒 9am-10pm); **Huanggang** (☎ 0755-8339 5171; 🕒 9am-1pm & 2.30-5pm border 24hr); **Shekou** (☎ 0755-2669 1848, 🕒 8.45am-12.30pm & 2.30-5.30pm) You can buy a five-day visa (restricted to Shenzhen SEZ, excluding the Longgang and Bao'an districts) at any of these offices on the spot (\$150 for most nationalities, \$450 for British citizens; US citizens must apply for a full Chinese visa, in advance).

Websites Visit Shenzhen (www.visitshenzhen.com) is a great website. For entertainment options, check out the expat-run Shenzhen Party (www.shenzhenparty.com).

SHOPPING

Shopping is the sole reason many people visit Shenzhen. An invaluable book to guide you is *Shop in Shenzhen: An Insider's Guide* (\$95/US\$12) by Ellen McNally, available in bookshops throughout Hong Kong and online from Amazon. You are guaranteed not to leave Shenzhen empty-handed, though the quality can vary. Be ready to haggle.

Dafen Village (Dàfēncūn; 大芬村; ☎ 0755-8473 2633; www.cndafen.com; Dafen, Buji, Longgang District) It is easy to associate China with all kinds of counterfeits, including artwork, but this village is definitely eye-opening: 600 art-packed stores, 8000 skilled artists and 5000 freshly painted Mona Lisas every week. Others include Van Goghs and Rembrandts – any famous masterpiece you can imagine. Prices range from Y200 to Y700.

IS THE SEZ STILL SPECIAL?

Glitzy nightclubs and cascades of neon advertising indicate the phenomenal growth that Shenzhen had experienced in the last two decades, transforming a mere village into a metropolis. The locals are quick to highlight that Shenzhen was at the forefront of capitalism in Communist China in the '80s. As the rest of mainstream China had looked on enviously at their southern neighbours enjoying the spoils of success that capitalism brings, an electrified fence bordering the northern part of the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) was all that prevented mass illegal immigrants migrating south to Shenzhen.

Deng Xiaoping, glorified as 'the father of the SEZ', bestowed numerous favourable measures to this cosseted kid, including China's first stock market. The maxim of China in the '90s – 'To get rich is glorious' – was the sole motivation to justify the existence of Shenzhen.

After three decades of pioneering capitalism, SEZ represents the prototype of nurturing a fledgling city in its infancy to a shining beacon of capitalism. Today, similar favours are granted to cities like Shanghai and Chongqing, sending waves of apprehension among the people of Shenzhen that they will no longer be able to retain their favoured status.

As the barriers between Shenzhen and the rest of China crumble and the population of migrants outstrips the locals, societal problems arise. The minimum wage in Shenzhen is Y4.66 per hour, aggravating the imbalance of wealth and poverty between the haves and have nots. Human trafficking and violent robberies are widespread, and the local police are severely understaffed, overworked and insufficiently trained.

The only way for this anomalous society to retain its special status, according to a *gongan* (police officer) and a TV producer we met, is integration with Hong Kong. 'We are ready to erase the border. Hong Kong police are welcome to combat crimes for us.' As we walked along an unruly street in Shenzhen, we sensed that Shenzhen is struggling to retain its special status. It looks both to its north, at the mainland, and to the south to Hong Kong, and strives to remain the bridge between North and South.

Dongmen Market (Dōngmén Shìchǎng; Lǎojiē metro) This chaotic market is popular for tailored suits and skirts, electronic goods and cheap ready-to-wear clothes, with competitive prices. Most shops open from 10am to 10pm. Be extremely careful of pickpockets.

Huaqiang Bei Commercial St (Huáqiángběi Shāngyèjiē; Exit A, Huáqiánglù metro) For those on the hunt for electronics, Huaqiang Bei is a mecca complete with the latest tech gadgets.

Huaqiang Electronic World (Huáqiáng Diànzìshìjiē; ☎ 0755-8329 4262; 1007-1015 Huaqiangbeilu; Exit A, Huáqiánglù metro) On Huaqiang Bei Commercial St; another electronics giant to compete with the SEGs, due to open by the time you read this.

Luohu Commercial City (Luóhú Shāngyè Chéng; ☎ 0755-8233 8178; Renmin Nanlu; 🕒 6.30am-midnight) The Hong Kong day-trippers' favourite. Over 700 shops sell gobs of goods. The 5th floor houses a cluster of fabric and tailor shops. Stephenie (Shop 5060A) and Wan Dan (Shop 48) have a reputation for their workmanship and quality clothing. Most shops are open 10.30am to 10pm.

SEG Electronics Market (Sàigē Diànzìshìchǎng; ☎ 0755-8335 8192; 🕒 9am-6pm) This behemoth has eight floors crammed with tiny booths selling computer components at rock bottom prices. On Huaqiang Bei Commercial St.

SEG Digital Market (Sàibóhóngdà Shùmáguāngchǎng; 🕒 10am-9.30pm) A good place to come for hi-tech audiovisual equipment. Also on Huaqiang Bei Commercial St.

TRANSPORT – SHENZHEN

For more detailed information about getting from Hong Kong to Shenzhen, see p284.

Distance from Hung Hom station 35km

Direction from Hung Hom station North

Travel time from Hung Hom station Forty minutes by KCR East Rail train

Distance from Macau's Inner Harbour to Shekou About 115km

Direction from Macau's Inner Harbour to Shekou Northeast

Travel time from Macau's Inner Harbour to Shekou Ninety minutes by ferry

Boat There are 13 jet-cat departures (\$110 to \$145, one hour) daily between **Shekou port** (☎ 0755-2669 1213) and Hong Kong between 7.45am and 9.30pm. Seven go to the Macau ferry pier in Central, with the rest heading for the China ferry terminal in Kowloon. The same number of boats leave Hong Kong for Shekou between 7.45am and 9pm. Thirteen ferries go to Hong Kong airport (Y200 to Y240 one way, Y390 roundtrip, 30 minutes) between 7.45am and 8.15pm. The same number of boats leave Hong Kong airport for Shekou between 9am and 9.20pm. Four ferries a day also link Shekou with Macau; for details, see p349. You can also reach Zhuhai (Y80, one hour) from Shekou every half-hour from 7.30am to 9.30pm.

Bus Buses to Huanggang run 24 hourly from various departure points in Hong Kong, including Wanchai Ferry Pier (\$45 to \$50, 45 minutes) and Arran St, Prince Edward (\$35 to \$45, 35 minutes). There are also buses going to Shenzhen International Airport from these points between 6.40am and 10.20pm. For details, see p284. With the opening of the Hong Kong–Shenzhen Western Corridor on 1 July 2007, buses started going to Shenzhen Bay (深圳湾) at Shekou from a couple of departure points in Hong Kong. Operators such as **Eternal East** (☎ 3760 0888; www.eebus.com) has express buses running from Grand Promenade, Sau Kei Wan (one way/roundtrip \$45/\$80, 65 minutes) and West Kowloon Centre, Sham Shui Po (one way/roundtrip \$35/60, 45 minutes) to Shenzhen Bay and Overseas Chinese Town. New Lantao Bus and City Bus also operate bus B2 from Yuen Long KCR station (\$11), B3 from Tuen Mun Ferry Pier Bus Terminus (\$11) and B3X from Tuen Mun Town Centre (\$11) to Shenzhen Bay Port Public Transport Interchange. In Shenzhen intercity buses depart from Luohu bus station (Luóhú qìchēzhàn) beneath Luohu Commercial City, and there are frequent departures to Cháozhōu (Y182, 5½ hours), Guangzhou (Y70, 1½ hours), Hùmén (Y45, one hour), Shàntóu (Y150, four hours), Xiàmén (Y240 to Y303, eight hours) and Zhōngshān (Y78, 2½ hours). The bus station behind Regency Overseas Chinese Hotel has two daily departures to Guilin (Y230 to Y305, 13 hours) at 7.30pm and 8.30pm and four departures to Nánning (Y250 to Y370, 12 hours) between 6pm and 9pm. Shenzhen has a cheap and efficient network of buses and minibuses costing Y1.5 to Y4.

Metro At present Shenzhen has two metro lines (Y2 to Y5). Line No 1, the more useful for visitors, stretches from the Luohu border crossing to the Windows of the World theme park. Another line has a Huanggang metro in service at Futian Port where passengers can interchange from Lok Ma Chau station in Hong Kong.

Taxi In Shenzhen **taxis** (☎ 0755-8322 8000) cost Y12.5 (Y18.50 from 11pm to 6am) for the first 3km, with each additional 250m another Y0.60.

Train The Kowloon–Canton Railway East Rail (1st/2nd class \$69.50/36.50, 40 minutes) is the most convenient transport to Shenzhen from Hong Kong (p285). Lok Ma Chau spur line on the KCR West Rail and Huanggang metro in Shenzhen has recently opened, which is a faster way to go to western Shenzhen. From Shenzhen there are frequent high-speed trains (Y70 to Y75, 60 to 70 minutes) and bullet trains (Y80 to Y100, 52 minutes) to Guangzhou running between 6.22am and 10.46pm. Other departures include Beijing (Y257 to Y720, 24 hours), Chángshā (Y147 to Y379, 11 hours) and Guilin (Y137 to Y379, 13 hours).

Wong Kong Oil Painting and Art Plaza (Huángjiāng Yóuhuà Yìshùguāngchǎng; 黄江油画艺术广场; ☎ 0755-2134 2627, Dafen, Buji, Longgang; 🕒 10am-10pm) Near the entrance to Dafen Village, Wong Kong Oil Painting and Art Plaza is the founding shop of this mass production painting kingdom. Bus 106 from Luohu takes you to the village in an hour's ride. A taxi ride costs around Y40 to Y60.

EATING

As Shenzhen is comprised mainly of migrants, it is not difficult to find a wide variety of Chinese cuisines. However, a number of eating outlets worth trying still preserve their Cantonese origins.

Chūnmányuán (☎ 0755-8336 6688/8336 9333; 1st-3rd fl, Pavilion Century Tower, 4002 Huaqiang Beilu; meals

per person Y50-150; ☎ 7.30am-11pm; Exit A, Huáqiánglǔ metro) If the queue at the Phoenix House is long, this is a good alternative with excellent dim sum.

Ding Tai Feng (☎ 0755-8223 8586/8230 7588; 2nd fl, Zhonghai Commercial Centre, 1 Xinyuenu; meals per person Y8-78; ☎ 10am-10pm) Try the steamed bun stuffed with crab meat and pork. It has a nonsmoking area.

Grand Prince (Wángzǐ Guóyuán; ☎ 0755-8269 0666; Shop 45, 5th fl, The MixC, Bao'an Nanlu; lunch Y38-50, dinner Y80-150; ☎ 9am-3pm & 5-10pm; Exit C3, Dàiyuán metro) This classy restaurant serves up a wide variety of surprisingly affordable dishes from all over China. The spacious dining hall is particularly impressive. The first branch, **The Prince** (Wángzǐ Fāndiàn; ☎ 0755-8248 5288; 4th fl, Zhongming Times Square, 12 Sungan Lu; ☎ 9.30am-3pm & 5-10.30pm), is equally good, although the location is a bit remote.

Ju's Fusion Restaurant (Jùbào Sifāngcài; ☎ 0755-2513 0998; 2nd fl, 999 Royal Suites and Towers, 1001 Shennan Donglu; meals per person from Y80-450; ☎ 9am-10pm) This upmarket restaurant is famous for its expensive abalone and shark fin dishes. It also has an elegant and comfy ambience.

Laurel (Dāngxiūxiān; ☎ 0755-8232 1888; 2nd fl, Century Plaza Hotel, 1 Chunfeng Lu; meals per person Y50-180; ☎ 7am-11pm) The **Luohu branch** (☎ 0755-8232 3668; Shop 5010, 5th fl, Luohu Commercial City; ☎ 7am-11pm) is a handy choice if you are shopping at Luohu Commercial City, but the main branch at the Century Plaza Hotel serves the better dim sum.

Made in Kitchen (Chúfāng Zhìzào; ☎ 0755-8261 1639; 7th fl, Kingglory Plaza, 2028 Renmin Lu; appetiser Y8-88, main Y48-208; ☎ 9.30am-11.30pm; Exit A, Guómào metro) This attractive, stylish restaurant specialises in Southeast Asian fusion cuisine. The menu is a feast for the eyes and palate, with over 400 diverse choices, such as pad thai noodles, sashimi, steak and lamb.

Muslim Hotel Restaurant (Múslīn Bīngguān Dà Cānguān; ☎ 0755-8225 9664; 2nd fl, Muslim Hotel, 2013 Wenjing Nanlu; dishes Y22-58; ☎ 10am-11pm; Minibus 430) If you fancy trying *hǎi* (Chinese Muslim) food (eg various beef and mutton dishes), head for this halal restaurant.

Noodle King (Miàndiǎn Wāng; ☎ 0755-8205 8099; 4 Jiefang Lu; dishes Y6-22; ☎ 8am-midnight) This budget noodle chain has a line of chefs from whom you request dumplings and noodles. There's also a Noodle King **Renmin Nanlu branch** (☎ 0755-8222 2348; 3021 Renmin Nanlu; dishes Y6-20; ☎ 8.30am-10.30pm).

Phoenix House (Fēnghuánglǒu; ☎ 0755-8207 6688/8207 6338; East Wing, Pavilion Hotel, 4002 Huaqiang Beilu; lunch Y60-80, dinner Y100-350; ☎ 7.30am-11pm; Exit A, Huáqiánglǔ metro) Phoenix House is one of the top Cantonese restaurants in town. Expect rowdy waits for a seat of a half-hour or more after 11.30am.

West Lake Spring (Xīhú Chūntiān; ☎ 0755-8211 6988; 2nd-3rd fl, Parkway Tower, 3019 Xungang Donglu; dishes Y18-180; ☎ 11am-2.30pm & 5-10pm; bus 18, get off at Xīhú Bīngguān) Shenzhen's middle class give a big thumbs-up to this Hángzhōu restaurant. It has no English menu but pictures of the dishes are printed. The signature dishes Lóngjīng Xiàrén (stir-fried river shrimp with Longjing tea leaves; Y78) and Sòngsǎo Yúgēng (yellow croaker fish soup; small/large Y38/48) deserve savouring. There's also a **Fujianglu branch** (☎ 0755-8385 0222; 6th fl, Zhonggang City, 3004 Fujiang Lu; ☎ 11am-2.30pm & 5-10pm).

SLEEPING

Hotels in Shenzhen discount deeply during the week, slicing as much as 60% off the regular rack rate, though you should ask for a discount no matter when you go.

Century Plaza Hotel (Xīndū Jiǔdiàn; ☎ 0755-8232 0888; www.szqphotel.com; 1 Chunfeng Lu; s & d Y1320-1430, ste from Y2420) This is a better deal than the Shangri-La as it sometimes cuts its published rates in half and has more facilities.

Pavilion Hotel (Shēngtíngwǎn Jiǔdiàn; ☎ 0755-8207 8888; www.pavilionhotel.com; 4002 Huaqiang Beilu; s & d Y1900-2000 ste from Y2450; Exit A, Huáqiánglǔ metro) Stay here if you shop till you drop at Huaqiangbei. There isn't much to look at from the outside, but the rooms are comfortable. Discounts of 20% to 60% apply.

Shangri-La (Xiānggēlǐlǎ Dàjiǔdiàn; ☎ 0755-8233 0888; www.shangri-la.com/shenzhen; 1002 Jianshe Lu; s & d Y1598-1950, ste Y2500) Despite all the competition, this luxurious hotel still keeps its prices up there in the stars, but is also still one of the best places to stay in Luohu district.

Shenzhen Loft Youth Hostel (Shēnzhēn Qiǎochénglǚyóu Guōjī qīngniǎnlǚshè; ☎ 0755-2694 9443; www.yhchina.com; 3 Enping Lu, Huaqiaocheng; dorm Y60, d without bathroom Y138, s & d Y158; Exit A, Qiǎochéngdōng metro) This friendly hostel is located in a tranquil residential area behind the OCT-LOFT Art Terminal (p236). The rooms are simple but spotless. The entrance is behind the Konka building.

Sunshine Hotel (Yángguāng Jiǔdiàn; ☎ 0755-8223 3888; www.sunshinehotel.com; 1 Jiabin Lu; s & d Y1600-1800; ste

WHICH WAY TO GO?

At present there are seven border crossings between Hong Kong and Shenzhen. From east to west they are **Sha Tou Kok** (☎ 7am-8pm), **Man Kam To** (☎ 7am-10pm), **Lo Wu** (☎ 6am-12am), **Lok Ma Chau/Huanggang Port** (☎ 24hr), **Lok Ma Chau/Futian Port** (☎ 6.30am-10.30pm), **Shekou** (☎ 7.45am-9.30pm) and **Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor/Shenzhen Bay Port** (☎ 6.30am-12am). Shekou at western Shenzhen is easily accessible by ferries from Hong Kong and by buses from the new Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor. While Lok Ma Chau/Huanggang Port (not to be confused with the recently opened Huanggang metro at Futian Port) is open 24 hours, the most convenient border crossings are still Lo Wu and the new Lok Ma Chau/Futian Port, opened on 15 August 2007. You can hop on the Lo Wu-bound or Lok Ma Chau-bound KCR train in Hong Kong to the border, which is connected with the metro in Shenzhen. However, buying a visa on the spot at Futian Port remains impossible at the time of writing. If you want to travel to the rest of Guangdong province or other parts of China, Lo Wu remains the best option as Shenzhen train station and the intercity bus stations are just a stone's throw away once you cross the border. Sha Tou Kok and Man Kam To are more for truck traffic and rarely used by travellers, unless you're heading to eastern Shenzhen (such as Dapeng Fortress, see p234), where the express buses departing from Kowloon will take you through Sha Tou Kok.

Y2600-3200; Exit B, Guómào metro) Rooms on the 8th floor or above have better views. The service is flawless.

ZHUHAI

Zhuhai is as laidback as its neighbouring former Portuguese enclave, Macau. A SEZ, this 'pearl of the sea' never reached the level of success (or excess) of the nearby Shenzhen SEZ. So much the better for residents and travellers, for this city of 1.4 million people is clean and green and has the fewest maniacal drivers in China.

A small agricultural town into the 1980s, the Zhuhai of today has not only the usual SEZ skyline of glimmering five-star hotels and big factories, but even its own ultramodern airport. Nonetheless, it manages to preserve its heritage surprisingly well.

Zhuhai is divided into three main districts: Gōngběi, Jídà and Xiāngzhōu. Gōngběi (拱北), adjacent to the border with Macau, is the main tourist district, with restaurants and shops; Gongbei Port (Gōngběi Kǒu'àn) is the large modern complex that visitors pass through en route from the SAR. To the northeast is Jídà (吉大), with its large waterfront hotels and resorts, and Jiuzhou Harbour (Jiuzhōu Gǎng; 九州港), where Hong Kong, Shenzhen and Guǎngdōng passenger ferries arrive and depart. The northernmost district is Xiāngzhōu (香洲), with many government buildings and a busy fishing port.

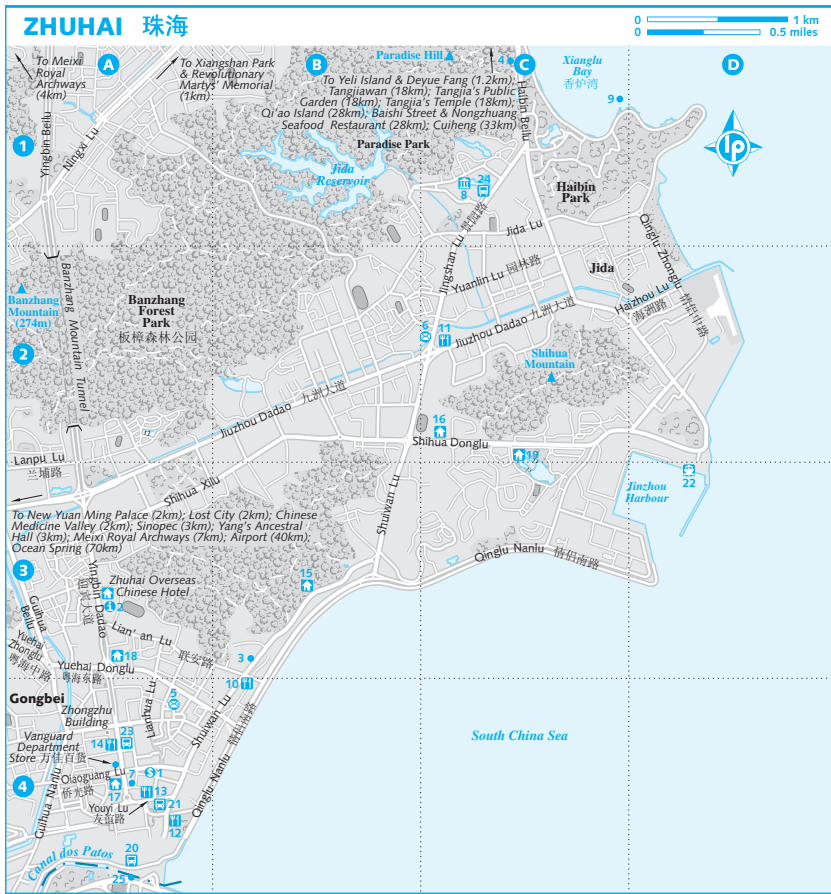
Zhuhai is close enough to Macau for a day trip. Downtown, you can stroll along the waterfront **Haibin Park** (Hǎibīn Gōngyuán; Haibin Nanlu; ☎ 8am-10pm) at Jídà, with hills on both sides, palm trees and an amusement park, or

through Paradise Park, noted for its 'boulder forest' covering **Paradise Hill** (Shìjīng Shān). In **Paradise Park** (Shì Jīngshān Gōngyuán; Haibin Beilu; admission Y2; ☎ 8am-9pm) the **Paradise Hill Cable Car** (Shìjīng Shān Suǒdào; 石景山索道; ☎ 0756-211 3058; adult one way/return Y25/50, child Y20/30; ☎ 9am-5pm) takes you to the top. Next to the cable car there are go-karts for rent (five/10 minutes Y25/40). In the bay between the two parks is the **Zhuhai Fisher Girl** (Zhūhǎi Yúnrǔ; Xiānglu Bay; bus 99), an 8.7m-high statue of a dame holding a pearl, the symbol of the city.

The **Zhuhai City Museum** (Zhūhǎishì Bówùguān; ☎ 0756-332 4116; 191 Jianshan Lu; admission Y10; ☎ 9am-5pm; bus 2, 30 or 26), housed on two floors of a building in Jídà, is designed to look like a Ming dynasty compound and contains a small but interesting collection of old copperware and Tibetan artefacts.

North of the museum at the eastern edge of **Xiangshan Park** (Xiāngshān Gōngyuán; 香山公园; Fenghuang Bei Lu), the austere **Revolutionary Martyrs' Memorial** (Lièshì Língyuán; 烈士陵园; ☎ 8am-6pm; bus 3, 13 or 99) is dedicated to local victims of the Japanese during WWII.

Zhuhai has a number of lesser-known sites that nonetheless played vital parts in Guangdong history. Several of these are described in the *Cultural Tour* pamphlet, issued by Zhuhai Tourism Bureau and available at most hotels. Among these, the most accessible is **Yang's Ancestral Hall** (Yángshì; Dàzōngcǎi; Beishan Village, Qianshan; admission free; ☎ 8.30-11am & 12.30-5pm) at Beishan Village (Běishāncūn; 北山村), Nǎnpíng (南屏), a shrine built in 1868 and the largest Lingnan architecture representative of its kind in Zhuhai. This lively village still has a number of private dwellings that preserve some spectacular brick embossments. To get there, take bus 34



near the landmark Vanguard Department Store on Yingbin Dadao. Alight at Beishān (the second stop after crossing Qianshan Bridge). Cross the road (be careful!) to Sinopec petrol station. Take the path beside it to Beishan village. Go straight down and turn left till you see a basketball court.

To the northwest of downtown is **Meixi Royal Archways** (Meixi Paifāng; 梅溪牌坊; ☎ 0756-865 9577; Meixi Village, Qianshān; admission Y50; 🕒 8.30am-6pm; bus 99 or Line 1, Sightseeing Bus) at Qianshān (前山), originally a residence of the legendary Chen Fang (Chan Afong), a philanthropist who married a sister of the Hawaiian king in the 19th century. The archways were bestowed by Emperor Guangxu but one was destroyed during the Cultural Revolution. The mansions beside them have wax works, archway models and photos on display.

To the north of Xiangzhou, two sites are worth discovering in the labyrinth-like Tángjiawān (唐家湾). **Tangjia's Public Garden** (Tángjia Gōnglèyuán; ☎ 0756-338 8896; Eling, Tángjiawān; adult/student Y10/5; 🕒 8.30am-5.30pm) was a private estate of the first premier of the Republic of China, Tang Shaoyi, in 1900. Now it is a wonderful tranquil garden preserving various old growth and rare species from South China. To get there, take bus 10 and alight at Tangjia Market (Tángjiashichāng). On your way you can detour to the 300-year-old **Tangjia's Temple** (Tángjia Sānmào; cnr Datong Lu & Xindizi Jie, Tángjiawān; admission free; 🕒 8.30am-6pm; bus 10), dedicated to Lady Golden Flower (a local deity of marriage and pregnancy), the God of War and Literature, and the Buddha. A highlight is the grim-looking Buddha statue brought from India when the temple was founded. It's a bit

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difficult to locate the temples amid numerous nameless alleys. Just ask the friendly villagers where Sānmào is.

More off the beaten track is **Baishi St** (Baishijie; 白石街; Qi'ao North, Qi'ao Island; admission Y5; 🕒 9am-6pm), literally 'white stone' street, on Qi'ao Island (Qiàodǎo; 淇澳岛), where local villagers drove the British off the island on the eve of the First Opium War and used the proceeds of a British indemnity to pave a path with white stones. Today the village preserves a 700-year-old shrine and an old fortress. To get there, board bus 10 on Yingbin Dadao at Gongbei and alight at Tángjiashichāng. The journey takes 45 minutes. Then change to minibus 85 to Qi'ao Island and get off at the terminus. This takes another 15 minutes.

The small village of **Cuiheng** (Cuihēng; 翠亨), 33km north of Zhuhai, is the site of the **Dr Sun Yat Sen Residence Memorial Museum** (Sūn Zhōngshān Gùjū Jìniànguǎn; 孙中山故居纪念馆; ☎ 0760-550 1691; Cuiheng Dadao, Cuiheng; adult/child Y20/10; 🕒 9am-5pm), where the revolutionary hero and founder of the Republic of China was born in 1866. A solemn place of pilgrimage for Chinese of all political persuasions, the museum re-creates the house where Sun grew up and the village compound includes a remarkable collection of period furniture. To reach the museum, take bus 10 along Yingbin Dadao in Zhuhai. Alight at the terminus, walk 10 minutes past the gate to the next bus stop and board bus 12.

A couple of kilometres northwest of Gongbei is a 'been there, done that' icon of Zhuhai, **New Yuan Ming Palace** (Yúanmíng Xīnyuán; ☎ 0756-861 0388; www.ymy.com.cn; cnr Jiuzhou Dadao & Lanpu Lu; adult/child Y120/80; 🕒 9am-9pm; bus 1, 13, 60 or 99). This massive theme park is a reproduction of the original im-

perial Yuan Ming Palace in Beijing destroyed by British and French forces during the Second Opium War. There are lavish 30-minute performances staged throughout the day. The entry fee includes admission to **Lost City** (Mènghuān Shuǐchéng; ☎ 0756-861 0388; 🕒 10.30am-6pm Mon-Fri, 9.30am-6.30pm Sat & Sun May, Jun, Sep & Oct, 9am-9pm Jul & Aug), a huge adventure and water park.

Next door is **Chinese Medicine Valley** (Zhōngyāogu; ☎ 0756-866 1113; cnr Lanpu Lu & Baishi Lu; adult/child Y99/49), a resort where you can soak away your fatigue in pools filled with Chinese herbs or just settle for a traditional massage. Remember to bring your own swimsuit.

For a true hot-spring experience, the newly opened **Ocean Spring** (Hǎichuānwǎn; 海泉湾; ☎ 0756-726 7788; Pingsha, Zhuhai; admission Y168-212; 🕒 8.30am-1.30am) resort in Dǒumén (斗门) has a huge ocean-side open-air pool and rooms with their own hot-spring tubs. The resort also houses a Fisherman's Wharf for dining and drinks, and an amusement park, **Mysterious Island** (Shénmìdǎo; 神秘岛; admission Y110; 🕒 9am-9pm).

Night owls will find Zhuhai's nightlife passable, with a boom of pubs at Shuiwan St (Shuǐwǎnlù). **Cohiba** (☎ 0758-889 2444; 203-209 Shuiwan Lu; 🕒 10am-4am; Bus 13, 99) stands out. Nearby, Lianhua St (Liánhuālù) has a cluster of open bar booths straddling the road where the drinks are cheap but the streetwalkers rampant.

INFORMATION

Bank of China (Zhōngguó Yínháng; cnr Yingbin Dadao & Yuehai Donglu; 🕒 9am-5pm Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm Sat & Sun); **Lianhua Lu branch** (Zhōngguó Yínháng Fēnháng; 41 Lianhua Lu; 🕒 8.30am-5pm Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm Sat &

Sun) ATMs here and elsewhere are linked to most common international money systems.

China Travel Service Guangzhou Gongbei (CTS; Zhōngguó Lǚxíngshè Guǎngzhōu Gōngbēi; ☎ 0756-889 9072, 0756-889 9073; 33 Yingbin Dadao; ☎ 8am-8pm) Located next to Zhuhai Overseas Chinese Hotel, this helpful office sells discounted tickets to a number of tourist sights.

Post office (Yóujú; 57 Jingshan Lu; ☎ 8am-8pm); **Yuehai Donglu branch** (Yóujú; 1043 Yuehai Donglu; ☎ 8am-8pm) International calling cards are sold here.

Public Security Bureau (PSB; Gōng'ānjú; ☎ 0756-887 2872; 1038 Yingbin Dadao)

Visas The visa offices on the 2nd floor of **Gongbei Port** (☎ 8.30am-12.15pm, 12.45-6.15pm & 6.45-10pm) and at **Jiuzhou Port** (☎ 8.30am-7pm) issue visas valid for three days only (MOP\$150 for most nationalities, MOP\$450 for British) and your travel is restricted to Zhuhai. US citizens have to buy a visa in advance in Macau or Hong Kong (p348). The **border** at Gongbei Port opens from 7.30am to midnight.

Zhuhai Tourist Information & Service Centre (Zhūhǎishì Lúyóu Zìxún Fúwùzhōngxīn; 珠海旅游咨询服务中心; Departure Hall, Jiuzhou Port; ☎ 7.30am-8.30pm) It has a handful of English pamphlets available as well as luggage-storage facilities (per piece ¥10).

TRANSPORT – ZHUHAI

Distance from Macau ferry pier 2km

Direction from Macau ferry pier North

Travel time from Macau ferry pier Twenty minutes by bus

Distance from Hong Kong's Macau ferry pier in Central About 65km

Direction from Hong Kong's Macau ferry pier in Central West 72km

Travel time from Hong Kong's Macau ferry pier in Central Seventy minutes by high-speed ferry

Boat Jetcats between Zhuhai and Hong Kong (Y177, 70 minutes) depart seven times a day between 8am and 5.30pm from **Jiuzhou Harbour** (☎ 0756-333 3359; in Hong Kong 852-2858 3876) for the China ferry terminal in Kowloon, and nine times a day from 9am to 9.30pm for the Macau ferry pier in Central. **Hong Kong Northwest Express** (☎ 852-2441 3133) has high-speed ferries departing from Tuen Mun for Jiuzhou Harbour at 7.45am and 10.15pm (\$160, 40 minutes) and the same ferries return at 9am and 8.45pm (Y140). Another high-speed ferry operates between Jiuzhou Harbour and Shenzhen's port of Shékou (Y80, one hour). There are departures every half-hour from 8am to 9.30pm. They leave from Shekou at the same frequency between 7.30am and 9.30pm. Local buses 3 (stopovers at Tāngjiawān and Jiuzhou City), 12 (departs from Fēnghuángbēi), 25 (departs from Nǎnpíng) and 26 (stopovers at Xiāngzhōu bus terminal) all go to the harbour.

Bus In Macau buses 3, 5, 9 and 10 all go to the Border Gate (Portas de Cerco). Bus 3 leaves from the ferry terminal, and the rest leave from A-Ma Temple. All of them have stopovers along Avenida do Infante Dom Henrique. You can also enter via the less-busy **Cotai Frontier Post** (☎ 853-898 9727; ☎ 9am-8pm). Macau bus 15, 21 or 26 will drop you off at the crossing; a shuttle bus will then take you over the Lotus Bridge. Bus 15 leaves from Westin Resort Macau, Coloane or Estrada Governador Albano de Oliveira, Taipa; bus 21 from Macau International Airport; and bus 26 from Hác Sǎ Beach or Avenida do Conselheiro Borja, Macau. In Zhuhai, air-conditioned buses for Guangzhou (Y55 to Y75, 2½ hours) leave from **Gongbei long-distance bus station** (☎ 0756-888 5218, 0756-888 8554) on Youyi Lu every 20 minutes between 6am and 10pm. It also has one daily departure to Güllín (Y250 to Y299, 13 hours, 6.30pm). Frequent buses to other points in China depart from either this station or the **Kee Kwan bus station** (☎ 0756-818 6705) and the new **CTS bus station**. Both are located below the shopping centre at Gongbei Port. Destinations include Dōngguǎn (Y65 to Y75, 2½ hours), Guangzhou (Y75 to Y90, 2½ hours), Fóshān (Y65 to Y80, three hours), Hǔmén (Y55 to Y70, two hours), Kǎipíng (Y65 to Y77, 3½ hours), Ocean Spring (Hǎichuánwǎn; round-trip/one way Y40/22, one hour), Shàntóu (Y180 to Y195, seven hours), Shenzhen (Y85 to Y92, 2½ hours), Zhàqing (Y60 to Y80, 4½ hours), Zhōngshān (Y20 to Y23, one hour) and Héngqín (Y15, 45 minutes). Zhuhai's local buses are clean, efficient and, at Y1.5 to Y2.5, very cheap. The bus stop at Vanguard has a number of routes to most parts of the city. The **Zhuhai Sightseeing Bus** (☎ 0756-334 5605, 0756-337 8381) has two lines. Line 1 (Y2, every 20 minutes, 6.45am to 7pm) goes to the west and Line 2 (Y3, every 30 minutes, 7am to 7pm) to the east. Both take you to most of the sights and depart from along Yingbin Dadao and the Zhuhai City Museum in Jida.

Taxi A taxi from the Macau ferry pier to the border will cost about MOP\$24. In Zhuhai **taxis** (☎ 863 2033) have meters; flag fall is Y10 for the first 3km and Y0.60 for each additional 250m. A taxi ride from the border with Macau to Jiuzhou Harbour costs around Y20.

EATING

Déyuè Fāng (得月舫; ☎ 0756-217 3298; Miming Garden, Yeli Island; meals per person from Y100; ☎ 10am-3pm & 5-10.30pm Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm & 5-10.30pm Sat & Sun) This floating restaurant moored off Yeli Island in Xiangzhou Harbour specialises in seafood. A golf cart picks you up and delivers you to your table.

Jin Yuè Xuān (☎ 0756-813 3133; 1st-3rd fl, Block B, 265 Rihua Commercial Square, Qinglu Nanlu, Gongbei; meals per person Y30-100; ☎ 9am-10pm; bus 4) This pleasant restaurant serves the best dim sum and classic Cantonese cuisine in Zhuhai. Expect a long queue after 11.30am.

Lao Beijing Restaurant (Lǎoběijīng Fēngwēi; ☎ 0756-335 0222; 1312 Jiuzhou Dadao; meals Y30-80; ☎ 9am-2pm & 5-10pm) This small friendly restaurant serving authentic Beijing cuisine is easy to miss but worth finding.

May Flower Restaurant (Wǔyuèhuā Jiǔjiǎ; ☎ 0756-818 1111; 31 Shuiwan Lu; meals per person Y60-100; ☎ 7.30am-11pm) This place specialises in Cantonese seafood and clay-pot dishes.

Nongzhuang Seafood Restaurant (Lǎozìhào Nóngzhuāng Cāntīng; 老字号农庄餐厅; East gate of the Mangroves, Qí'ao Bēi, Qí'ao Island; meals per person Y30-80; ☎ 10am-10pm) This countryside restaurant serves freshly made dishes with ingredients produced from its own farm. Try the juicy *nihuiji* (chicken baked in clay dough) or *jiāngcōngjiǔhǎo* (oysters baked with ginger and onion). Located 1km north of minibus 85 terminus, look for the big advertising panels beside the water and turn right until you see the bamboo-stilt bungalow. No English menu.

Tea Palace (Chá Huángdiàn; ☎ 0756-888 3388; Ground fl, Yindo Hotel, cnr Yingbin Dadao & Yuehai Lu; meals per person from Y75; ☎ 8am-5pm) This delightful space serves traditional Chinese brews and snacks. The perfect place to chill out.

Zhen Kungfu (Zhēn gōngfū; 17 Lianhua Lu; dishes Y6-20; ☎ 8am-11pm) This budget-chain outlet serves up congee and steamed rice. There's also a

Yingbin Dadao branch (1077 Yingbin Dadao; ☎ 8am-11pm).

SLEEPING

With new competition popping up left and right, most midrange to top-end hotels offer heavy discounting that can blur distinctions from budget accommodation. Some hotels add a 10% to 15% levy to the bill.

Grand Bay View Hotel (Zhūhǎi Hǎiwān Dàjiǔdiàn; ☎ 0756-887 7998; fax 0756-887 8998; Shuiwan Lu; s & d Y930-Y1640, ste from Y1990) This recently renovated hotel offers some elegantly designed rooms with great views of the bay and the hill. Take bus 9 from Vanguard to get here.

Home Inn (Yújiǎ Jiǔdiàn; ☎ 0756-337 5111; fax 0756-337 5000; 58 Shihua Donglu, Jida; s & d Y148-Y199) This recently opened motel-like chain offers basic but neat rooms. Take bus 22 from Jiuzhou Port or bus 4 from Vanguard.

Jinye Hotel (Jīnyè Jiǔdiàn; ☎ 0756-888 2668; fax 0756-888-2788; cnr Yingbin Dadao & Qiaoguang Lu; s & d Y430-Y528, ste from Y573) This hotel's convenient proximity to the Vanguard bus stop makes up for its general lack of character.

Yindo Hotel (Yíndū Jiǔdiàn; ☎ 0756-888 3388; yindobc@pub.zhuhai.gd.cn; cnr Yingbin Dadao & Yuehai Lu; s & d Y860-1240, ste from Y1360) This is one of the best places to stay within striking distance of the border. Outlets include a decent Western restaurant called **Huntress Grill** (☎ 11am-2.30pm & 5.30-10.30pm) on the 2nd floor and the Tea Palace (left).

Zhuhai Holiday Resort (Zhūhǎi Dūjiǎ cūn; ☎ 0756-333 3838; www.zhuhai-hotel.com; 9 Shihua Donglu; s & d Y572-997, ste from Y1166) The five-star complex of Zhuhai Holiday Resort has spacious grounds and some eight restaurants; it hugs the coast northeast of Gongbei near Jiuzhou Harbour. The Youth Hostel (Zhūhǎi Guójìxuéshèng Lúguǎn) is also here, with two eight-bed dorms (Y60).

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