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Recommended Tourist Itineraries

City of Romance

Route: Zhongshan Square - Labor Park - Russia-style Street - Dalian Port

Sight: Dalian is a romantic city with an exuberant European style. Soccer, beer, and fashion make up its romantic atmosphere. This route is crowded with European-style buildings, providing rich, exotic tones amidst the bustling urban sprawl.

Beach

Route: Star Bay - Jinshaping - Mount Bird's Nest - Laohutan Ocean Park - Bangchui Island

Sight: Dalian is a big city with the great sea as its backdrop. The clean sandy beaches and magical reefs are distributed along the long and winding coastline constitute Dalian's beautiful seaside scenery.

Lushunkou District

Route: White Jade Hill - Dongjiguan Hill - World Peace Park - Island of Snakes

Sight: Lushunkou played an important part in modern Chinese history, best captured by the saying, "Learn about Lushunkou District and you learn half of the modern history book." Once traumatized by wars, the remnants of architecture and the naval port resting along the beautiful landscape remind us of the history of this place.

Shanghai Overview

Shanghai is located on the coast of the East China Sea beside the estuary of the Yangtze River. It is the largest metropolis in China and a famous cosmopolitan city in the world. It is China's largest port, as well as an important center of finance and commerce.

It has a sub-tropical maritime monsoon climate with warm springs, hot summers, cool autumns and chilly winters. Yearly rainfall is moderate, with the Meiyu period (rainy season) in June and July and a typhoon season in August and September.

It is a city with a rich historical and cultural heritage. In 1843, it became a concession territory for many countries. From that time on, the city rapidly developed into the most prosperous one in Asia, earning the nickname "Glamorous Shanghai".

Modern Shanghai has seen incredibly rapid growth, with the Lujiazui Financial & Trade Area and Shanghai Free Trade Zone, in particular, seeing the most dynamic economic development in China. In Lujiazui, one can see the many skyscrapers, such as the Oriental Pearl Tower, Jin Mao Tower and the World Financial Center, which are now famous sightseeing destinations. In 2010, Shanghai successfully hosted the World Expo bringing new attention to locations such as the Palace of Chinese Culture & Art, now an important feature of Shanghai's cultural landscape.

Website: www.shanghaitour.net

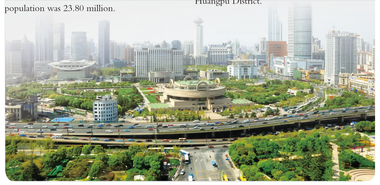
Area & Population

About 6,340 square kilometers.

By the end of 2012, the permanent population was 23.80 million.

Administrative Divisions

Shanghai comprises 16 municipal districts and 1 county, and the City Hall is located in Huangpu District.



Xinghai Bay

Xinghai Square

Xinghai Square is the largest city square in Asia. Facing the sea and the city, the square is a lively place with crowds of people bathing on the sandy beach and the salty sea breeze carrying the thick mouth-watering aromas of grilled squid.

Sunasia Ocean World

Sunasia Ocean World has China's first underwater tunnel aquarium, with a tunnel stretching 118 meters, allowing one to enter another watery dimension. Here you can appreciate marine animals, and experience a gorgeous and fantastic under-water world.

Seashell Museum

The Seashell Museum houses the largest seashell collection in Asia, with more than 5,000 kinds of rare and exotic shells. The old museum was modeled after European castle architecture and the new museum is like a shell lying on the beach.

Transportation

Accommodations

Name	Star-rate	Add	Tel
Inn Fine Hotel Dalian	5	No.155 Jinma Rd., Development Zone, Dalian	411-88968888
Shangri-la Hotel	5	No.66 Renmin Rd., Zhongshan District, Dalian	411-82525000
Dalian Harbour View Hotel	5	No.2 Dalian Harbor Zhongshan District	411-82728888
Kempinski Hotel Dalian	5	No.92 Jiefang Rd., Dalian	411-82598888
Intercontinental Dalian	5	No.6 Friendship Square, Zhongshan District Dalian	411-82366666
Bay Shore Hotel Dalian	5	No.32 C1 district of Xinghai Plaza Dalian	411-84677777
Albin Jinshan Hotel	4	No.82 Wuyi Rd., Jinzhou District Dalian	411-87682288
Dalian Idyllic Paradise Hotel	4	No.839 Changjiang Rd., Shahekou District, Dalian	411-88868888
Yushengyuan International Hotel Dalian	4	No.6 Taiyuan St., Shahekou District, Dalian	411-39888888

Travel Services

Name	Add	Tel
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China Youth Travel Service Dalian	No.94 Shenyang Rd., Xigang District, Dalian	411-83704373
Dalian China Travel Agency	7th Floor, Liangyuan Hotel, No.12 Wuwu Rd., Zhongsha District	411-82825050

Blue Beach

Baiyun Mountain

Baiyun Mountain Scenic Area is famous for its Baiyun Yanshui Park, Sea View, and West Mountain attractions, with each contributing their own elegant landscape. Northwest of the scenic area is the lotus-shaped geological wonder, unique and interesting.

Bangchui Island

Bangchui Island is surrounded by the beautiful landscape of the mountains and the sea. Its famous Bangchui Island Guesthouse has welcomed many state leaders. Here you can enjoy the luxurious reception meant for state guests.

Fujiazhuang

Fujiazhuang Bathing Beach stretches as long as 450 meters on the coastline. The sand grain is neither big or small, the beach flat and open, and the water clean. It is a famous body healing beach with numerous hotels and health resorts (villages) standing next to each other.

Laohutan

Laohutan Ocean Park is China's largest modern seaside amusement park. The blue sea and sky, green mountains and strange stones provide a gorgeous natural landscape. The park has many attractions such as the Pole Aquarium, Sea Mammals Aquarium and Coral Aquarium and so on.

Website: www.laohutan.com.cn

Coral Aquarium

The Coral Aquarium is a magical and beautiful underwater world through sound, light, video and other technologies. It also offers spectacular water ballet, mermaid, underwater fantasy weddings and other shows.

Pole Aquarium

Penguins, polar bears, and walruses can be seen among other marine animals in the Pole Aquarium. There are hundreds of sharks in the underwater world. You can also experience the life of an Eskimo in a simulated Arctic environment.

Joy Theatre

The Joy Theatre will take visitors to an ocean world out of a children's fairy tale. The sea lions and elephant seals are celebrities here who can present you with humorous, comic, romantic and touching shows with special body language accompanied by beautiful music.

Transportation

By Air

Dalian Zhoushuizi International Airport is a main airport in China. It has now opened nearly 150 domestic and international air lines, with daily flights to and from Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou and other major domestic cities, as well as to Tokyo, Seoul, Singapore, Chicago, Moscow and other international cities.

By Train

Dalian has two railway stations: Dalian Station and Dalian North Station.

Most trains to Northeast China and major cities such as Beijing, Shanghai and Wuhan stop at Dalian Station while high-speed trains to provincial capitals in Northeast China dock at Dalian North Station.

By Road

Dalian has many bus stations including Dalian Jianshe Street Bus Station, Dalian Beijiangjiao Bus Station, Dalian Gangwanqiao Bus Station, and Dalian Liujiaqiao Bus Station, from where regular buses leave for Shenyang, Dandong, and Anshan in Liaoning Province as well as for Beijing, Tianjin and other surrounding cities.

Water Transportation

Dalian's waterway transportation system is well developed. There are regular passenger ships to various places like Changhai and some places in Shandong, such as, Yantai City, Weihai City, and the various islands in Penglai. During peak tourist seasons, the ship from Lvshun to Tianjin Newport is scheduled every other day. High speed tourist passenger ships are also available from Dalian to Changhai County and Yantai. In addition, a passenger liner is scheduled to sail between Dalian and Inchon, Korea.

Useful Telephone Numbers and Websites

IDD Code of China	86
Police	110
Fire	119
Ambulance	120
Traffic Accident	122
Telephone Number Enquiry	114
Weather Forecast	12121
Consumer Complaints	12315
Railway Ticket	95105105
Dalian Zhoushuizi International Airport	411-96600
Dalian Zhoushuizi International Airport Website	www.dlairport.com
Dalian Tourism Complaints	411-83769989

Romantic City

Zhongshan Square

Zhongshan Square was first built during the Tsarist Russia occupation, and used to be called "Nikolayev Square". The square is surrounded by many modern buildings of Romanesque, Gothic, and Renaissance styles, creating a rich exotic atmosphere in the bustling modern city.

Dalian Port

Dalian Port has more than 100-years of history. Two lighthouses, one white and the other red, represent Dalian's development as a port city. No.15 Warehouse here is reputed as the "first Warehouse in Asia" and now serves as a paradise of food and art as well as a window showcasing the latest fashions.

Labor Park

Dalian Labor Park is the most popular park in the city of Dalian. The large football-shaped Architectural Art Museum in the park is considered the landmark of the city. Children playing, old people playing poker, and lovers taking a walk are seen everywhere. The park is like a miniature garden in the city.

Golden Pebble Beach

The Golden Pebble Beach is surrounded by the sea on three sides with a coastline extending more than 30,000 meters. The beach condenses the geological wonders of 300~900 million years of evolution, reputed as a "Divine Sculpture Park" for its magnificent rock landscape, which looks like a petrified animal world.

Website: www.jinshitan.com

Discoveryland

The Discoveryland is the largest theme park in China. It reflects fantasy stories, creating a thrilling and fascinating environment based on particular themes. There are 6 major theme parks including Crazy Town, Mysterious Desert, Metal Works, Enchanted Forest, Legendary Castle, and Wedding Hall.

Website: www.discoveryland.cn

Geological Park

Dalian Binhai National Geological Park is the only coastal karst landscape park in China. Owing to the unique mountainous landform and the rare and precious rocks on the beach, the park is known as a "petrified animal world".

Map of Golden Pebble Beach

Dining

Seafood is undoubtedly the most distinctive feature of Dalian cuisine. Famous dishes include steamed scaldfish, multicolored snowflake scallops, salted fish pancake, Dalian shrimp paste, fried sea worm, sea cucumber, tossed sea grass jelly, seafood stewed with sweet potato and so on.

Multicolored Snowflake Scallops

Multicolored snowflake scallops look like snowflakes mixed with pearl scallops, dressed in colorful designs with seasonal leaves, carrots, and peppers. The dish tastes tender and delicious, light and refreshing, fresh and crisp.

Dalian Abalone

Abalone is a kind of rare seafood with a delicate texture. It is fresh, cool, and nutritious. Whether stir-fried with other dishes or made in soup, it retains its wonderful flavors. The colorful nacre of the abalone can also be used to make decorations and shell carvings.

Tianjin Street

As the most famous fine food street in Dalian, Tianjin Street is home to more than 10 time-honored traditional restaurants, such as Qunyinglou, Shanshuilou, Suyang Restaurant, Goubuli Steamed Stuffed Bun, Glutinous Rice (Nuomixiang), Yang's Baked Cake, and Siyunlou Braised Chicken.

Shikumen

Shanghai New World

Shanghai New World, now an international mall containing numerous food, shopping and performance venues, designed in traditional Shikumen architecture, still retains its original brick walls and roofing tiles.

Website: www.xintiandi.com

CPC First National Congress

CPC First National Congress is an exemplary model Shanghai architecture in the Shikumen style, with an external wall built with blue and red bricks, decorated with white lime lines, red carved patterns on the lintel, a black painted gate with copper rings and a door frame wrapped with beige stone stripes.

Huaihaifang

When visiting Huaihaifang, one must visit the former residences of Ba Jin and Xu Guangping. Huaihaifang No. 33 is also where the famous movie star Hu Die once lived for some time.

Lushunkou District

Dalian not only has a picturesque coastal landscape, but also the small town of Lushunkou. Once traumatized by wars, its remnants of architecture and the naval port resting along the beautiful landscape remind us of the history of this small town.

White Jade Hill

The White Jade Hill is the symbol of Lushun. The White Jade Tower and the Naval Weapon Museum are at the mountain top. Standing on the top of the White Jade Hill, you can appreciate a panoramic view of Lushun and the new and old urban areas of the town.

Dongjiguan Hill

Dongjiguan Hill was the main battlefield for the First Sino-Japanese War of 1894 and the Russo-Japanese War in the modern history of China. North Fort, Erlongshan Bastions, Wangtai Battery and others are all over the mountains fortifying the region, also known as an "open air history museum".

Island of Snakes

The Island of Snakes is a national nature reserve. It is home to nearly 20,000 Pallas pit vipers, and the world's only island inhabited solely by one species of snake, making this mysterious island world-famous.

Shopping

Dalian Special local products include seafood such as abalone, scallops, clams, prawns, Malus micromalus, blood clams, oysters, etc. The crafts here are also distinctive, including glassware, embroideries, shell carvings and paintings, etc.

Shell Carving Craft

Dalian shell carving is characterized by rich varieties and dazzling shapes. There are precious large shell carvings as well as small ornaments stringed together with delicate shells.

Changhai Sea Cucumber

The sea cucumber is a precious marine product. The "Wuhangci" produced in Changhai County is the best of the best, known as the "King of Sea Cucumbers". This top grade seafood features a rich and mellow texture, good taste, extremely high nutritional value, listed as the top of the "eight seafood treasures".

Historical Sites

Bingyu Valley

Bingyu Valley is a national natural reserve distinguished by strange peaks and unique caves, high mountains and long rivers, steep cliffs and narrow gorges, with changing views all year round. Its karst landform is rarely seen in the North China, and is known as the "Minor Guilin in Southern Liaoning".

Dahei Mountain

Dahei Mountain is not only a national forest park and geological park, but also the only historical and cultural mountain, from which you can see both the Yellow Sea and the Bohai Sea in Northeast China. Integrating Buddhism, Taoism, and Confucianism, it is rated as the "first resort of Southern Liaoning" and is a sacred land of blessings widely known throughout Northeast China.

Fairy Bathing Bay

Fairy Bathing Bay, with clean water, fine sand and beautiful onshore scenery, gets its name from a legend that fairies once bathed here. The resort area consists of a bathing beach and a resort, integrating the functions of sightseeing, tourism, camping, and relaxation.

Other Attractions

Dalian Forest Zoo

Dalian Forest Zoo is divided into a confined breeding zone and a free-range breeding zone connected by an aerial ropeway. Unlike traditional zoos, here, "people are inside while the animals are outside", which allows people to experience the fantastic animal world up close.

Heishijiao

Heishijiao is characterized by coastal reefs formed billions of years ago. Years of water erosion left this place with a typical karst landscape. It is such fun to play in the water, view the sea, and gather seafood and shells here.

Changxing Island

Changxing Island is the fifth largest island in China. It is far away from the mainland and includes hundreds of resorts and villas in pleasant scenery, a wonderful place for sightseeing and recuperating during the vacation.

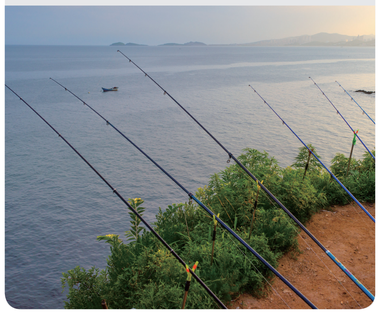
Entertainment

Sea Fishing

The surrounding hills, large number of islands, densely distributed submerged reefs, and clean sea water make Dalian an ideal place for fishing. Every summer, a fishing competition is held here in Changhai. Visitors can go angling for more than 30 types of fishes including weever, mackerel, flounder, black sea bream, etc.

Diving

The underwater world of Dalian is a wonderful place with clear blue water, jagged rocks, coiled seaweed and various sea plants. The visibility in the water at Dalian diving sites is generally 5~20 meters, with an average water temperature of 23~25 degrees Celsius in summer. There are sea cucumbers, sea urchins, shells, conch, etc. underwater, all within arms' reach. Diving sites include Golden Pebble Beach, Dachangshan Island, Bangchui Island, and many others.



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