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Recommended Tourist Itineraries

● Xiamen Gardens

Route: Xiamen Botanical Garden - Xiamen Garden Expo Garden - Tianzhushan Forest Park - Wild Valley Eco-park

Sight: This route covers a wide range of Xiamen's unique gardens and is a wonderful choice for landscape views.

● Historical Sites

Route: Kulangsu Villas - Former Residences and Famous Lanes in Zhonghua Block - zeng cuo'an - Hulishan Canon Platform - The Tan Kah Kee Commemorate Scenic Spot

Sight: This is a historical tour of Xiamen allowing one to admire the long, glorious historical legacy recorded in the city.

● Leisure

Route: Ruyuan Mountain - Fantasy Coast Resort - Riyueguo Hot Springs - Xinglin Bay Fishing Base

Sight: Xiamen City has many resorts, like Guanyin Mountain, Fantasy Coast Resort, Riyueguo Hot Springs, and Xinglin Bay Fishing Base which are all worth visiting.



Xiamen Overview

With modern international port, Xiamen is a beautiful coastal city characterized by blue skies and bluish green sea, the warm triangle plum flowers, and the dreamy Kulangsu Island. These features make it a top coastal city that attracts tourists to linger around for just a little while longer.

Xiamen has a temperate subtropical climate, mild and rainy, with an average annual temperature around 21 degrees Celsius, and mild winters and summers. One

important thing for visitors to note is that, due to temperature differentials in the Pacific Ocean and the resulting air flow, the city is affected by typhoon on average 4-5 times per year, mostly from July to September.

It has a long brilliant history. Chinese national hero Zheng Chenggong once led battles here against the Qing army, capturing territory in the southeast region of Xiamen.

Website: www.xmtravel.com.cn

Area & Population

1,573 square kilometers.
By the end of 2012, the permanent population was 3.67 million.

Administrative Divisions

Xiamen comprises 6 municipal districts, and the City Hall is located in Siming District.



Xiamen University and Nanputuo Temple

Nanputuo Temple

Nanputuo Temple, constructed during the Tang Dynasty, is mainly dedicated to Kuan-yin, the Bodhisattva of Compassion. The temple sits with mountains at its back and faces the sea in the south, with main buildings such as the Hall of Heavenly Kings, Mahavira Hall, Great Mercy Hall, and Tripiatika Sutra Pavilion, all sequentially arranged on its central axis.

Website: www.nanputuo.com

Xiamen University

Xiamen University, founded by Tan Kah Kee in 1921, is reputed as the "Southern Powerhouse." It is surrounded by mountains and sea with unique architecture and beautiful and charming sceneries, and is praised as "China's most beautiful campus."

Website: www.xmu.edu.cn



Kulangsu

Kulangsu has a wide variety of architectural structures, known as the "International Architecture Exhibition." The small island is also a fertile ground for music and talented musicians, so it is also called "Piano Island" and "Music Town."

Website: www.gly.cn

Architecture

Both traditional Chinese architecture and Western European-style buildings can be found here in Kulangsu. Gothic spires, Romanesque columns, Baroque reliefs, and Islamic domes all contribute to the brilliant splendor of the island.

Dining

Kulangsu brings together food from all over, particularly known for its culinary headquarters—Longtou Road. Famous



delicacies include Yeshi glutinous rice cake, furnace baked cake, Arong spring rolls, peanut soup, satay noodles, pureed noodles, pies and so on.

Emotional Appeal

There are a surprising number of cafés on the small island. On a cozy afternoon, sitting in a coffee shop, reading a book, and basking under the sun is really a spiritual feast.

Huandao Road

Huandao Road is the main race track for the Xiamen International Marathon, known as the "world's most beautiful marathon race track." Making use of natural slopes and land conditions, Huandao Road begins between the mountain and the sea, then bridges over the sea before it passes around rocks and enters a tunnel. It fully embodies the characteristics of subtropical landscape.

village not only gathers the four major religions, but also worships the Holy Goddess, which is a unique custom in Xiamen. It is a highly representative original eco-village in southern Fujian.

Hulishan Canon Platform

Hulishan Canon Platform is surrounded by the sea on three sides. The entire battery is composed of a bunker and a wall, with European style architecture blended with traditional Chinese Ming and Qing dynasties' architectural styles.



Zengcuo'an

Zengcuo'an is a small fishing village sitting beside Huandao Road. This small

Kulangsu

Sunlight Rock (Riguangyan)

Sunlight Rock is composed of two perpendicular stones leaning against each other, and is the highest peak of Kulangsu Island. You can find strange stones and natural caves, waves crashing on the shore, verdant trees and carpets of flowers in the romantic subtropical atmosphere of the scenic area. Attractions include Yipianwa Temple, Lujiang Dragon Cave, Ancient Summer Cave, Dragon Head Stockade, 100-meter-high Terrace, and so on.

Shuzhuang Garden

Shuzhuang Garden used to be the private garden of the wealthy businessman Lin Erlia. It sits in the south part of Kulangsu Island, faces the sea and leans against the Sunlight Rock, cleverly arranged through the use of the natural landform.

Eight Diagrams Building

The Eight Diagrams Building is an outstanding representative of Kulangsu architecture, known as the "Little White House." It was built during the reign of Qing Emperor Guangxu, and is a unique antique building that blends Eastern and Western architectural styles.



Huandao Road

Xiangshan International Yacht Club

The Xiangshan International Yacht Club is located in the coastal tourist area, facing Small Kimmen Island across the sea. In addition to the marina beach, luxury yacht



Dining

Xiamen is not only a city with a beautiful natural environment, but also a gourmet's paradise. The southern Fujian cuisine represented by Xiamen is one of the eight famous Chinese cuisines. The dishes have a fresh, crisp, light taste. They are mainly soup-based, having moderately sour and suitably sweet flavors.

● Zhongshan Road

Zhongshan Road is a very old street in Xiamen along which you can find countless delicacies. Many of the time-honored brands are hidden in the small shops and stalls within its deep lanes, but once you find them, you can appreciate the most authentic taste of Xiamen.

This dish is made up of fried fresh oysters with onion and garlic chives wrapped in an egg and sweet potato powder. It is also known as an oyster omelet. This fresh delicious dish is also free from sea smell. Be sure to try some when you visit Xiamen.

● Worm Jelly

This is a special Xiamen dish consisting of boiled and cooled sandworms served with high grade soy sauce, vinegar from the north,



Kulangsu

Family Concert

Kulangsu Family Concert is a characteristic activity on the island. The melodious music and singing voices emanating from its small buildings are a treat to the ears and heart.

Map of Kulangsu



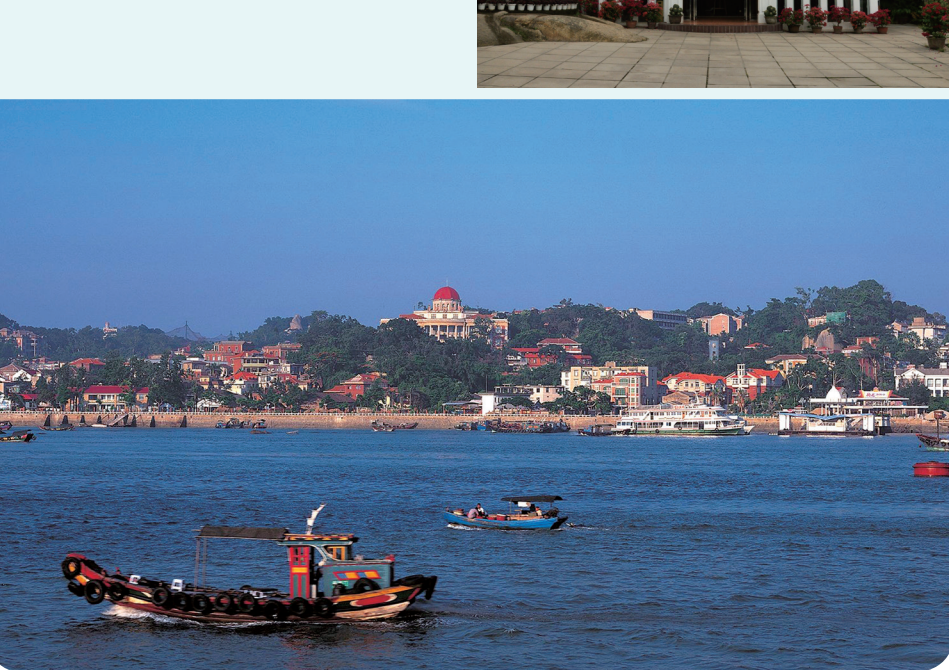
Museums and Art Galleries

Piano Museum

The Piano Museum exhibits more than 70 ancient pianos, all of which were collected by the patriotic overseas Chinese Hu Youyi. They include the rare luxurious gilded piano, the world's earliest quadrangle piano and the earliest and largest upright piano.

Organ Museum

The Pipe Organ Museum sits inside the Eight Diagrams Building as a local museum specializing in the collection of pipe organs. The most famous French reed organ and "Aeolian" organ, previously used exclusively by the rich, are displayed here.



Overseas Chinese Museum

The Overseas Chinese Museum is the only comprehensive museum exhibiting the history of overseas Chinese in a systematic and comprehensive manner. The architecture of the museum is a double-eave palace style building with artistic and antique beauty.



Shopping

Xiamen has many famous brand shops. Everywhere you can see household appliances, upscale fashions, jade, gold and silver wares, jewelry, crafts, curio calligraphy and painting shops. It is also rich in valuable local products, such as Xiamen pies, Huang Sheng Ji dried meat floss and jerky.

● Xiamen Lacquer Thread Sculpture

Lacquer thread sculptures are the oldest handicrafts in Xiamen, with special fabrication methods, the skillful lacquer thread craftsman can twine out magnificent buildings, vivid characters and clothing ornaments and patterns.

● Beading

Xiamen beading is special for its novelty, splendor and brilliance coupled with its unique decorative and artistic styles. Beading products include beaded slippers, beaded wall maps and beaded bags, as well as over 100 other designs.



Tan Kah Kee Commemorate Scenic Spot

Tan Kah Kee's Former Residence

Tan Kah Kee's Former Residence displays Mr. Tan Kah Kee's precious manuscripts, clothes, and articles of daily use and other belongings. The reception room, dining room, working room, and bedroom on the second floor are all furnished in the exact same way as when Mr. Tan Kah Kee lived here.

Turtle Garden

Neighboring the Middle School in Jimei School Village, the Turtle Garden was formerly a small island on the Jimei southeast beach and received its name because of the island's turtle-like shape. It is composed of a porch, the Jimei Liberation Monument and the Mausoleum of Tan Kah Kee.

Jimie School Village

Jimie School Village is the general term for Jimie's various schools and cultural institutions, which were founded and sponsored by prominent patriotic overseas Chinese leader Mr. Tan Kah Kee in 1913.



Other Attractions

Wanshi Hill Botanical Garden

Wanshi Hill Scenic Area has interdependent mountains and waters, undulating ridges, and shady trees, forming a quiet and peaceful environment, full of the breath of nature. The garden is a collection of natural landscapes, cultural delights and plants.

Bailuzhou Park

Bailuzhou Park is a local mess of the Yundang Lake, divided into eastern and western areas by Hubin Middle Road. It is Xiamen's largest open square park. The Egret Goddess sculpture in the park is a symbol of Egret Island and a signature sculpture in Xiamen.



Tianzhushan Mountain

Tianzhushan Forest Park, known as the "backyard garden of Xiamen," features strange and rare rocks, such as peach-shaped stones, sea turtle-shaped rocks and so on. Its natural landscape includes Tianzhushan Lake, Liang'er Lake, Bright Moon Lake, Bamboo Grove, Moon Road, Cape of Good Hope, and the Mandarin Duck Valley, while cultural sites include Zhenji Temple and the Longmen Temple Site.

Other Attractions

● Nanhua Road Bar Street

Extending between Xiamen University and Lujiang University, Nanhua Road is close to the mountains and the sea, with a rich humanistic and academic atmosphere, boasting the most concentrated cultural atmosphere in the city. The scattered buildings are the old villas built by returning overseas Chinese in the 1950s, and provide a strong southern Fujian residential style.

● Charms of Southern Fujian

The show Charms of Southern Fujian combines southern music, a moon cake game, puppetry, opera, Southern Shaolin martial arts, Hui'an women customs and the heroic stories of Zheng Chenggong, as well as other elements of southern Fujian. It integrates the essence of maritime culture and southern Fujian culture using a 270-degree super multimedia system, 3D imaging, 8-track music and other acousto-optic interaction techniques to produce the perfect stage effects.

