

Guangzhou (canton) China is my hometown; I lived there for thirty six years; and I have a lot of great childhood memories from this city. Guangzhou is the third largest city in China, after Beijing and Shanghai, and has large population. People come for many reasons, more job opportunities and to earn a higher income.



Guangzhou has a “mother” river named The Zhujiang River, or called The Pearl River. That’s where the city drinking water comes from, and provides the transportation for the Harbor.

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Zhujiang Town is the television tower of the local TV company build in 2006. I can watch the tower from home and the fireworks over the river for every Chinese New Year, or ceremonies.



Beijing Road is one of the oldest streets in Guangzhou, and has many famous companies with a long history, some of the old companies still have the Canton symbols. Today it became a shopping street, with old buildings they don't want to rebuild to save the history, all buildings are painted in same color. A lot of fashion stores and restaurant from all over the world. People can find everything here whatever unique style of Chinese or the world. There is a big marketing development.



Shopping Neon Street, is a Pedestrian Road. Here is the new modern style shopping street, was builded around 2000.

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The Bai Yun Mountain is the back yard of Guangzhou, it wraps around all of the city like a mother hugs her child. This is a great place for family during the weekend, like bicycle, walking, running and barbeque..... Guangzhou residents come for climbing at lunar calendar September 9th every year. That's a huge climbing, people crowd together for the event. Bai Yun Mountain has the greatest spring water, the old people who are retired come for climbing every morning and take the spring water home to drink. When I was young I climbed the mountain with my sisters. When I got married I was able to walk to the mountain from my home. When I was pregnant I would walk up the mountain every morning, because my mother-in-laws say it was good for me. After my son was born, I would climb the mountain with him too.



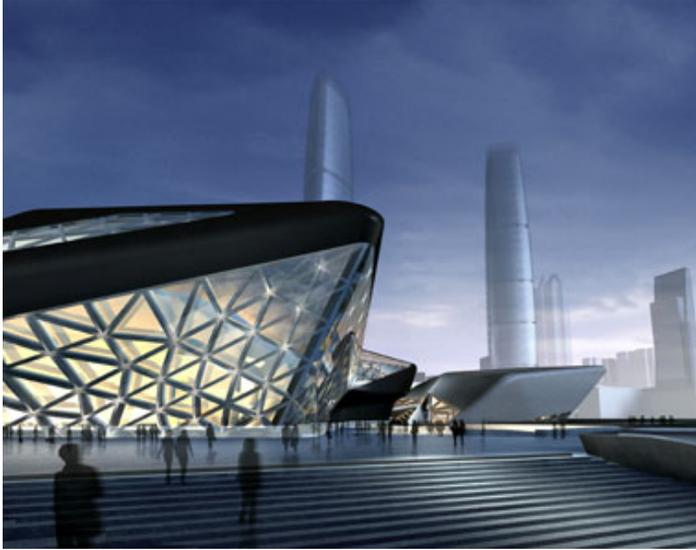
Sun Yatsen Memorial Hall is the place we honor the father of our new country. Sun Yatsen became the first president in 1912, replacing the king and queen monarchy. When I was young at school we took a trip to see and the teacher told us the story. We also take a trip to see and learn about five rams the symbol of Guangzhou before the 1980s, the statue is located at Yuenxiu Park. Guangzhou is also known as "Five Rams City" and "Flower City". Because the "Hero Tree" plant around the city is known for its flowers, people love to pick the flowers dried them for tea. I like to pick up the flowers with my sisters, because we are having fun every time. In autumn, my mother or grandmother would say, "Go pick up the flowers and I will make you some tea".



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Guangzhou Bai Yun (named for Bain Yun mountain) International Airport is the main airport of Guangzhou. It is the main hub of China Southern Airlines, Shenzhen Airlines and Hainan Airlines. I have many memories of picking up families from this airport and I flew into this airport when coming home from America.



Guangzhou Opera House is a newly constructed Chinese opera house in Guangzhou. I am not be there yet, I like to go visit when I go back to Guangzhou.