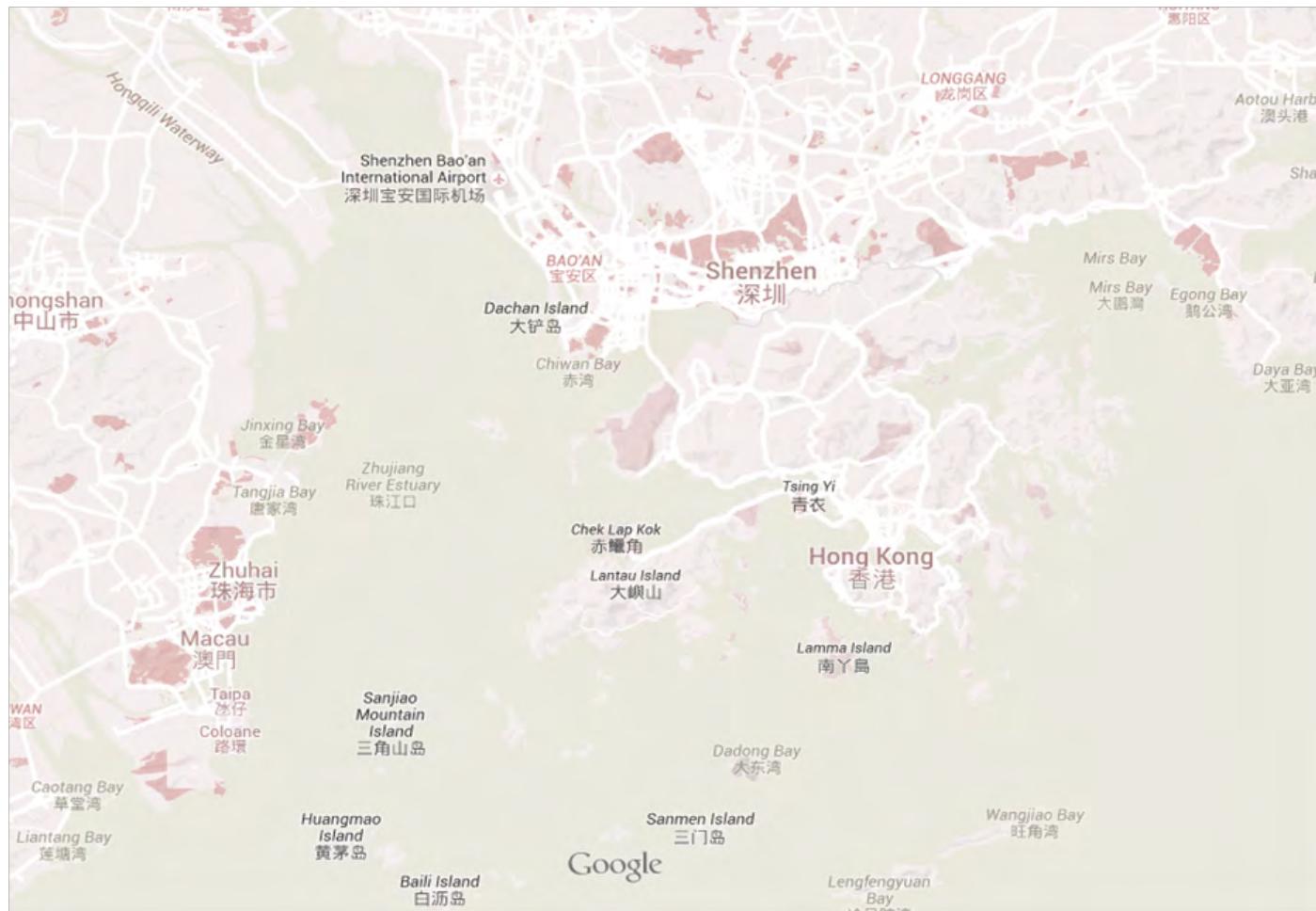




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MAP OF AREA FOR REFERENCE

## SUMMARY

Getting to Zhuhai is very convenient as there are international airports nearby in Hong Kong, Macao and Guangzhou. HK is by far the most common entry point for international travellers.

It is very easy to get from Hong Kong to Zhuhai by following these instructions exactly. I cannot count the number of people who have had difficulty simply because they did NOT print or follow the instructions. Strange but true so please print out and read these instructions!

By far the best and most convenient way of getting to Zhuhai is to arrange a China visa beforehand and to travel directly from HKIA (HK airport) to Zhuhai by ferry. Try to time your arrival with these ferry timings. See all the details below and note that there are only 4 and that you must buy your ticket at least 1 hour before ferry departs.

Other methods of getting from HK to Zhuhai are far less convenient although not too bad. EU, US, Canada, Aus, NZ citizens do NOT require visas to enter Hong Kong or Macao. If you are from other countries then you will need to find out entry requirements from online information or directly from the nearest Chinese Embassy.

EVERYONE requires visas to enter mainland China so either organise your visa prior to travelling OR it can be organised on arrival in Hong Kong or Macao (3 day temporary only).

For more details on visas, see CHINA VISA section directly below.

If you are going to HK or Macao then make sure you get some HK dollars cash BEFORE travel (500 HKD will suffice if you are just passing through). If you are going to China direct it is recommended to get at least 1000 RMB in cash before travel.

## CHINA VISA

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE RULES REGARDING VISAS ARE SUBJECT TO REGULAR CHANGE SO DO NOT TAKE THE BELOW INFORMATION AS 100% FACT. FOR UP TO DATE INFO YOU MUST CHECK WITH VISA SPECIALISTS OR THE CHINESE EMBASSY IN YOUR HOME COUNTRY.

IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU GET YOUR VISA IN YOUR HOME COUNTRY BEFORE TRAVELLING. CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CHINESE EMBASSY OR A CHINESE VISA SPECIALIST FOR DETAILS.

### GETTING A VISA IN YOUR HOME COUNTRY

If you are just coming for a few days then really you do NOT need to apply for a business visa, which may require invitation letters etc. Just apply for a tourist visa as it is cheaper and easier.

If you want to get a longer term multiple entry business visa (6 months or 12 months- recommended for the regular traveller) then we will need to write you an invitation letter. To do this you must provide us with your full name, DOB, passport number and passport expiration date. We recommend using visa specialists rather than trying to deal directly with the Chinese embassy.

To find visa specialists just Google search 'China visa' in your home country and it should come up with lots of options. I'm afraid I cannot comment on the service or price offered by these companies as there are so many.

For UK citizens, I can recommend a company called [www.travelvisa24.com](http://www.travelvisa24.com). The website explains the application process and rules very clearly and provides all forms for download.

Basically, to get your visa you will need to provide the visa specialist with your passport, an application form, passport photos, an invitation letter (if business visa) and payment. Usually the whole process by post will take about 10 days but there are express options at higher prices.

Cost varies greatly from country to country and visa type to visa type but expect to pay around \$150-250 USD for a 3 month tourist and around \$400-500 for a 12 month multiple.

## GETTING A VISA IN HONG KONG

Alternatively you can fly to HK without a visa and apply for a China visa there. You will need to get your passport, application form and passport photo into the hotel concierge or a visa specialist (RECOMMENDED) or go in person to the Chinese Consulate. In HK the Chinese Consulate is located in the China Resources Building, 26 Harbour road, Wanchai. The entrance is located on the side of the building and you must get into the line as early as possible. They are limiting the number of visas issued each day so you may have to wait a further 24 hours if you get there too late.

WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND USING THE HK VISA SPECIALIST;

### **Forever Bright Trading Limited.**

Tel: 852-2369 3188      Fax: 852-2312 2989

Rm. 916-917, New Mandarin Plaza Tower B, 14 Science Museum Rd., T.S.T. East, Kowloon, HK.

Address in Chinese to show taxi driver:

**九龍尖東科學館道14號新文華中心B座9樓916-917室**

If you are at the airport; it is best to get to Tsim Sha Tsui (TST) via MTR (subway). When you reach TST get off train & walk to the exit D1 at TST MTR station. This will take you onto Nathan road; then get a taxi to the New Mandarin Plaza (NMP) about 20 HKD. Walk in the front door take the escalators up a level turn left; take the lift to 9th floor, Room 916 / 917.

## WHAT TO BRING?

Bring some passport pictures with you otherwise you need to pay 30 HKD for a picture in the office. Ask at the counter for either a 3 month single entry or a 6 month double entry tourist visa for China. The 3 month is cheaper but obviously less useful.

They will give you an application form and then will take your passport, completed form and pictures & give you a receipt (keep it very safe).

If you get your passport in before 10am (Monday to Thur) you can pick it up at 12am on the SECOND day.

If passport and application in before 1pm (Monday to Thur) then you can pick it up at 4pm on the SECOND day.

**BETWEEN** national holidays and weekends. IE If you get to Hong Kong on a Friday with no visa then you will have to wait in HK until Monday.

Total cost for a short term visa depending on your nationality could be from 500 HKD to 1500 HKD.

## TEMPORARY VISA

This option is NOT available for US citizens. Something to do with reciprocity (ie the US government makes it difficult for Chinese citizens to get visas). You can get a 3 day temporary visa on arrival at Zhuhai.

This will be either at the Zhuhai ferry port (if coming from Hong Kong) or in the Macao-China border crossing immigration building. If in Macao tell the taxi driver 'Zhuhai' and he should take you to the border crossing.

You must first go through Macao exit immigration then walk across no man's land following everyone else for a few hundred metres. Then you will enter another large immigration building (China entry) and the visa office is located on the 2nd floor. Door to stairs is on the right hand side and is clearly signposted.

The office is open until 10pm and you do not need photos or anything. They will give you application form, take pictures for you and process everything in about 10 minutes.

At the Zhuhai ferry port, there is an office (signposted) in which you can get your temporary visa. The process is the same as at the Macao border crossing except it takes 3 times as long. I have no idea why!

The cost is 150-500 RMB depending on nationality.

## WEATHER IN SOUTHERN CHINA

Since HK and Zhuhai are only 34 miles apart they enjoy the same sub-tropical climate.

To help you pack the right clothes, here is a rough guide of the seasons and temperatures.

**NB.** Nobody in southern China wears a full suit. Normal business is conducted in light trousers and shirts (tie is optional), short sleeves in the summer.

- **Winter (Late Dec – Early March)** – Average temp about 14-19C (60-75F) but can drop to 5C which feels very cold due to wind and humidity. Bring temperate clothes and a warm jacket, also 1 set of shorts and T-shirts for the good days.
- **Spring & Summer (Late March – Sept)** – Very hot and sticky, average 25-35C (80-95F). A lot of rain so bring light rain jacket or umbrella! No warm clothing required, even at night. Light work clothes, shorts and t-shirts only.
- **Autumn (Oct – Early Dec)** – Nicest time of year, dry, warm and sunny 20-25C (68-80F). Can be hot in the day. Jackets maybe required for night in Nov and Dec. Otherwise light work clothes, shorts and t-shirts.

**For more detailed climate info go to:**

<http://www.myhongkongtravel.com/explore-hongkong/climate.html>

## HONG KONG GENERAL POINTS

Hong Kong is 220v, 3 pin UK style plugs. Currency is Hong Kong Dollar (HKD) around 7.75 HKD /1 USD There are ATMs everywhere and Visa, MasterCard are widely accepted.

For further information about exchange rates visit <http://www.xe.com/>

Official language is Cantonese but English is widely spoken.

To call from HK to overseas needs the prefix 001 then country code (e.g. China 001 86) HK Hotels are expensive and rooms are small. I recommend booking online with a company like [www.elong.net](http://www.elong.net) or [www.zuji.com](http://www.zuji.com) at least 5 days before arrival.

A 3\* hotel like the Novotel in Wanchai, HK Island (good location if you like bars) will cost around 1200 HKD (\$160 USD). Another decent hotel in the fun area of town is called the Guangdong Wharney Hotel.

A decent 4\* like the Royal Pacific Hotel in Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon will cost about 1600 HKD (\$210 USD). This is perfect location for getting ferry to Zhuhai after you have sorted out your visa.

For 5\* classic colonial opulence I recommend the Peninsula Hotel also in Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon. Rooms from 2400 HKD (\$310 USD).

The concierges' at all major hotels can also help you get your visa for a small additional cost.

For an evening out with great restaurants, bars and atmosphere I recommend an evening in Lan Kwai Fong (all taxi drivers will know it).

For seedier late night bars and clubs head to Jaffe and Lockhart Rd in Wanchai (near the Novotel).

## HONG KONG AIRPORT TO ZHUHAI - DIRECT FERRY

DO NOT GO THROUGH IMMIGRATION AND DO NOT PICK UP YOUR BAGS TO USE THIS SERVICE

ROUTE	FROM HONG KONG		FROM PORT	
ZHUHAI (AROUND 50 MINS)	No.	Schedule	No.	Schedule
	3A181	12:15	3A081	09:30
	3A182	14:05	3A082	12:40
	3A183	17:00	3A083	15:30
Visa application will be available on site  Office Hour: 08:30-23:00	3A185	20:00	3A084	18:30
HKIA To Zhu Hai		Zhu Hai to HKIA		
Economy	Adult	Child (Age 1 to 5)	Adult	Child (Age 1 to 5)
	HKD 260	HKD 135	HKD 350	HKD 185
F Class	HKD 350	HKD 205	HKD 440	HKD 225
V.I.P.	HKD 385	HKD 225	HKD 475	HKD 275

**IF and only IF** you already have your China visa organized and the timings suit your arrival then this service is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**

It is only 50 minutes journey and you avoid doubling up on immigration (i.e. no need to enter and exit HK).

Look for signs 'Ferries to the Mainland' inside HK airport BEFORE you go through immigration and/or collect your baggage.

The ferry company is called CKS and you will see a very obvious set of desks with the company name above. Price is about 280 HKD. You must give them your airline baggage tickets and CKS will arrange collection of your baggage from the airport arrivals hall and transfer it directly to Zhuhai where you pick it up from the dockside as you alight from the ferry. Sounds dodgy but it has worked for me every time!

You MUST buy your ticket 1 hour before ferry departure time to allow time for baggage to be transferred.

Very near to the CKS ticket desk is the entrance to the ferry boarding area. It is obviously signposted. You can only enter 30 minutes before the ferry departs and you will then take a 5 minute train ride to the ferry terminal. Once in the ferry terminal it should be easy to find the boarding gate for the Zhuhai ferry. Everything is modern and well signposted.

### HONG KONG AIRPORT TO DOWNTOWN

If the direct ferry timings to Zhuhai don't work for you then it means you have to catch a ferry from downtown. Or if you wish/have to spend a night in HK then follow these instructions:

To get downtown, HK airport is served by the excellent Airport Express train service. It is located only 150 metres away and directly in front as you exit from arrivals. Obviously you will have already cleared HK immigration and collected your baggage.

Tickets cost about 100 HKD for a single to downtown and there are manned and auto machines in obvious locations to purchase tickets. You will need HKD so either exchange money before you arrive or at the booths in HK airport or use the ATMs to withdraw HKD cash.

Trains leave every 12 minutes. The important destinations are Kowloon (Tsim Sha Tsui) and Central (HK island). Journey takes 20 mins to Kowloon and 25 mins to Central.

On arrival at chosen station follow signs to taxi rank and take a taxi to desired location. All taxi drivers will know the names of the major hotels and the 2 ferry ports that serve Zhuhai. Average cost of a taxi fare is about 25- 50 HKD per journey.

It is also possible to take a taxi from the airport and this will cost in the region of 300 HKD to central including the toll charges. WATCH OUT because there are sharks about who will sting the unwary traveller for 1000 HKD for a trip downtown.

## HK DOWNTOWN TO ZHUHAI - FERRY

If you weren't able to take the direct ferry from HK airport then there are 2 ferry terminals in HK with a regular schedule to Zhuhai. Journey time is 70 minutes.

Aim to be at the chosen ferry port ½ an hour before your ferry is due to leave.

**KOWLOON SIDE FERRY**, ferry terminal is imaginatively called The China Ferry Terminal. It is next door to the Royal Pacific Hotel on the Canton Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon. Taxi drivers should know the China ferry terminal AND/OR the Royal Pacific Hotel.

### **Timings from Kowloon – 0730, 0830, 0930, 1130, 1330, 1530, 1745**

It is actually a shopping centre so don't be confused when you first go in! Enter the shopping centre; take the first small escalators up in front of you. Then head straight for about 50 metres, down a small flight of stairs and walk half right. You should see a small Tie Rack shop about 30m away with an escalator travelling over the roof of that shop. Take that escalator and as you alight from that turn around 180 degrees and you will see CKS ticket booths.

You are looking for the CKS ferry company going to Zhuhai. It should be obvious or otherwise just ask at one of the ticket booths.

I recommend a first class ticket about 250 HKD (60 HKD more than economy) for comfy seats, a clear view and most importantly to avoid the scrummage and queues at Zhuhai immigration.

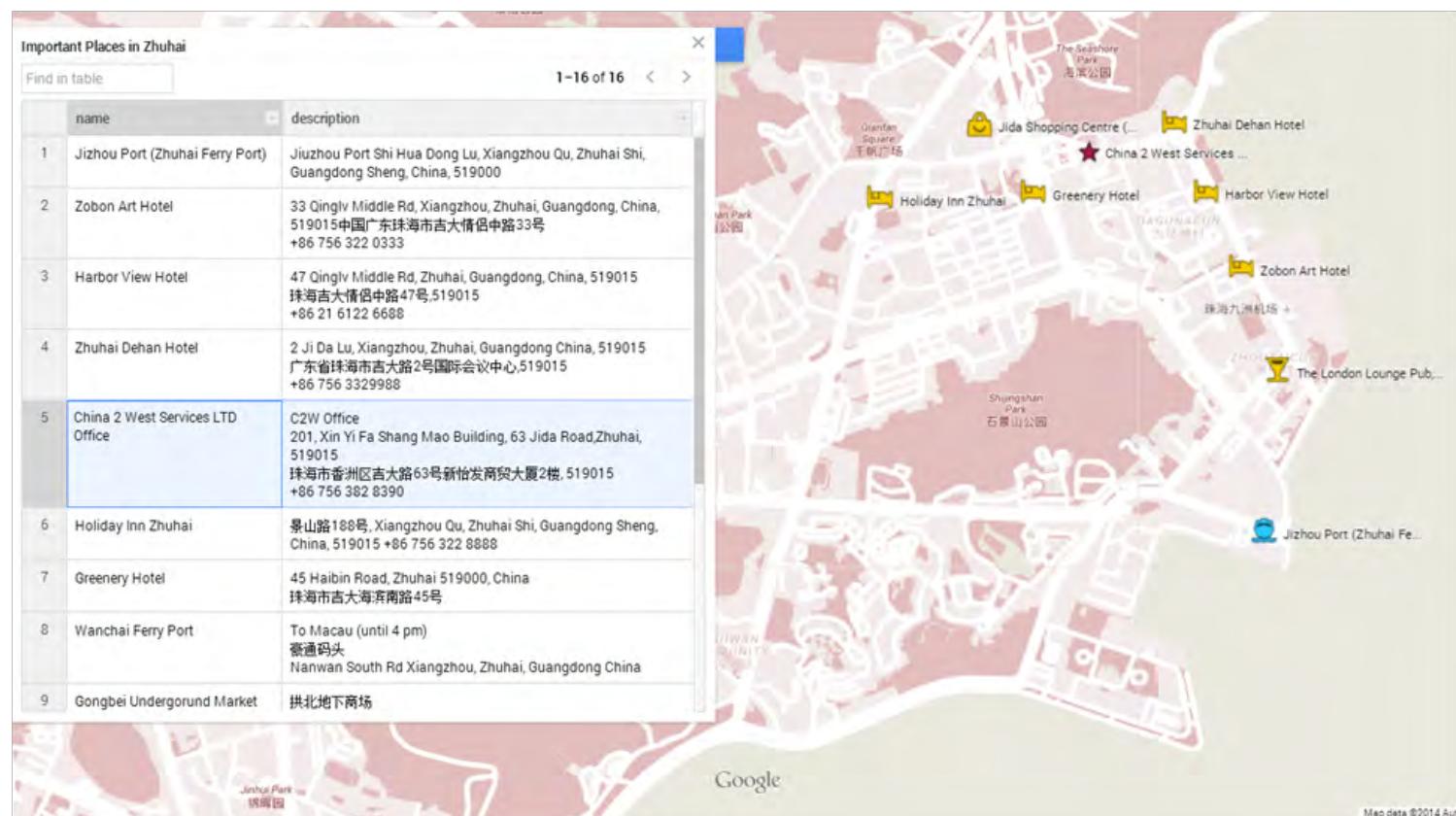
**CENTRAL SIDE FERRY (HK Island)**, ferry terminal is called the Macao Ferry Terminal and is located inside the Shun Tak shopping centre. Taxi drivers will know.

### **Timings from Central – 0840, 1030, 1230, 1430, 1630, 1900 (Fri only), 1930, 2130**

The CKS ticket office is on the 3rd floor. The exact location is hard to explain but it is an open fronted ticket office that is easy to find if you walk around for a few mins. Again, book first class to Zhuhai.

**NB.** On the ferry find and fill out the entry/exit form you require for immigration into China. If you are sitting in first class then a stewardess should bring it to you along with a bottle of water and some indescribably awful peanut type things and bizarre tea flavoured biscuits.

## ZHUHAI, CHINA



Usually, I, or one of my staff will meet you at the main exit to the ferry port so stay put if we happen to be late.

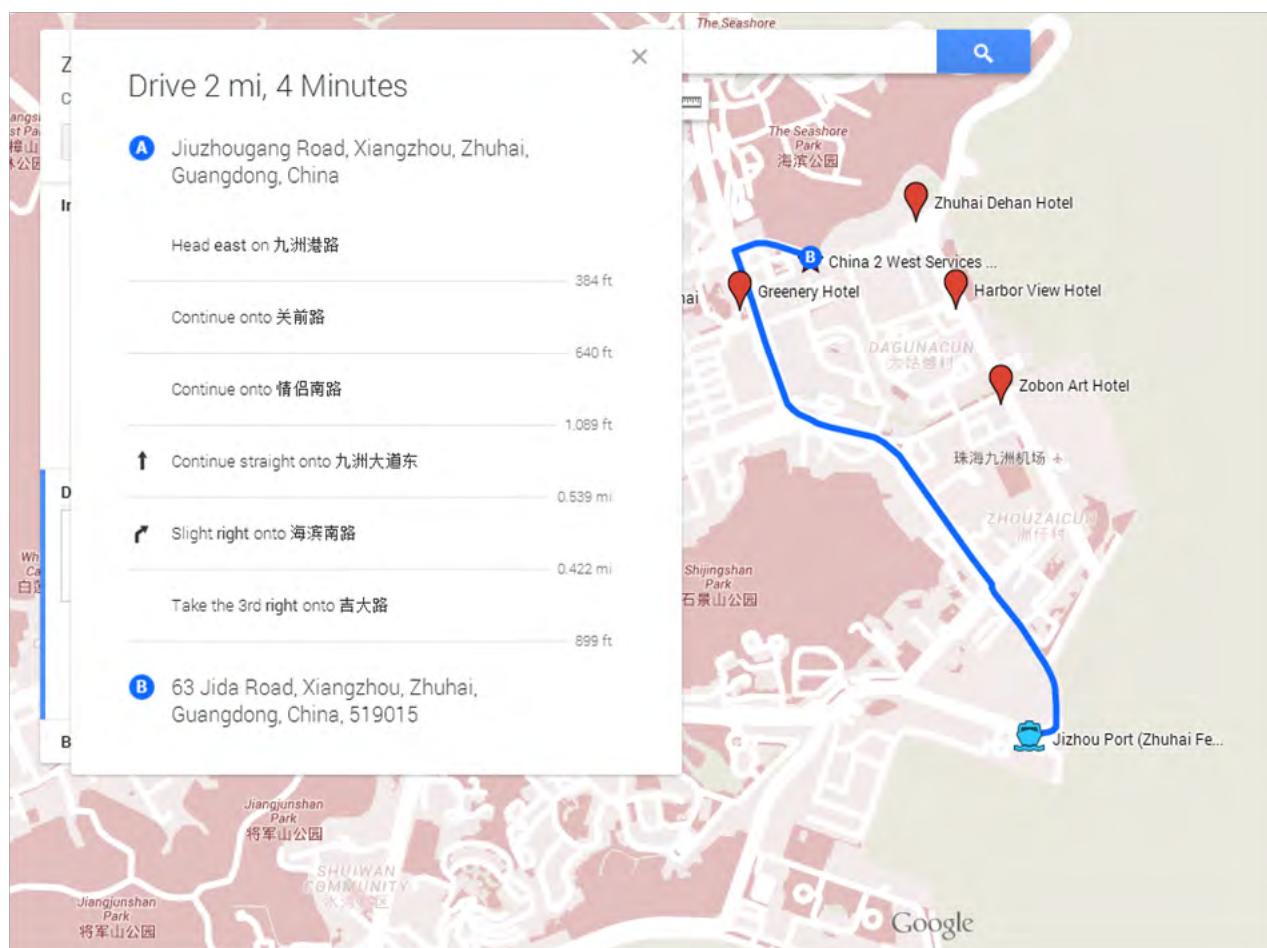
If you are waiting for more than 15 minutes then something has happened. Try to call me or my office or colleagues on the numbers below. In the unlikely event that fails then you will have to head to the right hand side of the car park to get an official metered taxi (it will be a red, blue or green VW Jetta and marked obviously as a taxi). Ignore the unofficial idiots trying to give you a lift somewhere. Use the Chinese characters below to get to our office or a hotel.

**N.B.** Usually there are free shuttle buses to major hotels like the Harbourview, Holiday inn etc. Look for the minibuses waiting in the car park outside the ferry terminal.

For further information and routes of the Hotels and the C2W Office follow the next link:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=zFQg6NGutBWg.kxD1O8BnO1wU>

## Directions to get from Jizhou Port to the C2W Office



## ZHUHAI/CHINA GENERAL POINTS

For lots of detailed information about Zhuhai, check out: <http://wikitravel.org/en/Zhuhai#b>

Currency is Renminbi or Yuan. Shortened to RMB.

(about 6.1 RMB= 1 USD, 7.7 RMB = 1 EUR, 9.8 RMB = 1 GBP).

For more information about the exchange rates visit <http://www.xe.com/>

China is 220v and has a wide range of plugs, mostly of the round 3 pin and 2 pin kind. UK plugs will not fit but adapters are widely available.

Language is Mandarin (although Cantonese is the local language) and English is scarce.

ATMs are fairly scarce although Bank of China and Bank Of Communications accept foreign cards. Visa and MasterCard are not commonly used, but major hotels will accept.

To call overseas, the prefix is just 00 as in most countries (except HK!).

**C2W CONTACT DETAILS** ; (if you are calling from within China you do not need +86, but if you are calling from another Chinese city, i.e. NOT Zhuhai, then you must add a 0 before the number, including mobile phones)

**C2W Office** - +86 756 3828390

**Mark Jacobs Mobile** - +86 186 6698 6725

**Mark Clayton Mobile** - +86 186 8818 0387

**Candice Xiao Mobile** - +86 186 6698 6723

## IMPORTANT ADDRESSES (show to taxi driver);

C2W Office -  
珠海市香洲区吉大路63号新怡发商贸大厦2楼

“Our office building is located next to a gas station and there is a big sign saying BAND LAW FIRM”.



## Harbourview Hotel -

珠海怡景湾：珠海吉大情侣中路47号



Holiday Inn -

珠海假日酒店：珠海吉大景山路188号



## Greenery Hotel -

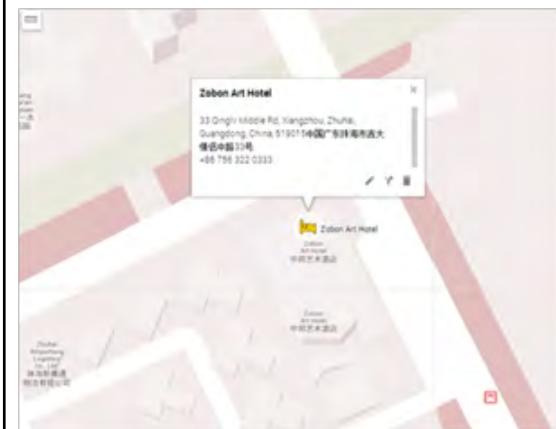
珠海君悦来酒店：珠海市吉大海滨南路45号



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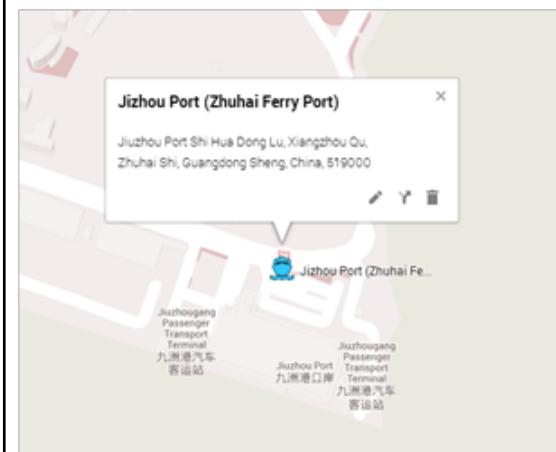
Zobon Art Hotel & Starbucks -

中邦艺术酒店



Jiuzhou Ferry Port (HK & Shenzhen) -

九洲港



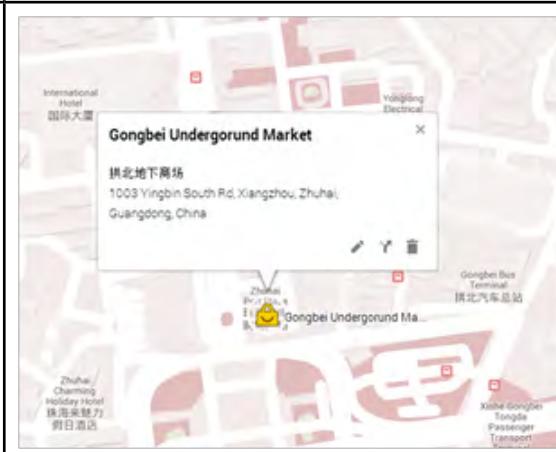
Wanchai Ferry to Macau (until 4pm) -

湾仔码头



Gongbei Underground Market (Macau) -

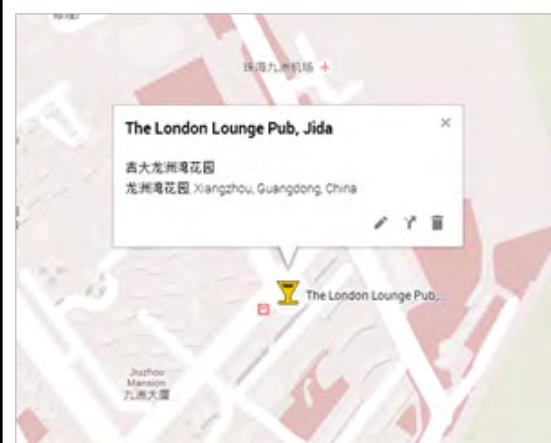
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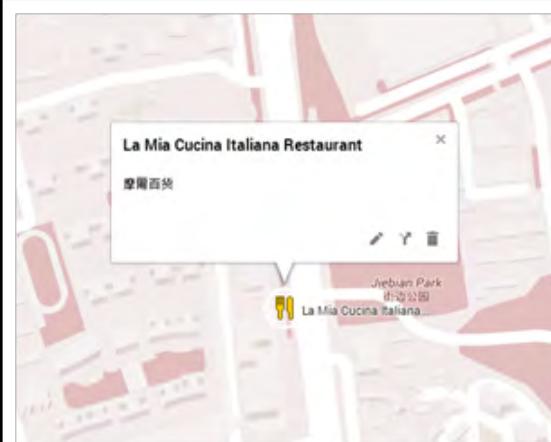
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吉大龙洲湾花园



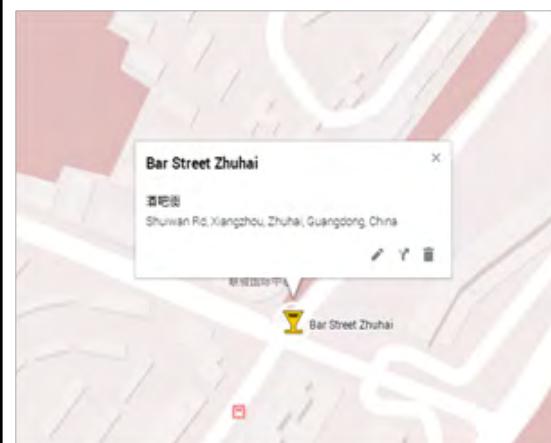
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摩爾百货



Bar Street -

酒吧街



Jida Shopping Centre (Carrefour) -

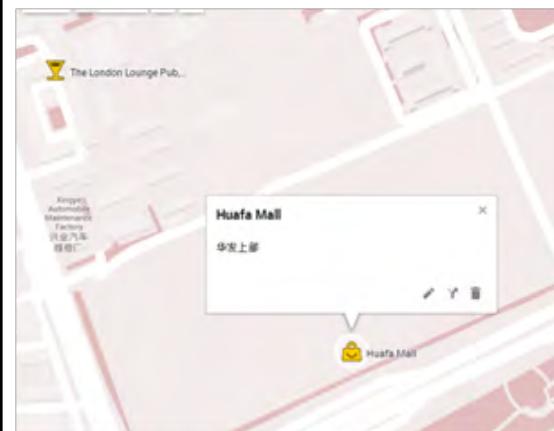
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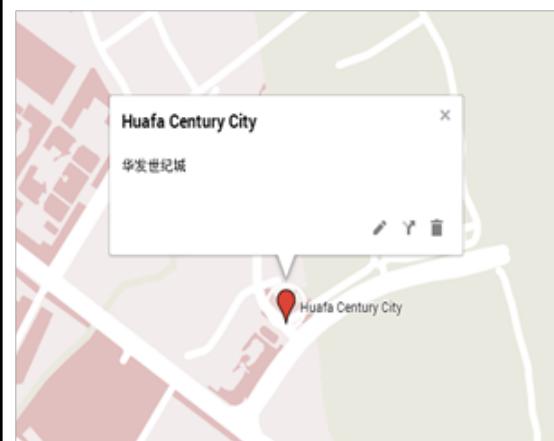
Huafa Mall -

华发上部



Huafa Century City -

华发世纪城



## ZHUHAI TO HONG KONG

The ferry port in Zhuhai is called Jiuzhou port.

### Ferry - Zhuhai direct to HKIA

If the timings suit it is highly recommended to take the ferry directly to HKIA. It is very fast and convenient and there is no immigration on arrival at HK airport. **KEEP HOLD OF YOUR TICKET.** You simply wait for your bags to be unloaded and then you go directly to the airline check-in desks at the airport ferry terminal. You will then go through security and after that you will see a desk with a sign offering a tax return on your ferry ticket. They will return you about 100 HKD. Finally you will take a 5 minute train journey to the airport itself.

### **Timings to HKIA; 09:30, 12:40, 15:30, 18:30**

### Ferry to China Ferry Terminal (Kowloon)

This route will require more hassle and time (roughly 2-3 hours from Zhuhai to HKIA). After getting off the ferry you need to head downstairs to the taxi rank. You then take a short taxi ride to the "airport express" (20-30 HKD). At the airport express station you need to buy a ticket (100 HKD) and then you can actually check your bags in right there. The train takes about 20 minutes and one leaves every 12 minutes.

### **Timings to Kowloon; 08:00, 10:00, 11:45, 14:00, 16:00, 17:00**

### Ferry to Macao Ferry Terminal (Central)

Follow the exact same instructions as China Ferry Terminal above on arrival at Central. Taxi journey is shorter and should cost 15-20 HKD.

### **Timings to Central; 09:00, 11:00, 13:00, 15:00, 17:30(Fri only), 18:00, 19:30, 20:30, 21:30**

## FERRY TO/FROM SHENZHEN SHEKOU

Shekou to Zhuhai Shekou Departure		Zhuhai to Shekou Zhuhai Departure	
Departure time	Estimated time of arrival	Departure time	Estimated time of arrival
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20:30	21:30	20:30	21:30
*20:45	21:45	20:30	21:30
*21:30	22:30	*21:30	22:30

19:00, 20:15, 20:45 only available at each Friday and Sunday

Originating Station	Destination Station	Ticket Name	Price	Currency
Shekou	Zhuhai	Economy Class	115	RMB
Shekou	Zhuhai	(Old People or Children)Economy Class	58	RMB
Shekou	Zhuhai	Student Ticket	105	RMB
Zhuhai	Shekou	Economy Class	115	RMB
Zhuhai	Shekou	(Old People or Children)Economy Class	58	RMB
Zhuhai	Shekou	Student Ticket	105	RMB
Zhuhai(Round-trip Tickets)	Shekou(Round-trip Tickets)	Round-trip Tickets	220	RMB

When purchasing "tickets for old people and students", you should show ID of the old (above 65 years old) or the student card! (Excluding student cards of adult education, network education, and graduate students) **If there is any change, it shall be subject to the release on the same day by the passenger station!**

#### Inquiry Telephone

Domestic lines:(0755)-26695600    HK Macau Line:(0755)-26691213

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