

General Information

Guilin

There is an old literary saying in China: 'Guilin's hills and water best under heaven'. Chinese and foreigners alike love the gnarled hill shapes, and the Yulong and Li Rivers make seeing the area in a relaxed manner easy and fun.

Guilin is a small southern Chinese city with approaching a million people. The city is particularly scenic, set amongst karst hills such as Folded Brocade Hill, Fubo Hill, and Solitary Beauty Peak. The views from these hills are marvelous, with lush hills dotting and surrounding the city, and two green rivers - the Li and 'Peach Blossom' running through.

The four lakes in the city center are joined together and with the Li and 'Peach Blossom' rivers. On banks of these rivers and lakes are verdant bamboo and trees. Boats cruise "the Two Rivers and Four Lakes" day and night. The scenery is especially charming at night when the lakes' features are glowing with colorful lights. Guilin means "Sweet Osmanthus Forest", named after its many fragrant sweet osmanthus trees. Each year in October, when the osmanthus blooms, the city is filled with their sweet scent.

Unlike other fast developing Chinese cities filled with high buildings, most developments in Guilin are limited to about 20 floors so that they don't dwarf the hills and spoil the view. The city has a relatively relaxed atmosphere and slow pace, where you can see locals enjoying chatting, playing cards, or just walking slowly in parks or along the rivers and lakes.



Guilin is also a cultural centre. As a major centre of Buddhism in the 7th century, it had many famous monasteries. Today the city has more than 10 colleges and universities. Guilin (its name means "Forest of Sweet Osmanthus") is set in a landscape of outstanding natural beauty and is renowned for its karst formations. Deep erosion of the limestone plateau has left a multitude of tall needle-shaped pinnacles out of whose steep sides trees sprout improbably. These fantastical mountains have long been memorialized in Chinese painting and poetry. The city also has many caves, the largest and most spectacular of which is Ludiyan ("Reed Flute Cave"). Guilin is listed as a state-level historical and cultural city. There are scheduled flights to major cities in China and to Japan and the countries of Southeast Asia.

Attractions

Diecai Hill

This area is made up of Silver Hill, Yuyue Hill, Red Crown Crane Hill and Bright Moon Hill. It is named after its traversed rock layers, which resemble a piece of folded brocade. This was developed in the Tang Dynasty.



During the Song and Yuan Dynasties, many carved Buddhas on precipices appeared. This was also a meeting place for poets and painters during the Ming and Qing dynasties.

Diecai Hill (Die cai shan) Park is located at the northeast of the center of Guilin and lies on the brink of the Li River. It is close to another tourist attraction in Guilin called Fubo Hill. It has an area of 2 square kilometers and consists mainly of Diecai Pavilion, Diecai Building, Mingyue

(Bright Moon) Peak, Xianhe (Crane) Peak, Wind Cave, among others. Going up the hills inside the park is a pleasant experience because they are not steep.

Diecai is translated as “folded colors.” When a famous scholar named Yuan Zhen from the Tang Dynasty visited, he wrote “Diecai Travelogue.” It described the different colors in the mountains, hence the name Diecai. The park is renowned for its natural beauty, butterfly house, caves and birds.

Fubo Hill

The Fubo Hill, another hill of Guilin’s scenic spots is located 2km from the Elephant Trunk Hill and just above the western bank of the Li River. It reaches the height of 213 meters (698.8 feet) and emerges 62 meters (203.4 feet) above the water. Half of it stands in the river and the other half of it on land. Since the galloping water is always blocked here and eddied, the hill



is considered to have the power of subduing waves.

Moreover, it was on this hill that a temple in commemoration of General Fubo was built in the Han Dynasty, which gave rise to the name “Fubo Hill”.

Natural scenery of rocks and stalactites as well as artificial cloister and pavilions compose the fantastic and unique sight of the hill. At the foot of the hill lie the Pearl-Returning Cave, the Thousand-Buddha Cave and the Sword-Testing Rock, all of which have great appeal.

Li River and Li River Cruise

The Li River is one of the placid water bodies in the country. Decorated by magnificent mountain ranges on its captivating banks, the river is a mystical sight to behold during the twilight hours of the day. It originates from the Mao'er Mountains and trickles down towards the south through Guilin.



While on a Li River Cruise, visitors will have the pleasure of enjoying natural China at its best. Water buffalos can be spotted at various open expanses along

the banks of the river. Fishermen also amble along in their charming bamboo rafts.

Those who wish to explore every inch of the Li River should book the complete Li River Cruise which will take them on a 54-mile journey. The trip will last approximately four to five hours (longer time may be expected when the water level of the Li River is lower during dry season).

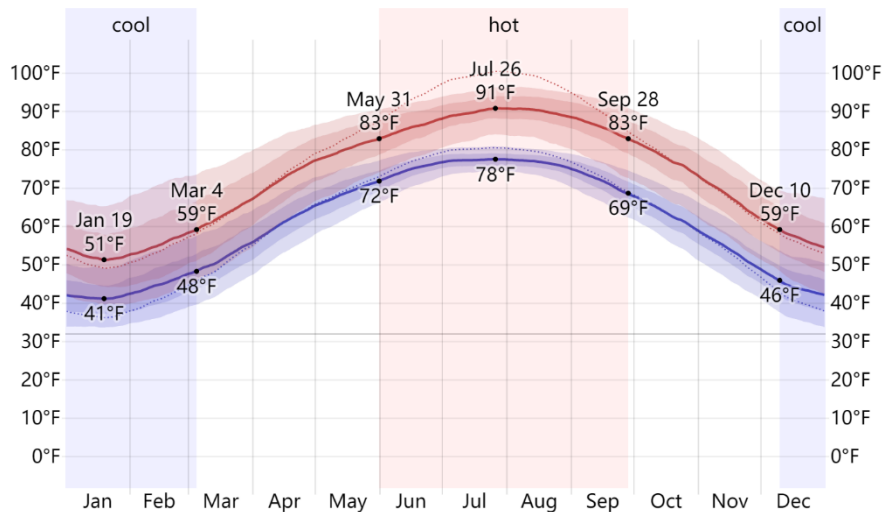
Cuisine

Guilin cuisine is a mixture of Cantonese cuisine and Zhuang cuisine. It is known for its snacks and the use of spices, especially chili. Guilin chili sauce, used widely in cooking by locals, is made of fresh chili, garlic, and fermented soybeans, and is considered one of the city's Three Treasures. The other two of the Three Treasures are Guilin Sanhua Jiu, a variety of rice baijiu, or liquor distilled from rice, and Guilin pickled tofu.



Weather

The hot season lasts for 3.9 months, from May 31 to September 28, with an average daily high temperature above 83°F. The hottest month of the year in Guilin is July, with an average high of 90°F and low of 77°F. The cool season lasts for 2.8 months, from December 10 to March 4, with an average daily high temperature below 59°F. The coldest month of the year in Guilin is January, with an average low of 42°F and high of 52°F.



Month	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
° F	46°F	50°F	57°F	67°F	74°F	80°F	83°F	83°F	78°F	70°F	60°F	51°F
° C	8°C	10°C	14°C	19°C	24°C	27°C	28°C	28°C	26°C	21°C	16°C	10°C

Transportation

Situated on the banks of the picturesque Li River, Shangri-La Hotel, Guilin, is conveniently located for both business and leisure travelers. Whether arranging a private car or obtaining a taxi, our hotel staff are there to help ensure that you arrive at your destination comfortably and on time.

Taxis

Taxis in Guilin are inexpensive and plentiful, and always on the lookout for customers. They are available at the hotel or can be easily hailed from the street. The minimum fare is RMB 9, which covers the first two kilometers, with a further RMB 1.60 for every kilometer. An additional RMB 1 petrol fee is to be paid of the meter fare.

Buses

Buses are a convenient way to travel around Guilin and the city has a reliable bus system. The long-distance bus terminals provide connections with every major metropolis in the region, including Nanning, Guangzhou, Wuhan, Shenzhen and Changsha. It takes five hours to reach Nanning by bus. Please note that service may be irregular, and buses are often very crowded during peak hours.

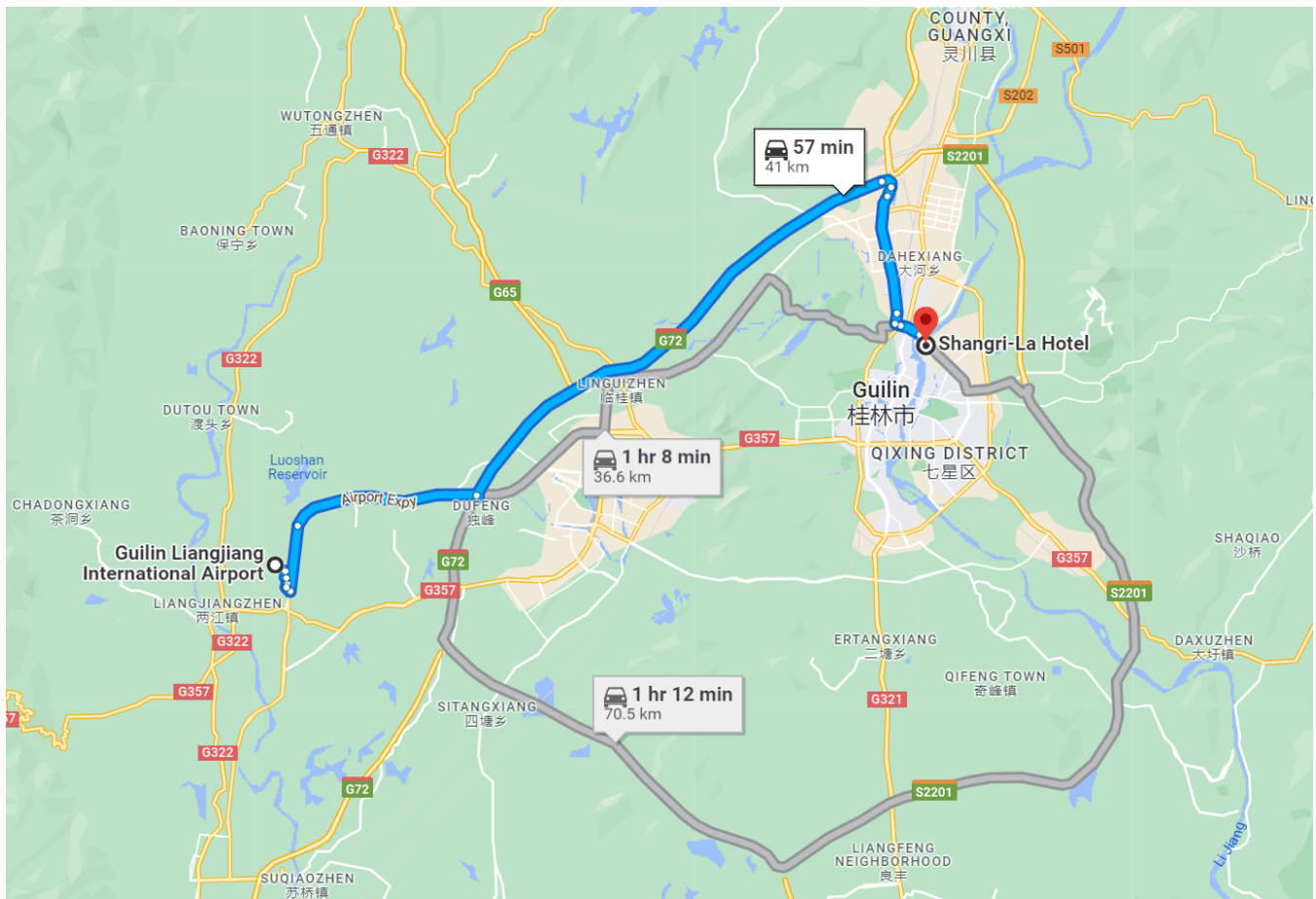
Trains

Trains offer an efficient, scenic way of travelling within China. Trains link parts of the country with reliable service. You may travel in one of four classes: Soft Seat or Soft Sleeper with air conditioning; and the Hard Seat or Hard Sleeper. Guilin Railway Station has direct links to Beijing, Shanghai, Xian, Kunming, Nanning, Guangzhou, Shenzhen and even Hanoi in Vietnam.

Car Hire











Getting around the city with a car and driver is a safe and comfortable transport option. Rates start at RMB 200 (approximately USD 28) per hour.

MAP of Shangri-La Hotel



Shangri-La Hotel, Guilin, is approximately 45 minutes from Guilin Liangjiang International Airport. The taxi fare from the airport to the hotel costs approximately RMB 150. This includes toll fees. Airport buses stop at the city centre and each journey costs about RMB 25.

Useful Information

-  **Language:** Official language is Mandarin. The standard spoken Chinese is Putonghua. English can be understood by many young people and is used in hotels and big restaurants. In all tourist hotels, staff can speak in English, Japanese and other languages. They can also write down addresses or instructions in Chinese for taxi drivers or others. In addition, roads in major cities are signposted in Pinyin, the official Romanization system of the Chinese characters, which makes it quite easy to get around with the help of a map.
-  **Currency:** Renminbi (RMB) is the only currency to be used in China. RMB is also called Chinese Yuan. The unit of Renminbi is yuan and with smaller denominations called jiao. The conversion among the two is: 1 yuan = 10 jiao. Paper notes are issued in denominations of 1, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 yuan. Coins are issued in denominations of 1 yuan; 5 jiao; 1 jiao. Money exchanges by cash or travel's cheques can be made at the branches of Bank of China at Tianjin Binhai International Airport, hotels and tourist stores. Please remember to keep the receipt to exchange back to foreign currency when leaving China.
-  **Credit Cards:** Visa, Master Card and American Express are the most used in China. Cards can be used in most middle to top-range hotels, department stores, but they cannot be used to finance your transportation costs.
-  **Time:** GMT + 8 hours (the whole of China is set to Beijing time)
-  **Electricity:** Electricity is 220 Volts, 50 AC; plugs can be three-pronged angled, three-pronged round, two flat pins or two narrow round pins.
-  **Water:** Bottled mineral water can easily be bought in all stores and street kiosks for RMB 3. And sometimes hotels provide it free of charge. Furthermore, potable water is only available in a few 4-to-5-star hotels, while water in thermos flasks in rooms is usually non-potable tap water.
-  **Measurement:** In Metric system
-  **Tipping:** Tipping is not customary outside of the foreign joint-venture hotels and is officially discouraged. But hotel bellboys usually expect RMB 2-5 per bag.
-  **Attention:** Smoking is prohibited in public places in Tianjin, such as hospitals, office buildings, theatres, cinemas, museums, planes, and trains.
-  **Hotlines:** 110 - Police 119 – Fire 120 – Ambulance

Conference Information

Conference Venue

Due to the influence of the Covid-19 pandemic, the IEEE ICMA 2022 will be a full virtual conference using Zoom software, Located in Guilin, Guangxi, China.



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Conference Registration

A conference registration desk will be opened online from 13:30 on August 7 to 17:00 on August 9 in Online Conf. Main Room.

Social Events

The social events organized by the IEEE ICMA 2022 include the conference reception, the awards banquet, the conference registration, the farewell party, etc.

Awards Banquet and Farewell Party

The Awards Banquet and Farewell Party will be held online from 18:30 to 21:00 on August 9, 2022, in Online Conf. Main Room. All the conference participants are welcome to join this event.