A CITY OF POSSIBILITY

Hello, Shenzhen.

Your first visit. A little local knowledge.
A whole city to discover.



Come for APEC. Stay curious.

Cantonese tables, creative neighbourhoods, spectacular views — and the practical details that make a first trip easier.

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YOUR CITY, AT A GLANCE

Dip in. Then build your own Shenzhen day.

Start with the practical pages — everything else is an invitation.

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骥途精选 · IF YOU ONLY DO FIVE THINGS

See Futian from Lianhua Hill · Share a Cantonese meal · Explore Huaqiangbei · Wander Nantou or OCT-LOFT · Finish with a bay walk or a skyline drink.

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PLAN / APEC 2026

A meeting. A city. A plan.

Keep your official programme close — and leave some room to explore.

14–16 NOV	APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC)
14–15 NOV	Concluding Senior Officials' Meeting
17–18 NOV	APEC CEO Summit
18–19 NOV	APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting

These are distinct events — an invitation to one does not provide access to the others. Dates follow the APEC calendar. [1]

BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

Confirm your exact venue, accreditation collection point, entry requirements and transport arrangements with your organiser. This guide does not designate an official summit hotel or meeting venue. [2]

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Keep invitations and organiser contacts offline. Check traffic notices each morning and allow a generous buffer for credential checks and controlled roads.

PLAN / NEIGHBOURHOODS

Find your Shenzhen.

Choose your base around your meetings, then explore beyond them.

01 Futian THE CENTRAL STARTING POINT

Business hotels, Civic Center, skyline views and central shopping. A practical general-purpose base, subject to your organiser's confirmed meeting location.

02 Nanshan BAY WALKS & CREATIVE CORNERS

Shenzhen Bay, Nantou, OCT-LOFT and Shekou / Sea World are separate outings within a large district, not one compact walking route.

03 Luohu MARKETS & OLDER SHENZHEN

Dongmen, jewellery markets and the Luohu crossing to Hong Kong. Less convenient for a programme concentrated in western Shenzhen.

04 Bao'an AIRPORT & THE WEST

Useful for airport-focused stays or meetings nearby. Shenzhen World Exhibition & Convention Center in Bao'an is different from the Futian convention centre.

05 Yantian & Dapeng A COASTAL ESCAPE

Beaches and a slower extra day, rather than a convenient base for a busy city-centre conference.

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Your confirmed event venue and transfer arrangements should decide the final location — pick the district second, the commute first.

PREPARE / BEFORE DEPARTURE

Arrive ready to explore.

Set up your phone, documents and connections before flying.

01

Entry permission comes first.

Check the current rules for your passport and itinerary with China's official immigration or consular service — APEC attendance does not itself grant entry. If entering via Hong Kong, check both jurisdictions and your permission to re-enter mainland China after any side trip. [3]

02

Save the essentials offline.

Passport and visa copies, insurance details, hotel confirmation, the hotel's Chinese address and phone number, event invitation and organiser contacts. Carry your original passport for hotel registration and intercity rail; copies are backups.

03

Install and test.

Have Alipay, WeChat, DiDi and a translation app ready. Use a mainland-capable map service — Amap/Gaode or Baidu Maps help, and Apple Maps is practical on iPhone. Save Chinese place names and test account logins.

04

Arrange connectivity.

Choose roaming, a travel data plan or a local SIM. Many travel eSIMs are data-only — confirm whether yours includes a Chinese number. Don't assume overseas websites, messaging or company tools will be reachable on local Wi-Fi; test your work setup before important meetings.

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Visa-free transit is a separate, conditional scheme — do not assume an ordinary return trip qualifies. Keep access to the phone number that receives your verification codes.

PREPARE / PAYMENTS

Pay with confidence.

Prepare one everyday payment method and two simple backups.

BEFORE YOU GO

Link an eligible overseas card in Alipay and/or WeChat Pay and complete any requested verification. Keep a second card and small-denomination RMB cash. [4]

① Show your code

Open your payment code.
The merchant scans it.

② Scan their code

Scan the merchant's QR code.
Enter or check the amount.

骥途提醒 · JITU REMINDER

Check recipient + total, then approve. A shop's merchant QR differs from sending money to a personal wallet — and fees or promotional waivers vary, so read the final payment screen.

Small merchants may be easier to pay by QR than by a physical overseas card. Keep receipts for business expenses.

ARRIVE / SZX & HONG KONG

From arrivals to the city.

Choose the route that fits your luggage, timing and hotel location.

SHENZHEN BAO'AN AIRPORT (SZX)

Metro / Line 11

Follow signs to Airport station serving Terminal 3 and check the live route towards the city. Airport East is a different station. [5]

Taxi, DiDi or transfer

Best for luggage or a late arrival. Use the official rank or your booked pickup, and follow the exact floor and zone in the app. [6]

ARRIVING THROUGH HONG KONG

High-speed rail links West Kowloon with Futian and Shenzhen North, depending on the train — book the station that suits your hotel. Use your exact travel-document details and allow extra time for security and immigration. Metro tickets do not cover this cross-border train; follow MTR's current passenger guidance. [7]

骥途提醒 · JITU REMINDER

Need a hand at the airport? Ask the arrivals service desk — international service centres can assist with payment and SIM set-up. Keep your hotel's Chinese address and phone number offline.

MOVE / SHENZHEN METRO

The Metro, made simple.

Predictable cross-city journeys start with the right station and exit.



01 Plan the complete journey.
Enter the destination's exact branch or Chinese name. Note the line, direction, interchange and exit — a long exit walk can matter as much as an extra stop. Screenshots help if reception drops.

02 Pass the security check.
Follow staff instructions and put luggage through the scanner. Have your payment method ready before the gate.

03 Choose one payment method.
Shenzhen's Sept 2026 notice: all Metro gates accept eligible contactless UnionPay, Visa, Mastercard, Amex and JCB cards. If a card fails, ask staff or buy a single-journey ticket. [8]

04 Tap in and tap out consistently.
Use the same physical card — or the same phone/watch token — at both ends. Switching between plastic and phone versions may create an unmatched trip.

05 Follow the destination direction.
Match the line number and next stops to your route rather than choosing a platform by colour. Let people off first; stay behind the markings.

06 Transfer inside the paid area.
Follow interchange signs; exit only if your route requires it. At your destination tap out, and check your exit before heading up.

MOVE / DIDI

Your ride, step by step.

Useful for luggage, late nights and the last stretch to your destination.

01 Register and pay
Use the DiDi app available for mainland travel, select English if offered, verify your number and add an accepted payment method. Official guidance also covers booking through Alipay or WeChat. [9]

02 Set the destination
Paste the Chinese name or address, then confirm the district and branch.

03 Fix the pickup
Move the pin to a legal, accessible road entrance; at airports and stations choose the app's named pickup point. A hotel-lobby pin may put you behind a barrier.

04 Select the ride
Compare vehicle category, estimated cost, waiting time and luggage needs. Confirm the request.

05 Match the car
Check the plate, vehicle and driver details before boarding.

06 Communicate and finish
Use translated in-app messages or show the pickup screenshot. Wear your seat belt, check belongings on exit, and review the final fare and receipt. Can't find the car? Contact the driver or support before cancelling.

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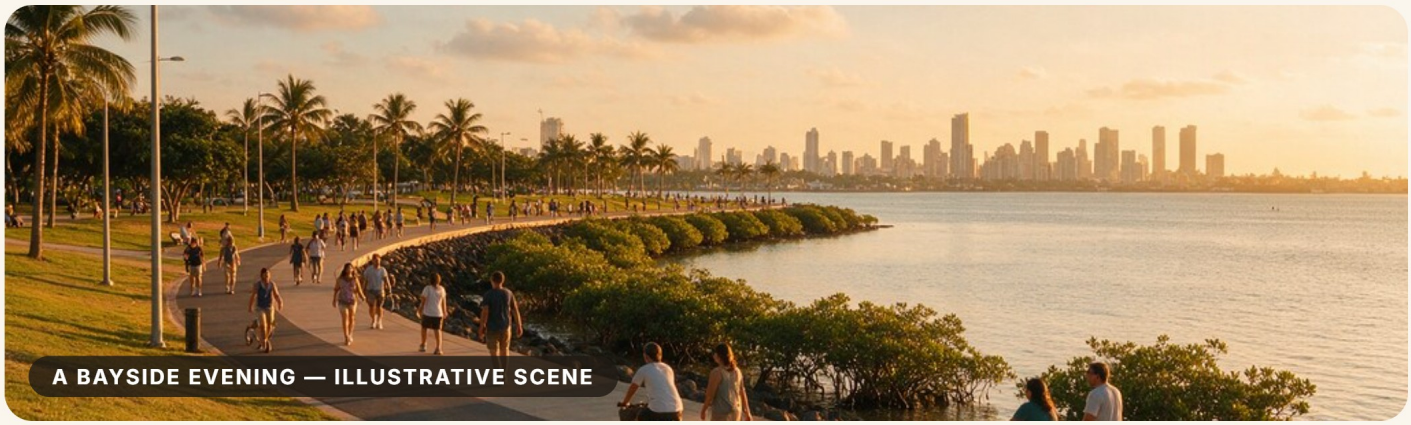
Give a requested ride-verification code only to your matched driver — and keep the whole booking inside the app, from pickup to receipt.

EXPLORE / SKYLINE & WATERFRONT

The classic Shenzhen view.

Start with the city's big landscape: hills, towers and the bay.



A BAYSIDE EVENING — ILLUSTRATIVE SCENE

01 **Lianhua Hill Park 莲花山公园** FUTIAN

The first stop for understanding the skyline: walk up to the Deng Xiaoping statue and look across Civic Center to the business district. Allow 60–90 minutes, wear comfortable shoes, go morning or late afternoon. Free public-park outing. [11]

02 **Ping An Finance Center 平安金融中心** FUTIAN

A striking landmark and a natural pairing with central Futian. For the paid Free Sky observation deck, check the official ticket channel, visibility and same-day availability first — an exterior look plus a nearby dinner is a good lower-cost alternative. [12]

03 **Shenzhen Bay Park 深圳湾公园** BAYFRONT

Choose one waterfront section for a relaxed 60–90-minute walk — the park runs roughly 13 km. Bring water, look across the bay, stay on public paths and don't disturb the birds. [13]

EXPLORE / CREATIVE NANSHAN

Old lanes. New ideas.

Slow down in the neighbourhoods that show another side of the city.



LANTERN-LIT LANES — ILLUSTRATIVE SCENE

01 **Nantou Ancient Town 南头古城** NANSHAN

An absorbing mix of historic context, renewed lanes, small shops and cafés. Allow two hours to wander slowly rather than expecting an untouched village. Nantou Ancient City station on Line 12 is a useful start. [10, 14]

02 **OCT-LOFT 华侨城创意文化园** NANSHAN

Converted industrial spaces, cafés and an arts-oriented atmosphere. Check one actual exhibition, shop or performance in advance as your anchor — the surrounding lanes are the attraction as much as any venue. Two to three hours. [15]

03 **Sea World 海上世界** SHEKOU

A comfortable first-evening area for international dining and a waterside atmosphere — here "Sea World" means the Shekou leisure district, not a marine park. Explore around the Minghua ship, then pick dinner nearby; check the evening's local programme. [15]

EXPLORE / MARKETS & ART

Street life. Studio life.

Busy shopping streets and artists at work make a memorable contrast.



AN ARTIST AT WORK — ILLUSTRATIVE SCENE

01 Dongmen / Laojie 东门 / 老街 LUOHU

The lively shopping-and-snacking contrast to polished Futian: people-watching, low-cost browsing and a casual meal. Laojie station is a useful access point. Expect crowds and noisy shopfronts — protect your phone while taking photos. Allow two hours. [16]

02 Dafen Oil Painting Village 大芬油画村 LONGGANG

Best for watching the business of art: studio windows, paintings for sale and conversations about custom work. Line 3 to Dafen, then a walk, is the established approach. Allow two to three hours. [17]

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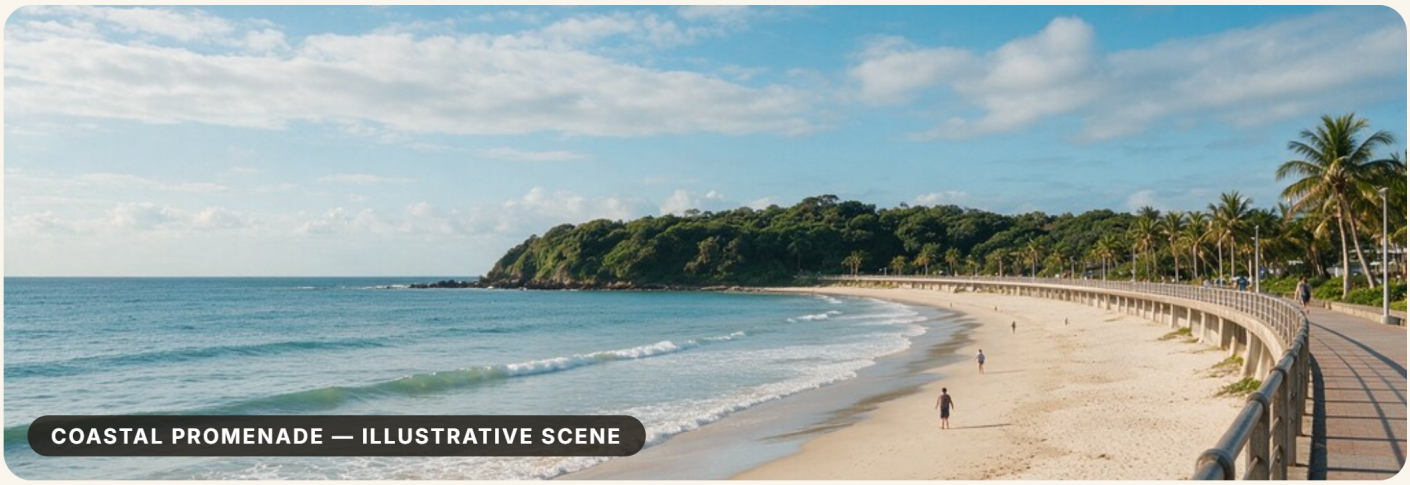
Allow two to three hours for a relaxed stop. For a painting session, arrange the language, materials and drying time before you arrive.

EXPLORE / HERITAGE & COAST

Give yourself half a day.

Choose one destination and enjoy a slower pace beyond the centre.



COASTAL PROMENADE — ILLUSTRATIVE SCENE

01 **Gankeng Hakka Town 甘坑客家小镇** LONGGANG

An atmospheric outing for lanes, Hakka-themed heritage and photos. It is a developed cultural-tourism destination, so expect heritage blended with commercial attractions. Give it a half-day including travel; ask about tickets for individual attractions. [17]

02 **Dameisha 大梅沙** YANTIAN

A beach-and-promenade break for a genuine free half-day. Check weather, reservations and access before setting off — swimming depends on local safety notices, and a coastal walk is rewarding without entering the water. [18]

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A coastal excursion deserves a generous travel buffer. Avoid squeezing it in before an important meeting.

EXPERIENCE / SIX LOCAL MOMENTS

Go beyond the skyline.

Watch how the city cooks, makes, trades and reinvents things.

01 Share dim sum

Order several small dishes to share: dumplings, steamed buns, rice-noodle rolls and tea. Ask what is freshly made that day; use a staffed restaurant if QR ordering is difficult, and confirm allergens directly.

02 Explore Huaqiangbei

Treat the district as a look inside a supply ecosystem, even if you buy nothing. Pick one category — audio, components, accessories — and compare several stalls. Agree any guide's fee and commissions in advance. [12, 15]

03 Paint at Dafen

Ask a studio about a short beginner session, the language, materials and drying time. A small canvas travels better than a framed piece; put commissions — size, reference, date, shipping — in writing. [17]

04 Try Chaoshan flavours

Explore the region through beef hotpot, braised dishes or a specialist seafood restaurant. Ask the server to explain sauces and cooking order; order modestly at first.

05 Walk, then sip

Start outdoors before dusk, then book a nearby bar or restaurant. Keep the evening to one geographic area — and reserve the table with a view rather than assuming it.

06 Hear a live performance

Check the actual event and venue branch, then book through the venue's recognised channel. A touring concert, a jazz set and a club night are different experiences; choose the music first. See pages 23–24.

SHOP / MARKETS & MAKERS

Browse with a purpose.

Three very different stops for electronics, fashion and tailoring.



INSIDE THE ELECTRONICS ECOSYSTEM — ILLUSTRATIVE SCENE

01 **Huaqiangbei** ELECTRONICS & GADGET BROWSING

Start around the main pedestrian street and established electronics buildings such as SEG. Check every product before paying: compatibility, plug, language, warranty, and whether it is new or refurbished. A low price alone does not establish authenticity. [12]

02 **Dongmen** CASUAL FASHION & STREET FOOD

A good general-purpose first market visit. Compare quality and prices, and ask before photographing stalls. Bargaining may suit independent sellers; posted-price chains are a different setting. [16]

03 **Luohu Commercial City 罗湖商业城** TAILORING

Useful for custom clothes near the border. Leave time for fittings and corrections, not only the first measurement. Specify fabric, lining, cut, delivery and the deposit on the receipt. Avoid counterfeit branded goods. [19]

SHOP / SPECIALIST DISTRICTS

Find something distinctive.

Jewellery, paintings and design deserve a little more time.

01 **Shuibei 水贝** GOLD & JEWELLERY

A specialist trading district rather than a souvenir bazaar. Compare item weight, stated purity, labour charges, certification and return conditions — have valuable purchases independently checked; a verbal claim is not a guarantee. [20]

02 **Dafen** PAINTINGS & COMMISSIONS

Look for work you actually want to live with, rather than buying because it seems inexpensive. Ask whether a piece is original, a reproduction or a commissioned copy; establish packing and shipping costs. [17]

03 **Sungang 笋岗** DÉCOR, CRAFT & DESIGN

A focused option for interiors enthusiasts, with art-and-craft shopping clusters. Choose a specific building before travelling; for bulky purchases, price shipping and destination import costs before committing. [21]

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Keep itemised receipts and seller details. Commercial sourcing needs separate supplier checks, product compliance and import planning.

EAT / SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Make dinner an occasion.

Reserve early. Discuss your menu, dietary needs and budget directly.

01 **The Bay by Chef Fei** MANDARIN ORIENTAL · FUTIAN · PREMIUM / BUSINESS DINNER

A strong choice for an elegant Cantonese occasion with Chaoshan influences. Ask the restaurant to build a menu around your party size and budget — especially for premium seafood — and confirm private-room requirements before reserving. [22, 23]

02 **Yun Jing 云璟** RAFFLES · NANSHAN · PREMIUM / BAY-AREA OCCASION

Cantonese dining paired with a high-rise setting near Shenzhen Bay — suited to an unhurried dinner after a western-city outing. Ask for the full Chinese and English hotel address when booking so your car goes to the right entrance. [22, 24]

03 **Ensue** FUTIAN SHANGRI-LA · FUTIAN · SPLURGE / FOOD ENTHUSIASTS

A destination tasting-menu choice with a contemporary interpretation of regional flavours. Set aside a full evening and discuss dietary restrictions before paying any deposit — a planned culinary experience, not a rushed dinner between engagements. [22]

骥途提醒 · JITU REMINDER

Book the table before you book the mood: private rooms, minimum spends and premium seafood are all conversations to have at reservation time, not at the door.

EAT / MORE GOOD TABLES

A table for every mood.

From contemporary French dining to a relaxed Shekou meal.

01 OPUS 388 MANDARIN ORIENTAL · FUTIAN · PREMIUM–SPLURGE / FORMAL

Contemporary French dining when the group prefers a Western menu. Check the current tasting and à la carte choices, dress expectations and realistic dining duration. [22, 23]

02 Xin Rong Ji 新荣记 SHENZHEN · PREMIUM / SEAFOOD GROUP

Taizhou cooking and seafood — not every high-end Chinese restaurant serves Cantonese food. Confirm the exact Shenzhen branch, market-priced items and your total budget in advance. [22]

03 BAIA SHEKOU · CASUAL–MID-RANGE

A change of pace for Western food, burgers and a relaxed meal in the Sea World area. The restaurant's own site offers booking help — practical after a waterfront outing or for mixed food preferences. [25]

04 Social All Day Dining THE ST. REGIS · LUOHU · MID-RANGE–PREMIUM

A convenient hotel-dining choice for a group staying in eastern Shenzhen. Ask which buffet or à la carte service runs on your date and whether the offer includes drinks and service charges. [26]

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During APEC week, reconfirm every reservation the day before — opening hours, access routes and public restaurant access can change around official venues.

EAT / LOCAL FLAVOURS

A taste of southern China.

Share small dishes, ask questions and leave one meal unplanned.



THE DIM SUM TABLE — ILLUSTRATIVE SCENE

WHAT TO TRY

- Dim sum
- Cantonese roast meats
- Congee & rice-noodle rolls
- Hakka dishes
- Chaoshan flavours

For everyday meals, ask your concierge for two current neighbourhood favourites — a busy kitchen near your hotel beats a cross-city detour.

BUDGET PER PERSON / EXCLUDING ALCOHOL

Casual RMB 60–180 · Substantial RMB 180–450 · Premium RMB 600–1,500+ · Tasting menus may exceed RMB 1,500

Planning allowances only, not restaurant quotations.

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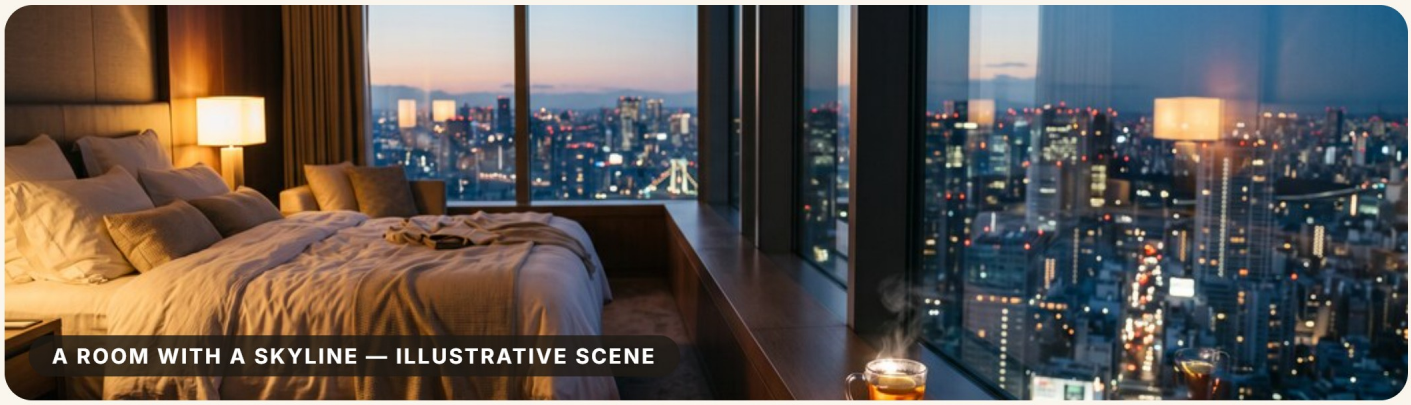
Ask before ordering: confirm seafood weight and total price, tea, cover and service charges. "Not spicy" does not mean allergen-free — vegetarian dishes may use meat stock, so carry a translated allergy card.

STAY / CENTRAL FUTIAN

Choose location first.

Independent hotel suggestions — not official APEC delegate allocations.



A ROOM WITH A SKYLINE — ILLUSTRATIVE SCENE

01

Four Seasons Hotel Shenzhen

PRACTICAL LUXURY BUSINESS STAY

A strong candidate for a business-focused trip in central Futian: its Fuhua Third Road location puts dining and the CBD nearby. Ask the organiser whether the hotel is on an approved pickup route before booking a non-refundable room. [27]

02

Park Hyatt Shenzhen

CENTRAL LUXURY, CALM RETREAT

A refined option on Yitian Road for travellers who want a central base and a quieter place to unwind. Check whether your rate includes breakfast — and how long the actual walk is to your preferred Metro entrance. [28]

03

Mandarin Oriental, Shenzhen

FOOD, COCKTAILS & A SPECIAL STAY

An UpperHills address with destination restaurants and MO Bar in the building — ideal if dining and hospitality are part of the stay. It is not in exactly the same pocket of Futian as the convention-district hotels. [23, 29]

STAY / BAY, EAST & AIRPORT

Match the hotel to the trip.

Waterfront evenings, Luohu appointments or an early flight?

01 **Raffles Shenzhen** CELEBRATORY STAY & BAY VIEWS

A high-end Nanshan base for Shenzhen Bay outings, with Yun Jing and Long Bar giving you reasons to stay in. Choose it when your programme is western-city focused, or as a deliberate bay-area leisure extension. [24, 30]

02 **Hilton Shenzhen Shekou Nanhai** BUSINESS-PLUS-LEISURE

A relaxed Shekou stay with the area's restaurants at hand. Confirm the booked wing, room category and exact arrival entrance — a pleasant waterfront setting still needs commute time for meetings elsewhere. [31]

03 **The St. Regis Shenzhen** HIGH-RISE LUOHU STAY

Worth considering when shopping, dining or appointments centre on Luohu; the in-house Social restaurant is an easy option. Ask about the full door-to-door journey to your APEC commitments before choosing an eastern base. [26]

04 **Hyatt House Shenzhen Airport** FLIGHT-DRIVEN ONE-NIGHT STAY

Practical for a short airport-focused overnight. Confirm the terminal connection and transfers directly — for several sightseeing days, compare repeated airport-area journeys against staying centrally. [32]

STAY / BOOKING WELL

Before you book.

A few questions now can save a difficult transfer later.

01 **Confirm the event address**
Get your organiser's transport instructions before choosing a hotel.

02 **Compare the total refundable price**
Include taxes, breakfast, deposits and cancellation rules.

03 **Ask about APEC access**
Check pickup points, road restrictions and public restaurant access.

04 **Save the Chinese name & map pin**
Keep the hotel phone number and exact entrance with your booking.

05 **Reconfirm arrival**
Tell the hotel if you will arrive late and check the late check-in process.

For value: compare established business hotels near a useful Metro station, and read recent comments on noise, smoke, cleanliness and the actual walk to the entrance.

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Hotels register foreign guests for you. In non-hotel accommodation, you or your host must complete registration within 24 hours — NIA offers an online route. [3, 45]

AFTER DARK / BARS & JAZZ

A good evening starts here.

Choose a skyline cocktail, a casual beer or a music-led night.

01 **MO Bar** MANDARIN ORIENTAL · FUTIAN

The standout choice for a carefully planned cocktail night with city views. Reserve, ask for the current menu, and confirm whether a table or seating time has a minimum spend. Dress: smart casual is a sensible start. [33]

02 **Long Bar** RAFFLES · NANSHAN

A strong pairing with a Shenzhen Bay afternoon or dinner at the hotel. Check the current music programme and reserve if the view or a particular seat matters — for conversation rather than late-night dancing. [34]

03 **The Attic** PARK HYATT · FUTIAN

A central hotel-bar option after a business dinner. Confirm the evening's opening and entertainment directly through the hotel, particularly during APEC week — and keep the journey home short. [35]

04 **Craft Head Brewing 佳卡哈** FUTIAN

A casual beer-oriented alternative to a luxury hotel bar. Check the current branch and event listing before setting off — an advertised quiz or social night suits a solo visitor better than arriving without a plan. [36]

05 **Penny Black Jazz Club** OCT-LOFT

A music-led evening in the creative district. Confirm the set, cover charge, booking requirements and whether the performance is seated. Pair with an early meal nearby and leave space for the music. [37]

AFTER DARK / CLUBS & LIVE MUSIC

Follow the music.

Choose the actual event and lineup, then confirm the exact address.



OIL Club / ROOMTOO

OIL in the Futian / Chegongmiao area is a starting point for underground electronic music; ROOMTOO is an associated room — check which spaces your ticket covers. Confirm lineup, door time and address through current venue or Resident Advisor listings. [38, 39]

Livehouse, not nightclub

B10 Live, HOU LIVE and MAO Livehouse are ticketed performance venues — check the exact branch, show and time. For a commercial EDM or hip-hop night, ask your concierge to verify a current event. [37]

BUDGET

Craft beer RMB 60–100 · Premium cocktail RMB 100–180+ · Event ticket RMB 100–300+

Planning estimates only. Table packages may cost much more.

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Before agreeing: confirm cover charges, minimum spend and payment terms. Carry ID, watch your drink, keep your phone charged and book your ride in the app.

PLAN / TIME WELL SPENT

Make room for a good day.

Compact outings work best around a meeting schedule.

3–4 HOURS

A free evening in Futian

Lianhua Hill / dinner in central Futian / a reserved drink near your hotel. If meetings finish late, skip the park — and don't count on a public light show.

6–8 HOURS

A western-city day

Nantou for lanes and coffee / OCT-LOFT or a Shenzhen Bay walk / dinner in Shekou or a Nanshan hotel. Travel between stops — this is not one continuous walk.

6–8 HOURS

A shopping-and-art day

Dafen and a booked workshop / Dongmen for late lunch and browsing. Add Shuibei only if jewellery is a real interest. Prefer electronics? Swap Dafen for Huaqiangbei.

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An extra full day? Choose Dameisha, or investigate a longer Dapeng outing with reliable transport — and never an eastern beach trip before a tight western-city commitment.

PRACTICAL / STAY ALERT

Fewer surprises. Better days.

Keep your plans flexible and your essentials easy to reach.

01 The wrong venue or station

Futian railway station, Futian Checkpoint and the Futian convention district are different places — and Shenzhen North is not Shenzhen Railway Station at Luohu. Verify the Chinese name and map pin before paying for transport.

02 Unverified APEC promises

Buy event access only through the organiser's recognised channels. Never pay a stranger for "guaranteed" credentials, privileged road access or an unofficial shuttle. [2]

03 Roads, e-bikes & distracted walking

Check both directions even on pavements — quiet electric vehicles approach fast. Use marked crossings and don't step backwards into a cycle lane while framing skyline photos.

04 Unclear prices & shopping pressure

Check seafood weight and price, tailoring deposits, product condition and bar minimum spends before agreeing. Walk away calmly from strangers steering you into a paid tea, drinks or shopping encounter.

05 Phone dependence

A dead battery interrupts payment, translation, maps and car booking at once. Carry an airline-compliant power bank, a hotel address card and an alternative payment method.

06 Weather & access changes

Check the forecast and official notices before beaches, viewpoints or outdoor events. Don't fly a drone or photograph restricted security activity without permission; follow barriers and staff directions. [2, 41]

PRACTICAL / KEEP THIS HANDY

A little language helps.

Show the Chinese text on your phone when pronunciation is difficult.

请带我去这个地址
Please take me to this address.

请问地铁站在哪里
Where is the Metro station?

我在酒店正门等你
I am waiting at the hotel's main entrance.

请给我看总价
Please show me the total price.

不要辣
Not spicy, please.

我对花生过敏
I am allergic to peanuts.

110	119	120
POLICE	FIRE	AMBULANCE

Ask hotel staff or a Mandarin speaker to help describe your exact location. Use established transport and sealed drinking water or water confirmed safe by your accommodation. [42]

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骥途提醒 · JITU REMINDER

For allergies, carry a translated card for your own specific needs — and keep prescriptions and insurance contacts available.

PRACTICAL / POCKET NOTES

The small details matter.

Useful lines, last trains and a few essentials for your day bag.

METRO LINES YOU WILL ACTUALLY USE

11 — Airport, Nanshan, Houhai & Futian
Business-class carriages require the extra validation / payment process.

1 — Luohu, Laojie & central east–west trips
Use the full station name and check your final exit.

3 — Dafen
Allow time for the walk from the station to the art village.

12 — Nantou Ancient City & Sea World
These are separate stops; use a live route planner.

The Metro is not 24-hour — check the last train for your station, direction and final connection, and plan a car home after clubbing. Orientation aids, not a live network map. [5, 8, 10]

Pack for a full day: comfortable shoes, a light layer, compact umbrella, charging cable, suitable adapter and an airline-compliant power bank. Save your hotel address offline and check the forecast.

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Ordinary-season room prices may not apply during APEC. Use a recognised booking channel or the hotel's genuine website, verify refund terms — and avoid lookalike domains.

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