




# High Speed Rail: **Chaoshan 4-Day History & Delicacy Trip**

Day 1	
Itinerary	Suggested Transportation
Hong Kong West Kowloon Station → Chaoshan Railway Station	High Speed Rail
<p>Check-in at hotel</p> <p>(Recommended to stay in a hotel in the city centre for convenient shopping and dining)</p> <p>Hotel for reference: <a href="#">Regency Hotel Shantou</a> Address: 188 Jinsha Road, Longhu District, Shantou</p>	<p><b>Bus:</b> From Chaoshan Railway Station, take bus High Speed Rail Express East 1 towards Passenger Transportation Centre. Get off at Tianchi Regency Travel and walk for about 4 minutes. (Total travel time about 57 minutes.)</p> <p><b>Taxi:</b> About 55 minutes.</p>
<p>Recommended to have lunch near the hotel</p> <p>Restaurant for reference: <a href="#">Nanbei Chadian</a> Address: 1-2/F, Block 3, Xinghu Lijing Building, Longhu District, Shantou</p>	<p><b>On foot:</b> Walk for about 6 minutes from the hotel.</p>
<p><b>Strolling on the Promenade and in the Shipaotai Park</b></p> <p>As one of the special economic zones in Guangdong Province, Shantou can be seen to be prosperous in all parts of the city. Not far from the city centre, there is a promenade park built along the coast on Haibin Road for people to relax and get refreshed.</p>  <p>Built along the seafront promenade, Shipaotai Park is a circular castle structure surrounded by a moat, looking like a tulou (earth building) or a space base. It is in fact a stone barbette, a historical relic of the coastal defence facilities in the late Qing Dynasty and is now classified as a Major Historical and</p>   <p>Cultural Site Protected at the National Level. You can enter the barbette along the moat, walk above the wall to see the cannon models and admire the imposing manner of the former military fortress.</p> <p>Address: 20 Haibin Road, Jinping District, Shantou</p>	<p><b>Bus:</b> Walk for about 1 minute from the restaurant to Xinghucheng West bus stop. Take bus 22A towards Shantou Port-Opening Culture Exhibition Hall. Change to bus 46 at Times Square South towards Erma Road Junction. Get off at Dianxin Building. (Total travel time about 39 minutes.)</p> <p><b>Taxi:</b> About 15 minutes.</p> <p><b>Walk to Shipaotai Park :</b> Walk for 30 minutes from the promenade to Shipaotai Park.</p>
<p><b>Quick View of Shantou History and Culture</b></p> <p>The Shantou Port-Opening Culture Exhibition Hall is must-see attraction for understanding more of the history and culture of Shantou. The condensed display shows the origin and development of Shantou since</p>	<p><b>Bus:</b> Walk for about 5 minutes from Shipaotai Park bus stop to Shipaotai North. Take bus 25 towards Nanxiang Bus Terminal.</p>

<p>the port opening in 1860, introducing political, economic and social changes. A lot of precious cultural relics have been donated by enthusiasts to be showcased in the exhibition hall, among which are many photos of the early liberation and exhibits like old-fashioned cameras, old stocks, medicine grinders, iron dial phones and <i>Chaoyin Bible</i>, adequately reflecting the impact of Shantou's port opening on the livelihoods of people. After visiting the exhibition hall, it is recommended to take a walk around Shantou Old City to experience the glorious history of the past.</p> <p><a href="#">Shantou Port-Opening Culture Exhibition Hall</a>  <a href="#">Address: 1 Yongping Road, Jinping District, Shantou</a></p>	<p>Get off at Shantou Port-Opening Culture Exhibition Hall and walk for about 2 minutes. (Total travel time about 33 minutes.)</p> <p><b>Taxi:</b>  About 10 minutes.</p>
<p>Authentic handmade beef balls for dinner near the Shantou Old City</p> <p><a href="#">Restaurant for reference: Fuhecheng Beef Balls</a>  <a href="#">Address: 87-89 Fuhe Complex, Fuping Road, Jinping District, Shantou</a></p>	<p><b>On foot:</b>  Walk for about 10 minutes from exhibition.</p>
<p>Return to the hotel, or you may hangout or have late night snacks at a nearby shopping centre.</p> <p><a href="#">Shopping Centre: F16 Shopping Centre</a>  <a href="#">Address: At the junction of Jinhui East Street and Jinhui South Street, Longhu District, Shantou</a></p>	<p><b>Bus:</b>  Walk for about 7 minutes from the restaurant to City No.2 Hospital bus stop. Take bus 22A towards Railway Station. Get off at Regency Hotel West and walk for about 1 minutes. (Total travel time about 46 minutes.)</p>
<b>Day 2</b>	
<p><b>Itinerary</b></p> <p><b>The Dynamic and Calm Nan'ao Island</b></p> <p>Nan'ao Island is a popular holiday destination with a long coastline. Visitors flock to enjoy the sunny beaches or visit various places of interest in Summer. Visitors have to pass through the 11-kilometre cable-stayed Nan'ao Bridge while enjoying the beautiful scenery on both sides. Upon arrival, strolling on the promenade and admiring the seaside scenery will prove to be very relaxing and satisfying.</p>   <p>The Wudi Temple at Xiangyun Square on Haibin Road is exquisitely decorated, especially the colourful roof statues with diverse shapes that make a visit worthwhile. This temple is also an important place for local residents to gather during big festivals for ritual ceremonies.</p> <p><a href="#">Wudi Temple</a>  <a href="#">Address: At the junction of Shanjiaoing Road and Yuxin Road East 1st Lane, Nan'ao Island, Nan'ao County, Shantou</a></p>	<p><b>Suggested Transportation</b></p> <p><b>Private Transfer:</b>  It is recommended to book a private transfer through the hotel or book a "Nan'ao Island Private Transfer" online. From the hotel to Nan'ao Island Promenade, the travel time about 1 hour.</p>
<p>Beef hot pot for lunch in Nan'ao County</p> <p><a href="#">Restaurant for reference: Haokelai Beef Hot Pot</a>  <a href="#">Address: Behind Guoxin Building, Zhongxing Road, Nan'ao Island, Nan'ao County, Shantou</a></p>	<p><b>Private Transfer:</b>  From Wudi Temple, the travel time about 10 minutes.</p>

## The Hideout of Song Dynasty's Emperors: Songjing Scenic Area



Nan'ao Island was a military stronghold in ancient times. Many historical figures have visited here, such as Emperor Bing of Song, Qi Jiguang and Yu Dayao, hence the many historical monuments left on the island. Located on a slope, Taizilou is allegedly the hideout from the

Yuan soldiers of the last two emperors of the Song Dynasty, Zhao Gang and Zhao Bing. The building is no longer there, leaving only the old trees and stone carvings for visitors to pay homage to its tragic history.

On the other hand, Songjing is a water well by the beach with water inside and not affected by the sea; a natural wonder with ever flowing fresh water since ancient times.



Address: Aoqian Village, Yun'ao Town, Nan'ao Island, Nan'ao County, Shantou

### Private Transfer:

From the restaurant, the travel time about 25 minutes.

## Gateway to Nature: Symbolic Tower of the Tropic of Cancer

The Symbolic Tower in the square is the 11th Symbolic Tower of the Tropic of Cancer in China. It is allegedly designed according to the word Chinese character "門" (door or gate). The supporting structure in the centre is in the shape of the Chinese character "北" (north) to support a globe with a diameter of 5 metres. At a total height of 13.6 metres, the tower rises in the square and faces the beach in a magnificent manner.



The Tropic of Cancer is the most northerly latitude at which the Sun can be directly overhead, as well as the dividing line between tropical and subtropical climates. There are also many shops selling souvenirs and local delicacies near the square.

Address: The Symbolic Tower of the Tropic of Cancer Square, Nan'ao Island, Nan'ao County, Shantou

### Private Transfer:

From Songjing Scenic Area, the travel time about 30 minutes.

## Zongbingfu: Military Office for Conscription

### Private Transfer:

From the Symbolic Tower of the Tropic of Cancer Square, the travel time about 20 minutes.

Located at the junction of Fujian and Guangdong in ancient times, Zongbingfu is the only military office on an island in the country. Due to its geographical importance, a military office was set up in the Ming Dynasty. Zongbingfu was ordered to be built by the then Deputy General Yan Jifang. An old banyan tree outside the office was named "Zheng Chenggong Conscript Tree" since according to legend, Zheng Chenggong had recruited soldiers many times here. There is still a huge stone weighing over 100 catties (60 kg) under the ancient tree, which had to be lifted by applicants in order to be drafted. There is also a Zheng Chenggong statue in the museum to commemorate his success in recovering Taiwan from the Dutch.



Address: Nanshan Road, Nan'ao Island, Nan'ao County, Shantou

Return to Shantou urban area to try authentic Chaozhou cuisine for dinner

Restaurant for reference: [Guiyuan Baizhou](#)  
Address: No. 103, Building 28, Guiyuan, Changping Road, Jinping District, Shantou

**Private Transfer:**  
From Zongbingfu, the travel time about 1 hour and 20 minutes.

Return to the hotel

**Bus:**  
Walk for about 3 minutes to Juyuan bus stop. Take bus 20 towards Jinye Island. Get off at Yiyuan Culture Square and walk for about 8 minutes. (Total travel time about 33 minutes.)

**Taxi:**  
About 15 minutes.

**Day 3**

**Itinerary**

Proceed to Chaozhou and check-in at the hotel

Hotel for reference: [Chaozhou Shuxiang Inn](#)  
Address: No. 301, Building D, Kaiyuan Square, Kaiyuan Road, Xiangqiao District, Chaozhou

**Suggested Transportation**

**Taxi:**  
From the hotel in Chaozhou, the travel time for about 1 hour.

## Retaining the Style of Tang Dynasty: The Magnificent Kaiyuan Temple

Kaiyuan Temple, also known as "Kaiyuan Town Guochan Temple", was built in the 26th year of the Kaiyuan period in the Tang Dynasty and has a history of over 1200 years. It is the place where the emperors were blessed, and the laws were announced throughout different dynasties. Although undergoing repairs continuously throughout the Song, Yuan, Ming and Qing dynasties, Kaiyuan Temple today still retains the main layout design of the Tang Dynasty, as well as incorporating the architectural art of various dynasties. The spectacular and popular temple, which has been classified as a Major Historical and Cultural Site Protected at the National Level, is surely worth a visit.



[Address: 32 Kaiyuan Road, Xiangqiao District, Chaozhou](#)

### On foot:

Walk for about 2 minutes from the Inn.

Recommended to have lunch near Kaiyuan Temple or Peifang Street

[Restaurant for reference: Lianhua Vegetarian House](#)

[Address: Kaiyuan Square, Kaiyuan Road, Xiangqiao District, Chaozhou](#)

### On foot:

Walk for about 2 minutes from Kaiyuan Temple.

## Declaration of Achievement: Paifang Street

If you like the Torii path of Fushimi Inari Shrine in Kyoto, Paifang Street in Chaozhou will not let you down. There are 23 large stone archways erected one after another along Taiping Road. Each archway records different merits and deeds and recognises outstanding people in terms of righteousness, merit and academics. There are still many houses of the Ming and Qing Dynasties and the Republic of China retained on both sides of the street. Some have been converted into inns, while others into teahouses. You can stroll around at the souvenir shops and restaurants on the streets.

[Address: Paifang Street, Taiping Road, Xiangqiao District, Chaozhou](#)

### On foot:

Walk for about 5 minutes from the restaurant.

## Get On the Guangjimen Gate Tower for a Great View of the City

In front of Xiangzi Bridge Guangjilou is also known as Hanjianglou or Dongmenlou. It is one of the most preserved ancient Chinese city walls. As Chaozhou landmark, Guangjilou is also one of the most spectacular of the seven gates of Chaozhou Ancient City. The construction of Guangjilou started in the third year of the Hongwu reign of the Ming Dynasty. Once on the city wall, visitors can overlook the scenes inside



and outside of the city, as well as the Hanjiang and Xiangzi bridges. Every evening, Guangjimen Gate Tower, Guangji Bridge and the opposite mountain light up, providing a different view of the night vista.

[Address: Guangjimen Gate Tower, Dongmen Street, Xiangqiao District, Chaozhou](#)

### On foot:

Walk for about 10 minutes from Paifang Street.

<p><b>The First In The World: Guangji Bridge</b></p> <p>Guangji Bridge, also called Xiangzi Bridge, is located across the Han River and is one of four ancient bridges in China. The bridge's unique design demonstrates of the wisdom of the ancient people. It embodies different forms of bridges, such as beam bridge, arch bridge and pontoon bridge. Being the first open-close bridge in the world, there are twenty piers on the bridge, with a section of pontoon bridge in the middle being connected with eighteen wooden spans in the shape of ships. In order to let cargo ships pass in the evening, the pontoon bridge will be drawn up after 5:30pm. There are two light shows at 8 pm and 9 pm in the evening to complement the beautiful night view every day.</p>  <p>Address: Guangji Bridge, Huancheng East Road, Xiangqiao District, Chaozhou Opening Hours: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm</p>	<p><b>On foot:</b> Walk for about 5 minutes from the gate tower.</p>
<p><b>The Memorial Temple of Hanyu: A Great Historical Figure</b></p> <p>The Memorial Temple of Hanyu was built to commemorate the Tang Dynasty writer Han Yu, which is now classified as a Major Historical and Cultural Site Protected at the National Level. Han was demoted to Chaozhou to be its provincial governor. In merely eight months, he introduced the advanced culture of the Central Plains to Lingnan to encourage education and better the lives of the peasants. He was highly praised for laying the foundation for many poets and writers from Chaoshan to develop. The main building of the temple is divided into front and the rear sections, which are both simple and elegant, solemn and dignified. There are many signs hanging on the beams in the temple, while inscriptions are found hanging on the walls, among which there are many masterpieces of calligraphy.</p> <p>Address: Foot of Bijia Hill, East Coast of Hanjiang, Xiangjiang District, Chaozhou Opening Hours: 8:30 am to 5:30 pm, Closed on Mondays</p>	<p><b>On foot:</b> Walk for about 7 minutes from Guangji Bridge.</p>
<p>Return to Xianquao District for dinner</p> <p>Restaurant for reference: Chaozhou Abin Beef Address: At the Junction of Nanjiao Road and Chunfu Street, Xiangqiao District, Chaozhou</p> <p>Dessert store for reference: Hu Rong Quan Address: Near Xiazhezhi Street and Nanchun Road, Xiangqiao District, Chaozhou</p>	<p><b>Bus:</b> Walk for about 4 minutes from the Memorial Temple of Hanyu to Hanwen Gongci bus stop. Take bus 110 towards Jiaojing Zhidui. Get off at Chaozhou Hospital and walk for about 11 minutes. (Total travel time about 38 minutes.)</p> <p><b>Taxi:</b> About 15 minutes.</p> <p><b>On foot:</b> Walk for about 12 minutes from the restaurant to the dessert store.</p>

<p>Return to the Inn, or enjoy the light show by the Han River</p> <p>Light Show Times: 8:00 pm and 9:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Bus:</b> Walk for about 6 minutes from the dessert store to Yuechao Market bus stop. Take bus 107 towards Fuli Park. Get off at Chengnan Primary School and walk for about 10 minutes. (Total travel time about 34 minutes.)</p> <p><b>Taxi:</b> About 15 minutes.</p>
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**Day 4**

<b>Itinerary</b>	<b>Suggested Transportation</b>
<p><b>Visit Local Residence and Enjoy Ku Fu Tea</b></p> <p>Zaiyang Inn is a typical architectural format of Chaozhou dwellings from the Qing Dynasty which is similar to the Siheyuan in Beijing. It consists of a front hall, a patio and back hall has been converted to a homestay. It not only preserves the historic buildings but also helps in tourism development, as it is open to visitors.</p> <p>The nearby Zaiyang Tea House is a building from the Republic of China, combining the aesthetic design of Western architecture and an apparent Nanyang style of arcade. The tea house is inheriting the Chaozhou culture by offering a stage for commoners and art organisations with tea served. Visitors will have a good time drinking Chaozhou Ku Fu tea.</p> <p><a href="#">Chaozhou Zaiyang Inn</a> Address: 15 Zaiyang Lane, Taiping Road, Xiangqiao District, Chaozhou</p>  <p><a href="#">Zaiyang Tea House</a> Address: 6 Yingju Lane, Yi'an Road, Xiangqiao District, Chaozhou</p> 	<p><b>On foot:</b> Walk for about 8 minutes from the Inn to Chaozhou Zaiyang Inn.</p> <p><b>On foot:</b> Walk for about 5 minutes to from the inn to Zaiyang Tea House.</p>

<p><b>Imperial Son-in-law Xu's Mansion from the Song Dynasty</b></p> <p>Imperial Son-in-law Xu's Mansion is the mansion of Princess De'an, daughter of the Emperor Yingzong of the Northern Song Dynasty, and her husband Xu Jue. It is known as a "rare residence of the Song Dynasty in China" and has been converted into a folk museum. It was first built in the Zhiping period under Emperor Yingzong reign in the Song dynasty. Although it has been repeatedly repaired in the past, it still retains its layout and features. Since this building was constructed, this Fudi-style dwelling with buildings on both sides of the mansion has gradually become popular in Chaozhou. The layout of the mansion is with "three entries and five rooms", which is both rigorous and elegant.</p> <p><a href="#">Address: 4 Dongfucheng, Putao Lane, Zhongshan Road, Xiangqiao District, Chaozhou</a></p>	<p><b>On foot:</b> Walk for about 12 minutes from the tea house.</p>
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<p>Recommended to have lunch near the Inn, and then return to the hotel to check out.  <a href="#">Restaurant for reference: Chao Shan Lou</a>  <a href="#">Address: Near the junction of Dongmen Street and Taiping Road, Xiangqiao District, Chaozhou</a></p>	<p><b>On foot:</b> Walk for about 16 minutes from the mansion to the restaurant.</p> <p><b>On foot:</b> Walk for about 5 minutes to the Inn.</p>
<p><b>Longhu Ancient Village: One of the Most Beautiful Villages</b></p> <p>Longhu Ancient Village was built in the Southern Song Dynasty. There are still over a hundred ancient buildings retained. The village is special as it boasts the “Ah Po Temple”, a female temple, which is very rare in an era of ancient history with strong male superiority. The Feng Shui here is said to be very good as many residents became government officials throughout the years. Unlike other villages, the residents are not under the same surname. At its peak, as many as 72 families with different surnames lived here.</p>  <p><a href="#">Address: Longhu Ancient Village, Shitou Village, Chaoan District, Chaozhou</a></p>	<p><b>Taxi:</b> About 30 minutes.</p>
<p>To Chaoshan Railway Station</p>	<p><b>Taxi:</b> Take a 25-minute taxi ride from Longhu Ancient Village</p>
<p>Chaoshan → Hong Kong [Chaoshan Railway Station → Hong Kong West Kowloon Station]</p>	<p>High Speed Rail</p>

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