


High Speed Rail: Xiamen, Fujian World Cultural Heritage 4-Day Trip

Day 1	
Itinerary	Suggested Transportation
Hong Kong → Xiamen (Hong Kong West Kowloon Station → Xiamen Railway Station)	High Speed Rail
<p>Check-in at hotel (Recommended to stay in a hotel in the city centre for convenient shopping and dining)</p> <p>Hotel: Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen Address: 12-8 Zhenhai Road, Siming District, Xiamen</p>	<p>Bus: From Xiamen Railway Station, take bus 1 towards Xiamen University. Get off at China City bus stop and walk for about 4 minutes. (Total travel time about 33 minutes.)</p> <p>Taxi: About 14 minutes.</p>
<p>Enjoy authentic local lunch</p> <p>Restaurant for reference: Zimu Fensi (Siming South Road branch) Address: 291-293 Siming South Road, Siming District, Xiamen</p>	<p>On foot: Walk for about 5 minutes from the hotel.</p>
<p>Perfect Spot to Watch Sunset – Huandao Road Seaside Scenic Area</p> <p>Xiamen's Huandao Road is the main route for international marathons. At 43 kilometres long, it is also known as one of the most beautiful marathon routes in the world. It is built along the coast, where you can see skyscrapers alongside the coastline and enjoy the boundless view of Taiwan Strait. There is even a chance to appreciate the beauty of the sun setting on the horizon when the weather is good. In summer, many people gather around the several beaches along the coast for sunbathing, making it a good place of leisure and entertainment. The Music Square and Calligraphy Square in the Huandao Road Scenic Area are both worth visiting and within walking distance.</p>  <p>Address: Huandao Road, Siming District, Xiamen</p>	<p>Bus: Walk for about 4 minutes from the hotel to Zhenhai Road bus stop. Take bus 29 towards Xitouxia Bus Station and get off at Xiamen University Baicheng bus stop (Total travel time about 33 minutes.)</p> <p>Taxi: About 25 minutes.</p>

Enjoy a Slow-Paced Life - Zengcuoan Pedestrian Street

The “cuo” in Zengcuoan means a house in Hokkien. This place has been converted from a fishing village with local customs and historical relics retained. Many visitors are attracted by its history and special snacks. Zengcuoan may seem like a food street at first glance, but between the alleyways, an atmosphere of literature and art surrounds the area, which earned itself the title of the “artsy fishing village”. Walking around the streets, there is a rich cultural atmosphere from distinctive restaurants, cafes and various art stores. The simple tea house on the corner and Cong Yu Bookstore are both worth to visit. A variety of special homestays are available for visitors to stay and enjoy a short relaxing holiday.



Address:
Zengcuoan, Siming District, Xiamen

Restaurant for reference: Old Xiamen A Ling Sha Cha Noodles
Address: 297 Zengcuoan She, Junction of Jiaotang Street and Zhongshan Street, Siming District, Xiamen

Bus:

From Xiamen University Baicheng Station, take bus 29 towards Xitouxia bus stop. Get off at Zengcuoan Station and walk for about 5 minutes. (Total travel time about 25 minutes.)

Taxi:

About 15 minutes.

Return to hotel

Bus:

From Zengcuoan Station, take bus 29 towards Pier No. 1. Get off at Maternal and Child Health Centre bus stop and walk for about 4 minutes. (Total travel time about 38 minutes.)

Taxi:

About 25 minutes.

Day 2

Itinerary

Depart from the hotel, go to Hua'an Tulou for authentic farmhouse cuisine

Restaurant for reference: Erguan Nongjiale
Address: Dadi Tulou Cluster, Dadi Village, Xiandu Township, Hua'an County, Chenzhou

*There is no public transport available to Hua'an Tulou. Hiring a private transfer is recommended. The single journey takes about 2 hours.

Suggested Transportation

Others:

It is recommended to enquire at the hotel about hiring a private transfer or book a "Xiamen Tulou Private Transfer" online.

Centuries of Human Wisdom – Hua'an Tulou

The Dadi Tulou Cluster was built between the reign of Qing Emperors Kangxi and Qianlong. It consists mainly of Eryilou, Nanyanglou and Dongyanglou, and has been included in the list of World Cultural Heritage sites. These different Tulou are built on the mountain, and their Feng Shui setup is deemed to be a masterpiece.

Eryilou has an implied meaning of “proper landscape, suitable for living”. The design is divided into an inner ring and an outer ring. The outer ring is four storeys high with up to 52 rooms on one level. The "hidden passages" on the fourth floor is an original design in response to the need for defence, which earned its title of the "King of Tolou."

Nanyanglou is a double-ring circular Tulou with a Feng Shui pool in front of the building. The stone carvings in the building are meticulously created. The design of the building ensures good ventilation and abundant lighting, while being warm in winter and cool in summer. It has now been converted into the “Fujian Tulou Museum”.



Dongyanglou adopts the shape of a square, while being low in the front and high in the back with corridors inside. There are 4 halls and 36 rooms in the main building. This type of Tulou is no longer built with

the concept of defence, but instead a pursuit in the comfort of living, hence being praised as the most suitable Tulou to live in.

Visiting Tips: As there are still residents in certain Tulous, visitors are usually not allowed to go upstairs, but some enthusiastic residents may open up their homes.

Address: Dadi Tulou Cluster, Dadi Village, Xiandu Township, Hua'an County, Zhangzhou
Opening Hours: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Others:

Take the hired private transfer back to Xiamen Ferry Terminal.

Eat, Play & Shop at Longtou Road Commercial Street

A trip to Xiamen will not be complete without visiting Gulangyu and certainly not complete without visiting the most prosperous Longtou Road commercial street. These commercial streets, including Longtou Street, Rixing Street and Jinxiang Street, were built in 1924 by a number of wealthy overseas Chinese businessmen. Many Nanyang Western-style buildings are still retained in this area, while the ground floors have been converted into popular restaurants, souvenir shops and craft shops, old and new. The Sanyi Hall, Sunlight Rock, Zheng Chenggong Memorial Hall, Organ Museum (Bagualou), Gulangyu Beach and Shuzhuang Garden are all worth a visit.

There are also a lot of special homestays in Gulangyu for you to stay in, in case you do not have enough time to explore the island.



Travel Tips:

Departure Terminal:
Xiamen Ferry Terminal

Return Terminal:
Sanqiutian Terminal
(24 hours)

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To go to Gulangyu, you must buy your ticket under real-name policy. You are suggested to purchase tickets online in advance during the peak season. All foreign visitors must board the ferry from Xiamen East Ferry Terminal to Gulangyu before 6:30 pm. Passengers may board the ferry from Xiamen Ferry Terminal to Gulangyu after 6:30 pm. <p>Address: Gulangyu, Siming District, Xiamen</p> <p>Restaurant for reference: Dan Man Guan (No. 91, Longtou Road)(Intangible Cultural Heritage) Address: 175 Longtou Road, Gulangyu, Siming District, Xiamen</p>	
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Return to the hotel	<p>Bus: After returning to Xiamen Ferry Terminal (Lujiang Road), take bus 841 at Ferry Post bus stop towards Xiamen University. Get off at Zhenhai Road Junction and walk for about 4 minutes. (Total travel time about 21 minutes.)</p> <p>Taxi: About 10 minutes.</p>
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Day 3

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<p>Understanding Local Culture - Laoyuanzi Folk Culture and Customs Garden</p> <p>Want to know more about Fujian Minnan culture? The Laoyuanzi Folk Culture and Customs Garden will suit you well. The customs and life of the people of southern Fujian are introduced here, as well as the local fishing villages, folk customs, Mazu, Nanyang and experience the ancestral culture from multiple perspectives. Take a journey back in time to see the difficult history of Minnan people working and fighting for their lives in Nanyang. There are as many as 22 attractions in the park, the most eye-catching of which is the giant Mazu statue in the Mazu Culture Village. The giant Mazu statue takes the form of a musical fountain, which rises in the water in an extraordinary and imposing manner.</p>  <p>Address: 9 Huaxia Road, Jimei District, Xiamen Opening hours: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Restaurant for reference: restaurants in the park</p>	<p>Taxi: About 38 minutes.</p>

<p>Nanyang Style - Jimei School Village</p> <p>Jimei School Village is an educational park founded by an overseas Chinese businessman Chen Jiageng in 1913. The beautiful and quiet environment encompasses a primary school, secondary school and a university. Jimei School Village covers a large area with attractions extending along Longzhou Lake. The buildings with a blend of Chinese and Western design features are typical architectural styles of Minnan overseas Chinese townships. The main attractions include Chen Jiageng's former residence, Jiageng Culture Square, Chen Jiageng Memorial Hall, Guilaitang and Guilaiyuan, Jiageng Park and Aoyuan. It is worth spending half a day to learn about the history of the overseas Chinese era and soak in the rare tranquillity.</p>  <p>Address: Jimei School Village, Jimei District, Xiamen</p>	<p>Metro: From Laoyuanzi Folk Culture and Customs Garden, walk for about 26 minutes or take a taxi to Tianshui Road Station. Take Metro Line 1 towards Zhenhai Road and get off at Jimei School Village Station. (Total travel time about 48 minutes.)</p> <p>Taxi: About 17 minutes.</p>
<p>Enjoy authentic local dinner</p> <p>Restaurant for reference: Huang Zehe Peanut Soup (Zhongshan Road) Address: 22-24 Zhongshan Road, Siming District, Xiamen</p>	<p>Metro: From Jimei School Village Station, take Metro Line 1 towards Zhenhai Road. Get off at Zhenhai Road and walk for about 15 minutes. (Total travel time about 48 minutes.)</p> <p>Taxi: About 29 minutes.</p>
<p>Return to hotel</p>	<p>On foot: Walk from the restaurant for about 13 minutes.</p>
<p>Day 4</p>	
<p>Itinerary</p> <p>Explore the Millennium Ancient Monastery, Savour "The World's No. 1 Vegetarian Feast"</p>  <p>Covering 30,000 square metres, Nanputuo Temple is a famous ancient monastery built at the end of the Tang Dynasty. The pool in front of the temple is built alongside the Wulao Peaks. The beautiful scenery attracts crowds of people who come here to pay tributes. Start your visit from the Tianwang Hall on the bottom of the mountain and climb up the steps all the way to the top of the Wulao Peaks, where you can enjoy the scenery of Siming District, and even Gulangyu in clear weather conditions. Nanputuo's vegetarian food is also well known in the local area. You can get vegetarian biscuits produced by the temple as a souvenir, with various flavours such as pumpkin, red beans, taro and green beans.</p> <p>Address: 515 Siming South Road, Siming District, Xiamen Opening hours: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Restaurant for reference: Puzhao Lou Lunch: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm / Dinner: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm</p>	<p>Suggested Transportation</p> <p>Bus: Walk for about 4 minutes from the hotel to Zhenhai Road bus stop. Take bus 1, 21 or 841 towards Xiamen University and get off at Xiamen University. (Total travel time about 25 minutes.)</p> <p>Taxi: About 17 minutes.</p>

Cat Lover's Paradise - Dingaozi Cat Street

You may find many people running around like cats on Dingaozi Cat Street, in search of cute cat figurines and accessories. Legend has it that the fishermen from Dingaozi used to raise a lot of cats to catch mice, and so the felines were frequently seen on Cat Street. But the neighbourhood around Cat Street has nowadays become a bustling centre. To pass on the memory of the old times, the community reshaped Cat Street as a token of appreciation towards the cats for their contribution. Now the street consists of a cat museum, cat-themed restaurants and boutiques, where visitors get busy taking photos and shopping.



Address:

398 Siming South Road, Siming District, Xiamen

On foot:

Walk for about 15 minutes from Nanputuo Temple.

Taxi:

About 5 minutes.

Collect your baggage from the hotel and go to Xiamen Railway Station

Bus:

From the hotel, walk for about 5 minutes to China City bus stop. Take bus 1 towards Railway Station South Square and get off at the terminal. (Total travel time about 36 minutes.)

Taxi:

About 17 minutes.

Xiamen → Hong Kong (Xiamen Railway Station → Hong Kong West Kowloon Station)

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