

Fuzhou

Fuzhou, formerly Romanized as Foochow, is an old port city, Marco Polo visited it. In the 19th century, it exported more tea than any other Chinese port. Today, it is the capital and one of the largest cities in Fujian province, China. Fuzhou locates in southeast coast of China and is divided from Taiwan Island by Taiwan Strait. Its population was 7.15 million inhabitants, of which urban represents 61.95% while rural population consisting 38.08%. Fuzhou is one of the 14 open costal port cities. The city is also the famous overseas Chinese hometown in China. There are as many as 3 million overseas Chinese originally from Fuzhou, distributing in 102 countries and regions of five continents. Besides Mandarin, Fuzhou region has its own language, called Fuzhou Hua (Fuzhou speech) or Mindong (Eastern Min, where "min" is another name for Fujian).



Fuzhou has a humid subtropical climate influenced by the East Asian Monsoon; the summers are long, very hot and humid, and the winters are short, mild and dry. In most years, torrential rain occurs during the monsoon in the second half of May. Fuzhou is also liable to typhoons in late summer and early autumn. The monthly 24-hour average temperature ranges from 10.9 °C (51.6 °F) in January to 28.9 °C (84.0 °F) in July, while the annual mean is 19.84 °C (67.7 °F). With monthly percent possible sunshine ranging from 24 percent in March to 54 percent in July, the city receives 1,607 hours of bright sunshine annually.





On the Min River, Fuzhou is a few km inland from the sea. There are many mountains and waterfalls in the hinterland, while sandy beaches are abundant in the coastal areas. The region also has its own culture and an architectural style distinct from other regions in China and Fujian, which can be found both in the city and in the towns and rural areas around it. Tourist attractions, including Sanfang Qixiang, West Lake, Wu Ta, Wulongjiang Shidi Park etc, Banyan King in Fuzhou National Forest Park are good recommendations for visiting.

Fuzhou has air links to most other major Chinese cities plus flights to Hong Kong, Singapore, Osaka and Taipei. Fuzhou Changle International Airport is around an hour drive from town. Fuzhou Railway station is in the northeast of the city. The Wenzhou–Fuzhou and Fuzhou–Xiamen Railways form part of the Southeast Coast High-Speed Rail Corridor and can accommodate high-speed trains at speeds of up to 250 km/h (155 mph). The Nanping–Fuzhou Railway and Xiangtang–Putian Railway provide rail access inland. There are already the first metro line opened, and another three lines are under construction, while two additional lines are planned. City taxis and buses are convenient to get in and will bring you to most downtown area in a very affordable price.

