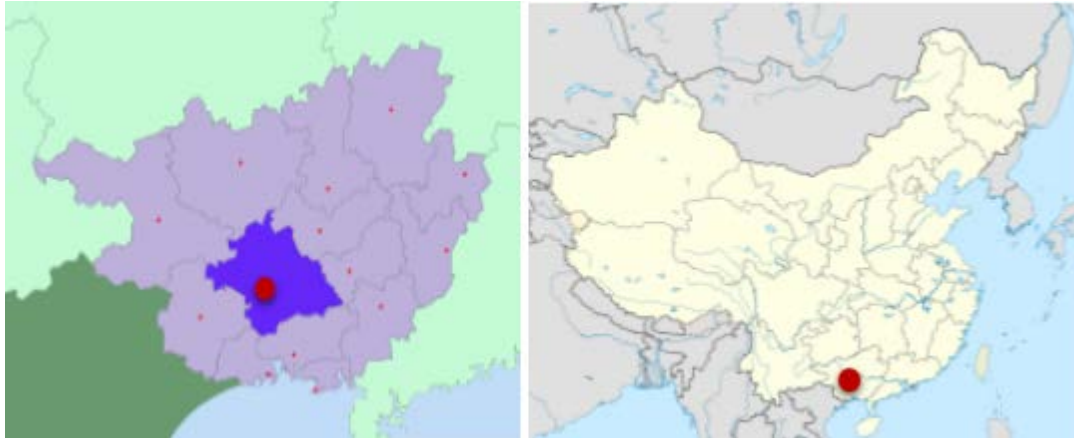


Nanning

Nanning (Chinese: 南宁; pinyin: Nán níng) is the capital of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region in southern China and is the political, economic and cultural center of the region, covering a population of 7.4 million (among which the majority is people of Zhuang ethnic group) by the end of 2015. Bordering Vietnam, the city is neighbor to Guangzhou, close to Hong Kong and Macau, and faces Southeast Asia. This advantageous location makes the city a commercial and communication center, opening China to Southeast Asia and the city is selected as the permanent site for China-Asean Expo and China-Asean Business and Investment Summit.



Nanning has a warm, monsoon-influenced humid subtropical climate, with an annual mean temperature of 21.82 °C (71.3 °F). Summers are hot and humid with July, the hottest month, having a 24-hour average temperature of 28.4 °C (83.1 °F). Winters are mild and somewhat damp with January, the coolest month, averaging 12.9 °C (55.2 °F) in January. From February to August, rain is most frequent and relative humidity consistently averages above 80 percent; the annual rainfall is 1,310 millimeters (51.6 in). With monthly percent possible sunshine ranging from 17 percent in March to 51 percent in September, the city receives 1,585 hours of bright sunshine annually. Pleasant climate endows the city with evergreen trees and fragrant flowers all year round, hence the name 'Green City'.



Being a modern city, its accommodation and shopping are diverse and well developed for visitors. Hotels and hostels of different standards can meet various needs. In the city's commercial center, supermarkets, department stores, specialty commodity streets, bookstores and other retail markets offer a variety of merchandise. When night falls, colorful street lamps lit the city. Under the lights, the locals become active, visiting nightclubs, gyms, bars, and coffee houses. People of all ages can be seen walking or relaxing in the city's many squares or along the river.

Convenient transportation systems make the city easily accessible. Nanning Wuxu Airport (NNG), Nanning Railway Station and East Railway Station serve as hubs for other cities in China. Public buses, subway and taxis are plentiful and inexpensive.

As the linking point of the tour route from Guilin to Beihai, Nanning has a lot of attractions to offer: grand De Tian Waterfall, beautiful Mt. Qingxiu and Mt. Daming, quiet Yangmei Ancient Town, mysterious Huashan Mural as well as scattered parks and gardens.

