FIELD GUIDE / COMPLETE EDITION

Guangzhou Shopping Field Guide

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Match Cantonese food gifts to the journey ahead.

Pair illustrated gifts and Cantonese pastries in Xiguan, or choose a separate modern retail outing. Check food labels, storage and how much you can carry.

8 places, with a reason to choose each

Four starting points from the free city guide plus four additional researched stops. Each card includes a fit, a reason to skip and a question that changes the purchase.

3 ready-to-adapt outings

Choose by interests and a spending cap. Each plan includes priorities, a fallback and something to cut when time or money is tight.

A kit for the shop counter

Recipient-matched gifts, bilingual questions, a worked comparison, packing decisions and a purchase record.

Research edition: 17 September 2026. Independent public-source research, not personal store visits. Prices, stock, access and opening hours are not live-verified. Route budgets are planning examples, not seller quotations.

01 / CHOOSE BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

Which stop earns its place?

Use this board to build a short list. The four additional stops are marked +; the complete guide also expands the original four.

01 Fangsuo Commune - Guangzhou

Someone comparing books, clothing and small lifestyle objects in Tianhe.

Skip: Pass if the display is appealing but the item has no clear use at home.

02 Lianxianglou - Dishifu Road

Someone buying a small amount of Cantonese pastries or biscuits.

Skip: Pass on fillings or storage needs that do not suit your onward journey.

03 Momi Café - Yongqingfang

A Yongqingfang visitor wanting a light, illustrated gift.

Skip: Pass on a special trip until the branch is reconfirmed.

04 Grandbuy - Beijing Road

Someone seeking conventional brand comparisons and an in-person fitting.

Skip: Pass if the exact item, size or counter's return conditions are unclear.

05 Yicai Canton porcelain studio - Yongqingfang +

A buyer who wants a specific Guangzhou craft and is willing to ask how it was made.

Skip: Skip a ceramic purchase if you cannot protect it in your luggage; browse the decoration and buy paper gifts at Momi instead.

06 Xiuyunyuan - Canton embroidery studio +

Someone buying one considered textile gift for a person who appreciates craft.

Skip: Pass if only large framed or made-to-order work suits your taste and you cannot arrange collection.

07 Guangzhou Book Centre - Tianhe +

A reader with a subject in mind, or a family choosing an illustrated book together.

Skip: Skip a second bookstore if you have already found the exact edition at Fangsuo.

08 Guangdong Museum - cultural-product shops +

A visitor wanting the purchase to connect to a real museum collection.

Skip: Skip the journey if admission is unavailable or you only need an ordinary notebook.

Route cards follow on pages 3-5. Detailed stop cards are on pages 6-13. Copyable Chinese addresses are embedded text; save the PDF on your phone before travelling.

02 / OUTING 1

Xiguan: choose one craft, then buy pastries

For one thoughtful handmade-style gift and a small edible souvenir.

Your spending cap: CNY 800

Illustrative allocations, not current store prices. Only costs explicitly listed below are included; budget separately for anything else. The cap is not a target.

One craft purchase ceiling: CNY 500

Paper gifts: CNY 80

Packaged pastries: CNY 120

Packing and unspent reserve: CNY 100

1. Xiuyunyuan - Canton embroidery studio

Start with embroidery and ask for the finished, packed dimensions. Record a price without committing.

2. Yicai Canton porcelain studio - Yongqingfang

Compare a small porcelain piece with the textile. Spend the craft allowance at only one studio; keep it if neither fits.

3. Momi Café - Yongqingfang

Choose flat Guangzhou illustrations if the craft options exceed your cap or luggage limit.

4. Lianxianglou - Dishifu Road

Finish on Dishifu Road with a small labelled pastry pack, after the other browsing is over.

If a stop does not work

If either craft studio is closed, use Momi for the gift and keep the craft allowance. Do not turn a closed door into pressure to buy from an unrelated stall.

Short on time or budget?

Drop the second craft studio after finding an item you can describe and pack confidently.

Before you head back

End at Lianxianglou; put pastries on top of the bag and keep fragile craft in its fitted packaging.

03 / STOP 05 / ADDITIONAL SELECTION

Yicai Canton porcelain studio - Yongqingfang

Canton painted porcelain

This named studio provides a more focused Canton porcelain visit than browsing anonymous souvenir stalls. Ask staff to explain the decoration on one finished piece before looking at larger work. The district's published shop address dates from 2020; a 2023 tax-authority report confirms the operator's Yongqingfang retail workshop.

Best for

A buyer who wants a specific Guangzhou craft and is willing to ask how it was made.

Look for

A small finished porcelain piece or a lighter gift using Canton porcelain motifs.

Make this comparison

Choose a small finished piece over a painting class when leaving Guangzhou soon. If two objects look similar, compare the painting method and finish before paying for a larger box.

Walk away or skip when

Skip a ceramic purchase if you cannot protect it in your luggage; browse the decoration and buy paper gifts at Momi instead.

一彩非遗广彩体验馆

广州市荔湾区永庆坊东横街1-3号（非遗街区内）

1-3 Dongheng Street, Yongqingfang heritage quarter, Liwan District

One last check at the counter

Confirm the current entrance before a special trip. Ask which decoration is hand-painted, whether the object is for display or food use, and how it should be cleaned. A workshop piece may need firing and later collection.

Liwan district media centre: studio and address

Guangdong tax authority: Yongqingfang retail workshop, July 2023

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