

# Overview of Urban Transportation in the Nine Mainland Cities of the Greater Bay Area (Updated as at the year ended 2019)

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## Operation of Main Public Transportation in the Cities

### Guangzhou

Means of Transportation	Main Route	Price
<b>Metro</b> (6:00-23:00)	Metro lines include Line 1 to Line 9, Line 13, Line 14, Line 14 (Sino-Singapore Guangzhou Knowledge City), Line 21, Line 3 Northern Extension, Guangfo Line and APM Line (as of November 2019).	Section fare arrangement is adopted with a starting fare at RMB 2. A 5% discount on the metro fare is offered to passengers using “Yangchengtong” stored value cards. Passengers taking buses or metro for the 16th time onwards within one month and paying with the “Yangchengtong” may enjoy a 40% discount on subsequent rides.
<b>Buses</b> (6:00-22:00; night services available)	City bus routes (including night services) and Guangzhou Bus Rapid Transit (“BRT”); suburban districts such as Huadu district, Panyu district and Nansha district have separate bus networks.	Most air-conditioned buses on city bus routes charge at RMB 2, while non-air-conditioned buses charge at RMB 1. Buses operating in remote districts charge at higher fares.
<b>Taxis*</b>	Taxis of different taxi companies are distinguished by colours, including red, yellow, blue, gold and green. The fares are the same.	The fare in city areas is RMB 12 for the first 3 kilometers, charged based on the records of taximeters. After first 3 kilometers, RMB 2.6 is charged for every subsequent kilometer up to 15 kilometers. From 15 to 25 kilometers, the fare is increased by 20% per kilometer, and after 25 kilometers, increased by 50% per kilometer. Fares are 30% higher than the standard rates at night (i.e. 23:00 to 5:00 next day).
<b>Water Buses (6:00-24:00; different lines have different service hours)</b>	Guangzhou water bus services have 14 routes, 35 docks and 51 passenger ships in total. The total mileage is 58.8 kilometers.	The fare is RMB 1 to RMB 2. Discounts are offered to passengers using “Yanchengtong” cards.

### Shenzhen

Means of Transportation	Main Route	Price
<b>Metro</b> (6:30-23:00)	Metro lines include Line 1 to Line 5, Line 7, Line 9 and Line 11 (as of November 2019).	Section fare arrangement is adopted with a starting fare at RMB 2. Passengers can stay within the paid area for at most 210 minutes after entering the gate. If a passenger exits the

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		gate after the time limit, the passenger shall pay the maximum fare of a single direction journey.
<b>Buses</b> (6:30-22:30; night services available)	Main route buses (in blue-green): run on main roads and have bus route numbers starting with numbers, or letter M.	For air-conditioned buses, a flat rate of RMB 2 is charged for journeys under 28 kilometers. The rate for non-air-conditioned buses is RMB 1. Section fare arrangement is adopted for journey exceeding 28 kilometers. The fares for air-conditioned buses range from RMB 2 to RMB 10, while the fares for non-air-conditioned buses range from RMB 1 to RMB 7.
	Regional route buses (in yellow): run on regional routes and have bus route numbers starting with letter B.	
	Express route buses (in green): run on expressway and city express routes; have fewer stops and bus route numbers starting with letter E, or letter K.	
	Night buses: bus route numbers starting with letter N.	
<b>Taxis</b>	Taxis are in red, green or blue colour, in which, green taxis can only operate outside border of Baoan and Longgang districts, while blue taxis are electric vehicles.	The fare in city areas is RMB 10 for the first 2 kilometers, charged based on the records of taximeters. RMB 2.6 per subsequent kilometer after the first 2 kilometers, and RMB 0.8 per minute of waiting time. For red taxis, an extra RMB 3 of fuel surcharges has to be charged. At night (23:00 to 6:00), the rate for each kilometer is increased by 30% starting from 25 kilometers.

Note: Hong Kong and Macao residents at the age of 60 or above may take the Shenzhen city buses and metro (standard class only) for free with their residence permits. (Hong Kong and Macao residents may be required to present their residence permits upon request to prove their rights to enjoy the above free services.)

## Foshan

Means of Transportation	Main Route	Price
<b>Metro</b> (6:00-23:15)	Foshan metro line is Guangfo line (i.e. Foshan metro Line 1). Some stations of Foshan metro line are transit stations to Guangzhou metro lines.	Section fare arrangement is adopted with a starting fare at RMB 2. "Yangchengtong" cards can be used.
<b>Buses</b> (6:30-22:30, night services available)	Foshan bus routes is divided into four districts: Changui district; Shunde, Ronggui and Daliang districts; Southwest Sanshui district and Gaoming Hecheng district. Each district has its own internal bus route network. The districts are linked by Foshan city buses.	All city bus are self-service ticketing. Fares are paid on the bus. The standardized bus fare is RMB 2 if paid with coins or RMB 1.4 if paid by cards. Transit within 60 minutes is RMB 0.7.

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<b>Taxis</b>	Taxi bookings are mostly made through the taxi call station (Tel: 820-23456); Booking via apps is an alternative (e.g. Foshanxing).	The fare is RMB 10 for the first 2.5 kilometers, and RMB 2.8 for every subsequent kilometer after the first 2.5 kilometers. Fares are increased by 20% for each kilometer from 12 to 25 kilometers, and further increased by 50% from 25 kilometers onwards. Empty return fees are charged by sections.

## Dongguan

Means of Transportation	Main Route	Price
<b>Metro</b> (6:30-22:30)	Lines in operation include Line 2. (Note: As at November 2019, Line 1 was still under construction.)	Section fare arrangement is adopted with a starting fare at RMB 2.
<b>Buses</b>	Available public bus services include city buses, tour buses and cross-town buses.	Section fare arrangement is adopted with a starting fare at RMB 2. Swipe “Dongguantong” cards when boarding and alighting the buses may enjoy 10% discount.
<b>Taxis</b>	Taxis are in blue or yellow colour.	The fare is RMB 8 for the first 2 kilometers, and RMB 2.75 for every subsequent kilometer (after first 2 kilometers). Fuel surcharges have been cancelled. RMB 0.5 is charged per minute of waiting time. The fare is increased by 15% for each kilometer exceeding 15 kilometers. Both starting fare and subsequent fares may be increased by 20% at night 23:00 to next day 5:00.

## Huizhou

Means of Transportation	Main Route	Price
<b>Buses</b> (6:00-22:00)	All city bus routes adopt self-service ticketing and charge a flat rate regardless of distances.	RMB 2 for air-conditioned buses and RMB 1 for non-air-conditioned buses. Discounts are available for passengers using IC cards to take air-conditioned buses.
<b>Taxis</b>	Available in New Fukang and New Jetta models.	The fare is RMB 8 for the first 2 kilometers. After the first 2 kilometers, RMB 2.6 is charged for every subsequent kilometer. RMB 0.5 is charged per minute of waiting time. Fares are increased by 30% per kilometer for every kilometer exceeding 12 kilometers. Subsequent fares may be increased by 20% at night 23:00 to 5:30 next day.

## Zhongshan

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<b>Buses</b>	Public buses include city buses and tour buses.  The Bus Rapid Transit (“BRT”) has 13 stations from Lihe Plaza to the Torch Public Transport Interchange.	Bus fares are RMB 2 through self-service ticketing machines. Bus fares are RMB 1 (within 3 stations) through service counter and additional RMB 0.5 for each station over 3 stations.  The BRT charges a flat rate of RMB 2 per person, discounts available with the use of “Zhongshantong”.
<b>Taxis</b>	Available in Sonata and Jetta models.	The fare is RMB 8 for the first 2 kilometers. After first 2 kilometers, RMB 2.72 is charged for every subsequent kilometer. Fuel surcharges are exempted. For regional taxis, the starting fare is RMB 7 for every 2 kilometers. RMB 22.5 is charged per hour of waiting time. After 12 kilometers, fares are increased to RMB 3.52/km during daytime and RMB 4.04/km during night time. Fares are further increased by 15% at 23:00 to 5:00 next day.

## Jiangmen

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<b>Buses</b>	Buses are the main means of transportation, include city buses and tour buses.	Bus fares range from RMB 1 to RMB 2.
<b>Taxis</b>		The fare is RMB 7 for the first 2 kilometers. Fuel surcharges are exempted. After the first 2 kilometers, RMB 2.7 is charged for every subsequent kilometer. For journey exceeding 12 kilometers, an additional 30% return toll will be charged. Fares will be further increased by 20% at 23:00 to 6:00 next day.

## Zhuhai

Means of Transportation	Main Route	Price
<b>Buses</b>	The bus network is well-developed and can basically cover most areas in city.	Bus fares are standardized at RMB 2 and tickets are purchased at self-service ticketing machines.
<b>Taxis</b>	Type 1 cars (super luxury model)	The fare is RMB 12 for the first 2.5 kilometers, after the first 2.5 kilometers is RMB 3 for every subsequent kilometer. Fares will further be increased by 30% at night (i.e. 23:00-6:00).
	Type 2 cars (luxury model)	The fare is RMB 10 for the first 2.5 kilometers. After the first 2.5 kilometers, RMB 2.6 is charged for every subsequent kilometer. Fares

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		will be increased by 30% at night (i.e. 23:00-6:00).

## Zhaoqing

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<b>Buses</b>	The main bus routes are routes no. 1, 2, 5A, 6 and 25A.	The basic bus fare is RMB 2/person and tickets are purchased at self-service ticketing machines.
<b>Taxis</b>		The fare is RMB 6.5 for the first 2 kilometers, after first 2 kilometers is RMB 2.4 for every subsequent kilometer.

## Tips for taking public transport

### Mobile phone app

Public buses and metro in certain cities have already adopted QR codes for passengers to purchase tickets. Passengers can install local public transportation apps (eg. “Shenzhentong+”, “Dongguantong” etc.) or mini programs (eg. “WeChat-Wallet-City service-Yangchengtong” etc.) in their mobile phones and scan the QR codes with the phones to pay the fares when boarding the vehicles.

### Car-hailing software

Recently, car-hailing software has become increasingly popular in the Mainland, the most common ones being Didi Chuxing and Shenzhou Zhuanche. Some of the car-hailing companies would raise their fares during traffic peak hours or rainy days. For safety reasons, women travelling alone during night time or to rural areas are recommended to use hire cars or taxis instead.

### Bicycle-sharing\*

Many types of bicycle-sharing services are available in the market and users are recommended to choose the most common types. For certain bicycle models, cyclists are not required to pay deposits for the sharing service if their Alipay credits are used for payment. However, some new bicycle-sharing programs do not allow refunds of deposits, which may cause financial loss to cyclists.

Since certain roads in the Mainland do not have specific lanes for bicycles, cyclists should pay attention to road safety when using shared bicycles. They should dismount and push their bicycles if the traffic condition is complicated. They should also not speed through red lights or ride on single-lane roads. When making turns, cyclists should look around and give way to pedestrians, and should not force their way with other vehicles.

\*Note: In the Mainland, bicycles are known as “Zixingche”.

## Rules on road trip

### Driving etiquette

- Right-side traffic (motor vehicles, non-motor vehicles such as bicycles, pedestrians)
- When the red light is on, vehicles may turn right as long as they do not obstruct forward-moving vehicles or pedestrians. But if the red arrow sign is on, right-turning vehicles should not proceed to make such turns.

Besides, some of the 9 Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area have imposed restrictions on the traffic of “non-local” vehicles, particularly:

#### Guangzhou

- “Open 4 Stop 4”: Small-and-medium-sized coaches not registered in Guangzhou may only operate in the restricted zone for at most 4 days each time they enter the zone. After leaving, the coaches may only re-enter the zone at least 4 days later. Such restriction is valid for 24 hours a day.
- This measure is effective for 5 years starting from 1 July 2018.

#### Shenzhen

- Unless the vehicles are heading for the Shenzhen ports or the airport, passenger vehicles without Shenzhen-registered license plate are prohibited from running on Shenzhen roads during peak hours (7:00-9:00, 17:30-19:30) on working days,
- This measure is effective from 1 August 2019 to 8 August 2020.

Note: For more details on local regulations, please refer to the websites of the local Traffic Management Bureaus.

Hong Kong residents should bring along their driving licenses when driving in the Mainland. If a Hong Kong resident holds a valid Hong Kong or overseas driving license, meets the requirements of the Ministry of Public Security on driving and passes the relevant assessments, he/she can apply for a Mainland driving license. Meanwhile, Hong Kong residents holding valid Hong Kong or overseas driving licenses may apply for temporary Mainland driving licenses from the Traffic Management Bureau of the Ministry of Public Security. The validity period of these temporary licenses is no more than 3 months. For more details regarding the application for driving licenses or driving permits, please refer to the websites of local Traffic Management Bureaus.

If Hong Kong residents need to rent cars for use in the 9 Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area, they are usually required to sign rental contracts with the car rental companies, provide photocopies of their Home Return Permits and driving licenses, and specify the expected rental period. For details, please refer to the websites of the car rental companies and the mobile application.

## Appendix

### 1. Apps and softwares for download

**Shenzhentong**



**Shenzhentong** <https://www.shenzhentong.com/> (Chinese version only)

**Dongguantong**



**Dongguantong** <http://www.dongguantong.com.cn/portal/> (Chinese version only)

**Yangchengtong**



**Yangchengtong** <https://www.wxnmh.com/user-81231.htm> (Chinese version only)

**Didi Chuxing**



**Didi Chuxing** <https://www.didiglobal.com/>

**Shenzhou Zhuanche**



**Shenzhou Zhuanche** <https://www.10101111.com/> (Chinese version only)

**Shenzhou Zuche**



**Shenzhou Zuche** <https://en.zuche.com/>

### 2. Websites of the Public Security Bureaus/Traffic Departments of Guangdong Province and major cities (Chinese version only)

**Department of Transport of Guangdong Province**

<http://td.gd.gov.cn/>

**Traffic Police Bureau of Shenzhen Municipal Public Security Bureau**

<http://szjj.sz.gov.cn/#page1>

**Bureau of Public Security of Guangzhou Municipality Information Centre**

<http://cgs.gzjd.gov.cn/cgs/html/hall/index.html>

**Foshan Traffic Police Service Online Service Centre**

<http://fsjj.fsga.foshan.gov.cn/>

**Traffic Police Website of the Dongguan Public Security Bureau**

<http://jjzd.dg.gov.cn/>

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