



Living in Zhuhai

**DULWICH INTERNATIONAL | ZHUHAI |
HIGH SCHOOL**

德威国际高中，珠海市华发对外交流培训学校



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Language:

Cantonese is the indigenous language of Zhuhai, it being a part of the Pearl River Delta. Nevertheless, due to the massive influx of immigrants from other parts of China over the last two decades, Mandarin is now the lingua franca. English is not widely used. Mandarin courses are plentiful here with many people having one-to-one tuition at reasonable rates.

Religion:

Although China is officially atheist, many Chinese people are religious. The main religion in China is Buddhism, which is often mixed with Chinese philosophy, folklore and traditional mythology. There is a small minority of Muslims in the north-western part of the country.

Holidays:

China has a number of public holidays and festivals celebrated throughout the year. The most important being the Chinese New Year during which most shops and businesses close. New Year celebration falls between January and February each year. And the fireworks are not to be missed. Some of these holiday dates are not fixed and are only announced to the community when official confirmation is received. Typically, they are:

- The first day of January
- Chinese New Year
- Qingming (a.k.a Tomb-Sweeping Day)
- Labour Day
- Dragon Boat Festival
- Mid-Autumn Festival
- National Day 1st-3rd October

Location:

Located in the Pearl River Delta of China, Zhuhai borders the former Portuguese colony Macau to the south. By Sea, former British colony Hong Kong is just across the bay to the east. It is 7 hours' time difference with UK and 12 hours with New York.

Children in Dulwich Colleges:

College accommodation is within walking distance to the school with vast greenery and open spaces. The compounds have their own swimming pools and play areas for Children. As a laid back city, Zhuhai also has a great deal to offer children with seaside parks and river front entertainment venues.

Health and Medical Facilities:

There is a western doctor on site in the International Community Hospital in Huafa New Town, the same compound where the school and staff housings are located, which is easily available to staff. First rate western medical services are also available just across the border in Macau.

Climate:

With a pleasant subtropical maritime monsoon climate, Zhuhai's annual average temperature is 22.3 °C. April to August accounts for 76 % of the annual rainfall and most typhoons. Its spring and autumn are relatively short compared with summer and winter. Zhuhai starts the year in a humid midwinter, when temperatures won't be extremely low, but it feels a lot colder than it actually is. Spring brings warmth and humidity; it starts to be very hot during May, and doesn't cool down until early October.

Accommodations:

The school is located in one of the best housing estates named Huafa New Town and Huafa New Century in the city, where an ideal apartment is easy to find, sometimes with amazing river views. The average size is 3 bedrooms of around 120 square meters on fully furnished basis, mainly the refrigerator, wash machine, air-conditioning, television and cooker.

There are swimming pools and a high-end gym centre within the housing compound.

The school provides housing for all overseas-hired teachers. Apartment will be ready for you upon your arrival. Prior to your arrival, you will be asked about general preferences in the type of apartments, base on which the agent will search through their resource and email you a selection of options.



Transportation:

Buses and Taxis will be your main form of transportation in the city. The drivers generally do not speak English, so it would be a good idea to have your destinations written in Chinese. The city is well connected to the provincial capital city Guangzhou by high-speed train (1.2 hour) and to metropolitan Hong Kong and Shenzhen by ferry boat (1hour).

Shopping:

There are large shopping malls, supermarket and farm product markets in the city, Carrefour, Wal-Mart, PARKN SHOP, Jusco to name just a few.

Fresh fruits and vegetables can be brought from the wet market as well as small shops around your neighborhood. Chaoyang wet market, Waizhai seafood market and Nanping seafood market offers seafoods, fresh from the sea.

There are some international delicatessens, bakeries and butchers importing foreign foods. Zhuhai also has some restaurants serving everything from various Asian cuisines, Italian, Mexican, Indian, Thai, American and even fish and chips.

Leisure and Entertainment:

There are bars, nightclubs and discos along the riverfront commercials and near the seaside. For ideas of good restaurant and bars, check out <http://www.deltabridges.com/zhuhai>. In Autumn each year culture bureaus arrange Beach Music Festival and Jazz Festival that has international entertainers to perform. Zhuhai also offers golf courts of good quality, benefited from the city's large area of green pastures. Another popular entertainment option is the various hot springs in the western suburban region, which draws many tourists from nearby cities.



Sports:

Located within the college housing compound there is a Gym center covering an area of 20,000 sqm where good facilities are available for a wide range of activities such as basketball, badminton, tennis, swimming, Yoga, SPA etc.

Golf is not to be missed with a number of beautiful golf courts despite it is considered elite sports among local Chinese.

Car racing competitions can be enjoyed several times in the year. Zhuhai is one of the few cities in China that has motor race tracks qualified for holding international race including Formula One.

Radio and TV:

There are several local English channels in digital TV in normal household. Overseas English channels Packages including BBC, HBO, NHK, Star, are available at the price of RMB 4000 ~ 5000 for a satellite cable installation. Most TV shows being aired on overseas channels can also be found in fake DVDs at cheap price, which are plentiful and easily available at shops.

Culture and Restaurants:

Please add in any additional comments about cultural adjustments or things that maybe difficult when first arriving at a Dulwich College.

Useful websites and links:

<http://www.deltabridges.com/zhuhai>

<http://thatsmags.com/prd>