

Local Information: Transport

Shuttle Bus Schedule

Shuttle buses are available for transport, to and from the Conference Centre each day, for those staying at either the Lujiang or the Mei Du Hotel. The Seaside Hotel is connected to the Conference Centre, and transport is only available to return from the visit to Xiamen University on 7th March.

5th March

Event	Time	From	To
Icebreaker	16:30	Lujiang Hotel Mei Du Hotel	Conference Centre
	19:10	Conference Centre	Lujiang Hotel Mei Du Hotel

6th March

Event	Time	From	To
Conference	08:30	Lujiang Hotel	Conference Centre
	08:40	Mei Du Hotel	Conference Centre
	18:30	Conference Centre	Lujiang Hotel Mei Du Hotel

7th March

Event	Time	From	To
Conference	08:30	Lujiang Hotel	Conference Centre
	08:40	Mei Du Hotel	Conference Centre
University Visit	17:30	Conference Centre	Xiamen University
	20:30	Xiamen University	Lujiang Hotel Mei Du Hotel Seaside Hotel

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8th March

Event	Time	From	To
Conference	08:30	Lujiang Hotel	Conference Centre
	08:40	Mei Du Hotel	Conference Centre
Banquet	21:00	Conference Centre	Lujiang Hotel Mei Du Hotel

9th March

Event	Time	From	To
Conference	08:30	Lujiang Hotel	Conference Centre
	08:40	Mei Du Hotel	Conference Centre
	12:45	Conference Centre	Lujiang Hotel Mei Du Hotel

Taxis

Taxis can be hailed down with ease (with the exception of rush hour 17:00 to 18:00) in the downtown area and at major scenic spots on the outskirts. The taxi fare charge in Xiamen is 8RMB for the first 3 km and 2RMB per km thereafter. Fares are subject to a 50% surcharge when the journey exceeds 8km.

Alternatively, GPRS Call Centre (Tel: 5320000) offers a telephone service to book a taxi at your request. The company is non-English speaking so you may need to ask your doorman to call for you.

Public Buses

Several public transport routes are available within the city. A fare of 1RMB must be entered into a box on entry, therefore, change is required.

Public Bus Routes

Conference Centre – Lujiang Hotel

Route 19 (30 stops)
Route 30 (26 stops)
Route 503 (28 stops)

Stop required is the Lujiang Hotel, downtown Ferry Station (translated to 'Hai Bin Da Sha Zhan' and 'Lun Du Zhan')

Conference Centre- Mei Du Hotel

Route 202 108 805 98 95 91 36 30 (3 stops)
Route 101, 19 (5 stops)
Stop required is the Mei Du Hotel (translated to Hua Lin Zhan)

Mei Du Hotel – Lujiang Hotel

Route 19 (25 stops)
Route 30 (23 stops)
Route 509 (24 stops)
Route 28 (26 stops)

Organised Events

Buffet Lunch

Date: 6th, 7th and 8th March

Time: 12:25 – 13:30

Venue: Gulang Banquet Hall, 1st Floor, Seaside Hotel

University Tour & Dinner

Date: 7th March

Time: 17:30 – 20:30 (See Shuttle Bus Schedule)

Venue: Nanputuo Temple & Round-Table, Yifu Building, Xiamen University

Banquet Night

Date: 8th March

Time: 18:00 – late (See Shuttle Bus Schedule or Taxis)

Venue: Gulang Banquet Hall, 1st Floor, Seaside Hotel

Entertainment is provided by the local hosts including Peking Opera, Traditional Dance and Music.

Tourist Information

Dining Out

Cafés

SPR Coffee, 707 Hubinnan Road

Venezzia, 3 Nanhua Road

Sara House, 1F Yuanshan Jiulon

ARK Espresso Café & Restaurant, 685 Hexiangxi Road

Brown Sugar, Ding'ao Zai Road (near Xiamen University)

Yoso Café, 29 Nanhua Road

Relax Café, 1 Yanan Road, Xiamen University

The Coffee Club, 2F International Bank Building, Lujiang Dao

Manabe Ho Hi Kan, 1F Haibin Da Sha, 52-3, Lujiang Dao

My Home Coffee, 323 Xiahe Road

Coffee Language, 7 Hubingzhong Road

UBC Coffee, 390 Siming Nan Road

Restaurants

Hao Qinqiang 'delicate fragrance' Restaurant

1 Zhongshan Road 2021111

Wuzaitan Refreshment House

49 Datong Road 2034820

Huangzehe Peanut Soup House

22 Zhongshan Road 2024670

Nanputuo Vegetarian Restaurant

515 Siming Nan Road 2087281

Bu'er Zhai Noodle

408-1 Siming Nan Road 2199599

Lujiang Hotel's Rooftop Restaurant

54 Lujiang Road 2022922

Manhattan Pizza House

Shop 14-15, 106 Gugong Road 2220408

Pizza Hut

24-floor Haibin Dasha

52-3 Zhongshan Road 2033876

Bars

Mask

2/F Foreign Trade Building,

15 Hubin Bei Lu

Nasa

133 Hubing Zhong Road,

facing the Powerlong Hotel

on Yuandang Lake

Elite

Yangming Bridge, 14 Jianye Road

Tourist Attractions

Overseas Chinese Museum

493 Siming Nan Road

Lives of overseas Chinese through different historical periods

The Xiamen Museum

43 Guxin Road, Gulangyu Islet

"Eight Trigrams Tower" with over 10'000 artefacts, including jade, porcelain and ancient weapons

Piano Museum

45 Huang Yan Road, Gulangyu Islet

Asia's largest piano museum with the most pianos provided by a private collector

Xiamen Bridge Museum

beneath the Haicang Bridge

The first bridge museum in China which attracts both tourists and experts with its introduction of famous Chinese and foreign bridges

Jinquan Coin Museum

5 Zhongshan Road, Gulangyu Islet

Over 52'000 exhibits dating from the New Stone Age to New China in the former British Consulate

Art in the Park

119 traditional and modern sculptures scattered about downtown areas, open amphitheatres, along the beach, in picnic areas and in the parks. Favourites include 'Marathon athletics', 'Egret Fairy', 'Koxinga' and '3 Generations of Helping Hands'.

Lujiang Night Cruise

This night cruise on Xiamen Bay with luxurious archaic boat will present you a special experience of viewing Xiamen's major scenic spots from the sea or land. The night view of Xiamen Bay may give you a full picture of this beautiful island. You can also enjoy the traditional puppet show on board while tasting some local snack with the famous Oolong tea or soft drink. Zhangzhou Puppet Show has a history of over one thousand years and is claimed as "Living fossil of Play". Under the hands of skilled puppet master, these ancient works of art spring to life and performance astonishing comic routines and acrobats.

Jinmen Island

Enjoy the scenes along the strait in a sightseeing ship. You will see the attractive Gulang Island, Hulishan Fortress rich in history, memorable Baishi Fortress, and Xiamen's beautiful golden seaside. You will be able to go near the military boundary of Jinmen Island. From here there are grand views of the Dadan and Erdan Isles, military establishments, and huge posted slogans on the island of Jinmen.

Southern Buddhist Temple

Located on the southern outskirts of Xiamen, close to Xiamen University, is the Southern Buddhist Temple (Nanputuo si), built during the Tang dynasty (618-907). The temple is in an attractive location, built onto the slopes of Wulao Hill (Wulao feng), and is definitely one of China's best temples. It is so named because it lies to the south of Putuoshan, one of the most respected Buddhist venues in China. Inside the temple, there is also a famous Buddhist school and a vegetarian restaurant.

Optional Tours

The China Travel Service will provide optional tours for the Conference. The information desk is open between 16:00-20:00 on 5th March. For the price and more information, please call Miss Lin (8279121) at the time of 10:00-12:00 and 15:00-17:00, or see 'Tour Operator' within 'Tourism' on:

www.solas2007.confmanager.com

Gulangyu Island Half-Day Tours

Enjoy a boat trip to Gulangyu Island; visiting Suzhuang garden; the piano museum and a local tea house for supper and to try the locally-produced, famous Oolong Tea; observe Sunlight Rock (Gulangyu Island's highest point) from the Xiagu coastal beach; a cable car ride over Jinmen Island and finally travel back to the hotel via the scenic Island Ring Road. Alternatively, replace the cable car ride over Jinmen Island with the Lujiang Night Cruise

Half-Day City Tours

This trip includes visits to the stunning South Nanputuo Buddhist Temple; the Hulishan Fortress and a local tea house to try the famous Oolong Tea; a scenic drive along the Island Ring Road followed by supper and the Lujiang Night Cruise.

Yongding Hakka Earth Castle One-Day Tour

This trip takes you to see the Hongkeng Tuluo Cluster. Explore all of the architecture in Yong Ding County visiting the unique Tuluo houses including the largest built in the region, Chengqilou, following a very classical design with a large central hall.

Quanzhou One-Day Tour

This tour will begin by driving to the port city on the maritime Silk Route of Quanzhou; it shall then continue by visiting Kaiyuan Temple and its East & West Pagodas, Ashab Mosque, Guandi Temple and the Maritime & Archaeological Museum.

Mount Wuyi Three-Day Tour

Day 1: 45 minute afternoon flight to Mount Wuyi, dinner and a night's stay at 5 Yeobwa Hotel*

Day 2: Full day to enjoy the Natural & Cultural Heritage Site of Mount Wuyi. Float down the Jinqu (Nine Twists) stream on bamboo and rattan rafts. Climb the Tianyou Peak and visit Wuyi Palace, an ancient Taoist Temple and ancient Song Street

Day 3: Walks amongst the Mount including 'One Piece of Sky'; visit a tea plantation; transfer flight back to Xiamen in the afternoon.

Internet

Conference centre

Computer Room (Room 308) equipped with 10 computers with free internet access will be open between 9:00-18:00. Note that Conference Centre does not have wireless access.

Hotels

-Seaside Hotel: Internet is available, it costs 10RMB/hour and 30RMB/day

-Lujiang Hotel: Internet access is free

-Mei Du Hotel: Internet access is free

Please ask the hotel reception desk for more information.

Message Board

A message board is available to delegates for posting messages to other individuals or groups.

Time zone: GMT/UTC plus 8 hours

Useful Numbers

Telephone country code: +86

Telephone area code: 592

Police: 110

Fire Department: 119

Ambulance: 120

Xiamen NO.1 Hospital: 2137327

Xiamen Zhongshan Hospital: 2292120

Xiamen Qianpu Hospital: 5911111

Local directory assistance: 114 (service in Chinese only)

Currency and Bank Information

The RMB (Renminbi) is the official currency, also called Chinese Yuan.

Only RMB can be used when you are in China. Visa, Master, American Express, Diners Club and JCB are accepted in most malls, restaurants and hotels.

Current exchange rate (Feb 2007):

1 Euro = 10.2 RMB

1 USD = 7.75 RMB

The Universal Currency Converter: <http://www.xe.com/ucc/>

The Bank of China and most hotels can cash traveller cheques issued by any foreign bank or financial institution. Participants will need to show their passports and pay a commission fee. Banking hours and days vary from bank to bank in Xiamen. However, most banks are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or 5:30 p.m., and have branches that are open on Saturdays and Sundays.

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