Beihai

Beihai is a tourist destination comprising beautiful beaches, islands, mangrove forests and coral reefs and has become an important seaside tourism city in the south of China. Also known as 'The Pearl City' for its production of the south pearl, Beihai characterises itself as a modern city, while still retaining its traditional features.

The city is also home to the biggest extinct volcanic island in China on Weizhou Island and has a diverse range of cuisines due to its close proximity to Vietnam.

- **Agreement with City of Gold Coast:** Sister City, 1997
- **Population:** Beihai has a population of 1.66 million.
- **Language:** The official language of Beihai is Mandarin; however a form of Cantonese known as 'Belhua' is widely spoken.
- **Location:** The coastal city of Beihai lies on the southern shore of Guangxi Province in the Beibu Gulf, facing South-east Asia.
- **Climate:** Beihai enjoys the semi-tropical oceanic monsoon climate. The city has no frosty days in winter and no extremely hot days in summer with abundant sunshine and rainfall. The best time to visit Beihai is from April to November, but the city has a consistent climate of sun and breeze making it a popular travel destination.
- **Distance from the Gold Coast:** Approximately 10 hours by plane.
- **Local time:** The local time of Beihai (and the whole of mainland China) is Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)+8 which makes it only two hours behind the Gold Coast.
- **Official city website:** www.beihai.gov.cn

### Key information

**Brochures, fact sheets & reports**

- Sister city projects

**External links**

- Austrade - China
- Australia China Business Council
- Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade - China
- Beihai - official city website
- Beihai Travel Discovery