LifeShenzhen | SZX arrival

Your first evening in Shenzhen

Land. Reach the right building. Check in. Rest.

Before you fly

- [ ] Confirm your hotel accepts your arrival time and which booked night covers a landing after midnight.
- [ ] Save the hotel name in Chinese, full address, entrance screenshot, telephone and booking reference.
- [ ] Keep your passport and essential entry documents accessible. Send the hotel your flight details.
- [ ] Download this page, your route and an offline map. Keep a copy somewhere besides one phone.

Connection and payment backup

- [ ] Confirm roaming, a compatible travel eSIM or a mainland SIM arrangement before relying on it.
- [ ] Prepare a second payment option and some accessible RMB cash. Confirm card acceptance.
- [ ] Set up supported payment apps in advance; keep alternatives if registration or verification fails.
- [ ] Charge your phone and bring an airline-compliant power bank. Check current airline rules.

Your offline hotel card

- [ ] Chinese hotel name: _____
- [ ] Full address: _____
- [ ] Entrance / landmark: _____
- [ ] Telephone / booking reference: _____

Keep the first night small

- [ ] Reach the correct entrance, check in, drink water and arrange a simple meal.
- [ ] Charge devices, keep important documents secure and set an alarm.
- [ ] Confirm tomorrow's first address and meeting time. Leave sightseeing for later.

Choose transport to the door

- [ ] Check the current last train and your final connection. Landing time is not platform-arrival time.
- [ ] For T3 use Metro Airport station on Line 11. Airport East is a different station.
- [ ] Use the official taxi queue or the pickup zone shown by your ride-hailing app; follow airport signs.
- [ ] With heavy luggage, children or a late arrival, compare an official taxi and a confirmed airport hotel.

After landing

- [ ] Follow arrivals signs and any required border, baggage and customs steps.
- [ ] Report missing checked baggage to the airline desk before leaving reclaim.
- [ ] Confirm connection and payment backup before going to the pickup area.
- [ ] Show the exact Chinese destination and entrance. Confirm the car and driver match your booking.

Check in and register

- [ ] Hotels register their foreign guests. Ask reception if you need proof for your onward plans.
- [ ] For a first private-accommodation stay, confirm the police registration route and current deadline; official guidance requires registration within 24 hours.
- [ ] Do not confuse accommodation registration with a visa or residence permit.

Five-minute final check

- [ ] Hotel name, entrance and telephone saved offline.
- [ ] Booking night and late-arrival arrangements confirmed.
- [ ] Main transfer and a practical backup chosen.
- [ ] Phone connection and payment backup ready.
- [ ] Accommodation registration responsibility understood.

Planning checklist, not a live transport timetable or an entry-permission decision. Confirm current airport signs, service times and your individual requirements.