

Haikou, Hainan, China

China's tropical island capital blends dynasty-era exile temples with coconut-palm boulevards, volcanic craters just outside town, and duty-free shopping on a grand scale. Haikou rewards curious walkers and those ready to plunge into authentic southern Chinese street life.

 Pier — Xiuying Cruise Terminal  Typical call: 8–10 hrs  Chinese Yuan (RMB/CNY)  Mandarin Chinese  Tropical island; warm year-round

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier at Xiuying Port — no tender required

Walk to center: ~15–20 min by taxi to Qilou Old Street; not walkable from pier

Best For: History, local food, volcanic scenery, duty-free shopping

Don't Miss: Qilou Old Street, Hainan Volcanic Geopark, cdf Duty-Free Complex

 Getting around:  Taxi  ¥26–¥32 (~USD 3.50–4.50) ·  Rideshare  DiDi

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Qilou Old Street (Zhongshan Road)** — Haikou's most atmospheric corner: a long arcade of 1920s–30s shophouses blending Chinese and colonial-European architecture.
- **Haikou Volcanic Cluster Geopark** — About 15 km southwest of the city, this UNESCO-recognized geopark (part of the Leiqiong UNESCO Global Geopark) features dormant craters, lava-tube...
- **Hainan Provincial Museum** — Free and passport-accessible, this well-presented museum covers Hainan's history, Li and Miao ethnic minority cultures, and natural ecosystems.
- **Five Officials Temple (Wugong Ci)** — A serene complex dedicated to five Tang and Song Dynasty officials exiled to Hainan.
- **Holiday Beach (Jiari Haibin Yuchangdi)** — Haikou's main city beach — a 6 km palm-lined promenade with calm warm water, food stalls, and a laid-back vibe.

BEST WALKS

- **Qilou Historic Quarter Loop** ~2 km | 45–60 min | Easy | Cultural — Start at the southern end of Zhongshan Road and walk north through the Qilou arcade streetscape.
- **Haidian Island Waterfront** ~3 km | 1 hr | Easy | Scenic — Walk along Haidian Island's waterfront promenade past Dongpo Old Wharf, with views of Haikou Bay and the Century Bridge.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:20AM–6:56PM · Jun 5:59AM–7:19PM · Aug 6:18AM–7:07PM · Sep 6:26AM–6:41PM · Oct 6:33AM–6:15PM	
Apr	85°	73°	14d		
Jun	91°	80°	19d		
Aug	88°	79°	23d		
Sep	86°	78°	20d		
Oct	82°	75°	19d		

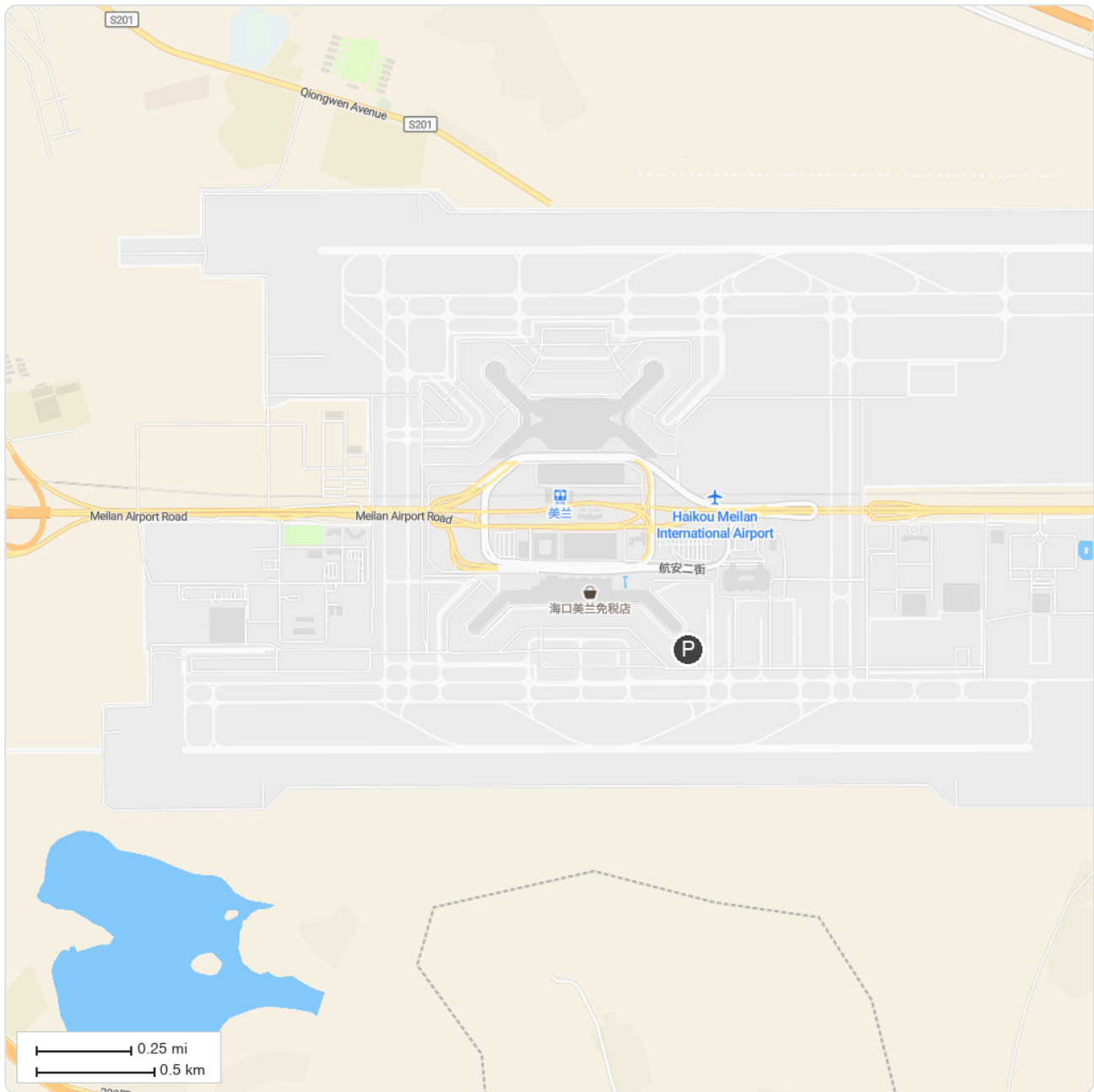
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- VPN before you arrive. China blocks Google, WhatsApp, Instagram, and most Western apps. Buy an eSIM with a built-in VPN (Airalto or Nomad) before boarding — you cannot easily download VPN apps once in China.
- Set up Alipay or WeChat Pay. Cash is increasingly rare in Haikou — most vendors, taxis, and restaurants use QR-code payments. Link an international credit card before arrival to avoid scrambling for cash.
- Dress for tropical heat. Haikou is warm and humid year-round. Light, breathable clothing and sun protection are essential — temperatures often exceed 30°C (86°F). The Hainan Provincial Museum and cdf mall are air-conditioned relief.
- Eat Wenchang Chicken and Hainanese coffee. Hainan is the origin of Hainanese chicken rice — the Haikou version is richer than Singapore's. Wash it down with local kopitiam-style coffee (— strongly recommended) on Qilou Old Street.
- Duty-free ID rule. Hainan's offshore duty-free shops require your passport and cruise/boarding card. Limits apply per person — check current allowances for alcohol, cosmetics, and electronics before you buy.
- Use DiDi for taxis. The app works in Haikou with a phone number; have your destination written in Chinese characters (= Qilou Old Street) to avoid communication issues with drivers.

Haikou, Hainan, China — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



P Cruise port / terminal