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In Guangzhou, Refuge in the Sky

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Four Seasons

The Four Seasons Guangzhou features a 30-floor atrium with a skylight at the top. Shown here, a view from the lobby. [View slideshow](#)

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Two years overdue, Guangzhou's tallest hotel is finally open. The Four Seasons Guangzhou, occupying the 30 highest floors of the 100-story Guangzhou International

Finance Centre in the Chinese city's new business district, flung its doors open earlier this month after several construction delays.

The design: The Four Seasons lobby is on the 70th floor of the tower, and there you'll see its soaring, 30-story atrium. The hotel capitalizes on its height, with floor-to-ceiling windows throughout its rooms and public spaces. Designed by HBA/Hirsch Bedner Associates (which worked on the Marina Bay Sands in Singapore and Renaissance Beijing Capital Hotel, among others), the hotel nods to tradition with contemporary Chinese ink paintings and mirrors with engraved dragon motifs along the walls.

The rooms: The rooms range in size from 52 square meters (560 square feet) to a large 336-square-meter presidential suite. The views are once again the biggest feature of the rooms, with even the bathtubs often situated next to big windows. Aside from the standard modern conveniences—satellite TV with international channels and a strong Wi-Fi connection—all rooms offer his-and-hers bathrobes and slippers.

Location: Located in Guangzhou's new business district, called both Zhujiang New Town and Pearl River



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A bedroom at the Four Seasons Guangzhou. [View slideshow](#)

New City, the Four Seasons is next to several architectural marvels, including the angular Guangzhou Opera House, designed by Zaha Hadid, and the Guangdong Museum, designed by Rocco Yim. The underground Mall of the World is also nearby, as well as Flower City Square, a long, green promenade in between two rows of newly constructed office towers that's ideal for morning jogs.

Our tip: In the center of China's manufacturing heartland, Guangzhou's hustle and pollution can overwhelm, but the hotel has several options for recharging: Indulge in dim sum at Yu Yue Heen, a massage at Hua Spa and a drink at Tian

Bar on the 99th floor, if not all three. Ask for a room that faces the Canton Tower for an unobstructed view of the world's fourth-tallest free-standing structure.

Getting there: The hotel is a 45-minute taxi from Guangzhou's international airport and a 15-minute ride from Guangzhou East Railway Station. It's next to the Zhujiang New Town metro station, served by lines 3 and 5. [See more photos of the hotel](#)

[Four Seasons Guangzhou](#), 5 Zhujiang West Rd., Pearl River New City, Tianhe District, Guangzhou; Tel: +86 20 8883 3888. Rooms start at 2180 yuan (\$343) a night for two guests.

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