

Yancheng

--- a natural oxygen bar for your breath and mind 

Overview



Yancheng is a rising and emerging coastal city of Jiangsu province. With a total population of 8,230,000 and an area of 17,000 square kilometers, Yancheng is the largest city of Jiangsu Province in area and the second in population, and has 11 county-level cities under its jurisdiction. Yancheng has two national class-1 open ports-Dafeng Seaport and Yancheng Airport, which ranks tenth of China and first of Jiangsu Province. Yancheng has the largest tidal wetlands in the west coast of Pacific Ocean. It has two national nature reserves including wild milu deer and red-crowned crane, which endows Yancheng a good reputation of “Oriental wetlands and Hometown of Red-crowned Crane and Milu Deer ”. In recent years, the accelerating development of automotive, textile, machinery, chemicals and other pillar industries and the rapid rise of wind power photovoltaic, energy saving and environmental protection, new energy vehicles, marine biology and other emerging industries have emerged everywhere and Yancheng has become the largest manufacturing base of automobile in Jiangsu Province. In 2015, the city’s total economic output and public budget revenues ranked 19th and 11th in the total 284 municipalities respectively. It is awarded as the National Garden City, the National Sustainable Development Experimental Zone, and China Best 100 Cities for Investment Environment.

Dafeng Milu Deer Protection Zone & Sheyang Red-crowned Crane Natural Reservation



Dazong Reeds Maze



Air of Yancheng

The air of Yancheng is of excellent quality, which makes Yancheng ranks first in Jiangsu Province. In the year of 2015 and 2016, the air quality comprehensive index of Yancheng ranks 4th, after Haikou, Zhoushan and Lhasa, among 74 major municipalities under supervision of national Ministry of Environment Protection. “Air of Yancheng” is gradually becoming a new city card.

Forest Park & Century Park



Dutch Flowers Garden



Dongtai Xixi Park & Dafeng Dutch Town



Convenient Transportation

Yancheng is a great place to live and travel from as everywhere in China is accessible via our bus and train stations or our airport. 20 domestic and overseas flight course lines have been opened including South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Chengdu etc. There are 322 kilometers of expressway, which makes it possible to connect each county with expressway. Currently the constructions of expressway to Beijing, Shanghai, Nanjing, Xi'an and Qingdao are being promoted with full strength.

In downtown of the city, the most frequently used transportation is bus, which only costs 1 RMB to see around the city. Also, free bicycles are available to be rent (for free) anytime at many main streets in the city. During the workweek, you would rarely need to use transportation due to your apartment is usually located close to your work. Within the confines of your neighborhood, the supermarkets, movie theater and restaurants are within walking distance.



Food

The cuisine of Yancheng is originated from Huai Yang cuisine, with many ingredients but mainly river, lake and sea foods. The cutting skill is exquisite and the cooking methods are varied - braising, stewing, simmering and warming. Care is taken to preserve the original flavor of the ingredients, light, fresh, as well as salty with a little sweetness. The dishes are elegant and beautiful in form and quality.

Eating out in Yancheng is very affordable if you eat at the local restaurant. These little restaurants serve traditional Chinese meals, most of which revolve around rice, noodles, and all kinds of different meat and vegetables. You can expect to get a bowl of dumplings for 15 RMB, noodles with beef or chicken or pork for 12 RMB, or fried rice with eggs and bacon for 10 RMB. Because many of the meals in these restaurants are rice based, they are very filling. However, if you miss western food, there are piles of western restaurants and coffee house on every corner of the city, you can expect to pay 60 RMB to 150 RMB for a dish. Fresh fruits, vegetables, beef and chicken are very affordable here if you prefer to cook at home.

Popular dishes



Living Cost (Apartment, Utilities, Shopping, Trips)

The cost of living is very affordable in Yancheng. One of the best things about working as a teacher is that your apartment is covered by your school or you will be able to receive a housing allowance. According to the ESL teachers' experience living in Yancheng, 2000 RMB (about 320 USD) is more

than enough to cover all food costs per month. Utilities are about 500 RMB (about 80 USD) per month. Teachers monthly salary compared to the cost of living is quite good.

In terms of shopping, the best way to save money is to shop on a massive sale at H&M, ZARA or UNIQUE etc.. You will be able to walk out with a handful of clothes for a fraction of their original cost. If you don't shop in the sales rack, you can browse the underground shopping center or the wholesales marketing downtown, where there are bargains to be had.

As for the touring, a lot of the places around/in Yancheng are either free or extremely affordable: temples, food markets, palaces, museums, parks, etc.. Traveling by bus to nearby cities like Shanghai or Nanjing costs around 120 RMB (about 20 USD) each way. If you plan trips in advance, you might be offered by affordable flights, around 200 RMB (30 USD) each way.

General Frame of Apartment



Expats in Yancheng

There is a growing friendly and welcoming foreign community here, many of whom have lived in Yancheng for years thanks to the fantastic cost of living and abundant opportunities. Those expats are from all walks of life, CEO of western companies, managers of the Sino-foreign joint venture, ESL teachers, artists, singers etc.. Moreover, I think it will make you interested that Jiangsu government recently began a free Chinese language program here in Yancheng for foreigners that also provide opportunities to travel and attend cultural events. You can experience China with friends and learn Chinese together, for free!



Public Film of Yancheng

Here is a official public film of Yancheng. Hope you like it!

http://lyj.yancheng.gov.cn/ycwdy/201507/t20150713_473382.html