

STREETS OF ASIA: GUANGZHOU, CHINA

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Parasol: It was drizzling and as with any place that rains frequently umbrellas were optional until the skys opened.

From Seth Osher's letter to the Editor: "...Guangzhou is a huge metropolis just 75 miles West of Hong Kong. In fact, it is part of giant metropolitan area that includes Hong Kong and the more well-known manufacturing city of Shenzhen which amazingly sits in between the two others. If you add in a few nearby cities the built up area of Canton has almost 45 million residents, making it bigger than many countries. It has grown incredibly quickly and much of it feels very much like a western city. The subway is quick and efficient and is a good example of how China has managed to build and plan such huge cities so quickly. The Canton Tower, pictured in one of the photographs, sits just across the river from the heart of the built up city, which one could easily confuse for an American city such as Chicago with so many skyscrapers by the river. Despite the modern build up, small parts of the old city remain. The photo of the Tea Seller was taken wandering in the old city, with its tight alleys nestled around the river. Chinese cities are full of bright colors. I found the yellow bikes and shirts made an interesting contrast to the blue parasol of the woman who almost seemed to have the sidewalk to herself..."



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The Tea Seller in the old city.



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