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#### INSIDER COLLECTION

#### WELCOME TO THE **FOSHAN** INSIDER COLLECTION

Truly memorable meetings and events with authentic local flavour – that is the inspiration behind the InterContinental Insider Collection.

Our network of hotels and resorts is global; our knowledge and expertise local, giving planners guaranteed choice, range and depth to add to any meeting or conference. Each hotel offers its own bespoke selection of services which are firmly rooted in their location and are responsibly guided by our partnership with National Geographic's Center for Sustainable Destinations.

The options are limitless, the local knowledge rich, the service professional and faultless, the delegate experience enriching and rewarding every time.

Sample for yourself some of our wonderful Foshan experiences.

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#### INSIDER LOCATIONS

Choose an InterContinental venue for your event and a world of possibilities opens up. As locals, your hotel team hold the key to a side of your locality tourists never see. What and who they know gives you an exclusive mix of authentic venues and experiences to play with.

#### INSIDER SPEAKERS

Bring your event to life with an inspirational speaker – someone who can really strike a chord with your delegates and enrich their experience beyond measure. Fascinating and engaging, motivating Insider Speakers range from celebrities and cultural experts to sporting heroes. Whatever their passion, they all have a local connection and you will discover that their unique insights and local know-how make your event one to remember.

#### INSIDER COMMUNITY

There's nothing quite like immersing yourself in the community to gain an added depth and understanding to your experience in a new destination. Insider Community has been designed to benefit local people and create truly memorable and meaningful experiences for your delegates too.

#### INSIDER INTERACTIONS

This team-building experience will help your delegates connect with each other as never before. Using the unique character, heritage or geography of your destination to inspire interaction, each experience, whether based on or off-site offers an original way to engage delegates and motivate them to build effective working relationships.

#### INSIDER BREAKS

With Insider Collection even your breaks are fulfilling experiences. From serving up a delicious lunch of provincial dishes for a taste of regional cuisine to spending some quality time with your Concierge team to get their best insider tips, a few minutes out of your busy schedule becomes a whole experience in itself. **4** 2 of 3 ▶

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#### ENRICHING EXPERIENCES FOR OUR GUESTS AND OUR ENVIRONMENT

We believe that a responsible meeting is not only what you experience in the meeting room but also knowing that your hotel respects the destination around it.

We're proud to partner leaders in geotourism, the National Geographic Center for Sustainable Destinations. Our ambition is that guests enjoy enriching experiences that reveal what makes a place truly special — its heritage, culture and tradition — and the importance of protecting it.

At InterContinental we use a holistic approach to being a responsible business: to work from the grass roots up, recognising each individual hotel team as the experts best placed to use their local knowledge for developing community and environmental initiatives that meet the specific needs of the destination. This Insider Collection gives delegates access to some of these unique experiences, and for those meetings that stay in the meeting room, you can be assured our hotel is working behind the scenes to protect what is special about the place for fellow travellers.

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# DINE ALFRESCO AT THE UNIQUE NANFENG KILN

For a truly memorable dining experience there is no better venue than Nanfeng Kiln. With serene and picturesque scenery, this is the perfect retreat for you and your delegates to enjoy a unique ambience and a very special dining experience. You can choose anything from a western buffet luncheon or a traditional Chinese sit-down dinner.

The ancient Nanfeng Kiln was built in the Ming Dynasty and its wood fire has been kept burning and used to produce ceramics for more than 500 years. The oldest and best-preserved ancient dragon kiln in China and possibly the world, it is fondly known locally as a 'living relic and an irreplaceable national treasure'.

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ANCIENT NANFENG KILN





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Take a short break from your busy events schedule to experience local folk art and culture at the Foshan Ancestral Temple. Whether it's participating in a traditional tea drinking ceremony, watching fascinating Cantonese opera or attending the performance of Wong Feihong lion dancing, delegates cannot fail to be impressed by the rich experience on offer.

Foshan Ancestral Temple was first built during the Yuanfeng Reign (1078-1085) of the Northern Song Dynasty. It is an artistic palace housing an impressive collection of ceramics, wood carvings, metal-casting, architecture and artworks of ancient Foshan. This important cultural relic site is a unique venue for your event and offers the perfect backdrop for introducing your delegates to the authentic and ancient Foshan.

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ANCESTRAL TEMPLE





#### INSIDER SPEAKERS



Bring your event to life with an inspirational speaker. Mr. Feng is a local woodcarving-painting artist and his family has run the Foshan Woodcarving Festival Painting workshop for four generations. Mr Feng will share his unique insights on this traditional folk art and will guide your delegates to try their hand at making their own woodcarving painting.

Created during the Ming Dynasty, the Foshan Woodcarving Festival Painting is characterized by the intense Lingnan style. As the only fully preserved Woodcarving Festival Painting workshop in existence, the Feng family is deeply committed to protecting the future of this precious and unique art form.

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DISCOVER THE SECRET OF THE WING CHUN FIST FROM A MASTER

Foshan is famous for being the home of Kung Fu Master Wu. A devotee of the martial arts, he has amazed the world with the Wing Chun fist for more than 30 years. Master Wu will inspire your delegates by demonstrating his considerable martial art prowess and enthral them with his fascinating insider's take on the unique insights and history of the Wing Chun fist.

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# GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY - HELP LOCAL CHILDREN

During your hectic business trip, why not give yourself a break and brighten up the lives of others who are less fortunate by engaging in our social responsibility activities.

You can join with InterContinental Foshan's volunteer team to visit the Xinhui special school. They care for and educate children with Down's Syndrome. Delegates can come and spend time with the children at their 'Sunny Farm' taking part in fun activities that help the children to learn new skills. If you're lucky there may be a party to go to because if there's a birthday to celebrate then delegates will be invited to join in too. A wonderful way to spend some quality time with some very inspiring children.

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#### MAKE A WORLD DIFFERENCE BY RIDING A BIKE

To help to reduce carbon emissions and to do your bit to save the planet, we invite you to join us on a cycle ride around beautiful Qiandeng Lake. Spend an hour taking part in this socially responsible activity and help to improve not only the local community environment, but the earth too. This public cycling scheme was launched in Foshan by the government in August 2010 and is popular with locals and visitors alike as a wonderful way to explore the natural habitat of Foshan and to make a contribution to a greener, cleaner future too.

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#### MAKE YOUR OWN MUSEUM PIECE

At the historic Nanfeng Kiln, delegates can experience the process of making art from clay. This hands-on experience will enable delegates to work with clay to make their own works of art. They will also learn how to make a glaze and will even chop the wood for the kiln fire.

Guided by local pottery artists, delegates will shape their own clay pieces, which will then be fired in a 500-year old ancient Nanfeng kiln. Each piece will then be put on permanent display in the Nanfeng museum.

Delegates can also take a piece of pottery home with them – a personal souvenir of their trip to show to friends and family back home.

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# BECOME A CHINESE KUNG FU MASTER

This is a unique opportunity for delegates to get a much closer understanding of Chinese martial arts. Under the close guidance of professional Kung Fu masters from Foshan, delegates will learn some basic self-defence skills and some movie moves. A fun way to spend time together as a team learning a new skill.

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#### INSIDER BREAKS

#### TANTALIZE YOUR PALATE WITH MANGGONG CAKE

During the short coffee break, you will be treated to a delicious local Foshan dessert, Manggong Cake.

Tradition has it that Manggong Cake is made by a blind person from rice flour, sesame seeds, peanuts, peanut oil and pork mixed together. This is a much-loved dish in Foshan and delegates will have the opportunity to purchase some cake to take back home to family and friends.

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#### AUTHENTIC FOSHAN DESSERT BREAK

Foshan is the cradle of Cantonese cuisine, with some dessert and snack dishes dating back more than 100 years.

During this break, our chef will serve you freshly-made Daliang double skin milk pudding – a local favourite.

Created in the Qing dynasty, Daliang double skin milk dessert tastes divine. It is made from buffalo milk, egg whites and sugar and is sure to delight your delegates as they get a unique taste of authentic Foshan.

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#### THANK YOU

Contact us to learn more about the Foshan Insider Collection and how we can help you create a truly memorable experience with authentic local flavour.

Whichever Insider Collection experience is right for you, you can be assured that it reflects the best principles of Responsible Business, a commitment demonstrated by our partnership with the National Geographic Center for Sustainable Destinations.

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