China

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens DO NOT TRAVEL to China due to the novel coronavirus first identified in Wuhan, China. Consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 2 blank pages in their passport for any entry stamp and or visa that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country’s embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

http://www.who.int

Climate

Extremely diverse; tropical in south to subarctic in north

Currency (Code)

Renminbi yuan (RMB)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): A, C, I

Major Languages

Standard Chinese or Mandarin, Yue (Cantonese), Wu (Shanghainese), Minbei (Fuzhou), Minnan (Hokkien-Taiwanese), Xiang, Gan, Hakka dialects, minority languages

Religions

Buddhist 18.2%, Christian 5.1%, Muslim 1.8%, folk religion 21.9%, Hindu < 0.1%, Jewish < 0.1%, other 0.7% (includes Daoist (Taoist)), unaffiliated 52.2%

Time Difference

UTC+8 (13 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); note: despite its size, all of China falls within 1 time zone

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

International Driving Permit

An IDP is not recognized. Tourists are not allowed to drive in China.
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Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

- **World Health Organization (WHO)** - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. [http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)
- **To obtain an international driving permit (IDP). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs:**

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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