

China

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens reconsider travel to Mainland China due to the arbitrary enforcement of local laws, including in relation to exit bans, and the risk of wrongful detentions.

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

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

[86] (10) 8531-3000; US Embassy in Beijing, 55 An Jia Lou Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100600, China;

<https://china.usembassy-china.org.cn/>; BeijingACS@state.gov

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

86

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 120; Fire: 119; Police: 110, 122 (traffic accident)

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for China: typhoid, hepatitis A, polio, Japanese encephalitis, chikungunya, tickborne encephalitis, rabies, hepatitis B, influenza, COVID-19, pneumonia, chickenpox, shingles, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and measles, mumps and rubella (MMR).

<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 types(s): A, C, I



Type A



Type C



Type I

Major Languages

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

Major Religions

folk religion, Buddhist, Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Jewish

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

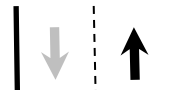
Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

An IDP is not recognized. Tourists are not allowed to drive in China.

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Classical Gardens of Suzhou; Potala Palace; Shanghai's Promenade; Hangzhou's Historic West Lake; Qing Zhao Mausoleum; Leshan Giant Buddha; Hong Kong Skyline; Zhangjiajie National Forest Park; Great Wall; Terracotta Army; Forbidden City; Summer Palace; Tiananmen Square; Longmen Grottoes

Major Sports

Basketball, table tennis, volleyball

Cultural Practices

In China, spending time with family is expected. Chinese people respect hierarchy and appreciate proper social relations, full of harmony and with minimal conflict. Families in cities tend to live in apartments, often with grandparents. Filial piety and loyalty are valued by most Chinese families.

Tipping Guidelines

Tipping is not officially recognized, though the practice has become increasingly common among tour guides, top-end restaurants, tour bus drivers, and hotel staff.

Souvenirs

Silk items, jade and pearl items, calligraphy sets, antique ceramics, designer fashions, electronics

Traditional Cuisine

Peking Roast Duck — maltose syrup (a natural sweetener produced from fermented grains) glazed-duck roasted until brown; the skin is served dipped in a sugar-garlic sauce and the meat is served with sweet bean sauce, spring onions, pancakes, and cucumber sticks

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