China

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.

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

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
folk religion 21.9%, Buddhist 18.3%, Christian 5.2%, Muslim 2%, Hindu < 0.1%, Jewish < 0.1%

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
Clicking finger or whistling is considered very rude.

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. Tipping about 10% is appreciated. Make sure a service charge has not already been included. Taxi drivers often do not accept tips.

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


To obtain an international driving permit (IDP). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association (AAA) (www.aaa.com) and American Automobile Touring Alliance (AATA) (www.aataidp.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:
from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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