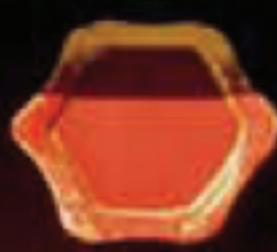
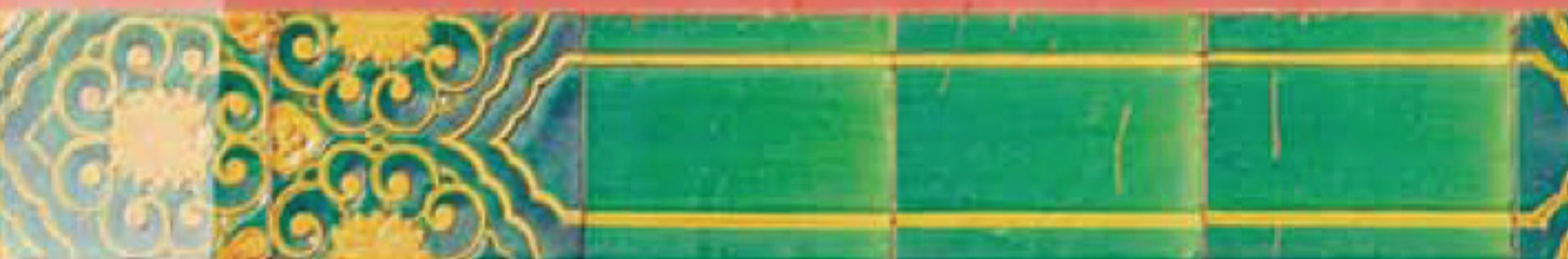


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Welcome to Beijing

Steeped in imperial history, sizzling with creative energy and bursting with brash new investment – Beijing is a city of contrasts. Its residents live on the cutting edge of change, yet monuments to the city's deep roots are all around. The Great Wall, the Forbidden City and the Summer Palace rank among the wonders of the ancient world. Temples and parks provide refuge and respite from the demands of a rapidly evolving society.

The Games of the 29th Olympiad were awarded to Beijing on July 13, 2001. Since that moment, the pace of preparation has been breathtaking. From wider roads and fresh taxi fleets to new parks and entertainment districts, every aspect of the city has been rethought with the Olympics in mind. A dozen competition venues have been built from scratch; among them are structures so extraordinary they rival the iconic masterpieces of imperial China.

In this Olympic year, Beijing welcomes the world with designer boutiques, fine cuisine and flashing neon. Its children crowd Internet cafes late into the night and there is a fast-evolving music scene, with international artists regularly dropping in to sample the vibrant night life. Bold new buildings like the National Opera House are surely icons of the future.

This thriving city of 18 million is a treasure house of ancient Chinese culture and a symbol of its promising future. Turn the page and discover Beijing in all its eclectic delights.



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Competition Organization

The Games of the XXIX Olympiad will be held August 8–24, 2008, followed by the 13th Paralympic Games, September 6–17, 2008, which will for the first time in history share the venues of the Olympic Games. The Olympic Games will feature 28 sports and 38 disciplines and will award 302 gold medals, with athletics generating 47 golds. The Paralympics will feature 22 sports.

Beijing 2008 Olympic Competition Schedule: see p14–15
or visit <http://en.beijing2008.cn/cptvenues/schedule>



Beijing 2008 Olympic Venues

Thirty-seven competition venues and 76 training venues will be needed for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad. Of the 37 venues, 31 are located in Beijing. The remaining six are located in Qingdao (sailing events), Hong Kong (equestrian events) and in Qinhuangdao, Shanghai, Shenyang and Tianjin (football preliminaries).

In Beijing, 12 venues are new, 11 are existing facilities that have been renovated and the remaining 8 are temporary facilities. Most of these venues are located in the Olympic Green, with others in western community areas, university community areas and in eastern community areas of urban Beijing.

The Venue Map of Beijing 2008 Olympic Games:
see p12–13



Olympic Green

Located at the north end of Beijing's ancient "central axis," the Olympic Green is the centre of the 2008 Games. Here stand the National Stadium (Bird's Nest), National Aquatics Center (Water Cube), Olympic Village, Main Press Center (MPC) and the Olympic Forest Park, along with other facilities.

The National Stadium

Type: New venue

Olympics: Track and field, football finals, and the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the 2008 Olympics

Paralympics: Track and field, and the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the 2008 Paralympics



The National Aquatics Center

Type: New venue

Olympics: Swimming, Diving, Synchronized Swimming

Paralympics: Swimming, Diving, Synchronized Swimming



The National Indoor Stadium

Type: New venue

Olympics: Artistic Gymnastics, Trampoline, and Handball

Paralympics: Wheelchair Basketball



The Olympic Green Tennis Center

Type: New venue

Olympics: Tennis

Paralympics: Wheelchair Tennis



The Olympic Sports Center Stadium

Type: Existing venue

Olympics: Modern Pentathlon (running and equestrian)



The Olympic Sports Center Gymnasium

Type: Existing venue

Olympics: Handball



The Fencing Hall of National Conference Center

Type: Temporary venue

Olympics: Fencing, Modern Pentathlon (fencing and shooting)

Paralympics: Boccia, Wheelchair Fencing



The Olympic Green Hockey Field

Type: Temporary venue

Olympics: Hockey

Paralympics: Football 5-a-Side, Football 7-a-Side



The Olympic Green Archery Field

Type: Temporary venue

Olympics: Archery

Paralympics: Archery



The Ying Tung Natatorium

Type: Existing venue

Olympics: Water Polo, Modern Pentathlon (swimming)

Paralympics: Swimming training venue



Western Community Area

The Wukesong Indoor Stadium, the Wukesong Baseball Field, the Beijing Shooting Range Hall, the Shooting Range Clay Target Field, the Laoshan Velodrome, the Laoshan Bicycle Moto Cross (BMX) Venue, the Laoshan Mountain Bike Course, and the Fengtai Softball Field are located in the Western Community Area.

The Wukesong Indoor Stadium

Location: Wukesong Culture and Sports Center, Haidian District, Beijing

Type: New venue

Olympics: Basketball



The Wukesong Baseball Field

Location: Wukesong Culture and Sports Center, Haidian District, Beijing

Type: Temporary venue

Olympics: Baseball



The Beijing Shooting Range Hall

Location: A3 Futiansi, Shijingshan District, Beijing

Type: New venue

Olympics: Shooting (rifle and pistol)

Paralympics: Shooting (rifle and pistol)



The Beijing Shooting Range CTF (Clay Target Field)

Location: Xiangshan Nanlu, Shijingshan District, Beijing

Type: Existing venue

Olympics: Shooting (trap and skeet)



The Laoshan Velodrome

Location: Laoshan, Shijingshan District, Beijing

Type: New venue

Olympics: Cycling

Paralympics: Cycling



The Laoshan Mountain Bike Course

Location: Laoshan, Shijingshan District, Beijing

Type: Existing venue

Olympics: Cycling (mountain bike)



The Laoshan Bicycle Moto Cross (BMX) Venue

Location: Laoshan, Shijingshan District, Beijing

Type: Temporary venue

Olympics: Cycling (BMX)



The Fengtai Softball Field

Location: Fengtai Sports Center, Fengtai District, Beijing

Type: Existing venue

Olympics: Softball



University Area

To ensure their post-Games use and for development purposes, some of the Olympic venues are located in Beijing's northwest where universities are concentrated. After the 2008 Olympic Games, these venues will be used by the universities. These venues include the Peking University Gymnasium, Beijing University of Aeronautics & Astronautics Gymnasium, China Agricultural University Gymnasium, University of Science and Technology Beijing Gymnasium, Beijing Institute of Technology Gymnasium and the Capital Indoor Stadium.

The China Agricultural University Gymnasium

Location: China Agricultural University (East Campus)

Type: New venue

Olympics: Wrestling

Paralympics: Volleyball



The Peking University Gymnasium

Location: Peking University

Type: New venue

Olympics: Table Tennis

Paralympics: Table Tennis



The University of Science and Technology Beijing Gymnasium

Location: University of Science and Technology Beijing

Type: New venue

Olympics: Judo, Taekwondo

Paralympics: Wheelchair Basketball, Wheelchair Rugby



The Capital Indoor Stadium

Location: Baishiqiao, Haidian District, Beijing

Type: Existing venue

Olympics: Volleyball



The Beijing Institute of Technology Gymnasium

Location: Beijing Institute of Technology

Type: Existing venue

Olympics: Volleyball

Paralympics: Goalball



The Beijing University of Aeronautics & Astronautics Gymnasium

Location: Beijing University of Aeronautics & Astronautics

Type: Existing venue

Olympics: Weightlifting

Paralympics: Weightlifting



Eastern Community Area

The Worker's Stadium, the Worker's Indoor Arena, the Beijing University of Technology Gymnasium and Chaoyang Park Beach Volleyball Ground are located in the Eastern Community Area.

The Worker's Stadium

Location: Gongti Beilu, Chaoyangmenwai, Chaoyang District, Beijing
Type: Existing venue
Olympics: Football



The Worker's Indoor Arena

Location: Gongti Lu, Chaoyangmenwai, Chaoyang District, Beijing
Type: Existing venue
Olympics: Boxing
Paralympics: Judo



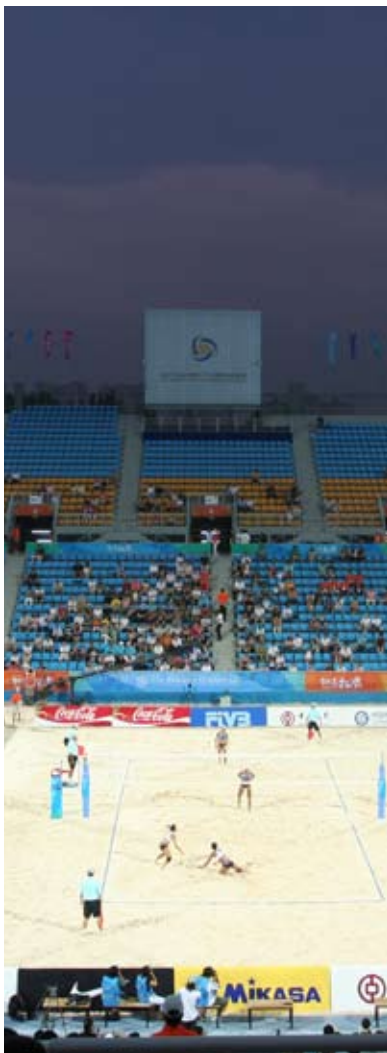
The Beijing University of Technology Gymnasium

Location: The Beijing University of Technology
Type: New venue
Olympics: Badminton, Rhythmic Gymnastics



The Chaoyang Park Beach Volleyball Ground

Location: Chaoyang Park, Chaoyang District, Beijing
Type: Temporary venue
Olympics: Beach Volleyball



Other Venues

The Shunyi Olympic Rowing-Canoeing Park

Location: Chaobaihe, Mapoxiang, Shunyi District, Beijing

Type: New venue

Olympics: Rowing, Canoe/Kayak (Flat-water and Slalom), Marathon Swimming
Paralympics: Rowing



The Triathlon Venue

Location: Ming Tombs Reservoir, Changping District, Beijing

Type: Temporary venue

Olympics: Triathlon



The Urban Road Cycling Course

Start: Yongdingmen

Finish: Juyongguan

Route: Through Dongcheng District, Xicheng District, Chongwen District, Xuanwu District, Chaoyang District, Haidian District, Changping District and Yanqing County

Olympics: Cycling (road race)



Olympic Transportation

Spectators are encouraged to go to Olympic venues by subway, taxi or shuttles during the 2008 Olympic Games. There will be no parking areas for private automobiles at the venues, so rely the public transport system of Beijing.

Subway

During the Olympic Games, eight subway lines will operate at a minimum interval of two minutes. For the first time in the history of Beijing's subway system, 24-hour subway service will be offered during the opening and closing days of the Beijing Olympic Games. The subway will extend its operating hours during the Olympic Games from August 8 to 24, and a "green passage" will be opened at subway stations for Olympic ticket-holding spectators, Games organizers and volunteers, who will be exempted from paying the two-yuan subway fee. Passengers may transfer to the Olympic line from line 13, Beitucheng station. The Olympic line has four stations: Beitucheng, Olympic Central Area, Olympic Green and Olympic Forest Park. It takes spectators to the Bird's Nest and Water Cube, among other Olympic venues.

Green Passage

To ensure the effective transportation of Olympic family members and media staff, an Olympic "green passage" has been set up. Vehicles carrying athletes, judges and officials, as well Olympic shuttle buses can use the "green passage." The Olympic "green passage" is a circle formed from the North Fourth and Fifth Ring roads and West Fourth and Fifth Ring roads, together with the Airport and Jingshi expressways.

Olympic Buses

During the Olympic Games, 34 Olympic bus lines will operate in the city, including 2,000 barrier free buses. Among these routes, 26 will use fast lines (K lines) and 8 will use regular routes. The fast lines all have less than ten stops and some of them have just two or three stops, making it quick and convenient for spectators to get to the Olympic venues. The regular lines run from July 20 to September 20, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. On competition days the fast lines run from three hours before a match begins to 1.5 hours after a match ends, at an interval of 20 minutes. (For maps of other bus routes, see the map insert at the end of this guide.)









This is Beijing



In the northern part of the North China Plain, at 39.6 degrees north latitude and 116.2 degrees east longitude, stands one of the greatest cities of the ancient and modern worlds: Beijing, the capital of the People's Republic of China and the host city for the 2008 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

Mountains and hills occupy 10,147.5 square kilometres (sq.km) or 62 percent of Beijing's 16,807.8-sq.km area, making this a diverse landscape with its own special characteristics. It has a semi-humid climate, short springs and autumns and long summers and winters. Its average temperature is 13 degrees Celsius, and its average annual rainfall is 539 mm.

The population of Beijing was 17.14 million as of June 2007. People from all of China's 56 ethnic groups are found among Beijing's residents, dominated by the Han majority but also including significant numbers of Hui, Manchurian, Mongolian and other minorities.

Beijing is one of the country's four municipalities directly under the supervision of the State Council, China's central government. It is divided into

16 districts and 2 counties: Dongcheng, Xicheng, Chongwen, Xuanwu, Chaoyang, Haidian, Fengtai, Shijingshan, Mentougou, Fangshan, Tongzhou, Shunyi, Daxing, Pinggu, Changping and Huairou districts and Miyun and Yanqing counties.

The Chinese scholar-tree (cypress) and oriental arborvitae (cedar), and Chinese rose and chrysanthemum have been selected by Beijing residents as representative of the image of Beijing.

The official language of Beijing is Mandarin or *Putonghua*, the most frequently spoken language in the world. The country code of China is 86 and the city code of Beijing is 010. China uses a 220-volt power supply for standard domestic and business purposes.





History of Beijing



Timeline of the City's History

About 500,000 Years Ago

Peking Man inhabits the Beijing area

11th Century BC

Two small kingdoms named Yan and Ji established in Beijing area

8th Century–3rd Century BC

Yan conquers Ji and installs its capital as Yanjing

221 BC

Fall of the Yan, emergence of the Qin Dynasty

AD 618

Growing garrison town of Youzhou under the Tang Dynasty

1153

Capital of the Jin Dynasty, Zhongdu

1271

Capital of the Yuan Dynasty, Dadu

1368

Renamed Beiping after the Ming Dynasty settles temporarily in Nanjing

1403

Reign of Ming Emperor Yongle begins; the city's name changes from Beiping to Beijing

1407

Construction of the Forbidden City begins, ending in 1420; Emperor Yongle relocates the capital from Nanjing to Beijing in 1421.

1644

Manchu tribes establish the Qing Dynasty

1911

Qing Dynasty collapses, Republican Era begins

1949

Communist forces emerge victorious against Kuomintang forces; Chairman Mao declares the founding of the People's Republic of China

2001

Beijing wins right to host the 2008 Olympic Games

2008

The 29th Olympic Games is held in Beijing

Beijing is the capital of the People's Republic of China and the host city for the 2008 Olympic Games. With its 3,000-year history as a city and its status as a capital city for more than 850 years, Beijing has a rich culture and its own very special style.

Beijing is an ancient capital, yet a modern city. As the capital of the People's Republic of China, Beijing serves as the national political, economic, cultural and international communications centre, leading the development of Asian cultural and scientific trends, with its finger firmly on the pulse of global business operations and opportunities.

Preparatory work for the Beijing Olympic and Paralympic Games is having a profound effect on the city's development. This is a unique opportunity for the promotion of the Olympics globally and the popularization of the Olympic spirit in the most populous country in the world. Preparations for the Olympic Games in Beijing are promoting the country's comprehensive socio-economic development, bringing tremendous changes to the cultural and living environment and speeding Beijing's transformation into an international metropolis.

Tourism

Beijing is endowed with abundant tourist attractions. More than 300 tourist sites, including six World Heritage Sites, are open to visitors. There are about 5,000 hotels, inns and hostels for visitors, 800 of which are star-rated hotels. About 100 more star-rated hotels were built during the run up to the Olympic Games. Nearly 500 travel agencies operate in Beijing, employing more than 5,000 tourist guides, who speak at least 21 languages.



Traditional Festivals

Traditional Chinese festivals provide unique opportunities to learn about Asian culture and share the Chinese people's good wishes for the future.

Spring Festival (Chunjie)

January–February (February 7, 2008)

Lantern Festival (Yuanxiaojie)

January–Early March (February 21, 2008)

Tomb Sweeping Festival (Qingmingjie)

April 4 (leap years April 5)

Dragon Boat Festival (Duanwujié)

May–June (June 8, 2008)

Mid-Autumn Festival (Zhongqiujié)

July–October (September 14, 2008)

Double-Ninth Festival (Chongyangjie)

August–October (October 7, 2008)

Chinese Valentine's Day (Qixijie)

July–August (August 7, 2008)

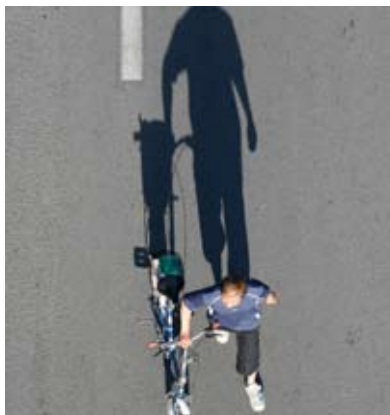
Valentine's Day in China, the seventh day of the seventh lunar month, falls on August 19 this year. Raise your head on August 19 and gaze at the stars, where you will find something romantic going on in the sky: Niu Lang and Zhi Nu (a pair of lovers) will meet on a bridge of magpies (queqiao) across the Milky Way (yinhe). Chinese grannies tell children that they will not be able to see any magpies that evening because all the magpies have left to form a bridge in the heavens with their wings.

Public Holidays and Festivals

January 1	New Year's Day
March 8	International Women's Day
May 1	Labour Day
May 4	Youth Day
June 1	Children's Day
September 10	National Teachers' Day
October 1	National Day



Getting Around



Beijing's five concentric ring roads look like a target on a map. At the heart is the Forbidden City. The Second Ring Road follows the line of the old city walls, and circular subway Line 2 runs below it. Anyway there is no First Ring Road.

Beijing's wide main streets are laid out on a grid system. Roads run north-south or east-west with intricate networks of ancient lanes and alleys known as *hutong* in between. The most important thoroughfare runs east-west to the north of Tian'anmen Square; this is Chang'an Jie.

Before venturing around, learning some terms about transportation in Chinese is useful. *Dong* is east, *xi* is west, *nan* is south, *bei* is north, and *zhong* means middle. *Jie* and *lu* mean street and road respectively. *Qiao* is bridge, *men* means door or gate, and *gongyuan* is park.

IC Card



By Bike

Getting around by bike is convenient and pleasant in Beijing, where there are around 10 million bicycles. Most streets have wide, well-defined bike lanes and bikes can be rented at many hotels and bicycle-renting spots. Bicycle Rental provides dozens of spots for bike renting in town, dial **800 810 5917** (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.) for details.

By Bus

There are more than 24,000 buses running on 750 routes in Beijing, and some 40 percent of them are new and cleaner models. Most buses numbered between 1 and 100 operate within the Third Ring Road. Buses numbered 200–212 provide only night services. Buses with 9 as the first number run between suburban and urban areas. Charges vary from 1 yuan to 12 yuan depending on the quality of service, how far you are travelling and where you go. Using IC cards to pay on buses brings discounts of up to 60 percent for adults and 80 percent for students.

IC Card

In May 2006, Beijing made life easier for its millions of commuters by unveiling pre-paid transportation IC cards (*Shizheng jiaotong yikatong*, or *yikatong* for short). These smart-cards can be used to pay for buses, subway rides and some taxis. The cards can be purchased and topped up at some of the subway stations and bus stations. Travellers must pay a 20 yuan deposit for the card and can put as much as 1,000 yuan on it. The fare is deducted automatically with a simple swipe of the card over a machine.

By Subway

The subway is a good way to avoid traffic jams in Beijing. There are eight lines in operation in Beijing, including the newly-opened Airport Line, Line 10 and the Olympic Branch Line, apart from the five existing lines, Line 1, Line 2, Line 5, Line 13 and the Batong Line. The subway runs from 5 a.m. to midnight daily. Subway stations are marked by blue signs with a "D" (for *ditie*, or subway) in a circle. Tickets cost 2 yuan, regardless of destination. IC cards may be used on the subway. Route signs are bilingual; useful maps showing station exits are located at the centre of every platform, and all stops are announced on the trains in English and Chinese.

By Taxi

There are more than 67,000 taxis in Beijing. All the taxis in Beijing are equipped with meters. Flagfall is 10 yuan (for 3 kilometres) during the day and 11 yuan from 11 p.m. until 5 a.m. The cost of a ride is 2 yuan per kilometre, 3 yuan after 15 kilometres. From 11 p.m. until 5 a.m., the cost of a ride is 2.4 yuan per kilometre and 3.4 yuan after 15 kilometres. Have your destination written down in Chinese. Say *ting che* to stop. Ask for your receipt by saying *fapiao*.

Look to the rear of the taxi, especially in bicycle lanes, before opening your door to avoid be struck by a cyclist.

东 → East 中 → Middle
西 → West 街 → Street
南 → South 路 → Road
北 → North 桥 → Bridge



首都国际机场 Capital International Airport

2号航站楼 No. 2 Terminal
3号航站楼 No. 3 Terminal



Dealing with the madding crowd

There are few capital cities in the world as steeped in history as Beijing. With an existence of at least 3,000 years—more than 850 of them as a capital city—nearly every square metre of ground, whether at Tian'anmen Square in Central Beijing or the temples nestled in surrounding mountains, has been a scene of significant events in the life of China.

Along with its long list of World Cultural Heritage List Sites, this makes Beijing a tourist paradise, a place that every resident of China longs to see. Now, foreign tourists are also flocking to the city by the millions, and in the summer of 2008, they will be joined by an estimated half million sports fans, coming to participate in the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

To prepare for the unprecedented attention and visitors that Beijing will experience during the Olympic Games, the city has built its new Terminal 3 at the Beijing Capital International Airport, along with hundreds of new hotels, new subway lines (with access for people with a disability), upgraded its bus and taxi fleets, renovated or refurbished every cultural relic and tourist destination (including toilets), established standards for food safety and cleanliness, stripped shoddy, unsafe and illegal merchandise from store shelves. Prices are closely monitored to ensure that tourists are not gouged. It has trained thousands of people in foreign languages, including police and other public safety personnel and has encouraged the entire population to learn at least one foreign language. All the city's traffic signs and signs at tourism destinations are at least bilingual in Chinese and English, to make life easier and more convenient for

foreign residents and visitors. Educational programmes have been created at universities, colleges and training schools to prepare people to work within the tourism industry, in addition to Olympics and Paralympics training programmes for thousands of Olympic volunteers, involving the entire community in the effort, from school children to retirees.

Tourists can expect to be treated with respect, kindness, concern and even affection by Beijingers who have been looking forward to August 8, 2008, for decades or more.

While tourists should certainly take time to experience the top tourist destinations in Beijing, known far and wide, they can escape the madding crowd by renting a car or taking public transportation to the many hidden wonders of Beijing found in the countryside, whether temples such as Tanzhesi or Jietaisi in Mentougou District or the artists' village in Tongzhou District's Songzhuang.

With its unique charm, Beijing is an exciting blend of the old and new. As you begin your visit in the historic Chinese capital, allow us to assist you in your exploration of this magnificent city.

The number eight is considered lucky in China, as it sounds similar to the character for "rich" (发). It is not by mere coincidence that the Opening Ceremony of the Beijing Olympics will start at 8 p.m. on August 8, 2008.



Twelve Must-Sees



-  4, Jingshan Qianjie, Dongcheng District
东城区景山前街4号
-  +86 10 6513 2255
-  8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
-  November 1–March 31, 40 yuan;
April 1–October 31, 60 yuan
-  Subway Line 1, Tian'anmen Xi (West) or Tian'anmen
Dong (East) Station

Forbidden City 故宫博物院

Located in the very centre of Beijing, the Forbidden City is China's largest and best-preserved set of ancient buildings. Construction began in 1406, during the reign of the third Ming emperor, Yongle. It took 14 years to complete. In 1421, after a renovation of the Grand Canal, the capital of the Ming Dynasty was officially moved from Nanjing to Beijing. For 491 years, spanning two dynasties and 24 emperors, the complex served as the Imperial Palace. In 1925, it was converted into the Palace Museum and was opened to the public.

The Forbidden City is divided into two main parts: the Outer Court and the Inner Palace. The Outer Court consists of three main buildings where the emperors attended grand ceremonies and conducted state affairs. The Inner Palace holds the emperor's living quarters and those of the empress and imperial concubines.

The Forbidden City is the largest ancient palatial structure in the world. In 1987, it was listed as a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site. The Palace Museum holds a great number of historical and cultural relics as well as many precious works of art.

Temple of Heaven 天坛公园



The Temple of Heaven is an historic and sprawling complex located in southern Beijing. It was first built in 1420 during the Ming Dynasty. Lying south of Tian'anmen Square and the Forbidden City, the park's circular Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests has become synonymous with Beijing, as recognizable as any celebrated landmark in the world. The Temple of Heaven was a sacred place in the minds of the ancient Chinese people. They believed that it was the place to convey wishes to heaven.

The crowning glory of the park, the Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests was also first built in 1420. It is a cone-shaped wooden structure with triple eaves and a gilded ball on the top, a symbol of the supreme power of the emperor. The roof of the building is covered with dark blue glazed tiles to represent the colour of the sky. Splendid in its external appearance, the hall's interior is also distinctive. The circular wooden structure is wholly made of wood without the use of a single nail. The entire structure is supported by 28 massive wooden pillars, which symbolise 28 constellations in the sky.

It was listed as a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site in 1998.

Travel








-  A1, Tiantan Beilu, Chongwen District
崇文区天坛北路甲1号
-  +86 10 6702 8866
-  6 a.m.–9 p.m.
-  15 yuan
-  Subway Line 5, Tiantan Dongmen Station
(Enter through the nearby East Gate)



Summer Palace

颐和园

The vast imperial playground of the Summer Palace was where the royal court would escape during the oppressive summer months. It is now a wonderful public park where local residents and visitors can stroll, relax and bask in China's ancient cultural legacy. The area has served as a royal summer home since the Jin Dynasty; however, its current appearance dates from 1750, when Qing Emperor Qianlong remodelled it for his mother. Though heavily visited, the park is large enough to allow people to find their own little piece of tranquillity even on the busiest days. Enjoy wandering ancient pathways and avenues that were once reserved for the sole use of emperors and their coteries.

-  19 Xijian Gongmen, Haidian District
海淀区新建宫门19号
-  +86 10 6288 1144
-  6:30 a.m.–6 p.m.
-  30 yuan (gate ticket), 60 yuan (all-inclusive ticket)
-  Take Subway Line 13 and get off at Wudaokou Station, then take a taxi for about 25 yuan; Buses: 330, 332, 333, 346, 394, 726, 81

Great Wall

长城

The Great Wall of China is a true wonder of the world and an absolute must-see for any visitor to this wonderful country. It snakes thousands of kilometres along the whole northern frontier of the ancient Chinese empire, from the shores of the Bohai Sea to the deserts of Gansu.

The origins of the Great Wall date to the seventh century BC, during an era known as the Spring and Autumn Period (770–467 BC). In 221 BC, after defeating other warring kingdoms, Qin Shihuang unified China for the first time under the Qin Dynasty. As the first emperor, he began the Great Wall project by linking separate walls already built by different kingdoms to ward off enemies. It took ten years to complete. Subsequent dynasties built their own walls as the border of the empire shifted over the centuries. The sections that can be seen to the north of Beijing were constructed mostly during the relatively recent Ming Dynasty (1368–1644).

In 1987 the Great Wall was listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site and preservation work on significant portions of the wall continues today.








The Great Wall is an example of China's majestic history and culture. The Badaling Section of the Great Wall is the most visited. The Mutianyu and Simatai sections are also famous.



Four key sections of the Wall near Beijing are:






Badaling Section of the Great Wall

八达岭长城

-  Yanqing County
延庆县八达岭长城
-  +86 10 6912 1737
-  7:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
-  45 yuan (April 1–October 31)
-  Take 919 from Deshengmen Long Distance Bus Station, 500 metres east of Jishuitan Subway Station. Buses depart every half hour from 5:50 a.m. and return from Badaling until 6:30 p.m. The trip takes one–two hours. Or, rent a car and make a day of it.






Simatai Section of the Great Wall

司马台长城

-  Gubeikouzhen, Miyun County
密云县司马台古北口镇
-  +86 10 6903 1051
-  8 a.m.–5 p.m.
-  40 yuan
-  Take 980 from Dongzhimen Long Distance Bus Station (100 metres east of Dongzhimen Subway Station Exit D, then walk 150 metres to the left). Buses depart from 6 a.m. and return until 7 p.m. The trip takes two to three hours.






Mutianyu Section of the Great Wall

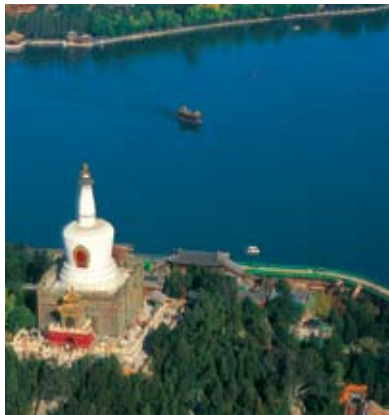
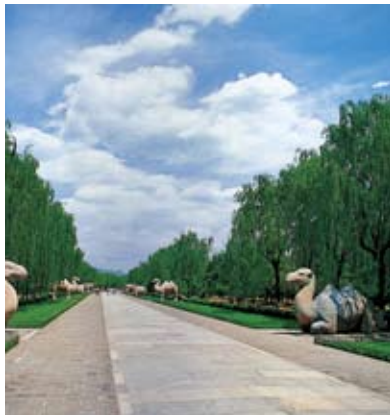
慕田峪长城

-  Mutianyucun, Huairou District
怀柔区慕田峪村
-  +86 10 6162 6505
-  7:30 a.m.–6 p.m.
-  40 yuan
-  Take 916 from Dongzhimen Long Distance Bus Station (100 metres east of Dongzhimen Subway Station Exit D, then walk 150 metres to the left). Buses depart from 5:20 a.m. and return until 6:30 p.m. The trip takes two–three hours.

Juyongguan Section of the Great Wall

居庸关长城

-  Nankouzhen, Changping District
昌平区南口镇
-  +86 10 6977 1665
-  8 a.m.–5 p.m.
-  45 yuan (April 1–October 31)
-  Take 919 from Deshengmen Long Distance Bus Station, 500 metres east of Jishuitan Subway Station. Arrive Nankou Town Bus Stop and take a small bus to Juyongguan Great Wall. Buses depart from 5:50 a.m. and return until 6:30 p.m. The trip takes two–three hours.





Ming Tombs

十三陵

The Ming Tombs, located in a picturesque valley of rolling hills and orchards north of urban Beijing, were built by the Ming emperors in an attempt to smooth their passage into the afterlife. Thirteen emperors, 23 empresses, and many imperial concubines, princes and princesses were buried in the tombs in simple but stately chambers. An impressive marble archway and a seven-kilometre road, known as the Sacred Way, show the way to the burial complex. Sculpted “guards,” a set of 12 stone animals, line the road.

The first tombs were excavated in 1958; in 2003, the site was recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

-  South of Tianshoushan, 50 km northwest of Beijing, Changping District
昌平区天寿山南
-  +86 10 6076 1148, 6076 1422
-  8 a.m.–5 p.m. (April 1–October 31);
8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (November 1–March 31)
-  Changling Tomb: 45 yuan
(April 1–October 31)
- Dingling Tomb: 65 yuan (April 1–October 31)
- Zhaoling Tomb: 30 yuan (April 1–October 31)
- Sacred Path: 30 yuan (April 1–October 31)
-  Take 919 from Deshengmen Long Distance Bus Station, 500 metres east of Jishuitan Subway Station. Arrive at Changping North Station and take 314 to Dingling Tomb, Changling Tomb, Sacred Way.

Beihai Park

北海公园

Located in the very heart of the city, Beihai Park is a perfect place for a long, meandering stroll around a preserve of the imperial court that dates back to the Liao Dynasty (907–1125). The Jade Islet was a favourite of Kublai Khan (1260–94). Numerous colourful pavilions and temples are scattered around the park, which opened to the public in 1922. Among its many famous attractions are the Nine-Dragon Screen (*Jiulongbi*) and the White Dagoba (*Baita*). Bobbing, duck-shaped paddleboats ply the enormous lake that lends the park its name.

-  Northwest of the Forbidden City, Xicheng District
西城区文津街1号
-  +86 10 6403 1102
-  6 a.m.–10 p.m.
-  10 yuan (April 1–October 31),
5 yuan (November 1–March 31)
-  Buses 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 118





Jingshan Park

景山公园

For an extraordinary and unforgettable view of Beijing and the Forbidden City, casually climb the steps to the top of the hill to the Wanchunting (Wanchun Pavilion) which overlooks this small park, directly opposite the North Gate of the Forbidden City. From this playground of Ming and Qing dynasty emperors for almost 500 years, you will be able to get a grasp on the great city that is China's capital. On Sundays choral groups gather in the park to perform amateur Peking Operas, play musical instruments or to sing songs once beloved by the masses.

-  North of the Forbidden City, 44 Jingshanxi Jie, Xicheng District
西城区景山西街44号
-  +86 10 6404 4071
-  6 a.m.–9 p.m. (April 1–October 31)
6:30 a.m.–8 p.m. (November 1–March 31)
-  2 yuan
-  Buses 101, 103, 111, 812, 814

Yonghegong Lamasery (Lama Temple)

雍和宫

Many consider Yonghegong the most prominent and colourful temple


in Beijing. Formerly the official residence of Count Yin Zhen, it was turned into a temple when the Count was elevated to the imperial throne in 1723. Now a working lamasery, it has three spectacular archways and five main halls, all featuring courtyards and galleries. Keep an eye out for the 18-metre high Buddha in Wanfu Pavilion, which was carved from a single piece of sandalwood. Browse shops in the area for gifts and souvenirs.

-  12 Yonghegong Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区雍和宫大街12号
-  +86 10 6404 4499
-  9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
-  25 yuan
-  Subway Line 2, Yonghegong (Lama Temple) Station

Tian'anmen Square

天安门广场

Tian'anmen Square is the heart of Beijing and the largest public square in the world. The 44-hectare Tian'anmen Square is 500 metres wide, 800 metres long and paved with specially treated light granite slate. Watch for the solemn flag-raising ceremony at sunrise and the flag-lowering ceremony at sunset. The Monument to the People's Heroes and Chairman Mao's Mausoleum stand on the southern end of the square and are visited by millions of Chinese people each year. Here you can experience a sense of the people's love for their country in one of the most historic places on earth.

-  Subway Lines 1, Tian'anmen West or Tian'anmen East Stations

Shichahai

什刹海

Shichahai features many places of historical interest and scenic beauty, plus the best-preserved examples of old-style Beijing streets and residences, the *hutong* and *siheyuan* courtyard homes.



Set around the three connected lakes of Qianhai, Houhai and Xihai, it's a popular place for boating in the summer and skating in the winter. In recent years it has also developed a thriving bar and club scene.

This is the best place to get a feel for old Beijing, strolling or cycling around narrow alleys where ordinary families live alongside (and sometimes inside) the grand homes of imperial China. Tourists can also visit several former residences of major figures in 20th century Chinese history, while the nearby Drum and Bell towers and Deshengmen Watch Tower are also top attractions.

P Take Subway Line 2 and get off at Gulou Dajie Station, then take a taxi for 15 yuan.

The Palace of Prince Gong 恭王府

Beijing's best-kept and biggest courtyard (*siheyuan*), it is said to be the model for the novelist Cao Xueqin's *Dream of the Red Mansions*. A great place to spend a day relaxing, it is a photographer's paradise, especially in the spring.

A A14, Liuyin Jie, Xicheng District
西城区柳荫街甲14号
C 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
¥ 20 yuan
☎ Buses 107, 118, 701

The Remains of Peking Man in Zhoukoudian 周口店北京猿人遗址

The suburban district of Zhoukoudian became world famous after the discovery of a 500,000-year-old human skull on December 2, 1929. The caves on Dragon Bone Hill where Peking Man's remains were found were recognized as a World Heritage List site by the United Nations in 1987. More discoveries of ancient humans from 1,000 to 11,000 years ago were made after 1929, and research at the site continues today.

Unearthed fossil remains in Zhoukoudian include 6 skulls, 15 jaw bones, 157 teeth and countless fragmented bones belonging to 40 individual Peking Men, constituting important materials for the study of the early biological evolution of human beings and the development of early culture.

☒ 1 Zhoukoudian Dajie, Fangshan District
房山区周口店大街1号
☎ + 86 10 6930 1278
C 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.
¥ 30 yuan for adults, 15 yuan for children and the elderly
P 917 from Tianqiao to Fangshan, or 616 at Beijing West Railway Station to Liangxiang, then change to Zhoukoudian.

Parks



Yuanmingyuan Park 圆明园

Yuanmingyuan was extolled as the “Garden of Gardens” and the “Versailles of the East” during its heyday. It was an imperial summer resort repeatedly expanded under the personal supervision of five emperors of the Qing Dynasty. The palace buildings were looted and largely destroyed by foreign troops in 1860 and 1900; the ruins are a poignant feature of this large and very attractive park.

-  28, Qinghua Xilu, Haidian District
海淀区清华西路28号
-  +86 10 6262 8501
-  7 a.m.–9 p.m.
-  10 yuan
-  Buses 320, 331, 365, 375, 722, 825

Zhongshan Park 中山公园

The northern boundary of this popular park borders the moat of the Forbidden City. During the reign of Emperor Yongle, the Altar of Earth and Grain was located here. Emperors made twice-yearly offerings to the gods of the fields and agriculture.

The park also features a wonderful children’s play area shaded by ancient cypress trees.

-  West of Tian’anmen, Dongcheng District
东城区天安门西侧
-  +86 10 6605 4594
-  6 a.m.–9 p.m. (April 1–October 31);
6 a.m.–8:30 p.m. (November 1–March 31)
-  3 yuan
-  Subway Line 1, Tian’anmen West Station

Working People’s Cultural Palace 劳动人民文化宫(太庙)

Formerly the Imperial Ancestral Temple, this grand structure lies at the southeast corner of the Forbidden City. Built during the early Ming Dynasty, the temple grounds are laid out with lovely paths lined with ancient trees and flowerbeds.

-  Northeast corner of Tian’anmen
Square, Dongcheng District
东城区天安门东侧
-  +86 10 6525 2189
-  6 a.m.–8 p.m.
-  2 yuan
-  Subway Line 1, Tian’anmen East Station



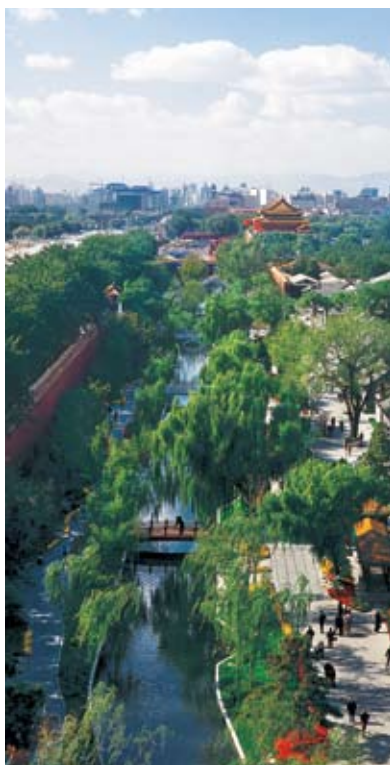


Fragrant Hills Park 香山公园

A popular destination for Beijingers and visitors because of the spectacular views from a peak that rises nearly 2,000 feet (600 metres) above sea level. The peak may be reached on foot or by chairlift and there is a lot to see and do along the way.

Several Ming and Qing dynasty temples and villas are scattered around the park, which is also close to the Beijing Botanical Garden. The Fragrant Hills lie beyond the Summer Palace northwest of Beijing, a little over an hour from the city centre by car, and the shops lining the approach to the park have gifts and souvenirs only found at this park.

-  At the foot of Xishan Hill, Haidian District
海淀区西山脚下
-  +86 10 8259 0297
-  6 a.m.–7 p.m.
-  10 yuan
-  Buses 331, 360, 904, 737



Beijing Botanical Garden 北京植物园

The 400-hectare Beijing Botanical Garden is located at the foot of the Western Hills in Northwest Beijing. Along with a large variety of plants, the garden has Asia's largest greenhouse.

-  Wofosi Lu, Xiangshan, Haidian District
海淀区卧佛寺路
-  +86 10 6259 1283
-  7 a.m.–5 p.m.
-  10 yuan (April 10–October 31),
5 yuan (November 1–March 31)
-  Buses 318, 333, 360

Changpuhe Park 菖蒲河公园

Changpuhe is a pretty river park lying to the east of the Forbidden City. For many years the river lay hidden under

stone slabs and warehouses, but recent renovation uncovered the water and transformed this part of Beijing into a prime recreational spot. Beautiful flower gardens and a teeming river of goldfish are among its main attractions. The park also features courtyard-style restaurants and modern amenities: a great place to take a break after a south–north walk across Tian’anmen Square.

 Nanchizi Dajie, Dongcheng District
 东城区南池子大街
 Subway Line 1, Tian’anmen East Station

Ritan Park

日坛公园






The site of a 16th-century altar where emperors made sacrificial offerings to the sun. Located in the southern embassy area and north of the Friendship Store, this is one of Beijing’s quietest and most atmospheric parks. Nearby are some of Beijing’s best and most popular restaurants and bars, access to medical services for foreigners, and there’s a Jenny Lou’s store at the northeastern corner outside the park that sells foods and snacks imported from around the world.

 6 Ritan Beilu, Chaoyang District
 朝阳区日坛北路6号
 +86 10 8563 5038
 6 a.m.–6 p.m.
 1 yuan
 Buses 1, 4, 43, 57, 120

Grand View Garden

大观园

Built in the 1980s as the set for a television production of Cao Xueqin’s 18th-century classic Chinese novel *A Dream of Red Mansions*. Now a peaceful getaway and an enjoyable outing for fans of the book.

 12 Nancaiyuan Jie, Xuanwu District
 宣武区南菜园街12号
 +86 10 6354 4994
 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
 15 yuan
 Buses 19, 59, 56, 423, 112, 351

Chaoyang Park

朝阳公园

The largest forested metropolitan park in Beijing, offering numerous attractions and superbly maintained floral and grassy areas. If you’re a sports buff, this is the place to go, but the park is also surrounded by great restaurants and night spots.

 1 Nongzhan Nanlu, Chaoyang District
 朝阳区农展南路1号
 +86 10 6506 5409
 6:30 a.m.–8:30 p.m.
 5 yuan
 Buses 115, 302, 710, 705, 988, 976








Beijing Zoo and Beijing Aquarium

北京动物园·北京海洋馆

Beijing Zoo is the oldest and largest zoo in the Asia-Pacific region. It houses more than 7,000 animals, including golden monkeys and giant pandas from Sichuan, yaks from Tibet, Chinese sea turtles, Manchurian tigers, and snow leopards. The biggest aquarium in China was opened inside the Zoo in 1999. There are daily performances by dolphins and sea lions.

Beijing Zoo

-  137, Xizhimenwai Dajie, Xicheng District
西城区西直门外大街137号
-  +86 10 6831 5131
-  7:30 a.m.–6 p.m.
-  15 yuan
-  Take Subway Line 2 and take off at Xizhimen, then take a taxi for 10 yuan.






Beijing Aquarium

-  North Gate of Beijing Zoo
北京动物园北门内
-  +86 10 6833 8741
-  9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
-  100 yuan
-  Buses 103, 107, 332, 334, 360, 601, 814, 904

Blue Zoo Beijing

工体富国海底世界

Beijing's first saltwater aquarium. Visitors get a great view of a diverse collection of marine life by walking through Asia's largest (120-metre) transparent underwater tunnel. The aquarium is home to 6,000 sea creatures from all over the world.

-  South Gate of Workers' Stadium,
Chaoyang District
朝阳区工人体育场南门
-  +86 10 6593 5263
-  8 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
-  75 yuan
-  Buses 110, 120, 118, 403

Chinese Ethnic Culture Park

(China Nationalities Museum)

中华民族园

The Chinese Ethnic Cultural Park features reproductions of the traditional buildings and living environments of Chinese minorities, plus performances and exhibitions introducing the cultural characteristics of the country's many peoples. From here visitors can see the "Bird's Nest" and "Water Cube."

-  Opposite the West Gate of the National Olympic Sports Centre, Chaoyang District
朝阳区民族路1号, 奥林匹克公园西南侧
-  +86 10 6206 3647
-  8 a.m.–7 p.m.
-  60 yuan for each garden, 90 yuan for both gardens
-  Buses 55, 386, 407, 740, 804, 819



Sites of Worship






Many religions coexist in China, with Buddhism, Taoism (Daoism), Islam and Christianity the most widespread. Each faith is respected equally, especially in the capital where each is represented and where each maintains its own sacred sites.

Buddhism

Buddhism is the dominant religion in China. It first arrived in AD 64 during the Han Dynasty (206 BC–AD 220), since when it has played a central role in Chinese culture and history. In China there are three main types of Buddhism: Han, Tibetan and Southern. Han and Tibetan Buddhism are significant subdivisions since they preserved important Sanskrit literary works that were lost to Southern Buddhism.

White Dagoba Temple 白塔寺

Named for the Yuan Dynasty dagoba that towers over the temple building. The eastern and western walls feature portraits of eight dharma protectors of Tibetan Buddhism. An exhibition of precious cultural relics is housed in the temple.

-  171, Fuchengmen Dajie, Xicheng District
西城区阜成门内大街171号
-  +86 10 6616 0211
-  9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
-  10 yuan
-  Subway Line 2, Fuchengmen Station



Reclining Buddha Temple 卧佛寺

Located on the eastern side of the Fragrant Hills, this temple was built in the seventh century AD during the heyday of the Tang Dynasty (AD 618–907). It was enlarged during the Yuan Dynasty (1271–1368) to accommodate a huge bronze reclining Buddha, cast in 1320 using 25,000 kilograms of bronze. The 5.2-metre-long Reclining Buddha depicts Sakyamuni, the founder of Buddhism. Surrounding it, 12 sculptures illustrate the mourning of Sakyamuni's 12 disciples.

-  Wofosi Lu, Fragrant Hills, Haidian District
海淀区北京植物园内
-  +86 10 6259 1283
-  6 a.m.–7p.m.
-  5 yuan
-  Buses 318, 333, 360, 714, 737, 904

The Temple of the Azure Clouds 碧云寺






The Temple of the Azure Clouds was first built during the Yuan Dynasty (1271–1368). The area around the temple features several places of historic interest and some breathtaking scenery. Located near the northern end of Fragrant Hills Park, this is a particularly nice place to take a break from the hectic pace of city life. Outside the temple gate is a stone bridge, under which runs a deep gully filled with tall locust trees and with willows gracing both sides.

-  North of Fragrant Hills Park, Haidian District
海淀区香山公园门里
-  +86 10 6259 1155, ext. 470
-  6 a.m.–6 p.m.
-  10 yuan
-  Buses 331, 737, 904

Jietai Temple 戒台寺






Home to one of China's most famous trees, the Jiulong (Nine-Dragon) Pine, which is said to be more than 1,300 years old.

Built during the Tang Dynasty, the temple is a tree lover's delight with the main complex liberally dotted with ancient pines, many of which have their own quirky names. This temple visit can be combined with a visit to the nearby Tanzhe Temple for a wonderful day trip in the cool mountains outside urban Beijing.

-  South of Ma'anshan, Mentougou District
门头沟区马鞍山麓
-  +86 10 6980 6611
-  8 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
-  35 yuan
-  335 from Fuchengmen or take 931 from Pingguoyuan

Tanzhe Temple 潭柘寺

This hillside temple consists of pavilions, prayer halls, courtyards and a group of pagodas dating from the Yuan, Ming and Qing dynasties, but there's more to see in this area. Plan also to visit the nearby "forest of pagodas," the final resting place for some of Tanzhe Temple's monks in a heavily forested area, and villages along the route, such as the 1,000-year-old Taipingzhuang and more.






-  Tanzhe Mountain, Mentougou District
门头沟区潭柘山麓
-  +86 10 6086 2500
-  8 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
-  35 yuan
-  Buses 307, 326, 336 and get off at Hetan Station, change to a long distance bus or 931 or minibus at Pingguoyuan



Yunju Temple

云居寺

An ancient complex built around limestone caves in the southern Shangfang Mountains. A shrine holds two bone fragments said to belong to Siddhartha Gautama, the founder of Buddhism. More than 77,000 engraved wooden blocks containing the Chinese Tripitaka (Buddhist scriptures) draw large crowds to the site.

-  Dashiwo County, Fangshan District
房山区大石窝镇
-  +86 10 6138 9612
-  8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
-  40 yuan
-  Bus 343 from Wanyuan Lu, 6 from Liuliqiao or 373 from Yuquan Lu or 917 at Tianqiao and get off at Fangshan, change to a minibus to Zhangfang.

Taoism (Daoism)

Taoism is the only religion whose origins lie within China itself. The religion derives from the doctrines of Laozi, a famous Chinese philosopher whose thoughts about “the way” were elaborated in the *Daodejing* 1,800 years ago. The most common representation of Taoist theology is the circular yin-yang figure. It symbolizes the balance of opposites in existence: when equally present, all is calm; when one outweighs the other, confusion and chaos result.

Baiyun Guan

(White Cloud Temple)

白云观

The largest Taoist centre in Beijing. The temple has a library of 5,485 Taoist classics and practitioners at the temple are well-versed in its philosophy. During the Spring Festival, the fair at Baiyun Guan is very popular.

-  Baiyun Lu, Fuxingmenwai Dajie, Xicheng District
西城区复兴门外大街白云路
-  +86 10 6346 3531
-  8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
-  10 yuan
-  Buses 19, 48, 114, 708, 727

Dongyue Miao

(East Mountain Temple)

东岳庙

A charming temple and an active place of worship. Its name refers to China’s famed Tai Shan. There is much to fascinate the visitor, with halls of devotion, seasonal market stalls and plentiful totems of good fortune.

-  141 Chaoyangmenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区朝阳门外大街141号
-  +86 10 6551 0151, 6551 4148
-  10 yuan
-  8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (Tuesday–Sunday)
-  Take Subway Line 2 and get off at Chaoyangmen Station, then walk 600 metres to the east



Christianity

Christianity came to China as early as the seventh century with travelling Nestorians. The Jesuits later found their way in the 1670s and the first protestant missionary arrived in 1807. Today, there are an estimated four million Catholics and ten million Protestants in China. As a consequence of the Opium War (1839–42), the Qing government was forced to accept terms that made Christianity legal in China. However, after the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949, Christianity gradually removed its foreign tag and became an acceptable and independent Chinese institution. Today it has firm roots in contemporary Chinese culture.

Catholic Churches

Church of Our Saviour 西什库教堂

The largest Catholic Church in Beijing. The original building was dedicated in 1703, but this was later torn down as a result of the expansion of Zhongnanhai. The church was moved to its current site just west of Beihai Park and rebuilt in ornate Gothic style in 1887.

-  33 Xishiku, Xicheng District
西城区西什库33号
-  +86 10 6617 5198
-  Buses 103, 109, 101, 124

Church of St. Joseph 王府井天主堂

First built in 1655 after Emperor Shunzhi of the Qing Dynasty (1644–1911) granted two foreign priests the right to use the land. Their small church was destroyed several times by earthquakes and wars. The current building dates from 1904.

-  74 Wangfujing Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区王府井大街74号
-  +86 10 6524 0634
-  Subway Line 1, Wangfujing Station, then walk about 1 km to the north





Church of the Immaculate Conception

宣武门教堂

✉ 141 Qianmenxi Dajie, Xuanwu District
 宣武区前门西大街141号
☎ +86 10 6603 7139
🚇 Subway Line 2, Qianmen Station

Kuan Jie Protestant Church

宽街教堂

✉ 51 Di'anmen Dongdajie, Dongcheng District
 (at the crossroads of Di'anmen Dongdajie and
 Kuan Jie)
 东城区地安门东大街51号
☎ +86 10 6522 9984

Protestant Churches

Chongwenmen Protestant Church

崇文门教堂

✉ 2 Hougou Hutong, Chongwen District (in the
hutong opposite Hademen Hotel)
 崇文区崇文门内后沟胡同2号
☎ +86 10 6513 3549
🚇 Subway Line 2, Chongwenmen Station

Zhushikou Protestant Church

珠市口教堂

✉ 129 Qianmen Nandajie, Chongwen District (at the
 cross-road of Lianguang Dajie and Qianmen Dajie)
 崇文区前门南大街129号
☎ +86 10 6301 6678
🚇 Subway Line 2, Qianmen Station

Islam

Islam first arrived in China during the Tang and Song dynasties (618 BC–AD 1279) via trade links with Persia and Central Asia. It became firmly established in the Yuan Dynasty (1271–1368), especially among the peoples living in what is now the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. There are an estimated 100 million Muslims in China, divided among 10 different ethnic groups. In Beijing there are many thriving Muslim communities with more than 40 mosques located in the city.




Niu Jie Mosque

牛街清真寺

Niu Jie, or Ox Street Mosque, is the oldest and most prestigious mosque in Beijing. According to legend, an ancient imam lives in the catacombs beneath



the mosque and if non-believers should attempt to enter its prayer hall, he will suddenly appear and “send the heretic to Allah” by throwing small steel darts at the infidel.

-  88 Niu Jie, Xuanwu District
宣武区牛街88号
-  +86 10 6353 2564
-  Subway Line 2, Xuanwumen Station

Dongsi Mosque

东四清真寺

Built in 1447 during the Ming Dynasty (1368–1644), this combines Chinese and Middle Eastern styles. The mosque’s library houses valuable manuscripts of the *Koran*, the *Hadith*, the *Sunna* (Islamic law), and other works of Islamic philosophy, history and literature published in Egypt, India, Turkey and Pakistan. Three services are held at dawn, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. daily. The site is also the headquarters of the Beijing branch of the China Islamic Association.

-  13 Dongsi Nandajie, Dongcheng District
东城区东四南大街13号
-  +86 10 6525 7824
-  Subway Line 1, Dongdan Station

Walks



Beijing Underground City 北京地下城

The Underground City was an elaborate and extensive set of tunnels and bomb shelters built for civil defence.

For more than 20 years, Beijing's Underground City has been mostly forgotten by local citizens, despite being well-known among foreigners since it officially opened in 1980. The Underground City has also been called the Underground Great Wall, since they both had the same purpose: military defence.

-  62 Damochang Hutong (east of Qianmen Dajie and south of Taijichang)
崇文区前门西打磨厂胡同62号
-  +86 10 3511 4341, 6702 2657
-  8:30 a.m.–6 p.m.
-  20 yuan
-  Subway Line 2, Qianmen Station

Marco Polo Bridge 卢沟桥



Known to locals as Reed Ditch Bridge, the “tourist” name derives from the Venetian wanderer’s description in his famous travelogue. It was built over the Yongding River in the early 12th century to provide access to the capital 16 km away. It is famed for the parapets that line each side, with 140 columns crowned by 485 lions.

The bridge’s main historical significance is as the starting point for China’s War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression (1937–45), the history of which is starkly illustrated in dozens of sculptures in a special area near the bridge. See also the Anti-Japanese War Museum, which is located in historic, walled Wanpingcheng at the east end of the bridge where there are one-of-a-kind things to see and gifts to purchase, especially arts and crafts from Shanxi Province.

-  77 Lugouqiao Chengnan Jie, Fengtai District
丰台区卢沟桥城南街77号
-  +86 10 8389 2521
-  8 a.m.–5 p.m.
-  10 yuan
-  Buses 309, 339, 642, 715, 748, 964

Ming Dynasty City Wall Relics Park 明城墙遗址公园

This last surviving fragment of Beijing’s ancient city wall stretches from Chongwenmen to Dongbianmen. The surrounding area has been cleaned up and turned into a pleasant, if narrow, park. Dongbianmen houses the Red Gate contemporary art gallery and a museum concerning the history of Chongwen District that is surprisingly interesting to visit.

-  Chongwenmen Dongdajie
崇文门东大街
-  Take Subway Line 2 and get off at Chongwenmen Station, then walk 100 metres to the east

Imperial Temples

Confucius Temple

孔庙 · 国子监

Confucius (Kongzi) (551–479 BC) is generally acknowledged as ancient China's greatest thinker and philosopher, and Confucianism remains an important aspect of traditional Chinese culture today. This 700-year-old temple was a sacrificial site for emperors of the Yuan, Ming and Qing dynasties. Its peaceful courtyard and ancient cypress trees make this one of the most pleasant temples in Beijing; it also has relics of prime significance, including the complete Confucian classics carved on massive stone steles. Next door is the former Imperial College, and a "forest of steles" that records the results of the imperial examinations from the Yuan to the Qing dynasties.






-  13 Guozijian Jie, Dongcheng District
东城区国子监街13号
-  +86 10 8401 1977
-  8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
-  20 yuan
-  Buses 13, 18, 44, 62, 104, 108, 116, 406, 807



Temple of Emperors of Successive Dynasties in China

历代帝王庙

An imperial temple during the Ming and Qing dynasties that was used for offering sacrifices to gods and ancestors such as Yanhuang—the mythical father of the Chinese race. The magnificent Jingdechongsheng Hall is on a par with the Palace of Heavenly Purity in the Forbidden City. The huge red wall before the gate is of a type seldom seen in China.

-  131 Fuchengmennei Dajie, Xicheng District
西城区阜成门内大街131号
-  +86 10 6616 1141
-  9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
-  20 yuan (for adults), 10 yuan (for students)
-  Buses 13, 101, 102, 103





Former Residences of the Famous

Former Residence of Soong Qingling

宋庆龄故居






Together with her famous sisters, Soong Qingling was one of the first Chinese women educated in the West. She was an advocate of women's rights even before marrying the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen and becoming China's first "first lady." She was very active in national politics and in the women's movement before and after the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949. Her belief that women's liberation must be part of the Chinese Revolution, and her support for the creation of the All-China Women's Federation in 1949, continue to shape the Chinese Government's policies toward women. Many of her personal effects are on display.



-  46 Houhai Bei'an, Xicheng District
西城区后海北岸46号
-  +86 10 6404 4205, ext. 815
-  9 a.m.–5 p.m.
-  20 yuan
-  Buses 5, 27, 44, 55

Former Residence of Lao She 老舍故居






As the author of *Rickshaw Boy*, *Tea House* and *Four Generations under One Roof*, Lao She (the nom de plume of Shu Qingchun, 1899–1966) is one of China's most beloved and respected writers. Lao She's house is fascinating for fans of his touching work.

-  19 Fengfu Hutong, Dengshikou Xijie, Dongcheng District
东城区灯市口西街丰富胡同19号
-  +86 10 6514 2612
-  8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
-  10 yuan
-  Take Subway Line 1 and get off at Wangfujing Station, then walk 1,000 metres to the north end of Wangfujing Avenue

Former Residence of Mao Dun 茅盾故居

Mao Dun was active in the May 4th Movement, the founder of the Literary Study Society in 1920 and a promoter of literary realism in China. After the

founding of the People's Republic of China, he served as a minister in the Ministry of Central Culture, and as vice-chairman of the National People's Political and Consultative Committee. He also served as vice-chairman of the China Culture League and chairman of the China Writers Association. The house is situated in a truly historic *hutong*.

-  13 Hou Yuan'ensi Hutong, Jiaodaokou, Dongcheng District
东城区后圆恩寺13号
-  +86 10 6404 0520
-  9 a.m.–5 p.m.
-  5 yuan
-  Buses 13, 101, 102, 103

Former Residence of Guo Moruo 郭沫若故居

Guo Moruo was one of China's most prominent writers and poets. He was awarded many prestigious honours, including the Stalin Peace Prize in 1951. His former house and gardens are immaculately preserved.

-  18 Qianhai Xijie, Xicheng District
西城区前海西街18号
-  +86 10 6612 5392, 6666 4681
-  9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (Closed Mondays)
-  10 yuan
-  Buses 13, 107, 111, 118, 701, 810, 823



Former Residence of Lu Xun 鲁迅故居

Lu Xun (1881–1936), the father of modern Chinese literature, wrote many of his essays and novels in this small courtyard garden.

-  19 Gongmenkou Ertiao, Fuchengmennei Dajie, Xicheng District
西城区阜成门内大街宫门口二条19号
-  +86 10 6616 4168
-  9 a.m.–4 p.m. (Closed Mondays)
-  5 yuan
-  Buses 13, 101, 102, 103



Former Residence of Mei Lanfang 梅兰芳故居

Most of the 30,000 relics on display belonged to Mei Lanfang (1894–1961), the most celebrated exponent of the art of Peking Opera.

-  9 Huguosi Jie, Xicheng District
西城区护国寺街9号
-  +86 10 6618 3598
-  9 a.m.–4 p.m. (Closed Mondays)
-  10 yuan
-  Buses 13, 22, 38, 47, 107, 111, 409, 709, 726, 806, 810



Serving Food Olympic Style

In the last ten years, dining in Beijing has undergone a fantastic transformation: diners have the same culinary choices today that they'd find in any large city in the world. Representatives of every culinary tradition in China can also be found in its capital, from the sweet and sour delights and seafood of South China to the meaty dishes of the North and West and the colourful sizzling dishes of Southwest China. Beijing is becoming known around the world for its foods' excellence and variety, where East meets West in sumptuous ways.

For Olympic athletes, Olympic organizers have promised a menu that will offer the best in Chinese delicacies. Chefs from across the country have recommended about 1,000 time-honoured local dishes for organizers to choose from, and Chinese food could account for up to 30 percent of the Olympic cuisine.

As the city counts down to the opening of the Games, some local restaurants have even branded themselves along sports lines:

- One restaurant has an Olympic countdown board at the entrance and a ping-pong table for diners to burn calories before or after their meal. The manager of the restaurant, which is co-owned by a famous foreign table tennis player, said that it was opened in 2004.
- One roasted duck restaurant is calling itself an Olympic restaurant because each of its 18 VIP rooms is named after the host cities of the Games. In the Athens Room, which is decorated with photos of the Greek capital, a large pair of tennis rackets hangs above the dinner table. Bon appétit.
- One restaurant with a large collection of soccer memorabilia has a

small penalty area where customers can practice their shooting skills. Its waiters are dressed like Premier League stars.

- The city offers a vast array of restaurants, ready to cater to almost every possible desire, from inexpensive street-side *xiaofanguan* (small eateries) to elegant, five-star gourmet restaurants. Some caution may be required for eating on the street, but as a general rule follow the locals. Almost any nightspot or bar in Beijing offers everything from snacks to elaborate meals, rewarding the adventurous with good food and entertainment in one spot.

Beijing's restaurants usually do not require tipping or service charges, although service charges are found in some of the larger, more expensive hotel restaurants, usually about 15 percent. Opening times are usually 11 a.m.–2 p.m. and 5–10 p.m., but increasingly, popular places and watering holes operate almost around the clock. Menus may not have photos of featured dishes or English translations; bring a friendly translator or use our helpful list. In a pinch, look about the restaurant until you see something you want to try and point it out to your waiter who will be happy to help.

There are 40,000 restaurants in Beijing, and 20,000 in New York City.



Useful Words and Phrases

English	Pinyin	Chinese
Beef	niurou	牛肉
Chicken	jirou	鸡肉
Pork	zhurou	猪肉
Crab	pangxie	螃蟹
Lobster	longxia	龙虾
Fish	yu	鱼
Oyster	hao	蚝
Knife	daozi	刀子
Fork	chazi	叉子
Chopsticks	kuaizi	筷子
Ice cold	bing de	冰的
English menu	yingwen de caidan	英文的菜单
I'm a vegetarian	wo bu chi rou	我不吃肉
Not too spicy	bu yao tai la	不要太辣
Cheers	ganbei	干杯
The bill	maidan	买单

Staples

A bowl of rice	yi wan mifan	一碗米饭
Bean and pork noodles	zhajiang mian	炸酱面
Fried noodle with beef	niurou chaomian	牛肉炒面
Fried rice with egg	jidan chaofan	鸡蛋炒饭
Fried rice with vegetables	shucaifan	蔬菜炒饭
Steamed meat bun	baozi	包子
Steamed meat dumpling	jiaozzi	饺子

Vegetable and tofu dishes

Braised eggplant	hongshao qiezi	红烧茄子
"Home style" tofu	jiachang doufu	家常豆腐
Potato, eggplant and green pepper in brown sauce	di san xian	地三鲜
Peppery hot tofu	mala doufu	麻辣豆腐
Sweet and sour lotus	tangcu oupian	糖醋藕片
Spicy fries	xiangla tudousi	香辣土豆丝
Sweet and spicy eggplant	yuxiang qiezi	鱼香茄子

Pork dishes

Boiled and stir-fried pork with salty/hot sauce	huiguo rou	回锅肉
Lion's head meat balls	shizitou	狮子头
Rice noodles and ground pork	mayi shangshu	蚂蚁上树
Pork in soy sauce	jingjiang rousi	京酱肉丝



Dining



Sweet and sour spare ribs tangcu paigu 糖醋排骨

Sweet and spicy diced pork yuxiang rousi 鱼香肉丝

Chicken/ Duck dishes

Chicken and cashews yaoguo jiding 腰果鸡丁

Chicken in soy sauce hongshao jikuai 红烧鸡块

Curried chicken gali ji 咖喱鸡

Peking roast duck Beijing kaoya 北京烤鸭

Spicy chicken with peanuts gongbao jiding 宫保鸡丁

Beef and lamb dishes

Beef with oyster sauce haoyou niurou 蚝油牛肉

Spicy boiled beef with
garlic and cabbage shuizhu niurou 水煮牛肉

Lamb hotpot shuan yangrou 涮羊肉

Sizzling beef platter tieban niurou 铁板牛肉

Stir fried beef and chilli ganbian niurousi 干煸牛肉丝

Drinks

Beer pijiu 啤酒

Chinese spirit baijiu 白酒

Coca-Cola kele 可乐

Coffee kafei 咖啡

Milk niunai 牛奶

Red/ white wine hong/ bai putaojiu 红、白葡萄酒

Tea chashui 茶水

Water shui 水



Royal Cuisine (*Gongting Cai*)



As the name suggests, royal cuisine consists of the recipes and dishes of the imperial kitchens, dating from the time of the Qing Dynasty (1644–1911).

Originating from the regional cooking of the Manchu and Han peoples, the cuisine pays equal attention to the quality of its ingredients as to its design. Dishes that have survived retain much of the culinary art of the royal kitchens, both lightly-flavoured and exquisite. They are now often served by descendants of chefs who worked in the imperial palace. Often, this is a time that will allow you to sample some of the cultural dining practices of olden times, with “strict” rules observed from where to sit at a table to when to begin dining and drinking.

The Man–Han Quanxi, a feast of Manchu and Han courses, was originally designed as a court banquet. It included 108 dishes that had to be eaten over three days, and there are some who do, usually on special family occasions.

Fangshan Restaurant 仿膳饭庄

Traditional palace cuisine in the beautiful setting of Beihai Park

- ✉ Inside Beihai Park, 1 Wenjin Street, Xicheng District
- ☎ 西城区文津街1号北海公园内（琼华岛上）
+86 10 6401 1889

Pavilion of Listening to Orioles 听鹂馆

The place where Empress Dowager Cixi dined in the Summer Palace

- ✉ Inside the Summer Palace, Haidian District
- ☎ 海淀区颐和园内（北如意门内）
+86 10 6288 1955



Imperial Cuisine (*Guanfu Cai*)

Old Beijing had many high-ranking officials who demanded that regional homemade cooking be served to the imperial courts. Regional recipes were collected in the capital and survived much historical tumult. The cuisine favours natural ingredients, exquisite condiments, long cooking times and intricate cooking utensils. Some of them are cooked in private homes, and reservations are necessary because of space limitations.

The Tanjia Restaurant is the best example of Beijing's imperial cuisine and provides a seafood-rich combination of Cantonese and Beijing cuisines. After the founding of the People's Republic, Premier Zhou Enlai asked that the restaurant to move to the Beijing Hotel, the best hotel in China at that time. Imperial cuisine is still available there on the seventh floor of the hotel's Building C.

Baijia Dayuan 白家大院

- ✉ 15 Suzhou Jie, Haidian District
海淀区苏州街15号
- ☎ +86 10 6265 8851

Dazhaimen Restaurant 大宅门

- ✉ A20 Shouti Nanlu, Haidian District
海淀区首体南路甲20号
- ☎ +86 10 8835 6687

Gege Fu 格格府

- ✉ 9 Daqudeng Hutong, Dongcheng District
东城区大取灯胡同9号
- ☎ +86 10 6407 8006

Guigong Fu 桂公府

- ✉ 11 Dafangjia Hutong, Nanxiaojie,
Chaoyangmennei, Dongcheng District
东城区朝阳门内南小街大方家胡同11号
- ☎ +86 10 6512 7667

Huajia Yiyuan 花家怡园

- ✉ 235 Dongzhimennei Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区东直门内大街235号
- ☎ +86 10 6405 1908

Lijia Cuisine 厉家菜

- ✉ 11 Yangfang Hutong, Deshengmennei Dajie,
Xicheng District
西城区德胜门内大街羊坊胡同11号
- ☎ +86 10 6618 0107

Royal Palace 皇城食府

- ✉ Inside Changpuhe Park, Nanchizi Dajie,
Dongcheng District
东城区南池子大街菖蒲河公园内
- ☎ +86 10 8511 5365

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Red Capital Club

新红资俱乐部

- ☒ 66 Dongsi Jiutiao, Dongcheng District
东城区东四九条66号
- ☎ +86 10 6402 7150

Tanfu Cuisine Restaurant

谭氏官府菜

- ☒ West wing of Wan Palace, 2 Guandongdian Nanjie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区关东店南街2号旺座中心西配楼
- ☎ +86 10 6586 5086

Tanjia Cuisine 谭家菜

- ☒ 7/F, Beijing Hotel, 33 Dong Chang'an Jie, Dongcheng District
东城区东长安街33号北京饭店7层
- ☎ +86 10 8500 9688

Temple Kitchen

今风古韵食府

- ☒ Baita Temple, 171 Fuchengmennei Dajie, Xicheng District
西城区阜成门内大街171号白塔寺内
- ☎ +86 10 6617 1119

Tian and Di Restaurant

天地一家

- ☒ 140 Nanchizi Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区南池子大街140号
- ☎ +86 10 8511 5556

Peking Duck



Essential to your Beijing dining experience is a brief tour of the many establishments offering Peking roast duck (*Beijing kaoya*), a delicious, lightly smoked, rich meal complimented by pancakes, dipping sauce, vegetable filling and irresistible slivers of juicy meat, fat and crispy skin (sometimes served first, a delicacy). After basting in a secret concoction of sweetened sauces, the ducks are roasted in a “hanging fruit-tree” oven for up to 50 minutes. They come out looking golden brown and juicy. A chef will then delicately slice it up for you by your table, making sure each piece includes at least a sliver of the duck’s crispy skin. The Chinese consider this the finest part of the duck. Every duck is sliced into 100–120 pieces. Dishes made of different parts of the duck are also worth trying.

The Quanjude Roast Duck Restaurant leads the popular duck front in Beijing, while the Bianyifang Restaurant offers another way of roasting duck that is also delicious, but do not be deterred, *kaoyadian* (roast duck restaurants) can be found throughout the city at reasonable prices, and roast duck is also served at many ordinary restaurants.

A taste of Peking roast duck is every bit as important as a visit to Tian’anmen Square during your stay in Beijing. A friend, guide, business associate or hotel concierge will help you find a roast duck restaurant near you, or hop in a cab and try any of the following:

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Bianyifang Roast Duck Restaurant

便宜坊烤鸭店

- ✉ A2 Chongwenmenwai Dajie, Chongwen District
崇文区崇外大街甲2号
- ☎ +86 10 6712 0505

China Lounge 唐廊

- ✉ South Gate of Workers' Stadium, Chaoyang District
朝阳区工人体育场南门内
- ☎ +86 10 6501 1166

Dadong Peking Duck

大董烤鸭店

- ✉ Building 3, Tuanjiehu Beikou, Chaoyang District
朝阳区团结湖北口3号楼
- ☎ +86 10 6582 4003

King Roast Duck

鸭王烤鸭店

- ✉ 24 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国门外大街24号
- ☎ +86 10 6515 6908

Liqun Roast Duck Restaurant

利群烤鸭店

- ✉ 11 Beixiangfeng, Zhengyi Lu Nankou, Dongcheng District
东城区正义路南口北翔凤胡同11号
- ☎ +86 10 6705 5578

Mimi's Roast Duck

咪咪香

- ✉ Shop 5, Hairun Int'l Apartment, Chaoyang District
朝阳区海润国际公寓底商5号
- ☎ +86 10 5135 8353

Quanjudu Roast Duck Restaurant

全聚德烤鸭店

- ✉ 32 Qianmen Dajie, Chongwen District
崇文区前门大街32号
- ☎ +86 10 6511 2418

Xiang Man Lou 香满楼

- ✉ West of Yuyang Hotel, Chaoyang District
朝阳区左家庄新源西里中街渔阳饭店西侧
- ☎ +86 10 6467 4391

Xiao Wang's Home Restaurant 小王府

- ✉ No.2 Building, Guanghua Dongli, Chaoyang District
朝阳区光华东里2号楼
- ☎ +86 10 6591 3255
- ✉ Inside Ritan Park, Chaoyang District
朝阳区日坛公园内
- ☎ +86 10 8561 7859
- ✉ 15 Qianhai Beiyuan, Xicheng District
西城区前海北沿15号
- ☎ +86 10 6613 1118

Yuehai Roast Duck Restaurant

粤海烤鸭店

- ✉ Baijiazhuang Lu Xikou, Chaoyang District
朝阳区东三环白家庄路口西
- ☎ +86 10 6582 1709



Hotpot

When autumn comes to Beijing and the weather cools, hotpot is a firm favourite. Mongolian and Sichuan styles dominate the city's hotpot scene.

Sichuan hotpot is spicy whereas the Mongolian version features a clear broth and dipping sauces, such as sesame. Many restaurants offer a split pot, half for those who like very spicy fare, half for those who prefer something tamer. Some Mongolian hotpots are not spicy at all. Standard ingredients include slivers of beef and chicken in addition to the staple lamb. Vegetables, mushrooms and various kinds of tofu are also popular. The pot itself is traditionally made of brass, with a central column that holds hot charcoal that boils the stock. Once boiling, the stock is used to quickly cook a range of ingredients. After a few seconds, the thinly sliced meats and vegetables are ready to eat, often after being dipped in a smooth sesame sauce that is delicious and incredibly filling. Plus, it's a great way to spend time with family and friends. Donglaishun is the most famous lamb hotpot restaurant in the city.

Ding Ding Xiang

鼎鼎香

- ✉ 1/F, 14 Dongzhong Jie, Dongzhimenwai Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区东直门外东中街14号1层
- ☎ +86 10 6417 2546

Dong Lai Shun 东来顺

- ✉ 5/F, Beijing apm (formerly Sun Dongan Plaza), 138 Wangfujing Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区王府井大街138号新东安大厦5层
- ☎ +86 10 6528 0932

Fuze Doulao

福泽豆捞火锅店

- ✉ 38 Southern end of Lucky Street, Zaoying Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区枣营路好运街最南端38号
- ☎ +86 10 5867 0260

Huang Cheng Lao Ma 皇城老妈

- ✉ 39 Qingfengzhai Houjie (south of the Motorola Building), Chaoyang District
朝阳区大北窑庆丰闸后街39号(摩托罗拉大厦后)
- ☎ +86 10 6779 8801

Jin Shan Cheng

金山城

- ✉ 34 Bei Sanhuan Xilu, Haidian District
海淀区北三环西路34号
- ☎ +86 10 6216 8357

Lemon Leaf 柠檬叶子

- ✉ 15 Xiaoyun Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区霄云路15号
- ☎ +86 10 6462 5505

Tanyutou Hotpot

谭鱼头

- ✉ Building 105, Huizhong Beili, Anli Lu
朝阳区安立路慧忠北里105号楼
- ☎ +86 10 6484 8880



Regional Chinese Cuisines



As a culinary capital, Beijing has it all! Foods from every region and every ethnic minority of China are found in the city representing the smallest mountain tribes to the peoples of Xinjiang and Tibet.

Rich in natural resources and neighbouring the sea, Cantonese cuisine is characterized by a wide range of seafood and the produce of a semi-tropical climate. Spicy Sichuan cuisine has become very popular in Beijing in the last ten years. Composed of regional variations from Chengdu, Chongqing and Zigong, it is known for having more than 50 different cooking methods. The strong flavours of Shandong cuisine are dominated by spring onion and garlic, while Zhejiang and Jiangsu cuisines feature delicately seasoned, light-tasting blends of seafood and vegetables. There's absolutely no need to eat the same thing two times in a row in Beijing!

Hubei/Hunan Cuisines

Caixianggen Restaurant

菜香根酒楼

- ✉ 2 Bei Shoupa Xiang, Guang'anmenwai Dajie, Xuanwu District
宣武区广安门外大街北手帕巷2号
- ☎ +86 10 6339 2418

Jiutouniao Restaurant

九头鸟酒家

- ✉ Northwest Corner, Hangtian Qiao, Xi Sanhuan Zhonglu, Haidian District
海淀区西三环中路航天桥西南角
- ☎ +86 10 6848 9278

Dining

Liujiaguo Restaurant

刘家锅酒楼

- ✉ 19 Nanheyuan Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区南河沿大街19号
- ☎ +86 10 6524 1487

Xiang E Qing 湘鄂情

- ✉ A2 Dinghuisi, Fucheng Lu, Haidian District
海淀区阜成路定慧寺甲2号
- ☎ +86 10 8813 5388

Xiang Lin Tian Xia

湘临天下

- ✉ 3/F, Tengda Building, 168 Xizhimenwai Dajie,
Xicheng District
西城区西直门外大街168号腾达大厦3层
- ☎ +86 10 8857 7777/6666

Yuelu Shanwu

岳麓山屋

- ✉ Room 10-11, A19 Qianhai Xiyuan,
Shichahai, Xicheng District
西城区什刹海前海西沿甲19号10-11室
- ☎ +86 10 6617 2696

**Cantonese Cuisine**

Cantonese cuisine features excellent seafood dishes such as abalone, and shark's fin.

Ah Yat Abalone

阿一鲍鱼

- ✉ A1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建外大街甲1号
- ☎ +86 10 6508 9613

Chao Fu Cheng

潮福城

- ✉ 108 Jianguo Lu, southeast corner of
Motorola Building, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国路108号摩托罗拉大厦东南角
- ☎ +86 10 6566 9936

Chao Hao Wei 潮好味

- ✉ 2/F, Bright China Chang'an Building, 7
Jianguomennei Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区建国门内大街7号光华长安大厦2楼
- ☎ +86 10 6517 1916

East Ocean Seafood Restaurant

东海海鲜酒家

- ✉ 39 Maizidian Jie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区麦子店街39号
- ☎ +86 10 6508 9933

**Holiday Inn Temple of Heaven
Cantonese Restaurant**

中成天坛假日酒店

- ✉ No. 1, Ding'an Dongli, Fengtai District (300
metres north to Zhaogongkou Bridge at
Dong Sanhuan Lu)
丰台区定安东里1号中成天坛假日酒店一层
(赵公口桥向北300米)
- ☎ +86 10 6762 6688, ext. 5119

Jin Ding Xuan

金鼎轩酒楼

- ✉ 77 Hepingli Xijie, Dongcheng District
东城区和平里西街77号
- ☎ +86 10 6429 6888

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La Paleta

彩色盘茶餐厅

- ✉ No.4 Building, Anhuili Second Block, Chaoyang District
朝阳区安慧里二区4号楼
- ☎ +86 10 6481 0887

Le Quai 有璟阁

- ✉ Opposite the No. 12 stadium gate, Workers' Stadium, Chaoyang District
朝阳区工人体育场内12号看台对面
- ☎ +86 10 6551 5155

Shun Feng

顺峰海鲜餐厅

- ✉ 16 Dong Sanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区东三环北路16号
- ☎ +86 10 6507 0554

The Deluxe Restaurant

凯悦酒家

- ✉ 3/F, Comfort Inn Hotel, 4 Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区工体北路4号凯富酒店三层
- ☎ +86 10 8523 6999

Ziyixuan Restaurant

紫怡轩鲍翅楼

- ✉ 3/F, Building B, East Gate Plaza, Dongzhong Jie, Dongcheng District
东城区东中街29号东环广场B座三层
- ☎ +86 10 6418 2001

Guizhou Cuisine

Guizhou Luoluo Sour Soup Fish Hotpot

贵州箩箩酸汤鱼

- ✉ 1 Nongzhanguan Nanlu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区农展馆南路1号
- ☎ +86 10 6594 0939



Dining

Three Guizhou Ren

三个贵州人

- ✉ 6 Jianguomenwai, Guanghua Xili, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国门外光华西里6号
- ☎ +86 10 6502 1733

Zui San Jiang 醉三江

- ✉ 14 Sanlitun Nanjie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区三里屯南街14号院西侧
- ☎ +86 10 6509 3704

Jiangsu and Zhejiang Cuisines**Jade Garden** 苏浙汇

- ✉ 1-2/F, Raycom Info Teck Park Tower C, 2 Kexueyuan Nanlu, Haidian District
海淀区科学院南路2号融科资讯中心C座北楼一/二层
- ☎ +86 10 8286 2800

Kongyiji 孔乙己

- ✉ South Bank of Houhai, Shichahai, Deshengmen, Xicheng District
西城区德胜门什刹海后海南岸
- ☎ +86 10 6618 4915

Peach Blossoms 荟芳阁

- ✉ 2/F, Capital Hotel, 3 Qianmen Dongdajie, Dongcheng District
东城区前门东大街3号首都大酒店二层
- ☎ +86 10 6512 9988, ext. 3571

Suzhe Restaurant

苏浙酒楼

- ✉ 2/F, West Wing, China World Trade Center, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国门外大街1号国贸西楼二层
- ☎ +86 10 6605 3132

Wu Ming Ju 无名居

- ✉ 1-2/F, Lixiang Building, 111 Zhichun Lu, Haidian District
海淀区知春路111号理想大厦一/二层
- ☎ +86 10 8266 5716

Kejia Cuisine**Hakka** 老汉字客家菜馆

- ✉ Shichahai East Bank, Xicheng District
西城区什刹海东岸
- ☎ +86 10 6404 2259

Xinjiang Cuisine**A Fun Ti Carnival**

阿凡提嘉年华

- ✉ A2 Houguaiyang Hutong, Chaoyangmennei Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区朝阳门内大街后拐棒胡同甲2号
- ☎ +86 10 6527 2288

Hong Bin Lou 鸿宾楼

- ✉ 11 Zhanlanguan Lu, Xicheng District
西城区展览馆路11号(百万庄路口)
- ☎ +86 10 6899 4560

The Mughal's Beijing

新疆卡拉奇

- ✉ 5188, 5/F, 3.3 Fashion Plaza, 33 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区三里屯路33号三点三大厦五层5188室
- ☎ +86 10 5136 5575

Xinjiang Red Rose Restaurant

新疆红玫瑰餐厅

- ✉ Lane 7, Xingfuyicun, Sanlitun, Chaoyang District
朝阳区三里屯幸福一村7巷(工体北门对面)
- ☎ +86 10 6415 5741

Yunnan Cuisine**South Silk Road**

茶马古道

- ✉ 3/F, Tower D, SOHO, 88 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国路88号SOHO现代城D座三层
- ☎ +86 10 8580 4286

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Zhongbalou 中8楼

- ✉ Zhongbalou, Dong Sanlitun, Chaoyang District
朝阳区东三里屯中8楼
- ☎ +86 10 6413 0629

Mongolian Cuisine

Dahr Khan

达尔汗蒙古文化餐吧

- ✉ A11-2 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国门外大街甲11-2号(近友谊商店)
- ☎ +86 10 6501 7740

Grassland In The Sky

Teng Ge Li Ta La

腾格里塔拉

- ✉ 2 Wanshou Lu, Haidian District
海淀区万寿路2号
- ☎ +86 10 6815 0808
- i <http://www.tala.com.cn>

Tibetan Cuisine

Makyeame Tibetan Restaurant & Bar

玛吉阿米西藏风情餐吧

- ✉ 2/F, A11 Xiushui Nanjie, Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国门外秀水南街甲11号二层
- ☎ +86 10 6506 9616

Zhuo Ma Tibetan Restaurant

卓玛风情藏餐吧

- ✉ 18 Jing'an Dongli, Chaoyang District
朝阳区静安庄静安东里18号
- ☎ +86 10 8448 3090

Shanxi Cuisine

Noodle Loft Shanxi

面酷

- ✉ 20 Xidawang Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区西大望路20号
- ☎ +86 10 6774 9950

Shanghai Cuisine

Hu Jiang Xiang Man Lou

沪江香满楼食府

- ✉ A34 Dongsì Shitiao, Dongcheng District
东城区东四十条甲34号
- ☎ +86 10 6403 1368

Din Tai Fung 鼎泰丰

- ✉ 24 Xinyuanxili Zhongjie, northwest of Yuyang Hotel, Chaoyang District
朝阳区新源西里中街24号饭店西北角
- ☎ +86 10 6462 4502

Jing Yi Zhou 静颐洲

- ✉ 2/F, Building B, East Gate Plaza, Dongzhong Jie, Dongcheng District
东城区东中街29号东环广场B座二层
- ☎ +86 10 6418 1072

Dining

**Lubolang Restaurant** 绿波廊

- ✉ 2/F, Landmark Tower, 8 Dong Sanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区东三环北路8号亮马河大厦二层
- ☎ +86 10 6590 6688, ext. 2388

Shanghai Restaurant at Kunlun Hotel

昆仑上海风味餐厅

- ✉ 1-2/F, Kunlun Hotel, 2 Xinyuan Nanlu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区新源南路2号昆仑饭店一/二层
- ☎ +86 10 6590 3388, ext. 5394

Sichuan Cuisine**Fei Teng Yu Xiang** 沸腾鱼乡

- ✉ A3 Xinyuan Nanlu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区新源南路甲3号
- ☎ +86 10 8455 2333
- ✉ B24 Jianwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建外大街乙24号
- ☎ +86 10 6515 9600

Red Capital Club

新红资俱乐部

- ✉ 66 Dongsi Jiutiao, Dongcheng District
东城区东四九条66号
- ☎ +86 10 6402 7151, 8401 8886

Sichuan Restaurant

四川饭店

- ✉ Inside the Palace of Prince Gong, A14 Liuyin Jie, Xicheng District
西城区柳荫街甲14号恭王府花园内
- ☎ +86 10 6615 6924, 6615 6925

South Beauty 俏江南

- ✉ L220, West Wing, China World Trade Center, Chaoyang District
朝阳区国贸中心大厦西楼2层L220
- ☎ +86 10 6505 0809
- ✉ BB88, B1, Oriental Plaza, 1 Dong Chang'an Jie, Dongcheng District
东城区东长安街1号东方广场B1楼BB88号
- ☎ +86 10 8518 6971

Xi He Ya Ju Restaurant

羲和雅居酒楼

- ✉ Northeast Corner of Ritan Park, Chaoyang District
朝阳区日坛公园东北角
- ☎ +86 10 8561 7643

Yuxin Restaurant 渝信川菜

- ✉ 1/F, Jingtai Mansion, 24 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国门外大街24号京泰大厦一层
- ☎ +86 10 6515 6588
- ✉ A5 Xingfuyicun Xili, Chunxiu Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区春秀路幸福一村西里甲5号
- ☎ +86 10 6415 8168



Vegetarian Restaurants

Beijing Green Tianshi

绿色天使餐厅

- ☒ 57-5 Dengshikou Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区灯市口大街57-5号
- ☎ +86 10 6524 2349

Gong De Lin 功德林素菜饭庄

- ☒ 2 Qianmen Dongdajie, Chongwen District
崇文区前门东大街2号
- ☎ +86 10 6702 0867

Lotus In Moonlight 荷塘月色

- ☒ Building 12, Liufangnanli, Chaoyang District
朝阳区左家庄西街柳芳南里12号楼
- ☎ +86 10 6465 3299

Pure Lotus 净心莲

- ☒ 10 Nongzhanguan Nanlu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区农展馆南路10号中国文联院内
- ☎ +86 10 6592 3627

Still Thoughts Vegetarian Restaurant 静思素食坊

- ☒ A18 Dafosi Dongjie, Dongcheng District
东城区大佛寺东街甲18号
- ☎ +86 10 6400 8941



World Cuisines

Since the late Qing Dynasty, in the 19th century, western food and drink and foods from across Asia have become increasingly popular in China, and with more foreigners living in Beijing than ever, the local establishments work hard to ensure quality and to retain loyal customers in a competitive market. Restaurants featuring a wide selection of western foods, including popular fast foods and chain operations, now dot the city, many of which have foreign chefs with international experience.

Japanese, Korean, Thai and Indian foods are also popular among locals and foreigners in Beijing, who relish experiencing exotic eastern dishes, and Russian food establishments are as exciting as the food is good. Call ahead for reservations, especially if entertaining a large group. Wherever you go: it's all good.

Japanese Cuisine

Gion Restaurant 祇园

- ✉ 1/F, Twenty-First Century Hotel, 40 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区亮马桥路40号二十一世纪饭店一层
- ☎ +86 10 6466 3311, ext. 3841

Hatsune 隐泉日本料理

- ✉ 2/F, Heqiao Building Tower C, A8 Guanghua Donglu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区光华东路甲8号和乔大厦C座二层
- ☎ +86 10 6581 3939

Kagen 火源日式餐厅

- ✉ B1/F, Heqiao Building Tower C, A8 Guanghua Donglu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区光华东路甲8号和乔大厦C座B1层
- ☎ +86 10 6583 6830

Kurazen 藏善日本料理

- ✉ 21 Lucky Street, Zaoying Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区枣营路好运街21号
- ☎ +86 10 5867 0281

Kushinosato 串之乡

- ✉ B2 Xinyuan Jie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区新源街乙2号
- ☎ +86 10 6462 1086

Matsuko 松子日本料理

- ✉ B22 Baijiangzhuang, Dong Sanhuan, Chaoyang District
朝阳区东三环白家庄乙22号
- ☎ +86 10 6582 5208

Ming Ge Japanese Restaurant 明阁日本料理

- ✉ A3 Baijiazhuang Dongli, Changhongqiao, Chaoyang District
朝阳区长虹桥白家庄东里甲3号
- ☎ +86 10 6500 7070

Nihonbashi 日本桥

- ✉ Unit 106, 1/F, Kerry Mall, 1 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区光华路1号嘉里中心商场一层106号
- ☎ +86 10 6501 6665

Nishimura 西村日式餐厅

- ✉ 2/F, Shangri-La Hotel, 29 Zizhuyuan Lu, Haidian District
海淀区紫竹园路29号香格里拉酒店二层
- ☎ +86 10 6841 2211, ext. 2719

Oishii 易喜日本餐厅

- ✉ 2/F, Pacific Century Place, A2 Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区工体北路甲2号太平洋百货二层
- ☎ +86 10 6539 3555

Sakura 樱

- ✉ 2/F, Hotel New Otani Chang Fu Gong, 16 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国门外大街16号长富宫饭店二层
- ☎ +86 10 6512 5555, ext. 1226

Six Root Tree 六本木

- ✉ 177 Dongzhimennei Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区东直门内大街177号
- ☎ +86 10 6401 1797

Takewaka 竹若

- ✉ 5/F, West Tower, Twin Towers, B12 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国门外大街乙12号双子座大厦西塔五层
- ☎ +86 10 5120 8881

Korean Cuisine

Gaon Korean Restaurant 高恩

- ✉ 5/F, East Tower, Twin Towers, B12 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国门外双子座大厦东塔五层
- ☎ +86 10 5120 8899

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Haitanhua Pyongyang Cold Noodle Restaurant 平壤海棠花

- ☒ 8 Xinyuanxili Zhongjie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区新源西里中街8号
- ☎ +86 10 6461 6298

Han Na Shan 汉拿山

- ☒ A11 Chunxiu Lu, Dongcheng District
东城区春秀路甲11号
- ☎ +86 10 6417 8377

Oh Jook Hun 乌竹轩

- ☒ A1, north end of Lucky Street, 29 Zaoying Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区枣营路29号好运街最北端A1号
- ☎ +86 10 5867 0230

Saveurs de Coree 韩香馆

- ☒ 29 Nan Luo Gu Xiang (Near Drum Tower), Jiadaokou, Dongcheng District
东城区交道口南锣鼓巷29号(近鼓楼)
- ☎ +86 10 6401 6083

Shanggu City Korea Village BBQ 尚古城韩国烧烤

- ☒ 5 Laiguangying Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区来广营东路5号
- ☎ +86 10 8470 3016

Sorabol 萨拉伯尔

- ☒ B1/F, Lufthansa Center, 50 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区亮马桥路50号燕莎友谊商城B1层
- ☎ +86 10 6465 3388, ext. 5720

Suboksung 寿福城

- ☒ B1/F, Millennium Plaza, 38 Xiaoyun Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区霄云路38号现代汽车大厦B1层
- ☎ +86 10 8453 9999

American Cuisine

From pancakes, bacon and eggs in the morning to Tex-Mex, Texas barbecue or a southern chicken-fried steak at lunch and dinner, Beijing has it all at affordable prices at an outlet near you: some even serve real iced tea, southern style, so don't be afraid to ask for your down-home favourites. Most American-style restaurants are capable of handling large groups, but call ahead for reservations if in doubt, yet if travelling on business or alone, the waiters will be happy to make you feel at home in the Chinese capital.

Astor Grill 艾斯特扒房

- ☒ 3/F, St. Regis Hotel Apartment, 21 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建外大街21号国际俱乐部饭店公寓三层
- ☎ +86 10 6460 6688, ext. 2637

Grandma's Kitchen 祖母的厨房

- ☒ A11 Xiushui Nanjie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区秀水南街甲11号
- ☎ +86 10 6503 2893

Hard Rock Cafe 硬石餐厅

- ☒ West hall, Landmark Towers, 8 Dong Sanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区东三环北路8号亮马河大厦西大堂
- ☎ +86 10 6590 6688, ext. 2571

Outback Steakhouse 澳拜客

- ☒ Inside North Gate of Workers' Stadium, Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区工体北路工人体育场北门内东侧
- ☎ +86 10 6506 5166



Dining

Paul's Steak and Eggs 喜来中

- ✉ 5 Xiushui Nanjie, Jianguomenwai, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国门外秀水南街5号
- ☎ +86 10 6592 8088

Sizzler 时时乐

- ✉ 1/F, International Club, 21 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建外大街21号国际俱乐部一层
- ☎ +86 10 6532 0475
- ✉ 1/F, Hualian Department Store, 102 Beilishi Lu, Xicheng District
西城区北礼士路102号华联商厦一层
- ☎ +86 10 6835 0610

T.G.I. Friday's 星期五餐厅

- ✉ 9-2 Jinchengfang Jie, Xicheng District
西城区金城坊街9-2号
- ☎ +86 10 6622 0880
- ✉ Opposite St. Regis Hotel, 19 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国门外大街19号 (国际俱乐部对面)
- ☎ +86 10 8526 3388

The Texan Bar & Grill

德克萨斯扒房

- ✉ 1/F, Holiday Inn Lido Beijing, 6 Jiangtai Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区蒋台路6号丽都假日饭店一层
- ☎ +86 10 6437 6688, ext. 1849

Tim's Texas Bar-B-Q Tim's

熏烤房

- ✉ 14 Dondaqiao Lu (near Silk Street No. 2), Chaoyang District
朝阳区东大桥路14号(近秀水2号)
- ☎ +86 10 6591 9161
- e www.timsbarbq.com

French Cuisine**Bleu Marine** 蓝玛利

- ✉ 5 Guanghua Xili, south of Mexican Wave, Chaoyang District
朝阳区光华西里5号
- ☎ +86 10 6500 6704

Brasserie Flo 福楼法餐厅

- ✉ 2/F, Rainbow Plaza, 16 Dong Sanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区东三环北路16号隆博广场二层
- ☎ +86 10 6595 5135

Ching Pavilion Art Restaurant & Lounge 清阁餐厅

- ✉ 76 Donghuamen Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区东华门大街76号
- ☎ +86 10 6523 8775

Cross Club 法雨Club

- ✉ 78 Sanlitun Nanjie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区三里屯南路78号
- ☎ +86 10 6586 5277

Firstar 浮士德

- ✉ 18 Xiaoyun Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区霄云路18号
- ☎ +86 10 6460 1981

Gaddi's 凯帝思法餐厅

- ✉ 1/F, C 2 Oriental Plaza, 1 Dong Chang'an Jie, Dongcheng District
东城区东长安街1号东方广场C2座一层
- ☎ +86 10 8518 3768

Justine's 杰斯汀

- ✉ 1/F, Jianguo Hotel, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国门外大街5号建国饭店一层
- ☎ +86 10 6500 2233, ext. 8039

La Cite 紫禁阁

- ✉ 115 Nanchizi Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区南池子大街115号
- ☎ +86 10 6559 6017

La Mansarde 法兰香

- ✉ 35 Lucky Street, Zaoying Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区枣营路好运街35号
- ☎ +86 10 5867 0255

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La Seine 塞纳河法国餐厅

- 2/F, The Ascott Beijing, B108 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国路乙108号雅诗阁大厦二层
- +86 10 6566 9363

Le Bistro Parisien 巴黎乐事多

- 1/F Tongli, 43 Sanlitun Beijie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区三里屯北街43号同里一层
- +86 10 6417 8188

Le Petit Gourmand 小美食家

- 3/F Tongli, 43 Sanlitun Beijie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区三里屯北街43号同里三层
- +86 10 6417 6095

Le Petit Paris 小巴黎

- 29 Sanlitun Lu, opposite the French School, Chaoyang District
朝阳区三里屯路29号楼法国学校对面
- +86 10 6416 9381

Maxim's de Paris 马克西姆

- 2/F, Chongwenmen Hotel, 2 Chongwenmen Xidajie, Chongwen District
崇文区崇文门西大街2号崇文门饭店二层
- +86 10 6512 1992

Parfum French Restaurant

浮士德香水法式餐厅

- 3/F, Building 19 Huamao Center, 89 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国路89号华贸中心19号三层
- +86 10 6530 5799

Fusion

Rain Club 尚润奢品俱乐部

- 22 Dongsishitiao, Dongcheng District
东城区东四十条22号
- +86 10 6409 6922

German Cuisine

Block House 布洛克牛排

- 1/F, Van Palace, 2 Guandongdian Nanjie, Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区光华路关东店南街2号旺座中心一层
- +86 10 6561 6166

Der Landgraf 兰特伯爵

- A2 Pufang Lu, Fangzhuang, Fengtai District
丰台区方庄蒲方路甲2号
- +86 10 6768 2664

Die Kochmutzen 德国厨师帽

- No. 718, Building 7, Jianwai SOHO, Dong Sanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区东三环中路39号建外SOHO 7座718铺
- +86 10 5869 3830

Paulaner Brauhaus

普拉那啤酒坊

- 1/F, Kempinski Hotel, 50 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区亮马桥路50号凯宾斯基饭店一层
- +86 10 6465 3388, ext. 5732

Schiller's 大明西餐厅

- South of Capital Mansion, 1 Liangmahe Nanlu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区亮马河南路1号京城大厦南边
- +86 10 6464 9016

Schindler's Anlegestelle

申德勒码头餐厅

- 10 Sanlitun Beixiaojie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区三里屯北小街10号
- +86 10 6463 1108

Schindler's Tankstelle

申德勒加油站

- 15A Guanghua Lu, 50 m east of Ritan Park South Gate, Chaoyang District
朝阳区光华路甲15号日坛公园南门东50米)
- +86 10 8562 6439

Italian Cuisine

Belissimo! Italian food in Beijing is second to none, and some Chinese celebrities who have travelled to Italy claim to prefer the Italian food of Beijing. And why not: the best of the Italian restaurants in Beijing work hard to attract the best chefs of Italy to the exotic world of Beijing cuisine, and the chefs have responded by producing excellent foods based on Beijing's excellent supply of fresh ingredients, along with fusion dishes and food combinations found nowhere else.

Annie's Cafe 安妮意大利餐厅

- Chaoyang Park West Gate, Chaoyang District
朝阳区朝阳公园西门南侧
- +86 10 6591 1931

Da Giorgio

东方君悦大酒店意餐厅

- 2/F, Grand Hyatt Beijing, 1 Dong Chang'an Jie, Dongcheng District
东城区东长安街1号东方君悦酒店二层
- +86 10 8518 1234, ext. 3628

Gisa 吉萨

- 1 Nongzhanguan Lu (Chaoyang Park West Gate), Chaoyang District
朝阳区农展馆南路1号(朝阳公园西门)
- +86 10 6594 0938

Elisa's Cafe 爱丽莎意大利餐厅

- C6, Lucky Street, 29 Zaoying Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区枣营路29号好运街C6
- +86 10 5867 0292

Handsome Cafe 海上餐吧

- 7 Sanlitun Beili, Chaoyang District
朝阳区三里屯北里7号
- +86 10 6417 8288

Little Italy 阿西阿高意大利餐厅

- No.813 Pinnacle Plaza, Shunyi District
顺义天竺开发区日祥广场813号
- Tel: +86 10 8046 4679

Il Casale 家园意大利餐厅

- Jiangtai Xilu, Side Park (opposite the Japanese Int'l School), Chaoyang District
朝阳区将台西路四得公园(日本国际学校对面)
- Tel: +86 10 6436 8778

La Dolce Vita 甜蜜生活

- 8 Xindong Lu Beiduan, Chaoyang District
朝阳区新东路北段8号
- +86 10 6468 2894

Le Cafe Igosso

- Dong Sanhuan Nanlu, 800 m south of Guomao Bridge, east side of street
朝阳区东三环南路国贸桥南800米路东
- +86 10 8771 7013

Metro Cafe 美特糴餐厅

- 9 Gongti Xilu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区工体西路9号
- +86 10 6552 7828

Peter Pan 小彼得

- West of BITIC Jingyi Building, Xiwu Jie, Sanlitun, Chaoyang District
朝阳区三里屯西五街北信京谊大厦西侧
- +86 10 6465 1661

Southeast Asia Cuisine

Borom Piman Thai Restaurant 泰辣椒

- 2/F, Holiday Inn Lido Beijing Tower B, 6 Jiangtai Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区首都机场路蒋台路6号丽都假日饭店B座二层
- +86 10 6437 6976

Hotpot
Regional Chinese Cuisines
Vegetarian Restaurants
World Cuisines

Ice Cream
Cafes
Teahouses
Bakeries

Cafe Sambal

- 43 Doufuchi Hutong, Dongcheng District
东城区旧鼓楼大街豆腐池胡同43号
- +86 10 6400 4875

Chingari 鑫格里

- 4/F, 27 Dongzhimenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区东直门外大街27号四层
- +86 10 8448 3690

Ma Cherie 芭蕉别墅泰越餐厅

- 1/F, Kunlun Hotel, 2 Xinyuan Nanlu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区新源南路2号昆仑饭店一层
- +86 10 6590 3388-5697

Nuage 庆云楼

- 22, Qianhai Lake East Bank, Shichahai, Xicheng District
西城区什刹海前海东沿22号
- +86 10 6401 9581

Pink Loft 粉酷

- 6 Sanlitun Nanlu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区三里屯南路6号
- +86 10 6506 8811

The Tandoor 天都里印度餐厅

- 1/F, Great Dragon Hotel, 2 Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区工体北路2号兆龙饭店一层
- +86 10 6597 2211

Very Siam 非常泰

- A10 Xinyuanxili Dongjie (Northwest of Yuyang Hotel), Chaoyang District
朝阳区新源西里东街甲10号(渔阳饭店西北胡同内)
- +86 10 8451 0031

Russian Cuisine

Moscow Restaurant 莫斯科餐厅

- 135 Xizhimenwai Dajie, Beijing Exhibition Centre, Xicheng District
西城区西直门外大街135号北京展览馆内
- +86 10 6835 4454

The Elephant 大笨象

- A93 Chaoyangmenwai Toutiao, Chaoyang District
朝阳区朝阳门外头条甲93号
- +86 10 8561 4073

Spanish Cuisine

Ashanti 阿山蒂

- Address: 168 Xinzhongjie Yitiao, Dongcheng District (opposite north gate of Workers' Stadium), Chaoyang District
东城区新中街一条168号(朝阳区工体北门对面)
- +86 10 6416 6231

Pizza

Hutong Pizza 胡同比萨

- No. 9 courtyard, Yindingqiao Hutong, Xicheng District
西城区银锭桥胡同后9号院
- +86 10 6617 5916

Papa John's Pizza 棒约翰比萨

- B1/F, Kerry Mall, 1 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区光华路1号嘉里中心地下一层
- +86 10 5165 9299

Pizza Hut 必胜客

- 27 Dongzhimenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区东直门外大街27号
- +86 10 6465 2976
- 130 Wangfujing Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区王府井大街130号
- +86 10 6528 0928

Dining

The Kro's Nest 鸟巢

- ✉ 1 Fuyuanmen, Yihuyuan Lu, Haidian District
海淀区颐和园路福缘门1号
- ☎ +86 10 6252 8057

The Pizza 品奇比萨

- ✉ 40 Chongwenmenwai Dajie, Chongwen District
崇文区崇文门外大街40号
- ☎ +86 10 5167 1192

Vineyard Cafe 葡萄院儿

- ✉ 31 Wudaoying Hutong (west of Yonghegong Qiao), Dongcheng District
东城区五道营胡同31号(雍和宫桥西侧)
- ☎ +86 10 6402 7961

Deli

German Food Center
德国食品店

- ✉ 15, Zaoying Beili, Maizidian, Chaoyang District
朝阳区麦子店枣营北里面15号
- ☎ +86 10 6591 9370

Gourmet Corner 美食店

- ✉ 1/F, West Office Building, China World Hotel, Chaoyang District
朝阳区中国大饭店西办公楼一层
- ☎ +86 10 6505 2266, ext. 43

Kempi Deli 凯宾面包房

- ✉ 1/F, Kempinski Hotel, 50 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区亮马桥路50号凯宾斯基饭店一层
- ☎ +86 10 6465 3388, ext. 5741

Lido Deli 丽都熟食店

- ✉ 1/F, Holiday Inn Lido, 6 Jiangtai Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区将台路6号丽都假日饭店一层
- ☎ +86 10 6437 6688, ext. 1542

Schlitzsky's 斯乐斯基

- ✉ 2/F 04-06, China World Trade Centre Tower 2, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国门外大街1号国贸2座2楼04-06号
- ☎ +86 10 6505 0806



Ice Cream



If you are thinking of using your Olympic trip to Beijing to put some distance between you and the fine ice cream that destroys your weight-loss plans back home, think again! Anything you can think of in the way of ice cream is now available in Beijing, and icy/creamy dairy concoctions are more popular than ever. The best of the best is available in China's capital, often because the best ice cream-makers are drawn to Beijing because of its charm, excitement and potential. Try the outlets listed below, and you won't be disappointed.

DQ/OJ Treat Centre DQ冰淇淋

DQ can be found in most quality shopping centres across the city, and can also be found near almost any Yoshinoya (*Jiyejia*) fast food outlets.

- ✉ CC01, Oriental Plaza, 1 East Chang'an Jie, Dongcheng District
- ☎ 东城区东长安街1号东方广场CC01

The Country's Best Yogurt (TCBY) 天使冰王

- ✉ AA01 west entrance of Oriental Plaza, Dongcheng District
东城区东长安街1号东方广场西门AA01
- ☎ +86 10 8518 6169

Gustomenta 意大利冰淇淋店

- ✉ 24 Sanlitun Beijie, opposite French School, Chaoyang District
朝阳区三里屯北街24号(法国学校对面)
- ☎ +86 10 6417 8890

Haagen-Dazs 哈根达斯

- ✉ 1/F, Grand Pacific, 153 Xidan Beidajie, Xicheng District
西城区西单北大街153号君太百货一层
- ☎ +86 10 6616 4122

Mondo Gelato Beijing 聚乐多意大利艺术冰激凌

- ✉ 2/F, Lufthansa Shopping Center, Chaoyang District
朝阳区燕莎商城二层
- ☎ +86 10 6465 1188, ext. 536

Romana 罗马娜冰激凌工厂

- ✉ B1/F, Oriental Plaza, Wangfujing, Dongcheng District
东城区王府井东方新天地地下一层
- ☎ +86 10 8518 0201

Tiamo Italia

- ✉ Shop 5-3, Grand Constellation, Huayuan Jie, Xidan, Xicheng District
西城区西单华远街置地星座5-3
- ☎ +86 10 5851 8227

Cafes

At Cafe 爱特咖啡

- ✉ Inside 798 Art District, 4 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区酒仙桥路4号798艺术区内
- ☎ +86 10 6438 7264

Café de Niro 霓楼咖啡

- ✉ 1/F, Tongli Studios, Sanlitun North Bar Street, Chaoyang District
朝阳区三里屯酒吧北街同里一层
- ☎ +86 10 6416 9400

Ciao 骄意咖啡

- ✉ B1/F, Oriental Plaza, 1 Dong Chang'an Jie, Dongcheng District
东城区东长安街1号东方新天地地下一层
- ☎ +86 10 8518 8856

Kosmo

- ✉ 5 Tianhefang, Shichahai, Xicheng District
西城区什刹海天荷坊5号
- ☎ +86 10 6611 8234

Manabe 真锅

- ✉ 3/F Beijing New World Shopping Centre, Chongwenmen, Chongwen District
崇文区崇文门新世界商场二期3层
- ☎ +86 10 6708 9336

Pause Café

- ✉ 4 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Dashanzi Art District, Chaoyang District
朝阳区酒仙桥路4号大山子艺术区内
- ☎ +86 10 6431 6214

Sanyuan Meiyuan 三元梅园

- ✉ A feast of fine dairy products.
Address: 51 Xisi Nandajie, Xicheng District
西城区西西南大街51号
- ☎ +86 10 6617 6381

Sculpting in Time 雕刻时光

- ✉ 50 Xiangshan Maimai Jie, Haidian District
海淀区香山买卖街50号
- ☎ +86 10 8259 0040
- ✉ 7 Weigongcun Lu (South Gate of Beijing Institute of Technology), Haidian District
海淀区魏公村路7号(北京理工大学南门)
- ☎ +86 10 6894 6825

The American Cafe 博平咖啡

- ✉ 1/F, Blue Castle International Apartment, 3 Xidawang Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区西大望路3号蓝堡国际公寓会所一层
- ☎ +86 10 8599 7428

Tasty Taste 泰笛黛斯

- ✉ North Gate of Workers' Stadium, Gongti Beilu, Dongcheng District
东城区工体北路工人体育馆北门
- ☎ +86 10 6553 7121

UBC 上岛咖啡

- ✉ 8 Bei Sihuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区北四环中路8号
- ☎ +86 10 6499 4842

Upper Room 楼尚

- ✉ A6 Guanghuali, Chaoyang District
朝阳区光华里甲6号
- ☎ +86 10 6506 8324



Teahouses

Tea has been an integral part of Chinese culture for centuries. Beijing is China's most important distribution centre for tea, with a great selection from different parts of the country. For foreign tourists, the most convenient place to buy quality tea in Beijing is at Wuyutai, located beside KFC at the south end of Wangfujing Dajie.

Long ago, teahouses were the centre of social activity and bubbled with the chatter of people from all walks of life. In the old teahouses, noblemen, imperial officials, touts and peddlers chose their teas carefully and caught up on the day's events. Today, teahouses in China still have the same function but with not quite so much bustle.

In many teahouses in Beijing, tea rituals are taught by serene ladies. In the Lao She Teahouse, Peking Opera and face-changing performances can also be enjoyed. Some teahouses are famous for fragrant, tea-infused dishes.

Pu'er Chacang 普洱茶仓

- ✉ B26-1, 2/F, Maliandao Tea City, Xuanwu District
宣武区马连道茶城二楼B26-1
C2-23, Chayuan Tea City, Maliandao Lu,
Xuanwu District
宣武区马连道路茶缘茶城C2-23
- ☎ Tel: +86 139 1087 7679



Cha Jia Fu Teahouse

茶家傳茶館

- ✉ Inside Houhai Park, Deshengmen Neidajie
西城区德胜门内大街后海公园内
- ☎ +86 10 6616 0725

Ming Hui Cha Yuan

明慧茶院

- ✉ Inside Dajue Temple, Bei'an He, Wenquan
Zhen, Haidian District
海淀区温泉镇北安河大觉寺
- ☎ +86 10 6246 1567

Confucian Teahouse 留贤馆

- ✉ 28 Guozijian Jie, Andingmenwai, Dongcheng
District
东城区安定门外外国子监街28号
- ☎ +86 10 8404 8539

De Yun She

德云社

- ✉ A1 Beiwei Lu, Xuanwu District
宣武区北纬路甲1号
- ☎ +86 10 6304 0617



Bakeries

Just ten years ago in Beijing, a birthday cake was a rare thing, usually made by a foreign friend who brought the ingredients from home; good French or Italian breads or even toast and sandwich bread was a four- and five-star hotel kind of thing. Not any more: bakeries around the city now make everything from traditional Chinese snacks to the most exotic cakes and breads whose fresh smell alone can result in a sale. There's a bakery outlet in Beijing standing by to sooth you heart's desire.


21 Cake 廿一客

Online cake shop.

-  1002, Jianwai SOHO Building 9, 39 Dong Sanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区东三环中路39号建外SOHO9号楼1002室
-  +86 10 400 650 2121
-  <http://www.21cake.com>

Beard Papa's

贝尔多爸爸泡芙工房

-  153 Xidan Beidajie, Grand Pacific Mall B1, Xicheng District
西城区西单北大街153号君太百货B1楼

Bread Talk 面包新语

-  BB08B, The Malls at Oriental Plaza, 1 Chang'an Jie, Dongcheng District
东城区东长安街1号东方新天地BB08B号
-  +86 10 8518 6253

Dao Xiang Cun 稻香村



Best-known for Beijing style cakes.
A local favourite.

-  6 Hufangqiao Lu, Xuanwu District
宣武区虎坊桥路6号
-  +86 10 6303 6785

Holiland 好利来

-  A3 Fuxingmenwai Dajie, Xicheng District
西城区复兴门外大街甲3号
-  +86 10 6801 6467

Mango Mango 芒果芒果

-  6/F 16-17, Joy City, 131 Xidan Beidajie, Xicheng District
-  西城区西单北大街131号大悦城6楼16-17号

South German Bakery

德南面包房



-  27 B5-C5, Lucky Street, 29 Zaoying Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区枣营路29号好运街27号B5-C5
-  +86 10 5867 0201

Sweets Boutique 甜风集

Order lovely cakes on line!

-  512 Putian Building, 9 Fangzhuang Nanlu, Fengtai District
丰台区方庄南路9号谱田大厦512
-  +86 10 5128 1258
-  <http://www.sweets-boutique.com>

Waffleboy 窝夫小子

-  A-B1 Fuhua Mansion, Chaoyangmen Beidajie, Dongcheng District
东城区朝阳门北大街8号富华大厦A座B1层
-  +86 10 6554 3366

Weiduomei Cake 味多美

-  67 Bei Sanhuan Zhonglu, Haidian District
海淀区北三环中路67号
-  +86 10 6201 5901





Beijing is a fast-changing city with a cultural legacy of more than 5,000 years; in fact, it stretches to the earliest days of the history of mankind. The city deftly blends modernization with its historical legacy; this is vividly revealed in museums, galleries, libraries, and in Beijing's creative culture.

Creativity and Commerce in Beijing

Beijing's emerging creative industry is both enhancing the municipality's culture and generating wealth. In addition to repositioning Beijing as a city of new ideas and new thinking, it is also developing many new centres of culture to delight residents and visitors to the city.

thoughts. For babies or shoppers with a disability, special rooms and wheelchairs are provided.

✉ 66 Bei Sanhuan Xilu, Haidian District
海淀区北三环西路66号
☎ +86 10 8262 0177

Disanji Bookstore 第三极书店

Located in the Disanji Creative Zone, a modern shopping complex along the North Fourth Ring Road (Bei Sihuan Xilu) in Zhongguancun. The fifth to eighth floors stock more than 300,000 titles and 50,000 audio-visual products that cater to the diverse tastes of the capital's readers, young and old. Below the fifth floor are restaurants, teahouses and shops.

What really distinguishes this bookstore from others is its dedication to customer service. Cotton bags and handcarts are available throughout. Paper and pencils can be found near the bookshelves so people can record their



The four treasures of Chinese Scholar's Studies are brush (笔), ink (墨), paper (纸), and stone (砚).



Songzhuang 宋庄

Home and workshop to nearly 1,000 artists, including painters, sculptors, performing artists, musicians, composers, writers, photographers and others connected to the fine arts, along with dozens of new galleries. Once a sleepy backwater, Songzhuang is rapidly becoming a new centre of interest on China's contemporary art scene. It is widely considered more "authentic" than some of the other art communities in the capital. You might want to begin your trip with a visit to the Artists Reception Center on Xiaopu Jie at the village square or to the Songzhuang Art Museum off Xiaopu Jie in northern Songzhuang.

☒ Songzhuang Village, Tongzhou District
通州宋庄村

☒ 938支9 (Board under the Dong Sanhuan overpass at Guomao, just east of the Guomao subway station and the China World Trade Center. About one hour one way.)



archaeologists and preservationists were consulted before construction to ensure that the new construction was appropriate for the area.

☒ 22 Dongsishitiao, Dongcheng District
东城区东四十条22号

☒ Subway Line 2 to the Dongsishi station.

Guanyintang Art Street

观音堂文化大道

Located about 15 kilometres southeast of Central Beijing, the Guanyintang Art Street is home to outlets or branches of some of the most prestigious fine arts galleries in Beijing. It also contains highly regarded foreign galleries from Shanghai, Taiwan, Singapore, Korea, Indonesia and more.

In one huge 30,000-square-metre location, art aficionados and collectors are able to view and purchase modern and contemporary art of almost any description, including the latest in contemporary art from China and around

Nanxincang

南新仓文化休闲街

Formerly a granary serving the imperial family and court officials during the Ming (1368–1644) and Qing (1644–1911) dynasties. Alongside Dongsishi, just inside the East Second Ring Road, this series of graceful old warehouses, dating to the Yongle period (1403–24), reflects the simple but elegant architectural style of the Ming.

The 600-year-old imperial granary is now a popular restaurant and entertainment venue complete with three art galleries, an audio book shop, a teahouse and several bars and restaurants. Because the old buildings are too precious to be exposed to open flames, its dozen restaurants are housed in newly built *pingfang* (one-storey traditional buildings). Architects,



Culture and Art

the world, socialist-realist works of Russian and Chinese artists, art from the Chinese revolution, modern art, historic illustrations and sculpture, works on paper and the works of foreign artists, whether masters or newcomers.

+86 10 6736 6631
Opposite Wangsiying Township Government Offices
Gaobeidian Lu, Wangsiying Township, Chaoyang District
朝阳区王四营乡政府对面 京沈高速第一个出口
王四营桥出

Happy Valley 欢乐谷主题公园

Happy Valley Beijing, the city's first major state-of-the-art theme park for thrill-seekers, has set a new standard for China's young leisure industry. The park is divided into six themed zones featuring 40 rides, including ten "extreme" rides. A modern shopping complex, an IMAX and seven other cinemas, a "Giant Frisbee," shoot-the-chutes, a flying rollercoaster, space shots, kiddie rides and 120 games come for an all-inclusive price of 160 yuan (US\$17.50).

The monumental scale of the Atlantis Zone, the thematic detail of the Maya Zone, the spectacular superman ride and the Giant Frisbee ride that takes 50 people 47 metres up into the air and spins them around are all firsts in China.

Other extreme entertainment includes the park's Drop Tower, inside which riders are repeatedly powered upward 56.3 metres inside a specially constructed tower before being dropped at a speed of 72.42 kilometres per hour,



in a terrifying simulated plunge to earth. Another favourite, the Space Shot is more than 62 metres high, with riders pitched into the air at G-forces similar to those experienced by jet pilots.

+86 10 6738 3333
Xiaowuji Beilu, Dong Sihuan,
Chaoyang District
朝阳区东四环小武基北路

Gaobeidian Folk Culture Industrial Park 高碑店传统民俗文化 产业园区

The 1,500-metre-long Gaobeidian Classical Furniture Street is located along the Tonghui River. This is an ideal place to find Chinese traditional furniture, mainly of the Song, Ming and Qing dynasty styles.

Gaobeidian, Chaoyang District
朝阳区高碑店
Subway Batong Line, Gaobeidian Station

798 Art District 798文化艺术区

The 798 Art District occupies the former factory of a State-owned enterprise. Since 2002, individual artists and cultural organizations have been refurbishing and renovating the district to their own tastes; with most of them coming from the fields of design, photography, publishing, performance and art, one can be assured of the unconventionality of the final results. The district hosts exhibitions, fashion shows and concerts of the highest domestic and international calibre.

4 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区酒仙桥路4号

Museums



Beijing has 133 registered museums, topping the country in terms of quantity, quality and density. Browsing cultural relics and modern exhibits in cool rooms can be an attraction during the summer months for visitors. There are several must-see museums.

Capital Museum 首都博物馆

The Capital Museum houses nearly 250,000 valuable artefacts, mostly unearthed in the Beijing area. Among the treasures are porcelain, bronzes, jade and examples of the “four treasures of the study” (ink, brush, paper, ink stone). At the core of the collection are about 800 historical relics that tell the history of the Beijing area.

On Chang’an Jie (Avenue), the museum building is topped with a rectangular roof that extends over the edge of the edifice like a futuristic mortarboard cap, an amazing experiment in geometric fusion. It has the most sophisticated facilities of any Chinese museum. Reservations required.

- ✉ 16 Fuxingmenwai Dajie, Xicheng District
西城区复兴门外大街16号
- ☎ +86 10 6337 0491/ 92 (Reservations)
- 🕒 9 a.m.–5 p.m. (Closed Mondays)
- 🆓 Free (Reservations required five days in advance via the official Web Site <http://www.capitalmuseum.org.cn>)
- 🚇 Subway Line 1, Muxidi Station (Exit on south side of Fuxingmen Dajie)



National Art Museum of China (NAMOC)

中国美术馆

NAMOC pioneered the exhibition of modern art in China. Today, it focuses on displaying, collecting and conducting research into modern art in China, but it is also taking the lead in international art exchange programmes involving the best of the world's art from traditional Chinese paintings to contemporary painting, sculpture and video installations.

✉ 1 Wusi Dajie, Dongcheng District

东城区五四大街1号

+86 10 6401 7076

9 a.m.–5 p.m.

20 yuan

🚇 Take Subway Line 5 and get off at the Dongsì Station, take the northwestern exit and walk west on Dongsì Xidajie which becomes Wusi Dajie near the museum.

Beijing Urban Planning Exhibition Hall

北京规划展览馆

The Beijing Urban Planning Exhibition Hall exhibits stunning scale models of Beijing's city planning including its business districts, Olympic Village and, on the third floor, the entire city of Beijing in miniature and aerial photographs. Look for your own neighbourhood—it's remarkable!

✉ 20 Qianmen Dongdajie, Dongcheng District

崇文区前门东大街20号

+86 10 6702 4505/59

🕒 9 a.m.–5 p.m. (Closed Mondays)

🎫 50 yuan

🚇 Subway Line 2, Qianmen Station

China Red Sandalwood Museum 中国紫檀博物馆

Most of the exhibits on display at the China Red Sandalwood Museum are made of the increasingly rare red sandalwood. The museum also devotes some space to rare woods including ebony and *huali* (*Onmosia henryi*).

23 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国路23号
+86 10 8575 2818
9 a.m.–5 p.m. (Closed Mondays)
50 yuan
Subway Batong Line, Gaobeidian Station

Guan Fu Classic Art Museum 观复古典艺术博物馆

The Guan Fu Classic Art Museum was established in 1997 as the first private, non-profit art museum in China. The Guan Fu museum is located in suburban Beijing, near the capital airport. Its collection focuses on relics and antiques of the Ming and Qing dynasties.

18 Zhangwanfen, Jin Nanlu, Dashanzi, Chaoyang District
朝阳区大山子张万坟金南路18号
+86 10 6433 8887
9 a.m.–5 p.m.
20 yuan
Take buses 418, 813, 909

China National Film Museum 中国电影博物馆

The soaring, four-storey China National Film Museum (CNFM) is the world's largest museum dedicated to a single profession. Founded in 2005 to celebrate 100 years of Chinese cinema, CNFM showcases the history of Chinese cinema and hosts film technology expos, academic exchanges and research that will help advance the cinematic arts in China and worldwide.

The China National Film Museum has 20 permanent exhibition halls, some temporary spaces and multifunctional halls for exhibitions and meetings. In addition, CNFM has one IMAX theatre, one digital projection theatre, and three 35 mm projection theatres.

Since the birth of China's first film *Dingjunshan* (*Conquering Jun Mountain*), Chinese cinema has undergone more than a hundred years of experimentation and innovation. The 20 exhibition halls are organized by period; visitors enjoy multimedia experience that helps them to understand the development of Chinese cinema.

9 Nanying Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区南影路9号
+86 10 6431 9548
9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (Closed Mondays)
Free
Take buses 402, 418, 813, 909, 973





Poly Art Museum 保利艺术博物馆

This was the first museum operated by a State-owned enterprise on the Chinese mainland. Most of the objects in its collections were recovered from abroad. Its treasures reflect the development and the unique charm of China's ancient bronze civilization. Forty carved figures of Buddha reflect the prosperity of Buddhism in China from the fifth to the eighth centuries.

- ✉ 14 Dongzhimen Nandajie, Poly Building
东城区东直门南大街14号保利大厦
- ☎ +86 10 6500 8117
- 🕒 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
- ¥ 20 yuan
- 🚇 Subway Line 2, Dongsishitiao Station

Chairman Mao's Memorial Hall 毛主席纪念堂

Immediately south of the Monument to the People's Heroes on the southern end of Tian'anmen Square is the Chairman Mao Memorial Hall, where the embalmed remains of Chairman Mao Zedong (1893–1976), former Chinese leader and national icon, lie at rest. Chairman Mao's Memorial Hall was completed in August 1977. There are three main halls on the ground floor, one to the north, one to the south and the hall of reverence in between.

- ✉ Tian'anmen Square, Dongcheng District
东城区天安门广场南侧
- ☎ +86 10 6513 2277, ext. 80
- 🕒 8:30–11:30 a.m. (Tuesday–Sunday),
2–4 p.m. (Tuesday–Thursday), (Closed Mondays)
- 🚇 Subway Line 2, Qianmen Station



Stone Carvings Art Museum 石刻艺术博物馆

This is a quiet and beautiful retreat with many stone carvings, stone monuments and a Jin Gang Throne Pagoda. It's most charming in autumn when the ginkgo trees present their golden leaves.

- ✉ 24 Wutasi, Baishiqiao Lu, Xicheng District
(West of Beijing Zoo)
西城区白石桥路五塔寺24号动物园西侧
- ☎ +86 10 6217 3543/6057
- 🕒 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
- ¥ 10 yuan
- 🚏 Buses 320, 332, 717, 941

Military Museum of the Chinese People's Revolution

中国人民革命 军事博物馆

The museum is composed of two four-storey wings and a main building of seven stories topped with the gilded emblem of the Chinese People's Liberation Army. More than 5,000 years of Chinese military history are on display.

- ✉ 9 Fuxing Lu, Haidian District
海淀区复兴路9号
- ☎ +86 10 6686 6114
- 🕒 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
- ¥ 10 yuan
- 🚏 Subway Line 1, Military Museum Station

China National Science and Technology Museum 中国科学技术馆

A great place for children and their parents! In a ball-shaped building, visitors can even experience what it is like to stand on the moon.

- ✉ 1 Bei Sanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区北三环中路1号
- ☎ +86 10 6237 1177
- 🕒 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (Closed Mondays)
- ¥ 30 yuan
- 🚏 Buses 21, 300, 302, 367, 387, 407, 718, 801, 825

China Geological Museum 中国地质博物馆

Built in 1916, this is a world-renowned institution, housing more than 200,000 items, including many ancient records, curiosities and examples of great achievements in scientific research.

- ✉ 15 Yangrou Hutong, Xisi, Xicheng District
西城区西四羊肉胡同15号
- ☎ +86 10 6655 7858
- 🕒 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (Closed Mondays)
- ¥ 30 yuan
- 🚏 Buses 22, 38, 101, 102, 103, 603, 806, 808, 850





Beijing Planetarium 北京天文馆

Just opposite the Beijing Zoo in Haidian, the Planetarium is the oldest in China. Since its 2004 renovation, it features some of the latest high-tech equipment in the field, and displays some of the earliest examples of scientific activity in China.

Alongside the original Planetarium established in 1957, the 300 million yuan (US\$36 million), 20,000-square-metre Planetarium complex has three theatres, two observatories and a solar system exhibition hall. Visitors are treated to a mesmerising 45-minute journey through the stars via the Planetarium's newly opened SGI(R) Digital Space Theatre, where visitors can for the first time view an impressive array of high-contrast colour images including more than 37,000 stars, 30,000 galaxies, constellations, nebulae, planets, spacecraft, and deep space objects.

- ✉ 138 Xizhimenwai Dajie, Haidian District
西城区西直门外大街138号
- ☎ +86 10 6831 2517
- 🕒 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. (Saturday, Sunday),
9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. (Wednesday–Friday)
- ¥ 10 yuan
- 🚌 Buses 7, 15, 65, 102, 103, 107, 111, 334

Beijing Ancient Architecture Museum 北京古代建筑博物馆

China's first museum to focus on collecting, researching and displaying the nation's ancient architectural technology, art and development features a permanent exhibition detailing China's ancient architectural development from early hutches and mud houses to Ming and Qing dynasty palaces.

- ✉ 21 Xiannong Altar, Dongjing Lu, Xuanwu District
宣武区东经路21号先农坛内
- ☎ +86 10 6304 5608
- 🕒 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
- ¥ 15 yuan
- 🚌 Buses 15, 17, 25, 105, 110

Ancient Observatory 北京古观象台

Built in 1442, the observatory's collection features eight astronomical devices designed by Jesuit astronomers and presented to the imperial court.

- ✉ 2 Dongbiaobei Hutong, Jianguomen Subway Station, Dongcheng District
东城区建国门立交桥西南角
- ☎ +86 10 6512 8923
- 🕒 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
- ¥ 10 yuan
- 🚇 Subway Line 1 or 2, Jianguomen Station

Beijing Art Museum 北京艺术博物馆

The permanent collection of the Beijing Art Museum includes bronze and jade artefacts from the Shang and Zhou dynasties (17th–3rd centuries BC), and ceramics, enamels, carved lacquerware, ivory, weavings and embroideries from the Ming and Qing dynasties. Ancient coins from China and Japan complement the collection, which comprises more than 50,000 artefacts from the Neolithic Period to modern times.

✉ Wanshou Temple, Suzhou Jie, Haidian District
海淀区苏州街万寿寺内
☎ +86 10 6841 3380
🕒 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
💰 10 yuan
🚌 Buses 300, 323, 374, 811

Beijing Jintai Art Museum 北京金台艺术馆

The Jintai Art Museum was founded by Yuan Xikun, a famous painter and a commissioner of the National Committee of the CPPCC (Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference). China's largest folk art museum highlights China's profound traditional culture while also introducing the colourful arts of foreign countries.

✉ Chaoyang Park West Gate
朝阳公园西门
☎ +86 10 6501 9441
🚌 Buses 115, 302, 705, 988, 976

Art Galleries

The Art Gallery of the China Millennium Monument 中华世纪坛艺术馆

A monument to the advent of the 21st century, this is also an important venue for exhibitions, display and research. The galleries are: Century Hall, Oriental Art Gallery, Contemporary Art Gallery and Multimedia Art Gallery.

✉ A9 Fuxing Lu, Haidian District
海淀区复兴路甲9号
☎ +86 10 6857 3281
🕒 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Art Seasons

Started by Terry Lee and Nan Nan Nancy at the beginning of 2003, the gallery is China's first to be run by a Singaporean. Art Seasons promotes Chinese and Southeast Asian contemporary art.

✉ 2 Courtyard, Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区酒仙桥路2号798艺术区内
☎ +86 10 6431 1900
🕒 11 a.m.–7 p.m.
🌐 <http://www.artseasons.com.sg>



Artists Village Gallery 画家村画廊

One of the largest galleries in Beijing at more than 4,000 square metres, this focuses on Chinese contemporary art. It is located in Songzhuang, Tongzhou District, in eastern Beijing. The gallery is composed of a 700-square-metre exhibition hall and a 3,000-square-metre arboretum. China's best contemporary artists take pride in displaying their works here.

- ✉ North of Renzhuang Village, Songzhuang, Tongzhou District
通州区宋庄任庄村北
- ☎ +86 10 6959 8343
- 🕒 9 a.m.–12 p.m.
- 🌐 <http://www.artistvillagegallery.com>

Beijing Art Now Gallery 北京现在画廊

Located at the southern end of Workers' Stadium in Chaoyang District, the gallery focuses on avant-garde Chinese art. With its motto "keep Chinese contemporary art in China," the gallery popularizes Chinese contemporary art among ordinary Chinese and also takes works to show overseas.

- ✉ Inside Workers' Stadium (opposite Gate 12), Chaoyang District
朝阳区工人体育场12号看台对面
- ☎ +86 10 6551 1632
- 🕒 12 a.m.–8 p.m. (Tuesday–Sunday)
- 🌐 <http://www.artnow.cn>



Beijing Tokyo Art Gallery 北京东京艺术工程

The gallery functions as a bridge between artists in Asian countries such as China, Japan and Korea. It encompasses architecture, sculpture and oil painting.

- ✉ Dashanzi Art Area, 4 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区酒仙桥路4号798艺术区内
- ☎ +86 10 8457 3245
- 🕒 10:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
- 🌐 <http://www.tokyogallery.com>

Creation Gallery 可创铭佳艺苑

Opened in 1997, this gallery highlights contemporary art that reflects Asian cultures. It provides space for the development of local contemporary art, international cultural exchanges and top-quality art works for collectors.

- ✉ North Corner of Ritan Donglu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区日坛东路北口
- ☎ +86 10 8561 7570
- 🕒 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
- 🌐 <http://www.creationgallery.com.cn>

Courtyard Gallery 四合苑画廊

The gallery, which opened in 1996, is located within a 150-year-old courtyard opposite the East Gate of the Forbidden City. It does not focus on one specific style, but provides space for all kinds of art forms.

- ✉ 95 Donghuamen Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区东华门大街95号
- ☎ +86 10 6526 8882
- 🕒 11 a.m.–7 p.m.



Soka Art Centre 索卡艺术空间

The gallery collects and exhibits contemporary works of young and middle-aged artists.

✉ Bldg. B, Tianhai Shangwu Dasha, 107 Dongsì Beidajie, Dongcheng District
东城区东东北大街107号天海商务大厦
+86 10 8401 2377
🕒 10 a.m.–9 p.m. (Tuesday–Sunday)
🌐 <http://www.soka-art.com>

F2 Gallery

Located near the 798 Arts Area, this 300-square-metre gallery aims at fostering exchanges between Chinese and western contemporary art.

✉ East End Art Zone, Guanghantang Nangao, East Dashanzi Road, Chaoyang District
朝阳区大山子东路, 机场辅路南皋广汉堂院内
+86 134 8870 9596
🕒 10 a.m.–6 p.m. (Monday by appointment)
🌐 <http://www.f2gallery.com>

Hongwan International Art Center 北京虹湾国际艺术中心

A large, new contemporary art centre and gallery in Songzhuang focusing on painting and sculpture.

✉ 800 metres north of the Xiaopu traffic circle.
通州区宋庄小堡村往北800米
📞 +86 10 6959 5799, 6959 0008
🕒 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Daily

Imagine Gallery 想象画廊

Opened in 2003, the gallery provides a space for artists from various countries to communicate their experience. Its international level is quite outstanding among Beijing galleries; expect to meet art fans from all around the world.

✉ 300 metres east of the Tongda Restaurant, Feijiacun Donglu off Laiguanying Donglu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区来广营东路通达生态园对面
📞 +86 10 6438 5747
🌐 <http://www.imagine-gallery.com>

Long March Space 长征空间

The gallery is composed of two spaces: Space A is a test field for visual economics which combines the Long March's "assets and economy" while Space B functions as an experimental spot for the Long March's "persistent spirit of the tentative."

✉ Inside the 798 Arts Area, 4 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区酒仙桥路4号798艺术区内
☎ +86 10 6438 7107
🕒 10:30 a.m.–8:30 p.m.
🌐 <http://www.longmarchspace.com>

Onemoon Gallery 一月当代画廊

This gallery deals in Chinese contemporary art and exhibits various thought-provoking works. It is located in a Ming Dynasty-era hall that was built in 1530. It contains a library with books on Chinese contemporary art.

✉ Ditan Park, Andingmenwai, Dongcheng District
东城区安定门外地坛公园
☎ +86 10 6427 7748
🕒 11 a.m.–7 p.m.
🌐 <http://www.onemoonart.com>

Qin Gallery 秦昊画廊

Opened in 1996, the gallery carries out cultural exchanges among local and foreign artists, and promotes new artists and new works. It exhibits and sells oil paintings, traditional Chinese paintings, sculpture and Chinese folk art.

✉ Huaweili 1-1-E (North of Beijing Curio City), Chaoyang District
朝阳区华威西里1-1E
☎ +86 10 8779 0461, 58
🕒 9:30 a.m.–7 p.m.

Red Gate Gallery 红门画廊

Opened in 1991 by Australian Brian Wallace, the gallery focuses on communications between local and foreign artists, promotes Chinese contemporary art and operates a residency programme in Beijing for artists from across China and the world. A branch gallery is open in the 798 Art District.

✉ Dongbianmen Watchtower, Chongwenmen Dongdajie, Chongwen District
崇文区崇文门东大街东便门角楼
☎ +86 10 6525 1005
🕒 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
🌐 <http://www.redgategallery.com>

Today Art Museum 今日美术馆

The first private gallery built according to international standards after China's entry into the World Trade Organisation. Besides Chinese contemporary art and famous artists, it also pays attention to the cultivation and development of the art market.

✉ 32 Baiziwai Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区百子湾路32号
☎ +86 10 5876 0600, ext. 6007
🕒 9 a.m.–5 p.m., daily
🌐 <http://www.todayartmuseum.com>

Wan Fung Art Gallery 云峰画苑

Focuses specifically on promoting Chinese contemporary artists.

✉ 136 Nanchizi Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区南池子大街136号
☎ +86 10 6523 3320
🕒 9 a.m.–12 p.m.
🌐 <http://www.wanfung.com.cn>



What do you want? Beijing has it all!



Beijing is a city where the import of culture and entertainment is taken seriously, whether in the fine arts or in a city park on a Sunday afternoon where choirs sing, lone players strum guitars or saw away at an *erhu* or on violins, often accompanied by accordion players. Retirees can be seen practicing Peking Opera or *taijiquan* and *taijijian*, and even young people and children sometimes get into the act. If high cultural entertainment is what you're looking for, you will find it in Beijing's dynamic, new National Grand Theatre, but this new cultural icon is hardly stands alone in a city that adores the performing arts, plays, movies, concerts of every kind and description, with numerous offerings scheduled during the capital's Olympic moment.

For just plain fun, the bars, nightclubs and ever-popular KTV (karaoke) establishments can be found almost everywhere in the city.

Put simply, any would-be international traveller who cannot find nightlife in Beijing is either not looking very hard or should probably seriously reconsider whether they should have left home at all. From cosy nooks with canned music to head-jamming clubs with the latest in contemporary rock 'n' roll, hip hop and

disco or quiet hotel bars and from glitzy inner-city discos and clubs haunted by China's entertainment elite to nightspots near the city's colleges and universities in Haidian, where solo players pluck guitars unwired, Beijing has it all in a night scene that is blossoming with creative new ways to make things happen.

But every new visitor needs to start somewhere, and that's where we come into the picture.

Relax. Getting from A to B is a simple matter and shouldn't be a problem in 2008 when thousands of English-speaking volunteers will be strategically deployed at various Olympic venues and locations across the city to serve the visitors.

With the help of the volunteers or your fellow travellers, hotel concierge or just people on the street, including Beijing's fantastic cabbies, you should be able to easily find your way to any form of entertainment you desire, especially to night-time hotspots such as Houhai, Sanlitun and Xingbalu or Lady Street where many of the city's bars are concentrated.

So don't hide out in your hotel room watching CNN or HBO re-runs: Come alive in the new Beijing.

Theatres



Beijing offers a vast selection of stage performances, ranging from Peking Opera, acrobatics and kung fu to plays, ballets, musicals and contemporary dramas.

The National Grand Theatre 中国国家大剧院

- ✉ 2 Xi Chang'an Jie, Xicheng District
西城区西长安街2号
- ☎ +86 10 6655 0000

Mei Lanfang Grand Theatre 梅兰芳大剧院

- ✉ 32 Ping'anli Xidajie, Xicheng District
西城区平安里西大街32号
- ☎ +86 10 5833 1288

Beijing Exhibition Theatre 北展剧场

- ✉ 135 Xizhimenwai Dajie, Xicheng District
西城区西直门外大街135号
- ☎ +86 10 6835 4455

Beijing Oriental Pioneer Theatre 东方先锋剧场

- ✉ Northeast corner of Oriental Plaza, Wangfujing,
Dongcheng District
东城区王府井东方广场东北角
- ☎ +86 10 6527 6911

Capital Theatre 首都剧场

- ✉ 22 Wangfujing Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区王府井大街22号
- ☎ +86 10 6524 9847

Century Theatre 世纪剧院

- ✉ 40 Liangmaqiao, Chaoyang District
朝阳区亮马桥路40号
- ☎ +86 10 6468 3311, ext. 3161

China Children's Art Theatre 中国儿童剧场

- ✉ 64 Dong'anmen Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区东安门大街64号
- ☎ +86 10 6521 1425

Poly International Theatre 保利国际剧院





- ✉ 1/F, Poly Plaza, 14 Dongzhimen Nandajie,
Dongcheng District
东城区东直门南大街14号保利大厦1层
- ☎ +86 10 6500 1188, ext. 5126

Peking and Kunqu Opera


Tianqiao Theatre
 天桥剧场

-  30 Beiwei Lu, Xuanwu District
宣武区北纬路30号
-  +86 10 8315 6337

Chang'an Grand Theatre
 长安大戏院

-  7 Jianguomen Neidajie, Dongcheng District
东城区建国门内大街7号
-  7:30 a.m.–9:30 p.m.
-  +86 10 6510 1155
-  80 yuan–300 yuan

Beijing Huguang Guildhall
 湖广会馆




-  3 Hufangqiao, Xuanwu District
宣武区虎坊桥3号
-  7:30 a.m.–8:40 p.m.
-  +86 10 6351 8284

Liyuan Theatre 梨园剧场

-  175 Yong'an Lu, Qianmen Hotel, Xuanwu District
宣武区永安路175号前门饭店内
-  7:30 a.m.–8:40 p.m.
-  +86 10 6301 6688, ext. 8860
-  40 yuan–280 yuan

Acrobatics and Kung Fu

Chaoyang Theatre 朝阳剧场

-  36 Dong Sanhuan, Chaoyang District
朝阳区东三环36号
-  +86 10 6507 2421
-  5:15–9:40 p.m.

The Red Theatre 红剧场

-  44 Xingfu Dajie, Chongwen District
崇文区幸福大街44号
-  +86 10 6714 2473
-  7:30–8:50 p.m.

Tianqiao Acrobatic Theatre
 天桥杂技剧场

-  East Beiwei Lu, Xuanwu District
宣武区北纬路东口
-  +86 10 6303 7449
-  5:30–8:45 p.m.

Tiandi Theatre 天地剧场

-  Intersection of Dongsishitiao, Chaoyang District
朝阳区东四十条立交桥
-  +86 10 6502 3984
-  7:15–8:40 p.m.

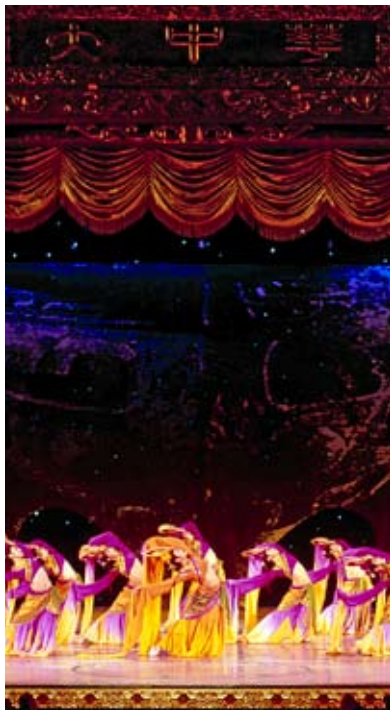
Dinner Shows

Beijing Night Show

北京之夜晚宴剧场

The Beijing Night Show was the first of its kind to offer visitors to Beijing an opportunity to enjoy classical Chinese art performances and traditional Chinese cuisine. The show features a wide range of colourful Chinese artistic performances, from traditional arts and music to dance, opera, acrobatics and traditional costume shows. There are also performances that illustrate the customs of China.

-  1 Dayabao Hutong, Dongcheng District
东城区大雅宝胡同1号
-  7 p.m. onward
-  180 yuan-680 yuan
-  +86 10 6527 2814/5, 8008 1012 82








Imperial Granary edition of Peony Pavilion

皇家粮仓版<牡丹亭>

The chamber version Kunqu Opera of the *Peony Pavilion (Mudanting)* is presented every Friday and Saturday at the Imperial Granary in Beijing. Kunqu Opera, China's most ancient form of drama was listed as a "masterpiece of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity" by UNESCO in 2001.

The Imperial Granary accommodates just 60 people, so the audience sits close enough to study the very subtle expressions of the actors; no amplification is used for vocals or the instruments played.

The production includes easy-to-read English titles that explain everything you need to know to enjoy and learn from the performance.

-  The Imperial Granary, Nanxincang, 22 Dongsishitiao, Dongcheng District
东城区东四十条22号南新仓休闲文化街皇家粮仓
-  7:30-9:30 p.m.
-  580; 680; 780; 980; 1,980 yuan, all including a buffet for free before the performance.
-  +86 10 6406 6477
-  <http://www.imperialgranary.com.cn>



Concert Halls



Beijing Concert Hall 北京音乐厅

- ✉ 1 Xinhua Jie, Xicheng District
西城区北新华街1号
- ☎ +86 10 6605 5846

The Forbidden City Concert Hall 中山音乐堂

- ✉ Inside Zhongshan Park, west of the Forbidden City,
Dongcheng District
东城区中山公园内
- ☎ +86 10 6559 8285

National Library Concert Hall 国图音乐厅

- ✉ 33 Zhongguancun Nandajie, Haidian District
海淀区中关村南大街33号
- ☎ +86 10 8854 5348, 8854 5501

Conference and Exhibition Centres



Beijing Exhibition Centre 北京展览馆

- ✉ 135 Xizhimenwai Dajie, Xicheng District
西城区西直门外大街135号
- ☎ +86 10 6831 6677

China International Exhibition Centre 中国国际展览中心

- ✉ 6 Dong Sanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区东三环北路6号
- ✉ 88 Yuxiang Lu, Tianzhu, Shunyi District
顺义区天竺裕祥路88号
- ☎ +86 10 8460 0000

China World Exhibition Centre 国贸中心展览大厅

- ✉ 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建外大街1号
- ☎ +86 10 6505 2288, ext. 10448

National Agricultural Exhibition Centre 中国农业展览馆

- ✉ 16 Dong Sanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区东三环北路16号
- ☎ +86 10 6501 8877, 6509 6688

Cinemas

Although the first motion picture was introduced to China in 1896, China's film industry truly began with the shooting of *The Difficult Couple* (1913), the first Chinese movie. After a century of development, Chinese filmmakers are making their mark worldwide—spurred by the success of *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, which won an Oscar in 2004. Beijing premieres most Chinese films, and a greater number of cinemas are now showing original foreign movies.

Cherry Lane Movies

Chinese films with English subtitles.

- ✉ Anjialou inside the Kent Centre, 29 Liangmaqiao Lu (east of Kempinski Hotel)
朝阳区高澜大厦红绿灯向北70米路东 (安家楼肯特中心院内)
- ☎ +86 10 139 0113 4745
- 🌐 <http://www.cherrylanemovies.com.cn/>

ShowMax Cinema 搜秀影城

- ✉ 40 Chongwenmenwai Dajie, Chongwen District
崇文区崇文门外大街40号
- ☎ +86 10 5167 1210

Star City Cinema 新世纪影城

- ✉ B1 Oriental Plaza, 1 Dong Chang'an Jie, Dongcheng District
东城区东长安街1号东方广场地下一层
- ☎ +86 10 8518 6778

Beijing apm Cinema

新东安影城

- ✉ 5/F, Sun Dong An Plaza, 138 Wangfujing Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区王府井大街138号新东安5层
- ☎ +86 10 6528 1838, 98

UME International Cineplex

华星影城

- ✉ 44 Kexueyuan Nanlu, opposite Shuang'an Market, Haidian District
海淀区双榆树科学院南路44号(双安商场对面)
- ☎ +86 10 8211 5566; 8211 2851

Jinyi International Cinema

金逸国际影院

- ✉ B1 The Gate City Mall, 19 Zhonguancun Dajie, Haidian District
海淀区中关村大街19号新中关购物中心地下一层
- ☎ +86 10 8248 6800

Wanda International Cinema

万达国际影城

- ✉ 3/F, Building B, Wanda Plaza, 93 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国路93号万达广场B座三层
- ☎ +86 10 5960 3399



KTV

Beijing's KTV entertainment palaces are a great place to relax with friends in a country where people are not at all reluctant to entertain each other. A foreigner who can sing, or even a friend who cannot hold a note but tries, is very much appreciated in these dens of music where having a good time is the object at hand.

Cash Box 钱柜

- ✉ 1/F, Fanli Building, Chaoyangmenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区朝外大街泛利大厦一层
- ☎ +86 10 6588 3333
- ✉ 168 Xizhimenwai Dajie, Xicheng District
西城区西直门外大街168号.
- ☎ +86 10 8857 6566

Melody 麦乐迪

- ✉ 77 Chaoyangmenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区朝外大街77号
- ☎ +86 10 6551 0808

Party World 乐圣

- ✉ 9 Chongwenmenwai Dajie, Zhengren Building, Chongwen District
崇文区崇文门外大街9号正仁大厦
- ☎ +86 10 6708 6666

Tango 糖果

- ✉ 6 Gongti Xilu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区工体西路6号
- ☎ +86 10 6551 9988



Bars and Clubs



Beijing's night life has really taken off last few years. New bars and clubs, some oriented toward people who live alternative lifestyles, are opening up every month with some serious music venues attracting the world's finest artists. Venues dot the city, but the heaviest concentrations can be found around the Workers' Stadium, Houhai, on Sanlitun, at Chaoyang Park West Gate, Wudaokou and on Ladies' Street and around the universities in the city's northwest.

Angel Club 唐会酒吧

- 6 Gongti Xilu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区工体西路6号
- +86 10 6552 8888

Banana

House dominates, international DJs occasionally spin.

- SCITECH Hotel, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国门外大街赛特饭店
- +86 10 6528 3636

Bar Blu 蓝吧

Normally packed with students and locals.

- 4/F, Tongli Studios, Sanlitun Beilu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区三里屯北酒街同里4层
- +86 10 6417 4124

Buddha Bar 不达吧

A lakeside lounge-style watering hole.

- 16 Yinding Qiao, Shichahai, Xicheng District
西城区什刹海银锭桥16号
- +86 10 6617 5746

Cargo Club

- 6 Gongti Xilu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区工体西路6号
- +86 10 6551 6897/78

Centro 炫酷

Upscale and sleek, this is popular with businesspeople.

- 1/F, Kerry Centre Hotel, 1 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区光华路嘉里中心饭店1层
- +86 10 6561 8833, ext. 42





Coco Banana 巴那那

- ☒ 8 Gongti Xilu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区工体西路8号
- ☎ +86 10 8599 9999

Durty Nellie's 爱尔兰酒吧

The standard Irish pub a long way from home.

- ☒ B1, Liangmaqiao Flower Market, Chaoyang District
朝阳区亮马桥花卉市场B1
- ☎ +86 10 6593 5050

Lush

A busy student hangout with good drinks, DJs and food

- ☒ 2/F, Building 1, Huaqing Jiayuan, Chengfu Lu,
Haidian District
海淀区成府路华清嘉园二层
- ☎ +86 10 8286 3566

Mao Live

Head Jamming Rock/Punk

- ☒ 111 Gulou Dongdajie, Dongcheng District
东城区鼓楼东大街111号
- ☎ +86 10 6402 5080
- 🌐 WWW: <http://www.maolive.com>

Mix

One of the few larger venues hosting decent, non-house beat-makers.

- ☒ Inside Workers' Stadium North Gate, Chaoyang District
朝阳区工体北门内
- ☎ +86 10 6530 2889

Nameless Highland 无名高地酒吧

A good local music venue with live bands almost nightly.

- ☒ Building 14, Anhuili Area 1, Yayuncun, (200 m north of the Yayuncun Hospital intersection), Chaoyang District
朝阳区亚运村安慧里1区14号楼 (亚运村医院丁字路口往北200米)
- ☎ +86 10 6489 1613

Passby Bar 过客

An ideal place for intimate conversation.

- ☒ 108 Nanluoguxiang, Dongcheng District
东城区南锣鼓巷108号
- ☎ +86 10 8403 8004

Poachers Inn 友谊青年酒店

- ☒ 43 Bei Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区北三里屯路43号
- ☎ +86 10 6417 2632, ext. 8505



Souk 苏克会馆

Sheesha pipes and sangria make for an exotic evening.

- West Gate of Chaoyang Park (in the alley behind Annie's), Chaoyang District.
朝阳区朝阳公园西门
- +86 10 6506 7309

Tango 糖果

A vast venue spanning three floors catering to the club conscious.

- South Gate of Ditan Park (next to the Jin Ding Xuan Restaurant), Dongcheng District
东城区地坛公园南门
- +86 10 6428 2288

The Tree 隐蔽的树

- 43 Sanlitun Beijing (100 m west of North Sanlitun Bar Street, Youyi Youth Hostel, behind Poachers Inn), Chaoyang District
朝阳区三里屯北街43号
- +86 10 6415 1954

Vics 威克斯

Pop tunes and ladies' nights. Enough said.

- Inside Workers' Stadium North Gate, Chaoyang District
朝阳区工体北门内
- +86 10 6593 6215

What? Bar

A tiny place hosting a range of local rock bands.

- Beichang Jie (just north of the West Gate of the Forbidden City), Xicheng District
西城区北长街(故宫西门北面)
- +86 133 4112 2757

Suzie Wong's World

Part 1930s Shanghai opium den and part postmodern lounge.

- A1 Nongzhanguan Lu (Chaoyang Park West Gate), Chaoyang District
朝阳区农展馆路甲1号(朝阳公园西门)
- +86 10 6593 6049

Tim's Texas Barbecue

A true taste of Texas, including its drinks.

- 44 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区光华路44号
- +86 10 6532 5905



Service You will Appreciate

When Beijing won the rights to host the 2008 Olympic Games, a question was asked: How should Beijing's shopkeepers, policemen, cabbies, bus conductors, salespeople, waitresses and bank tellers improve their services for the Games?

Under an ambitious training programme, all of those who work at restaurants, parks, banks, on the police force and in the transportation and other service sectors, which are seen as "windows on the city," have been taking crash courses in occupational skills and ethics, while brushing up on their understanding of what the Olympics is and what a distinguishing Games with Chinese characteristics requires.

By the end of 2007, 810,000 workers had received certificates that qualified them for work assignments considered critical to the Games' success.

The government even published a textbook to train employees in these "window sectors" as a way of providing improved services to improve the presence of Beijing in the minds of visitors to China's capital.

For example, the book details exacting standards for the appearance of taxi drivers, which the drivers themselves suggested and embraced. They are not allowed to don sleeveless shirts, have excessive tattoos or shave their heads. Women drivers should not apply heavy makeup or wear mini-skirts. They are to bathe and brush their teeth more diligently and avoid sleeping or eating in their vehicles when off duty. Neat-looking and English-speaking drivers are intended to impress visitors right from their arrival in the city.

The training textbook covers all major "window sectors" except for

the police force. But according to local media reports, officers in the Tian'anmen Square area were among the first to have obtained these certificates recently. As an indication of their readiness, 323 officers or 76.9 percent of the total in the police sub-bureaus can speak rudimentary to advanced English and other foreign languages.

Services are basically a "feeling business," as Disneyland often describes itself. People prefer to know or do business with people who seem caring and concerned not only about themselves and their own businesses, but also about the tourist and how they feel, while being receptive to the tourist's needs.

But even where visitors encounter taxi drivers who don't speak a foreign language or find themselves in a shop where few foreigners go, they are likely to find shopkeepers and wait staff who will bend over backwards to help ensure that the visitor gets what they want or need. Count on it.




Shopping Areas

Wangfujing 王府井商业区


Wangfujing Dajie is a bustling pedestrian shopping mall and a place where old and new blend perfectly: it's a wonderful place just to sit, sip on a cool drink and "people-watch," because people here come from all across China and from around the world. As one of the oldest shopping streets in Beijing, Wangfujing features many "Time Honoured Brand" stores, most of which are more than 100 years old. International brands, fantastic shops and restaurants, bookstores and an old, refurbished western-styled church epitomize modern Beijing. In the early evening, check out the "snack street" on the north side of Donghuamen Dajie, east of Wangfujing Dajie.

Check out Wangfujing's bookstores to get the latest, best-selling novels, the works of masters of literature, language books and audio support to read while travelling China's vast expanses after you leave the capital.

 Subway Line 1, Wangfujing Subway Station or buses that ply Chang'an Jie.


Xidan Street 西单商业区

The Xidan Commercial Area, north of Xi Chang'an Jie, offers a wide range of shopping options. Xidan has four big shopping centres (the Chung-Yo Shopping Centre, Xidan Shopping Centre, Grand Pacific, Joy City and Maison Mode) and Beijing's biggest book store, the Beijing Books Building (see its excellent imported books section in the basement area).

 Subway Line 1, Xidan Station


Qianmen-Dashilan Shopping Area 前门-大栅栏商业区

As the oldest commercial street in Beijing, the fortunes of the Qianmen-Dashilan shopping area have reflected the city's sometimes turbulent history. Many *laozihao* (Chinese "Time Honoured Brand" businesses) have welcomed customers for generations here. After recent renovation, this centuries-old shopping area is booming once again.

 Subway Line 2, Qianmen Station

Fuchengmen-Fuxingmen Area 阜成门-复兴门商业区

Just outside the Second Ring Road in western Beijing, there's a multitude of discount markets selling everything from tools to toys. There are some great prices on clothing and small electronics, but haggling is required at every small stall. The biggest and most comprehensive markets in the area are Wantong, Guanyuan and Tianyi.

 Subway Line 2, Fuxingmen or Fuchengmen Station



Discount Brand Markets



Hongqiao Pearl Market

红桥市场

Also known as the Pearl Market, the store offers the enthusiastic shopper more than most could wish for. Fill your basket full with pearls, bespoke jewellery, jade, arts and crafts, toys, antiques and clothing, but also modern electronic goods, camera memory cards, clocks, watches, or all kinds of other interesting goods.

- ✉ 16 Hongqiao Lu, Chongwen District
崇文区红桥路16号(天坛东门对面)
- 🕒 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
- ☎ +86 10 6713 3354
- 🚇 Subway Line 5, Tiantan Dongmen Station (Gate B)

Tianya Hongqiao Market

天雅红桥市场

- ✉ No. 136, Fahuasi, Chongwen District
崇文区法华寺136号
- ☎ 8766 7125/27/28
- 🕒 8:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
- 🚇 Subway Line 5, Tiantan Dongmen Station (Gate B)

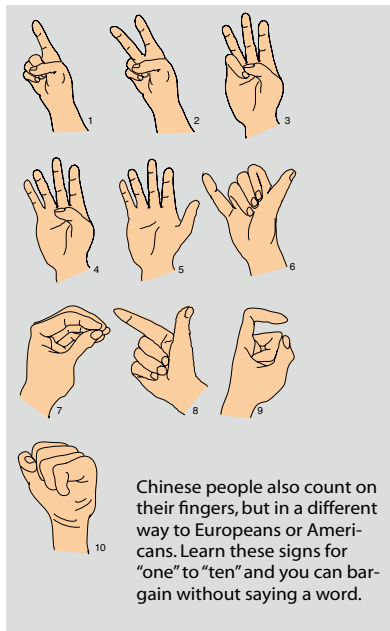
Hongqiao Toy Market

红桥天乐玩具市场

- ✉ No 136, Fahuasi, Chongwen District
崇文区法华寺136号
- ☎ 6711 7499
- 🕒 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.
- 🚇 Subway Line 5, Tiantan Dongmen Station (Gate B)

Silk Street 秀水街

The old Silk Alley was the treat of all treats for bargain-hunting tourists. Today, development in the area has made way for bigger and brighter things: one of which is the new Silk Street, with many



of the traders and wares of the old alley now spread out over three floors of this comfortable, safe new building on Beijing's main drag.

As before, the Silk Street offers great values on fine cashmere and silk of all types, with designer labels available at knock-down prices. The Silk Street keeps respectable hours, so beat the rush and get there early. Nearby shopping malls offer plenty of places to rest, sip designer coffee or catch a quick bite.

✉ 8 Xiushui Dongjie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区秀水东街8号
☎ +86 10 5169 9003
🕒 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
🚇 Subway Line 1, Yong'anli Station

Tongli 同里

Opened in 2003, the Tongli Studio is a complex combining novel boutiques, restaurants, bars, and galleries. High-quality artistic wares are its major attractions. Just tell your driver: "Sanlitun jiuba Jie."

✉ Sanlitun Bar Street, Chaoyang District
朝阳区三里屯后街
☎ +86 10 6417 6668

Yashow Market 雅秀

Also of interest to bargain hunters in Beijing, the Yashow Market is a big draw for the tourist with some bucks to spend and some serious shopping to do. Centrally located, Yashow is surrounded by the bars, restaurants and cafes of the Sanlitun area, the most popular eating and drinking area for tourists in the city.

The market itself offers every imaginable article of clothing. If it's on

the market, Yashow will have it – or a version of it at the very least. Try shoes in the basement, custom-fitted suits on the third, and fashion clothes for young and old on the floors in between. Luggage and hats can also be found in the basement.

✉ 58 Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区工体北路58号
☎ +86 10 6416 8945
🕒 8:30 a.m.–9 p.m.

3.3 Clothing Market 三点三服装市场

✉ 33 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区三里屯路33号
☎ +86 10 6417 3333
🕒 11a.m.–11p.m.

77th Street Plaza 77街购物中心

✉ B2-3/F, Xidan Cultural Plaza, 180 Xidan Beidajie, Xicheng District
西城区西单北大街180号西单文化广场地下二三层
☎ +86 10 6608 7177, 7877
🕒 9:30 a.m.–10 p.m.
🚇 Subway Line 1, Xidan Station



Department Stores







Beijing apm 新东安市场

-  138 Wangfujing Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区王府井大街138号
-  +86 10 6528 1788
-  9 a.m.–9 p.m. (Sunday–Thursday), 9 a.m.–10 p.m.
(Friday, Saturday)
-  Subway Line 1, Wangfujing Station





Beijing New World Shopping Centre 北京新世界商场

-  3 Chongwenmenwai Dajie, Chongwen District
崇文区崇外大街3号
-  +86 10 6708 0055
-  9 a.m.–9:30 p.m.
-  Subway Line 2, Chongwenmen Station




China World Shopping Mall 国贸商城

-  1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建外大街1号
-  +86 10 6505 2288
-  9 a.m.–9:30 p.m.
-  Subway Line 1, Guomao Station




Fullink Plaza 丰联广场

-  18 Chaoyangmenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区朝外大街18号
-  +86 10 6588 1997
-  10:30 a.m.–9:30 p.m.
-  Subway Line 2, Chaoyangmen Station

Ginza Mall 银座百货

-  48 Dongzhimenwai Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区东直门外大街48号
-  +86 10 5139 6000
-  Subway Line 2, Dongzhimen Station





Joy City 大悦城

-  131 Xidan Beidajie, Xicheng District
西城区西单北大街131号
-  +86 10 6612 9999
-  Subway Line 1, Xidan Station




Landao Mansion 蓝岛大厦

-  8 Chaoyangmenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区朝外大街8号
-  +86 10 8563 4422
-  Bus 109, 846, 855

Lufthansa Youyi Shopping Center 燕莎友谊商城

-  52 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区亮马桥路52号
-  +86 10 6465 1188
-  9 a.m.–10 p.m.
-  Bus 701, 707, 909

New World Department Store 万达广场新世界彩旋百货

-  Building A, Wanda Plaza, 93 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国路93号院万达广场A座
-  +86 10 5960 3999
-  Subway Line 1, Dawanglu Station

Parkson Shopping Centre 百盛购物中心

- 101 Fuxingmennei Dajie, Xicheng District
西城区复兴门内大街101号
- +86 10 6653 6688
- 9 a.m.–10 p.m.
- Subway Line 1, Fuxingmen Station

SCITECH Plaza 赛特购物中心

- 22 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建外大街22号
- +86 10 6512 4488
- 9:30 a.m.–9 p.m.
- Subway Line 1, Jianguomen Station

Shin Kong Place 新光天地

- A6 Xidawang Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区西大望路甲6号
- +86 10 6530 5888
- Subway Line 1, Dawang Lu Station

Seasons Place 金融街购物中心

- 2 Jinchengfang Jie, Xicheng District
西城区金城坊街2号
- +86 10 6622 0888
- Take Subway Line 1 and take off at Fuxingmen, then go north for 300 metres from Exit A

Sogo 庄胜崇光百货

- 8 Xuanwumenwai Dajie, Xuanwu District
宣武区宣武门外大街8号
- +86 10 6310 3388
- 9:30 a.m.–10 p.m.
- Subway Line 2, Xuanwumen Station

The Gate City Mall 新中关村购物中心

- 19 Zhongguancun Dajie, Haidian District
海淀区中关村大街19号
- +86 10 8248 6688

The Malls at Oriental Plaza 东方新天地

- 1 Dong Chang'an Jie, Dongcheng District
东城区东长安街1号
- +86 10 8518 6969
- 9 a.m.–10 p.m.
- Subway Line 1, Wangfujing Station

The Place 世贸天阶

- A9 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区光华路甲9号
- +86 10 6506 0123
- Take Subway Line 1 and take off at Yong'anli, then go north along Dongdaqiao Lu for 5 minutes.

Zhongguancun Plaza **Shopping Mall** 中关村广场购物中心

- 15 Zhongguancun Dajie, Haidian District
海淀区中关村大街15号
- +86 10 5986 3030



Antiques and Arts

Beijing Curio City

北京古玩城




Asia's biggest curio arts and crafts trade centre, the Beijing Curio City is a four-storey complex that houses scores of kitsch and curio shops and a few furniture vendors. The market specializes in antique pottery, paintings from China and other countries, bone carvings, antique furniture, antique carpets, antique timepieces, pearls and jade. Many of the dealers are themselves connoisseurs and curio collectors.

-  27 Dong Sanhuan Nanlu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区东三环南路27号
-  +86 10 6773 6003
-  Buses 28, 300, 368

Chaowai Furniture Warehouse

兆佳古典家具市场

Facing the Panjiayuan Market, the Chaowai Furniture Warehouse features various styles of furniture, including decorative items like traditional Chinese vases and statues.

-  43 Huawei Beili, Chaoyang District
朝阳区华威北里43号
-  +86 10 6770 6402
-  Subway Line 1, Guomao Station, then take a taxi, about 15 yuan.

Friendship Store 友谊商店

Provides upscale traditional Chinese goods including silk clothing, jewellery, authentic furniture, quality carpets and handmade rugs.

-  17 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建外大街17号
-  +86 10 6500 3311
-  Subway Line 1, Jianguomen Station



Gaobeidian Classic Furniture Market 高碑店古典家具市场

Beijing's largest antique and imitation Chinese furniture market. Old furniture collected from Shanxi and Hebei provinces and the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region can be found here. Take a close look at the imitations: their quality will surprise you and save you money.

-  Gaobeidian Village, Chaoyang District
朝阳区高碑店乡
-  +86 10 8576 6356
-  Subway Batong Line, Gaobeidian Station



Gongmei Emporium 工美大厦

The flagship store of Olympic licensed products resides here.

-  200 Wangfujing Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区王府井大街200号
-  +86 10 6528 8866
-  Subway Line 1, Wangfujing Station





Liulichang 琉璃厂

Beijing's best known, most historic cultural street, but it's also a good place to find antiques and collectibles. Here you can find old Chinese books, traditional paintings and brushes. The best place to get your very own Chinese name seal.

-  Hepingmenwai Dajie, Xuanwu District
宣武区和平门外
-  Take Subway Line 2 and get off at Hepingmen Station

Panjiayuan Antique Market 潘家园旧货市场

Known locally as the Dirt Market (or Sunday Market), this is the place for antiques, arts and crafts and old-style furniture. A fascinating once-in-a-lifetime shopping opportunity, and don't forget to haggle! Authentic, dusty, filled with curios, humorous local characters, bustle and noise! Keep a close watch on personal belongings as it can get pretty crowded.

-  18 Huaweili, Panjiayuan Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区潘家园路华威里18号
-  +86 10 8882 2266
-  Saturday and Sunday, Dawn–4 p.m.
-  Take Subway Line 1 and get off at Guomao, then take a taxi for about 15 yuan



Olympic Licensed Product Stores



- ✉ Domestic Departures, Terminal 1
Beijing Capital International Airport
首都国际机场1号航站楼国内厅
☎ +86 10 6454 0891
- ✉ Domestic Departures, Terminal 2
Beijing Capital International Airport
首都国际机场2号航站楼国内厅
☎ +86 10 6459 0831
- ✉ 1/F, Wangfujing Department Store
255 Wangfujing Dajie
王府井百货大楼一层
☎ +86 10 6512 6677, ext. 616
- ✉ 1/F, Gongmei Emporium
200 Wangfujing Dajie
王府井步行街南口工美大厦一层后厅
☎ +86 10 6528 8866, ext. 1122
- ✉ 4/F, Beijing Urban-Rural Trade Centre, Gongzhufen
公主坟城乡贸易中心四层
☎ +86 10 6829 6708
- ✉ B1, Chung-Yo Department Store, Xidan
西单北口中友百货地下一层
☎ +86 10 6601 8899, ext. 2650
- ✉ 2/F, Beijing Modern Plaza
Zhongguancun Dajie
中关村大街当代商城二层
☎ +86 10 6269 6213
- ✉ Cuiwei Building, Mudanyuan
Haidian District
海淀区花园路翠微大厦牡丹园店
☎ +86 10 8201 2327
- ✉ 2/F, Gui You Shopping Centre
Jianguomenwai Dajie
建国门外大街贵友大厦二层
☎ +86 10 6562 9220
- ✉ Summer Palace
颐和园正门内南侧
☎ +86 10 6288 1144, ext. 755
- ✉ 1/F Xidan Department Store, Xidan Beidajie
西城区西单北大街西单商场一层
☎ +86 10 6656 3102
- ✉ 2/F Friendship Store, 17 Jianguomenwai Dajie
建国门外大街友谊商店二层
☎ +86 10 6500 3311
- ✉ Forbidden City
故宫景运门内
☎ +86 10 8811 7528
- ✉ 3/F, Beijing New World Shopping Centre,
Chongwenmenwai Dajie
崇文门外大街新世界商场二期三层
☎ +86 10 6708 1399
- ✉ Beijing West Railway Station
Square in front of the railway station
北京西客站前广场
☎ +86 10 5193 6317/15
- ✉ Beijing Railway Station
1 /F, Beijing Railway Station
北京站一层候车大厅东西两侧
☎ +86 10 5101 9616

Electronics

Bainaoahui Computer Mall

百脑汇电脑市场

A good place in Central Beijing to pick up all manner of hardware and software, including photographic memory cards, cameras and software. Some great deals can be found on small wireless devices and computer peripherals.

10 Chaoyangmenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District

朝阳区朝阳门外大街10号

+86 10 6599 5912

Subway Line 2, Chaoyangmen Station



Hailong Building 海龙电子城

The shopping mall that came to define the surrounding area as China's very own silicon valley. Five stories of hardware, software, parts, second-hand laptops and fully assembled PCs. Generally considered the best place to pick up anything computer-related on the mainland.

1 Zhongguancun Dajie, Haidian District

海淀区中关村大街1号

+86 10 8266 3868

Buses 302, 332, 808, 320, 716



Top Electronics City

鼎好数码广场

The largest electronics market in Beijing with more than 1,700 small shops. Reliable after-sale services, too.

3 Zhongguancun Dajie, Haidian District

海淀区中关村大街3号

+86 10 826 96841




Buses 47, 735, 740, 808, 840, 808



Bookstores



Beijing Books Building 西单图书大厦

-  17 Xi Chang'an Jie, Xicheng District
西城区西长安街17号
-  +86 10 6607 8477
-  Subway Line 1, Xidan Station

Timezone 8 Bookstore 8艺书屋

-  798 Art Area, 4 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区酒仙桥路4号798艺术区内
-  +86 10 8456 0336
-  Bus 401, 420, 909, 991




Beijing Foreign Languages Bookstore 外文书店

-  29 Wangfujing Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区王府井大街29号
-  +86 10 6512 6922
-  Subway Line 1, Wangfujing Station

Wangfujing Bookstore 王府井新华书店

-  218 Wangfujing Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区王府井大街218号
-  +86 10 6525 2592
-  Subway Line 1, Wangfujing Station

o2sun Bookstore 光合作用书房

-  S3001 Building B, SOHO New Town, 88 Jianguo Lu,
Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国路88号SOHO现代城B座S3001
-  +86 10 8580 2789
-  Subway Line 1, Guomao Station

Yansha Books 燕莎图书天地

-  4/F, Lufthansa Shopping Centre, 50 Liangmaqiao Lu,
Chaoyang District
朝阳区亮马桥路50号燕莎购物中心4层
-  +86 10 6465 1188
-  Buses 701, 707, 909

Sanlian Taofen Bookstore 三联韬奋书店

-  22 Meishuguan Dongjie, Dongcheng District
东城区美术馆东街22号
-  +86 10 6400 1122
-  Buses 103, 109, 124, 814, 846



Supermarkets

Auchan 欧尚

- ✉ 117 Xi Sihuan Beilu, Haidian District
海淀区西四环北路117号
- ☎ +86 10 8847 3366

Carrefour 家乐福

- ✉ 15 Zhongguancun Plaza, Zhongguancun Dajie,
Haidian District
海淀区中关村大街15号中关村广场
- ☎ +86 10 5172 1516

Jenny Lou's 婕妮璐

- ✉ West Gate of Chaoyang Park, Chaoyang District
朝阳区朝阳公园西门
- ☎ +86 10 6501 6249
- ✉ 6 Sanlitun Beixiaojie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区三里屯北小街6号
- ☎ +86 10 6461 6928
- ✉ 4 Ritan Beilu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区日坛北路4号
- ☎ + 86 10 8569 0626

Wal-Mart 沃尔玛

- ✉ 28 Xuanwumenwai Dajie, Xuanwu District
宣武区宣武门外大街28号
- ☎ +86 10 5873 3666



For the best hotel buy, shop around

Although some local media have asserted that hotels in Beijing are planning to charge non-official visitors eight to ten times their usual rates during the Olympic period, few are now taking these claims seriously. Olympic organizers have indicated that the rates will likely be less than was feared and have dismissed price-hike hysteria as a marketing gimmick used by some proprietors to test the market.

In fact, organizers say that rates for the "Olympic Family" will likely be lower than previously quoted. The market will decide the prices for those guests not affiliated to the Olympic Family, they said, but other observers say room rates should not be as high as those seen in Athens in 2004.

Online travel sites like Ctrip (www.ctrip.com), Elong (www.elong.com) and Beijing Hotels Travel Guide (www.beijing-hotels.net) have detailed information on hotel rates, often with discounts. Hotel rates are subject to 15 percent service charge and peak from September to October.

Because of a long-term building programme that has progressed steadily over recent years, the Chinese capital has an abundance of accommodation, from star-rated hotels to inexpensive youth hostels that foreign residents simply rave about. Beijing has 658 star-rated hotels—with more on the way—that will be ready for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. If you want to taste the local lifestyle of old Beijing, look for a room in a courtyard residence in a neighbourhood accessed via shady lanes.

For deluxe five-star hotels, the average price for a standard room per night during the peak tourism season

typically ranges from 2,000 yuan to 5,000 yuan (US\$250–\$625). The average price of a four-star hotel is between 1,000 yuan and 2,000 yuan (US\$125–\$250) per night.

But, what about people who cannot afford four- or five-star luxury?

"It's nice that the Olympic committee and other VIPs get room rates guaranteed at reasonable prices, but what about regular people?" one reader asked in an e-mail to *China Daily*, citing a friend's experience of being quoted 2,000 yuan a night during the Games for a room that normally goes for only 200 yuan.

Suffice to say that in a city with a hotel development strategy as developed as Beijing's, competition in the market is a fact, and savvy buyers should be able to find a room to suite their needs at an affordable price, but shopping around and negotiating—which is common to experienced international travellers—could end up in great savings. Look around: bargains can be found.

No doubt every international visitor will be able to find a bed when they come to Beijing this summer. But in a worst-case scenario, look into the star-rated hotels available along rail or bus lines in neighbouring provinces and municipalities that lie within a 100 kilometre radius of the capital.

The biggest worry, though, should be: at what cost? Because any hotel that accepts foreign travellers will be comfortable enough for any Olympic fan or visitor to Beijing.



Beijing Asia Hotel 亚洲锦江大酒店

- ✉ 8 Xinzhong Xijie, Gongti Beilu, Dongcheng District
东城区工体北路新中西街8号
- ☎ +86 10 6500 7788
- 📄 <http://www.bj-asiahotel.com.cn>

Beijing Hotel 北京饭店

- ✉ 33 Dong Chang'an Jie, Dongcheng District
东城区东长安街33号
- ☎ +86 10 6513 7766
- 📄 <http://www.chinabeijinghotel.com>

Beijing Kempinski Hotel 凯宾斯基饭店

- ✉ 50 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区亮马桥路50号
- ☎ +86 10 6465 3388
- 📄 <http://www.kempinski-beijing.com>

Beijing Kerry Centre Hotel 北京嘉里中心饭店

- ✉ 1 Guanghai Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区光华路1号
- ☎ +86 10 6561 8833
- 📄 <http://www.shangri-la.com>

Beijing Xinyuan Hotel 京都信苑饭店

- ✉ 6 Shifangyuan, Haidian District
海淀区什坊院6号
- ☎ +86 10 6390 1166
- 📄 <http://www.telehotels.net.cn>

China World Hotel 中国大饭店

- ✉ 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国门外大街1号
- ☎ +86 10 6505 2266
- 📄 <http://www.shangri-la.com>

Crowne Plaza Beijing 国际艺苑皇冠饭店

- ✉ 48 Wangfujing Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区王府井大街48号
- ☎ +86 10 5911 9999
- 📄 <http://www.beijinghotels.crowneplaza.com>

Crowne Plaza Park View Wuzhou Beijing 北京五洲皇冠假日饭店

- ✉ 8 Bei Sihuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区北四环中路8号
- ☎ +86 10 8498 2288
- 📄 <http://www.parkview.crowneplaza.com>

Days Hotel and Suites Beijing 长安戴斯大饭店

- ✉ 27 Huaweili, Chaoyang District
朝阳区华威里27号
- ☎ +86 10 6773 1234
- 📄 <http://www.dhsbj.com>



Hotel

Diaoyutai State Guest House

钓鱼台国宾馆

- ✉ 2 Fucheng Lu, Haidian District
海淀区阜成路2号
- ☎ +86 10 6859 1188
- 📄 <http://www.chinadyt.com>

Grand Hotel Beijing

北京贵宾楼饭店

- ✉ 35 Dong Chang'an Jie, Dongcheng District
东城区东长安街35号
- ☎ +86 10 6513 7788
- 📄 <http://www.grandhotelbeijing.com>

Grand Hyatt Beijing

北京东方君悦大酒店

- ✉ 1 Dong Chang'an Jie, Dongcheng District
东城区东长安街1号
- ☎ +86 10 8518 1234
- 📄 <http://www.beijing.grand.hyatt.com>

Great Dragon Hotel

兆龙饭店

- ✉ 2 Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区工体北路2号
- ☎ +86 10 6597 2299
- 📄 <http://www.zhaolonghotel.com.cn>

Great Wall Sheraton Hotel

长城饭店

- ✉ 10 Dong Sanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区东三环北路10号
- ☎ +86 10 6590 5566
- 📄 <http://www.sheraton.com/beijing>

Hilton Hotel Beijing

北京希尔顿饭店

- ✉ 1 Dongfang Lu, Dong Sanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区东三环北路东方路1号
- ☎ +86 10 6466 2288
- 📄 <http://www.beijing.hilton.com>

Hotel New Otani Chang Fu

长富宫饭店

- ✉ 26 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国门外大街26号
- ☎ +86 10 6512 5555
- 📄 <http://www.cfgbj.com>

International Hotel 国际饭店

- ✉ 9 Jianguomennei Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区建内大街9号
- ☎ +86 10 6512 6688
- 📄 <http://www.bih.com.cn>

Jianguo Garden Hotel

好苑建国商务酒店

- ✉ 17 Jianguomennei Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区建国门内大街17号
- ☎ +86 10 6528 6666
- 📄 <http://www.jianguogardenhotel.com>

Jing Guang New World Hotel

京广新世界饭店

- ✉ Hujialou, Chaoyang District
朝阳区呼家楼
- ☎ +86 10 6597 8888
- 📄 <http://www.jingguangcentre.com>

Jingrui Hotel 京瑞大厦

- ✉ 17 Dong Sanhuan Nanlu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区东三环南路17号
- ☎ +86 10 6766 8866
- 📄 <http://www.kingwing.com.cn>

Kunlun Hotel 昆仑饭店

- ✉ 2 Xinyuan Nanlu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区新源南路2号
- ☎ +86 10 6590 3388
- 📄 <http://www.hotelkunlun.com>





Loong Palace Hotel & Resort 龙城丽宫国际酒店

- ✉ Huilongguan, Changping District
昌平区回龙观
- ☎ +86 10 8079 9988
- 📄 <http://www.loongpalacehotel.com>

New Century Hotel 新世纪饭店

- ✉ 6 Shouti Nanlu, Haidian District
海淀区首体南路6号
- ☎ +86 10 6849 2001
- 📄 <http://www.newcenturyhotel.com.cn>

Presidential Plaza Hotel Beijing 国宾酒店

- ✉ A9 Fuchengmenwai Dajie, Xicheng District
西城区阜成门外大街甲9号
- ☎ +86 10 5858 5588
- 📄 <http://www.presidentialplaza.com>

The Peninsula Beijing 王府半岛酒店

- ✉ 8 Goldfish Lane, Wangfujing, Dongcheng District
东城区王府井金鱼胡同8号
- ☎ Tel: +86 10 6559 2888
- 📄 <http://beijing.cn.peninsula.com>

Shangri-La Hotel Beijing 北京香格里拉饭店

- ✉ 29 Zizhuyuan Lu, Haidian District
海淀区紫竹院路29号
- ☎ +86 10 6841 2211
- 📄 <http://www.shangri-la.com/beijing>

Swissôtel 北京港澳中心瑞士酒店

- ✉ Dongsishitiao Intersection, Dongcheng District
东城区东四十条立交桥
- ☎ +86 10 6501 2288
- 📄 <http://www.beijing.swissotel.com>

The InterContinental Financial Street Beijing 金融街洲际酒店

- ✉ 11 Financial Street, Xicheng District
西城区金融街11号
- ☎ +86 10 5852 5888
- 📄 <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com>

The St. Regis Beijing 国际俱乐部饭店

- ✉ 21 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国门外大街21号
- ☎ +86 10 6460 6688
- 📄 <http://www.stregis.com/beijing>

Tianlun Dynasty Hotel 天伦王朝饭店

- ✉ 50 Wangfujing Dajie, Dongcheng District
东城区王府井大街50号
- ☎ +86 10 6513 8888
- 📄 <http://www.tianlunhotel.com>

Xiyuan Hotel 西苑饭店

- ✉ 1 Sanlihe Lu, Haidian District
海淀区三里河路1号
- ☎ +86 10 6831 3388
- 📄 <http://www.xiyuanhotel.com.cn>

The Ritz-Carlton Beijing 丽斯卡尔顿酒店

- ✉ 1 Jinchengfang Dongjie, Financial Street,
Xicheng District
西城区金融街金城坊东街1号
- ☎ +86 10 6601 6666
- 📄 <http://www.ritzcarlton.com>

The Westin Beijing 威斯汀大酒店

- ✉ B9 Financial Street, Xicheng District
西城区金融街乙9号
- ☎ +86 10 6606 8866
- 📄 <http://www.starwoodhotels.com/westin>



Beijing Continental Grand Hotel 五洲大酒店

- ✉ 8 Beichen Donglu, Andingmenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区安外北辰东路8号
- ☎ +86 10 8498 5588
- 📄 <http://www.ihw.com/GrandHotelContinental>

Capital Hotel 首都大酒店

- ✉ 3 Qianmen Dongdajie, Chongwen District
崇文区前门东大街3号
- ☎ +86 10 6512 9988
- 📄 <http://www.capitalhotel.com.cn>

Central Garden Hotel 中苑宾馆

- ✉ 18 Gaoliangqiao Xiejie, Haidian District
海淀区高粱桥斜街18号
- ☎ +86 10 6217 8888
- 📄 <http://centralgardenhotel.com>

China Resources Hotel 华润饭店

- ✉ 35 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国路35号
- ☎ +86 10 8577 2233
- 📄 <http://www.crh.com.cn>

CTS Plaza 中旅大厦

- ✉ 2 Bei Sanhuan Donglu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区北三环东路2号
- ☎ +86 10 6462 2288
- 📄 <http://www.ctsplaza.com>

Debao Hotel 德宝饭店

- ✉ 22 Debaoxinyuan, Xicheng District
西城区德宝新园22楼
- ☎ +86 10 6831 8866
- 📄 <http://www.debaohotel.com>

Fragrant Hills Hotel 香山饭店

- ✉ Inside Fragrant Hills Park, Haidian District
海淀区香山公园内
- ☎ +86 10 6259 1166
- 📄 <http://www.xsfd.com>

Friendship Hotel 友谊宾馆

- ✉ 1 Zhongguancun Nandajie, Haidian District
海淀区中关村南大街1号
- ☎ +86 10 6849 8888
- 📄 <http://www.bjfriendshiphotel.com>

Gloria Plaza Hotel 凯莱大酒店

- ✉ 2 Jianguomen Nandajie, Dongcheng District
东城区建国门南大街2号
- ☎ +86 10 6515 8855
- 📄 <http://www.gphbeijing.com>

Grand View Garden Hotel 北京大观园酒店

- ✉ 88 Nancai Yuan, Xuanwu District
宣武区南菜园88号
- ☎ +86 10 6353 8899
- 📄 <http://www.gvghotel.com>

Guangzhou Hotel 广州大厦

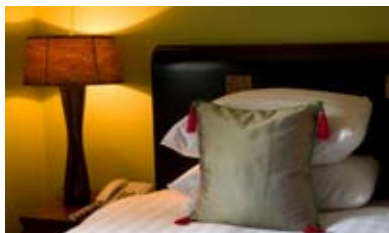
- ✉ A3 Heng'ertiao, Xidan, Xicheng District
西城区西单横二条甲3号
- ☎ +86 10 6607 8866
- 📄 <http://www.bjgzds.com.cn>

Henan Mansion 河南大厦

- ✉ 28 Huaweili, Panjiayuan, Chaoyang District
朝阳区潘家园华威里28号
- ☎ +86 10 6775 1188
- 📄 <http://www.hnhp.cn>

Holiday Inn Chang'an West 北京长峰假日饭店

- ✉ 66 Yongding Lu, Haidian District
海淀区永定路66号
- ☎ +86 10 6813 2299
- 🌐 <http://www.holiday-inn.com>



Holiday Inn Downtown Beijing 金都假日饭店

- ✉ 98 Beilishi Lu, Xicheng District
西城区北礼士路98号
- ☎ +86 10 6833 8822
- 🌐 <http://www.holiday-inn.com>



Holiday Inn Lido Beijing 丽都假日饭店

- ✉ 6 Jiangtai Lu, Jichang Lu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区机场路蒋台路6号
- ☎ +86 10 6437 6688
- 🌐 <http://beijing-lido.holiday-inn.com>



Jianguo Hotel 建国饭店

- ✉ 5 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国门外大街5号
- ☎ +86 10 6500 2233
- 🌐 <http://www.hoteljianguo.com>



Jinglun Hotel 京伦饭店

- ✉ 3 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国门外大街3号
- ☎ +86 10 6500 2266
- 🌐 <http://www.jinglunhotel.com>

Landmark Tower 亮马河大厦

- ✉ 8 Dong Sanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区东三环北路8号
- ☎ +86 10 6590 6688
- 🌐 <http://www.beijinglandmark.com>



Hotel

Minzu Hotel

民族饭店

- ✉ 51 Fuxingmennei Dajie, Xicheng District
西城区复兴门内大街51号
- ☎ +86 10 6601 4466
- 🌐 <http://www.minzuhotel.cn>

Moon River Holiday Inn

月亮河度假村

- ✉ 1 Yuelianghe Binhe Lu, Tongzhou District
通州区月亮河滨河路1号
- ☎ +86 10 8952 3737
- 🌐 <http://www.moonriver.com.cn>

New World Courtyard Hotel

新世界万怡酒店

- ✉ C3 Chongwenmenwai Dajie, Chongwen District
崇文区崇文门外大街乙3号
- ☎ +86 10 6708 1188
- 🌐 <http://marriott.com>

Novotel Peace Hotel

诺福特和平宾馆

- ✉ 3 Goldfish Hutong, Dongcheng District
东城区金鱼胡同3号
- ☎ +86 10 6512 8833
- 🌐 <http://www.novotelpeacebj.com>

Oriental Garden Hotel

东方花园饭店

- ✉ 6 Dongzhimen Nandajie, Dongcheng District
东城区东直门南大街6号
- ☎ +86 10 6416 8866
- 🌐 <http://www.bjoghotel.com>

Poly Plaza 保利大厦

- ✉ 14 Dongzhimen Nandajie, Dongcheng District
东城区东直门南大街14号
- ☎ +86 10 6500 1188
- 🌐 <http://www.polyhotel.com>

Radisson SAS Hotel

北京皇家大饭店

- ✉ A6 Bei Sanhuan Donglu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区北三环东路甲6号
- ☎ +86 10 6466 3388
- 🌐 <http://www.radisson.com>

Rosedale Hotels & Resorts

北京珀丽酒店

- ✉ 8 Jiangtai Xilu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区蒋台西路8号
- ☎ +86 10 6436 2288
- 🌐 <http://www.rosedalebj.com>

SCITECH Hotel 赛特饭店

- ✉ 22 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国门外大街22号
- ☎ +86 10 6512 3388
- 🌐 <http://www.scitechgroup.com>

Sino-Swiss Hotel

北京国都大饭店

- ✉ Xiaotianzhu, Shunyi District
顺义区小天竺
- ☎ +86 10 6456 5588
- 🌐 <http://www.sino-swisshotel.com>

Traders Hotel 国贸饭店

- ✉ 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区建国门外大街1号
- ☎ +86 10 6505 2277
- 🌐 <http://www.shangri-la.com/cn/property/beijing/traders>

Xindadu Hotel 新大都饭店

- ✉ 21 Chegongzhuang Dajie, Xicheng District
西城区车公庄大街21号
- ☎ +86 10 6831 9988
- 🌐 <http://www.xindadu-hotel.com.cn>

Yuyang Hotel 渔阳饭店

- ✉ 18 Xinyuanxili Zhongjie, Chaoyang District
朝阳区新源西里中街18号
- ☎ +86 10 6466 9988
- 🌐 <http://www.yuyanghotel.net>

Youth Hostels



Since the first youth hostel opened in Beijing in May 2000, more than 20 more have joined the list. They are an ideal choice for budget travellers, with dorm beds starting at 45 yuan (US\$5.90) and singles/doubles from 80 yuan (US\$10.50) per night.

Beijing Gongti International Youth Hostel

北京工体青年旅社

- ✉ East Gate of Workers' Stadium, Chaoyang District
朝阳区工人体育场东门
- ☎ +86 10 6552 4800

Downtown Backpackers

东堂客栈

- ✉ 85 Nan Lou Gu Xiang, Dongcheng District
东城区南锣鼓巷85号
- ☎ +86 10 8400 2429

Far East International Youth Hostel

远东国际青年旅社

- ✉ 113 Tieshu Xiejie, Xuanwu District
宣武区铁树斜街113号
- ☎ +86 10 6301 8811, ext. 3118

Leo Hostel 广聚元

- ✉ 52 Dashilan Xijie, Qianmen, Xuanwu District
宣武区前门大栅栏西街52号
- ☎ +86 10 6303 1595

Red House Hotel 瑞秀宾馆

- ✉ 10 Chunxiu Lu, Dongzhimenwai, Chaoyang District
朝阳区东直门外春秀路太平庄10号
- ☎ +86 10 6416 7500

Zhaolong International Youth Hostel

兆龙青年旅社

- ✉ 2 Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District
朝阳区工体北路2号
- ☎ +86 10 6597 2299

Traditional Chinese Courtyards



Several former residences of famous Beijingers have been converted into tourist accommodations. These typically feature ancient architecture and classical furniture in a serene environment. Rates range from 400 yuan to 1,200 yuan (US\$50–\$160) per night but can cost more: call ahead.

Beijing Lu Song Yuan Hotel 吕松园宾馆

The former residence of a Qing prince, located on the north side of Ping'an Dajie.

✉ 22 Banchang Hutong, Dongcheng District
东城区板厂胡同22号
☎ +86 10 6404 0436

Friendly Guesthouse 友好宾馆

A perfect combination of Chinese and western architecture: the rockery comes from the Old Summer Palace at Yuanmingyuan, the main building is designed in the Italian style, while guest rooms embody traditional Chinese architecture.

✉ 7 Houyuan'ensi Hutong, Dongcheng District
东城区后圆恩寺胡同7号
☎ +86 10 6403 1114

Haoyuan Hotel 好园宾馆

A typical quadrangle compound with two separate courtyards at the front and back, dating back to the latter Qing Dynasty (1644–1911).

✉ 53 Shijia Hutong, Dongcheng District
东城区史家胡同53号
☎ +86 10 6512 5557

He Jing Fu Hotel 和敬府宾馆

The former home of Princess He Jing, the third daughter of Emperor Qianlong (1711–99).

✉ 7 Zhangzi Zhonglu, Dongcheng District
东城区张自忠路7号
☎ +86 10 6401 7744

Hua Du Hotel 华都旅馆

Concealed in an old walled courtyard, the Hua Du Hotel has a history of more than 100 years. Eighteen guest rooms, a secluded living environment and, above all, reasonable rates give visitors a great Beijing experience.

✉ A28 Wangzhima Hutong, Dongcheng District
东城区汪芝麻胡同甲28号
☎ +86 10 6404 5351



Numbers and Web Sites

Useful Numbers

Police 110
Medical emergency 120 or 999
Fire dispatch 119
Traffic accidents 122
Directory enquiries 114

Useful Web Sites

General, Directories and Classifieds

www.btmbeijing.com
www.thebeijinger.com
www.timeout.com/cn/en/beijing

Books & Literary Events

www.beijingbookworm.com

Travel (Flights, Hotels, Car Reservations)

www.elong.net
<http://english.ctrip.com>

Tickets (events)

www.emma.cn/home.asp
<http://en.piaowutong.com>

Food Aid

www.howtoorderchinesefood.com
www.localnoodles.com

Food Delivery

www.beijinggoodies.com

The image shows a screenshot of the Beijing Official Guide website. The main content area features several articles and images. At the top, there's a banner with the text "When Confronted with Disaster" and a photo of a train. Below that, there are several article thumbnails: "Journey of Harmony" with a yellow background, "A Red Country on Blue Eyes" with a blue background, and "The Olympic Flame, a traditional Greek symbol of peace and friendship, has endured for more than 2,700 years...". There are also images of a torch and a book cover titled "VISION BEIJING". On the left side, there is a vertical navigation menu with categories: Arts & Culture, Beijing Basics, Business, Dining, Editorial, Health & Wellness, Love & Life, Nightlife, Shopping, and Sport. At the bottom, there's a "BusinessBeijing Online" logo and a "Check Out These" section with a "08 ONE EIGHT CLUB" logo.

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National and International Transport

By Air

The Capital International Airport is the window of Beijing to the whole world. There are three terminals in the airport. T1 serves domestic flights of Hainan Airlines, and T2 and T3 serve airlines from every corner of the world. With the open-

ing of the new No. 3 Terminal on February 29, 2008, the airport has been equipped to handle 82 million passengers a year, its maximum planned capacity.

Airport Transportation

Capital International Airport is located to the northeast of the city, 25.35

km away from Tian'anmen. Passengers can travel to the airport by subway, taxi or shuttles. The 28.1-kilometre-long subway airport line, with four stations (Dongzhimen, Sanyuan Qiao, T2 and T3), makes the entire trip from Dongzhimen to Capital Airport as short as 16 minutes. Taking a taxi from the centre of the city to the airport may cost about 85 yuan–100 yuan, including the expressway toll (10–15 yuan). Alternatively, passengers may take the airport shuttle bus from Xidan, Beijing Railway Station, Gongzhufen, Fangzhuang, Zhongguancun and some other locations to the airport at a cost of 16 yuan. The shuttles normally run from 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. every 15 minutes daily.

Routes of Airport Shuttles

Fangzhuang (Guiyou Maision)—Dabeiya (Southern Airlines Hotel)—Capital Intl. Airport
7:30 a.m.—10:30 p.m.

Xidan (Civil Aviation Building)—Dongzhimen—Capital Intl. Airport
5:30 a.m.—9 p.m.

Beijing Railway Station—Beijing International Hotel (West Gate)—Dongzhimen—Jingxin Mansion—Capital Intl. Airport
5:30 a.m.—9 p.m.

Gongzhufen (Xinxing Hotel)—Friendship Hotel (North Gate)—Bei Taiping Zhuang—Anzhen Plaza—Capital Intl. Airport
5:30 a.m.—9 p.m.

Zhongguancun (No. 4 Bridge)—Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics (north gate)—Huixin Xijie (Anhui Mansion)—Huixin Dongjie (Sinopec)—Capital Intl. Airport
6 a.m.—7:30 p.m.

T2 or T3

Flights at the Beijing Capital International Airport operate out of terminals T1, T2 and T3. Passengers should be certain in advance about which terminal they should use; the information is included on flight tickets. For more information,

passengers may log on <http://www.bcia.com.cn/> or dial +86 10 6454 1100.

If you find yourself in the wrong terminal, take an available bus (free) to get to the correct terminal building. Also special shuttle cars that can ferry passengers to other terminals are available outside the terminals.

Time Table

6 a.m.—11 p.m. 10 min/run
11 p.m.—6 a.m. 20 min/run

Get Onboard

Luggage Check-in and Issue Boarding Pass

Please approach check-in counter with ticket and valid ID. Check-in luggage and obtain boarding pass. For passengers without check-in luggage, please proceed to counter marked "check-in without baggage". An electronic flight ticket counter is available for Air China in the east of Zone F at the Domestic Departure Hall of T3. Payment or booking can be processed for the passengers with electronic flight tickets only. For any electronic flight ticket services of other Airlines, please consult the corresponding on-duty managers at the Departure Hall.

Security Check

Prepare your boarding pass, airline ticket and valid ID card in advance, so as to present them to security personnel. In order to ensure the safety of the flight, passengers should pass through the detection passage, and hand carry articles shall be examined by X-ray.

Waiting and Boarding

After Security Check, you can wait for your flight at the boarding gate indicated on your boarding pass. The boarding procedure will begin 40 minutes (30 minutes for domestic flights) before departure. Please pay close attention to announcements. The boarding pass needs to be presented while boarding, please prepare it in advance.



T2

VIP Lounge:

2/F 6459 7776

Creche:

northern side of No. 25 boarding gate of the domestic isolation region

Private rooms: B1/F

Private rooms for domestic travellers

+86 10 6459 8932

Private rooms for international travellers

+86 10 64598943

T3

Private Rooms

Providing a hotel-style rest place for passengers with single rooms, standard rooms and other service facilities to eliminate your travelling fatigue; passengers can enjoy TV programs and films during rest.

2/F, west of public place of arrival hall

24 hours a day

+86 10 6455 8577

Safety Regulations

To ensure passenger safety and property security, the General Administration of Civil Aviation of China (CAAC) has issued regulations to forbid taking liquids and matches onboard.

1. For domestic flights, passengers are now forbidden to carry any liquids in their carry-on baggage. However, liquids may be put in luggage in the hold. For specific packing requirements, passengers should refer to the relevant aviation transportation provisions.

2. Liquid cosmetic products of under 100 milliliters each will be allowed in carry-on baggage, but must be stored in separate bags. They may also be opened during security checks.

3. For travelers arriving from abroad and transferring to an internal Chinese flight, duty-free liquid property should be placed in a good quality and sealed transparent plastic bag with a receipt. After security checks, these belongings

may be allowed to carry on board.

4. For passengers with an infant, they will now need to apply in advance with the airline to provide them with formula or baby food free of charge. Diabetics or other patients who need to carry liquid medicine should give them to flight staff to hold after clearing a security check.

5. Travellers taking international flights remain subject to the regulations released by CAAC on March 17, 2007.

6. Bringing matches and lighters is banned on board domestic flights.

Passengers Service

For additional information about the services available at the Beijing Capital International Airport, please consult the information desks located in the main lobbies of the terminals. Services include: scheduled flights, flow of emplaning and related knowledge about emplaning.

Airport Information: 962580

Flight Information: +86 10 6454 1100

Customer Complaints: +86 10 6457 1666

Lost and Found: +86 10 6459 8333

Medical Service: +86 10 6459 1919

<http://en.bcia.com.cn/>



By Train

There are four types of train tickets: hard seat (*yingzuo*), which is just what it sounds like, and the somewhat more comfortable soft seat (*ruanzuo*). Use either for relatively brief journeys only, if possible (less than four or five hours). More comfortable for the long-haul are hard-sleeper (*yingwo*) berths in open compartments and soft sleeper (*ruanwo*) berths, which come four to a closed compartment.

Beijing Railway Station

☎ Information: +86 10 5101 9999

Tickets: +86 10 9510 5105

Group Tickets: +86 10 6512 8930

Beijing West Railway Station

☎ Information: +86 10 5182 6273

Xizhimen Station

☎ Information: +86 10 5186 6223

General ticket enquiries:

☎ +86 10 6321 7188

By Coach

Dongzhimen Coach Station

☎ +86 10 6467 1346

Xizhimen Coach Station

☎ +86 10 6218 3454

Muxiyuan Coach Station

☎ +86 10 67267149

Guangqumen (Majuan) Coach Station

☎ +86 10 6776 2858

Newspapers, Magazines and TV

Beijing offers a wide range of English-language magazines and newspapers, including *Beijing This Month*, *Business Beijing*, *That's Beijing*, *Urbane*, *City Weekend* and *Time Out* magazines and the *China Daily* and *Beijing Today* English-language newspapers. These are generally available for free at most four- and five-star hotels, in Sanlitun and around the embassy-area bars and restaurants.

It's also easy to get issues of popular imported English-language magazines, such as *TIME*, *Newsweek*, *The Economist* and other foreign-language publications from the bookshops of four- and five-star hotels.

Beijing's larger hotels, and some smaller ones, receive satellite TV broadcasts with dozens of channels from all around the world; including CNN, BBC, NHK from Japan, Star TV from Hong Kong and HBO. CCTV-9 is a local terrestrial English-language channel. Its programmes cover Chinese political, economic and domestic news plus information about the culture, language and history of China.



Money and Costs

The currency in China is known as the renminbi or yuan. It is not a freely convertible currency, but its value has been allowed to rise and fall within a wider range in recent years. The official exchange rate on May 31, 2008, was 6.947 yuan per US\$1, compared to 8.27 yuan to the dollar in July 2005. Costs vary, with plenty of opportunity for extravagance or prudence depending on your budget. A hotel can cost US\$300 per day or more, while a hostel may be had for about US\$6 a night for a very basic single. Meals can easily cost US\$50 in an upmarket

restaurant or US\$3 for something equally delicious on the street. Taxis are inexpensive: you can ride right across the city's urban area for about 50 yuan (US\$7).

A growing number of international ATMs can be found around the city. Most internationally recognized credit and debit cards can draw money from machines with the appropriate logo. Visa, MasterCard and other major credit cards are increasingly becoming accepted in big department stores, hotels, shopping centres and up-scale restaurants, but keep some cash handy just in case.

Communications



International calls can be made directly from hotel rooms with IDD lines. Some large post offices also provide this service. Otherwise, look for roadside kiosks with an IDD sign. An inexpensive way to make long distance calls is by using an IP (Internet Tel) card, which cost about 4.8 yuan per minute, less than half the rate of an IDD call. IP cards can be obtained at hotels, Internet cafes and news-stands and are available in both English and Chinese. You may also use Internet based services such as Skype.



Internet and E-mail

Internet cafes are plentiful in Central Beijing and cost 3–15 yuan (23 US cents–US\$2) for a relatively high-speed connection. They are generally open all night. Many bars and cafes offer free Wi-Fi services. Internet access and other high-tech services are increasingly available in hotels' business centres, but prices are high.

Cell Tels

If you are going to be staying in Beijing for even a short time, it may prove economical to purchase a pre-paid Chinese SIM for your cell phone. There are two mobile operators in China, China Mobile and China Unicom. Both offer a range of pre-paid packages starting at around 50 yuan for the SIM, depending

on the distinctiveness of the phone number (Chinese people are generally superstitious about numbers, so some phone numbers are more desirable than others). It costs to receive calls so you will be required to purchase a minimum 50-yuan top-up card initially. Calls to Beijing landlines or cells are charged at a fixed rate of between 0.25 yuan and 0.6 yuan. To receive calls costs between 0.1 yuan and 0.4 yuan and text messages are fixed at 0.1 yuan.

China Mobile offers an English-language operator assistance line on 10086 while China Unicom's service is at 10010. To avoid high costs on long-distance calling, add 17951 before the desired number. Both operators offer GSM, while China Unicom also offers CDMA.

Postal Services



Tourist hotels provide postal services. If you want to send important items such as antiques or cultural relics that are under customs control, you must consult the local branch of the international post office, instead of a small post office in the hotel.

In addition to regular postal services, the International Post & Telecommunications Office handles remittances, money orders, telegraphic money transfers, international and domestic teleTel and telegraph services. In the same building there is a customs office for those who need customs clearance. Additionally, packages can be collected from this office.

You can also send postcards, letters and express mail to any place in the world via EMS, DHL, FedEx and UPS. However, any form of publication (such as books, magazines and newspapers) or parcels, must be sent from an authorized post office

International Post & Telecommunications Office

Jianguomen Beidajie, Chaoyang District

☎ +86 10 6512 8114

🌐 www.bipto.com.cn

Electric Current

China uses a 220-volt power supply for standard domestic and business purposes. Hotels generally provide wall sockets in every room, accommodating both “straight two-pin” and “triangular 3-pin” Chinese plugs. Inexpensive adapters and power transformers can be found in almost any electrical store.



Language

The official language of China, Mandarin or *Putonghua*, is the most frequently spoken language in the world. This form of Chinese is related to the Beijing dialect, which became standardised nationally in 1956. There is still a wealth of regional variation in the spoken language; however, the written characters are universal.

Although English is becoming more widespread in the city, Beijing will be much more open to you if you speak some Mandarin.



Visas, Documents and Embassies

Once inside the country, a Chinese visa can be extended for an extra 30 days on up to two separate occasions by visiting the Foreign Affairs Section of the Public Security Bureau. Extensions vary in price, depending on your nationality. American travellers pay 185 yuan (US\$23) for the privilege. Expect to wait up to five days for your visa extension to be processed. You will also need to provide two passport photos. First-time extensions are generally easy to obtain. However, the second extension is much more difficult and will certainly involve a

lot of luck and may only bestow an extra week.

The fine for overstaying your visa is officially 500 yuan (US\$65) per day, but all manner of lengthy extensions and conversions to different categories of visa are widely available through agents for a fee.

It is wise to carry your passport with you at all times, because you will need it to register in hotels, buy airplane tickets or change money. If you lose your passport, you should report it immediately to your embassy, as well as to a Public Security Bureau near where you are staying.

If staying any length of time, it is wise to apply for a residence permit from the local Public Security Bureau.

The main Foreign Affairs Branch of the Beijing Public Security Bureau is at 2 Andingmen Dongdajie (8:30 a.m.–noon and 1–4:30 p.m., Monday–Saturday. Contacts are: +86 10 8401 5292 and www.bjgaj.gov.cn). The visa office is on the second floor on the eastern side of the building.

Branches of Exit-Entry Administration of the Beijing Municipal Public Security Bureau Chaoyang Branch

- ✉ 2F Jinguang Building, Chaoyang District
朝阳区京广大厦商务楼二层
- 🕒 9–11:30 a.m. and 1–4:30 p.m.
Monday–Friday
- 🚌 Bus 9, 112, 118, 350, 729, 835

Haidian Branch

- ✉ 67 Fucheng Lu, Haidian District
海淀区阜成路67号(空军总医院斜对面)
- 🕒 8:30–11:30 a.m. and 1–5 p.m.
Monday–Friday
- 🚌 Bus 121, 335, 601, 603, 645, 967

Embassies in Beijing

Generally, embassies are open from 9 a.m.–noon and 1.30–4 p.m., Monday to Friday. For visa applications, consulates tend to be closed in the afternoons.

There are three embassy districts in Beijing: Jianguomen, Chaoyangmen and Liangmahe, where reside most of the embassies and consulates in Beijing. Around the three embassy districts, there are many lovely restaurants, bars and shops. Generally, embassies are open from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30–4 p.m., Monday to Friday. For visa application, consulates tend to be closed in the afternoon. Check www.travelchinaguide.com/embassy/foreign/beijing or <http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/> to find a list of all the embassies in Beijing.





Medical Care

AEA International

Medical centre for expatriates in Beijing, with an English-speaking staff that offers a full range of medical and dental services.

- ✉ 53 Dongdan Beidajie, Dongcheng District
- ☎ +86 10 6529 6114

Beijing Hospital

- ✉ 1 Dahua Lu, Dongdan, Dongcheng District
- ☎ +86 10 8513 2266

Beijing International SOS Clinic and Alarm Centre (AEA)

24-hour emergency service Western-style clinic with English speaking staff.

- ✉ Building C, BITIC Leasing Centre, No.1 North Road, Xingfu San Cun, Chaoyang District
- ☎ +86 10 6462 9100
- 🌐 China.inquiries@internationalsos.com
<http://www.internationalsos.com>

Beijing Union Medical College Hospital

This hospital is open 24 hours and operates a Foreigners Emergency Clinic staffed by English-speaking, western trained doctors.

- ✉ 53 Dongdan Beidajie, Dongcheng District
- ☎ +86 10 6529 6114

Beijing United Family Hospital

24-hour medical, premium medical centre for expatriates in Beijing. Services include children's health, OBGYN, psychological counseling. A pharmacy is available on site.

- ✉ No. 2 Jiangtai Lu, Chaoyang District
+ 86 10 6433 3960
- ✉ E-mail: wchen@bjunited.com.cn
- 🌐 WWW: <http://www.beijingunited.com>

The Beijing United Family Hospital's Shunyi Clinic

It provides outpatient medical care including family medicine, family counseling and pediatrics in the heart of the neighborhood in Shunyi District.

- ✉ Pinnacle Plaza, Unit 818, Tian Zhu Real Estate Development Zone, Shunyi District
- ☎ +86 10 6433 2345 (24 Hour Emergency Hotline)
- 📧 liaison@ufh.com.cn
- 🌐 <http://www.unitedfamilyhospitals.com>

Friendship Hospital

- ✉ 95 Yong'an Lu, Xuanwu District
- ☎ +86 10 6301 4411

Beijing Vista Clinic

Beijing Vista Clinic provides international standard medical care with a focus on primary care and community services for the needs of expatriates, Chinese nationals and their families. The Vista Clinic provides unique accessibility being situated in one of the main commercial districts and near two main expressways. The Clinic is open 24 hours a day

- ✉ Beijing Kerry Center Shopping Malle B1-29, 1 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District
- ☎ +86 10 8529 6618
- 🌐 WWW:<http://www.vista-china.net>

Hong Kong International Clinic

This clinic for expats in Beijing is open 24 hours and offers a full range of medical services including dental care and OBGYN.

- ✉ 3/F, Swissotel Hong Kong Macao Center, Dongsishitiao, Chaoyang District
- ☎ +86 10 6501 2288, ext. 2346

International Medical Center (IMC)

24 hour medical centre for expatriates in Beijing offering medical, pharmacy and dental services. The centre's international staff includes 20 English-speaking physicians and specialists and doctors who speak German, French, Italian, Russian, Romanian, Portuguese, Arabic, Chinese and Japanese.

- ✉ Room 106, Beijing Lufthansa Center, 50 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District
- ☎ +86 10 6465 1561/1562/1563

Sino-Japanese Friendship Hospital

- ✉ 2 Yinghua Donglu, Chaoyang District
- ☎ +86 10 6422 2965

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