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"Bei" means Northern and "Jing" means Capital

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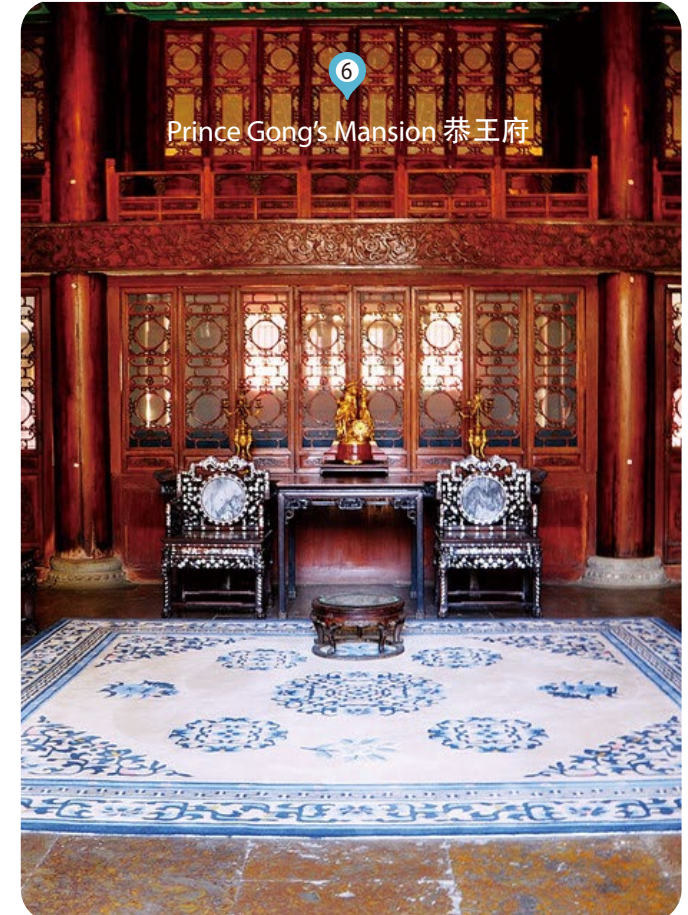
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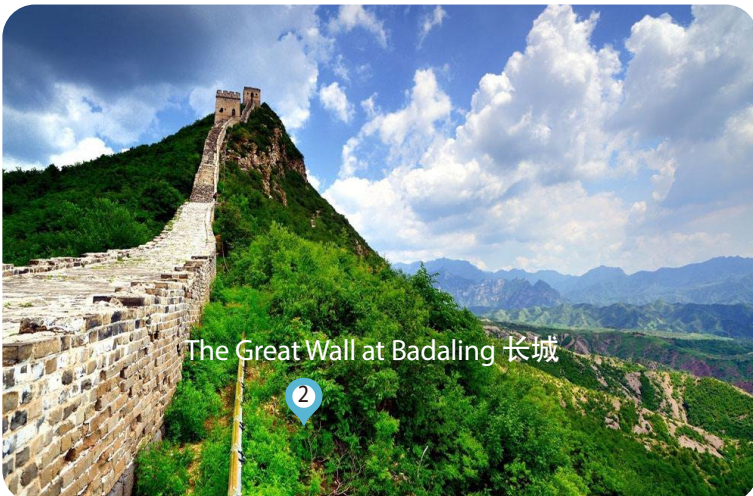
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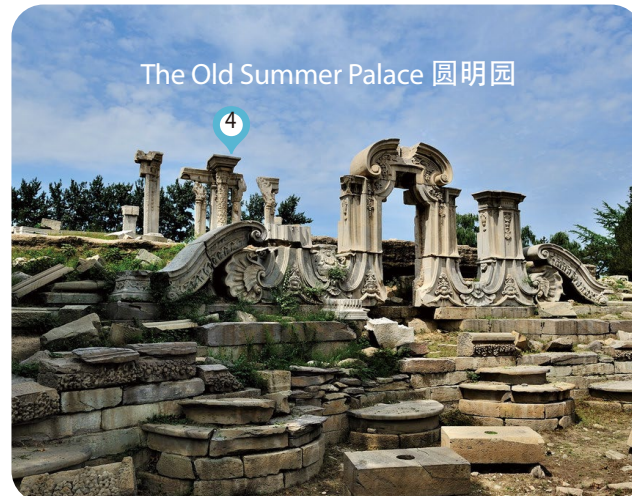


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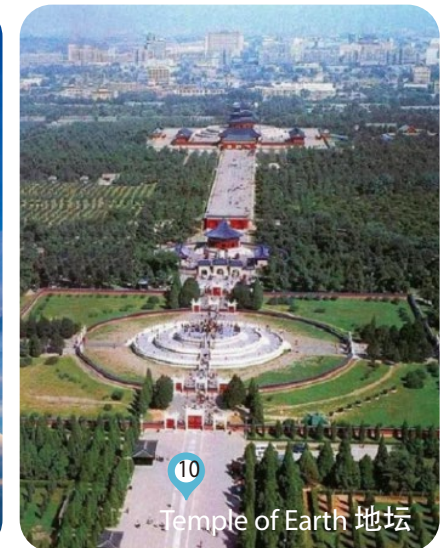
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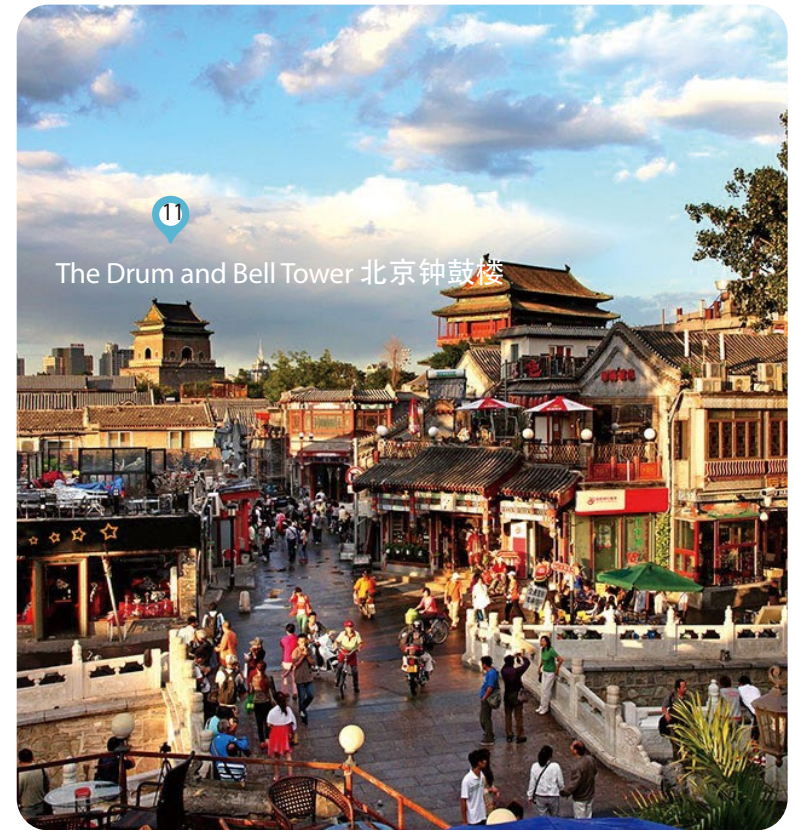
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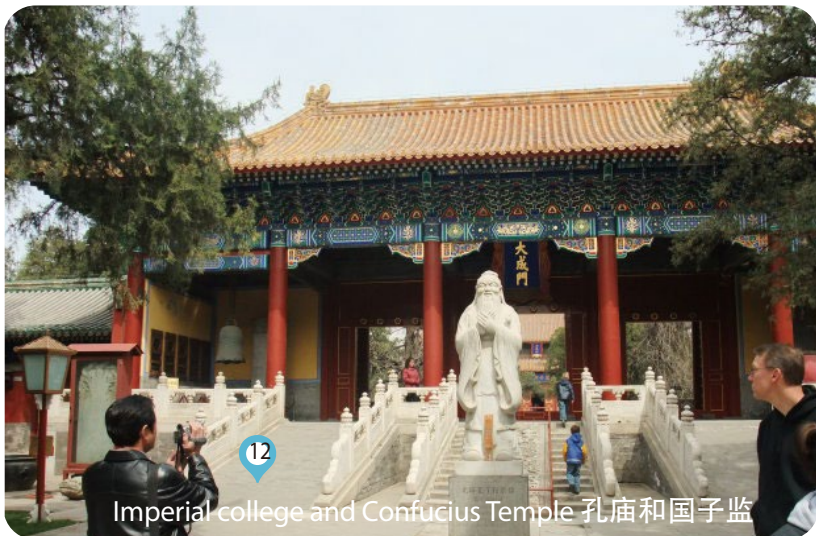
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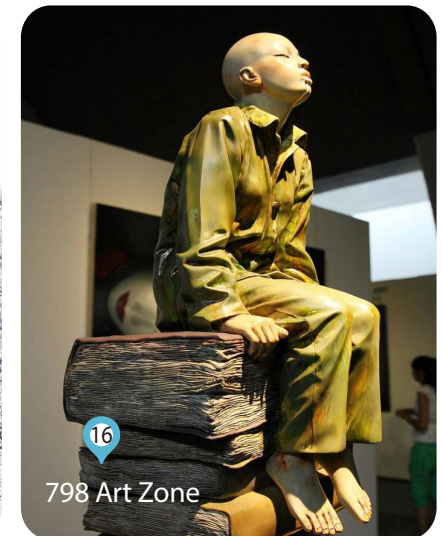
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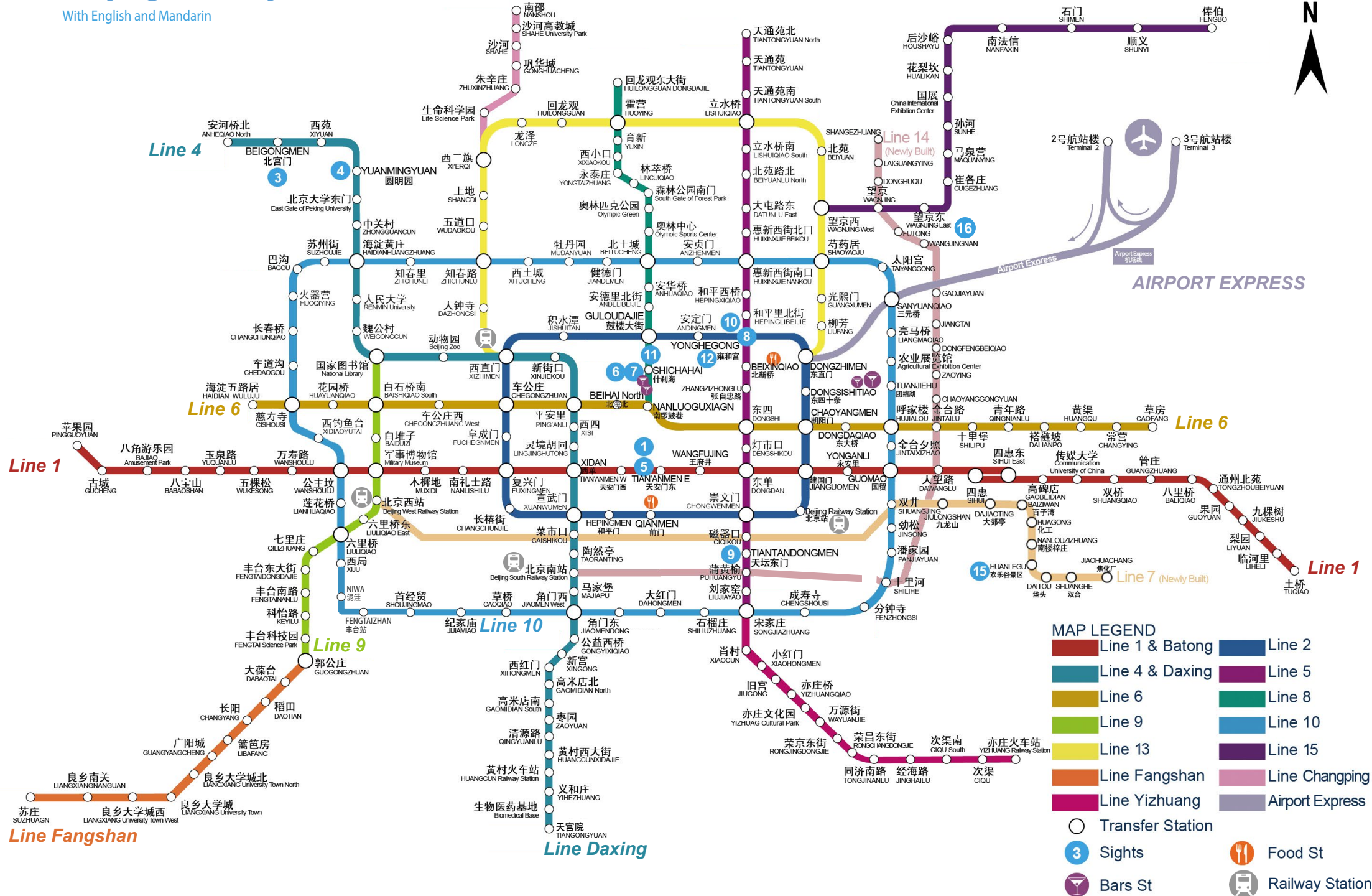
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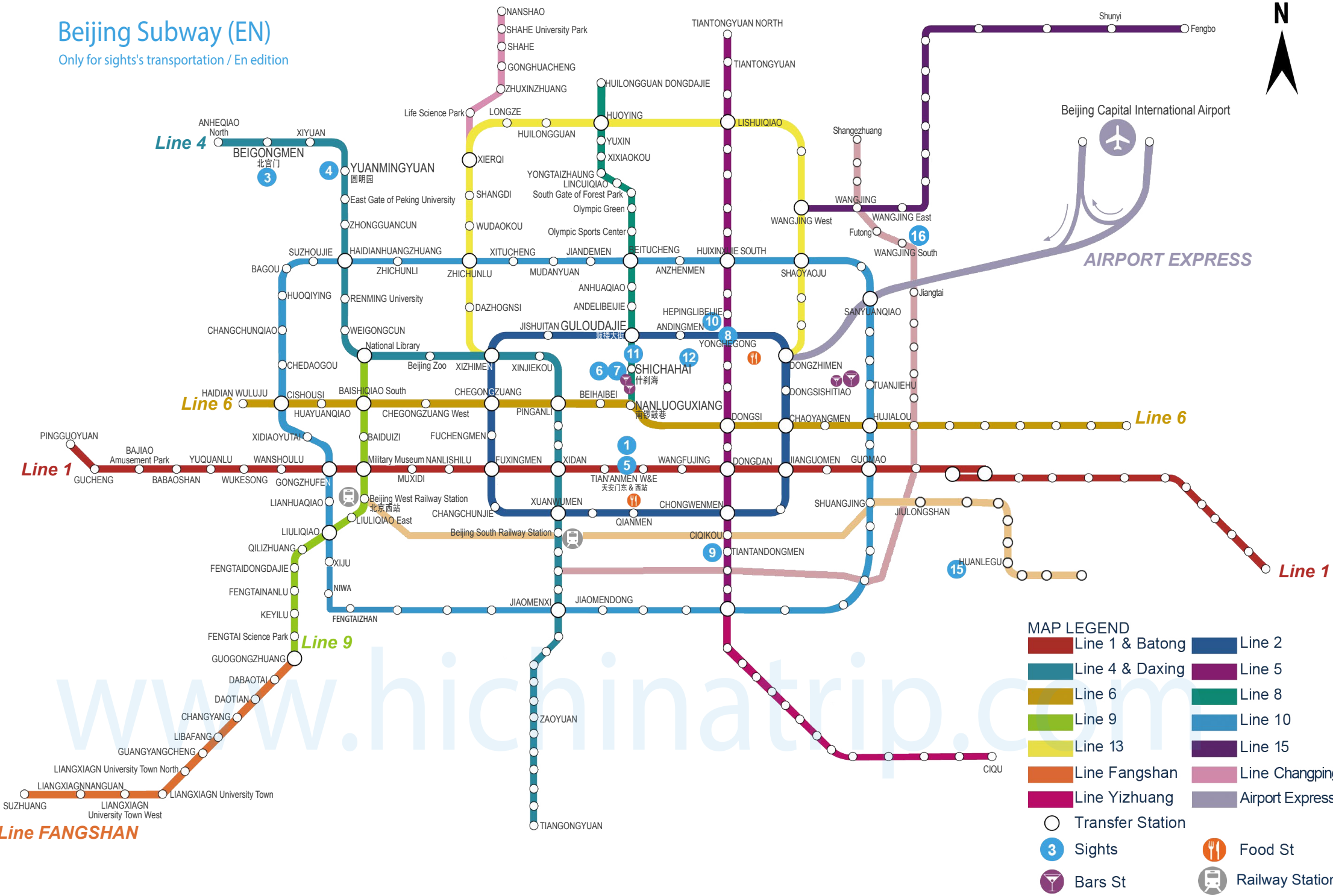
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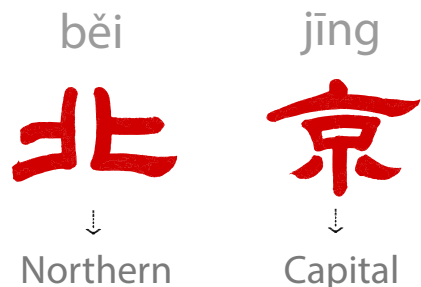


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BRIEF



Beijing (Chinese “北京”, "bei" means north and "jing" means capital), or known as Peking by westerners in the past, has a history of more than 3000 years. As the political, cultural, and educational center of China today, it has been the capital of one of China's ancient kingdoms since 1045 BC. Since the Mongolian Kublai Khan established Beijing as the national capital in year 1267, Beijing has been the capital city of Yuan(1271-1368), Ming(1368-1644) and Qing(1644-1912) Dynasties. For 700 years, not only the emperors built Beijing into a magnificent city of palaces and gates, the Chinese people themselves have also built temples, hutongs, tunnels, and the Great Wall under the emperor's order to defend foreign invasions. Beijing is now the city that holds the most World Cultural Heritage recognized by the UNESCO. Witnessing China's chaos throughout 19th and 20th century, Beijing recorded history with its ruins. As Mao Zedong declared the establishment of People's Republic of China on the Gate of Tian'anmen on Oct. 1st, 1949, Beijing began its reform toward modernity. Air pollution has become one of the serious problems of the city at the price of rapid development. Today, Beijing is an international municipal and the world's third most populous city. Renowned as one of the 4 ancient capitals of China and radiating influences in politics, economy, education, art, innovation and technology in Asia and the world at the same time, Beijing welcomes guests around the globe and is willing to show you its modern yet ancient beauty.

Basic Info

Time zone : UTC+8
 Area code : +86/010
 Post code : 100000–102600 (It depends on Municipal District)
 Language : Chinese
 Currency : Yuan(元, RMB), the cent is called 角/毛 (Pronunciation Jiao/Mao)
 Symbol : ¥
 Conversion : Decimal system, 10 Jiao/Mao = 1 Yuan/RMB
 Plug base :
 Voltage : 220V, you might need a adapter before you set out
 Frequency : 50Hz
 Exchange : 1\$ = 6.37RMB, it changes frequently, only for reference

Climate

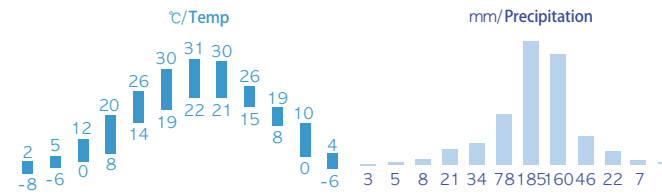
Warm temperate zone, semi-humid monsoon continental climate. It has four distinct seasons, dry in spring, hot and rainy in summer, cool in autumn and chilly and dry in winter. The coldest weather - in January with the temperature ranging from -22.8 to 10.7°C. The hottest weather – in July with the temperature ranging from 16.1 to 39.6°C. Rainy season – June-August. Best season – It is a great choice for travelers to go to Beijing in autumn, with best climate and air condition, especially in mid-Oct.

About air pollution

Most of the year it is a good weather, but not in winter. If you go to Beijing in winter, you have to concern on air pollution, because usually it falls in December and January. As for other seasons, it has a clean air with rainfall and cold wind.

Peak and Non peak season

Peak season – April 1st-October 31st.
 Non-peak season – October 31st – March 31st.



SIGHTS

1 The Forbidden city/ The Palace Museum 紫禁城/故宫

The Forbidden City, also known as the Palace Museum, and Gu Gong in Chinese, lies at the city center of Beijing, and once served as the imperial palace for 24 emperors during the Ming and Qing Dynasties (1368 - 1911). It was first built throughout 14 years during the reign of Emperor Chengzu of Ming (1368-1644). Ancient Chinese Astronomers believed that the Purple Star (Polaris) was in the center of heaven and the Heavenly Emperor lived in the Purple Palace. The Palace for the emperor on earth was so called the Purple City. It was forbidden to enter without special permission of the emperor. Hence its name 'The Purple Forbidden City', usually 'The Forbidden City'. In 1987 it was listed as a World Cultural Heritage Site by UNESCO, the Palace Museum is now one of the most popular tourist attractions world-wide.

Official website: <http://gugong.228.com.cn>

Address: 4, Jing Shan Front Street, Dongcheng District, 北京市东城区景山前街4号

Ticket price:

RMB 60 (April 1st - October 31st)

RMB 40 (November 1st - March 31st)

Extra fee: RMB 10 each for the Watch Hall and the Treasures Hall

Buying tickets online (recommended):

<http://gugong.228.com.cn>

Opening time: April 1st - October 31st: 8:30 to 17:00

last entry: 16:10 (Ticket counter closes at 16:00)

Transportation: Subway Line 1 East Tiananmen Station (Exit A) or West Tiananmen Station (Exit B), head about 400 metres to the north.

Recommended time for visit: 3-4 hours

The Forbidden City closes every Monday, except for national holidays and summer holidays (Jul.1–Aug.31).

-- by the editor

2 The Great Wall at Badaling 长城 (八达岭)

The Great Wall of China is one of the attractive places among tourists. It is located on the north of Beijing in Yanqing county, 70 km from Beijing. The total length of the Great Wall is 21196.18km. It has a long history of more than 2,000 years and became a World Heritage Site by the UNESCO in 1987. It was mostly built during the Ming Dynasty (1368 - 1644). The Great Wall has 9 different parts: the nearest to Beijing is Badaling. So mind, this place is crowded.

Address: Badaling, Yanqing county, Beijing, 北京市八达岭延庆区

Ticket price:

RMB 45 - (April 1st - October 31st)

RMB 40 - (November 1st - March 31st)

Cable car ticket: RMB 80 one way , and RMB 100 round trip

Opening time:

06:00-19:00 (April 1st - October 31st)

07:00-18:00 (November 1st - March 31st)

Transportation:

1. By bus, departing from Qianmen, Tiananmen square, Chongwenmen Stations

Ticket price: RMB 36 for round trip, around 1 hour for single trip.

2. By S2 train, departing from Beijing North Railway Station (Subway Line 2/4/13 – Xizhimen Station) and getting off at Badaling Station.

Ticket price: RMB 6 per single, RMB 5 per person (using transport card)

Travel Tips

1. No advance ticket booking service for this train route. You have to buy tickets on the spot. No need ID for ticket purchasing.

2. For coming back, get to the station and get in the “queue” early. When the train arrives, there’s an almighty (but highly amusing) stampede through the double doors to get out onto the platform and onto the train (which instantly fills up).

3. You can use Beijing Transportation smart card for travelling S2 train from Beijing Huangtudian Railway station to Badaling great wall. So If you have a transportation card, you don’t have to wait in line for buying a ticket. Just put your card on a reader and go. The S Train is unnumbered, free seating.

4. By bus #877/#919, departing from Deshengmen Arrow Tower parking lot, over 10-minute walk in the east direction from Subway Line 2 - Jishuitan Station.

Ticket price: RMB 12 per person, RMB 6 per person (using transport card) for one way ride, around 1 hour for single trip.

Tips*: To the west side of the Deshengmen, some illegal bus owners even claim that their buses are No. 919 or 877 by putting a FAKE sign on front windows. These bus owners may convince you to get on their bus. Please ignore them without any hesitation as these illegal buses will certainly charge more, may take you to some shopping places than the official buses.

Recommended time for visit: 3-4 hours

3 The Summer Palace 颐和园

It is located in Haidian district of the northwest of Beijing, 15 km from downtown area. It was constructed by the time of Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) and become a luxurious royal garden for royal families to rest and entertain. Like most of the gardens of Beijing, it could not elude the rampages of the Anglo-French Allied Force and was destroyed by fire. According to historical documents, with original name as 'Qingyi Garden' (Garden of Clear Ripples), the Summer Palace (Yiheyuan) was renamed after its first reconstruction in 1888.

It was also recorded that Empress Dowager Cixi embezzled navy funds to reconstruct it as a resort in which to spend the rest of her life. In 1900, Yiheyuan suffered another hit by the Eight-Power Allied Force and was repaired in the next two years. After the success of the 1911 Revolution, exactly in 1924 it was open to the public. It ranked amongst the World Heritage Sites by UNESCO in 1998, as well as one of the first national tourist spots in China.

Address: 19, Xinjian Gongmen Road, Haidian District. 北京市海淀区新建宫门路19号

Ticket price:

RMB 30 - (April 1st - October 31st)

RMB 20 - (November 1st - March 31st)

Combination ticket:

RMB 60 - (April 1st - October 31st)

RMB 50 - (November 1st - March 31st)

Tips*:

1. Free for children under 3.9 feet (1.2 meters).

3. Seniors elder than 70 can enjoy half price by showing a valid ID or passport.

Opening time:

6:30 – 18:00 (April 1st – October 31st) * Scenic spots are open from 08:30 to 17:00.

07:00 – 17:00 (November 1st – March 31st) * Scenic spots are open from 09:00 to 16:00.

Transportation: Subway Line 4 Beigongmen Station, Exit D to the North Gate of Summer Palace.

Recommended time for visit: 4-5 hours

4 The Old Summer Palace 圆明园

The Old Summer Palace is known as the Ruins of the Yuanmingyuan (the Garden of Perfection and Light). It is located northwest of Beijing and to the east of the (present-day) Summer Palace. The Garden was first constructed in the year of 1709 during the reign of the Emperor Kangxi of the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911). Over the next 150 years of the Qing

next 150 years of the Qing Dynasty, this Garden was expanded to be a large-scale Chinese emperors' private pleasure garden, covering a total area of 350 hectares (over 864 acres). The Old Summer Palace is often associated with the European style palaces built of stone. In Qing Dynasty of China, it was a royal palace of emperors and missionaries coming from Europe called as "the Garden of the Gardens".

Address: 28, Qinghua West Road, Haidian District, 北京市海淀区清华西路28号

Ticket price:

RMB 10 for entrance

RMB 15 for European palaces'sites

RMB 10 for Exhibition hall

Opening time:

07:00-19:00 (May-August)

07:00-18:00 (April, September and October)

07:00-17:30 (January, February, March, November and December)

Transportation: Subway Line 4 Yuanmingyuan Station, Exit B

Recommended time for visit: 3-5 hours

Children below 3.9 feet (1.2 meters) are admitted at half-price.

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5 Tiananmen Square 天安门广场

Locating at the centre of Beijing city, it is the world largest city square which was built in Ming Dynasty of China in 16th century. Tiananmen, which means "the gate of heavenly peace" in Chinese, had already become a national symbol of China for most of Chinese people. Apart from the square itself you can see the Tiananmen Tower, Monument to the People's Heroes, Great Hall of the People, Chairman Mao Zedong Memorial Hall and see the national flag raising ceremony. Thousands of people come to the square every day. It is the must place to visit in Beijing City.

Address: Chang'an East Avenue, 北京市东长安街

Ticket price: Free entrance

Opening time:

6:30-18:30 in general, but it depends on the flag ceremony.

Transportation: Subway Line 1 Tiananmen Square (East and West)

Recommended time for visit: 1-2 hours

It is usually crowded at the square, so it takes about 10 minutes to pass the security check.

-- by a native proficient

6 Prince Gong's Mansion 恭王府

It is Beijing's largest and the best preserved Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) prince mansion and it is located at Qianhai Xijie to the north of Shichahai. The mansion was the residence of Heshen (a Manchu politician in Chinese history, famous for his ability of corruption). He was the Prime Minister and the Minister of Defense in the years of Qianlong, the most prosperous stage of Qing Dynasty. In 1850s, the mansion was bestowed on Prince Gong. 'Gong' means to respect and to be deferential, and his real name was Aisin Gioro Yixin (a Manchurian family name and a Chinese first name). It was an honorable character conferred upon the prince by his elder brother, the emperor.

Address: 14, Liu Yin Street, Xicheng District, 北京市西城区柳荫街甲14号

Ticket price: RMB 40 / person

Opening time:

08:00 - 17:00 (April 1st - October 31st)

09:00 - 16:00 (November 1st - March 31st)

Transportation: Subway Line 6 Beihai North Station, Exit B

Recommended time for visit: 3-4 hours

The ticket is free for children below 3.9 feet (1.2 meters). And the mansion closes every Monday, except for public holidays.

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7 Shichahai 什刹海 (The Three Rear Lakes)

Shichahai is a famous scenic area in the northwest part of Beijing, that includes three lakes (Qianhai, meaning Front Sea; Houhai, meaning Back Sea and Xihai, meaning West Sea), surrounding places of historic interest and scenic beauty, and remnants of old-style local residences, Hutong and Courtyard. It's also famous for bars. Shicha Lake has a history of about 700 years from the Yuan Dynasty (1279-1368). It assumed its present name in the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644). Strolling along its shoreline, the visitor can appreciate the lake's glimmering blue water, its graceful weeping willows, its twisting railings and the flower-and-tree-covered central island. Pleasure boats are available for rowing and the banks are amply provided with shady places to rest. A swimming area in the lake is open every summer. In Chinese Zhongyuan festival, there are celebrations of the Buddhist Ghost Festival, as well as the Taoism ones.

Address: Shichahai, Xicheng District, 北京市西城区什刹海

Ticket price: Free entrance

Opening time: All day

Transportation: Subway Line 8 Shichahai Station, Exit A1 or A2

Recommended time for visit: 2-3 hours

8 Yonghegong Lama Temple 雍和宫

Yonghegong Lama Temple is located at the northeast corner of Beijing City, considered as the largest and most perfectly preserved lamasery in present day China. It means a Temple of Peace and Harmony in Chinese. The Temple was built initially in 1694 during the Qing Dynasty. Before this building was the residence of Emperor Yongzheng when he was just a prince. However, in 1744 the Qing Dynasty formally changed the status of the dwelling to that of a lamasery, and so the Yonghe Lamasery became the national centre of Lama Administration.

Address: 12, Yonghegong Street, Dongcheng District, 北京市东城区雍和宫12号

Ticket price: RMB 25 / person

Opening time: 09:00 - 16:00 (April 1st - October 31st)

09:00 - 16:30 (November 1st - March 31st)

Transportation: Subway Line 2/5, Yonghegong Temple Station, Exit C

Recommended time for visit: 2-3 hours

9 Temple of Heaven 天坛

The Temple of Heaven is located in the Chongwen district of Beijing. Originally, this was the place where emperors of the Ming Dynasty (1368 - 1644) and Qing Dynasty (1644 - 1911) held the Heaven Worship Ceremony. It is the largest and most representative existing masterpiece among China's ancient sacrificial buildings. It was built in 1420 the 18th year of the reign of Emperor Yongle who started to pray for his country here. In 1988, it was opened to the public as a park, showing ancient philosophy, history and religion. Its grand architectural style and profound cultural connotation give an insight into the practices of the ancient Eastern civilization.

Address: 7, Tiantan East Road, Chongwen District, 北京市崇文区天坛东路7号

Ticket price:

RMB 15 - (April 1st - October 31st)

RMB 10 - (November 1st - March 31st)

Combination Ticket:

RMB 35 - (April 1st - October 31st)

RMB 30 - (November 1st - March 31st)

RMB 10 for The Hall of Ceremonial music and Palace of Abstinence

RMB 20 for The Echo Wall

Opening time:

06:00 - 20:00 (April 1st - October 31st)

06:30 - 20:00 (November 1st - March 31st)

Tip*: Closing time from 21:00.

Transportation: Subway Line 5, Tiantandongmen Station, Exit C

Recommended time for visit: 3-4 hours

10 Temple of Earth 地坛



The Temple of Earth is located in Dongcheng district of Beijing city. It is the last remaining temple for worshipping the God of the Earth. It was built 1530 during the reign of the Emperor Jiajing of the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644) and now it become a public park. This was the sacred place used by the emperors of Ming and Qing dynasties to worship the God of the Earth. Many Chinese scholars come to Ditan in memory of a famous Chinese writer, Shi Tiesheng, with his famous novel "Me and Ditan", telling his Hellen Keller like lifestory after he lost his leg.

Address: 2, Andingmen Outer Street, Dongcheng District, 北京市东城区安定门外大街2号

Ticket price: RMB 2

Opening time:

06:00 - 21:00 (May 1st - October 31st)

06:00 - 20:30 (November 1st - April 31st)

Transportation: Subway Line 2/5, Yonghegong Temple Station, Exit A and heading to the South Gate of Ditan Park, or Subway Line 2 Andingmen Station, Exit B

Recommended time for visit: 2 hours

The Earth God Worship House is open from 08:00 to 17:00. Visitors need to pay extra RMB 6 for visiting the house.

-- by a native proficient

11 The Drum and Bell Tower 北京钟鼓楼

Lying on the north-south axis line in Dongcheng district of Beijing City. Bell and Drum Towers are visibly prominent constructions and represent the symbol of this old city. They were built in 1272 and rebuilt twice after two fires. The bell and the drum were originally used as musical instruments in China. Afterward, at one period in history they were the time-telling center of the capital city during the Yuan, Ming and Qing Dynasties (1271-1911).

Address: 9, Zhonglouwan Hutong, Xicheng District, 北京市西城区钟鼓楼湾胡同临9号

Ticket price:

RMB 10 for Bell Tower

RMB 20 for Drum Tower

Opening time: 09:00 - 16:30

Transportation: Subway Line 8 Shichahai Station, Exit A 2

Recommended time for visit: 1 hour

12 Imperial college and Confucius Temple 孔庙和国子监

It is located on Guozijian Street inside Anding Gate. The Temple of Confucius in Beijing is the place where people paid homage to Confucius during the Yuan Dynasty (1271-1368), Ming Dynasty (1368-1644) and Qing Dynasty (1644-1911). The Confucius Temple is inside the imperial academy. Confucius is regarded as the first teacher in China, so when a new semester of imperial academy was started, the emperor together with the students went to Confucius Temple and showed their respect towards teachers.

Its neighbor in the west is Beijing Guozijian (Imperial Academy), which was the institute of the highest education well preserved in China. It is like universities in modern times, but with the former "imperial examination system" that whoever entered this imperial academy, then he would get a position in Chinese government.

Many famous Chinese politicians had their careers here, as well as lots of foreign students from Korea, Japan, Vietnam, etc. During the Ming Dynasty there was GPA system in Chinese imperial academy, for who got a higher GPA than others he might get a better position in Chinese government.

Address: 13, Guozijian Street, Dongcheng District, 北京市东城区国子监街13号

Ticket price:

RMB 30 for combo ticket for the Temple and Academy (Guozijian)

Opening time:

08:30 - 18:00 (May 1st - October 31st), tickets sale ends at 17:30

08:30 - 17:00 (November 1st - April 31st), ticket sale ends at 16:30

Transportation: Subway Line 8 Shichahai Station, Exit A 2

Recommended time for visit: 1 hour

The ticket is free for children under 3.9 feet (1.2m). From November 2016 to April 2017, the museum is closed on Monday.

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13 Ming Dynasty Tombs 明十三陵

It is located in 50 kilometers on the northwest from Beijing City. At the foot of Tianshou Mountain there is the Ming Tombs Scenic Area, where lie the mausoleums of thirteen emperors of the Ming Dynasty (1368 - 1644). Since 1409 when Zhu Di, the first emperor of the Ming Dynasty in Beijing, built his Changling Tomb here, the succeeding twelve emperors had their resting places built around Changling during the next 230 years, covering a total area of over 120 square kilometers. This is the best preserved mausoleum area with the most emperors buried. Every year millions of tourists come to the site to appreciate its long history and palatial architecture.

Address: Shisanling Special District, Changping District, 北京市昌平区十三陵特区

Ticket price:

Ding Tomb - RMB 60 (April 1st - October 31st);

RMB 40 - (November 1st - March 31st)

Chang Tomb - RMB 45 (April 1st - October 31st);

RMB 30 - (November 1st - March 31st)

Zhao Tomb - RMB 30 (April 1st - October 31st);

RMB 20 - (November 1st - March 31st)

Sacred Way - RMB 30 (April 1st - October 31st);

RMB 20 - (November 1st - March 31st)

Combination ticket:

RMB 130 - (April 1st - October 31st);

RMB 100 - (November 1st - March 31st)

Opening time:

Ding Tomb - 08:00 - 17:30 (April 1st - October 31st);

08:30 - 17:00 (November 1st - March 31st)

Chang Tomb - 08:00 - 17:00 (April 1st - October 31st);

08:30 - 16:30 (November 1st - March 31st)

Zhao Tomb - 08:00 - 17:30 (April 1st - October 31st);

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Sacred Way - 08:30 - 17:30 (April 1st - October 31st);

08:30 - 16:30 (November 1st - March 31st)

Transportation:

1. Bus # 872/314 Dagongmen Station

2. Subway Changping Line to Changping Dongguan Station and transfer to Bus # 314

3. Take a taxi

Recommended time for visit: 2-3 hours

1. There are two kinds of entrance tickets. The above-mentioned fees include the postage RMB 5. The other kind doesn't include the postage.

2. Free for children under 3.9 feet (1.2 meters).

3. Seniors elder than 60 can enjoy half price by showing a valid ID or passport.

14 Xiangshan Park (Fragrance Hill) 香山

Fragrance Hills Park is located in the east part of Western Hills, in 28 kilometers on the northwest of Beijing city. It is very large, made up of hills and forest covering 400 acres (162 hectares). Both its natural sceneries and cultural relics are abundant. Xianglu Peak, literally Incense Burner Peak, 1,830 feet (558 meters) high, is its highest peak. Fragrant Hills Park or Xiangshan Park was first built in 1186 in the Jin Dynasty (1115-1234) and later expanded in the Yuan and Ming dynasties. This place is considered to be one of the 10 best sceneries in Beijing, where, especially, in fall you can see very beautiful trees with red maple-leaves. The best season of visiting is October. It is worth going there.

Address: Biyunsi Road, Haidian District, 北京市海淀区碧云寺路

Ticket price:

RMB 10 - (April 1st - November 15)

RMB 5 - (November 16 - March 31st)

Cable car ticket:

RMB 60 for single trip 9:30 - 16:30

RMB 20 for children below 3.9 feet (1.2m)

Opening time:

06:00 - 18:30 - (April 1st - November 15)

06:00 - 18:00 - (November 16 - March 31st)

Transportation: Bus # 318, 331, 360, 563, 630, 696, 698, 714, Xiangshan Station

Recommended time for visit: 4-5 hours

15 Happy Valley Park 北京欢乐谷

The Happy Valley is located in Chaoyang district of Beijing city. It contains lots of entertainments that people can totally enjoy there. It is one of four theme parks in the brand chain, the other three Happy Valley theme parks located in the city of Chengdu, Shanghai, and Shenzhen.

Address: North Wuji Road, East Fourth Ring Road, Chaoyang District, 北京市朝阳区东四环小武基北路

Ticket price:

RMB 200 for full price

RMB 130 for children

RMB 80 for evening

Opening time:

Weekdays 09:00 - 22:00

Weekends 08:30 - 22:00

Transportation:

Subway Line 7 Huanglequ jingqu Station, Exit B

Recommended time for visit: 4-5 hours

16 798 Art Zone 北京798 艺术区

Named after the 798 factory which was built in 1950s, the 798 Art Zone is located in the northeast corner of Beijing. It is also called the Dashanzi Art District (DAD) as it sits in Dashanzi zone. 798 Art District covers an area of 148 acres (60 hectares). Characterized by modern art, it has become the

the exhibition center of Chinese culture and art, and also the world-famous cultural and creative industries centralized area. Besides there are some few Western bars and restaurants.

Address: 2, Jiuxian Bridge Road, 北京市酒仙桥路2号

Ticket price: free entrance, extra fee for some galleries and exhibitions

Opening time: 10:00 – 18:00

Transportation: Subway Line 15 Wangjing Station, Exit A, take a bus 851, get off Dashanqiaobei Station

Recommended time for visit: 3-4 hours



PERSONAL STORY by Jiayin Li



Hutong is really the place that offers you a glimpse of ancient Chinese life. In the center of Beijing, amid the noises of speedy traffic and modern infrastructures, there are still hundreds of alleys that stand in tranquility. In Beijing, we call these alleys “hutong”. Formed by hundreds of traditional Chinese quadrangles (or Siheyuan) in lines on both sides of the road, these narrow alleys built in the old dynasties are today still home to thousands of Beijing citizens.

Each morning, I walk for ten minutes through the hutong where my family live in to the busy subway station downtown. Those ten minutes give me a chance to observe if today's sky is blue, or the sparrows are jumping joyfully. In spring, I relax myself and wait for the magnolia at the turning corner to stun me; or in fall, I look at the green bean that uncle Zhou grew on his roof and wonder when will he be a guest at my house with a bag of green bean in his hand, so that we can taste the freshness of this fall together?

Every evening, the smell of cooking dishes from different houses mingles in the alley. The little game I enjoy playing is to guess what dishes different families will have tonight when I pass each quadrangle. Each family's smell has got its own

character, making me think about the people living inside the gray walls and wooden red gates. Sometimes I hear the voice of a child, an old man singing Peking opera, or somebody playing erhu. I can't stop myself from imagining the life inside those yards. A family celebrating a new life's arrival and holding feasts, parents struggling to provide their children a good education, a new bride vexing about how to get along with her mother-in-law, or a grandfather pondering over the list of foods to buy tomorrow morning in the market. Generation after generation, the world changes, but the essence of the life in hutong never change. That is, the Chinese definition of happiness: enjoying the peaceful family life.

Therefore, my friend, if you are coming to Beijing, I wish you to spend some time in hutong. It could be an afternoon, or at sunset, or whenever you feel like to. Have a little walk there. If you find a tea house in the alley, ask for a hot jasmine green tea. If you find a yard behind those red gates and stone lions, sit in the yard under some trees for a while. And maybe you will meet new people. I hope you enjoy your peace and warmth in your heart in Beijing.



SPECIAL TOPICS

A City of Religion

As the cultural center of a country that embraces multiculturalism since Tang Dynasty, Beijing is also a city where believers from all religions gather, cultivate their own inner world, and exert their influence to all over China and worldwide. Over hundreds of years, people in Beijing have built glorious legacies for various religions. From the Yonghe Lama Temple(雍和宫) where the reincarnations of Dalai Lama were chosen, to Longquan Temple(龙泉寺) in the suburban mountain where monks determine to revive Zen and peace with innovative technology, Buddhists found Beijing both a frontier and a holy place. Beijing is also where the Chinese Taoist Association (白云观) locates, making it a center of Taoism, a native religion of China for thousands of years that believes in “the proper way”

years that believes in “the proper way” and the relations between humans and nature. Christianity has been influential in China since 17th century. Some even claims that Beijing is now home to more than 100,000 Christians. The St. Joseph's Church(王府井天主堂) in Wangfujing and Chongwenmen Christian Church(基督教会崇文门堂) are one of the most renowned churches in Beijing and even provides English services. Built in year 996 of Song Dynasty and designed with traditional Chinese art style, the Niujie Mosque(牛街清真寺) is one of the oldest mosques in China and also a famous mosque worldwide. Protected by the emperors, it was built into a magnificent architectural complex and is well reserved. Today, as the national center of Buddhism, Christianity, Taoism, Islamism, and etc., Beijing provides spiritual guide to all people who are interested.

A City of Museums

According to the Beijing Municipal Administration of Cultural Heritage, there are 164 museums in Beijing. Each of these museums has their own themes, and introduces Beijing and China from separate perspectives. Here are some museums that might interest you:

National Museum of China(中国国家博物馆): A museum that locates on the Tian'anmen Square, introduces Chinese history and culture. Many of the national treasures are preserved and exhibited here.

National Art Museum of China(中国美术馆): a journey to start understanding Chinese art.

Capital Museum(首都博物馆): a museum that specifically introduces the history and culture of Beijing.

If you want to know any aspects of China specifically, check these out:

Beijing Ancient Architecture Museum(北京古代建筑博物馆): a very quiet museum inside the Altar of Agriculture(先农坛, the altar where the emperor worships the god of agriculture).

Zhihua Temple(智化寺): more than just a Buddhist temple. Besides the exquisite murals and sculptures, the exhibition of



Beijing Hutong 北京胡同



Capital Museum 首都博物馆



The St. Joseph's Church 王府井天主堂



National Art Museum of China 中国美术馆



National Museum of China 中国国家博物馆

traditional Chinese music of Ming Dynasty(1368-1644) is another highlight for the museums in Beijing. Highly recommend the music performance that played twice everyday(except Monday) at 10am in the morning and 3pm in the afternoon. The music is played completely in Ming style, which is rare to hear today, even in China.

Chinese Ethnic Culture Park(中华民族园): There are 56 ethnic groups in China, each speaks a different language and has different cultures. The park presents customs from different ethnicity through architectures, foods, performances and activities that all people can participate.

EATING

Mutton Hotpot 涮羊肉 Shuàn Yáng Ròu

When cold wind blows down from Mongolia each winter, people in Beijing enjoy eating mutton hotpot with family and friends. On the table of New Year's Eve, mutton hotpot will be the cuisine that no one wants to miss.

Peking Duck 北京烤鸭 Běi Jīng Kǎo Yā

Peking Duck might be the most famous Beijing food in the nation. The duck is roasted so well, that the skin becomes crisp and the meat remains delicate. In combine with sauce of different flavors, Chinese pancake, scallion and cucumber, this one dish makes up a feast. If you order a bowl of duck soup(鸭架汤) along with it, every Chinese will be happy and content with such delicacy.

Fried Sauce Noodles 炸酱面 Zhá Jiàng Miàn

Try this classical noodles in Beijing! The Fried sauce made from soybean paste and pork put on the noodles and cucumber, carrot, and bean sprout create a refreshing and salty taste.

Kebab 撻串 Lū Chuàn

Want to try a local Chinese life? Grab a seat in the Hutong, order some kebabs and a beer. You become a Beijinger in a

minute. In summer nights, you will find hundreds of Beijinger doing the exact same thing.

Bao Du er 爆肚儿

Boil the sliced pieces of a sheep's stomach in boiling water for a few minutes, then this easily cooked dish will be served with special sauce that is exquisitely made. A halal cuisine that Beijingers adopted from the Muslim community.

"Fried Bracelet" 焦圈 Jiāo Quān er

Now a common snack on Beijing's street, fried bracelet was once the food only served to the royal family. Made from flour and fried in oil into crisp, it is the perfect match of a cup of soy milk.

Donkey Burger 驴肉火烧 Lú Ròu Huǒ Shāo

According to folklore, Chinese donkey burger was first invented in the army in 15th century. Try this dish with typical North China flavor and discover how a Chinese burger differentiate from a western one.

Sweet Sesame Bun 糖火烧 Táng Huǒ Shāo

A local Beijinger's first choice for breakfast, sweet sesame bun was a Manchuria desert brought by the Manchus in 17th century.

Where To Eat / Local Food

Gui Street 簋街 Gu ĭ Jiē

Since Beijing became the capital of China in 15th century, Gui street had been a long-lasting area of restaurants. Same as many western cultures, the Chinese folklore believed that ghosts would walk around at midnight. Therefore, when people saw the gourmets who were enchanted by the cuisines and forgot to go home till midnight in the area, they gave the street an ironic name of "Gui", meaning "ghost" in Chinese.

Address: Gui Street, Dongcheng District, 北京市东城区簋街

Transportation: Subway Line 5 Beixinqiao Station, Exit B, or Subway Line 2 and 13 at Dongzhimen Station, Exit D

Huda Restaurant 胡大饭馆 Hu Da Fan Guan

Spicy small lobster is the forever theme of this restaurant. Since it is the most popular restaurant in Gui Street, you have to get there before 5 pm or you could hardly find a seat there. Address: 233, Dongzhimennei Avenue, Dongcheng District 东城区东直门内大街233号
Average cost: RMB 80 / person
Tel: +86(010)64003511

Dongxinglou Restaurant 东兴楼 Dong Xing Lou

Ranking at first of top 8 restaurants in Beijing, with a history of over 100 years. Address: 5, Dongzhimennei Avenue, Dongcheng District 东城区东直门内大街5号
Average cost: RMB 120 / person
Tel: 86(010)84064118

Donglaishun 东来顺 Dong Lai Shun

A renowned ancient restaurant that serves mutton hotpot. Address: 198, Wangfujing avenue, Dongcheng District 北京东城区王府井大街198号
Average cost: RMB 150 / person
Transportation: Subway Line 1 at Wangfujing Station, Exit B1

Qianmen Street 前门大街

Has been a shopping center of Beijing since Ming Dynasty. Address: Qianmen Avenue, Xicheng District 北京市西城区前门大街
Transportation: Subway Line 2, Qianmen Station, Exit B/C

Quanjude Peking Duck 全聚德烤鸭

There are hundreds of Peking duck restaurants in Beijing. Among them, Quanjude is one of the oldest and definitely the most famous. Is it the most delicious? Even the Chinese are



Qianmen Street 前门大街



Mutton Hotpot 涮羊肉 Shuan Yang Rou



Peking Duck 北京烤鸭 Bei Jing Kao Ya



Fried Sauce Noodles 炸酱面 Zha Jiang Mian



"Fried Bracelet" 焦圈 Jiao Quan er



Bao Du er 爆肚儿



Donkey Burger 驴肉火烧 Lu Rou Huo Shao



Gui Street 鼓楼街 Gu ĭ Jiē



Kebab 撸串 Lu Chuan

debating this themselves. Check out by yourself.
Address: 30, Qianmen Avenue, Dongcheng District
北京市东城区前门大街30号
Average cost: RMB 150 / person
Tel: +86(010)65112418

Niujie Street 牛街

Da Shun Zhai 大顺斋

Da Shun Zhai, a islamic restaurant, is one of the best places that serve sweet sesame bun and other traditional dishes. Though originated as a Manchu desert, sweet sesame bun today is famously made by the Islamic community and enjoyed by all Beijingers. The food demonstrated Beijing's multiculturalism with its own history.
Address: 5, Halal Market, Niujie Street, Xicheng District
北京市西城区牛街清真超市5号
Average cost: RMB 15 / person
Tel: +86(010)89522445

Where To Eat / Foreign Food

TubeStation Pizza 站点披萨

Want to have something other than Chinese food? Here it serves pizza in American style.
Address: Gongti North Gate, VICS Club South, Chaoyang District 北京市朝阳区工体北门外, VICS南侧
Average cost: RMB 75 / person
Tel: +86(010)65511063

Carmen Restaurant 卡门西班牙餐厅

A Spanish restaurant that is considered professional in serving seafood.
Address: 1st Floor, Nalihuayuna, 81, Sanlitun Jiuba Road, Chaoyang District
北京市朝阳区三里屯酒吧街81号那里花园北侧1楼
Average cost: RMB 130 / person
Tel: +86(010)64178038

Tam Tam Oven 坦坦大炉

A gathering place of Korean expats. Have a taste of Korea.
Address: 4th floor, Dongyuan Building, 35, Chengfu Road, Haidian District
北京市海淀区成府路35号东源大厦4楼
Average cost: RMB 70 / person
Tel: +86(010)62560471

Pingting Japanese Restaurant 坪亭日本料理(亚运村)

The most beloved Japanese restaurant by Beijingers.
Address: 3rd floor, Building 5, Yayuan, Huizhongbei Road, Yayuncun, Chaoyang District
北京市朝阳区亚运村慧忠北路雅园5号楼3楼
Average cost: RMB 60 / person
Tel: +86(010)64969392



ENTERTAINMENT

Peking Opera 京剧

Peking opera is a national treasure with a history of over 200 years. Beijing opera consists of singing, recital, gestures and fighting actions. The song-and-dance routine, the dazzling costumes, the stylized performance and colorful facial make-up were a huge draw. The early Qing Dynasty saw a great development of a plethora of operas. In the middle of the Qing Dynasty, Hui and Han operas were brought into Beijing. They became immensely popular with the imperial family, nobles, officials and the commoners. The mixture of Hui and Han operas became known as "Jingju", for similarities with the western classical opera it is called the Beijing opera since then.

Recommended

Liyuan Theatre 梨园剧场

Website: http://www.liyuantheater.cn/index_en.aspx
Address: 1 Floor, Qianmen Jianguo Hotel, No.175, Yong'an Road, Hufangqiao, Xicheng District, Beijing

Opening time: 19:30-20:40
Tel: +86(010)63016688
Transportation: Take bus No.6,15,822, get off at Yong'an Road.

Crosstalk 相声

XiangSheng (Chinese Crosstalk) is a traditional comedic performance in the form of a dialogue or, much less often a monologue or, ever less frequently, a multi-player talkshow. Obviously, Deyunshe was one of the best of them. The contents of this performance always include jokes and funny dialogues to amuse the audience.

Recommended

Deyunshe 德云社

Website: <http://www.dysxs.org>
Address: 1, Beiwei Road, Xicheng District, 北京市西城区北纬甲1号
Ticket price: ranging from RMB 100-1800
Opening time:
19:30-22:00 (Every Tuesday – Every Sunday)
Tel: +86(010)51667666
Transportation:
1. Take bus 2、7、17、20、35、36、69、71、105、106、110、120、203、504、692、707、729、831、832、835、836、837、917 at West Tiantan Road
2. Subway Line 4/7 Zhushikou Station, Exit C

Teahouse 茶馆

Recommended

Laoshe's Teahouse 老舍茶馆

It is not just tea-drinking here. Lao She was a famous Chinese writer, and suicide in 60s during the "Cultural Revolution" in China. In memory of his work on Chinese traditional literature and arts, people named this teahouse after him. Everyday there are Peking opera, Chinese Acrobatics, Bianlian and dancing performances.
Website: <http://www.laosheteahouse.com>

Address: Building 3, Qianmen West Street, Zhengyang shichang,

北京市前门西大街正阳市场3号楼

Ticket price: RMB 150 / person ,

Opening time: Teahouse: 10:00 – 24:00

Hall: 14:00 – 22:00

Tea Stockpile: 10:00 – 22:00

Tel: +86(010)63036830, 63036506

Transportation: Subway Line 2 Qianmen Station, Exit C

Theatre

Recommended

National Center for the Performing Arts 国家大剧院

National Centre for the Performing Arts is a grand Opera House in Beijing. It was designed by famous French architect Paulea Andreu. From Hamlet to Qunqu Opera, symphonies, dance shows, ballets, dramas, operas and other kinds of performances from China and all around the world are frequently staged in the National Centre of the Performing Arts.

Website: <http://www.chncpa.org>

Address: 2, West Chang'an Avenue, Xicheng District,

北京市西城区西长安街2号

Ticket price:

RMB 30 for visiting

RMB 25 for online booking

Opening time:

09:30 - 17:00 (Monday closed)

Box office: 09:30 - 16:30

Tel: +86(010)66550000

Transportation: Subway Line 1 West Tian'anmen Station, Exit C

Strict security check for NCPA, camera, drinks, food are prohibited.

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Nanluoguxiang Bar Street 南锣鼓巷酒吧街

It is one of the famous walking streets in Beijing with its unique features located in Dongcheng district. It is well-preserved hutongs, traditional courtyards, full of cafes and bars, hostels and shops selling some handicrafts made by locals, Beijing-themed T-shirts, souvenirs and etc. Besides, it is a place where you can find some vendors who are selling their snack food.

Recommended street food

Jianbing 煎饼

Beijing most famous breakfast food: a thin wheat flour egg pancake with different ingredients and sauces, it depends on you what do you want to put inside, whether it is a sausage or green salad and stuff like that.

Price: RMB 5-10

Tanghulu 糖葫芦

It combines two things: chinese hawthorn berries and sugar. It is like a crabapple fruit with molten caster sugar.

Price: RMB 4-20 per stick

Kaolengmian 烤冷面

It is grilled cold noodles delicacy from the northern province of Heilongjiang, a thin sheet of uncut wheaten noodles is fried with a beaten egg and topped with onions and a dry spice mix, can be rolled up or sliced.

Price: RMB 5-10

Roujiamo 肉夹馍

It is a street food staple from Shanxi province. Slow-cooked pork belly and trimmings are finely chopped into a cracked "mo" or small circular bread.

Price: RMB 6-10

Recommended bars

Pass By Bar 过客酒吧

Nanluoguxiang has several interesting bars of note and one of

of the most well-known is Pass By Bar. Perhaps the best thing about this bar is the atmosphere, which is very much like the surrounding hutong – warm and welcoming, cozy and quiet. The drinks are reasonably priced and the Italian cuisine is certainly passable. The outdoor seating is perfect for warm weather, while the books inside set the mood for bundling up indoors with a glass of wine and a good read on a cold winter day.

Address: 108, Nanluoguxiang, Dongcheng District,

北京市东城区南锣鼓巷108号

Average cost: RMB 45 / person

Tel: +86(010)84038004

Opening time: Daily, 09:30-02:00

Transportation: Subway Line 6/8 Nanluoguxiang Station, Exit E

Gulou and Andingmen Hutong Bar Street 鼓楼和安定门胡同酒吧街

Recommended bars

Dada Beijing / Dada 酒吧

An alternative and electronic club. Wednesday and Saturday DJ's night.

Address: 206, Gulou East Street, Dongcheng District, 北京市东城区鼓楼东大街206号

Average cost: RMB 50 / person

Opening time:

21:00 – 02:00 (Monday-Thursday)

21:00 – 05:00 (Friday-Saturday)

Tel: +86 18311080818

Transportation: Subway Line 8 Shichahai Station, Exit A2

Modernista Bar

Old European style bar located in the heart of old Beijing Hutongs that offers delicious food and imported drinks. Here you can find live music showcasing the best local jazz bands, swing dance, salsa dances. DJs, stand-up comedy, cabaret, live drawing, Chinese Mahjong game, movies, exhibitions &

book crossing.

Address: 44, Baochao hutong, close to Guloudajie, 北京市宝钞胡同44号, 近鼓楼大街

Average cost: RMB 50 / person

Opening time:

16:00 – 03:00 (Monday-Friday)

23:00 – 03:00 (Saturday-Sunday)

Tel: +86 15810937206

Transportation: Subway Line 2 Guloudajie Station, Exit G

Siif Bar 如果光线咖啡

Three-story Gulou bar with a dance floor in the basement. In the bar area you can find football and pool tables and above there is a top-floor lounge area with balcony. Gulou bar e floo

Address: 67, Guloudongdajie, Beiluoguxiang, Dongcheng District, 北京市东城区鼓楼东大街北锣鼓巷67号

Average cost: RMB 80 / person

Opening time: Daily 15:00 – 04:00

Tel: +86(010)64069496

Transportation: Subway Line 2 Andingmen Station, Exit A

Beiluo Bread Bar 北锣面包酒吧

This bread bar's motto is "mean beans and bad-ass bread." All the more reason for whiling away an afternoon here. Beiluo Bread Bar serves fabulous bread and coffee which are perfect for brunch. Or try their wide range of pizzas and pastas, such as the aromatic pepper and parmesan pasta and the fresh arrabiata pasta. The restaurant also offers plenty of drinks (the coffee, tea and beer are all excellent) as well as their terrific desserts, including apple cake and carrot cake

Address: 70, Beiluoguxiang, Dongcheng District, 北京市东城区北锣鼓巷70号

Average cost: RMB 30 / person

Opening time: 10:00 – 12:00

Tel: +86(010)84083069

Transportation: Subway Line 2 Andingmen Station, Exit A

The Hot Cat Club

At Fangjia Hutong is a hotspot for jazz and blues enthusiasts. The décor isn't fancy, but it's enough for a customer interested more in music and inexpensive drinks.

Address: 46 Fangjia Hutong, Dongcheng District, Beijing, 北京市东城区方家胡同46号

Average cost: RMB 50 / person

Tel: +86(010)64007868

Opening time: Daily 10:00-01:00

Transportation: Subway Line 2 Andingmen Station, Exit B

El Nido Bar

A scruffy hole in the wall next to a bicycle repair shop. El Nido offers a host of budget-priced beer varieties from around the world as well as a decent wine and liquor selection. The décor is Spartan to say the least, with only a few seats and some old beer posters, but at El Nido you make your own atmosphere with cheap beer and good friends. Imports range from 28-45 RMB and most domestic brews are around 10 RMB. Wine is equally budget-friendly.

Address: 59 Fangjia Hutong (20 metres east from Andingmen-nei Dajie), Dongcheng District, 北京市东城区方家胡同59号

Average cost: RMB 50 / person

Tel: +86(010)84029495

Opening time: Daily 16:00-late

Transportation: Subway Line 2 Andingmen Station, Exit B

School Bar

It is another popular spot in Wudaoying Hutong. School Bar is a bit on the rowdy side, as DJs rock out every Friday and Saturday night for a young hipster crowd. School also offers great drink specials and some unique liquor selections. The staff is friendly and the night is always unpredictable.

Address: 53, Wudaoying Hutong, Dongcheng District, 北京市东城区五道营胡同53号

Average cost: RMB 70 / person

Tel: +86(010)64028881

Opening time: Daily 20:00-late

Transportation: Subway Line 2 Yonghegong Station, Exit B

Sanlitun Bar Street 三里屯酒吧街

More than 40% Bars are on Sanlitun Bar Street, known as the most popular Bar Street. Possessing of tons of top international DJs and the pretty music scene, it attract thousands of foreign travelers and young locals everynight.

Recommended bars

Kokomo Bar and Restaurant

Address: Sanlitun Back Street, Tonglinanmen 4 Floor, 三里屯后街同理南4层 Average cost: RMB 90 / person

Tel: +86(010)64131019

Opening time: Daily 20:00-late

Transportation: Subway Line 10 Tuanjiehu Station, Exit A

Migas Bar

Address: 81, Sanlitun Bar Street, Nalihuayuan 6 Floor, 三里屯酒吧街81号那里花园6楼

Average cost: RMB 150 / person

Tel: +86(010)52086061

Opening time: Daily 19:00 – 22:30

Transportation: Subway Line 10 Tuanjiehu Station, Exit A

Lugas Bar 卢卡斯酒吧

Address: 7, Sanlitun North Street, Chaoyang District, 北京市朝阳区三里屯北路7号

Average cost: RMB 80 / person

Tel: +86(010)64154005

Opening time: Daily 11:00 – 03:00

Transportation: Subway Line 10 Tuanjiehu Station, Exit A

Salsa Caribe Bar 卡利滨拉丁舞俱乐部

Address: 4, Gongtibeilu, Chaoyang District, 北京市朝阳区工体北路4号

Average cost: RMB 50 / person

Tel: +86(010)65077821

Opening time: Daily 18:00 - late

Transportation: Subway Line 10 Tuanjiehu Station, Exit A

Heaven Supermarket Bar

Address: 14, Xindonglu, Chaoyang District, 北京市朝阳区新东路14号

Average cost: RMB 30 / person

Opening time: Daily 20:00-late

Transportation: Subway Line 10 Tuanjiehu Station, Exit A

Workers' Stadium Bar Street 工体西路酒吧街

It is a circular street around the huge stadium, where you can find different big clubs.

Recommended bars

Mix Club

Address: Sanlitun, Worker's Stadium North Gate, Chaoyang District, 北京市朝阳区三里屯工体北路工人体育场北门

Tel: +86(010)65302889

Transportation:

- ① Subway Line 10, Tuanjiehu Station, Exit A, then walk around 20 minutes.
- ② Subway Line 2, Dongsishitiao, Exit C, then walk around 20 minutes to the east.

VICS

Address: Sanlitun, Worker's Stadium North Gate, Chaoyang District, 北京市朝阳区三里屯工体北路工人体育场北门

Tel: +86(010)65936215

Transportation: ① Subway Line 10, Tuanjiehu Station, Exit A, then walk around 20 minutes.

- ② Subway Line 2, Dongsishitiao, Exit C, then walk around 20 minutes to the east.

BABY FACE

Address: 6, Worker's Stadium Xi Lu, Chaoyang District, 北京市朝阳区工体西路6号

Tel: +86(010)65519081

Transportation: Subway Line 2, Dongsishitiao, Exit C, then walk around 20 minutes

Coco Banana

Address: 8, Worker's Stadium West Road, Chaoyang District, 北京市朝阳区工体西路8号

Tel: +86(010)85999999

Transportation: Subway Line 2, Dongsishitiao, Exit C, then walk around 20 minutes

SLEEPING

In what kind of place do you want to stay? Is it a chain hotel that provides standardized service? An International Youth Hostel where you get to meet new friends? Or a comfortable, high-end hotel that let you relax and enjoy your own time in Beijing? Here are some places we carefully picked:

Five-stars

Beijing Hotel 北京饭店

Locating on the Chang'an Avenue, Beijing Hotel is one of the grand hotels that is the closest to the Tiananmen Square. It is famous among the Chinese because most foreign political leaders stayed there when they visited China in the early eras of the republic.

Website: www.chinabeijinghotel.com.cn

Address: 33, East Changan Avenue
北京市东城区东长安街33号

Average price: Ranging from RMB 600 to 2000 per night

Transportation: Subway Line 1, Wangfujing Station, Exit A

Quadrangle (Siheyuan) Hotels

YWCA Garden Hotel 婧园雅筑四合院宾馆

Address: 35, Xitangzi Hutong, Wangfujing, Dongcheng District
北京市东城区王府井西堂子胡同35号

Average price: Ranging from RMB 500 to 900 per night

Transportation: Subway Line 5, Dengshikou Station, Exit A

Fangzhuanchang Antique Courtyard

胡同人文化旅馆方砖厂胡同店

A classical Beijngese Siheyuan hotel, designed by Jacky Lee. Mass media had reported this hotel.

Address: 6, Fangzhuanchang, Di'Anmen Wai Street, Dongcheng District
北京市东城区地安门外大街方砖厂胡同6号

Average price: Ranging from RMB 300 to 600 per night

Transportation: Subway Line 8, Shichahai Station, Exit A2

Chain Hotel

Jinjiang Inns 锦江之星酒店 (西四店)

Average price: Ranging from RMB 100 to 400 per night

Address: 19, Yangrou Hutong, Fuchengmennei Avenue, Xicheng District

北京市西城区阜成门内大街羊肉胡同19号

Tel: +86(010)59510888

Transportation: Subway Line 4, Xisi Station, Exit D

International Hostels

Beijing Lama Temple Youth Hostel

北京雍和国际青年旅舍

Website: <http://www.yhachina.com/lm.php?id=12>

Address: 56, Beixinqiaotoutiao Hutong, Yonghegong Avenue, Dongcheng District

北京市东城区雍和宫大街北新桥头条胡同56号

Average price: Ranging from RMB 55 to 100 per night

Tel: +86(010)64008515; Email: lamahostel@gmail.com

Transportation: Subway Line 5, Beixinqiao Station, Exit B

Peking Yard Hostel 北平小院国际青年旅舍

Website: www.pekinghostels.com

Address: 28, Wangzhima Hutong, Dongsibei Avenue, Dongcheng District

北京市东城区东四北大街汪芝麻胡同甲28号

Average price: Ranging from RMB 80 to 450

Tel: +86(10) 8404 8787; Email: pekingyard@vip.163.com

Transportation: Subway Line 5, Zhangzizhonglu Station, Exit D

SHOPPING

Souvenirs

Daoxiangcun Cookies 稻香村糕点

Traditional Chinese cookies have their own style and flavors and are completely different from the western ones. Find out what they are in Daoxiangcun which was found in 1895 and is



南锣鼓巷
SOUTH LUOGU ALLEY

At Nanluoguxiang Street 锣鼓巷酒吧街



Beijing Hotel 北京饭店



Cloisonné 景泰蓝



Daoxiangcun Cookies 稻香村糕点



Wangfujing 王府井



Landmark of Sanlitun Bar Street 三里屯酒吧街



Dough Figurines 北京面人



Workers' Stadium Bar Street



Liulichang 琉璃厂



Sanlitun 三里屯

is today still ran in a collective communist way. There are Daoxiangcun shops in Beijing, located in different areas.

Cloisonné 景泰蓝

Since Yuan Dynasty, Chinese people has been enchanted by the Cloisonné brought by the Arabians and learned to made Cloisonné themselves. In Ming Dynasty, this technique became fully developed and Chinese Cloisonné has been one of the best and most famous in the world since then.

Beijing Embroidery 京绣

China has always been a nation famous for its silk and embroidery. This tender and skillful art is the first choice of many visitors.

Erguotou 二锅头

A kind of a very strong Chinese Vodka. Beijingers usually drink this Erguotou for a party of friends who have been long apart.

Dough Figurines 北京面人

Lifelike, colorful figures made on a stick, from dough, honey and sticky rice. Traditional Beijing craftsman made this on a little cart along the street. In the old days, it was the dreamy toy for every child in Beijing.

Where To Buy

Wangfujing 王府井

Home to many ancient brands, Wangfujing is one of the earliest shopping street in China and is for pedestrian only. Here you can find Zara, Rolex and Pizza Hut as well as ancient Chinese brands such as Wuyutai (吴裕泰, tea shop), Shengxifu(盛锡福, hat store), and Daoxiangcun(稻香村, Daoxiangcun cookies).

Address: Wangfujing Street, Dongcheng District
东城区王府井大街

Transportation: Subway Line 1, Wangfujing Station, Exit B

Sanlitun 三里屯

Near to the area where foreign embassies gather, Sanlitun is a high-end international shopping center.

Address: Sanlitun Road, Chaoyang District
北京市朝阳区三里屯路

Transportation: Subway Line 10, Tuanjiehu Station, Exit A

Liulichang 琉璃厂

Best destination for a cultural shopping. In the old time, students attending the civil service exam stayed in Liulichang to prepare for the test. Thus, Liulichang later became a center for books, calligraphy, and art business until today. If you want to buy somethings that are elegant and traditional, or you are just curious what these are, Liulichang might be a good choice.

Address: Nanxinhua Street, Xicheng District
北京市西城区南新华街

Transportation: Subway line 2, Hepingmen Station, Exit C1

Silk Street 秀水街

Notorious for selling counterfeit designer brand apparel at a lower price, Silk Street is today more of a sight to experience than a shopping center, and a field for foreigners to practice bargaining since most sellers there speaks English, Russians, and even Japanese. Many of the western tourists, especially Russians and East Europeans, are daily customers at Silk Street.

Address: Silk Street, Chaoyang District
北京市朝阳区秀水街

Transportation: Subway Line 1, Yonganli Station, Exit A2

TRANSPORTATION

Arriving and Departing

It is a world class transportation system in Beijing.

2 civilian-use airports: Beijing Capital International Airport and Nanyuan Airport. This transport system extending all direc-

tions provides people with convenient services in Beijing. Travelers can enjoy the fast transportation at the moment they arrive at Beijing.

BC International Airport

It is located in Shunyi District, about 30 kilometers away from the city centre. It has 3 Terminals: T1, T2, T3.

Airport Express

Location:

Terminal 2: B2 of Parking Garage No. 2

Terminal 3: F2 of Parking Garage No. 3

Fare: RMB 25/per person

Duration: 30 minutes

4 stations: Dongzhimen, Sanyuanqiao, T3 and T2

Working time:

T2: 06: 35-23:10

T3: 06: 20-22:50

Dongzhimen: 06:00-22:30

Interval: every 10 minutes

Shuttle Bus

Location:

BCIA Terminal 2: Outside Gates No.1 to 3 on Floor 1

BCIA Terminal 3: Outside Gate No.1 on Floor 1

Fare: from RMB 16 and up /per person

Prices vary based on your final destination, including rates of RMB 15-30. Please see the bus ticket sales kiosk for specific pricing.

Duration:1.5 hours

Ticket office:

T1: Gate No. 7 (inside) on Floor 1

T2: Gate No.11 (outside) on Floor 1

T3: Gate No.7 or No.9 (Outside) on Floor 1

Bus routes: 16 lines routes from BCIA to the city parts

Interval: every 30 minutes. Buses depart when fully seated.

Service number:

Local airport buses: (86)-010)64573891 / 64594376 / 64594375

Airport Taxi

Location:

T1: Outside Gate 1 on Floor 1

T2: Outside Gate 5 to 9 on Floor 1

T3: Please refer to the signs inside the terminal building

Fare: from RMB 13 for the first 3km, the rest will be charged at RMB 2.3/km.

Usually it can be no more than RMB 100-200.

Service number:

Airport Taxi Dispatch Management Number:
(86)-01064541100

BCI Airport contact info:

Address: Chaoyang District, Beijing

BCIA Hotline - 96158

Tel: (86)-01064541100

Official website: <http://www.bcia.com.cn>

Nanyuan Airport

It is located in Fengtai District around 13 km from Tiananmen square, south of downtown Beijing.

Shuttle Bus

Fare: from RMB16 and up /per peson

Duration: 1.5 hours

Taxi

Fare: RMB 50 and up

Duration: 30 minutes

Nanyuan Airport contact info:

Tel: (86)-01067992139

Railway Station

In China trains are always designated into different classes according to the speed, ranging from high to low speed, and it is marked by letters, like G, D, Z, T, K. It means that G-the fastest, D-bullet train and etc.

Official website: <http://www.12306.cn/mormhweb/>

There are 5 railway stations:

Beijing Railway Station 北京站

Address: 13, Mao Jia Wan Alley, Dongcheng District, 东城区毛家湾胡同甲13号

Transportation: Subway Line 2, Beijing Railway Station (北京站)

The trains departing from Beijing Railway Station: Harbin, Shenyang, Dalian, Qingdao, Jinan, Shanghai, Nanjing Hangzhou and other cities as well as for Inner and Outer Mongolia departing from this station.

Tel: 51019999

Beijing West Railway Station 北京西站

Address: 118, East Lian Hua Chi Road, Fengtai District, 丰台区莲花池东路118号

Transportation: Subway Line 9, Beijing West Railway Station (北京西站)

The trains departing from Beijing West Railway Station: Xian, Chongqing, Chengdu, Lhasa, Urumqi, Guangzhou and Kowloon.

Tel: 51826253

Beijing South Railway Station 北京南站

Address: 12, Yong Wai Street, Fengtai District, 丰台区永外大街12号

Transportation: Subway Line 4, Beijing South Railway Station (北京南站)

The trains departing from Beijing South Railway Station: serving as the terminus for high-speed trains to the city - Tianjin, Jinan, Shanghai, Qingdao and other cities, which which can reach speeds above 350 km/h. Tel: 51867999

Beijing North Railway Station 北京北站

Address: Xi Zhi Men Bei Da Street, Xicheng District, 西城区西直门北大街

Transportation: Subway Line 2/4/13 Xizhimen Station (西直门-北京北站)

The trains departing from Beijing North Railway Station: offering regular intercity train services to the north and

northwest, including the Huhhot-Manzhouli Grasslands Express (K274/K275/K277). It is also the southern terminus for the S2 Line of from the down Beijing to Badaling Great Wall and to Yanqing

Tel: 51866223

Beijing East Railway Station 北京东站

Address: 7, Bai Zi Wan Road, Chaoyang District, 朝阳区百子湾路7号

Transportation: Subway Line 1, Dawanglu Station, 200m to the south (大望路-北京东站)

City Transportation

Subway/ Bus

Beijing is the first city in China to have a subway. Although often crowded, the subway is the fastest way to get around the center city area. Right now there are 16 subway lines and Airport Express. For international tourists visiting Beijing, some basic knowledge of the main subway lines, like Line 1, Line 2, Line 4 and Line 5, is quite helpful. These four subway lines take you to almost all the major attractions in Beijing. The subway stations are clean and have English signs directing tourists to the exits near places that you are likely trying to find

Public Transport Card

1. The transport card can be used in buses, subway and trains.
 2. You can buy and charge the card in all subway stations and the most biggest bus stations.
 3. You have to pay RMB 20 for deposit and get the money back when you return the card.
 4. You should swipe the card when you getting on and off the bus.
 5. Using the transportation card will save visitors' 60% cost.
- Fare for subway: from RMB 3 and up, it depends of the distance.
Fare for bus: from RMB 1 and up, it depends on the distance (card); RMB 2 for one ride.

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Beijing Railway Station 北京站



Beijing Taxi



Metro Line 8 at Olympic Extension



BC International Airport 北京国际机场



Beijing Bus

Hospitals with English Service

+ Peking Union Medical College Hospital International Medical Service 北京协和医院国际医疗部

Website: <http://ims.pumch.cn/>

Consulting hours: 8:00am - 5:00pm; 5:00pm - 7:30pm

Tel: 86(010)69156699

+ Beijing Friendship Hospital, Capital Medical University 北京友谊医院国际医疗中心

Website: <http://www.bfh.com.cn/Html/News/Articles/123.html>

Address: 95, Yongan Road, Xicheng District

北京市西城区永安路95号

Tel: +86(010)63016616

Hospital with Japanese and English Service

+ China-Japan Friendship Hospital 北京中日友好医院

Website: <http://www.zryhy.com.cn/>

Address: Yinghuayuangong Street, Chaoyang District

北京市朝阳区樱花园东街

Tel: +86(010)84205288

Traditional Chinese Medicine Hospital with English Service

+ Guang'anmen Hospital, China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences 中国中医科学院广安门医院国际医疗部

中国中医科学院广安门医院国际医疗部

Website: <http://www.gamhospital.ac.cn/english/index.asp>

Address: No.5 Beixiangge Street, Xicheng District 北京市西城区北线阁5号

Tel: +86(010)88001235, +86(010)83123311

How to search for places?

With phone data or connection to WiFi, a Google Map should be useful in searching for sights, ATMs, hospitals, supermar-

kets, or wherever you want to go in Beijing. However, due to the limitation of Chinese internet, downloading a VPN in your phone is necessary to avoid the firewall.

Banks

Here are several most well-known banks in China:

中国银行BOC(Bank of China)

中国建设银行CCB(China Construction Bank)

中国农业银行ABC(Agricultural Bank of China)

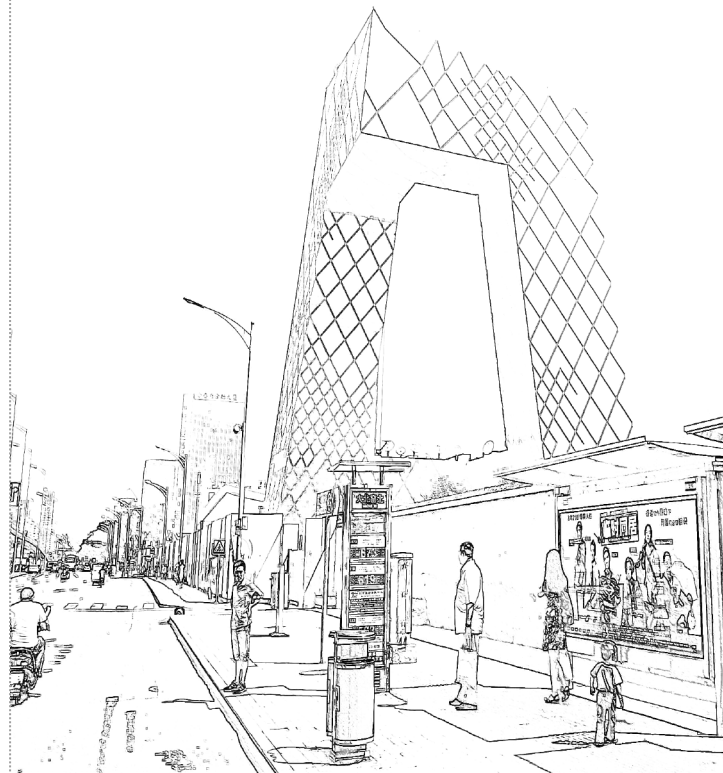
中国工商银行ICBC(Industrial and Commercial Bank of China)

招商银行CMB(China Merchants Bank Ltd.)

Important

Wherever you go, remember to take your passport with you.

Whether a hospital or bank, at railway station or police station, you will need your passport.



Learn some Chinese

English	Chinese	Chinese Pronunciation
Hello	你好	nǐ hǎo
How much is it?	多少钱?	duō shǎo qián
I want to go to...	我想去……	wǒ xiǎng qù
Thank you	谢谢	xiè xiè
You are welcome	不客气	bú kè qì
Toilet	卫生间	wèi shēng jiān
Help!	救命!	jiù mìng !
Restaurant	餐馆	cān guǎn
Yes	是	shì
No	不是	bú shì
Hotel	酒店	jiǔ diàn
Gentleman	男士	nán shì
Lady	女士	nǚ shì
Attention	注意	zhù yì
Forbid	禁止	jìn zhǐ
Danger	危险	wēi xiǎn
Emergency	紧急	jǐn jí

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