



Useful Information and Web Links for Doing Business in China

- Strategies for Trading and International Economic Collaboration
Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China
<http://english.mofcom.gov.cn>
- Legislation for company registration
State Administration for Industry & Commerce of the People's Republic of China
www.saic.gov.cn
- Employment law
Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security of the People's Republic of China
www.mohrss.gov.cn
- Legislation on Communication Information
Ministry of Industry and Information of the People's Republic of China
www.miit.gov.cn
- All about your money
State Administration of Taxation
www.chinatax.gov.cn
- All about export and import
General Administration of Customs, the People's Republic of China
www.customs.gov.cn
- Approval for food and drugs
China Food and Drug Administration
www.sda.gov.cn



Safety and Health Tips

1. Tap water in China is not drinkable
2. Food allergies, many Chinese foods contain nuts and chilli
3. Only a few hotel rooms and restaurants have non-smoking rooms
4. Common ailments: stomach upsets, skin and respiratory infections
5. Need to see a doctor?

The **majority** of hospitals are state owned. There are two types of hospitals Chinese and western, sometimes there are Chinese and western medical departments in the same hospital. You don't need an appointment to see a doctor, but a long queue is normal. Some hospitals in big cities have international or VIP clinics, appointments can be made by phone. Hospitals are open 24 hours a day.

6. Useful emergency numbers:
 - Police 110
 - Ambulance 120
 - Fire Emergency 119
 - Road Traffic Accident 122



Plan Your Journey to China

1. Get to know where you are going

China is a vast and diverse country. It is different in many aspects from region to region. It is essential to get to know the place where you are going before your journey.

- Weather forecast. In winter, the temperature difference between north and south can vary by up to **60** degrees C.
- Humidity. In summer, the temperature in most Chinese cities is above 30 degrees C. It is dry in north and west China, but humid in south and east China.
- Altitude. The altitude rises from east to west. The altitude in Kunming in the southwest is 1895 metres; the altitude in Shanghai on the east coast is about 4 metres.

2. **Adapter** (the electric supply in Mainland China is 220V, 50HZ)

3. Internal travel within China

- Flights, you can book the tickets online in advance, but the nearer your travel date, the cheaper the tickets.
- Train, you can only book high-speed (gaotie) train tickets online 3 days advance, but no E-tickets available. ID card is needed.
- Taxi, in big cities certain taxis will only go to certain areas. Most taxi drivers are smokers and they smoke in the taxis. Didi Taxi is equivalent to Uber.
- Single ticket or return ticket?

4. Driving in China

Foreign driving license holders are **NOT** permitted to drive in China. Driving dates restrictions apply to private cars in some cities.

5. Cash or card

Credit cards are still not widely accepted, so you will need to use cash but be careful of fake bank notes.