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1. Geographical location

The national capital of the country of China, Beijing is located at the country's northern tip. It is at the intersection of Yanshan and Xishan mountain ranges. The city is located from Bohai Sea at a distance of 150 km inland. Beijing is situated at an elevation of 66 feet to 200 feet that is extended towards south and east.



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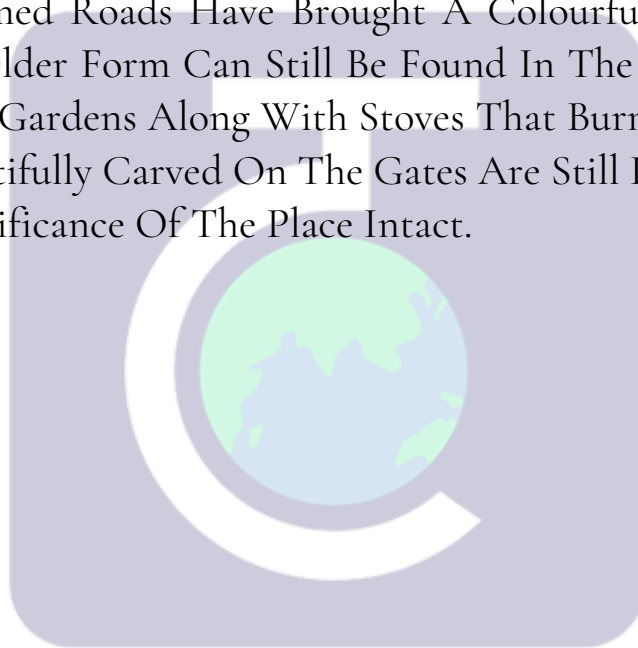
2. Neighbouring cities/countries

The City Of Beijing Covers Around 16,800 Square Kilometres. Hebei Province Surrounds The City. However, The Tianjin Municipality Stretches Across The Southeast Of Beijing. The Yan Mountains Form The Northeast Border Whereas The Western Part Is Occupied With Jundu Mountains . These Together Form Lowland That Is Famously Known As The Bay Of Beijing.



3. Significance

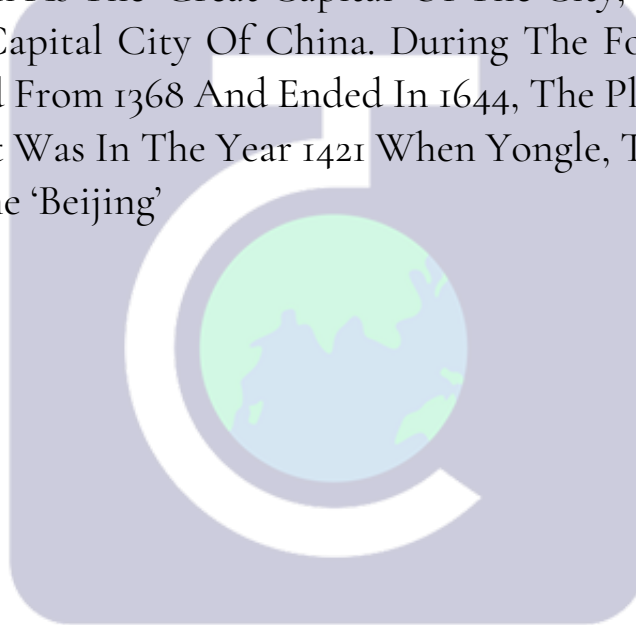
Although Most Of The Character Of The City Was Demolished In The Year 1949 To Industrialize And Modernize The City Of Beijing Completely, There Still Exist Few Parts That Denote Its Old Picturesque. With Various Old Buildings, Monumental Structures And Remains Of Chinese Art Decides To Become The Core And An Integral Part Of The City. The New Commercial Reforms Along With The New Formed Roads Have Brought A Colourful Look To The City. However, Beijing's Older Form Can Still Be Found In The Neighbouring Areas. From The Small Pot Gardens Along With Stoves That Burn Coal To Cook Food To Stone Lions Beautifully Carved On The Gates Are Still Profound In The City That Keeps The Significance Of The Place Intact.



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4. History

The History Of The City Of Beijing Leads Us Back To The Home Erectus Era That Dates To Around 500,000 Years Before The Current Age. The Most Primitive Settlement That Is Known To Be The Southern Beijing Now Is Recorded To Approximately 1045 B. C. Genghis Khan Ruled The Current City From 1162 To The Year 1227. He Was The Conqueror Who Established 'Dadu' Which Is Also Known As The 'Great Capital' Of The City; Ever Since Dadu Was Known To Be The Capital City Of China. During The Former Years Of Ming Dynasty That Started From 1368 And Ended In 1644, The Place Was Renamed As 'Beiping'. However, It Was In The Year 1421 When Yongle, The Third Ming Ruler Established The Name 'Beijing'



5. Cultural identity

Beijing is presumed to undergo a range of political conventions throughout its journey as one of the prominent cities of China. However, it tried holding to its cultural eminence. When the city was elected as the capital of the country in the year 1949, the political importance added much grace to its account. Indeed, there are not many cities that have seen tremendous growth in population as well as industrialization as Beijing experienced. The urban trend and the historic culture of the city have boosted the city to have corporate travellers and foreign tourists visiting the city to relish its identity.



6. Natural resources

There are five rivers that flow from the city of Beijing which includes the Beiyun River and the Chaobai River to the east, and the Juma River and the Yongding River to its west. The northwest mountainous regions are the source for most of the rivers flowing through the city. Apart from this, iron ores and coal are profoundly found throughout the city. Moreover, there are also reserves of marble and granite.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Forbidden City

The Forbidden City lies at the very heart of Beijing and represents the unique Chinese architecture. Built during the Ming dynasty, this place served as a home to 24 emperors of the Qing and Ming dynasty. Situated to the south of Tiananmen Square, this is the largest palace complex spreading over 74 hectares of land. It was listed as a World Cultural Heritage Site in 1987 by UNESCO and since then it has become one of the most popular tourist spots in the city.

Address : No.4 Jingshanqian Street, Dongcheng District, Beijing 100009, China

Zipcode : 100009

Location : 39.9163447, 116.39715460000002

Contact : 010-85007422

Website : <http://www.dpm.org.cn/index1024768.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Qianmen Station

Entry Fee : 40 ¥ to 60 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 08:30hrs-15:30hrs Monday: Closed

Time Required : 4

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. Ming Tombs

The tombs represent an assortment of mausoleums that were built by various emperors of China during the Ming dynasty. A total of 13 mausoleums can be found within the Ming tombs.

Address : Ming Shisan Ling Area, Changling Town, Changping District, Beijing 102213, China

Zipcode : 102213

Location : 40.255149, 116.22355560000005

Contact : +86-1068326688

Nearest Public Transport : Changping Dongguan Crossing Station (NR)

Entry Fee : 30 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:30hrs-17:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.3. Beijing National Aquatics Center

Also known as Water Cube, the National Aquatics Centre can be described as a modern state of the art structure, which is in the shape of a cube that was designed specifically for the Olympics. It houses a gigantic water park and a number of swimming pools.

Address : 11, Tianchen East Rd, Chaoyang, Beijing, China

Zipcode : 100101

Location : 39.9929036, 116.39036179999994

Contact : +86-1084370112

Website : <http://www.water-cube.com/cn/>

Nearest Public Transport : Beichenxi Qiao Bei Station (NR)

Entry Fee : 30 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : Yes



7.1.4. Lama Temple

Also known as the Yonghe Temple, the Lama Temple depicts the single-most visited Tibetan Buddhist temple located outside Tibet. It was constructed back in 1694 and sits on 16 acres of land. Previously, a residence of Emperor Yong Zheng, it was later converted into a lamasery in 1774.

Address : 12, Yonghegong St, Dongcheng, Beijing, China

Location : 39.94767119999999, 116.41729020000002

Contact : 010-64044499

Website : <http://www.yonghegong.cn/>

Nearest Public Transport : Yonghegong Station

Entry Fee : 20 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.5. Beihai Park

While it is currently utilized as a public park, a while back, it used to be an imperial garden that can be traced back a thousand years in history. It was first made accessible to the public in 1925. This garden is built keeping the Chinese culture in mind and therefore is of great importance to the locals.

Address : Xicheng District, Beijing 100032, China

Zipcode : 100032

Location : 39.9256967, 116.38908349999997

Contact : +86-1067160201

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

Nearest Public Transport : Ping'anli Station

Entry Fee : 10 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 06:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.6. Capital Museum

Situated in the Confucius Temple, the Capital Museum is a modern museum which was opened in 1981 and is dedicated to the exhibition of ancient bronze and porcelain works and statues of the nation's history. This museum will take you back in time with the background of Chinese dynasties seen through more than 200,000 cultural exhibits.

Address : 16, Fuxingmen Outer St, Xicheng, Beijing, China

Zipcode : 1000045

Location : 39.9064147, 116.34210170000006

Contact : +86-1063393339

Website : <http://www.capitalmuseum.org.cn/>

Nearest Public Transport : Muxidi Station (NR)

Entry Fee : 10 ¥ to 15 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Monday: Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.7. Beijing Zoo

One of the oldest zoo in the country, this zoological park can be traced back to 1906 as the Qing dynasty came to an end. Situated in Xicheng District, this zoo houses around 500 different species of marine animals and 450 species of terrestrial animals. You can catch a glimpse of some of the rarest animals like the giant pandas, South China tiger, white-lipped deer and many more.

Address : No. 137, Xizhimenwai Street, Xicheng District, Beijing, China

Zipcode : 100034

Location : 39.938794000000001, 116.33957099999998

Contact : +86-1068390274

Website : <http://www.bjzoo.com/default.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Dong Wu Yuan Station

Entry Fee : 10 ¥ to 15 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 07:30hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.8. Jingshan Park

Sitting on a 23-hectare piece of land and located to the north of the Forbidden City, the Jingshan Park is largely known for the artificial hill within the public park. Built during the Yongle era of the Ming dynasty, this park served as an entertainment spot for the royal families.

Address : 44 Jingshan W St, Xicheng, Beijing, China

Zipcode : 100009

Location : 39.9250988, 116.3968433

Contact : +86-1064044071

Nearest Public Transport : Jingshan Houjie Station (NR)

Entry Fee : 2 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 06:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.9. Temple of Heaven

Built under the reign of the Yongle Emperor in 1420 with a methodical Confucian design, the Temple of Heaven is a UNESCO World Heritage site, which houses a myriad of religious buildings. Today, the temple boasts of around 60000 species of trees with the most famous tree being the Grandfather Tree, which is said to be 500 years old. This a great place for cycling, running, dancing and enjoying morning walks.

Address : 1 Tiantan E Rd, Dongcheng, Beijing, China

Zipcode : 100061

Location : 39.88370400000001, 116.41283999999996

Contact : +8610-67028866

Website : <http://www.tiantanpark.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Qiaowan

Entry Fee : 10 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 06:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.10. Old Summer Palace

Spread over 350 hectares of land, the Old Summer Palace is a scenic garden that was built in 1709 under the rule of Emperor Kangxi of the Qing Dynasty. This garden is divided into 3 parts namely Yuanmingyuan, Wanchunyuan and Changchunyuan. The distinctive architecture of each of these gardens is what makes this place a tourist-magnet.

Address : Haidian, Beijing, China

Zipcode : 100091

Location : 40.0080982, 116.29821479999998

Contact : +8610-62628501

Website : <http://www.yuanmingyuanpark.cn/>

Nearest Public Transport : You can take a rental or taxi to the location

Entry Fee : 10 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 07:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.11. Drum Tower

The Drum Tower was built in 1272 in the centre of the Yuan capital Dadu. Initially, bells and drums were used as musical instruments, but this was later changed to be used for making time announcements. During the Ming dynasty, such towers were constructed all over the region in order to make announcements.

Address : Dongcheng, Beijing China 100009

Zipcode : 100009

Location : 39.9408295, 116.39587340000003

Nearest Public Transport : Gu Lou Station; Bus 5, 60, 107 or 124

Entry Fee : 15 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.12. National Centre for the Performing Arts

The National Centre for Performing Art also referred to as the Giant Egg. It is an art center designed with modern architecture, and covers a vast area of 217,500 square kilometers. With music, theatre and opera halls, this center is known to stage dance shows, ballets, symphonies, dramas, operas and other kinds of performances, attracting many tourists to this place.

Address : 2 W Chang'an Ave, Xicheng, Beijing, China

Zipcode : 100031

Location : 39.9048847, 116.38950999999997

Contact : +8610-66550000

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

Nearest Public Transport : Beijing South Railway Station; Subway Line 4 Daxing Line

Entry Fee : 30 ¥ Combo Tickets Type A: 40 ¥ for one adult Combo Tickets Type B: 65 ¥ for two adults

Open & Close Timing : Every day – 09:00 hrs to 17:00 hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.13. Hall of Supreme Harmony

The hall is considered to be the largest wooden structures in the whole of China. The Hall was used by the Ming and Qing dynasty emperors to host wedding and enthronement ceremonies. This 35.5-meter-high hall is also known as the "Hall of Gold Throne" and consists of the emperor's throne, bronze artefacts and various other antiques.

Address : No.4 Jingshanqian Street, Dongcheng District, Beijing 100009, China

Zipcode : 100009

Location : 39.917273, 116.39709619999996

Contact : 010-85007422

Website : <http://www.dpm.org.cn/index1024768.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Qianmen Station

Entry Fee : 40 ¥ to 60 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday: 08:30hrs-15:30hrs Monday: Closed

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.14. Confucius Temple and The Imperial College Museum

The building of the temple can be traced back to 1302 and contains stone tables and historical documents with information about ancient China. The temple serves as a reminder of one of the most influential leaders in Chinese history. It also consists of a museum which is divided into the east-side wing that focuses on Confucius' upbringing and the west-side wing that focuses on Confucianism within the culture.

Address : 15 Guozijian St, Dongcheng, Beijing, China

Zipcode : 100007

Location : 39.9456098, 116.41327980000005

Contact : +86-1084027224

Website : <http://www.kmgzj.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Guozijian Station; Yonghegong Station; Yonghegong Qiao Dong Station

Entry Fee : 30 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:30hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.15. Beijing Botanical Garden

Situated on the outskirts of the city, the Beijing Botanical Garden is used as a base for research, scientific education and as a recreational center for tourists.

Address : Xiangshan S Rd, Haidian Qu, Beijing Shi, China, 100093

Zipcode : 100093

Location : 39.9911373, 116.21076760000005

Contact : +86 10 8259 8771

Website : <http://www.beijingbg.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Subway Line 4 Daxing Line (NR)

Entry Fee : 5 ¥ to 10 ¥

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.16. Fragrant Hills Park

Found on the western side of Beijing, the Fragrant Hills Park is an imperial garden characterized by an artificial scenery combined with a breathtaking natural panorama. It can be traced back to the Jin dynasty of 1186. The Red Leaves Festival is a major festival held annually during mid-October and is known to attract large numbers of nature-enthusiasts to this place.

Address : Xiangshan Park Haidian, Beijing China

Zipcode : 100093

Location : 39.992439, 116.185875

Contact : +86-1062591155

Nearest Public Transport : Xiang Shan Station

Entry Fee : 10 ¥; Cable Car – 60 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 06:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.17. Prince Gong's Mansion

The mansion is a representation of one of the most well-preserved aristocratic homes in Beijing that comprises of beautiful gardens, walkways and nine courtyards all reflecting a taste of the royal way of life. Built in 1777 as a home to Heshen, one of the imperial guards during the Qing dynasty, this mansion had many owners till it was eventually given to Prince Gong by Emperor Xianfeng in 1799.

Address : A14, Liuyin Street, Xicheng District, Beijing

Zipcode : 100009

Location : 39.9358016, 116.38648660000001

Contact : +86-1066116053

Nearest Public Transport : Beihai Bei Men Station

Entry Fee : 40 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 07:30hrs-16:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.18. Zhengyang Gate

Built in 1419, the Zhengyang Gate, also known as Qianmen stands 42 meters high against the city wall of Beijing. The gate was used as a point of guard for the city from the southern border and to house an archery tower along with a gatehouse, which is separated by the Qianmen Avenue today. Visit this place to get a glimpse of the vast history of the Qing and the Ming dynasty.

Address : Zhengyang Gate Dongcheng, Beijing China

Zipcode : 100006

Location : 39.900578, 116.39748729999997

Contact : +8610-65229384

Nearest Public Transport : Qianmen Subway station

Entry Fee : 10 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:30hrs-16:30hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.19. China Nationalities Museum

The museum is found in Beijing and focuses on exhibitions that shed some light

on the day-to-day life of the 56 ethnic groups of China. Architectural elements of these ethnic groups are also displayed. This place is known to showcase various cultural events that include traditional song and dance performances.

Address : 1 Minzuyuan Rd, Chaoyang, Beijing, China, 100101

Zipcode : 100101

Location : 39.981027, 116.39201500000001

Contact : +86-1062063646

Website : <http://www.emuseum.org.cn/>

Nearest Public Transport : Min Zu Yuan Lu

Entry Fee : 60 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:30hrs-17:30hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.20. Marco Polo Bridge

Situated 15 kilometers away from Tiananmen, the Bridge also goes by the name 'Lugou Bridge' and represents a granite construction that passes over the Yongding River. It was first built in 1192 and later rebuilt in 1698 and stands tall to this day with a large number of ancient lion sculptures, which are a major crowd-puller.

Address : Fengtai, Beijing, China

Zipcode : 100072

Location : 39.8502497, 116.21906579999995

Contact : 010-83894614

Website : <http://www.lugouqiao.org.cn/>

Nearest Public Transport : Du Jiakan bus station

Entry Fee : 20 ¥

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 07:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Tiananmen Square

Tiananmen Square represents the geographic center of Beijing city. The square occupies 109 acres of land and holds the record for being the largest city square in the world. Visitors can also pay a visit to some of the most important attractions of the city. The square has been the nucleus of several student and political protests.

Address : W Chang'an Ave, Dongcheng, Beijing, China

Zipcode : 100006

Location : 39.90548950000001, 116.39763170000003

Contact : +86-1065118713

Nearest Public Transport : Tian'anmen East subway station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 05:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. 798 Art Zone Jianbingfang

Having been built by East Germans, the 798 Art Zone is housed within a decommissioned military factory best known for its unique architectural style. The disused art zone supports a thriving artistic community and displays a vast collection of contemporary art and sculptures.

Address : No.4 Jiuxianqiao Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100015, China

Zipcode : 100015

Location : 39.987609, 116.49051800000007

Contact : +86-1064387264

Website : <http://www.798district.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Sanyuanqiao Station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Saturday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Monday: Closed

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. National Museum of China

Situated right opposite the Great Hall of the People, the National Museum of

China was founded back in 2003, covering a gigantic 200,000 square meters with 48 exhibition halls. This museum has over 3000 exhibits displaying the culture and history of the nation and is also known to hold the record for being the largest modern museum in the world with the state of the art facilities at its disposal.

Address : 16 E Chang'an Ave, Dongcheng, Beijing, China

Zipcode : 100006

Location : 39.9050945, 116.4015829

Contact : +8610-65116400

Website : <http://www.chnmuseum.cn/>

Nearest Public Transport : Tiananmen East; Qianmen

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Cultural Palace of Nationalities

Found on the West Chang'an Avenue, the Cultural Palace is a museum that was built in 1959. The museum exhibits over 50,000 items that depict the history and culture of the Chinese people. One of the interesting collections here is that of clothes which include the wedding dresses of Mongol women, formal dress of Miao women, Tujia women's clothes and outfits of Yi children, defining various clothing styles of the nation.

Address : 49 Fuxingmen Inner St, Xicheng, Beijing, China

Zipcode : 100032

Location : 39.908209000000001, 116.369134000000003

Contact : +86-1083195500

Website : <http://www.cpon.cn/>

Nearest Public Transport : Xidan Station; Fuxingmen Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Parkson

With plenty of options to choose from international and local brands, anything

and everything from clothes to accessories and cosmetics are available here.

Address : 101 Fuxingmen Inner St, JinRong Jie, Xicheng Qu, Beijing Shi, China, 100031

Zipcode : 100031

Location : 39.9078858, 116.3581077

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Shin Kong Place

Shin Kong Place is known to house high street clothing and jewelry brands. Everything from apparels to accessories and furniture is available here.

Address : 87 Jianguo Rd, DaWang Lu, Chaoyang Qu, Beijing Shi, China, 100025

Zipcode : 100025

Location : 39.9099282, 116.47877670000003

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Panjiayuan Market

The Beijing Panjiayuan Flea Market is a very famous antiques and souvenirs market in the country. All the shops operate 365 days of the year and the roadside stands are open every weekend, with an influx of over 60,000 customers.

Address : China, Beijing Shi, Chaoyang Qu, 18: 100021

Zipcode : 100021

Location : 39.8762912, 116.45944050000003

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Liulichang

Liulichang, Xicheng is known for traditional Chinese shops selling diverse Chinese handicrafts and antiques.

Address : Liulichang Street, Xuanwu District, Beijing, China.

Zipcode : 100051

Location : 39.8952673, 116.38557939999998

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



8. Key sites sports & adventure

- **Hiking -**

Address : 216 Provincial Rd, Yanqing, Beijing, China

Location : 40.431908,116.570374

Nearest Public Transport : Zoo Subway Station

Time Required : 1.00

- **Hiking/Trekking -**

Address : 216 Provincial Rd, Yanqing, Beijing, China

Location : 40.431908,116.570374

Contact No : +86-1069121383

Nearest Public Transport : Zoo Subway Station

Entry Fees : 40 ¥ to 45 ¥

Open / Close Time : Daily 06:30 hrs-18:30 hrs

Time Required : 2.00

- **Trekking -**

Address : Juyong Guan Changping, Beijing China

Location : 40.289766,116.063884

Contact No : +86 10 6977 1665

Entry Fees : 40 ¥ to 45 ¥

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:00 hrs to 17:00 hrs

Time Required : 3.00

9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Beijing Of China Boosts A Range Of Different Sports And Athletic Events. Indoor Games, Soccer, Table Tennis, Basketball Figure Skating, Ice Hockey And Golf Are Few Of The Main Events That Are Organized Throughout The City. Although Gambling Is Illegal In This Municipality, There Are Racetracks Where People Can Place Bets Legally. The Traditional Popular Art That Is Profound In The Entire City Is Martial Arts Which Is Well Demonstrated Through The Asian Games Village. There Are A Number Of Major And Famous Stadiums In Beijing. A Few Of Them Are -

- **Beijing Workers' Stadium:**

Address : Workers' Stadium N Rd, Chaoyang, Beijing, China, 100027

Location : 39.9308565,116.447228

Contact No : +86 10 6501 6655

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

- **National Stadium:**

Address : 1 National Stadium S Rd, Chaoyang Qu, China, 100101

Location : 39.9929431,116.39651120000008

Contact No : +86 10 8437 3008

Website : <http://www.n-s.cn/>

10. Spas and relaxation

- **Dragonfly Therapeutic Retreat:**

Address : E 3rd Ring Rd N, Chaoyang Qu, Beijing Shi, China, 100600

Location : 39.9448934,116.46168910000006

Contact No : 861085296331

Website : <http://www.dragonfly.net.cn/en/>

- **Kocoon Spa:**

Address : China, Beijing Shi, Chaoyang Qu, 100020

Location : 39.92793899999999,116.45559200000002

Contact No : +86 132 4169 6021

Website : <http://www.kocoonspalounge.com/>

11. Events calendar

Month

Events

Wasabi Sound

The REC Room (8th)

Lee Bannon

Dada Beijing (27th)

**Space/Play Committee Presents
Marco Shuttle**

Dada Beijing (4th)

Footprint Meets Rare Voice Tour

Dali At DM B Club (2nd)

**Migas Say Yes Present Jimmy
Edgar China Tour**

Beijing At Migas (21st)

**Woozy Offline Presents
Kamixlo**

Modernsky Lab (9th)

**Asian Vibes China Tour With
Scalameriya**

Kunming At Club Vervo (30th)

**12" Of Fun With Tobias Patrick &
Lindberg**

Migas (27th)

Downtown Coffee Morning

TBC (8th)
Mad Hatters Melbourne Cup Pre

Event At TBC (11th)
Melbourne Cup Event

TBC (1st)
Christmas Coffee Morning

Shunyi (1st)



12. Key local guides and tours

With Beijing being one of the most favourite spots in the country of China, there are many spots and tourist attractions that are worth visiting. Although any of the individuals can try relishing each of the sites, it is sometimes difficult when it comes to understanding the importance, history and significance of the place. Moreover, even the language and diversity of the people here can be a hindrance. Hence, at such times, choosing a local guide or tours can turn out to be a viable option. There are a range of tours and guides that are certified and licensed to offer you the best possible services to enjoy the city. Vivie Pan, Ellen Lan, Diana, Cindy Zhang, Hawk Ren, Kong Lin and Susan May are few of the local guides who can offer you private tours. You can even choose to have local tours that help you with pick up cars or buses. Catherine Lu tours and The China Guide Private Tours are some of them. You can even enjoy Hiking Tours, Walking Tour, Bike Tours, Motorcycle Trips, Wan Lin Bicycle Tours, UNESCO World Heritage Sites Tours, Night Walking Tours, Cultural & Themed Tours, Balloon Tours, and many more. The prices vary based on the site and number of hours you choose. Most of the tours start at \$ 35.

13. Transportation hubs

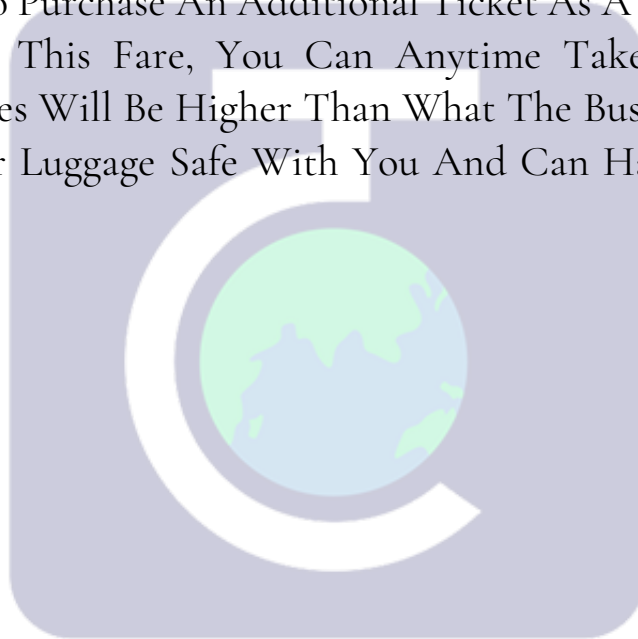
As Beijing Is One Of The Most Important Hubs In The Entire Country, The City Houses Some Of The Major Rail, Air And Road Transportation Services. The Nanyuan Airport And The Capital International Airport (40.048206, 116.593284) Are The Two Major Airports In The City Which Are 8 Miles And 16 Miles From The City Centre Respectively. The Capital International Airport Is Considered As The Most Modern, The Busiest And The Largest Airport Across China. You Can Take A Taxi, Shuttle Bus Or A Subway Train To Reach From The Airport To The Centre Of The City With Around 89.83 ¥ To 150.53 ¥. Beijing Is Assumed To Be The Centre Of The Network Of Rails Of The Entire Country. A Few Of The Important Railway Routes Are Kowloon From Jingjiu, Shanghai From Jinghu, Guangzhou From Jingguang And Many More. The City Has 4 Major Railway Stations – North Railway Station, West Railway Station, South Railway Station And Beijing Railway Station. Beijing Is The Busiest Transportation Hub When It Comes To Buses. There Are More Than 20,000 Buses That Travel Inside The City On Daily Basis Through 19 Stations. A Few Of The Major Bus Stations Include Xianglong Zhaogongkou, Dongzhimen And Liuliqiao.

14. Transportation cost

You Can Use The Subway System That Serves As The Finest Means Of Transportation In The City. It Will Cost You Approximately 2 ¥ For A One Way Journey. Almost Each Of The Major Railway Stations Are Connected Via These Subway Systems Which Run From Morning 5 Until Evening 11 On An Everyday Basis. Another Mode Of Transport Is The City Bus Or The Handy Trolleybus. You Can Purchase The Tickets At Around 1 ¥. A One – Way Ticket Via Rail Is Available At 4 ¥ Whereas A Monthly Pass Can Be Picked At 190 ¥. The Normal Tariff Of Taxis Starts At 13 ¥. You Can Buy Swipe Cards Which Are Available At Every Subway System. These Cards Are Known As 'Yi Ka Tong' To Be Purchased At Approximately 20 ¥. You Receive Special Discounts While Swiping Cards; For Instance, A 1 ¥ Journey Can Be Covered In 0.4 ¥ If You Use A Swipe Card. These Are Also Used In Taxis. However, You Need To Notify The Taxi Driver Before He Shuts The Meter Off.

Index**15. Baggage allowance**

It Is Obvious That If You Are A Tourist, You Ought To Carry Multiple Bags With You Even When You Are Traveling To The Nearest Stop. The Local Transportation In The City Such As Buses, Trains, Taxis Or Any Other Transit Do Not Charge Any Extra Cost For Your Handbags, Back Packs Or Purses. However, If Your Luggage Is Big Enough To Take Up Another Passenger's Seat, You Are Required To Purchase An Additional Ticket As A Second Bus Ticket. If You Want To Skip This Fare, You Can Anytime Take A Cab To Travel. Although The Charges Will Be Higher Than What The Buses Or Trains Charge, You Shall Have Your Luggage Safe With You And Can Handle Them Without Any Hassle.



16. Restaurant & Nightlife

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- **Dadong Roast Duck Shop:**

Address : China, Beijing, Dongcheng, Dongsì 10th Alley, 22

Location : 39.932471, 116.430965

Contact No : +86 10 5169 0329

Website : <http://www.dadongdadong.com/>

Open / Close Time : Every day – 11:00hrs to 22:00hrs

- **Dali Courtyard:**

Address : 67 Xiaojingchang Hutong, Dongcheng, Beijing, China

Location : 39.941427, 116.40519799

Contact No : +86 10 8404 1430

Open / Close Time : Every day – 12:00hrs to 14:00hrs; 18:00hrs to 22:30hrs

- **Temple Restaurant Beijing:**

Address : 23, Shatan N St, Dongcheng, Beijing, China

Location : 39.928134999, 116.40349100

Contact No : +86 10 8400 2232

Website : <http://www.trb-cn.com/restaurant/>

Open / Close Time : Every day – 11:30 hrs to 14:30 hrs; 18:00 hrs to 22:00 hrs

- **Najia Xiaoguan:**




Address : 2 Jiuxianqiao N Rd, Chaoyang, Beijing, China

Location : 39.9876468,116.49375800

Contact No : +86 10 5978 9333

Open / Close Time : Every day – 11:30 hrs to 21:30 hrs

- **Mercante:**

Address : China, Beijing, Dongcheng,     4    : 100009

Location : 39.9380466,116.39965710

Contact No : +86 10 8402 5098

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Saturday 18:00 hrs to 00:00 hrs; Sunday – 12:00 hrs to 16:00 hrs, 18:00 hrs to 00:00 hrs; Monday Closed

- **Sichuan Provincial Government Restaurant:**

Address : 5 Gongyuan 1st Alley, Dongcheng, Beijing, China

Location : 39.911746000,116.43173200

Contact No : +86 10 6512 2277

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:30 hrs to 22:00 hrs

- **Chocolate:**

Address : Yabaocheng, 19 Ritan N Rd, Chaoyang, Beijing, China

Location : 39.917835299,116.44179610

Contact No : +86 10 8561 3988

Website : <http://www.club-chocolate.ru/>

- **Vics NIGHTCLUB:**

Address : Workers' Stadium N Rd, Chaoyang, Beijing, China

Location : 39.932632,116.447901

Contact No : +86 10 5293 0333

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:30 hrs to 16:30 hrs



Index**17. Average meal cost**

A Normal Meal At An Inexpensive Restaurant Costs 30 ¥ Whereas A Three Course Meal Can Be Purchased At 170 ¥. A Combo Meal At McDonald's Is Available At 30 ¥. You Can Have Fresh Cappuccino At 28.73 ¥ Whereas Coke And Pepsi In 0.33 Litre Bottle Is Available At 3.69 ¥. 0.5 Litre Draught Of Domestic Beer Costs 5 ¥ And 0.33 Litre Bottle Of Imported Beer Is At 20 ¥. A Mid – Range Bottle Of Wine Is Purchased At 100 ¥.



18. Shopping

Beijing Has A Profound History Of Many Long Years. With Sturdy Economy And Advanced Businesses Since The Earlier Times, The City Is Called To Be The Metropolis Of The Country. With A Number Of Craftsmen And Skilled Artists Settling In The Area Long Ago, Traditional Handcrafts Have Been Passed Through Generations In The City. Lacquer, Jade, Ivory Carving And Cloisonne Are The Four Traditional And The Most Important Handiworks In Beijing. Moreover, Snuff Bottles, Pearls, Silk And Curios Are Liked By The Tourists Visiting The Place. With This, There Are A Number Of Shopping Centres And Streets Such As Parkson, Lufthansa Centre, Shin Kong Palace, Beijing Friendship Store And Many More. You Can Even Buy Antique Items From Antique Stores Such As Panjiayuan Flea Market And Colored Glaze Factory . There Are Also Various Book Stores, Wholesale Markets, Supermarkets And Feature Stores Which Can Turn Out To Be The Best Options For Shopping. The Shopping Malls Are Open From 08:30 Hrs To 21:30 Hrs During The Summers. For Winters, They Are Closed Half An Hour To One Hour Before The Regular Closing Time. Most Of Them Offer Foreign Exchange Services Along With ATM Facility. You Can Shop With MasterCard, Visa, JCB Or Dinersclub Credit Cards.

19. Tourist benefits

The City Of Beijing Follows The Tax Refund Policy From July 1st Of The Year 2015. Hence, The Visitors Or Residents Visiting The City From Overseas, Taiwan, Macau And Hong Kong Receive A Tax Benefit Of 9 Per Cent If They Are Spending No Less Than 500 ¥. However, The Purchase Should Be Made Only From Tax – Free Stores. There Are Around 96 Stores Across Beijing Profoundly Located At Wangfujing Street And Xidan Commercial Street.



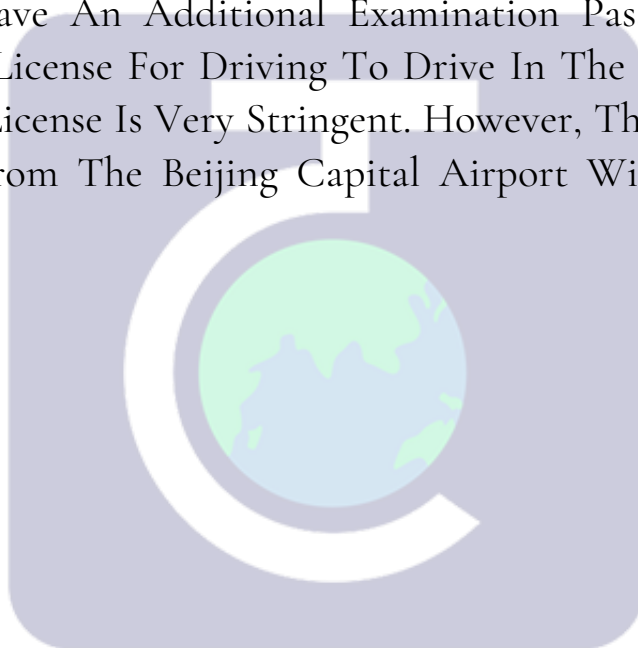
20. Essential local apps

While You Are Touring Through The City Of Beijing, You May Come Across Various Hardships Where Either You Are Lost On Your Way Or Do Not Understand The Language. Hence, With Advancement In Technology And China Being The Foremost Country With Respect To Technology And Innovations, You Can Have A Range Of Travel Apps That Can Help You During Your Visit To The Capital City Of China. A Few Of The Local Apps Are Beijing On A Budget, Party In Beijing, Metro Beijing Subway, Beijing Maps And Walks, Pleco, City Weekend Beijing, Dianping, Baidu Music And Similar Others.



21. Driving

Beijing Does Not Allow Any International Driving Permit For Driving On The City Roads. You Will Need The License Specifically Offered By The China If You Wish To Drive Though The City Or Rent A Car. Taiwan, Macau Or Hong Kong Licenses Are Also Not Considered To Be Valid Here In The City. The Rule States That You Can Have Your IDP Transformed To The Local State License Only When You Have An Additional Examination Passed. Thus, You Can Receive Provisional License For Driving To Drive In The City Of Beijing. The Process Of Regular License Is Very Stringent. However, The Provisional License Can Be Acquired From The Beijing Capital Airport Without Appearing Or Passing Any Tests.



22. Travel essentials

There Are Chances Of You Planning To Take At Least One Of The Electrical Equipment While Your Tour To The City Of Beijing. Hence, It Is Mandatory To Realize The Electricity And The Plugs Used Here. The Entire City Of Beijing Uses 220 Volts Of Supply Running At A Frequency Of 50 Hz. AC. If You Are Using Any Of The Electric Devices That Run At 110 – 120 Voltage Supply, You Are Subjected To Use A Converter Or A Step Down Transformer That Can Step Up The Voltage Supply From The Mains Supply And Offer The Required Output Voltage To Your Electronic Device. China Uses GB 1002–2008 And GB 2099.1–2008 Plug And Sockets. The Standard Socket Used Widely Across The City Has An Earthed Pin At The Bottom And Two Pins At The Top. You Can Buy A Portable Adapter If Your Devices Can Be Used Only On Two Pins.



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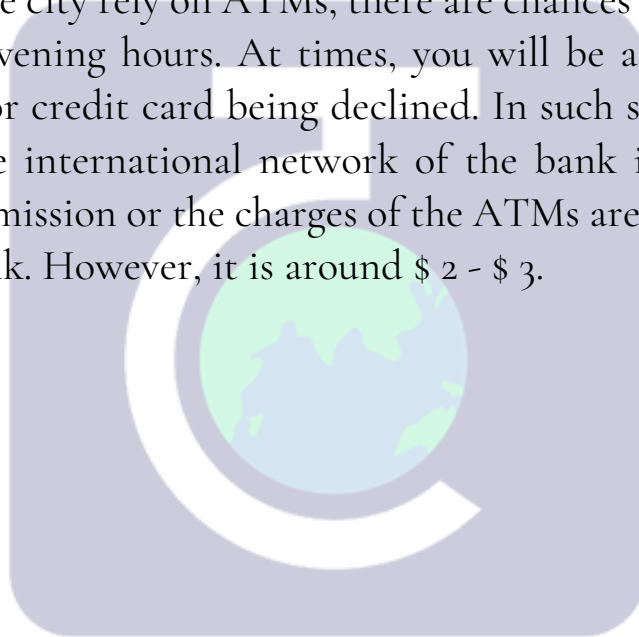
24. Local currency

Renminbi (RMB) Is The Official Currency Of Beijing. It Is Used As Chinese Dollar In English. It Is Also Referred As Chinese Yuan (CNY). The Currency Exchange Rate Is – 1 USD = 6.66



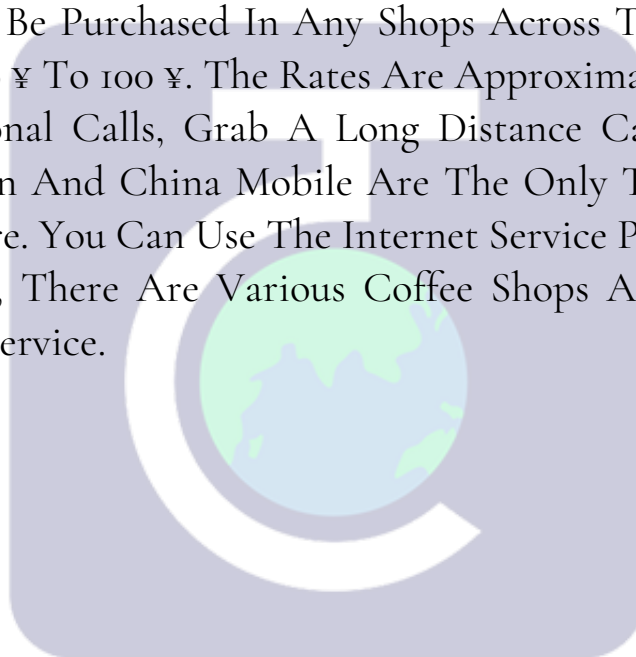
25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

Beijing being the capital of China, the city owns a number of ATMs. However, not each of the ATM accepts foreign cards. Only around 50 per cent of ATMs across the entire of Beijing can read international cards. Bank of China is the main controller of the ATMs here. They work in both English and Chinese. Hence, if you are unaware of the language, you can easily get away with English. As many people in the city rely on ATMs, there are chances most of them run out of cash during the evening hours. At times, you will be asked to contact your bank on your debit or credit card being declined. In such situations, you do not have to worry as the international network of the bank is running through a down time. The commission or the charges of the ATMs are based on the policies set by your home bank. However, it is around \$ 2 - \$ 3.



26. Staying connected

The City Of Beijing Is Comfortable With GSM Network Which Are Offered By AT & T, Cellular One, Cingular And Indigo Phone Companies. As China Uses A Dual Band Frequency, Your Phone Might Require A Dual Band Or A Triple Band With 900 / 1800 Frequency. Moreover, You Should Have The International Calling Option Unlocked On Your Phone. It Will Be Beneficial To Pick A Local SIM Card That Can Be Purchased In Any Shops Across The City. The Typical Rates Are Around 50 ¥ To 100 ¥. The Rates Are Approximately 0.6 ¥ Per Minute Here. For International Calls, Grab A Long Distance Calling Card For Easy Rates. China Unicorn And China Mobile Are The Only Two Companies That Offer SIM Cards Here. You Can Use The Internet Service Provided By Your 3G / 4G Phone. However, There Are Various Coffee Shops And Restaurants That Offer Free Internet Service.



27. Time Zone

Beijing follows China Time Zone with UTC + 08:00 hours.



28. Languages

Pekingese (a Beijing Dialect), Chinese And Mandarin Dialects Are Widely Used In The City Of Beijing.



29. Political Scenario

The Highest Ranking Representative In The Government Of Beijing Is The Mayor. A Municipality Administered Centrally, The City Follows A Dual-party Structure. Thus, The Mayor Is The Secondary To The Secretary Of The Beijing Municipal Committee. Beijing Is One Of The Three Cities That Are Not Ordered By The Surrounding Provinces But The National Government. The Suburban And The Urban Parts Of The City Are Sectioned In 10 Districts. Beijing Municipality's Congress Of People Is One Of The Main Governing Bodies That Take Control Of Administrative Responsibilities, Taxation And Budget.



30. Economic Scenario

Beijing Is Known To Be The Main And The Most Important Industrial Centre Of China Since 1949. The Service Sector That Majorly Includes The Government Agencies Has Been Rapidly Increasing From Several Years Now. The People's Bank Of China Is Headquartered At Beijing Making It The Main Economic City. The City Also Houses Agricultural Bank Of China And Commercial Bank Of China. A Few Other Industries That Have Resulted In The Growth Of The Economy Of The City Are Securities Firms, Credit Cooperatives, Insurance Companies And Investment Companies. Tourism, Retail And Commercial Commerce Are Some Of The Main Sectors Playing A Very Important Role In The Economy Of The City. The Economic Reforms For Free – Market That Was Established In The Year 1990 Helped Beijing's Economy To Grow Substantially.



Index**31. Religious belief**

85% Of The People In Beijing Are Religious Whereas 15% Of The Remaining Population Do Not Serve Or Follow Any Religion And Thus, Are Considered To Be Atheists. Tibetan Bon, Zhuang Moism, Yi Bimoism, Mongolian Folk Religion, Judaism, Islam, Christianity, Bahai'i Faith, Shinto, Zoroastrianism, Hinduism And Manichaeism Are Some Following Religions.



32. Visa requirements

You Do Not Require A Visa To Travel To The City Of Beijing If You Belong To Brunei, Singapore, China Or Japan. Other Nationalities Shall Require A Visa To Tour Through The City. People From The Above Listed Countries Can Travel Across The City For Tourism, Business Or Meeting Family And Friends For 15 Days. You Will Not Have To Sign Up For A Chinese Visa If Your Parents Do Not Hold Green Card Of USA And Are Chinese Citizens.



33. Essential vaccination

It Is Recommended To Be Vaccinated For Hepatitis A, Polio, Hepatitis B, Typhoid And Routine Vaccination.



34. Theft and Safety

Pickpocketing Is One Of The Major Security Loops That You Shall Encounter On Your Tour To Beijing. Pickpockets Are Found Mainly In Crowded Areas Like Buses. Tourists At Places Like Big Malls Or Famous Eating Zones Are Tend To Fall Prey For Bag Picking Where You Keep Your Bags Next To Your Seats. The Street Markets Often Tend To Ask More Money Than The Item's Actual Worth. Hence, You Will End Up Paying Way Higher Than The Actual Price. Never Tend To Follow People Who Ask If You Want To Get To A Girly Bar Or Have A Massage.



35. Embassy/Consulate

As Beijing Is The Capital City Of China, There Are A Number Of Embassies And Consulates Situated Here. Most Of Them Are Located At Guang Hua Lu, San Li Tun Lu, Xindong Road And Xiu Shui Nan Jie. You Can Find More Information At [Http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/china](http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/china).



36. Accessibility

Beijing offers various benefits to the physically disabled people such as avoiding queues or using the cable ways to get to the top of the mountains. There are private transports that can be easily accessed.



37. Emergencies

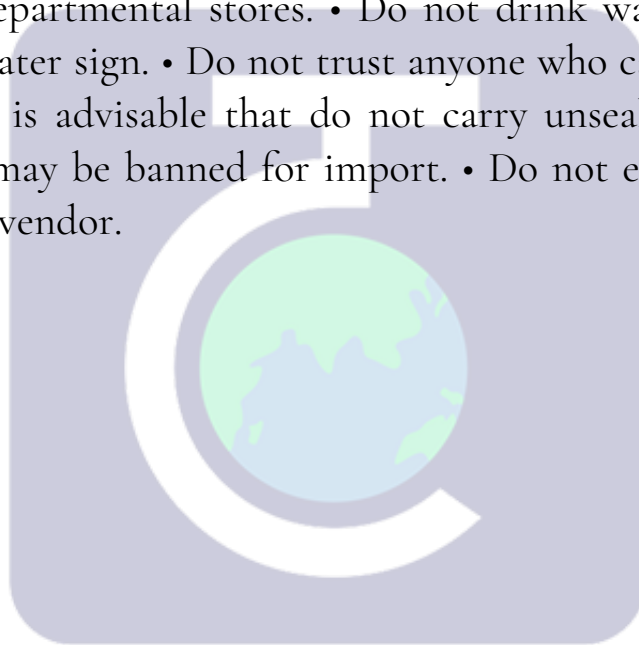
During Emergencies, You Can Call 110 For Police, 119 For Fire And 120 For Ambulance. You Are Provided Top – Notch Medical Services Even If You Are A Tourists. Some Of The Main Hospitals Here That Can Help You With Travel Insurance Are Beijing Hospital and China – Japan Friendship Hospital.



38. Do's and Don'ts

Do's – • Always bargain whenever you are shopping for any items at most markets. • You might have to carry enough tissue papers while using public toilets. • It is recommended to take a legal cab and make him turn on the meter. • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance.

Don'ts – • You do not have bargain at shopping malls or departmental stores. • Do not drink water from taps unless there is a drinking water sign. • Do not trust anyone who calls himself or herself as a tour guide. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. • Do not exchange money from any money exchange vendor.



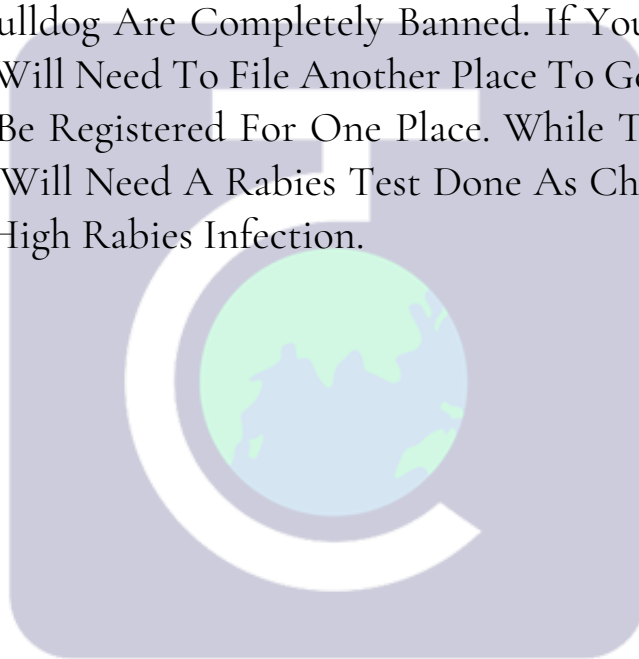
39.Tipping basics

Tipping Is Not Mandatory In Beijing Of China. However, If You Are Impressed With The Services Offered By Porters, Hotels, Bellhops, Tour Guides, Drivers Or Maids And Waiters, You Can Tip As Per Your Level Of Satisfaction. In Large Restaurants, Tipping Is Included In The Bill With 5% To 15% As Service Charges. However, You Can Tip 5 To 30 ¥ To Waiters Or Bellboys Or 15% Of The Total Bill.



40.Pet info

While Taking Your Pet To The City Of Beijing, It Is Mandatory To Have A Document Or A Proof As Health Certificate And Rabies Vaccination. The Pet Might Even Have To Live In Quarantine For Some Time. If You Are Traveling On Work Visa, You Can Have Only One Pet For One Adult. The Larger Breeds That Are More Than 14 Inches In Height Are Not Allowed To The City Centre. Other Breeds Like Bulldog Are Completely Banned. If You Are Carrying More Than One Dog, You Will Need To File Another Place To Get Him Registered As Only One Dog Can Be Registered For One Place. While Taking Your Pet Back From The City, You Will Need A Rabies Test Done As China Is Considered To Be A Country With High Rabies Infection.



Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Beijing Is One Of The Finest Places Across The Entire Country Of China As It Has Been The Capital For Not Less Than 800 Years. It Has A Vibrant Energy With Modernity And Slight Traces Of History Attached To It. You Can See Variety In Lifestyle Among The People Every Day. The Place Beckons With Highlighted Charm And Charisma For The Visitors. As The History Of Beijing Is Carried From 3,000 Years, You Can Find A Range Of Historical Monuments. The Ming Tombs And The Summer Palace Are Few Of The Notable Places That Host Historic Retreats Of Emperors. With So Many Tourist Attractions, The City Is Known To Set A World Record For Magnificent Sights. The Longest Structure Made By Man, The Great Wall And The Forbidden City That Is Known To Preserve The Most Historic Architectural Complex Across The Entire World Is Housed In The City Of Beijing. Although The City Has Seen Tremendous Changes With Advancements In Technology, The History And The Tradition Remains Untouched Here. The Mind-boggling And Lively Shopping Markets Offer You The Best Possible Variety Of Items With Silk, Antiques, Pearls And Much More. Moreover, The Transportation Is Convenient And You Can Enjoy Even The Colourful Nightlife Here.

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