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1. Geographical location

Located on the West Chengdu Plain in Sichuan Basin or Red Basin, Chengdu is at an elevation of 500 m above sea level with an area of 12,300 square kilometers. The Eastern part of the city is bordered by small mountains and the Western side is covered by the foothills of the Tibetan Plateau and the mountains of West Sichuan. The western mountains with its primitive forests provide natural habitat to giant pandas. The Qinling Mountains on the North shelters the region from the cold northwest Siberian winter winds. With a mild and humid subtropical climate, Chengdu has very less sunshine throughout the year. The Funan River runs through the city.



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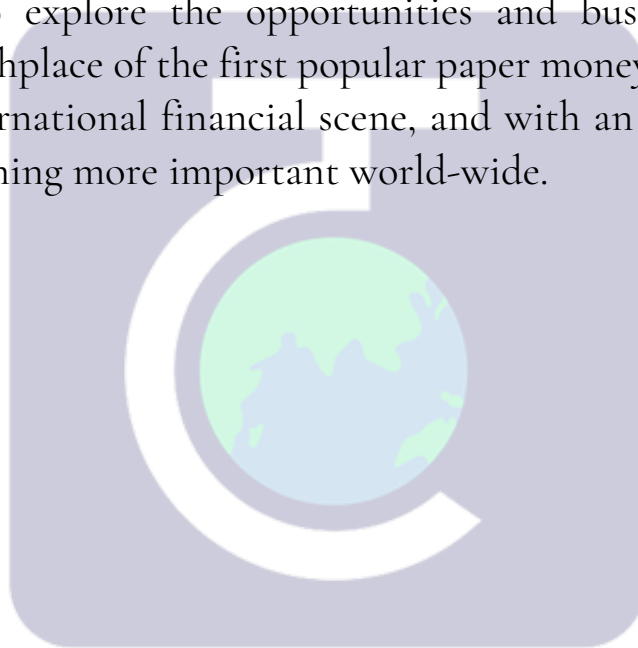
2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Being The Capital Of The Sichuan Province, Chengdu Is Well Connected To Its Nearby Towns And Cities. Leshan Lies In The South And Is 180km Away From Chengdu. Chongqing On The South-east Side Is At A Distance Of 268 Km From Chengdu And Is The Biggest City In China. The Other Major Cities Around Chengdu Are Mianyang, Neijiang, Zigong, Nanchong, Yibin, Luzhou, Guangyuan, And Dazhou. Apart From The Modern Towns And Cities, There Are Several Ancient Cities Around Chengdu That Will Take The Visitors To A Trip Down Memory Lane. The Pingle Ancient Town, Luodai Ancient Town, Liujiang Ancient Town, Lizhuang Ancient Town, Shangli Ancient Town, And Jiezi Ancient Town Are Unique Places With Histories Of Their Own.



3. Significance

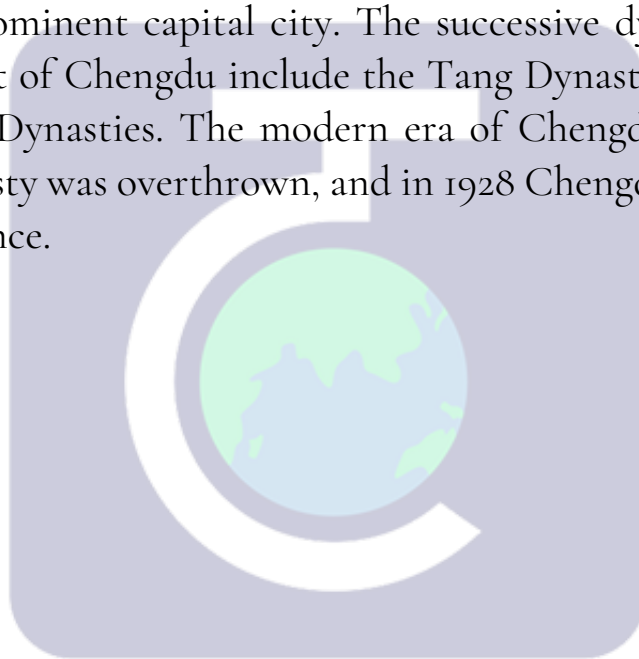
Chengdu is important to China in several ways. It is not just a tourist destination which brings a substantial quantity of income to the country. Since olden days, Chengdu has been a strategic center for its diverse aspects that influenced the progress of the land. Dynasties have fought wars to gain control of this region. The cultural and commercial importance of the city is vouched by the number of investors waiting to explore the opportunities and business possibilities in Chengdu. As the birthplace of the first popular paper money Chengdu has always remained in the international financial scene, and with an expanding industrial base the city is becoming more important world-wide.



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4. History

Humans had settled in Chengdu more than 4000 years ago as evident from the archaeological findings from the area. It was the 9th king of the Shu state who named the city Chengdu in the 4th century BC. The State of Qin came along in 316 BC bringing in the history of Chinese Chengdu. The Han Dynasty followed in 206 BC and ended in 220 AD. The Five Dynasties Period from 907 to 960 AD made Chengdu a prominent capital city. The successive dynasties that saw the glorious development of Chengdu include the Tang Dynasty, Song Dynasty, and the Ming and Qing Dynasties. The modern era of Chengdu began around 1911 when the Qing Dynasty was overthrown, and in 1928 Chengdu became the capital of the Sichuan Province.



5. Cultural identity

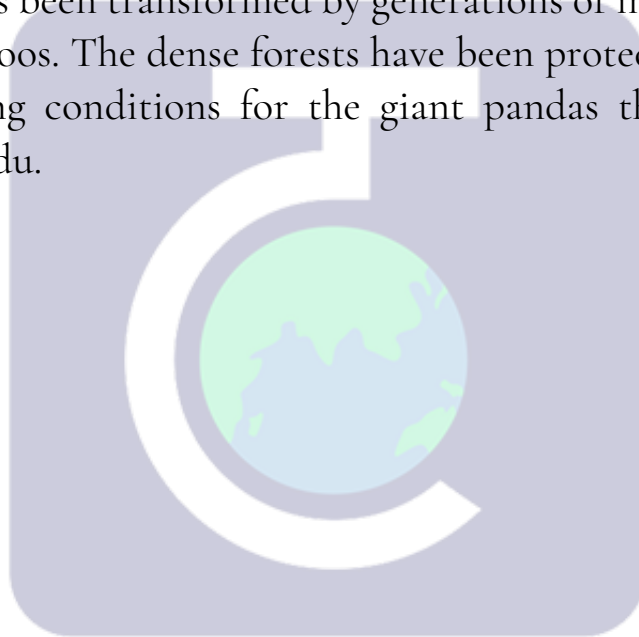
Chengdu's cultural life is a slice of the vast cultural heritage of China. Chengdu has been the cultural centre of the many dynasties that ruled the place. It is more than a historical place. Whether it is literature, fine art, education, theater, language, customs, festivals, and tourism culture, Chengdu has a rich and vibrant panorama in which the past and present of the city go hand in hand. The tea houses proclaim the traditional culture of hospitality and togetherness while the Mahjong games are an old way of entertainment and social interaction. Celebrations like the Lantern festival, Dragon Festival, Snow and Ice Festival etc. are closely woven into the lives of the Chengdu people.



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6. Natural resources

A land with rich natural diversity and plenty of resources, it is no wonder that Chengdu has always been the centre of industrial and financial activities right from the past eras. The mineral rich soil of the plains is extremely fertile. With a favorable climate and productive land, the agriculture industry in Chengdu is at its peak, making the city the base for top-notch agricultural goods. The natural beauty of the land has been transformed by generations of inhabitants into scenic parks, temples, and zoos. The dense forests have been protected and preserved to provide natural living conditions for the giant pandas that remain the chief attractions in Chengdu.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding

Spread over an area of 92 acres Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding houses 20 species of rare animals and around 60 Giant Pandas, some red pandas, and black-necked cranes, making it the biggest facility of its kind in the world where visitors can watch the pandas real close. This place is also a home to the Giant Panda museum, which hosts 3 prime exhibitions in the Giant Panda Hall, Butterfly Hall and Vertebrate Hall.

Address : 1375 Panda Road, Northern Suburb, Chengdu, Sichuan Province, P.R. China

Zipcode : 1375

Location : 30.732971, 104.14581999999996

Contact : +86-2883516748

Website : <http://www.panda.org.cn/english/>

Nearest Public Transport : Chenghua – Bus Station

Entry Fee : 58 CNY

Open & Close Timing : Daily 07:30hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. Chengdu Dufu Caotang Museum

This thatched cottage was the home of the Tang Dynasty poet, Du Fu who resided here more than a thousand years ago. The traditional gardens complete with streams, bridges, pavilions, trees and bamboos, and classic buildings take the visitors to a world beyond imagination. Covering a total area of 59 acres, this thatched cottage consist of the Fan'an Temple and the Plum Garden.

Address : 28 Caotang Road, Qingyang, Chengdu, Sichuan, China

Zipcode : 610000

Location : 30.6596214, 104.02666850000003

Contact : +86-2887319258

Website : <http://www.cddfct.com/main.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Qingyang Gongshangquan – Bus Station

Entry Fee : 60 CNY

Open & Close Timing : Daily 07:30hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. Sanyi Temple

A memorial to the eminent Chinese statesman Zhuge Liang from the Three Kingdom Period, the temple's most valuable relic is the 144-inch high Triple-success stele, know as the Triple-Success Stele. Covering an area of 37,000 square meters, the temple contains many halls, sculptures, a garden, and a mausoleum.

Address : 231 Wuhouci Street, Wuhou, Chengdu, Sichuan, China

Location : 30.646564, 104.04962599999999

Contact : +86-2885552397

Nearest Public Transport : Wenjiang – Bus Station

Entry Fee : 60 CNY

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

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. Jinsha Site Museum

Jinsha Site Museum displays archaeological findings from the site including tools and art pieces. It has a great ivory, gold, and jade collection unearthed from the site. Apart from halls and a heritage protection center, it is also comprises of an ecological garden.

Address : No.2 Jinsha Site Road, Chengxi, Chengdu 610091, China

Zipcode : 610091

Location : 30.6804651, 104.01460939999993

Contact : +86-2887303522

Website : <http://www.jinshasitemuseum.com/en/enabout.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Funan New Area Meishi Street – Bus Station

Entry Fee : 80 CNY

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

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. Dujiangyan Irrigation System

This is the oldest no-dam irrigation system in the world with a watershed, spillway, and a water control system that check the water flow from the mountains to the plains. Located on the Minjiang River, the irrigation site has 2 temples and a suspension bridge across the river. Anlan Suspension Bridge is a spectacular structure built over the Minjiang River and gives an amazing view of the river.

Address : West of Dujiangyan City, China

Location : 31.0051649, 103.60753079999995

Contact : +28-87220412

Website : <http://www.djy517.com/index.do>

Nearest Public Transport : Dujiangyan – Bus Station

Entry Fee : Entrance ticket: CNY 90 Sight-seeing bus: CNY 15 (round-trip) and CNY 10 (single trip)


Open & Close Timing : March 2 – November 30 -Daily 08:00hrs-18:00hrs
December 1 to Next March – Daily 08:00hrs-17:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.6. Baoguang Temple of Chengdu

Established during the Tang Dynasty the Baoguang Temple has 400 huge pillars, 5 halls, and 16 courtyards. The halls have hundreds of unique sculptures, Buddhist relics, paintings by renowned artists. The 30-meter tall pagoda of the temple has 13 floors and houses Buddha images inlaid in gold on the 4 sides of each floor, whereas the head of the pagoda is gold plated.

Address : China, Sichuan, Chengdu, Xindu, 

Location : 34.071348, 117.341725

Nearest Public Transport : Xindu – Bus Station

Entry Fee : 5 CNY

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-19:30hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.7. Chengdu Zoo

Home to more than 3,000 animals, this beautiful zoo stretches over 43 acres of land and provides a shelter to animals such as monkeys, tigers, leopards, pandas and lions. The zoo has different houses for different animals, depending upon their natural habitat. This place also features an exhibition hall and digital cinema.

Address : NO. 234 Zhaojue Temple South Street, Chengdu 610081, China

Zipcode : 610081

Location : 30.7090101, 104.10666679999997

Contact : 028-83516953

Nearest Public Transport : Chenghua Bus Station

Entry Fee : 20 CNY

Open & Close Timing : April to November – 08:00hrs-17:00hrs December to March – 08:30hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 4

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.8. Sichuan Opera Museum

This is a museum as well as a research center for contemporary Chinese paintings, sculpture, and video. The huge research complex is a repository of art forms for those who are interested in modern Chinese art. The Sichuan Opera Museum also hosts many cultural shows and events, which include puppet shows and dance performance.

Address : 54 Huaxing Main St, Jinjiang, Chengdu, Sichuan, China, 610016

Zipcode : 610016

Location : 30.6595893, 104.0799978

Nearest Public Transport : Jinjiang – Bus Station

Entry Fee : 4 types of seats - Bing – 140 CNY Yi – 180 CNY Jia – 240 CNY VIP –

320 CNY

Open & Close Timing : Daily 20:00hrs-21:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.9. Sanxingdui Museum

This is an archaeological museum housing relics unearthed from the Three-Star Piles site near Jian River. The museum gives you a glimpse of the Chinese Shu culture through the relics that are stored in 4 themed sections namely, Splendor of Ancient Shu Culture, Mystery of the Primitive Faith, Exquisite Cultural Artefacts and Three-Star Piles Excavation and Study.

Address : Guanghan, Chengdu, China

Location : 31.001388, 104.22283800000002

Nearest Public Transport : Temple of Marquis Bus Station

Entry Fee : CNY 80 (ordinary entrance ticket) CNY 82 (postcard style entrance ticket)

Open & Close Timing : Ticket Hours: Daily 8:30hrs-17:00hrs Exhibition Hours: Daily 8:30hrs-18:00hrs Bronze Exhibition Hall: Daily 8:30hrs-18:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.10. Jianchuan Museum Cluster

The biggest cluster of museums in China, it comprises of 15 museums with more than 8 million cultural and historical artefacts. Most of the artefacts are from the private collection of the founder of these museums, Dr. Jianchuan Fan.

Address : Anren Town, Dayi County 611331, China

Zipcode : 611331

Location : 30.5019627, 103.62220990000003

Contact : 028-88319000

Website : <http://www.jc-museum.cn/>

Nearest Public Transport : Daxin Road Bus Station

Entry Fee : 1 person – CNY 1435 2 people – CNY 794 3-4 people – CNY 680 5+ people – CNY 500

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:30hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.11. Chengdu Yongling Museum

It is known as Tomb of Emperor Wang Jian. The murals of musicians carved into stones depict the court musical culture of the Tang Dynasty period. There is also a tea park surrounding the museum, which has a tranquil and calm atmosphere making it an ideal place to get a glimpse of the Chinese culture while taking a relaxing walk.

Address : 10 Yongling Rd, Jinniu, Chengdu, Sichuan, China, 610031

Zipcode : 610031

Location : 30.674375, 104.04717499999992

Contact : +86 28 8776 0688

Nearest Public Transport : Jinniu Bus Station

Entry Fee : 20 CNY

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

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Wenshuyuan

This is one of the Buddhist temples in Chengdu which is well-preserved and frequently visited by the locals. Hundreds of Buddha statues made of various materials and other precious relics are on display here. The temple also has gardens, halls, and a Tea House where traditional folk music is played attracting a many tourists to this place.

Address : 66 Wenshuyuan Street, Qingyang, Chengdu, Sichuan, China

Location : 30.67491450000001, 104.07208949999995

Contact : +86-2886935293

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

Nearest Public Transport : Caoshi Street – Bus Station

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

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Jinli Pedestrian Street

This ancient street is lined with hotels, bars, nightclubs, and restaurants and is renowned for a great nightlife. Antique hotels and old-fashioned stores are also present here. You will also find distinctive local snacks in many shops and eateries.

Address : No.231 Wuhouci Street, Wuhou District, Chengdu 610041, China

Zipcode : 610041

Location : 34.341772, 118.10895729999999

Contact : +28-85511800

Nearest Public Transport : Jingyang – Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Kuan Alley and Zhai Alley

Kuanzhai Xiangzi or the Wide and Narrow Alley is a cultural and historical reserve with 3 parallel lanes lined with trees and 45 courtyards. Showing native

life and folk culture of Chengdu, the alleys have many entertainment and cultural facilities along with spaces for an eccentric nightlife.

Address : East of Tongren Road, west of Changshun Street, Qingyang District, Chengdu 610015, China

Zipcode : 610015

Location : 30.663594, 104.052592

Nearest Public Transport : Qingyang – Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Luodai Ancient Town

This is the largest town of Chinese in the world, with thousands of Hakka people residing here. The attractions include Four Guild Halls, Hakka Museum, Hakka Park, Fire-Dragon and Water-Dragon festivals, and of course, the famous Hakka noodles in its authentic style.

Address : Luodai Town, Longquanyi District, Chengdu, China

Location : 30.640495, 104.32897600000001

Contact : +86 28 8489 3693

Website : <http://www.luodai.gov.cn/>

Nearest Public Transport : Longquanyi – Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Sichuan Museum

Sichuan museum displays an extensive collection of historical and cultural remains of pottery, ceramics and folk art. The museum is the largest museum in the southwestern part of the country. It also conducts cultural exchanges and academic research programs.

Address : 251 Huanhua S Rd, Qingyang, Chengdu, Sichuan, China

Zipcode : 251

Location : 30.660514, 104.03390030000003

Contact : +86 28 6552 1888

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

Nearest Public Transport : Qingyang Gongshangquan – Bus Station

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

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Sichuan Science and Technology Museum

Sichuan Science and Technology Center is an interactive science museum for space, robotics, aerodynamics, and physics. The first 4 floors of the museum display ancient and modern projects and local landforms in science and technology. The fifth floor is for seminars and academic activities.

Address : 16 Renmin Zhong Lu, Section 1, Chengdu 610015, China

Zipcode : 610015

Location : 30.65975, 104.06451749999997

Contact : 028-86609999

Nearest Public Transport : Luomashi – Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday – 09:30hrs-16:30hrs; Monday Closed

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. New Century Global Center

This is the largest building in the world in terms of floor area. The New Century Global Center features a mall, skating rink, movie house, Paradise Island Water Park, and five-star hotels. Visitor, especially adventure buffs must try the walk on the glass bridge on the 5th floor which is quite thrilling and gives a unique experience.

Address : No.1700 Tian Fu Bei Da Dao, Chengdu, China

Zipcode : 610041

Location : 30.5717058, 104.06923540000003

Contact : 028-62732888

Nearest Public Transport : Wuhou Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Anshun Bridge

Crossing the Jin River, this veranda bridge houses a spacious restaurant popular among the locals and tourists. The views are breathtaking at night when the entire bridge is illuminated and its reflection is seen in the water.

Address : Chengdu, China

Zipcode : 610061

Location : 30.6420675, 104.0860563

Nearest Public Transport : Hejiang Pavilion Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Chunxi Road

A prominent shopping street at the heart of the city, this pedestrian street has many brand outlets, fashion stores, cinemas, and food joints that sell snacks and other dishes from all over world.

Address : Chunxi Road, Chengdu, China

Zipcode : 610042

Location : 30.6569284, 104.07794869999998

Nearest Public Transport : Yanshikou Shangquan Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Songxianqiao Curio Art City

Zipcode : 0

Location : 30.6626602, 104.03669719999994

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Raffles City Chengdu

Location : 30.63083, 104.067634

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



8. Key sites sports & adventure

The characteristics of the land do not provide much scope for adventure sports in Chengdu. However, there are some small mountains that have hiking and nature walk facilities. One of the best ways to experience the wilder side of Chengdu is by visiting the Chengdu Extreme Sports Park that has artificial ski-slopes, downhill bike course, indoor skate park, and a football park.

- **Mountain climbing -**

Address : Chengdu A Borough, Office Tower B, Suite 203 203 Chengdu, China

Location : 30.638646,104.040588999999

Contact No : +86 180 1150 6136

Website : <http://www.adventure-access.com/site/>

Nearest Public Transport : Dujiangyan – Bus Station

Entry Fees : 700-900 CNY

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 24

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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Tennis is played widely in Chengdu with more than 700 tennis courts built all over the city. The city hosts Chengdu Open, an ATP Championship tour in which international players participate. Football is also a favourite sport in Chengdu with its own team Chengdu Blades Football Club.

- **Chengdu Sports Center ?Southwest Gate?:**

Address : 11 Renmin Middle Rd 1st Section, Qingyang, Chengdu, Sichuan, China, 610015

Location : 30.663356,104.067317

Contact No : +86 28 8661 9300

- **Chengdu Longquanyi Football Stadium:**

Address : Tong'an Rd, Longquanyi, Chengdu, Sichuan, China

Location : 30.6077792,104.30908909999994

Contact No : +86 159 0284 6119

10. Spas and relaxation

- **Crowne Plaza Chengdu City Center:**

Address : China, Sichuan, Chengdu, Jinjiang, 31

Location : 30.65945,104.07770299999993

Contact No : +86 28 8678 6666

Website:https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/cn/zh/chengdu/ctuch/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps_-cp_-CNEN_-ctuch

- **Sofitel Wanda Chengdu Hotel:**

Address : China, Sichuan, Chengdu, Jinjiang, 15 : 610016

Location : 30.647353,104.06870400000003

Contact No : +86 28 6666 9999

Website : <http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-3717-softel-chengdu-taihe/index.shtml>

- **Heirjun Spa:**

Address : YOUNGOR [REDACTED]Nijiaqiao Road[REDACTED], 8, Wuhou Qu, Chengdu Shi,
Sichuan Sheng, China, 610000

Location : 30.6244089,104.06406390000006

11. Events calendar

Month

Events

**Gabarron: Soul of Paper @
Chengdu Museum of
Contemporary Art (15th)**

**View the contemporary artwork
of Cristobal Gabarron which
entails 6 sculptures, 60 paintings
and 2 artistic installations.**

**Lantern Festival @ Culture Park
and Qingyanggong Park (6th –
22nd)**


**The event features lanterns
ranging from neon and gold-
coated to the traditional red silk,
folk dancing and Chinese dishes
(yuanxiao and gongbaojiding).
48th Chengdu Panda Lanterns
Show @ Yoho Farm, Sansheng
Village (2nd Feb – 20th March)**

**The festival showcases ancient
Chinese folk customs, 7 themed
sects featuring Panda, foreign
cultures, tulips and lanterns,
festive lamps and lots of Chinese
foods/beverages.**

**The Releasing Water Festival on
Tomb Sweeping Day @
Dujiangyan (4th)**

The event entails tours to the World's oldest irrigation schemes to commemorate the scheme's founders and prayers for a splendid harvest in the forthcoming year.

Xinjin Dragon Boat Race @ Xinjin in Chengdu (9th)



The wide Xinjin river provides a good avenue for the event and you can enjoy traditional but delicious Glutinous Rice during the festival

2016 Chengdu International Sister Cities Youth Music Festival @ Baoshan Village, Eastern Suburb Memory and other place (27th July – 2nd August)

Close to 500 local and foreign musicians as well as 40 China art teams will grace the event.

6th China Children's Theatre Festival @ She Says

International Theatre and Chengdu Women & Children Center Theater (16th July- 21st August)

The festival showcases 18 performances of 6 dramas that include The Wizard of Oz, The

**Little Match-Girl among others.
12th China Chengdu
International Food & Tourist
Festival @ International
Intangible Cultural Heritage Park
(28th)**

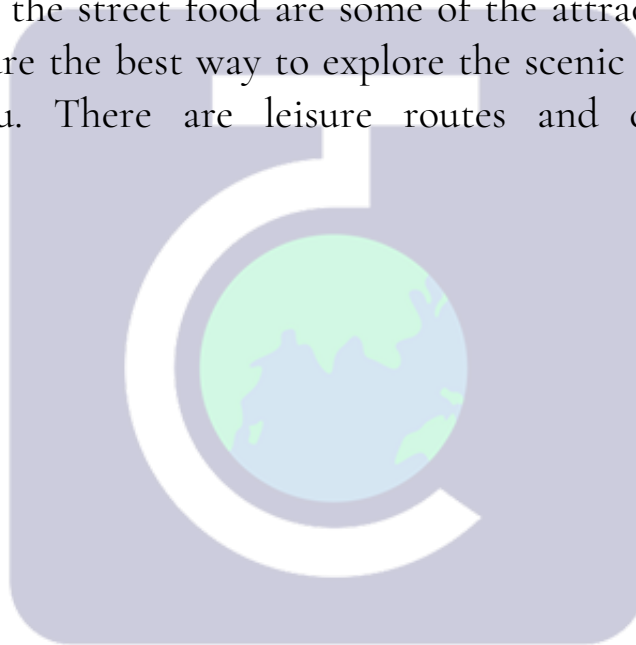
**Enjoy the French culture week,
cultural shows, recreational
sports contents and much more.
Stylish Life China @ Chengdu
New International Convention &
Exposition Center (5th- 9th)**

**This is a premier event venturing
into the lifestyle and fashion of
China.**



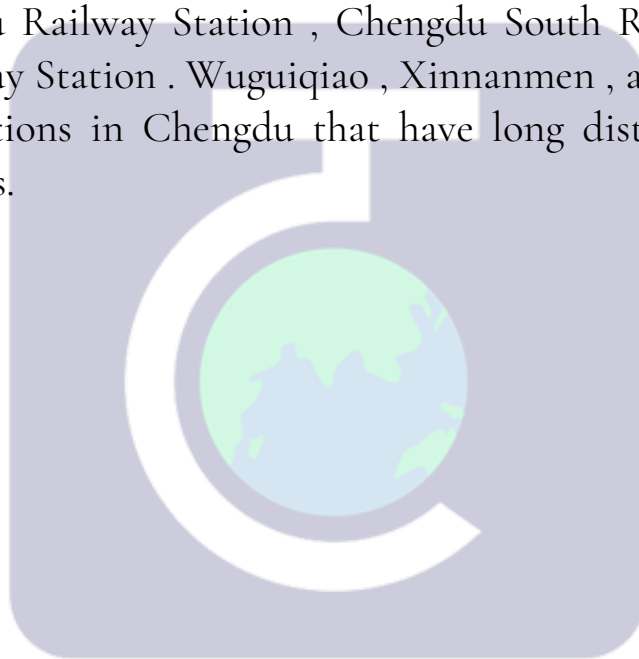
12. Key local guides and tours

There are many things to do in Chengdu like visiting the giant panda base, watching the Sichuan Opera, sightseeing in historical places, etc. Many tour companies offer different kinds of packages to suit your taste and budget. Walking tours are also quite popular among the visitors. Walking through historical areas, visit to the People's Park, refreshment at the traditional tea houses, and enjoying the street food are some of the attractions of such guided tours. Bicycle tours are the best way to explore the scenic beauty of the remote regions of Chengdu. There are leisure routes and challenging trips to mountainous areas.



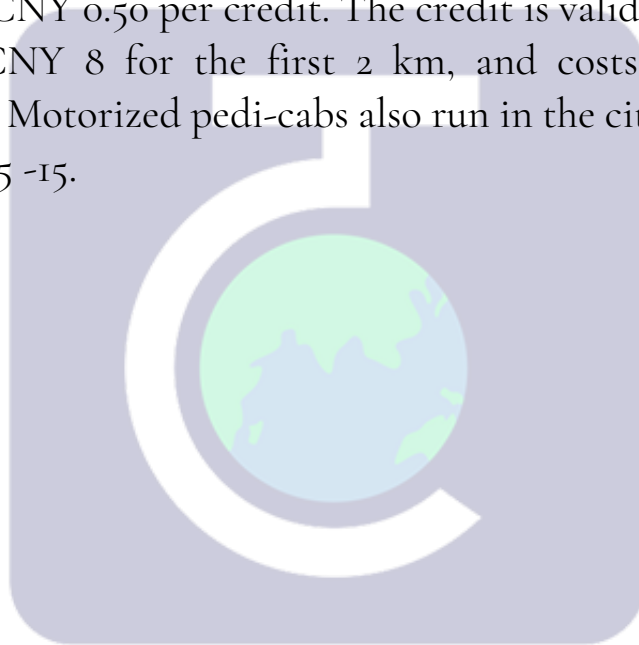
13. Transportation hubs

The Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport is 20km away from the city centre and is the 4th largest Chinese airport in terms of passenger volume. The downtown area can be accessed in about 20 minutes by airport buses or taxi services. The bus fare is CNY 10 to Chengdu city centre. A taxi ride to downtown Chengdu will cost around CNY 50. Three main passenger railways stations serve Chengdu – Chengdu Railway Station , Chengdu South Railway Station , and Chengdu East Railway Station . Wuguiqiao , Xinnanmen , and Chadianzi are the three major bus stations in Chengdu that have long distance bus services to different destinations.



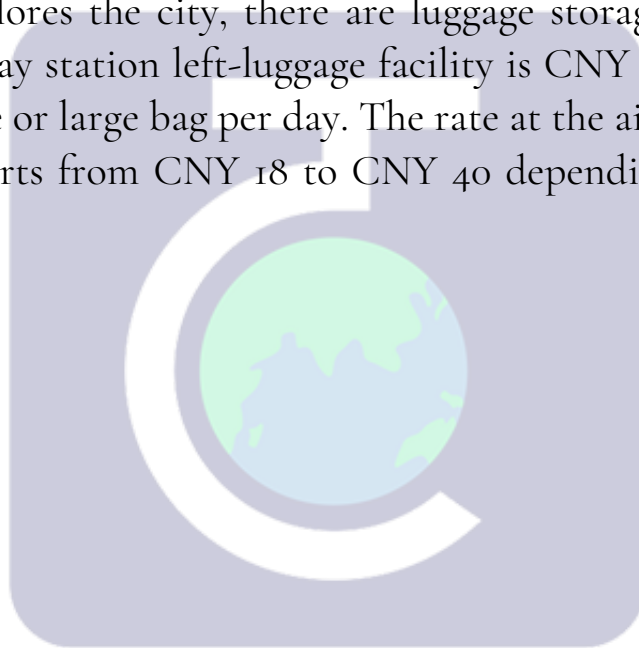
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Public bus service is the most common mode of transport in Chengdu. Regular public buses charge CNY 1 while the air-conditioned buses cost CNY 2. You can have monthly passes at CNY 100. There are transit cards for those who plan an extended stay in the city. The cost of the card is CNY 20 and can be loaded with cash or credit. There is a 10% discount on bus fare if the card's cash is used. Credits cost around CNY 0.50 per credit. The credit is valid for a month. Official taxi rates start at CNY 8 for the first 2 km, and costs CNY 2.00 for each additional kilometer. Motorized pedi-cabs also run in the city and the charges are in the range of CNY 5 -15.



15. Baggage allowance

Airport transfers usually do not charge any extra fare for luggage. Buses have luggage area that can accommodate a large amount of luggage pieces. Pedicabs do not allow luggage. In trains, there is a limit to the size and amount of luggage one can carry. If the luggage exceeds this limit, it has to be sent by consignment service. If the traveler wishes to leave the luggage at the airport or at the railway station while he explores the city, there are luggage storage facilities available. The rate at the railway station left-luggage facility is CNY 5 for a small bag and CNY 10 for a suitcase or large bag per day. The rate at the airport for keeping the luggage for a day starts from CNY 18 to CNY 40 depending on the size of the bag.



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16. Restaurant & Nightlife

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- **Laomatou:**

Address : China, Sichuan, Chengdu, Wuhou, 27 : 610041

Location : 30.6265349,104.05831

Contact No : +86 28 8555 5705

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

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs-04:30hrs

- **Zhuan Zhuan Mo:**

Address : MeiLingShiGuan MeiShi Qu, Wuhou Qu, Chengdu Shi, Sichuan Sheng, China - 610041

Location : 30.6281402,104.07177590000003

- **Jingchengyuan:**

Address : Kaijiang Rd, Jingyang Qu, Deyang Shi, Sichuan Sheng, China, 618000

Location : 31.1293612,104.41481320000003

- **Jinyue By Christophe Dufosse French restaurant:**

Address : 80 Renmin Nan Lu 2nd Section, Jinjiang Hotel VIP Building 5F, Chengdu

Location : 30.648212,104.06528500000002

Contact No : (028) 85506388, 85506142

Website : <http://www.jjhotel.com/CN/Default.aspx>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-14:00hrs; 17:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Peter's Tex-Mex Grill:**

Address : 117 Kehua N Rd, Wuhou, Chengdu, Sichuan, China

Location : 30.627616,104.07679400000006

Contact No : +86 28 8522 7965

Open / Close Time : Daily 21:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Shamrock Irish Bar and Restaurant:**

Address : 15 Renmin South Rd 4th Section, MeiLingShiGuan MeiShi Qu, Wuhou Qu, Chengdu Shi, Sichuan Sheng, China, 610000

Location : 30.6265212,104.06712040000002

Contact No : +86 28 8523 6158

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

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs to 02:00hrs

- **Tianduxing Indian Restaurant:**

Address : 34 Renmin South Rd 4th Section, Wuhou Qu, Chengdu Shi, Sichuan Sheng, China, 610041

Location : 30.6230013,104.06626699999993

Contact No : +86 28 8555 1958

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:30hrs-14:00hrs; 17:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **The Beer Nest:**

Address : 34 Jinxiu Rd, Chengdu, Sichuan, China

Location : 30.625402,104.07421399999998

Contact No : 13730871837

Website : <http://thebeernest.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 14:00hrs-late

- **Jellyfish Bar:**

Address : 143 Kehua N Rd, Wuhou, Chengdu, Sichuan, China

Location : 30.6233162,104.07756700000004

Contact No : 8613540411327

Open / Close Time : Daily 21:00hrs-05:00hrs

- **Here We Go:**

Address : Floor 21, Poly Center, Jinxiu lu, Section 3, Building A

Location : 30.624761999999999,104.06938200000002

Contact No : +86 182 0052 5508

Open / Close Time : Daily 22:30hrs-05:30hrs

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17. Average meal cost

A normal meal at an inexpensive restaurant costs CNY 15.00 whereas three course meal for two people at a mid-range restaurant can be purchased at CNY 120. A combo meal at McDonald's is available at CNY 25.00 while in fast food restaurant a big Mac meal costs CNY 6.00. A fresh cappuccino is available at CNY 26.67. 11.2 oz small bottle of water costs CNY 1.94 whereas 1 pint draught of domestic beer costs CNY 6.00 and that of 11.2 oz small bottle of imported beer is available at CNY 12.00.



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18. Shopping

Shopping in Chengdu is an adventure in itself. From clothes to electronic goods, from accessories to exquisite art, Chengdu offers a wide range of shopping experience in its numerous shopping malls, streets, and markets that are spread across the city. Chunxi Road is the most visited shopping street in Chengdu renowned for its numerous lanes, international and domestic brands, cinemas, cafes, and restaurants, and global food chain outlets. Wuhou Temple Side Street is famous for Tibetan specialty products like jewelry, food, books, ceremonial statues, etc. Songxianqiao Art City is an antique art market where you can find art galleries and museums. Wide and Narrow Alley and WenShuFang Folk and Culture Street are few other interesting shopping streets. Chengdu also has several upscale malls like the New Century Global Center , Raffles City , etc.



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International tourists can avail the VAT return scheme for goods purchased locally in Chengdu. The tax return forms are available at participating stores and have to be submitted at the airport to claim the refund. The tourists should not stay on the Chinese mainland for more than 183 days and the purchase from one store should be a minimum of CNY 500. There are 33 tax free stores in Chengdu. The refund rate is 9% of the purchase amount. There are some local and wholesale markets in Chengdu where you can bargain for the best price. There is everything from clothing, textile, shoes, electronic goods, toys, sports goods, accessories, etc. that can be bought from such markets for a really good price.



20. Essential local apps

Chengdu is a very large city with lots of places to visit and things to do. It is always better to have local apps for easy guidance around the city. Basbus is a public transport app that guides the traveler through bus routes and the metro system with stops, bus schedules, etc. The app is in Chinese.



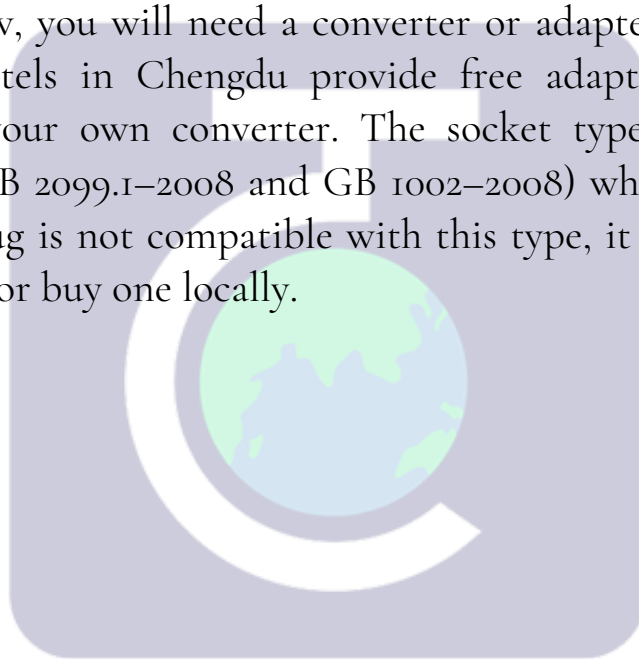
21. Driving

National Driving Licenses of foreign countries and International Driving Permit are not recognized in China. However, tourists can apply for temporary driving licenses to drive around in Chengdu in rented cars or other vehicles. The applicants must be between the ages 18 and 70 and should not be colour-blind. They must hold a tourist or business visa which is valid for stays up to 90 days. The application is submitted at the Vehicle Registration Bureau and there will be a health check that includes an eye test. The temporary driver's license is valid up to a period of three months.



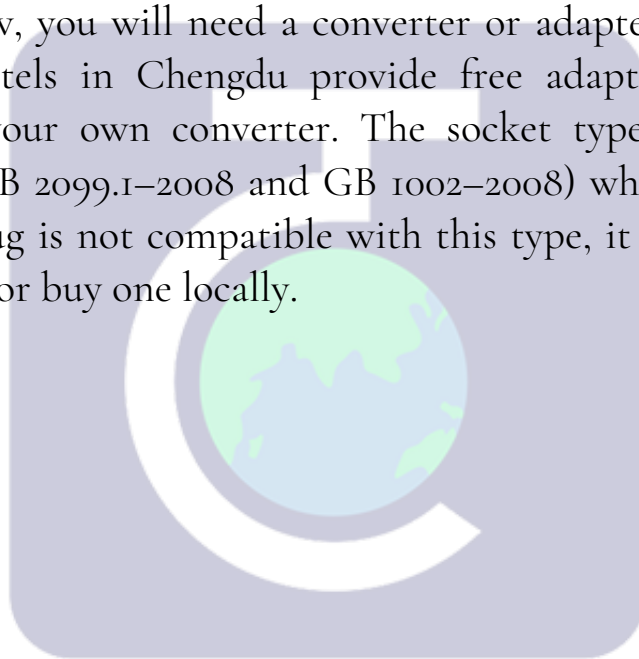
22. Travel essentials

When touring Chengdu, remember to carry your electronic devices such as cameras, laptops, phones, ipads, ipods among others as you may need them during your stay. Do not forget to carry the gadgets' earpieces and chargers as buying them locally may translate to unnecessary expenses. Chengdu has a standard voltage of 220v and a frequency of 50Hz. If your home jurisdiction uses another standard i.e. 110-120 v, you will need a converter or adapter for your electronic appliances. Most hotels in Chengdu provide free adapters but it is always convenient having your own converter. The socket type in Chengdu is the Chinese standard (GB 2099.1-2008 and GB 1002-2008) which resembles that of Australia. If your plug is not compatible with this type, it is recommended you bring a plug adapter or buy one locally.



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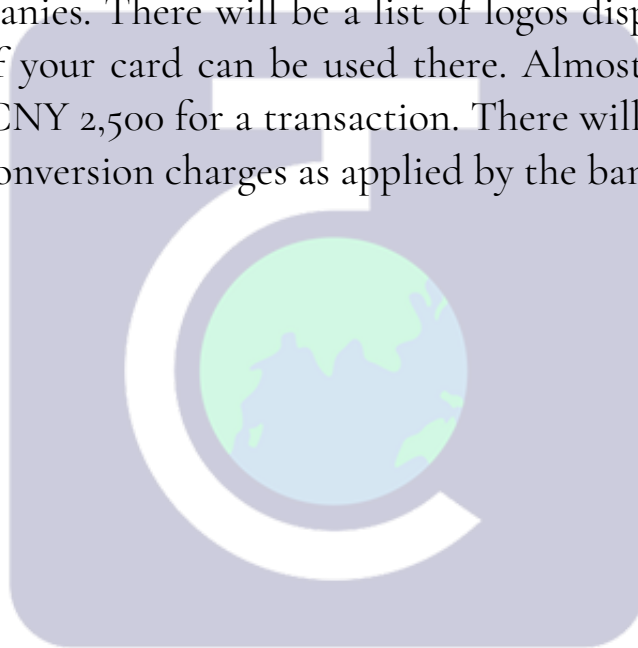
24. Local currency

The local currency of Chengdu is Renminbi or Chinese Yuan. It is denoted as CNY or ¥. 1 USD = 6.66 Chinese Yuan.



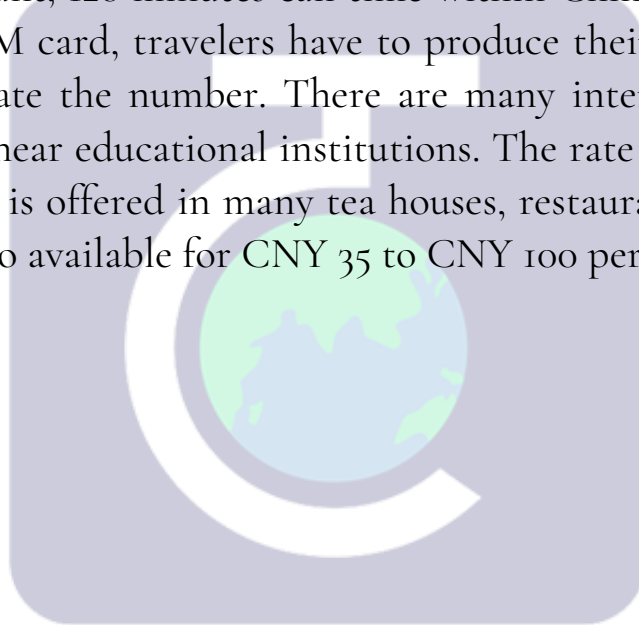
25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

Currency exchange service can be found at the airport and at many of the top-end hotels in Chengdu. The banking service outlets at the airport usually charge a 2.5% commission for the exchange. All branches of Bank of China and other major banks also provide this service. For better rate and genuine currency, always go to the banks or authorized exchange agencies. Most of the ATMs in Chengdu accept cards of global companies. There will be a list of logos displayed at the front of the ATM to verify if your card can be used there. Almost all banks have set a withdrawal limit of CNY 2,500 for a transaction. There will also be a transaction fee of about 1% and conversion charges as applied by the bank.



26. Staying connected

Prepaid SIM cards of major telecom providers are available at the Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport and in stores all around Chengdu. The main service providers include China Unicom, China Telecom, and China Mobile. 2G and 3G services are offered by all the companies along with data plans for internet use. A 3G phone card may cost about CNY 150 that includes a balance of CNY 50 on the account, 120 minutes call time within China, and 60MB of data. In order to buy a SIM card, travelers have to produce their passport to register the phone and activate the number. There are many internet cafes all around Chengdu, especially near educational institutions. The rate is CNY 1.5 to CNY 2 per hour. Free Wi-Fi is offered in many tea houses, restaurants, and hotels. Paid Wi-Fi services are also available for CNY 35 to CNY 100 per day.



27. Time Zone

Chengdu follows China Standard Time with UTC + 08:00 hour.



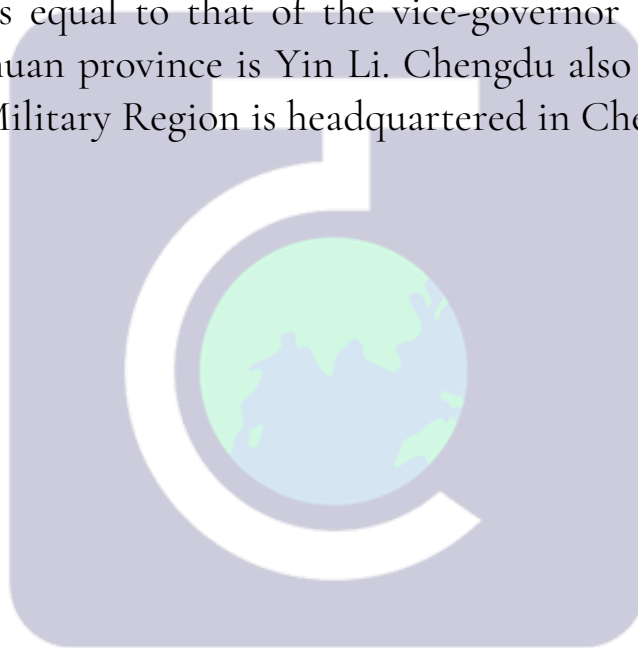
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Sichuanese is one of the widely used languages in the city of Chengdu. It is followed with the official language Mandarin.



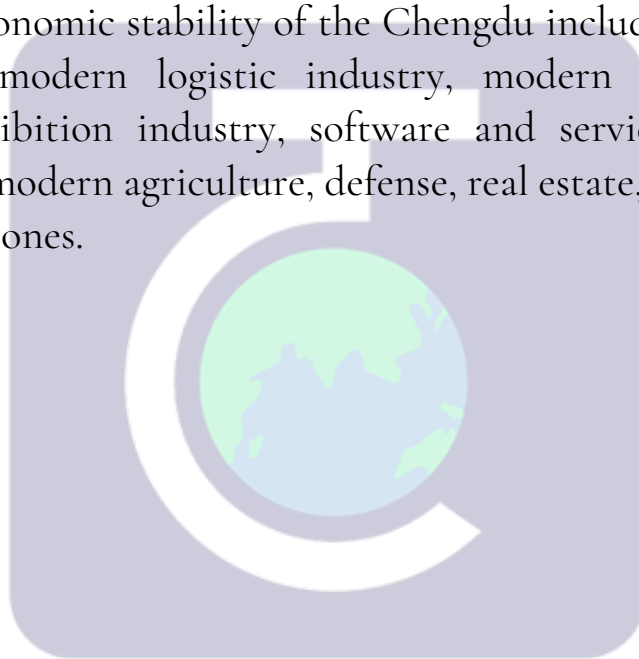
29. Political Scenario

Chengdu is a sub-provincial administrative city with 9 districts, 4 county municipalities, and 6 counties. It is the provincial capital of the Sichuan province. The sub-provincial division usually has a main city area as its centre surrounded by a larger rural area with smaller cities, towns, and villages. The mayor of the city is Tang Liangzhi who is also the Communist Party Secretary of Chengdu. The mayor's status is equal to that of the vice-governor of the province. The Governor of the Sichuan province is Yin Li. Chengdu also has a strong military base. The Chengdu Military Region is headquartered in Chengdu.



30. Economic Scenario

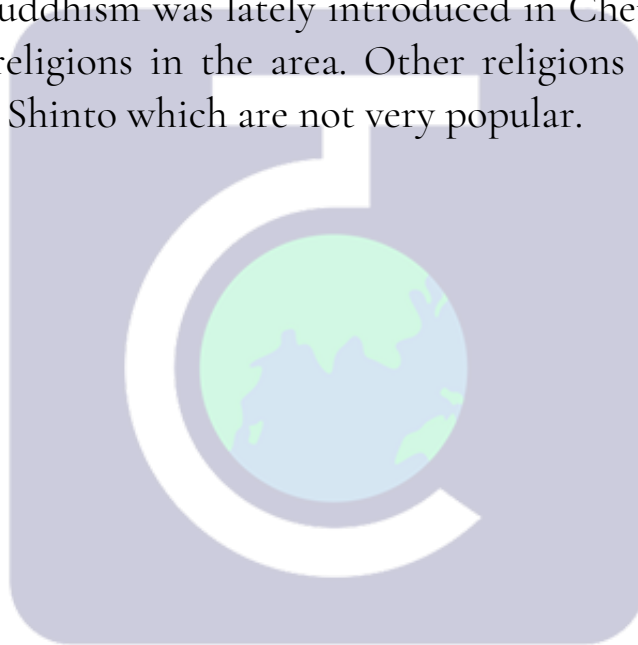
Chengdu is the commercial, financial, economic, cultural, communication, and transportation centre of Western China. Manufacturing and agriculture also play an important role in Chengdu's economic scenario. The city is also the most sought after place by international investors. A large number of multinational companies have subsidiaries or branch offices here. The industries that play a crucial role in the economic stability of the Chengdu include electronics and IT, financial industry, modern logistic industry, modern business and trade, convention and exhibition industry, software and service outsourcing, new energy, automobile, modern agriculture, defense, real estate, and investment. The city has 4 industrial zones.



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31. Religious belief

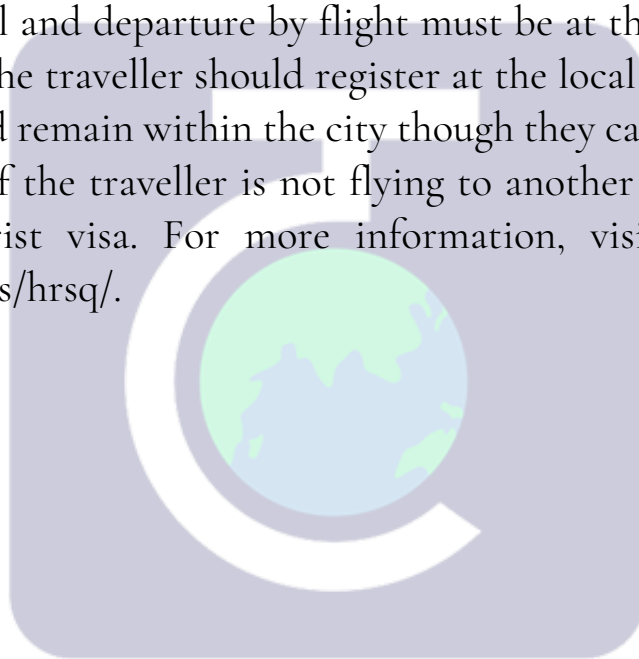
Just like the rest of China, religion in Chengdu has been part of the people's culture and traditions. Since the ancient times Taoism and Confucianism have always played a role in shaping the culture of Chengdu. Therefore the main religion in Chengdu is collectively categorized as Chinese Traditional Religion which includes the Chinese Folk religion, Taoism, Confucianism and Ritual mastery Tradition. Buddhism was lately introduced in Chengdu but has become one of the popular religions in the area. Other religions include Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Shinto which are not very popular.



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32. Visa requirements

Chengdu is included in the 72-Hour Visa Free Transit policy that allows passengers from 51 countries to stay in the city up to 72 hours without a visa. There are some requirements to be met in order to avail this visa-free stay. Apart from coming from one of the participating countries, the traveller must have a confirmed ticket for onward travel to a third country and a visa valid for that country. Their arrival and departure by flight must be at the same airport. After arriving in the city, the traveller should register at the local police station within 24 hours. They should remain within the city though they can explore the area for the 72 hour period. If the traveller is not flying to another country, they should have a regular tourist visa. For more information, visit <http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/visas/hrsq/>.



33. Essential vaccination

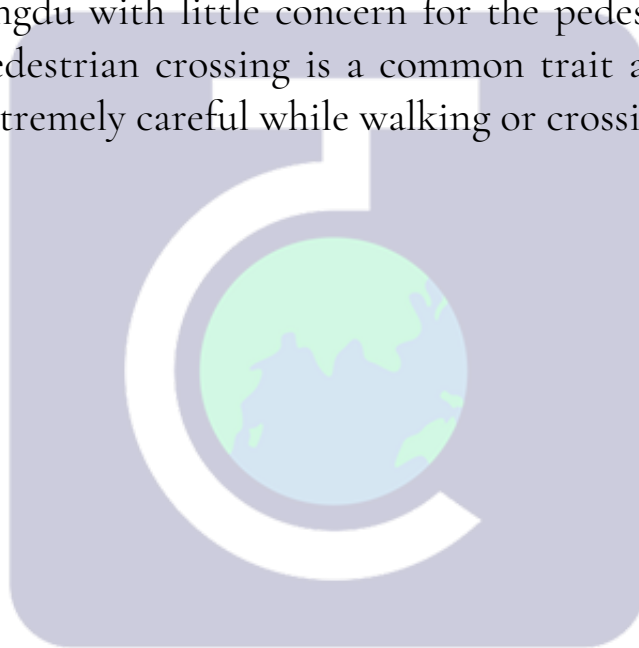
Chengdu is quiet safe as there hasn't been any recent report of flu/disease outbreaks. However it's always wise to take precautions when travelling and you may require getting the general vaccinations i.e. those against rabies, hepatitis A & B, typhoid and Malaria.



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34. Theft and Safety

Being a very busy city with thousands of visitors coming every day, thieves are actively into their business in Chengdu. Crowded tourist places like markets and busy transport hubs are their favorite places. Be careful of thieves who cut open bags with razor blades on crowded buses. Tourists riding bicycles with their bags also should be alert as thieves may reach into bags at traffic signals. Driving is often unruly in Chengdu with little concern for the pedestrians. Disregard for signals, signs, and pedestrian crossing is a common trait among the locals and tourists have to be extremely careful while walking or crossing streets.



35. Embassy/Consulate

There are around 6 foreign embassies and consulates spread across Chengdu at locations Regus Business Centre, Times Plaza, Western Tower, First City Plaza, Paradise Oasis Mansion and Lingshiguan Road. You can have detailed information at <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/china>.



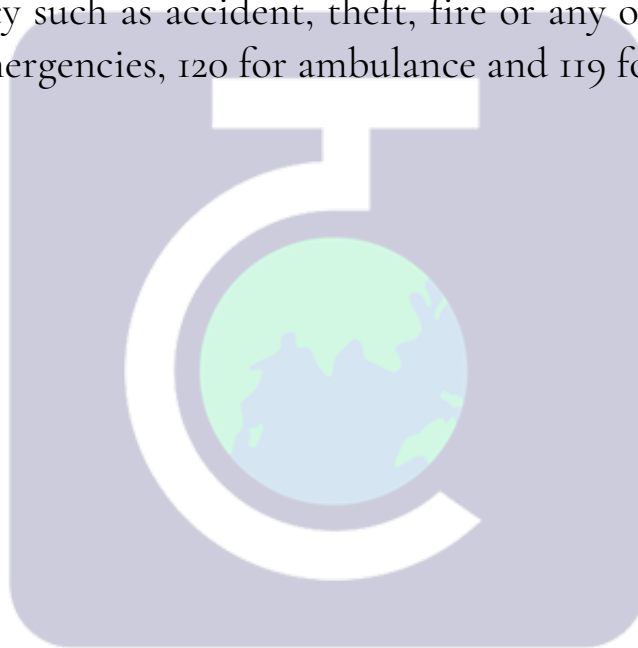
36. Accessibility

Although Chengdu is not very advanced in terms of accessibility by the disabled persons, it has recently implemented construction designs and facilities in public areas, transport, hotels and airports to make them more accessible.



37. Emergencies

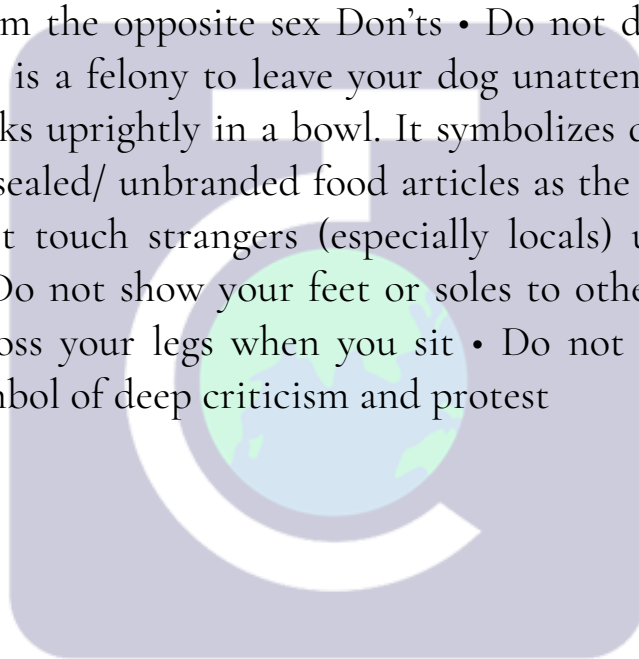
Chengdu is a safe destination where most locals are trustworthy, friendly and honest. However it is not absolutely immune from crimes, health hazards, disasters or accidents. There are several hospitals in Chengdu such as West China Hospital of Sichuan University. Most of these hospitals accept payments from most global insurance companies like the World Nomads Travel Insurance. In case of any emergency such as accident, theft, fire or any other trouble, you can call 110 – cover all emergencies, 120 for ambulance and 119 for fire accidents.



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38. Do's and Don'ts

Do's • Remove your shoes before entering a Chinese home or temple. • Address grown-ups in an Honorific title such as teacher, Mr, Mrs • Be calm when dealing with government officials like the police. They are highly respected. • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. • In mosques, avoid shaking hands or touching persons from the opposite sex Don'ts • Do not drink and drive. It's a criminal offence. • It is a felony to leave your dog unattended in public areas • Never place chopsticks uprightly in a bowl. It symbolizes death • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. • Do not touch strangers (especially locals) unnecessarily as it is offensive to them • Do not show your feet or soles to others because the locals consider it rude. Cross your legs when you sit • Do not use red ink to write something. It is a symbol of deep criticism and protest



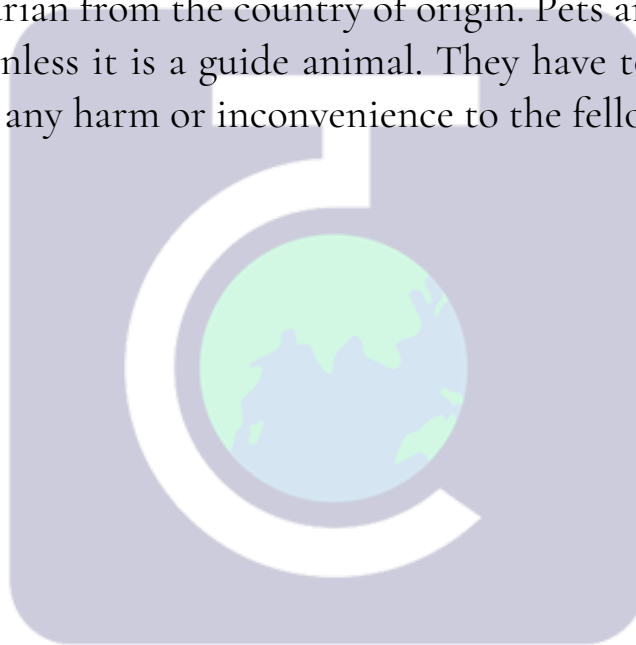
Index**39.Tipping basics**

It's not customary to tip in Chengdu. In fact most cab drivers and hotel staff will always return extra money as they are not used to the practice of tipping. However, some room attendants, tour guides and drivers may appreciate small tips of CNY 14 or even small gifts as a sign of satisfaction for the services offered. Tipping is not mandatory in Chengdu and one can tip only according to their preference.



40. Pet info

China has strict rules regarding bringing pet animals into the country. Only cats and dogs are allowed entry along with the tourists. The pets have to be accompanied by recent vaccination certificate with detailed information about the vaccination like date, manufacturer, batch number, expiration date, etc. There should be an Animal Health Certificate and a quarantine certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian from the country of origin. Pets are usually not allowed in public transport unless it is a guide animal. They have to be properly leashed and should not cause any harm or inconvenience to the fellow passengers.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Why choose Chengdu ? The most inviting factor in Chengdu is undoubtedly the adorable giant pandas that inhabit this beautiful land. The furry bears are loved by locals and visitors alike. A day spent taking care of the docile creatures by feeding and grooming them will remain the most unforgettable experience of a lifetime. If you want to walk down the ancient cultures of China, Chengdu is the perfect place. The numerous ancient cities and streets around the city where it feels like time has stood still in some long forgotten era will be an enchanting experience. For the culinary explorers, there is nothing like the traditional Sichuan cuisine, popularly known as Szechuan around the world. The strong flavors are made unique by local ingredients that are not easily available outside China. For authentic Sichuan cuisine, you have to eat from its homeland. When you visit Chengdu, you are also visiting Tibet. Lying near the Tibetan plateau, Chengdu has a strong Tibetan presence with people and food from Tibet occupying some areas of the region. Human history is incomplete without Chinese empires that have reached out to all parts of the world through Silk Road and other trade connections. For the history buffs, Chengdu has several remnants of a rich past in its museums, Buddhist and Taoist temples, Mausoleums, and old towns. What will be more exciting than having tea from the land where tea and tea culture originated? The tea culture of China is most prominent in Chengdu with its omnipresent tea houses. And, who would think that there are specific rules and customs to drink tea! Visit one of the tea houses and you will know there are not only different types of teas but different ways to drink them as well.

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