



Traveling to China



Safety advises

Global Affairs Canada: Exercise a high degree of caution

More details: <http://travel.gc.ca/destinations/china>



About your destination

China, officially the People's Republic of China (PRC), in Asia, is the world's most populous state, with a population of over 1.381 billion. The state is governed by its vanguard party based in the capital of Beijing. It exercises jurisdiction over 22 provinces, five autonomous regions, four direct-controlled municipalities (Beijing, Tianjin, Shanghai, and Chongqing), two mostly self-governing special administrative regions (Hong Kong and Macau), and claims sovereignty over Taiwan.

Covering approximately 9.6 million square kilometers, China is the world's second largest state by land area, and either the third or fourth-largest by total area, depending on the method of measurement. China's landscape is vast and diverse, ranging from forest steppes and the Gobi and Taklamakan deserts in the arid north to subtropical forests in the wetter south. The Himalaya, Karakoram, Pamir and Tian Shan mountain ranges separate China from south and central Asia. The Yangtze and Yellow rivers, the third and sixth longest in the world, respectively, run from the Tibetan Plateau to the densely populated eastern seaboard. China's coastline along the Pacific Ocean is 14,500 kilometres (9,000 mi) long, and is bounded by the Bohai, Yellow, East China, and South China seas.

China is a cradle of civilization, with its known history beginning with an ancient civilization – one of the world's earliest – that flourished in the fertile basin of the Yellow River in the North China Plain.

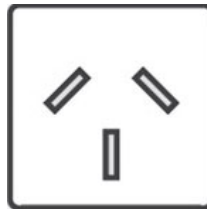
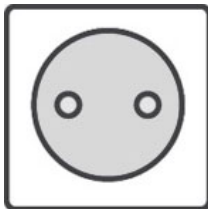
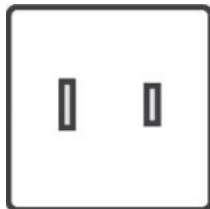


Good to know

Language	Chinese (official), Cantonese, Shanghaiese, Minnan, Xiang, Gan				
Timezone	Asia/Shanghai				
Currency	Yuan Renminbi				
Rates	US Dollar	Euro	Pound Sterling	Yen	Canadian Dollar
	0,152	0,135	0,107	16,226	0,195

Electricity

220 Volt
50 Herz



Health and risks

Water

Drinking tap water in China is not safe

Vaccinations

Malaria

Malaria occurs in some areas. Protect yourself from mosquito bites. Precautions are personal. Consult a qualified medical professional to determine the right actions

Hepatitis A

Vaccination is recommended for all travelers to this country

Hepatitis B

The vaccination advice is personal. Consult a qualified medical professional to determine whether vaccination is useful for you

Tyoid

Vaccination is recommended if you are staying 2 weeks or longer in this country

DTP

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