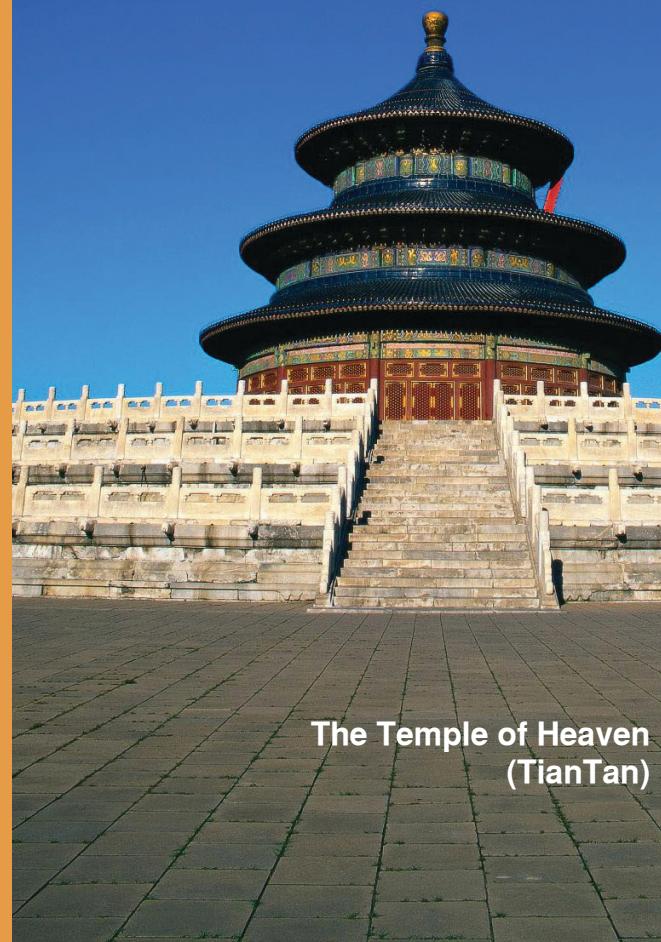


Welcome to Beijing, China

Beijing The Ancient and Modern Capital of China



The Temple of Heaven
(Tian Tan)



The Great Wall

History

Beijing, also known as Peking, is the capital of China. Located in the north of China, Beijing is the political, economic, cultural, technical, educational and international communication center of the country. As a city of more than 3000 years' history, Beijing is honored as the city with the most World Cultural Heritages in the world. It is also known as the historical city and one of the eight ancient capitals (the others are Xi'an, Luoyang, Nanjing, Kaifeng, Hangzhou, Anyang, and Zhengzhou) in China.

Few cities in the world have been the political and cultural center of an area as immense for so long. Beijing has been the political center of China for centuries. Many architectures which recorded significant historical events are located in Beijing. Tiananmen Square is one of the most popular ones.



Siheyuan

Tiananmen Square is a large city square in the center of Beijing, named after the Tiananmen Gate located to its North. It is the third largest city square in the world. It has great cultural significance as it was the site of several important events in Chinese history. Mao Zedong proclaiming the establishment of the People's Republic of China in 1949 in Tiananmen Square Used as a massive meeting place since its creation, its flatness is contrasted by the 38-meter (125 ft) high Monument to the People's Heroes, and the Mausoleum of Mao Zedong.

As one of the world's great cities, Beijing receives over 100 million tourists every year. If you are interested in learning about China's history and culture, Beijing is definitely the place to start. There is an unparalleled number of intriguing sites, both ancient and modern, waiting for you to explore.

Tian'anmen Square

The Forbidden City



Beijing Opera



The Bird's Nest



Beijing Roast Duck



Discover Ancient Beijing

At the historical heart of Beijing lies the Forbidden City, the enormous palace compound that was the home of the emperors of many dynasties. Surrounding it are several former imperial gardens, parks and scenic areas. These places, particularly Beihai Park, are described as masterpieces of Chinese gardening art with tremendous historical importance.

Explore Modern Beijing

If you want to experience the modern Beijing, the city's modern Olympic Venues are becoming new highlights that draw thousands of tourists. After the 2008 Olympic Games was held in Beijing, the Bird's Nest and Water Cube have become the new popular attractions. Beijing is becoming one of the most important international financial centers in China.

Appreciate Beijing Culture

If you are interested in local culture, we would strongly recommend that you to experience Beijing by voyaging into the city's Hutongs, ancient streets and teahouses. Nanluoguxiang is the representation of Hutongs in Beijing. Watching Beijing Opera Show in the theater is also a good choice to get more understanding of the traditional culture of China.

Taste Beijing Cuisine

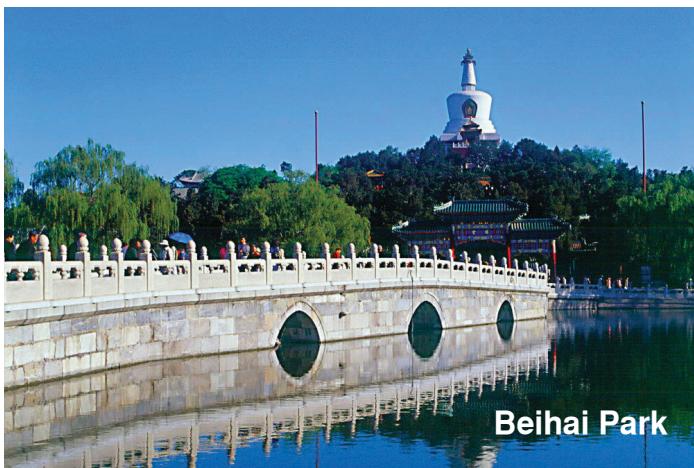
Beijing cuisine offers a number of unique dishes, mostly from the Qing Dynasty.

The most famous dishes include:

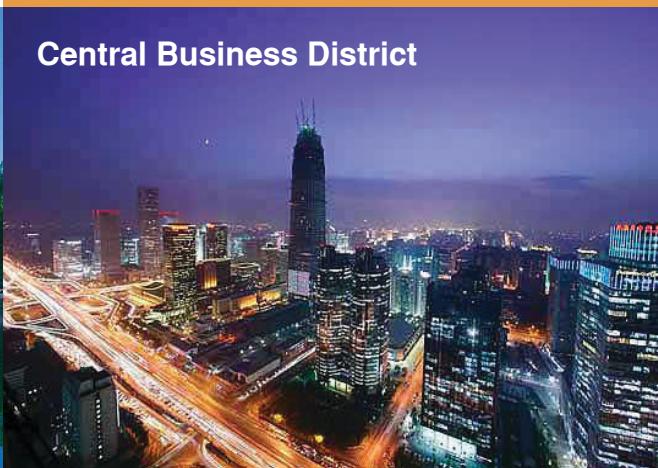
- » Beijing Roast Duck
- » Imperial Court Feast
- » Beijing Hot Pot
- » Barbecued meat

Besides, many traditional Beijing snacks are waiting for your trying.

Beihai Park



Central Business District



Hutong



Tanghulu

