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Part I: Destination Information

BEIJING

Beijing is the capital of People's Republic of China (PRC) for more than 8,000 years! The city served as the center of six ancient dynasties, so it is no surprise that it holds the greatest collection of historical sites in the country. Fast forward to today, Beijing is a highly-urbanized city with world-class infrastructure.

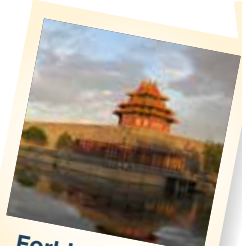




MUST-VISIT HISTORICAL DESTINATION



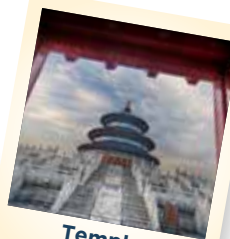
Tiananmen
Square



Forbidden City



Great Wall
of China



Temple
of Heaven



Tianning Pagoda



Miaoying Temple



Summer Palace



MUST-VISIT MODERN ARCHITECTURE



CCTV
TV Station



Water Cube National
Aquatics Centre



Birds Nest
National Stadium



Beijing Daxing
International Airport



National Centre for
the Performing Arts



GEOGRAPHY

Beijing Suburb Tourist Map



Beijing is a municipality, and it is the **second largest** in the country. Coming only after Shanghai, the city has **16 districts** and **289 towns and villages**.

- Municipality Area:** 16,410.5 sq. km (6,336.1 sq mi)
- Population (2018):** 21,542,000
- Density (2018):** 1,300/sq. km (3,400/sq. mi)

The city is located at the **northern tip of the great triangular Northern China Plain**. Shielding the city to the west and northwest are mountains, which also serve as a **barrier** from the **Gobi Desert** sand. To the east and south of the city is its opening to the **Bohui Sea**.



CLIMATE

Beijing is the city where you can experience the two extremes:



Expect a hot, humid summer due to the East Asian Monsoon; and a chilly, windy, and dry winter from the Siberian anticyclone.

PEAK SEASON TO VISIT:

March - May



The city has dry and windy climate



6-20°C/43-68°F



Key events: Great Wall Marathon, Beijing International Film Festival, Pure and Bright Festival

September - October



Warm but not too cold climate



13-20°C/55-68°F



Key events: National Day, Mid-autumn Festival

NON-PEAK SEASON TO VISIT:

November - January



Winters average on below negative



13-20°C/55-68°F



Key events: New Year, Chinese New Year

June - August



Very hot and humid weather. Rainfall is expected, especially during the afternoon.



24-26°C/75-79°F



Key events: Dragon Boat Festival, Army's Day

Beijing	Recommendation	Season	Temperature	Clothes	Crowd
Jan.	★★	Winter	-9 - 2 °C		
Feb.	★★★	Winter	-6 - 5 °C		
Mar.	★★★★	Winter	0 - 12 °C		
Apr.	★★★★★	Spring	8 - 20 °C		
May	★★★★★	Spring	14 - 26 °C		
Jun.	★★★★★	Summer	19 - 30 °C		
Jul.	★★	Summer	22 - 31 °C		
Aug.	★★	Summer	21 - 30 °C		
Sep.	★★★★★	Autumn	15 - 26 °C		
Oct.	★★★★★	Autumn	8 - 19 °C		
Nov.	★★★★	Winter	0 - 10 °C		
Dec.	★★★	Winter	-6 - 4 °C		

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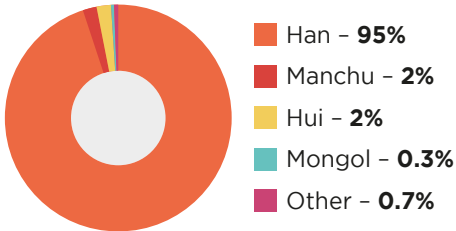
CULTURE AND TRADITION



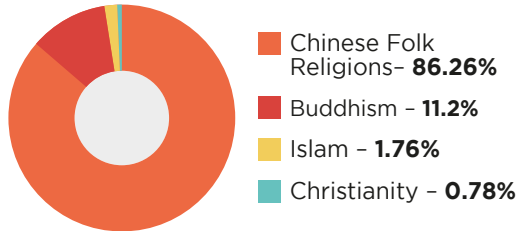
Beijing has experienced wars, conquest, regime, and administration. Through the years, the city has developed a diverse culture and tradition, completely unique to other Chinese cities.

Language: Mandarin

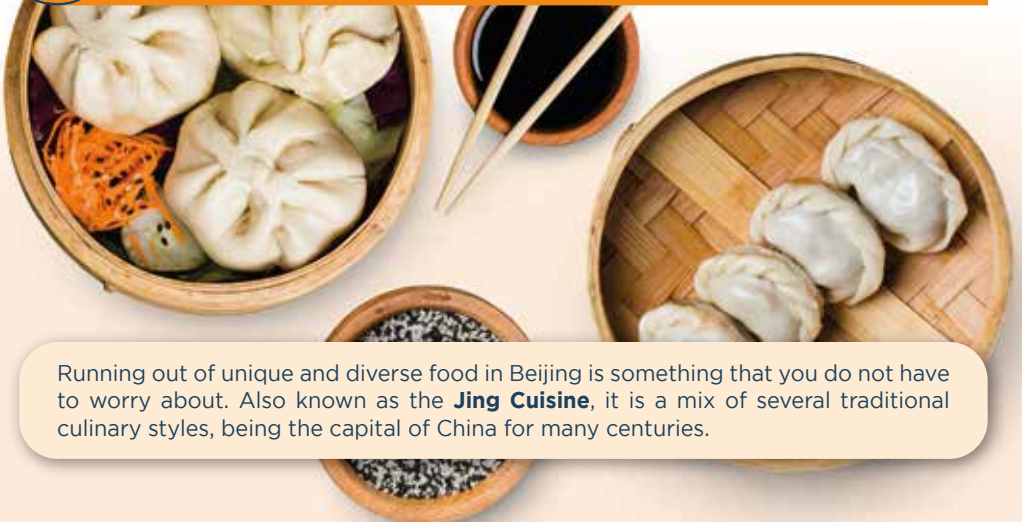
Major Ethnic Groups



Religion



FOOD



Running out of unique and diverse food in Beijing is something that you do not have to worry about. Also known as the **Jing Cuisine**, it is a mix of several traditional culinary styles, being the capital of China for many centuries.

While in Beijing, try the authentic versions of these cuisines.



Beijing Roast Duck



Jiaozi
Beijing Dumplings



Jing Jiang Rousi
Shredded Pork in Beijing Sauce



Zhajiang Mian
Noodles with Soybean Paste



Mongolian Hotpot



Donkey Burger



Dry Wok Potato Wedges



Tudou Si
Shredded Potato



Rolling Donkey
Glutinous Rice with Red Pea Stuffing



Tuckahoe Pie

Tips

1. Do not drink tap water. It is advisable to have a bottle with filter.
2. In general, restaurants don't served cold water. They serve tea or lukewarm water instead.
3. Bring medicines for upset stomach if you have poor digestion.



MONEY MATTERS AND ECONOMY

Beijing is one of the **more expensive cities** in China, but the opportunity of bargaining is still great. The city also has more billionaires than any other city in the world, which earned it the title of **“billionaire capital of the world”**.

Currency

Yuan Renminbi (RMB / CNY / ¥)



- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| ✓ Cash (RMB) | ✓ Alipay |
| ✓ UnionPay | ✗ MasterCard |
| ✓ WeChat Pay | ✗ Visa |

Note:

1. ATMs can dispense RMB cash when withdrawing money from your MasterCard and Visa debit cards. However, these cards cannot be used directly to transact.
2. WeChat Pay and AliPay can be activated even with a foreign credit card, but has to be activated in China.
3. It is advisable to exchange foreign currencies in airport, banks, and hotels to avoid counterfeit money.



LAWS AND POLITICS



The **16 administrative** country-level subdivisions of the municipality of Beijing is lead by a **mayor** and a **vice mayor**.

Being the capital of the People's Republic of China, national government and political institutions, including the National People's Congress, house their **headquarters** in the city.

Strictly implemented laws:



Smoking and drinking in public is strictly prohibited.



Purchasing and consuming of tobacco and alcohol is legal for 18 years old and above.



A ban on prostitution and gambling is widely observed.

To stay out of trouble, always **bring your passports** with you. Bringing a photocopy of your official documents also won't hurt to stay away from any unexpected situations that you may encounter.



Trivia:

Did you know that the first week of October is the known as the Golden Week, to commemorate the founding of People's Republic of China?

It is one of the busiest time in Beijing. Expect heavy crowd.





TRANSPORTATION

Beijing is a very connected city.

It has several networks of **subways** and **railroads** as well as hundreds of kilometers of **expressways and highways**.



Rail and high-speed rail

Beijing has **26 operating subway lines**, and there are more coming on the way. (For map of the rail network of Beijing, please refer to next page.)

Average Fare

CNY 3	First 6km (3.7 miles)
CNY 4	6 to 12km (3.7 to 7.5 miles)
CNY 5	12 to 22km (7.5 to 13.7 miles)
CNY 6	22 to 32km (13.7 to 20 miles)
Extra CNY 2	Additional 20km (12.4 miles) if distance is over 32km (20 miles)

Metro Card Fare

CNY 10	3-day pass
CNY 20	7-day pass
CNY 10	15-day pass

Operating Hours

Most lines operate from **5:00 AM to 11:00 PM**

Note:

1. Child below 130 cm (4.3 ft) can ride the metro free of charge, as long as accompanied by an adult.
2. Issued non-Metro Card is valid for one day only.
3. No pets are allowed inside the metro.
4. Signs have English translation to further guide the foreigners in the city.

Road networks

Beijing has a complex road system as a part of the **National Trunk Road Network**.

It has the **Ring roads, expressways, and national highways** passing through its borders.

Estimated No. of Cars: Over **6 million**

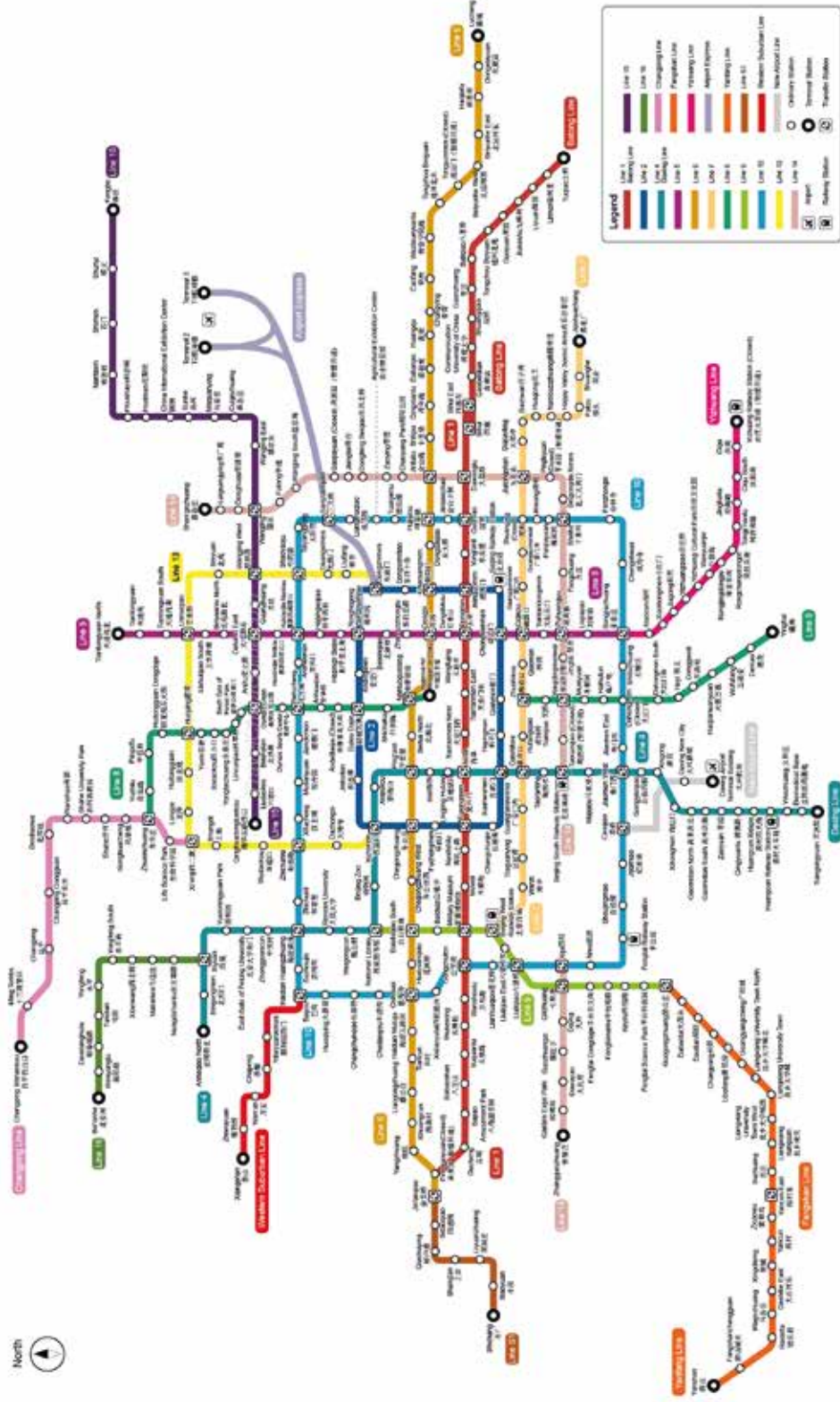
Traffic is often heavy and gridlocked, even during off hours. The city has come up with the odd-even scheme traffic restriction, costing the city over **1.3 billion yuan** in losses.





Beijing Subway Map

North





BUS SYSTEM

The bus operators and trolley systems in the city accommodate up to **13.39 million person/trips/day**.

It has over **1,200 routes**, ranging from short to long distances all over the city.



Bus Routes to Major Attractions

Yuan Ming Yuan	656, 365, 438, 664, 320, 963, 801, 628, 982, 432, 319, 681, 717, 814, 498, 331, 743, 696, 697, 690, 826, T4, T6
Drum Tower & Bell Tower	5, 60, 107, 124, 204, 210, 635
Tian'anmen	1, 4, 10, 20, 22, 37, 52, 59, 120, 126, 203, 205, 210, 728, 80
Summer Palace	333, 394, 303, 817, 209, 330, 801, 826, 808, 331, 346, 683, 690, 696, 718, 732, 393, 332, 320, 319, 374, 384, 628, 664, 704, 357, 634, 697, 498, 438, 469, 437, 481, 432, 952, 992, T5, T6
Shijingshan Amusement Park	663, 318, 472, 621, 354, 389, 622, 212, 325, 327, 337, 958, 941, 728, 9596
Fragrance Hill	634, 360, 318, 331, 696, 698, 714
Beihai Park	101, 103, 124, 5, 109, 118, 42, 107, 111, 13, 202, 211, 846, 814, 823, 810, 850, 685, 701, 204
Temple of Heaven	36, 120, 17, 803, 39, 110, 208, 35, 106, 34, 25, 957, 958, 6, 122, 53, 814, 685, 707, 2, 20, 69, 729, 723, 743, 525, 71, 686, 687, 69, 610, 504, 800, T3

Tourist Bus Lines

Bus No.	From	To	Attractions
936 (Branch)	Dongzhimen Bus Station	Huairou	Qinglong Gorge, Hongluo Temple, Yanqi Lake, Lakeview Water Park
919	Deshengmen	Changping	Minghuang Wax Palace, Prince Pingxi's Palace, Badaling, Juyonguan
643	Tiantongyuan North Subway Station	Changping	Mangshan National Forest Park, Ming-Tomb Reservoir, Jiulong Amusement Park
937 Branch Line 2	Nanlishi Lu	Daxing	Beijing Wildlife Park

BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) Bus Lines

- **Express Bus Route 1**
- **Express Bus Route 2**
- **Express Bus Route 2 (Through)**
- **Express Bus Route 3**
- **Express Bus Route 3 (Through)**

Fare

CNY2	First 10km (6 miles)
Extra CNY 1	Additional 5km (3 miles)
CNY 10-12	Maximum charge

Smart Card

CNY 20	Refundable deposit is required
CNY 50	2-3 days
CNY 100	One-week stay

Operating Hours

5:00 AM – 11:00 PM for downtown routes

5:00 AM – 7:00 PM for suburb routes

11:00 PM – 5:00 AM the next day for Beijing night busses

6:30 AM – 9:00 AM & 4:30 PM – 8:00 PM for commuter and business lines

Note:

1. Children below 130 cm (4ft) can ride public busses free of charge.
2. Passengers paying with Beijing Transportation Smart Card have 50% off discount on downtown busses.
3. Suburb lines may require paying with cash to get the paper ticket.
4. Automatic station reporter announces in both Chinese and English.



TAXI

Hailing a cab is easy in the city! Just extend your arm and wave your hands at the driver. Nowadays, though, it is easier to catch a cab using taxi-hailing apps.



Fare

CNY 13	First 3km
CNY 2.30	Per extra kilometer
Base fare goes up by 20%	After 10PM

Alternative

Download **Didi Chuxing**, which has English version and customer service.

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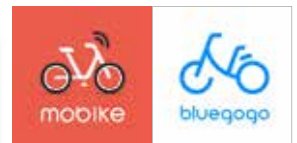
Drivers don't usually speak English so it is best to learn some basic Mandarin.



BIKE

To combat the worsening air pollution in the city, **riding bicycles** is one way the administration seeks to reduce it.

Bike lanes are implemented in Beijing so it is very safe, convenient, and easy to cycle around the city.











Recommended Bicycle-Sharing Apps: Mobike, Ofo, and Bluegogo
Deposit: CNY 1 per 30 minutes; CNY 20 per month



HELPFUL APPS TO DOWNLOAD

In general, China poses heavy censorship on the internet. Internet usage is restrictive and limited without the necessary apps for your travel.

Apps to Download:	Equivalent:		
 WeChat	 Facebook	 Instagram	 Viber
 Baidu	 Google	 Yahoo	
 Didi Chuxing	 Grab	 Angkas	
 Weibo	 Twitter	 Tumblr	 Reddit
 QQ	 Gmail	 Yahoo Mail	 Outlook
 Youku	 Youtube	 iWant	 Netflix
 Kugou Music	 Spotify	 Soundcloud	 Apple Music
 Dianping	 Grab	 Booky	 foodpanda
 Taobao	 Lazada	 Shopee	 Carousell
 Pleco	 Google Translate	 Merriam-Webster	
 China Train Booking	No equivalent app in the Philippines		
 China Air Quality Index	No equivalent app in the Philippines		

Basic Mandarin

Speaking at least basic Mandarin greatly helps to make your travel to Beijing more convenient. Aside from this, you can also converse with some locals that you may befriend with later on.

是 shì yes	不是 bù shì no	请 qǐng please	谢谢您 xiè xiè nín thank you	不客气 bú kè qì you're welcome
不好意思 bù hǎo excuse me	对不起 duì bù qǐ i am sorry	早上好 zǎo shàng hǎo good morning	晚上好 wǎn shàng hǎo good evening	晚安 wǎn ān good night



Part II: Packing Essentials

Travelling to Beijing becomes even more convenient, easy, and of course, enjoyable with these essentials that you need to pack before coming to the city.



DOCUMENTS

Entering and roaming around Beijing is safe. If there are instances that may require you to present some of your documents, it is important to prepare the following to spare yourself from hassle.



Passport



Flight reservations or tickets



Visa



Hotel reservations



Travel itinerary



Identification cards



Recent photographs



Invitation from China (if applicable)

Note:

Note: Just to be sure, prepare photocopies of these documents and place them in a secure place.



FIRST AID & OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICINE

In a city as big as Beijing, worrying about the nearest pharmacy or hospital shouldn't be a concern. However, if you want to spare some cash in your travel, bring a first aid kit containing some of the more important over-the-counter medicines.

Painkillers

Antihistamines

Rehydration sachets

Anti-diarrhea tablets

Water purification tablets



Antacids

Sunscreen

Thermometer

Antiseptic wipes

Bandages, plasters, sterile dressings, and medical tape

Note:

If you are suffering from any disease that may require you to take medications with prescriptions, make sure to bring more than enough medicines with you in case of emergencies and unexpected happenings. If you are bringing a large quantity of medicine, it is advisable to bring a medical certificate signed by your doctor.



CLOTHES & PERSONAL EFFECTS

Travelling is one way to put on your best outfit and capture memories to cherish later on. It is important to pack the clothes depending on the climate you are to experience in Beijing.



SPRING

Wear at least a thin layer of clothing on top of your shirt. On nights, make sure to wear thick jacket as temperature may drop.



SUMMER

Wear comfortable clothes during this season as it can get really hot. Bring your umbrella as there may have occasional rainshowers.



AUTUMN

A thin jacket is enough to get you through the fall. In later season, you may need to wear thick jacket on top of the jacket and shirt.



WINTER

Wear thermal jackets on top of your other jackets and shirt. Wear gloves, scarf, mask, and earmuffs to warm up in the cold winters of Beijing.



ELECTRONIC GADGETS

There are no restrictions as to what electronic gadgets you can bring in Beijing. However, some gadgets are advisable to pack in to be more convenient to your travel.

Voltage System: 220V/ 50 Hz

Outlet Type: Type A and I

Recommended to bring:



Universal power adapter



Power converter



Mini flashlight



Camera



SD cards with a lot of space



Portable USB charger



All necessary chargers



CHECKED-IN BAGGAGE

The limit for the checked-in baggage depends on the airline that you are to board. When packing your luggage, it is also important to know which items are restricted in your travel.

Restricted Items for Checked-in Baggage:



Hoverboards or similar items



Any type of corrosive substances



Toxic and infectious articles



Any kind of flammable materials



Objects with oxidizing elements



Dangerous explosives used as weapons



Batteries containing lithium



E-Cigarettes

Tips:

1. Pack toiletries like deodorant, toothpaste, soap, hand sanitizer, and similar items in your checked-in baggage.
2. It is advisable not to place money, electronic devices, passport, identification cards, jewelries, and medications in your checked-in luggage.



Strictly no power bank in checked-in baggage



CARRY-ON LUGGAGE

Similarly, the limit for the carry-on luggage depends on the airline. Just make sure to avoid packing the restricted items to avoid yourself from hassle.

Restricted Items for Carry-on Luggage:



Liquid more than the 100ml mark



Any type of umbrella



All kinds of adhesive tapes



Scissors or similar bladed item



Worker's tools, equipment, and parts



Firearms, replicas, and parts



Sports equipment more than 7 inches



Battery-powered mobility devices



Explosives of any kind



Lithium batteries exceeding 160 Wh



Maximum of 2 units of power bank not more than 20,000 mAh each



Part III: Emergency Contact List

Heart of Phoenix Travel Contact Information

Telephone Number	+63 2 8838 3204 +63 2 7744 1402
Mobile Number	+63929 313 1310
Facebook	Heart of Phoenix, Inc. (hoptravelph)
Instagram	hoptravelph
Email Address	emailus@hoptravel.ph

Travel Insurance (Toll Free Number): +63 2 8817 2021

National Emergency Contact

China International Country Code Number: 86

Beijing Municipality Code Number: 010

Embassy of the Republic of Philippines in China	+86 1065321872
Police (Calling) General Emergencies	110
Police (Text message)	12110
First Aid Ambulance	120
International Red Cross	999
Fire	119
Traffic Accidents	122
SOS in Water	12395
Weather Forecast	12121

Note:

Most of these hotlines have English-speaking representative, so communicating your concern shouldn't be a problem.

Emergency Contact Person:

Name: _____

Relation: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email: _____

China Package Tours



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HOP to Twin Cultural Cities

Beijing + Xian

\$699/pax

HOP to Charming Cities

Beijing + Shanghai

\$699/pax

7D
6N



6D
5N



HOP to Dazzling Cruise

Chengdu

\$888/pax

HOP to Natural Wonders

Zhangjiajie

\$699/pax

5D
4N



**Rates and itineraries are subject to change without prior notice.*

Other International Tours



Japan



Hong Kong



Taiwan



Indochina



South Korea



Singapore



Thailand



Malaysia



Part IV: Personal and Travel Information

Full Name: _____

Flight Details (Outbound): _____

Flight Details (Inbound): _____

Hotel Address/ Contact No: _____

Current Contact No.: _____

Email Address: _____

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We pride ourselves with a dedicated team of travel specialists and professionals with more than 10 years of experience in the industry.

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- ✓ Hotel Airport and other Terminal Transfer
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- ✓ Travel Insurance

