



China

(An introduction)

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Locating China



Travelling from Sydney to China

There are many airlines operating international flights to China from Australian cities, including Qantas, Cathay Pacific, China Southern Airlines, Air China and China Eastern Airlines.

The flights to China's capital (Beijing) from Sydney take about 11 hours 40 minutes.



China's Asian Neighbours



China Quick Facts

- China is officially known as the People's Republic of China.
- China has the largest population in the world, with over 1.38 billion people 2018 (that means one-in-five of the world's population is Chinese).
- The capital city of China is Beijing, while the largest city is Shanghai.
- China is the world's second largest economy after the United States of America.
- The main languages of China are Mandarin (70% of the population) and Cantonese.



China's flag

Map of China

China is the world's third largest country by area (9,706,961 sq km).

China's vast landscape includes grasslands, deserts, mountains, lakes, rivers and more than 14,000 km of coastline.



China's attractions





The **Terracotta Army** are life size terracotta sculptures created more than 2000 years ago to be buried with Emperor Qin Shi Huang, China's first emperor. Seven hundred thousand workers spent 40 years to make more than 8,000 warriors, 670 horses, 130 chariots, and many other sculptures to protect the Emperor and entertain him in the afterlife.

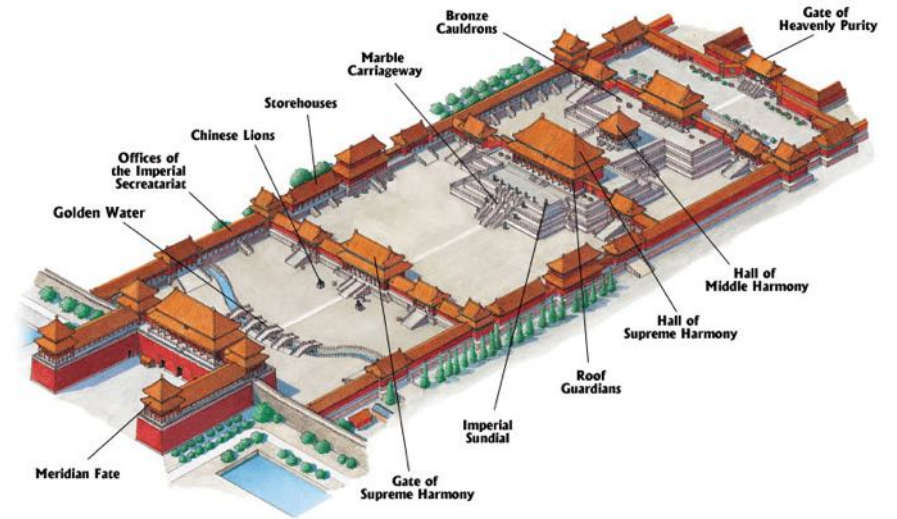
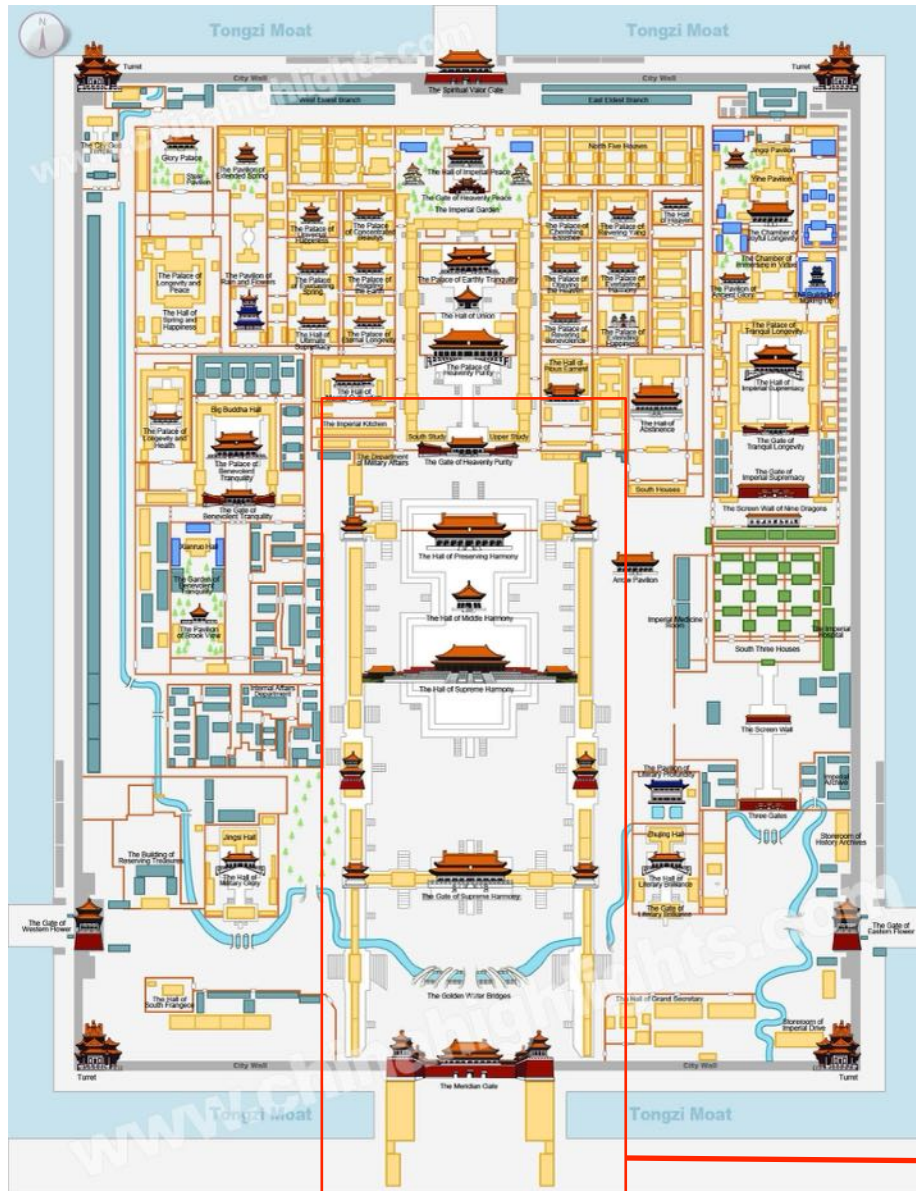


The vast **Forbidden City** in Beijing was home to Chinese emperors from 1420 to 1912 and the country's centre of power for almost 500 years.



The **Great Wall of China** is the largest human made structure on earth, stretching an incredible 8,850 kilometres east to west across the northern border of ancient China. The wall was built to protect China from an invasion from the north. Most of the wall was built between 1368 and 1644 (a period known as the Ming Dynasty).

Forbidden City





The Giant Panda is found in China's south mainly in Sichuan province. This amazing creature's diet consists mostly of bamboo. It is thought that there are fewer than 1,600 Giant Panda alive today.

Hong Kong



Hong Kong is one of the world's great cities. The territory on which Hong Kong stands was controlled by the United Kingdom until 1997 when it was handed back to China. The city's population of 7.3 million is crowded into just 1,104 km².

3D Interactive Map of China



Click on the link below to find out more about China's attractions.

<http://www.chinasfree.com/china-travel-guide/3D-MAP/>

Chinese Food

Peking Duck: Originally from Beijing (formally known as Peking). Thinly sliced duck with crispy skin.



Chinese Hot Pot: Individuals cook their own meat and vegetables in a pot of steaming broth.

Spring rolls: Meat or vegetables wrapped and deep fried.



Dumplings: Ground meats and/or vegetables wrapped in dough and then steamed.



Street food stall

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Find out more: <https://www.chinahighlights.com/travelguide/chinese-food/chinese-food-type.htm>

China's Weather and Climate

China is a vast land spanning many degrees of latitude. It also has a very complicated terrain. As a result, China has a variety of temperature and rainfall zones. Winter in most areas are cold and dry. Summers are generally hot and rainy.



Very cold winters in
China's north

Harbin, China – Carved ice buildings at the International Ice and Snow Festival

China's climate regions





Chinese Festivals

The most famous Chinese festival is the Chinese New Year (also called 'The Spring Festival').

It is celebrated at the beginning of China's spring and lunar cycle.

Each lunar cycle has 60 years and 12 years is a small cycle, each of which has an animal sign: Rat, ox, tiger, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog and pig. 2018 is the year of the dog.

Families celebrate the Chinese New Year with a family reunion dinners, fireworks and parades. They also have 7–15 days off work.