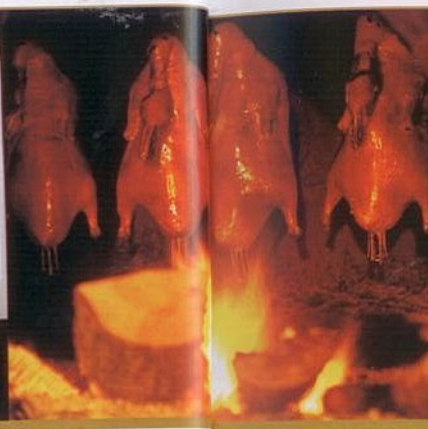




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Quanjude Roast Duck Restaurant



Peking Opera

have good facilities and provide excellent services. In particular, the large travel services in China, with high-quality staff members and advanced sales systems, can provide services to meet the demands of different tourists. Hence letting a travel service to arrange a trip in China for you will be a good choice.

In addition, with the promotion of diversified services by the hotels in China, many hotels offer tourist services too. You may join a tourist group at the hotel, and do sightseeing according to the itineraries carefully arranged by the hotel. Some cities have also set up the tourist gathering and distributing centers, offering great convenience for tourists.

#### Accommodation

China has more than 13,300 star-rated hotels spread all over the country. Beijing, Shanghai, Hangzhou, Nanjing, Guangzhou, Jinan, Wuhan, Kunming and so on gather a large number of hotels, known for their excellent facilities

and service, in addition to various kinds of common hotels, such as hostels and youth inns.

Except accommodating tourists, the star-rated hotels also provide various services, such as food and newspaper delivery, laundry, haircut, beauty treatment, information, taxis, personal attendants, etc. With perfect communication and telecommunication facilities, and business meeting equipment, star-rated hotels provide advanced business services.

All hotels' guest rooms are equipped with TV sets. Guests can watch English programs on CCTV as well as local TV stations. Foreign television programs are also available in many hotels. Guests can find the music bar, teahouse, bowling alley, electric game room, cinema, gym, sauna room, massage room, swimming pool and ballroom in the hotel.

#### Recreation and Entertainment

Chinese culture is extensive and profound; and the Chinese

people are warm-hearted and hospitable. China offers a wide variety of recreational activities to tourists. Traveling in China, tourists can appreciate traditional Chinese operas, such as Peking Opera, Yueju (Shaoxing Opera), Chuanju (Sichuan Opera), Yuju (Henan Opera), and Jinju (Shanxi Opera); enjoy the performance of China's tea ceremony; appreciate the performance of acrobatics which are world-renowned, and Chinese music and dances with strong traditional characteristics; participate in the celebration of various traditional festivals of the 56 ethnic groups in China; and experience different ethnic customs and lives of the people in different places.

In addition, many cities have the skiing grounds, shooting ranges, golf courses and holiday resorts. Special activities, such as grass gliding, sand gliding and tour of *hutongs* or lanes, are also available.

#### Chinese Cuisine

With a time-honored history,

Chinese cuisine is one of the Chinese cultural treasures. Chinese cuisine, French cuisine and Turkish cuisine are known as the three most famous styles of cuisine in the world. Chinese cuisine has developed and matured over the centuries forming a splendid cultural content and a strong and solid technique basis. A variety of local cuisines, special dishes and snacks in China are attracting more and more foreign tourists with their unusual charm.

Each local cuisine has its own characteristics, but Chinese cuisine as a whole is divided into four major schools - Shandong, Sichuan, Huaiyang and Guangdong cuisines. To these four schools can be added four more: Fujian, Zhejiang, Hunan and Anhui cuisines. Sometimes, Beijing and Shanghai cuisines are also counted.

The special dishes contain the palace, vegetarian and Islamic dishes, as well as food cooked with medicinal herbs. The palace dishes, or the imperial cuisine, feature well-selected materials,



Exquisite arts and crafts

The four treasures of the study

meticulous preparation, high skills in the use of a kitchen knife, beautiful colors, fascinating aroma, delicious taste, elegant shapes, high-quality containers and poetic names. Diners eat according to traditional procedures. Vegetarian dishes, which are made of green vegetables, fruits, edible fungi, bean products and vegetable oil, are tasty, nutritious and easy to digest, in addition to the anti-cancer role. The dishes cooked with medicinal herbs are created on the basis of the theories of traditional Chinese medicines and through reasonable cooking. Such foods are good to the people's health.

China also has a wide variety of local snacks. The snacks of south China are mainly prepared with rice, and those of north China are made with flour. Beijing is famous for sweet cakes; Guangdong, for Western-style snacks; and Jiangsu, for exquisite cakes served on the boat. The recent years have witnessed the rapid development of fast foods in large and medium-sized cities. Foreign fast food restaurants, such as McDonald's,

KFC and Pizza Hut, can be found all over the country to provide convenience to tourists.

#### Shopping in China

Thanks to its long history and splendid culture, China boasts a large number of meticulously made traditional arts and crafts, showing high craftsmanship. Folk arts and crafts rooted in the life are simple, unadorned and vivid, with profound connotations and ethnic characteristics. These all combine to make shopping in China a major activity for tourists when they arrive, adding pleasure to their visit.

China's tourist commodities mainly include silk products, embroideries, brocade, paintings and calligraphy, cloisonné, pottery and porcelain, carved works of art, woven products, lacquer ware, fans, the four treasures of the study (writing brush, ink stick, ink slab and paper), tea, wine, works of art made by the ethnic minority people, carpets, tapestries, West Lake silk umbrellas, New Year pictures, paper-cuts, kites, folk costumes and toys.

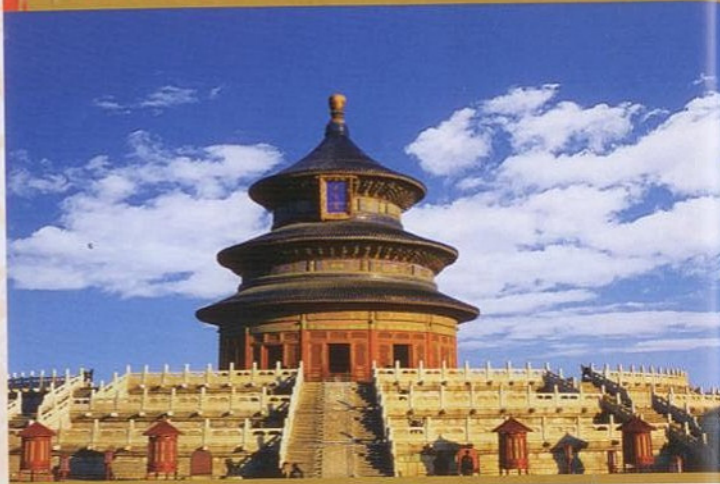
# 观光游览



## Sightseeing



## BEIJING



Temple of Heaven

### Brief Introduction

Beijing, or "Jing" in the abbreviated form, is the capital of the People's Republic of China, China's political, cultural and international exchange center, and the venue of the 29th Olympic Games in 2008 as well. Located in the north of the North China Plain, Beijing covers an area of 17,000 square kilometers and has a population of 11.84 million. With a time-honored history and splendid culture, Beijing is one of the famous historical and cultural cities and ancient capitals in the world. Boasting abundant tourism resources, Beijing has opened more than 200 tourist attractions to the public, such as the Palace Museum, the largest imperial palace in the world, the Temple of Heaven where the emperors used to pay homage to Heaven, the Summer Palace, an imperial garden, the Great Wall at Badaling, Mutianyu and Simatai, Prince Gong's Residence which is the largest quadrangle in the world, and so on. The metropolis contains 7,309 historical sites, of which 42 are under state protection, and 222 under city protection.

### Transportation

#### Air

Tourists can fly from Beijing to all the main cities in the country (excluding Taiwan Province), and

50 cities of 39 countries and regions in the world. More than 40 foreign air companies have set up agencies in Beijing.



Tian'anmen Square

The Capital Airport is 28 kilometers from the city proper. It is only 30 minutes' drive from the city center to the airport along the expressway; and it needs about 100 yuan by taxi. The shuttle buses go from Xidan, Beijing International Hotel and Gongzhufen to the airport once every 30 minutes, from 5:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. every day; and once every 60 minutes from the National Museum of Fine Arts and Zhongguancun to the airport. The buses from the airport to the city proper run all day long until the last scheduled flight arrives. Price: 16 yuan a person.

Information Center at the Capital Airport: 010-64541100  
Website: [www.bcia.com.cn](http://www.bcia.com.cn)

#### Railways

Beijing has four railway stations, of which the Beijing West Railway Station is the largest. Passengers can go from Beijing to the capital

cities and main cities of all the provinces and autonomous regions by train, excluding Taiwan. Beijing has delivered CRH trains to Harbin, Tianjin, Qingdao, Zhengzhou, Hankou and other cities.

Both of the Beijing Railway Station and the Beijing West Railway Station have ticket offices in the International Lounge to sell train tickets to foreigners, compatriots from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan, and overseas Chinese, ticket reservation good for one week only and handles the affairs on returning train tickets.

Passengers may book train tickets from the Beijing Train Ticket Center by phone (010-51827188), five to 10 days in advance.

The hotline for booking train tickets: 010-962586

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