

## HARBIN



Harbin ice sculpture

## Brief Introduction

Harbin, capital city of Heilongjiang Province, is located on the middle reaches of the Songhua River on the Songliao Plain. It has an area of 53,840 square kilometers, and a population of 9.75 million. Harbin is a political, economic, scientific and technological, cultural and communications center of the northern part of northeast China.

Harbin is well known both at home and abroad with its picturesque scenery, unique architecture styles and a strong exotic atmosphere. The city is especially attractive to tourists in winter when ice lanterns, sports on ice and the large international ice and snow festival make the whole city more spectacular. With its unusual urban scenery, landscapes in the suburban areas and rich ice and snow resources, Harbin is known as the "City of Ice" in the world.

## Transportation

## Air

Harbin is a communications hub linking northeast Asia with Europe and the Pacific Ocean. The Harbin Taiping International Airport is the largest one in northeast China, with a capacity

of handling 6.6 million passengers a year. Now 23 domestic and international airline companies have set up agencies at the Harbin Taiping International Airport, with a total of 70-some air routes,

of which six are international air routes. Every week, more than 170 scheduled flights fly to over 40 cities in China and other countries, such as Russia, Japan and the Republic of Korea. In addition, Irregular international airplanes often land and take off at the Harbin Taiping International Airport.

Harbin Airport Information:  
0451-82894220

Harbin International Aviation Service Company: 0451-82533629

Ticket Office of the CAAC Heilongjiang Administration (24-hours service): 0451-82651188

## Railways

Every day, there are 11 pairs of express trains in Harbin going to or coming from Qiqihar, Mudanjiang, Suihua, Jiamusi. The CRH trains run to Beijing from Harbin and back. Passengers can buy train tickets for the very day at the Harbin Railway Station; and buy the train tickets two days in advance at the Nangang Ticket Office of the Harbin Railway Station.

Harbin Railway Station:  
0451-95105688

## Highways

The highways in Harbin have a total mileage of 7,460.6 kilometers. These include five national highways, nine provincial highways. Harbin has set up an advanced highway network. With the city proper as the center, many highways extend in all directions, such as the Beijing-Harbin, Harbin-Luobei, Harbin-Heihe, Harbin-Daqing and Harbin-Tongjiang highways, connecting Harbin with

many places in the country.

## Urban Traffic Facilities

Harbin has over 100 public bus lines, radiating to all parts in the city proper and the suburban areas. Jetta, Fukang and Santana taxis can be seen everywhere in the city. With a starting price of eight yuan for the first three kilometers, they charge 1.9 yuan per kilometer thereafter. Xiali taxis charge 1.6 yuan per kilometer thereafter, with the starting price of seven yuan for the first three kilometers. Passengers will not be charged for red lamps and traffic jams.

## Restaurants

- Tianyang Jiahe Seafood Dumpling  
Add: 30B Jianguo St., Daoli Dist.  
Tel: 0451-84852255
- Beilaishun Restaurant  
Add: 51 Youyi Rd., Daoli Dist.  
Tel: 0451-84615531
- Laodu Yichu  
Add: 25 West Shisandao St., Daoli Dist.  
Tel: 0451-84615895

## Hotels



- Shangri-La Hotel  
Add: 555 Youyi Rd., Daoli Dist.  
Tel: 0451-84858888
- Singapore Hotel  
Add: 68 Ganshui Rd., Xiangfang Dist.  
Tel: 0451-82336888



- Kunlun Hotel  
Add: 8 Tielu St.  
Tel: 0451-53616688

## Travel Services

- Harbin Youth Travel Service  
Add: 4 Stalin St., Daoli Dist.  
Tel: 0451-84617332
- Harbin Overseas Tourism General Co.  
Add: 89 Central St., Daoli Dist.  
Tel: 0451-84687875
- CTS Heilongjiang International Travel Service Co. Ltd.  
Tel: 0451-82289602
- Harbin China Travel Service  
Tel: 0451-82513633

## Tourist Attractions

### Sun Island

On the northern bank of the Songhua River in Harbin City proper, Sun Island is a national AAAAA scenic spot. It covers an area of 3.8 million square meters. The island is an ideal tourist attraction and a holiday resort, with lushly growing trees and flowers, a serene and picturesque environment, and a strong wild flavor.

Transport: Take bus Nos. 29, 88 or 118.

Admission (for reference): 30 yuan

Tel: 0451-88190230

Website: www.taiyangdao.com.cn

Saint Sophia Church



### Saint Sophia Church

Located in Harbin City, the Saint Sophia Church is the largest Eastern Orthodox Church in the Far East, with an area of 721 square meters. As a typical Byzantine architecture, the 53.35 meters high church was listed as a key historical monument under state protection in 1996. After it was renovated in June 1997, the church was renamed the Harbin Architecture Art Museum.

Transport: It can be reached by bus Nos. 1, 2, 13, 15, 64 and 113.

### Central Street

First constructed in 1900, it was originally known as "China Street," and was renamed Central Street in 1925. As the busiest commercial street in Harbin, Central Street was transformed into a pedestrian street on June 1, 1997. Central Street starts from the Songhua River Anti-flood Memorial Tower in the north and reaches Jingwei Street in the south, 1,450 meters long and 21.34 meters wide, being one of the longest and widest pedestrian streets in Asia.

Transport: It can be reached by bus Nos. 1, 2, 8, 12, 13, 15, 64, 101 and 102.

### Yabuli Skiing Ground

About 195 kilometers east of Harbin, the Yabuli Skiing Ground is a famous holiday resort, with an area of 168 square kilometers. It is the largest skiing ground in Asia, with four skiing cableways, nine alpine skiing courses, and seven cross-country skiing courses. The Yabuli Skiing Ground attracts tens of thousands of tourists every year.

Transport: Taking a car or train to Yabuli Town, then transfer to

the skiing ground.

Website: www.yabuliski.cn

### Ice and Snow World

Ice and Snow World is the name of the yearly Harbin International Ice and Snow Festival which was first held in 1999 on the bank of the beautiful Songhua River. The festival has focused on thinking, art, appreciation, amusement, and participation. For its magnificent scale and beautiful surroundings, it has been claimed "a poem or picture of ice and snow." Since the third time in 2001, the venue of the festival was fixed in the west district of Sun Island on the northern bank of the Songhua River.

Admission (for reference): 150 yuan

Transport: It can be reached by bus Nos. 29, 88, 215 and 346.

Website: www.hrbicesnow.com

## Festivals and Celebrations

### Harbin International Ice and Snow Festival

Time: From January 5 to February 25

Organizer: Harbin Municipal People's Government

Venue: Various activities are held at the Ice and Snow World, Harbin Zhaoling Park, Sun Island Scenic Zone and 10 skiing grounds.

What's on: The main activities held during the festival are the Ice Lantern Art Expo in Zhaoling Park, Snow Sculpture Art Expo on the Sun Island, and the amusement in the Ice and Snow World, as well as carnivals, parades, winter swimming, ice ball contests, ice

sculptures, snow sculptures, skiing, international car race, and various ice and snow cultural, sports, tourism and economy and trade activities.

## Shopping

Located in northeast Asia, Harbin is plentiful in products and has many excellent shopping centers. Various famous and excellent products of Heilongjiang are available in Harbin, such as wild ginsengs from the Changbai Mountains, which rank first in the three treasures in northeast China, pelt of marten, pilose antler, various precious traditional medicinal materials, agate handicrafts, and Harci-brand magnetic cups, combs and acupuncture needles.

- Harbin Department Store  
Add: 367 Fendou Rd., Nangang Dist.
- Jianguanchun Plaza  
Add: 373 Fendou Rd., Nangang Dist.

## Recreation

- Amusement Center of Bayi Hotel  
Add: 9 Wenmiao St., Nangang Dist.  
Tel: 0451-82838888
- Yuanyan Women Rhyme Fitness Center  
Add: In the courtyard of Blue Sky Hotel, 169 Zhongshan Rd., Nangang Dist.  
Tel: 0451-82610418

### Tourism Website

Harbin tourism website:  
www.ta.harbin.gov.cn

### Useful Telephone Number

Harbin tourist complaints:  
0451-87010055

## HUANGSHAN



Sea of clouds in Mount Huangshan

## Brief Introduction

Located in the south of Anhui Province, Huangshan City has jurisdiction over three districts, four counties and the Huangshan Scenic Zone. With picturesque landscapes and a variety of cultural relics, Huangshan includes two world heritages, three national key scenic zones, one national 5-A tourist area, a famous national historical and cultural city (Shexian County), and more than 10 key historical monuments under state protection. In Huangshan, tourists can visit not only the beautiful Mount Hangshan, but also the well-preserved ancient houses, memorial archways, shrines ancient bridges and streets. Huangshan is regarded as a renowned international tourism city.

## Transportation

## Air

Huangshan Airport is located in Dunxi District, Huangshan City, and has opened air routes to Beijing, Guangzhou, Hefei, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Wuhan, Renchuan and Hong Kong.

Website: [www.hsairport.com](http://www.hsairport.com)

## Railways

The Wuhu-Guixi Railway runs through Tunxi, Huangshan. Passengers can go to Nanjing, Shanghai, Beijing, Qingdao, Jinan, Fuzhou, Xiamen, Nanchang and other large cities in China by train.

## Highways

The construction of the Jiu huashan - Huangshan Expressway, an important event to the transport and communications in south Anhui, makes it very convenient for tourists to visit Mount Jiuhua, Mount Huangshan and Taiping Lake.

## Urban Traffic Facilities

Huangshan is a small city. Tourists can take public bus, tricycle or tax for touring the city. The public bus charges only one yuan each time. The fare for the tricycle is at least two or three yuan based on the distance. But Tourists should negotiate the fare with the owner in advance. Taxi fare is five yuan for the first three kilometers and then 1.8 yuan for each extra kilometer.

## Restaurants

- No. 1 Building on the Old Street  
Add: 247 Old St., Tunxi Dist.  
Tel: 0559-2539797
- Linjiang No. 1 Building  
Add: 78 Binjiang Rd. E.  
Tel: 0559-2529977

## Hotels



- Huangshan International Hotel  
Add: 31 Huashan Rd. Tunxi Dist.  
Tel: 0559-2565678



- Taiping International Hotel  
Add: 17 Pinghu Rd., Huangshan Dist.  
Tel: 0559-8532888

## Tourist Attractions

## Mount Huangshan

In the south of Anhui Province, Mount Huangshan covers an area of 1,200 square kilometers with a large number of majestic and elegant peaks, including 72 outstanding ones. Now eight scenic zones are open to tourists, including more than 400 scenic spots. With nearly 1,500 species of plants and more than 500 kinds of animals, Huangshan is a natural zoo and a natural botanical garden. Over 86.6 percent of the mountain is covered with trees, including a wide variety of ancient trees. Tourists can also find more than 200 pavilions, towers, temples and cliff-side carvings in Mount Huangshan. In 1990 Mount Huangshan was included in the world heritage list as a natural and cultural heritage by the UNESCO and also it has been listed one of the national AAAAA scenic spots.

Admission (for reference): 200 yuan in the busy season; and 120 yuan in the slack season.

Website: [www.tourmart.cn](http://www.tourmart.cn)

## Old Street in Tunxi

In the center of Tunxi District, Huangshan City, the Old Street has an area of 130,000 square meters, and a length of 1,273 meters, including 850 meters in the best shopping section. Franked by 257 well-arranged shops with black roofs and white walls, this pedestrian street shows the architectural style of the Southern Song, Ming and Qing dynasties.

## Xidi Village

Xidi is eight kilometers east of