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## CHINA FACT SHEET FOR TRAVELLERS

### ACCOMMODATION

Information about recommended hotels is available on our homepage:  
[analyticachina.com/Accommodation](http://analyticachina.com/Accommodation)

### CHINESE EMBASSIES

At the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China you can find the contact data of the Chinese Embassy in your country:  
[www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng](http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng) (Missions Overseas → Chinese Embassies)

### CURRENCY / CREDIT CARDS

The official currency in China is the Renminbi (RMB), also called Yuan (¥) or Kuai.

1 Yuan = 10 Jiao = 100 Fen.

There is no limit on the amount of foreign currency that can be brought into China, but it must be declared to the customs.

Dollars and Euros can be exchanged in every international hotel. However, exchange offices and banks offer better rates. The return exchange of RMB in foreign currency is only possible with the exchange receipt. One person is allowed to take along no more than RMB 6,000 at arrival and departure. At many banks you can withdraw cash using your EC card.

The current exchange rate is e.g. available at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/currency-converter/>.

1 EUR = 7,20725 ¥ (as of January 19, 2015). We recommend to bring a sufficient amount of cash.

Credit cards (e.g. Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Diners Club) are accepted in most international hotels and in tourist stores.

### ELECTRICITY

Electricity in China is 220 V, 50 cycles. Two-pin sockets and some three-pin sockets are in use. Most of the hotels have a socket in the bathroom for both 110 V and 220 V. However, outside of the bathroom, only 220 V sockets are provided.

Although an adapter may be borrowed from the hotel, it is recommended to bring your own adapter plug.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All applicants for visas are required to have an **Invitation Letter** from the Chinese authorities. The organizers will coordinate and forward application information to the Chinese authorities that issue the Invitation Letter, which will be ready within seven days and sent to your company by fax or express mail. Upon receipt of this visa authorization, the applicant is required to present his/her **passport**.

Passports must be valid for **at least six months** after the intended date of entry into China. A recent **photograph** and a completed visa **application form** (available from local Chinese Embassy) are needed and have to be forwarded to the local Chinese Embassy or Consulate for completion of formalities.

On the homepage of the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China** (see above), you can find a link of your country's embassy for downloading and printing the visa application form or further information on the application procedure.

**For Germans:** At the homepage of the **Chinese Embassy** you can find a link for downloading and printing the visa application form for China: [www.china-botschaft.de](http://www.china-botschaft.de).

Regarding the visa application and the invitation letter see also our homepage:

**Exhibitors:** [analyticachina.com/Visa-Exhibitor](http://analyticachina.com/Visa-Exhibitor)

**Visitors:** [analyticachina.com/Visa-Visitor](http://analyticachina.com/Visa-Visitor)

## FOREIGN EMBASSIES IN CHINA

At [www.embassiesinchina.com/](http://www.embassiesinchina.com/) you find the addresses of your own Embassy and Consulate in China.

## HEALTH / VACCINATIONS

To enter in China there are no particular immunizations, unless the traveller is coming from a yellow fever infected area. As for direct entry from Europe no vaccinations are required. We recommend to renew vaccinations for Hepatitis A, Tetanus, Polio and Diphtheria.

In case of emergency, the embassies can give you the contact of English or German speaking physicians in China. Most hotels offer their own first-aid service or organize medical assistance.

In large cities medical care has reached a high standard. You can even find medical divisions only for foreigners.

Be cautious with unpeeled fruit, ice, ice-cream and water from the tap. It is highly recommended to get an **accident and medical insurance coverage** for any medical expenses that may arise.

Please also have a look at:

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/destinations>

**For Germans:** Information in German is also provided by the **Federal Foreign Office** at <http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/DE/Laenderinformationen/00-SiHi/ChinaSicherheit.html>

## LANGUAGE / COMMUNICATION

The official language of China is Mandarin (chin.: pu tong hua).

However, the regional dialects vary quite heavily. In tourist centres (e.g. international hotels) and business circles English is mostly spoken.

If you take a **taxi** it is recommended to take a business card of your hotel with you or to ask for written directions in Chinese at the reception desk.

## MAIL / TELEPHONE / INTERNET

- **Mail:** Stamps are available at post offices or at the hotel reception, where postcards and letters will also be mailed for you.
- **Telephone:** The international country code of China is +86. International calls from the hotel are very expensive. Local calls are usually free of charge. Most major cities operate telephone booths, which can be used for international calls with telephone cards. In most cases your mobile phone will work in large cities. You can also use your mobile phone with a Chinese prepaid card, which can be bought in stores.
- **Internet cafes** can be found mainly in large cities and tourist centers.

## OPENING HOURS

- **Banks**  
Monday to Friday: 09:00–12:00, 14:00–17:00  
Saturday: 08:00–11:30
- **Offices**  
Monday to Friday: 08:00–12:00, 13:00–17:00
- **Stores**  
Monday to Sunday: 08:00–20:00, in winter: 10:00–21:00  
There is no official closing hour
- **Post Offices**  
Monday to Friday: 08:00–19:00  
Saturday: 08:00–14:00
- **Restaurants**  
Monday to Sunday: 10:00–24:00
- **Sights**  
Usually 09:00–16:00

## SAFETY

China is a very safe country. However, when visiting major tourist locations beware of pickpockets. Therefore, we recommend to deposit all valuables in your hotel safe.

**For Germans:** Additional information in German is available at the homepage of the **Federal Foreign Office:** [www.auswaertiges-amt.de](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de).

## TIME ZONE

Despite the enormous size China has only one time zone (Beijing standard time). There is no daylight saving time, i.e. only standardized Central European Time (CET) +7 hours, during the European daylight saving time +6 hours.

## TIPPING

Although the practice is not officially recognized, tipping is now common in top-class international hotels and restaurants. However, tipping is still not expected in rural areas. There is no general rule about tipping; it is up to your own sensitiveness, usually about 10 percent are common. Normally consumer tax is included in the price on goods, but high-class hotels and restaurants may add a service charge of 10-15 percent.

## TRANSPORTATION

**Taxis** are available and usually the most convenient way to the city. Journeys take about an hour to most downtown areas. A sticker on the car door gives information about the rate of the taxi. Ask the driver to use the taxi meter. There is a basic charge (about RMB 11), which increases after 23:00, and an additional charge depending on the distance. As taxi drivers rarely understand and speak English, ask the hotel receptionist to write your destination in Chinese characters and to give you a name card of your hotel for the trip back. Taxi drivers usually do not accept credit cards.

**Public transport:** Shanghai has a well connected underground network with sign postings in English. However, during peak hours public transport can be unpleasantly crowded.

For further questions regarding the transportation to SNIEC – Shanghai New International Expo Center please visit our homepage: [analyticachina.com/Venue](http://analyticachina.com/Venue)

## USEFUL ADDRESSES IN GERMANY

### **Botschaft der Volksrepublik China**

Märkisches Ufer 54, 10179 Berlin

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[www.china-botschaft.de](http://www.china-botschaft.de)

Office hours: Monday to Friday 08:30–12:30, 13:30–17:00

### **Konsularabteilung der Botschaft**

Brückenstraße 10, D-10179 Berlin

Phone: (030) 27 58 85 72

Fax: (030) 27 58 85 20

Tuesday and Thursday: 15:00–17:00 (service by telephone)

Monday and Friday: 09:00–12:00 (open for the public)

## **USEFUL ADDRESSES FOR GERMANS IN CHINA**

### **Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany**

17 Dong Zhi Men Wai Da Jie, Chaoyang District, CN-100600 Beijing

Phone: (010) 85 32 90 00

Fax: (010) 65 32 53 36

E-mail: [embassy@peki.diplo.de](mailto:embassy@peki.diplo.de)

[www.peking.diplo.de/](http://www.peking.diplo.de/)

Consulate General in Chengdu, Hongkong, Kanton und Shanghai

### **Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany**

Dr. Wolfgang Röhr (Generalkonsul)

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Phone: +86 (0)21-3401 0106

E-mail: [info@gk-shanghai.org.cn](mailto:info@gk-shanghai.org.cn)

[www.china.diplo.de/Vertretung/china/de/Startseite.html](http://www.china.diplo.de/Vertretung/china/de/Startseite.html)

### **China National Tourism Administration (CNTA)**

9A Jianguomennei Avenue, CN-100740 Beijing

Phone: (010) 65 20 11 14

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### **German Industry and Commerce (GIC) Shanghai**

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