

# Essential Travel Tips for China

## Welcome to China

Thank you for choosing RedGate DMC.

China is a fascinating destination that combines ancient culture, modern cities, breathtaking landscapes, and unique local experiences.

To help you enjoy a smooth and comfortable journey, please review the following travel tips before your trip.

### 1. Passport & Visa

Please ensure:

- Your passport is valid for at least 6 months
- You have the required visa or visa-free eligibility
- You carry a copy of your passport and visa during travel

We recommend keeping digital copies of important documents.

### 2. Currency & Payments

#### Local Currency

China uses:

Chinese Yuan (CNY / RMB)

#### Mobile Payments

China is highly digitalized, and many shops prefer:

- Alipay
- WeChat Pay

International credit cards are accepted in major hotels, airports, and some restaurants, but not everywhere.

We recommend carrying some cash for convenience.

### **3. Internet & Apps**

Some international websites and apps may be restricted in China.

We recommend downloading useful apps before arrival:

| <b>Purpose</b> | <b>Recommended Apps</b>  |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| Messaging      | WeChat                   |
| Payments       | Alipay                   |
| Maps           | Google Maps / Apple Maps |
| Translation    | Google Translate         |
| Transportation | DiDi                     |

**A VPN may be required for certain international services.**

### **4. Transportation**

China has one of the world's largest high-speed rail networks and efficient domestic transportation systems.

#### **Important Tips**

- Carry your passport when taking trains or flights
- Arrive early at railway stations and airports
- Traffic congestion may occur in major cities during peak hours

### **5. Weather & Clothing**

China's climate varies greatly depending on the region and season.

Please check the weather forecast before travel and pack accordingly.

#### **Seasonal Examples**

| Season | Recommendation      |
|--------|---------------------|
| Spring | Light jacket        |
| Summer | Breathable clothing |
| Autumn | Comfortable layers  |
| Winter | Warm clothing       |

## **6. Food & Dining**

Chinese cuisine varies widely by region.

Popular local dishes may be:

- spicy
- oily
- strongly flavored

If you have:

- allergies
- dietary restrictions
- halal/vegetarian requirements

please inform us in advance.

## **7. Drinking Water**

Tap water in China is generally not recommended for direct drinking.

We recommend:

- bottled water
- boiled water

which are commonly available.

## **8. Language**

Mandarin Chinese is the official language.

English is available in:

- major tourist areas
- international hotels
- airports

but may be limited in smaller cities and local restaurants.

Translation apps can be very helpful.

## **9. Safety**

China is generally considered a safe destination for travelers.

However, please:

- keep valuables secure
- stay alert in crowded areas
- follow local regulations

For emergencies:

Police: 110

Ambulance: 120

Fire: 119

## **10. Tipping**

Tipping is not traditionally expected in China but is appreciated for excellent service.

For private tours and chauffeur services, tipping is optional and based on satisfaction.

## **11. Shopping Tips**

Popular purchases include:

- tea
- silk
- handicrafts
- local snacks

Please check customs regulations for restricted items before departure.

## **12. Cultural Etiquette**

Respect local customs and cultural sites.

When visiting temples or heritage locations:

- dress appropriately
- speak quietly
- follow guide instructions

## **13. Electricity**

China uses:

220V / 50Hz

Power plug types commonly used:

- Type A
- Type C
- Type I

A universal travel adapter is recommended.

## **14. Emergency Support**

If you need assistance during your trip, please contact:

**RedGate DMC Operations Team**

[ops@redgatedmc.com](mailto:ops@redgatedmc.com)

24/7 emergency support is available for confirmed bookings.

## **15. Most Important Tip**

Relax and enjoy your journey.

China is a destination full of history, innovation, landscapes, cuisine, and unforgettable cultural experiences.

We look forward to welcoming you to China with RedGate DMC.