

China Travel Tips: Chinese Phrases in Different Situations, Trip Suggestions, Do's and Don'ts

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China is far away, you may need to cross ocean, cross continent and cross time zones to reach the country which is in the Far East. Psychologically speaking, if you don't understand Chinese and can't read Chinese and also have never been to China, this can make the distance longer.

When I lived in Germany, I was asked tons of questions by my German friends or friend's friends about China or asked me Chinese characters for possible emergency situations before their China tour. After I moved to Canada, I have experienced the same situation.

How can I find my Hotel if I get lost and I don't speak Chinese?

Do taxi drivers speak English?

Are sales prices written in Chinese Characters?

Does the Chinese money have the numerical number on it?

Is the restaurant menu in Chinese or in English?

What should I do if I want to have direct contact with local Chinese?

What are the Chinese characters for describing a sickness?

How can I ask if I want to find a washroom/toilet/wc?

Chapter 1 will answer the frequently asked questions you may have about your China trip. There are 55 common questions with answers in this chapter.

Here are some examples:

Q7. How can I say "Hello", "Sorry", "Thank You" and "Good Bye" in Chinese?

Hello: Ni-Hao 你好

Sorry: Dui-Bu-Qi 对不起

Thank You: Xie-Xie 谢谢

Good Bye: Zai-Jian 再见

Q18. Do I see numerical number on the Chinese currency?

Yes.

Q17. What is the base unit of Chinese currency?

Yuan 元

You can understand in this way: in USA and Canada there is 1 dollar, in Europe there is 1 Euro, in China it calls 1 Yuan.

1 Yuan 元 = 10 Jiao 角

1 Jiao 角 = 10 Fen 分

Q24. When I go shopping, should I bargain?

Definitely you should when you go to a free market or a bazaar.

Q38. May I drink tap water directly?

No! No! No!

Q43. What medicine should I bring with me?

Medicines for Diarrheal, Gastroenteritis, Fever.

Q51. If someone asks me for currency exchange on the street by offering a good exchange rate, should I do it?

Absolutely no! Only authorized commercial banks are allowed to exchange foreign currency.

Chapter 2 will provide you the useful Chinese words and sentences in the following situations:

2.1 Greeting and Self Introduction

2.2 About Currency, Money and ask Price when Shopping

2.3 About Numbers

2.4 Ask Direction and ask for Help

2.5 Useful common Chinese Phrases

2.6 In Restaurant

2.7 Health Problem and Sickness

Please see some examples from this chapter. With these following frequently-used Chinese words and phrases you can easily get acquainted with Chinese on your China tours.

Hello: Ni-Hao 你好

Sorry: Dui-Bu-Qi 对不起

Thank You: Xie-Xie 谢谢

Good Bye: Zai-Jian 再见

I want to exchange money: 我想兑换外币

How much? Duo-Shao-Qian 多少钱

Too Expensive: Tai-Gui 太贵

Too Much: Tai-Duo 太多

Subway Station: Di-Tie-Zhan 地铁站

WC/Toilet: Ce-Suo 厕所

Man: Nan 男

Lady: Nue 女

Passport: Hu-Zhao 护照

Wallet: Qian-Bao 钱包

Backpack: Bei-Bao 背包

Money: Qian 钱

One 1: Yi 一

Two 2: Er 二

Three 3: San 三

Could you show me the way? 您能告诉我怎么走吗?

May I ask where is the toilet? Ce-Suo-Zai-Na 哪里有厕所?

Where is the bus stop? 哪里是公共汽车站?

I lost my wallet. 我丢了钱包

I lost my passport. 我丢了护照

Where is a pharmacy? 药店在哪儿?

I want to see a doctor. 我想看医生

I am not feeling well. 我身体不舒服

I have allergy. 我有过敏症

I have diarrhea. 我拉肚子了

Chapter 3 will recommend three typical Chinese Cuisines, especially the first two you hardly can find overseas, the third cuisine you may have seen it overseas if you were lucky, but it is recommended to try it in China.

In this chapter these three cuisines are introduced: their history and story, custom and culture, official websites, locations, useful Chinese words and conversation sentences corresponding to each cuisine.

These are some examples from this chapter:

3.1 Beijing Imperial Court Food – Fangshan – 仿膳

Imperial Court Cuisine is a style of food with origins in the Imperial Palace. Based on foods served to the Emperor and his court, Imperial Court Cuisine is well-known by the original features of the raw material and carefully selected ingredients. Additionally, the dishes are decorated by different colourful vegetables and fruits carved into various shapes. Each dish has a propitious name, such as Yu Feng Huan Chao 玉凤还朝 (jade phoenix returning to the royal). And some of them even have short stories.

It is expensive but it is worth to try it when you are in Beijing. Don't miss the chance.

Q. What is the Chinese name for Imperial Court Food?

Fang Shan: 仿膳

Q. How many Imperial Court Food restaurants in Beijing?

There are about 15-20.

Q. Which one should I try?

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Bon Appétit!

Chapter 4 will provide tips about how to contact local people in the easy way. You are very welcome to join their activities and most of them are free. I used to recommend this program strongly to my German and Canadian friends when they go to China because it is the best way to know the part of the daily life of local Chinese people. It is very easy to join and the places are easy to find. Please don't miss this chance.

In this chapter tips are provided and also necessary basic conversations in Chinese are listed too, this will help you to communicate with the local people easily.

Here are some examples of the useful Chinese sentence in this chapter for your preview:

Q. May I join your activity?

我能加入你们的运动吗？

Q. May I take a picture?

我能照张像吗？

Q. I like this exercise very much. Could you please show me how to do this exercise?

我很喜欢这个运动，你能教我怎么做吗？

Q. Do you come here every day?

你每天都来这里吗？

Q. What time do you normally come here?

你一般几点钟来？

Q. Thanks for teaching me.

谢谢你教我。

Chapter 5 will suggest a beautiful Chinese Garden Style Hotel in downtown Beijing. If you are looking for a quiet location to stay and looking for a good price, this Chinese Courtyard Garden Hotel with a lot of blooming flowers could be your choice. Also there is a beautiful Chinese style restaurant with fine taste foods are offered in this hotel.

In this chapter you will be informed about the history of the hotel, official website and location, and some related Chinese words and phrases.

Chapter 6 will show you some locations that you can find the old Chinese culture and the old daily Beijinger's life. In today's modern China a lot of traditions are disappearing and the new generation can only know them from the TV or movies.

If you have a little bit time in Beijing and want to see the traditional culture, the Traditional Pharmacy Store and the Tea House could be your choice.

In this chapter location, history, useful Chinese words and official websites are provided.

Please see some useful Chinese phrases from this chapter:

Q. How much does it cost for the Chinese medicine consultation?

问诊费是多少钱?

Q. How much does it cost for the Chinese medicine?

这中药多少钱?

Q. I don't want to buy this medicine.

我不想买这个药。

Q. Is this medicine to be taken orally?

这个药是内服的吗?

Q. Is it the medicine for external use only?

这个药是外用的吗?

Q. What is the expiration day for this medicine?

这个药的有效期是多长时间?

Q. How do I storage this medicine?

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Chapter 7 will share my own wonderful experience with you. As far as you know, Buddhism is the most popular religion in China. One overnight in a Chinese temple in Beijing will add a special experience to your life.

In this chapter I would like to share my personal experience about one overnight in a Chinese temple, also location, public transportation, what you will need to pay attention while stay in the temple, also very useful conversation and words in Chinese are provided, as in all other chapters.

Because in this area you may not easily find people who can speak English, these Chinese phrases could be very useful. Here are some examples:

Q. We want to stay overnight here. Where is the hotel?

我们今晚想留宿这里。请问宾馆在哪儿？

Q. How much does cost for 1 overnight?

多少钱住一晚？

Q. The TV in my room doesn't work.

我房间的电视不工作。

Q. Does it the overnight prices include the breakfast?

住宿一晚的费用包括早餐吗？

Q. Where is the restaurant?

餐厅在哪里？

Q. I want to pay.

我想付账。

Q. I want to buy a bottle of water.

我想买一瓶水。

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Afterword

Thanks for your time to read my ebook and support my work. I know this ebook won't cover everything but hopefully these tips are useful and will be benefit your trip to China.

I would be greatly appreciated if you could spend a little bit time sharing your comments and reviews with me. I would try my best to improve this book.

At the end I would like to wish you during your trip in China:

Be Safe, Be Happy, Be Open Minded, Be Patient, Be Relaxing, Be Understandable!

Still remember what do they mean in Chinese?

Xie Xie!

Zai Jian!

Have A Wonderful Trip To China!

旅途愉快!