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The University of Notre Dame boasts a network of extraordinary facilities and programs located around the world—the Notre Dame Global Gateways. Under the aegis of Notre Dame International (NDI), the Global Gateways are academic and intellectual centers where scholars, students, and leaders from universities, government, business, and the community gather to discuss issues of topical and enduring relevance.

At each Global Gateway, the Notre Dame community and its many international partners and colleagues work together to advance knowledge across all disciplines with a view to the common good.

Beijing, a thriving metropolis rich in history, culture, commerce, and political influence, is home to Notre Dame's Global Gateway to Asia. The Beijing Global Gateway supports the University's commitment to internationalize Notre Dame's academic mission by creating and nurturing partnerships with universities, corporations, research institutes, and scholarly communities across Asia. These partnerships in mainland China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand serve as the foundation for a broad range of academic programs.

ASIA PROGRAMS

Notre Dame's Beijing Global Gateway is located in Zhongguancun, the famous technology hub at the heart of Beijing's university district. Top universities in China, including Peking University, Tsinghua University, Renmin University, and Chinese Academy of Sciences, are all within a 10-minute drive from the Beijing Global Gateway.

Through connectivity with regional satellites in Tokyo and Hong Kong, the Beijing Global Gateway provides support to Notre Dame faculty and staff who are exploring or expanding programs in Asia. The Global Gateway staff can facilitate, coordinate, and advise on a variety of academic and networking activities. The Global Gateway offers limited work and meeting space but can help with logistical matters to ensure that endeavors in China and other parts of Asia are as productive as possible.

The Beijing Global Gateway has taken both leading and supporting roles in developing and coordinating many academic, research, and community-based programs in Asia, providing enriching experiences both to Notre Dame students and to high school, undergraduate, and graduate students from across Asia.

LIU INSTITUTE

The Beijing Global Gateway works closely with Notre Dame's Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies on expanding opportunities for faculty and students to engage with Asia.

SUMMER ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The Business and Culture in China Today program allows undergraduates to explore, experience, and examine the business and culture of China in Beijing, Shanghai, Taipei, and Hong Kong.

Notre Dame's Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering collaborates with the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Tsinghua University to partner undergraduates from both universities. Students work in teams on projects sponsored by international companies operating in China.

Notre Dame's School of Architecture offers a summer program in China that focuses on traditional and vernacular Chinese architecture.

The Summer Indian Studies program is based at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, and includes classes on society, religion, culture, and politics in India.



LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

Notre Dame's Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures coordinates a Summer Language Abroad (SLA) grant program that provides funding for individual students to live abroad while taking language and cultural courses as well as participating in service learning experiences. Languages include Chinese, Japanese, and Korean, among others.

Notre Dame undergraduate students have an opportunity to improve their fluency in spoken and written Mandarin Chinese through the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) semester- and year-long intensive language programs. The CIEE program takes place in Beijing and Shanghai. Notre Dame students may also participate in an intensive Chinese language program at Fu Jen Catholic University in Taiwan.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

The IBM-Notre Dame Global Internship program in Beijing allows Notre Dame graduate students to pursue and apply their research in an international corporate environment and to explore career possibilities.

The Beijing Global Gateway partners with the Student International Business Council and hosts two undergraduate students as summer interns every year.

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM

The Cultural Preservation Program in Guizhou Province, in partnership with Guizhou Normal University, provides undergraduate students an opportunity for firsthand cultural and academic engagement. While staying in villages, students develop an understanding of

local cultures and traditions and can conduct research on topics such as the cultural ecology of Chinese ethnic groups.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS COORDINATED BY THE BEIJING GLOBAL GATEWAY:

- Discover Notre Dame events throughout Asia with Notre Dame's Undergraduate Admissions Office, which introduces the University and its application process to prospective students, parents, and high school counselors.

- Faculty lectures and other activities, with the Alumni Association and alumni clubs in Asia.
- Academic conferences, symposia, and forums with universities across Asia. Notre Dame and Peking University co-sponsored a panel at the 2013 Beijing Forum on national economic policy and social welfare. As an invited co-initiator of the 2014 Green Alliance of Universities for a Sustainable Future, the University of Notre Dame joined Peking University and other research universities to contribute scholarship to issues related to environmental sustainability.



NOTRE DAME ASIA NETWORK



Notre Dame's growing presence in Asia is built on thoughtful collaborations and reciprocal agreements with academic institutions, governments, and organizations that share the University's education and research goals. Our generous benefactors have created endowments and provided other sources of funding to expand Notre Dame's endeavors in Asia.

ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS

Notre Dame has formal collaboration agreements with universities throughout Asia.

In mainland China:

- joint master's in nonprofit administration program with Renmin University
- law student exchanges with Peking University and Tsinghua University
- International Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (iSURE) program with Peking, Tsinghua, Fudan, and Zhejiang universities

Notre Dame also offers student exchange programs with the Chinese University of Hong Kong, University of Hong Kong, Keio University, National University of Singapore, and Yonsei University.

In India, collaborations with:

- Summer India Studies Program for Notre Dame undergraduates with St. Xavier's College
- India International Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (iSURE) with Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay, St. Xavier's College, St. Stephen's College, and Indian Institute of Technology-Gandhinagar.

COLLABORATIONS WITH EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Notre Dame has established a productive relationship with the Ministry of Education of China and the China Scholarship Council (CSC). Vice Minister for Education Hao Ping and Secretary General Liu Jinghui visited the Notre Dame campus in 2013 to sign an

agreement to provide scholarships for approximately 20 additional Chinese students to enroll in Notre Dame's Graduate School. Notre Dame also hosts Chinese university leadership delegations for workshops and seminars focused on higher education administration, in partnership with China's National Academy for Education Administrators.

PARTNERSHIPS WITH CORPORATIONS

The Beijing Global Gateway has established partnerships with the IBM China Research Lab, BMW Finance China, KPMG Hong Kong, and others to provide internship and employment opportunities for Notre Dame students.

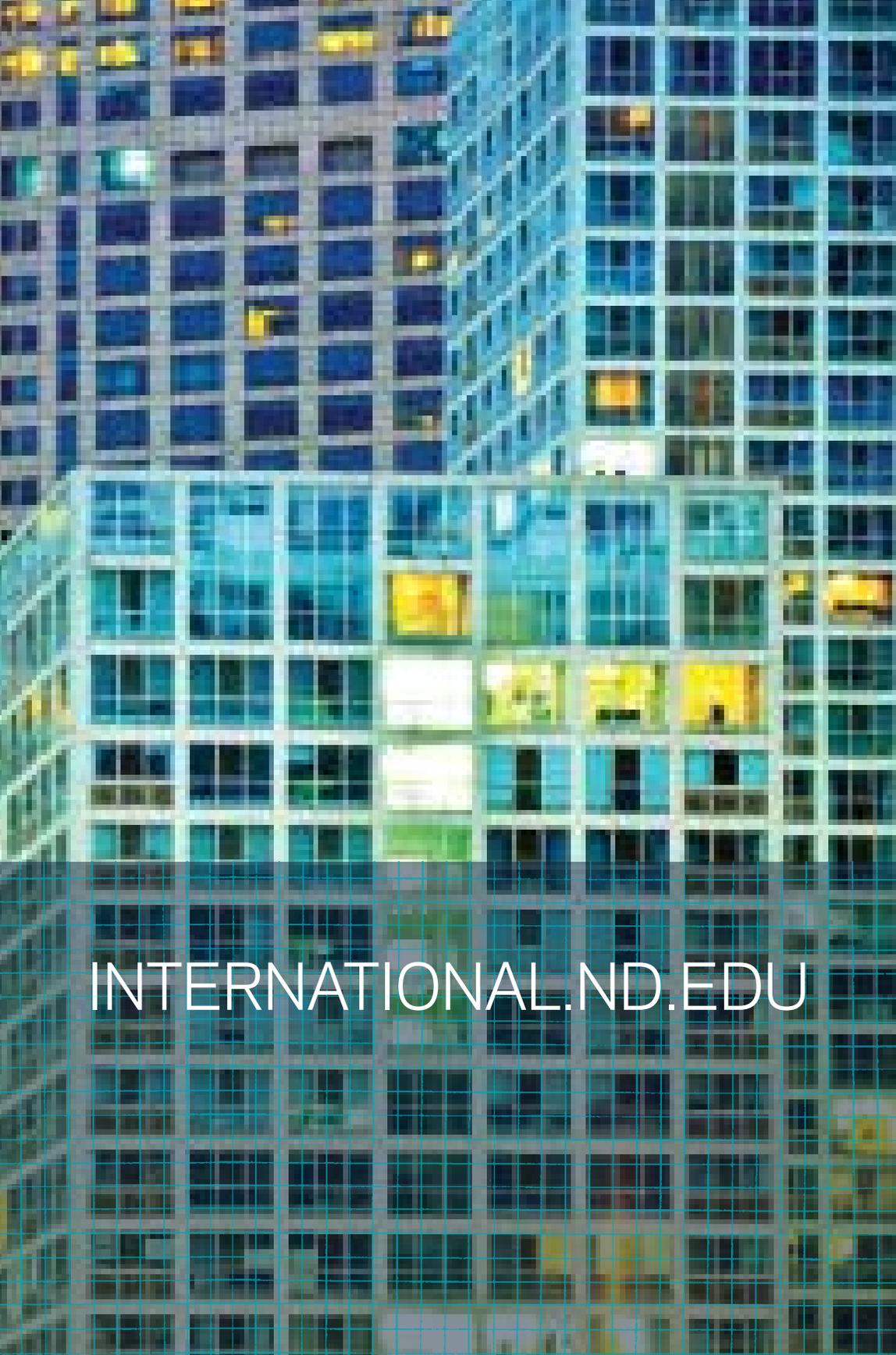
NOTRE DAME CLUBS IN ASIA

The Beijing Global Gateway works closely with Notre Dame clubs in Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Taipei, Korea, and Japan to increase the University's visibility, support student recruiting, and create career opportunities for current students and graduates.

DELEGATION VISITS

With the goals of developing long-term academic partnerships and increasing research and education collaborations in Asia, the Beijing Global Gateway organizes delegations from partner universities to visit the University of Notre Dame's campus in South Bend, and arranges academic delegations from the University of Notre Dame to Asia.



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PROGRAMS AT THE NOTRE DAME CAMPUS

The Beijing Global Gateway plays a critical role in ensuring that students from across Asia have an opportunity to participate in academic programs at the University of Notre Dame. In turn, the presence of an ever-growing number of international students enriches both classroom interactions and life on campus at Notre Dame. The following are examples of programs at Notre Dame open to high school and university students from Asia.

THE GREATER CHINA SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Greater China Scholars Program partners with the Li Ka Shing Foundation to offer merit-based scholarships to undergraduate applicants enrolling at Notre Dame. This program is also supported by Notre Dame alumni, parents, and friends of the University.

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (iSURE)

The iSURE program immerses undergraduate students from Asia in science and engineering research at Notre Dame. Students work closely with university faculty and graduate students on a variety of research projects.

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP, ENRICHMENT, AND DEVELOPMENT (iLED)

The iLED program allows exceptional high school students to explore the various academic fields at Notre Dame. Four colleges and the School of Architecture jointly deliver a two-week curriculum during the summer that includes lectures and experiential learning focused on international leadership.

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER AMERICA AND THE WORLD TODAY (iSAWT)

The iSAWT program, which includes an English communication workshop, introduces students to cultural, social, political, and economic life in the United States.

U.S. BUSINESS AND CULTURE SUMMER PROGRAM

The Mendoza College of Business hosts students from Asia during the summer for an academic program focused on the U.S. business environment.

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TRAVELING TO CHINA

China is the largest country in the world in terms of population and the fourth largest in areal extent after Russia, Canada, and the United States. Its territory spreads across 3,000 miles (east to west), yet it has only one time zone. China's economy is the second largest in the world, accounting for 40 percent of global economic growth over the last two decades.

Mainland China's population of 1.3 billion includes 56 officially recognized ethnic groups. The country consists of 22 provinces, five autonomous regions, four municipalities (including Beijing and Shanghai), and the two Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau. The U.S. Department of State provides a helpful fact sheet about the region at state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/18902.htm.

PLANNING YOUR TRIP TO BEIJING

Visas

The visa category most relevant to U.S. faculty is "Tourist (L)" or "Business (F)." If a Chinese institution extends an invitation, your host will generally issue an invitation letter for a business visa. We recommend you apply for the visa a month in advance and allow at least two weeks for processing, although expedited service may be available.

If you intend to re-enter China after an international trip, make sure your visa allows re-entry. You will need a re-entry visa if you travel to Hong Kong or Macau and then wish to return to China.

Housing

For recommendations and help reserving hotels, please contact the Beijing Global Gateway staff at ndasia@nd.edu.

Health and Insurance

It is best to bring whatever medication you may need from home (e.g., prescription medicine, contact lenses, pain relievers, cold medications). Although Chinese pharmacies are well stocked with Chinese and Western medicines, language barriers may make it difficult to find the exact product.

RECOMMENDED READING AND FILMS ON CHINA:

History and Contemporary China

China in the 21st Century: What Everyone Needs to Know

by Jeffrey N. Wasserstrom

China in Ten Words

by Yu Hua and Allan H. Barr

The Search for Modern China

by Jonathan D. Spence

Government and International Affairs

Deng Xiaoping

by Ezra Vogel

China Goes Global: The Partial Power

by David L. Shambaugh

On China

by Henry Kissinger

Fiction

The Republic of Wine

by Nobel Laureate Mo Yan

To Live

by Yu Hua

Travel Writing

Country Driving: A Chinese Road Trip

by Peter Hessler

Award-Winning Films

To Live

by Zhang Yimou

Farewell My Concubine

by Chen Kaige

24 City

by Jia Zhangke

TRAVELING WITHIN CHINA

General Information

Contact the Notre Dame Beijing Global Gateway for help with and recommendations for most travel needs, including car rentals, hotel booking, airline tickets, train tickets, trip itineraries, tour guides, and visa applications to other countries.

Contact: ndasia@nd.edu

Airline Tickets, Train Tickets, and Hotels

If you prefer to plan your own trip, you can visit Ctrip travel, english.ctrip.com, and Elong travel, elong.net, to book airline tickets and hotels. Train tickets may be purchased online at 12306.cn, or at train stations.

Car

Travelers in China cannot rent cars to drive themselves. To hire a driver, please contact the Beijing Global Gateway staff at ndasia@nd.edu.

Other Useful Resources

Travel China Guide: travelchinaguide.com

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TRAVELING TO CHINA (CONTINUED)

Health Services

For major medical needs, we recommend Beijing United Family Hospital and Clinic, which offers facilities comparable to American standards. The medical staff speaks English, and major credit cards are accepted.

For appointments (required):
+86 10 5927 7000

For emergencies:
+86 10 5927 7120

Address:
#2 Jiangtai Lu, Chaoyang District

Additional Western hospitals and clinics in Beijing can be found at [beijing.usembassy-china.org.cn/acs_health.html](http://usembassy-china.org.cn/acs_health.html).

Currency

The Renminbi (RMB), also called Yuan, is the main unit of currency in China. The exchange rate fluctuates at around six Yuan to the dollar. There are 0.1, 0.5, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50, and 100-Yuan bills as well as 0.1, 0.5, and 1 Yuan coins. Currency can be exchanged at the Beijing airport.

Credit/Debit Cards

Although major hotels, restaurants, cafés, and malls will accept foreign credit cards, you should be prepared to use cash for taxis, smaller restaurants, and other daily expenditures. It is easy to withdraw local currency from ATMs across China using most foreign debit or credit cards. You

should notify your bank about your plans to use your debit card in China so charges are not suspected of being fraudulent.

Internet Access/Phones

Internet service will generally be available for a fee at your hotel, apartment, or dorm. Some sites (including Facebook, YouTube, and Google, for example) are blocked in China, but you may be able to access these with certain VPN services.

Most Internet access in China is wired. If you need WiFi access (for an iPad, for example), you may wish to use a wireless router. You can bring your own (it should work in China) or purchase one at a local electronic store. Some hotels, restaurants, and cafés have WiFi access.

Local cell phone service is quite convenient, and SIM cards and inexpensive cell phones are easily available. Check with your mobile provider about roaming charges for using your U.S. cell phone in China.

Time

China Standard Time is eight hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time. There is no daylight saving time. The entire country adopts China Standard Time.

Safety/Emergency

Overall, Beijing is a safe city, with some of the lowest crime rates in the world. In case of an emergency, police assistance is available by dialing 110 from any phone. For a medical emergency, dial 120.

Electricity

China uses a 220-volt power supply. Plugs come in a variety of shapes with most electrical outlets accommodating at least two varieties, one of them being the familiar two-pronged type. Most electronic devices like computer and cell phone chargers have built-in converters, but you may want to bring converters for appliances such as hair dryers or electric shavers. We recommend you bring a universal adapter.

Air Quality

Please be advised that air pollution in Beijing is a major health issue. The U.S. embassy in Beijing monitors and reports the air quality index (AQI) hourly. You can find the reports at beijing.usembassy-china.org.cn/070109air.html.

When the AQI exceeds 300, you should stay indoors. Before you leave, you should purchase respirators (masks) to cope with severe air pollution. Be sure the masks meet at least N95 standards (manufactured by 3M or Vogmask).

Cultural Tips and Etiquette

To invite someone to dinner means paying for the meal, not simply “join me for dinner.” Splitting expenses is rare. The host or person doing the inviting will normally sit facing the door, with the most important people in the group sitting on either side. If you are the guest, expect to be offered the place of honor. Refuse politely: Guests of honor may end up sitting at the place of honor, but

declining is considered polite. When in a group, avoid being the only one to drink. Always raise your glass to at least one person sitting at the table.

Try to use chopsticks, no matter how clumsy you may be; your hosts will appreciate it. Avoid sticking chopsticks upright into dishes (especially in your rice bowl). It is considered bad luck. It is polite to leave a small amount of food in your bowl at the end of the meal. Failing to order enough food is considered a *faux pas* for any Chinese host, and an empty bowl will be taken as a sign that you have not had your fill, leading to a loss of face—or more dishes arriving at the table.

A list of etiquette and culture guide is available at culturalsavvy.com/chinese_culture.htm.



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BEIJING VISITOR INFORMATION

GETTING AROUND

Taxi

Taxis are easily available and inexpensive (around \$2.00 as a flag-down fare for the first 3 km). All drivers should have a license number and photograph prominently displayed in the front of the taxi, along with a complaints telephone number. Taxi drivers rarely speak English. Have someone write your destination in Chinese to show the taxi driver. Always carry a card of the hotel or have your apartment address written in Chinese. Be sure to ask for a receipt (*fa piao*) in case you leave something behind.

Subway

The subway system, one of the largest in the world, is safe, fairly efficient, and inexpensive: a one-way ticket costs 2 yuan (33 cents), regardless of the destination. Transfers within the system are free. Automatic machines are available at all stations, as are English instructions. Station names are all in English and Chinese, and there are announcements in English and Chinese before each station. The practice of letting passengers disembark first does not always work, and there is usually a rush to get on/off a train. Most subway lines are very crowded during peak commuting hours (7-9 a.m. and 5-7 p.m.). You can find the subway map at exploremetro.com/static/pdf/en/beijing.pdf.

Bus

Because of the dense Beijing traffic, riding a bus is not the most efficient way to travel, but it is inexpensive. Rides cost 1 RMB or 3-5 RMB on air-conditioned buses. Bus drivers do not speak English. The best way to find your stop is to have someone write it in Chinese for you and show it to the driver.

Walking

Roads are typically very wide and pedestrians do not have right of way, unlike in the United States. Drivers will almost never stop for pedestrians. You will see many pedestrians crossing the road in several stages, pausing between streams of traffic. The best option, however, is to cross at a traffic light or use the pedestrian footbridge. Be watchful for bicyclists and other motorized vehicles.

FOOD

Grocery Shopping

Local grocery stores will carry most staples, including vegetables, fruits, and meat. Although Chinese drink more yogurt-based products, milk is available in quarts or smaller sizes. A French supermarket chain, Carrefour, caters to international visitors and has multiple locations in the city. Walmart is present in Beijing but caters primarily to local tastes. Jenny Lou's has a good selection of imported goods; see thebeijinger.com/directory/jenny-lous.

Eating Out

Menus are often only in Chinese, especially in small restaurants. When you find something you like, ask someone to write it in Chinese for you. It is customary to eat around large circular tables, allowing everyone access to the food placed in the middle. All food is shared. As many dishes are cooked in a wok, food usually arrives at the table with astonishing speed. If you are not comfortable with chopsticks, you can ask for cutlery. Tipping is not expected.

In addition to global franchise chains, major Chinese cities have a large range of ethnic and Chinese restaurants.

The following links offer reviews on the best brunch locations, cafés, and eateries: timeoutbeijing.com/FoodDrink

cityweekend.com.cn/beijing/listings/restaurants/list/

travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/city-guides/beijing-restaurants/

travelandleisure.com/travel-guide/beijing/restaurants

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Different types of religious worship (Christian, Catholic, Jewish, Buddhist, Islamic, etc.) are available in most major cities in China. For religious services organized by foreign groups, you may be required to carry a foreign passport.

South Cathedral (Nan Tang) is the oldest Catholic church in Beijing and the diocesan cathedral. It offers services in Latin, English, and Chinese on Sundays. It is located at No. 141 Qianmen West Dajie (near the northeast exit of Xuanwumen subway station). southcathedral.com

For information on other religious sites, consult Fodor's Travel at fodors.com/world/asia/china/beijing/sights-name-class:30979.html.

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SIGHTSEEING

Beijing is one the world's most-visited cities. Its 3,000 years of history and rich cultural heritage make this vibrant metropolis a preferred destination for visitors eager to learn more about China, old and new. Below is a guide to some of the major tourist attractions in and around Beijing. Additional information for the visitor who has a few hours or a few days can be found at beijing.etours.cn.

Tiananmen Square

the heart of Beijing
travelchinaguide.com/attraction/beijing/tianan.htm

Forbidden City

the palace of Ming and Qing emperors
dpm.org.cn/www_oldweb/English/default.html

Summer Palace

one of the imperial gardens
summerpalace-china.com

Beihai Park

with a 1,000-year history, one of the oldest imperial gardens in China
beihaiPark.com.cn/en

Temple of Heaven

where the emperors worshiped heaven and prayed for good harvest
en.tiantanPark.com/default.aspx

Badaling Great Wall

closest Great Wall site to Beijing
badalinggreatwall.com

Ming Tombs

tombs of Ming emperors
china.org.cn/english/features/atam/115650.htm

Chaoyang Park

a new city park with many foreign restaurants
sun-park.com

Xiang Mountain

the highest mountain in the northwest of Beijing
xiangshanPark.com/en

The Lama Temple

a famous Tibetan Buddhist temple
yonghegong.cn

Old Summer Palace

largest imperial garden in China and listed as world cultural heritage in 1998
yuanmingyuanPark.com/zy/ymyywj.htm

National Museum of China

largest collection of Chinese treasures in China
en.chnmuseum.cn

SHOPPING

Beijing offers many shopping options, from Western-style malls to street vendors and local markets. Take time to explore all of them. Here are a few addresses to get you started:

Bookstores

Foreign Language Bookstore
(Waiwen Shudian) carries the latest bestsellers, biographies, and classics

Wangfujing Dajie 235,
Dongcheng Qu, Beijing
Tel.: +86 10 6512 6903
Metro: Wangfujing

Zhongguancun Book Building
largest bookstore in the university district

68 West Road North 4th Ring,
Haidian District, Beijing
Tel.: + 86 10 8267 6659
Metro: Suzhoujie

Shopping Malls

The Village at Sanlitun
a modern shopping complex designed by a team of internationally renowned architects

Sanlitun Bei Lu 19, Beijing
Chaoyang Qu
Website (in Chinese): The Village at Sanlitun taikoolisanlitun.com/chi/Pages/index.aspx
Metro: Tuanjiehu

The Gate City Mall
one of the biggest complexes for shopping, eating, and cinemas in Haidian District; near the universities

19 Zhongguancun Avenue
Metro: Haidian Huangzhuang

Wudaokou Shopping Center
large complex for shopping, eating, and cinemas in Haidian District; near the universities

28 Chengfu Road,
Haidian District, Beijing
Metro: Wudaokou

Bargain Shopping Markets

Yashow Market of Sanlitun
clothes, shoes, hats, watches, handicrafts and souvenirs of modest quality; bargaining is expected

58 Gongti North Street,
Chaoyang District
Metro: Dongsishitiao

Silk Market
clothes, shoes, hats, watches, handicrafts and souvenirs of modest quality; bargaining is expected

8 Xiushui Street,
Chaoyang District, Beijing
Metro: Yong'anli

For more shopping information, visit Fodor's Travel at fodors.com/world/asia/china/beijing/shopping.html.

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Note: The New Oriental South Building is also known as the Metropolis Tower. Closest Subway Station: Exit A2, Haidian Huangzhuang Station, Line 10 and Line 4.

