



Pocket
BEIJING

TOP SIGHTS • LOCAL LIFE • MADE EASY

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In This Book

QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



Need to Know
Tips for a smooth trip



Neighbourhoods
What's where

Explore Běijīng

The best things to see and do, neighbourhood by neighbourhood



Top Sights
Make the most of your visit



Local Life
The insider's city

The Best of Běijīng

The city's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



Best Walks
See the city on foot



Běijīng's Best...
The best experiences

Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free city experience



Getting Around
Travel like a local



Essential Information
Including where to stay

Our selection of the city's best places to eat, drink and experience:

 **Sights**

 **Eating**

 **Drinking**

 **Entertainment**

 **Shopping**

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

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|  Telephone Numbers |  Family-Friendly |
|  Opening Hours |  Pet-Friendly |
|  Parking |  Bus |
|  Nonsmoking |  Ferry |
|  Internet Access |  Metro |
|  Wi-Fi Access |  Subway |
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|  English-Language Menu |  Tram |
| |  Train |

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



Bar Hemingway

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Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during his stay in Beijing. The showpiece is a large painting of the author, painted by Papa Hemingway. Open: 11am-11pm. Dress code: smart casual. Website: barhemingway.com; Hôtel Ritzy. Phone: +86 10 630pm-2a

Lonely Planet's Běijīng

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Běijīng.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

It's your guarantee of a really great experience.

Our Promise

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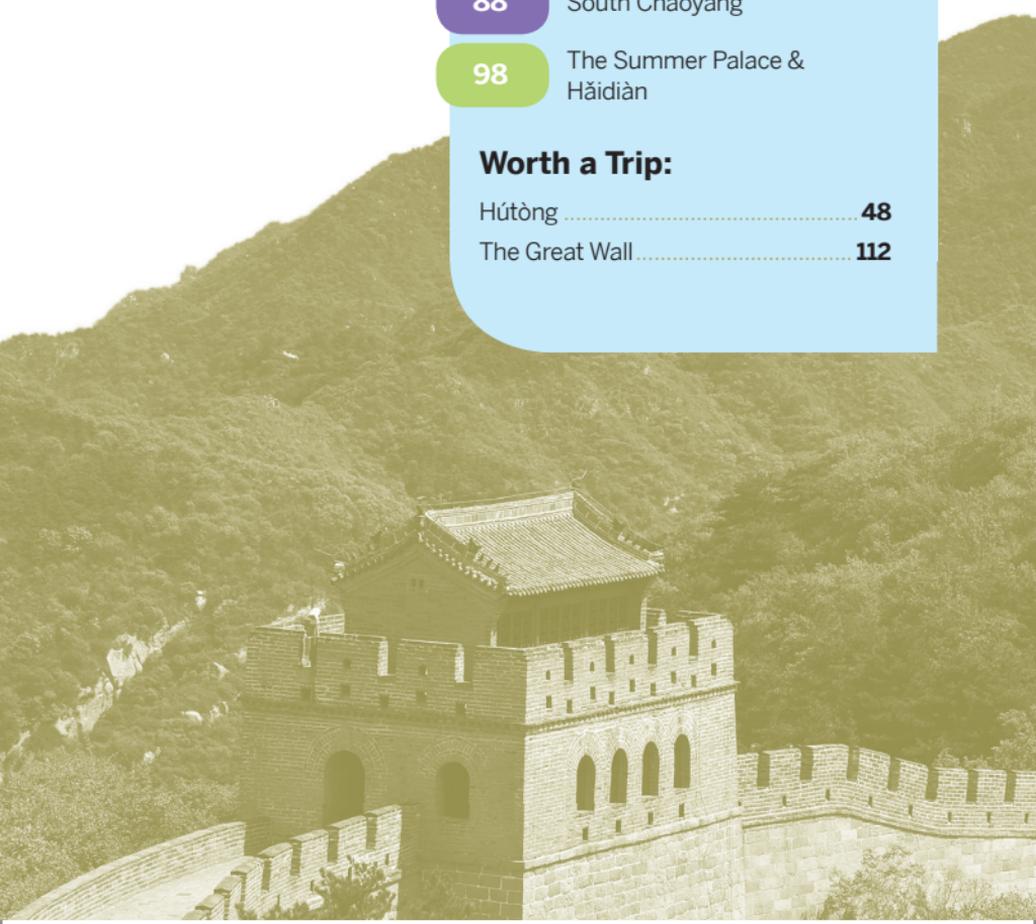
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Welcome to Běijīng

Běijīng is where China's distant past and super-charged present collide in glorious fashion. Extraordinary imperial palaces and sublime temples mingle with stunning new architecture, while wonderful restaurants and great shopping also await. But above all, Běijīng fizzes with a compelling and unique energy befitting the capital of the world's newest superpower. So what are you waiting for?

Skyline of Běijīng's central business district
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Běijīng Top Sights

Forbidden City 紫禁城 (p24)

Walk in the footsteps of emperors at this utterly unmissable complex that contains the best-preserved collection of ancient architecture in all of China.

