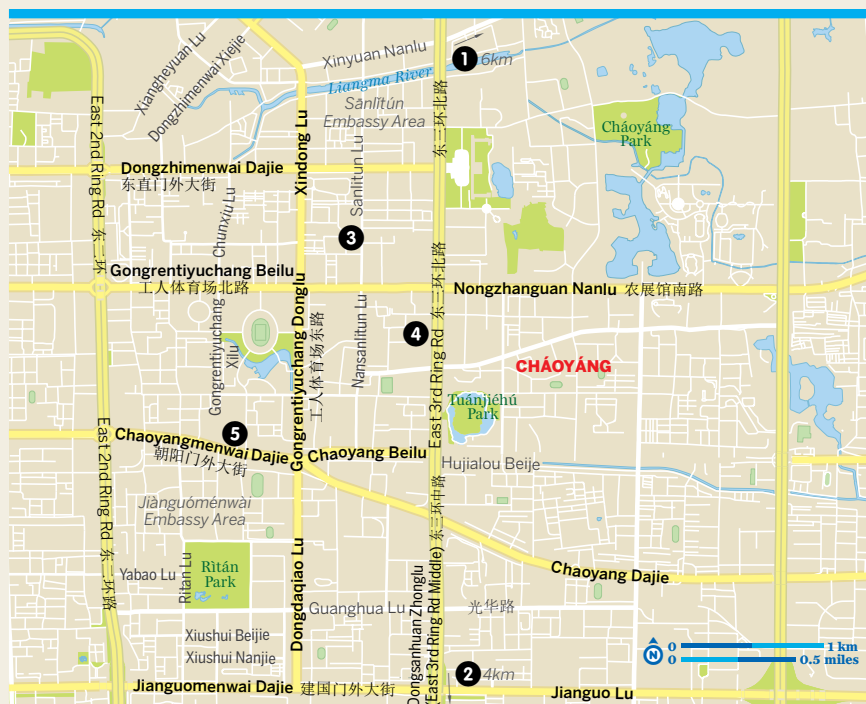


Sānlītún & Cháoyáng

Neighbourhood Top Five

- ❶ Discover China's vibrant contemporary art scene at **798 Art District** (p149).
- ❷ Hunt for arts, crafts and antique treasures at the wonderfully chaotic **Pānjiāyuán Market** (p154).
- ❸ Sip cocktails at **Apothecary** (p149), just one of an ever-increasing number of hip Sānlītún bars.
- ❹ Enjoy the best of Běijīng's fine dining at restaurants like **Duck de Chine** (p147).
- ❺ Muse on life's finalities at the fascinatingly morbid Taoist shrine that is **Dōngyuè Temple** (p141).



For more detail of this area, see Map p298. ➔

Explore Sānlītún & Cháoyáng

The only sights of real interest in the spread-out district of Cháoyáng (朝阳) are Dōngyuè Temple and the oasis that is Rítán Park, although spending at least half a day at the 798 Arts District is more or less essential. Once your sightseeing is done, it's time to focus on Cháoyáng's more hedonistic pleasures: shopping, eating and partying.

You'll find many of Běijīng's best and most eye-catching shopping malls here, as well as some of the city's finest markets. You could easily put aside a day for shopping, including a lazy brunch or lunch stop.

Come evening, the choice of restaurants is staggering. Whether you fancy keeping it real with dumplings, dressing up for posh nosh or sampling international cuisine from African to Thai, you can find it in Cháoyáng.

Once you've satisfied your hunger cravings, hop in a cab to one of the many bars in the area, where you can discuss where best to dance the night away over a cocktail or three.

Local Life

➔ **Food** If you want to sidestep the expats and moneyed out-of-towners and eat like a real Beijinger, head for Bàodǔ Huáng (p144).

➔ **Art** 798 Art District is well worth a trip, but true art-lovers should also head slightly further northeast, to the less-touristy galleries at Cǎochǎngdì (p140).

➔ **Parklife** Rítán Park (p141) is a favourite spot for locals who come here to fly kites, play cards and do their daily exercises. Other outdoor spaces include Cháoyáng and Tuánjiéhú Parks, which both have popular swimming complexes.

Getting There & Away

➔ **Subway** The main bar, restaurant and clubbing areas in Sānlītún are between Dongsì Shítiao and Tuánjiéhú stations. Whichever way you're heading, you're faced with a 10- to 15-minute walk.

➔ **Dōngzhímén Transport Hub** The Airport Express terminates here, two subway lines meet here, and there are buses to every corner of the city, including ones to the Great Wall.

➔ **Bus** Bus 113 runs past Sānlītún and the Workers Stadium before turning north up Jiadaokou Nandajie (for Nanluogu Xiang). Bus 120 goes from the east gate of the Workers Stadium to Wángfǔjǐng and Qiánmén. Bus 701 runs the length of Gongrentiyuchang Beilu and continues west to Běihǎi Park.

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Market vendors in this area are very accustomed to foreign tourists, so prepare yourself for some serious bargaining. There are no fixed rules as to how much to cut the starting price by. The best way to see how low vendors will go is simply to walk away, hopefully prompting a genuine 'last price'.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Nàjiā Xiǎoguǎn (p145)
- ➔ Jīngzūn Peking Duck (p145)
- ➔ Bǎoyuán Dumpling Restaurant (p144)
- ➔ Bàodǔ Huáng (p144)
- ➔ In & Out (p145)

For reviews, see p144. ➔

Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Migas Bar (p149)
- ➔ Apothecary (p149)
- ➔ Great Leap Brewing (p149)
- ➔ Revolution (p149)
- ➔ Janes and Hooch (p149)
- ➔ For reviews, see p148. ➔

Best Places to Shop

- ➔ Pānjiāyuán Market (p154)
- ➔ Sānlītún Village (p153)
- ➔ Silk Market (p153)
- ➔ Sānlītún Yashow Clothing Market (p154)
- ➔ Shard Box Store (p154)

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