



Beijing

**“All you’ve got to do is decide to go
and the hardest part is over.**

So go!”

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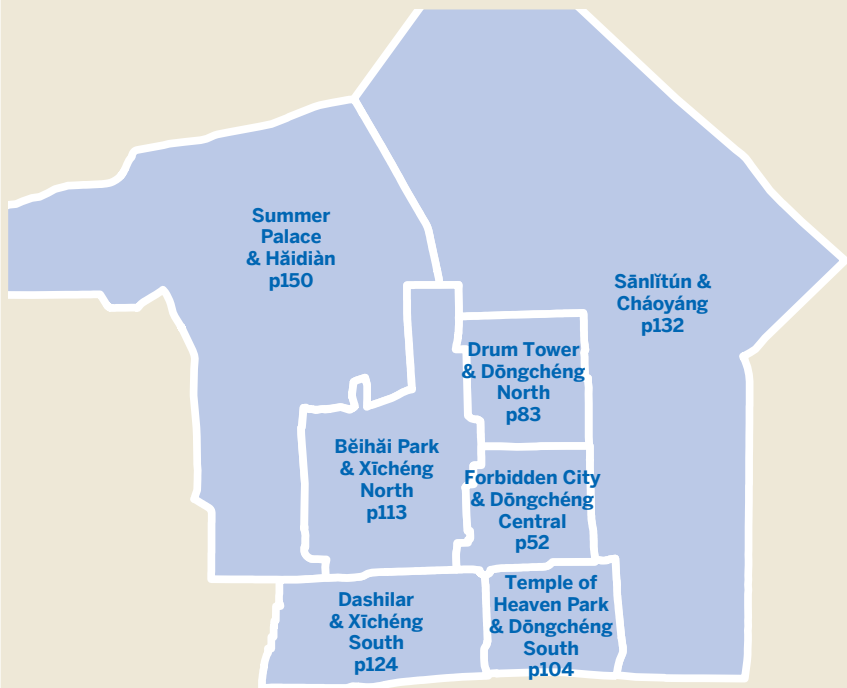
(left) **Wángfǔjīng
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Barbecued skewers

(above) **The Great Wall
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(right) **Temple of
Heaven Park p106**
Traditional Ming architectural design



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Top Itineraries

Day One

Temple of Heaven Park & Dōngchéng South (p104)

 You're jet-lagged anyway, so what the heck? Get up at the crack of dawn and head straight for **Temple of Heaven Park**. Běijīng is blessed with some fabulous city parks, but this is arguably the most captivating of them all, and early morning, when it's filled with locals rather than tourists, is the best time to visit. Don't miss the park's crowning edifice, the magnificent **Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests** – Ming dynasty architectural perfection.



Lunch It's time to try Běijīng's most famous dish at Liqún Roast Duck Restaurant (p111).

Temple of Heaven Park & Dōngchéng South (p104)

 Join the crowds of domestic tourists on their pilgrimage-like tour of China's most famous public space, **Tiān'ānmén Square**, before spending the afternoon exploring the immense palace grounds of the **Forbidden City**.



Dinner It's only a short walk to cute courtyard restaurant Little Yúnnán (p76).

Forbidden City & Dōngchéng Central (p52)

 Start your evening with cocktails in **Mao Mao Chong Bar**, north of Little Yúnnán, before catching some live music at **School Bar** or **Yúgōng Yíshān**.

Day Two

Drum Tower & Dōngchéng North (p83)

 Ease yourself into day two with a calming stroll around the incense-filled courtyards of the **Lama Temple** before visiting the equally peaceful and historic **Confucius Temple**. Grab a coffee at nearby **Cafe Confucius** before lunch.



Lunch Try lunch at the serene Bǎihé Vegetarian Restaurant (p94), popular with the monks from the Lama Temple.

Drum Tower & Dōngchéng North (p83)

 Stroll through the *hútòng* to the magnificent **Drum Tower**. Catch one of the drumming performances here before hopping across the square to climb the equally majestic **Bell Tower**. In the late afternoon, locals congregate in the square for formation dancing and you're welcome to join in.



Dinner Head to hip *hútòng* restaurant 4corners (p120), a short walk from the Drum Tower.

Běihǎi Park & Xīchéng North (p113)

 Join the knowledgeable crowd who gather at the nearby **East Shore Jazz Café** to listen to the best local jazz musicians, as well as overseas bands, before drinking the night away by the lakeside on the **Hòuhǎi Bar Strip**.



Dragon boats on Kunming Lake (p152)

Day Three

The Great Wall (p162)

 Make an early start. You're heading for the Great Wall at **Zhuàngdàokǒu**. It's not the most remote section of the Wall, but it still takes a while to get there by bus, via Huàiróu.



Lunch Stop for lunch at Zǎoxiāng Yǎrd (p168), a small village guesthouse.

The Great Wall (p162)

 Leave the village, and follow the stony pathway up to the Great Wall. When you hit the Wall, turn right and begin the steep, 45-minute hike to the top (where you'll get fabulous views of the Wall snaking off into the distance), before descending (15 minutes) to the main road by **Huánguā Chéng Great Wall**. You can climb another section of the Wall



Dinner Authentic Běijīng eats at Bàoǒ Huáng (p139), near the bus terminus.

here, if you like, or just catch a bus back to Huàiróu.

Sānlitún & Cháoyáng (p132)

 If you still have any energy left, head to one of Sānlitún's buzzing cocktail bars: try **Janes + Hooch** or **Parlor**.

Day Four

Summer Palace & Hǎidiàn (p150)

 Head to the western outskirts for a morning trip to the **Summer Palace**. The imperial court used to decamp here to flee Běijīng's midsummer heatwaves. Food options are poor (although it's great picnic territory), so have lunch at **798 Art District**, where you'll be spending the afternoon.



Lunch Try the Japanese and Western menu at Timezone 8 (p135), one of the key 798 hangouts.

Sānlitún & Cháoyáng (p132)

 Spend the rest of the afternoon at **798 Art District**: wander the galleries, stop for coffee and chat to young



Dinner Head to Gǒubùlǐ (p128) for quality dumplings.

artists, while keeping your eye out for quirky souvenirs.

Dashilar & Xīchéng South (p124)

 Spend your last evening in Běijīng being wowed by the city's best performance artists. If it's Peking opera you fancy, there's nowhere better than **Húguāng Guild Hall**. Acrobatics more your thing? Head to **Tiānqiáo Acrobatics Theatre**. Can't decide? Try the mixed-performance shows at **Lao She Teahouse**.

Běijīng Maps

Sights

- Beach
- Bird Sanctuary
- Buddhist
- Castle/Palace
- Christian
- Confucian
- Hindu
- Islamic
- Jain
- Jewish
- Monument
- Museum/Gallery/Historic Building
- Ruins
- Shinto
- Sikh
- Taoist
- Winery/Vineyard
- Zoo/Wildlife Sanctuary
- Other Sight

Activities, Courses & Tours

- Body surfing
- Diving
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Course/Tour
- Sento Hot Baths/Onsen
- Skiing
- Snorkelling
- Surfing
- Swimming/Pool
- Walking
- Windsurfing
- Other Activity

Sleeping

- Sleeping
- Camping

Eating

- Eating

Drinking & Nightlife

- Drinking & Nightlife
- Cafe

Entertainment

- Entertainment

Shopping

- Shopping

Information

- Bank
- Embassy/Consulate
- Hospital/Medical
- Internet
- Police
- Post Office
- Telephone
- Toilet
- Tourist Information
- Other Information

Geographic

- Beach
- Gate
- Hut/Shelter
- Lighthouse
- Lookout
- Mountain/Volcano
- Oasis
- Park
- Pass
- Picnic Area
- Waterfall

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- Capital (National)
- Capital (State/Province)
- City/Large Town
- Town/Village

Transport

- Airport
- Border crossing
- Bus
- Cable car/Funicular
- Cycling
- Ferry
- Metro/MTR/MRT station
- Monorail
- Parking
- Petrol station
- Skytrain/Subway station
- Taxi
- Train station/Railway
- Tram
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- Other Transport

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- Freeway
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- Secondary
- Tertiary
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- Road under construction
- Plaza/Mall
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- Walking Tour
- Walking Tour detour
- Path/Walking Trail

Boundaries

- International
- State/Province
- Disputed
- Regional/Suburb
- Marine Park
- Cliff
- Wall

Hydrography

- River, Creek
- Intermittent River
- Canal
- Water
- Dry/Salt/Intermittent Lake
- Reef

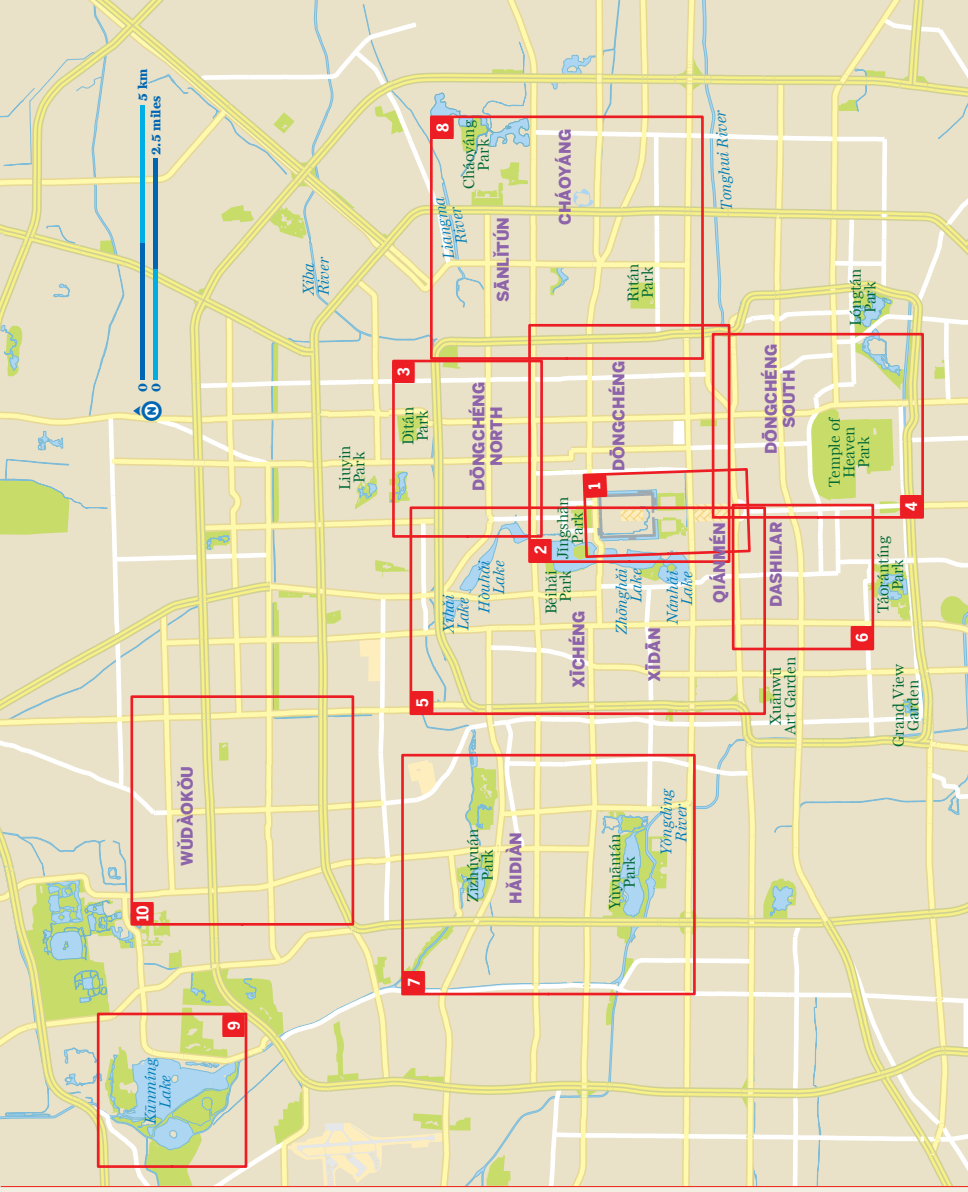
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- Beach/Desert
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- Cemetery (Other)
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- Park/Forest
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- Sportsground
- Swamp/Mangrove

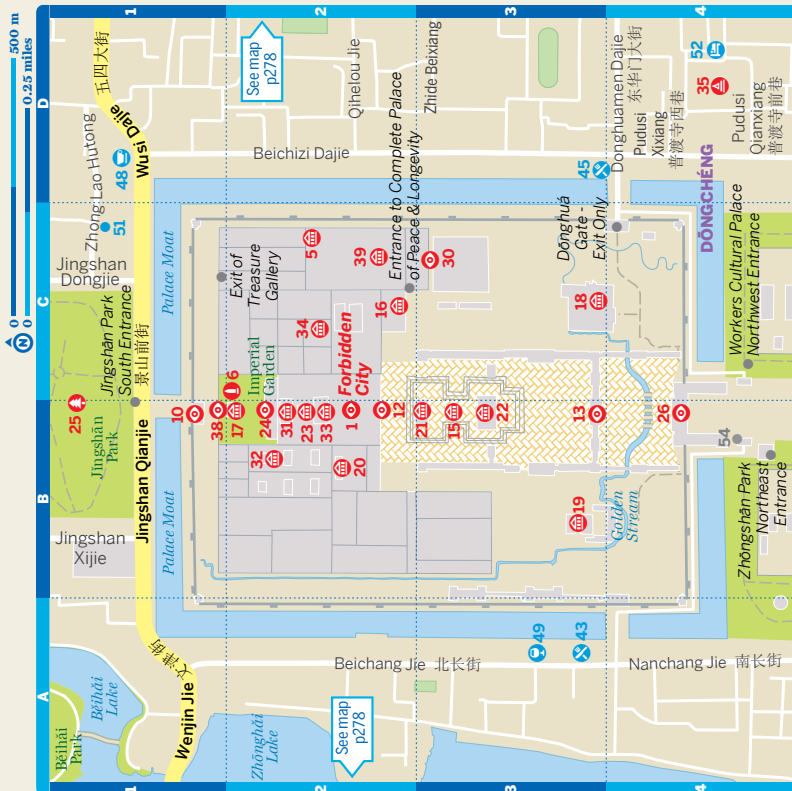
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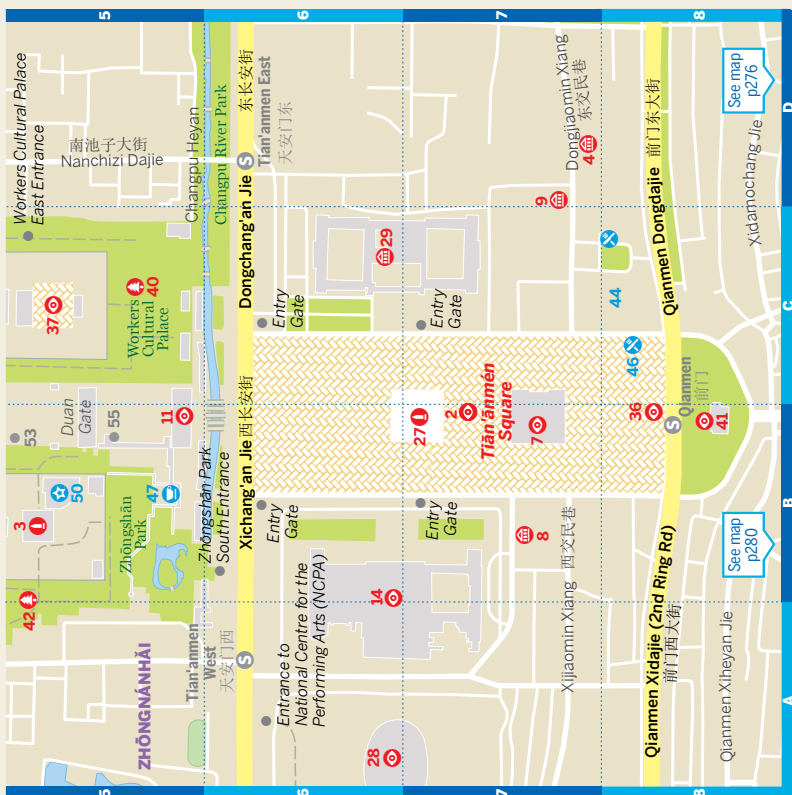


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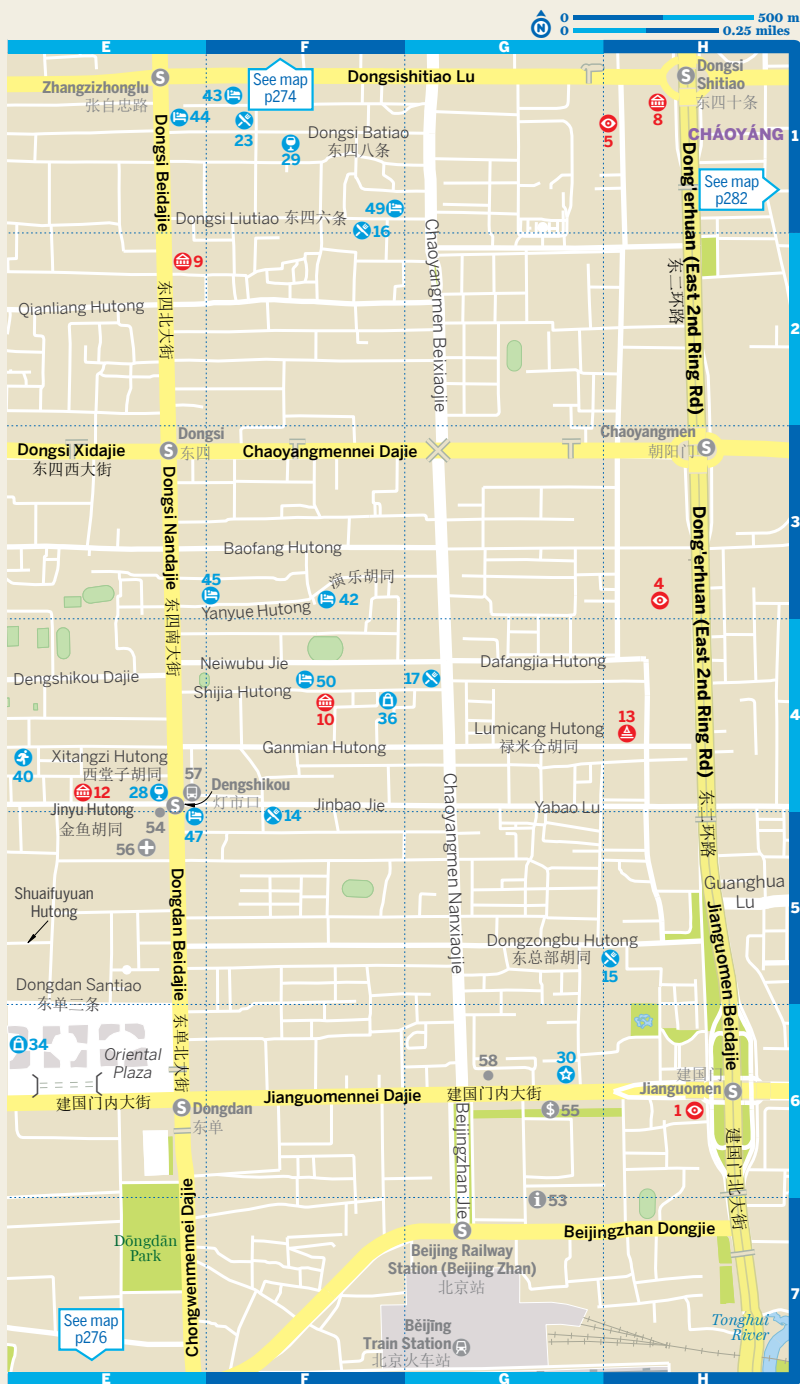
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DONGCHENG CENTRAL *Map on p270*

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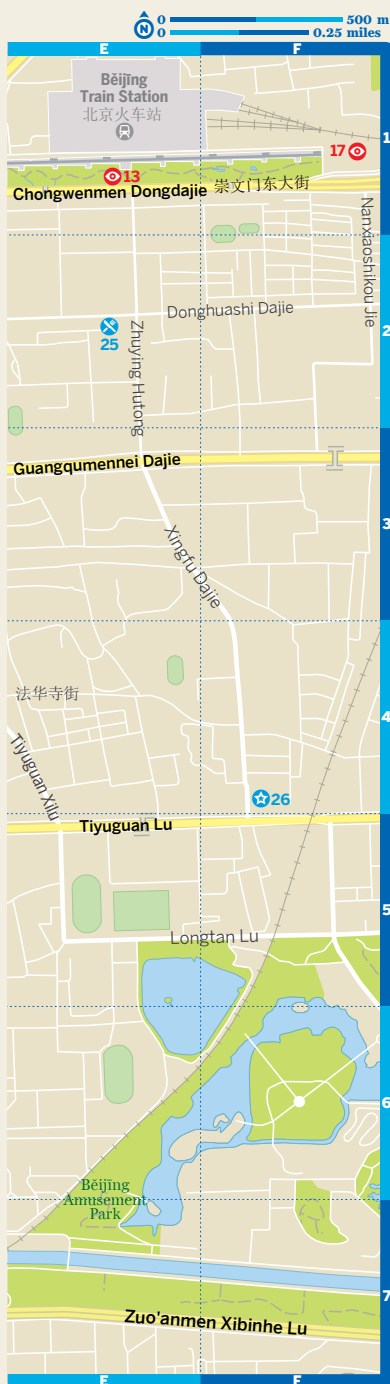
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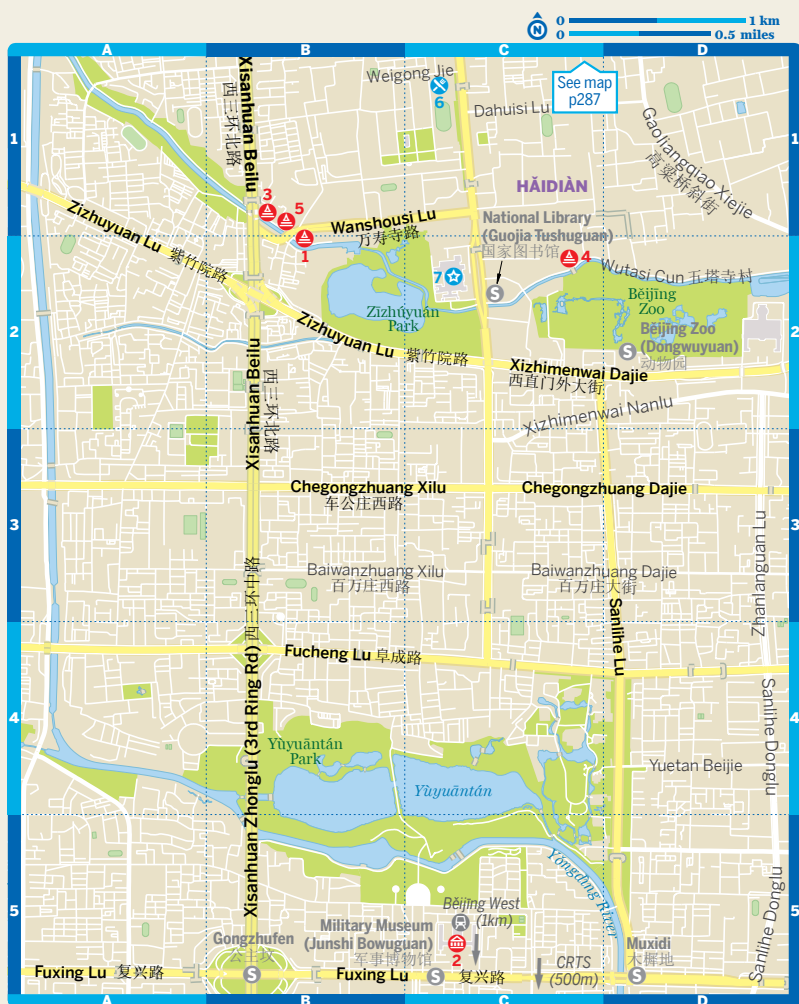


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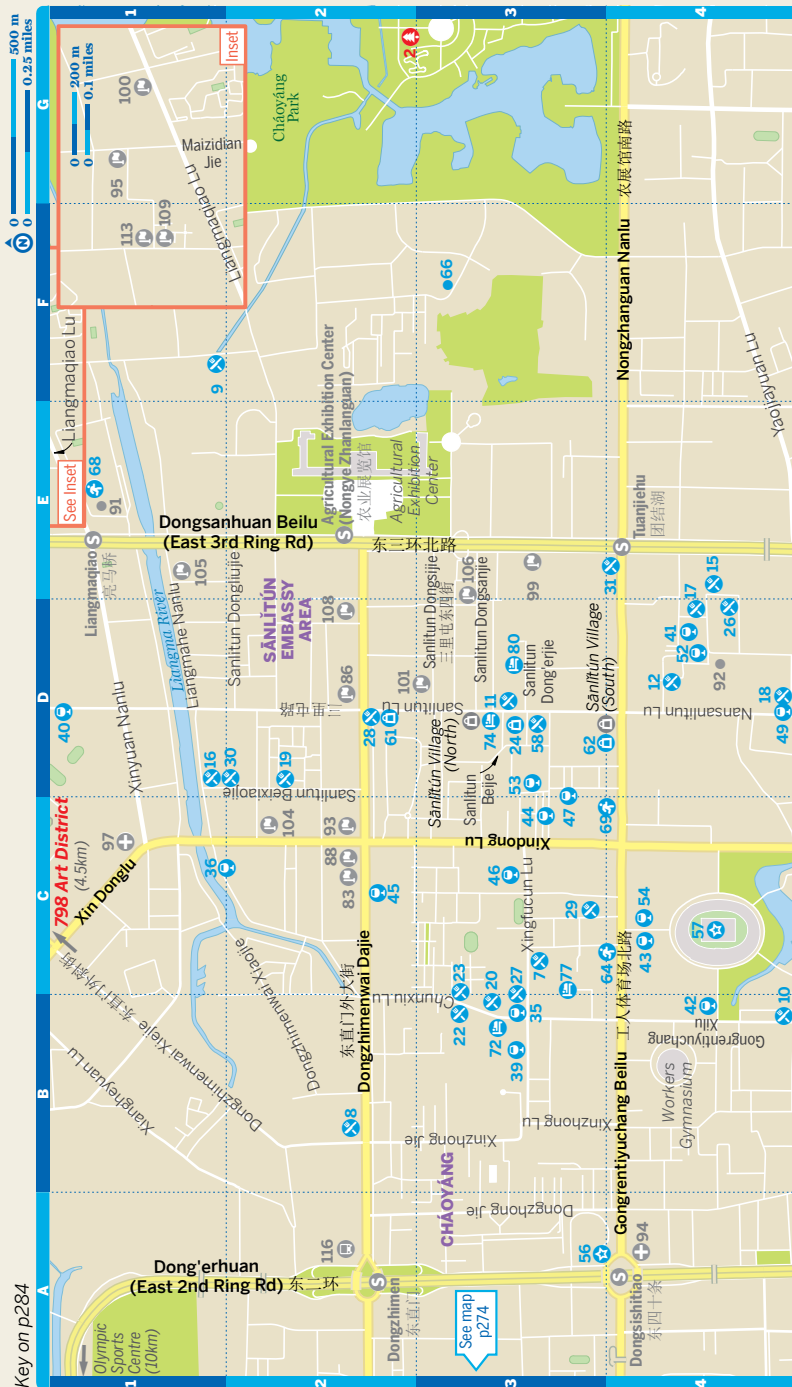


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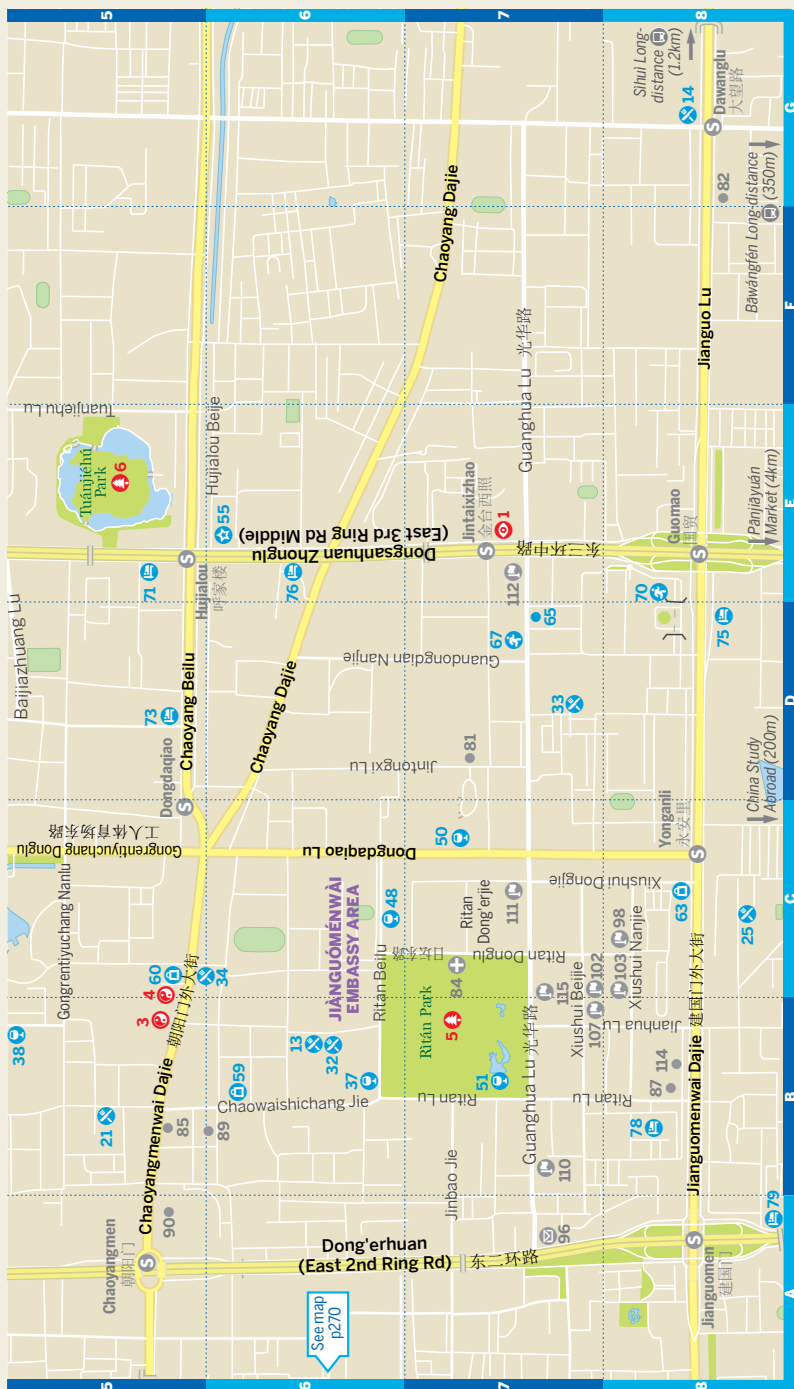
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SĀNLĪTÚN & CHÁOYÁNG

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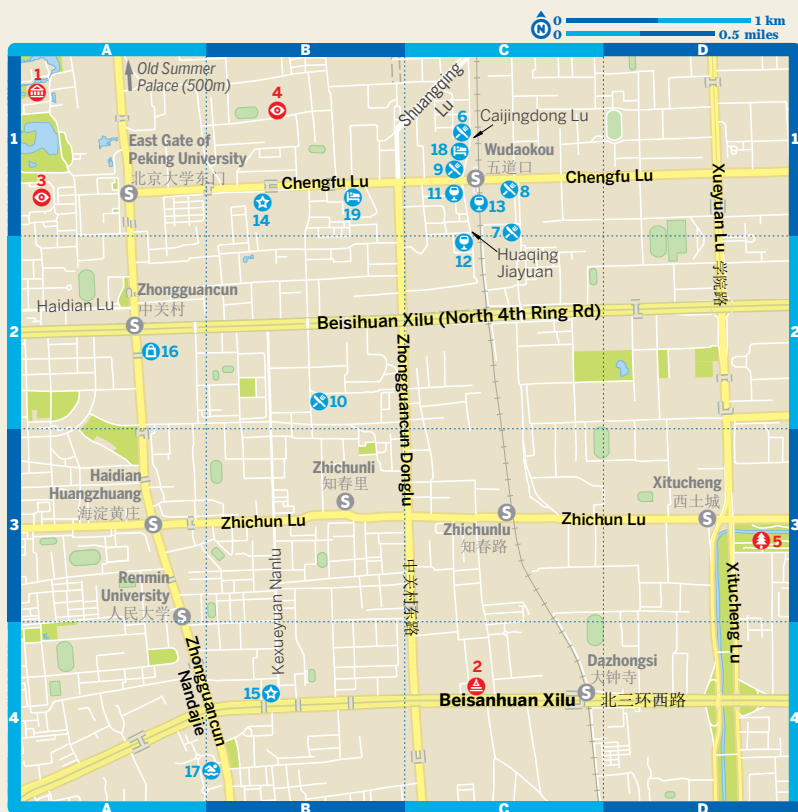
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