

BEIJING

City Map



SPEAK LIKE A LOCAL



boat	船	chuán
bus (city)	大巴	dàbā
bus (intercity)	长途车	chángtú chē
plane	飞机	fēijī
taxi	出租车	chūzū chē
train	火车	huǒchē
tram	电车	diànchē

I want to go to ...
我要去……

Wǒ yào qù ...

Does it stop at ...?
在……能下车吗?

Zài ... néng xià chē ma?

TOP SIGHTS



M4

BELL TOWER

The tower was first constructed in 1272, but felled numerous times by fire; its present structure dates from 1745, although it looks noticeably more ancient than the neighbouring Drum Tower. (Gulou Dongdajie; 5 Shichahai or Gulou Dajie)

DRUM TOWER

Dominating the area, the drum tower dates back to 1272 (although it has been rebuilt since) and provides a great view over the surrounding area. Daily drumming performances are held hourly from 9.30am to 4.45pm. (Gulou Dongdajie; 5 Shichahai or Gulou Dajie)



M4

TIĀN'ĀNMÉN SQUARE

People-watch at the world's largest public square. Catch the daily flag-raising at sunrise, and then return at sunset when the vast concrete space is at its most evocative. (5 Tian'anmen East, Tian'anmen West or Qianmen)

B14



B11

FORBIDDEN CITY

Walk in the footsteps of emperors at this utterly unmissable complex that contains the best-preserved collection of ancient architecture in all of China. (2010 8500 7114; www.dpm.org.cn; 5 Tian'anmen East or Tian'anmen West)

GATE OF HEAVENLY PEACE

First built in the 15th century and characterised by a giant framed portrait of Mao Zedong, this double-eaved gate is a potent national symbol. Climb up for excellent views over Tiān'ānmén Square. (Tiān'ānmén Sq; 5 Tian'anmen East, Tian'anmen West or Qianmen)

B14



NATIONAL MUSEUM OF CHINA

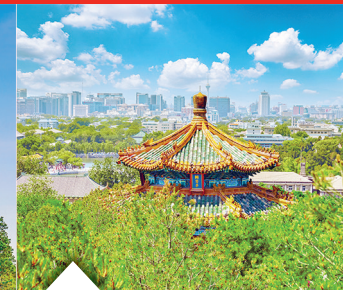
Běijīng's premier museum is housed in an immense 1950s communist-style building and is well worth visiting. The Ancient China exhibition on the basement floor is outstanding. (Guangchangdongce Lu, Tiān'ānmén Sq; 5 Tian'anmen East, Tian'anmen West)



L6

BĚIHǎI PARK

Běijīng residents flock to this former playground of the emperors to kick back. Go boating on the lake, try the group dancing, or just watch the parade of humanity go by. (5 Xisi or Nanluogu Xiang)



M7

JĬNGSHĀN PARK

One of the city's finest parks incorporates one of central Běijīng's few hills: a mound created from the earth excavated to make the Forbidden City moat. Clamber to the top for a magnificent panorama of the capital (5 Nanluoguxiang).



C15



P3

LAMA TEMPLE

One of the most magnificent Tibetan Buddhist monasteries outside of the Land of Snows. Join the monks and locals who pray daily at this ornately decorated one-time imperial palace. (Yonghegong Dajie; 5 Yonghegong Lama Temple)

TEMPLE OF HEAVEN PARK

Marvel at this ultimate expression of Ming dynasty architecture. It's a simply stunning complex of temples and halls loaded with enough symbolic significance to keep any amateur necromancer busy for years. (Tiantan Donglu; 5 Tiantandongmen)

N13



BĚIJĬNG SHORT LIST

HISTORY BUFFS

Workers Cultural Palace (C14) This little-visited, pleasant park was once an important place of worship for China's emperors and is home to some superb imperial-era halls.

Capital Museum (E10) Běijīng's finest, containing superbly informative galleries on the evolution of the city.

Poly Art Museum (R5) The place to see some of the ancient treasures, including incredible bronzes.

Chairman Mao Memorial Hall (B15)



BARGAIN HUNTERS

Běijīng Natural History Museum (M14) Offers everything from creepy crawlies and a live aquarium to prehistoric monsters; book free tickets in advance.

Shǐjiā Hútòng Museum (Q8) This small free museum explains the history of the historic Shǐjiā Hútòng alleyway.

Nanluogu Xiang (N5) Enjoy the atmosphere along this bubbly strip of bars, wi-fi cafes, restaurants and shops.

Hòuhǎi Lakes (L4) Great outdoor people



GETTING AROUND

TRANSPORT



Subway Easy to use and the quickest way to get around Běijīng. Trains run from around 6am to 11pm.

Bus Very cheap but crowded, slow and difficult for non-Chinese speakers to use.

Taxi Cheap, but often snarled in heavy traffic.

Cycling Běijīng is flat, making cycling easy, although the roads can be dangerous for cyclists.

HISTORIC

The very essence of Beijing are the ancient temples across the centre. To them is an essence to the capital, an experience Běijīng dramatic and un...

Start 5 Nanluo
Distance 2km
Duration 1 hour



BĚIJĬNG

Summer Palace West Gate (Yiheyuan Ximen)

Summer Palace South Gate (Yiheyuan Nanmen)

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