

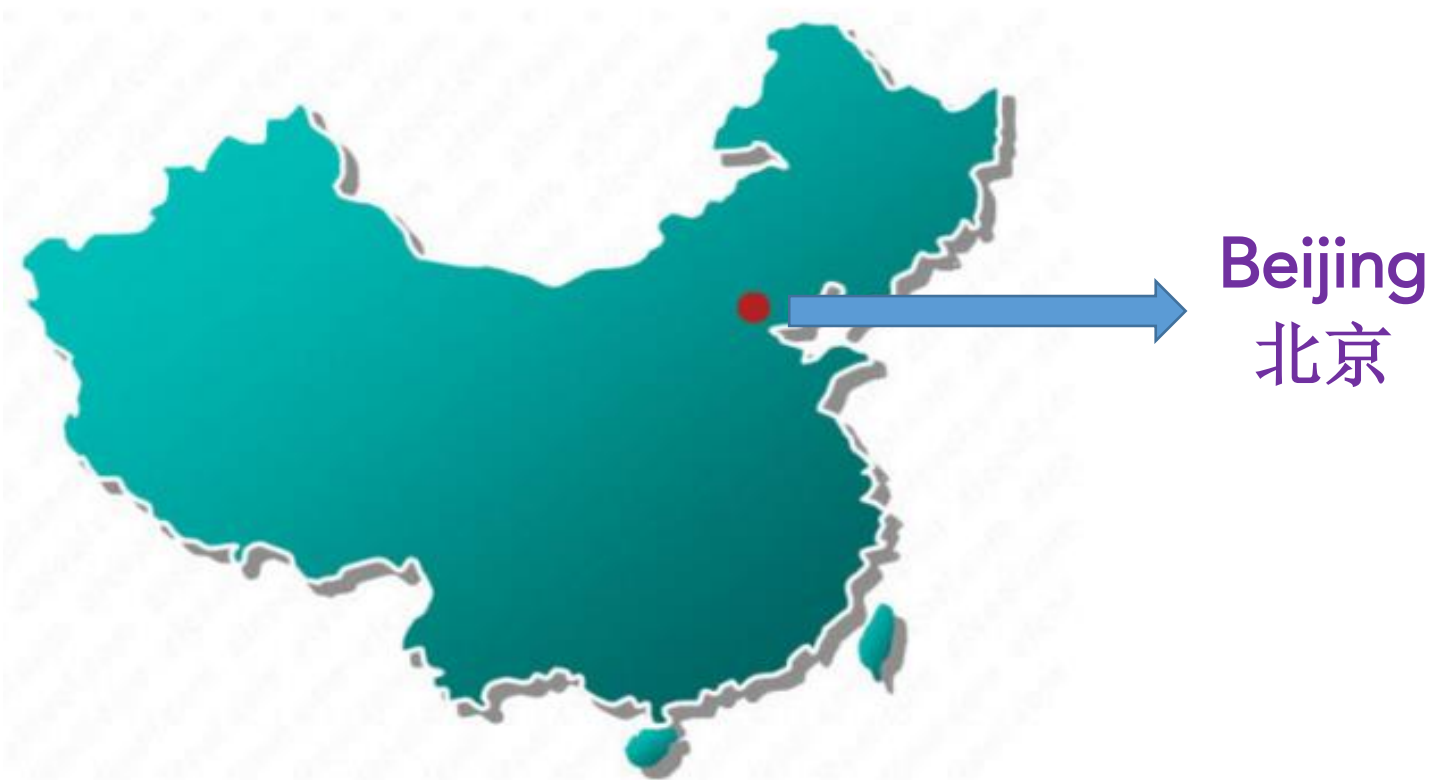
ImmerQi



Beijing  
City  
Guide

## You *Must* Come to Beijing if...

- You have always wanted to live in a huge capital city
- You want to see traditional and historical monuments
- You want to see lively outdoor markets and environment
- You want to feel and taste the 'real' Chinese culture and cuisine
- You want to experience a mix of old and new Chinese culture



## To make the most out of Beijing, you need to know...

- \* Places you must visit!
- \* Local food you must try!
- \* Do's and Don'ts!



## Places you must visit in Beijing?

1. The Great Wall
2. The Forbidden City & Tian'anmen Square
3. The Temple of Heaven
4. The Summer Palace
5. The 798 Art District
6. The Olympic Park (Olympic Green)

Let's find out more about these places!



## The Great Wall of China

The Great Wall is the longest sight in Beijing – One of the most famous and the longest (more than 20,000 km) man-made structure in the world.

### 1. Badaling Great Wall

The most well-known part of the Great Wall (Best preserved and most completed)

#### Transportation:

It is possible to get to different parts of the Great Wall by buses or private cabs. For further information, please check out our guide to [Travelling in China!](#)

### 2. Mutianyu Great Wall

The wall is connected with Jiankou in the West and Gubeikou in the East and mountains cover 96 percent of the scenic area. It is less crowded on the weekends or holidays than Badaling Great Wall!

### 3. Juyongguan Great Wall

Unlike other courses, it is possible to find old towers, temples and old buildings. Slightly easier to walk and climb compared to other parts of the Wall.

#### What to Bring?

Bring or wear trainers (sneakers), Sunblock & mosquito repellent (in summer), Dry-fit clothes and first-aid kit.

It can get very cold in winter, so be prepared!



One of the **most** visited sites in the world, Tiananmen Square is located right in front of the Forbidden City of Beijing.

It was forbidden to enter without special permission when the emperors lived in the City. The Forbidden City is divided into two parts and the visitors can only enter through the Meridian Gate (Wumen) and leave from the Gate of Divine Prowess (Shenwumen) or East Prosperity Gate (Donghuamen).

Visiting the Jingshan Park is the best way to have a panoramic view of downtown Beijing – and the admission fee is only CNY 2!

Wangfujing Shopping Street is close from Tiananmen Square – might be a good idea to go shopping after sightseeing!

#### Transportation:

Subway - Take subway line 1, get off at Tiananmen East Station or take subway line 2, get off at Qianmen Station (Exit A).

Please remember that the historical site only allows 80,000 visitors a day and it is recommended to bring your passport to purchase the ticket at the door – best not to visit during holidays!



The Forbidden City,  
Tian'anmen Square &  
Jingshan Park

The temple was originally used to hold the heaven worship ceremony by the emperors of the Ming and Qing Dynasty. Taking every location into account, it is bigger than the Forbidden City and it is divided into two parts; Inner and Outer.

### Recommended Touring Routes

(Source: Travel China Guide)

1. Zhaoheng Gate (South Gate) → Circular Mound Altar → South Divine Kitchen → Echo Wall → Imperial Vault of Heaven → Three Echo Stones → Danbi Bridge → East Annex Hall → Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests → West Annex Hall → Palace of Abstinence → Divine Music Administration

2. North Gate → Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests → East Annex Hall → West Annex Hall → Danbi Bridge → Echo Wall → Imperial Vault of Heaven → Three Echo Stones → Danbi Bridge → South Divine Kitchen → Circular Mound Altar → Lingxing Gates → Palace of Abstinence → Divine Music Administration

### Transportation:

By Subway: Subway Line 5 - Get off at Tiantan Dongmen Station, Leave from Exit A and you'll find the East Gate of the Park



## The Temple of Heaven



## The Summer Palace

After its restoration in 1924, the garden offers beautiful landscapes of lakes, mountains and spiritual contemplation. The garden is divided into 7 parts; East palace, Hall of Jade Ripples, Pictures of Court Area, Hall of Benevolence & Longevity, Yiyun House, Garden of Virtue & Harmony and Hall of Joyful Longevity.

### Transportation:

Subway Line 4: get off at Beigongmen Station (Beigongmen means the North Palace Gate); or get off at Xiyuan Station, from Exit C2 (southwest exit) and walk west to the East Palace Gate.



## The 798 Art District

The place was named after the 798 factory that was built in the 1950's. After it shut down, the area was transformed into an art zone and now attracts a mixture of locals and tourists with its unique architecture and design.

### Transportation:

Take Subway Line 10 and alight at Sanyuanqiao Station and take the bus no.401 near Exit C.

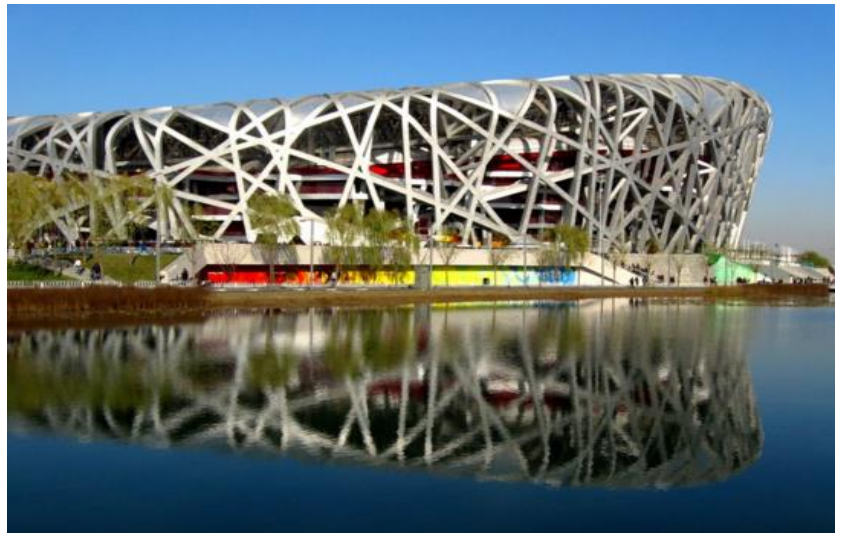


## The Olympic Park (Olympic Green)

The Beijing Olympic Park is where the 2008 Olympics took place. Best photo opportunities include the 'bird nest' and the cube.

### Transportation:

Take subway line 8 and get off at Forest Park South Gate, Olympic Park, or Olympic Sports Center station.



# Must try food!

## Best Restaurants in Beijing!

In Beijing, it is definitely not hard to find other regions' food! However, it is highly recommended to try the Beijing Duck (北京烤鸭) when you come to Beijing!

Beijing Duck is the most well-known dish in Beijing and it is a must-try delicacy as well. There are countless restaurants that serve Beijing Duck, however, here are a few recommendations (Average price: CNY 150 – 200 per duck). You can try these two franchise restaurants; Dadong Beijing Duck Restaurant and Quanjude Restaurant!

Besides the Beijing Duck, there are other dishes like Jingjiangrousi (京酱肉丝), Zhajiangmian (炸酱面), donkey burger (驴肉火烧) and dumplings that can be found at across Beijing – at almost every single Chinese restaurant you go to!



Beijing Duck (北京烤鸭)



Jingjiangrousi (京酱肉丝)



Zhajiangmian (炸酱面)



Donkey Burger (驴肉火烧)



## Hotpot Restaurants!

### 1. 南门涮肉 (Nanmenshuanrou)

[The Temple of Heaven Branch]

At this Chinese hotpot restaurant, you can enjoy the Chinese style of Shabu-shabu. Much more casual and simpler than other hotpot restaurants! Also, the restaurant offers variety of different sauces, which makes it more enjoyable!

- ### 2. 海底捞 (Haidilao) :
- This restaurant is well-known for its great services, variety of food and entertainment! There are several branches across the city. Compared to Nanmenshuanrou, there are many other dishes that you can try, sauces that you can make and shows to enjoy while eating!



# Where to find the best restaurants and pubs?

## \* Hutongs and Houhai Lake

The word 'hutong' originally comes from Mongolia – meaning water well. It was used to give names to lanes or small streets in the Yuan Dynasty and has become one of the representatives of the Chinese culture. There are several well-known hutongs in Beijing such as Nanluoguxiang, Yandai Xiejie, Mao'er hutong and Guozijian Street. There are many different restaurants and bars to find in the hutongs and Houhai Lake.

### Temple Restaurant and Bar

Restaurant built in a restored temple in the hutong area; the menu is mainly French and European.

Address:

No.23 Songzhu Temple, Shatan North Street, Dongcheng District

### Dali Courtyard

The dishes are mainly Chinese style and mostly, Yunnan province local cuisine. One of the best Chinese restaurants in Beijing located in the hutong area.

Address:

67 Xiaojingchang Hutong, Dongcheng

### Mr.Shi's Dumplings

Known as a famous touristic spot – a great place to enjoy steamed and fried dumplings in Beijing. There are other dishes like noodles as well!

Address:

74 Baochao Hutong, Gulou East Street





### Mao Mao Chong

Offers extensive and creative cocktails and it is known as one of the first cocktail bars in the hutong area.

Address:

12 Banchang Hutong, Dongcheng

### Modernista

Modernista is a Parisian style bar in the hutong area, known for its creative events and live music.

Address:

4 Baochao Hutong, Gulou Dong Dajie



### 8 Bit

Play all your favorite video games while enjoying a cocktail or beer, it also has a terrace on the roof for the summer!

Address:

No.13 North Luogu Alley



### ★ Street Shopping Bargaining Tips ★

1. When negotiating, it is important NOT to call out the price first!
2. Ask how much the product is and show them / tell them that it is too expensive! If it is actually too expensive...
3. Don't focus on the initial offer! Try to offer what you think is appropriate
4. Keep bargaining until it comes down to the price you are willing to pay! Or else, try to walk away for a while and tell them that you'll come back later

You can only bargain when there is no price tag – like little souvenirs, cigarettes on the streets or even at counterfeit markets! E.g. Silk market, Wangfujing



## A little more about different Hutongs...

烤羊腿 in Beixinqiao Santiao Hutong!

If you want to try dishes that are very Chinese, you must visit Beixinqiao Hutong! There is a place called Kaoyangtui (烤羊腿) that sells roasted lamb leg on the grill!

Hutongs are very well-known for their hip and unique western restaurants, cafes and bars.

You can easily find people eating skewers on the streets in summer and also in Wangfujing as well! Wangfujing is famous for its night street food market and shopping centers. Another place to enjoy Beijing!

A great Yunnan restaurant called '**No Name Restaurant 无名云南餐吧**' located in Houhai.

If you want to visit more western restaurants in Hutong, here are a few more suggestions;

**4 Corners** in Fangjia Hutong

**Great Leap** in Gulou Hutong

A vegetarian restaurant in Wudaoying Hutong called '**The Veggie Table**'

It is also recommended to walk around Yonghegong – Confucius Temple - Guozijian 国子监街 area. There are numerous small cafes and restaurants that you can find while taking a walk!

For detailed information of the restaurants, cafes and bars, please contact **ImmerQi staff!** We are happy to help you to find these awesome places!



## In Sanlitun, you can find...

Sanlitun is located in the northeast part of the city and is well-known for its diversified atmosphere (Mixture of the East & West).

In Sanlitun, there are countless number of restaurants, bars and shopping centers inside the 'Sanlitun Village'.

From American style restaurants and bars to European style, here are a few recommendations for you!

### Home Plate BBQ

Best place to enjoy American barbeque in Beijing. Relaxing atmosphere and drinks – burgers are also recommended.

Address:

1/F, No.10 Beijing Jidian Yard, South Sanlitun Road

### Q Mex

Great place to enjoy Mexican barbeque, burrito, wraps and burgers in Beijing.

Address:

No.4 Gongti North Road, Chaoyang District

### The Taco Bar

L.A styled Mexican restaurant in Beijing. Price is reasonable and usually packed on the weekends – recommended to make a reservation in advance! +86 10 6501 6026

Address: Courtyard 4, Gongti Beilu (Directly East of Sanlitun Soho)

### The Local Bar & Grill

You can enjoy steak, burger, pasta and small dishes at this bar! The atmosphere is very lively and is known for its sporting events.

Address:

4 Gongti North Road, Chaoyang District

### 京 A (Jing-A)

Great place to enjoy home brew beer in Beijing - they also open their garden when the weather is warm. New beer comes out every couple of months and events are held from time to time. Side dishes are also recommended.

Address:

Courtyard 4, Gongti North Road

\* All above mentioned restaurants are located in the same district!

### Blue Frog

A great place to enjoy authentic Western burger in Beijing. Staff are friendly, and every Monday there is buy one get one free burger event. If you want to enjoy proper burger & drinks, Blue Frog is where you want to go.

Address:

S2-30, Level 3, S2 Tower, No. 19 Sanlitun Road, Chaoyang District

### Annie's

An affordable Italian franchise restaurant in Beijing. Restaurants are cozy and friendly; food is fast and also offers delivery service.

Address:

GongTi DongLu Bing 2Hao ZhongGuoHongJie 3Hao Lou 1Lou 105Shi | China View Building, opposite East Gate worker's Stadium

## Where are the amazing clubs located?!

**Beijing** is well-known for its huge and exciting clubs! Compared to other big cities, there are a wide variety of clubs in Beijing. It can be a great place for you to network and socialize as well!

**V Plus Lounge (Bar)**; The lounge bar of Club VICS

**Salsa Caribe**; Latin Club (Also offers dancing classes)

**Lantern**; Underground music club

**Elements** ; One of the mega clubs in Beijing

**Spark**; Another mega club in Beijing – smaller than Elements

**Kokomo**; Affordable club with tropical theme

**Migas** ; Bar with a big terrace (rooftop club in summer)

**Circle** ; Affordable club with upbeat music

**SirTeen**; Club that offers lots of events and shows



## Apps you must download before coming to Beijing!

Of course, the **Beijing Metro App!**  
(First & Last train time also shown)



Beijing is an enormous city and it will save your time and money especially during rush hours if you actually use the subway to go around the city.

Yes, yes...**Air Quality Index!**



With this App, you'll be able to know the index and can be prepared in advance!



How to go around the city...

If you are not an iPhone user, it is best to download **Baidu Map!** Although you cannot change the language, you can see the best options to get to your destination! Also, you can use the map on Wechat as well!



Want to become fluent in Chinese? Or at least want to pretend that you are? Don't worry! This app will help you to improve and survive while you are in China! **Pleco Chinese Dictionary App!**

## What are some useful websites for foreigners in Beijing?

**The Beijinger** ([www.thebeijinger.com](http://www.thebeijinger.com)) – moving & living in Beijing (Information to find a job, a flat, places to party, events etc)

**Beijing Expat Guide**  
([www.beijingexpatguide.com](http://www.beijingexpatguide.com)) – simple guides for expats in Beijing

**Travel China Guide**  
([www.travelchinaguide.com](http://www.travelchinaguide.com)) – reliable travel information of China

**City Weekend Beijing**  
(<http://www.cityweekend.com.cn/beijing/>) – Life & Community information

**Ctrip** ([www.ctrip.com](http://www.ctrip.com)) & **Qunar**  
([www.qunar.com](http://www.qunar.com)) – Purchase tickets online at an affordable price!



Also, if you need more information on **Online Mandarin Learning Resources**, have a look at ImmerQi's website!

<http://www.immerqi.com/article/online-mandarin-learning-resources>