

BEIJING

CITY GUIDE





INTRODUCTION

Beijing is the capital of China, the world's third most populous city proper, and most populous capital city. The city, located in northern China, is governed as a municipality under the direct administration of the central government with 16 urban, suburban, and rural districts. Beijing Municipality is surrounded by Hebei Province with the exception of neighboring Tianjin Municipality to the southeast; together, the three divisions form the Jingjinji metropolitan region and the national capital region of China.

Beijing's population as of 2018 is just over 21.54 million. The average temperature in the summer is usually more than 26° in July. Winter is cool with an average of -3°. The total GDP of Beijing was over 446.6 billion USD in 2018.

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26°C   -3°C

GDP \$446.6bn

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Beijing, China's sprawling capital city, is where the country's long history of dynastic rule meets its ambition to become a high-tech giant. This dynamic plays out in the city's architecture; ultra-modern structures built for the 2008 Olympics jar with the temples, palaces and hutongs (narrow alleyways) that have defined Beijing for centuries.

With six UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the Temple of Heaven and the enormous complex of palaces that make up the Forbidden City, Beijing thrums with imperial history. Many visitors use it as a base from which to explore the Great Wall of China; Badaling, the most frequented and best-known section of the wall, is within easy reach of the city.

HISTORY & NATURAL



Beijing has been the magnificent centre of traditional Chinese culture and learning since the Ming dynasty. Emperors and courtiers patronized the arts, especially painting and calligraphy. Precious objects from other parts of the empire and from foreign countries poured into the capital. This role of cultural centre was continued during the Qing dynasty, although the century of political and social upheaval that began in the mid-19th century led to an overall cultural decline in both Beijing and the whole of China.

In the late 1940s the Nationalists shipped a huge quantity of art treasures to Taiwan before their defeat by the communists. On the mainland, subsequently, many family heirlooms were purchased by the state for low prices and were then sold for export or used to enhance the country's museum holdings.

C U I S I N E



With the exception of Beijing's best-known culinary export, Peking duck, most of the city's most famous dishes have been adopted from surrounding areas. Regardless of their origin, all of the following dishes are now fully ingrained in Beijing life and can be sampled at restaurants throughout the city. Enjoy!

Beijing roast duck, or Peking Duck, is the epitome of Beijing cuisine and the dish you must try when visiting Beijing. The dish is mostly esteemed for the thin, crispy skin, with authentic versions of the dish serving mostly skin and little meat.

CITY MAP



In imperial times, the old walled city of Beijing occupied 62 km² (24 sq mi). The physical size of the city has grown more than tenfold in recent decades to about 750 km² (290 sq mi). The inner suburbs (1,282 km² or 495 sq mi), and outer suburbs (3,198 km² or 1,235 sq mi) provide further space for growth. The remaining 12,239.9 km² (4,725.9 sq mi) of the municipality consists of rural areas, nature reserves and lightly populated mountains.

ATTRACTIVE

Beijing, only eclipsed by Shanghai in terms of size, is not only the political center of China - a position it has held for more than 800 years - it also plays an important role in the nation's cultural, economic, scientific, and academic life.

Forbidden City

Forbidden City is absolutely the top must-see place in Beijing, which will show you what the Chinese culture and Dynasty is all about. Consisting of more than 9,000 rooms and spreading over 250 acres, it is once reserved only for the Emperors in 15-18th century.

Great Wall

Hiking the Great Wall is always a must for Beijing first-time visitors. From the continuous line of the Wall, there are some famous sections for visitors to go near Beijing city.

Tian'anmen Square

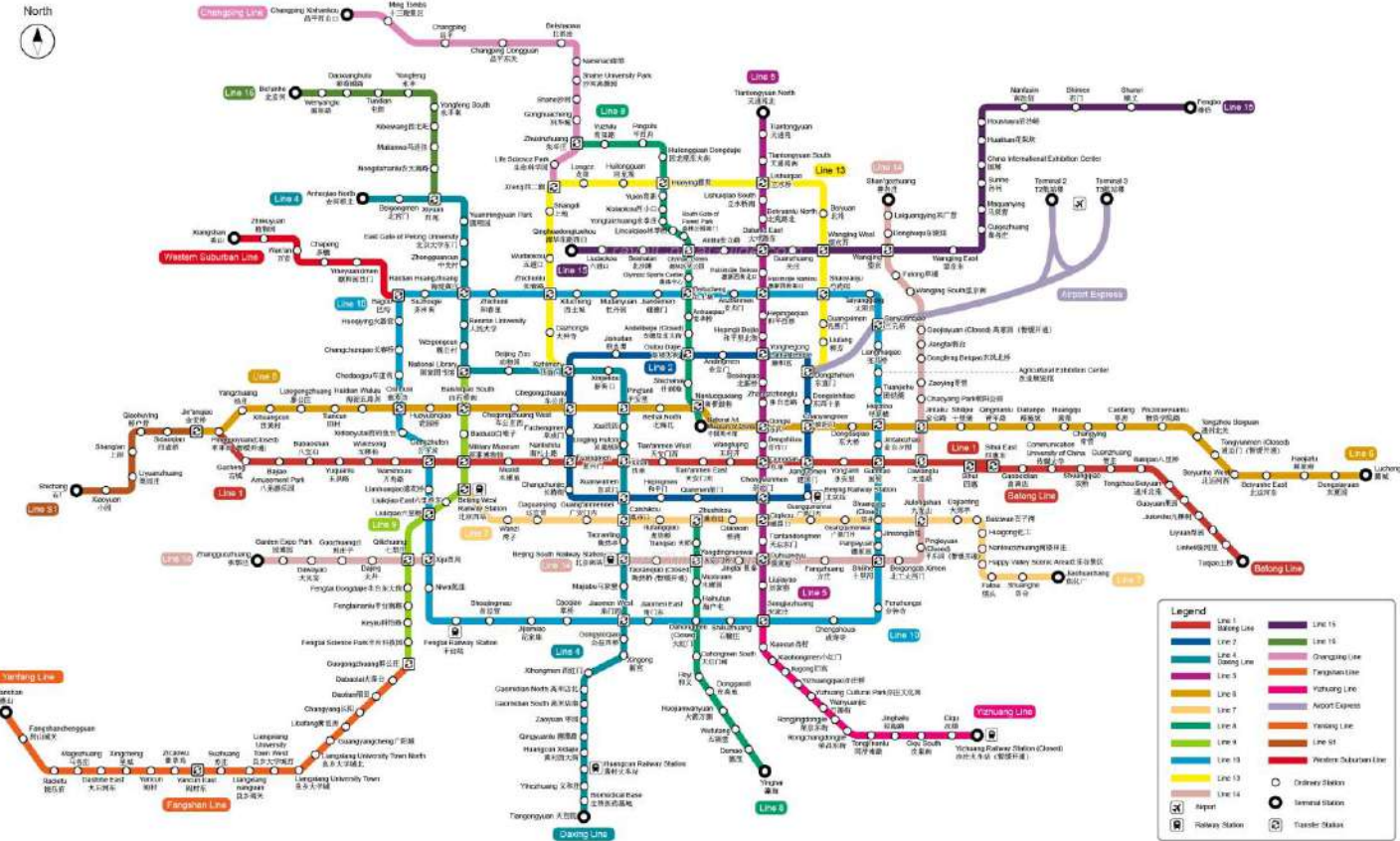
Tiananmen Square is a vast open concrete expanse at the heart of modern Beijing. Here you can see the national flag raised at dawn and lowered at dusk every day, and the locals, as well as visitors strolling about at ease.

Temple of Heaven

Temple of Heaven is the largest building for religious worship in China with a total area of 270 acres. It is where the Ming and Qing emperors to pay homage to Heaven and pray a rich harvest for the next year

M E T R O

Beijing Subway Map



Beijing subway is the fastest transportation in downtown and it is a good way to avoid frequent traffic jams. Presently there are 22 **subway** lines plus one airport express line in operation. They connect city center stops such as Tiananmen Square, Qianmen, and the railway station with outlying areas.

TAXI

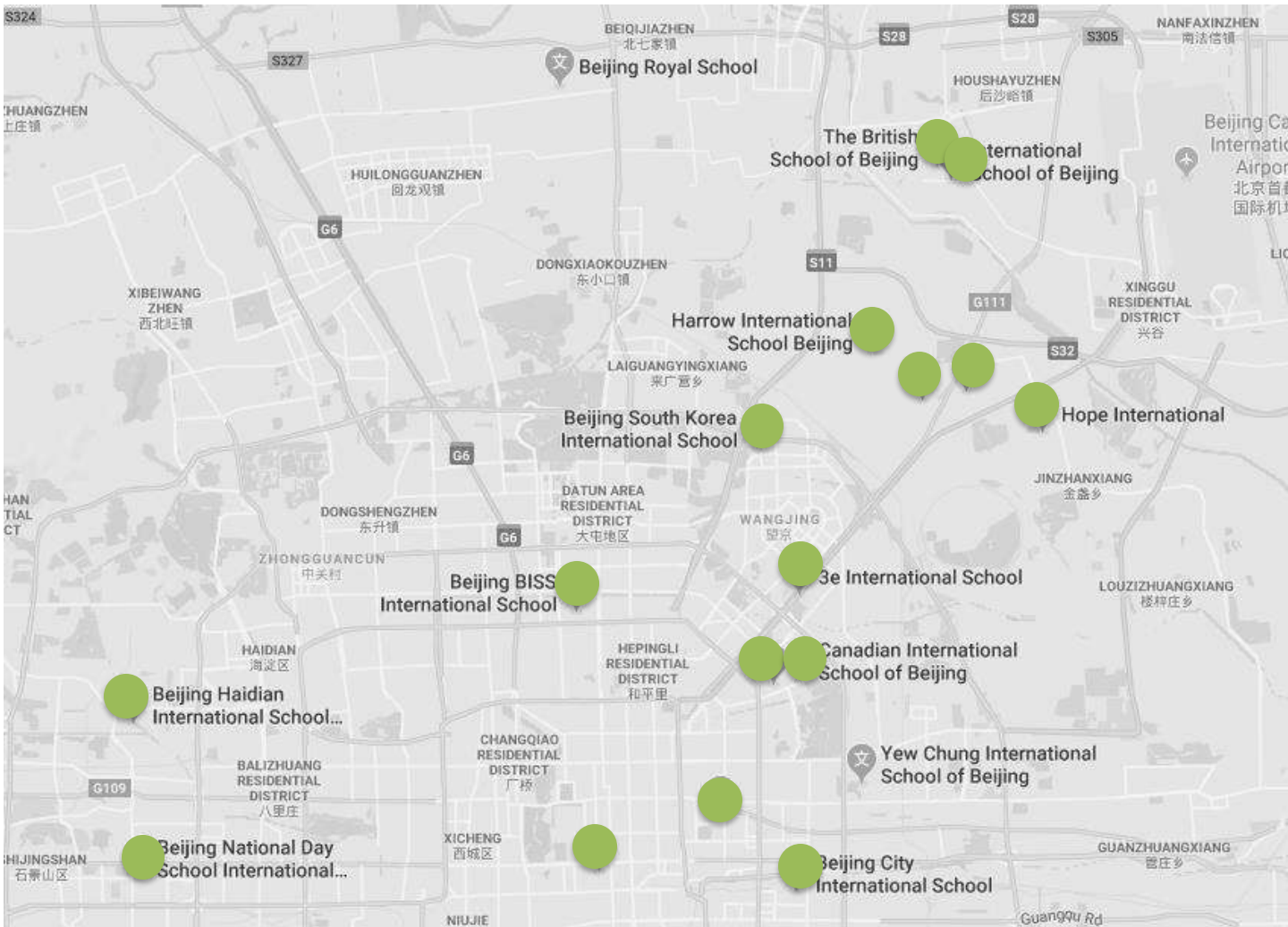
- Regular taxis will take passengers anywhere in the city with a starting price of 10rmb for the first 2 kilometers and 2rmb per additional kilometer.
- When a journey is longer than 10 kilometers, taxis charge an additional 50% on the price per kilometer for an empty return.
- Passengers can also use the Didi app, which often offers more affordable rides in better quality cars.

HOUSING



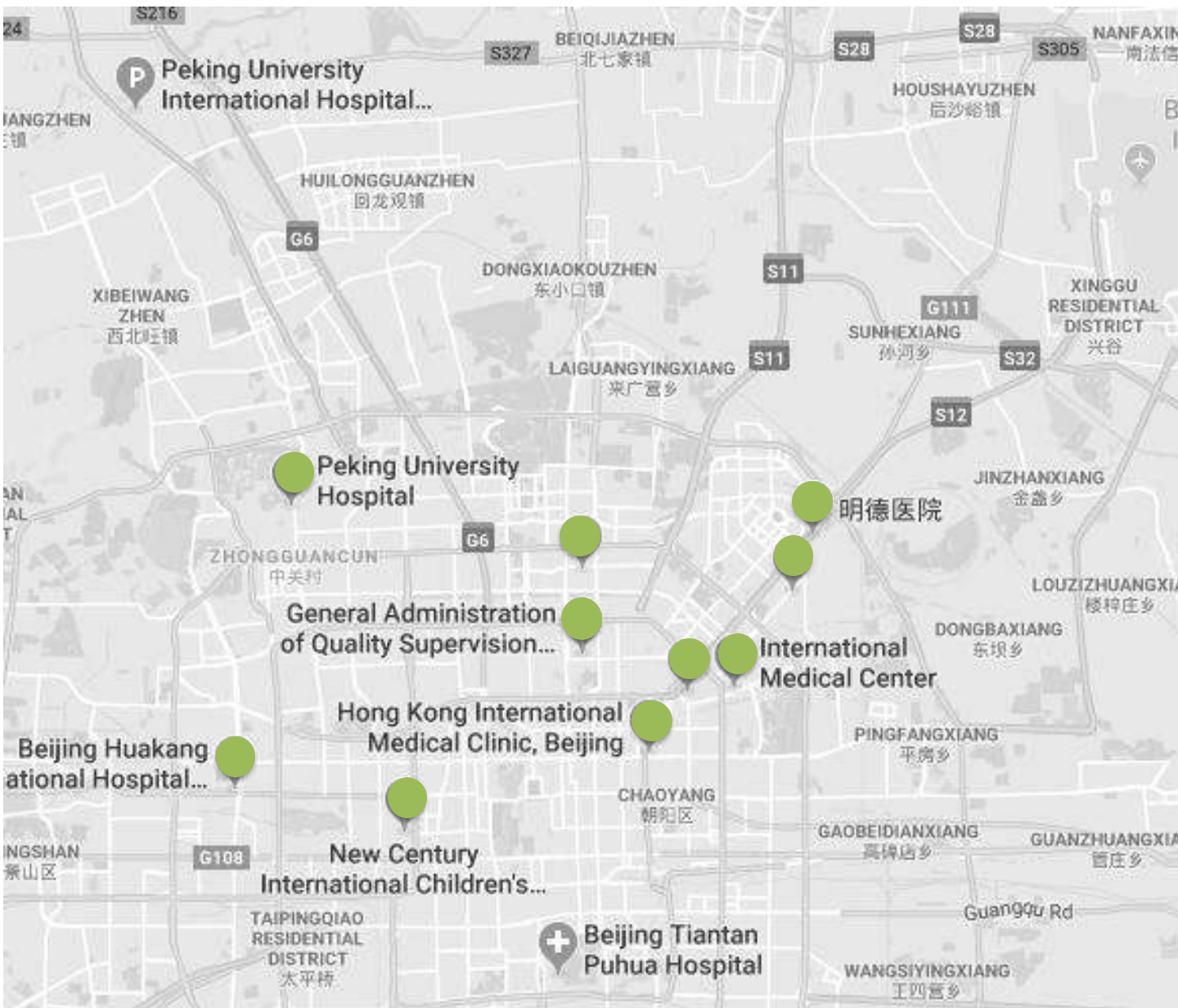
- Apartments, townhouses and villas in both western and traditional styles can be found.
- A large variety of accommodation can be found on the property proposal webpage of Maxxelli.

SCHOO LING



- Swiss School Beijing
- Beijing National Day School International Department
- Joy EI International Academy
- Kaiwen Academy
- Saint Paul American School
- HD Beijing School
- The British School of Beijing, Shunyi
- Beijing World Youth Academy
- Keystone Academy
- Canadian International School of Beijing

HEALTHCARE



- Peking Union Medical College Hospital
- Beijing Friendship Hospital
- International SOS Clinic
- China-Japan Friendship Hospital
- Beijing United Family Hospital and Clinics
- International Medical Center Beijing

NIGHTLIFE

Beijing will not only ensure that you have a full and interesting day but will also present you with colorful choices for the nightlife.

Traditional performances such as the [Beijing Opera](#), acrobatic shows and dramatic performances in the teahouses are popular with the more mature visitors to the city, while the younger generation seems to favor the snack markets, pubs, clubs and cafes. For the stranger who wishes to become acquainted with the city, a stroll along Chang'an Street to Tian'anmen Square is highly recommended.



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