

# CHENGDU

## CITY GUIDE





# INTRODUCTION

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Chengdu, the beaming capital of the western Chinese province of Sichuan, is a city famous for its cuisine, pandas, and relaxed lifestyle. Although it is one of the fastest growing cities in the world, it has managed to retain its old world charm.

It currently has a growing population of over 14.42 million people, its citizens enjoying temperatures ranging from 35 degrees Celsius in summer, and around 5 degrees in the winter period. The total GDP was over 231 billion USD in 2018.

 14.42 million

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**GDP** \$231bn

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# C U L T U R E

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**Chengdu** is a city rich of culture and history. Explore ancient alleys that kept their magic throughout the ages, entertain yourself by watching the traditional plays, and indulge yourself in one of the many tea houses.

Take Sichuan Opera for example, characterized by the colourful masks instead of face paint used in Beijing. These masks have an important role as often the main part of these plays is the world famous Face Changing act, where colourfully dressed performers acrobatically change their masks in a blink of an eye.



# HISTORY & NATURAL

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Dotted around Chengdu's urban sprawl are remnants of its ancient past. Tourist hotspots such as the “**Wide and Narrow Alley**” and the “**Jinli Ancient Street**” will transport you to architectural and cultural marvel originating from the countries rich past.

Walk around and try the many traditional snacks, or go at night, drinking local beverages, and surrounding yourself among locals taking refuge from their modern lives.

# C U I S I N E

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The city's cuisine is known in China for its unique dishes. The most popular food in Chengdu is the spicy "Hot Pot" being a global phenomenon. Sichuan food is renowned for being spicy, oily and packed with plenty of numbing Sichuan peppercorns, and the traditional hotpot is no exception. Hotpot restaurants can be found on pretty much every street in Chengdu, but the quality and taste can vary hugely.



# TEA HOUSES

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Fitting their relaxing lifestyles, visiting tea houses is one of the many activities Chengdu locals like to indulge in.

Many will flock the idyllic park side tea houses with the dozens, playing cards or Mahjong. However, the non stress environment is also a perfect place to bring your colleagues, business partners or friends.

# I N D U S T R Y

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## **Gateway to Western China**

- Chengdu's GDP surpassed 231 billion USD in 2018, making up over 40% of the province's GDP.
- It is also a vital part of the Western Triangle Development Zone, which contain the largest industrial, commercial, and economical hubs in Western China, such as Xi'an and Chongqing.
- As Chinese economical development continues to focus in-land, Chengdu will be at the forefront.

## **Tianfu Software Park**

- Overseas companies as IBM, Nokia, Dell, and Intel, but also domestic players like Tencent and Tap4fun, are settled in this benefit rich area.

## **Electronics Manufacturing**

- More than a third of all iPads are assembled in Chengdu.
- The same is true for half of Intel's microchips.

## **Government**

- Hi-Tech Industrial Development Zone, providing favourable conditions and incentives for national and international companies.
- High-end aerospace and aircraft design.



# CITY MAP

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The city is layered in multiple ringed roads, making the city very easy to navigate.

## 1st Ring

City centre with lots of culture, museums, parks.

## Down South

Business and financial districts in the centre and south  
International IT companies in the south High Tech Zone.

# ATTRACTIVE

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**Giant Panda Research Base** Considered the home of the panda, Chengdu has the world's largest Panda Breeding Centre in the world, a popular attraction for visitors from all around the world. Besides young and old pandas, the enclosures also feature red pandas.

**The Global Centre**, the world's largest building by floor area, is a prime example of the modern state of Chengdu. Filled with office and commercial space, this multifunctional vestige also holds an indoor swimming pool, cinema, and ice rink.

**Dufu Thatched Cottage Museum** home of the famous poet Du Fu in the Tang Dynasty. Du Fu Thatched Cottage is now a popular destination for Du Fu enthusiasts around the world to pay tribute to the poet.

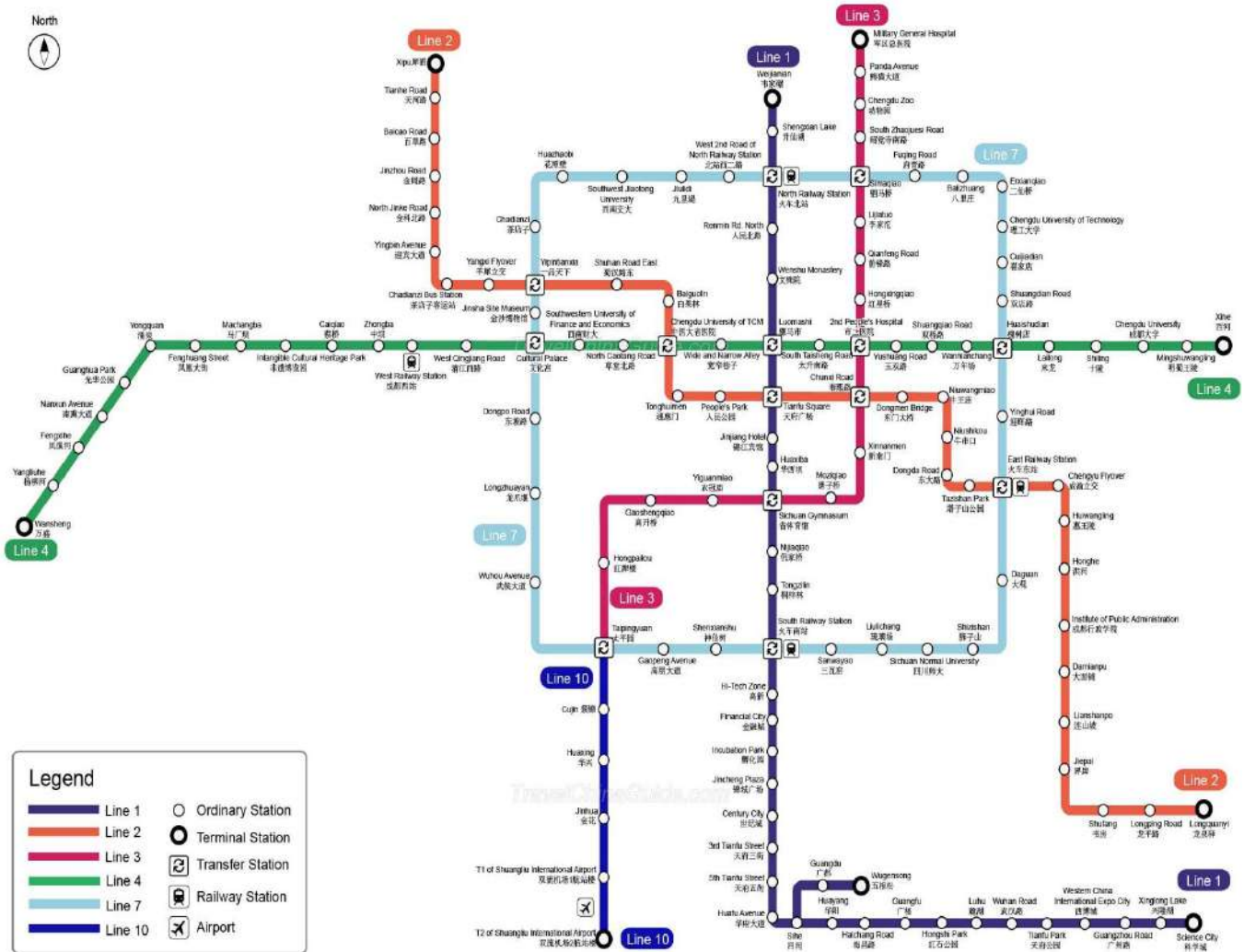
**WenShuFang Folk and Culture Street** is an old fashioned busy street for tourism and light entertainment. There are opportunities for photos and fun.

**Zhao Jue Monastery** a quieter and antiquity monastery that is further from the city centre, this monastery is a favourite stop for many.

**Darci Temple** important historical connections to India were rooted here. Enjoy silence among droopy evergreens.

**People's Park** a great place near the city centre, it is worth a visit for the beautiful scenery, monuments as well as the tea house.

# M E T R O



- Six metro lines as of 2018, with plans to increase to 18 in the future.
- Entry fee of 2 RMB, with cost depending on stops travelled.
- Use temporary metro card only bought at machines in the stations or regular transportation card.



# B U S

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## **Public Buses**

- Numbered 1 to 900+, sometimes with additional letter
- Most run from 6:30 till 20:00/21:00, although there are exceptions
- 2 RMB for a ride, can be paid with transportation card, which gives you a small discount of 10%

## **Community Lines**

- Older, four digit holding busses
- Often cost only 1 RMB

## **K/Ringroad Lines**

- High-speed busses that circle the second ring road. K1s run clockwise, K2s counter-clockwise
- Depart every 1 to 8 minutes depending on whether its rush hour

## **Sightseeing Lines**

- Busses that go directly to popular attractions
- Often include entry ticket to attraction
- Can also bring you outside the city, for example from the South Gate Bus Station, which can bring you to places as Umei Mountain and the Leshan Giant Buddha

## **Nightlines**

- Multiple nightlines that start from 22:00 till 5:30
- Usually 3 RMB

# B U S

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## Transportation Card

- Can be bought at kiosks, supermarkets, bus stations, and most transportation hubs
- 20 RMB refundable deposit + travel value
- Can be charged at many supermarkets, metro, and bus stations
- Charge electronic wallet (电子钱包/diànzǐ qiánbāo), which gives 10% discount on bus and metro
- Charge-per-swipe (充次数/chōng cìshù), which gives 50% discount for buses and three free transfers in two hours. However, the value of the latter is reset every month so plan accordingly

# TAXI

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- Regular green taxis will take you everywhere in the city with a starting price of 8 RMB and a 1.9 RMB per additional kilometre.
- Alternative is 'Chinese Uber': Didi, which often offer cheaper rides in better quality cars than regular taxis.
- Chengdu is the city in the world where most Didi rides are taken each day, taxi hailing apps being available in every street and corner of the city.



# HOUSING

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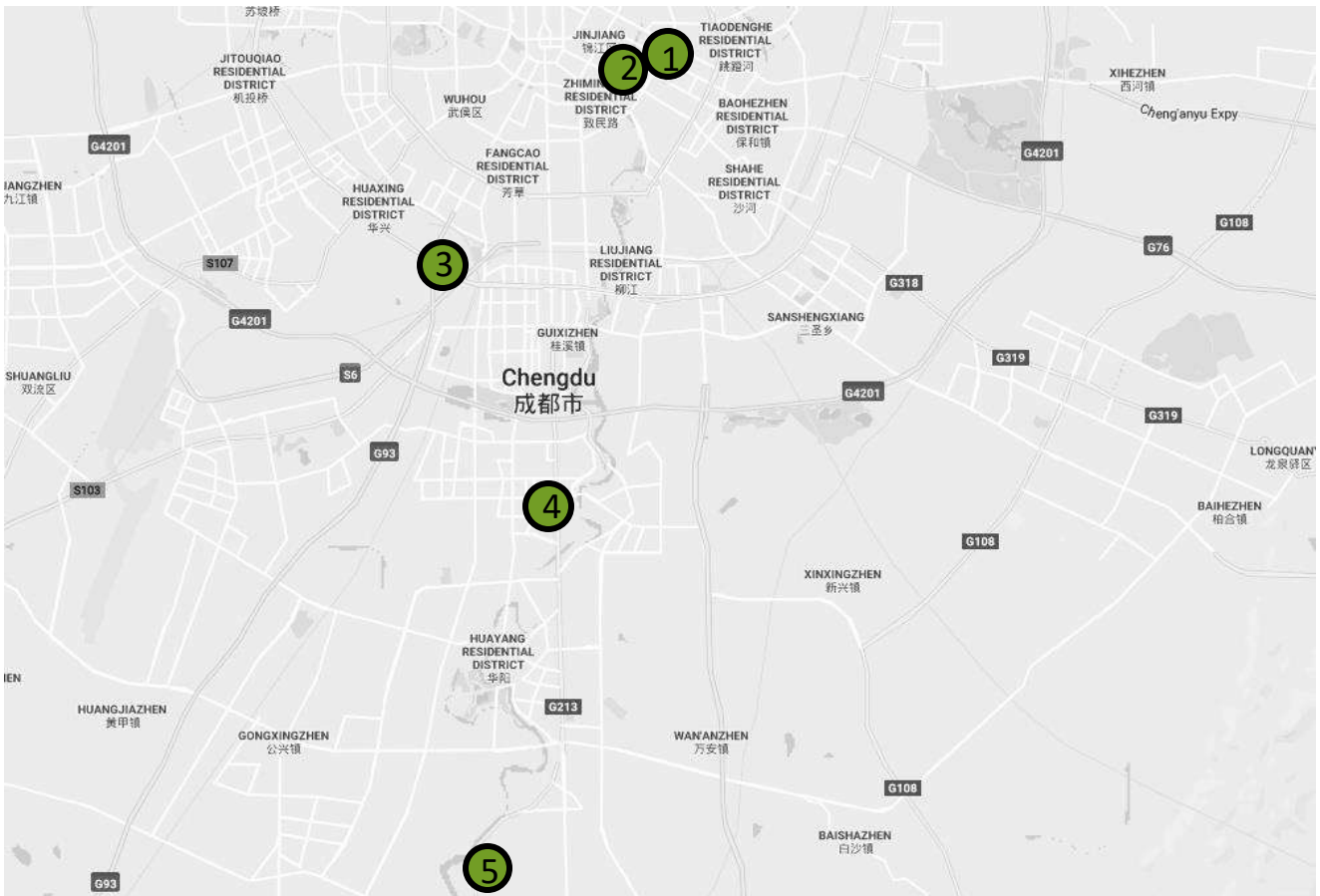


- Apartments, townhouses and villas in both western and traditional styles can be found.
- A large variety of accommodation can be found on the property proposal webpage of Maxxelli.

# S C H O O L I N G

Chengdu has multiple international schools that provide high quality education taught in English.

1. Chengdu International School
2. Eton House International School
3. QSI International School of Chengdu
4. Chengdu Meishi International School
5. Lemman International School

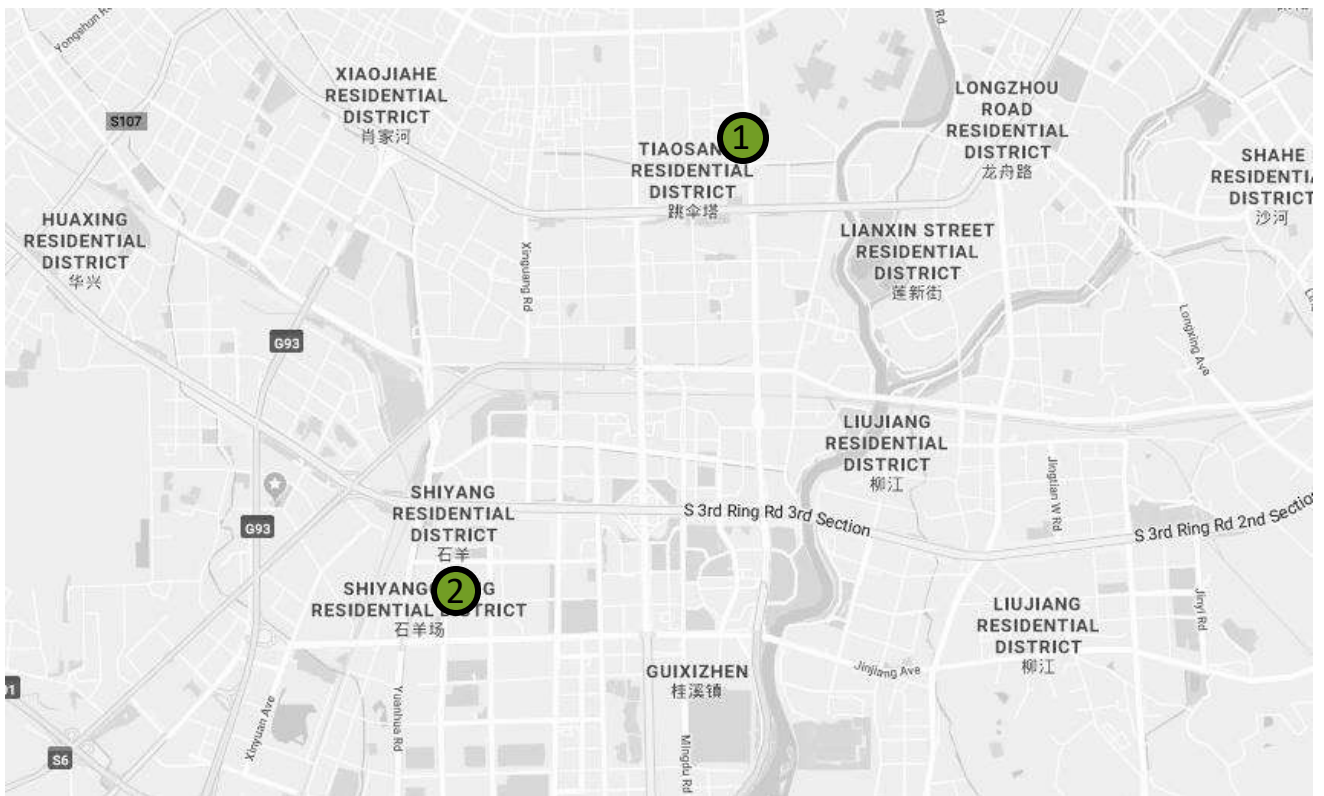


# HEALTHCARE

International doctors in Chengdu can offer primary services to patients like check-ups, x-rays, and acupuncture. For more advanced medical procedures like surgery, cooperation with local hospitals is the custom.

1. Parkway Health
2. Global Doctor Chengdu

Maxxelli recommends visiting Global Doctors for a fast service and consultations in English.





# SHOPPING

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Local and global brands are widely available throughout the city in shopping streets and huge malls.

The most concentrated shopping streets are in the neighbourhood around Chunxi Road. The Tai Koo Li high end shopping area is the newest addition to this area, winning the 2015 World Architecture Festival Award in the shopping category.



# NIGHTLIFE

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The two main areas for nightlife are Jiu Yan Qiao and Lan Kwai Fong. The former is an older established bar street along the river, whilst the latter is a new, more Western style entertainment districts recreated based on the infamous Hong Kong bar street.

Both are very affordable, and full of bars, clubs, and KTVs.



# EMERGENCY CONTACTS

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Medical Emergency	120
Fire Emergency	119
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