



International Civil Aviation Organization

Asia and Pacific Regional Sub-Office

Beijing, China

INFORMATION BULLETIN FOR VISITORS

Location of the ICAO Regional Sub-Office (RSO)

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Passport, visa and customs

All foreign nationals entering China must possess valid passports. Participants from certain countries are not required to obtain visas for a temporary visit. It is suggested that all participants consider obtaining official visas from the Chinese Embassy or Consulate prior to their arrival in China.

The following items can be brought in duty free:

- Personal effects such as clothing etc.
- 400 cigarettes;
- 2 bottles of alcoholic beverages; and Perfume for personal use

There are no restrictions on the import of foreign currency. However, when leaving China, you are not allowed to take money, which exceeds the amounts you declared when entering. (Current exchange rate US\$ 1 = 6.1 Chinese Yuan approx.)

Hotel information

Up-to-date hotel information near the RSO can be founded at http://www.fpp-icao.org/cn/Venue/index.asp?Basic_Class_ID=53

Useful Information

International credit cards such as Visa, American Express etc. are normally accepted at the recommended hotel.

Time in Beijing is 8 hours ahead of Coordinated Universal Time (UTC +8).

All commercial banks, such as the Bank of China, exchange foreign currencies such as Euro, US Dollar and are open from 09:00 to 16:00 hours from Monday to Saturday. All major hotels also have foreign exchange counters. To change travellers' cheques, customers are requested to show their passport. Bank at Airports also provided the currency exchange service.

Facilities near the RSO

The Capital International Airport Pharmacy

Address: 5, Yan Xiang Dong Li, The Capital International Airport, Chao Yang, Beijing (北京市朝阳区首都国际机场燕翔东里 5 号) Tel: (+86) 10 6456 4134

Beijing Tianzhu Golf & Country Club

Address: 14, Lou Tai Duan, Li Tian Road, Shun Yi, Beijing (北京市顺义区李天路楼台段14号) Tel: (+86) 10 64565226

Jing Ke Long Supermarket

Address: Ji Chang South Road, Capital International Airport, Beijing, China (北京市朝阳区首都机场机场南路) Tel: (+86) 10 6468 8233

Tourist Destinations

798 Art District < 798 艺术区 >

17 km (20 minutes)

This former factory complex has been transformed into a thriving artistic and cultural community. Located in the Dashanzi area northeast of central Beijing, the industrial-looking estate is a creative hub with a range of galleries, exhibitions, artist studios, design companies and restaurants.

National Stadium (Bird's Nest) < 国家体育馆 (鸟巢) >

28 km (35 minutes)

During the 2008 Olympic Games the National Stadium became an iconic image, showcasing the excellence of Chinese architecture. The design reflects traditional Chinese elements (the red glow symbolises luck) and incorporates modern elements (the structure evokes the energetic spirit of athletes). Sports buffs will also want to visit the nearby National Aquatics Centre (dubbed the 'Water Cube') and the National Indoor Stadium.

Hutongs < 胡同 (南锣鼓巷) >

30 km (40 minutes)

Step into the past and stroll down these tight alleys and narrow streets. A hutong is a simple alleyway, usually running East-West, built around a major building. Full of character and slice-of-life charm, you'll need your compass to navigate your way out of the labyrinth.

Forbidden City & Tian'anmen Square <紫禁城与天安门广场>
32 km (45 minutes)

Put these at the top of your to-do list.

In the heart of Beijing, Tian'anmen Square is a huge open space bordered by grand, imposing government buildings, including Memorial Hall of Chairman Mao and the National Museum of China. Open daily, you can get there via Subway Line 1 and disembark at Tiananmen East or Tiananmen West Station.

Just north of Tian'anmen Tower, the Forbidden City deserves at least one full afternoon. Once the imperial palace of the Ming and Qing dynasties, for over 500 years this magnificent palace was home to 24 emperors. Now fully restored to its former glory, this tourist Mecca inspires awe with its architectural beauty and imposing size. The largest and most well-preserved imperial residence in China today, in 1987 the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation recognised the Forbidden City as a world cultural legacy.

Temple of Heaven <天坛>
33 km (45 minutes)

Located in the southeast of Beijing, the Temple of Heaven was the place where royalty came to pray. Built in 1420 during the Ming Dynasty, UNESCO has listed the Temple as one of the World Cultural Relics.

Summer Palace <颐和园>
43 km (60 minutes)

Epic in scale and ingenious in its design, construction of the Summer Palace began in 1750 under Emperor Qianlong. An awe-inspiring masterpiece of Chinese landscape design, it remains one of China's largest and best-preserved imperial gardens. Spread out over 294 hectares (726 acres), it blends the natural landscape of the hills with man-made features and residences. Located 15 km from central Beijing.

Great Wall at Mutianyu <慕田峪长城>
46 km (60 minutes)

Not for nothing is this listed as one of the Wonders of the World. Spanning almost 9,000 km, this spectacular engineering marvel inspires awe and wonder. For visitors to Beijing, the closest point along the Great Wall is at Mutianyu, about 50 km northeast of Langham Place, Beijing Capital Airport. Winding through lofty mountains and high ridges, this stretch of the Great Wall is dotted with watch towers.

Transportation from the ICAO Beijing Regional Sub-Office (China Service Mansion) to Town/ Tourist Attractions

Subways and Light Railways:

Please take Airport Express from Terminal 3 to SANYUANQIAO Station (Transfer Line10 and get off BEITUCHENG Station, then Transfer Line8 and get off Olympic Sports Centre Station) for National Stadium /Bird's Nest.

Or until to DONG ZHI MEN station (Transfer Line2, then Transfer Line1 and get off WANGFUJING Station or TIAN'ANMEN WEST/ EAST Station) for

- Hutongs (Take subway Line2 and get off at GULOUDAJIE Station)
- Forbidden City & Tian'anmen Square
- Temple of Heaven (Take subway Line2 and get off at CHONGWENMEN Station, then take a taxi for 10 yuan)
- Summer Palace (Take subway Line2 and get off XIZHIMEN Station, then take a taxi for about 40 yuan)

Taxi:

Taxis are a great and inexpensive way to get about town. Taxi "flag-falls" begin at 13 Yuan during the day for the first 3 km and 14.40 Yuan from 11 p.m. until 5 a.m. The cost of a ride is 2.30 Yuan per kilometre after the first 3 km , 3.45 Yuan after 15 kilometres. There is also a flat 1 Yuan fuel surcharge for each ride. Highway Tolls are charged to the passenger. Receipts are available on demand. Booking Taxi: Please call 96103 or 96106. (Additional service fee of 5 Yuan)

Transportation Web sites and numbers for information:

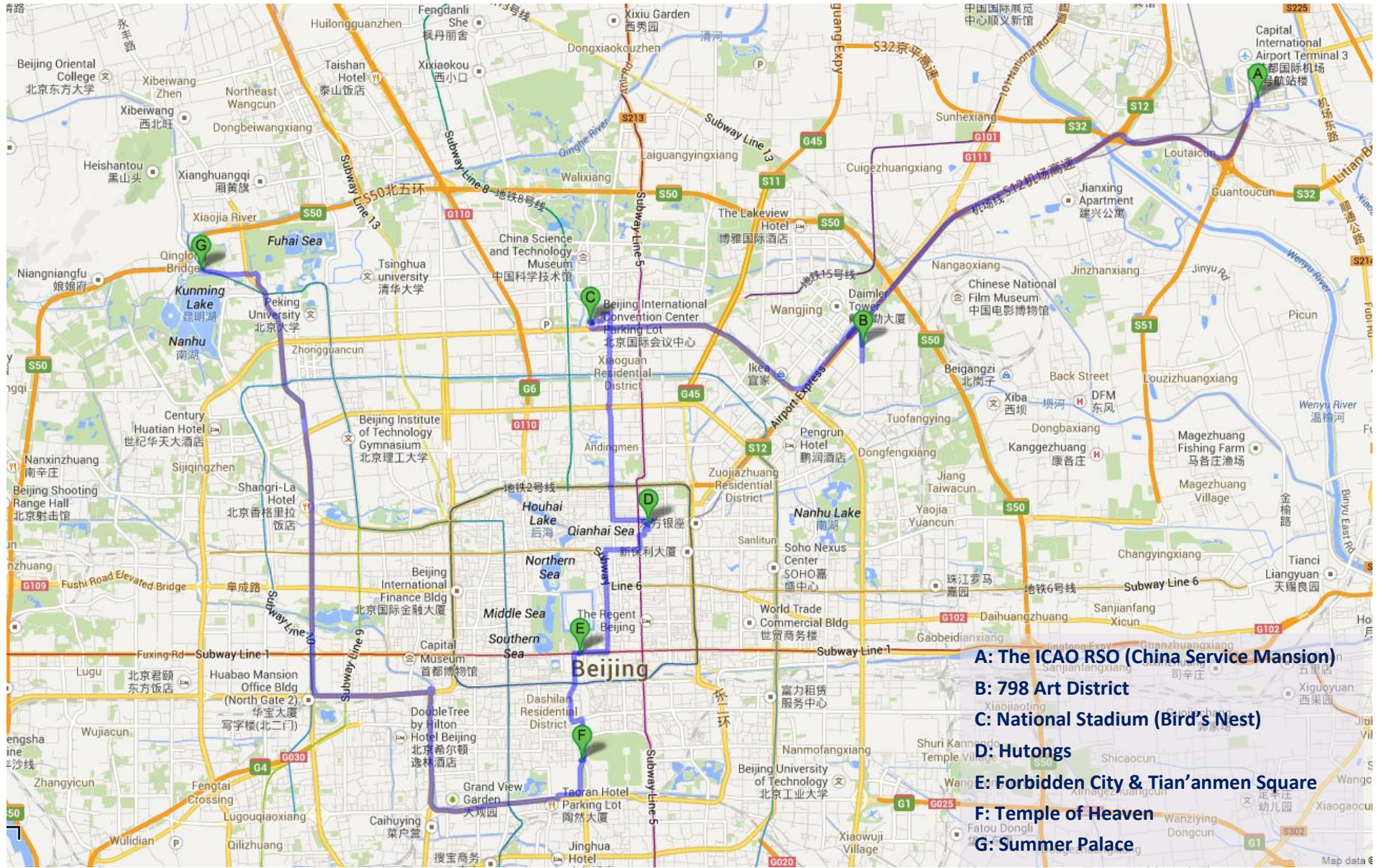
Beijing Transport Information: <http://www.1039.com.cn>

Beijing maps: <http://www.go2map.com>

Beijing bus information: <http://www.bjbus.com>

Beijing bus hotline centre: 96166

Booking Taxi: 96103, 96106



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