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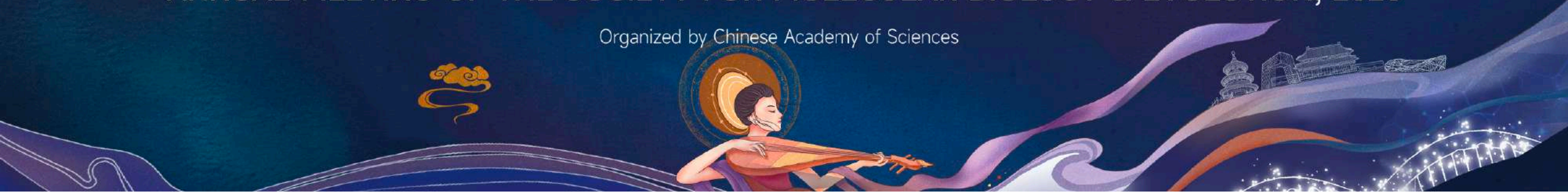
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# Location of Beijing Conference Center

## SMBE 2025 Venue:

### Beijing Conference Center (BCC)

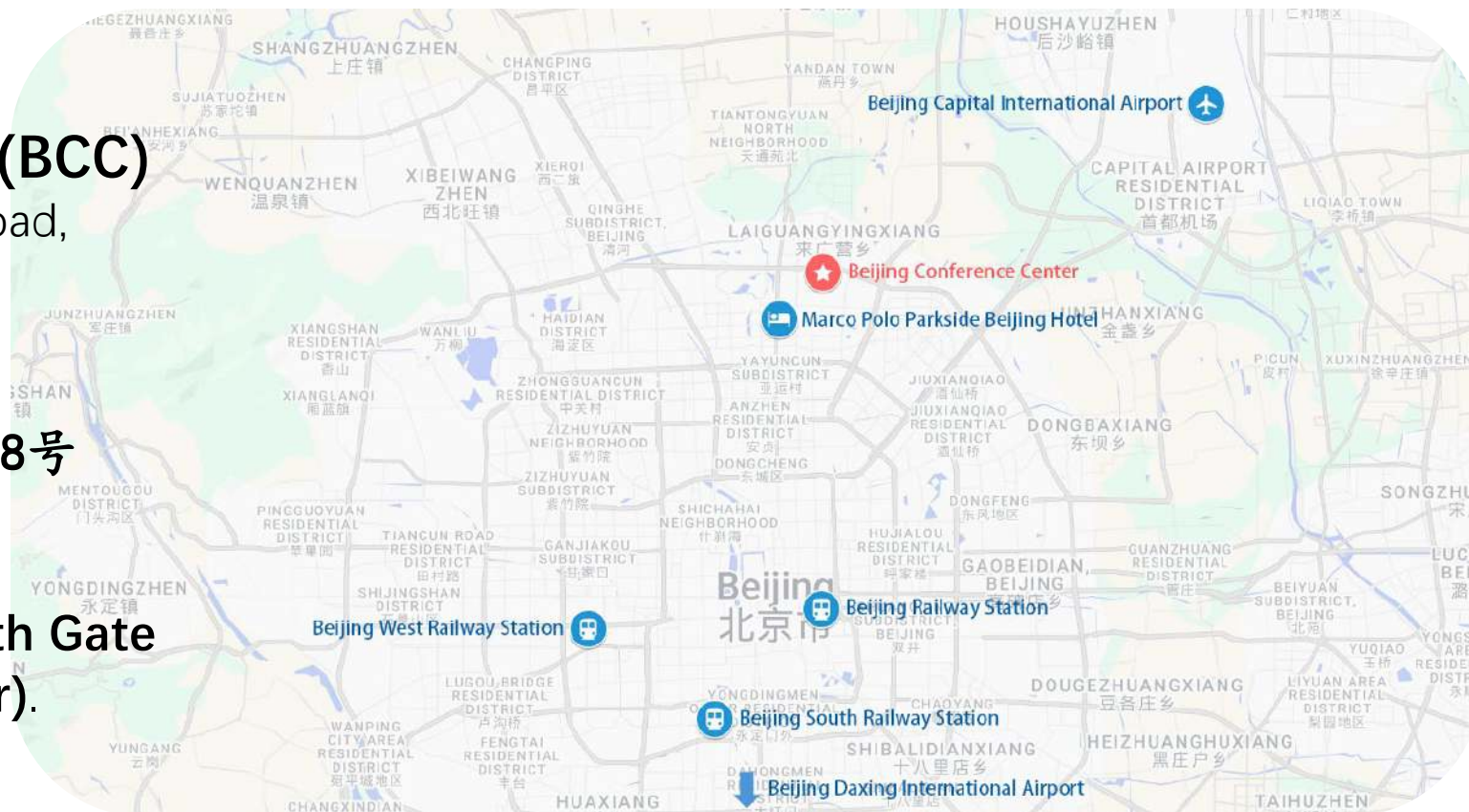
Address: No. 88, Laiguangying Westroad,  
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北京会议中心

地址：北京市朝阳区来广营西路88号

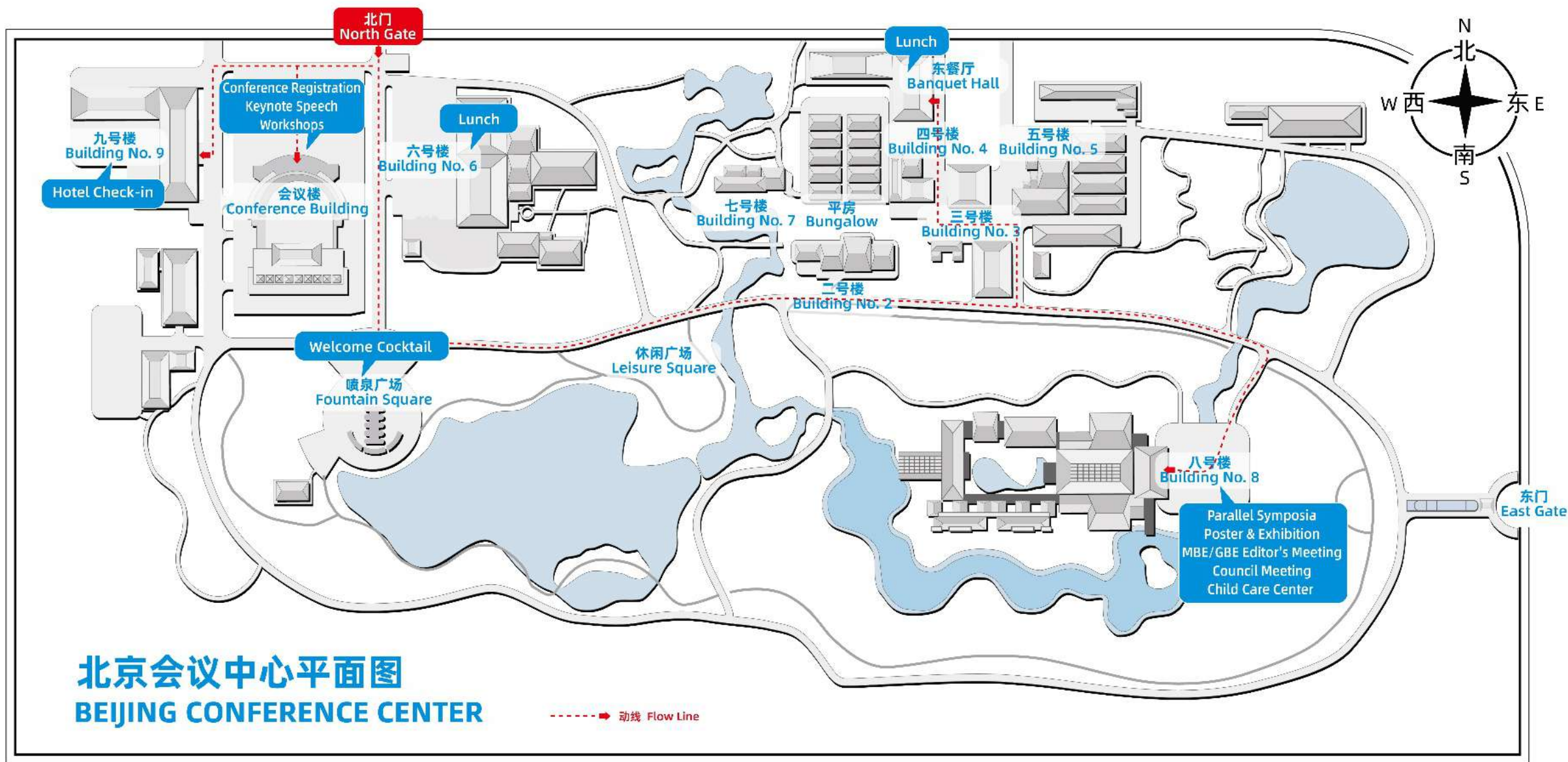
电话：010-84901668

(Suggest entering from the North Gate  
of the Beijing Conference Center).



Please check the [Transportation Page](#) on our website to find more info about how to get to the Beijing Conference Center.

# Map of Beijing Conference Center



# Beijing Conference Center Hotel Check-in

**Check-in location:** All the guests need to check in hotel at the front desk on the lobby floor of **Building 9** (suggest entering from the North Gate of the Beijing Conference Center). If you have a lot of luggage, you may inform the security at the North Gate, and your vehicle can temporarily park at the entrance of Building 9.

For participants who have booked the rooms in Beijing Conference Center from the SMBE 2025 registration system, before you check in at the front desk, please come to the **SMBE 2025 Hotel Hospitality Desk** near the Front Desk of **Building No. 9 at BCC** to pick up your **Check-in Voucher** first and take it to the receptionist.

Please pay the full amount of your room cost directly to the hotel. The receipt/fapiao of full payment will be issued by the hotel when you checkout.

**The opening hours of the Hotel Hospitality Desk** are as follows:

Date	Building No. 9 of BCC Hotel – Lobby
Friday, July 18	08:00-24:00
Saturday, July 19	08:00-24:00
Sunday, July 20	08:00-24:00
Monday, July 21	08:00-18:00
Tuesday, July 22	08:00-18:00
Wednesday, July 23	08:00-18:00
Thursday, July 24	08:00-18:00
Friday, July 25	08:00-18:00





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Shuttle Bus Schedule

Marco Polo Parkside Beijing

Date	Departure	Routes
Jul.20	16:30	Hotel → BCC
	21:00	BCC → Hotel
Jul.21	07:30	Hotel → BCC
	19:10	BCC → Hotel
Jul.22	08:00	Hotel → BCC
	17:40	BCC → Hotel
Jul.23	08:00	Hotel → BCC
	17:40	BCC → Hotel
Jul.24	08:00	Hotel → BCC
	14:40	BCC → Hotel

Pick-up Point at Hotel:

Meet up in front of the Hotel Main Entrance

Pick-up Point at the Conference Venue:

Meet up in front of the Conference Building, BCC

# Marco Polo Parkside Beijing Hotel Check-in

For participants who have booked the rooms in **Marco Polo Parkside Beijing Hotel**, please pay the full amount of your room cost directly to the hotel. The receipt/fapiao of full payment will be issued by the hotel when you checkout.

The opening hours of the **Hotel Hospitality Desk** are as follows:

北京中奥马哥孛罗酒店

Marco Polo Parkside Beijing



地址：北京市朝阳区安立路78号  
Address: No.78 Anli Road,  
Chaoyang District, Beijing

联系人Contact:  
彭姣 Jiao Peng 0086 13810291377

Date	Marco Polo Parkside Beijing Hotel Hotel – Lobby
Friday, July 18	08:00-24:00
Saturday, July 19	08:00-24:00
Sunday, July 20	08:00-24:00
Monday, July 21	08:00-18:00
Tuesday, July 22	08:00-18:00
Wednesday, July 23	08:00-18:00
Thursday, July 24	08:00-18:00
Friday, July 25	08:00-18:00

# Registration

SMBE 2025 participants are asked to register/sign-in at the registration desks. You could register at **Conference Building at BCC** from July 20. You will receive your name badge and your conference bag at the registration desk.

The opening hours of the Registration & Information Desk are as follows:

Date	<u>Conference Building</u> - Main Lobby
Sunday, July 20	12:00-19:30
Monday, July 21	07:30-19:30
Tuesday, July 22	08:00-17:30
Wednesday, July 23	08:00-18:30
Thursday, July 24	08:00-15:00

# Oral Presentation Guideline

- Files supported for presentation are Microsoft PowerPoint (PPT) and PDF.
- Presentations made on a Mac should be converted to files that are compatible with Windows PC.
- All oral speakers should format their presentations in 16:9 ratio.
- **All presentations must be uploaded via the SMBE2025 registration system BEFORE the day of your session.** The conference staff/volunteer in your session room will download the latest version of the presentation files each morning. Late submissions or replacements will not be accepted after downloading.
- If your slides include music, video, or other Multimedia attachments in your slides, please test them at the **Speaker Ready Desk** before your session(s) to ensure smooth playing.

Date	Opening Hours	Location
Sunday, July 20	12:00-19:30	1F Conference Building (Right hand side of the Registration Desk)
Monday, July 21	07:30-17:30	
Tuesday, July 22	08:00-17:30	
Wednesday, July 23	08:00-17:30	
Thursday, July 24	08:00-12:00	

For more details, please click [HERE](#) to review the Oral Presentation Guideline.



# Poster Presentation Guideline

<b>Location of Poster</b>	<b>1F &amp; 2F Building No. 8</b>	
<b>Time for Putting Up</b>	July 21	Before 08:30 on your session day
	July 22-23	Before 10:30 on your session day
<b>Time for Taking Down</b>	By 17:30 on your session day. Posters left behind after each poster session will be disposed of by the conference staff.	
<b>Poster Session &amp; Best Poster Review</b>	<b>Time:</b> 14:00-15:30, July 21-23, 2025 - Stand by your poster during your allocated session (14:00–15:30) to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver a brief introduction.</li> <li>• Engage in discussions with attendees.</li> <li>• Best Poster Award will be announced at Awards &amp; Closing Ceremony on July 24.</li> </ul>	
<b>Poster Service Desk</b>	<b>Location:</b> 1F Building No. 8 <b>Opening Time:</b> July 21                      07:30-17:30 July 22-23                09:00-17:30 July 24                      08:30-12:00	

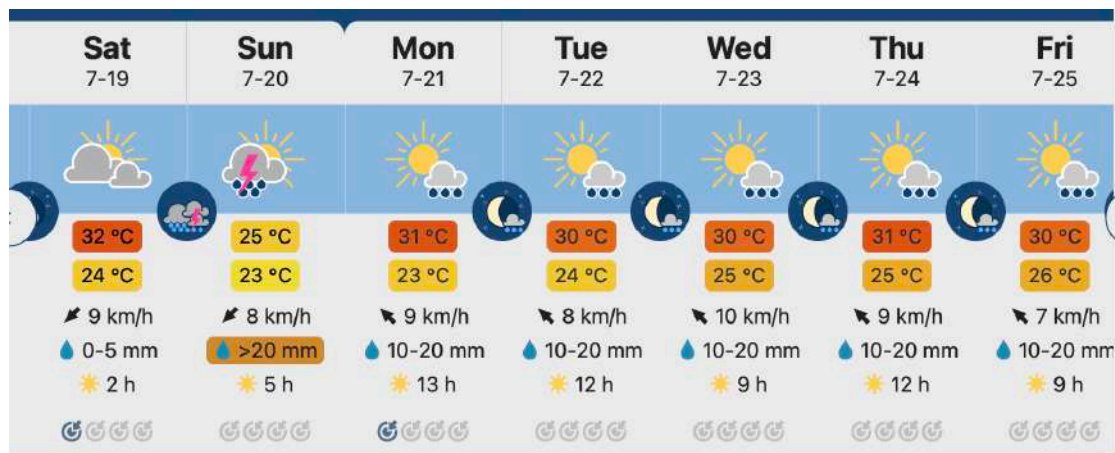
For more details, please click [HERE](#) to review the Poster Presentation Guideline.



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## Weather in July of Beijing



Clothes & Shoes: You are advised to wear as thin and breathable as possible to cope with the burning hot climate of Beijing in July. For females, you can wear tank tops plus skirts. For males, loose T-shirts and shorts are the most recommended outfits. Since you may experience a temperature drop on rainy days, remember to prepare a thin shirt or jacket. As for shoes, it is the season for sandals, but you are also recommended to pack a pair of thin sneakers for attractions where you need to walk a lot like the Great Wall of China.

## What to wear in Beijing in July



T-shirt



shorts



skirt



sneakers



sunglasses



umbrella



# Power Plugs / Sockets



## Power

Voltage in China is 220V/50HZ. Hotels provide 220V and 110V (shavers only) power outlets. Please note that plug adapters and converters might be required.

As the shapes of sockets and voltage vary among countries, a portable plug adaptor is usually necessary. It can be purchased in your local country from stores like Franzus or electronics stores such as RadioShack and Best Buy. Also you can buy it in China.

Chargers of most electronic devices like cell phones, tablets, and cameras can function normally in the wide power voltage of 110~240V. Most hotels ranking above 3 stars in China provide electrical outlets of both 110V and 220V in the bathrooms, though in guest rooms usually only 220V sockets are available.

There are two kinds of sockets widely used in Mainland China: type A and type I. The type A can also accept plugs of type C or F, which are commonly seen in most European countries.

<p>Type A</p>  <p>⚡ 220V</p>	<p>In China, this kind of outlets has two holes of the same shape and size. Plugs that match this socket are commonly used in US, Mexico, Canada, Japan, Philippines, Colombia, Thailand, Vietnam, Panama... But you should notice that there is a kind of two-blade plug with one end larger than the other. They can't be used in China without an adaptor.</p>
<p>Type I</p>  <p>⚡ 220V</p>	<p>Countries like Australia, New Zealand, Argentina, and Fiji use electronic devices of this plug shape. Sometimes, the blade at the top is missed, but it can still function safely in Mainland China.</p>
<p>Type C &amp; F</p>  <p>⚡ 220V</p>	<p>This kind of socket is widely seen in most European countries, like Russia, Germany, Denmark, Poland, Finland, France, Sweden, and Spain, as well as South Korea.</p>

# How to Use Internet

## Can I access to Facebook, Google+, Twitter, etc in China?

WhatsApp, Facebook, Google+, Twitter, etc are blocked in China. If you want to open the pages, you will need help from proxy server providers.

## Popular Online Tools for Daily Lives in Chinese:

Online Chat Tools: WeChat

Social Networks: TikTok, Weibo

Map: AMap Global

Online Shopping: taobao.com, jd.com

## How can I access internet by my cell phone if WiFi is unavailable?

You may buy a Chinese SIM card for the mobile internet service. Then you surf the internet from your cell phone.

## WeChat – The Most Popular Instant Messaging & Payment App in China



Chinese Name: 微信 wēi xìn

Developer: Tencent

Initial Release: January 21st, 2011

Monthly Active Users: 1.26 billion (2022)

For communication in China, we highly recommend using WeChat.

What is WeChat? It is a super popular multi-functional social media app on almost every Chinese mobile. In addition to basic messaging, people use it to pay, for all things from groceries to real estate, to read from subscription accounts, to play games, to hail taxis, and to make a reservation at the doctor's. WeChat is now a mobile wallet and an indispensable social connection portal, and its developer Tencent still endeavors to offer more technology support to make it the "App for Everything".

## Currency, Exchange, and Payment Methods In China

### *Chinese Currency*

Renminbi (人民币) or RMB is the official currency of China, and it means “people's currency” in Chinese. The basic unit of RMB is yuan (元), and the sign of yuan is ¥. CNY is the abbreviation of Chinese yuan, which is also been used widely to refer to Chinese currency.

### *Currency Exchange*

After arriving in China, you can find many places to exchange Chinese currency, such as the exchange vendors in the major international airports, hotels, offices of local banks, and ATMs across the region. Exchanging major international cash, such as U.S. Dollars, Euros, Pounds, etc. into Chinese Yuan is not difficult in China. The exchange rates are regulated; however, the commission fees are varied from different banks, hotels, and airports.

### *Payment Methods in China*

Credit and debit cards may not cover all your expenses in China. With the widespread popularity of digital payments, many businesses no longer offer point-of-sale (POS) systems for credit and debit card users. However, you can still use your bank cards via POS systems at selected hotels, shopping malls, and larger restaurants. Cash is still widely accepted. It is also very reliable. You'd better always bring some cash with you including some small changes.

Digital payment is the norm in China, with Alipay and WeChat Pay leading the way. Since July 2023, they've started accepting international cards through their apps, though success may vary depending on the user's country and bank.

## Beijing metro enables 'tap-and-go' fare payment for foreign MasterCard, Visa cardholders

Beijing has become the first city on the Chinese mainland supporting contactless fare payments in rail transit for foreign MasterCard and Visa card holders.

International visitors can use MasterCard and Visa cards issued overseas to take rides on the city's entire rail transit network, and pay automatically according to the same billing rules as the local residents.

The service is comprehensively available at all gates across 490 stations along 27 subway lines (including two airport lines, Xijiao Line and Yizhuang T1 Line), covering a total length of 836 km. Additionally, the Suburban Railway Line S2 is also part of this scheme.





# How to Use Wechat Pay



## 微信支付外卡 绑定和使用指南

### Guide to Add and Use International Cards with Weixin Pay

准备好你的国际银行卡与相关身份证件  
Get Ready with Your International Card  
and Related Identity Documents



#### 3个步骤快速绑定外卡 Quick Set-Up in 3 Steps

**step 1**

下载或更新微信/WeChat应用程序  
Download or Update your WeChat app

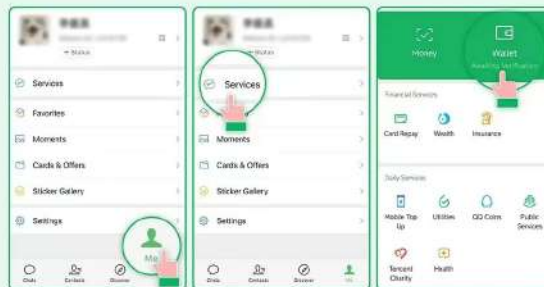
请用手机下载或更新微信/WeChat应用程序至最新版本，使用手机号码注册或登录。  
On your mobile phone, Download or Update your WeChat app to the latest version. Register with your phone number or sign in.



**step 2**

找到微信支付入口  
Where to find Weixin Pay

点击「我」-「服务」-「钱包」  
Tap Me - Services - Wallet



若找不到上述微信支付入口，可通过以下任意一种方式启用。  
If you cannot find the options above, you can activate Weixin Pay in one of the following ways.

► 在微信内选择「我」-「设置」-「通用」-「辅助功能」-「启用微信支付」。  
At the bottom, tap Me - Settings - General - Tools - Weixin Pay. Tap Enable.

► 在微信内扫描二维码开通。  
On the top corner, tap +, then tap Scan to scan the following QR code. Tap Enable.



**step 3**

填写身份信息和绑卡  
Fill in your identity information and add a card

在「钱包」内，点击「添加银行卡」，进入身份信息填写及绑定外卡流程。用户需要查看《微信支付用户服务协议及隐私政策》并点击“同意”，进入下一步，按照页面操作填写或勾选身份信息，继续点击“下一步”添加外卡，按照提示操作，即可以完成开通。

In Wallet, tap Add a Card. Read the Weixin Pay User Service Agreement and Privacy Policy and tap Agree. Follow the steps on the screen to fill in your identity information. Tap Next to add your card. Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the process.



说明:若使用护照进行绑卡，还需在完成上述流程后，根据提示上传护照照片。

Tips: If you use your passport to verify your identity, you will get a notification asking you to upload a copy of your passport.

# How to Use Wechat Pay

## 国际卡使用场景 Where can you use Weixin Pay?



## 可以通过以下方式用外卡进行支付 Enjoy mobile payment in the following ways



## 常见问题 Frequently Asked Questions

Q: 境外人士可使用什么证件开通微信支付?  
What documents can I use to set up Weixin Pay?

A: 目前境外人士可使用六种证件开通微信支付。包括：  
护照、港澳居民来往内地通行证、台湾居民来往大陆通行证、港澳居民居住证、台湾居民居住证、外国人永久居留身份证。

- Passport or People's Republic of China Foreign Permanent Resident ID Card
- Mainland Travel Permit or Residence Permit for Hong Kong SAR, Macau SAR and Taiwan Residents.

Q: 绑定外卡过程中要验证的手机号是否必须是中国大陆手机号?  
Do I need a Chinese Mainland (+86) phone number?

A: 不是的。境外手机号只要能接收短信验证码，也可以通过验证。

No. You can use your international phone number as long as it can receive SMS verification codes.

Q: 外卡支付支持哪些交易场景?  
What kind of transactions does Weixin Pay currently support for international cards?

A: 目前外卡支持在中国大陆境内日常消费使用，暂不支持红包、转账等交易，具体请以支付时页面提示为准。

Currently, international cards can be used for everyday purchases within the Chinese Mainland. However, international cards do not support certain features such as red packets and money transfers etc. Please refer to the payment page for specific instructions.

Q: 外卡支付的额度是多少？汇率怎么计算？  
Is there a transaction limit? How is the exchange rate calculated?

A: 通过微信支付使用外卡会有一定的限额，其中单笔是6千元、月累计5万元，年累计6万元。您支付时的汇率会以您外卡所属卡组和发卡行的汇率计算。

There is a limit of 6,000 RMB for single transactions, a cumulative limit of 50,000 RMB for monthly transactions, and a cumulative limit of 60,000 RMB for yearly transactions. The exchange rate will be calculated based on the exchange rate of the card organization and the issuing bank of your international card.

Q: 外卡支付有手续费吗？  
Are there any transaction fees?

A: 使用外卡支付存在手续费。单笔交易金额小于或等于200元免收手续费，单笔交易金额大于200元时会收取3%的手续费。如果您发起退款的话，手续费也会按照退款金额同比例原则退回。具体以支付页面提示为准。

Yes. However, transaction fees are waived for single transactions under 200 RMB. A 3% transaction fee will be applied for single transactions above 200 RMB. If you request a refund for a transaction, the transaction fee will be reimbursed in proportion to the refunded amount. Please refer to the payment page for details.

如有其他问题咨询，可联系：

财付通/微信支付客服专线：

95017（大陆地区）/+86 571 95017（海外及港澳台地区）

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact us.

Weixin Pay Customer Service:

95017（Chinese Mainland）

+86 571 95017（Regions outside of Chinese Mainland）

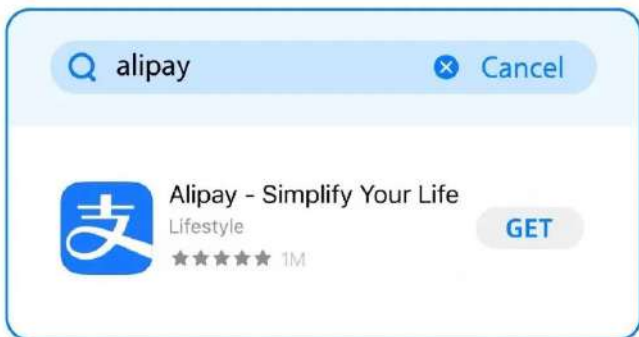


# How to Use Alipay

## 两步用上支付宝 Get started with Alipay in 2 steps

### 1 下载和注册 Download and register

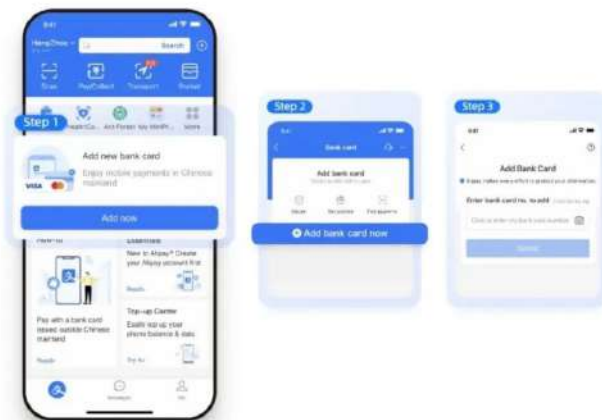
下载支付宝App, 点击【注册账号】, 选择【国际版】  
Download Alipay App, tap "sign up" to register, choose international version



### 2 绑定银行卡 Add bank card

点击【立即添加】进入绑卡页面, 按照页面提示, 即可完成绑卡操作

Tap "Add now" and follow on-page prompts to complete the process



这些银行卡都支持  
Eligible bank card types



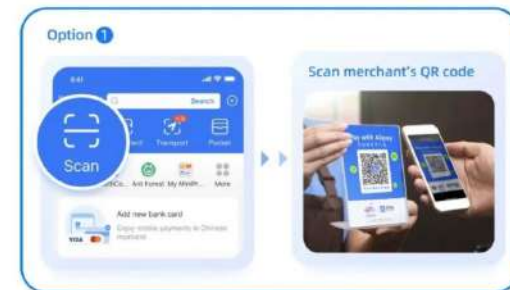
## 去哪都能用支付宝 Pay with Alipay wherever you go

### 支付方式一 Option 1

点击【扫一扫】, 扫描商家的二维码  
Tap "Scan", scan the merchant-presented QR code


### 支付方式二 Option 2

点击【收钱/付钱】, 出示你的二维码  
Tap "Pay/Collect", present your QR code to the merchant





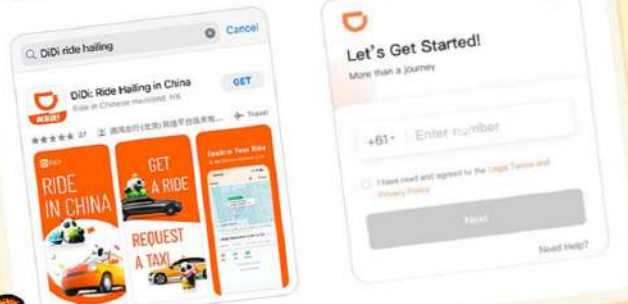
# How to Book a Ride with Didi

 滴滴出行 滴滴美好出发


## 1 下载及注册 Download and Sign Up

下载滴滴出行应用程序  
Download the Didi app in China

输入手机号进行注册  
Sign up with your mobile number

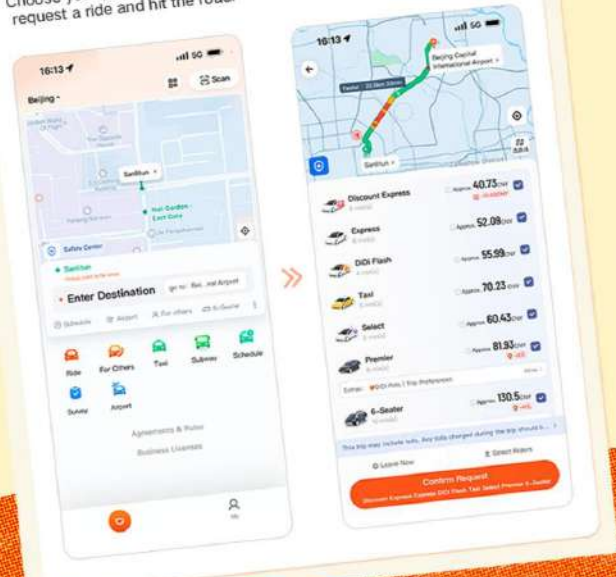



如需帮助，请点击“我的”，  
进入“客服”联系7\*24小时在线客服。  
Need help? Contact 24/7 English  
Customer Service via "Me"  
> "Customer Service".

 滴滴出行 滴滴美好出发

## 2 开始打车 Request Your Ride

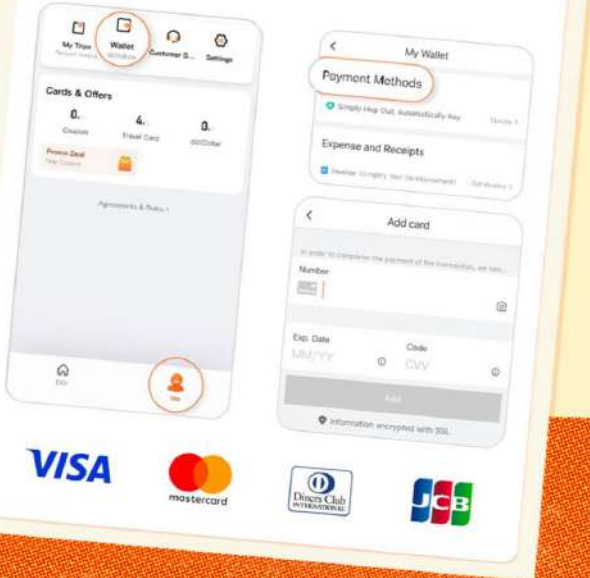
选择起点、终点和车型，即可叫车上路。  
Choose your pick-up spot, destination, and preferred car types to request a ride and hit the road.







 滴滴出行 滴滴美好出发

## 3 支付设置 Set Up Payment

点击“我的”，进入“钱包”，按照指示进行绑卡，设置支付。  
Go to "Me" > "Wallet", follow the steps to set up payment under "Payment Methods".



## Drinking Water

Tap water is NOT drinkable in China. For drinking, one can easily buy cheap and safe bottled mineral water for as little as CNY 2. Quality popular brands include Nongfu Spring, Nestle, C'estbon, Evian, Kunlun Mountains, and Wahaha. Various kinds of bottled tea and juice are also available.

Alternatively, you can use the boiler provided in the hotel room to boil the tap water, and then wait for it to cool down to be drinkable. You can also put boiled water in your thermos to take when you leave the hotel.

## Smoking

Smoking in indoor public places has been banned in Beijing since June 1, 2015, following the rolling out of the toughest-ever anti-smoking regulation in China. The regulation extends smoking bans to include all indoor public areas and workplaces, plus a number of outdoor areas including schools, seating areas in sports stadiums, and hospitals where women or children are treated.

## Emergency Numbers

Police (Calling)	110
Police (Text message)	12110
First-aid Ambulance	120
Fire	119
Traffic Accidents	122
SOS in Water	12395

## Time

China covers five time zones. Beijing time (UTC + 08:00) is the only official time throughout the country; China Standard Time is 8 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT + 8). China does not operate Daylight-saving Time. Punctuality is highly appreciated.

## Tipping

Generally speaking, tipping in China is not a must but will be greatly appreciated. Since it is a personal matter, please do not feel uneasy about it. Whether, how much or when to tip depends entirely on how you rate a service but you are not under any obligation to do so. However, in inbound tourism industry of China, it is a common practice to give tips. It seems that tipping tour guides in China has been an unwritten rule for foreign tourists.



# Shopping in Beijing

- **Wangfujing Street**

With East Chang'an Avenue in the south and National Art Museum in the north, the 1,600m (1 mile) street attracts thousands of visitors every day. Shopping malls like Malls at Oriental Plaza, Sun Dong An Plaza and Shengxifu Hat Store are popular. In addition, various local snacks can be found in Wangfujing Snack Street and Night Market.

- **Qianmen Street**

Qianmen Street is one of the oldest and most famous commercial streets with a 500 year old history. As an ancient street, it is an assembly place of time honored shops, including Qianjude Roast Duck Restaurant and Du Yi Chu Shao Mai. Visitors will also be surprised to find that the street will be re-built as it was in the 1920s, when it was extremely prosperous. Furthermore, trolley cars will re-appear in the street, after being absent for 40 years. Visitors can get on the car and view the street for free.

- **Hongqiao Pearl Market**

Beijing Pearl Market, aka Hongqiao Market, as the name shows, the market is famous for the pearl products. The pearl products in the market are quite popular among foreign visitors. Nowadays, it sells not only pearls, but also silk, seafood, and digital products.

# Shopping in Beijing

- **Silk Market**

Beijing Silk Market, also known as Silk Street, mainly offers silk ornaments and clothes. Besides, others stuffs like jewelries, jade, and toys can also be found.

- **Taikoo Li Sanlitun**

Taikoo Li Sanlitun is located between the bustling East 2nd Ring Road and East 3rd Ring Road in Beijing, close to the embassy district and the famous Sanlitun Bar Street. It is a fashion landmark of Beijing where you can learn about the latest fashion trends and which attracts artists and musicians from all over the world. Moreover, it is a paradise for shopping and enjoying delicious food.

Taikoo Li Sanlitun is an open district, consisting of 19 low-density contemporary buildings and divided into two sub-districts: the Southern District and the Northern District. The Southern District consists mainly of a variety of high-street and trend-branded specialty stores favored by common people. Coffee shops, restaurants, bookstores, and entertainment facilities mainly cluster in this district. The Northern District features more high-end designers' light luxury brands.

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