

China First-Trip Starter Kit

Save on your phone or print before departure. No account or email required.

1. Before you book

- ☐ Check entry requirements with the relevant embassy or immigration authority for your passport, purpose, route and dates.
- ☐ Choose your first hotel and ask for its Chinese name, full address, front-desk phone number and check-in requirements.
- ☐ Leave room for immigration, baggage, transport and rest on arrival day. Confirm the airport code and terminal.

2. Before you fly

- ☐ Install Alipay, register with a number you can access, and try linking your eligible card. Keep a separate payment backup.
- ☐ Check phone compatibility, carrier lock, plan coverage and activation. Keep access to the number used for account verification.
- ☐ Install a map and translation app. Save hotel details, bookings and useful phrases where you can open them without mobile data.

3. When you land

- ☐ Confirm your mobile connection and open your saved hotel address before choosing transport.
- ☐ Compare the complete journey to your hotel, including transfers and luggage. Check current last-train times before paying.
- ☐ At your accommodation, confirm check-in and any registration steps, charge your phone and make a small payment test nearby.

Chinese phrases to keep handy

Please take me to this address.

请送我到这个地址。

My payment did not go through.

我的付款没有成功。

Where is the taxi stand?

出租车乘车点在哪里？

Please write it down for me.

请帮我写下来。

Confirm current rules, fares and service hours before travel. Sources (click to open):

[Shanghai: overseas visitor payment setup](#)

[Shanghai: multilingual navigation services](#)

[Shanghai: airport transport guides](#)