

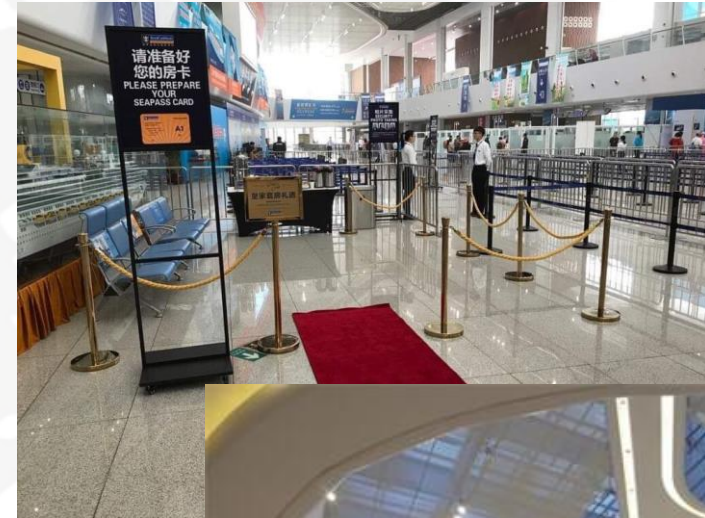
Tianjin (Beijing), China Wed 8am- Thurs 5pm Mar 9-10 H-52 L-31F mostly clear but windy (possible sandstorms), little rain

We currently are only ship in port that day.

Tianjin (meaning “Heavenly Ford”) has been an important transport and trading centre since the Yuan (Mongol) dynasty (1206–1368).



Originally scheduled to arrive into Xingang

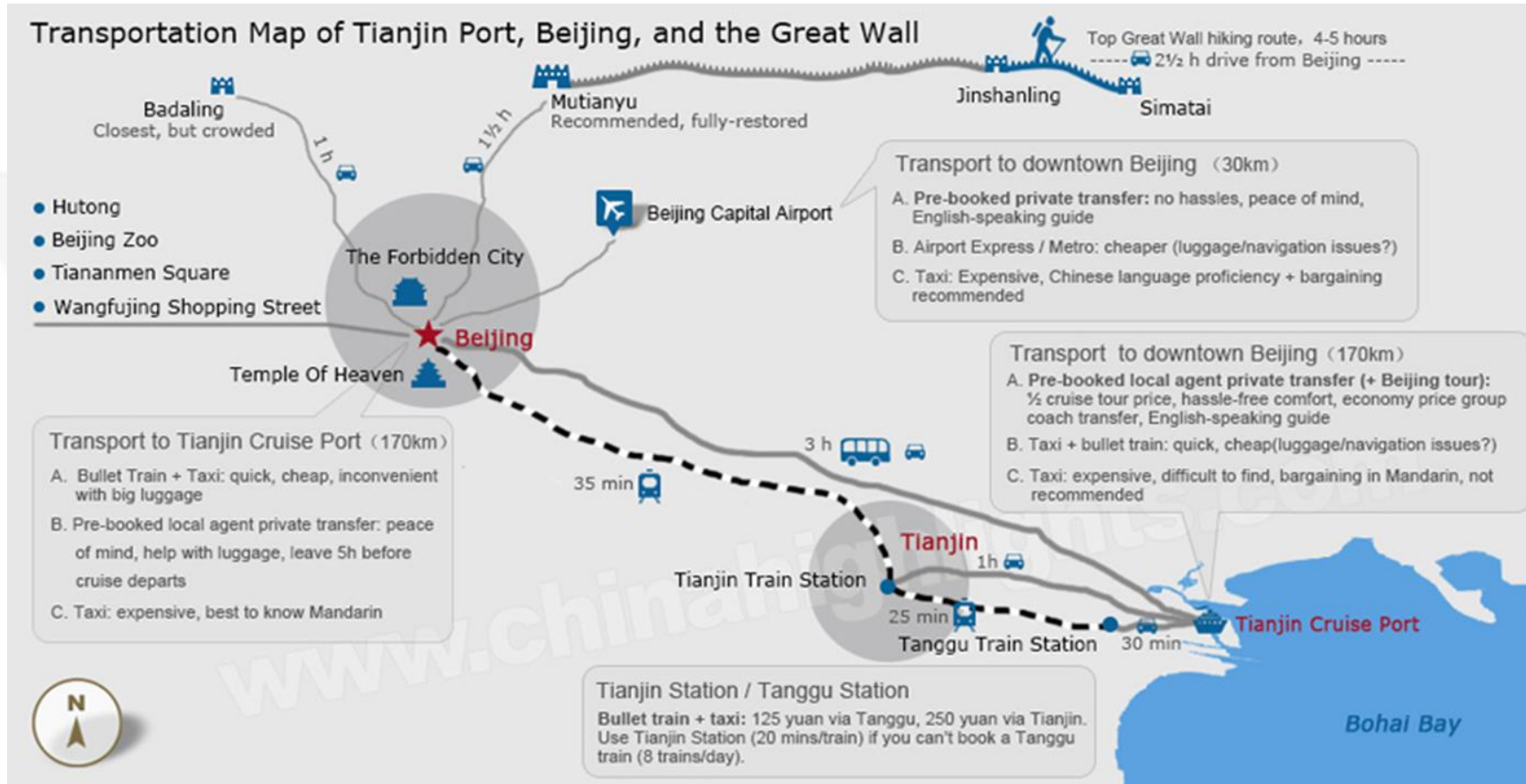


The port will cover an area of 1.2 million square meters with 6 berths when finished.



## Transportation

Tianjin Railway Station (天津站, Tiānjīn Zhàn)



Taxi from the cruise terminal to Tianjin city center (37 mi) costs 240 yuan (~\$38) and takes about 50 minutes  
 TIP: Viator/Tripadvisor show transfers to train station for ~\$65/pp – be cautious on which station, tho.  
 Note: return transfers were \$59/pp

Traffic guaranteed! Beijing is 4<sup>th</sup> largest urban area in China...and Tianjin is 6<sup>th</sup>.

Tianjin population 15,621,000  
 Beijing population 21,540,000



# Transportation

Tianjin Railway Station is very large and **tickets are hard to buy**. Usually you can only get tickets which depart a few hours later which means you have to wait there for a long time.

The screenshot shows the website's navigation bar with the 'China Highlights' logo and various menu items like 'Home', 'China Tours', 'Create My Trip', 'Destinations', 'Travel Guide', 'Culture', 'Trains', 'Asia Tours', and 'Day Tours'. Below the navigation bar, there's a search bar and a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > China Train > How to Buy Train Tickets'. The main content area is titled 'How to Buy Train Tickets in China - 5 Ways'. On the left, there's a sidebar with a list of related articles, with 'How to Buy Train Tickets' highlighted in red. The main text explains that there are five ways to buy train tickets in China: 1. Book online with a travel agency like China Highlights, 2. Buy tickets at a train station, 3. Buy tickets at a ticket office, 4. Book at China Railway's official website, and 5. Book ticket by telephone. It also mentions that a certificate is required for booking, specifically for foreign passengers (Passport) and Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan passengers (Mainland Travel Permit). Below this, there's a section titled 'When Do Reservations Open' which states that most train tickets can be purchased up to 30 days before the departure day when booked online or by telephone, and 28 days in advance when bought at train stations or local ticket offices. However, tickets on overnight trains and Y trains (e.g., Lanzhou - Jiayuguan or Duanhuang) can be purchased 20 days before the departure day, while some other train tickets can be purchased only 4 days ahead. A section titled 'Book Tickets Early if Your Travel Date Coincides with a Chinese Holiday' recommends booking tickets early, especially during Chinese festivals or holidays like the National Holiday (October 1st to 7th) and Chinese New Year (usually during the end of January and the beginning of February). At the bottom of the article, there's a photo of two train tickets, one red and one blue, with the caption 'The red-color & blue-color tickets'. The sidebar on the left contains the following links: 'Traveling by Trains in China', 'China Train Introduction', 'Train Travel Tips', 'How to Buy Train Tickets' (highlighted), 'How to Collect Train Tickets', 'How to Take a Train in China', 'How to Process Your First China Train Journey', 'How to Change / Cancel Train Tickets in China', 'Taking an Overnight Train in China', 'Top Train Travel Phrases', 'China Train Travel FAQs', 'Train Trips in China with Children', 'Traveling By Train During the Holidays', 'Instructions for Purchasing Hong Kong Train Tickets', 'Train Travel for China Import and Export Fair', 'Beijing to Shanghai by Train or Airplane', 'Beijing to Xi'an by Train or Plane', 'Train Bookings and Train Travel During the Coronavirus Outbreak Period', '3 Important Smoking Facts on Chinese Trains', 'Top 7 Useful China Train Travel Tips', '7 Facts on China Train Travel', and '4 Important Facts about Smoking on Chinese Trains'.

Most train tickets can be purchased up to **30 days** before the departure day when you book online or by telephone.

<https://www.chinahighlights.com/china-trains/how-to-buy-train-ticket.htm>





# Transportation

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Secure your train seat within 3 minutes! By Ethel, Supervisor of BIZ Team

Train Type:  All  G-train  D-train  T-train  Z-train  K-train  Other

Depart Times:  All  00:00-08:00  08:00-12:00  12:00-16:00  16:00-20:00  20:00-23:59

Depart:  All  Tianjin Station  Tianjin Xi (West) Station  Binhai Station  Tanggu Station  Tianjin Nan (South) Station  Binhai Xi (West) Station  Yangliuqing Station  Junliangcheng Bei (North) Station

Arrival:  All  Beijing Xi (West) Station  Beijing Station  Beijing Nan (South) Station

Currency: 6.53RMB=1USD

Train No.	Depart City to Arrival City	Duration	Seat Type / in USD / Tickets Left		
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<a href="#">G8936</a>	08:09 Tianjin Nan (South) → 08:53 Beijing Nan (South)	00h44m	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Cls. Seat \$28 0 Sold Out	<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Class Seat \$14 0 Sold Out	<input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Class Seat \$9 0 Sold Out
<a href="#">C2208</a>	08:23 Tianjin → 09:00 Beijing Nan (South)	00h37m	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Cls. Seat \$27 0 Sold Out	<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Class Seat \$14 0 Sold Out	<input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Class Seat \$9 0 Sold Out
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trains traveling at a maximum speed of 350 km/h (217 mph)

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Wouldn't book anything before 10am

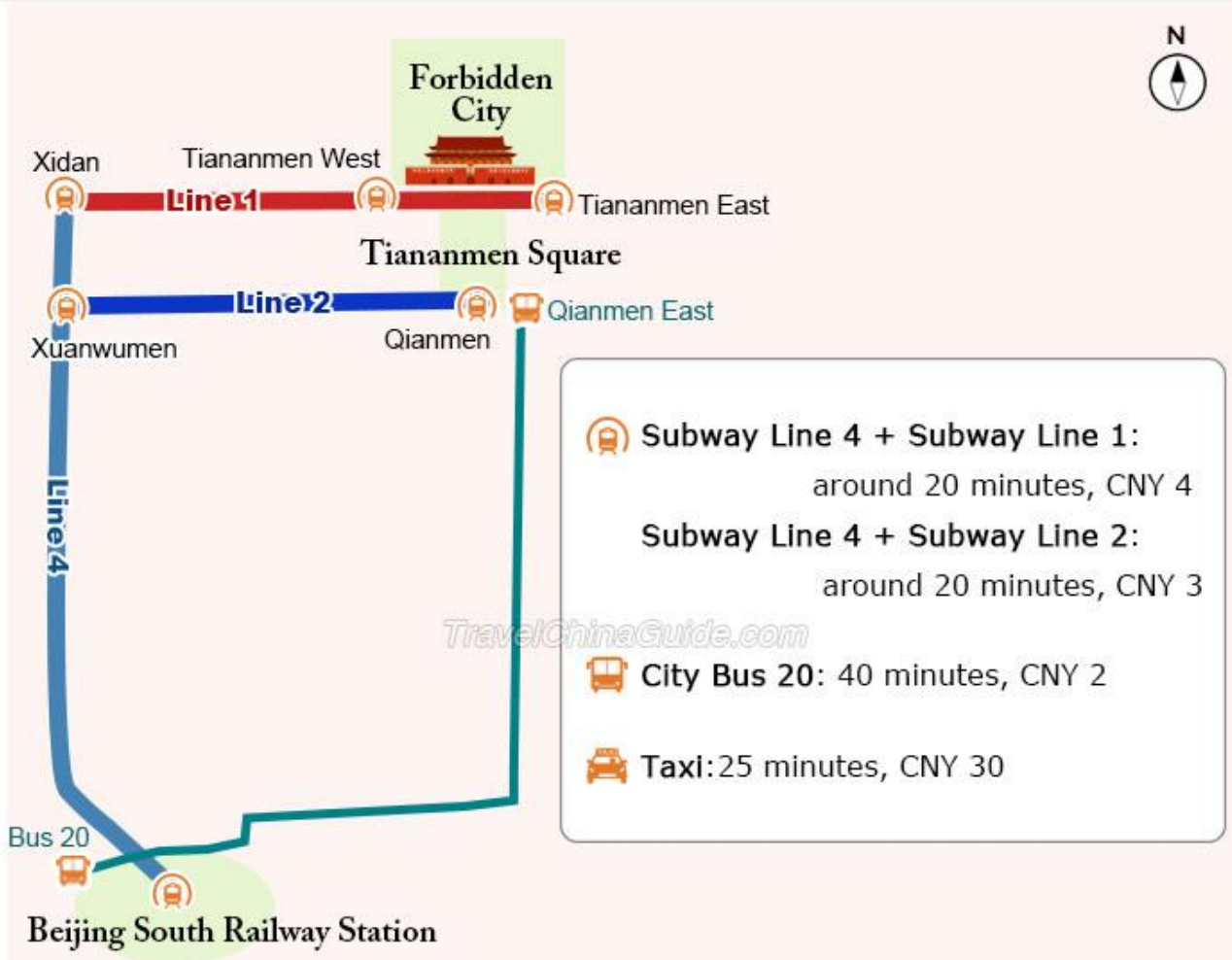
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If you are more comfortable on guided tour, Tripadvisor has guided trip to Beijing on bullet train for \$128/pp



## Transportation

### How to Get from Beijing South Railway Station to Forbidden City & Tiananmen Square



1) **Subway Line 4 + Subway Line 1:** around 20 minutes, CNY 4

- Follow the bilingual direction signs to the subway entrance on the -1F of Beijing South Railway Station.
- Take subway line 4 to Xidan, 4 stops.
- Change to subway line 1 to Tiananmen East or Tiananmen West after 1 stop and 2 stops respectively.

Both Subway Tiananmen East and West Stations are located between the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square. Tiananmen East Station is a little closer but it may take longer to go through security at the Tiananmen West subway station.

2) **Subway Line 4 + Subway Line 2:** around 20 minutes, CNY 3

- Take subway line 4 to Xuwumen, 3 stops.
- Change to subway line 2 to Qianmen, 2 stops.
- Get out from exit A and walk north to reach Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City.

Qianmen subway station is close to the southern end of Tiananmen Square and about 1,000 meters (1,100 yards) from the Forbidden City.

3. **City Bus 20:** 40 minutes, CNY 2

- Go to the North Square of Beijing South Railway Station
- Take bus 20 to Qianmen East Station, 10 stops
- Walk west to reach Tiananmen Square & keep walking north to get to the Forbidden City

Passengers do not need to transfer, but traffic jams may occur, especially during peak hours from 07:00 to 09:00 and 17:00 to 19:00.

4. **Taxi:** 25 minutes, CNY 30

The taxi pick-up stand is on the -1F of South Railway Station. Usually, there are many people waiting for taxis so visitors can expect to wait for at least 30 minutes.

Tips for Taking a Taxi at Beijing South Railway Station:

1. If the taxi queues are long at the station, passengers can exit from the North Square and walk left towards the intersection to take a taxi from there.
2. Watch out for the illegal private taxis around the station. Official taxis are not allowed to pick up passengers outside the pick-up stands.



If you ever wanted to stay in a 5-star hotel...



Waldorf Astoria Supreme King \$217.43



China World Hotel Deluxe King (Shangri-La) \$167.59 or \$190.44 w/breakfast



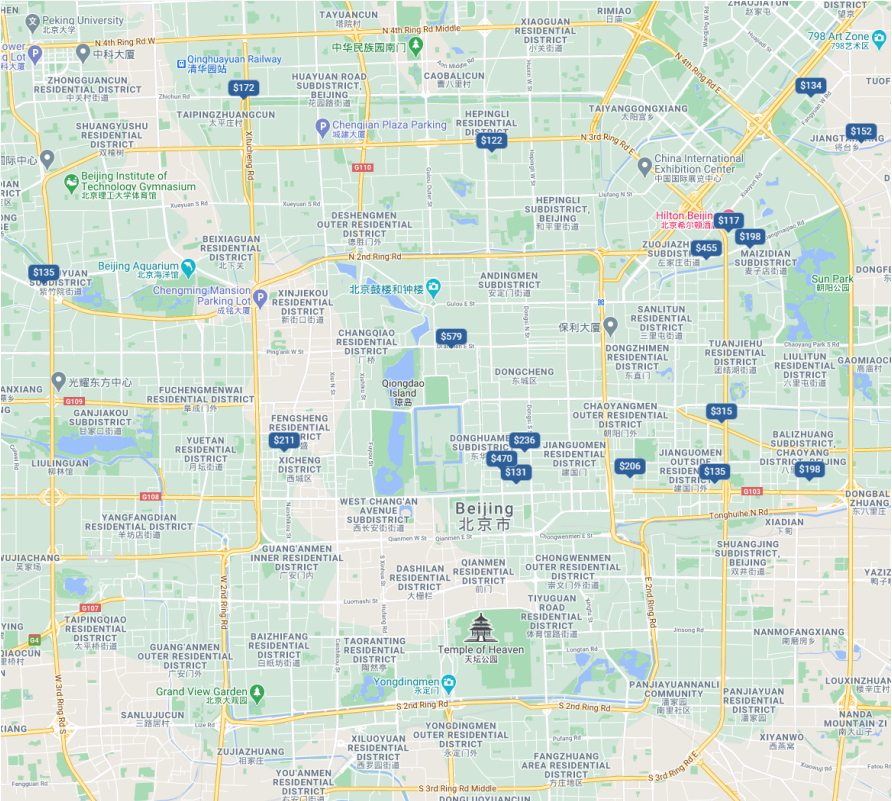
Four Seasons Deluxe King \$304.53



Sofitel Beijing Central Luxury King \$229

(add 16.6% service charge and taxes)  
Check out hotel spa services!!

Sheraton Beijing Lize Hotel 9.3 on booking.com \$128





## We aren't in Japan anymore



**Squat toilets still reign supreme in China.** Sure, the "western" toilet has made plenty of inroads, and you'll find them in big city hotels, major restaurants, and airports around the country. However, there are still lots and lots of "squatty potties" in China, and likely as not, you'll have to use one at some point. But don't fear! Using a squat toilet is simple. There are a few tricks to the trade, but with a little preparation, you'll be able to do your business with confidence.

Supposedly using squat toilets is good for your system. The mechanics are just as their title implies. By squatting to do your business rather than sitting on a toilet, gravity helps the process.

Preparation is key. While adapting to squat toilets is not as hard as it seems, it's good to know what you're getting into before you (have to) go.

**Packing tissues is key.** Before you even leave your hotel, make sure you've got portable toilet paper with you—lots of public restrooms don't provide any. **Wet wipes and hand sanitizer are also good to have. Even if there's a sink, there may not be any soap or towels.**

**Carry a few coins (1-2 Chinese Yuan) for public restrooms that charge a fee.**

Get into the practice of "preventative peeing" by going to the toilet before going out. This is a good way to avoid getting caught in a place that won't have a quality toilet. If you're with a group, take the reigns and make sure everyone goes before you leave the house.

If you're going to be out and about, think about where you'll be and try to plan some pit stops in between. In big cities especially, international **hotels, upscale restaurants, and shopping malls will have clean washrooms with most of the amenities** (toilet paper, Western toilets, soap, and towels). These can be great places for relief.

Places to avoid using the bathroom include large markets (especially outdoor markets), street-side public bathrooms (though they're improving), and tourist spots.

The Moment of Truth

If you find yourself waiting for a public restroom, just keep in mind some of the ways queues in China work.

First, check the lock. If it's red, then the room is occupied. Green means free but always knock.

When waiting at the loo, **its best to line up in front of a particular stall** rather than hang back for the next one to open, which can create a free-for-all. Just stick to one door and keep your eye on it.

Many times, **doors have pictures or signs indicating Western or squat-style toilets.** If you happen to get a non-Western toilet, you're better off just rolling with it than re-queuing.

If you can, have a friend hold your bags while you use the washroom. There are generally no hooks in there, and you'll need your hands to balance, dig around your purse for tissues, and hold on to the door if the lock is broken. Plus, some **washrooms in China can be rather wet.** Whether from the splash effect or an overeager toilet cleaner running amok with a mop, your squat toilet stall floor might endanger your bags or dry trousers. If it's looking wet, roll your pants up. Pro tip: if you see other Chinese locals rolling up their cuffs, be sure to do so too. They know something you don't.

Positioning Yourself

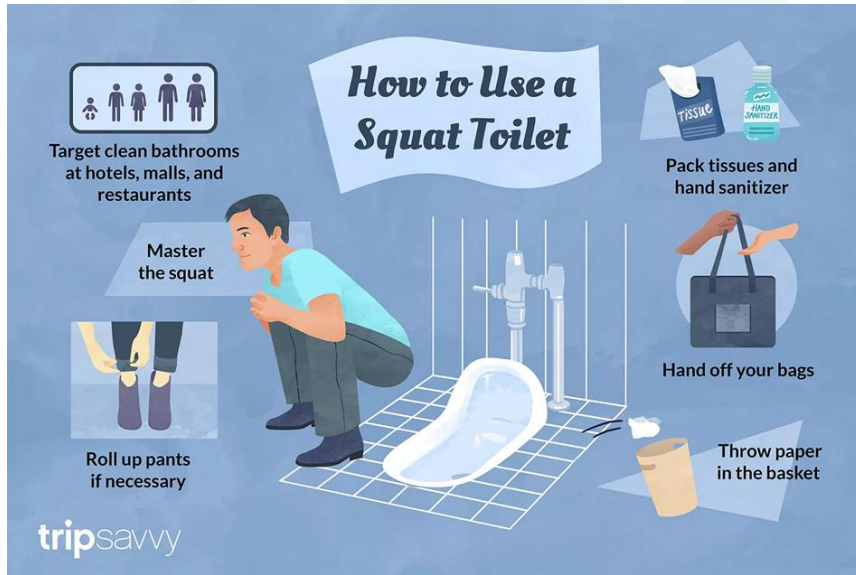
Once you've found yourself in a squatty potty, it's really not that bad. Many argue it's actually healthier to go this way than sitting down. But if you're not used to it, squatting can be really difficult if you don't know how to get into position, stay there, and use the toilet correctly.

•Face forward and try to let your pants down while ensuring that the ends aren't touching the floor (hopefully you've rolled your cuffs.) There are grooved places for your feet on either side of the toilet. Try to get somewhere in the middle, feet flat on the floor, and aim for the potty. Just like that.

•One key piece of etiquette: **no paper into the potty.** Chinese plumbing in public restrooms generally doesn't handle wastepaper. If possible, put anything other than #1 or #2 in the basket. Try as hard as you can, though, NOT to look at the basket, as it's usually open and teeming with things on which you'd rather not lay eyes.

•When finishing up, unroll your pants, wash your hands, and out you go, you accomplished squat toilet user.

A note on the trough. **There are still places with troughs in public bathrooms.** In these types of public toilets, there are usually door-less stalls facing up to a long trough with water running down from one end to the other. Folks back up and squat over the trough and everything floats away. These types of toilets are going the way of the dinosaur, but they're still out there. Consider yourself warned.



Queues are not single file (more like fan-shaped), Some people will try to cut in *subtly*. Like they'll stand to your front right, and as the queue moves they'll gradually move to your front. Don't be afraid to **physically block them using your arm or body.**



## HAL Excursions

Small-group tours=20 people

Purple=both days

Red=limited availability

**Beijing & the Forbidden City** \$229.95 11 hrs (S) – 7 hours are for driving

**Beijing & the Forbidden City (A Small-Group Tour)** \$279.95 11.25 hrs – 7 hours are for driving

**Hutongs by Rickshaw & Cixi's Summer Palace** \$169.95 11 hrs – 8 hours are for driving

**Hutongs by Rickshaw & Cixi's Summer Palace (A Small-Group Tour)** \$269.95 11 hrs – 8 hours are for driving

**Ming Tomb & Great Wall** \$209.95 12 hrs – 7 hours are for driving

**The Great Wall of China** \$199.95 10.5 hrs – 7 hours are for driving

**The Great Wall of China (A Small-Group Tour)** \$259.95 10.5 hrs – 7 hours are for driving

**Private Touring - Full Day Car or Van or Minibus (City of Beijing or Tianjin or Great Wall)** \$799.95-\$1999.95 per party

**Essence of Tianjin** \$99.95 4.25 hrs

**Highlights of Tianjin** \$119.95 5.75 hrs

**The Best of Tianjin** \$159.95 9.5 hrs

**Best of Beijing Overnight: Silver Package (Double)** \$799.95 (S)

**Best of Beijing Overnight: Silver Package (Single)** \$999.95 (S)

**Grand Xi'an & Beijing Overland Adventure (Tianjin – Shanghai)** \$3,099.95 Per Adult/double & \$3,549.95 single – 5 days

Note: It is each guest's sole responsibility to obtain (before traveling) any visas, vaccinations or tourist cards that are required for participating in Overland Adventures or Overnights





## What to do

Great Wall of China  
Summer Palace  
Forbidden City (Imperial Palace)  
Tiananmen Square  
National Museum of China  
Olympic Park  
Ming Tombs  
Beijing Zoo Pandas

If staying overnight:

Beijing Opera (<https://www.liyuantheatreopera.com/zh/dingpiao>)  
Legend of Kung Fu Show ([tickets@redtheatrekungfu.com](mailto:tickets@redtheatrekungfu.com))



### Yixing Clay Teapots



"Inside Painted" Snuff Bottles



Cloisonne Objects



Chinese Silk

Chinese Jade and Pearls  
Chinese Calligraphy Wall Scrolls  
Chinese Traditional Clothing  
Chinese Tea and Tea Sets

### <https://www.chinaexpatsociety.com/expat-life/8-best-markets-in-beijing>

1. Panjiayuan Beijing Antiques Market. 潘家园旧货市场
2. Sanyuanli Market (Non-Chinese Produce and Goods)
3. Wangfujing Street Market (Foreign Brands Shopping)
4. Old Pipe Street Hutong Market (Arts and Crafts)
5. Dongjiao Wholesale Market (Kitchen Equipment)
7. Sanlitun Village Shopping (Modern Fashion)
8. Nanluoguxiang Market Street (Tourist Trinkets)
9. Beijing Zhongguancun Mall (Electronics)

<https://www.tour-beijing.com/blog/beijing-travel/top-10-beijing-markets>

[Silk Street Market](#) 秀水街市场 w/1,600 booths

[Hongqiao Pearl Market](#) 红桥市场

[Tianya Hongqiao Jewellery Market](#) 天雅红桥市场

[Liulichang Antique Street](#) 琉璃厂



Personalized Ink Stamp

Haggling at markets expected

我不需要它。  
I don't want it.





4. ACTION. Customs officers shall permit any person arriving in the United States, to import one article, which must accompany the person, bearing a counterfeit, confusingly similar, or restricted gray market trademark, provided that the article is for personal use and not for sale.

4.1 Customs officers shall permit the arriving person to retain one article of each type accompanying the person. For example, an arriving person who has three purses, whether each bears a different unauthorized trademark or whether all three bear the same unauthorized trademark, is permitted one purse.





What to eat:

Peking Duck



Chinese Dumplings



Jing Jiang Rousi – Shredded Pork in Beijing Sauce



Mongolian Hotpot



To get back to the ship

Don't forget to also book return train 30 days prior!

**Please take me to Tianjin International Cruise Home Port.** Tianjin Port (天津港, Tiānjīn Gǎng)

- 请带我到天津国际油轮母港 Qǐng dài wǒ dào Tiānjīn Guójì Yóulún Mǔgǎng. /ching digh wor daoww tyen-jin gwor-jee yo-lwnn moo-gung/
- Address:** 1 Yazhou ('Asia') Road (most southerly point), Dongjiang Duty Free Port Area, Tianjin 天津市东疆保税港区亚洲路1号(最南端)

**Use the expressway (if taking a taxi back from Beijing).**

- 用高速公路 Yòng gāosù gōnglù. /yong gaoww-soo gong-loo/

Make sure you know that the Tianjin International Cruise Home Port is not the Tinjin Xingang Port Passenger Terminal (Location: 35 Xingang Road No 2, Tanggu, Tianjin 300456, China). These two ports are about 25 kilometers (16 miles) away from each other.

China Highlights recommends leave Beijing 5 hrs before your cruise departs!!!

Best case scenario:	to get from wherever you are in Beijing to the train station + time to find your platform	1hr
	30-40 min train ride + 15-20 min to get cab	1hr
	50-90 minutes to get from train station to cruise port	1-1.5hr

So, if you've been to Beijing...what to do in Tianjin



## Transportation

### Blacklane

Luxury service up to 5 people

### Didi Chuxing

Didi Express

Service Level Standard

Capacity 4 people

This is Didi Chuxing's budget option. When you select an express car, an everyday car with seating for up to 4 people will arrive to pick you up.

Didi Kuaidi Van

Service Level Standard

Capacity 6 people

This is Didi Chuxing's option for large groups of people who want to travel together. While a standard car can only seat up to 4 people, a 6-Passenger Van will have seating for up to 6 people.

Didi Premier

Service Level Luxury

Capacity 4 people

This is Didi's luxury option. When you select a premier car, a high-end sedan with seating for up to 4 people will arrive to pick you up. While you will ride in style, the price for a premier car is significantly higher than an Express car.

## Tianjin Car Rental With Driver Rates (8 hrs and 60 miles)

Car Type	Tianjin Airport Transfer	Full-day Tianjin (8 hours)	Tianjin to Tianjin Port (one way)	Tianjin to Beijing ( one way )
Passat or similar	\$50	\$130	\$90	\$175
Audi A6L or similar	\$110	\$180	\$ 150	\$260
Buick GL8 or similar	\$70	\$145	\$110	\$220
Jiulong Van or similar	\$100	\$180	\$130	\$280
33 seats King Long	\$140	\$220	\$220	\$330
45 seats King Long	\$150	\$240	\$240	\$380

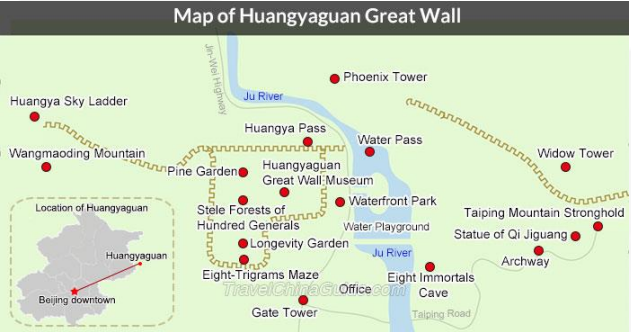
<https://www.delightcar.com/tianjin-car-rental/>





# What to do in Tianjin

**Huangyaguan Great Wall** --a miniature of the Great Wall of China (2 hrs away)  
[https://www.travelchinaguide.com/china\\_great\\_wall/scene/tianjin/huangyaguan.htm](https://www.travelchinaguide.com/china_great_wall/scene/tianjin/huangyaguan.htm)



**Ancient Culture Street (Gu Wenhua Jie)** - tourist area recreates an ancient Chinese street with many colorful shops and temples.

**Garden of Serenity**  
(the last emperor's home)



**Tianjin Haihe Cultural Square**



**Five Great Avenues** - historical area with many different houses and styles

