

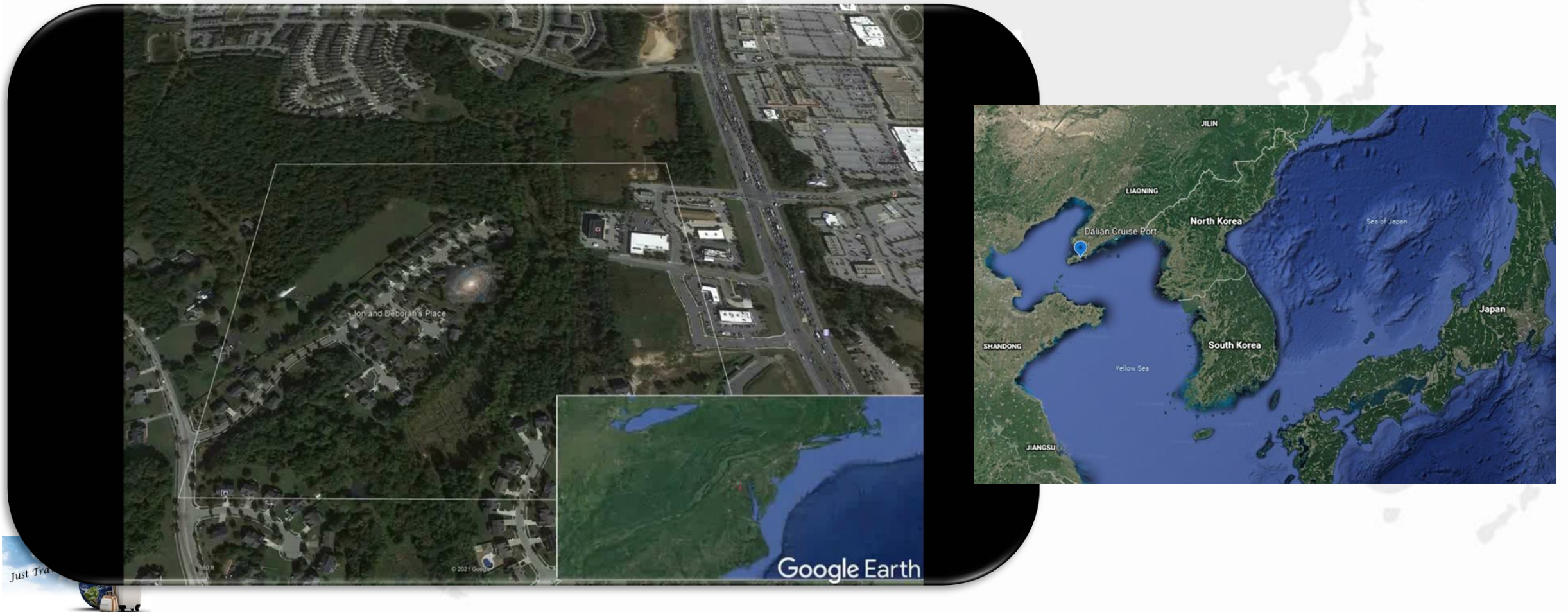
HAL World Cruise 2022  
Dalian China  
Thursday March 8, 2022  
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM



# Overview

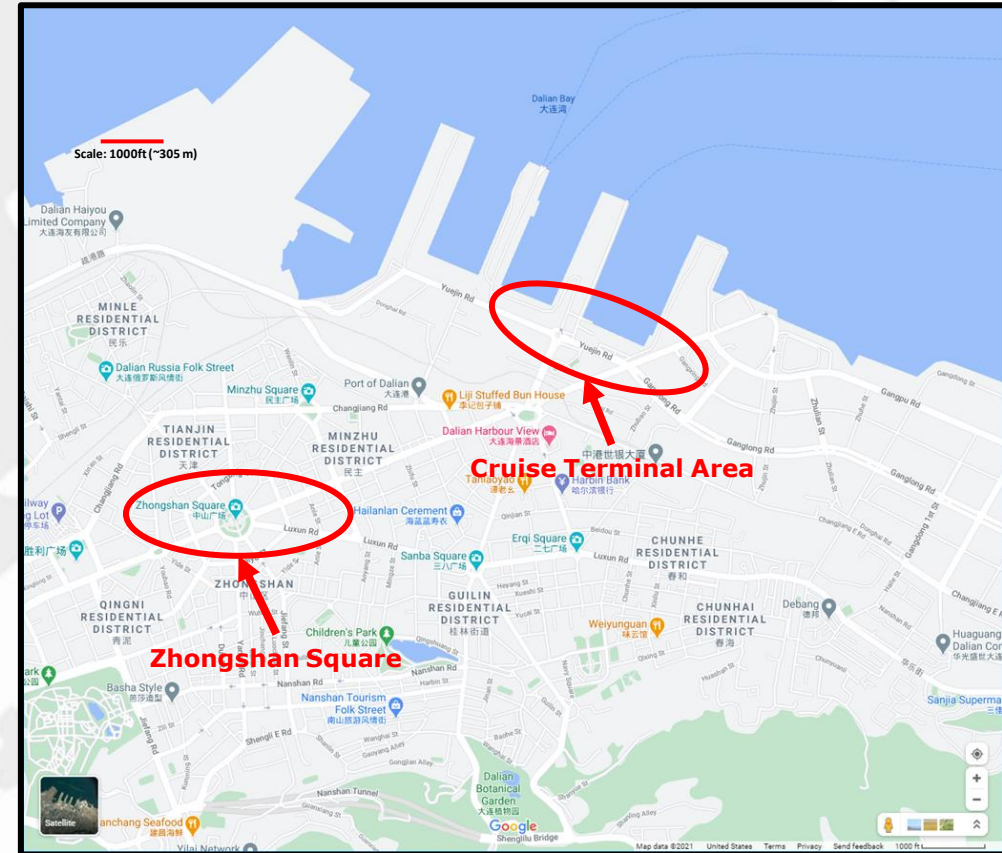
- Dalian China
  - Northernmost ice free port in China
  - Largest Passenger Port in China\*
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest container transshipment hub in mainland China

\*[What's In Port.com/Dalian.htm](http://What's In Port.com/Dalian.htm)



# Basics

- Weather (Monthly Averages)
  - Temperature: Low 32°F (0.2°C), Hi 45°F (7.2°C)
  - Rainfall: 0.48 in (12.1mm)—4 days avg/Mar
  - Humidity: 55%
- Port
  - Largest Passenger Port in China
  - Over 40 arrivals and sailings every day (Pre-Pandemic)
- Getting around
  - Port is within walking distance
    - Long, not so easy walk—taxis are available
      - Taxis are “What’s in Port” recommendation for getting around the city—look for blue or white lights on top of car to avoid issues.
      - Cab drivers usually only speak Chinese
    - Free Shuttle is provided to Zhongshan Square
    - Line 2 Metro Station has stops near cruise port and Zhongshan Square





# Basics (cont.)

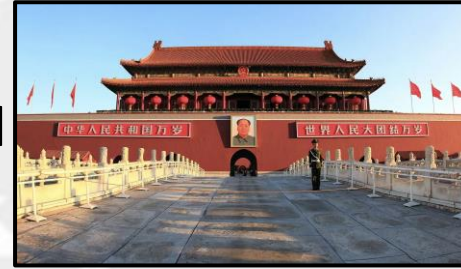
- Getting Around (cont.)
  - Recommended to get current map—construction seems to always be occurring changing local streets etc.
- Currency
  - Yuan (or Renminbi—RMB)
  - Exchange Rate as of 4 Apr 2021
    - 1USD = 6.55 Yuan
  - Might also see prices in RMB or CNY
- Wifi
  - Bring wifi equipped smartphone/tablet/laptop and purchase a local SIM card
  - Available in most coffee shops like Starbucks and Amici
  - Chinese restaurants and coffee shops may still require Chinese phone number to use their Wifi
    - **Expect communications/Internet activities to be monitored**
- Emergency Phone Numbers
  - Mainland China: 110
  - Hong Kong and Macao: 999
- Operating Hours for most stores:
  - No set hours—whenever customers are present, they are open



# Local Customs/Courtesies\*

- General Etiquette in China

- Don't offer criticisms of China—locals are a proud people and would be offended
- Don't overreact when a local asks personal questions
  - Raising your voice or getting angry in public is viewed as a “loss of face” in most Asian cultures (China is no exception)
  - Questions regarding marital status, family, age etc. are usually an attempt to just get a conversation going
  - Can't just let the person know if you are uncomfortable answering the question
  - Tall people can expect to be asked to be photographed by complete strangers (personal experience in Shanghai 😊)
- Keep calm when dealing with government officials



\* Source: <https://www.chinahighlights.com/travelguide/guidebook/etiquette.htm>

# Local Customs/Courtesies

- General Etiquette (cont.)
  - Be punctual
  - Avoid public displays of affection
- Greetings and Thank You
  - Usually by handshake (pre-pandemic) or nod—Not too firm
  - Don't go straight for hug—especially when meeting for first time
  - Address seniority—eldest person first—Use the formal “Nin Haow” (/neen-haow/ literally translated “you good”) vs “Ni Haow” (/nee haow/)
  - Thank You—Xièxiè nǐ (sounds like shea shea ni)
- Table Manners
  - Join in on toasts
  - Sample all dishes at banquets or formal occasions (not sure how pandemic may have changed this)
  - Use two fingers to tap the table after someone refills your tea—shows thanks.








# Local Customs/Courtesies

- Table Manners (cont.)
  - Don't put bones, seeds or other inedibles into your rice bowl
    - Use a tissue or your hand to put them into the dish provided
    - Or, just observe others to take your cue
  - Don't tap your chopsticks—considered rude
- Present things with both hands—change usually given with both hands
- In historic or religious areas
  - Walk in a clockwise direction when touring a temple or monastery
  - Take off your hat when entering temples
  - Don't photograph old folks without permission—often assumed to be an offer to pay for photo





# Dalian: HAL Offerings

Tour Name	Activities	Cost (USD)	Activity Level	Departure Times	Duration (hrs)
 <p><b>Dalian Favorites</b></p>	Visit Chinese Family Visit Pole Aquarium Lunch of Northern Chinese cuisine Visit People's Square Nursery School Visit	149.95 Per Person	Moderate	8:30 AM	7.0
 <p><b>Dalian Highlights</b></p>	Visit People's Square Nursery School Visit Labour Park Visit	69.95 Per Person	Easy	8:30 AM	3.25
 <p><b>Dalian Private Touring Car</b></p>	Explore at your own pace Full Day Itinerary Flexibility Driver and English speaking guide at your service	769.95 FD 469.95 HD Per Car (2 Persons)	Easy	8:30 AM	8.0
			Easy	8:30 AM	4.0







# Dalian: HAL Offerings (Cont)

Tour Name	Activities	Cost (USD)	Activity Level	Departure Times	Duration (hrs)
	Explore at your own pace Full Day Itinerary Flexibility Driver and English speaking guide at your service	949.95 MB 829.95 MV MB up to (10 Persons) MV up to (4 Persons)	Easy	8:30 AM	8.0
			Easy	8:30 AM	8.0
	Explore at your own pace Full Day Itinerary Flexibility Driver and English speaking guide at your service	649.95 MB 529.95 MV MB up to (10 Persons) MV up to (4 Persons)	Easy	8:30 AM	4.0
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# Dalian: HAL Offerings (Cont)

Tour Name	Activities	Cost (USD)	Activity Level	Departure Times	Duration (hrs)
<b>Panoramic Dalian</b> 	Drive around Zhongshan Square and Lushan Hill Xinghai Square Visit: commemorates return of Hong Kong to China Coastal Scenery and the Beida Bridge	69.69	Moderate	8:30 AM	3.5
<b>The Tram and Eastern Dalian</b> 	Leisurely walk: lively Russian Culture Street Tram Ride thru Eastern Dalian Star & Sea Square	59.95	Moderate	8:30 AM	3.5

# Dalian: What To Do (Locals)

- Sightseeing Tours: Trip Advisor, Viator, Etc.
  - Private Tours: Flexible itineraries, From \$159.37 USD
    - Dalian Mounted Policewoman Base, Dalian Forest Zoo, Binhai Road, Xinghai Park and Xinghai Square, for example
    - Duration 6.0 – 8.0 hrs
- Tourist bus traveling Binhai Lu for ¥10 (08:00-16:00)
  - It starts from near the railway station and covers the Conference & Exhibition Center, Dalian Seashell Museum, Forest Zoo, Fujiashuang beach, Yan Woling, Birdsong Forest, Tiger Beach Paradise, Harbour Square and Zhongshan Square. There is a bus every 40 mins and throughout the day, you can travel in this bus, or just stay aboard for a 90-min ride.
- Shopping
  - Modern Shopping Malls: Olympia 66, Wanda Plaza, Peace Plaza, several others—note bargaining usually not possible in these kinds of malls
  - Flea & Street Markets: Dalian Clothing Market, City of Wenzhou trading market and others





# Parting Thoughts: Dalian—What To Eat

- Of Course, being China—Chinese or
- Kentuck Fried Chicken (KFC) or Pizza Hut 😊
- There are thousands of them in China!

