

CHINA

PLANNING GUIDE

A flight attendant's guide to cuisine, hotels, airports, health, security, and country requirements in China.

Your creativity and knowledge make the trip.

The largest country in the world by population and second largest by GDP, China is both an important destination for general aviation (GA) traffic, and it is home to a rapidly growing base of business aircraft operators. Because of all this, if you haven't operated to China already, there's a good chance you may travel there soon.

In addition, China is the host country of the annual NBAA Asian Business Aviation Conference and Exhibition (ABACE), the largest tradeshow event in Asia focused on business aviation.

We recognize the critical role you play as a vital member of the crew. To help you avoid the unexpected and manage expectations when traveling to China, while delighting your passengers along the way, we have developed this planning guide. Enclosed you'll find information on visas, airports, hotels, health considerations, and security from Universal Weather and Aviation, Inc., as well as a guide to Chinese cuisine from Air Culinaire Worldwide, a Universal® company.

We hope this information is useful in helping you navigate the local culture and understand China's unique operational requirements.

And, as always, know that you're not alone, and we are here for you whenever you need us.

欢迎

Mandarin – huānyíng, which means "Welcome."



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You navigate a complex world. Avoid the unexpected. Manage expectations.

Below is a list of important operational considerations when planning a trip into, within, or out of China.

COUNTRY

Be aware of the following recommendations and requirements before operating to China:

- All crew arriving into the country with a business aircraft must have a "C"-type visa
- Crew arriving commercially and departing with a business aircraft need a "C"- and "L"- or "F"-type visas
- Visas for this country can't be obtained on arrival, and immigration authorities will deport those crew members that don't have required visas
- A country health briefing should be obtained in advance
- A navigator is required when traveling to domestic and military airports
- Flights with origin or destination of Taiwan are not permitted to land or overfly China. This includes arriving and departing from China and overflying Taiwan en route to another country
- When traveling to China, you must register with the police within 24 hours of your arrival in the country. If you are staying at a hotel, the staff will automatically register you. If you are staying with friends, take your passport to the local police station to register

SECURITY

Research the following information prior to your trip:

- Security considerations for city, including tourist destinations, restaurants, and markets
- Areas in city that should be avoided
- Secure transport options (note: public transportation not recommended)
- Things to avoid doing while at destination (e.g., walking alone, cultural differences, etc.)
- Security intelligence reports you should acquire to understand potential risks (e.g., city, hotel, country)
- Your IT policy - Your IT department may want to ensure your mobile devices don't automatically connect to WIFI when in China, because all internet in China is subject to censorship and surveillance by their government

HOTELS

Confirm the following with your hotel prior to booking:

- Meets western standard for 4- and 5-star accommodations
- Depending on the destination, only local hotel options may be available
- Location
- Grocery stores or markets nearby
- Restaurant options at or near the hotel
- Advance booking requirements (critical if stay coincides with major local events)
- Minimum number of stays needed for booking
- Down payment or pre-payment requirements
- Lead time to arrange direct bill for rooms through a 3rd party
- Cancellation policy
- Availability of courtesy transportation
- Rate cap limitations on rooms
- Lead time required by hotel restaurant to order catering
- Room refrigerator requirements
- Rewards program information on file with hotel for elite status qualification and points

AIRPORT

Confirm the following information prior to your trip:

- Airport operating hours
- Ground handler operating hours, meeting point, and phone numbers
- Customs, Immigration, and Quarantine (CIQ) clearance procedures
- Regulations for crew bringing aboard catering for departure
- Fluid limitations if bringing own catering (e.g., from a restaurant) for departure
- Restricted food items (e.g., agricultural restrictions)
- Ability to store food items on aircraft, with ground handler, or with caterer
- In-flight catering delivery time (particularly, how far in advance catering is recommended to be delivered)
- Ramp access availability (when needed during your stay and on day of departure)

This information was provided by Universal Weather and Aviation, Inc. If you have questions or need trip support assistance with any of the above, contact us at: **N. America** +1 (800) 231-5600, ext. 3300 or **Worldwide** +1 (713) 944-1622, ext. 3300.

Chinese Cuisine

Here, our executive chefs have identified some popular local dishes, which reflect the culinary traditions of China—including Anhui, Cantonese, Fujian, Hunan, Jiangsu, Shandong, Szechuan, and Zhejiang—and their influences. We recommend that you consult with your caterer about local specialties as well as what’s available and in-season.

China’s National Dish

Peking Roast Duck — Peking Roast Duck is a famous duck dish from Beijing that has been prepared since the imperial era, and is now considered a national dish of China. The dish is prized for the thin, crisp skin, with authentic versions of the dish serving mostly the skin and little meat, sliced in front of the diners by the cook.



SOUTHWEST

LOCAL DISHES

Kung Pao Chicken, Mapo Doufu, Dandan Noodles

CULINARY INFLUENCE

India, Middle East, Southeast Asia

MAJOR CITIES

Chongqing, Chengdu*, Guiyang, Kunming

* UNESCO declared Chengdu to be a city of gastronomy in 2011 in order to recognize the sophistication of its cooking

NORTHWEST

LOCAL DISHES

Dapanji (Big plate of chicken), Uyghur Polo, Samsa, Kebabs

CULINARY INFLUENCE

Turkey, India, Russia

MAJOR CITIES

Xi’an, Lanzhou, Xining, Yinchuan, Ürümqi

SOUTH CENTRAL

LOCAL DISHES

Dim Sum, Gon Chaa Ngauh Ho (Cantonese), Hong Shao Rou (Red Braised Pork)

CULINARY INFLUENCE

Spain, Portugal, England, Mongolia, France

MAJOR CITIES

Wuhan, Zhengzhou, Guangzhou, Nanning, Changsha, Haikou, Hong Kong, Macau

NORTHEAST

LOCAL DISHES

Pork and Chive Dumplings, Di San Xian, Cumin and Caraway Lamb, Tealeaf Stewed Hardboiled Eggs, Nian Doubao (sticky rice buns with sweet bean filling), Congee with several types of pickles (mustard root is highly popular), Sachima (traditional Manchu sweet)

CULINARY INFLUENCE

Korea, Japan, Russia, Mongolia

MAJOR CITIES

Shenyang, Changchun, Harbin

NORTH

LOCAL DISHES

Jiaozi Dumplings, Peking Roast Duck, Tianjin’s Goubuli Bread Dumplings (steamed bun stuffed with spicy meat fillings), Noodles

CULINARY INFLUENCE

Mongolia, Middle East

MAJOR CITIES

Beijing, Tianjin, Shijiazhuang, Taiyuan, Hohhot

EAST

LOCAL DISHES

Four Happiness Pork, Lion’s Head Meatballs, Pearl Balls, Spicy Soy Sauce Chicken (Red Cooked Chicken)

CULINARY INFLUENCE

Japan, Mongolia

MAJOR CITIES

Shanghai, Nanjing, Hangzhou, Hefei, Fuzhou, Nanchang, Jinan

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