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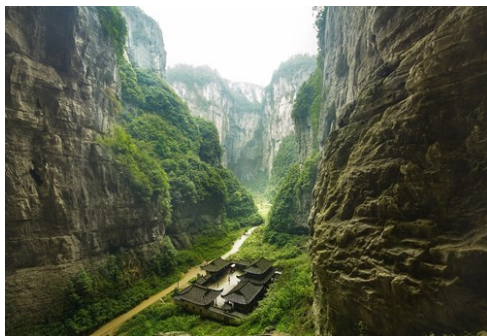
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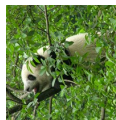
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Located in the southwestern region of China, Chongqing is surrounded by rivers and mountains, which lend a unique beauty to this rapidly developing city. With its unique geography, vibrant culture, and modern architecture, Chongqing is a city that has something for everyone. Whether you're interested in exploring the city's history, enjoying the natural beauty or simply marvelling at the modern skyline, Chongqing is a destination that should not be missed.

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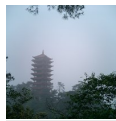
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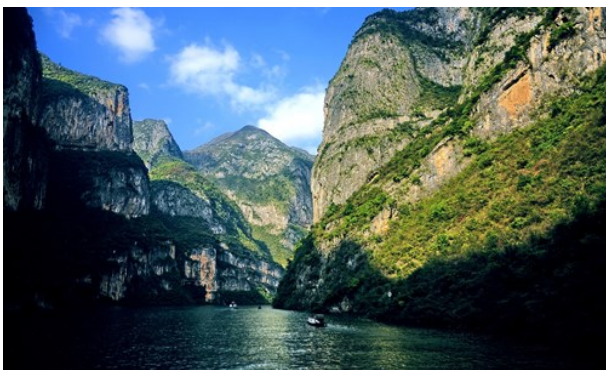
THE CITY



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Chongqing is situated in the upper reaches of China's longest river, the Yangtze, at its confluence with the Jialing River. Most of its roads meander around the rivers or through the mountains, and old houses still remain among the skyscraper jungle. The major tourist attractions gather in Yuzhong, Shapinba and Nan'an Districts. At night, the city lights take over the sky. The climate is mild with warm winters, hot summer days and rainy nights.

DO & SEE



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A few of the city's major scenic spots include the Jiefangbei and Chaotian Gate Plaza, the Three Gorges Museum and the Ciqikou ancient town. The highlight of the touring section of the Three Gorges is also located in Chongqing.

Mountain City by Night



The city's unique geographic features make for a unique and picturesque skyline at night. When night comes, the lights from tens of thousands of households take over the whole city. There are three prime spots to get immersed in the night landscape of the city: the One-tree Outlook Platform, the Golden Eagle Statue in South Mountain Park and the Kansheng Tower in Erling Park. A boat tour can be arranged at Chaotian Gate.

Photo: Songquan Deng / Shutterstock.com

Address: Jialing River, Chongqing

Chongqing Guotai Artistic Center



Chongqing Art Museum is an artwork in itself. Its unique architectural style was developed to recreate the appearance of a lit bonfire. Exhibitions feature artwork by both local artists and famous classic Chinese painters, making it an essential stop on any art-lover's tour of the city.

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Address: No.1 Linjiang Road, Chongqing

Opening hours: Sun-Sat 10am-6pm

Phone: +86 23 6386 0599

Email: chongqingmuseum@126.com

Wulong Karst



The Wulong Karst is the real life equivalent of a Chinese painting. The intricate blend between natural elements and carefully man-made architecture is perfect for a day-long hike away from the city's fast pace.

Photo: Pises Tungittipokai / Shutterstock.com

Address: Wulong Karst National Geology Park, Chongqing

The Three Gorges

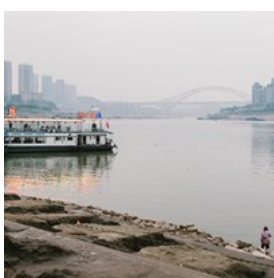


Beginning at Baidi City, the Three Gorges - comprising the Qutang, Wu, and Xiling gorges - have been described by many poems since ancient times. You can contemplate its natural greatness from two of the most famous scenic spots, the Fengdu Ghost City and the Sibaozhai Pagoda.

Photo: Lao Ma / Shutterstock.com

Address: Sibaozhai, Chongqing

Chaotian Gate Square



Chaotian Gate is a great place to have a glimpse of the confluence of the Yangtze River and Jialing River. During early summer or mid-autumn, the contrast between the muddy Yangtze and the clear waters of Jialing becomes clear. Close to the river, you will find the dock for the many tour boats that travel along the city landmarks.

Photo: Tauno Tõhk / 陶诺(image cropped)

Address: Changjiang Binjiang Rd, Chongqing

Phone: +86 23 6371 2870

Three Gorges Museum



All the cultural relics excavated from the Three Gorges area and other historical collections of the original city museum are housed here. With high-tech facilities, the museum vividly displays the geologic features, species, changes in local culture and customs, as well as models of the massive Three Gorges Dam Project.

Photo: Hans Wagemaker / Shutterstock.com

Address: No.236 Renmin Road, Chongqing

Opening hours: Sun-Sat 9am-5pm

The Dazu Rock Carvings



The Dazu Rock Carvings, sculpted between 9th to 13th centuries, are an expression of the harmony between Buddhism, Confucianism and Taoism. The largest clusters of this carvings can be found on Mount Baoding and Mount Beishan.

Photo: Truthven/Wikipedia Commons(image cropped)

Address: Dazu Rock Carvings Scenic Spots, Chongqing

Opening hours: Sun-Sat 8:30am-6pm

Phone: +86 23 4378 5774

Chongqing Zoo



The stars of the Chongqing Zoo are definitely the Giant Pandas. This zoo does not only serve as an important base for protection and research of wild animals like Tibetan bears, tigers, hippos, monkeys and birds, but also provides a beautiful and comfortable

setting for you to experience the wildlife.

Photo: atlassb/flickr(image cropped)

Address: No.25 Xijiao Road, Chongqing

Opening hours: Sun-Sat 8am-6pm

Phone: +86 23 6842 2285

Internet: www.cqzoo.com

Hongya Cave



This site once was a military fortress and then became the first and most advanced pier in ancient China. Nowadays, it has been turned into a

75-metre tall building on the margin of the Jialing River packed with many restaurants, cafes, temples and craft stalls.

When the sun sets, the building illuminates the surroundings, making them look dream-like.

Photo: Sean Pavone / Shutterstock.com

Address: No.88 Binjiang Rd, Chongqing

Phone: +86 23 6303 9999

Fengdu Ghost City



Hidden between the mountains and the Yangtze River, the Fengdu Ghost City reflects Chinese views on afterlife. As a tribute to

the ancestors, you can find Buddhist, Taoist and Confucian sculptures and carvings in any of the more than 27 temples. The view of the Three Gorges from the top of the mountain is also worth a visit.

Photo: justdentist / Shutterstock.com

Address: Fengdu, Chongqing

Opening hours: Sun-Sat 6:30am-5:30pm

Jinyun Mountain Natural Reserve



For those looking for an escape from the hustle and bustle of the city, Jinyun Mountain Natural Reserve is the ideal spot. Situated in the outskirts of this busy city, it is a perfect place to unwind while contemplating the nature and wildlife.

Photo: Seasonsinthetun / Wikicommons(image cropped)

Address: Jinyun Road, Chongqing

Opening hours: Sun-Sat 7am-6am

Phone: +86 23 6822 4497

Huayan Temple of Chongqing



The golden Buddha statue grants this temple its own magic and vibe. The balance of the ancient architecture with the surrounding garden provides the perfect conditions for a calm and relaxing walk. The Dragon Boat Festival is held here annually.

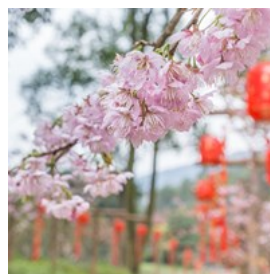
Photo: Skreidzeleu / Shutterstock.com

Address: Huayan Scenic Resort, Chongqing

Opening hours: Sun-Sat 8am-6pm

Phone: +86 23 6525 0932

Nanshan Botanical Garden



Nanshan Botanical Garden is an oasis in the middle of the always crowded Chongqing where you can have a glance of a wide range of plants, from roses to cactuses. During springtime, the whole park is painted by a sea of peach and cherry blossoms.

Photo: HelloRF Zcool / Shutterstock.com

Address: No.101 Nanshan Park Road, Chongqing
Opening hours: Sun-Sat 9am-5:30am
Phone: +86 23 6247 9135

Jindao Canyon Scenic Area



One-hour drive along sharp curves from Chongqing lies the Jindao Canyon. Here you can enjoy the scenic view either by walking

through the narrow gorge or taking a boat through its crystal clear river. This canyon remains one of the city's hidden gems, so expect it not to be crowded.

Photo: Andrey Bocharov/Shutterstock.com
Address: No.38 Jiefang Road, Chongqing
Opening hours: Sun-Sat 8am-6pm
Phone: +86 23 6360 2777

People's Assembly Hall



With architectural characteristics resembling Beijing's Temple of Heaven, People's Assembly Hall serves as a symbol of China's modern history and politics. For a small entrance fee, you can enter the building and enjoy the beautiful auditorium.

Photo: Sean Pavone / Shutterstock.com
Address: No.173 Renming Road, Chongqing
Opening hours: Sun-Sat 8:30am-5pm
Phone: +86 23 8652 7617

DINING



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As a branch of Sichuan cuisine, the one of Chongqing is known to have chili pepper and bean paste as two of its key dish ingredients. There are many different types of flavors, but the predominant one is the numbingly spicy. Chongqing is the hometown of hotpot, a continuously simmering spicy broth, in which the diners cook an assortment of meat and vegetables themselves. Restaurants are usually open until 10:00pm.

Chen Mahua

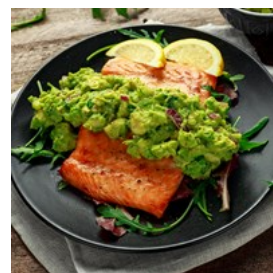


Mahua is a twisted strip of dough fried in peanut oil. You can try it at Chen Mahua after you visit the nearby Hongya Cave. Beware of the long

queues.

Photo: Yuangeng Zhang / Shutterstock.com
Address: No.88 Jiabin Rd, Chongqing

Blue Olive



If you are tired of Chinese cuisine and are looking for some Western food, Blue Olive is the place to go. They offer fine wine and authentic

Mediterranean and Aussie dishes like salmon with avocados and potatoes and chocolate fondant for dessert.

Photo: DronG/Shutterstock.com

Address: No.66 Liziba Main St, Chongqing

Opening hours: Sun-Sat 11am-9pm

Phone: +86 23 6373 3950

Email: paul@blue-olive-restaurant.com

Hao Youlai Suanla Fen



With a few stalls dispersed all over the city, including the very central Jiefangbei, this local chain serves one of the local food staples: hot and sour noodles. For those who might find it too spicy, there is always the glutinous rice cake - served cold - to diminish the effect of the chilli oil.

Photo: Alpha / Flickr.com(image cropped)

Address: No.12 Minquan Rd, Chongqing

Opening hours: Sun-Sat 8am-10pm

Phone: +86 40 0023 2628

Chongqing Shiqimen Huoguo



This restaurant is proof that long queues out front are often an indicator of delicious food served inside. Offering a wide range of broths and ingredients, the hotpot restaurant offers a chance to cook a dish that most suits your taste.

Photo: ukmng / Shutterstock.com

Address: No.200 Zhongshan 1st Rd, Chongqing

Opening hours: Sun-Sat 9am-11:30pm

Phone: +86 23 6390 0194

Ciqikou Old Town



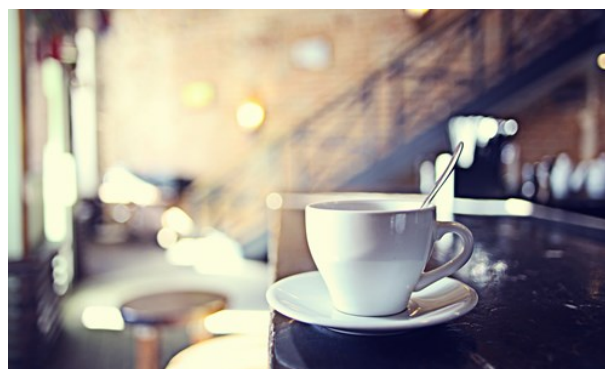
The 1700-year-old historic town of Ciqikou is well known for its ancient Sichuan-style buildings surrounded by mountains. Here you can witness the well-preserved local customs, as well as sample some of the traditional snacks and delicacies, such as the ubiquitous mao xue wang (a spicy stew).

Photo: Gisling/Wikipedia Commons(image cropped)

Address: Ciqikou, Chongqing

Opening hours: Sun-Sat 12am-12am

CAFES



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Most of Chongqing's cafes are located in busy central areas such as Jiefangbei, and serve both Chinese and western style drinks and foods. The usually cozy environments make them appealing to a young crowd. They generally open at 9am and many keep going till 1am, just in time for a late night drink.

Fan Tai Si Coffee RiJi



With classic Chinese interior design, Fan Tai Si provides a range of drinks and both Western and Chinese food, including steak and

Chongqing dishes. Customers are encouraged to write a comment or even a secret in a notebook.

Photo: Wiro.Klyngz/Shutterstock.com

Address: No.188 ZhongShan 3rd Road, Chongqing

Opening hours: Sun-Sat 9:30am-12am

Phone: +86 23 6360 1955

North Latitude 29 Degree Lobby Bar



Situated in the Le Meridien Hotel, Latitude 29 is a commodious cafe ideal for a warming and luxurious drink, paired with a slice of cake of

your choice.

Photo: weedezign / Shutterstock.com

Address: No.10, Jiangnan Ave, Chongqing

Opening hours: Sun-Sat 10am-12am

Phone: +86 23 8638 8888

The Corner



Whether you are looking for a cocktail, a cup of coffee or a full meal, The Corner will satisfy your needs. The intimate atmosphere and the late

opening hours are also some of the strong points of this cafe.

Photo: HelloRF Zcool / Shutterstock.com

Address: No.166 Minzu Road, Chongqing

Opening hours: Sun-Sat 9:30am-1am

Phone: +86 23 6373 5933

Jiaotong Teahouse



The Jiaotong Teahouse started as a canteen for transport workers in the 1970s and eventually turned into a popular gathering spot for local

artists. Its walls remain the same as they were originally, with paintings depicting life in the city hanged on the exposed brick and crossbeams. It is said to be the most authentic place to experience what Chongqing used to be.

Photo: HelloRF Zcool / Shutterstock.com

Address: 20 Huangjueping Main St, Huang Jue Ping, Chongqing

Opening hours: Sun-Sat 7am-7pm

Ridge Top Teahouse



Ridge Top Teahouse is the perfect place to have a sip of Chinese tea while reading or relaxing. You will be served some traditional snacks along

with the hand-made tea. Either you go alone or with company, Ridge Top Teahouse will provide you a complete and authentic Chinese tea experience.

Photo: gowithstock / Shutterstock.com

Address: No.1 Eling Main St, Chongqing

Opening hours: Sun-Sat 10am-10pm

Phone: +86 1777 2422 712

More Info: A several minute walk past the park entrance, next to the refurbished art galleries.

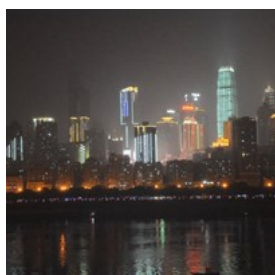
BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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There are hundreds of bars in Chongqing, all of which contribute to the city's vibrant nighttime atmosphere. Nighttime entertainment in Chongqing is centered around Jiefangbei and the venues are open until around 2am.

Cruise Ship night tour



Another way to see the brilliant city lights reflecting against the river is to take a night cruise. You can choose to embark on a splendid river cruise along the Yangtze River where the colourful lights shimmering on the water are simply breathtaking.

Photo: Prof.Chen Hualin/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)
Address: Yangtze River, Chongqing
Opening hours: Tours depart from 7pm-10pm

Nan Bin Road



Chongqing's nightlife hub is without a doubt Nan Bin Road. Here you can find a huge number of bars, pubs, cafes and tea houses along the Yangtze River. This street is illuminated by thousands of lights at nighttime.

Photo: gyn9037 / Shutterstock.com
Address: Nan Bin Road, Chongqing

Chuanju Opera Theater



Chongqing Municipal Chuanju Opera Theater is internationally well-known for its stagings of Chinese Opera plays. Here you will be able to see some remarkable performances of classical Chinese Opera.

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Address: No.76 Jintang Street, Chongqing
Phone: +86 23 6383 4146

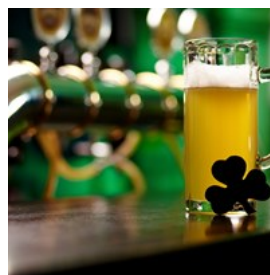
Nuts Live House



Nuts Live House is home to the best live music in Chongqing and hosts Chinese local Indie bands every weekend. Cold beers, whiskey tastings and powerful music shows are the key elements that make this place a meeting point for a younger, energetic crowd.

Photo: Annette Shaff / Shutterstock.com
Address: Deyi Fashion Mall, Chongqing
Opening hours: Sun-Sat 7pm-3am
Phone: +86 133 5037 9029

The Harp Irish Pub



If you are craving any western comfort dishes or beverages, The Harp Irish Pub is the place to go. Pick from their great foreign beer selection and accompany it with a western dish or snack, all the while catching a sporting event being screened.

Photo: Pressmaster / Shutterstock.com

Address: Hongyadong, Chongqing

Opening hours: Sun-Sat 3pm-1am

Phone: +86 23 6303 8655

SHOPPING



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Despite being a modern city, Chongqing offers you the chance to buy all kinds of goods, traditional to new-fashioned, small local brands to huge international brands. Either if you are looking forward to buy some souvenirs or simply trying to diminish the empty space in your luggage, you will definitely find anything you want.

Metropolitan Plaza



Pacific Department Store, exclusive international shops and trendy clothing boutiques meet here.

There are many restaurants and theatres, a skating rink, bowling alley, video game centres and banks housed here, offering everything for everyone. Children especially enjoy the musical fountain.

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Address: No.68 Zourong Road, Chongqing

Phone: +86 23 6372 6271

Paradise Walk Shopping Mall



The biggest malls in the city, Paradise Walk Shopping Mall offers a first class international shopping experience. It hosts an extensive

assortment of stores, including a rock climbing centre, a gym, a cinema complex, outdoor cafes, restaurants, stores and boutiques.

Photo: Chen Hualin/Wikipedia Commons(image cropped)

Address: No.6 Bei Cheng Tian Street, Chongqing

Phone: +86 23 6787 5783

CBEST Department Store



Do not miss CBEST Department Store, one of the oldest and most popular department stores and supermarket chains in Chongqing. It

sells a wide variety of local products and snacks that can serve as a souvenir from the city.

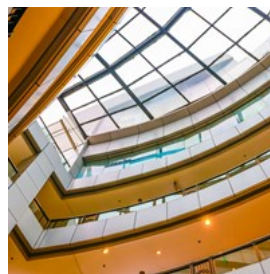
Photo: Power best/Shutterstock.com

Address: No.121 Zourong Road, Chongqing

Phone: +86 23 6371 8283

Email: cbest@e-cbest.com

Deyi Fashion Mall



In case you want to see modern Chinese style of shopping, you cannot miss Deyi Fashion Mall. From KTV (Chinese-style karaoke) and cafes to

clothing shops and convenience stores, this lively mall will provide you with a unique shopping experience.

Photo: xujun / Shutterstock.com

Address: Jiaochangkou, Yuzhong district, Chongqing

Opening hours: Sun-Sat 10am-9pm

Phone: +86 23 6473 6285

Jiefangbei



This district takes its name from the People's Liberation Monument, a monument built in the city's heart as a commemoration of the Chinese victory in the Second Sino-Japanese War. It is surrounded by a large shopping and financial square packed with tall skyscrapers and department stores. You can easily spend a day lost in the many malls of this district.

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Address: No.177 Minzu Rd, Chongqing

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Passport / Visa



Chongqing is one of the Chinese cities that supports the 72-hour transit visa on arrival program, which means that selected nationalities

(all citizens of the European Union, as well as several other countries including Albania, Argentina, Australia, Belarus, Brazil, Canada,

Chile, Iceland, Japan, Macedonia, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, New Zealand, Qatar, Russia, South Korea, Switzerland, Ukraine, and United States) are eligible for a transit visa. For longer stays, a visa must be pre-arranged in advance, so consult your local embassy for details.

You must bring your passport at all times and all hotels will insist on seeing it for check-in. It is mandatory to present your passport when buying train tickets; you will also need it for using internet cafes that accept foreigners.

The Chinese government requires that your passport must be valid for at least six months when entering the country. You will need at least one entire blank page in your passport for the visa.

Take an ID card with your photo in case you lose your passport and make photocopies of your passport as your embassy may need these before issuing a new one in case of loss. You must report the loss to the local Public Security Bureau (PSB), which will issue you with a 'Statement of Loss of Passport'.

Photo: TukTuk Design/Shutterstock.com

Best Time to Visit



The best time to visit Chongqing is from April to May and October to November, as Chongqing often experiences foggy or rainy days the rest of the year.

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Airport



Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport is located 23 km from Chongqing city and is served by the light rail service. The Airport

Express leaves every 30 minutes between 6am and 10pm from the Chongqing Airline Ticket Agency at Shangqing Temple. The ride takes 40 minutes. Alternatively, you can take a taxi to downtown.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Yubei, Chongqing

Phone: +86 23 6715 2335

Internet: www.airport-chongqing.com/

Public Transport



Chongqing is served by three railway stations. In 2022 a new railway will be opened. The main public transport systems of urban Chongqing are

the bus and light rail transit networks. Most buses run between 6:30am-10pm (some run until 1am). The lines 2 and 3 are served by the world's longest monorail service. Light rail transit runs 6:30am-10pm.

Phone: +86 23 6800 2222

The unique cable car is a scenic way to cross the Yangtze. It runs 6:30am-10pm.

The Crown Staircase connects the Caiyuan Dam and Lianglu Kou. The Kaixuan Road elevator connects Kaixuan Road and Jiaochang Kou. The operating time is between 6:30 AM-10:00 PM.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Internet: www.cqmetro.cn

Taxi



It is convenient and simple to travel by taxi in Chongqing. The taxis are all painted in yellow.

There is an additional charge (15% of the original total fee) between 10pm-7am.

Taxis may be flagged down by the road or ordered by telephone. It is advised to have a piece of paper with the destination written in Chinese characters as not all taxi drivers speak English.

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Pharmacy



Heping Pharmacy in Chongqing provides you with different kinds of western medicine. You can also schedule an appointment.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: No.1 Datong Rd, Chongqing

Phone: +86 23 6370 2900

Internet: www.hp1997.com

Post



Post offices are scattered around Chongqing.

Chongqing Post Kaixian Branch Address: No.59 Neixi Street, Chongqing
Tel: +86 23 5222

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Opening Time: 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Chongqing Post Yipin Branch
Address: Yipin Street, Chongqing
Tel: +86 23 6648 0077
Opening Time: 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Chongqing Post Jinji Branch
Address: Jinji Town, Chongqing
Tel: +86 23 5468 0031
Opening Time: 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Chongqing Post Jiangjin Branch
Address: No.9 Qixian Street, Chongqing
Tel: +86 23 4753 0811
Opening Time: 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Telephone



Country code: +86 Area
code: 23

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Electricity



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Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

Municipality: 32 million
Urban: 22.3 million

Currency

Chinese Yuan (CNY)

Opening hours

Office hours are 9am–5:30pm or 6pm on weekdays. Banks

are open from 9am–4pm weekends. The opening hours of most malls and supermarkets are from 10am–10pm every day.

Newspapers

Chongqing News
Chongqing Globe

Emergency numbers

Police: 110
Ambulance: 120
Fire: 119

Tourist information

Chongqing Tourism Administration
Address: No.283 Minsheng Road, Chongqing
Phone: +86 23 6323 6016
There are three tourist information booths on the shopping street at the Guanyinqiao metro station.