



Nanjing

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The provincial capital of Jiangsu in eastern China, Nanjing, has served as the country's capital for six dynasties and has long occupied a prominent place in Chinese history and culture. The overwhelming neon lights along Qinhuai River, the abundance of greenery in Zhongshan Mountain National Park, and the remnant architecture from the time of the fledgling republic are all facets of the richness of various stages in Nanjing's development.

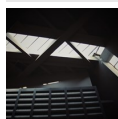
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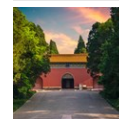


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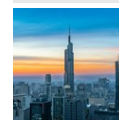
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THE CITY



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Nanjing is situated on the bank of the Yangtze River, with its beautiful branch, the Qinhuai, flowing through the city. It prides itself on the Confucius Temple (Fuzimiao) and its bustling market, a melting pot of local culture, customs, and cuisine. Zhongshan Mountain, featuring the Mausoleum of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the Ming Xiaoling tomb of the Ming Dynasty founder, and abundant greenery, is a paradise for both history buffs and nature lovers.

Downtown and the Xinjiekou Business Center reveal a modern and prosperous city, attracting international and domestic malls and supermarkets. At the end of an exciting day, unwind in the 1912 leisure and entertainment area and experience a dazzling Nanjing night.

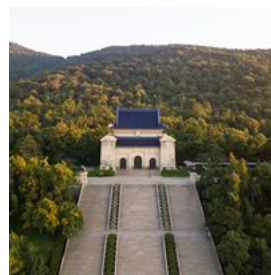
DO & SEE



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Nanjing has numerous scenic spots both in and around the city. Internationally well known Ming Xiaoling Mausoleum or the Ming Tombs and its surrounding complex is an UNESCO cultural heritage and highly recommended. Dr Sun Yat-sen's Mausoleum and its surrounding forest area — nicknamed by locals as the green lung of Nanjing — offer a respite from the city, while the glamorous nights and the indigenous snacks of Fuzimiao (Temple of Confucius) and Qinhuai River are also worth sampling.

Dr Sun Yat-sen's Mausoleum /



Dr Sun Yat-sen was one of the pioneers at the forefront in the struggle to transform China from a dynastic feudal state to a republic for the people.

He continues to be celebrated and the plan of his mausoleum is in the shape of an alarm bell, signifying the "perpetual ringing of the alarm bell to arouse people". Dr Sun Yat-sen's Mausoleum is a classic building of the architectural style used during the early days of the Republic of China.

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Ming Xiaoling Mausoleum /



The tomb of Zhu Yuanzhang, the first emperor of the Ming dynasty, is the first of the imperial tombs of the Ming and Qing dynasties.

It took 38 years to complete the construction of the Ming Xiaoling Mausoleum which, through a history of over 600 years, was incorporated into the UNESCO World heritage list in 2003.

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Phone: +86 25 8443 1174

Internet: www.visitourchina.com/nanjing/attraction/ming-xiaoling-mausoleum.html

Fuzimiao (Temple Of Confucius) /



Fuzi Miao, once a place where scholars took royal examinations on Confucian teachings, now stands as a popular destination for visitors.

During imperial times, scholars came here to test their proficiency in the philosophical teachings of Confucius. Upon passing, the top students would go on to work in the royal court as aides and govern state affairs. This historical significance is just one of the reasons why this newly reconstructed area is popular with visitors.

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Address: Confucius Temple Scenic Area Pedestrian Street, Qinhuai District, Nanjing

Phone: +86 25 5285 5680

Internet: https://english.nanjing.gov.cn/tour/attractions/202404/t20240415_4208977.html

More Info: Fuzimiao is the name of the temple, and it also refers to the surrounding area.

Qixia Mountain /



Qixia Mountain, located in northeastern Nanjing, is renowned for its historic Qixia Temple and stunning autumn foliage. The temple, a notable

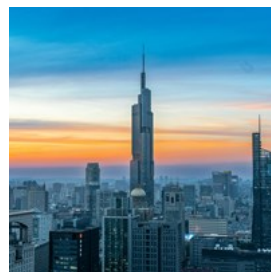
scenic spot, features a carved Buddhist rock from the Southern Dynasty and a dagoba (a Tibetan-style pagoda built as a solid hemispherical dome enshrining religious relics or the remains of kings) from the Sui Dynasty. The maple trees on the mountain turn a fiery red in autumn, a fascinating treat for anyone daring the high climb to the mountaintop.

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Address: Qixia Mountain, Nanjing

Internet: www.gonanjingchina.com/plan-your-trip-nanjing-china/plan-your-business-trip-nanjing-travel/where-to-go/qixia-mountain

Zifeng Tower /



Standing tall at 450 metres, Zifeng Tower has reshaped the city's skyline. The skyscraper features an observation platform, offering

panoramic views of this historic city. Dusk is the best time to visit the tower. However, the number of visitors allowed is limited, so it is advisable to make a reservation beforehand.

Photo: Tianyang Zheng/unsplash

Address: 2 Zhongshan North Road, Gulou District, Nanjing

Internet: www.gonanjingchina.com/places-to-go-nanjing-china/attractions-nanjing-travel/zifeng-tower

Presidential Palace /



The Presidential Palace, a fascinating fusion of Western and Chinese architectural styles, offers a glimpse into China's Republican era.

This 600-year-old palace was once the office of Dr Sun Yat-sen, President of the Republic of China. While the architecture is deeply influenced by Western styles, the palace garden was constructed in a classic Chinese manner. The fusion of these two styles makes it an excellent representation of the Republican period's culture. Today, it houses the China Modern History Museum.

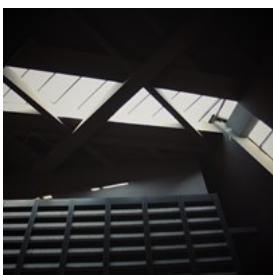
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Address: 292 Changjiang Lu, Xuanwu District, Nanjing

Phone: +86 25 8457 8888

Internet: www.gonanjingchina.com/places-to-go-nanjing-china/attractions-nanjing-travel/presidential-palace

Memorial Hall of the Victims in Nanjing Massacre by Japanese Invaders /



The Nanjing Massacre Memorial Hall stands as a poignant testament to the atrocities committed during the Second Sino-Japanese War. More

than 300,000 civilians were brutally killed. The Memorial Hall was built over the place where over 100,000 victims were hastily buried. The infamous events are preserved by photos, objects, and videos of survivors' testimony — a somber reminder of the absolute importance of peace.

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Address: 418 Shuiximen Dajie, Jianye District, Nanjing

Phone: +86 180 1395 9265

Internet: www.19371213.com.cn/en

Nanjing Museum /



The Nanjing Museum holds the distinction of being the first national museum in China. Even today, it remains one of the largest museums in

China, with over 400,000 items in its permanent collection. The museum's palatial architecture is breathtaking, encompassing a historical area and art gallery with a total of 12 exhibition halls. Some of the most precious ancient artefacts are exhibited here, making it a must-see for history enthusiasts. An important Chinese art masterpiece, "Story of the Grand Capital", is digitally animated and projected onto textured backgrounds.

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Address: 321 Zhongshandong Lu, Xuanwu District., Nanjing

Phone: +86 25 8480 7923

Internet: www.njmuseum.com/en

Qinhuai River /



The Qinhuai River has flowed through Nanjing since its founding. Over the years, the area alongside the river has become the city's busiest

and oldest neighbourhood. Taking a boat tour, especially at night, is the best way to appreciate the beauty of this historic city. Here, you can sample a variety of authentic street food and find unique souvenirs.

Photo: 新宇 王/pexels

Address: Chaoku Jie, Qinhuai District, Nanjing

Zhan Garden /



Step back in time at Zhan Yuan, a classic Chinese garden built during the Ming Dynasty, renowned for its harmonious blend of architecture and

nature. It includes halls and pavilions interspersed with ponds, flowers, and rockeries. The space is cleverly divided by walls and trees, yet remains connected through strategically placed windows and doors. This masterful use of space creates unique views from different points across the garden, inviting exploration and contemplation.

Photo: Cheng Shi Song/pexels

Address: Zhan Yuan, 128 Zhanyuan Lu, Qinhuai District, Nanjing

Phone: +86 25 5220 1849

Internet: www.gonanjingchina.com/plan-your-trip-nanjing-china/plan-your-business-trip-nanjing-travel/where-to-go/zhanyuan-garden-the-first-garden-of-nanjing

Laomendong /



Laomendong (literally meaning "East of Old Door") was once the most lively commercial street in Nanjing. Despite several renovations, all

the classical wooden structures are perfectly preserved, transporting visitors back in time with their traditional architecture and charming atmosphere.

This is also a commercial centre where you can find a variety of Nanjing specialities, such as stinky tofu, stick-pot, tiny steamed buns, and paper kites.

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Address: Jianzi Xiang, Qinhuai District, Nanjing

Internet: www.gonanjingchina.com/plan-your-trip-nanjing-china/plan-your-business-trip-nanjing-travel/where-to-go/lao-mendong-to-experience-the-local-living-style

Yuejiang Tower /



The Yuejiang Tower in Nanjing boasts a unique history, having achieved fame centuries before its actual construction. In 1374, the first Emperor of

the Ming Dynasty envisioned a tower by the Yangtze River, naming it Yuejiang (literally meaning "overlooking the river"). He commissioned authors across the country to write articles praising the magnificent tower, even though it was not yet built. One of these articles became a classic, but the tower's construction was not started until 2000. The reputation of the Yuejiang Tower preceded its actual existence by 650 years.

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Address: 202 Jianning Lu, Xiaguan District, Nanjing

Phone: +86 25 5859 0298

Jiming Temple /



Jiming Temple, a revered place of worship since the 14th century, continues to attract numerous visitors with its blend of history and natural

beauty. First constructed in the 14th century, the temple has undergone several renovations, with most of what we see today reconstructed in the 1980s. It remains the region's most attended temple to date. In spring, the blooming sakura along the path bathe the temple in pink, attracting many visitors.

Photo: Joshua Davenport/Shutterstock.com

Address: 39 Beijing East Road, Xuanwu District, Nanjing

Internet: www.gonanjingchina.com/places-to-go-nanjing-china/attractions-nanjing-travel/jiming-temple

Niushoushan Buddhist Park /



Niushoushan Buddhist Park, located on the outskirts of Nanjing, seamlessly blends ancient Buddhist heritage with modern architectural marvels. Built around Ox Head Mountain, this sprawling cultural park opened as a tourist attraction in 2014, but its history as a Buddhist site dates back to the Tang dynasty (618–907 AD). Explore the magnificent Usnisa (Foding) Palace, with its underground halls and impressive jade Buddha. Don't miss the towering Usnisa Pagoda, a nine-story structure built in the Tang dynasty style. Discover the park's rich Buddhist heritage and enjoy the beautiful mountain scenery.

Photo: Shawn Tang/unsplash

Address: Dongshanqiao Town, Jiangning District

Internet: www.fabionodariphoto.com/en/niushoushan-park-nanjing-travel-guide

DINING



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Nanjing is the geographical and cultural junction where the southern and northern cuisines meet and integrate into each other. The locals embrace all the traditional genres of dishes and

love all the distinctive and authentic snacks as well. The eight distinguished dishes of Qinhuai River will challenge even the pickiest gourmet.

Han Fu Xing Salted Duck /



Salted duck is one of Nanjing's most famous dishes. When it comes to salted duck, there is Han Fu Xing, and there are the rest. The restaurant

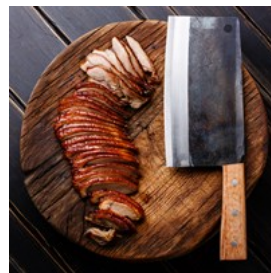
was founded in 1866 and its 150 years of experience make it the city's absolute finest. The meat is tender with fat yet not heavy. In autumn, when osmanthus blooms, they often add the flower into cooking so that the duck comes out with a particular scent. The duck fat bread (鸭油饼) is worth trying as well. Be aware that the restaurant is takeaway only.

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Address: 32 Hubu Jie, Qinhuai District, Nanjing

Internet: www.hanfuxin.com.cn/a/chanpin

Zhang Yun Roast Duck /



This is Nanjing's version of Peking Duck. It's not as crispy as Peking Duck, and it doesn't come with all the garnishes. It's just duck, roast duck, tender

and delicious. Locals have it with a special red sauce to add a bit of sweetness. This one is also a takeaway only restaurant.

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Address: 234 Shengzhou Lu, Baixia District, Nanjing

Yadebao Duck Blood Soup /



Don't get intimidated by the name, this is actually a daily breakfast staple of locals (which gives you a taste of just how revered duck in all its forms is).

The soup is made with duck bones, and served with — expectedly — duck blood and liver, rice noodles, and tofu. You can find a duck blood soup restaurant literally at every corner, but if you want to try the best, Yadebao is the one.

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Address: 11 Chaozhi Xiang, Qinhuai District, Nanjing

Wang Jia Wonton /



Wangjia is an old restaurant that may even appear somewhat shabby to the onlooker, but you can tell that it's good by the long waiting line

outside the restaurant. The wonton here is slightly bigger than usual, giving it an extra chewy texture. The chef boils hundreds of wontons at a time, his moves are clean and sharp, which makes the cooking process a beautiful performance.

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Address: 124 Jiqing Lu, Qinhuai District, Nanjing

Jiang You Ji Potsticker /



You might have tried potstickers before, but trust on this one: there is nothing like Jiangyouji. Potsticker shape and preparation style may

vary by region or even restaurant. Here at Jiang You Ji, the whole dumpling is fried until it turns

gold and crispy, while ground beef stays juicy on the inside. Unlike with other fried dumplings, even if you order here for takeaway, it can retain its crispiness for a very long time.

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Address: 49 Santiaoying, Qinhuai District, Nanjing

Nanjing Dapaidang /



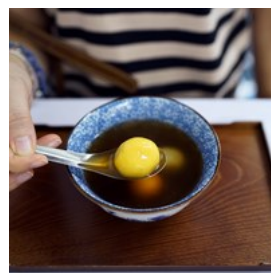
If you are looking for a restaurant where all Nanjing specialties are gathered up, the answer is Nanjing Dapaidang.

This is a chain of restaurants that are famous for making authentic Nanjing food. It is decorated entirely with wood and stone, which forge a vintage atmosphere. Traditional Nanjing Opera performance is available during rush hours; long waiting time is to be expected. Reservation recommended.

Photo: Viktoriya Popova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Deji Plaza (7th floor), 18 Zhongshan Lu, Xuanwu District, Nanjing

Fangpo Gaotuan Shop /



Gaotuan refers to all kinds of traditional Nanjing desserts and street foods: red bean Tangyuan, Zongzi, sticky rice, desserts with names

that you can not possibly translate nor find anywhere else — come and explore for yourself, these really are something special.

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Address: 50 Wangfu Dajie, Qinhuai District, Nanjing

Phone: +86 25 8420 4310

Li Ji Muslim Restaurant /



This is one of the best and oldest halal restaurants in Nanjing. It combines Islamic cuisine with local food, and the result is fascinating: beef fried bun, beef wonton, beef noodle and soup — the excellent taste makes up for the eatery's plain decor.

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Address: 1 Dading Xiang, Pingshi Jie, Nanjing

Phone: +86 25 5225 7736

Jiming Temple Vegetarian /



There are two Jiming Temple Vegetarian restaurants, one up on the hill, inside the Temple (and you need to buy a ticket to get in), the other is at the foot of the mountain and entrance is free. These two restaurants belong to the temple, and they are famous for making tofu taste like meat. From a simple bowl of noodles to sophisticated dishes, you shouldn't skip this one even if you are far from vegetarian.

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Address: 1 Jimingsi Lu, Xuanwu District, Nanjing

Phone: +86 25 5771 3690

CAFES



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Cafés have become an increasing part of the lifestyle of Nanjing residents. Between the foreign visitors and locals who have embraced the coffee-drinking culture, there is always an easy group gathered in the city's Western-inspired cafés. Not only, but you can also find some old fashion tea house with traditional opera performance, or if you fancy some innovated Chinese desserts, Yue Shi would be a nice choice.

UNiUNI



UNiUNI is a café with a modern minimalist decor. Marble tables, metal chairs, cold lighting and a glass wall are all elements that contribute to the contrast between the café itself and the greenery that surrounds it. Their speciality is Nitrogen Cold Brew. The steeping procedure lasts 12 hours wherein nitrogen is bumped into the coffee before it is served, which keeps it cold and creates an abundant foam, which makes the drink look whimsically steamy.

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Address: Catherine Square, 1 Beijing East Road, Xuanwu District, Nanjing

More Info: Inside Huanya Catherine Square, downstairs of Beiqiu Museum of Contemporary Art

FishTank /



For a truly unique café experience in Nanjing, head to Fishtank, a hidden gem tucked away inside a sports arena.

Previously a storage

room, this unconventional café is renowned for its coffee-making classes and diverse activities. Be sure to try their Savage Ice Cream (☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐), a delightful fusion of their in-house roasted espresso and ice cream.

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Address: 222 Jiangdong Middle Road, Olympic Sports Center, Nanjing

Moke Coffee /



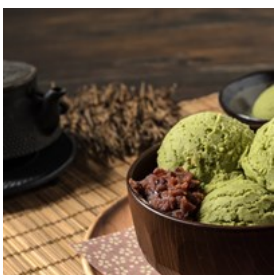
Moke is red, a vivid Chinese red, the kind of red that would jump right at you upon entering the café. The barista gives customers the option to

choose one coffee bean out of dozens to make that one cup of coffee that suits each individual client. The signature coffee is Mo White (☐ ☐ ☐ ☐), decaf, which takes all the bitterness out (not at the expense of flavour).

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Address: Jinling Hotel, 2 Hanzhong Lu, Nanjing

Yue Shi Shi Dan /



Yue Shi is an innovative Chinese dessert restaurant. It is separated from the street by bamboo growing all around the perimeter.

The wood structure and decor create a Zen ambience, but the desserts here are like nothing

you've ever seen. Oolong Tea Ice cream with a hint of ginger sugar, omelette with cream, mango and caramel lotus root — the recipes are beyond imagination. For the seasonal menu, reservation is obligatory.

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Address: 46 Liji Lane, Nanjing

Old Tea House /



This tea house inside the Nanjing Museum is also a Chinese theatre. There are professional opera artists that perform traditional regional

operas every afternoon. So order a pot of tea and some peanuts and sit back enjoying an amazing show.

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Address: Nanjing Museum, 321 Zhongshandong Lu, Xuanwu District, Nanjing

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Iron Fireworks in Nanjing, China/shutterstock

For a taste of Nanjing's vibrant nightlife, head to the 1912 leisure and entertainment area, where traditional architecture meets modern delights. The exterior is a collection of grey bricked buildings, simply styled balconies, floral-carved windows, and pinnacle tops, iconic of old China. Yet its soul is composed of world-branded coffee

shops such as Starbucks, the Coffee Beanery, Japanese and Korean restaurants, famous Asian spas, and beauty salons. Open around the clock, it should definitely be a stop on a night owl's itinerary in Nanjing.

Finnegan's Wake Irish Pub /



Named after the legendary book by the Irish writer James Joyce, this might just be the most authentic Irish bar in Nanjing. You can have many choices of European beers that are relatively hard to find in China, as well as some typical European food such as lasagna and tuna sandwiches. Staff can speak English, some are native speakers.

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Address: 6 Xinanli, 400 Zhongshan Nan Lu, Qinhuai District, Nanjing

Phone: +86 25 5220 7362

Nanjing 1912 Block / 1912



Once a neighborhood for the social elites during the Republic of China, the 1912 block, located next to the Presidential Palace, has been transformed into a vibrant commercial area. The area now boasts a variety of bars and pubs, all while preserving the traditional architecture that gives it its unique charm.

Photo: MDV Edwards/shutterstock

Address: Changjiang Hou Jie, Xuanwu District, Nanjing

Internet: www.gonanjingchina.com/nanjing-china-travel/tag/1912-bar-club-street

Zuo Bar /



Zuo Bar is a hidden Japanese bar in the 1912 Block run by a Japanese owner. The bar is not big, yet quiet, warm and cosy, and makes one feel at ease, much like being at a friend's home. Walls are adorned with vintage Japanese posters, which create an ambience of an Izakaya. Tell the bartender more about your tastes and let him surprise you with an improvised cocktail, all but guaranteed not to let you down.

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Address: Building No.2, 1912 Block, Nanjing

Phone: +86 25 8664 3100

Jimmy's Sports Bar & Restaurant /



This is an authentic American bar & restaurant, one of Nanjing expat favourites. They serve all western-style specialities one can possibly crave when feeling homesick: burgers, BBQ and pizza, along with a selection of imported and draft beers. Staff speak English.

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Address: 193 Shigu Road, Baixia District, Nanjing

Phone: +86 25 8679 2599

Mandu /



Situated just outside the 1912 Block, Mandu is one of the best and the most popular nightclubs in Nanjing. It has great DJ sets and street dance performances, and the occasional theme nights. The entrance fee can be a little expensive, but a

great vibe is guaranteed.

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Address: Mandu Plaza, 9 Yangjiangjun Lane, Xuanwu District, Nanjing

SHOPPING



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Shopping in Nanjing is easy and hassle-free. The commercial districts are divided into specialised zones according to the goods sold. The Xinjiekou Central Business District (literally “new street corner”) is a good first stop, offering everything a modern shopper could desire. With mall after mall, even the most determined bargain hunters will be put to the test.

Deji Plaza /



In this shopping centre you'll find everything you need and more. Stop by for the latest fashion, sporty shoes and shiny jewellery. Moreover, the cafes within provide the perfect opportunity to rest your feet and enjoy a hot beverage.

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Address: 18 Zhongshan Road, Xuanwu, Nanjing
Internet: www.dejiplaza.com

Librairie Avant-Garde /



Librairie Avant-Garde is known to be the most beautiful bookstore in China. Unconventionally, it is built inside an underground parking lot under the Wutaishan Stadium. Apart from books, you can also enjoy drinks and desserts. Librairie Avant-Garde is currently expanding and has several stores around Nanjing and two in other cities, each with its own unique atmosphere.

Photo: Bo Peng/unsplash

Address: 173 Guang Zhou Lu, Gulou District, Nanjing
Phone: +86 25 8371 1455

Nanjing Brocade Institute /



Yunjin, also known as cloud brocade art, originated in Nanjing under the Song Dynasty. This specific weaving art is now on the Intangible Cultural Heritage List of UNESCO. Nanjing Brocade Institute is the place where you can find some authentic, certificated cloud brocade.

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Address: China Nanjing Yunjin Museum, 240 Chating Dong Jie, Jianye District, Nanjing

Internet: www.njymuseum.com/english

Nanjing Arts & Crafts Building /



As the name indicates, this building gathers all kinds of traditional Chinese craft art from all around the Jiangsu Province and even greater China. From giant Chinese Cloisonné vases to a tiny walnut carving, it would be no stretch to call it a craft art museum.

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Address: 31 Beijing Dong Lu, Xuanwu District, Nanjing

Phone: +86 25 5771 7177

Fuzimiao Temple Antique Market /



Be amazed by the number of arts and crafts, calligraphy works and Chinese ink paintings on sale. Souvenir shops line the street. Maybe it will cost you a little more, given that it is a touristic site, but it is convenient to find all you need in one stop.

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Address: Opposite to Lianziying Complex Building, 188

Pingjiangfu Road, Nanjing

More Info: The Fuzimiao Temple Tourist Area

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Nanjing Lukou International Airport (NKG)



Nanjing is primarily served by Nanjing Lukou International Airport (NKG). Located about 35 kilometres south of the city centre in the Jiangning District, it's a major airport for the Yangtze River Delta region.

You can reach the city centre from the airport by various means, including airport shuttle buses, taxis, and the metro (Line S1)

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Passport & Visa



Most travellers visiting mainland China are required to obtain a visa before arrival. Tourist visas (L visas) are typically issued for stays of up to 30 or 60 days and must be obtained in advance from a Chinese embassy or consulate.

Citizens of Japan, Singapore, and Brunei are permitted to enter China without a visa for stays of up to 15 days for tourism, business, or family visits.

Keep in mind that travellers who plan to visit Hong Kong or Macau in addition to mainland China may require separate visas for these regions, as they have different entry requirements from mainland China.

Visa and entry policies may change frequently. Be sure to confirm the latest requirements with your nearest Chinese embassy or consulate before travel.

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Internet Access & VPN in China



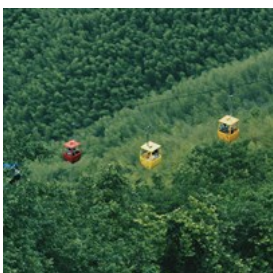
Because of the internet security laws of China, certain websites and applications are not accessible from the mainland, which includes those very commonly used in the west (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Google and Gmail, Skype and more). Some travellers have been able to gain access to those via a VPN service installed prior to arrival in China.

Make sure you comply with local laws and regulations when deciding on whether or not to employ a VPN, and which one to choose. If you do, only use those explicitly allowed by the Chinese government, and only use them for authorised purposes to avoid any trouble. There have been reports of foreigners in China getting their cell service cut off in response to unauthorised use of VPN; restoring cell service required a trip to the local police station, where contents of the device were investigated and certain apps removed.

Given that Google is banned in China, Google Maps might not be the most accurate and reliable source of information. Some local apps such as Baidu Maps tend to work better than Google Maps.

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Best Time To Visit



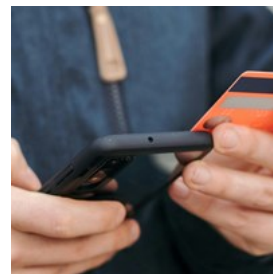
Late spring or early autumn would be the best times to visit Nanjing and get the best picture of its natural beauty. Nanjing is a typical subtropical city

where four seasons are distinguishable. Winter is cold and dry while during the summertime, temperatures can go up to 35°C degrees or even higher, along with abundant rainfall.

It's a good idea to avoid Chinese public holidays such as between October 1st and 7th (October 1st is the Anniversary of the founding of the PRC), during which the city could be flooded by domestic tourists.

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Mobile Payments

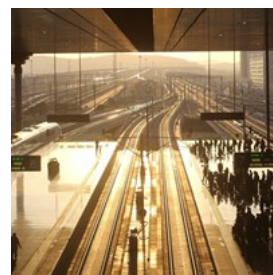


In China, mobile payment apps such as Alipay, WeChat Pay and UnionPay are widely used and accepted almost everywhere, including restaurants, shops, street food stalls and tourist attractions. To use them, you can link your international credit card or set up a local bank account. Both apps provide features in English and are user-friendly, making it easy to handle payments, split bills, and even pay for transportation. Download these apps before your trip and familiarise yourself with their functionality to enhance your travel experience in Beijing.

Photo: Anete Lusina/pexels

Internet: english.visitbeijing.com.cn/article/4HWNoka8e95

Public Transport



Getting around Nanjing is a breeze thanks to the city's efficient and modern public transportation system. The extensive metro network, with its 14 lines and over 200 stations,

offers quick and convenient access to major attractions and transportation hubs. Consider purchasing the Jinlingtong card for seamless travel on the metro, buses, and even taxis. You can also get an NFC version of the card on your smartphone.

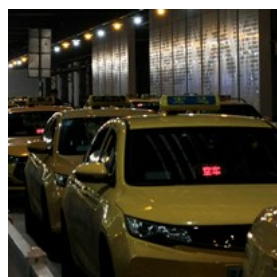
If you prefer to travel above ground, Nanjing offers a comprehensive bus network, including five designated sightseeing lines (Y1-Y5) that specifically cater to tourists, stopping at popular landmarks and attractions.

For a unique experience, hop on one of the ferries that cross the Yangtze River, providing stunning views of the city skyline.

Photo: Zhimai Zhang/unsplash

Internet: www.travelchinaguide.com/cityguides/jiangsu/nanjing/getting-around.htm

Taxi



Taxis are the default mode of transportation for many foreigners in Beijing. Have your destination written down in Chinese and hail a cab.

Make sure there is a taximeter and it starts at its initial point. You can also use the popular ride hailing app Didi if you have a Chinese phone number and internet access.

Most taxi drivers may speak only a little English. Expect to get your change; tipping is discouraged.

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Internet: www.thenanjinger.com/visiting-nanjing/travelling/getting-around-nanjing-by-taxi-and-bike

Post Office



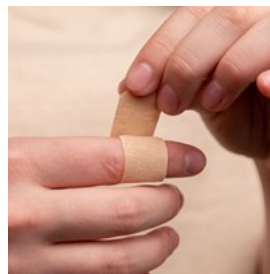
Sending mail or packages in Nanjing is easy thanks to the city's numerous post offices and readily available post boxes. Post offices typically operate from 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, with some branches also open on weekends. Services offered at these post offices include mailing packages and letters, postal savings, and international parcel services. Post boxes are available across the city and are relatively easy to locate, often marked by their distinctive dark green colour.

Photo: Ali Bakhtiari/unsplash

Address: Nanjing Post Office, 366 Zhongshan Road, Xuanwu District, Nanjing

Internet: www.chinapostaltracking.com/office/nanjing

Pharmacy



In Nanjing, there are several well-established pharmacy chains that offer a wide range of health products, prescription medications, and over-the-counter remedies. Here are some of the main pharmacy chains in the city: Zhukang Pharmacy, Tianhe Pharmacy, Watsons, and Renmin Pharmacy.

Photo: Diana Polekhina/unsplash

Address: Watsons, 132 Changle Road, Fuzimiao Area, Qinhuai District, Nanjing

Internet: www.watsons.com.cn

Telephone



Country code: +86 Area code: (0)25

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Electricity



You'll likely encounter Type A, Type I, and Type C outlets in mainland China. Type A outlets accept two flat parallel pins, Type I outlets take three flat pins in a triangular pattern, and Type C outlets — two round pins. It's always a good idea to have a universal travel adapter that can handle all three types, just in case. Make sure your device is compatible with 220V power supply.

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Population

9.3 million

Currency

1 RMB (renminbi, also known as Chinese yuán) = 10 jī o

Opening hours

Office hours are 9am–5:30pm, from Monday to Friday. Banks are open 9am–4pm on weekends. Most malls and supermarkets close at 10pm.

Internet

www.gotonanjing.com
www.thenanjinger.com
www.gonanjingchina.com

Newspapers

Yangtze Evening Post
Xiandai Kuai Bao (Modern Express Post)
China Daily: www.chinadaily.com.cn

Emergency numbers

Police: 110
Ambulance: 120
Fire: 119