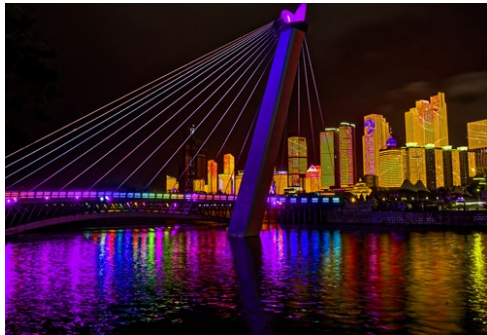




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Qingdao is possibly the most beautiful coastal city in China, famous for comfortable weather, a large number of beaches and delicious seafood. A former German concession, it boasts charming European-style architecture and is home to Qingdao Beer, one of Asia's most celebrated brews. Long a favourite among Chinese holidaymakers, Qingdao gained international attention during the Beijing Olympics and is now increasingly popular with foreign visitors seeking a unique mix of seaside relaxation and cultural heritage.

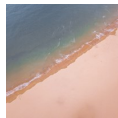
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## THE CITY



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Perched on the Yellow Sea along the Shandong Peninsula, Qingdao is a fascinating mix of German and Chinese influences, where colonial-era villas in the Badaguan district sit alongside bustling local markets and seaside promenades.

Exploring Qingdao is best done on foot—start with a stroll through the leafy paths of Zhongshan Park, then join locals at Zhanqiao Pier for sweeping sea views and a taste of the city's easygoing coastal vibe. Grab a skewer of grilled squid or a cold Tsingtao beer from a nearby stall, and you'll get a real feel for what makes Qingdao special.

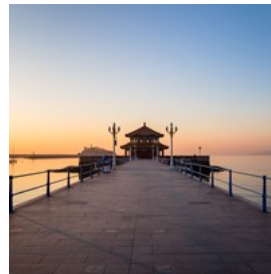
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Qingdao's charms lie in both the famous sights and the small details: a century-old florist shop, a corner drugstore or a delicately carved stone doorway, characterised by the statuesque sketching on the time-honoured buildings. The seaside metropolis dazzles equally for its ocean vistas and natural wonders and for the bustling yet easygoing vibe of the city with its many attractions and attractive urban style.

### Zhanqiao Pier



As one of Qingdao's most iconic landmarks, Zhanqiao Pier was originally built as a wharf in 1891. It was expanded and repaired in 1931 and 1985, and today, it stands as a popular attraction for tourists. Stretching 440 metres long and 10 metres wide, the pier is supported by massive granite columns, with a standout feature being the two-storey Huilan Pagoda, a distinctive Chinese-style structure symbolising 'The Return of Waves'.

Alongside the pier is Pier Park, a peaceful spot where visitors can unwind and enjoy views of the ocean and surrounding area.

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Address: 14 Taiping Road, Shinan District, Qingdao

### May Fourth Square



Marked by the huge flaming sculpture called 'Wind of May', May Fourth Square is a symbol of the 1919 May Fourth Movement — a key moment in China's modern history when students led an uprising that sparked a wave of nationalism. The square connects the Qingdao municipal government building with the coast, and it's made up of two main areas: City Hall Square and Central Square. By day, it's a popular spot for a stroll, and by night, the square is brought to life with colourful lights and a graceful water fountain.

Photo: SKY2015 / Shutterstock.com

Address: 26, Fushan Bay, Shinan District, Qingdao

### Badaguan Area



Lying between Huiquan Cape and Taiping Cape, Badaguan (meaning 'Eight Great Passes') is named after the eight great passes of the Great

Wall. The area was once occupied by several Western countries, which is reflected in the eclectic mix of architectural styles from over twenty nations, including England, Russia, Germany, France, Denmark, and more.

Badaguan shines in every season: in spring, Shaoguan Road bursts into bloom with peach flowers; in summer, crepe myrtles line Zhengyangguan Road in vibrant colours; while in autumn, the maple leaves turn a striking red. Even in winter, the area remains picturesque, with the cedars keeping their evergreen hue.

Whatever the time of year, Badaguan offers a new charm waiting to be explored.

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Address: Shinan District, Qingdao

### Laoshan District



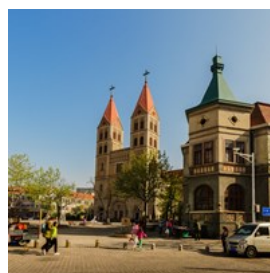
Named during the Tang Dynasty when Taoism was at its peak, Laoshan is one of those places that is as much about the views as it is about the history. The area is dotted with iconic sites like Laoshan Jufeng Peak, Liuqing River, Taiping Palace, Yangkou Beach, and the Nine Waters and Eighteen Pools — each offering a different slice of the region's natural beauty.

From rugged mountain peaks to serene beaches, Laoshan's landscapes are a traveller's dream. If you're planning to explore, there are a few routes to choose from. The southern route covers the towering Jufeng Peak and the peaceful Taiping Palace. The eastern route takes you to Yangkou Beach and the Qipan Stone Area, while the central route is all about the lush Nine Waters and Eighteen Pools.

Photo: HelloRF Zcool / Shutterstock.com

Address: Laoshan District, Qingdao

### St Michael's Cathedral



Standing proudly amid the European-style buildings of Qingdao, it'll be hard to miss St Michael's Cathedral. A German-style Catholic church, it's the largest Romanesque Revival structure in the province and the only consecrated church in China. Inside, a newly

installed organ adds a special touch, played only during Mass.

Photo: HelloRF Zcool / Shutterstock.com

Address: 15 Zhejiang Road, Shinan District, Qingdao

Opening hours: Daily 8am-5pm

### Underwater World (Qingdao Aquarium)



Just next to Lu Xun Park, you'll find Qingdao Underwater World, also known as the Marine Products Museum.

Covering 7,300 square metres, this aquatic wonderland houses an impressive 4,000 tonnes of water and showcases a diverse range of marine life. It's the kind of place where you can explore everything from colourful fish to fascinating sea creatures, all under one roof.

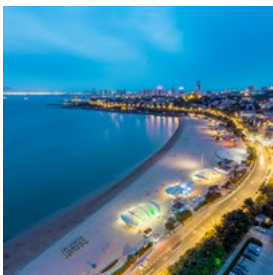
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Address: 2 Laiyang Road, Shinan District, Qingdao

Opening hours: Daily 8am-5pm

Phone: +86 532 8289 2187

### Seaside Promenade



A newly built 40-kilometre plank promenade stretches along Qingdao's southern coastline, offering an easy and scenic walk from

Tuandao Cape in the southwest to Shilaoren Holiday Resort in the east. This well-maintained path allows visitors to explore key areas such as Qingdao Bay, Huiquan Bay, and Taiping Bay, culminating at Sculpture Road — a great way to experience the city's coastal beauty.

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Address: Key starting points are close to the Qingdao Olympic Sailing Center and Zhanqiao Pier

### Zhongshan Park



Known as the "Flower Sea in Eastern Garden," Zhongshan Park transforms itself through the seasons: cherry blossoms in spring, a lantern show in summer, and a chrysanthemum festival in autumn draw crowds from near and far. The west side, home to a family-friendly zoo, also offers a mini-train, bumper cars, and a merry-go-round.

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Address: 28 Wendeng Road, Shinan District, Qingdao

### Tsingtao Brewery Museum



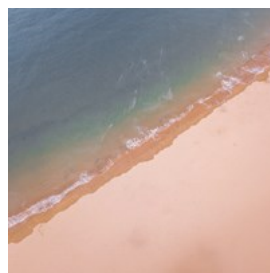
Housed in the original Tsingtao Brewery, the Tsingtao Brewery Museum is a walk through the history of China's most famous beer. The old brewing equipment is still on display, giving visitors a step-by-step look at how the beer was originally crafted. The tour wraps up with tastings of two brews—a fresh draught and a unique cask ale—perfect for getting a taste of Qingdao's iconic beer right at the source.

Photo: Kishivan / Shutterstock.com

Address: 56 Dengzhou Road, Shibei District, Qingdao

Internet: [www.tsingtao.com.cn](http://www.tsingtao.com.cn)

### Yinshatan Beach



Yinshatan Beach, or Silver Beach, sits farther from the city than its popular neighbour Jinshatan (Gold Beach), but that distance brings quieter shores and a slightly more relaxed vibe.

This 3,000-metre-long crescent-shaped beach, with its firmer sand, makes a great spot for swimming, sunbathing, or a peaceful stroll by the water. Less crowded than Gold Beach, it's an ideal escape for those looking to enjoy Qingdao's coastline without the bustle.

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Address: Fenghuangdao Scenic Area, Huangdao District, Qingdao

### Little Fish Hill Park (Xiaoyushan Park)

Set on a hilltop, Little Fish Hill Park is a favourite spot for panoramic views over Qingdao. With nautical-themed pavilions and a fantastic vantage point, it's ideal for soaking up views of the city's red-tiled roofs, lush green spaces, and the Yellow Sea stretching out below.

Address: 24 Fushan Branch Road, Shinan District, Qingdao

### Qingdao International Beer Festival



First held in 1991, the Qingdao International Beer Festival has grown into Asia's largest beer event. Every August, starting on the second Sunday of the month, the festival kicks off and runs for 16 days in the city's Shilaoren National Tourism Resort. This sprawling 35-hectare 'Beer City' is built specifically for the occasion, where beer lovers from all over the world come together.

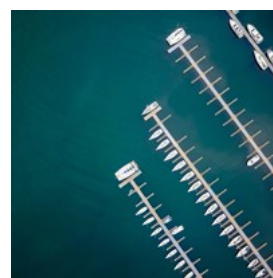
While you can always grab a Tsingtao Beer in Qingdao, nothing compares to the carnival buzz of the festival. Expect a fun mix of live music, international brews, and plenty of opportunities to sample the local favourite—Tsingtao Beer, of course.

One quirky Qingdao tradition to note: fresh beer is often sold in plastic bags. So, don't be surprised when you see people strolling the streets with a bag of beer in hand. It's all part of the fun.

Photo: xmee / Shutterstock.com

Address: Xianggangdong Lu, Laoshan District, Qingdao

### Qingdao International Sailing Centre



Originally built for the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Sailing Competitions, the Qingdao International Sailing Centre has since become a sailing boat dock. You can rent a boat for a scenic tour around the bay or simply unwind at one of the nearby bars, enjoying a cold drink and the refreshing sea breeze.

Photo: HelloRF Zcool / Shutterstock.com

Address: 1, Taiping Road, Shinan District, Qingdao

### DINING



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Qingdao's food scene is all about fresh seafood. The local cuisine showcases a variety of ocean treasures, including sea cucumber, scallops, abalone, whelks, prawns, and fish, alongside farm produce like dried vegetables and mushrooms from the nearby Laoshan Mountain. Almost all restaurants in Qingdao keep late

hours, typically staying open until 10pm.

### Laochuanfu Restaurant



Laochuanfu's décor makes you feel like you've stepped aboard a ship, with wooden decks, ship helms, and anchors. The menu features highlights like roast squid and trumpet shells, showcasing the freshness and richness of Qingdao's seafood offerings.

Photo: HelloRF Zcool / Shutterstock.com

Address: 111 Yanji Road, Shibei District, Qingdao, Shandong

Opening hours: Daily 11am-10pm

Phone: +86 532 8501 9999

### Huanghai Hotel



Huanghai Hotel's buffet is a celebration of Shandong and Qingdao's flavours. From freshly prepared seafood to sweet and sour carp and steamed buns, it's a delightful mix of local favourites and regional classics.

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Address: 75 Yan'an 1st Road, Shinan District, Qingdao

Phone: +86 532 8287 0215

### Haidilao Hot Pot



As the name implies, Haidilao's speciality is hot pot, where diners cook fresh ingredients like seafood, meats, and veggies in simmering broths at the table. Known for its excellent service, Haidilao lets you customise your meal with a variety of broths and a sauce bar. The

lively setting and communal vibe make it perfect for groups, whether you're a hot pot newbie or a seasoned fan.

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Address: 6, Yan'an San Road, Shinan District, Qingdao

### Chuanggeyu Dumpling



Tucked away in the Shinan District, Chuanggeyu Dumpling has earned a loyal following for its inventive take on Qingdao's classic dumpling scene. The restaurant offers something a little different with its standout black dumplings. While it might sound daunting for some travellers, the ink actually gives the dumpling a deep, savoury flavour that pairs perfectly with the sweet, fresh seafood inside. If you're craving more than just dumplings, the menu also features a selection of other seafood dishes that bring out the flavours of Qingdao's coastal heritage.

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Address: 57 Minjiang Er Road, Shinan District, Qingdao

Opening hours: Daily 10:30am-10:30pm

Phone: +86 532 8077 8001

### Casanova

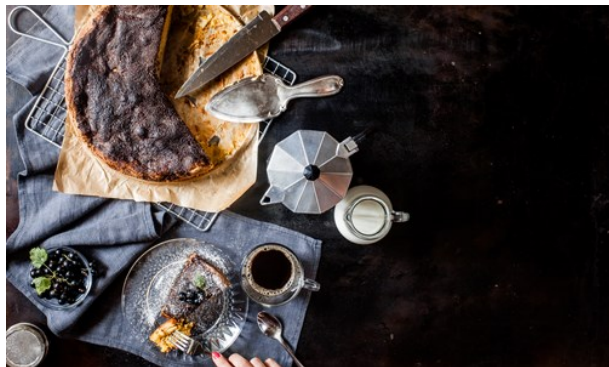


Casanova is a go-to for Italian dining, combining great food with a stunning view over the marina from the top floor of Hisense Plaza. It's a favourite spot to unwind with Italian classics like wood-fired pizza and handmade pasta while watching the nightly light show over Qingdao's harbour.

Photo: Plateresca / Shutterstock.com

Address: Hisense Plaza, East Tower, 5th Floor, 50 Hong Kong Middle Road, Shinan District, Qingdao  
Phone: +86 532 6678 8558

## CAFÉS



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Coffee has become the drink of choice in Qingdao, often rivalling traditional tea in popularity. One of the best places to explore this thriving coffee culture is Qingdao Coffee and Tea Art Street, a lively strip along Minjianger Lu, between Minjiang Lu and Zhangzhou Er Lu. Here, coffee shops and teahouses line the streets, many offering both indoor and outdoor seating that's perfect for soaking in the local vibe.

### Cafe Kona



Cafe Kona is where neighbourhood charm meets the energy of a true local gem. Known for its carefully sourced coffee beans and artisanal brews, it's the kind of place where you can linger over a smooth pour-over or a classic espresso while soaking in the local scene. The menu leans into East-meets-West flavours, with treats like matcha chiffon cake and warm red bean waffles.

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Address: 21 Minjiang Er Road, Shinan District, Qingdao

Phone: +86 532 8573 5300

### Snail Coffee Bar

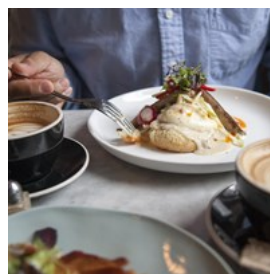


Snail Coffee Bar is a quiet haven near Qingdao's Catholic Church, ideal for sipping coffee, reading a book, or simply soaking up the calm ambience.

This small café, with its warm lighting and minimalist décor, has just enough seating to keep things cosy. The menu goes beyond coffee, offering teas, fresh juices, and even a few alcoholic options for when the evening rolls in. Their freshly baked brownies are a standout, moist and flavourful, and pair wonderfully with any of the drinks on offer.

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Address: 22 Jia Da Gu Lu, Qingdao  
Opening hours: Daily 10:30am-11pm

### Kiwi Cafe



Kiwi Cafe channels the warm, laid-back vibe of New Zealand through both its menu and atmosphere. The owner and chef, who lived in

New Zealand for 18 years and trained in culinary arts there, brings a real taste of Kiwi comfort to the café's offerings. The menu covers everything from all-day breakfasts and stacked sandwiches to homemade granola and a hearty full English breakfast, favourites for both locals and the expat crowd.

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Address: 7 Yiyuan Road, Shinan District, Qingdao  
Opening hours: Daily 8am-9pm  
Phone: +86 532 8282 2718

### Nora Café



Nestled in a quiet alley in Qingdao's historical centre, Nora Café offers a peaceful retreat from the city's bustle. Its sunny terrace, accompanied by

two resident cats, invites you to linger over a carefully brewed cup of pour-over coffee. It's the kind of place where time slows down — perfect for an afternoon break or a moment of quiet after a morning of exploring nearby Signal Hill or the old German district

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Address: 20 Longshan Road, Shinan District, Qingdao

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Qingdao's nightlife is lively and diverse. Whether it's the bustling bars, vibrant KTVs, laid-back pubs, or unique tea houses, locals take full advantage of the city's after-dark scene. If you're up for some friendly competition, there are also bowling alleys and even malls that stay open late. Most bars and clubs tend to get going around 9pm, with the party often lasting until 3am.

### Tsingtao Beer Street



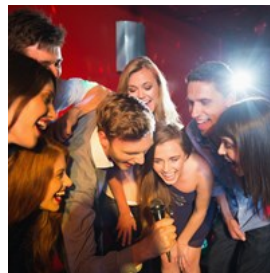
The area around the old Tsingtao Brewery, now a museum, has evolved into a buzzing nightlife district. It's lined with a mix of

Sino-European-style bars, restaurants, and cafés. The best time to visit is during the Qingdao International Beer Festival when the area comes alive with promotions, special events, and a festive atmosphere that celebrates the city's brewing heritage.

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Address: Dengzhou Lu, Qingdao

### Karaoke Bar



Karaoke is a cornerstone of nightlife in Asia, and Qingdao is no exception. If you're looking to belt out some tunes with friends, Holiday KTV is

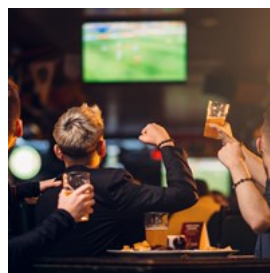
one of the city's top spots. With multiple branches across China, this chain offers private rooms, an extensive song library, and the kind of energetic atmosphere that makes a night of singing unforgettable.

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Address: 28 Xinhui Lu, Qingdao

Phone: +86 532 8573 2233

### Charlie's Bar



Located in the heart of Qingdao's lively nightlife district, Charlie's Bar is a popular American-style sports bar where locals and expats alike gather to

watch major sporting events. The bar's relaxed

atmosphere is ideal for those looking to unwind with a cold drink while mingling with fellow patrons.

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Address: 167 Jiangxi Road, Shinan District, Qingdao

Opening hours: Daily 5pm-3am

Phone: +86 532 8589 7919

### Downtown Bar



Downtown Bar has become a go-to spot in Qingdao for those after live music and a relaxed atmosphere. The bar hosts a range of live performances, from indie acts to DJs. Its casual vibe attracts both locals and visitors looking to unwind with a drink while enjoying good tunes.

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Address: 1-6 Sangzi Lu, Shibei District, Qingdao

### Taidong Night Market



The Taidong Night Market is a lively and bustling spot, popular with locals who come for the vibrant street food scene and unique shopping opportunities. Stalls line the streets, offering a wide range of snacks alongside an array of souvenirs. While it's an exciting place to explore, visitors should be mindful of pickpockets, as the crowds can get quite dense.

Photo: Glowonconcept / Shutterstock.com

Address: Around Taidong Road

Opening hours: Daily 5pm-10pm

### City Moves Club



Situated in Farglory Plaza, City Moves Club is popular for its high-energy atmosphere and a crowd that knows how to enjoy the night.

The club features top-tier sound systems and lighting, which create an immersive experience with every track. While it's exclusive, with a reservation-only policy and a minimum spend on busy nights, it's well worth the effort for those looking to dance and enjoy a night out in one of the city's most buzzing venues.

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Address: 26, Farglory Plaza, Mid Xiangang Road

## SHOPPING



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Qingdao's shopping scene is a bit like the city itself - a mix of old and new, with a laid-back vibe. If you're after something modern, head to the sleek malls around May Fourth Square or in the newer districts, where international brands sit comfortably next to trendy Chinese labels. But if you want to get a feel for the city's character, skip the chain stores and wander the side streets. You'll find quirky boutiques, traditional markets, and stalls piled high with fresh seafood, local snacks, and handmade crafts.

### Zhongshan Road



Zhongshan Road is one of the city's oldest and most atmospheric shopping streets. Unlike the modern sheen of Hong Kong Middle Road, Zhongshan Road offers a more traditional, street-market experience, with rows of small shops, family-owned stalls, and a lively buzz that makes it feel like the heart of old Qingdao.

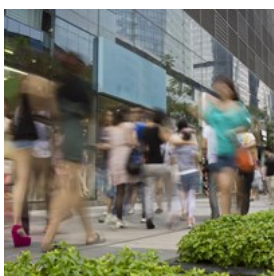
Strolling down the street, you'll notice the charming German-style architecture, a nod to the city's colonial past, standing side-by-side with bustling market vendors. Here you'll find everything from clothes and electronics to souvenirs.

Food is also a highlight here: traditional Chinese snacks, fresh seafood, and Qingdao-style street food are all on offer from various food stalls lining the street.

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Address: Zhongshan Lu, Qingdao

### Hong Kong Middle Road



Hong Kong Middle Road is one of Qingdao's busiest spots for shopping, mixing high-end brands and everyday essentials in a way that reflects the city's evolving tastes. Start at Hisense Plaza, a sleek mall where you'll find luxury labels like Gucci and Prada alongside popular lifestyle stores.

Further along, Aeon (formerly Jusco) is a favourite with locals, offering everything from

fashion and electronics to Japanese snacks and home goods.

Between these bigger names, there are smaller shops selling local products—silk scarves, tea, and handcrafted accessories that make for thoughtful souvenirs.

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Address: Hong Kong Middle Road, Qingdao

### Hisense Plaza Shopping Mall



Hisense Plaza on Hong Kong Middle Road is Qingdao's go-to spot for high-end shopping, bringing together luxury brands, beauty, and lifestyle stores under one roof. But even if you're just browsing, it's worth a visit: the rooftop 'Skybowl' amphitheatre offers sweeping views over the coastline and a regular lineup of events. From casual cafés to upscale restaurants, the dining options make it easy to recharge and soak up the atmosphere.

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Address: 31, Hong Kong Middle Road, Shinan District, Qingdao

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +86 532 6678 8888

Internet: [www.hisense-plaza.com](http://www.hisense-plaza.com)

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Qingdao Jiaodong International Airport (TAO)



Opened in 2021, Qingdao Jiaodong International Airport replaced the older Liuting Airport and serves as the primary hub for both domestic and

international flights. It is located approximately 39 km southeast of Qingdao's city centre, with the journey typically taking around 40 minutes by car, depending on traffic.

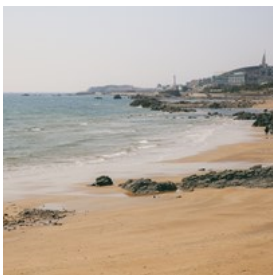
Passengers can reach the city centre by taxi as well as public transport through the Qingdao Metro system, with a direct link to Line 8.

Photo: Bao Menglong/Unsplash

Address: Qingdao Jiaodong International Airport

Phone: +86 532 96567

### Best Time To Visit



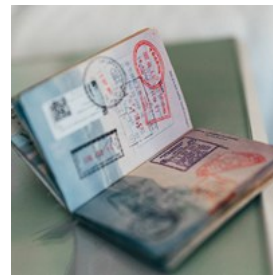
The best time to visit Qingdao is spring (March to May) and autumn (September to November). Spring offers mild temperatures and

fewer crowds, making it ideal for relaxed

sightseeing and enjoying the city's natural beauty. Autumn brings cooler weather, perfect for exploring Qingdao's historic areas, like Zhanqiao Pier, or hiking Mount Laoshan. Summer (June to August) is when the city comes alive, with temperatures around 25-30°C, making it perfect for the beach or enjoying the Qingdao International Beer Festival in August.

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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 and VPN in China



Due to China's strict internet policies, access to many popular Western websites and apps—such as Facebook, Instagram, X (formerly Twitter), Google services (including Google Maps), Skype, and others—is restricted. These websites are blocked as part of the government's internet censorship efforts, commonly known as the 'Great Firewall'.

To bypass these restrictions, many travellers use a VPN (Virtual Private Network), which can help access blocked sites. However, it's important to note that VPN use in China is legally complicated. While some VPN services are still used, unauthorized VPNs may be subject to scrutiny, and there have been reports of foreigners experiencing disruptions to their mobile service or being asked to visit the local police station if the use of a VPN is detected. It's critical to comply with local laws and regulations regarding VPN usage. If you choose to use a VPN, ensure it's approved by the Chinese government and used for legitimate purposes.

Since Google Maps is often unreliable in China due to restrictions on Google's services, travellers should consider using local alternatives such as Baidu Maps and AutoNavi (Gaode Maps). These apps offer more accurate and comprehensive mapping and navigation within China. However, most of these services are primarily in Chinese, so it might be helpful to familiarize yourself with their basic functions or use translation tools. Baidu Maps, in particular, is widely used and provides detailed information about public transport, routes, and traffic.

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### Public Transport



Exploring Qingdao on foot is a great way to experience the city, particularly in areas like the historic Badaguan district, the seaside promenade, and around Zhanqiao Pier. Many of the city's scenic spots, beaches, parks, and colonial architecture are within walking distance, especially in the central and coastal areas. However, for more expansive or hilly areas like Laoshan Mountain, other forms of transport may be needed due to distance or terrain.

For covering these longer distances or reaching spots that are harder to access on foot, Qingdao's public transport system offers a convenient and affordable solution. The city boasts buses, trams, and a relatively new metro network, all providing easy connections between key attractions and neighbourhoods. The Qingdao Metro, in particular, is an excellent choice for tourists, linking major sites and shopping areas. Visitors who plan to travel frequently by public transport will find the Qingdao Public Transport Card helpful; it offers discounted fares and can be used across buses and the metro.

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### Taxi



Taxis in Qingdao are easy to find, especially in busy areas, and are typically metered. Most taxis are light blue, with some green and yellow ones as well. For added convenience, ride-sharing apps like Didi Chuxing operate widely and offer a reliable alternative. In addition, you can hail taxis through WeChat and Alipay, which function similarly to Uber, allowing you to book, set destinations, and pay directly within the app.

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### Post

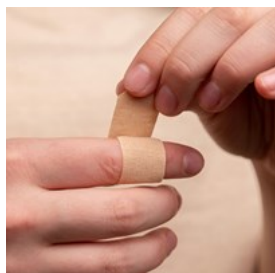


In Qingdao, post offices typically operate from Monday to Saturday, with opening hours from around 8:30am to 6pm. These post offices offer a variety of services, including domestic and international mailing, parcel deliveries, and postal savings. You can also find services like money transfers and purchase postal items such as stamps.

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Address: 119 Nanjing Road, Shinan District, Qingdao

### Pharmacy



Guoda Pharmacy is a prominent pharmacy chain in Qingdao and across China, with extensive offerings in over-the-counter medications, health supplements, and medical supplies.

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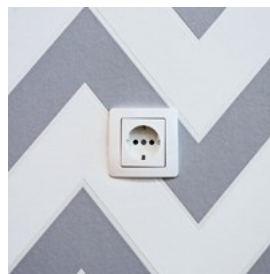
### Telephone



Country code: +86 Area code: 532

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### Electricity



In China, the standard voltage is 220V at a frequency of 50Hz. There are three kinds of sockets widely used in Mainland China: type A, C, and I. Type C, which has two round pins, is the one commonly seen in most European countries.

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### Population

Metro area: 6.1 million (2024)

### Currency

Chinese Yuan (CNY), also known as the Renminbi (RMB)

### Newspapers

Qingdao Daily

### Emergency numbers

Police: 110

Ambulance: 120

Fire: 119