

China



Geography

It spreads over a vastly diverse geographical area of 9.6 million square kilometers (about the size of the USA or Europe), and is home to 1.4 billion people (more than N. America and Europe combined).

The two most famous rivers in China are Changjiang (Yangtze), Huanghe (Yellow River). Huanghe is also known as the mother river of China.



History

Over 5,000 years, it developed from a primitive society to a socialist society.



Terracotta Army of the First Qin Emperor

The Year 1949 saw the founding of the People's Republic of China



Shanghai Skyline 2018

People

There are 56 ethnic groups in China. Although the Han people constitute 92 percent of the total population, there are 96.5 million ethnic minority people living in China. Some ethnic groups have a population of more than one million, such as Zhuang, Hui, Uyghur, Miao, Tibetan, etc.



Culture

There are thousands of family names in China, among which only 100 are widely used, such as Li, Wang, Zhang, etc.

"The difference of Chinese dialects of Peking [Beijing] and Chaozhou is as much as the difference between Italian and French."



You'll see red everywhere during Chinese New Year and wedding.

Food

China's Eight Major Cuisines Map



Fun Facts

- Fortune cookies did not originate in China (it was invented in San Francisco)
- The mortar used to bind the Great Wall's stones was made with sticky rice!
- The Forbidden City, a palace complex in Beijing, contains about 9,000 rooms!
- You can buy mung-bean-flavored ice pops in China!
- Chinese often put the family name before the given name.
- One of the most popular ways of payment nowadays is QR code scanning by phone
- The average per capita disposable income in 2020 was \$5000/year (\$617/month).

Government

China has a central government with 23 provinces, 5 autonomous regions, 4 municipalities, and 2 special administrative regions.

Chinese in Nashville

The Chinese population is estimated to be over 10,000 in the Greater Nashville area with several thousands of Chinese professionals working in Vanderbilt University and its affiliated Medical Centers as well as other universities, research institutions and multi-national corporations operating in the region.

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